Collaboration Spotting: Big Data Visual analytics

"The analysis of large graphs plays a prominent role in various fields of research and is relevant in many important application areas. Effective visual analysis of graphs requires appropriate visual presentations in combination with respective user interaction facilities and algorithmic graph analysis methods." [Landesberger].

Overall presentation

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[Landesberger]: Visual Analysis of large graphs: State-of-the-art and future research challenges. T. Landesberger et al. Computer Graphics Forum, Wiley, 2011, 30 (6), pp. 1719-1749

Background

- Collaboration Spotting (CS) is a graph-based interactive visualisation tool for multi-dimensional data networks
 It aims at evolving towards a for visual analytics of Big Data.
- CS is particularly efficient in performing visual queries on complex and large multi-dimensional data networks
- Data Networks are stored in Neo4j Graph Databases
- CS intends to maximize human visual perception of the content of multi-dimensional data networks
- The current implementation of CS addresses
 - Publications/Patents (Technology monitoring via semantic searches)
 - LHCb process data
 - CERN procurement data



Big Data Analytics Cycle (Today)



VISION → Expert at the centre of the cycle



ho Data scientists to enable experts to perform analytics by themselves m 4

Big Data is organised in networks

Big Data is distributed

- Document systems with data and metadata in Database
- Database tables with metadata in schema

Big Data is strongly interconnected

- Networks are not always materialised due to the distributed nature of data sources
- Ex: Publications and patents metadata



Networks in LHCb Neo4J DB & related schema for dependency data





Label: Network dimension Reachability graph: Graph of connected labels (Schema)

Graph visualisation features

Maximizing human understanding

- Selecting network dimensions
- Traversing network dimensions
- Graphical queries
- Time/Frequency evolution

Enhancing reasoning

- Viewing multiple data sources
- Looking for collaborations
- Sorting data
- Contextual visualisation & analytics



Navigation with CS eases the visual perception of the database content



6 relationships (completed with 693 additional relationships)



EX: Vertex x86_64-slot-goc46-opt in Neo4j, $\odot \rightarrow$ Same in CS

Sorting is particularly easy with CS





Component view sorted by size

Using the timeline





Component view sorted by size

A single platform for visual analytics of multi-dimensional data networks





Collaboration Spotting Framework



The project follows the proposed conceptual framework of D. Sacha et al^{*}.



*Human-Centered Machine Learning Through Interactive Visualization: Review and Open Challenges Dominik Sacha, Michael Sedlmair, Leishi Zhang, John Aldo Lee, Daniel Weiskopf, Stephen North, Daniel Keim

CS analytics sequence

Pre- processing	 Data Source → Graph DB 	
Data Analysis	 Process Collaborations 	
Community Analysis	 Process Communities 	
Visual Analysis	 Processing on graphs 	



Vocabulary

Data

- Any set of labelled vertices and relationships in GDB
- A data instance is a labelled vertex or relationship in GDB

Visualisation Data

- Any set of labelled vertices and relationship in GDB
- A visual data instance is a labelled vertex or relationship in GDB

dimension (in data network)

A label of a vertex or a relationship

Collaborations

- Results of the analysis of data instances
- A collaboration is a collection of visualisation data instances meeting a criteria of the data dimensions
- A collaboration corresponds to one and only one data instance
- There is a set of collections per visual dimension

Community

• Collection of visualisation data instances meeting a criteria of the visualisation dimensions



Pre-processing

Analysis of data source structure and content

- Ex: RDBMS: process schema
- Ex: Semi-structured data: Process tags
- Ex: Graph DB: Vertices and Relationships

Reachability graph

- Schema of graph DB describing the content of the subset of data source
- Schema of the multi-dimension data network resulting from the merging of various data sources



Pre-processing: Data source → Multi-dimensional data network

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Reachability Graph: Graph of data types

(Cty)



JCat: Journal category, Kw: Keyword, Org: Organisation, Cny: Country, Cty: City

Document metadata

(Cny)

(Org)

Graph of Metadata / Data





S: Categories, A: Pub/Pat, K: keywords, O: Organisations, C: Countries, L: Cities

Example: Merging data sources





Reachability Graph (Schema): Graph of linked datatypes **Dimension**: a node in the Reachability Graph (a datatype)

Construct reachability graph





Data analysis

Processing specific to a particular dataset

Publications/Patents
 → Semantic search

Results added to the Graph DB

Creation of new labels (if needed)

Compute Collaborations according to criteria

- Ex: Co-publishing/co-patenting
 - Collaborations of organisation, KW, Sub Cat, etc. for each Pub/Pat
- Ex: Synonyms
 - Collaborations of KW.



Community Analysis

Build communities from collaborations according to criteria

- Communities = how collaborations are organised and interconnected
- Results: Connected Components as a partition of the set of vertices
- Ex: Pub: Louvain → Organisations publishing more often together
- Ex: Tech: Louvain → Technologies having more papers in common

Labelling of communities according to criteria

- Ex: Pub: Community = Organisations with common pub/pat
- Ex: Tech: semantic search → Community = technologies corresponding to pub/pat having common terms

Build compound graph information

All info on vertices/edges and collaborations



Compound graph(view)

- Combination of a tree and a graph
 - Tree: Hierarchy = Vertex → Cluster mapping after applying Community Analysis
 - Layers:
 - Vertex layer: Multi-dimensional collaboration layout
 - Containing all vertices and edges from collaborations according to a selected view
 - Cluster layer: Community layout
 - Containing all communities represented as coloured clusters and cluster interconnections (edges)
 - Root Layer: Connected component layout
 - One vertex hierarchically linked to all the linked clusters per connected component.



Tree: Hierarchy Vertices to Communities







Ex: Organisation landscape for medipix technology

Multi-layer information







Technology: Medipix/Sociogram

Layers in Compound Graph

Vertex layer

- Graph of labelled vertices from selected dimensions for visualisation
- Communities as collections of labelled vertices (colours)
- Collaborations representing data as hyper-edges
- Collaborations representing collection of labelled vertices as vertices

Community layer

• A vertex represents a community, i.e. vertices link together

Connected Component layer (Root)

• A vertex represents a connected component i.e. all the communities linked together in the community layer



Visual representation of data, collaborations, communities

Visual dimensions (Data for visualisation)

- Vertices → data instances
- Vertex information → Information on collaborations obtained from the analysis of data

Collaborations

- Visual data → vertices
- Data for analysis → hyper-edges

Communities

- Visual data → Clusters, a colour represents a cluster
- Data for analysis \rightarrow content of vertices in clusters



Visual Analysis

Default compound graphs

- Vertex layer
 - Colours: communities
 - Sizes: Proportional to |data instances|
 - Ex: Nb of pub/pat

Process graph parameters (colour, size, shape, labels)

- Using data and/or attributes in vertices,
 - Ex: Red for companies and Blue for institutions
 - Ex. CERN procurement: Well balanced vs poorly balanced countries
- Using collaborations resulting from the analysis of visual data
 - Replace vertices with collaborations



Users

Data Scientist

- Manages Reachability Graph
- Defines/Specifies Expert's options and r/w access:
- Maintains/updates CS environment incl. GraphDB (network)
- Manages/Implements analytics modules

Expert

- Configures his personal Graph environment
 - Selects views (one visual dimension = one view)
 - Combines views
 - Specifies his analysis options out of the system possibilities
 - Specifies his community analysis options
 - Criteria to compute communities
 - Specifies his visual analysis options for communities
 - Meaning of vertex size, colour, etc.
 - Specifies his graph options



Setting up user visual environment

Reachability Graph → Navigation graph

Subset of DB schema optimized for navigation purposes

Visual dimensions (user selection)

•Organisations, People, Countries, Software components, activity codes, etc.

Data Dimensions

Publications, patents, projects, supplier records, UNICRI specific data records, etc.

Entry graph (user specified)

- Visual dimension of the front graph
- Technology, Processing Pass Descriptions, Procurement Data



Construct reachability graph



Blue edges added to support navigations from entry graph

CS supported Graph Visual representations

- Static graph with timeline window
- Node-link using different layout techniques
 - Clique representation (currently available)
 - Force Atlas (currently available)
 - Circular representation
 - Extra node representation (hyper-graph)
 - Force Atlas
 - Circular representation



Entry graph in LHCb



1 vertex (all PPD) and **Navigation options** (as defined in the navigation graph)



Components





Applications





Frameworks





Platforms





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PPD(Modularity)





PPD(Data)



CERN

Blue: Real Data Red: Monte Carlo

Entry graph in Tech monitoring





A Vertex = a semantic search

Graph navigation operations

Hovering:	 Highlight clusters
Left click:	Node egocentric view
Right click:	 Access to other dimensions from a node
Right pane	 Navigation across dimensions
Ctrl click:	 Multiple vertex selection
Shift click	Cluster selection



Node-based interactivity Operations can be combined

Hovering:

Highlight clusters





Left click:

Node egocentric view





Right click: • Access to other dimensions from a node selection









Right pane

Navigation across dimensions







Ctrl click

Multiple vertex selection





Shift click

Cluster selection





Conclusion

CS V2 (Current version) demonstrated on

- Publications, patents
- CERN procurement data
- LHCb computing process data
- Deployable to other data sources

CS V3 Platform supporting

- Data Manager / Expert concept
- Full data analysis chain
- Compound graph navigation-based mechanisms





Thank you for your attention!