ML Systems

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Image Processing

- Current neuroimaging processing pipelines utilize parallelization
- Raw signal to usable image transformation is resource intensive
 - K-space to brain-space
 - Per-subject basis
 - One node per subject scan; often many scans
- Entire compute clusters dedicated to neuroimaging research

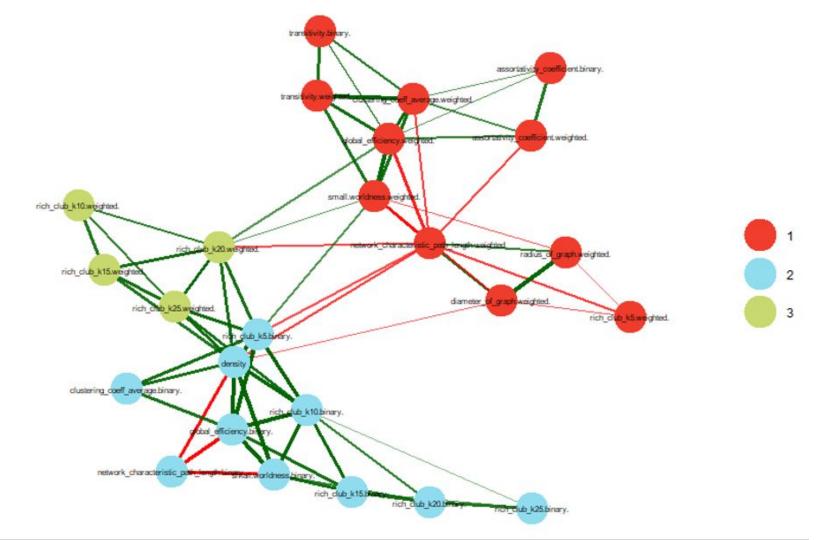
Secondary Post-Processing

- Results in hundreds of features from a single scan
 - Network efficiency, isolated brain region metrics, functional connectivity
- Usually way fewer subjects than features (p >> n)
- Compute clusters are not often leveraged for feature engineering
 - Most dimensionality reduction uses 'region of interest'-type narrowing
 - Eliminating the signal in the brain that depends on other regions
- Proposal: data-centric feature engineering on public, large-scale neuroimaging projects
 - Human Connectome Project (n > 2000), UK Biobank (n > 50,000), ABCD (n > 10,000)



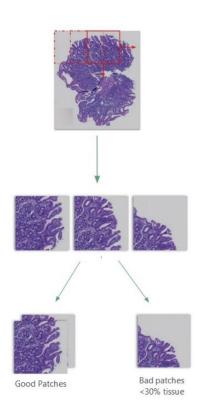






Problem

- Medical images can be very high resolution (50,000 X 50,000 pixels on average).
- Modern GPUs cannot fit images of this size in their memory.
- Have to break up images into patches for training - we lose context of the larger image.



Proposed solutions and project ideas

- Distributed data parallelism: Can we develop a method to efficiently distribute the data across multiple GPUs
- Use data compression techniques to compress the image while preserving context of the larger image.
- Use mixed precision training and look at memory consumption.