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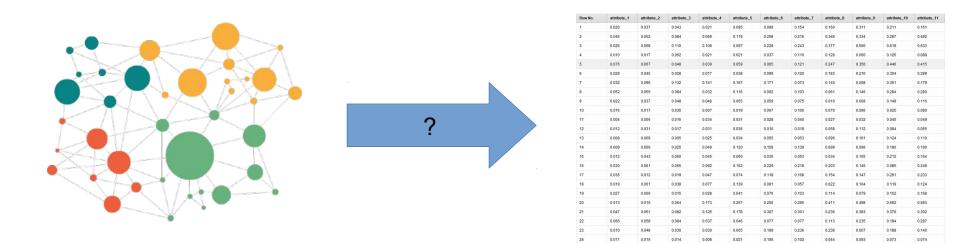


# **Motivation**

- Learning about KG entities w/ existing ML tools
  - most ML tools expect vectors, not nodes

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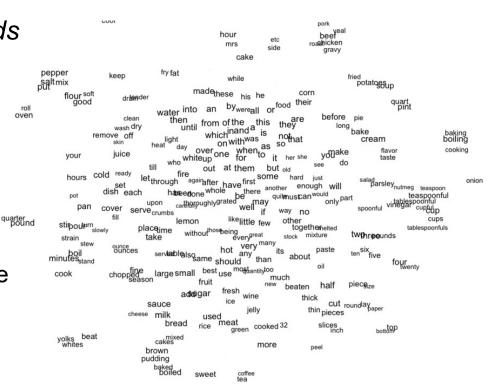
- we need a vector representation of entities
  - $\rightarrow$  wanted: a transformation from nodes to sets of features



Ristoski & Paulheim: A Comparison of Propositionalization Strategies for Creating Features from Linked Open Data. LD4KD, 2014

# A Brief Excursion to word2vec

- A vector space model for words
- Introduced in 2013
- Each word becomes a vector
  - similar words are close
  - relations are preserved
  - vector arithmetics are possible



https://www.adityathakker.com/introduction-to-word2vec-how-it-works/



## A Brief Excursion to word2vec

- Assumption:
  - Similar words appear in similar *contexts*

{Bush,Obama,Trump} was elected president of the United States United States president {Bush,Obama,Trump} announced...

• Idea

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 Train a network that can predict a word from its context (CBOW) or the context from a word (Skip Gram)

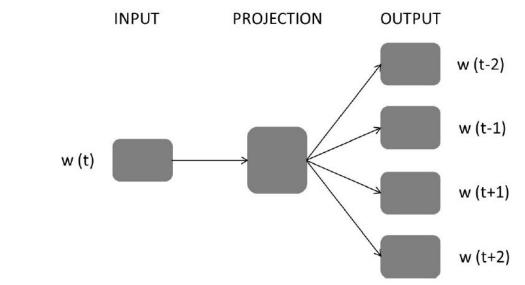
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# A Brief Excursion to word2vec

- Skip Gram: train a neural network with one hidden layer
- Use output values at hidden layer as vector representation
- Observation:

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- Bush, Obama, Trump will activate similar context words
- i.e., their output weights at the projection layer have to be similar



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### From word2vec to RDF2vec

- Word2vec operates on sentences, i.e., sequences of words
- Idea of RDF2vec
  - First extract "sentences" from a graph
  - Then train embedding using RDF2vec
- "Sentences" are extracted by performing random graph walks:

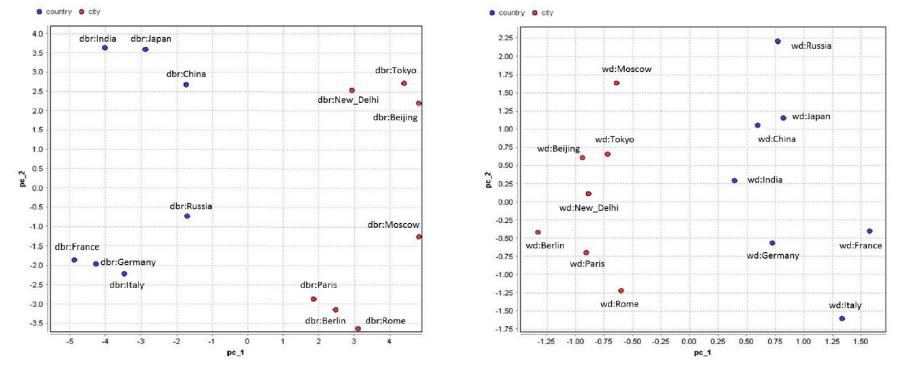
Year Zero artist Nine Inch Nails member Trent Reznor

- Experiments
  - RDF2vec can be trained on large KGs (DBpedia, Wikidata)
  - 300-500 dimensional vectors outperform other propositionalization strategies

Ristoski & Paulheim: RDF2vec: RDF Graph Embeddings for Data Mining. ISWC, 2016

#### From word2vec to RDF2vec

- RDF2vec example
  - similar instances form clusters
  - direction of relations is stable



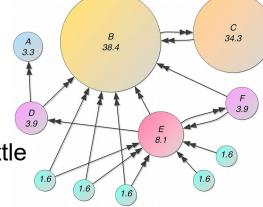
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# **Biased Graph Walks**

- Maybe *random* walks are not such a good idea
  - They may give too much weight on less-known entities and facts
    - Strategies:
      - Prefer edges with more frequent predicates
      - Prefer nodes with higher indegree
      - Prefer nodes with higher PageRank
  - They may cover less-known entities and facts too little
    - Strategies:
      - The opposite of all of the above strategies
- Bottom line of experimental evaluation:
  - Not one strategy fits all

Cochez et al.: Biased Graph Walks for RDF Graph Embeddings. WIMS, 2017





# A New Signal for Bias

- Existing biased graph walk strategies
  - use *internal* knowledge
    - e.g., property frequencies, PageRank, ...
  - i.e., signals only from the knowledge graph
- Simulating *human* walks instead of random walks
  - *biased* walk transition probabilities similar to *human* walk probabilities
- Problem
  - we don't know how a human navigates through a knowledge graph

# A New Signal for Bias

- Problem
  - we don't know how a human navigates through a knowledge graph
- But

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- we know how humans navigate through Wikipedia

∘ Google	
∘ No referer	London England United Kingdom City of London Greater London The Shard
<ul> <li>Other Wikipedia</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	Londinium — Tower of London — Palace of Westminster History of London — List of cities by GDP —
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Main Page	
Europe England	
- City of London	

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Research:Wikipedia\_clickstream

# A New Signal for Bias

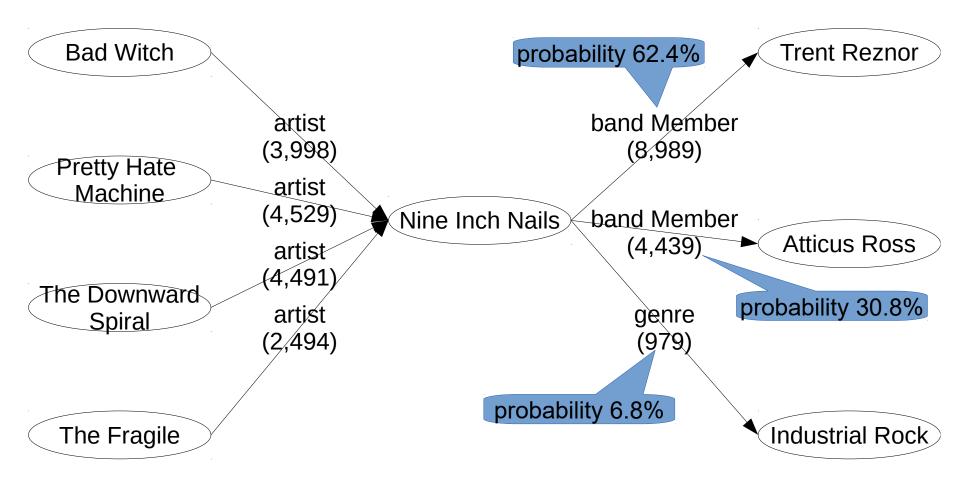
- Use transition probabilities from Wikipedia clickstream data
  - assuming each DBpedia entity corresponds to a Wikipedia page
  - Discard non-Wikipedia pages and non-DBpedia-entities
    - incoming from other Web pages, e.g., Google search
    - outgoing to other Web pages, i.e., clicking on external links
    - outgoing to Wikipedia pages which are non-DBpedia entities, e.g., discussion pages

∘ Google		
∘ No referer ∘ Other Wikipedia	London	England United Kingdom City of London Greater London The Shard Londinium Tower of London
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# (Simplified) Example



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### **Evaluations**

- We compare
  - Classic RDF2vec embeddings
  - Best performing RDF2vec embeddings w/ internal bias, i.e.
    - predicate frequency
    - PageRank
    - Inverse PageRank
- Evaluation setup
  - Classification tasks
  - Regression tasks
  - Content-based movie recommenders

check out resource track paper: *GEval: a Modular and Extensible Evaluation Framework* for Graph Embedding Techniques

according to

WIMS 2017 paper

### **Evaluation Results**

- Classification tasks (accuracy)
  - best result on 1/3 tasks
  - marginally worse than plain RDF2vec on 2/3 tasks
  - improvements over strategies with internal bias

Strategy/Dataset		Cities				Metacritic Movies NB  KNN  SVM   C4.5				Metacritic Albums			
	NB	KNN	SVM	C4.5	NB	KNN	SVM	C4.5	NB	KNN	SVM	C4.5	
Uniform SG 200w 200v 4d	73.25	72.90	76.32	50.26	72.29	75.81	75.94	67.28	71.46	72.87	68.66	63.45	
Uniform SG 500w 200v 4d											75.80		
Uniform SG 500w 200v 8d											81.72		
Uniform SG 500w 500v 8d	87.63	70.15	82.70	68.72	81.35	76.24	83.35	71.52	75.64	75.92	78.63	67.18	
Predicate frequency weight SG 200w 200v 4d													
Page-Rank weight SG 200w 200v 4d	74.16	72.73	67.21	62.83	71.32	69.19	79.70	74.43	69.61	71.98	74.47	68.11	
Inverse Page-Rank Weight SG 200w 200v 4d	73.98	69.37	74.60	57.38	68.68	71.25	72.71	64.93	67.39	73.57	64.27	58.66	
Click-Stream weight CBOW 200w 200v 4d	60.25	64.90	74.32	65.26	67.29	75.81	77.94	69.20	71.15	72.38	74.47	63.48	
Click-Stream weight SG 200w 200v 4d	74.68	71.20	77.94	53.45	71.11	77.31	79.52	67.78	70.46	72.20	67.18	62.88	
Click-Stream weight SG 500w 200v 4d	61.22												
Click-Stream weight SG 500w 500v 8d	88.63	69.70	81.62	71.93	82.44	74.69	82.27	69.12	77.63	72.84	79.48	66.81	

#### **Evaluation Results**

- Regression tasks (RMSE)
  - both plain RDF2vec and internal bias variants are outperformed

Strategy/Dataset		Cities LR KNN M5						Metacritic Albums		
	LR	KININ	MO	LR	KNN	M5	LR	KININ	M5	
Uniform SG 200w 200v 4d	16.64	15.92	16.87	17.16	19.33	17.79	12.38	14.42	12.97	
Uniform SG 500w 200v 4d	14.74	12.78	14.52	16.95	18.62	17.28	13.56	14.33	13.65	
Uniform SG 500w 200v 8d	13.68	14.93	13.45	16.79	18.40	16.97	13.17	14.36	13.22	
Uniform SG 500w 500v 8d	12.23	13.81	10.86	16.42	18.03	16.68	12.48	13.63	11.96	
Predicate frequency weight SG 200w 200v 4d	16.54	17.83	17.56	18.28	20.90	19.72	14.31	16.88	13.44	
Page-Rank weight SG 200w 200v 4d				17.63						
Inverse Page-Rank weight SG 200w 200v 4d	14.87	16.59	14.93	16.10	18.44	16.16	11.56	12.93	11.51	
Click-Stream weight CBOW 200w 200v 4d	15.13	13.64	16.13	19.76	20.91	19.48	13.52	14.29	13.58	
Click-Stream weight SG 200w 200v 4d				17.31						
Click-Stream weight SG 500w 200v 4d				15.66	1					
Click-Stream weight SG 500w 500v 8d	12.25	12.57	10.11	15.72	16.89	15.80	10.79	11.67	11.14	

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#### **Evaluation Results**

- Results on recommender task
  - item-based knn
  - both plain RDF2vec and internal bias variants are outperformed

Strategy	Precision	Recall	F1
Uniform SG 200w 200v 4d	0.05128	0.02466	0.03330
Uniform SG 500w 200v 4d	0.04852	0.03024	0.03725
Uniform SG 500w 200v 8d	0.04279	0.02612	0.03243
Uniform SG 500w 500v 8d	0.02692	0.01624	0.02025
Predicate frequency weight SG 200w 200v 4d	0.01946	0.0960	0.03236
Page-Rank weight SG 200w 200v 4d	0.03251	0.01828	0.02340
Inverse Page-Rank weight SG 200w 200v 4d	0.03924	0.02369	0.02954
Click-Stream weight CBOW 200w 200v 4d	0.03162	0.01348	0.01890
Click-Stream weight SG 200w 200v 4d	0.05261	0.03625	0.04292
Click-Stream weight SG 500w 200v 4d	0.04622	0.02573	0.03305
Click-Stream weight SG 500w 500v 8d	0.02489	0.01925	0.02170



## **Discussion and Outlook**

- Wikipedia clickstream data adds a valuable signal
  - most results improve
  - (albeit by a small margin)
- Future work

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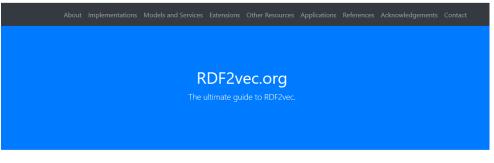
- obtain similar signals for DBpedia and other graphs
  - straight forward: Wikipedia-based graphs (YAGO, CaLiGraph)
  - less obvious: Wikidata, NELL, ...
- incorporate human signal in other embedding methods
  - e.g., weighted sums in TransE etc.

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(h,\ell,t)\in S} \sum_{(h',\ell,t')\in S'_{(h,\ell,t)}} [\gamma + d(h+\ell,t) - d(h'+\ell,t')]_+$$

Bordes et al.: Translating Embeddings for Modeling Multi-relational Data. NIPS, 2013

#### **Advertisement**

 rdf2vec.org collects further implementations, variants, applications of RDF2vec

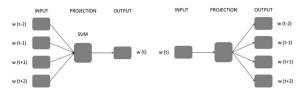


#### About RDF2vec

RDF2vec is a tool for creating vector representations of RDF graphs. In essence, RDF2vec creates a numeric vector for each node in an RDF graph.

RDF2vec was developed by Petar Ristoski as a key contribution of his PhD thesis Exploiting Semantic Web Knowledge Graphs in Data Mining [Ristoski, 2019], which he defended in January 2018 at the Data and Web Science Group at the University of Mannheim, supervised by Heiko Paulheim. In 2019, he was awarded the SWSA Distinguished Dissertation Award for this outstanding contribution to the field.

RDF2vec was inspired by the word2vec approach [Mikolov et al., 2013] for representing words in a numeric vector space. word2vec takes as input a set of sentences, and trains a neural network using one of the two following variants: predict a word given its context words (continuous bag of words, or CBOW), or to predict the context words given a word (skip gram, or SG):



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