

Objective (page 4-5)

Learning problem Our final goal is to learn a mapping $f_{\theta} : S_n^{++} \rightarrow S_n^{++}$ that takes an spd matrix A and predicts a suitable preconditioner P that improves the spectral properties of the system – and therefore also the convergence behavior of the conjugate gradient method.

- Generated preconditioners are restricted to lower triangular matrices with strictly positive elements on the diagonal.
- Required to have the same sparsity pattern as the input matrix, so no fill-ins are allowed (the code gives the option to include fill-ins, if ever more accuracy in the matrix decomposition is needed – at the expense of greater computation time)
 - if the matrix entry in the original matrix A was 0, then the same matrix entry in P should also be 0

Overall algo (page 21)

Algorithm 2 Pseudo-code for NeuralIF preconditioner.

- 1: **Input:** Graph representation of the spd system of linear equations $Ax = b$.
- 2: **Output:** Lower-triangular sparse preconditioner for the linear system which is an incomplete factorization.
- 3: \triangleright *NeuralIF preconditioner computation:*
- 4: Compute node features x_i shown in Table 4
- 5: Apply graph normalization *// stabilizes training \rightarrow faster convergence, independent of topology*
- 6: Split graph adjacency matrix into index set for the lower and upper triangular parts, L and U .
- 7: **for** each message passing block l in $0, 1, \dots, N-1$ **do**
- 8: \triangleright *update using the lower-triangular matrix part*
- 9: $z_{ij}^{(l+\frac{1}{2})} \leftarrow \phi_{\theta_{e,1}^l}(z_{ij}^{(l)}, x_i^{(l)}, x_j^{(l)})$ for all $(i, j) \in L$ *$\in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 8 \times 8}$*
- 10: $m_i^{(l+\frac{1}{2})} \leftarrow \bigoplus_{j \in N_L(i)} z_{ji}^{(l+\frac{1}{2})}$ *// update edge features*
- 11: $x_i^{(l+\frac{1}{2})} \leftarrow \psi_{\theta_{e,1}^l}(x_i^{(l)}, m_i^{(l+\frac{1}{2})})$ *// mean aggregation (based on lower updates)*
- 12: \triangleright *share the computed edge updates between the layers*
- 13: $z_{ji}^{(l+\frac{1}{2})} \leftarrow z_{ij}^{(l+\frac{1}{2})}$ for all $(i, j) \in L$ *// ensure symmetry of the latent-edge representation when flipping to the upper part*
- 14: \triangleright *update using the upper triangular matrix part*
- 15: $z_{ji}^{(l+1)} \leftarrow \phi_{\theta_{e,2}^l}(z_{ji}^{(l+\frac{1}{2})}, x_j^{(l+\frac{1}{2})}, x_i^{(l+\frac{1}{2})})$ for all $(j, i) \in U$ *// sum aggregation (based on upper updates)*
- 16: $m_i^{(l+1)} \leftarrow \bigoplus_{j \in N_U(i)} z_{ji}^{(l+1)}$ *// update node features again*
- 17: $x_i^{(l+1)} \leftarrow \psi_{\theta_{e,2}^l}(x_i^{(l)}, m_i^{(l+1)})$
- 18: **if** not final layer in the network **then**
- 19: \triangleright *add skip connections*
- 20: $z_{ij}^{(l+1)} \leftarrow [z_{ji}^{(l+1)}, a_{ji}]^T$ for all $(j, i) \in U$ *// upper-edge embedding concatenated with original matrix entry*
- 21: **else**
- 22: $z_{ij}^{(l+1)} \leftarrow z_{ji}^{(l+1)}$ for all $(j, i) \in U$ *// ensure symmetry*
- 23: Apply $\sqrt{\exp(\cdot)}$ -activation function to final edge embedding of diagonal matrix entries $z_{ii}^{(N)}$. *// ensure pd of learned preconditioner*
- 24: Return lower triangular matrix with elements $z_{ij}^{(N)}$ for $i \leq j$.

- Three message passing blocks used

Graph representations (page 6)

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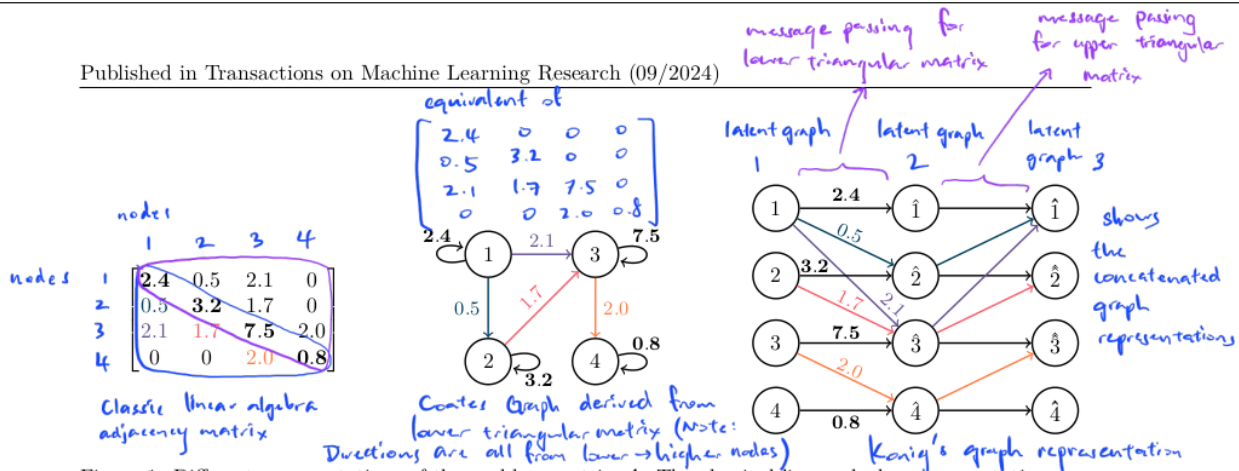


Figure 1: Different representations of the problem matrix A . The classical linear algebra representation as a

Left – symmetric adjacency matrix

Middle – Coates graph, the equivalent representation of the lower triangular matrix from the left matrix, but now in graph form. This graph representation is the input graph to the GNN

Right – König's graph (not that important), basically a concatenated graph representation to show that it is possible to represent matrix multiplications in graph form.

Message-passing (page 4)

1. Update edge features

to describe the update functions for a simple message-passing GNN layer. In each layer l of the network the edge features are updated first by the network computing the features of the next layer $l+1$ as

$$z_{ij}^{(l+1)} = \phi_{\theta_z^{(l)}} \left(\underbrace{z_{ij}^{(l)}}_{\text{output message (for the next layer) passed from } i \text{ to } j}, \underbrace{x_i^{(l)}, x_j^{(l)}}_{\text{combination of messages from current } i \text{ \& node features for nodes } i \text{ \& } j} \right), \quad (2)$$

where ϕ is a parameterized function. The outputs of this function are also referred to as *messages*. Then,

2. Perform a permutation-invariant aggregation

Incoming messages aggregated using the mean, and the sum function in the 1st and 2nd message-passing steps in the block (see **Message-passing block**)

Any such permutation-invariant aggregation function is denoted here by \oplus . The aggregation of incoming messages over the neighborhood \mathcal{N} of node i , which is defined as the set of adjacent nodes in the graph $\mathcal{N}(i) = \{j \mid (i, j) \in E\}$, is computed as

$$m_i^{(l+1)} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} z_{ji}^{(l+1)}. \quad (3)$$

3. Update the node features using a MLP

$$x_i^{(l+1)} = \psi_{\theta_x^{(l)}} \left(x_i^{(l)}, m_i^{(l+1)} \right).$$

Message-passing block (page 6-7)

Step 1: execute message-passing over the lower-triangular matrix (of the adjacency matrix)

Step 2: execute message-passing over the upper-triangular matrix (of the adjacency matrix)

But why compute based on both lower and upper-triangular matrices?

- Note that the Coates graph representation shown in **Graph representations** takes as input the lower-triangular matrix of the original adjacency matrix.
- From the directions of the arrows we know that the higher labeled nodes are receiving information from the lower labeled nodes, but not the other way around
- So we need to compute message-passing for the upper triangular matrix also, so that the lower labeled nodes can receive information from the higher labeled nodes.

Complexity analysis (page 7-8)

Space complexity - $O(n)$

Only the nonzero elements in A ($O(\text{nnz})$) and the node features ($O(n)$, if there are n nodes and 8 features per node) need to be stored.

Time complexity - $O(\text{nnz})$

Dependent on the 3 key operations - edge update, aggregation, node update (refer to **Message-passing**)

Edge update ($O(\text{nnz})$):

$$z_{ij}^{(l+1)} = \phi_{\theta_z^{(l)}} \left(z_{ij}^{(l)}, x_i^{(l)}, x_j^{(l)} \right).$$

This function is executed on each nonzero entry A_{ij} . The MLP (constant cost) is applied once per edge per layer.

Aggregation of edge messages ($O(\text{nnz})$):

$$m_i^{(l+1)} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} z_{ji}^{(l+1)}.$$
 function

If each node on avg has d neighbours ($O(d)$), we have $O(n*d)$ for n nodes, which is just the total number of edges nnz .

Node update ($O(n)$):

$$x_i^{(l+1)} = \psi_{\theta_x^{(l)}} \left(x_i^{(l)}, m_i^{(l+1)} \right).$$

Run a MLP on the node's own feature x_i plus the aggregated message to produce the new node feature. There are n nodes the MLP cost is constant.