

# Rep the Set: Neural Networks for Learning Set representations

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## AI methods for large scale Graph and Text data

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## Research Topics

- Machine Learning and AI
  - AI and Data Science methods (degeneracy, similarity, deep learning, multi-label classification)
  - Applications to: Text Mining/NLP, Social nets, Web marketing/advertising, Time Series

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- Operations Research and Mathematical programming
  - Optimization for Energy apps
  - Distance Geometry, protein conformation

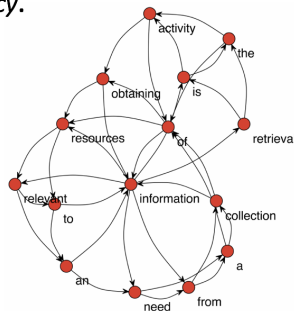
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## Graph of Words: graph based text/NLP

- bag-of-words* vs. **graph-of-words**:  
*graph* captures *word order* and *dependency*.

information retrieval is the activity of obtaining  
information resources relevant to an information need  
from a collection of information resources

Bag of words: ((activity,1), (collection,1),  
(information,4), (relevant,1),  
(resources, 2), (retrieval, 1)..)



*"Graph of word approach for ad-hoc information retrieval", F. Rousseau, M. Vazirgiannis,  
Best paper mention award ACM CIKM 2013*

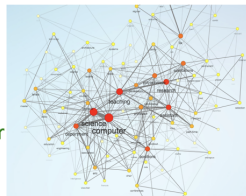
## Graph of Words: graph based text/NLP

### Graph of Words approach with applications to

- Ad Hoc Information Retrieval (tw-idf) [CIKM2013]
- Keyword Extraction [ECIR2015, EMNLP2016]
- Extractive/Abstractive summarization of text streams [EACL2017, ACL 2018]
- Event Detection in Textual Streams (twitter, banking,...) [ICWSM2015, ECIR2018]
- Text Categorization/opinion mining/sentiment analysis [ACL2015, EMNLP2015, EMNLP2016, EMNLP2017]
- *Document visualization and summarization* [ACL2016, ACL2018]
  - GoWis prototype software

### Other production

- Software protection - 2013
- Tech Transfer: Startup creation – NELPER@ incubator (automated text generation for web marketing/ads)



## Machine/Deep Learning methods for Graphs

- Novel metrics for node /community importance
  - Extensions of k-core to weighted, directed (**D-core**) and signed graphs [[ASONAM2011](#), [ICDM2011](#), [KAIS2013](#) , [SIAMDM2013](#)]
- Scalable Degeneracy-based graph clustering
  - Acceleration of high complexity clustering algorithms based on the k-core structure [[AAAI2014](#)]
  - [10<sup>9</sup> node graph clustering and community detection for fraud detection](#)
- Identification of influential spreaders
  - Identification of influential spreaders [[Scientific Reports/Nature 2016](#)]
  - Novel influence metrics (citation and social networks) [[PLOS2018](#)]
  - RCG: Novel metric for academic paper influence [[Infometrics2019](#)]

## Machine/Deep Learning methods for Graphs

### **Deep learning for graph and node embeddings**

- Kernel Graph CNN [ICANN 2018]
- Learning Structural Node Representations on Directed Graphs [COMPLEX NETS 2018]
- Graph Classification with 2D Convolutional Neural Networks [<https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.02218>]

### **Deep Learning for Sets**

- RepSet: Neural Networks for Learning Set Representations [<https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.01962>]

### **Graph kernels for graph similarity**

- Message Passing GKs [arxiv]
- Matching Node Embeddings for Graph Similarity [AAAI 2017]
- Degeneracy framework for graph similarity [IJCAI 2018 - best paper award]
- Enhancing graph kernels via successive embeddings [CIKM 2018]
- Shortest-path graph kernels for document similarity [ENMLP 2017]

**Grakel**: open source *graph similarity* python library: - <https://github.com>vsig>Grakel>

## Industrial Collaborations and Projects

- **BNP** (2016 – 2019) - CIFRE Ph.D.
  - Entity & event detection in online streaming documents
- **Linagora** (BPI – 2015 – 2021)
  - Automated summarization for online meetings
- **AXA Industrial chair** (2015-18)
  - Data science on insurance data
- **AIRBUS** (2014 - 17)
  - Data Analytics & Predictions of critical events
  - CIFRE PhD funding: Predictive Maintenance in Aviation: Failure Prediction for predictive maintenance [IEEE-ICDE 2018]
- **HUAWEI** (2018 - 21) - CIFRE Ph.D.
  - Deep Learning for Graphs



- **Google**
  - Graph mining for citation and social networks with degeneracy (2012-15 – Ph.D. fellowship)
- **Tradelab** (2017-20)
  - COM4U: Machine Learning for web marketing and advertising
  - CIFRE Ph.D. funding
- **Microsoft**
  - Azure grant
  - Open academic data initiative
- **Tencent**
  - Fraud detection in graphs





# Machine Learning on Sets

- Typical ML algorithms (i.e. regression or classification) designed for fixed dimensionality objects.

<these words are in sequence for pedagogical purposes>

<pedagogical purposes are in sequence for these words>

...

vs.

{are, in, for, pedagogical, purposes, these, sequence, words}

- similarity learning between sets should be *invariant to permutation*: challenging task
  - **supervised tasks**: set output label invariant or equivariant to the permutation of its elements.
  - population statistics estimation, giga-scale cosmology, nano-scale quantum chemistry.
  - **unsupervised tasks**, “set” representation needs to be learned.
    - *set expansion* - assume a set of similar objects - find similar to the set extensions, i.e. extend the set {lion, tiger, leopard} with cheetah
    - *web marketing* extend a set high-value customers with similar people.
    - *astrophysics*: assuming set of interesting celestial objects, find similar ones in sky surveys.

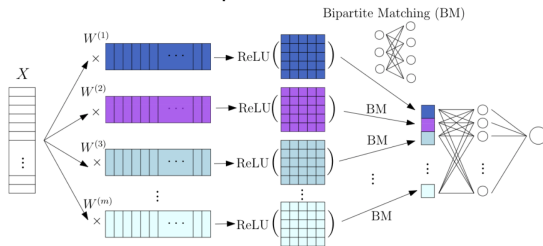
- NNs for sets became very popular inspired by computer vision problems such as the automated classification of point clouds. Proposed architectures have achieved state-of-the-art results on many different tasks.
- Base approaches: PointNet [Qi et.al., CVPR2017] and DeepSets [Zaheer et.al., NIPS2017]
  - transform sets' elements vectors using several NN layers into new representations
  - apply some permutation-invariant function to the emerging vectors to generate representations for the sets.
  - Pointnet: max pooling, DeepSets: vector sum
  - representation of the set is then passed on to a standard architecture (e.g., fully connected layers, nonlinearities, etc).
  - Other efforts: PointNet++, SO-Net

# Motivation and Contribution

- Data objects decomposed into sets of simpler objects: natural to represent each object as the *set* of its components or parts.
- Conventional ML algorithms operate on vectors / sequences. Thus unable to process *sets* as
  - sets may vary in cardinality
  - set elements lack a meaningful ordering
- **Challenge:** Sets as input to Neural Network Architectures
- **Contribution:** RepSet: a new neural network architecture, handling examples as *sets of vectors*.
  - computes the correspondences between an input set and some hidden sets by solving a series of network flow problems.
  - resulting representation fed to a NN architecture to produce the output.
  - allows end-to-end gradient-based learning.
  - Experimental evaluation: favorable on classification (text, graph) tasks outperforming state of the art

# Reset architecture - Permutation Invariance

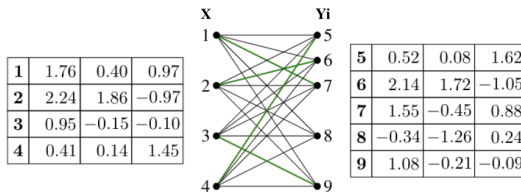
- Assume an example  $X$  represented as a set  $X = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  of  $d$ -dimensional vectors,  $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . (i.e the embeddings of  $X$ 's elements)
- Objective: design architecture whose output is invariant for all  $n!$  permutations of  $X$  elements  $\Rightarrow$  permutation invariant function.



- propose a novel permutation invariant layer
- contains  $m$  “hidden sets”  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m$  of  $d$ -dimensional vectors (same dim as  $X$  elements)
- based on bipartite graph matching
- its components are trainable,
- elements of a hidden set  $Y_i$  correspond to the columns of a trainable matrix  $\mathbf{W}^{(i)}$ .

# Reset architecture - Similarity via graph matching

- to measure the similarity between  $X$  and each one of the hidden sets  $Y_i$ : comparing their components.
- capitalize on network flow algorithms - specifically **bipartite matching**: compute optimal mapping between the elements of  $X$  and the elements of each hidden set  $Y_i$ .



- Each edge  $e$  connects a vertex in  $X$  to one in  $Y_i$ .
- Matching  $M$ : subset of edges - each node in  $X$  connects to one in  $Y_i$ .
- *optimal solution* is interpreted as similarity between node sets  $X$  and  $Y_i$ .
- The bipartite graph is a matrix  $|X| \times |Y|$ , cell values from  $\{0,1\}$

# Reset architecture - bipartite matching Optimization

- Assume a set of vectors,  $X = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{|X|}\}$  and a hidden set  $Y = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{|Y|}\}$ , the bipartite matching between the elements of the two sets is solving the optimization problem:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \sum_{j=1}^{|Y|} x_{ij} f(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$$

subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|X|} x_{ij} \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, |Y|\} \quad (1)$$

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$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, |X|\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, |Y|\}$$

- $f(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$  differentiable function, and  $x_{ij} = 1$  if component  $i$  of  $X$  assigned to component  $j$  of  $Y$ , 0 otherwise.
- we defined  $f(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{u}_j) = \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{v}_i^\top \mathbf{u}_j)$ .

# Reset architecture - Learning and output

- Given input set  $X$  and the  $m$  hidden sets  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m$ , formulate  $m$  bipartite matching problems,
- solving we end up with an  $m$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{v}_X$ : hidden representation of set  $X$ .
- This  $m$ -dimensional vector can be used as features for different machine learning tasks such as *set regression* or *set classification*. For instance, in the case of a set classification problem with  $|\mathcal{C}|$  classes, the output is computed as follows:

$$\mathbf{p}_X = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{W}^{(c)} \mathbf{v}_X + \mathbf{b}^{(c)}) \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{W}^{(c)} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times |\mathcal{C}|}$  is a matrix of trainable parameters and  $\mathbf{b}^{(c)} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{C}|}$  is the bias term. We use the negative log likelihood of the correct labels as training loss:

$$L = - \sum_X \log \mathbf{p}_{X_i} \quad (3)$$

where  $i$  is the class label of set  $X$ . Note that we can create a deeper architecture by adding more fully-connected layers.

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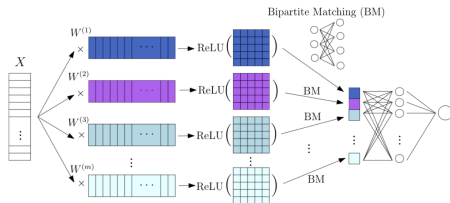
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We use the negative log likelihood of the correct labels as training loss:

$$L = - \sum_X \log \mathbf{p}_{X_i} \quad (5)$$

where  $i$  is the class label of set  $X$ .  
\* The architecture supports permutation invariance (proof in the paper)





# Reset architecture - Tackling the complexity of the bipartite matching

- major weakness the computational complexity: maximum cardinality matching in a weighted bipartite graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges takes time  $\mathcal{O}(mn + n^2 \log n)$ , with the classical Hungarian algorithm.
- Prohibitive for very large datasets.

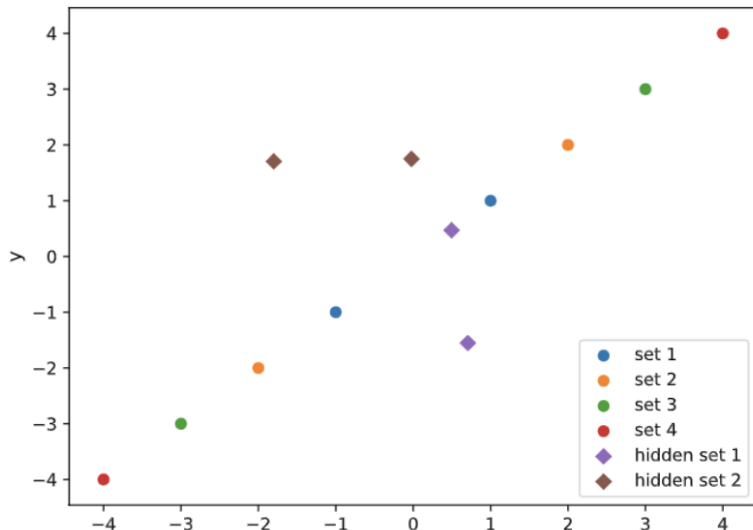
**ApproxRepSet:** approximation of bipartite matching problem involving operations that can be performed on a GPU

- Assuming an input set of vectors,  $X = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{|X|}\}$  and a hidden set  $Y = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{|Y|}\}$ . Assume  $|X| \geq |Y|$ , optimization becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} \sum_{j=1}^{|Y|} x_{ij} f(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{u}_j) \\ & \text{subject to:} \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{|X|} x_{ij} \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, |Y|\} \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, |X|\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, |Y|\} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

- relaxed formulation of the problem - constraint has been removed.

# Repset - Experimental Evaluation - Synthetic Data



Dataset	$n$	Voc	Unique Words(avg)	$y$
BBCSPORT	517	13243	117	5
TWITTER	2176	6344	9.9	3
RECIPE	3059	5708	48.5	15
OHSUMED	3999	31789	59.2	10
CLASSIC	4965	24277	38.6	4
REUTERS	5485	22425	37.1	8
AMAZON	5600	42063	45.0	4
20NG	11293	29671	72	20

# Repset - Experimental Evaluation - Text Categorization

	BBCSPORT	TWITTER	RECIPE	OHSUMED	CLASSIC	REUTERS	AMAZON	20NG
WMD	$4.60 \pm 0.70$	$28.70 \pm 0.60$	$42.60 \pm 0.30$	44.50	<b><math>2.88 \pm 0.10</math></b>	3.50	$7.40 \pm 0.30$	26.80
S-WMD	$2.10 \pm 0.50$	$27.50 \pm 0.50$	$39.20 \pm 0.30$	34.30	$3.20 \pm 0.20$	3.20	$5.80 \pm 0.10$	26.80
DeepSets	$25.45 \pm 20.1$	$29.66 \pm 1.62$	$70.25 \pm 0.00$	71.53	$5.95 \pm 1.50$	10.00	$8.58 \pm 0.67$	38.88
NN-mean	$10.09 \pm 2.62$	$31.56 \pm 1.53$	$64.30 \pm 7.30$	45.37	$5.35 \pm 0.75$	11.37	$13.66 \pm 3.16$	38.40
NN-max	$2.18 \pm 1.75$	$30.27 \pm 1.26$	$43.47 \pm 1.05$	35.88	$4.21 \pm 0.11$	4.33	$7.55 \pm 0.63$	32.15
NN-attention	$4.72 \pm 0.97$	$29.09 \pm 0.62$	$43.18 \pm 1.22$	<b>31.36</b>	$4.42 \pm 0.73$	3.97	$6.92 \pm 0.51$	28.73
RepSet	<b><math>2.00 \pm 0.89</math></b>	<b><math>25.42 \pm 1.10</math></b>	<b><math>38.57 \pm 0.83</math></b>	33.88	$3.38 \pm 0.50$	3.15	<b><math>5.29 \pm 0.28</math></b>	<b>22.98</b>
ApproxRepSet	$4.27 \pm 1.73$	$27.40 \pm 1.95$	$40.94 \pm 0.40$	35.94	$3.76 \pm 0.45$	<b>2.83</b>	$5.69 \pm 0.40$	23.82

Classification test error of the proposed architecture and the baselines on the 8 text categorization datasets.

# Repset - Experimental Evaluation - Text Set Extension

Hidden set	Terms similar to elements of hidden sets	Terms similar to centroids of hidden sets
1	chelsea, football, striker, club, champions	footballing
2	qualify, madrid, arsenal, striker, united, france	ARSENAL_Wenger
3	olympic, athlete, olympics, sport, pentathlon	Olympic_Medalist
4	penalty, cup, rugby, coach, goal	rugby
5	match, playing, batsman, batting, striker	batsman

Terms of the employed pre-trained model that are most similar to the elements and centroids of elements of 5 hidden sets

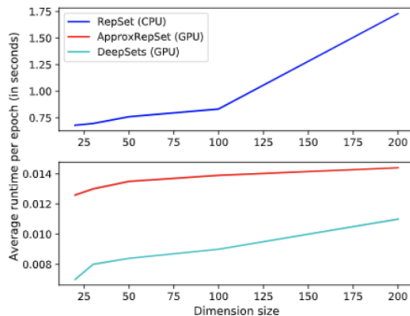
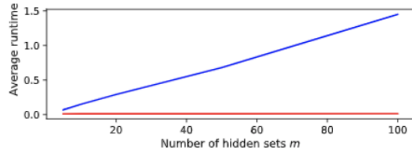
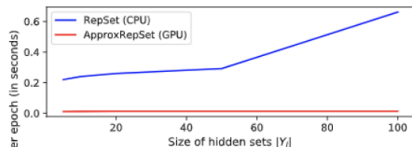
Dataset	#Graphs	$y$	Nodes(avg)	Edges(avg)
MUTAG	188	2	17.93	19.79
PROTEINS	1113	2	39.06	72.82
IMDB BINARY	1000	2	19.77	96.53
IMDB MULTI	1500	3	13.00	65.94
REDDIT BINARY	2000	2	429.63	497.75

# Repset - Experimental Evaluation - Graph Classification

	MUTAG	PROTEINS	IMDB BINARY	IMDB MULTI	REDDIT BINARY
PSCN $k = 10$	88.95 ( $\pm 4.37$ )	75.00 ( $\pm 2.51$ )	71.00 ( $\pm 2.29$ )	45.23 ( $\pm 2.84$ )	86.30 ( $\pm 1.58$ )
Deep GR	82.66 ( $\pm 1.45$ )	71.68 ( $\pm 0.50$ )	66.96 ( $\pm 0.56$ )	44.55 ( $\pm 0.52$ )	78.04 ( $\pm 0.39$ )
EMD	86.11 ( $\pm 0.84$ )	-	-	-	-
DGCNN	85.80 ( $\pm 1.70$ )	75.50 ( $\pm 0.90$ )	70.03 ( $\pm 0.86$ )	47.83 ( $\pm 0.85$ )	-
SAEN	84.99 ( $\pm 1.82$ )	75.31 ( $\pm 0.70$ )	71.59 ( $\pm 1.20$ )	48.53 ( $\pm 0.76$ )	87.22 ( $\pm 0.80$ )
RetGK	<b>90.30</b> ( $\pm 1.10$ )	76.20 ( $\pm 0.50$ )	72.30 ( $\pm 0.60$ )	48.70 ( $\pm 0.60$ )	<b>92.60</b> ( $\pm 0.30$ )
DiffPool	-	<b>76.25</b>	-	-	-
DeepSets	86.26 ( $\pm 1.09$ )	60.82 ( $\pm 0.79$ )	69.84 ( $\pm 0.64$ )	47.62 ( $\pm 1.18$ )	52.01 ( $\pm 1.47$ )
NN-mean	87.55 ( $\pm 0.98$ )	73.00 ( $\pm 1.21$ )	71.48 ( $\pm 0.48$ )	49.92 ( $\pm 0.82$ )	84.57 ( $\pm 0.84$ )
NN-max	85.84 ( $\pm 0.99$ )	71.05 ( $\pm 0.54$ )	69.56 ( $\pm 0.91$ )	48.28 ( $\pm 0.43$ )	80.98 ( $\pm 0.79$ )
NN-attention	85.92 ( $\pm 1.16$ )	74.48 ( $\pm 0.22$ )	<b>72.40</b> ( $\pm 0.45$ )	49.56 ( $\pm 0.47$ )	88.74 ( $\pm 0.53$ )
RepSet	88.63 ( $\pm 0.86$ )	73.04 ( $\pm 0.42$ )	<b>72.40</b> ( $\pm 0.73$ )	<b>49.93</b> ( $\pm 0.60$ )	87.45 ( $\pm 0.86$ )
ApproxRepSet	86.33 ( $\pm 1.48$ )	70.74 ( $\pm 0.85$ )	71.46 ( $\pm 0.91$ )	48.92 ( $\pm 0.28$ )	80.30 ( $\pm 0.56$ )

Classification accuracy ( $\pm$  standard deviation) of proposed architecture(s) and the baselines. For MU-TAG, PROTEINS ( bioinformatics datasets ) the node embeddings that we generated do not incorporate information about them.

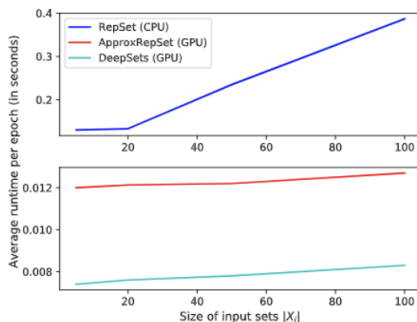
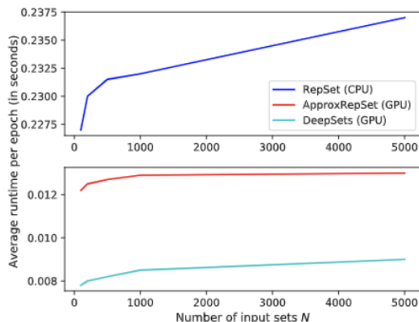
# Repset - Experimental Evaluation - Runtimes



Runtimes with respect to the number of hidden sets  $m$ , the size of the hidden sets  $|Y_i|$  (left) and embeddings with different dimensions (right).



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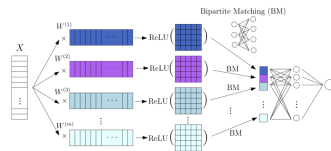
Runtimes with respect to the number of input sets  $N$  (left) and the size of the input sets  $|X_i|$  (right).

# Repset - Conclusion

- Machine learning with sets is increasingly important
- Sets may vary in cardinality and their elements lack a meaningful ordering: standard machine learning algorithms fail to learn high-quality representations.

We proposed **RepSet**, a neural network approach for *learning set representations*.

- exhibits powerful permutation invariance properties.
- computes mappings between input sets and some hidden sets by solving a graph matching/network flow problems.
- Since matching/network flow algorithms are differentiable, we can use standard backpropagation for learning the parameters of the hidden sets.
- for large sets we introduced a relaxed version (ApproxRepSet) - fast matrix operations and scales to very large datasets.
- Repsets performs favorably on text/ graph classification.



- **Future Work**  
: apply Repset on Group Recommendation (i.e. gaming)

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