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**Keywords:** social network; stable topic; community detection; multi-grained user alignment; fuzzy characteristic

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## 26 0 Introduction

27 Social networks play an important role in daily life, such as music sharing, game services,  
28 dynamic sharing, etc<sup>[1]</sup>. Identifying the same users in different social networks can improve social  
29 experience, increase social efficiency, and make advertising and business recommendations more  
30 accurate. People finding services can be provided by aggregating publicly visible user information  
31 from multiple online social networks by linking users' accounts in different social networks and  
32 analyzing their behavior on multiple online social networks to detect and find illegal users who  
33 are trying to steal users' private<sup>[2]</sup>At present, cross-social network alignment can be divided into  
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35 User alignment is based on user attributes, behaviors, and topology information. The  
36 literature<sup>[3]</sup> is matched based on the user's profile (user name, age, profile, educational  
37 background), user-generated content, and location attributes by plugging them into the fusion  
38 classifier of machine learning. The literature<sup>[4]</sup> uses the BP neural network to calculate the  
39 similarity of the user name by vector mapping. The alignment method based on user attributes  
40 faces the problems of limited data acquisition and high data processing difficulty. A joint  
41 framework of behavior analysis and social network alignment is proposed in the literature<sup>[5]</sup>. The  
42 principle is to obtain comprehensive user behavior information through a user behavior  
43 (forwarding, comment, location punching) information fusion algorithm based on earth-moving  
44 distance (EMD), verify user behavior prediction, and complete user alignment based on behavior  
45 characteristics. However, user behavior information is complex and highly sparse, making it  
46 difficult to find potential consistent patterns from it. The literature<sup>[6]</sup> uses anchor users to walk  
47 outward to obtain local topological maps around anchor users. It performs common maximum  
48 subgraph similarity calculation or probabilistic generating graph calculation to complete  
49 alignment<sup>[7]</sup>However, this kind of matching method for pure topology structure relies too much on  
50 the influence of anchor users, and the location of anchor points in the network is particularly  
51 important. If it is too dense, the local matching calculation will converge quickly, fall into local

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52 optimal, and cannot be spread to distant locations; if it is too sparse, the connection between local  
53 and local areas will be weakened, the matching calculation amount will be larger, and the accuracy  
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55 Group alignment is usually combined with user interest. The literature<sup>[8]</sup> analyzes the topics  
56 of users' published content through the Dirichlet model. It combines the method of hypertext topic  
57 search (HITS)<sup>[9]</sup>The literature<sup>[10]</sup> proposes that the interest should be divided into temporary  
58 interest and core interest, reduce the interference of temporary interest and effectively improve the  
59 alignment accuracy; the literature<sup>[11]</sup>The literature<sup>[12]</sup> uses user interest labels for weight scoring  
60 and stratified community classification. Still, the label classification is fixed, and the same user is  
61 assigned to multiple label classes, resulting in redundancy. The deep learning model (ReinCom)  
62 was successfully used in the literature<sup>[13]</sup> for the first time to map nodes and communities to the  
63 hyperbolic space to learn the degree of coupling between nodes and communities. However,  
64 because the input and output parameters of a hierarchical community tree are difficult to define as  
65 integers and one-hot vectors, the updating and optimization parameters of a community tree are  
66 variable, and the effect is not good when facing larger communities.

67 To sum up, most scholars focus on one of the two matching modes of groups or users, and  
68 data acquisition is often limited in the user alignment mode. In contrast, in the group alignment  
69 mode with determined granularity, there are too many edge users and only reflect the overall  
70 characteristics of a group, and accurate user alignment cannot be completed by using this result.  
71 At the same time, the single-layer community detection cannot accurately reflect the user interest  
72 relationship, and the fixed-label hierarchical detection will cause the same user to assign multiple  
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74 Contributions are as follows:

75 (a) A stable topic acquisition method is proposed. The original keywords of the content  
76 published by users are mined and the original theme sequence is formed by clustering. Calculate  
77 the jitter degree of each theme according to the time slice and sort it, eliminate the short-time  
78 theme, obtain the stable theme sequence, embed the user's theme sequence into the Word2Vec

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model vector space, and calculate the user's theme similarity.

(b) Proposed multi-level community detection method **ST-L**. The topic similarity is used to update the user edge weights, and the Louvain algorithm is improved based on the weights to optimize the aggregation and re-optimize to the upper layer. The multi-level community detection without presetting fixed hierarchical labels is completed.

(c) An improved fuzzy center clustering method is proposed to obtain the community theme features. By updating and optimizing the correlation degree matrix between users and theme feature points, the theme features of communities and user groups are obtained. Starting from coarse-grained communities, the theme feature similarity across social networks of the same granularity is calculated to complete alignment. Vertical iteration is performed until user matching is performed. The alignment results of each layer can be output to achieve multi-granularity alignment.

(d) MGA's multi-granularity alignment method based on the combination of the two alignments on the real data set has better performance indicators.

## 1 Basic Definition

### 1.1 Symbol definition

**Symbolic Definition 1 Social network.** Define the social network as  $G=(V,E,P)$  for the collection of user nodes to be aligned  $V=(u_1,u_2,\dots,u_i,\dots,u_r)$ , and  $i$  for the user number.  $E$  stands for powerless edge set  $E=\{e_{ij} \mid u_i, u_j \in V\}$  and  $e_{ij}$  stands for users  $u_i$  and edges; that is, there is a following or being followed relationship between users; that is, there is a connected edge.  $u_i P$  stands for the content published by the user,  $P=(\text{user}, \text{published content}, \text{published time})$ , indicating the content set published by the user.  $P_i u_i$  For the convenience of subsequent modeling and calculation, the source social network and target social network are selected and denoted as and respectively.

$$G=(V,E,P) \quad G'=(V',E',P')$$

**Define 2 Thematic hierarchical communities.** Define a topic layered community as where  $C=(c_1^{00}, c_2^{01}, \dots, c_1^{10}, \dots, c_i^{jh}, \dots, c_r^L)$   $i$  represents the community to which the user belongs,  $u_j$  represents the

layer of the community,  $h$  represents the number of the community, and when  $j=0$ , then the community is called a user group.

Define 3 User topics. Define the user topic as and the topic weight as, where the topic weight subscript corresponds to the topic subscript.  $topic = (topic_1, topic_2, \dots, topic_R)$   $W = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_R)$

Define 4 Anchor users. An anchor user is someone who has an account on both the source social network and the target social network and has the account aligned, authenticating high-impact users by name, etc.  $G \rightarrow G'$

Define five thematic characteristics. The fusion topic feature of the user group and community is defined as representing the overall topic feature of the user group or the internal members of the community in layer  $j$  numbered  $h$ , where represents the feature point of the middle topic,  $z$  is the number of the feature point. The dimension of the feature point should be the same as the dimension of the user topic vector.  $V_{c^h} \rightarrow CTopic_z^{V_{c^h}} \rightarrow V_{c^h}$

## 1.2 Problem definition

For the source social network, find the target social network and use the stable theme to detect and find the user group and the high-level community and obtain the theme feature sum from the coarse-grained high-level community to the fine-grained community to the user-level alignment.

$$u \in G \rightarrow u' \in G' \rightarrow u \rightarrow u' \rightarrow c_u^{jh} \rightarrow c_{u'}^{jh} \rightarrow V_{c^h} \rightarrow V_{c'^h} \rightarrow u \rightarrow u'$$

## 2 MGA: Stable topic multi-granularity alignment method

### 2.1 Method Framework

The process of the MGA method is shown in Figure 1:

Step 1: For source network and target network users, calculate the time jitter degree of the theme from the original topic, filter the unstable hot topic, obtain the stable topic, embed it in the same vector space, and calculate the similarity of the user topic.

Step 2: Update the user side weights according to the user theme similarity, improve the Louvain algorithm without weights, conduct community detection, iterate from low level to high level, and form a hierarchical community structure without preset fixed labels.

Step 3: Improve the fuzzy center clustering algorithm to extract the theme features of user

groups or communities by optimizing the correlation degree matrix and theme feature points. According to the similarity of theme features, cross-social network alignment is carried out from coarse-grained to fine-grained, iterative to user-level alignment, and the alignment results of each layer can be used as output.

Figure 1: Flow chart of MGA

## 2.2 Stable topic extraction

### 2.2.1 Original theme extraction

For the blog sets published by users, the TF-IDF model is adopted to extract the sequence of users' interest keywords, and K-means clustering<sup>[14]</sup>

$$A_{u_i} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \cdot topic_1^{u_i} \\ w_2 \cdot topic_2^{u_i} \\ \mathbf{M} \\ w_k \cdot topic_k^{u_i} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

### 2.2.2 Filter short-time hot topics

Users are extremely vulnerable to the impact of hot events, and their attention to hot events is relatively concentrated<sup>[10]</sup>Therefore, this paper will find and filter short-time hot topics with large jitter degrees according to the time slice.

First of all, the weights of the medium are decomposed based on the total number of time slices  $A_{u_i} \cdot topic_j \cdot w_j \cdot T$  and the length of each slice  $t$ , and the weights of the user topic in each time slice are obtained. The time jitter  $St$  of the user topic is defined as follows:

$$St_{topic_j}^{u_i} = \frac{1}{T} \times \sum_{t=1}^T \left( w_{j,t}^{u_i} - \frac{1}{T} \times \sum_{t=1}^T w_{j,t}^{u_i} \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

Where  $w_{j,t}^{u_i}$  represents the weight of the user's topic in the  $u_i$   $t$  time slice,  $T$  represents the total number of time slices, and  $t$  represents the number of time slices.

According to formula (2), the time jitter of all the *user topic topics* is obtained, which is arranged in ascending order. The higher the degree of the topic is, the lower it is, and it is the short-term hot interest that needs to be cut. Select the top  $kt$  topics and cut the topics with a large jitter

154 degree. For the convenience of statistics, the weight of the reduced unstable topics is redistributed  
155 in proportion. Finally, the user topic matrix is obtained as shown in formula (3), and the filtering  
156 process is shown in algorithm 1:

$$A_{u_i}' = \begin{pmatrix} w_1' \cdot topic_1^{u_i} \\ w_2' \cdot topic_2^{u_i} \\ M \\ w_k' \cdot topic_{kt}^{u_i} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

157 Algorithm 1 Filters the user's short-time topic algorithm

158 Enter:  $A_{u_i}, w_{j,t}^{u_i}$

159 Output:  $A_{u_i}'$

160 a)  $St(j) \leftarrow St_{topic_j}, topic[] \leftarrow A_{u_i}$

161 b) For  $topic[j]$  in  $topic[]$  do

162 c) For  $t$  in  $T$  do

163 d)  $St(j) \leftarrow St(j) + ()$  // Calculate jitter  $w_{j,t}^{u_i} - avg(w_{j,t}^{u_i})$

164 e)  $St(j) \leftarrow St(j)/T$

165 f) Order by  $St$  asc

166 g) For  $j$  in  $(kt, k]$  do

167 h) Then for  $q$  in  $[0, kt]$  do

168 i)  $w_q \leftarrow (1 + )$  // Assign cut edge weight  $w_q \cdot w_q * w_j$

169 j) Update  $w_q' \leftarrow w_q$

170 k) Return  $A_{u_i}'$

### 171 2.2.3 User topic similarity calculation

172 Extract the user  $u_i$  topic matrix and embed the  $A_{u_i}'$  Word2Vec<sup>[15]</sup>  $u_i V_{u_i}$

$$V_{u_i} = \overbrace{w_1' \cdot topic_1^{u_i}} + \overbrace{w_2' \cdot topic_2^{u_i}} + L \overbrace{w_k' \cdot topic_k^{u_i}} \quad (4)$$

173 According to the theme vector sum of user and  $(,)$  obtained  $u_i$  from formula (4)  $u_j$ , the  
174 similarity of the theme vector is calculated to obtain the user theme similarity, as shown in formula

175 (5) :  $u_i, u_j \in U \quad V_{u_i}, V_{u_j} \quad Sim\_Topic(u_i, u_j)$

$$Sim\_Topic(u_i, u_j) = \frac{V_{u_i} \cdot V_{u_j}}{|V_{u_i}| \cdot |V_{u_j}|} \quad (5)$$

## 2.3 ST-L: User-stable topic hierarchical detection algorithm

### 2.3.1 Data preprocessing

For social network  $G$ , there is an edge between users and users in the original network diagram, which only means that there is a concerned relationship between two users and cannot reflect the degree of correlation between the two subjects.  $u_i, u_j$  In order to better detect the hierarchical community of user topics, this paper converts user edge  $E$  into weighted edge, takes the user topic similarity calculated by formula (5) as the edge weight of users and users, and then transforms social network  $\Delta E^{Sim\_Topic(u_i, u_j)} u_i, u_j G$  into a weighted undirected network graph of user topics.

### 2.3.2 User topic hierarchical community detection method

Louvain<sup>[16]</sup> algorithm is an excellent hierarchical community detection method, which has excellent performance in large-scale complex networks, but the user without rights affects its effect in special application scenarios. In order to better detect the hierarchical community of topics, this paper updates the user edge weights according to the similarity of users' topics. It proposes the Louvain algorithm ST-L based on stable topics. The algorithm is divided into two parts: community optimization and community aggregation. The algorithm judges which community is more suitable for the nodes in the network by the community modularity. The definition of community modularity  $Q$  is shown in formula (6) :

$$Q = \frac{1}{2m} \cdot \sum_{u_i, u_j \in U} \left[ e'_{ij} - \frac{d_i \cdot d_j}{2m} \right] \delta(c_i, c_j) \quad (6)$$

Where,  $e'_{ij}$  is the topic similarity between users and users, and represents the sum of the theme similarity of all users connected with  $u_i$  and  $u_j$  respectively,  $c_i, c_j$  represents the user group and belongs to,  $\delta(c_i, c_j) = 1$  if  $c_i = c_j$ ,  $\delta(c_i, c_j) = 0$  if  $c_i \neq c_j$ ,  $m$  represents the sum of the similarity between all users in the network, the value is in  $[-1, 1]$ , the larger the value is, the better the structure.

The core of the algorithm is to compare the modularity of a user before and after joining a community, and the modularity increment is derived from formula (6), as shown in formula (7) :  $u_i$

$$\Delta Q = \left[ \frac{d_{in} + d_{i,in}}{2m} - \left( \frac{d_{ci} + d_i}{2m} \right)^2 \right] - \left[ \frac{d_{in}}{2m} - \left( \frac{d_{ci}}{2m} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{d_i}{2m} \right)^2 \right] \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left( d_{i,in} - \frac{d_{in} \cdot d_{i,in}}{m} \right)$$

Where is the sum of the similarity of users in the community, the sum of the similarity of users connected to other users in the community, and the sum of the similarity of all users connected to each?  $d_{in}$   $c_i$   $d_{i,in}$   $u_i$   $c_i$   $d_{ci}$   $c_i$

After obtaining the modularity increment, community optimization can be carried out; that is, a different user group is initialized for each user of the network.  $\Delta Q$  When initializing partitions, the number of user groups is as large as the number of users. Then, for each user and its neighbor users, the modularity increment is calculated by placing it in the user group that will be removed from its own user group and placed in the user group with the largest modularity increment.  $u_i$   $u_j$   $u_i$   $u_j$   $u_i$  If so, stay in the original user group.  $\Delta Q < 0$  Repeat and apply this process sequentially for all users (the ordering of users has no significant effect<sup>[16]</sup> on the obtained modularity increments) until complete.

As shown in Figure 2, suppose seven user groups  $c^{0x}$  are obtained from the first part of the algorithm (x is the group serial number)  $c^{01}$ : {1,3,9,10,15},  $c^{02}$ : {2, 6, 12},  $c^{03}$ : {4,5,11,13,17},  $c^{04}$ : {7,8,14,16}, each number represents a user, the edge indicates that there is a relationship between users to be followed or to be followed. The users in the same dotted box are considered to be divided into the same group, representing that the user theme is similar. The structure in groups  $c^{05}$ ,  $c^{06}$  and  $c^{07}$  and the connection relationship with other groups are omitted for the sake of simplification.

**Figure 2: Examples of single-layer community detection**

The next step is group aggregation; that is, the user group obtained in the first part is iterated upward, and the weight of the edge between them is the sum of the weight of the edge between the nodes in the corresponding two groups. Then, the algorithm of the first part is iterated on this new graph. After the algorithm of the first part is completed, the second part can be used to generate a higher-level structure graph. MGA adopts a three-layer structure, and the results of the three-layer top are sparse **Error! Reference source not found.**

As shown in Figure 3, after the completion of the first part of the algorithm, the second part of the algorithm is iterated to the upper layer. The first iteration is as follows: user group  $c^{0201}, c$  constitutes community  $c^{11}$ ; group  $c^{03}, c, c^{04}$  constitutes community  $c^{05}$ ; group  $c^{12}, c$  constitutes community  $c^{06}$ ; and group  $c^{07}, c$  constitutes community  $C^{13}$ . The second iteration of community  $c^{11}, c^{12}, c^{13}$  constitutes community  $c^{21}$ .

Figure 3: Examples of multi-layer community detection

## 2.4 Multi-granular community alignment is aligned with users

### 2.4.1 Topic Feature Extraction

For the communities in the source social network and the target social network, the two communities can be regarded as the anchor community  $G \ G' [17] G \ G'$

After completing the first round of community detection, users form a user group and

continue to conduct community detection and aggregate into the upper community. In this process, each group will produce a group theme feature because it is close to the group member theme vector, the user theme vector is also very close to the community theme feature points, and there are a large number of edge points, which are in the middle of the two feature points. If it is directly forced to be classified into one class and the feature points are updated at this distance, the accuracy will be reduced.  $V_{c^{jh}}$  The fuzzy Center-Based Clustering (FCM) algorithm<sup>[18]</sup> Therefore, this paper introduces the correlation degree matrix between the user theme vector and the community feature points, as shown in formula (8) :

$$S^\beta = \begin{pmatrix} d(V_{u_1}, CTopic_1^{V_1^{jh}}), L d(V_{u_1}, CTopic_z^{V_1^{jh}}) \\ d(V_{u_2}, CTopic_1^{V_2^{jh}}), L d(V_{u_1}, CTopic_z^{V_2^{jh}}) \\ M \\ d(V_{u_a}, CTopic_1^{V_a^{jh}}), L d(V_{u_a}, CTopic_z^{V_a^{jh}}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Optimize and update the correlation matrix by gradient descent algorithm to obtain the best features.  $V_{c^{jh}}$  It is a multi-dimensional topic vector, which can represent the theme features of a whole group or community to the greatest extent.  $V_{c^{jh}}$  The definition is shown in formula (9) :

$$V_{c^{jh}} = \begin{pmatrix} CTopic_1^{c_i^{jh}} \\ CTopic_2^{c_i^{jh}} \\ M \\ CTopic_z^{c_i^{jh}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

In order to achieve the optimal, construct the objective function as shown in formula (10) :

$V_{c^{jh}}$

$$f(\beta) = \begin{cases} \sum_{a=1}^N \sum_{b=1}^Z S_{ab}^\beta \|V_{u_a} - CTopic_b^{c^{jh}}\|^2 \\ \sum_{b=1}^Z S_{ab}^\beta \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Where is the weighted constant, user, is the topic vector of the user, is a topic feature point in the topic feature,  $\beta u_a (1 \leq a \leq N) \in c^{jh} V_{ua} u_a CTopic_1^{c_i^{jh}} c^{jh} V_{c^{jh}} b$  is the number of the feature point, indicating the correlation degree between the user's topic vector and the feature point, the problem is transformed into a minimum problem.  $S_{ab}^\beta f(\beta)$  Adjust the sum of the correlation degree of each user's theme vector to the condition that it is greater than or equal to 1, and arrange it to get the

258 formula (11) as shown:  $u_a V_{ua} CTopic_1^{c^{jh}}$

$$f(\beta) = \sum_{a=1}^N \sum_{b=1}^Z S_{ab}^{\beta} \|V_{u_a} - CTopic_b^{c^{jh}}\|^2 + \sum_{b=1}^Z \mu_b \left(1 - \sum_{a=1}^N S_{ab}^{\beta}\right) \quad (11)$$

259 Where  $\mu_b$  is any coefficient, and the partial derivative of formula (10) and respectively is equal

260 to 0, and its iterative equation is obtained as shown in formula (12), formula (13) :  $S_{ab}^{\beta} CTopic_b^{c^{jh}}$

$$S_{ab}^{\beta} = \left( \sum_{k=1}^Z \left( \frac{\|V_{u_a} - CTopic_b^{c^{jh}}\|}{\|V_{u_a} - CTopic_k^{c^{jh}}\|} \right) \right)^{-1} \quad (12)$$

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$$CTopic_b^{c^{jh}} = \frac{\sum_{a=1}^N S_{ab}^{\beta} V_{ua}}{\sum_{a=1}^N S_{ab}^{\beta}} \quad (13)$$

262 Where k is the number of iterations. When iteration is stopped, it means that the iterative

263 change of the user theme vector and the correlation degree of feature points is small, and no further

264 optimization is required. The overall algorithm is shown in Algorithm 2:  $\nabla S_{ab}^{\beta} < \varepsilon$

265 Algorithm 2 topic feature generation algorithm

266 Input:  $V_{ua}$  (User  $u_a$  ( $1 \leq a \leq N$ )  $\in c^{jh}$ )

267 Output:  $V_{c^{jh}}$

268 a) Initialize  $V = [V_{c^{jh}}]$  matrix,  $V(0)$

269 b) Calculate  $S = [S_{ab}^{\beta}]$  matrix,  $S(0)$  with  $V_{ua}$

270 c) k-step :calculate the vectors CTopic(k)=[ ] with S(k) by formula(13) // Update the topic point

271  $CTopic_b^{c^{jh}}$

272 d) Update S(k),S(k+1) by formula(12) // Update the correlation matrix

273 e) If  $\|S(k+1) - S(k)\| < \varepsilon$

274 f) Then stop

275 g) Else return to step c

276 h) Return  $V_{c^{jh}}$

## 2.4.2 Multi-granular community Alignment method

For the communities and groups in source social network  $G$  and target social network, the topic features are obtained in the same vector space based on the above algorithm, and pair-to-pair alignment is carried out at the same level, as shown in formula (14) :

$$Sim\_V_c = \frac{\sum_{b=1}^z (CTopic_b^{c^{jh}} \times CTopic_b^{c^{jh'}})}{\left| \sum_{b=1}^z CTopic_b^{c^{jh}} \right| \times \left| \sum_{b=1}^z CTopic_b^{c^{jh'}} \right|} \quad (14)$$

Because the actual calculation is the same dimensional matrix, the distance operation with  $V_{c^{jh}} V_{c^{jh'}}^T$  can be performed to obtain a square matrix; the module of the square matrix is the similarity of two communities or two user groups.

In terms of running order, this paper adopts the alignment method of multi-granularity iteration from the upper large community with coarser granularity to the lower level. Figure 3 above shows the community structure, as shown in Figure 4:  $C^{21}$  and  $C^{21'}$  are the highest level communities and have completed the alignment, then iteration to the inside of  $C^{21'}$  and  $C$ , and align their internal sub-communities. In this round,  $C^{1212'}$  and  $C$  are aligned, and the iteration continues to its internal user group. User group  $C^{05'05}$  is aligned with  $C$  and continues iterating into two user groups for user matching.

## 2.4.3 User alignment

User groups aligned in the source social network  $G$  and target social network User members can match users based on user attribute data. For two groups of small users with highly similar themes, the attribute difference is an efficient way to distinguish. Similar user names<sup>[4]</sup> and user profiles (profile, education, unit, etc.)<sup>[3]</sup> Therefore, based on the document similarity algorithm<sup>[19]</sup>

$$Sim\_A(u, u') = \min_{P \geq 0} \sum_{i,j=1}^n P_{ij} D_{ij} \quad (15)$$

Where  $P$  represents the best conversion matrix and  $D_{ij}$  represents the word shift distance.

### 3 Experiment and Analysis

#### 3.1 Data Sets

This paper uses a crawler to obtain the Weibo - Zhihu user data set from the real network for the experiment. In the process of acquisition, users with less than 20 posts per year are filtered in order to avoid the topic being inaccurate due to the rarity of user-generated content. By identifying Weibo accounts or high-impact real-name authentication anchor users in Zhihu accounts, 1468 pairs of positive samples were obtained. In addition, 1468 pairs of non-aligned users were randomly captured in Zhihu and Weibo as negative samples so that the number of positive and negative samples was equal. In the end, a total of 5876 users were obtained, including 61002 user contacts and 138749 user posts. In the experiment, to extract the topic of the user, in order to avoid interference, the "Harbin Institute of Technology stop Word List"<sup>[20]</sup> assisted filtering.

In order to analyze the performance of the subsequent community detection, this paper also analyzed the external performance indicators of the community by using the open-labeled data set Aminer<sup>[13]</sup> Cora <sup>[21]</sup> Cora contains 2708 users, 5278 edges, and seven default categories.

Figure 4: Examples of Multi-grained community alignment

#### 3.2 Evaluation Metrics

##### 3.2.1 Evaluation index of the original and stable topic number of users

The contour coefficient is used to evaluate the clustering effect of user topics, i.e

$$s(i) = \frac{b(i) - a(i)}{\max(a(i), b(i))} \quad (16)$$

Where represents the average distance between  $a(i)$   $i$  and other samples of the same cluster and represents the minimum average distance between  $b(i)$   $i$  and other clusters.

Topic time jitter is used to evaluate the effect of stable topic selection, as shown in formula (2) above.

### 3.2.2 Evaluation index of feature points

Feature density<sup>[18]</sup> is used to evaluate the effect of feature extraction on community themes, i.e

$$\Delta dense = avg\left(\frac{|\{(p,q) | p,q \in in_i, (p,q) \in in_i\}|}{|\{in_i\} + \{out_i\}|}\right) \quad (17)$$

Where is the sample point, representing the edge collection of feature points within the link cluster and the edge collection of feature points outside the link cluster?  $p, q \in in_i, out_i$

### 3.2.3 Evaluation index of community detection

normalized mutual information (NMI) index and modularity index are mainstream indicators<sup>[22]</sup>

$$NMI = \frac{2 * I(U,V)}{H(U) + H(V)} \quad (18)$$

$U$  represents real classification,  $V$  represents algorithmic classification results,  $I$  represents interactive information, and  $H()$  represents cross-entropy.

$$modularity = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{L_i}{TL} - \left( \frac{D_i}{TL} \right)^2 \right] \quad (19)$$

$L_i$  Is the total number of edges in community  $i$ , is the sum of vertex degrees in community  $i$ ,  $D_i$   $TL$  is the total number of edges,  $NMI$  measures the similarity between the algorithm's running result and the preset label. *Modularity* measures the inner tightness of the community.

### 3.2.4 Alignment Performance Evaluation Indicators

The *Accuracy* index is used to detect the alignment accuracy<sup>[24]</sup>

$$Accuracy = \frac{1}{NC} \sum_0^J \sum_0^h success(c^{jh}, c^{jh'}) \quad (20)$$

Where NC represents the total number of communities and user groups, if the alignment of users exceeds 20% of the total number, one is returned. Otherwise, 0 is returned.  $c^{jh}, c^{jh'}$   $success(c^{jh}, c^{jh'})$

The user alignment accuracy metric uses Precision, Recall, and F1 values.

### 3.3 Experimental Results and Analysis

#### 3.3.1 Analysis of user original topic number $k$ and user stable topic number $kt$

In this paper, the TF-IDF model was used to analyze user interests, and then 50 keywords with the highest frequency and at least ten occurrences were selected after the stop words were removed. K-means clustering was performed on the keyword sequence to generate  $K$  original topics. Figure 5 shows the change of the average contour coefficient when the value of  $k$  number of topics [2,20] changed. As shown in FIG. 6, both Zhihu and Weibo users reach the local optimal average contour coefficient when  $k$  takes a value of 12. In subsequent experiments, users of the two networks are processed together to analyze parameter selection, and the original topic takes a value of 12 to carry out a short-time hot spot filtering discussion.

Figure 5: Effect of  $k$  value on contour coefficient

When short-term hot topics are filtered, the statistical change trend of user topics tends to be flat<sup>[25]</sup> According to formula (2), the jitter degree of 12 original topics of users is calculated and arranged in ascending order. Figure 6 shows the average jitter degree of users' original topics. It can be seen that the average jitter degree of the 9th topic is significantly higher than that of the 8th topic, and it can be concluded that  $kt=8$  can achieve the optimal experimental state and the user topic is the most stable.

Figure 6: average dithering degree of topic

#### 3.3.2 Z-analysis of community theme feature points

The number of feature points  $z$  of the theme feature is related to the accuracy of describing the community theme feature. If the  $z$  value is too small, the feature is too general and not accurate enough; if it is too large, it is too sparse. In this paper, weighted constant and termination constant  $\beta = 2 \quad \varepsilon = 10^{-7}$  <sup>[26]</sup>  $z$  is 6, the density of community theme features is 0.28 to achieve local optimization. It means that when the number of community theme feature points reaches 6, the aggregation effect of user theme vectors in the community is the best. Therefore, in the subsequent experiment, the

number of feature points  $z$  takes the value of 6.

Figure 7: Effect of  $z$  value on density of characteristic

### 3.3.3 Performance analysis of topic-based hierarchical community detection

In order to evaluate the performance of the ST-L algorithm, the following community detection models are used in this paper for comparison:

GEMSEC<sup>[23]</sup>: Community single-layer self-clustering algorithm based on machine learning to regularize users' social attributes;

vGraph<sup>[21]</sup>: Based on the probability generation model, using user information to predict interaction probability, single-layer community detection;

UICD<sup>[8]</sup>: Based on user-generated content, obtain user interest through LDA algorithm and use interest for single-layer community detection;

HIOC<sup>[12]</sup>: Based on corpora fixed label classification, hierarchical community detection is carried out by user interest and label similarity;

ReinCom<sup>[13]</sup>: learning user characteristics based on deep learning model, optimizing community tree and hierarchical community detection algorithm.

Since Weibo and Zhihu data sets have no preset classification, they cannot obtain the *NMI* index, so the *NMI* index is only discussed in Aminer and Cora data sets. The detailed experimental data are shown in Table 1. It can be found that six algorithms have better effects on Aminer and Cora data sets than Weibo and Zhihu data sets. Because Aminer and Cora are public data sets with preset classification, users have high convergence according to classification. At the same time, for the four data sets, the *NMI* and *modularity* performance of the hierarchical community detection method is significantly superior to that of the single-layer community detection algorithm, indicating that the adoption of hierarchical community detection is effective. Among the hierarchical community detection algorithms, ST-L and ReinCom are superior to the HIOC algorithm, with fixed classification labels and multiple user detection in each data set. Compared with ReinCom in Aminer and cora, ST-L has increased the *NMI* index by 14.8% and 2.6%, while

the *modularity* index has increased by 1.8% and 2.1%. In Weibo and Zhihu, the *modularity* index improved slightly. In general, ST-L makes full use of subject features and adopts the non-fixed label layering mode to improve the performance of the data set.

Table 1 *NMI* index and *modularity* index of each algorithm

### 3.3.4 Community Alignment Performance Analysis

In order to better evaluate the MGA community alignment performance, this paper compares it with the following algorithm on the microbo-Zhihu dataset:

CAlign<sup>[24]</sup>: Based on user attributes, Dirichlet distributed clustering is used to build communities and cross-network community alignment is performed.

PERFECT<sup>[17]</sup>: Embed the cross-network user information into the hyperbolic space based on the Poincare sphere model, cluster the users within the hyperbolic distance threshold into communities, and align the communities by the hyperbolic distance of each user.

Detailed experimental data are shown in Table 2. It can be found that MGA improves the accuracy of community alignment by 6.1% and 2.5% compared with CAlign and PERFECT algorithms, which proves that MGA adopts multi-granularity fuzzy topic feature alignment effectively reduces the influence of edge users on community alignment accuracy compared with forced clustering method.

Table 2: Performance of community alignment

### 3.3.5 User Alignment Performance Analysis

In order to better evaluate the MGA user alignment performance, this paper will use the mainstream user alignment algorithm to compare the micro-blog Zhihu dataset:

BSNA<sup>[4]</sup>: Based on the BP neural network, the user name is uniformly mapped, the problem is transformed into a vector mapping problem, and the user alignment is performed;

PERFECT<sup>[17]</sup>: Embed cross-network user information into hyperbolic space based on the Poincare ball model and align users by hyperbolic distance between vectors;

UGCLink<sup>[27]</sup>: Model user-generated content based on a convolutional neural network and

align users by the relationship between content and time;

MEgo2Vec<sup>[28]</sup>: Self-centered network based on graph neural network mining user attributes and structure for user alignment;

MUIUI<sup>[3]</sup>: Based on the three characteristics of user attributes, generated content and relationship, a fusion classifier carries out user alignment.

The Precision, Recall and F1 values of each comparison algorithm and MGA algorithm are shown in Table 3. It can be found that the performance of the BSNA algorithm for vector mapping alignment based only on user name is inferior to other algorithms, indicating that the accuracy of the alignment method based on a single feature is low. Similarly, the UGCLink algorithm, based on user-generated content combined with time features, and the PERFECT algorithm, based on user topology embeddings combined with a small number of attribute features, has improved performance, but MEgo2Vec and MUIUI algorithms are significantly superior to the previous two algorithms. Compared with MEgo2Vec and MUIUI, the MGA algorithm proposed in this paper has improved the accuracy rate by 4.5% and 3.4%, the recall rate by 2.7% and 2.1%, and the F1 value by 3.4% and 2.5%. Because MGA makes full use of the topic features generated by user-generated content, the community detection before user alignment reduces the interference of user pairs with similar attribute features to a certain extent. MGA has richer granularity choices than the two multi-granularity alignment algorithms.

Table 3: Performance of user alignment

The experimental results show that the MGA algorithm makes full use of the generated content and fully combines the time characteristics to obtain the user stability theme, performs hierarchical community detection and cross-network multi-granularity alignment, solves the problem of excessive users at the edge of the community, and effectively improves the user alignment accuracy, recall rate and F1 value by combining the user attribute characteristics.

## 4 Conclusion

Based on user-generated content, this paper makes full use of time characteristics, filters short-time topics, obtains user-stable topics, improves the Louvain algorithm, conducts multi-level community detection for users without preset label classification, and proposes a multi-granularity alignment method for two alignment modes of groups and users. The improved fuzzy topic feature acquisition algorithm is adopted to solve the problem of the reduced accuracy of forced clustering of edge users effectively. In the real data set, it is verified that MGA has good performance in the multi-granularity alignment mode, both community alignment and user alignment. In future work, the edge weights based on stable topics can be integrated into the user structure features and attribute features to make the weights more diverse and further improve the performance of hierarchical community detection. In the multi-granularity alignment method it can also be improved into the alignment method integrating structure, attributes and content, reducing the impact of edge users on community alignment and further improving user alignment accuracy.

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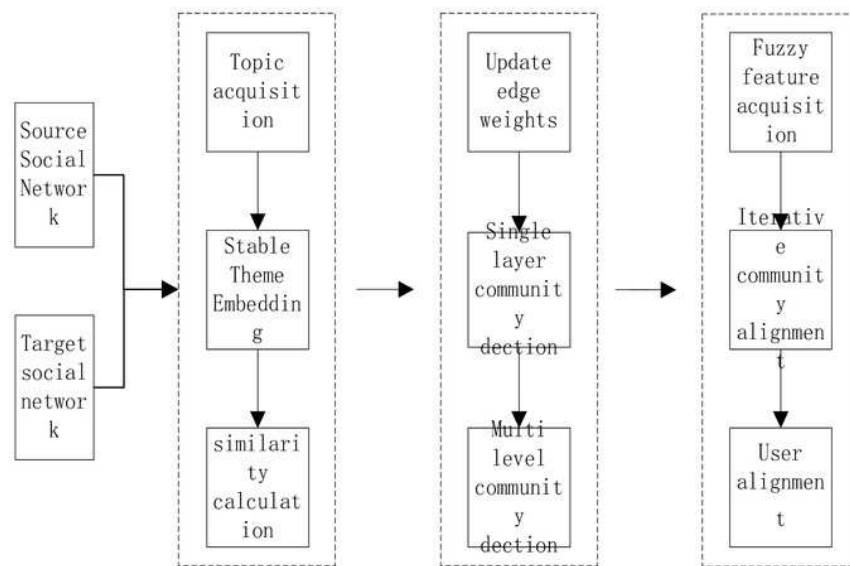
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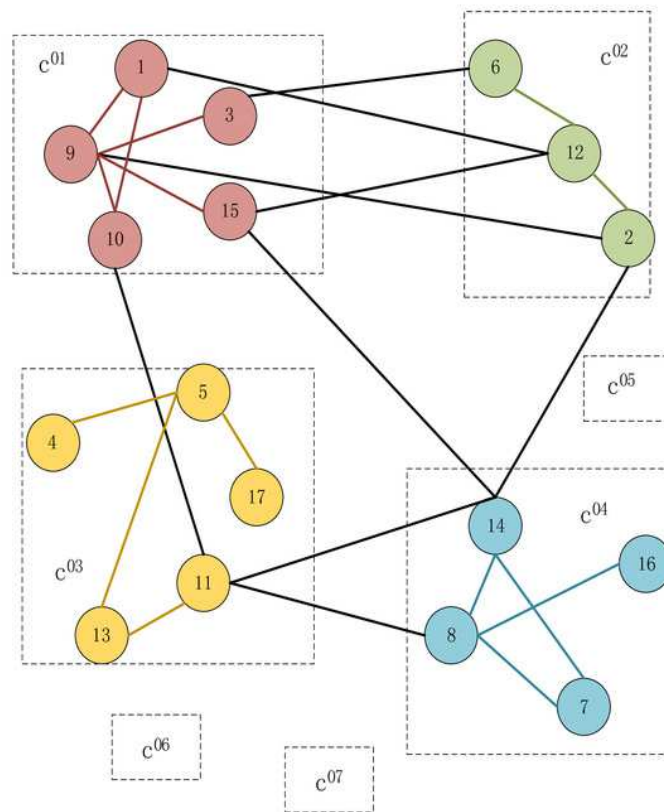
# Figure 1

Flow chart of MGA



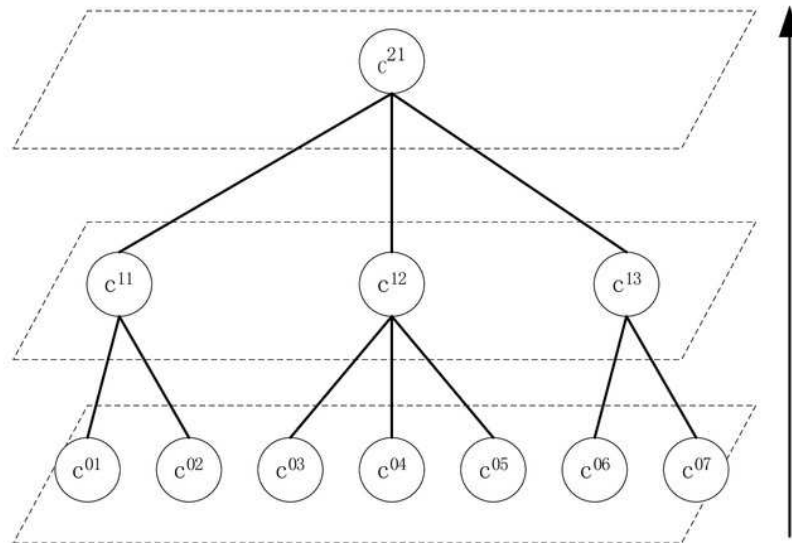
# Figure 2

Examples of single-layer community detection



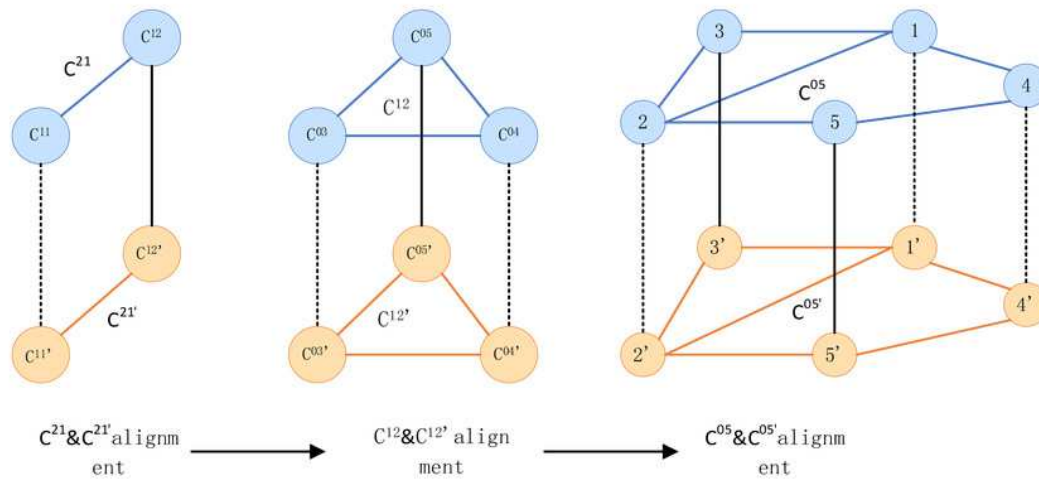
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Examples of multi-layer community detection



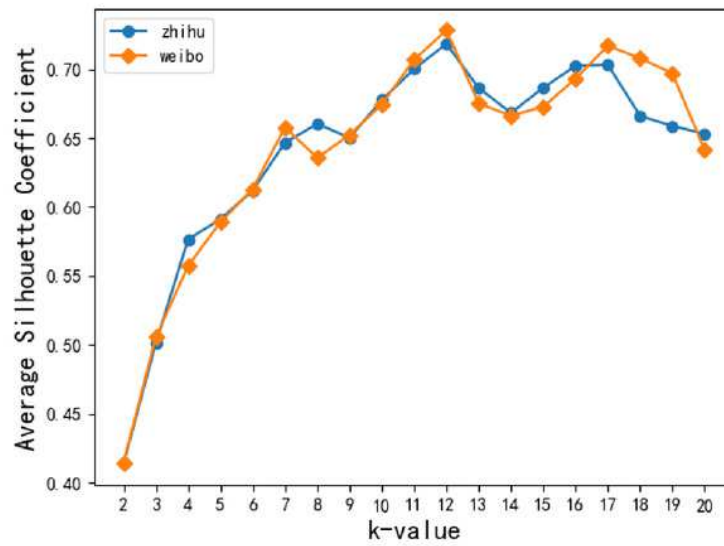
# Figure 4

Examples of Multi-grained community alignment



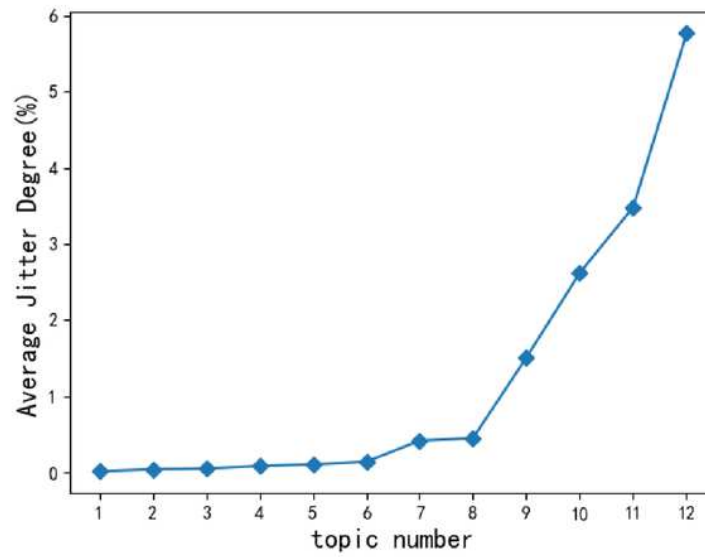
# Figure 5

Effect of k value on contour coefficient



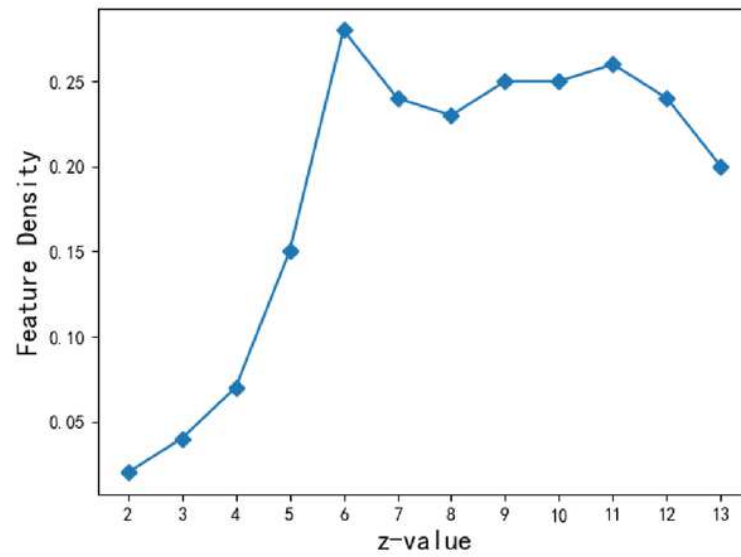
## Figure 6

average dithering degree of topic



## Figure 7

Effect of z value on density of characteristic



# **Table 1** (on next page)

*NMI* index and *modularity* index of each algorithm

	Weibo		Zhihu		Aminer		cora	
	NMI	modularity	NMI	modularity	NMI	modularity	NMI	modularity
GEMSE								
C	/	0.536	/	0.528	0.352	0.653	0.345	0.679
vGraph	/	0.579	/	0.570	0.284	0.710	0.366	0.735
UICD	/	0.498	/	0.503	0.298	0.689	0.315	0.702
HIOC	/	0.617	/	0.611	0.314	0.709	0.442	0.731
ReinCom	/	0.648	/	0.653	0.459	0.742	0.574	0.741
ST-L	/	0.650	/	0.659	0.527	0.756	0.589	0.757

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## Table 2 (on next page)

Performance of community alignment

	Accuracy
CAlign	0.672
PERFECT	0.695
MGA	0.713

# **Table 3**(on next page)

Performance of user alignment

		Weibo - Zhihu	
	Precision	Recall	F1
BSNA	0.572	0.495	0.530
PERFECT	0.646	0.534	0.581
UGCLink	0.652	0.541	0.587
MEgo2Vec	0.667	0.556	0.593
MUIUI	0.674	0.559	0.598
MGA	0.697	0.571	0.613

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