

Package: linkprediction (via r-universe)

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Title Link Prediction Methods

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Description Implementations of most of the existing proximity-based methods of link prediction in graphs. Among the 20 implemented methods are e.g.: Adamic L. and Adar E. (2003) <[doi:10.1016/S0378-8733\(03\)00009-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0378-8733(03)00009-1)>, Leicht E., Holme P., Newman M. (2006) <[doi:10.1103/PhysRevE.73.026120](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.73.026120)>, Zhou T. and Zhang Y (2009) <[doi:10.1140/epjb/e2009-00335-8](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjb/e2009-00335-8)>, and Fouss F., Pirotte A., Renders J., and Saelens M. (2007) <[doi:10.1109/TKDE.2007.46](https://doi.org/10.1109/TKDE.2007.46)>.

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Description

Implements most of existing methods proximity-based methods of link prediction in graphs. See [proxfun](#).

Note

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proxfun	<i>Vertex proximity indexes</i>
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Description

General function for calculating several types of vertex proximities in a graph.

Usage

```
proxfun(graph, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'igraph'  
proxfun(  
  graph,  
  method,  
  v1 = NULL,  
  v2 = v1,  
  value = c("matrix", "edgelist", "graph"),  
  ...  
)  
  
## S3 method for class 'network'  
proxfun(  
  graph,
```

```

    method,
    v1 = NULL,
    v2 = v1,
    value = c("matrix", "edgelist", "graph"),
    ...
)

```

Arguments

graph	an object of class <code>igraph</code> or <code>network</code>
...	additional arguments specific for a selected measure
method	single character, the method to be used, see Details
v1, v2	vectors of vertices between which similarity will be calculated. Character vector is interpreted as vertex names. Numeric vector as vertex ids.
value	a character string giving a type of the object that should be returned. This must be one of "matrix", "graph" or "edgelist", with default "matrix".

Details

This function calculates vertex proximities in graph `graph` with the selected method. The graph has to be undirected and connected. Some of the methods support computation only for selected vertices, which should be more efficient when needed. Supplying vertex IDs or names (if present in the graph) to `v1` and `v2` will calculate proximities of $v1xv2$.

The following methods are available (see `vignette("proxfun", package="linkprediction")` for more details and formal definitions):

- aa Adamic-Adar index (Adamic and Adar 2001). Additional arguments are passed to [igraph::similarity](#).
- act Average Commute Time (Fouss, Pirotte, Renders, and Saerens 2007)
- act_n Normalized Average Commute Time (Fouss et al. 2007)
- cn Common Neighbours
- cos Cosine similarity (Salton and McGill 1986)
- cos_l cosine similarity on L+ (Fouss et al. 2007)
- dist graph distance
- hdi Hub Depressed Index (Ravasz, Somera, Mongru, Oltvai, and Barabasi 2002)
- hpi Hub Promoted Index (Ravasz et al. 2002)
- jaccard Jaccard coefficient (Jaccard 1912)
- katz Katz index (Katz 1953)
- l L+ directly (Fouss et al. 2007)
- lhn_local Leicht-Holme-Newman Index (Leicht, Holme, and Newman 2006)
- lhn_global Leicht-Holme-Newman Index global version (Leicht et al. 2006)
- lp Local Path Index (Zhou, Lu, and Zhang 2009)
- mf Matrix Forest Index (Chebotarev P. Yu. 1997)
- pa preferential attachment (Barabasi and Albert 1999)

ra resource allocation (Zhou et al. 2009)
 rwr random walk with restart (Brin and Page 1998). Additional argument alpha (default value 0.3) is the probability that the walk will restart after a step.
 sor sorensen index/dice coefficient (Sorensen 1948)

Value

If value = "matrix" a matrix with length(v1) rows and length(v2) with rownames and colnames equal to integer node IDs. If value = "edgelist" a data.frame with three columns:

from ID of a start node of an edge
to ID of an end node of an edge
value similarity score for that edge

Edges with similarity score 0 are omitted. If value = "graph" an object of class igraph or network, depending on the class of input graph. Returned graph has the same structure (graph and node attributes, etc.) as the input graph, except for edges - original edges are skipped, and new edges with positive similarity score are added. Edged attribute "weight" indicates similarity score.

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Examples

```
if(requireNamespace("igraph")) {
  g <- igraph::make_graph(~ A -- C:D:E -- B -- F -- G:H -- I)

  # Adamic-Adar
  proxfun(g, method="aa", value="edgelist")

  # Random Walk with Restart
  proxfun(g, method="rwr", value="edgelist")
}
```

 uw

University of Warsaw co-authorship network

Description

Giant component of University of Warsaw (UW) co-authorship network based on publications from years 2007-2009 (period 1) and 2010-2012 (period 2).

Format

An igraph object with undirected graph with 1486 vertices and 7505 edges, and the following attributes:

- *affiliation* – Vertex attribute identifying groups of departments: natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, other (other departments of UW), and external (co-authors who are not employees of UW)
- *color*, *size*, *label* – Vertex attributes for easy plotting. Color corresponds to the affiliation attribute.
- *p1* – Logical edge attribute. It is TRUE if researchers incident on that edge co-authored at least one publication in period 1.
- *p2* – Logical edge attribute. It is TRUE if researchers incident on that edge co-authored at least one publication in period 2.

Details

The basis of this network is a co-authorship graph built from all articles, books, and chapters in edited volumes published in years 2007-2012 that have at least one employee of University of Warsaw as a (co)author.

Source

Polish Scholarly Bibliography <https://pbn.nauka.gov.pl>.

Examples

```
# Plot it
data(uw)
set.seed(666)
xy <- igraph::layout_with_fr(uw)
plot(uw, layout=xy, vertex.frame.color=par("bg"))
legend(
  "topright",
  title = "Affiliation",
  legend = unique(igraph::V(uw)$affiliation),
  pt.bg = unique(igraph::V(uw)$color),
  pch = 21,
  bty = "n"
)
```

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