# TINET: Learning Invariant Networks via Knowledge Transfer

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## **System Behavior Analysis**



- Very Large-scale (More than 80,000 servers for only one data center in AWS)
- 24\*7 Running (Online Service)



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## **Background: Invariant Network Model**



Invariant network captures the normal behavior profile of a system.

Invariant network is a powerful and widely-applied tool for further system behavior analysis using graph mining algorithms.

### **Background: How to Build An Invariant Network**



(a). Enterprise System



(c). Security Applications

**Invariant Network** is a Heterogeneous Weighted Network:

- Node: System component/entity (Process, File, Socket, etc.)
- Edge: Invariant relationship

Constructing Invariant Network

- Time Series data (Cheng, Wei, et al. KDD 2016)
- Categorical data (Boxiang Dong, et al. CIKM 2017)

#### **Motivation: Traditional Workflow of Learning Invariant Network**



#### Motivation: Why Not Directly Transfer Invariant Network?

- Directly transfer the existing invariant network to the new environment
  - Suffered by environment differences
    Low stability scores
  - No knowledge about the new environment **Domain-specific entities or links**
- Existing transfer learning mainly focus on numerical data

#### We need a new transfer learning technique for Invariant Network!

# In this work, we propose TINET, a knowledge transfer technique for Invariant Networks.

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### **Problem: Knowledge Transfer for Invariant Network**



#### Challenges: Knowledge Transfer for Invariant Networks

- Extract domain specific knowledge from a target environment.
  - The domain specific information is crucial for invariant network learning.
- Extract common knowledge from a source environment.
  - Only the common knowledge can be transferred from the source domain to the target domain.
- How to deal with the heterogeneous relations in the model.
  - The network is a heterogeneous graph with multiple types of relations.
    We propose TINET to address all these challenges.

### **TINET Framework**

#### Source Domain Knowledge



- **EEM** (Entity Estimation Model)
  - Filter out irrelevant entities from source domain
  - Transfer entities to target domain
- **DCM** (Dependency Construction Model)
  - Construct the missing dependencies in target domain
  - By solving a two-constraint optimization problem

## **EEM: Entity Estimation Model**



Embedded vector for each entity

Weighted combination of each meta-path

### **EEM: Entity Estimation Model**



### **DCM: Dependency Construction Model**

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Source Domain Knowledge

DCM



- Smoothness
  - Learned dependencies should more or less intact in  $G_T$  as much as possible
- Consistency
  - Keep the domain differences



### **Recap: TINET Framework**

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## **Experiment Setup**

#### • Baselines:

- NT: No Transfer (Using the small target graph)
- DT: Directly Transfer (Using the source graph)
- RW-DCM: Random Walk + DCM Model
- EEM-CMF: EEM + Collective Matrix Factorization
- Datasets:
  - Synthetic data: generated by three factors (Graph Size, Dynamic Factor, and Maturity Score)
  - Real data: Monitored system data in two OS (Linux and Windows)
- Evaluation Metrics:
  - F1-Score: Compare the ground truth Invariant Network with the estimated Invariant Network

### **Synthetic Results**



#### TINET outperforms all baseline methods.

### **Real Data Results**



#### TINET outperforms all baseline methods.

# **Convergence Analysis**



# **Parameter Study**



#### No parameters needed to be tuned for TINET.

## **Case Study: Intrusion Detection**

Method	Precision	Recall
NT	0.01	0.10
DT	0.15	0.30
RW-DCM	0.48	0.57
EEM-CMF	0.53	0.60
TINET	0.68	0.76
Real 30 days' invariant network	0.70	0.76

- Source domain: NEC Japan (2 months)
- Target domain: NEC Princeton (3 days)
- Testing period: 3 days

Launched several cyber attacks for the systems.

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 $Recall = \frac{\#Detected \ True \ Alerts}{\#Real \ Alerts}$   $Precision = \frac{\#Detected \ True \ Alerts}{\#All \ Alerts}$ 

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- We build the first transfer learning framework TINET for Invariant Networks.
  - TINET can effectively extract useful knowledge from the source domain, and transfer it to the target network.
- We demonstrate the effectiveness of our method on both synthetic and real-world datasets.
  - TINET achieves superior detection performance at least 20 days lead-lag time in advance with very high accuracy.

## Thanks

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