DYNAMIC RUMOR INFLUENCE MINIMIZATION WITH USER EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL NETWORKS.

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ABSTRACT:

With the soaring development of large scale online social networks, online information sharing is becoming ubiquitous every day. Various information is propagating through online social networks including both the positive and negative. In this paper, we focus on the negative information problems such as the online rumors. Rumor blocking is a serious problem in large-scale social networks. Malicious rumors could cause chaos in society and hence need to be blocked as soon as possible after being detected. In this paper, we propose a model of dynamic rumor influence minimization with user experience (DRIMUX). Our goal is to minimize the influence of the rumor (i.e., the number of users that have accepted and sent the rumor) by blocking a certain subset of nodes. A dynamic Ising propagation model considering both the global popularity and individual attraction of the rumor is presented based on realistic scenario. In addition, different from existing problems of influence minimization, we take into account the constraint of user experience utility. Specifically, each node is assigned a tolerance time threshold. If the blocking time of each user exceeds that threshold, the utility of the network will decrease. Under this constraint, we then formulate the problem as a network inference problem with survival theory, and propose solutions based on maximum likelihood principle. Experiments are implemented based on large-scale real world networks and validate the effectiveness of our method.

Index Terms—Social network, rumor blocking, survival theory.

INTRODUCTION:

Most of the previous works studied the problem of maximizing the influence of positive information through social networks. Fast approximation methods were also proposed to influence maximization problem In contrast, the negative influence minimization problem has gained much less attention, but still there have been consistent efforts on designing effective strategies for blocking malicious rumors and minimizing the negative influence, Introduced the notion of a "good" campaign in a social network to counteract the negative influence of a "bad" one by convincing users to adopt the "good" one of minimizing the propagation of malicious rumors by blocking a limited number of links in a social network. They provided two different definitions of contamination degree and proposed corresponding optimization algorithms. Investigated the least cost rumor blocking problem in social networks. They introduced the concept of "protectors" and try to select a minimal number of them to limit the bad influence of rumors by triggering a protection cascade against the rumor cascade. However, there are a few limitations in those works. First, they consider the rumor popularity as constant during the whole propagation.

Disadvantages:

1. They consider the rumor popularity as constant during the whole propagation process, which is not close to the realistic scenarios.

2. In the design of the rumor blocking strategies, either blocking nodes or links, they fail to take into account the issue of user experience in real world social networks.

METHODOLOGY

Investigate the problem of dynamic rumor influence minimization with user experience. First, based on existing works on information diffusion in social networks, we incorporate the rumor popularity dynamics in the diffusion model. We analyze existing investigations on topic propagation dynamics and busty topic patterns. Then we choose Chi-squared distribution to approximate the global rumor popularity. Inspired by the novel energy model proposed we then analyze the individual tendency towards the rumor and present the probability of successful rumor propagation between a pair of nodes. Finally, inspired by the

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concept of Ising model, we derive the cooperative succeeding probability of rumor propagation that integrates the global rumor popularity with individual tendency. After that, we introduce the concept of user experience utility function and analyze the impact of blocking time of nodes to the rumor propagation process. We then adopt the survival theory to explain the likelihood of nodes getting activated, and propose both greedy and dynamic algorithms based on maximum likelihood principle.

Advantages:

1. Combine all three factors topic dynamics, Individual tendency and acceptance probability together to propose a cooperative rumor propagation probability

2. Blocking method optimizes the rumor blocking strategy without sacrificing the online user experience.

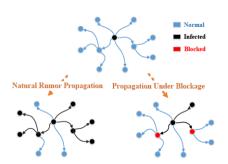
Modules:

Rumor propagation model: Taking into account the following three elements: First, the global popularity of the rumor over the entire social network, i.e., the general topic dynamics. Second, the attraction dynamics of the rumor to a potential spreader, i.e., the individual tendency to forward the rumor to its neighbors. Third, the acceptance probability of the rumor recipients. In our model, inspired by the Ising model, we combine all three factors together to propose a cooperative rumor propagation probability.

Rumor blocking strategies: We consider the influence of blocking time to user experience in real world social networks. Thus we propose a blocking time constraint into the traditional rumor influence minimization objective function. In that case, our method optimizes the rumor blocking strategy without sacrificing the online user experience.

Survival theory: Analyze the likelihood of nodes becoming activated or infected by the rumor before a time threshold which is determined by the user experience constraint. Then we propose both greedy and dynamic blocking algorithms using the maximum likelihood principle.

Architecture:



CONCLUSION

In this paper, we investigate the rumor blocking problem in social networks. We propose the dynamic rumor influence minimization with user experience model to formulate the problem. A dynamic rumor diffusion model incorporating both global rumor popularity and individual tendency is presented based on the Ising model. Then we introduce the concept of user experience utility and propose a modified version of utility function to measure the relationship between the utility and blocking time. After that, we use the survival theory to analyze the likelihood of nodes getting activated under the constraint of user experience utility. Greedy algorithm and a dynamic blocking algorithm are proposed to solve the optimization problem based on different nodes selection strategies.

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