
Topic (English): **GSA: Facilitating Intra-Subject Study and Inter-Subject Development with Course Knowledge Graphs**

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Abstract

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Knowledge graphs (KGs) have been actively studied for pedagogical purposes. To depict the rich but latent relations among different concepts in the course textbook, increasing efforts have been proposed to construct course KGs for university students. However, the application of course KGs for real study scenarios and career development remains unexplored and nontrivial. First, it is hard to enable personalized viewing and advising. Within the intricate university curricula, instructors aim to assist students in developing a personalized course selection pathway, which cannot be fulfilled by isolated course KGs. Second, locating concepts that are important to individuals poses challenges to students. Real-world course KGs may contain hundreds of concepts connected by hierarchical relations, e.g., *contain subtopic*, making it challenging to capture the key points. To tackle these challenges, in this talk, we present GSA, a novel system based on course knowledge graphs, to facilitate both intra-course study and inter-course development for students significantly. More specifically, we establish an interactive web system for both instructors to construct and manipulate course KGs, and students to view and interact. To visualize the centrality of a course KG based on various metrics, concept-level advising is designed; we also propose a tailored algorithm to suggest the learning path based on what concepts students have learned. Finally, course-level advising is instantiated with a course network, which indicates the prerequisite relations among different levels of courses, corresponding to the annually increasing curricular design and forming different major streams. Examples will be given to illustrate the effectiveness of GSA.