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Temporal network epidemiology: Subtleties and algorithms



Temporal networks



SIR on static graphs

- Infection rate $\beta \rightarrow$ Infection across an SI link* is a Poisson process for its duration.
- . . . *Edge in a static graph.
- Constant recovery rate $v \rightarrow$ Exponentially distributed durations of infection.
- One seed chosen at random among all vertices.

Algorithms

▶ Gillespie

- Event-driven algorithm (Kiss, Miller, Simon, 2017), a.k.a. Next-reaction
- ► Composition / rejection (St-Onge, Comp. Phys. Comm. 2019)

SIR on temporal graphs

Design principles:

- ▶ **Realism** | After all, the goal is to simulate reality
- Continuity | It should be possible to reduce the time dimension and get static network epidemiology.
- **Simplicity** | Keep the same level of abstraction throughout the modeling.
- Generalizability | It should be easy to extend the model.
- **Speed** | As a tiebreaker among design principles.

P Holme, 2021. Fast and principled simulations of the SIR model on temporal networks. *PLoS ONE* 16(2): e0246961.

Algorithmic model formulation

- ► Initialization | Initialize all individuals to susceptible.
- ▶ Seeding | Pick a random individual *i* and a random time *t_i* in the interval [0,*T*). At time *t_i*, infect *i*.
- Recovery | Whenever a node becomes infected, let it stay infected for an exponentially distributed time δ before it recovers.
- Contagion | If *i* got infected at time *t_i* and is still infected at time *t > t_i*, and *j* is susceptible at time *t*, then a contact (*i*,*j*,*t*) will infect *j* with probability β.

Straightforward algorithm

- 1. Initialize all nodes as susceptible.
- 2. Run through the contacts in increasing order of time.
- 3. If a there is a contact between a susceptible and infectious node, then infect the susceptible node with probability β .
- 4. Whenever a node gets infected (including the source), then draw its time to recovery from an exponential distribution, and change its state to I.
- 5. Stop the simulation when there are no infectious nodes.



Internal representation of the temporal network



Contact lists ordered in decreasing order of the last element.

<u>Contagious contact</u>

Finding what contact between two nodes *i* and *j* that would spread the disease, if any.

- 1. Use bisection search to find the smallest index k of \mathbf{t}_{ij} such that $t_i < \mathbf{t}_{ij}(k)$. Where $\mathbf{t}_{ij}(k)$ denotes the k'th contact of \mathbf{t}_{ij} .
- 2. Add a random number *K* generated by $\lfloor \log(1-X) / \log(1-\beta) \rfloor$ to *k* and denote the sum by *k'*. (The probability of the *k*'th event of a Bernoulli process occurring.) *X* is a uniform random number in [0,1).
- 3. If k' is larger than tij's number of elements, then return some out-of-bounds value (to signal that no contact will spread the disease). Otherwise, return k' —the contact between i and j that could be contagious.



<u>Infect</u>

Handling the infection of one node *i*.

- 1. Pop the individual *i* with the earliest infection time from the heap.
- 2. Iterate through the neighbors *j* of *i*.
 - a. If *j* is susceptible, get the time t_j when it would be infected by *i* (by calling <u>contagious-contact</u>).
 - b. If it simultaneously holds that
 - i. There is no earlier infection event of *j* on the heap.
 - ii. *i*'s recovery time is not earlier than t_j .
 - then put the contagion (*i* infects j at time t_j) on the heap.

Taken together:

- 1. Read the network and initialize everything.
- 2. Infect the source node.
- 3. While there are any nodes left on the heap, call <u>infect</u>.
- 4. Reset the simulation.
- 5. Go to 2 until you have enough averages.
- 6. Evaluate the output.

Example output: SocioPatterns Gallery day 1



Validation of the program



A graph with complex behavior w.r.t SIR



Complexity

N = number of nodesM = number of edges (node pairs with at least one contact)C = number of contacts

Straightforward algorithms: O(N + C)Event-driven algorithm: $O(L \log N \log C)$

Speed-up relative to the straightforward algorithm of artificial networks



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Speed-up relative to the straightforward algorithm



SIR with fixed infection-duration

Work

Everything like before, except

Could we then compute the infection probability of a node for all β at once?

in

progress

SIR with fixed infection-duration

Everything like before, except the disease lasts a fixed duration T.

This makes the problem more structured and should be much faster. For example, we then compute the infection probability of a node for all β at once? Naïve algorithm idea:

1. For every node *i*, let a variable x_i representing the minimum value of *T* needed to reach *i*.

2. Go through every contact (i,j,t) in increasing t. Update x_i to $\max(x_i,t_j+x_j)$ where t_j is the time since j was infected, and similarly for x_j .

The catch





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Code: github.com/pholme/tsir/

Thank you!