

# Graph Neural Networks II

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- Use shared local neural network for the update.

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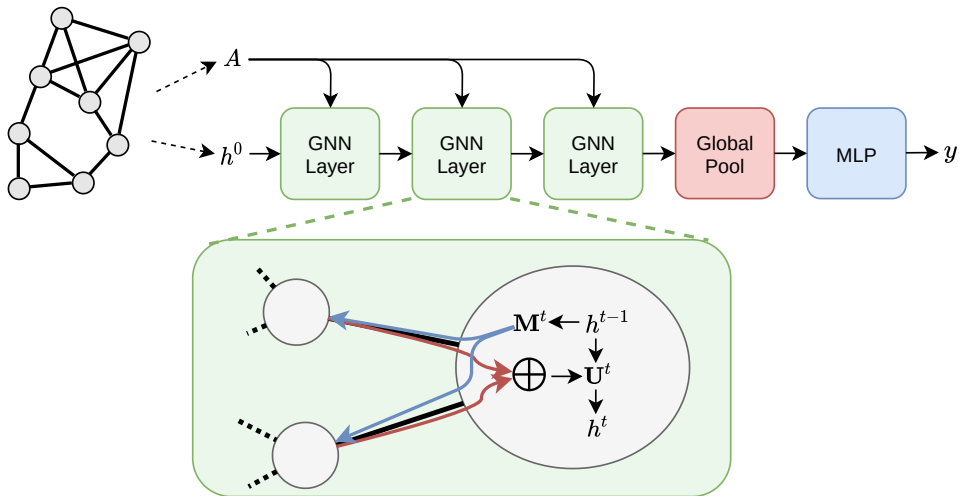
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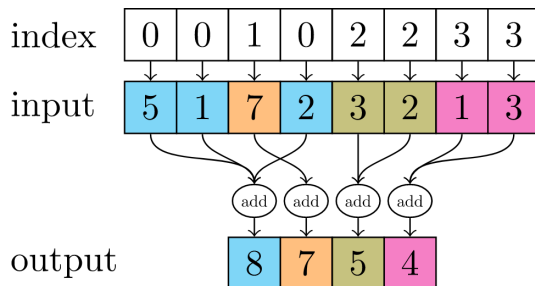
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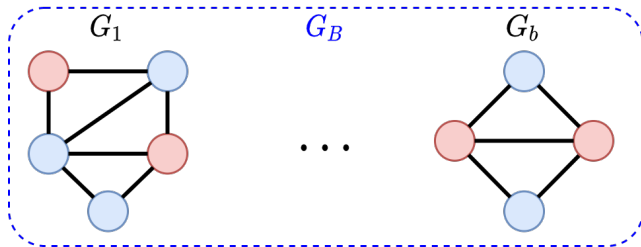
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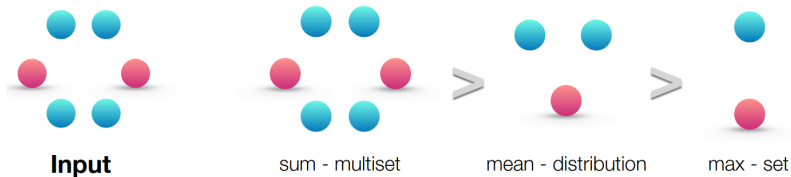
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Message function **M**:

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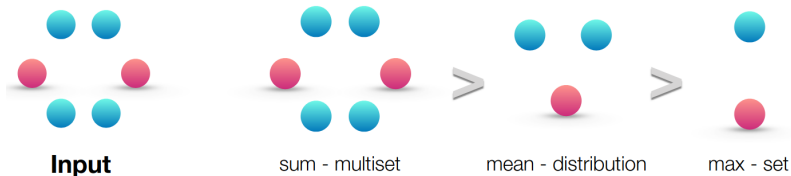
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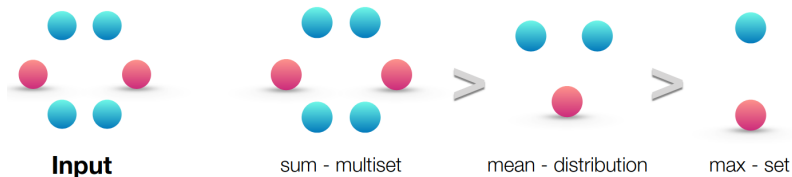
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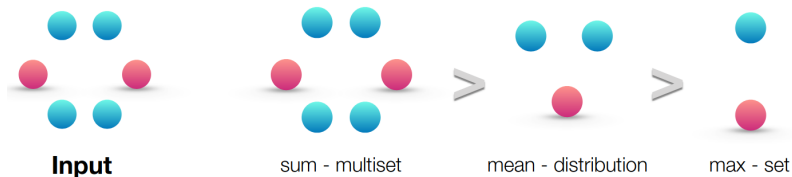
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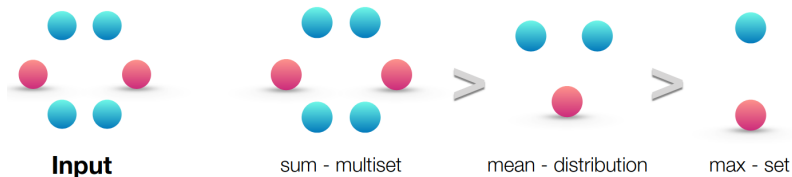
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More advanced: Predict edge weights with attention. [Veličković et al., 2018]

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## Virtual Nodes

Perform global pooling after each GNN layer and pass result back to nodes:

$$h^\ell(G) = \mathbf{V}^\ell \left( \sum_{v \in V} h^\ell(v) \right)$$
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Here,  $\mathbf{V}^\ell$  is a trainable MLP.

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