



Fraud detection in insurance with social network analytics

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- 1 Detect groups of collaborating fraudsters
- 2 Propagate influence and rank claims with respect to fraud exposure
- 3 Build analytical fraud detection model
- \Rightarrow Flag suspicious cases for further investigation



- Graph database
- Queried with Cypher
- Visualization

Claim network



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Fraud exposure

- BiRank algorithm
 - PageRank for bipartite networks
- Customized restart vector steers the ranking towards fraud

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_{claim} = lpha \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{party} + (1 - lpha) \boldsymbol{v}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\xi}_{party} = \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{\xi}_{claim}$$



 C4 is fraudulent and source of influence

C4, P3 and C1 obtain high scores

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Fraud detection model

Extract useful information from network

- Own exposure score
- Exposure score from neighborhood
- Combine with local features
- Apply a supervised learning algorithm
- Complications
 - Target has three values: fraud, non-fraud and unknown
 - Class imbalance: less than 1% of claims have a known label

Thank you





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