

Statistical Models for Discovering Knowledge from Relational Data

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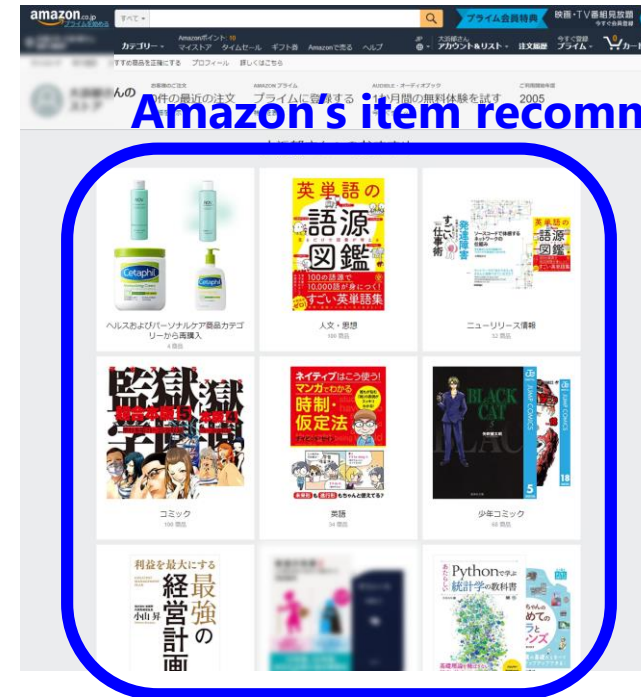
Background

Nowadays, data analysis is a very important technology for business to provide better UX.



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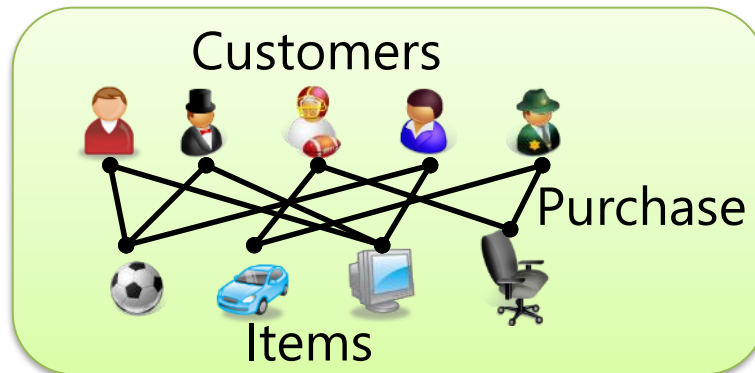
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A key technology underlying such intelligent systems is Relational Data Analysis.

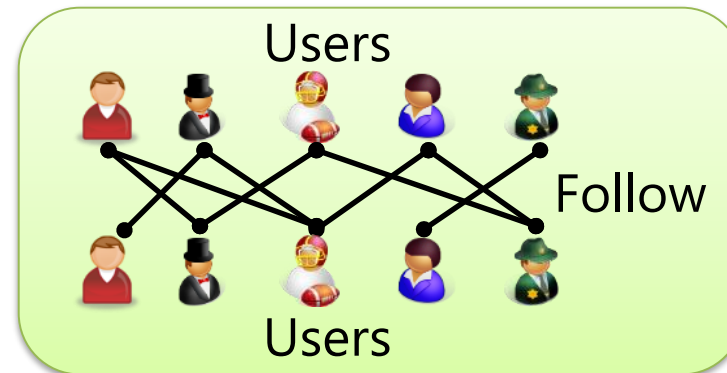
What is Relational Data?

Relational Data encoding pairwise relationships appears in many business fields.

Point-of-sale (POS) data



Social Relationships



A binary matrix representation of the data shown in the diagrams above. The matrix is divided into two sections: POS data on the left and Social Relationships on the right. The rows represent the entities (Customers or Users) and the columns represent the items or users they are related to. The values are 1 for a relationship and 0 for no relationship.

	Soccer Ball	Blue Car	Computer Monitor	Office Chair
Customer 1 (Red Shirt)	1	0	1	0
Customer 2 (Black Top Hat)	1	0	1	0
Customer 3 (Red and White Striped Shirt)	0	1	0	1
Customer 4 (Blue Shirt)	1	0	1	0
Customer 5 (Green Hat)	0	1	0	1

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Relational Data is equivalently represented by a binary matrix

Relational Data Analysis

A major motivation behind analyzing relational data is to discover significant interaction patterns.


Simple case of Relational Data Analysis

$I \times J$ Relational Data x

				
	1	0	1	0
	1	0	1	0
	0	1	0	1
	1	0	1	0
	0	1	0	1

Sort
rows & columns

Result

				
	1	1	0	0
	1	1	0	0
	1	1	0	0
	0	0	1	1
	0	0	1	1

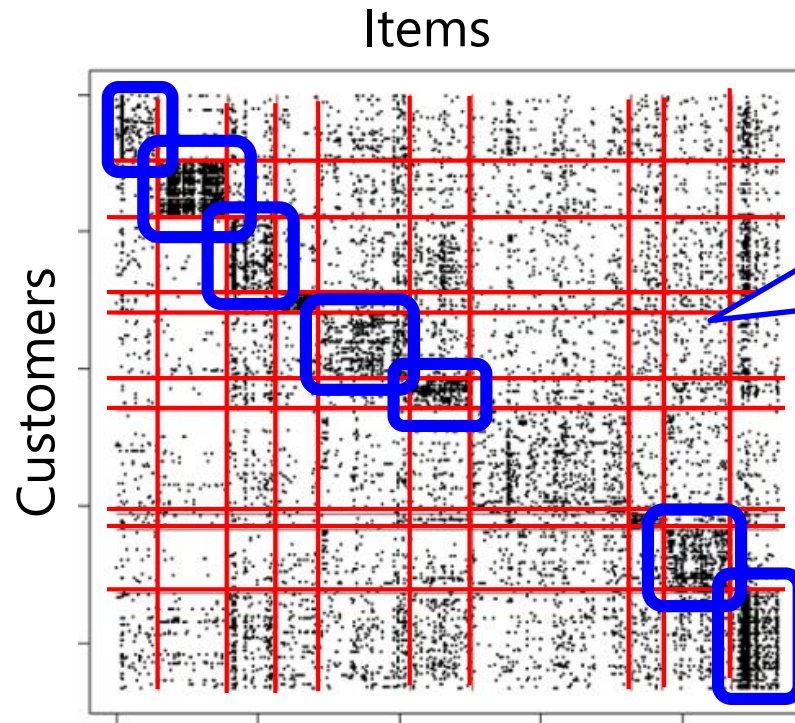
**Block structure
indicating
preference of
customers**

Applications:

- Recommendation
- Ad Targeting
- Market Analysis

Example

Recommender system for an E-commerce business.



A result obtained from
purchase records on EC site

**You can find pairs of customer
group & item group that sell
well.**

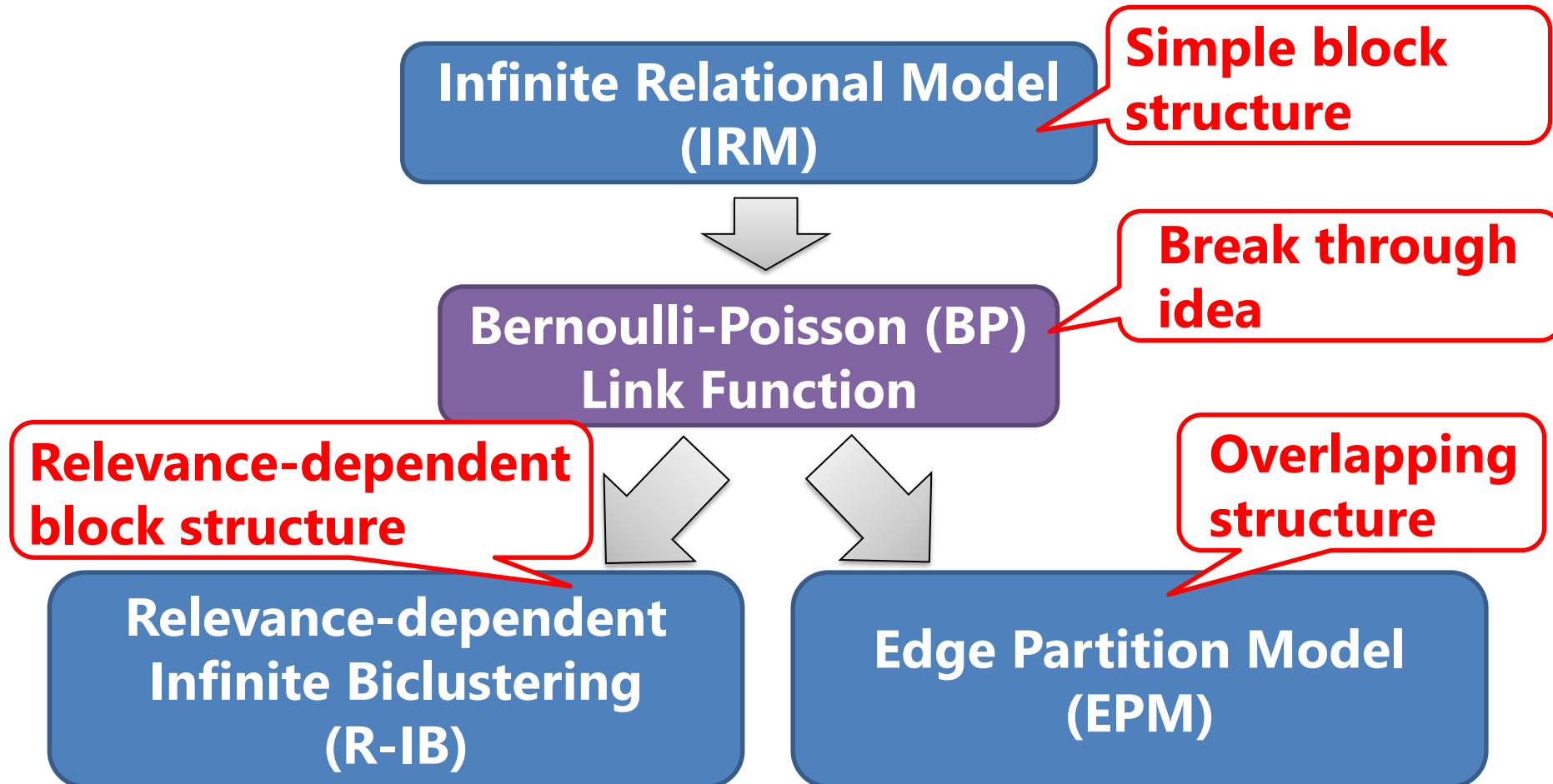
**We can increase total sales
by highlighting the items
those are strongly related
to each target customer.**



**Relational Data Analysis is
a key technology for industries in AI era.**

Overview of my Talk

Statistical machine learning models for discovering advanced structure from relational data.



The Infinite Relational Model (IRM) [Kemp+, AAAI06]

A well-known statistical model that extract hidden block structure from noisy real-world relational data.

Model description of the IRM

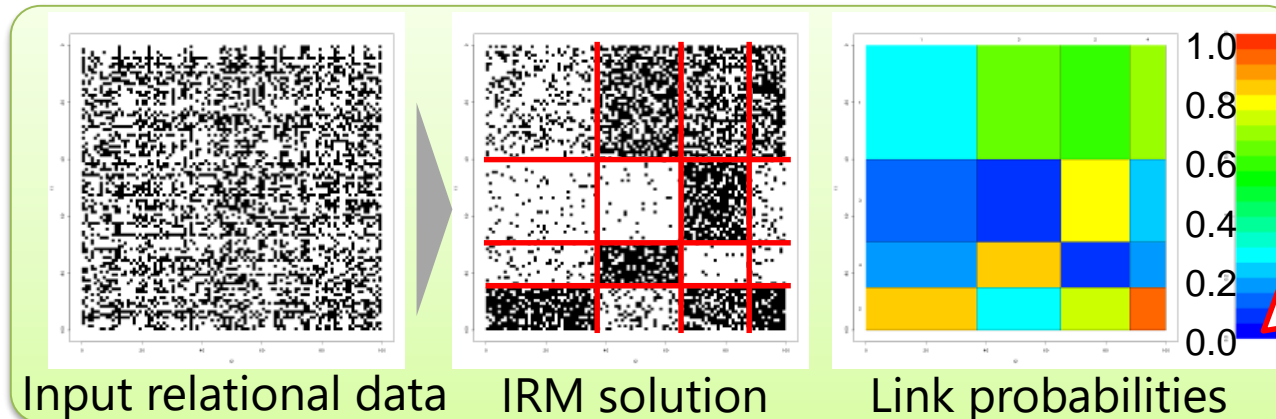
$$P(x_{i,j} = 1, \mid z_{1,i} = k, z_{2,j} = l) = p_{k,l}$$

Observed Entry
between
row i and column j

Group
assignment
for i -th row

Group
assignment
for j -th column

Link Probability
for block (k,l)



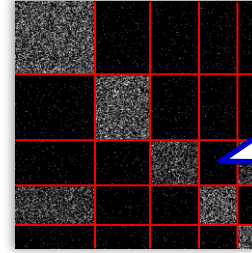
By maximizing $P(z_1, z_2, p|x)$, we can obtain blocks, where each block has uniform density.

Drawbacks of the IRM

The IRM is not acceptable in real-world data analysis.

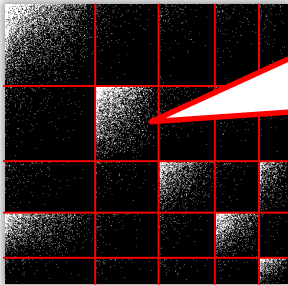
Observation model of the IRM

$$P(x_{i,j} = 1, \mid z_{1,i}, z_{j,2}) = p_{k,l}$$



The IRM assumes each block has a uniform density.

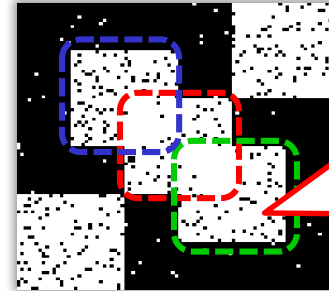
1. Relevance-dependent Blocks



Both active and passive users exist in same community.

(e.g., mail transactions within a SNS community)

2. Overlapping Structure



Some users might belong to multiple groups.

Efficient models for capturing such advanced structure have not been developed for a long time.

Bernoulli-Poisson Link Function

[Zhou+, AISTATS15]

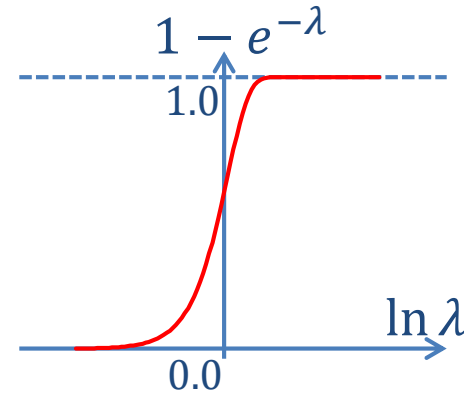
Key Idea: Bernoulli-Poisson Link Function

Modeling link probability using
Bernoulli-Poisson (BP) link function.

BP link function [Zhou, AISTATS15]

$$f(\lambda) = 1 - e^{-\lambda}.$$

λ : non-negative variable in $[0, \infty)$.



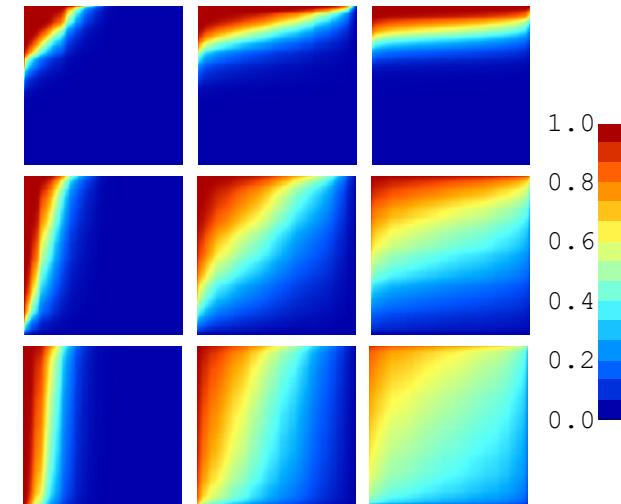
BP link function enable us to define link probabilities using non-negative parameters.

Multiplicative Property of BP Link Function

The parameter λ can be straightforwardly extended to product of multiple parameters.

$$f(\lambda_1 \lambda_2) = 1 - e^{-\lambda_1 \times \lambda_2}.$$

Factor 1 Factor 2



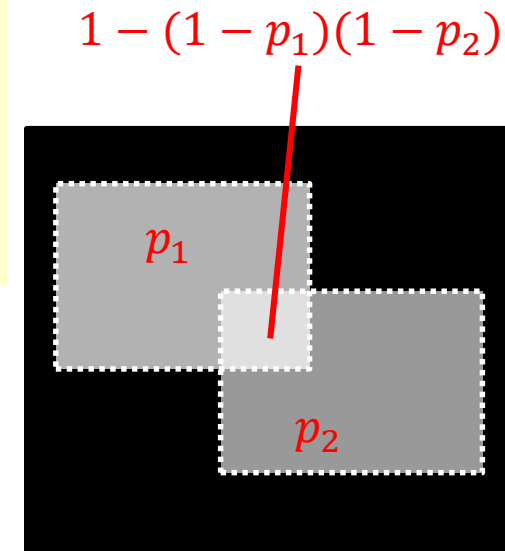
Examples of prob. density

We can easily model the effect of multiple factors for a link probability.

Additive Property of BP Link Function

Sum of multiple parameters also have a useful meaning.

$$\begin{aligned}f(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) &= 1 - e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \\&= 1 - e^{-\lambda_1} \times e^{-\lambda_2} \\&= 1 - \underbrace{(1 - f(\lambda_1))}_{P(x=0 | f(\lambda_1))} \underbrace{(1 - f(\lambda_2))}_{P(x=0 | f(\lambda_2))}.\end{aligned}$$



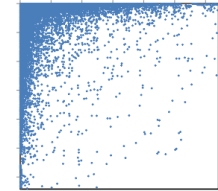
We can easily model the interaction of multiple factors with probabilistic OR manner.

Relevance-dependent Infinite Biclustering (R-IB)

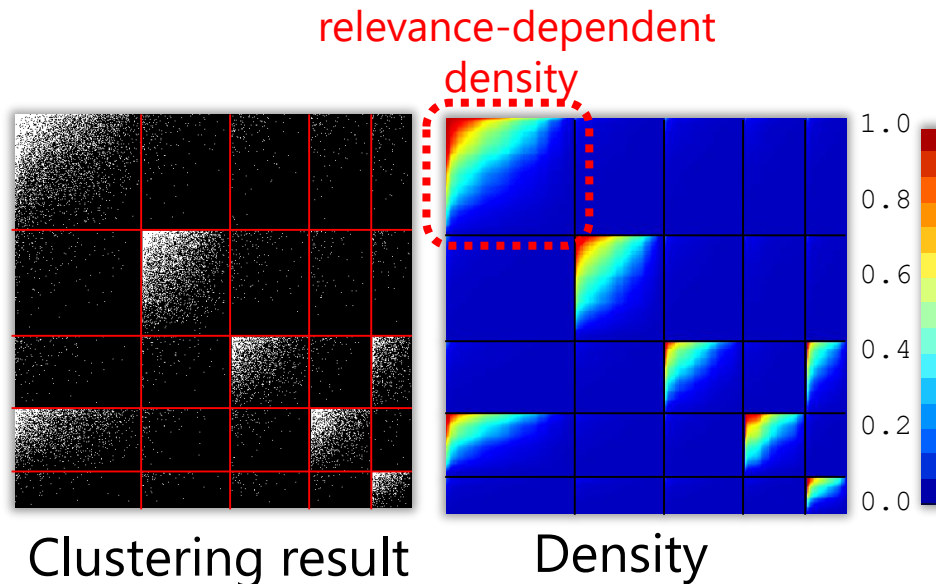
[Ohama+, IJCAI17]

Motivation

Real-world relational data often have relevance-dependent block structure.



[Araujo, ECML14]



We can naturally extend the IRM so that it can capture the relevance-dependent block structure.

Relevance-dependent Infinite Biclustering (R-IB)

The key strategy is to define a link probability by BP link function with product of three nn-parameters.

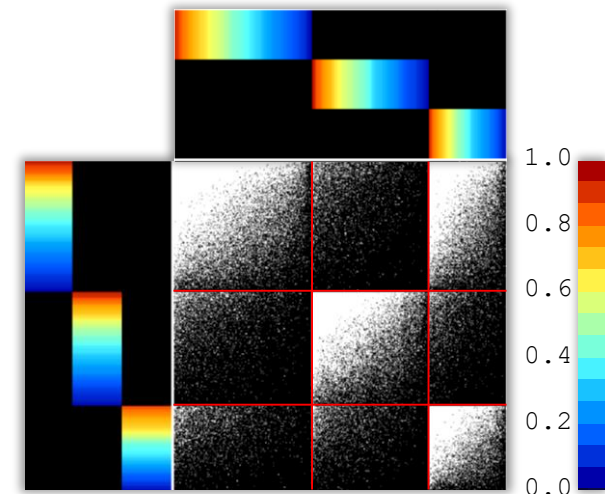
$$\text{R-IB: } P(x_{i,j} = 1, | \mathbf{z}) = 1 - e^{-\theta_{1,i} \theta_{2,j} \lambda_{k,l}}$$

Relevance
(i-th row)

Relevance
(j-th column)

Typical
link strength
(block (k,l))

In R-IB model, link probability for an entry is modulated by related relevance parameters.



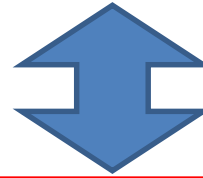
Example of R-IB solution
(colors indicate the relevance)

R-IB can simultaneously estimate the block structure and relevance values for each row and column object.

Remarkable Property of R-IB Inference

Most of parameters of the R-IB can be integrated out.

$$x_{i,j} \sim \text{Bernoulli} \left(1 - e^{-\theta_{1,i} \theta_{2,j} \lambda_{k,l}} \right).$$



**Equivalently rewritten by
truncating Poisson random
count! [Zhou, 2015]**

$$x_{i,j}^* \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta_{1,i} \theta_{2,j} \lambda_{k,l}),$$
$$x_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_{i,j}^* = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x_{i,j}^* \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Remarkable Property of R-IB Inference

Most of parameters of the R-IB can be integrated out.

$$\theta_1/I \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\overbrace{c_1, \dots, c_1}^I),$$
$$\theta_2/J \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\overbrace{c_2, \dots, c_2}^J)$$

$$\lambda \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$$

Prior

Prior

$$x_{i,j}^* \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta_{1,i} \theta_{2,j} \lambda_{k,l}),$$
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$\theta_1, \theta_2, \lambda$
can be
integrated out

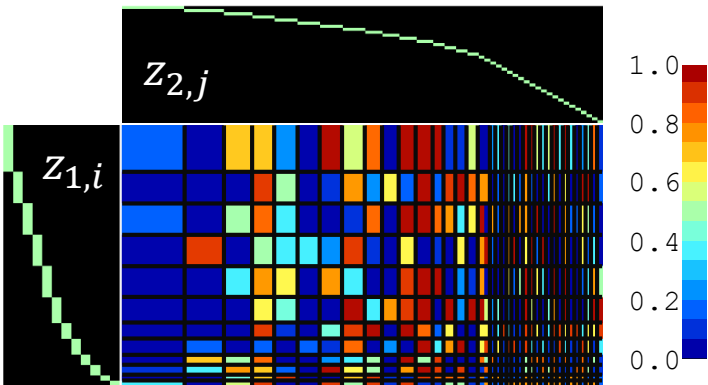
We can derive
analytical marginal
likelihood function 😊

$$P(\mathbf{x}^* | a, b, c_1, c_2)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\prod_{i,j} x_{i,j}^*!} \times \prod_i \frac{\Gamma(c_1 + M_{i,\cdot})}{\Gamma(c_1)} \times \prod_j \frac{\Gamma(c_2 + M_{\cdot,j})}{\Gamma(c_2)}$$
$$\times \frac{I^M \Gamma(Ic_1)}{\Gamma(Ic_1 + M)} \times \frac{J^M \Gamma(Jc_2)}{\Gamma(Jc_2 + M)} \times \frac{G(a + M, b + IJ)}{G(a, b)},$$

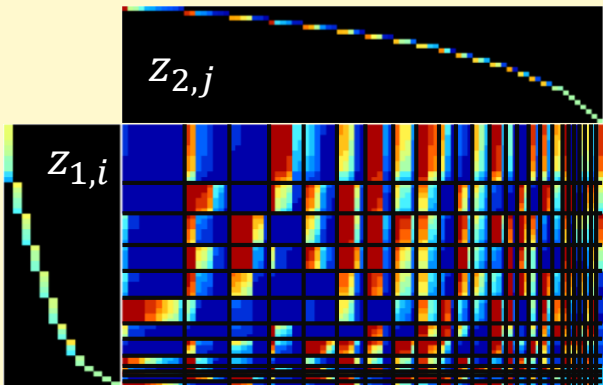
Inference for R-IB can be efficiently performed by
optimizing only remaining parameters z_1 & z_2 😊

Experimental Result using Animal Dataset

Relationships between 50 mammals & 85 attributes



IRM solution



(Proposed) R-IB solution

Row Groups	
Name	Relevance
Aquatic	H. Whale (1.175)
	Seal (1.151)
	Walrus (1.017)
	Dolphin (0.837)
	B. whale (0.820)
Big	Elephant (1.303)
	Rhinoceros (0.922)
	Hippopotamus (0.775)
Carnivorous	Wolf (1.379)
	Leopard (1.172)
	⋮
	Grizzly bear (0.830)
	G. shepherd (0.666)
Apes	Chimpanzee (1.566)
	Gorilla (0.804)
	S. monkey (0.630)

Column Groups	
Name	Relevance
(Eat) fish	(6.318)
Water	(1.111)
Swims	(1.023)
⋮	⋮
Blue	(0.188)
Plankton	(0.156)
Skimmer	(0.079)
Carnivorous	Meat (2.036)
	Fierce (1.967)
	⋮
	Cave (0.102)
	Stalker (0.088)
Herbivorous	Vegetation (4.492)
	Fields (0.585)
	⋮
	Longneck (0.049)
	Horns (0.045)

Top-ranked objects facilitate understanding what each group means 😊

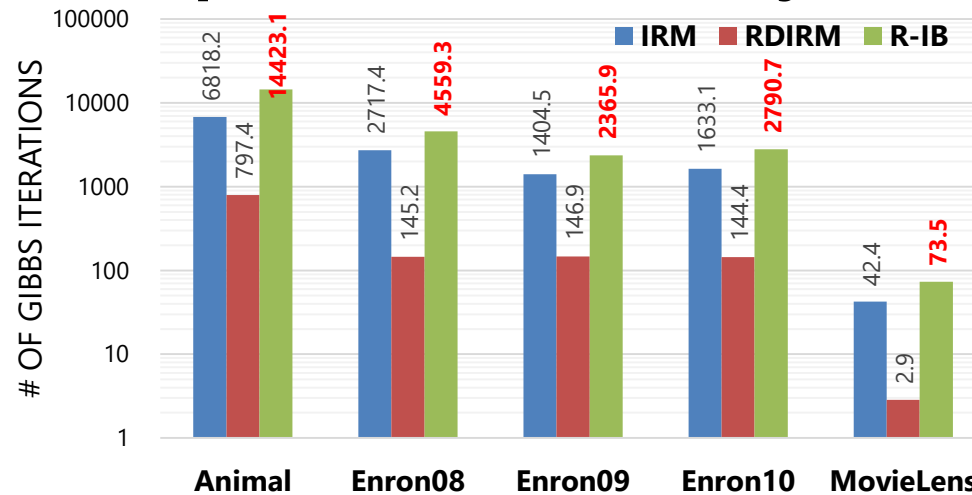
Quantitative Results

◆ Link prediction accuracy (AUC of precision-recall curve)

Dataset	IRM	RDIRM	R-IB
Animal	0.8106 \pm 0.0356	0.7515 \pm 0.0525	0.8023 \pm 0.0255
Enron08	0.2736 \pm 0.0693	0.2044 \pm 0.0482	0.2885 \pm 0.0741
Enron09	0.2710 \pm 0.0488	0.2129 \pm 0.0447	0.2964 \pm 0.0546
Enron10	0.3519 \pm 0.0398	0.3100 \pm 0.0327	0.3810 \pm 0.0421
MovieLens	0.4098 \pm 0.0062	0.4130 \pm 0.0061	0.4473 \pm 0.0058

The R-IB indicated better link prediction accuracy especially for larger datasets.

◆ Computational Efficiency (# of Learning Epochs / 5 min.)



Better

The R-IB significantly outperformed the IRM.

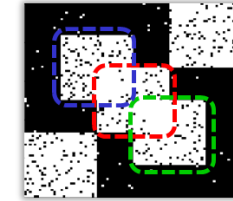
The R-IB can extract more essential structure with better computational efficiency 😊

Gamma Process Edge Partition Model (EPM)

[Zhou, AISTATS15] [Ohama+, NIPS17]

Motivation

Real-world relational data often have overlapping block structure.



	1	1	1	0	0	0
	1	1	1	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	0	0
	0	0	1	1	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1	1

$I \times J$ Relational Data x

	1	1	1	0	0	0
	1	1	1	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	0	0
	0	0	1	1	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1	1

Overlapping Structure

BP link function is also useful for developing relational model for overlapping structure.

Gamma Process Edge Partition Model (EPM)

The key strategy is to utilize additive property of BP link function.

EPM model

$$P(x_{i,j} \mid \phi, \psi, \lambda) = 1 - e^{-\sum_{k=1}^K \phi_{i,k} \psi_{j,k} \lambda_k}$$

Relevance for i-th row to k-th block Relevance for j-th column to k-th block

Typical link strength for k-th block.

$$= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K e^{\phi_{i,k} \psi_{j,k} \lambda_k}$$

Probability that at least one of K blocks generate a link.

Probability that k-th block DOES NOT generate a link.

EPM can capture overlapping block structure with probabilistic OR manner.

Efficient Inference for the EPM

Similar to the R-IB, model parameters of the EPM can be integrated out.

Marginal likelihood function for the EPM

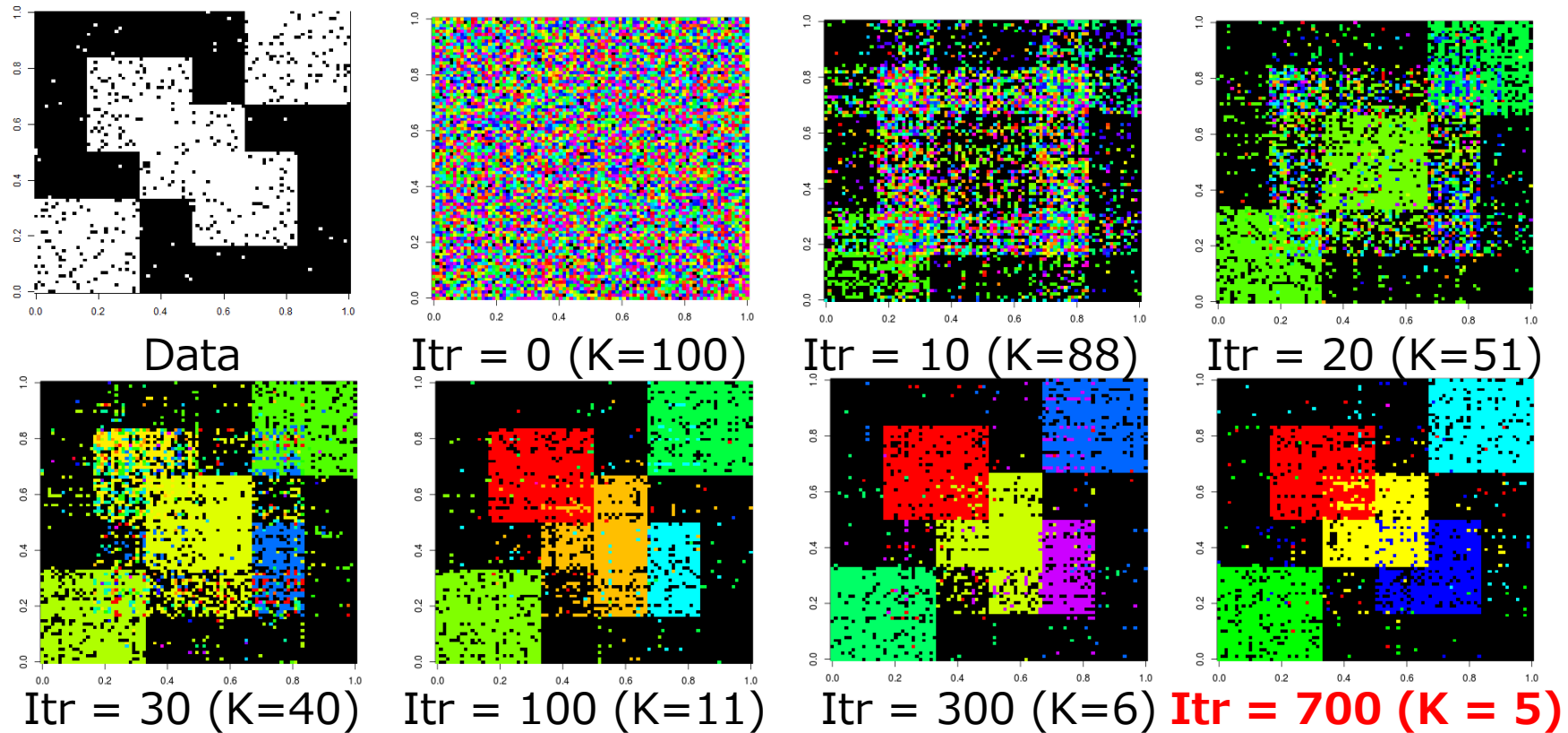
$$P(\mathbf{m}, [\mathbf{z}])_{\infty} = \prod_{i=1}^I \prod_{j=1}^J \frac{1}{m_{i,j,\cdot}!} \times \prod_{k=1}^{K_+} \frac{\Gamma(I\alpha_1)}{\Gamma(I\alpha_1 + m_{\cdot,\cdot,k})} \prod_{i=1}^I \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + m_{i,\cdot,k})}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)} \\ \times \prod_{k=1}^{K_+} \frac{\Gamma(J\alpha_2)}{\Gamma(J\alpha_2 + m_{\cdot,\cdot,k})} \prod_{j=1}^J \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + m_{\cdot,j,k})}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)} \times \gamma_0^{K_+} \left(\frac{c_0}{c_0 + 1} \right)^{\gamma_0} \prod_{k=1}^{K_+} \frac{\Gamma(m_{\cdot,\cdot,k})}{(c_0 + 1)^{m_{\cdot,\cdot,k}}},$$

We no longer have to explicitly estimate the parameters for the EPM!



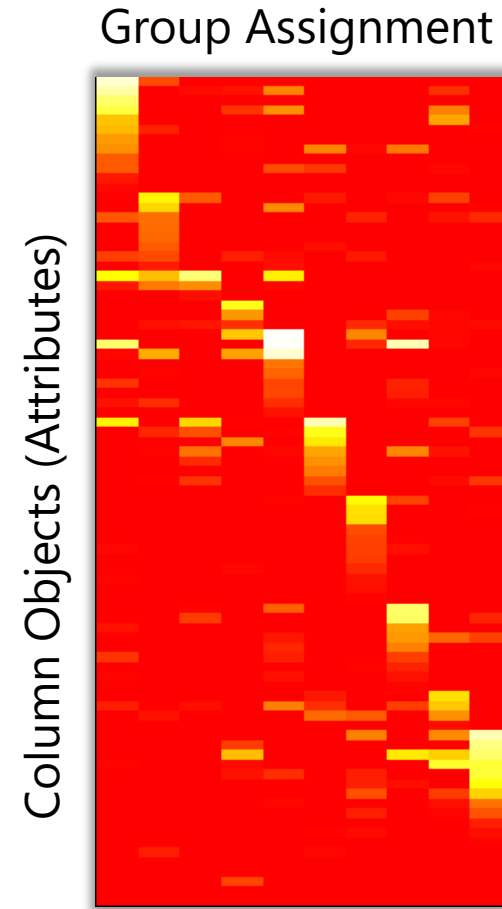
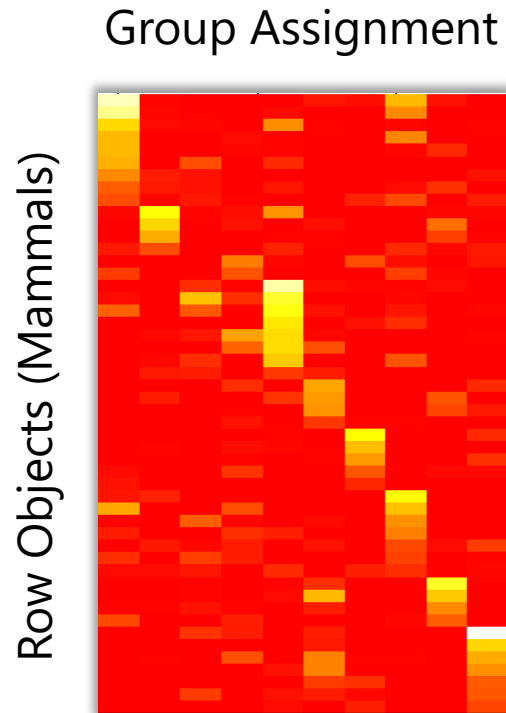
EPM can be inferred efficiently by optimizing its marginal likelihood function.

Result



The EPM accurately discover overlapping block structure underlying the data.

Result on Animal Dataset



The EPM is more helpful for finding deeper insights from noisy real-world data.

Conclusions

- We addressed that discovering hidden structure from relational data is an important technical problem for many industries.
- We introduced Bernoulli-Poisson (BP) link function, which is a great idea to capture advanced structure underlying the data.
- We presented two novel relational model:
 - R-IB for relevance-dependent block structure
 - EPM for overlapping structure
- Using the BP modeling to bridge the statistical modeling and deep neural networks is a promising aspect for future work.

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