



HyperGCN: A New Method for Training Graph Convolutional Networks on Hypergraphs

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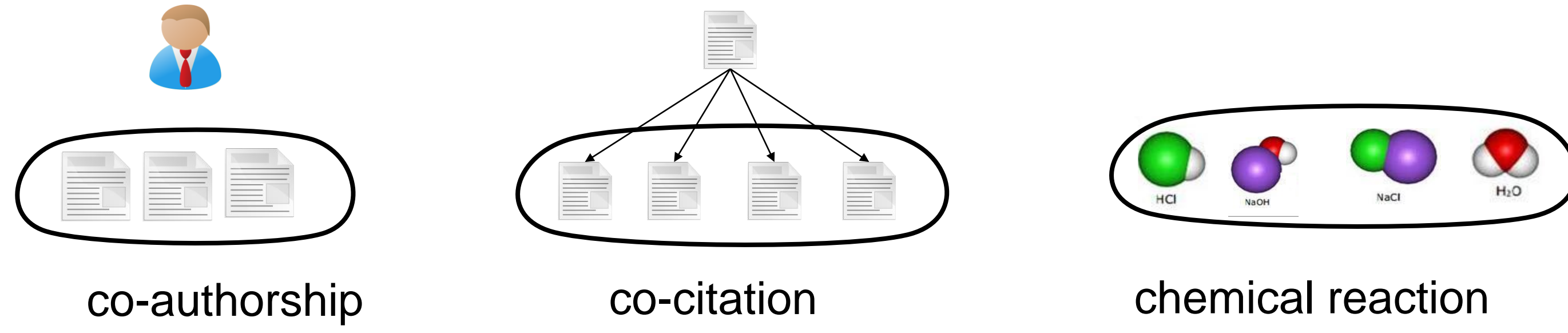
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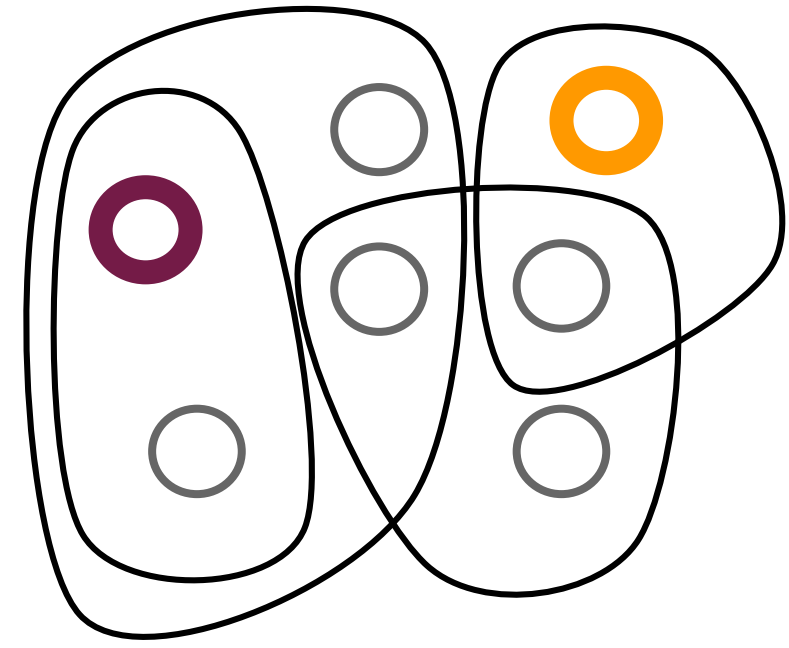
Hypergraph Motivation

Networks have relationships beyond pairwise



Modelled flexibly by hypergraphs

Hypergraph Semi-Supervised Learning



$$\mathcal{H} = (V, E, X)$$

V : set of vertices

E : set of edges

X : matrix of vertex features

Problem

Label the unlabelled vertices in U
given labelled vertices in $V - U$ of hypergraph \mathcal{H}

Challenges

- Arbitrary size $E \subseteq 2^V$
- Low supervision $|V - U| \ll |U|$
- Noisy edges $|\{y_v : v \in e\}| > 1, e \in E$

Approaches

- Explicit regularisation [Zhou et al., Hein et al.]

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_S + \lambda \cdot Q(\mathcal{H}, f) \quad \text{✗ hyperedges encode similarity}$$

- Implicit regularisation [Feng et al.]

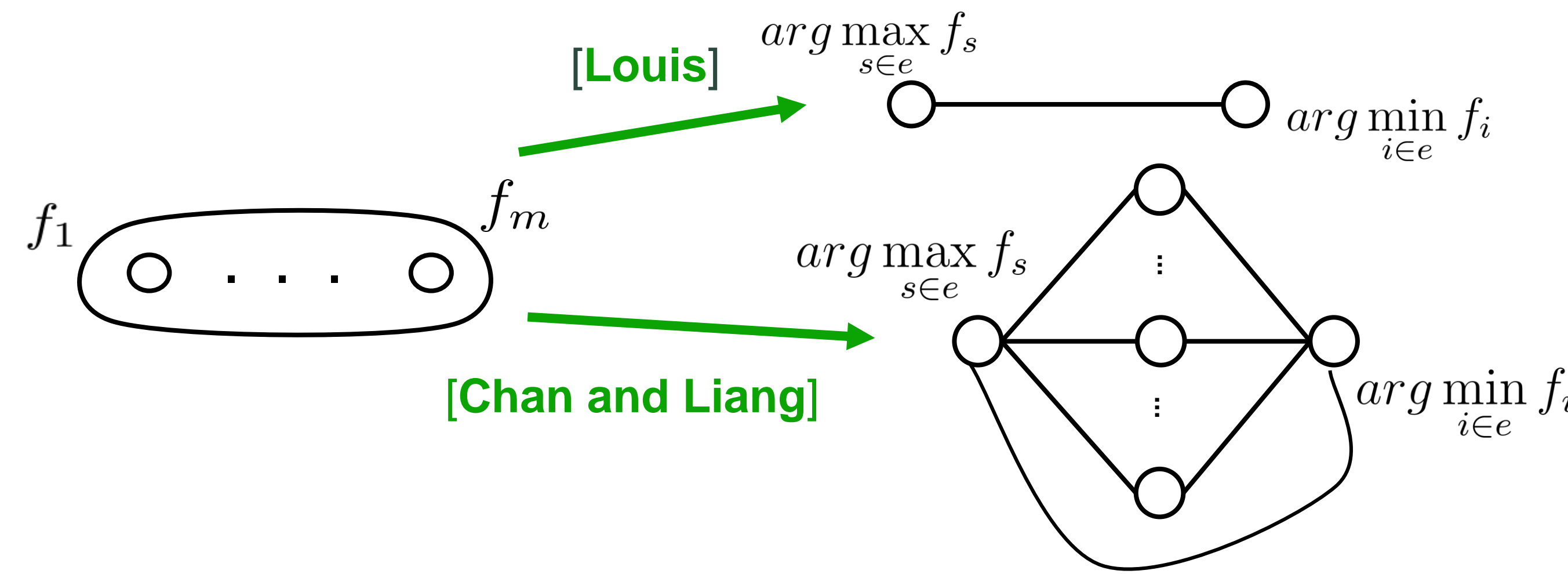
$$f_{\text{Neural}}(\mathcal{H}, X) = ? \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_S \quad \text{✓ need not encode similarity}$$

HyperGCN

Idea

If the maximally disparate vertices of a hyperedge are close then so are all vertices of the hyperedge

f : vertex signals
e.g., embeddings



GCN [Kipf and Welling]

$$H^l = \sigma(A \cdot H^{l-1} \cdot W^l)$$

HyperGCN

$$f = H^{\{l-1\}} \cdot W^{\{l\}}$$

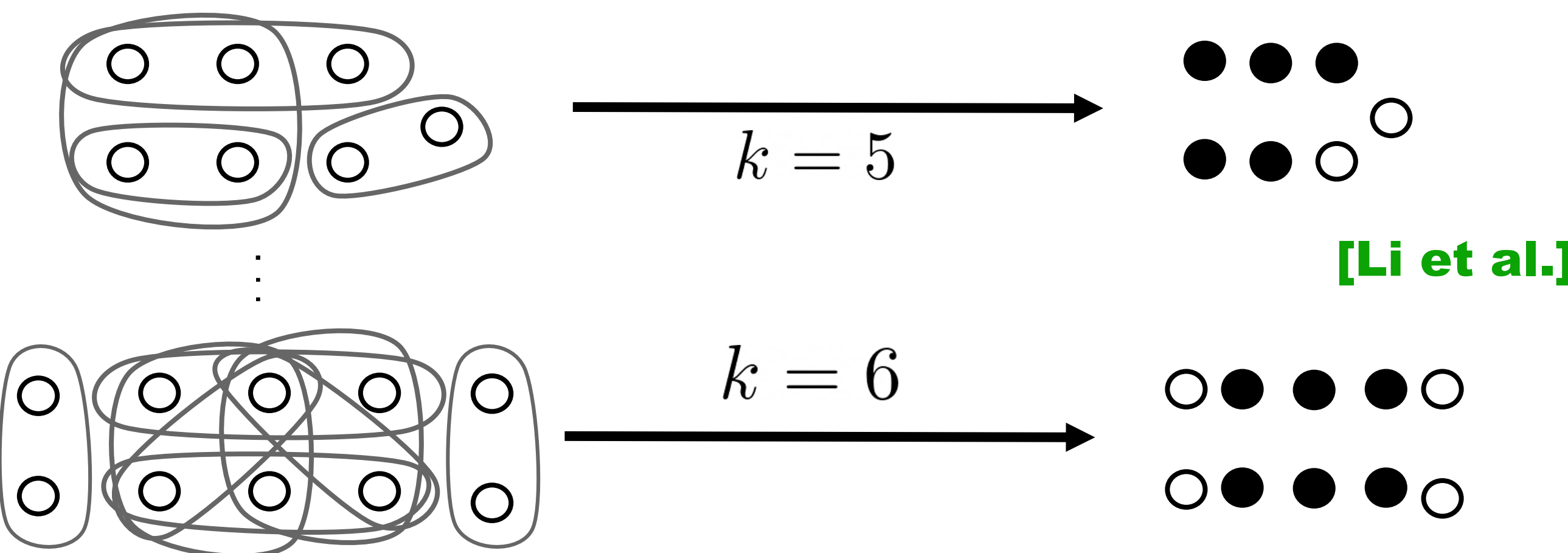
FastHyperGCN

$$f = H^{\{0\}} = X$$

HyperGCN for Combinatorial Optimisation

Hyperedges need not encode similarity e.g., Densest k-Subhypergraph problem

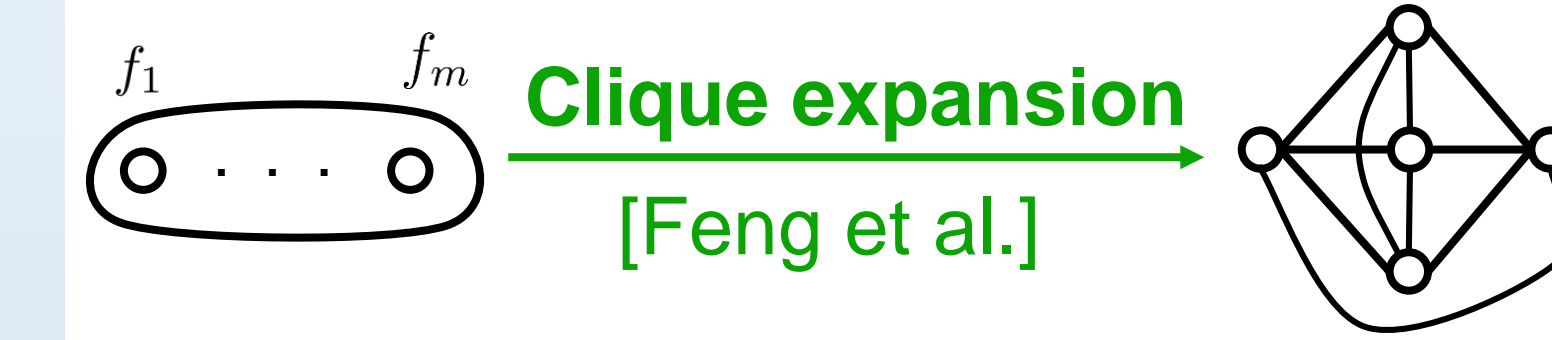
$$W \subseteq V, |W| = k, \text{ maximise } |e \in E : e \subseteq W|$$



Train: Synthetic hypergraphs with optimal solutions, Test: Real-world hypergraphs

Results

Simple baseline: HyperGraph Neural Net



test error (lower is better)

Avg. size	3.0 ± 1.1	3.2 ± 2.0
Dataset	Cora	Citeseer
HGNN	32.41 ± 1.8	37.40 ± 1.6
HyperGCN	32.37 ± 1.7	37.35 ± 1.6
FastHyperGCN	32.42 ± 1.8	37.42 ± 1.7

comparable on small hyperedges

test error (lower is better)

Avg. size	8.5 ± 8.8	4.3 ± 5.7
Dataset	DBLP	Pubmed
HGNN	45.27 ± 2.48	29.41 ± 1.5
HyperGCN	41.64 ± 2.6	25.56 ± 1.6
FastHyperGCN	41.79 ± 2.8	29.48 ± 1.6

more accurate, faster on large noisy hyperedges

training time (lower is better)

Dataset	DBLP	Pubmed
HGNN	0.115s	0.019s
FastHyperGCN	0.035s	0.016s

density for $k = 0.75 \cdot |V|$ (higher is better)

Dataset	DBLP	Pubmed	Cora	Citeseer
HGNN	6274	7865	437	969
HyperGCN	7720	7928	504	971
FastHyperGCN	7342	7893	452	969

training time (lower is better)

Type	Training Time	Density
HGNN	170s	337
FastHyperGCN	143s	352

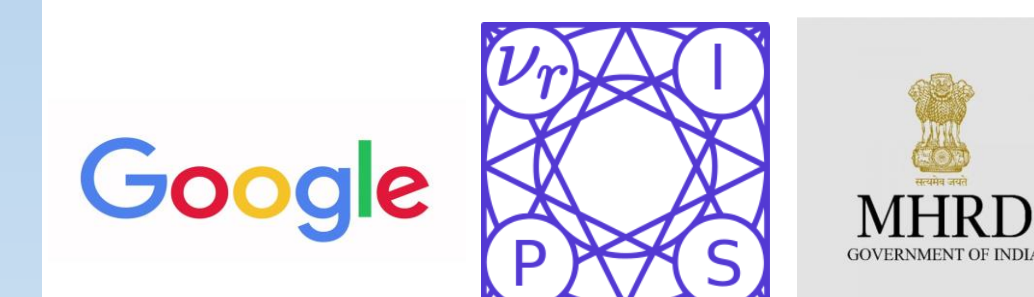
Contributions Summary

- Bridge deep learning, spectral hypergraph theory
- Approximate hyperedge by a linear no. edges
- Show gains on large, noisy hyperedges

Future Work

- Unsupervised learning
- Label correlation
- Hypergraph pooling

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