

Social Network Analysis And Mining Journal

The study of social networks was originated in social and business communities. In recent years, social network research has advanced significantly; the development of sophisticated techniques for Social Network Analysis and Mining (SNAM) has been highly influenced by the online social Web sites, email logs, phone logs and instant messaging systems, which are widely analyzed using graph theory and machine learning techniques. People perceive the Web increasingly as a social medium that fosters interaction among people, sharing of experiences and knowledge, group activities, community formation and evolution. This has led to a rising prominence of SNAM in academia, politics, homeland security and business. This follows the pattern of known entities of our society that have evolved into networks in which actors are increasingly dependent on their structural embedding. General areas of interest to the book include information science and mathematics, communication studies, business and organizational studies, sociology, psychology, anthropology, applied linguistics, biology and medicine.

SNA techniques are derived from sociological and social-psychological theories and take into account the whole network (or, in case of very large networks such as Twitter -- a large segment of the network). Thus, we may arrive at results that may seem counter-intuitive -- e.g. that Justin Bieber (7.5 mil. followers) and Lady Gaga (7.2 mil. followers) have relatively little actual influence despite their celebrity status -- while a middle-of-the-road blogger with 30K followers is able to generate tweets that "go viral" and result in millions of impressions. O'Reilly's "Mining Social Media" and "Programming Collective Intelligence" books are an excellent start for people interested in SNA. This book builds on these books' foundations to teach a new, pragmatic, way of doing SNA. I would like to write a book that links theory ("why is this important?", "how do various concepts interact?", "how do I interpret quantitative results?") and practice -- gathering, analyzing and visualizing data using Python and other open-source tools.

Social network analysis increasingly bridges the discovery of patterns in diverse areas of study as more data becomes available and complex. Yet the construction of huge networks from large data often requires entirely different approaches for analysis including; graph theory, statistics, machine learning and data mining. This work covers frontier studies on social network analysis and mining from different perspectives such as social network sites, financial data, e-mails, forums, academic research funds, XML technology, blog content, community detection and clique finding, prediction of user's- behavior, privacy in social network analysis, mobility from spatio-temporal point of view, agent technology and political parties in parliament. These topics will be of interest to researchers and practitioners from different disciplines including, but not limited to, social sciences and engineering. Social networking has increased drastically in recent years, resulting in an increased amount of data being created daily.

Furthermore, diversity of issues and complexity of the social networks pose a challenge in social network mining. Traditional algorithm software cannot deal with such complex and vast amounts of data, necessitating the development of novel analytic approaches and tools. This reference work deals with social network aspects of big data analytics. It covers theory, practices and challenges in social networking. The book spans numerous disciplines like neural networking, deep learning, artificial intelligence,

visualization, e-learning in higher education, e-healthcare, security and intrusion detection.

This book is a timely collection of chapters that present the state of the art within the analysis and application of big data. Working within the broader context of big data, this text focuses on the hot topics of social network modelling and analysis such as online dating recommendations, hiring practices, and subscription-type prediction in mobile phone services. Manuscripts are expanded versions of the best papers presented at the IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM'2016), which was held in August 2016. The papers were among the best featured at the meeting and were then improved and extended substantially. Social Network Based Big Data Analysis and Applications will appeal to students and researchers in the field.

This book presents the state-of-the-art in various aspects of analysis and mining of online social networks. Within the broader context of online social networks, it focuses on important and upcoming topics of social network analysis and mining such as the latest in sentiment trends research and a variety of techniques for community detection and analysis. The book collects chapters that are expanded versions of the best papers presented at the IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM'2015), which was held in Paris, France in August 2015. All papers have been peer reviewed and checked carefully for overlap with the literature. The book will appeal to students and researchers in social network analysis/mining and machine learning.

Students in social science courses communicate, socialize, shop, learn, and work online. When they are asked to collect data for course projects they are often drawn to social media platforms and other online sources of textual data. There are many software packages and programming languages available to help students collect data online, and there are many texts designed to help with different forms of online research, from surveys to ethnographic interviews. But there is no textbook available that teaches students how to construct a viable research project based on online sources of textual data such as newspaper archives, site user comment archives, digitized historical documents, or social media user comment archives. Gabe Ignatow and Rada F. Mihalcea's new text *An Introduction to Text Mining* will be a starting point for undergraduates and first-year graduate students interested in collecting and analyzing textual data from online sources, and will cover the most critical issues that students must take into consideration at all stages of their research projects, including: ethical and philosophical issues; issues related to research design; web scraping and crawling; strategic data selection; data sampling; use of specific text analysis methods; and report writing.

Social Networks and the Semantic Web offers valuable information to practitioners developing social-semantic software for the Web. It provides two major case studies. The first case study shows the possibilities of tracking a research community over the Web. It reveals how social network mining from the web plays an important role for obtaining large scale, dynamic network data beyond the possibilities of survey methods. The second case study highlights the role of the social context in user-generated classifications in content, such as the tagging systems known as folksonomies.

Web mining has become a popular area of research, integrating the different research areas of data mining and the World Wide

Web. According to the taxonomy of Web mining, there are three sub-fields of Web-mining research: Web usage mining, Web content mining and Web structure mining. These three research fields cover most content and activities on the Web. With the rapid growth of the World Wide Web, Web mining has become a hot topic and is now part of the mainstream of Web - search, such as Web information systems and Web intelligence. Among all of the possible applications in Web research, e-commerce and e-services have been identified as important domains for Web-mining techniques. Web-mining techniques also play an important role in e-commerce and e-services, proving to be useful tools for understanding how e-commerce and e-service Web sites and services are used, enabling the provision of better services for customers and users. Thus, this book will focus upon Web-mining applications in e-commerce and e-services. Some chapters in this book are extended from the papers that presented in WMEE 2008 (the 2nd International Workshop for E-commerce and E-services). In addition, we also sent invitations to researchers that are famous in this research area to contribute for this book. The chapters of this book are introduced as follows: In chapter 1, Peter I. Recently, there has been a rapid increase in interest regarding social network analysis in the data mining community. Cognitive radios are expected to play a major role in meeting this exploding traffic demand on social networks due to their ability to sense the environment, analyze outdoor parameters, and then make decisions for dynamic time, frequency, space, resource allocation, and management to improve the utilization of mining the social data. Cognitive Social Mining Applications in Data Analytics and Forensics is an essential reference source that reviews cognitive radio concepts and examines their applications to social mining using a machine learning approach so that an adaptive and intelligent mining is achieved. Featuring research on topics such as data mining, real-time ubiquitous social mining services, and cognitive computing, this book is ideally designed for social network analysts, researchers, academicians, and industry professionals.

Social Media Mining and Social Network Analysis: Emerging Research highlights the advancements made in social network analysis and social web mining and its influence in the fields of computer science, information systems, sociology, organization science discipline and much more. This collection of perspectives on developmental practice is useful for industrial practitioners as well as researchers and scholars.

The conference solicits experimental and theoretical works on social network analysis and mining along with their application to real life situations

Websites are a central part of today's business world; however, with the vast amount of information that constantly changes and the frequency of required updates, this can come at a high cost to modern businesses. Web Data Mining and the Development of Knowledge-Based Decision Support Systems is a key reference source on decision support systems in view of end user accessibility and identifies methods for extraction and analysis of useful information from web documents. Featuring extensive coverage across a range of relevant perspectives and topics, such as semantic web, machine learning, and expert systems, this book is ideally designed for web developers, internet users, online application developers, researchers, and faculty.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed conference proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Computational

Collective Intelligence, ICCCI 2013, held in Craiova, Romania, in September 2013. The 72 revised full papers presented were carefully selected from numerous submissions. Conference papers are organized in 16 technical sessions, covering the following topics: intelligent e-learning, classification and clustering methods, web intelligence and interaction, agents and multi-agent systems, social networks, intelligent knowledge management, language processing systems, modeling and optimization techniques, evolutionary computation, intelligent and group decision making, swarm intelligence, data mining techniques and applications, cooperative problem solving, collective intelligence for text mining and innovation, collective intelligence for social understanding and mining, and soft methods in collective intelligence.

"This book provides an in-depth analysis of attrition modeling relevant to business planning and management, offering insightful and detailed explanation of best practices, tools, and theory surrounding churn prediction and the integration of analytic tools"--Provided by publisher.

"This book is a comprehensive reference on concepts, algorithms, theories, applications, software, and visualization of data mining, text mining, Web mining and computing/supercomputing, covering state-of-the-art of the theory and applications of mining"--

Integrates social media, social network analysis, and data mining to provide an understanding of the potentials of social media mining.

R and Data Mining introduces researchers, post-graduate students, and analysts to data mining using R, a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. The book provides practical methods for using R in applications from academia to industry to extract knowledge from vast amounts of data. Readers will find this book a valuable guide to the use of R in tasks such as classification and prediction, clustering, outlier detection, association rules, sequence analysis, text mining, social network analysis, sentiment analysis, and more. Data mining techniques are growing in popularity in a broad range of areas, from banking to insurance, retail, telecom, medicine, research, and government. This book focuses on the modeling phase of the data mining process, also addressing data exploration and model evaluation. With three in-depth case studies, a quick reference guide, bibliography, and links to a wealth of online resources, R and Data Mining is a valuable, practical guide to a powerful method of analysis. Presents an introduction into using R for data mining applications, covering most popular data mining techniques Provides code examples and data so that readers can easily learn the techniques Features case studies in real-world applications to help readers apply the techniques in their work The book collects contributions from experts worldwide addressing recent scholarship in social network analysis such as influence spread, link prediction, dynamic network biclustering, and delurking. It covers both new topics and new solutions to known problems. The contributions rely on established methods and techniques in graph theory, machine learning, stochastic modelling, user behavior analysis and natural language processing, just to name a few. This text

provides an understanding of using such methods and techniques in order to manage practical problems and situations. Trends in Social Network Analysis: Information Propagation, User Behavior Modelling, Forecasting, and Vulnerability Assessment appeals to students, researchers, and professionals working in the field.

Provides information on data analysis from a variety of social networking sites, including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Social network analysis applications have experienced tremendous advances within the last few years due in part to increasing trends towards users interacting with each other on the internet. Social networks are organized as graphs, and the data on social networks takes on the form of massive streams, which are mined for a variety of purposes. Social Network Data Analytics covers an important niche in the social network analytics field. This edited volume, contributed by prominent researchers in this field, presents a wide selection of topics on social network data mining such as Structural Properties of Social Networks, Algorithms for Structural Discovery of Social Networks and Content Analysis in Social Networks. This book is also unique in focussing on the data analytical aspects of social networks in the internet scenario, rather than the traditional sociology-driven emphasis prevalent in the existing books, which do not focus on the unique data-intensive characteristics of online social networks. Emphasis is placed on simplifying the content so that students and practitioners benefit from this book. This book targets advanced level students and researchers concentrating on computer science as a secondary text or reference book. Data mining, database, information security, electronic commerce and machine learning professionals will find this book a valuable asset, as well as primary associations such as ACM, IEEE and Management Science.

These are the proceedings of the tenth event of the Industrial Conference on Data Mining ICDM held in Berlin (www.data-mining-forum.de). For this edition the Program Committee received 175 submissions. After the peer-review process, we accepted 49 high-quality papers for oral presentation that are included in this book. The topics range from theoretical aspects of data mining to applications of data mining such as on multimedia data, in marketing, finance and telecommunication, in medicine and agriculture, and in process control, industry and society. Extended versions of selected papers will appear in the international journal Transactions on Machine Learning and Data Mining (www.ibai-publishing.org/journal/mldm). Ten papers were selected for poster presentations and are published in the ICDM Poster Proceeding Volume by ibai-publishing (www.ibai-publishing.org). In conjunction with ICDM four workshops were held on special hot application-oriented topics in data mining: Data Mining in Marketing DMM, Data Mining in LifeScience DMLS, the Workshop on Case-Based Reasoning for Multimedia Data CBR-MD, and the Workshop on Data Mining in Agriculture DMA. The Workshop on Data Mining in Agriculture ran for the first time this year. All workshop papers will be published in the workshop proceedings by ibai-publishing (www.ibai-publishing.org). Selected papers of CBR-MD will be published in

a special issue of the international journal Transactions on Case-Based Reasoning (www.ibai-publishing.org/journal/cbr). Social networks provide a powerful abstraction of the structure and dynamics of diverse kinds of people or people-to-technology interaction. Web 2.0 has enabled a new generation of web-based communities, social networks, and folksonomies to facilitate collaboration among different communities. This unique text/reference compares and contrasts the ethological approach to social behavior in animals with web-based evidence of social interaction, perceptual learning, information granulation, the behavior of humans and affinities between web-based social networks. An international team of leading experts present the latest advances of various topics in intelligent-social-networks and illustrates how organizations can gain competitive advantages by applying the different emergent techniques in real-world scenarios. The work incorporates experience reports, survey articles, and intelligence techniques and theories with specific network technology problems. Topics and Features: Provides an overview social network tools, and explores methods for discovering key players in social networks, designing self-organizing search systems, and clustering blog sites, surveys techniques for exploratory analysis and text mining of social networks, approaches to tracking online community interaction, and examines how the topological features of a system affects the flow of information, reviews the models of network evolution, covering scientific co-citation networks, nature-inspired frameworks, latent social networks in e-Learning systems, and compound communities, examines the relationship between the intent of web pages, their architecture and the communities who take part in their usage and creation, discusses team selection based on members' social context, presents social network applications, including music recommendation and face recognition in photographs, explores the use of social networks in web services that focus on the discovery stage in the life cycle of these web services. This useful and comprehensive volume will be indispensable to senior undergraduate and postgraduate students taking courses in Social Intelligence, as well as to researchers, developers, and postgraduates interested in intelligent-social-networks research and related areas.

Driven by counter-terrorism efforts, marketing analysis and an explosion in online social networking in recent years, data mining has moved to the forefront of information science. This proposed Special Issue on Data Mining for Social Network Data will present a broad range of recent studies in social networking analysis. It will focus on emerging trends and needs in discovery and analysis of communities, solitary and social activities, activities in open for a and commercial sites as well. It will also look at network modeling, infrastructure construction, dynamic growth and evolution pattern discovery using machine learning approaches and multi-agent based simulations. Editors are three rising stars in world of data mining, knowledge discovery, social network analysis, and information infrastructures, and are anchored by Springer author/editor Hsinchun Chen (Terrorism Informatics; Medical Informatics; Digital Government), who is one of the most

prominent intelligence analysis and data mining experts in the world.

Many organizations, whether in the public or private sector, have begun to take advantage of the tools and techniques used for data mining. Utilizing data mining tools, these organizations are able to reveal the hidden and unknown information from available data. Data Mining in Dynamic Social Networks and Fuzzy Systems brings together research on the latest trends and patterns of data mining tools and techniques in dynamic social networks and fuzzy systems. With these improved modern techniques of data mining, this publication aims to provide insight and support to researchers and professionals concerned with the management of expertise, knowledge, information, and organizational development.

Online Social Networks: Human Cognitive Constraints in Facebook and Twitter provides new insights into the structural properties of personal online social networks and the mechanisms underpinning human online social behavior. As the availability of digital communication data generated by social media is revolutionizing the field of social networks analysis, the text discusses the use of large-scale datasets to study the structural properties of online ego networks, to compare them with the properties of general human social networks, and to highlight additional properties. Users will find the data collected and conclusions drawn useful during design or research service initiatives that involve online and mobile social network environments. Provides an analysis of the structural properties of ego networks in online social networks Presents quantitative evidence of the Dunbar's number in online environments Discusses original structural and dynamic properties of human social network through OSN analysis

Real-world physical and abstract data objects are interconnected, forming gigantic, interconnected networks. By structuring these data objects and interactions between these objects into multiple types, such networks become semi-structured heterogeneous information networks. Most real-world applications that handle big data, including interconnected social media and social networks, scientific, engineering, or medical information systems, online e-commerce systems, and most database systems, can be structured into heterogeneous information networks. Therefore, effective analysis of large-scale heterogeneous information networks poses an interesting but critical challenge. In this book, we investigate the principles and methodologies of mining heterogeneous information networks. Departing from many existing network models that view interconnected data as homogeneous graphs or networks, our semi-structured heterogeneous information network model leverages the rich semantics of typed nodes and links in a network and uncovers surprisingly rich knowledge from the network. This semi-structured heterogeneous network modeling leads to a series of new principles and powerful methodologies for mining interconnected data, including: (1) rank-based clustering and classification; (2) meta-path-based similarity search and mining; (3) relation strength-aware mining, and many other

potential developments. This book introduces this new research frontier and points out some promising research directions. Table of Contents: Introduction / Ranking-Based Clustering / Classification of Heterogeneous Information Networks / Meta-Path-Based Similarity Search / Meta-Path-Based Relationship Prediction / Relation Strength-Aware Clustering with Incomplete Attributes / User-Guided Clustering via Meta-Path Selection / Research Frontiers

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With the proliferation of social media and on-line communities in networked world a large gamut of data has been collected and stored in databases. The rate at which such data is stored is growing at a phenomenal rate and pushing the classical methods of data analysis to their limits. This book presents an integrated framework of recent empirical and theoretical research on social network analysis based on a wide range of techniques from various disciplines like data mining, social sciences, mathematics, statistics, physics, network science, machine learning with visualization techniques and security. The book illustrates the potential of multi-disciplinary techniques in various real life problems and intends to motivate researchers in social network analysis to design more effective tools by integrating swarm intelligence and data mining.

Social Network Analysis and Mining Encyclopedia (ESNAM) is the first major reference work to integrate fundamental concepts and research directions in the areas of social networks and applications to data mining. The second edition of ESNAM is a truly outstanding reference appealing to researchers, practitioners, instructors and students (both undergraduate and graduate), as well as the general public. This updated reference integrates all basics concepts and research efforts under one umbrella. Coverage has been expanded to include new emerging topics such as crowdsourcing, opinion mining, and sentiment analysis. Revised content of existing material keeps the encyclopedia current. The second edition is intended for college students as well as public and academic libraries. It is anticipated to continue to stimulate more awareness of social network applications and research efforts. The advent of electronic communication, and in particular on-line communities, have created social networks of hitherto unimaginable sizes. Reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of this unique field, the essential contributions of diverse disciplines, from computer science, mathematics, and statistics to sociology and behavioral science, are described among the 300 authoritative yet highly readable entries. Students will find a world of information and insight behind the familiar façade of the social networks in which they participate. Researchers and practitioners will benefit from a comprehensive perspective on the methodologies for analysis of constructed networks, and the data mining and machine learning techniques that have

proved attractive for sophisticated knowledge discovery in complex applications. Also addressed is the application of social network methodologies to other domains, such as web networks and biological networks.

This in-depth guide provides managers with a solid understanding of data and data trends, the opportunities that it can offer to businesses, and the dangers of these technologies. Written in an accessible style, Steven Finlay provides a contextual roadmap for developing solutions that deliver benefits to organizations.

What does the Web look like? How can we find patterns, communities, outliers, in a social network? Which are the most central nodes in a network? These are the questions that motivate this work. Networks and graphs appear in many diverse settings, for example in social networks, computer-communication networks (intrusion detection, traffic management), protein-protein interaction networks in biology, document-text bipartite graphs in text retrieval, person-account graphs in financial fraud detection, and others. In this work, first we list several surprising patterns that real graphs tend to follow. Then we give a detailed list of generators that try to mirror these patterns. Generators are important, because they can help with "what if" scenarios, extrapolations, and anonymization. Then we provide a list of powerful tools for graph analysis, and specifically spectral methods (Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)), tensors, and case studies like the famous "pageRank" algorithm and the "HITS" algorithm for ranking web search results. Finally, we conclude with a survey of tools and observations from related fields like sociology, which provide complementary viewpoints. Table of Contents: Introduction / Patterns in Static Graphs / Patterns in Evolving Graphs / Patterns in Weighted Graphs / Discussion: The Structure of Specific Graphs / Discussion: Power Laws and Deviations / Summary of Patterns / Graph Generators / Preferential Attachment and Variants / Incorporating Geographical Information / The RMat / Graph Generation by Kronecker Multiplication / Summary and Practitioner's Guide / SVD, Random Walks, and Tensors / Tensors / Community Detection / Influence/Virus Propagation and Immunization / Case Studies / Social Networks / Other Related Work / Conclusions

In recent years the management of business processes has emerged as one of the major developments to ease the understanding of, communication about, and evolution of process-oriented information systems in a variety of application domains. Based on explicit representations of business processes, process stakeholders can communicate about process structure, content, and possible improvements. Formal analysis, verification and simulation techniques have the potential to show deficits and to effectively lead to better and more flexible processes. Process mining facilitates the discovery of process specifications from process logs that are readily available in many organizations. This volume of Springer's Lecture Notes in Computer Science contains the papers presented at the 2nd International Conference on Business Process Management (BPM 2004) which took place in Potsdam, Germany, in June 2004. From more than 70 submissions BPM 2004 received, 19 high-quality research papers were selected. BPM 2004 is part of a conference series that provides a forum for researchers and practitioners in all aspects of business process management. In June 2003, the 1st International Conference on

Business Process Management took place in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. Its proceedings were published as Volume 2678 of Lecture Notes in Computer Science by Springer-Verlag. A previous volume (LNCS1806) on Business Process Management was based on four events devoted to this topic.

Despite the swift spread of social network concepts and their applications and the rising use of network analysis in social science, there is no book that provides a thorough general introduction for the serious reader. Understanding Social Networks fills that gap by explaining the big ideas that underlie the social network phenomenon. Written for those interested in this fast moving area but who are not mathematically inclined, it covers fundamental concepts, then discusses networks and their core themes in increasing order of complexity. Kadushin demystifies the concepts, theories, and findings developed by network experts. He selects material that serves as basic building blocks and examples of best practices that will allow the reader to understand and evaluate new developments as they emerge. Understanding Social Networks will be useful to social scientists who encounter social network research in their reading, students new to the network field, as well as managers, marketers, and others who constantly encounter social networks in their work.

Managing and Mining Graph Data is a comprehensive survey book in graph management and mining. It contains extensive surveys on a variety of important graph topics such as graph languages, indexing, clustering, data generation, pattern mining, classification, keyword search, pattern matching, and privacy. It also studies a number of domain-specific scenarios such as stream mining, web graphs, social networks, chemical and biological data. The chapters are written by well known researchers in the field, and provide a broad perspective of the area. This is the first comprehensive survey book in the emerging topic of graph data processing. Managing and Mining Graph Data is designed for a varied audience composed of professors, researchers and practitioners in industry. This volume is also suitable as a reference book for advanced-level database students in computer science and engineering.

Analyzing the Social Web provides a framework for the analysis of public data currently available and being generated by social networks and social media, like Facebook, Twitter, and Foursquare. Access and analysis of this public data about people and their connections to one another allows for new applications of traditional social network analysis techniques that let us identify things like who are the most important or influential people in a network, how things will spread through the network, and the nature of peoples' relationships. Analyzing the Social Web introduces you to these techniques, shows you their application to many different types of social media, and discusses how social media can be used as a tool for interacting with the online public. Presents interactive social applications on the web, and the types of analysis that are currently conducted in the study of social media. Covers the basics of network structures for beginners, including measuring methods for describing nodes, edges, and parts of the network. Discusses the major categories of social media applications or phenomena and shows how the techniques presented can be applied to analyze and understand the underlying data. Provides an introduction to information visualization, particularly network visualization techniques, and methods for using them to identify interesting features in a network, generate hypotheses for analysis, and recognize patterns of behavior. Includes a supporting website with lecture slides, exercises, and downloadable social network data sets that can be used to apply the techniques presented in the book.

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Now in its second edition, this book focuses on practical algorithms for mining data from even the largest datasets.

The contributors in this book share, exchange, and develop new concepts, ideas, principles, and methodologies in order to advance and

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deepen our understanding of social networks in the new generation of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) enabled by Web 2.0, also referred to as social media, to help policy-making. This interdisciplinary work provides a platform for researchers, practitioners, and graduate students from sociology, behavioral science, computer science, psychology, cultural studies, information systems, operations research and communication to share, exchange, learn, and develop new concepts, ideas, principles, and methodologies. Emerging Research Challenges and Opportunities in Computational Social Network Analysis and Mining will be of interest to researchers, practitioners, and graduate students from the various disciplines listed above. The text facilitates the dissemination of investigations of the dynamics and structure of web based social networks. The book can be used as a reference text for advanced courses on Social Network Analysis, Sociology, Communication, Organization Theory, Cyber-anthropology, Cyber-diplomacy, and Information Technology and Justice.

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