

Popular algorithms in machine learning and data mining

gSpan  
Graph Substructure Pattern Mining

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# Outline

- Introduction
- Graph reminders
- Depth First Search (DFS) codes and tree
- gSpan algorithm

# Introduction

- Extending APriori algorithms for itemsets and sequences to graphs
  - candidate generation is costly
  - kernel of subgraph mining - *isomorphism test*
  - costly subgraph isomorphism test (NP-complete)

# Introduction

- Formulate new labeling method for easier graph testing that allows sorting of all graphs: *DFS canonical label*
- Use depth first search on hierarchial structure for faster performace, instead of breath first search as in standard apriori algorithms

# Graph basics

- gSpan works on labeled simple graphs
- Labeled graph  $G = (V, E, L, \ell)$

$V$  set of vertices

$E \subseteq V \times V$  set of edges

$L$  set of labels

$\ell : V \cup E \rightarrow L$  labeling of vertices and edges

# Graph basics

- Definition: An isomorphism is a bijective function

$$f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$$

$$l_G(u) = l_H(f(u)) \quad \text{for } u \in V(G)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (f(u), f(v)) \in E(H) \\ l_G(u, v) = l_H(f(u), f(v)) \end{array} \right\} \text{for } (u, v) \in E(G)$$

- A subgraph isomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$  is an isomorphism from  $G$  to subgraph  $H$

# Goal

- Given dataset of graphs  $GS = \{G_i \mid i=1..n\}$  and minimum support value, define

$$\zeta(g, G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if graph } g \text{ is isomorphic to a subgraph of } G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(g, GS) = \sum_{G_i \in GS} \zeta(g, G_i) \rightarrow \text{frequency of graph } g \text{ in } GS$$

- Frequent Subgraph Mining:
  - find graphs  $g$  in  $GS$  such that their frequency is greater or equal to minimum support

# Idea outline

- Instead of searching graphs and testing for isomorphism we construct **canonical DFS codes**
- Each graph has a canonical DFS code and the codes are equivalent if the graphs are isomorphic
- The codes are based on DFS trees



# DFS tree

- Mark vertices in the the order they are traversed

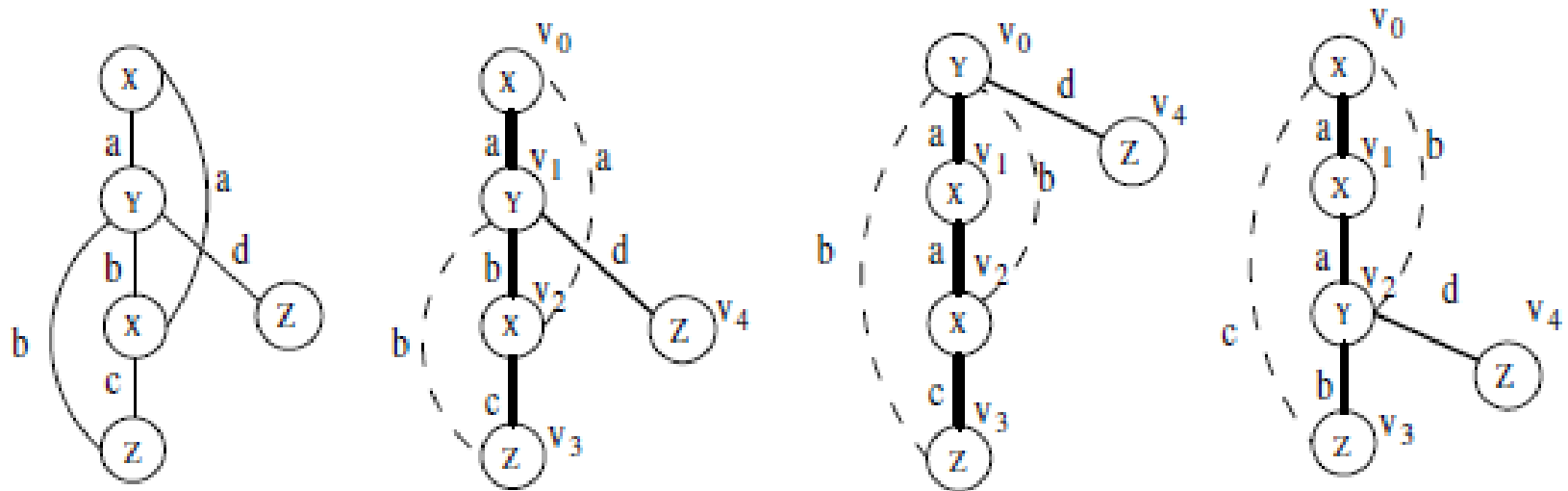
$$v_i < v_j \text{ if } v_i \text{ is traversed before } v_j$$

this constructs a DFS tree  $T$ , denoted  $G_T$

- DFS induces a linear order on vertices
- DFS divides edges in two sets
  - forward edge set:  $(v_i, v_j)$  where  $v_i < v_j$
  - backward edge set:  $(v_i, v_j)$  where  $v_i > v_j$
- There are huge number of DFS trees for single graph

# DFS tree

Example graph with different traversals



bold line - forward edge

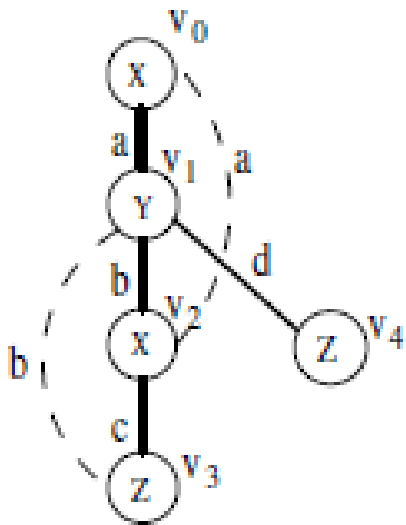
dashed line - backward edge

# Linear orders

- A linear order of vertices defines a linear order of edges
  1.  $(u, v) <_T (u, w)$  if  $v < w$
  2.  $(u, v) <_T (v, w)$  if  $u < v$
  3.  $e_1 <_T e_2$  and  $e_2 <_T e_3$  implies  $e_1 <_T e_3$
- Linear order of edges is **DFS code**

# Linear orders

- Can be easily constructed



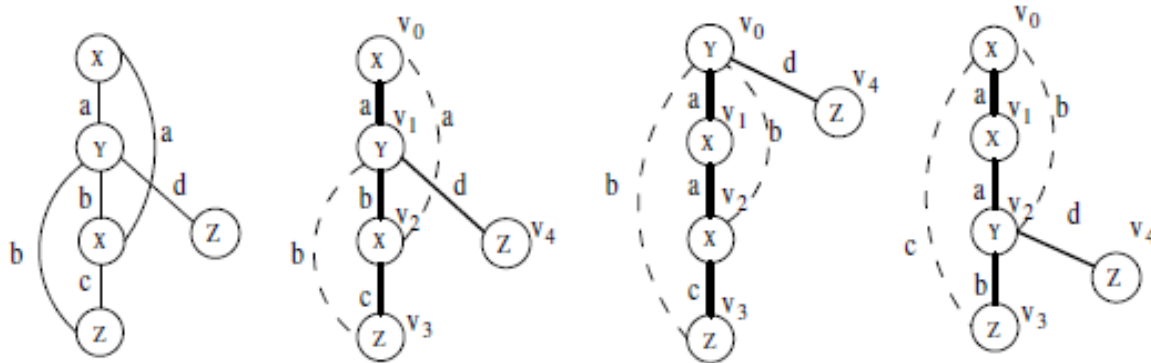
$$\{ (v_0, v_1), (v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_0), (v_2, v_3), (v_3, v_1), (v_1, v_4) \}$$

# DFS codes

- DFS code is a sequence of 4-tuples containing an edge and three labels
- Assume that there is an order on the labels
- This order together with the edge order defines an order for any two 4-tuples
- This extends to DFS code using a lexicographic encoding

# DFS codes

- DFS code can be expanded with vertex and edge labels



edge	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
0	(0, 1, X, a, Y)	(0, 1, Y, a, X)	(0, 1, X, a, X)
1	(1, 2, Y, b, X)	(1, 2, X, a, X)	(1, 2, X, a, Y)
2	(2, 0, X, a, X)	(2, 0, X, b, Y)	(2, 0, Y, b, X)
3	(2, 3, X, c, Z)	(2, 3, X, c, Z)	(2, 3, Y, b, Z)
4	(3, 1, Z, b, Y)	(3, 0, Z, b, Y)	(3, 0, Z, c, X)
5	(1, 4, Y, d, Z)	(0, 4, Y, d, Z)	(2, 4, Y, d, Z)

# Minimum DFS code

- Let the canonical DFS code to be the smallest code that can be constructed from  $G$  (denoted  $min(G)$ )
- Theorem: Given two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , they are isomorphic if and only if  $min(G)=min(H)$
- Subgraph mining:
  - Mining frequent subgraphs is equivalent mining their corresponding minimum DFS codes
  - Can be done sequentially by pattern mining algorithms

# DFS Code Tree

- Definition: DFS code's parent and child

$$\alpha = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m)$$

$$\beta = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m, \mathbf{b})$$

$\alpha$  is  $\beta$ 's parent and  $\beta$  is child of  $\alpha$

- DFS Code Tree:
  - each node represents DFS code
  - relations between parents and children complies with previous definition
  - siblings are consistent with DFS lexicographic order



# DFS Code Tree

- Properties:
  - With label set  $L$ , DFS Code Tree contains all possible graphs for this label set
  - Each graph on the  $n$ -th level in the DFS Code Tree contains  $n-1$  edges
  - DFS code tree contains minimum DFS codes for all graphs (DFS Code Tree Covering)

# DFS Code Tree

- Theorem (frequency antimonotone): If a graph  $G$  is frequent, then any subgraph of  $G$  is frequent. If  $G$  is not frequent, then any graph which contains  $G$  is not frequent.

OR

- If a DFS code  $\alpha$  is frequent, then every ancestor of  $\alpha$  is frequent. If  $\alpha$  is not frequent then every descendant of  $\alpha$  is not frequent.

# DFS Code Tree

- Some graphs can have more DFS nodes corresponding to it in DFS Code Tree
- The first occurrence is the minimum DFS code
- Theorem: If DFS code is not the minimum one, we can prune the entire subtree below this node, and still preserve DFS Code Tree Covering
- Pre-order searching of DFS Code Tree guarantees that we can enumerate all potential frequent subgraphs

# gSpan algorithm

GraphSet\_projection( $GS, FS$ )

sort labels of the vertices and edges in  $GS$  by frequency;

remove infrequent vertices and edges;

relabel the remaining vertices and edges (descending);

$S^l :=$  all frequent 1-edge graphs;

sort  $S^l$  in DFS lexicographic order;

$FS := S^l$ ;

for each edge  $e$  in  $S^l$  do

init  $g$  with  $e$ , set  $g.DS = \{h \mid h \in GS, e \in E(h)\}$ ;

Subgraph\_mining( $GS, FS, g$ );

$GS := GS - e$ ;

if  $|GS| < \text{minSup}$

break;

# gSpan algorithm

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Subgraph_mining( $GS, FS, g$ )
  if  $g \neq \min(g)$ 
    return;
   $FS := FS \cup \{g\}$ ;
  enumerate  $g$  in each graph in  $GS$  and count  $g$ 's children;
  for each  $c$  (child of  $g$ ) do
    if  $\text{support}(c) \geq \text{minSup}$ 
      Subgraph_mining( $GS, FS, c$ );
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Enumeration of  $g$ :

Finding all exact positions of  $g$  in another graph

# Last words

- No candidate generation
  - frequent  $(k+1)$ -edge subgraphs are grown from frequent  $k$ -edge graphs
- Depth First Search of DFS Code Tree
  - saving space
- Beats earlier algorithms by quite a margin
- Easily extendable to other domains (sequences, trees, lattices)

# References

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