

# Graph Machine Learning

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**Introduction to Network Analysis**



# Lecture outline

- 1 Node Classification
- 2 Link Prediction
- 3 Graph Embeddings
- 4 Graph Neural Networks

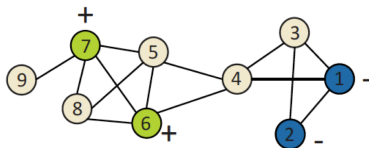
# Graph Machine Learning

- Node classification (attribute inference)
- Link prediction (missing/hidden links inference)
- Community detection (clustering nodes in graph)
- Graph visualization (cluster projections)

## Node classification

# Node classification

- Node classification - labeling of all nodes in a graph structure
- Subset of nodes is labeled: categorical/numeric/binary values
- Extend labeling to all nodes on the graph  
(class/class probability/regression)
- Classification in networked data, network classification, structured inference, relational learning



- Structure can help only if labels/values of linked nodes are correlated
- Social networks show assortative mixing - bias in favor of connections between network nodes with similar characteristics:
  - homophily: similar characteristics  $\rightarrow$  connections
  - influence: connections  $\rightarrow$  similar characteristics
- Can apply to constructed (induced) similarity networks
- Node classification by label propagation

## Supervised learning approach

- Given graph nodes  $V = V_l \cup V_u$ :
  - nodes  $V_l$  given labels  $Y_l$
  - nodes  $V_u$  do not have labels
- Need to find  $Y_u$
- Labels can be binary, multi-class, real values
- Features (attributes) can be computed for every node  $\phi_i$ :
  - local node features (if available)
  - link features available (labels from neighbors, attributes from neighbors, node degrees, connectivity patterns)



- Weighted-vote relational neighbor classifier:

$$P(y_i = c | \mathcal{N}_i) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} A_{ij} P(y_j = c | \mathcal{N}_j)$$

- Network only Naive Bayes classifier:

$$P(y_i = c | \mathcal{N}_i) = \frac{P(\mathcal{N}_i | c) P(c)}{P(\mathcal{N}_i)}$$

where

$$P(\mathcal{N}_i | c) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} P(y_j = \hat{y}_j | y_i = c)$$

- Graph-based semi-supervised learning
- Given partially labeled dataset
- Data:  $X = X_l \cup X_u$ 
  - small set of labeled data  $(X_l, Y_l)$
  - large set of unlabeled data  $X_u$
- Similarity graph over data points  $G(V, E)$ , where every vertex  $v_i$  corresponds to a data point  $x_i$
- Transductive learning: learn a function that predicts labels  $Y_u$  for the unlabeled input  $X_u$

# Random walk methods

- Consider random walk with absorbing states - labeled nodes  $V_l$
- Probability  $\hat{y}_i[c]$  for node  $v_i \in V_u$  to have label  $c$ ,

$$\hat{y}_i[c] = \sum_{j \in V_l} p_{ij}^{\infty} y_j[c]$$

where  $y_i[c]$  - probability distribution over labels,

$p_{ij} = P(i \rightarrow j)$  - one step probability transition matrix

- If output requires single label per node, assign the most probable
- In matrix form

$$\hat{Y} = P^{\infty} Y$$

where  $Y = (Y_l, 0)$ ,  $\hat{Y} = (Y_l, \hat{Y}_u)$

# Random walk methods

- Random walk matrix:  $P = D^{-1}A$
- Random walk with absorbing states

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{ll} & P_{lu} \\ P_{ul} & P_{uu} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ P_{ul} & P_{uu} \end{pmatrix}$$

- At the  $t \rightarrow \infty$  limit:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P^t = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{uu}^n) P_{ul} & P_{uu}^{\infty} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ (I - P_{uu})^{-1} P_{ul} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y}_l \\ \hat{Y}_u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ (I - P_{uu})^{-1}P_{ul} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_l \\ Y_u \end{pmatrix}$$

- Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Y}_l &= Y_l \\ \hat{Y}_u &= (I - P_{uu})^{-1}P_{ul}Y_l \end{aligned}$$

- $(I - P_{uu})$  is non-singular for all label connected graphs (is always possible to reach a labeled node from any unlabeled node)

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**Algorithm:** Label propagation, Zhu et. al 2002

**Input:** Graph  $G(V, E)$ , labels  $Y_I$

**Output:** labels  $\hat{Y}$

Compute  $D_{ii} = \sum_j A_{ij}$

Compute  $P = D^{-1}A$

Initialize  $Y^{(0)} = (Y_I, 0)$ ,  $t=0$

**repeat**

$Y^{(t+1)} \leftarrow P \cdot Y^{(t)}$   
     $Y_I^{(t+1)} \leftarrow Y_I^{(t)}$

**until**  $Y^{(t)}$  converges;

$\hat{Y} \leftarrow Y^{(t)}$

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Solution:  $\hat{Y} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Y^{(t)} = (I - P_{uu})^{-1} P_{ul} Y_I$

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**Algorithm:** Label spreading, Zhou et. al 2004

**Input:** Graph  $G(V, E)$ , labels  $Y_l$

**Output:** labels  $\hat{Y}$

Compute  $D_{ii} = \sum_j A_{ij}$  ,

Compute  $\mathcal{S} = D^{-1/2}AD^{-1/2}$

Initialize  $Y^{(0)} = (Y_l, 0)$ ,  $t=0$

**repeat**

$Y^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \alpha \mathcal{S} Y^{(t)} + (1 - \alpha) Y^{(0)}$

$t \leftarrow t + 1$

**until**  $Y^{(t)}$  converges;

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Solution:  $\hat{Y} = (1 - \alpha)(I - \alpha \mathcal{S})^{-1} Y^{(0)}$

## Node regression



Find labeling  $\hat{Y} = (\hat{Y}_l, \hat{Y}_u)$  that

- Consistent with initial labeling:

$$\sum_{i \in V_l} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2 = \|\hat{Y}_l - Y_l\|^2$$

- Consistent with graph structure (regression function smoothness):

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \in V} A_{ij} (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_j)^2 = \hat{Y}^T (D - A) \hat{Y} = \hat{Y}^T L \hat{Y}$$

- Stable (additional regularization):

$$\epsilon \sum_{i \in V} \hat{y}_i^2 = \epsilon \|\hat{Y}\|^2$$

Minimization with respect to  $\hat{Y}$ ,  $\arg \min_{\hat{Y}} Q(\hat{Y})$

- Label propagation [Zhu, 2002]:

$$Q(\hat{Y}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j \in V} A_{ij} (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_j)^2 = \hat{Y}^T L \hat{Y}, \quad \text{with fixed } \hat{Y}_I = Y_I$$

- Label spread [Zhou, 2003]:

$$Q(\hat{Y}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in V} A_{ij} \left( \frac{\hat{y}_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} - \frac{\hat{y}_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} \right)^2 + \mu \sum_{i \in V} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

$$Q(\hat{Y}) = \hat{Y}^T \mathcal{L} \hat{Y} + \mu \|\hat{Y} - Y\|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = I - S = I - D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2}$$

# Regularization on graphs

- Laplacian regularization [Belkin, 2003]

$$Q(\hat{Y}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij \in V} A_{ij} (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_j)^2 + \mu \sum_{i \in V_I} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

$$Q(\hat{Y}) = \hat{Y}^T L \hat{Y} + \mu \|\hat{Y}_I - Y_I\|^2$$

- Use eigenvectors  $(e_1 \dots e_p)$  from smallest eigenvalues of  $L = D - A$ :

$$Le_j = \lambda_j e_j$$

- Construct classifier (regression function) on eigenvectors

$$Err(a) = \sum_{i \in V_I} (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p a_j e_{ji})^2$$

- Predict value (classify)  $\hat{y}_i = \sum_{j=1}^p a_j e_{ji}$ , class  $c_i = \text{sign}(\hat{y}_i)$

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**Output:** labels  $\hat{Y}$

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Compute  $L = D - A$

Compute  $p$  eigenvectors  $e_1 \dots e_p$  with smallest eigenvalues of  $L$ ,  $Le = \lambda e$

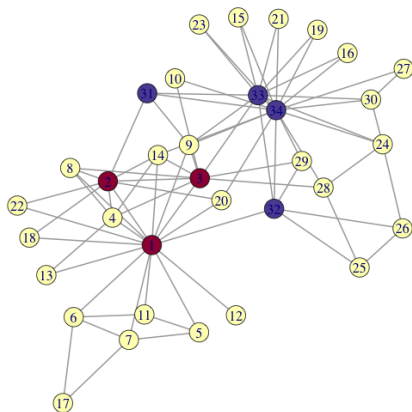
Minimize over  $a_1 \dots a_p$

$\arg \min_{a_1, \dots, a_p} \sum_{i=1}^l (y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p a_j e_{ji})^2, \quad a = (E^T E)^{-1} E^T Y_l$

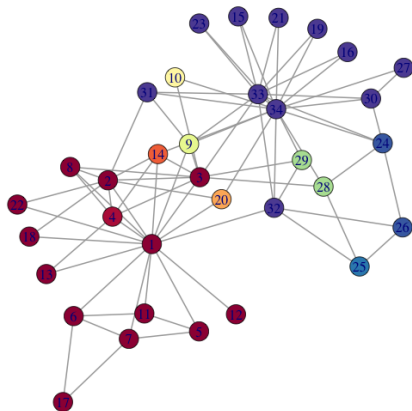
Label  $v_i$  by the  $\text{sign}(\sum_{j=1}^p a_j e_{ji})$

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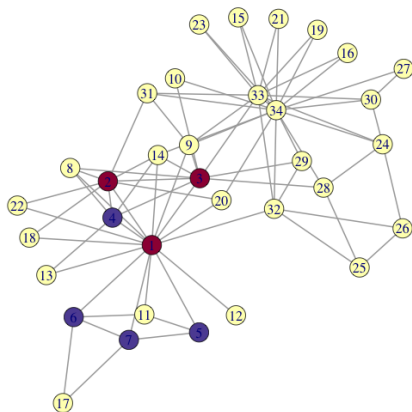
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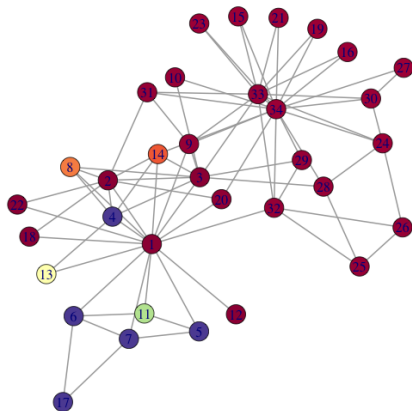
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## Matrix Factorization

- Low-rank approximation (truncated SVD)

$$A = \sum_k^n U_k S_k V_k^T \rightarrow \sum_k^r U_k S_k V_k^T = A', r < n$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{X} \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ x_{m1} & & & x_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \\ m \times n \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} U \\ \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & \dots & u_{1r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ u_{m1} & & u_{mr} \end{pmatrix} \\ m \times r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S \\ \begin{pmatrix} s_{11} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & s_{rr} \end{pmatrix} \\ r \times r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V^T \\ \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ v_{r1} & & v_{rn} \end{pmatrix} \\ r \times n \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrix Factorization: Dimension Reduction

The idea of solving node classification lies in decomposing structural and context features from graph for efficient node representation.

- Multidimensional scaling (MDS): Approximating MSE over  $A_{ij} - \|u_i - u_j\|_2^2$
- Indexing by latent semantic analysis (LSI): SVD decomposition of  $A$  adjacency matrix
- Dimension reduction for  $A$ : PCA (principal components analysis), LDA (linear discriminant analysis), etc.

from Makarov et al., 2021<sup>1</sup>

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# Matrix Factorization: Proximity Matrix

Instead of extracting features from  $A$  alone, take into account node neighbors in the approximation framework.

A Global Geometric Framework for Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction (**Isomap**)

- Take graph as an input from some metric learning task, for e.g.
- Compute its  $k$ -distance matrix by Floyd-Warshall algorithm.
- Use dimension reduction to extract meaningful components.

Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction by Locally Linear Embedding (**LLE**)

$$LLE_{error}(W) = MSE(A - W^t U)$$

where  $U$  contains neighbors of points from  $A$ . In this way, locally, each point is presented as linear combinations of neighbor vector representations.

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# Matrix Factorization: Spectral Decomposition

Find eigen-vector decomposition, producing low-dimensional space representation.

## Laplacian Eigenmaps and Spectral Techniques for Embedding and Clustering (**LE**)

- Take graph as an input from some metric learning task, and allow heat kernels for weights from features  $F$ .
- Solve the equation  $Lx = \lambda Dx$ ,  $L = D - A$  is Laplacian
- $X = (x_1 \cdots x_n)$ ,  $X^t F$  get a low dimension representation.

The goal for Laplacian Eigenmaps class of models lies in preserving first-order similarities giving a larger penalty using graph Laplacian if two nodes with larger similarity are embedded far apart.

from Makarov et al., 2021<sup>3</sup>

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# Matrix Factorization: Spectral Decomposition

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## Locality Preserving Projections (**LPP**)

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Continuous nonlinear dimensionality reduction by **Kernel Eigenmaps** present a kernel-based mixture of affine maps from the ambient space to the target space, in which local PCA can be run.

**Cauchy Graph Embedding** enhance the local topology preserving with the similarity relationships of the original data.

from Makarov et al., 2021<sup>5</sup>

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Structure Preserving Embedding (**SPE**) aims to use LE combined with preserving spectral decomposition representing the cluster structure of the graph. SPE is formulated as a semidefinite program that learns a low-rank kernel matrix constrained by a set of linear inequalities which captures the input graph.

**Graph Factorization** minimize  $MSE(A_{ij}, \langle Z_i, Z_j \rangle)$  with  $L_2$  regularization on 'Z' representations.

from Makarov et al., 2021<sup>6</sup>

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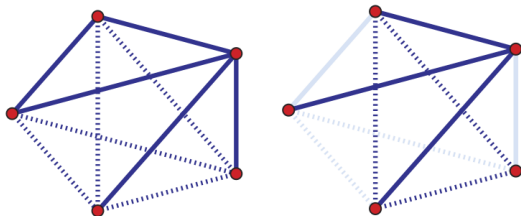


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## Link Prediction

- **Link prediction.** A network is changing over time. Given a snapshot of a network at time  $t$ , predict edges added in the interval  $(t, t')$
  - **Link completion** (missing links identification). Given a network, infer links that are consistent with the structure, but missing (find unobserved edges)
  - **Link reliability.** Estimate the reliability of given links in the graph.
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- Predictions: link existence, link weight, link type



- Graph  $G(V,E)$
- Number of "missing edges":  $|V|(|V| - 1)/2 - |E|$
- In sparse graphs  $|E| \ll |V|^2$ , Prob. of correct random guess  $O(\frac{1}{|V|^2})$

## Link prediction by proximity scoring

- 1 For each pair of nodes compute proximity (similarity) score  $c(v_1, v_2)$
- 2 Sort all pairs by the decreasing score
- 3 Select top  $n$  pairs (or above some threshold) as new links
- 4 Quality measurements - precision  $TP/(TP + FP)$ , precision at top  $N$

# Local similarity indices

Local neighborhood of  $v_i$  and  $v_j$

- Number of common neighbors:

$$s_{ij} = |\mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)|$$

- Jaccard's coefficient:

$$s_{ij} = \frac{|\mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)|}{|\mathcal{N}(v_i) \cup \mathcal{N}(v_j)|}$$

- Resource allocation:

$$s_{ij} = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(w)|}$$

Adamic/Adar:

$$s_{ij} = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)} \frac{1}{\log |\mathcal{N}(w)|}$$

- Preferential attachment:

$$s_{ij} = k_i \cdot k_j = |\mathcal{N}(v_i)| \cdot |\mathcal{N}(v_j)|$$

or

$$s_{ij} = k_i + k_j = |\mathcal{N}(v_i)| + |\mathcal{N}(v_j)|$$

- Clustering coefficient:

$$s_{ij} = CC(v_i) \cdot CC(v_j)$$

or

$$s_{ij} = CC(v_i) + CC(v_j)$$

- Local Path Index:

$$s_{lp} = A^2 + \alpha A^3$$

- High-order LPI:

$$s_{lp(n)} = \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha^{i-2} A^i$$

or

$$s_{ij} = CC(v_i) + CC(v_j)$$



Paths and ensembles of paths between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$

- Shortest path:

$$s_{ij} = -\min_s \{path_{ij}^s > 0\}$$

- Katz score:

$$s_{ij} = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \beta^s |paths^{(s)}(v_i, v_j)| = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (\beta A)_{ij}^s = (I - \beta A)^{-1} - I$$

- Personalized (rooted) PageRank:

$$PR = \alpha(D^{-1}A)^T PR + (1 - \alpha) \cdot (e_i + e_j)$$

- Expected number of random walk steps:

hitting time:  $s_{ij} = -H_{ij}$

commute time  $s_{ij} = -(H_{ij} + H_{ji})$

normalized hitting/commute time  $s_{ij} = -(H_{ij}\pi_j + H_{ji}\pi_i)$

- SimRank:

$$\text{SimRank}(v_i, v_j) = \frac{C}{|\mathcal{N}(v_i)| \cdot |\mathcal{N}(v_j)|} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}(v_i)} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}(v_j)} \text{SimRank}(m, n)$$

Liben-Nowell and Kleinberg, 2003

- Within-inter community/cluster of  $v_i, v_j \in C$

$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)} \frac{|\{w \in C\}|}{|\{w \notin C\}|}$$

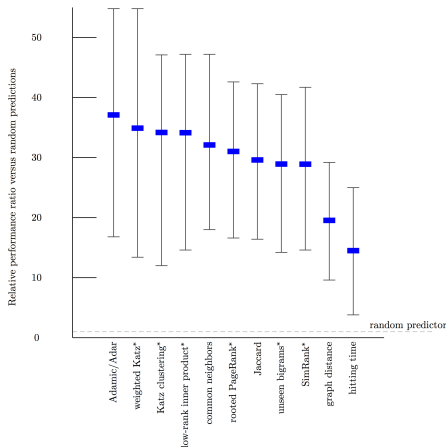
- Common neighbors with community information,  $v_i, v_j \in C$ ,  $f(w) = 1$  if  $w \in C$

$$|\mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)| + \sum_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)} f(w)$$

- Resource allocation index with community information (soundarajan-hopcroft),  $v_i, v_j \in C$ ,  $f(w) = 1$  if  $w \in C$

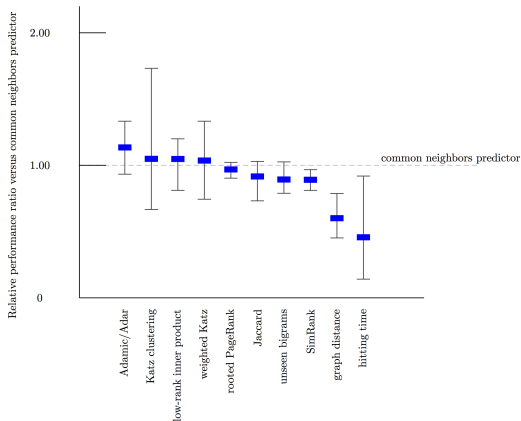
$$\sum_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v_i) \cap \mathcal{N}(v_j)} \frac{f(w)}{|\mathcal{N}(w)|}$$

# Evaluation of scoring prediction



Ratio of predictor performance over the baseline, averaged 5 datasets

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Ratio of predictor performance over the baseline, averaged 5 datasets

Liben-Nowell and Kleinberg, 2007

Challenging classification problem:

- Computational cost of evaluating of very large number of possible edges (quadratic in number of nodes)
- Highly imbalanced class distribution: number of positive examples (existing edges) grows linearly and negative quadratically with number on nodes

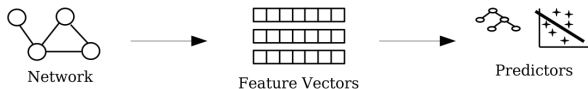
# Link prediction with supervised learning

Supervised learning:

- 1 Features generation
- 2 Model training
- 3 Testing (model application)

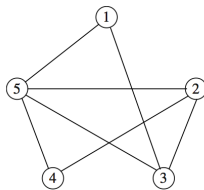
Features:

- Topological proximity features
- Aggregated features
- Content based node proximity features

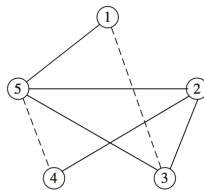


# Simple evaluation

Simple "hold out set" evaluation



Whole graph



Training graph



- Precision and Recall, F-measure

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}, \quad Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F = \frac{2 \cdot Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

- True positive rate (TPR), False positive rate (FPR), ROC curve, AUC

$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}, \quad FPR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN}$$

# Training and testing

## Evaluation for evolving networks

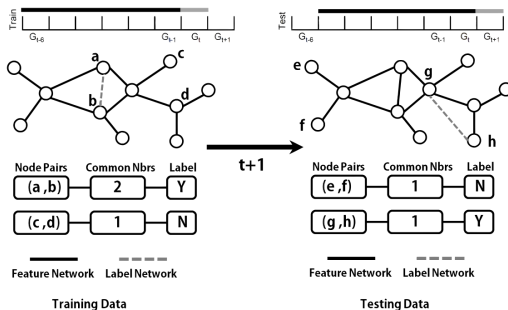


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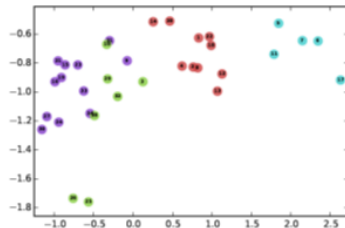
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## Graph Embeddings

# Graph Embeddings

- Necessity to automatically select features
- Reduce domain- and task- specific bias
- Unified framework to vectorize network
- Preserve graph properties in vector space
- Similar nodes  $\rightarrow$  close embeddings

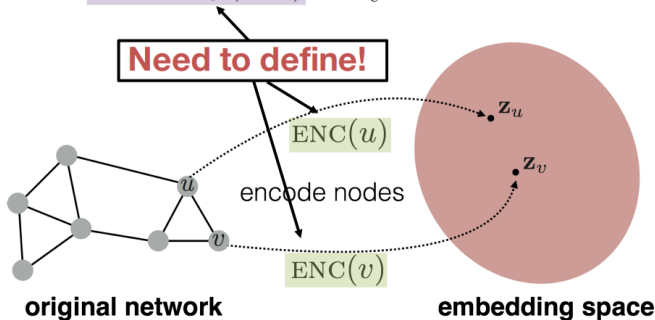


<sup>7</sup><http://snap.stanford.edu/proj/embeddings-www/>

# Graph Embeddings

- Define **Encoder**
- Define **Similarity**/graph feature to preserve graph properties
- Define similarity/distance in the embedding space
- **Optimize** loss to fit embedding with similarity computed on graph

**Goal:**  $\text{similarity}(u, v) \approx \mathbf{z}_v^\top \mathbf{z}_u$



# Structural Graph Embeddings

- Embedding look-up (each node - separate vector)
- Different similarity measures (adjacency, common neighbours, distances, exact function, etc.)
- Quadratic optimization for MSE loss
- Fast models via random walks

# First-order Proximity

- Similarity between  $u$  and  $v$  is  $A_{uv}$
- MSE Loss
- Variant of Matrix Decomposition

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(u,v) \in V \times V} \| \mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v - \mathbf{A}_{u,v} \|^2$$

Diagram illustrating the MSE Loss formula for First-order Proximity:

- $\mathcal{L}$ : loss (what we want to minimize)
- $\sum_{(u,v) \in V \times V}$ : sum over all node pairs
- $\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v$ : embedding similarity
- $\mathbf{A}_{u,v}$ : (weighted) adjacency matrix for the graph

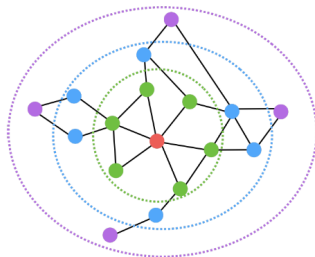
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- Pros:
  - Use SGD for scalable optimization
  - Matrix factorization (SVD) or decomposition (QR) may be applicable
- Cons:
  - Quadratic complexity
  - Large embeddings space
  - No indirect graph properties are preserved

# Multi-order Proximity

- Similarity of neighborhoods of  $u$  and  $v$  via indices or  $k$ -hop paths
- Direct optimization of exact similarity metric

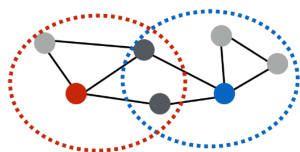


- **Red:** Target node
- **Green:** 1-hop neighbors
  - $\mathbf{A}$  (i.e., adjacency matrix)
- **Blue:** 2-hop neighbors
  - $\mathbf{A}^2$
- **Purple:** 3-hop neighbors
  - $\mathbf{A}^3$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(u,v) \in V \times V} \|\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v - \mathbf{A}_{u,v}^k\|^2$$

# Multi-order Proximity

- Similarity score  $S_{uv}$  as Jaccard/Common Neighbours, etc. (HOPE)



$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(u,v) \in V \times V} \left\| \mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v - \mathbf{S}_{u,v} \right\|^2$$

embedding similarity

multi-hop network similarity (i.e., any neighborhood overlap measure)

- Weighted k-hop paths with different k (GraRep)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{i,j}^k = \max \left( \log \left( \frac{(\mathbf{A}_{i,j}/d_i)}{\sum_{l \in V} (\mathbf{A}_{l,j}/d_l)^k} \right)^k - \alpha, 0 \right)$$

node degree

constant shift

from Leskovec et al., 2018

- Even worse complexity

- Similarity between  $u$  and  $v$  is probability to co-occur on a random walk
- Sample each vertex  $u$  neighborhood  $N_R(u)$  (multiset) by short random walks via strategy  $R$
- Optimize similarity considering independent neighbor samples via MLE (remind Word2Vec)

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{u \in V} \sum_{v \in N_R(u)} -\log(P(v|\mathbf{z}_u))$$

from Leskovec et al., 2018

- $P(v|z_u)$  is approximated via softmax over similarity  $\mathbf{z}_u^T \cdot \mathbf{z}_v$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{u \in V} \sum_{v \in N_R(u)} -\log \left( \frac{\exp(\mathbf{z}_u^T \mathbf{z}_v)}{\sum_{n \in V} \exp(\mathbf{z}_u^T \mathbf{z}_n)} \right)$$


- Problem in second  $\Sigma$  over all nodes
- Hard to find optimal solution

# Negative Sampling

- Use *Negative Sampling* to approximate denominator

$$\log \left( \frac{\exp(\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v)}{\sum_{n \in V} \exp(\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_n)} \right)$$

random distribution  
over all nodes

$$\approx \log(\sigma(\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v)) - \sum_{i=1}^k \log(\sigma(\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_{n_i})), n_i \sim P_V$$


from Leskovec et al., 2018

- Sample in proportion to node degree
- Experiment with  $k$  to impact negative prior and robustness
- No need to sample non-connected edges — same as random

# Feature representation

- How to construct pair of nodes representation having node embeddings?
- Will it be more efficient than  $\sigma(z_i^t \cdot z_j)$

Symmetry operator	Definition
Average	$\frac{f_i(u) + f_i(v)}{2}$
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- How efficient simple solution?
- Works for undirected networks
- Samples neighbor information for low cost
- Not stable across different datasets ( $L_1$  works in general better than  $L_2$ )
- For weighted networks it is better to solve binary classification stacked with regression rather than directly solve link regression problem

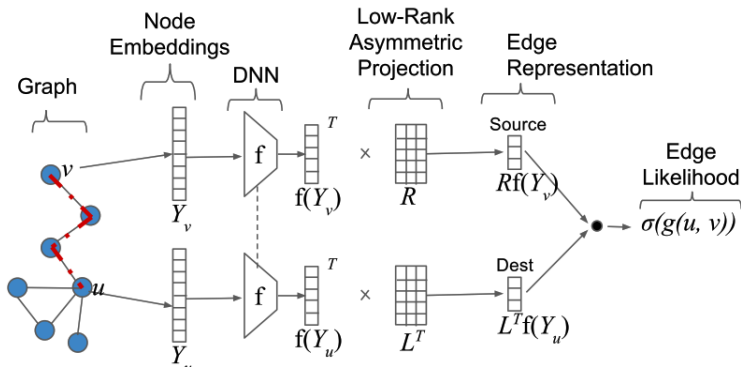
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# Directed network link prediction

- When order matters, how to build classifier (see HOPE also)?
- Concat works not good probably - use asymmetric encoding via bi-linear form of compressed embeddings

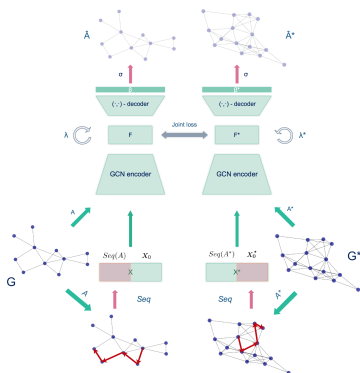
$$M = LR, \quad g(u, v) = f(Y_u)^T M f(Y_v)$$



from Abu-El-Haija et al., 2018

# Self-supervised learning via Line graph

- Edge-vertex dual (Line) graph allows to build dual representation and learn any edge embedding function
- Joint constraints on original and Line graph under bijective closure with agglutination of nodes embeddings in dual representation



# Lecture outline

- 1 Node Classification
- 2 Link Prediction
- 3 Graph Embeddings
- 4 Graph Neural Networks

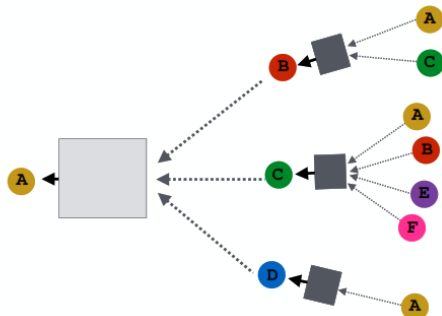
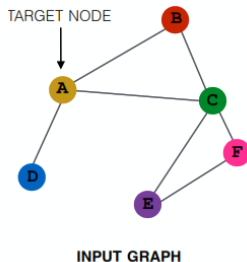
GNN

# Graph Neural Network: Setting

- We have a graph  $G(V, E)$  defined by adjacency matrix  $A$  and feature matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{f, |V|}$
- Confirmed relation between closeness of feature space and graph structure
- Non-graph features are vectorized separately (images, texts, one-hot encoding for labels, numeric features)

# Graph Neural Network: Idea

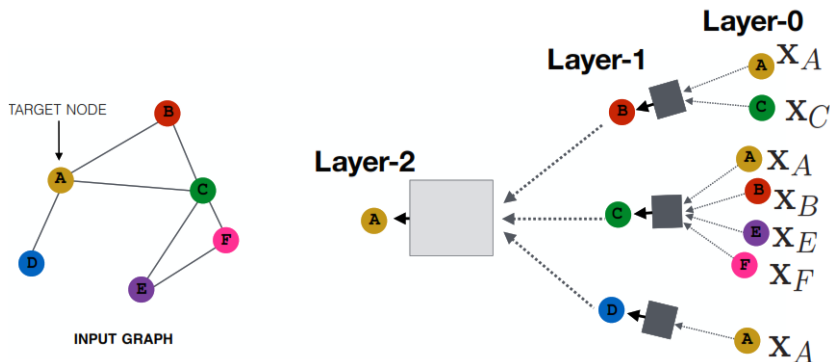
- Assign weights only to information obtained from neighbors
- Include node itself via loop with trainable weight
- Each node generate its own computational graph



from Leskovec et al., 2018

# Graph Neural Network: Layer structure

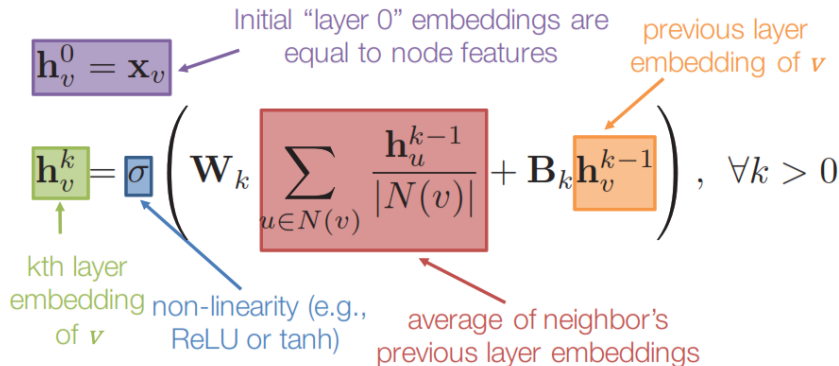
- Each aggregation defines new layer
- Zero-level embedding is non-graph feature
- Arbitrary depth but remember on “law of six handshakes”



from Leskovec et al., 2018

# Graph Neural Network: Basic Approach

- Aggregation over weighted sum of neighbor input and node itself under non-linearity
- Use simple neural network construction





# Graph Neural Network: Training

- Stop at  $K$ -th layer and feed  $h_v^K$  as embeddings to task-dependent loss; use SGD to optimize
- Unsupervised training uses reconstruction loss of adjacency matrix  $A$  (MSE, CE)
- (Semi-)Supervised loss feeds node embeddings to FC layer to predict labels under CE loss with possible Laplacian regularization
- When no features available, unsupervised training uses either one hot encoding for nodes (each node - separate label), or pretrains some structural embedding and feed them into feature matrix

- Define Aggregator
  - Different aggregators support only transductive learning for static graph
  - Sharing layer-wise weights allows inductive learning and inference on unseen nodes
- Define Loss
- Train on batches of nodes
- Generate output embeddings

GCN

# Graph Convolutional Network

- Aggregation over shared weights between node and its neighbors
- Normalization to stabilize training for high-degree nodes

## Basic Neighborhood Aggregation

$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_k \sum_{u \in N(v)} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}}{|N(v)|} + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{h}_v^{k-1} \right)$$

VS.

## GCN Neighborhood Aggregation

$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_k \sum_{u \in N(v) \cup v} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}}{\sqrt{|N(u)| |N(v)|}} \right)$$

same matrix for self and  
neighbor embeddings

per-neighbor normalization

# Graph Convolutional Network

- Efficient batch computation in matrix form
- Obtained  $O(|E|)$  complexity (see pyG, DGL libraries)

$$\mathbf{H}^{(k+1)} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{H}^{(k)} \mathbf{W}_k \right)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{ii} = \sum_j \mathbf{A}_{i,j}$$

from Leskovec et al., 2018

GAT

# Graph ATtention Network

- Not all the neighbors are equal

$$e_{ij} = a(\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i, \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_j)$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \text{softmax}_j(e_{ij}) = \frac{\exp(e_{ij})}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp(e_{ik})}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(\vec{a}^T [\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_j]\right)\right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(\vec{a}^T [\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_k]\right)\right)}$$

$\parallel$  is the concatenation operation.

$$\vec{h}'_i = \sigma\left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_j\right)$$

# Graph ATtention Network

- Multi-head attention works better like in different convolution filters
- Final layer require pooling instead of concatenation

$$\vec{h}'_i = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{W} \vec{h}_j \right)$$

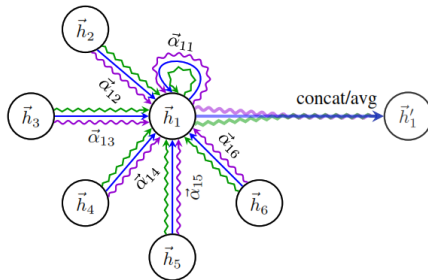
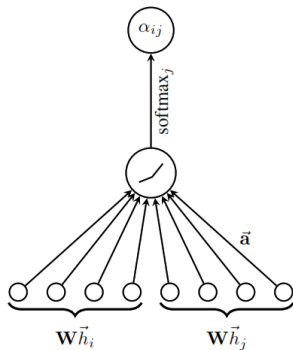
$$\vec{h}'_i = \parallel_{k=1}^K \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^k \mathbf{W}^k \vec{h}_j \right)$$

$$\vec{h}'_i = \sigma \left( \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^k \mathbf{W}^k \vec{h}_j \right)$$



# Graph ATtention Network

- Feature aggregation via attention over learned weights
- Different patterns for the same structure



from Bengio et al., 2018

## GraphSAGE

# GraphSAGE: Feature Pyramid

- Vary feature space across layers
- Aggregate from neighbors and concatenate with self-representation

Simple neighborhood aggregation:

$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_k \sum_{u \in N(v)} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}}{|N(v)|} + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{h}_v^{k-1} \right)$$

GraphSAGE:

$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \sigma \left( \left[ \mathbf{W}_k \cdot \text{AGG} \left( \left\{ \mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}, \forall u \in N(v) \right\} \right), \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{h}_v^{k-1} \right] \right)$$

concatenate self embedding and neighbor embedding

generalized aggregation

## Mean:

$$\text{AGG} = \sum_{u \in N(v)} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}}{|N(v)|}$$

## Pool

$$\text{AGG} = \gamma(\{\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}, \forall u \in N(v)\})$$

element-wise mean/max

## LSTM:

- Apply LSTM to random permutation of neighbors.

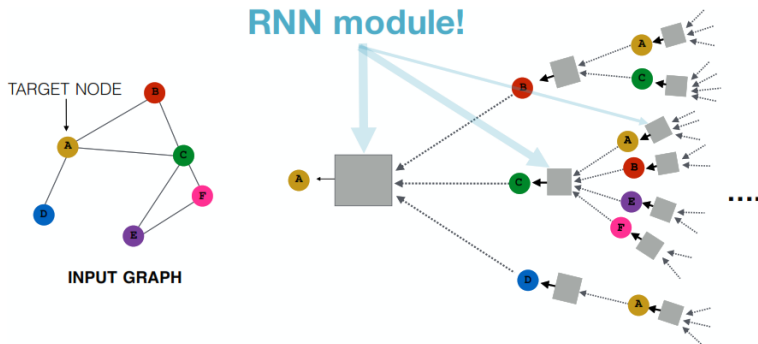
$$\text{AGG} = \text{LSTM}([\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}, \forall u \in \pi(N(v))])$$

from Leskovec et al., 2018

# How to fight dimension curse

# Model Depth

- Usually 2-3 layers for GCN / GraphSAGE
- More layers make method global
- Computation graph exceed memory limits
- Overfitting, vanishing gradient



from Leskovec et al., 2018

- Use recurrent model with shared weights across all the layers, support any depth

1. Get “message” from neighbors at step k:

$$\mathbf{m}_v^k = \mathbf{W} \sum_{u \in N(v)} \mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}$$

← aggregation function does not depend on k

2. Update node “state” using Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU). New node state depends on the old state and the message from neighbors:

$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \text{GRU}(\mathbf{h}_v^{k-1}, \mathbf{m}_v^k)$$

from Leskovec et al., 2018

# Large Scale RecSys: PinSAGE

- Pinterest: 3 billion pins and boards; 16 billion interactions; label, text and image features

## Human curated collection of pins



Very ape blue structured coat

Nelly Gritty

Picked for you  
Street style



Hans Wegner chair

Room and Board

Promoted by  
Room & Board



This is just a beautiful image for thoughts. Yay or nay, your choice.

Annie Teng  
Plantation

**Pins:** Visual bookmarks someone has saved from the internet to a board they've created.

**Pin features:** Image, text, link



## Boards

from Leskovec et al., 2018



Recommendations pipeline:

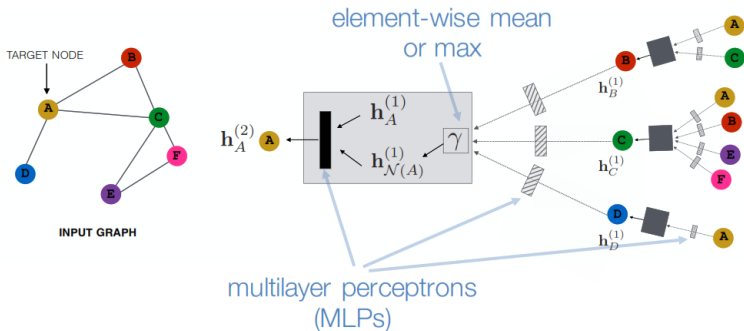
- Collect consequent clicks
- Train system using metric learning approach
- Generate embeddings
- Recommend via k-NN

Key advances:

- Sub-sample neighborhoods for efficient GPU batching
- Producer-consumer training pipeline
- Curriculum learning for negative samples
- MapReduce for efficient inference

# Large Scale RecSys: RW-GCN

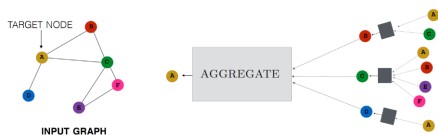
- Train so that pins that are consecutively clicked have similar embeddings, use smart negative sampling



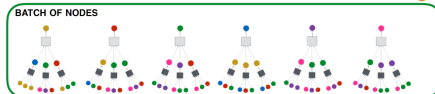
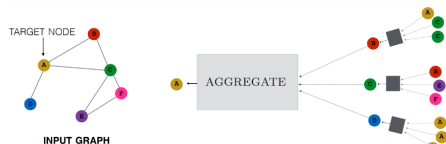
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# Large Scale RecSys: Batch Sampling

- Use one computation graph, sample nodes according to top-PPR among neighbors



Every node has unique compute graph. Can't batch on GPU!



Compute graphs have same structure = efficient GPU batching

from Leskovec et al., 2018

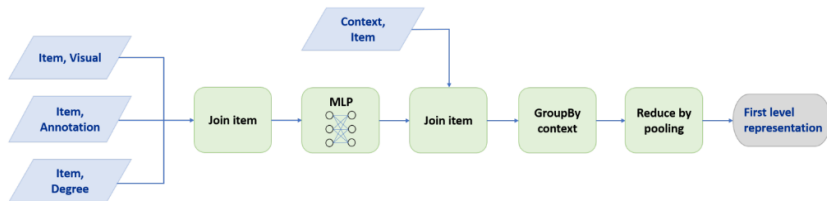
# Large Scale RecSys: Training

CPU (producer):

- Select a batch of pins
- Run random walks (for PPR approximation)
- Construct their computation graphs

GPU (consumer):

- Multi-layer aggregations
- Loss computation
- Backprop



# Large Scale RecSys: Training

- Include more and more hard negative samples for each epoch

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{D}} \max(0, -\mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_v + \mathbf{z}_u^\top \mathbf{z}_n + \Delta)$$

set of training pairs from user logs    “positive”/true training pair    “negative” sample    “margin” (i.e., how much larger positive pair similarity should be compared to negative)



Source pin



Positive



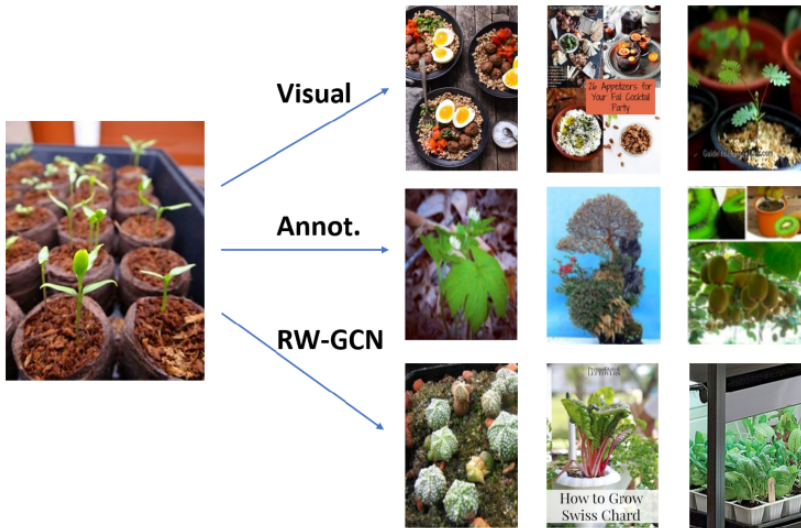
Easy negative



Hard negative

from Leskovec et al., 2018

# Large Scale RecSys: Visual Comparison



# Open Problems

- What is the best way to compose edge feature?

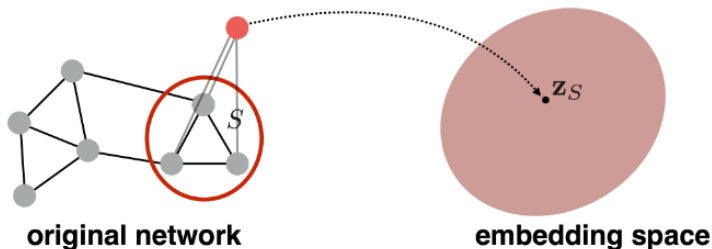
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# Open Problems: Subgraph embedding

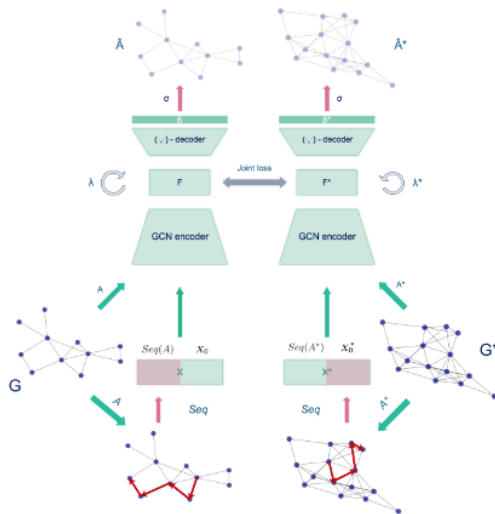
- Even for triangle it is an open question.
- Use sum of embeddings
- Use virtual supernode (same as for whole graph embedding)



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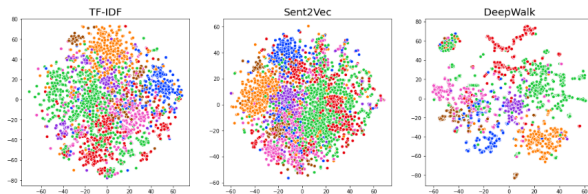
# Open Problems: Node & Edge embedding

- How to optimize joint node and edge features?

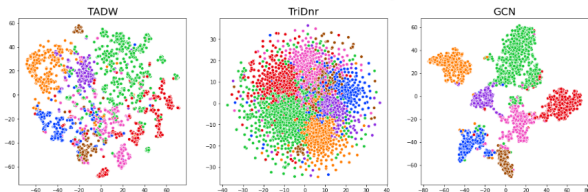


# Open Problems: Text + Graph Fusion

- How to fuse partially-correlated text embeddings and graph embeddings?



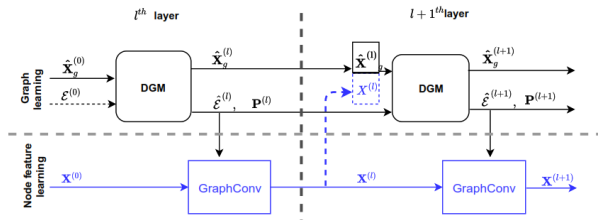
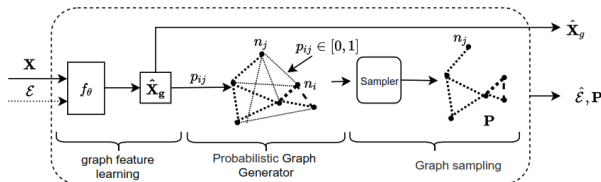
**Figure 1.** TF-IDF, Sent2Vec and DeepWalk embeddings visualization on Cora



**Figure 2.** TADW, TriDnr and GCN embeddings visualization on Cora

# Open Problems: Graphs from Metric Learning

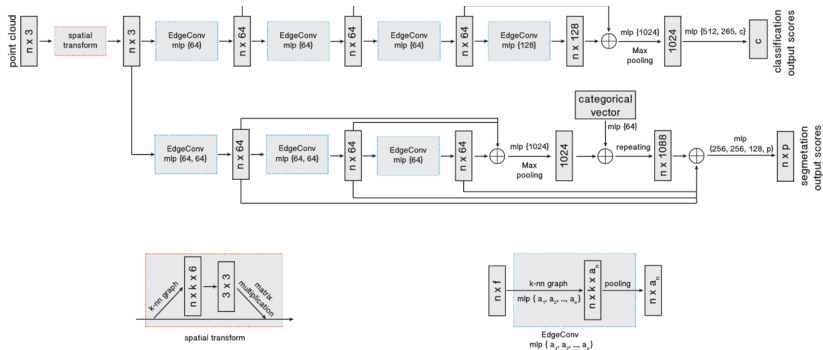
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Differentiable Graph Module (DGM) for Graph Convolutional Networks from Bronshtein et al., 2020

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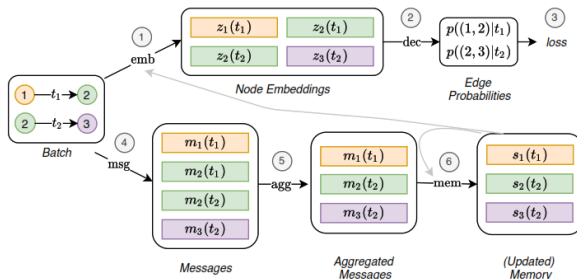
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Dynamic Graph CNN for Learning on Point Clouds from Solomon et al., 2019

# Open Problems: Temporal Graphs

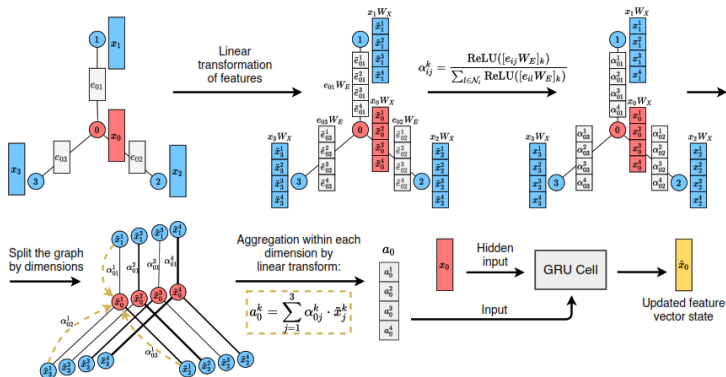
- How to work with large dynamic networks?



TEMPORAL GRAPH NETWORKS FOR DEEP LEARNING ON DYNAMIC GRAPHS from Bronshtein et al., 2019

# Open Problems: Temporal Graphs

- How to work with large dynamic networks?



EWS-GCN by Sberbank, 2020

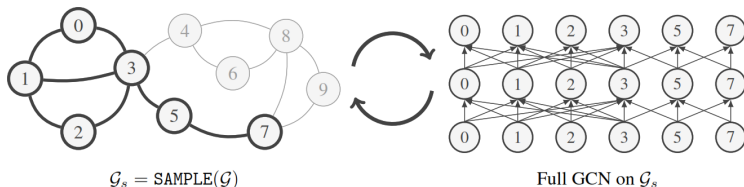
# Open Problems: What else?

- How to choose embedding?
- How to mix embeddings and pretrain/initialize?
- How to fuse (heterogeneous) graphs and futures?
- How to speed-up GCN and other models?
- Graph RecSys still struggle from cold start problem!
- Transfer learning and GNN AutoML is hard to improve!
- Working with large dynamic graphs with changing features is still hard!



## State-of-the-art

- Sample from graph and train FC GCN




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## Algorithm 1 GraphSAINT training algorithm

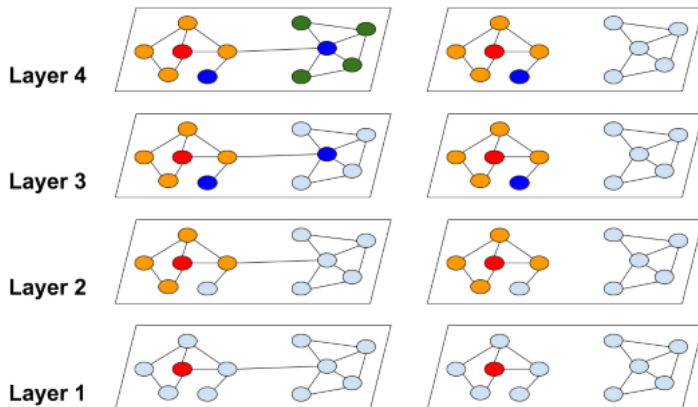
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**Input:** Training graph  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{X})$ ; Labels  $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}$ ; Sampler SAMPLE;

**Output:** GCN model with trained weights

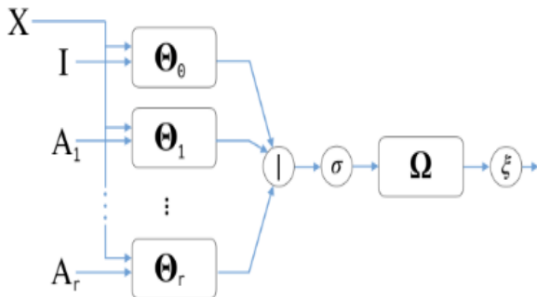
- 1: Pre-processing: Setup SAMPLE parameters; Compute normalization coefficients  $\alpha, \lambda$ .
  - 2: **for** each minibatch **do**
  - 3:    $\mathcal{G}_s(\mathcal{V}_s, \mathcal{E}_s) \leftarrow$  Sampled sub-graph of  $\mathcal{G}$  according to SAMPLE
  - 4:   GCN construction on  $\mathcal{G}_s$ .
  - 5:    $\{\mathbf{y}_v \mid v \in \mathcal{V}_s\} \leftarrow$  Forward propagation of  $\{\mathbf{x}_v \mid v \in \mathcal{V}_s\}$ , normalized by  $\alpha$
  - 6:   Backward propagation from  $\lambda$ -normalized loss  $L(\mathbf{y}_v, \bar{\mathbf{y}}_v)$ . Update weights.
  - 7: **end for**
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- Limit Sampling by Cluster properties via RWs



- Precompute diffusion-based sampling instead of stacking more layers
- Decouple graph convolutions as backbone

$$Y = \xi(\tilde{A}^L X \Theta^{(1)} \dots \Theta^{(L)}) = \xi(\tilde{A}^L X \Theta).$$



- ML: NAS & AutoML
- NLP: context embeddings, BERT as transformer solves LP
- CV: 3D point clouds, few-shot learning, KG for captioning
- DM: KG extraction, mining relations
- RecSys: Embedding of everything, tensor decomposition
- RL: Model MDP states via GCN embeddings
- Biology/Chemistry: drug discovery, protein interaction, new materials

## Libraries:

- DGL, pyG, DGM, etc.
- "awesome graph embedding"

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