# Flexible and Robust Multi-Network Clustering

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#### Coauthorship network between physicisits

*Figure from* "Mark EJ Newman and Michelle Girvan. *Finding and evaluating community structure in networks*. Physical review E 69.2 (2004): 026113."





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Figure from "Daniel Marbach, et al. Wisdom of crowds for robust gene network inference. Nature methods 9.8 (2012): 796-804."



### **Multi-Network Clustering**

#### Networks collected from multiple conditions, sources or domains

- E.g., co-author networks from different research areas
- E.g., gene co-expression networks from different tissues of model organisms

#### Multi-network clustering motivation



*Figure from* "Mikko Kivelä, et al. *Multilayer networks*. Journal of Complex Networks 2.3 (2014): 203-271."

- Single network can be noisy, incomplete and provide partial knowledge
- Multi-network can provide compatible and complementary information
- Multi-network can be robust to noise in individual networks



### **Multi-Network Clustering**

### □ Multi-view and multi-domain network clustering<sup>1,2</sup>



#### □ Key assumption

- Different views/domains share the same underlying clustering structure
- Methods are designed to identify consistent clustering structure across all views/domains



1. Abhishek Kumar, et al., *Co-regularized multi-view spectral clustering*. In NIPS, 2011.

2. Wei Cheng, et al., *Flexible and robust co-regularized multi-domain graph clustering*. In KDD, 2013.

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#### Phase I: Main Network Clustering

- Symmetric Non-negative Matrix Factorization (SNMF)
- Minimizing

$$J_M = \left\| \mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^T \right\|_F^2 \qquad s.t. \quad \mathbf{H} \ge 0$$

- ▶ where  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathfrak{R}^{g \times k}_+$  is the factor matrix of **G**. *k* is the number of main clusters.
- Main cluster: the cluster in the main network
- >  $h_{ij}$  indicates to which degree a main node *i* belongs to the *j*<sup>th</sup> main cluster.



#### □ Phase II: Domain-specific Network Clustering (A Simplified Case)

> Assumption: domain-specific networks in the same main cluster share a common underlying clustering structure, so we have  $\hat{k}$  underlying clustering structures.

The number of main clusters

- > A simplified case: all domains have n nodes and t clusters.
- > Let the domain cluster assignment vector for node x in  $\mathbf{A}^{(i)}$  be  $u_{x^*}^{(i)}$  (i = 1, ..., g).
- ▶ Define *k* hidden domain cluster assignment vectors  $v_{x^*}^{(j)} \in \Re_+^{1 \times t}$  (*j*=1, ..., *k*) for each domain node *x*.

$$J_{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{g} \sum_{j=1}^{k} h_{ij} \| u_{x^{*}}^{(i)} - v_{x^{*}}^{(j)} \|_{F}^{2} \rightarrow J_{D} = \sum_{i=1}^{g} \| \mathbf{A}^{(i)} - \mathbf{U}^{(i)} (\mathbf{U}^{(i)})^{T} \|_{F}^{2} + a \sum_{i=1}^{g} \sum_{j=1}^{k} h_{ij} \| \mathbf{U}^{(i)} - \mathbf{V}^{(j)} \|_{F}^{2}$$
Recall  $h_{ij}$  represents main cluster membership Domain-specific network clustering Main cluster guided regularization



□ Phase II: Domain-specific Network Clustering (The General Case)

- Different domains can have different set of nodes thus different sizes.
- ▶ Define two mapping matrices  $\mathbf{O}^{(ij)} \in \{0,1\}^{n_i \times \tilde{n}_j}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^{(ij)} \in \{0,1\}^{n_i \times n_i}$  such that the same rows of  $\mathbf{D}^{(ij)}\mathbf{U}^{(i)}$  and  $\mathbf{O}^{(ij)}\mathbf{V}^{(j)}$  represent the same instances.
- Different domains can have different number of clusters.

➤ Indirect regularization: Example: if nodes 1 and 3 have similar cluster assignments in  $(\hat{D})$ , their cluster assignments in the underlying clustering structure shared by  $\{(\hat{D}), (\hat{E}), (\hat{F})\}$  should be similar as well.

> Minimize 
$$h_{ij} (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{x^*}^{(ij)} (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{y^*}^{(ij)})^T - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{x^*}^{(ij)} (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{y^*}^{(ij)})^T)^2$$





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Learning algorithm: an alternating minimization approach. U<sup>(i)</sup> and V<sup>(j)</sup> are alternately solved by multiplicative updating rules with convergence guarantee.



#### □ Simulation Study $\mathbf{A}^{(1)}$ Synthetic data generation An underlying **Clustering Structure** Main Network 100 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 Domain node ID 0,5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 Domain node ID 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 **A**<sup>(2)</sup> 4 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 Main node ID 5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 6 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 200 100 Domain node ID 200 100 Domain node ID 7 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 8 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 9 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 10 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 **A**<sup>(3)</sup> 5 6 8 9 10 2 Main node ID



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### □ Simulation Study

$\triangleright$	Accuracy	of different	methods	on synthetic	datasets
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Dataset	Method	Main cluster 1		Main cluster 2		Main Cluster 3						
Dataset		Net 1	Net 2	Net 3	Net 4	Net 5	Net 6	Net 7	Net 8	Net 9	Net 10	Overall
	SNMF	0.8751	0.8716	0.8735	0.8796	0.8732	0.8754	0.8722	0.8690	0.8682	0.8746	0.8732
	Spectral	0.8587	0.8586	0.8675	0.8619	0.8571	0.8624	0.8626	0.8582	0.8583	0.8622	0.8607
	CTSC	0.6249	0.6258	0.6279	0.6221	0.6236	0.6196	0.9157	0.9118	0.9106	0.9181	0.7400
	PairCRSC	0.9166	0.9174	0.9227	0.9186	0.9176	0.9173	0.9355	0.9335	0.9378	0.9353	0.9252
view	CentCRSC	0.9050	0.9031	0.9090	0.9021	0.9090	0.9077	0.9391	0.9408	0.9342	0.9378	0.9188
	TF	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.6505
	CGC	0.6364	0.6337	0.6407	0.6385	0.6273	0.6316	0.7332	0.7365	0.7251	0.7210	0.6724
	NoNClus	0.9444	0.9403	0.9463	0.9447	0.9435	0.9418	0.9617	0.9621	0.9643	0.9629	0.9512
	SNMF	0.6584	0.6687	0.6583	0.7123	0.7063	0.7129	0.6558	0.6596	0.6620	0.6630	0.6787
dam	Spectral	0.5554	0.5618	0.5556	0.5799	0.5768	0.5811	0.5167	0.5188	0.5241	0.5242	0.5490
dom	CGC	0.7303	0.7297	0.7229	0.7992	0.7962	0.7965	0.7859	0.7840	0.7837	0.7876	0.7797
	NoNCLUS	0.7882	0.7960	0.7914	0.8649	0.8650	0.8654	0.8409	0.8363	0.8367	0.8389	0.8388

- In view dataset, all A<sup>(i)</sup> have the same size. In dom dataset, different A<sup>(i)</sup> have different sizes.
- CTSC, PairCRSC, CentCRSC are multi-view graph clustering methods. TF is the tensor factorization. CGC is a multi-domain graph clustering method.



#### □ Scalability Evaluation on Synthetic Dataset



#### **Running time evaluation**



#### □ Functional Module Detection in Tissue-specific Gene Co-Expression Networks

Tissue-specific Network	# nodes	# edges
Blood	633	2,573
Lymph node	648	2,256
Tonsil	682	2,480
Thymus	786	2,939
Brain	746	3,135
Caudate nucleus	640	2,578
Hypothalamus	641	2,500
Cerebellum	679	2,636
Total	5,455	21,097

Tissue-specific gene co-expression networks<sup>1</sup>

\*5372 samples for 128 different tissues in four different cell types, i.e., normal, disease, neoplasm and cell line. We select 8 tissues to construct gene co-expression networks.



Tissue-tissue similarity network (the main network in NoN)



1. Margus Lukk, et al. *A global map of human gene expression*. Nature biotechnology 28.4 (2010): 322-324.

□ Functional Module Detection in Tissue-specific Gene Co-Expression Networks

- Evaluation method: standard Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA).
- The most significant Gene Ontology (GO) term in the biological process category is assigned to each identified gene cluster.
- The significance is assessed by Hypergeometric distribution.
- Raw *p*-values are adjusted for multiple testing problem by False Discovery Rate (FDR).



□ Functional Module Detection in Tissue-specific Gene Co-Expression Networks



Number of detected significant clusters with various input number of clusters



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Comparison of FDR adjusted p-values of detected clusters



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#### Comparison of number of detected significant clusters

Method	# significant clusters	<i>p</i> -values
SNMF	116	$4.64e^{-5}$
Spectral clustering	119	$6.66e^{-3}$
Markov clustering	70	$6.45e^{-17}$
ClusterOne	89	$1.43e^{-10}$
NoNClus'	121	$4.87e^{-2}$
NoNClus	130	1



### Conclusion

□A novel multi-network clustering problem

> Multi-network with multi-underlying clustering structures

□ A new clustering framework based on new network model

- NoNClus on a Network of Networks (NoN)
- **Comprehensive experiments** 
  - Results on both synthetic and real datasets demonstrate the effectiveness of NoNClus



## Thank you!

## **Questions?**

