

Graph Neural Networks

Introduction

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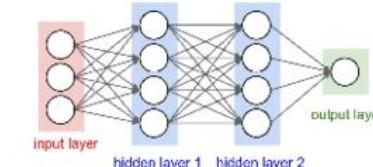
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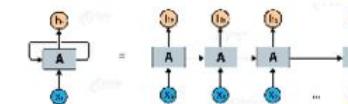


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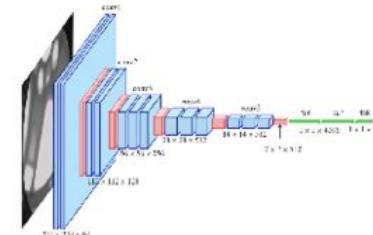
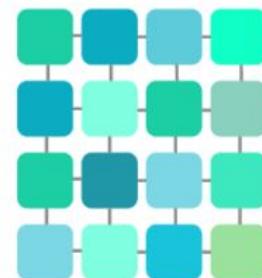


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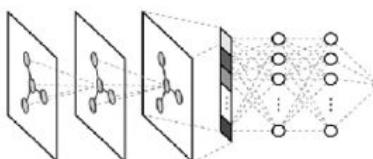
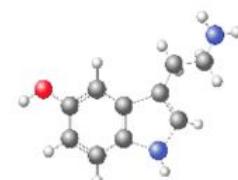
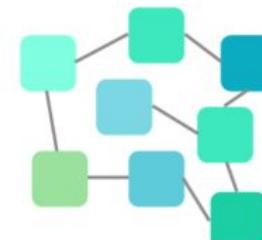
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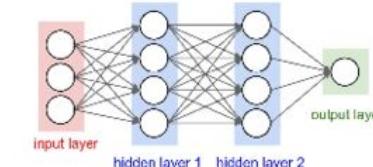
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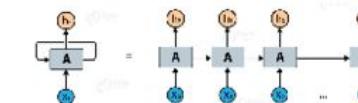


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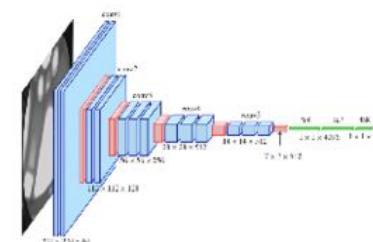
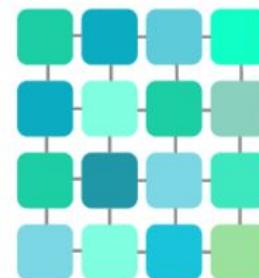


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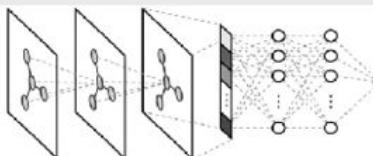
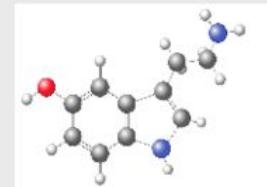
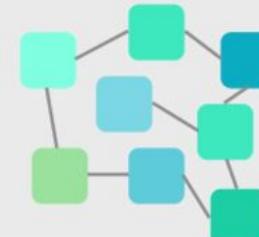
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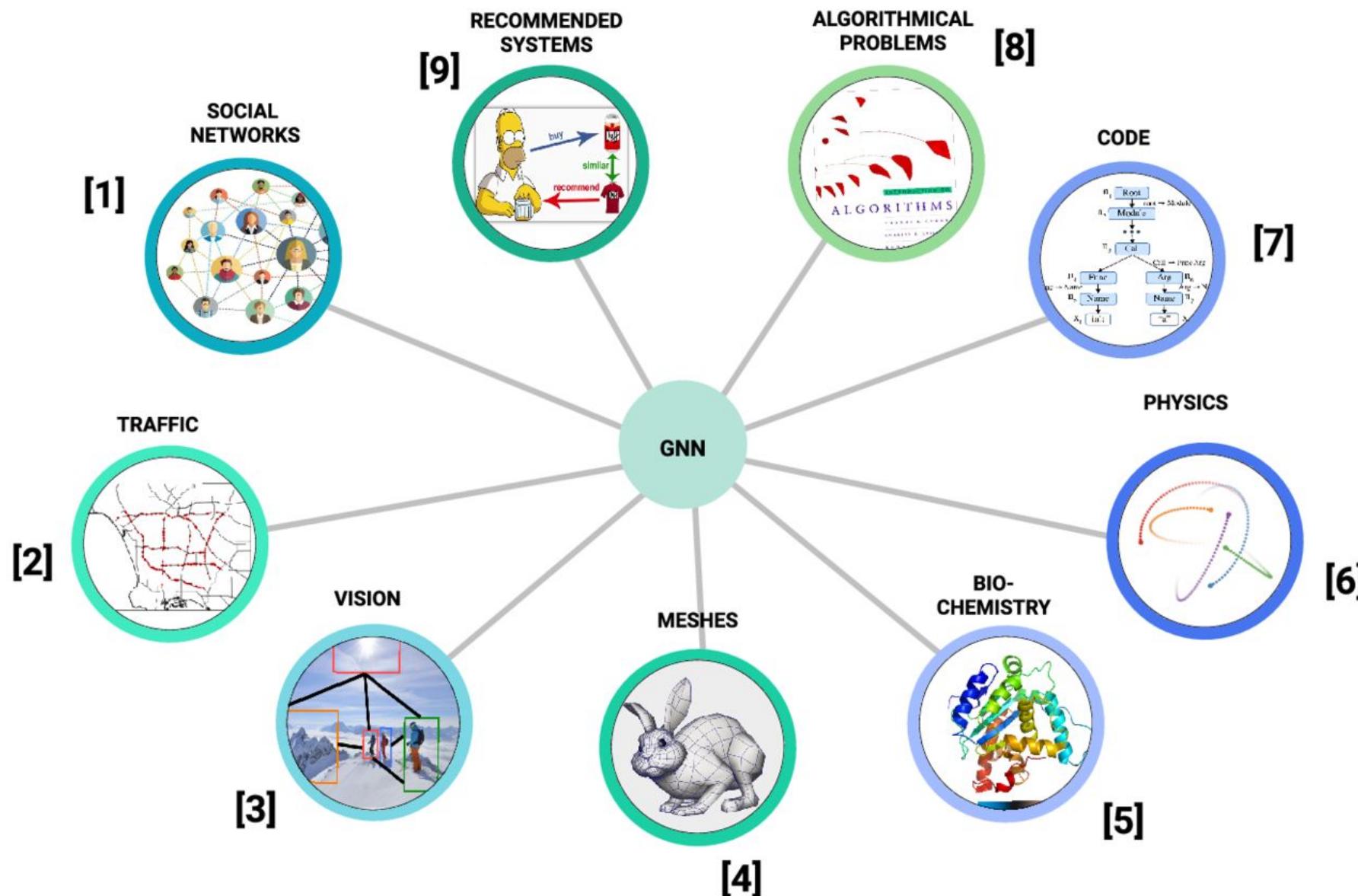
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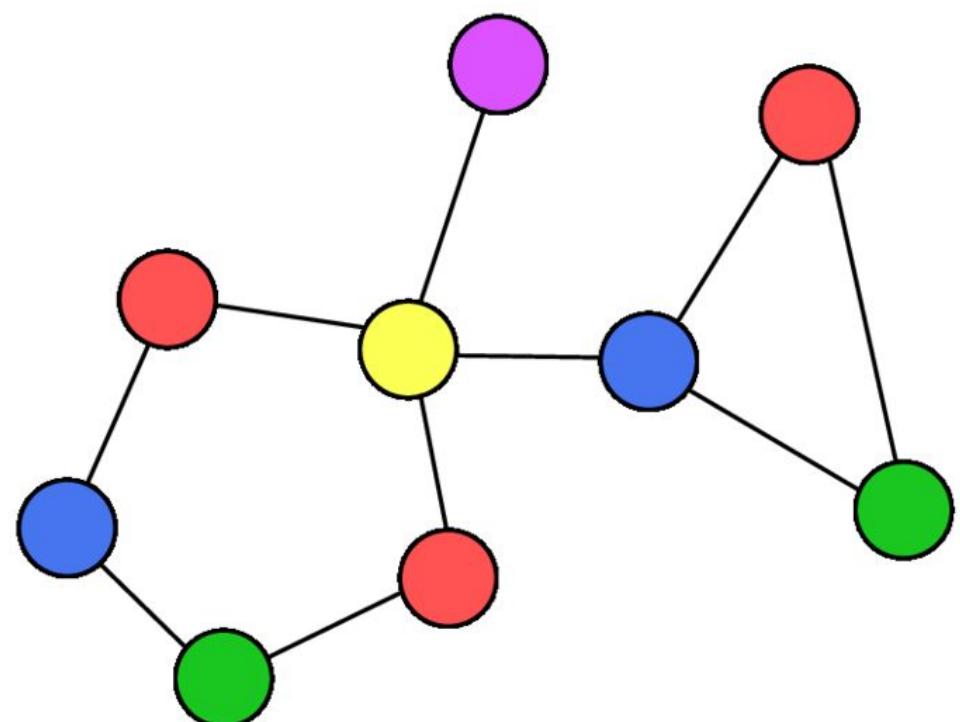
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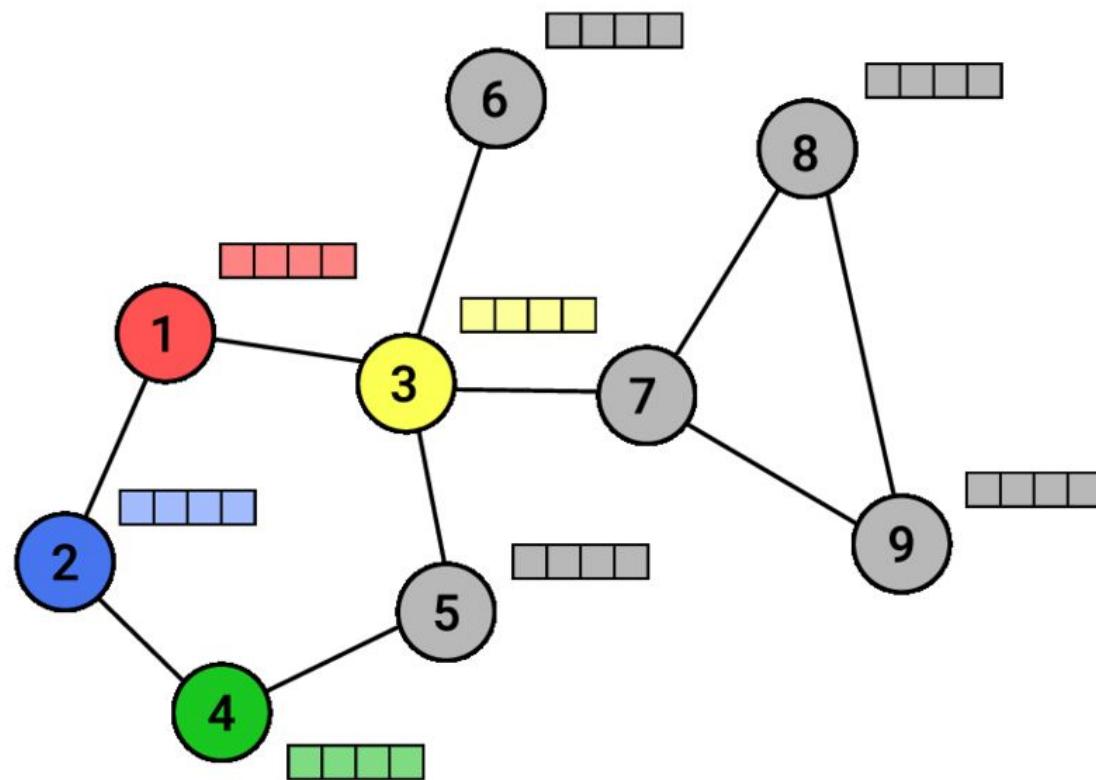


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- a set of **nodes**
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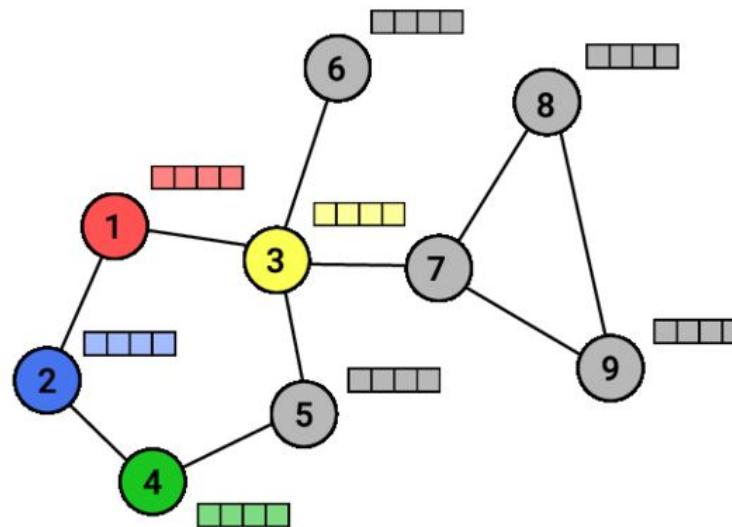
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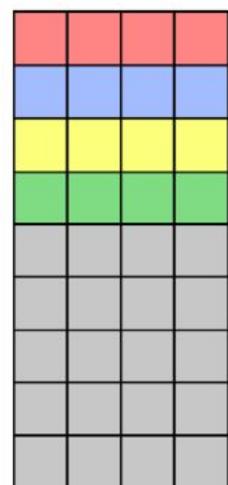
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Each node i is characterized by a set of features $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$

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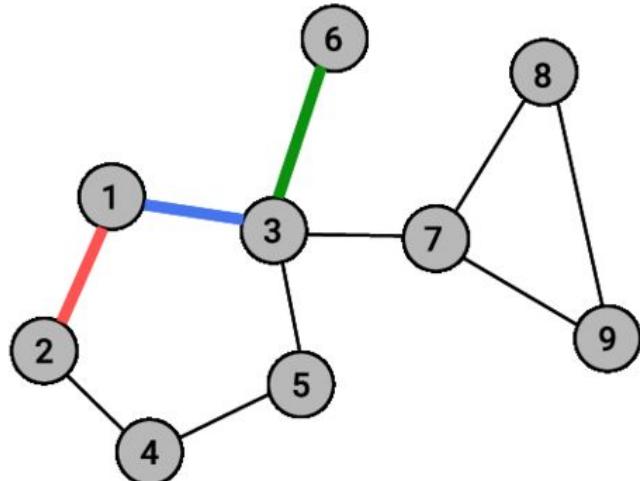


$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$$



- all the nodes $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$ are stacked into a matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$
- each row corresponds to a node $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$

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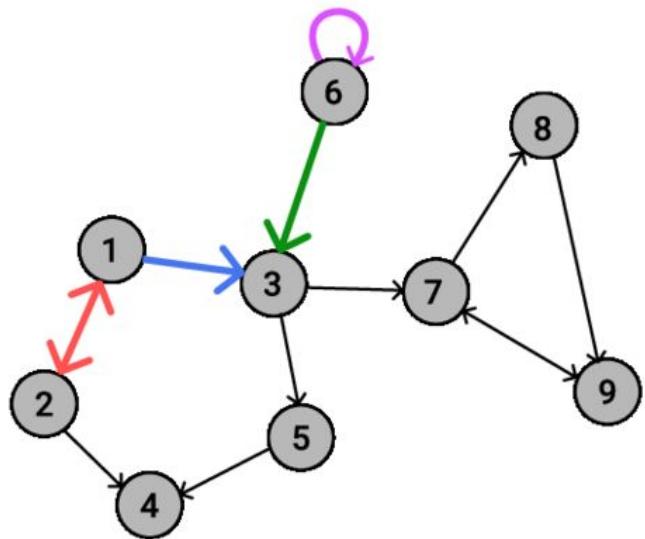


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- the edges \mathcal{E} could be represented by an adjacency matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$
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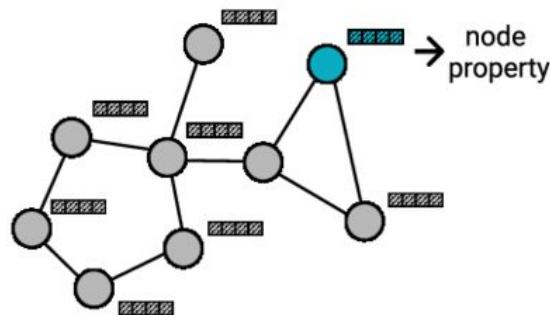
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- un-directed graph: adjacency matrix is symmetric
- directed graph: adjacency matrix is **not** symmetric
- $a_{ij} \neq 0$ if there is an edge **from j to i**
- a graph could contain *self-loops*

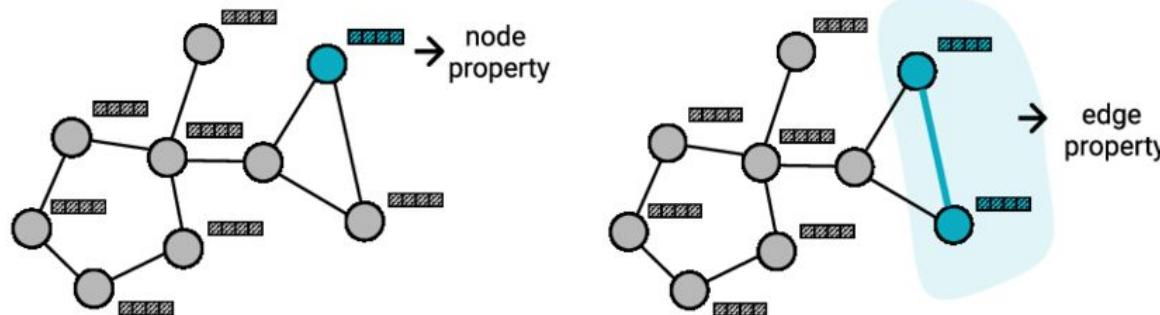
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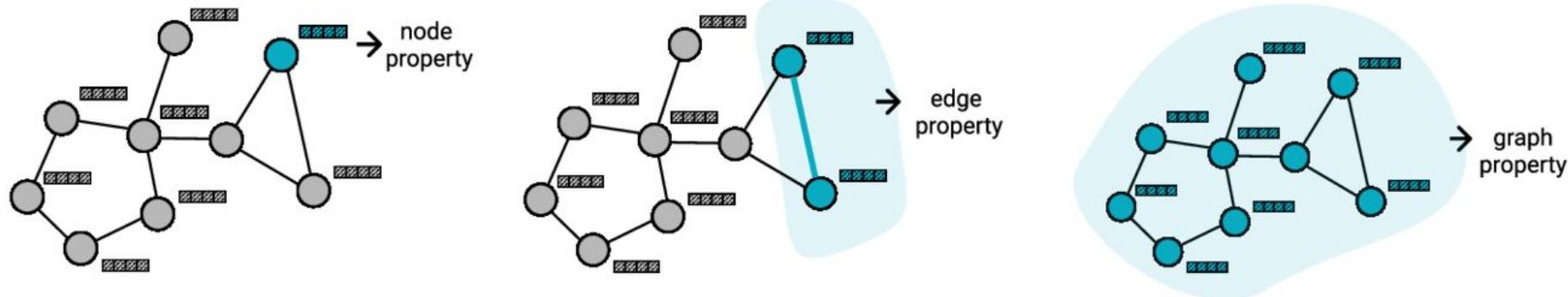
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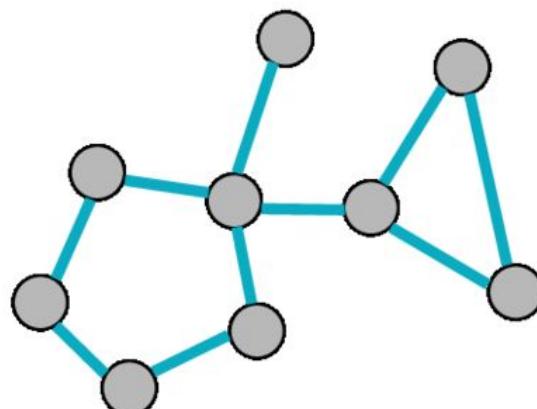
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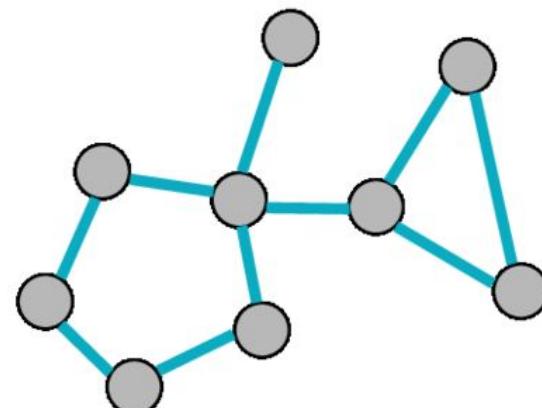
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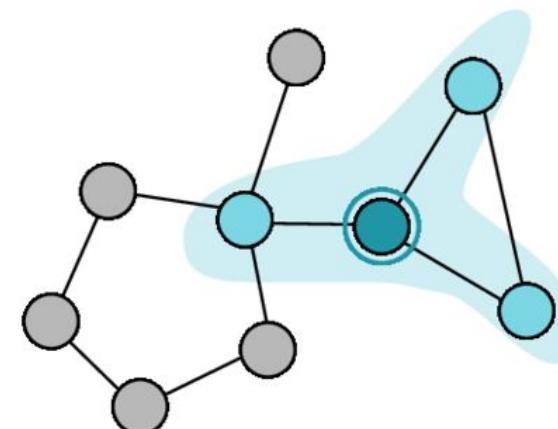
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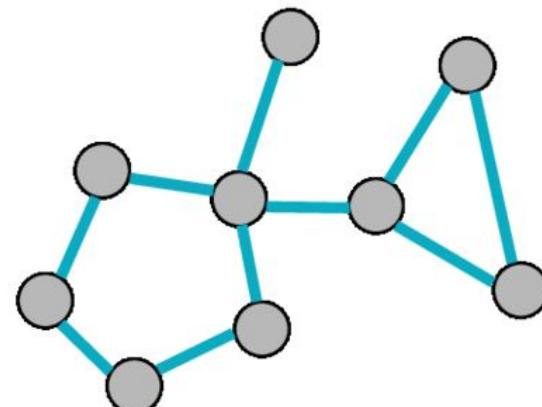
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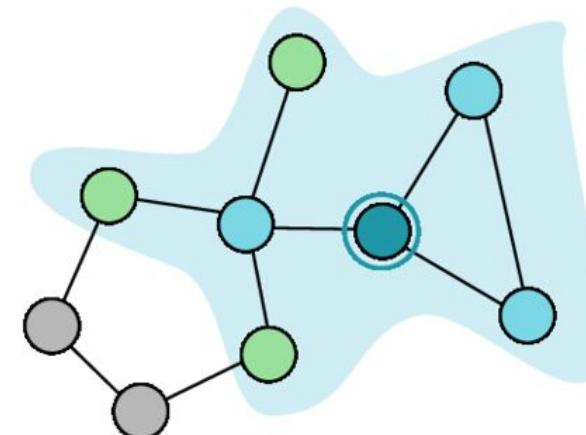
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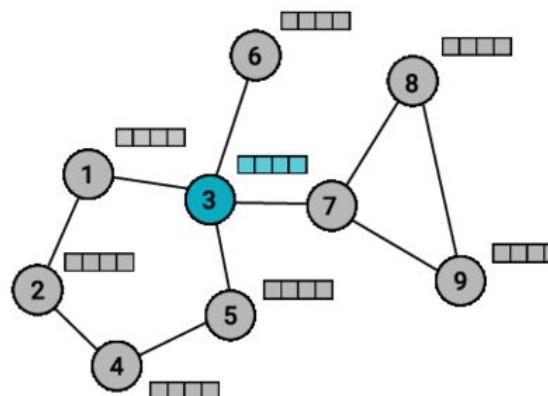
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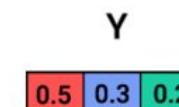
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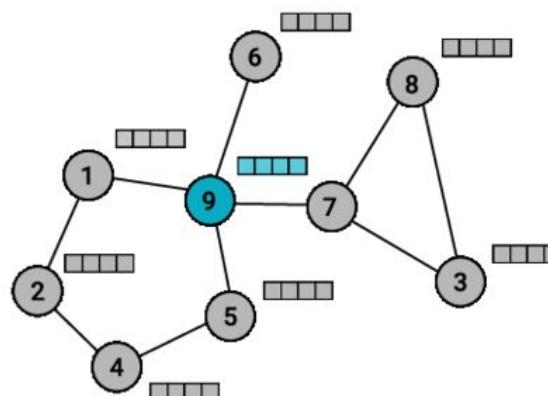
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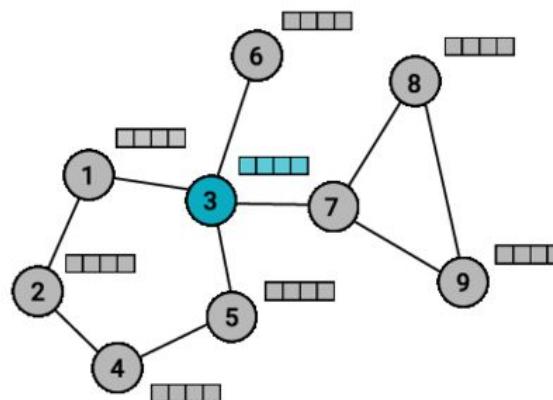
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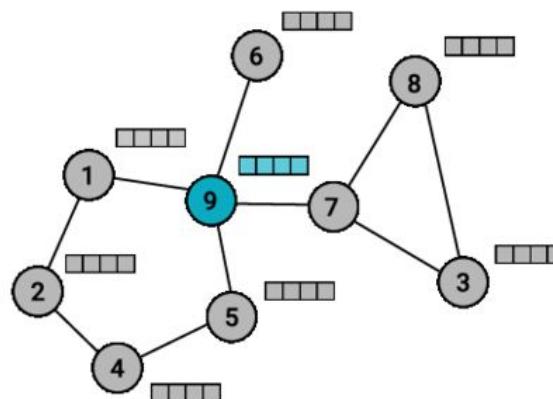
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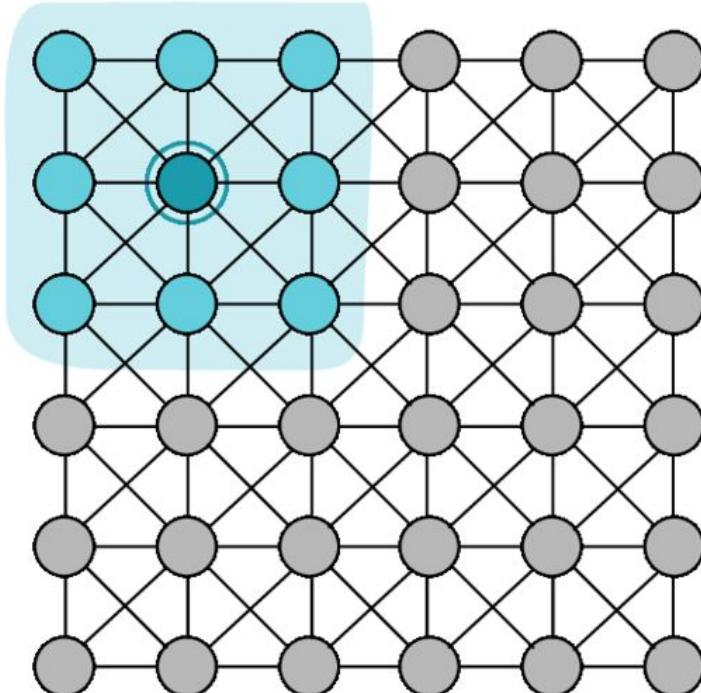
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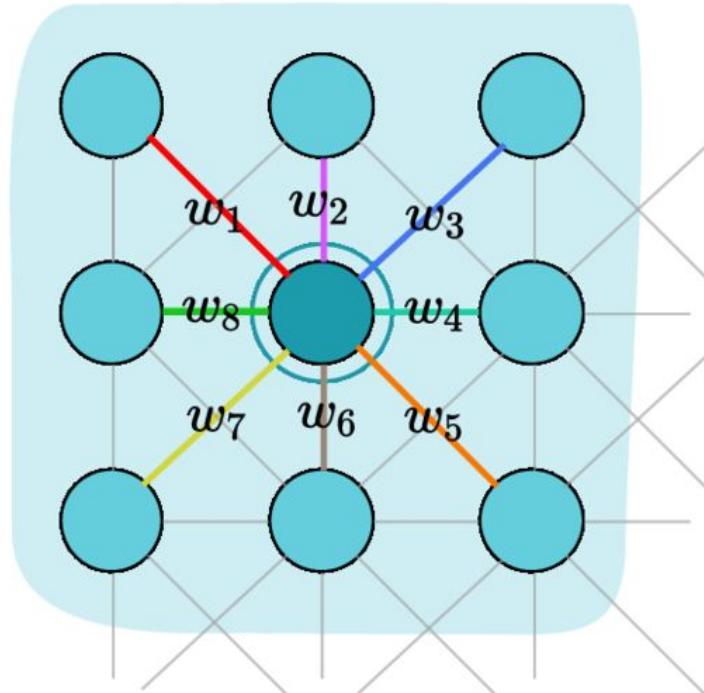
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Convolutional Network



- takes into account a **neighbourhood**
- the **structure is fixed**: a grid for 2D Conv or a sequence for 1D Conv
- the model is invariant to translations

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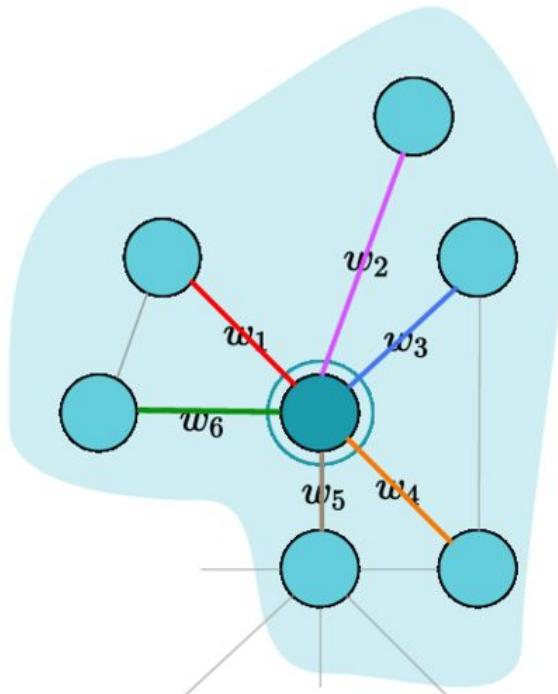
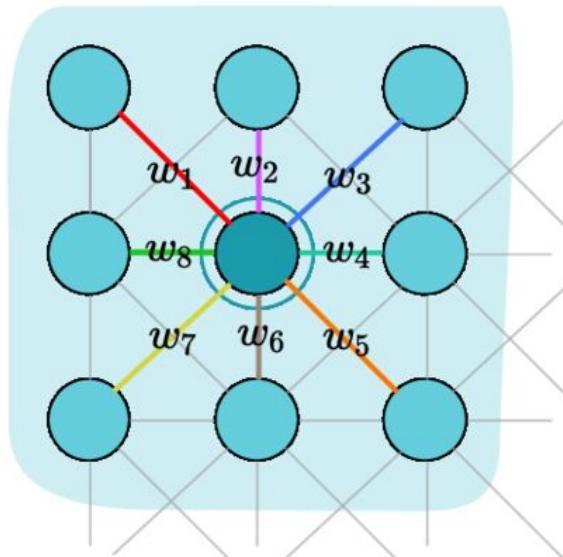
For a convolutional network the neighbourhood is

- **fixed**: for a $K \times K$ convolutional filter we combine exactly K^2 neighbours
- **ordered**: we can impose a canonical order among neighbours (left, right, up, down)

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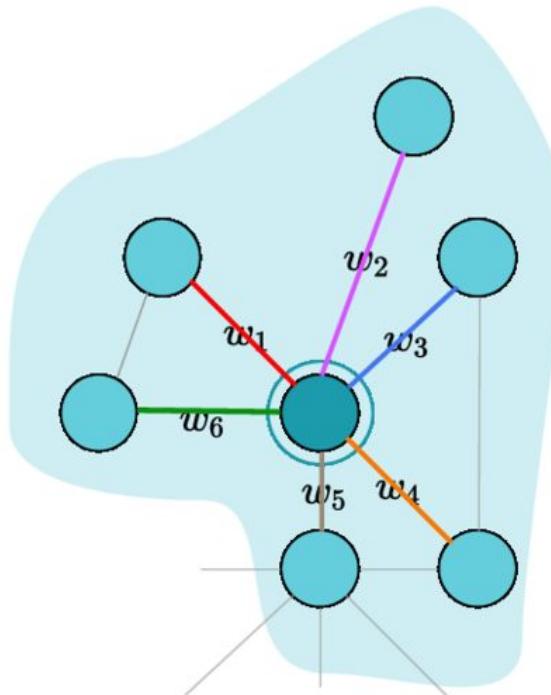
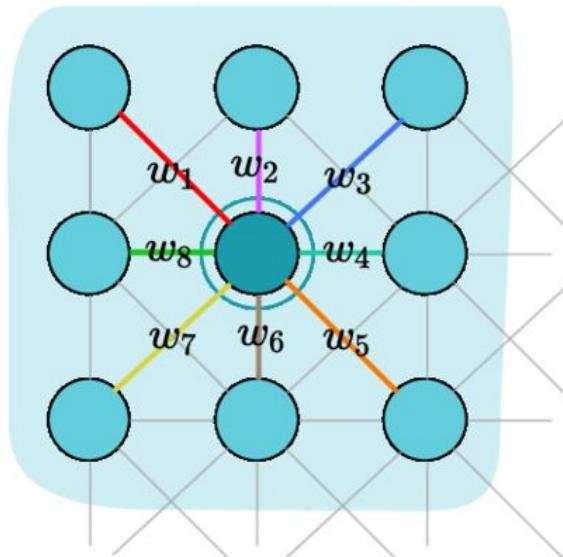


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- can't have variable number of weights
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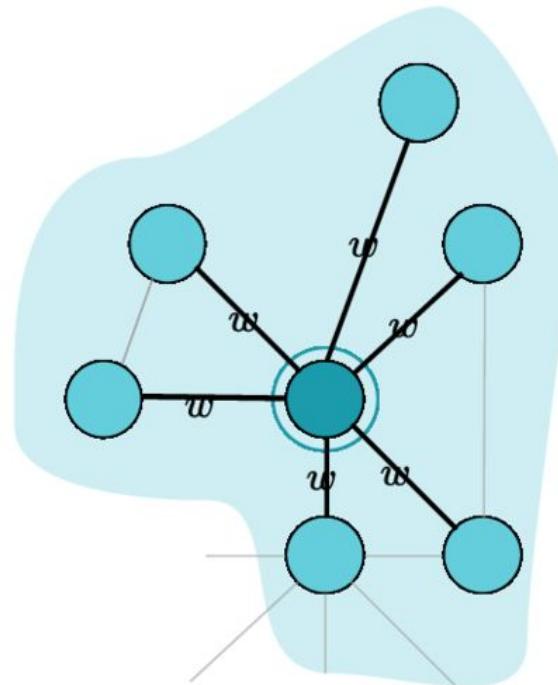
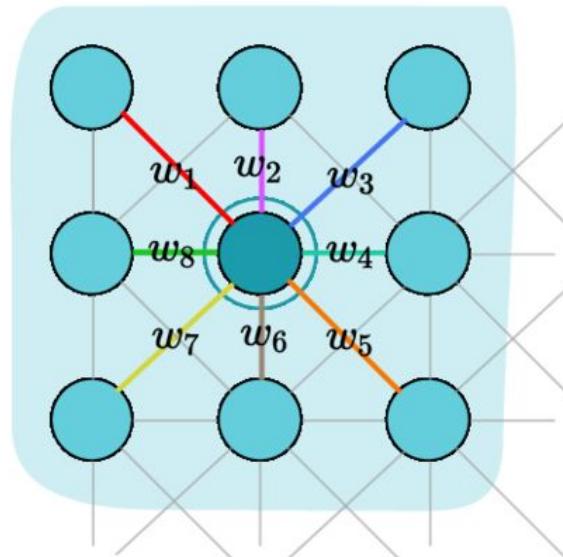


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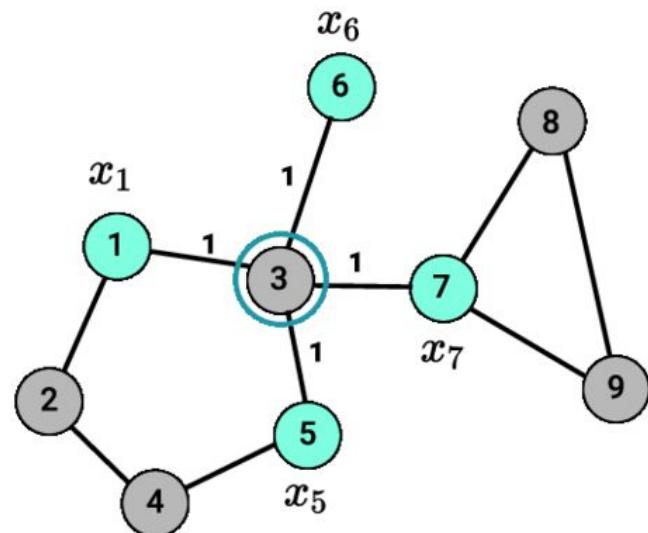
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- Solution: same w for all nodes



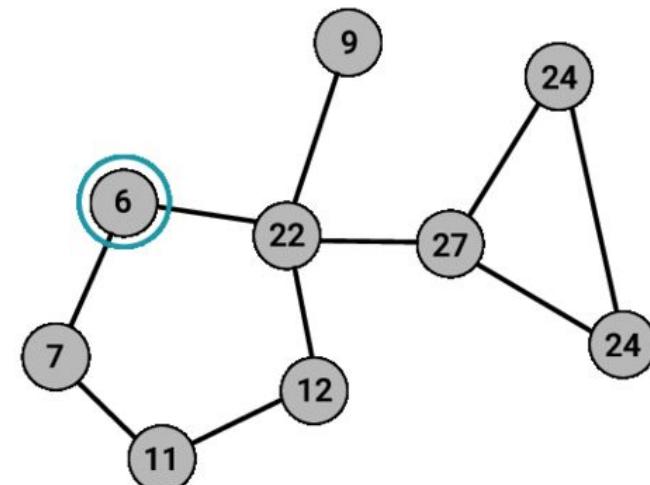
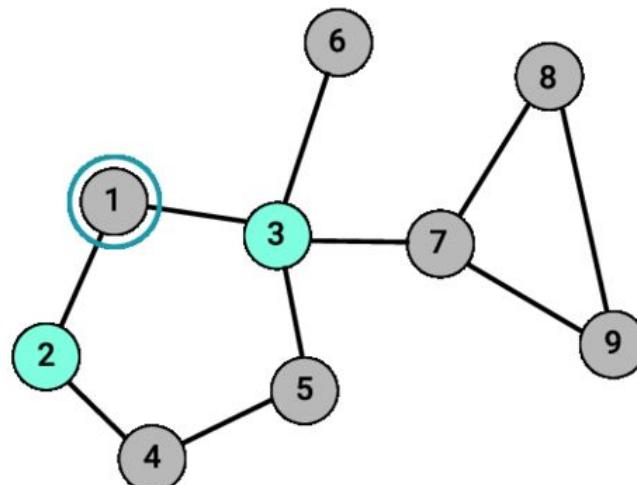
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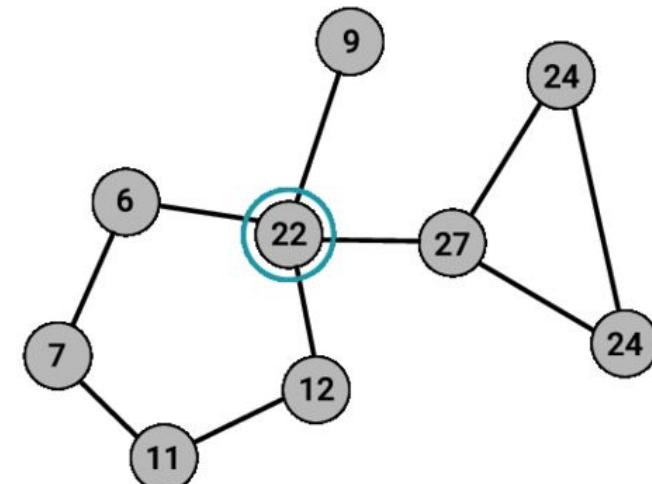
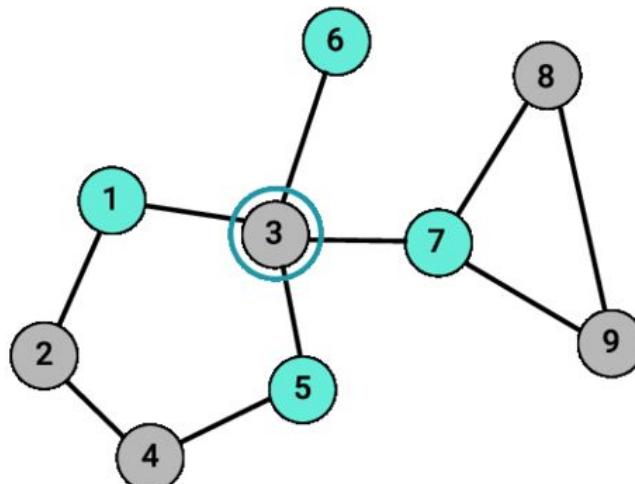
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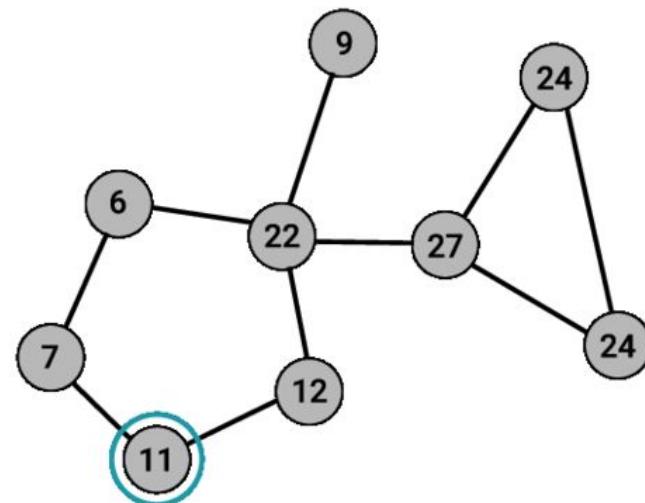
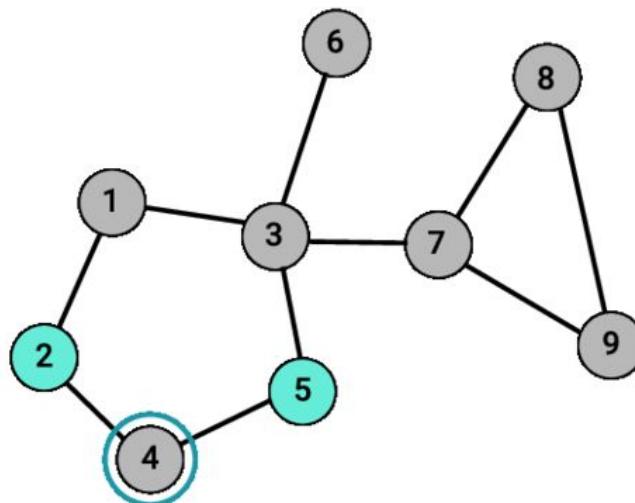
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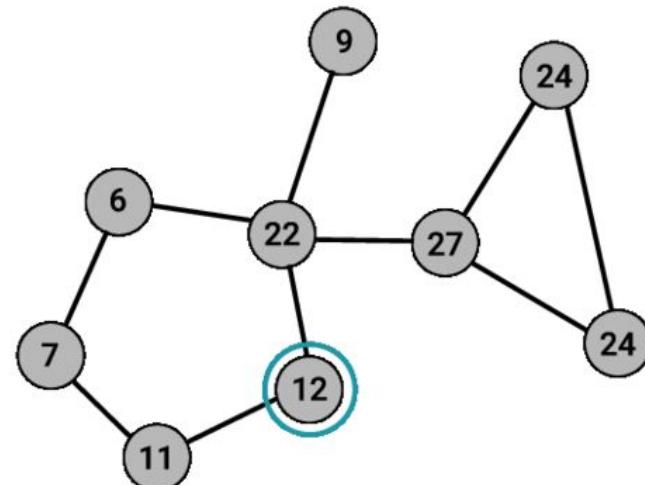
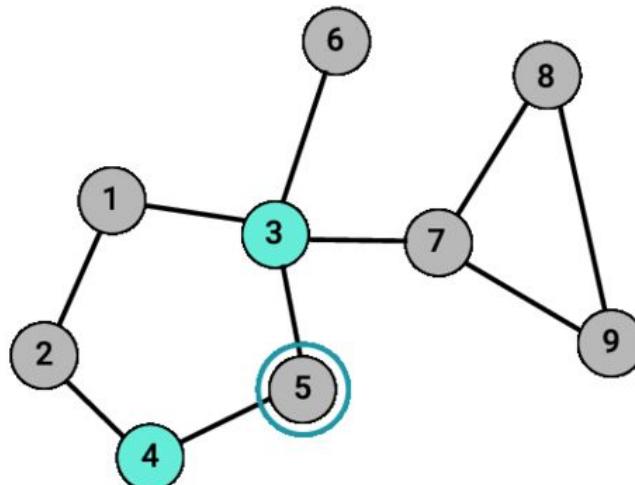
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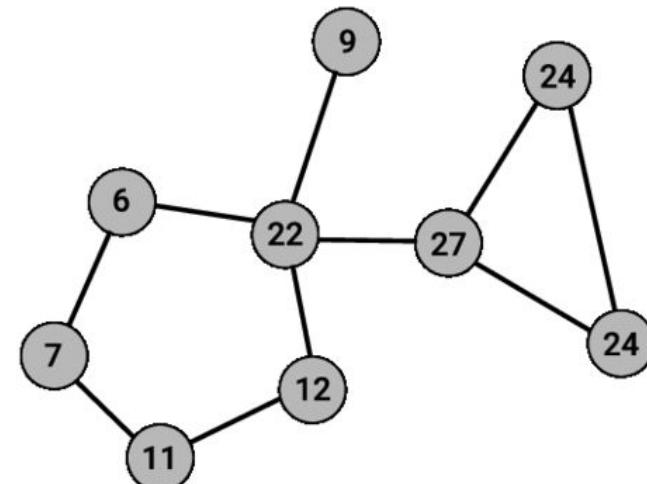
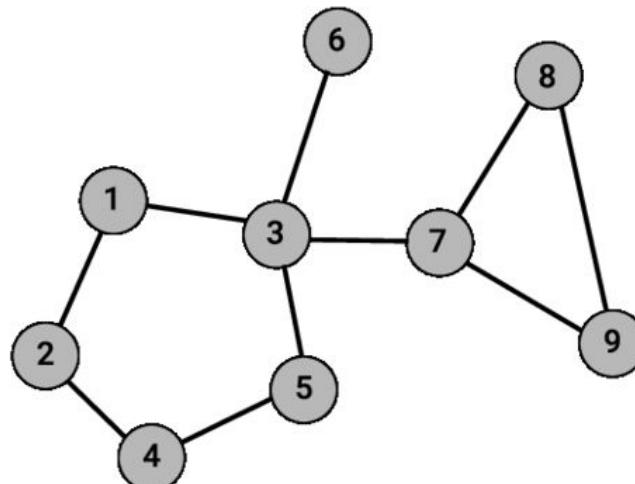
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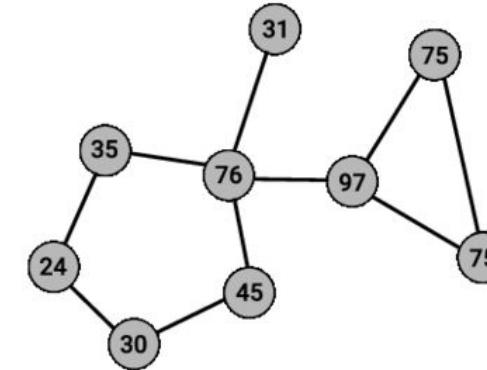
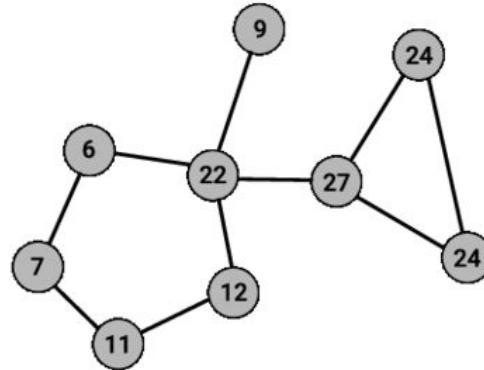
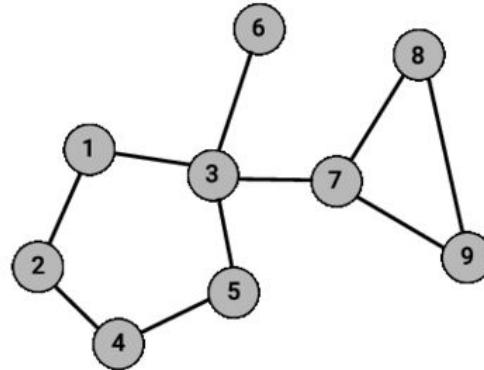
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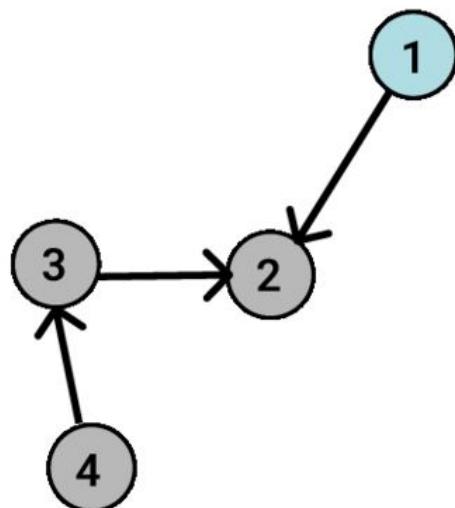
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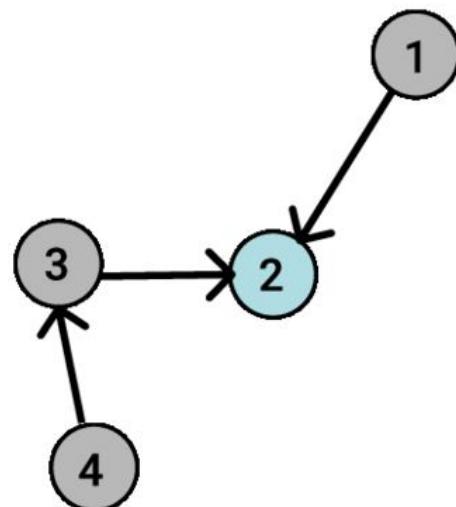
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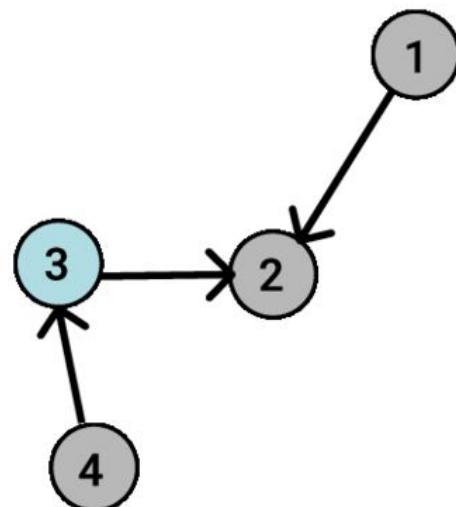
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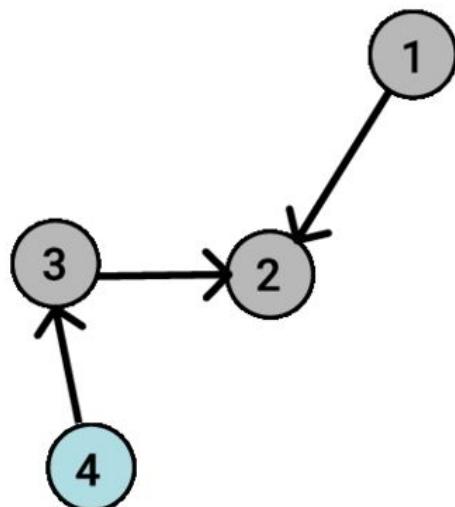
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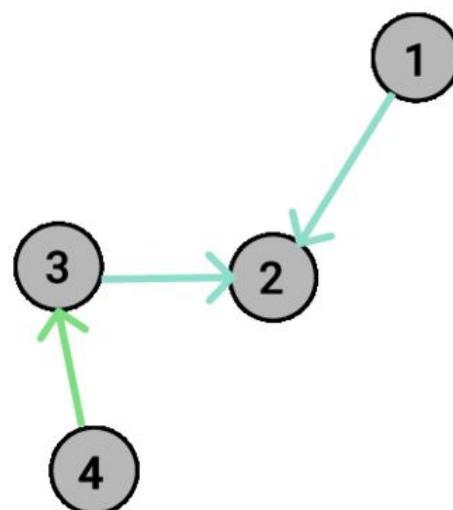
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Simplest Graph Propagation

$y_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} x_j$ Nodes could have high-dimensional representation $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$



$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

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0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0

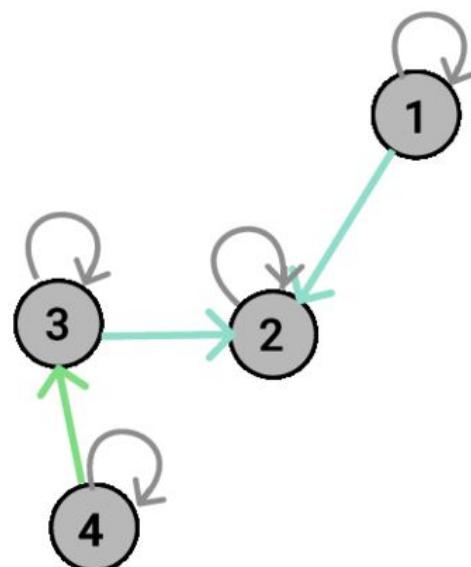
$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D} \quad Y \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$$

x_1	0
x_2	$x_1 + x_3$
x_3	x_4
x_4	0

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Simplest Graph Propagation

$y_i = x_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} x_j$ We should take into account also the current node - self-loops.



$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

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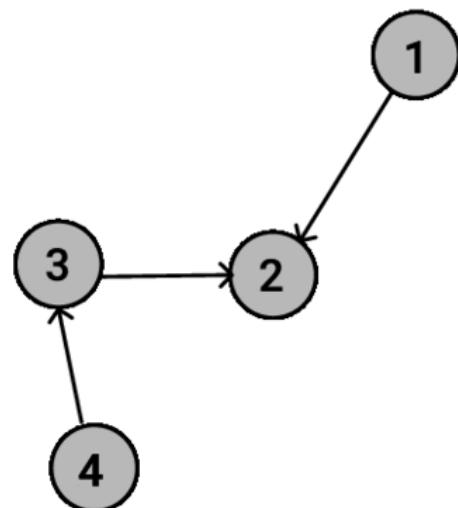
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Simplest Graph Propagation

To combine more complex representations:

$$y_i = x_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} x_j \quad \rightarrow \quad y_i = x_i W + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} x_j W$$

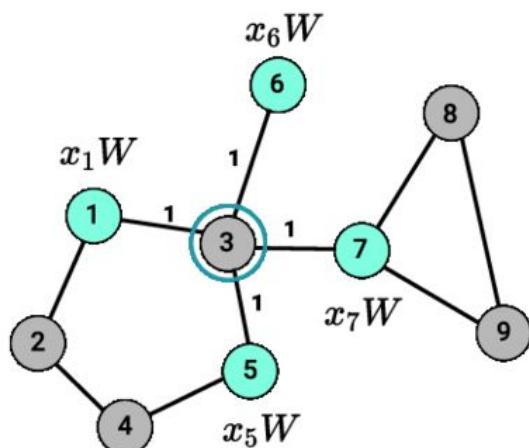


$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D} \quad W \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times C} \quad Y \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times C}$$
$$\begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{[empty box]} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} x_1 W \\ x_2 W \\ x_3 W \\ x_4 W \end{matrix}$$

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The operations performed in the graph could be rewritten as:

$$Y = AXW$$

Iteratively, for more layers:

$$Y = A\sigma(AXW_1)W_2$$

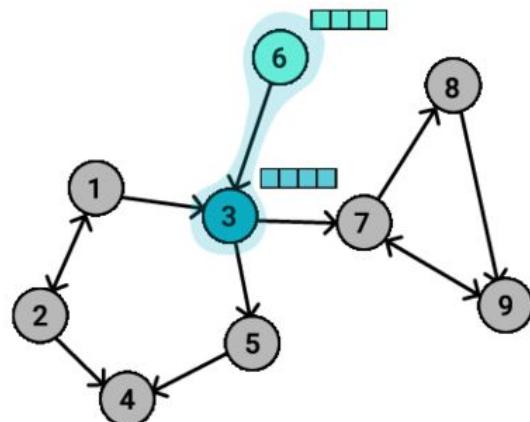
$$Y = A\sigma \dots A\sigma(AXW_1)W_2 \dots W_n$$

GNNs: Message Passing Framework - Send

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Send Function

- for each pair of 2 connected nodes, create a **message**



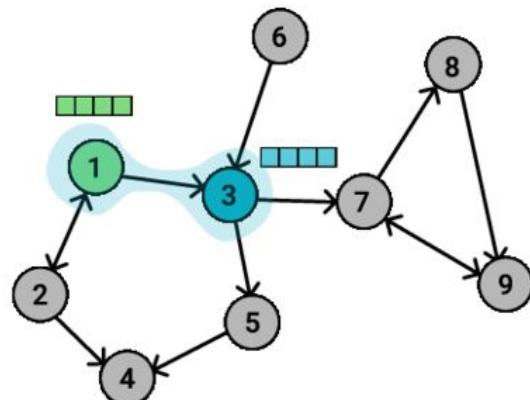
$$m_{ij} = f_{msg}(x_i, x_j) \in \mathbb{R}^C \quad \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$$

$$m_{3,6} = f_{msg}(\text{[teal box]}, \text{[teal box]})$$

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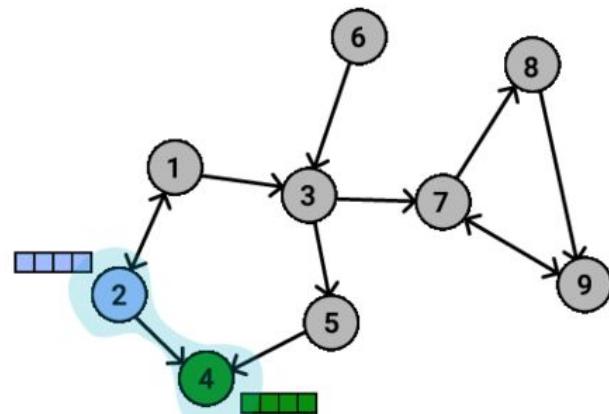
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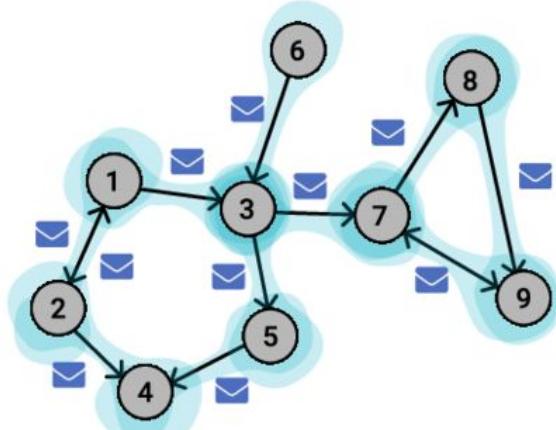
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$$m_{4,2} = f_{msg}(\text{green bar}, \text{blue bar})$$

GNNs: Message Passing Framework - Send

- f_{msg} is a learnable function (e.g. an MLP)
- its parameters are shared between each pair of nodes



Learnable function

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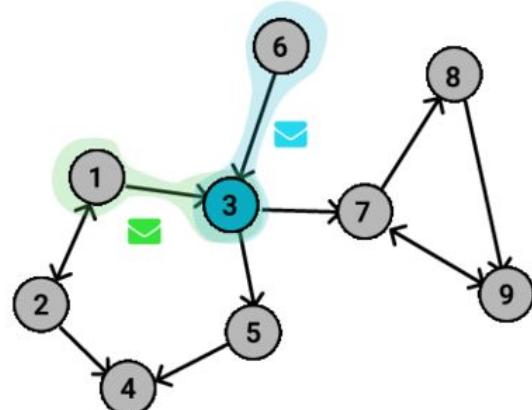
$$m_{4,2} = f_{msg}(\text{[green box]}, \text{[blue box]})$$

Same parameters

GNNs: Message Passing Framework - Aggregation

Aggregation Function

For each node i , **aggregate** the incoming messages from all its neighbours.

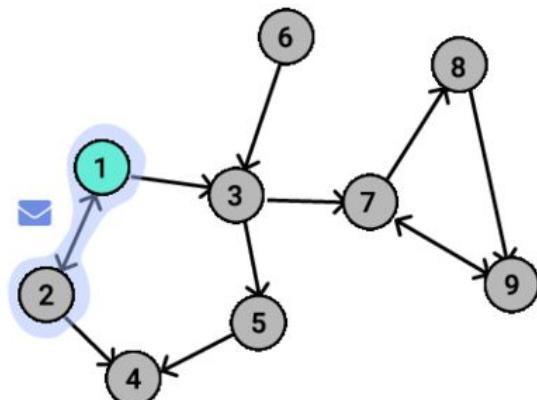


$$h_i = f_{agg}(\{m_{ij} \mid \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i\})$$

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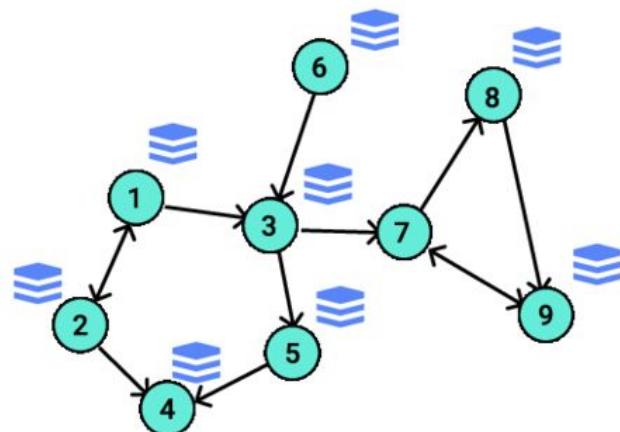


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$$\begin{aligned}h_3 &= f_{agg}(\{\text{green envelope}, \text{blue envelope}\}) \\h_1 &= f_{agg}(\{\text{blue envelope}\})\end{aligned}$$

GNNs: Message Passing Framework - Aggregation

- aggregate incoming messages with the function f_{agg} :
eg. sum, mean, max, min
- it should be **invariant to the order** of the nodes and
should **allow a variable number** of messages



operator
$$h_i = \overbrace{f_{agg}}^{\text{operator}} (\{m_{ij} | \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i\}) \in \mathbb{R}^C$$

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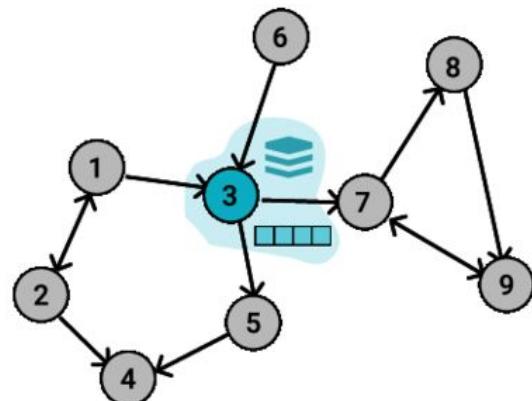
$$h_1 = f_{agg}(\{ \text{✉} \})$$

GNNs: Message Passing Framework - Update

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Update Function

For each node i , **update** its representation using the aggregated message.

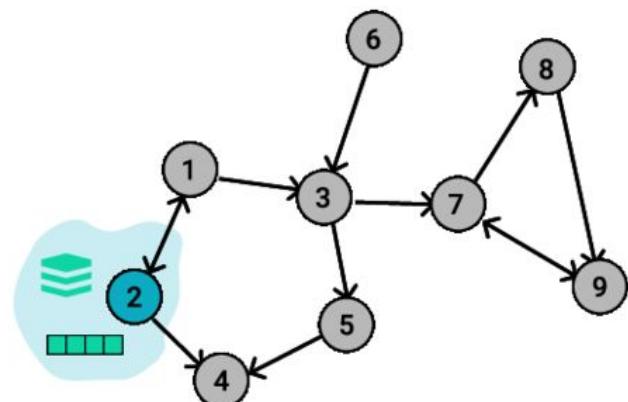


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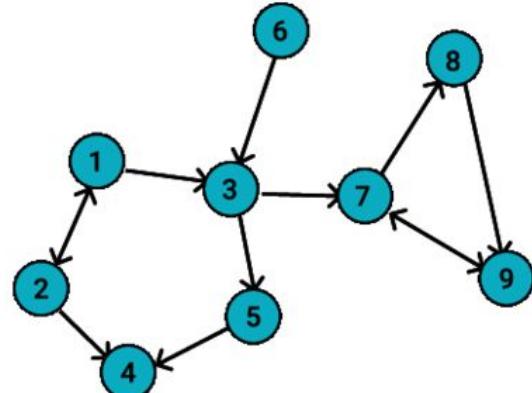
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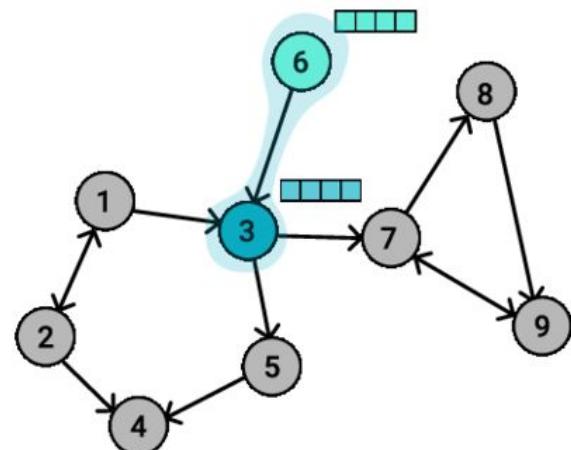
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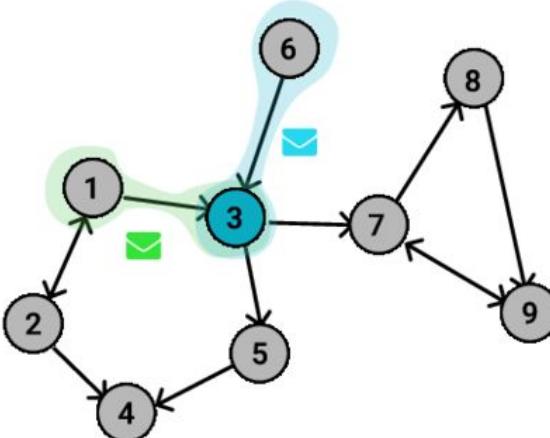
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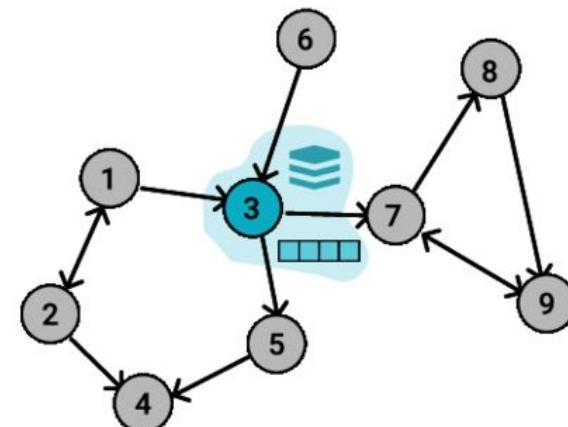
2. Aggregate

$$H_i = f_{agg}(\{m_{ij} | \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i\})$$



3. Update

$$\tilde{x}_i = f_{upd}(x_i, H_i)$$



General GNN framework

$$f_{upd}\{x_i, f_{agg}\{f_{msg}(x_i, x_j) \mid \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i\}\}$$

Depending on how the 3 functions are instantiated, different architectures could be obtained:

Convolutional GNNs

$$f_{upd}(x_i, \bigoplus_{\forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \{\phi(x_j)\})$$

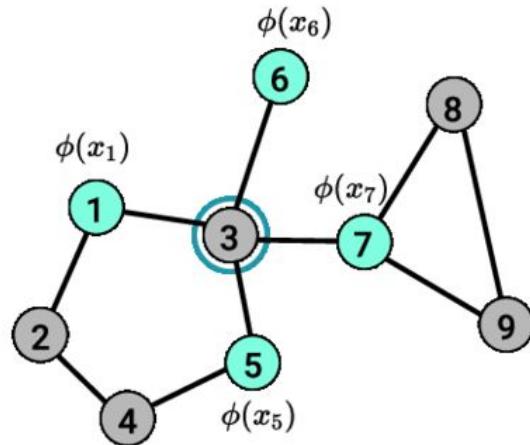
Attention GNNs

$$f_{upd}(x_i, \bigoplus_{\forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \{\alpha(x_i, x_j)\phi(x_j)\})$$

Message Passing

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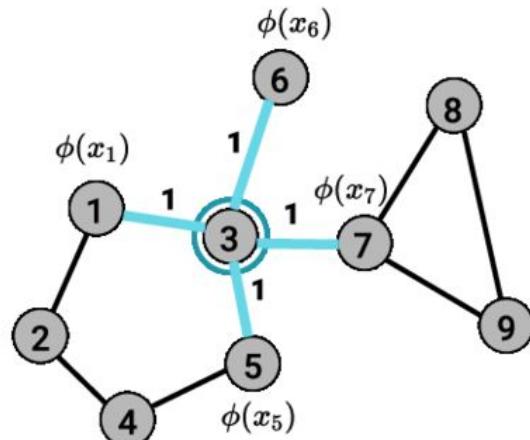
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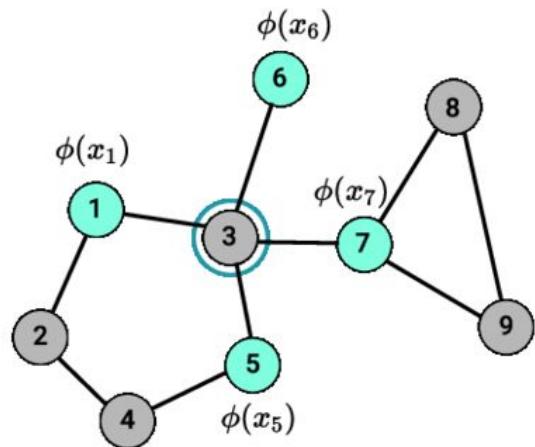


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- messages depend only on the source nodes
- aggregation function is implemented as a sum/mean operation
- aggregation could be normalized according to the nodes' degree: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{deg(i)deg(j)}}$

Matrix form: $Y = \sigma(\tilde{A}XW)$

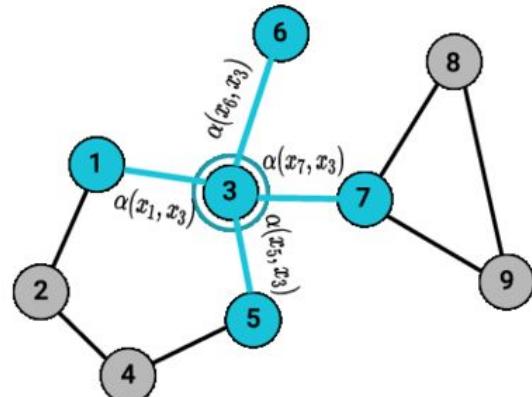
Graph Attention Network



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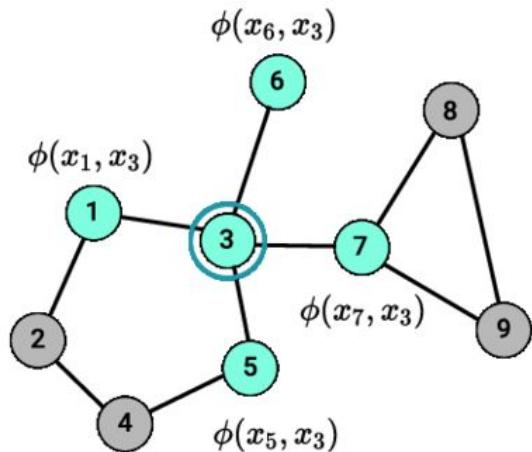
- messages depend only on the source nodes
- aggregation function is based on attention mechanism

GAT: $\alpha(x_i, x_j) \propto \text{ReLU}(a[x_i W_1, x_j W_2]^T) \in \mathbb{R}$

Self-Attention: $\alpha(x_i, x_j) \propto x_i W_1 (x_j W_2)^T \in \mathbb{R}$

- the model is able to learn the desired structure

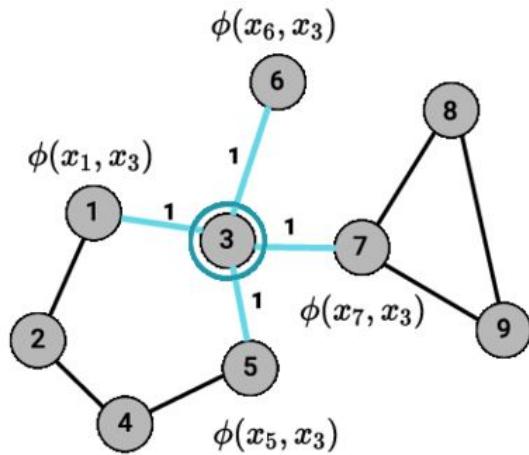
Message Passing Neural Network



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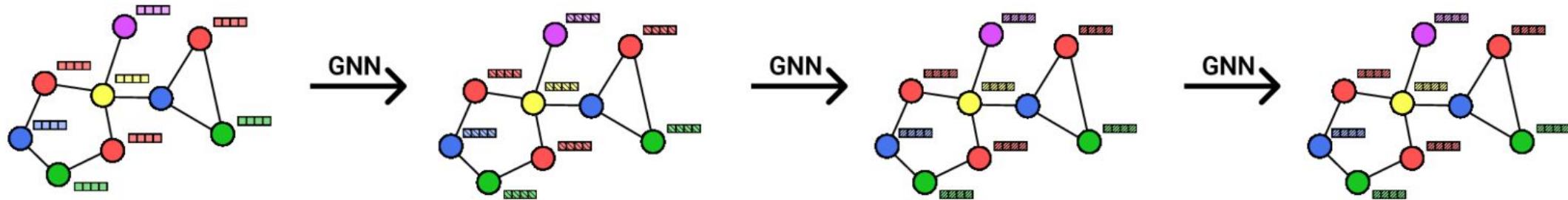


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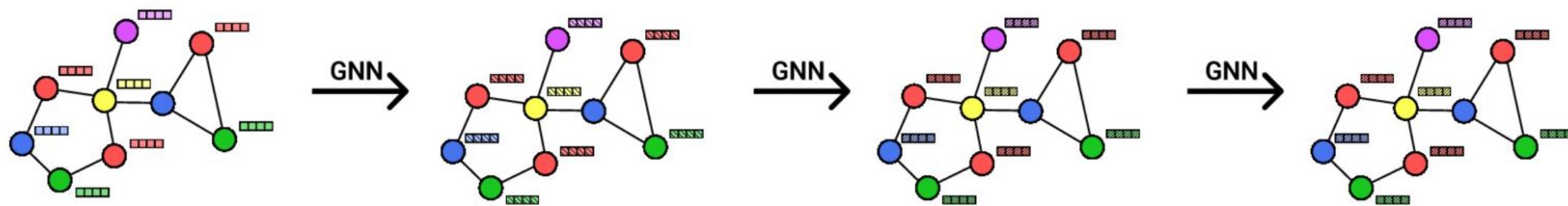
Multiple Layers

- for a more powerful representation, we can stack multiple layers

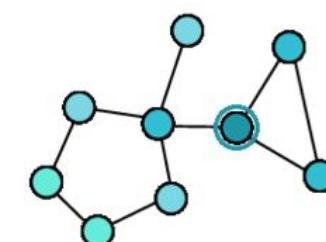
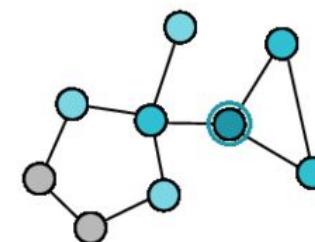
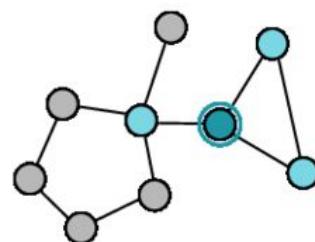
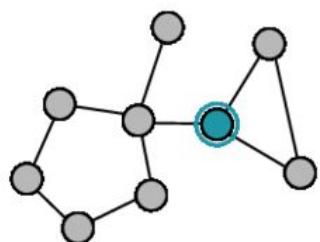


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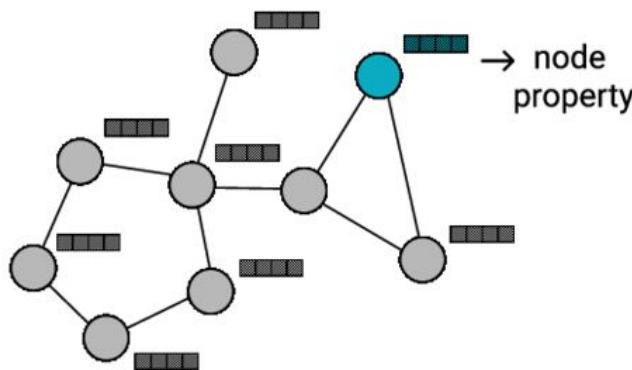
- for a more powerful representation, we can stack multiple layers
- each layer increases the receptive field of each node



RECEPTIVE FIELD:



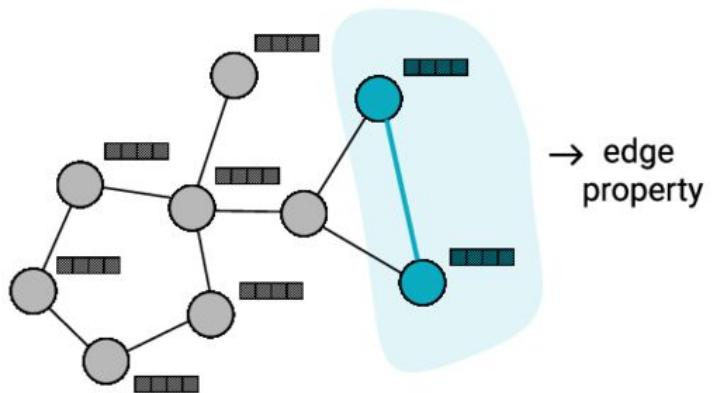
Graph Output - Node Level



- predict an output y_i from each node
$$y_i = f_{output}(\tilde{x}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^K$$
- the loss function is applied for each node in the graph

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \mathcal{L}_i(y_i, l_i)$$

Graph Output - Edge Level



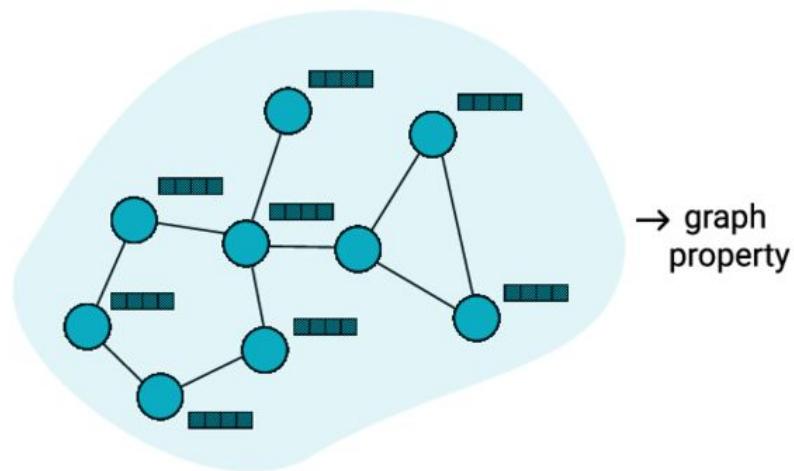
- predict an output y_{ij} from each pair of nodes

$$y_{ij} = f_{output}(\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{x}_j) \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

- the loss function is applied for each edge in the graph

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} \mathcal{L}_i(y_{ij}, l_{ij})$$

Graph Output - Graph Level



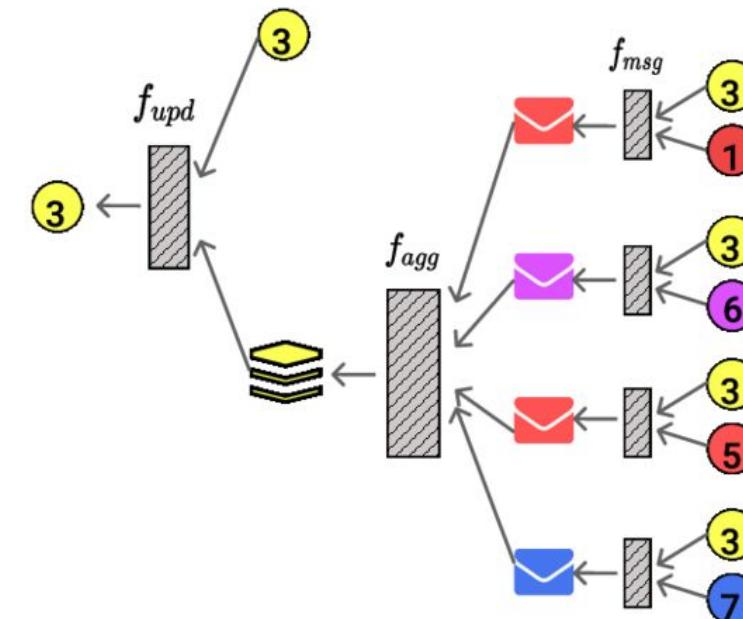
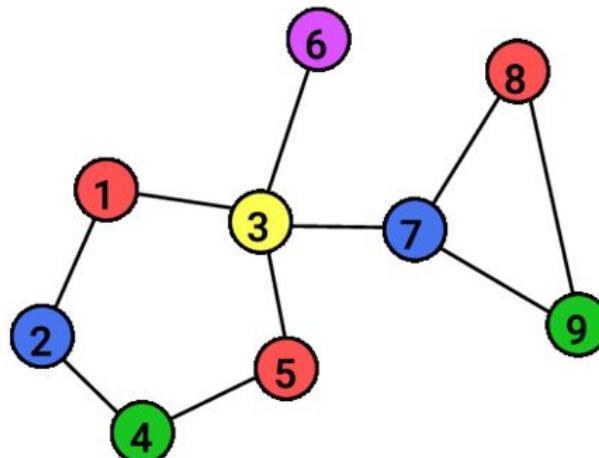
- predict a single output y for the whole graph

$$y = f_{readout}(\{\tilde{x}_i | \forall i \in \mathcal{V}\}) \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

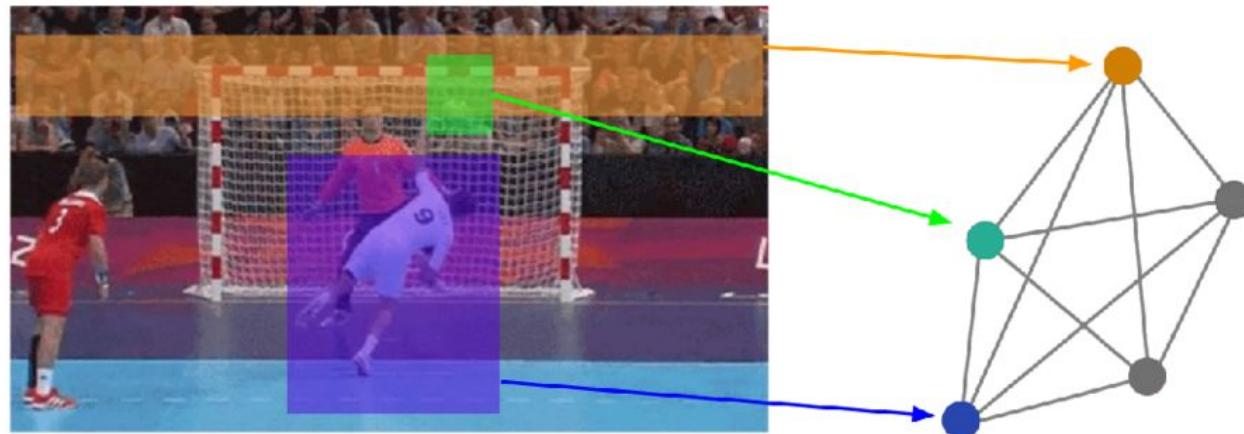
- $f_{readout}$ could be a simple order-invariant aggregator (e.g. sum, mean), or more complex graph pooling mechanisms
- the loss function is applied for each graph in the dataset

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_i(y, l)$$

- the output of a GNN for a node i is obtained by applying a **sequence of operations** on the initial nodes
- all the operations along the sequence should be **differentiable**



GNNs applied in Vision



General Framework:

- Create Nodes
- Create Relations
- GNN Processing

GNNs applied in Vision



What could be a node in an image?

- fixed points / patches
- object detectors
- predicted region

GNN Application - Object detectors Approach

Bitdefender



Pros:

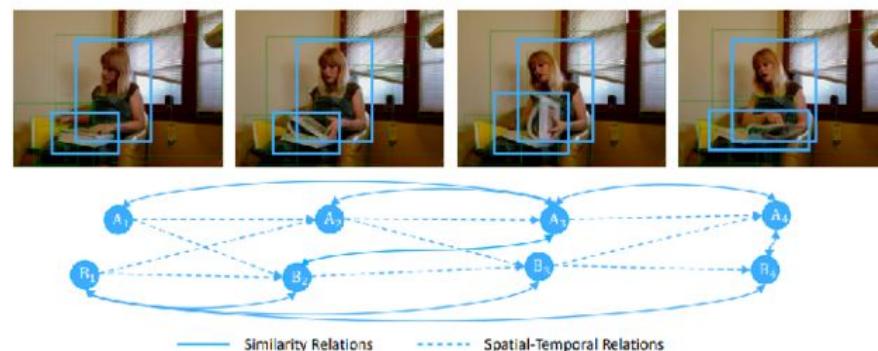
- most interactions in a scene involve objects
- offers some degree of interpretability

Cons:

- rigid regarding what types of interaction you can model
- expensive in terms of annotations

GNN Application - Object detectors Approach

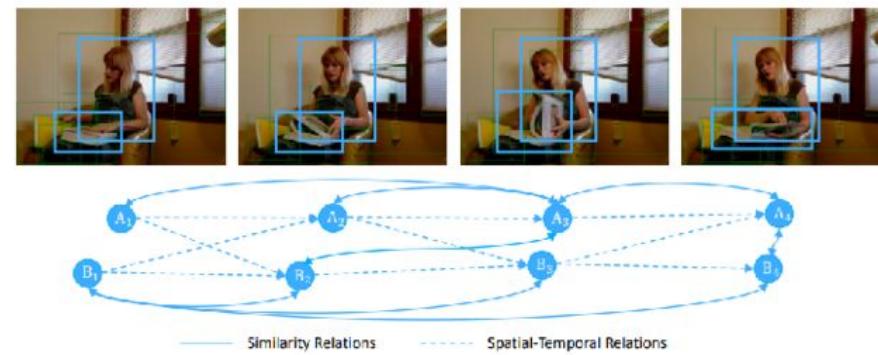
[3] Wang and Gupta. Videos as space-time region graphs. ECCV2018



Graph structure:

- nodes are extracted using a pre-trained object detector
- two types of graphs could be built:
 1. *similarity graph*: edges between all the nodes, regardless of the time step
 2. *spatial graph*: for two time steps $(t, t + 1)$ draw an edge if $IoU > \text{threshold}$. Similar for $(t, t - 1)$ pairs.

GNN Application - Object detectors Approach



Graph model:

- a GCN (AXW) is applied for each type of graph structure and the results are fused.
- to obtain a representation at the graph level (for the whole video) we aggregate all the nodes in the graph.

GNN Application - Patches Approach

Bitdefender



Pros:

- simple way to encode a locality bias
- easy to use, no need for external modules

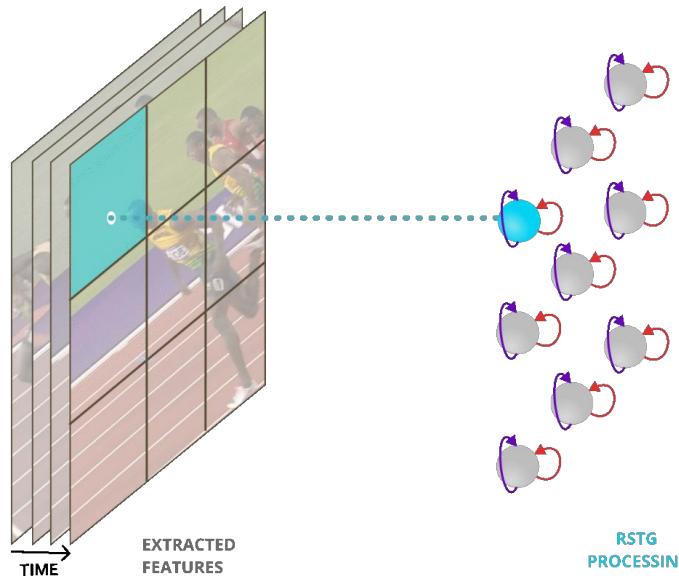
Cons:

- trade-off computation efficiency vs fine grained relations
- the captured interactions are not as interpretable

GNN Application - Patches Approach

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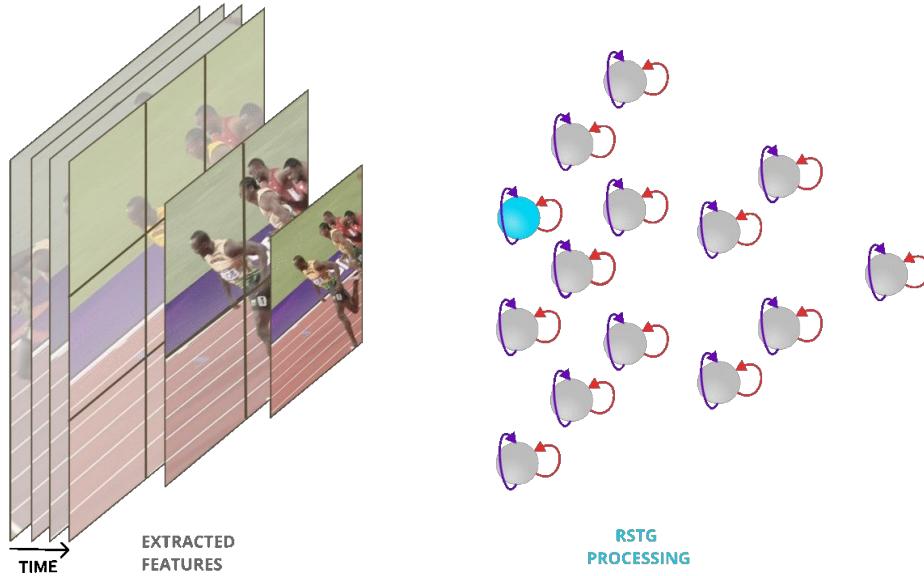
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Graph model:

- **Send:** messages represent pairwise spatial interactions

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{send}}(\mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_i) = \text{MLP}_s([\mathbf{v}_j | \mathbf{v}_i])$$

- **Gather:** aggregate received messages by an attention mechanism

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{gather}}(\mathbf{v}_i) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \alpha(\mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_i) \mathbf{f}_{\text{send}}(\mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{v}_i)$$

- **Update:** incorporate global context into each local information

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{space}}(\mathbf{v}_i) = \text{MLP}_u([\mathbf{v}_i | \mathbf{f}_{\text{gather}}(\mathbf{v}_i)])$$

Graph model:

- across time, each node updates its spatial information using a recurrent function

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{h}_i^{t,k}}_{time} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{time}}(\underbrace{\mathbf{v}_i^k}_{space}, \underbrace{\mathbf{h}_i^{t-1,k}}_{time})$$

GNN Application - Predicted Nodes Approach

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Pros:

- adapt the type of entities to the current task/scene
- don't need object-level supervision/external modules

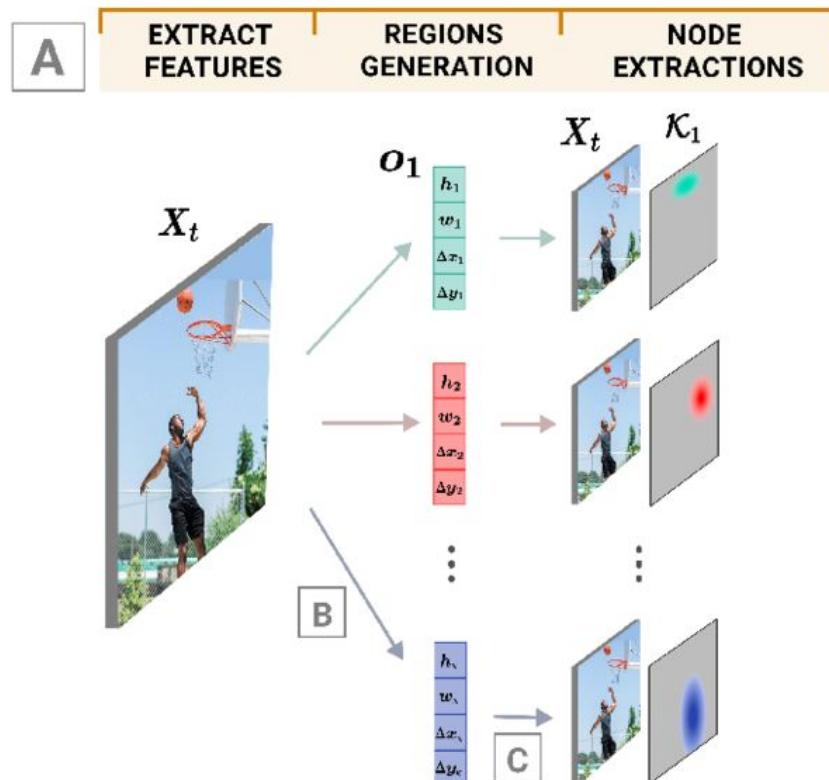
Cons:

- add complexity to the model

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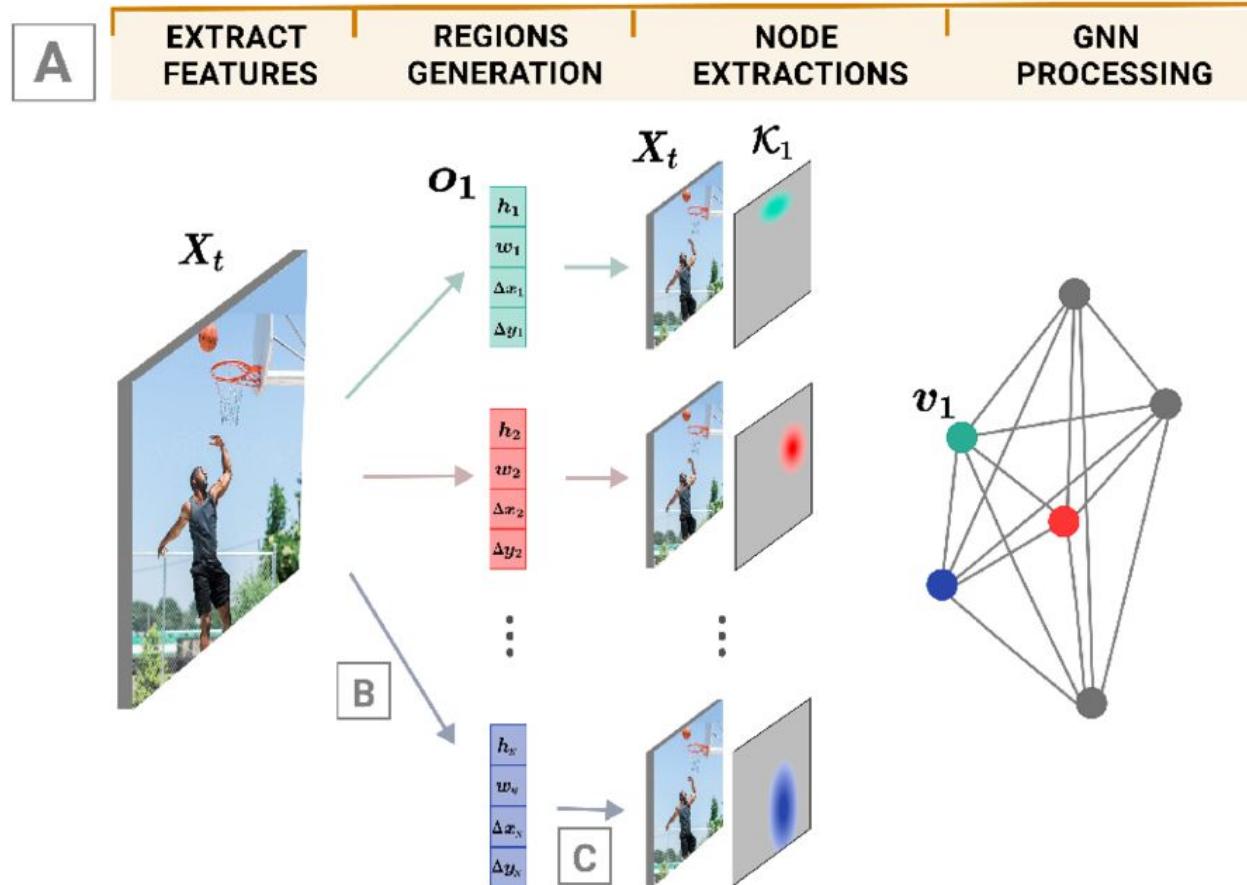
Graph structure:

- dynamically produce $N = 9$ regions defined by their location ($\Delta x, \Delta y$) and size (w, h)
- extract features from each region using a differentiable pooling

$$k(\Delta x_i, w_i, p_x) = \max(0, w_i - |c_{i,x} + \Delta x_i - p_x|)$$

- train whole model from the video classification loss

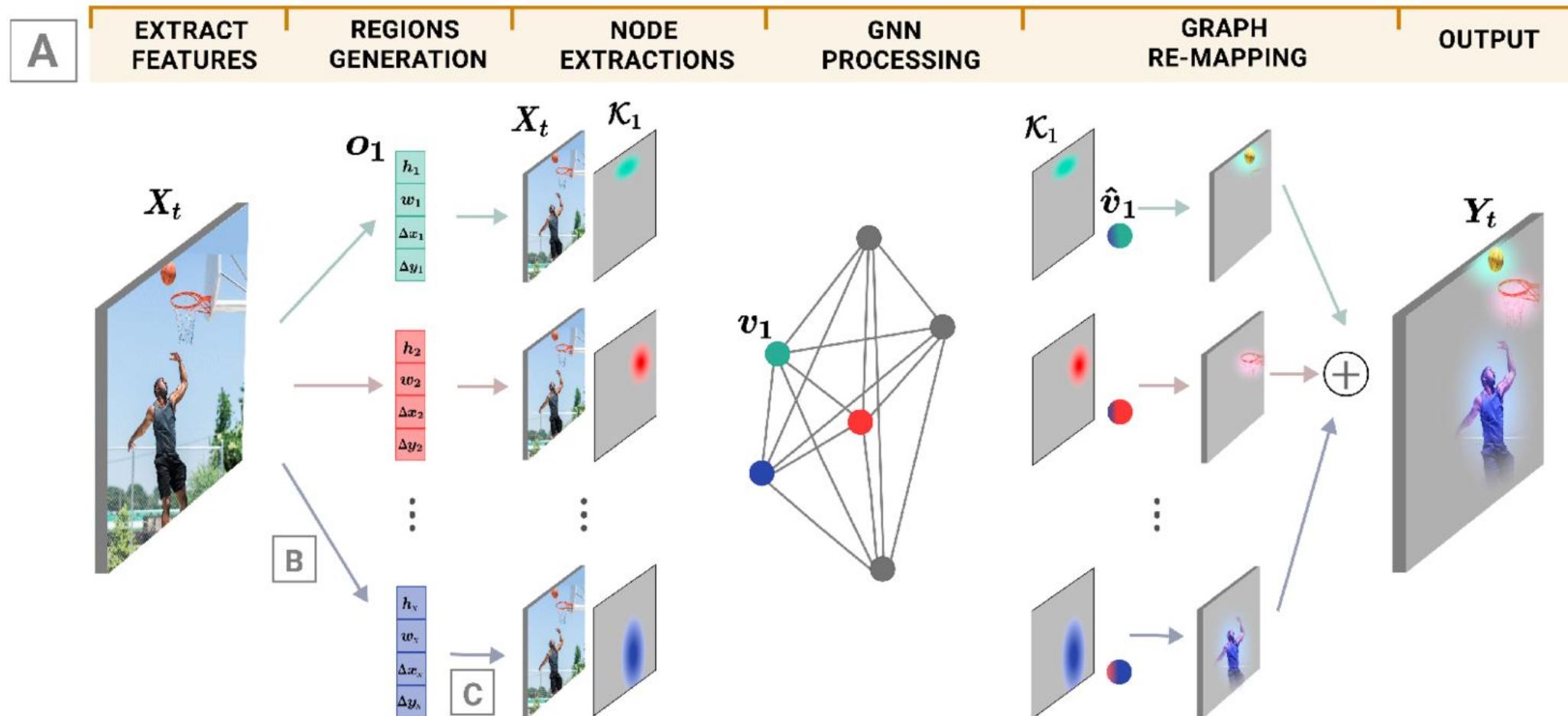
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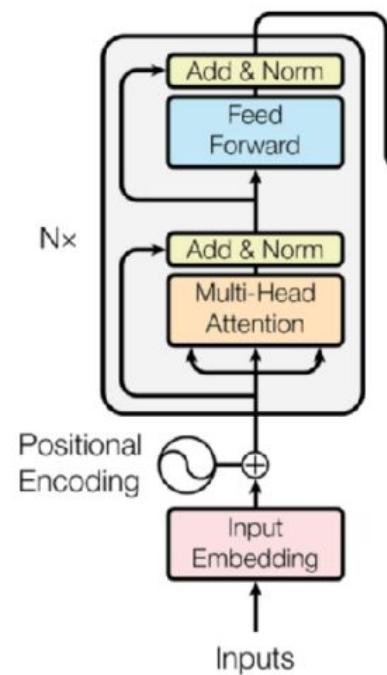
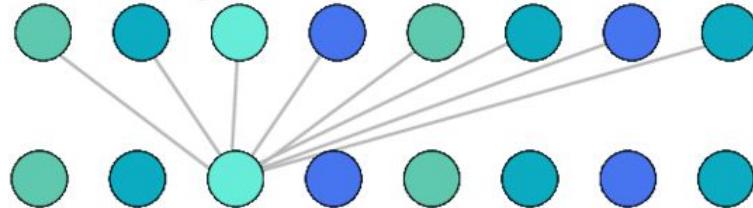
- spatio-temporal graph processing similar to RSTG

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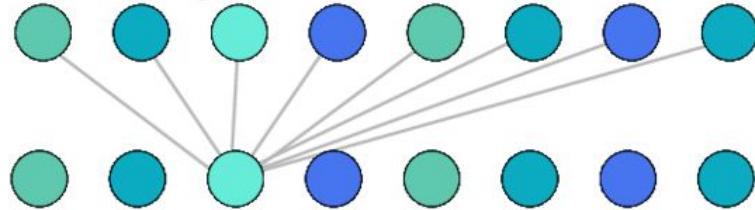


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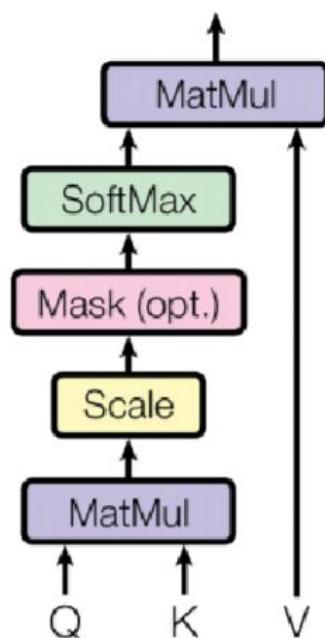
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Scaled Dot-Product Attention



Self - Attention

- Process a sequence in multiple layers
- Each element attends to all other elements in the previous layer

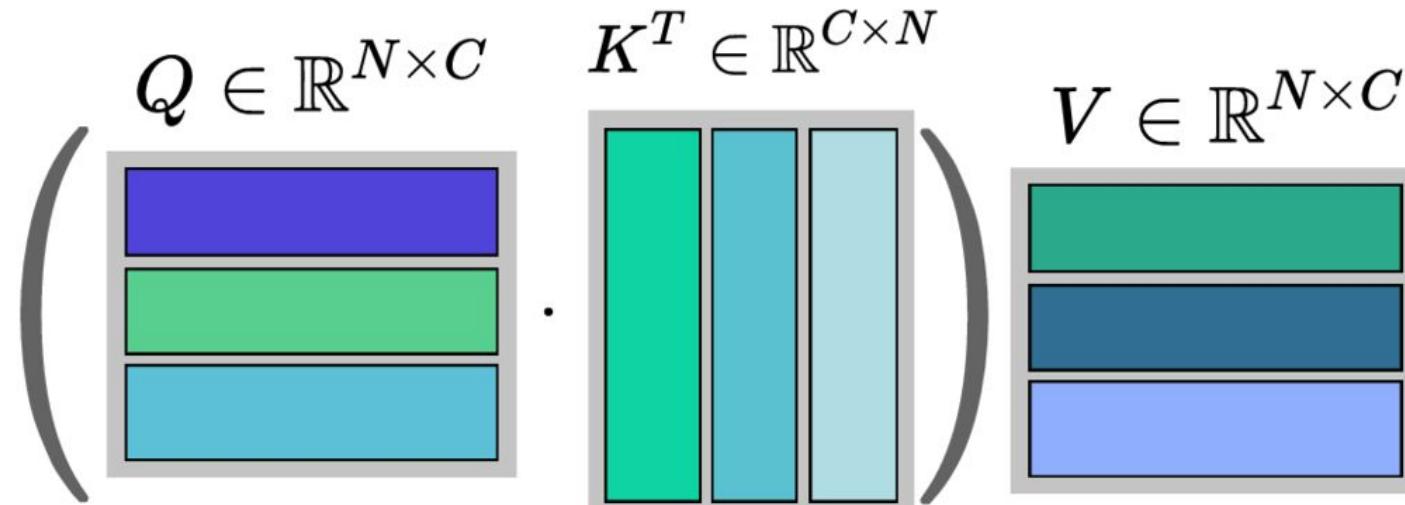
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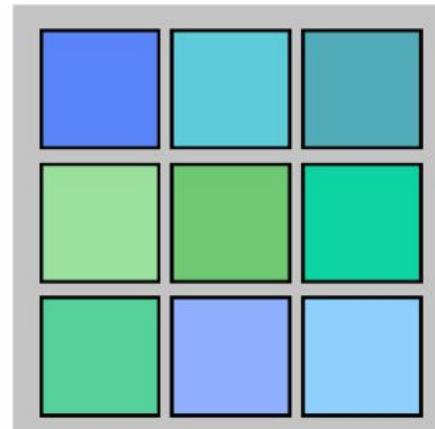


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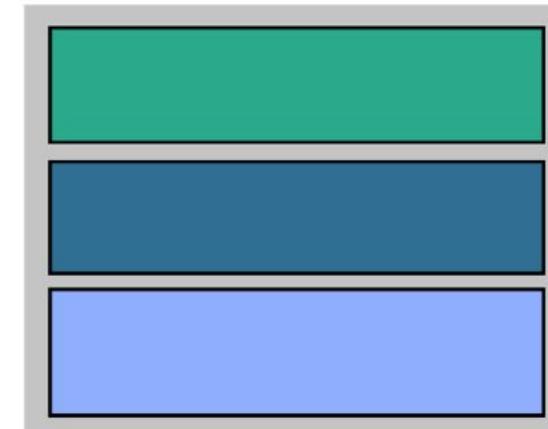
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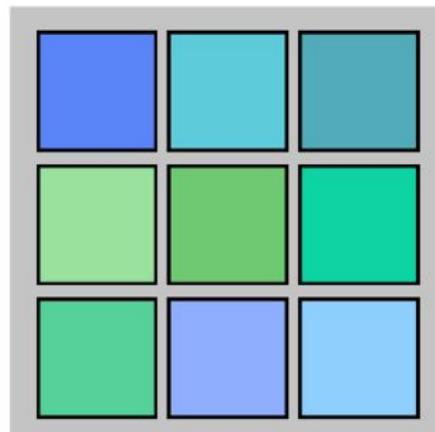
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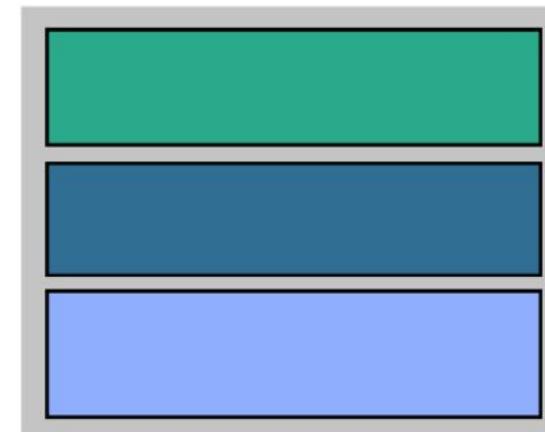
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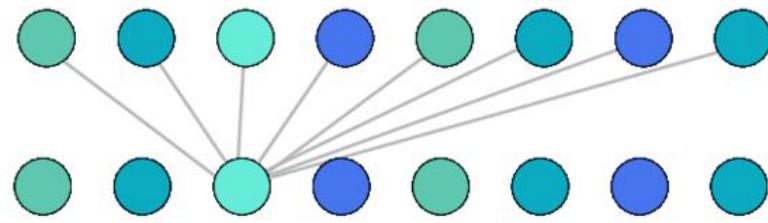


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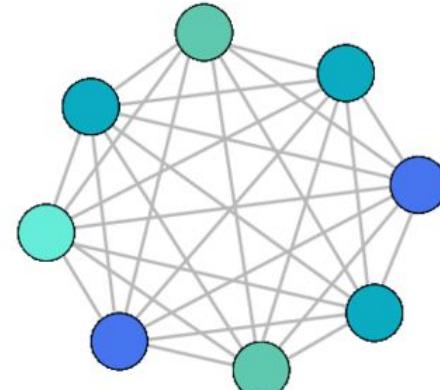
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$$y_i = \sum_{\forall j} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} (x_i W_q)}_{\alpha(x_i, x_j)} \underbrace{(x_j W_k)^T}_{\text{Query}} \underbrace{(x_j W_v)}_{\text{Key}} \underbrace{}_{\text{Value}}$$



$$y_i = f_{upd}(x_i, \sum_{\forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \{\alpha(x_i, x_j) \phi(x_j)\})$$

$$\alpha(x_i, x_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} (x_i W_q)^T (x_j W_k)$$

$$\phi(x_j) = x_j W_j$$

Transformers vs GNNs

Transformer is a special case of Graph Neural Networks where

- all the nodes are connected
- pairwise messages are weighted by dot product attention

Transformer - Vision

Transformers are becoming popular in CV.

ViT [17]



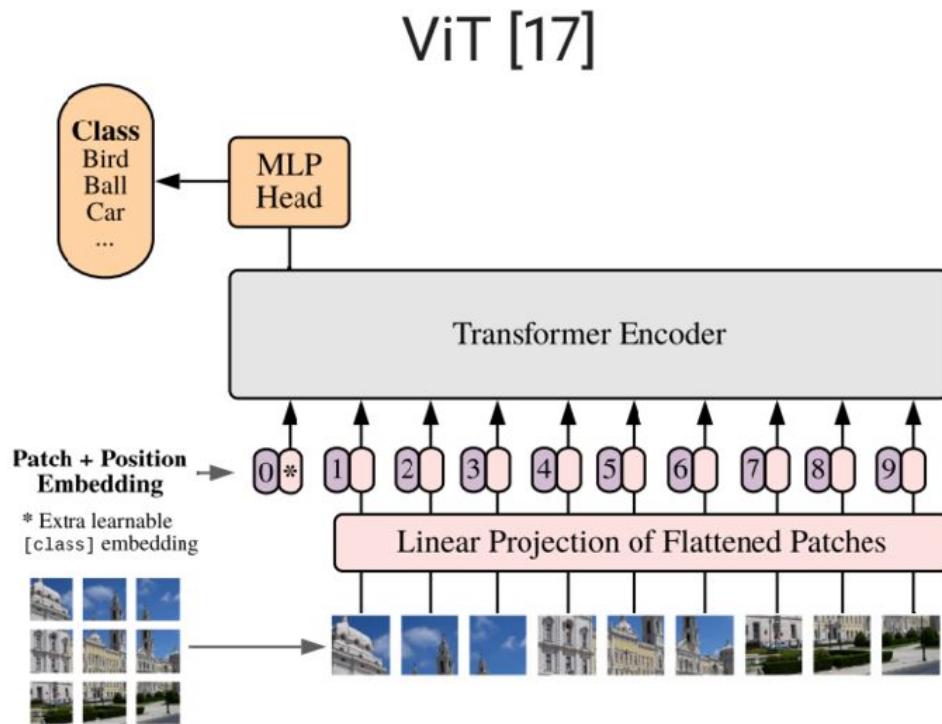
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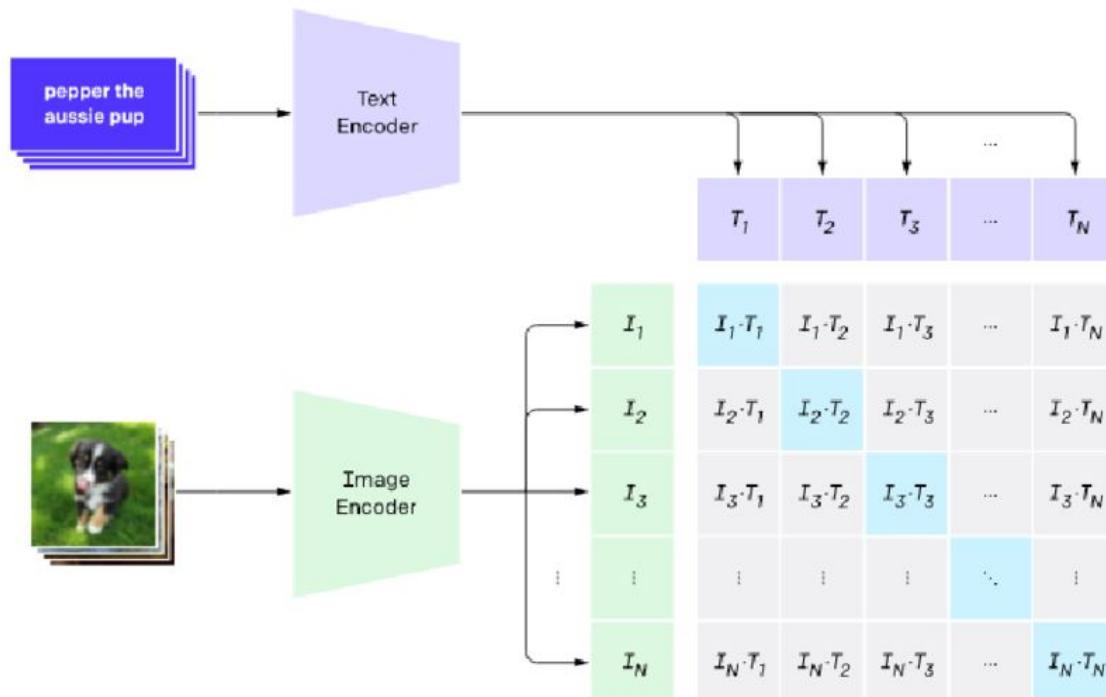
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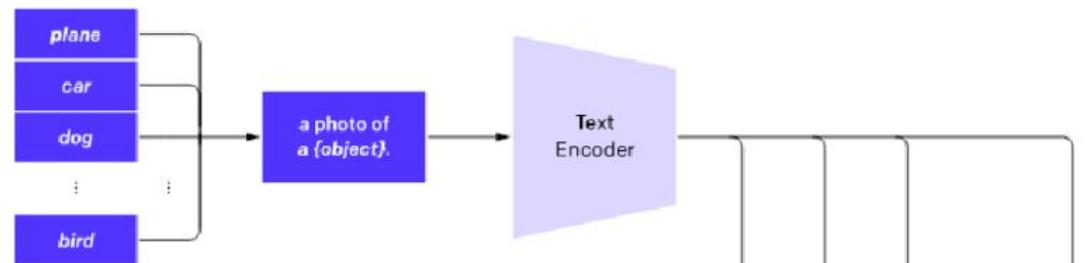


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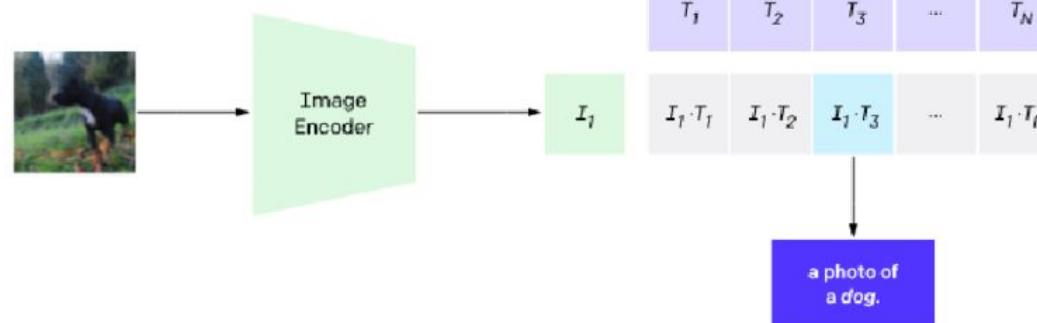
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2. Create dataset classifier from label text



3. Use for zero-shot prediction



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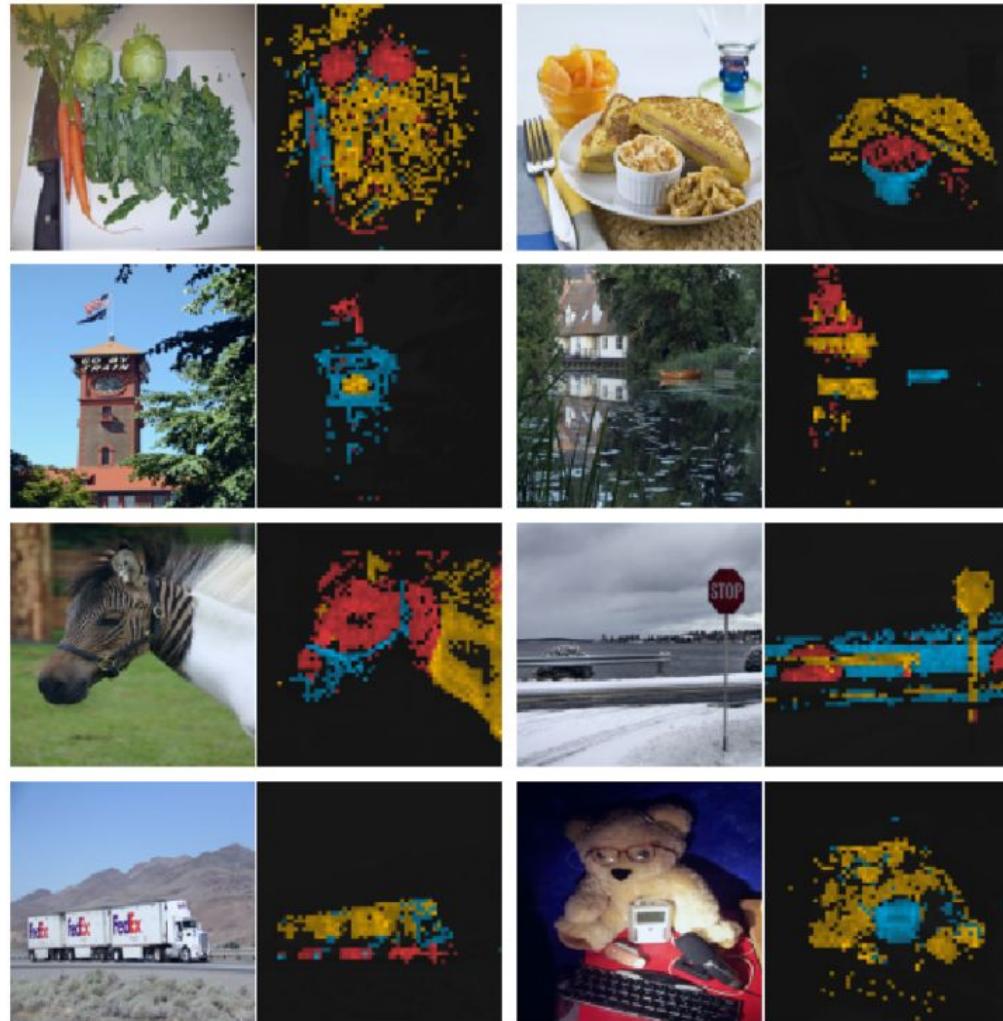
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	Dataset Examples						ImageNet ResNet101	Zero-Shot CLIP	Δ Score
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
ImageNet							76.2	76.2	0%
ImageNetV2							64.3	70.1	+5.8%
ImageNet-R							37.7	88.9	+51.2%
ObjectNet							32.6	72.3	+39.7%
ImageNet Sketch							25.2	60.2	+35.0%
ImageNet-A							2.7	77.1	+74.4%

- CLIP is more robust than standard supervised models

Self Supervision - Transformers

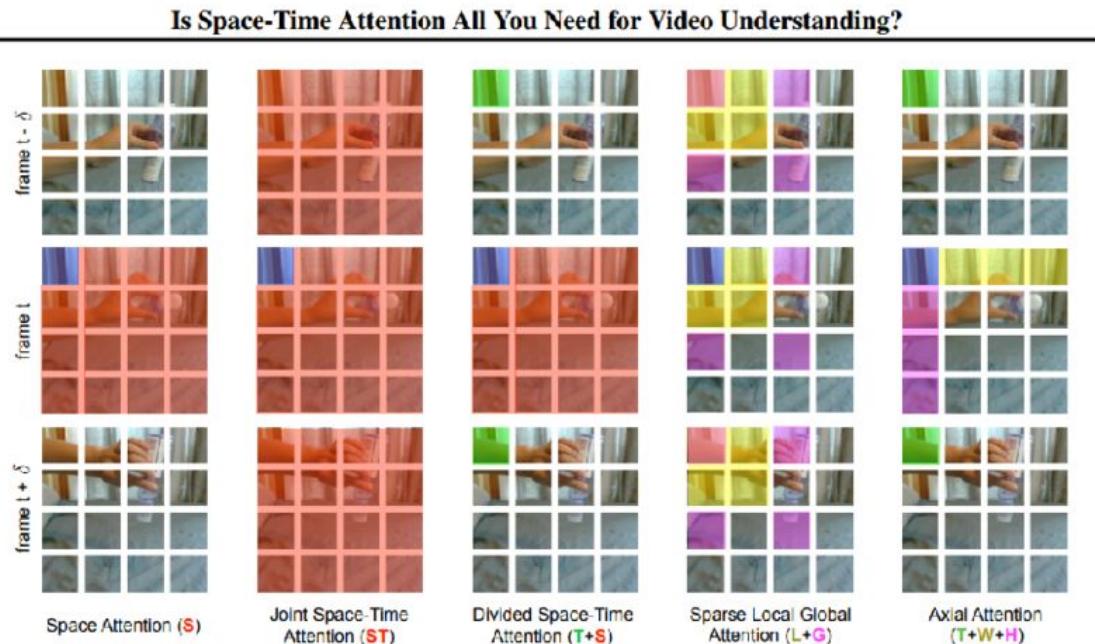
DINO [20]



- model self-supervised on ImageNet
- self-supervised models obtain better attention maps compared to supervised ones

Transformer - Vision

TimeSformer [21]



- evaluate different connectivity patterns in the attention mechanism
- Divided Space-Time Attention ($T+S$) has best accuracy, while being computational efficient

Graph Neural Networks - Resources

This lecture was influenced by several great resources about Graph Neural Networks. For a more in depth understanding of Graph Neural Networks and other related areas, please take a look:

- Michael Bronstein, *Geometric deep learning, from Euclid to drug design* [▶ Link](#)
- Petar Veličković, *Theoretical Foundations of Graph Neural Networks* [▶ Link](#)
- Jure Leskovec, *CS224W: Machine Learning with Graphs* [▶ Link](#)
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