

# Graph Neural Networks and “Learning Graphical State Transitions”

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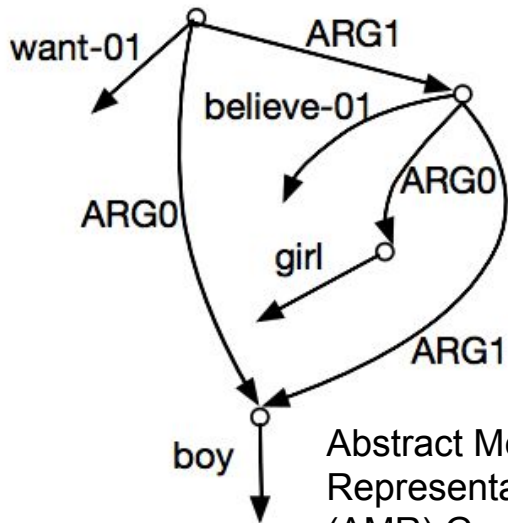
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# Motivation

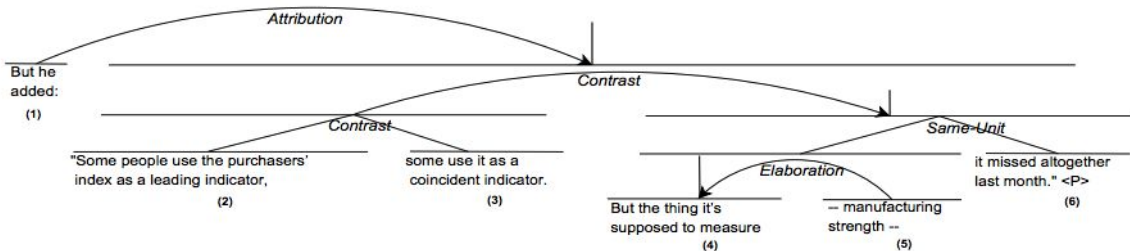
# Motivation

- Rich and beautiful linguistic theory on representing sentences and tasks as trees and graphs
- **Can we leverage *structure* of these trees/graphs to improve deep learning systems?**



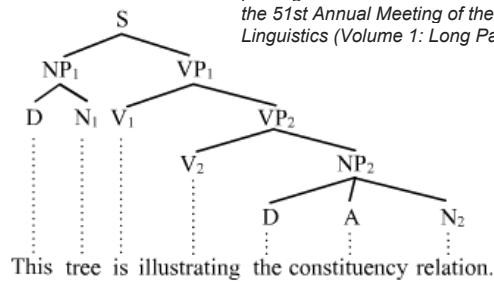
Abstract Meaning Representation (AMR) Graph

Peng, Xiaochang, Linfeng Song, and Daniel Gildea. "A synchronous hyperedge replacement grammar based approach for AMR parsing." *Proceedings of the Nineteenth Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning*. 2015.



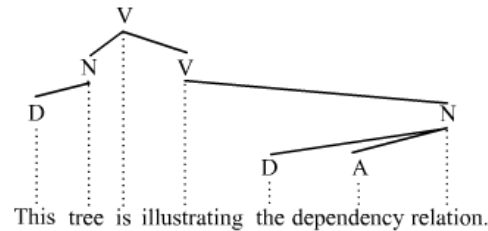
## Discourse Tree

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Constituency relation (PSG)

## Constituency Parse



Dependency relation

## Dependency Parse

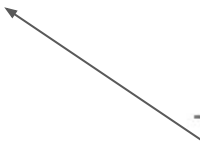
# Motivation

- Does adding such structure really help? Seq2Seq forever?
- Yes, leveraging the tree structure and adding concepts from linguistics helps in learning to do propositional logic

Table 2: Propositional Logic Model Accuracy.

	model	valid	test (easy)	test (hard)	test (big)	test (massive)	test (exam)
<b>baselines</b>	Linear BoW	52.6	51.4	50.0	49.7	50.0	52.0
	MLP BoW	57.8	57.1	51.0	55.8	49.9	56.0
<b>benchmark models</b>	Transformer	57.1	56.8	50.8	51.2	50.3	46.9
	ConvNet Encoders	59.3	59.7	52.6	54.9	50.4	54.0
	<i>LSTM Encoders</i>	68.3	68.3	58.1	61.1	52.7	70.0
	BiDirLSTM Encoders	66.6	65.8	58.2	61.5	51.6	78.0
	TreeNet Encoders	72.7	72.2	69.7	67.9	56.6	85.0
	<u>TreeLSTM Encoders</u>	79.1	77.8	74.2	74.2	59.3	75.0
	LSTM Traversal	62.5	61.8	56.2	57.3	50.6	61.0
	BiDirLSTM Traversal	63.3	64.0	55.0	57.9	50.5	66.0
<b>new model</b>	<b>PossibleWorldNet</b>	98.7	98.6	96.7	93.9	73.4	96.0

Recall First  
Order Logic



# The bAbI Task

**Motivation:** A set of tasks that demonstrates the utility/learning process of the algorithm.

**Idea:** A sequence of facts (the story) followed by a question. Used to test different aspects of reasoning.

[Weston, Jason, et al. "Towards ai-complete question answering: A set of prerequisite toy tasks." \*arXiv preprint arXiv:1502.05698\* \(2015\).](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.05698)

Visual Introduction: <http://www.thespermwhale.com/jaseweston/babi/abordes-ICLR.pdf>

# Examples

## Task 1: Single Supporting Fact

Mary went to the bathroom.  
John moved to the hallway.  
Mary travelled to the office.  
Where is Mary? **A: office**

## Task 2: Two Supporting Facts

John is in the playground.  
John picked up the football.  
Bob went to the kitchen.  
Where is the football? **A: playground**

## Task 3: Three Supporting Facts

John picked up the apple.  
John went to the office.  
John went to the kitchen.  
John dropped the apple.  
Where was the apple before the kitchen? **A: office**

## Task 4: Two Argument Relations

The office is north of the bedroom.  
The bedroom is north of the bathroom.  
The kitchen is west of the garden.  
What is north of the bedroom? **A: office**  
What is the bedroom north of? **A: bathroom**

## Task 5: Three Argument Relations

Mary gave the cake to Fred.  
Fred gave the cake to Bill.  
Jeff was given the milk by Bill.  
Who gave the cake to Fred? **A: Mary**  
Who did Fred give the cake to? **A: Bill**

## Task 6: Yes/No Questions

John moved to the playground.  
Daniel went to the bathroom.  
John went back to the hallway.  
Is John in the playground? **A: no**  
Is Daniel in the bathroom? **A: yes**

## Task 7: Counting

Daniel picked up the football.  
Daniel dropped the football.  
Daniel got the milk.  
Daniel took the apple.  
How many objects is Daniel holding? **A: two**

## Task 8: Lists/Sets

Daniel picks up the football.  
Daniel drops the newspaper.  
Daniel picks up the milk.  
John took the apple.  
What is Daniel holding? **milk, football**

## Task 9: Simple Negation

Sandra travelled to the office.  
Fred is no longer in the office.  
Is Fred in the office? **A: no**  
Is Sandra in the office? **A: yes**

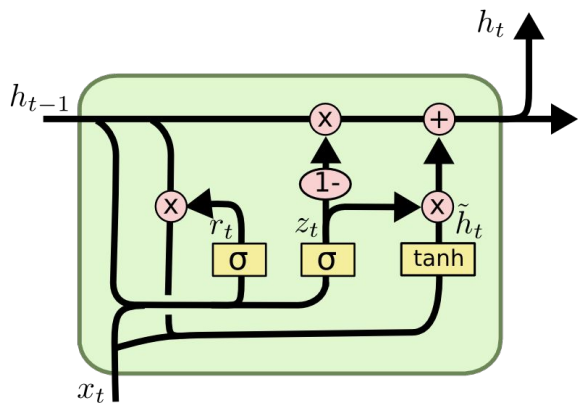
## Task 10: Indefinite Knowledge

John is either in the classroom or the playground.  
Sandra is in the garden.  
Is John in the classroom? **A: maybe**  
Is John in the office? **A: no**

Background



# Gated Recurrent Units



$$z_t = \sigma(W_z \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \quad \leftarrow \text{Update gate}$$

$$r_t = \sigma(W_r \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \quad \leftarrow \text{Reset gate}$$

$$\tilde{h}_t = \tanh(W \cdot [r_t * h_{t-1}, x_t]) \quad \leftarrow \text{Proposal}$$

$$h_t = (1 - z_t) * h_{t-1} + z_t * \tilde{h}_t \quad \leftarrow \text{Propagated}$$

[Cho, Kyunghyun, et al. "Learning phrase representations using RNN encoder-decoder for statistical machine translation." arXiv preprint arXiv:1406.1078 \(2014\).](#)

Image: <http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/>

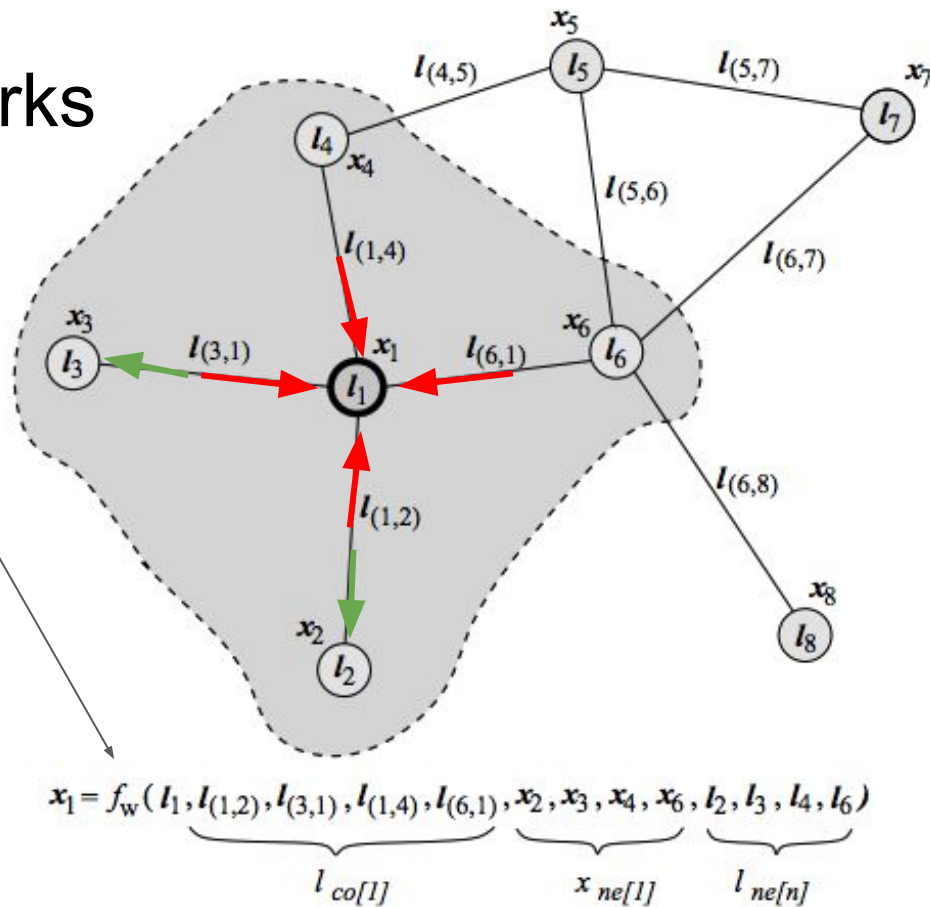
# Graph Neural Networks

## General Idea:

- Each node has a label  $l$
- Each node has a hidden representation  $x$
- We compute  $x$  based on a function  $f$  of the neighbours of it.
- Apply  $f$  multiple times (i.e. obtain a fixed point of  $x$ )
- Compute  $g$  for each node to get a node-level classification

Trained using Almeida–Pineda algorithm to find  $x$  followed by MSE loss and BPTT

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_n(t+1) &= f_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{l}_n, \mathbf{l}_{\text{co}[n]}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{ne}[n]}(t), \mathbf{l}_{\text{ne}[n]}) \\ \mathbf{o}_n(t) &= g_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_n(t), \mathbf{l}_n), \quad n \in \mathbf{N}. \end{aligned}$$



# Gated Graph Neural Networks

**Key Idea:** Replace iterative calculation of  $x$  by using a GRU applied for  $T$  timesteps!

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(1)} = [\mathbf{x}_v^\top, \mathbf{0}]^\top \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_v^{(t)} = \mathbf{A}_v^\top \left[ \mathbf{h}_1^{(t-1)\top} \dots \mathbf{h}_{|\mathcal{V}|}^{(t-1)\top} \right]^\top + \mathbf{b} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_v^t = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}^z \mathbf{a}_v^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}^z \mathbf{h}_v^{(t-1)} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_v^t = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}^r \mathbf{a}_v^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}^r \mathbf{h}_v^{(t-1)} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{h}}_v^{(t)} = \tanh \left( \mathbf{W} \mathbf{a}_v^{(t)} + \mathbf{U} \left( \mathbf{r}_v^t \odot \mathbf{h}_v^{(t-1)} \right) \right) \quad (5)$$

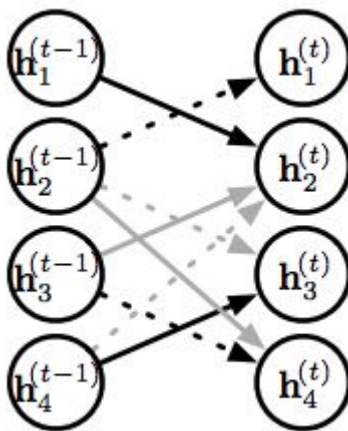
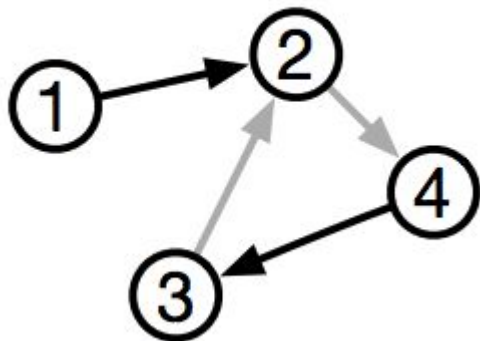
$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(t)} = (1 - \mathbf{z}_v^t) \odot \mathbf{h}_v^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{z}_v^t \odot \widetilde{\mathbf{h}}_v^{(t)}. \quad (6)$$

“Adjacency” matrix for node  $v$

These should look familiar

$$\text{Final Graph Level Prediction: } \mathbf{h}_G = \tanh \left( \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \sigma \left( i(\mathbf{h}_v^{(T)}, \mathbf{x}_v) \right) \odot \tanh \left( j(\mathbf{h}_v^{(T)}, \mathbf{x}_v) \right) \right),$$

# Gated Graph Neural Networks: Example



(Unroll 1 Timestep)

Also called a  
*propagation step*

	Outgoing Edges				Incoming Edges			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
1		B						
2				C	B'		C'	
3		C						B'
4			B			C'		

“Adjacency Matrix”

# Gated Graph Sequence Neural Network

A Gated Graph Neural Network to produce the output

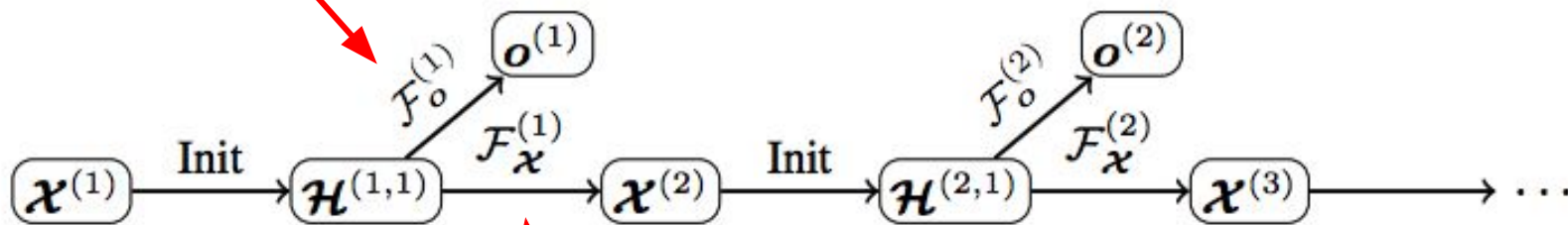


Figure 2: Architecture of GGS-NN models.

A Gated Graph Neural Network to produce the next graph state

# Performance

Task	RNN	LSTM	GG-NN
bAbI Task 4	97.3 $\pm$ 1.9 (250)	97.4 $\pm$ 2.0 (250)	100.0 $\pm$ 0.0 (50)
bAbI Task 15	48.6 $\pm$ 1.9 (950)	50.3 $\pm$ 1.3 (950)	100.0 $\pm$ 0.0 (50)
bAbI Task 16	33.0 $\pm$ 1.9 (950)	37.5 $\pm$ 0.9 (950)	100.0 $\pm$ 0.0 (50)
bAbI Task 18	88.9 $\pm$ 0.9 (950)	88.9 $\pm$ 0.8 (950)	100.0 $\pm$ 0.0 (50)

Two argument Relations  
Basic Induction,  
Basic Deduction  
Size Reasoning

Table 1: Accuracy in percentage of different models for different tasks. Number in parentheses is number of training examples required to reach shown accuracy.

# Learning Graphical State Transitions

[Johnson, Daniel D. "Learning graphical state transitions." ICLR 2017 \(2017\).](#)

# Goal: incrementally construct graph given natural language input

In particular:

- Internal state is a graph: many tasks have this property
- Recurrent model manipulates the graph hidden state using *transformations*.
- These transformations are *differentiable*



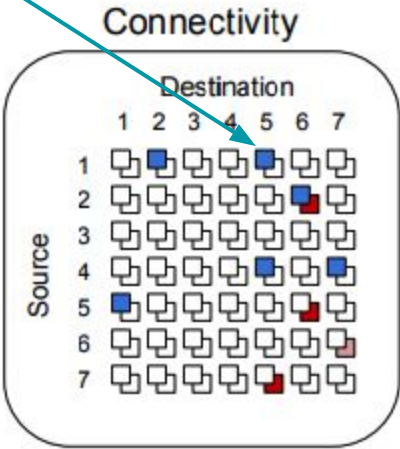
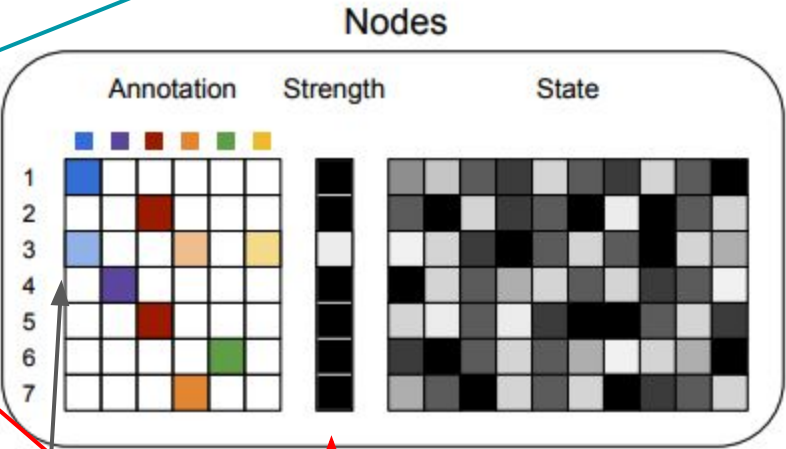
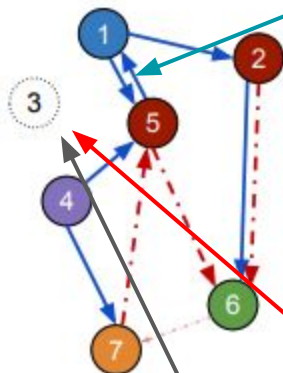
Graph	Differentiable Graph
Nodes	Nodes
Adjacency Matrix	Connectivity Matrix Component $c_{vv'y}$ represents belief that there is an edge from node $v$ to $v'$ of type $y$
$N$ node types	$N$ node types, $s_v$ belief that node $v$ should exist.
$Y$ edge types	$Y$ edge types
$X_v$ , node annotation, $h_v$ node hidden	$X_v$ such that $\sum(X_v) = 1$ Each component $x_{vj}$ represent belief of node $v$ being type $j$



Defines a “soft” graph

# Example

Existence of blue edge  
between 1 and 5



Node 3 is partially of type blue,  
orange and yellow

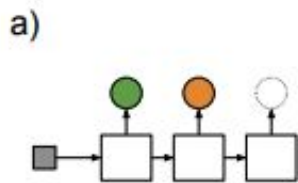
“Existence” strength

# Graph Transformations

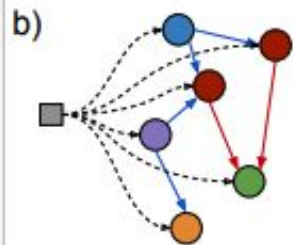
- Node Addition
  - Add new node and assign strength, annotation
- Node State Update
  - Updates the internal state
- Edge Update
  - Updates edge between pairs of nodes
- Propagate
  - Does a propagation step between all nodes in the graph
- Aggregate
  - Attention mechanism to select nodes and produce an output

*“operations act on all nodes and edges in parallel”* (Visualizations in the extra slides)

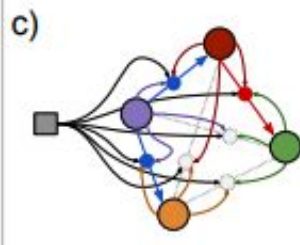
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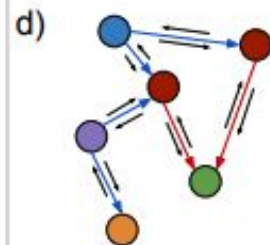
**Add**, RNN that produces nodes and strengths



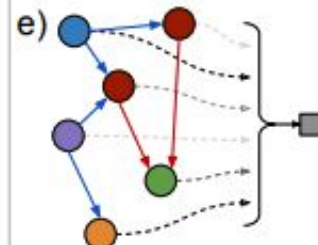
**State Update**, uses input to update internal states



**Edge Update**, edges are added or removed based on input and internal states



**Propagation**, pass information between nodes of the graph



**Aggregation**, use attention mechanism to produce an output based on graph and internal states

*“operations act on all nodes and edges in parallel” (More visualizations in the extra slides)*

# Question Answering Pseudocode

Loop over all sentences  
in the story

Add new nodes

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## Algorithm 1 Graph Transformation Pseudocode

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1:  $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \emptyset$   
2: **for**  $k$  from 1 to  $K$  **do**  
3:    $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_h(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{i}^{(k)})$   
4:   **if** direct reference enabled **then**  
5:      $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{h,direct}(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{D}^{(k)})$   
6:   **end if**  
7:   **if** intermediate propagation enabled **then**  
8:      $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{prop}(\mathcal{G})$   
9:   **end if**  
10:    $\mathbf{h}_G^{add} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{repr}(\mathcal{G})$   
11:    $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{add}(\mathcal{G}, [\mathbf{i}^{(k)} \mathbf{h}_G^{add}])$   
12:    $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{i}^{(k)})$   
13: **end for**  
14:  $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_h^{query}(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{i}^{query})$   
15: **if** direct reference enabled **then**  
16:    $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{h,direct}^{query}(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{D}^{query})$   
17: **end if**  
18:  $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{prop}^{query}(\mathcal{G})$   
19:  $\mathbf{h}_G^{answer} \leftarrow \mathcal{T}_{repr}^{query}(\mathcal{G})$   
20: **return**  $f_{output}(\mathbf{h}_G^{answer})$

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Internal  
state  
update

Sentence  
representation

Message Passing

Aggregation

# Training

- Supervised training to increase the likelihood of producing a correct answer
- HOWEVER:
  - Author was not able to make internal states mean anything useful *for humans*.
- **Strong Supervision**
  - Provide the correct graph at train time and minimize loss between true graph and hidden graph

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{node}} = -\max_{\pi} \sum_{v=|\mathcal{V}_{\text{old}}|+1}^{|\mathcal{V}_{\text{new}}|} s_{\pi(v)}^* \ln(s_v) + (1 - s_{\pi(v)}^*) \ln(1 - s_v) + \mathbf{x}_{\pi(v)}^* \cdot \ln(\mathbf{x}_v).$$

- substitute fuzzy graph with true graph

# Performance

Task		GGT-NN + direct ref	GGT-NN	LSTM	MemNN	MemN2N	EntNet
Two argument Relations	1	<b>0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	50.0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
	2	<b>0</b>	5.7	80.0	<b>0</b>	8.3	56.4
	3	<b>1.3</b>	12.0	80.0	<b>0</b>	40.3	69.7
	4	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	39.0	<b>0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>
	5	<b>1.6</b>	10.9	30.0	<b>2.0</b>	13.1	<b>4.6</b>
	6	<b>0</b>	7.7	52.0	<b>0</b>	7.6	30.0
	7	<b>0</b>	5.6	51.0	15.0	17.3	22.3
	8	<b>0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	55.0	9.0	10.0	19.2
	9	<b>0</b>	11.6	36.0	<b>0</b>	13.2	31.5
	10	<b>3.4</b>	28.6	56.0	<b>2.0</b>	15.1	15.6
Basic Induction, Basic Deduction	11	<b>0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	28.0	<b>0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	8.0
	12	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	26.0	<b>0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
	13	<b>0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	6.0	<b>0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	9.0
	14	<b>2.2</b>	55.1	73.0	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	62.9
Positional Reasoning	15	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0</b>	79.0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	57.8
	16	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	77.0	<b>0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	53.2
Size Reasoning	17	34.5	48.0	49.0	35.0	51.0	46.4
Path Finding	18	<b>2.1</b>	10.6	48.0	<b>5.0</b>	11.1	8.8
	19	<b>0</b>	70.6	92.0	64.0	82.8	90.4
	20	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	9.0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.6</b>

# Number of training examples needed to get $\geq 95\%$

More data efficient?

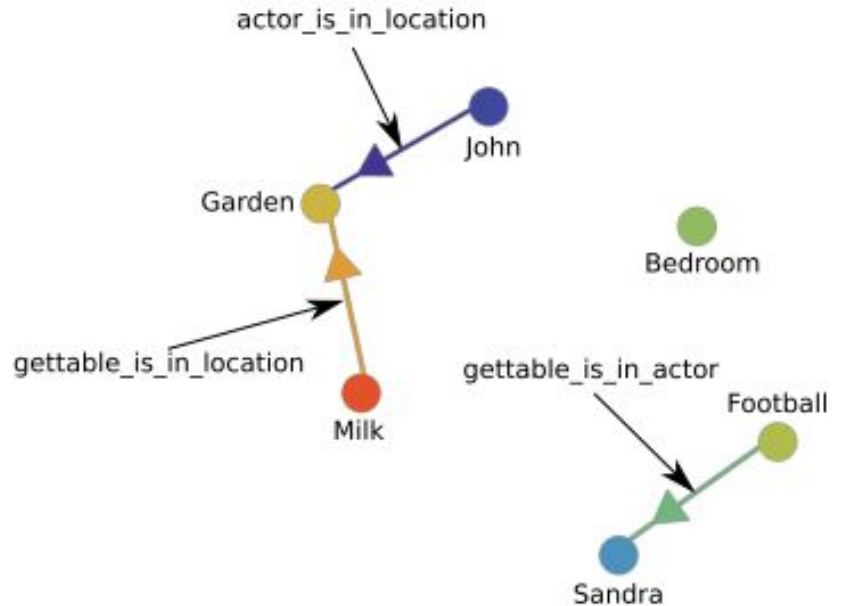
Task	GGT-NN + direct ref	GGT-NN
1 - Single Supporting Fact	100	1000
2 - Two Supporting Facts	250	-
3 - Three Supporting Facts	1000	-
4 - Two Arg. Relations	1000	1000
5 - Three Arg. Relations	500	-
6 - Yes/No Questions	100	-
7 - Counting	250	-
8 - Lists/Sets	250	1000
9 - Simple Negation	250	-
10 - Indefinite Knowledge	1000	-

Task	GGT-NN + direct ref	GGT-NN
11 - Basic Coreference	100	1000
12 - Conjunction	500	1000
13 - Compound Coref.	100	1000
14 - Time Reasoning	1000	-
15 - Basic Deduction	500	500
16 - Basic Induction	100	500
17 - Positional Reasoning	-	-
18 - Size Reasoning	1000	-
19 - Path Finding	500	-
20 - Agent's Motivations	250	250



# What did the hidden graphs learn?

1. John grabbed the milk.
  2. John travelled to the bedroom.
  3. Sandra took the football.
  4. John went to the garden.
  5. *John let go of the milk.* →
  6. Sandra let go of the football.
  7. John got the football.
  8. John grabbed the milk.
- Where is the milk?



# Discussion Points

- How can we use this?
- What kind of tasks are suitable for this kind of work?
- How can we reduce the need for strong supervision?
- Mixing strong and weak supervision?
- Suboptimal graphs?
- Can we generalize *between* tasks in a few-shot learning sense?
  - Example strong supervision on one task, no supervision on another

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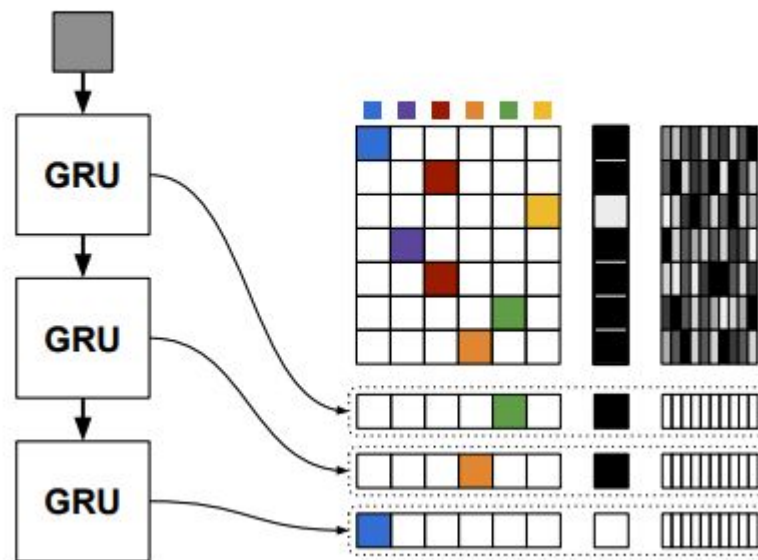
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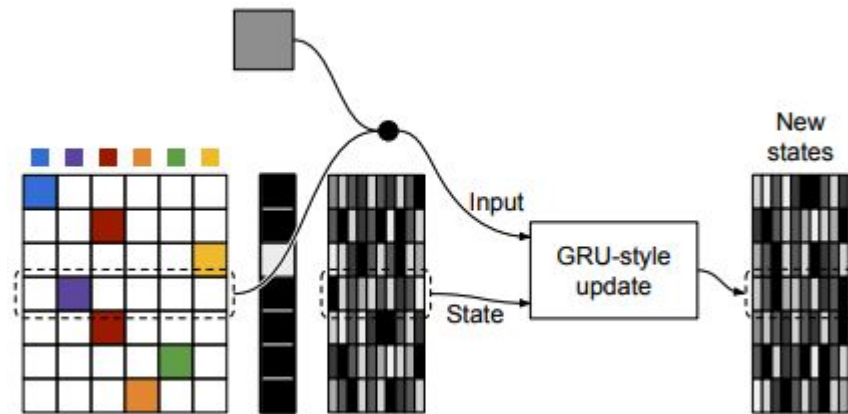
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Code: <https://github.com/hexahedria/gated-graph-transformer-network>

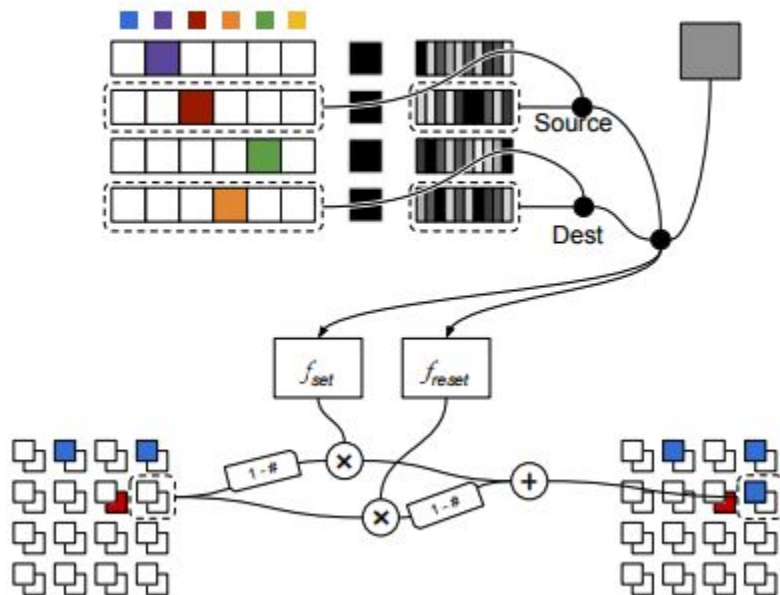
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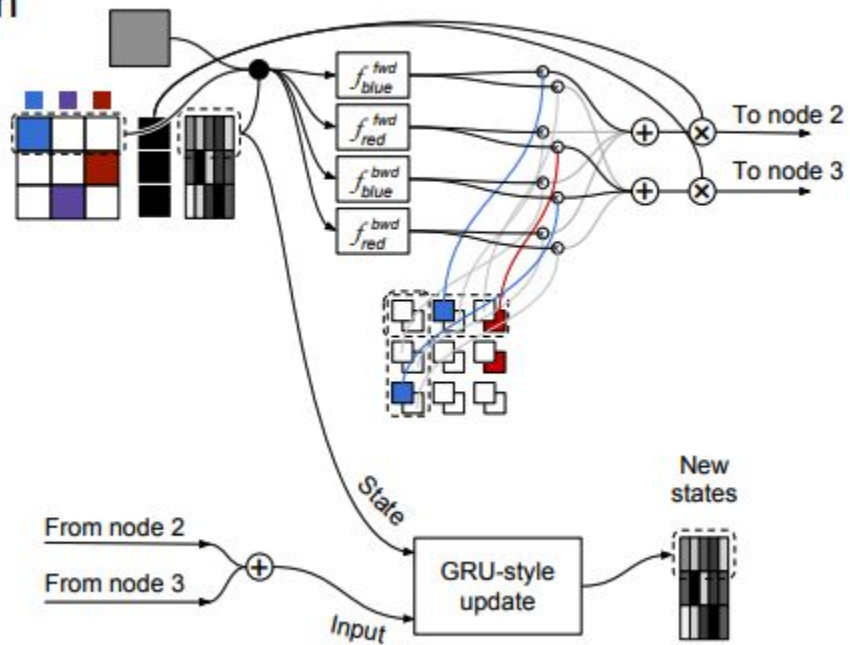
## Node state update



## Edge update



## Propagation



## Aggregation

