Graph Neural Networks (GNN)

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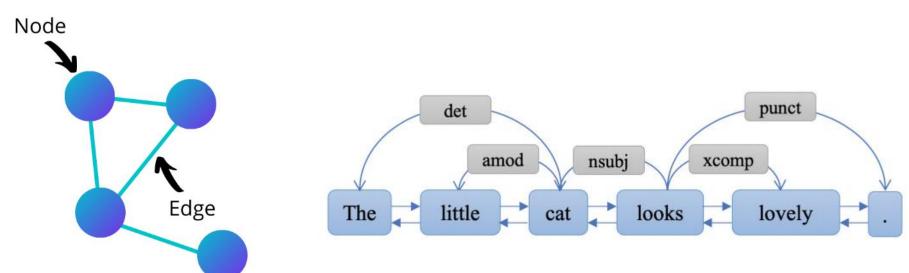
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Introduction to Graph

Definition of Graph

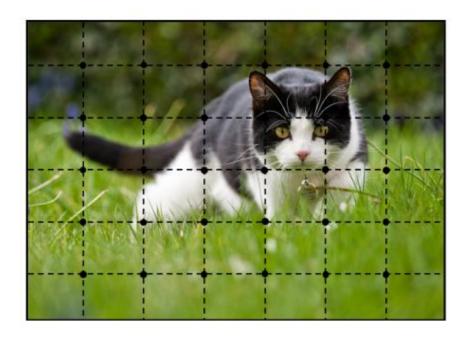
- ullet A collection of nodes ${\mathcal N}$ and edges ${\mathcal E}$
 - Nodes contain data of interest
 - Edges specify structure, i.e. how data are related



Words (nodes) in a sentence (graph)

Graph: More Examples



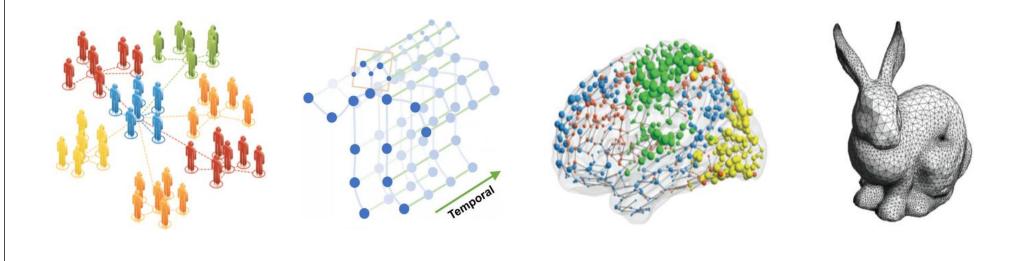


Roads (nodes) in a map (graph) Pixels (nodes) in an image (graph)

Graph structure can be irregular!

Why Graph?

 Many real-world data come in the form of graphs, where data (nodes) are related by a network (edges)



Functional networks

3D shapes

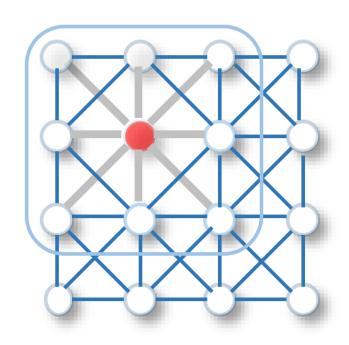
Skeleton

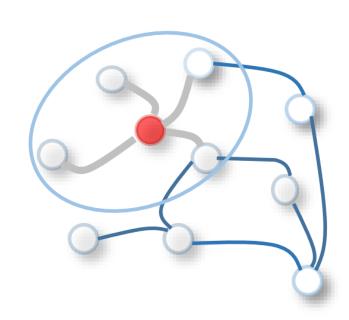
Social networks

2-D vs. Graph Convolution

Neighbors of a node are ordered and fixed in size

Neighbors of a node are unordered and variable in size





Applying 2-D convolution to graph data becomes difficult!

2-D Convolution

Locality – kernels with a compact support

Stationarity – space-invariant kernels

Multi-scale – convolution with stride and pooling

Suitable for data (e.g. images, videos) that have these properties!

Graph Convolution

- How to define the notion of convolution on graph?
 - Graph signal processing (spectral graph theory)

- How to downsample and pool graph data?
 - Clustering on graph (graph theory)

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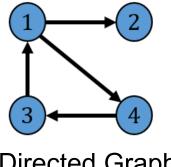
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Terminology

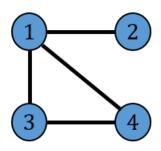
• A graph is represented as G = (V, E) where

$$V$$
 is the set of nodes, $\{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$ E is the set of edges, $\{e_{ij} | e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j)\}$

- e_{ij} : an edge pointing from v_i to v_i
- Undirected graph: $e_{ij} \in E \rightarrow e_{ii} \in E$
- Neighborhood $N(\cdot)$ of node $v: \{u \in V | (u, v) \in E\}$



Directed Graph



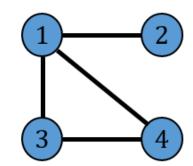
Undirected Graph

Adjacent and Degree Matrices

• Adjacency matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$A_{ij} = 1$$
 if $e_{ij} \in E$, $A_{ij} = 0$ otherwise

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



• Degree matrix $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad D_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{ij}$$

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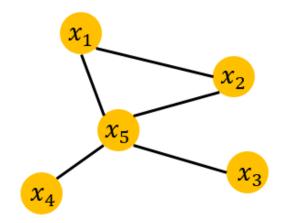
Graph Fourier Transform

Graph convolution by graph Fourier transform.

$$x *_G g = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(x) \odot \mathcal{F}(g))$$

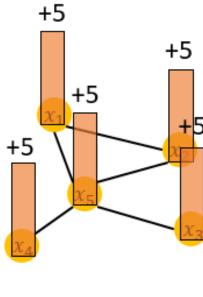
- $x \in R^n$ nodes of graph
- $g \in R^n$ filter
- *_G graph convolution
- \mathcal{F} graph Fourier transform
- \mathcal{F}^{-1} inverse graph Fourier transform

Graph Frequency

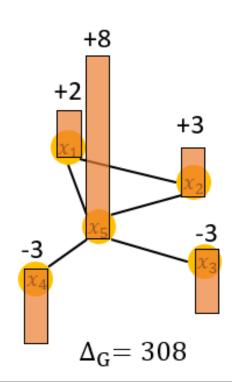


$$\Delta_G = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_1 - x_5)^2 + \cdots$$
$$= \sum_{(u,v) \in E} (x_u - x_v)^2$$

Example:



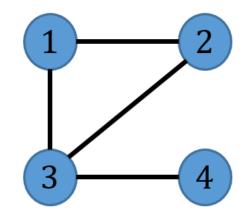
$$\Delta_G = 0$$



Graph Laplacian

• Laplacian matrix L = D - A for undirected graphs

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} x^T L x = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} (x_u - x_v)^2$$

Eigen-decomposition of Graph Laplacian

L is real, symmetric, and positive semidefinite

$$\begin{cases} \bullet \ \mathsf{L} = \mathsf{U}\Lambda\mathsf{U}^T \\ \bullet \ \mathsf{U} - [\mathsf{u}_1, \mathsf{u}_2, \dots, \mathsf{u}_n], \ \mathsf{u}_i \in \mathit{R}^n \ \text{and} \ \mathsf{u}_i^T \mathsf{u}_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \bullet \ \Lambda - diag([\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n]), \ \lambda_i \in \mathit{R} \ \text{and} \ \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n \end{cases}$$

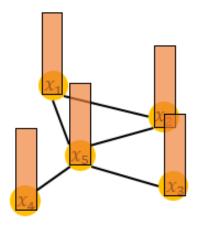
Graph frequency of eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{u}_i^T L \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i}$$

Graph Basis: Eigenvectors of L

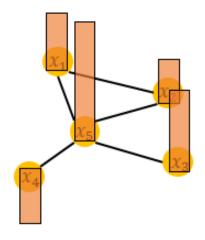
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 u_1



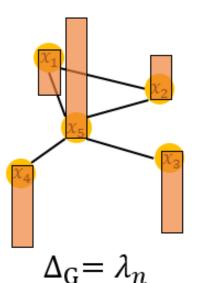
$$\Delta_G = \lambda_1 = 0$$

 u_2

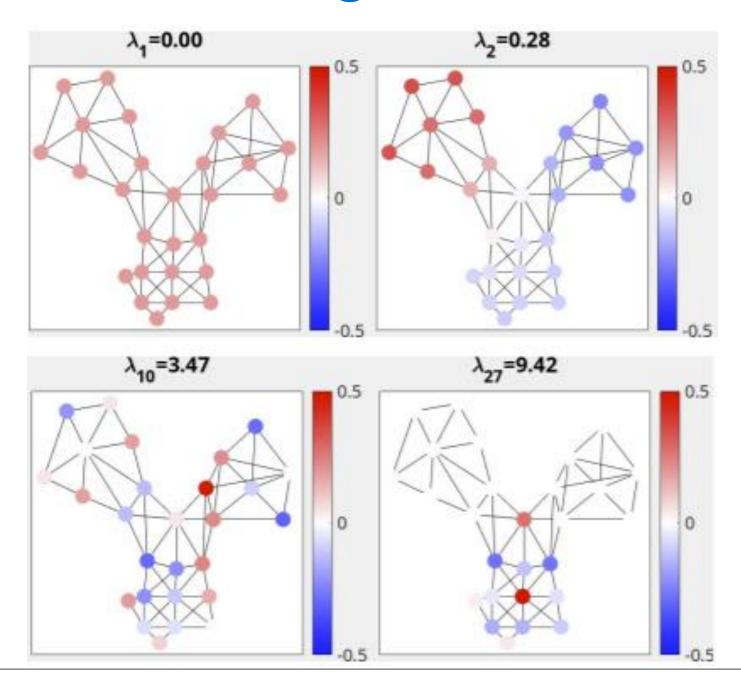


$$\Delta_{\rm G} = \lambda_2$$

 u_n



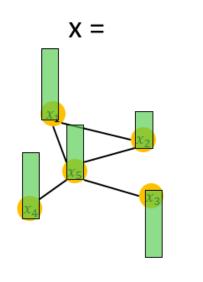
Visualization of Eigenvectors

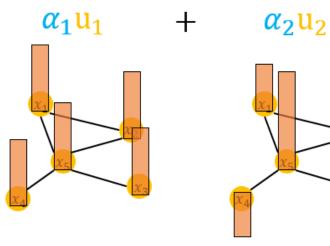


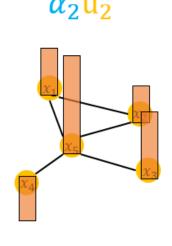
Graph Transform Coefficients

$$x = Ix = UU^Tx$$

Graph basis Graph Transform Coeff.







$$\Delta_{\rm G} = \lambda_n$$

 $+ \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n$

$$\Delta_G = \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\Delta_G = \lambda_2$$

$$\binom{p}{\sigma} \bigcirc \binom{q}{c} = \binom{q}{c} \bigcirc \binom{q}{\sigma} \bigcirc \binom{p}{q} = \binom{pq}{qc}$$

Graph Convolution

• Graph Fourier transform (U^Tx ⊙ U^Tq) = 9¢ U^Tx

$$\left(\bigcup_{x}^{T} O \bigcup_{y}^{T} O\right) = \partial_{\theta} \bigcup_{x}^{T}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{U}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

Spectral graph convolution

$$x *_{G} g = \mathcal{F}^{-1} (\mathcal{F}(x) \odot \mathcal{F}(g))$$

$$= U(U^{T}x \odot U^{T}g)$$

$$= Ug_{\theta}U^{T}x$$

where

$$g_{\theta} = diag(U^Tg)$$
 is **learnable**

Eigen-decomposition requires $O(n^3)$

Spectral-based Graph Convolution

Inspired theoretically by graph signal processing

Limited to operate on undirected graphs

Prohibitively expensive due to eigenvector decomposition

 Poor generalization to new graphs (i.e. eigenvectors are completely different for different graphs)

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ChebNet: Chebyshev Spectral GNN (1/2)

Graph convolution

$$x *_G g = Ug_\theta U^T x$$

• Approximates g_{θ} by Chebyshev polynomials

$$g_{\theta} \approx \sum_{i=0}^{K} \theta_{i} T_{i}(\widetilde{\Lambda})$$

• $\tilde{\Lambda}$ = 2 Λ/λ_{max} – I

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- θ_i are learnable
- $T_i(\widetilde{\Lambda}) = 2\widetilde{\Lambda}T_{i-1}(\widetilde{\Lambda}) T_{i-2}(\widetilde{\Lambda}),$
- $T_0(\widetilde{\Lambda}) = I$ and $T_1(\widetilde{\Lambda}) = \widetilde{\Lambda}$

ChebNet: Chebyshev Spectral GNN (2/2)

It can be shown that

$$\mathbf{x} *_{G} \mathbf{g}_{\theta} \stackrel{\approx}{=} \mathbf{U} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{K} \theta_{i} T_{i}(\widetilde{\Lambda}) \right) \mathbf{U}^{T} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \theta_{i} T_{i}(\widetilde{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{x}$$

- \tilde{L} = 2 L/ λ_{max} I
- θ_i are learnable
- $T_i(\tilde{L})x$ is localized in space (local feature extraction)
- $O(Kn) \Rightarrow O(n)$

Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)

A first-order approximation of ChebNet by assuming

$$K = 1, \ \lambda_{max} = 2, \ \theta = \theta_0 = -\theta_1$$

$$\text{ChebNet: } \mathbf{x} *_{G} \mathbf{g}_{\theta} = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \theta_i T_i(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{x} + \theta_i T_i(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{degree matrix}$$

$$\text{GCN: } \mathbf{x} *_{G} \mathbf{g}_{\theta} = \theta \left(\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \mathbf{x}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{A}} \text{ Adjacency matrix}$$

Ax: message-passing and aggregation

Multi-channel GCN (1/2)

• GCN with multi-channel input/output and non-linear activation f

$$H = f(\overline{A}X\Theta)$$

- $X = [\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, ..., \tilde{x}_d] \in R^{n \times d}$ are d input channels on graph
- $\Theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, ..., \theta_s] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times s}$ with θ_i being 1×1 Conv.
- $H = [\tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2, ..., \tilde{h}_s] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$ are s output channels on graph

Multi-channel GCN (2/2)

• Node output h_v is a weighted sum of node input \tilde{x}_v and its neighbors \tilde{x}_u , $u \in N(v)$

$$\mathbf{H}^T = f(\mathbf{\Theta}^T \mathbf{X}^T \overline{\mathbf{A}})$$

$$\mathbf{h}_v = f(\Theta^T \sum_{u \in \{N(v) \cup v\}} \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{v,u} \mathbf{x}_u)$$
 Output node v

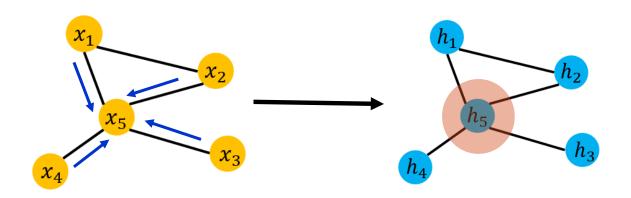
Message-passing and aggregation

- $\mathbf{x}_u \in \mathbf{R}^d$ is node input u
- $h_v \in \mathbb{R}^s$ is node output v

Visualization of Multi-channel GCN

$$h_v = f(\Theta^T \sum_{u \in \{N(v) \cup v\}} \overline{A}_{v,u} \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_u)$$
 Output node v

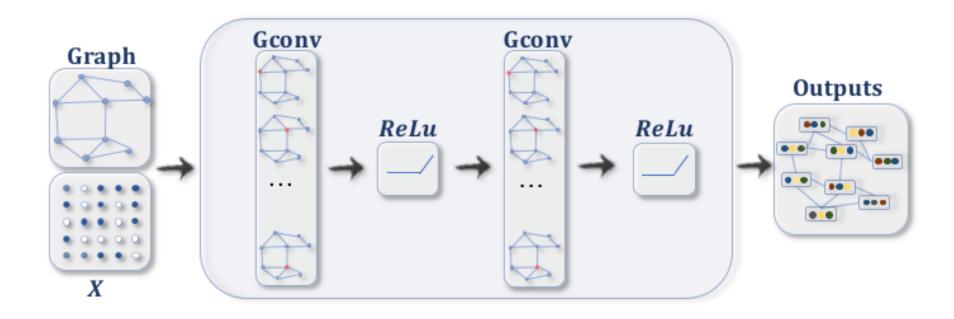
Message-passing and aggregation



Message-passing and aggregation

Message-passing and aggregation is localized on graph!

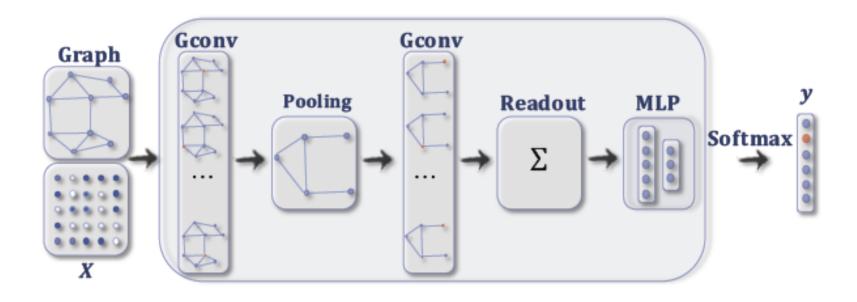
Composition of GCN Layers



- Each node input is a vector $x \in R^d$.
- Graph input is a matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, n is the number of nodes.

Receptive field increases with the number of layers!

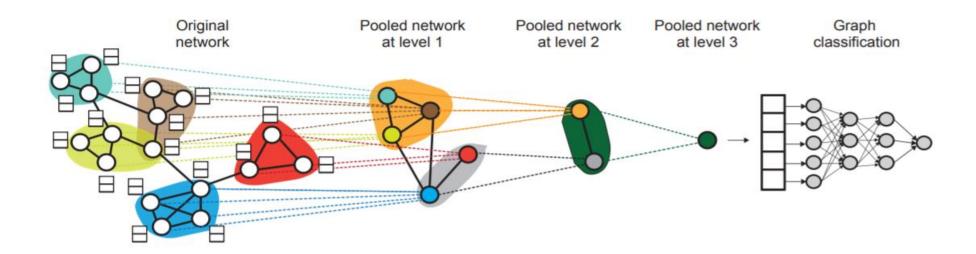
GCN with Pooling and Readout



- Pooling coarsens a graph into sub-graphs with node representations capturing higher graph-level representations
- Readout summarizes the final graph by sum/mean of latent representations of sub-graphs

Graph Pooling

 Pooling can be achieved by clustering the nodes based on structure information only



DiffPool

 To learn assignment matrix S for soft clustering by involving both feature and structure info. with GCN

$$S^{(l)} = \operatorname{softmax}(GNN_{l,pool}(A^{(l)}, X^{(l)})) \in R^{n_l \times n_{l+1}}$$

- n_l is the number of input nodes at layer l
- n_{l+1} is the number of output clusters for layer l+1
- Softmax is performed row-wise on $S^{(l)}$
- $S_{ij}^{(l)}$ indicates the probability of node i being clustered to j

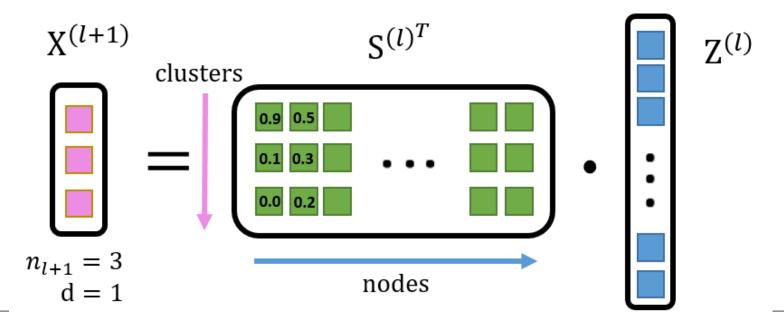
Pooling with Assignment Matrix

GNN for feature extraction and learning assignment matrix

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{Z}^{(l)} &= \mathbf{GNN}_{l, \text{embed}}(\mathbf{A}^{(l)}, \mathbf{X}^{(l)}) \in R^{n_l \times d} \\ \mathbf{S}^{(l)} &= \mathbf{softmax}(\mathbf{GNN}_{l, \text{pool}}(\mathbf{A}^{(l)}, \mathbf{X}^{(l)})) \in R^{n_l \times n_{l+1}} \end{split}$$

Pooling

$$\mathbf{X}^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{S}^{(l)^T} \mathbf{Z}^{(l)} \in R^{n_{l+1} \times d}$$
 # Pooled data
$$\mathbf{A}^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{S}^{(l)^T} \mathbf{A}^{(l)} \mathbf{S}^{(l)} \in R^{n_{l+1} \times n_{l+1}}$$
 # Sub-graph adjacency matrix



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Spatial-based Graph Convolution

Define spatial graph convolution based on node's spatial relations

 Convolve a node's representation with its neighbors' to update the node representation

The idea is the same as message passing + aggregation

Neural Network for Graphs

• Update node v at layer k with its input x_v and its neighbors $\mathbf{h}_u^{(i)}$, $u \in N(v)$ from all the previous hidden layers i, i = 1, 2, ..., k-1

$$\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(k)} = f(\mathbf{W}^{(k)^{T}} \mathbf{x}_{v} + \sum_{u \in N(v)} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \mathbf{\Theta}^{(ki)^{T}} \mathbf{h}_{u}^{(i)})$$

f - activation function Input

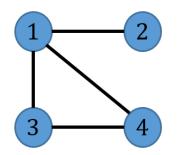
 $h_{v_{i,j}}^{(k)}$ - the k-th latent representation of node v

 $\mathbf{\Theta}^{(ki)}$ - the 1 × 1 conv. of the k-th layer from the i-th layer

Diffusion CNN (1/2)

Graph convolution as a diffusion process

$$\mathbf{H}^{(k)} = f(\mathbf{W}^{(k)} \odot \mathbf{P}^k \mathbf{X})$$



From a node's perspective

 summing information from its neighbors with the transition matrix P

$$P = D^{-1}A \in R^{n \times n}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.33 & 0.33 & 0.33 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diffusion CNN (2/2)

 Concatenate multi-step propagation results with variable-size receptive fields

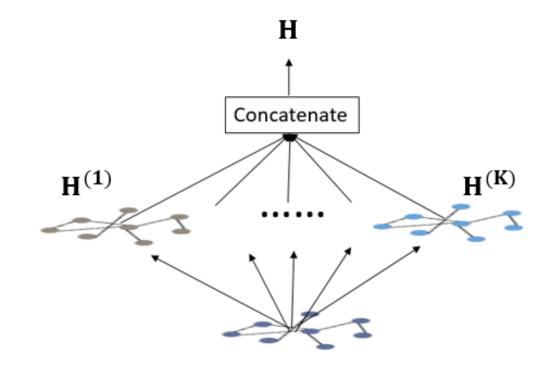
$$\mathbf{H}^{(k)} = f(\mathbf{W}^{(k)} \odot \mathbf{P}^k \mathbf{X})$$

 $P^1 \Rightarrow diffuse 1 time$

 $P^2 \Rightarrow diffuse 2 times$

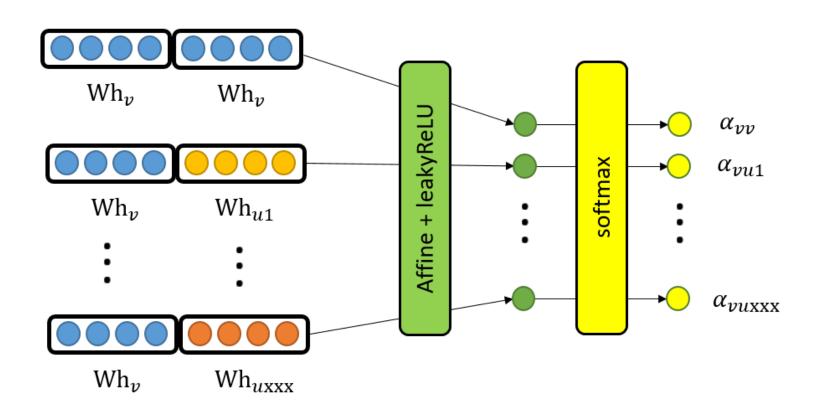
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 $P^{K} \Rightarrow diffuse K times$



Graph Attention Network

$$\mathbf{h}_{v}^{(k)} = \sigma(\sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \cup v} \underline{\alpha_{vu}^{(k)} \mathbf{W}^{(k)} \mathbf{h}_{u}^{(k-1)}})$$
Attention weights



Comparison with Spectral-based GNN

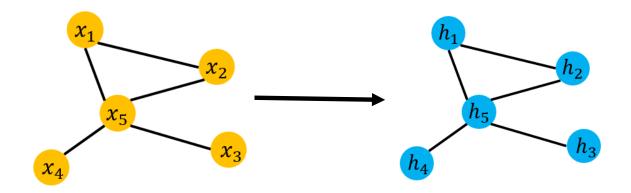
- Rely primarily on message passing and aggregation
- Scale to large graphs easily
- Perform computation on a batch of nodes, not whole graph
- Share weights easily across different locations and structures
- Generalize easily to different graphs, e.g. directed graphs

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Recurrent Feature Extraction

Task: To extract node feature in a recurrent manner



A node exchanges information with its neighbors

$$h_v^{(t)} = \sum_{u \in N(v)} f_w(x_v, x_{(v,u)}^e, x_u, h_u^{(t-1)})$$

Node features

Node inputs Node features

Recurrent Feature Extraction

RecGNNs

$$h_v^{(t)} = \sum_{u \in N(v)} f_w(x_v, x_{(u,v)}^e, x_u, h_u^{(t-1)})$$

• f_w must be **contractive** for convergence

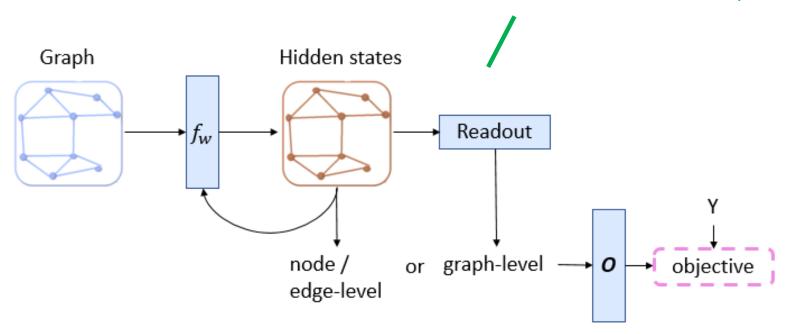
$$||f_w(x) - f_w(y)|| < ||x - y||$$
 for any x, y

Number of iterations for convergence is unknown

Training RecGNNs

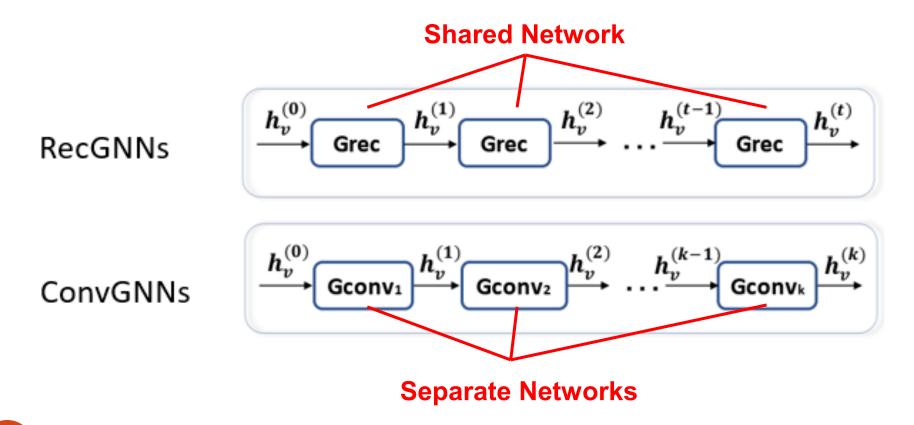
- 1. Randomly initialize hidden states and networks.
- 2. Recurrently update hidden states until convergence.
- 3. Minimize training objective by updating f_w and o networks.
- 4. Repeat step 2 and 3.

generate graph-level representation based on hidden stats i.e. sum, concatenate



RecGNNs vs. ConvGNNs

- RecGNNs propagation is inefficient (t is unknown)
- ConvGNNs controllable running time (k is known)



Gated Recurrent Neural Networks

A fixed number of layers with training done by BPTT

$$h_v^{(t)} = GRU\left(h_v^{(t-1)}, \sum_{u \in N(v)} Wh_u^{(t-1)}\right)$$

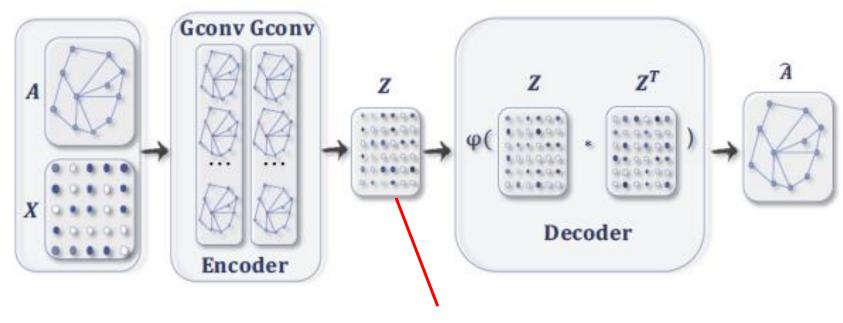
• $h_v^{(0)} = x_v$ is node input

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Graph Autoencoders (GAE)

Task: To learn network embeddings (i.e. node representations) for nodes that preserve graph topological structure



Network embeddings

Graph Encoder and Decoder

Encoder (GNN, MLP, etc) – to learn network
 embeddings by structure and feature information

 Decoder (CNN, MLP, etc) – to predict links between nodes for reconstructing adjacency or PPMI matrix

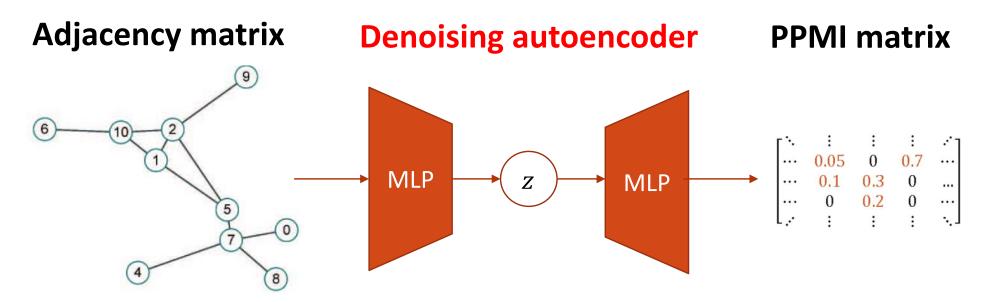
Positive Pointwise Mutual Information Matrix

Capture mutual information between nodes by random walks as a specification of the graph structure

$$\mathbf{PPMI}_{v_1,v_2} = max(\log(\frac{count(v_1,v_2)\cdot|D|}{count(v_1)count(v_2)}),0)$$

- $count(v_1)$: the frequency of node v_1 being visited in sampled random walks
- $count(v_1, v_2)$: the frequency of co-occurrence of nodes v_1 and v_2 in sampled random walks

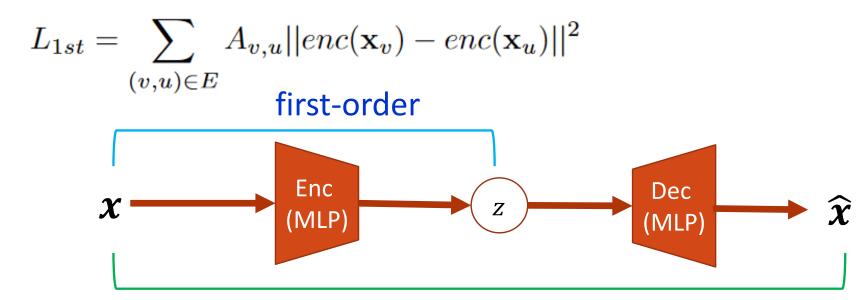
Deep Neural Network for Graph Representations



MLP: multi-layer perceptron

Structural Deep Network Embedding

To preserve the node first-order and second-order proximity



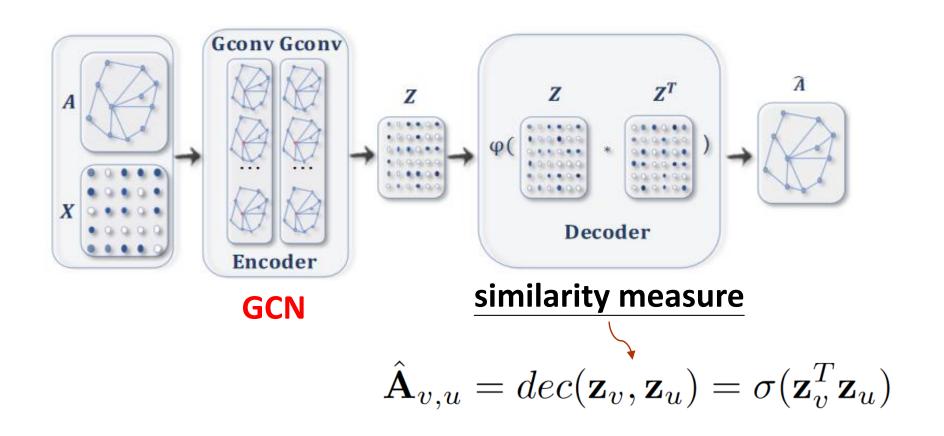
Second-order

$$L_{2nd} = \sum_{v \in V} ||(dec(enc(\mathbf{x}_v)) - \mathbf{x}_v) \odot \mathbf{b}_v||^2$$

$$b_{v,u} = 1$$
 if $A_{v,u} = 0$
 $b_{v,u} = \beta > 1$ if $A_{v,u} = 1$

Graph Autoencoder (GAE*)

 GAE* adopts 2-layered GCN to leverage both structure and feature information



Variational Graph Autoencoder

To learn the generative distribution of graph

ullet Optimize the variational lower bound L

$$L = E_{q(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{A})}[\log p(\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{Z})] - KL[q(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{A})||p(\mathbf{Z})]$$

- $q(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{A}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} q(z_i|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{A}), q(z_i|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{A}) = N(z_i|\mu_i, diag(\sigma_i^2))$
- $p(\mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(z_i), p(z_i) = N(z_i|0, \mathbf{I})$
- $p(\mathbf{A}_{ij} = 1 | z_i, z_j) = dec(z_i, z_j) = \sigma(z_i^T z_j)$

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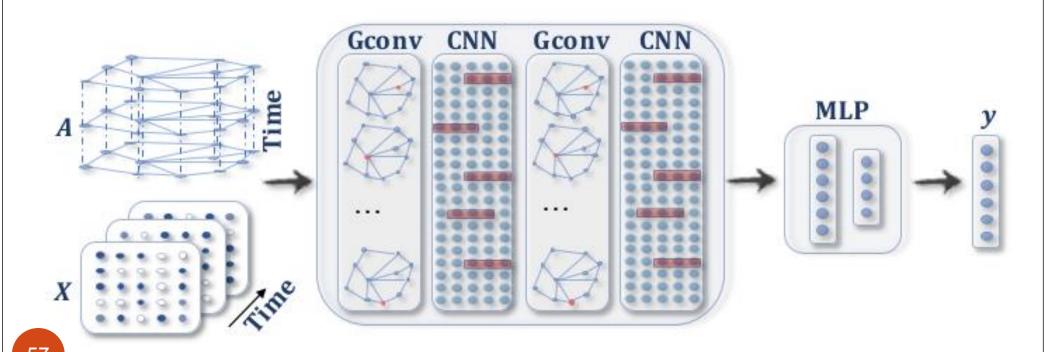
Spatial-temporal Graph Neural Networks

Real-world graphs are often dynamic

- Spatial-temporal Graph Neural Networks (STGNNs)
 - To capture spatial dynamics via GNN
 - To capture temporal dynamics via RNN or CNN

CNN-based STGNNs

- Apply GCN to aggregate spatial information at individual time instances
- Apply 1D convolution to co-located nodes across time instances to aggregate temporal information



RNN-based STGNNs

Recap on RNN

$$H^{(t)} = \sigma(WX^{(t)} + UH^{(t-1)} + b),$$

• $X^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ is the node feature matrix at time t

RNN-based GCN

$$H^{(t)} = \sigma(Gconv(X^{(t)}, A; W) + Gconv(H^{(t-1)}, A; U) + b)$$

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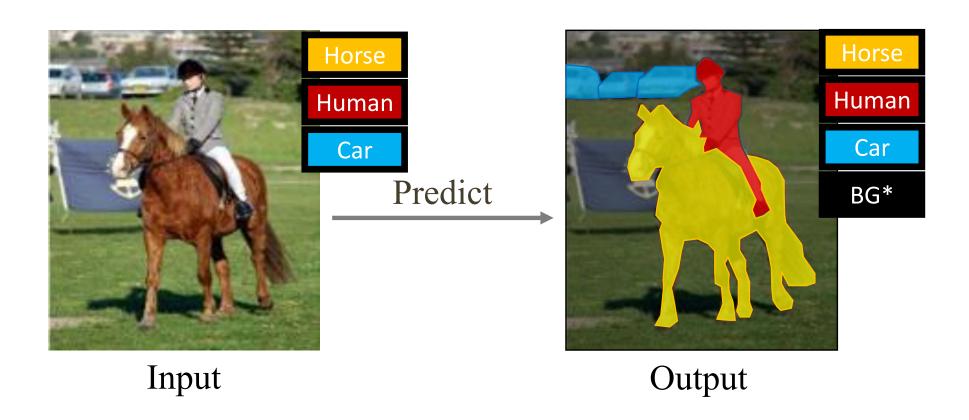
Weakly-Supervised Image Semantic Segmentation Using Graph Convolutional Networks

Shun-Yi Pan, Cheng-You Lu, Shih-Po Lee, and Wen-Hsiao Peng National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan

IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME), July 2021.

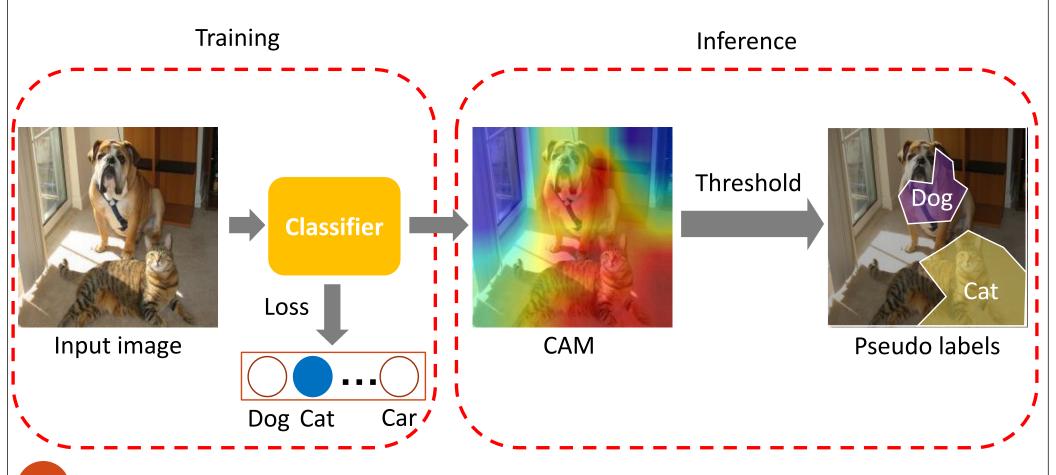
Task

 To classify pixels in images into semantic classes with imagelevel annotations

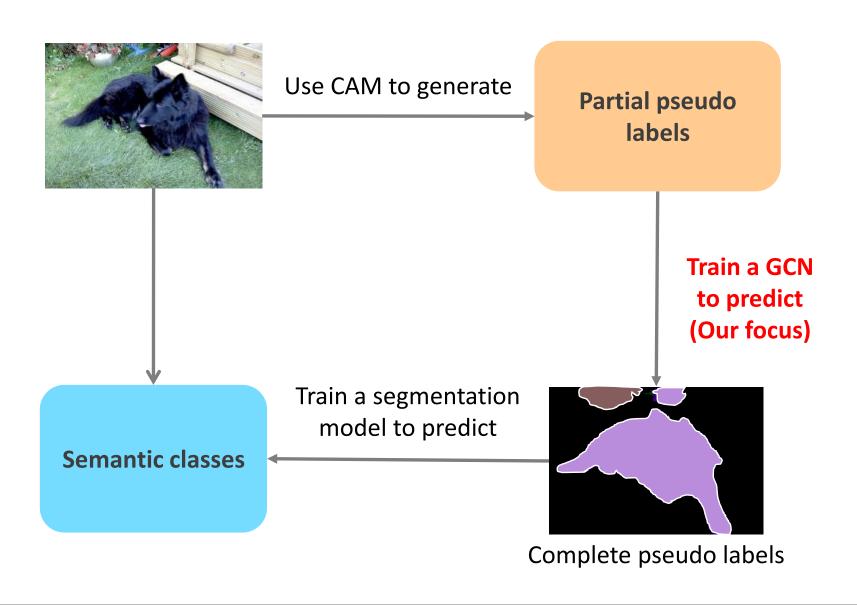


Common Solutions

- Produce pseudo labels (PLs) as ground-truth labels
- Use Class Activation Map (CAM) to generate PLs

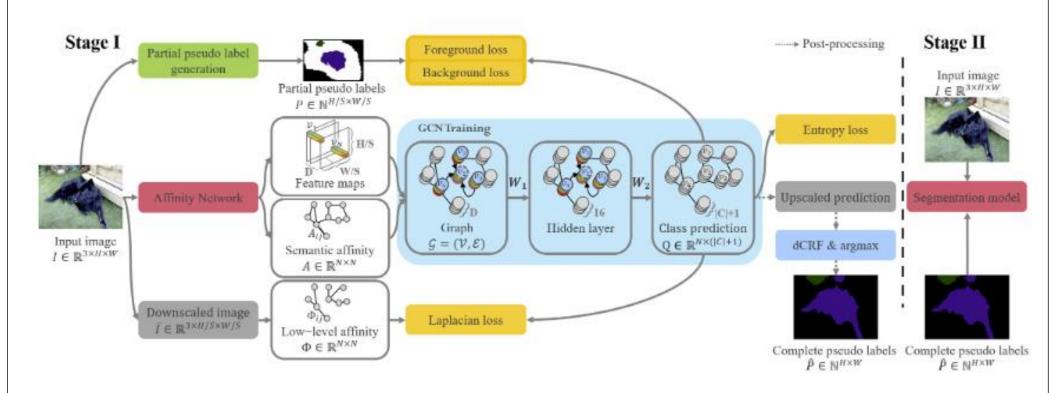


Proposed Method



GCN for Label Propagation

- Use Affinity Network to generate features of nodes and edges
- Train a GCN to generate complete PLs from partial PLs



Loss functions

Foreground and background loss (for pixels with pseudo labels)

$$\ell_{fg} = -\frac{1}{|V_{fg}|} \sum_{i \in V_{fg}} \log(q_i)_{p_i}, \ell_{bg} = -\frac{1}{|V_{bg}|} \sum_{i \in V_{bg}} \log(q_i)_{p_i}$$

Laplacian loss (for all pixels)

$$\ell_{lp} = \frac{1}{2|V|} \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in V} \Phi_{i,j} \|q_i - q_j\|_2^2,$$

$$\Phi_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{\left\|\overline{I_i} - \overline{I_j}\right\|^2}{2\sigma_1^2} - \frac{\left\|\overline{f_i} - \overline{f_j}\right\|^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right) & \text{if } j \in N_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwis} \end{cases}$$

otherwise

Entropy loss (for unlabeled pixels)

$$\ell_{ent} = -\frac{1}{|V_{ig}|} \sum_{i \in V_{ig}} \sum_{c \in \overline{C}} (q_i)_c \log(q_i)_c$$

Results on PASCAL VOC 2012

IRNet (Baseline)







WSGCN (Ours)







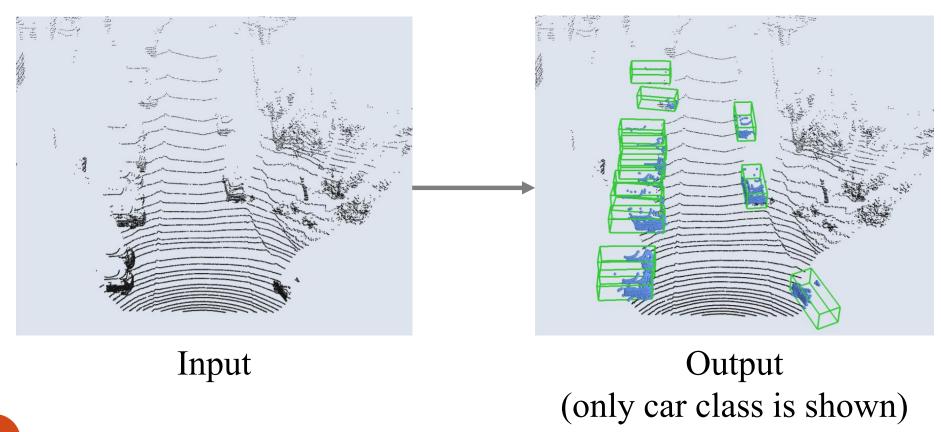
Point-GNN: Graph Neural Network for 3D Object Detection in a Point Cloud

Weijing Shi and Ragunathan (Raj) Rajkumar Carnegie Mellon University

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020.

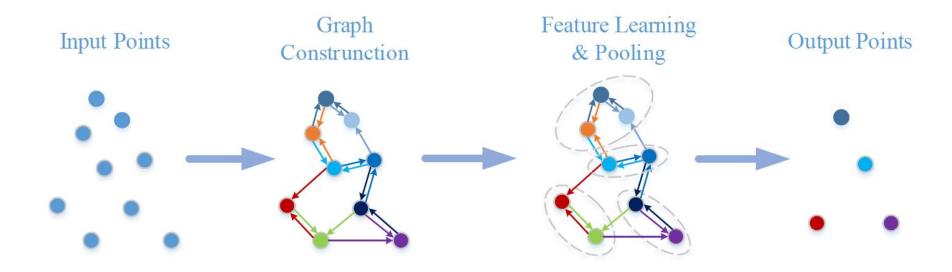
Task Specification

 To predict a 3D bounding box around group of 3D points representing 3 classes (car, pedestrian, cyclist)



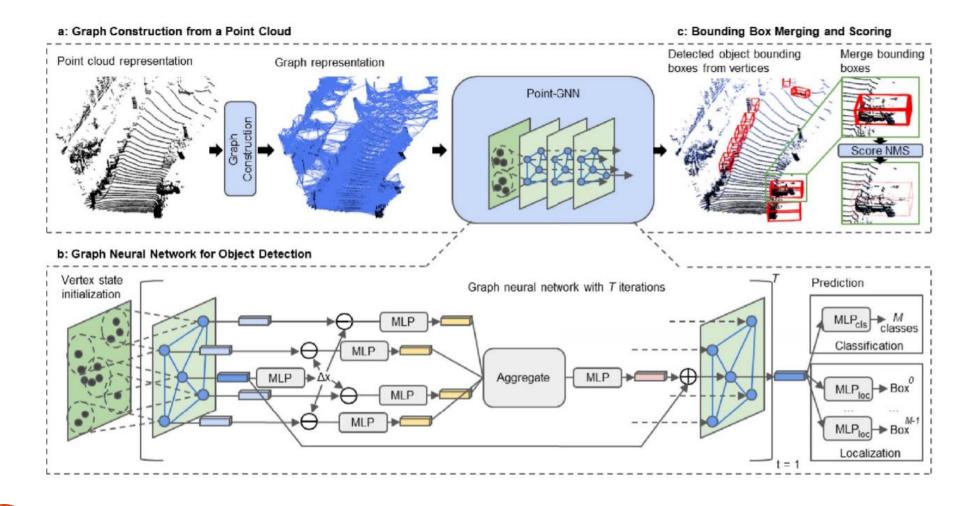
GNN in 3D Point Cloud

- Each point in a point cloud is a vertex of a graph
- Directed edges are formed for the graph
- Feature learning is performed in spatial domain

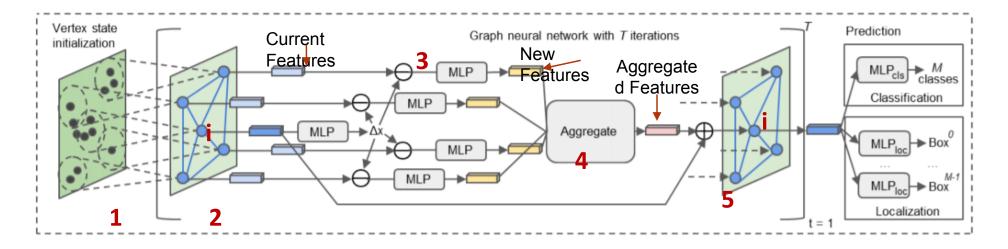


3D Object Detection in 3D Point Cloud

Point-GNN



3D Object Detection in 3D Point Cloud



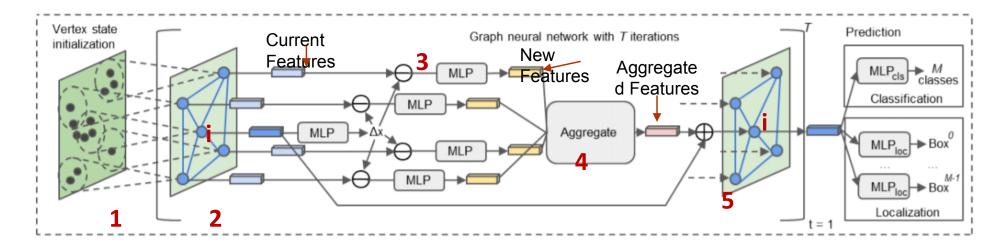
- 1. Point Cloud down-sampling to reduce initial point cloud size
- 2. Graph formation by connecting a point to its neighbors within a fixed radius r.

$$Graph G = (P, E)$$

P = Vertices = points in point cloud

$$E = Edges = \{(p_i, p_j) | ||x_i - x_j||_2 < r\}$$

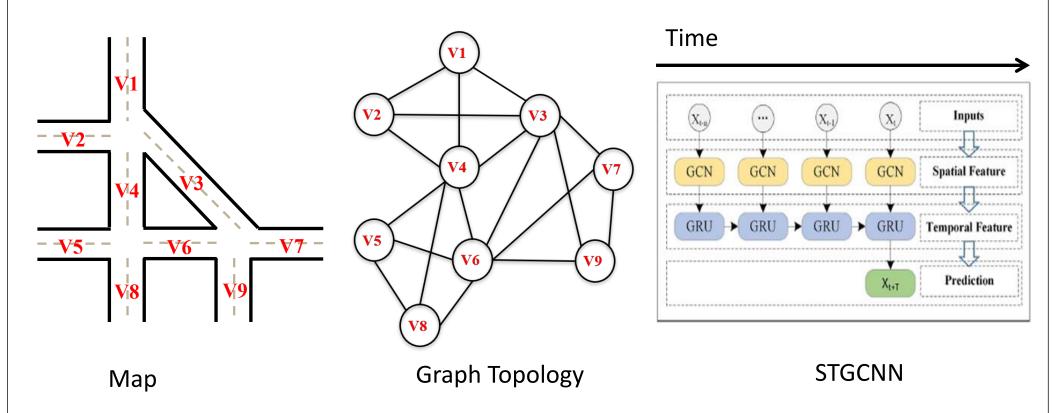
3D Object Detection in 3D Point Cloud



- **3**. Each neighborhood vertex's MLP's input is its current features and an offset generated by MLP of the center vertex **i**. The output is learned new features
- **4**. Feature aggregation stage aggregates new features of neighboring vertices and produce new aggregated features for center vertex **i**. Aggregated features become new current features of center point
- **5**. Graph is updated with new features for each vertex. The loop follows until specific iterations T

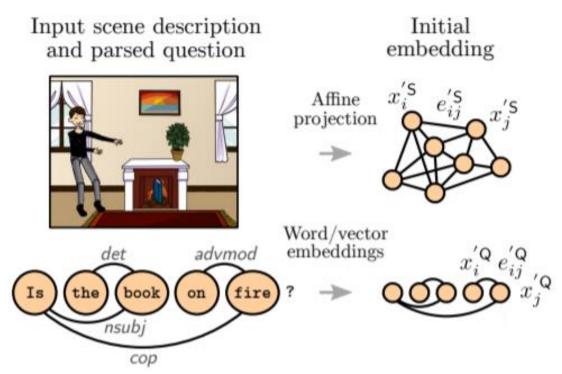
Traffic Prediction Using STGNN

 To predict traffic conditions on urban roads based on time-series data



Visual Question Answering

- To answer questions based on description of an image
- Encode the descriptions of scene and question as graphs
- Scene node: objects; edge: spatial arrangement
- Question node: words; edge: syntactic dependencies



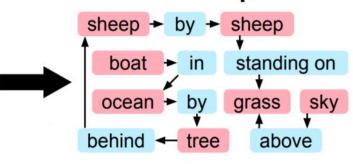
Text to Image Synthesis

- To generate images from natural language descriptions
- Convert sentences to scene graphs
- Generate images from scene graphs

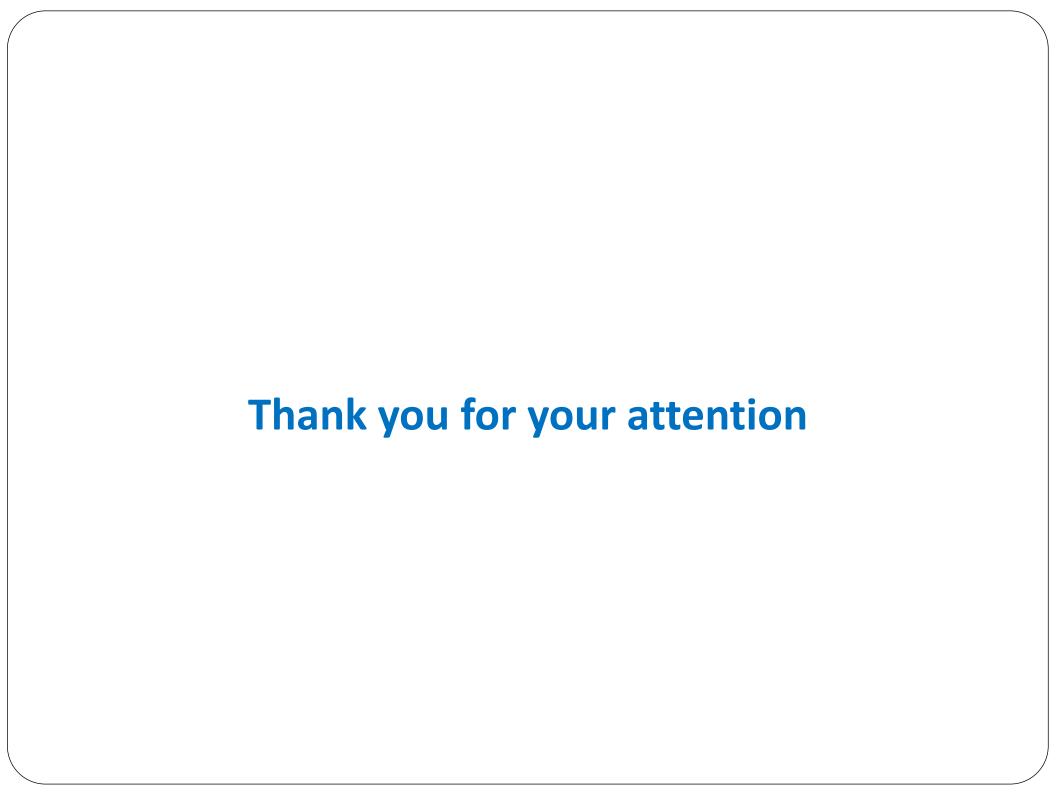
Sentence

A sheep by another sheep standing on the grass with sky above and a boat in the ocean by a tree behind the sheep

Scene Graph







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