

Language Models and Graphs



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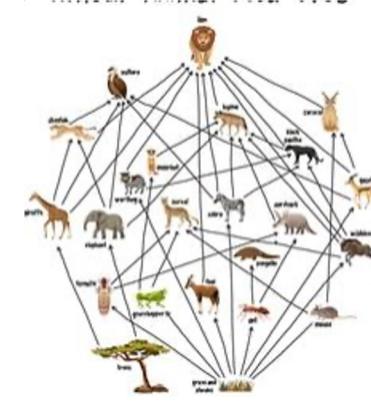
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Computer Networks



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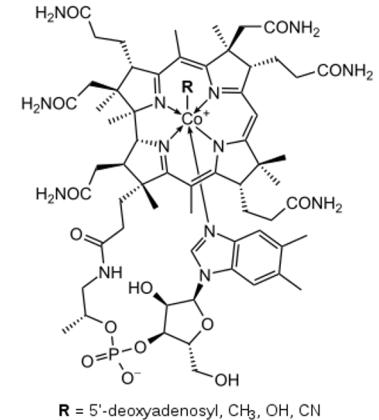
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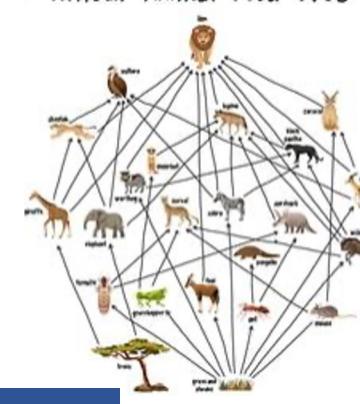
How do we take advantage of this structure for better prediction?



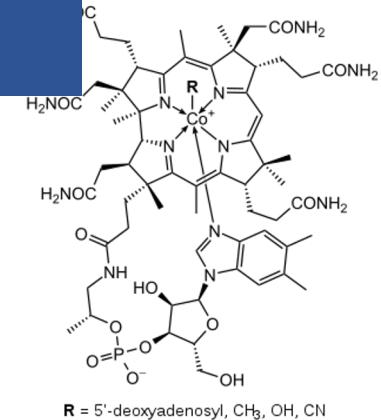
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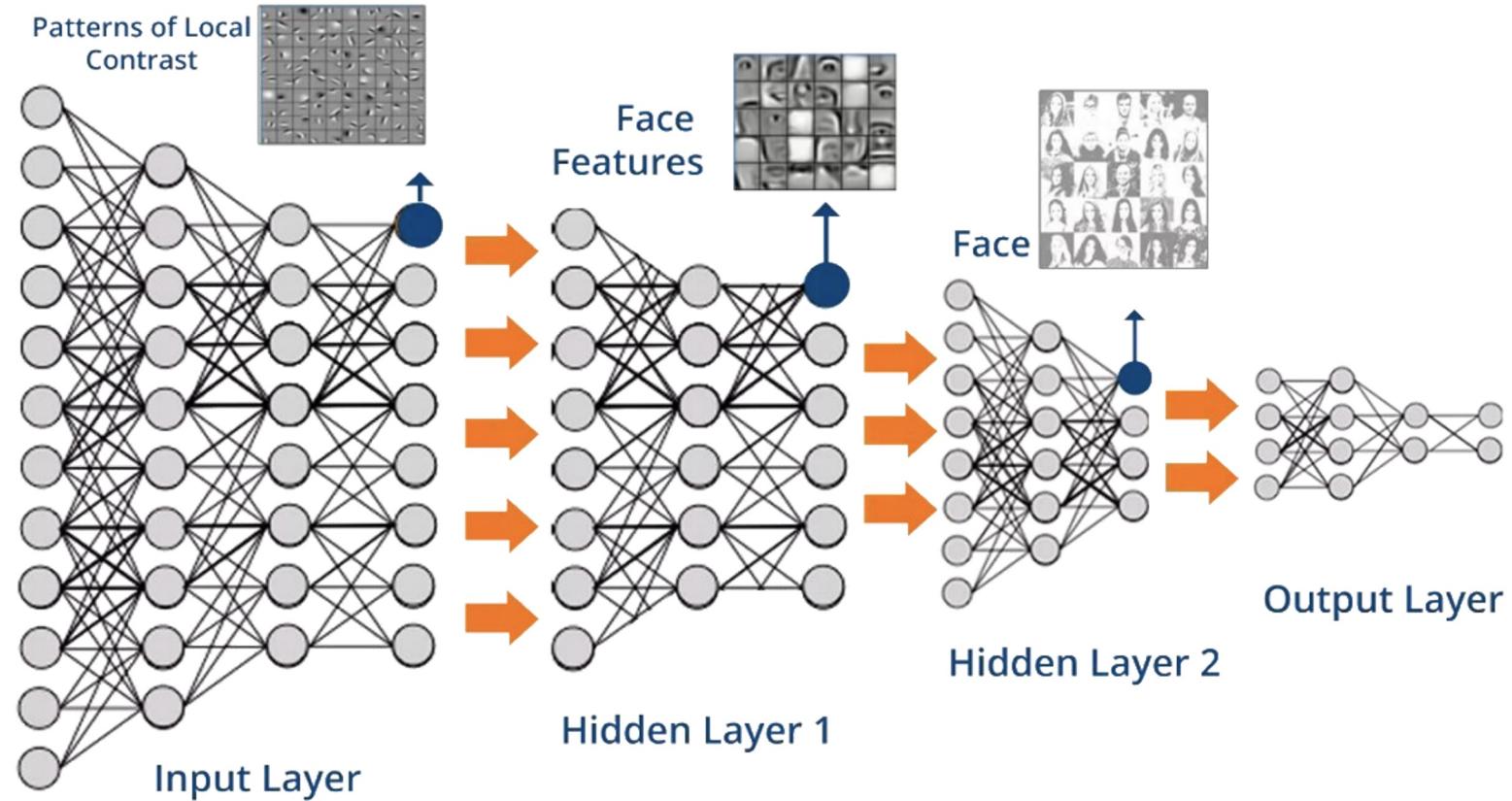
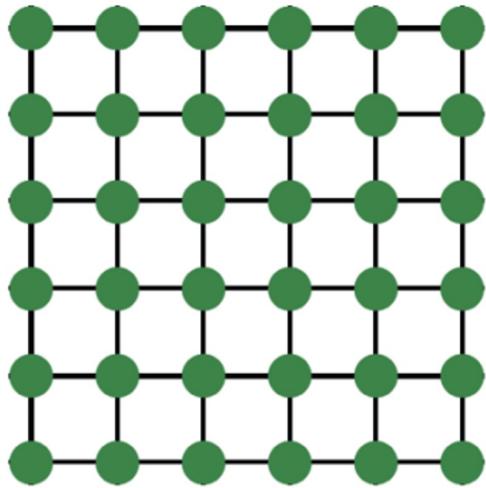


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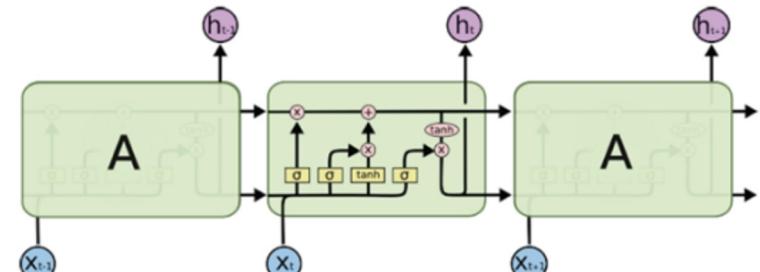


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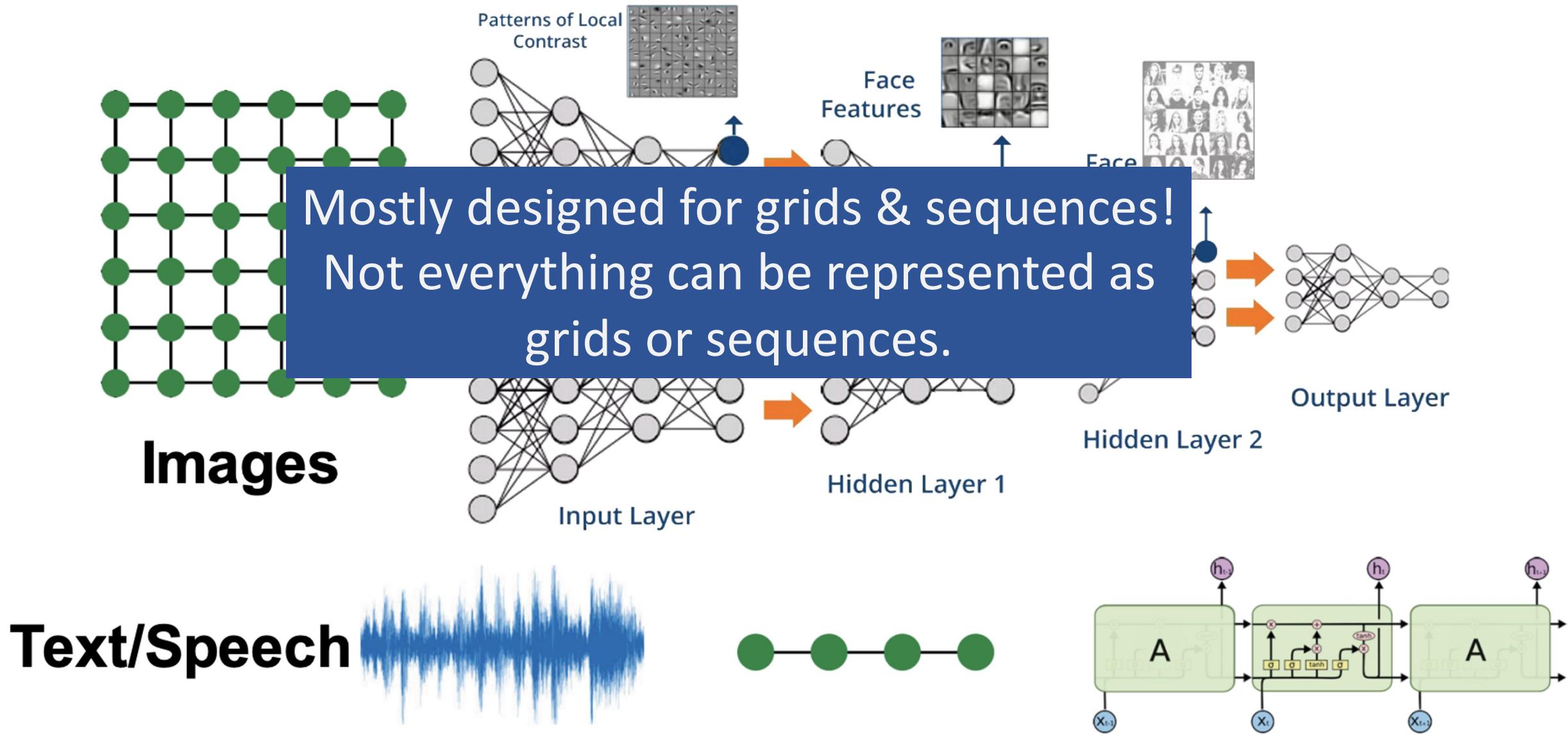
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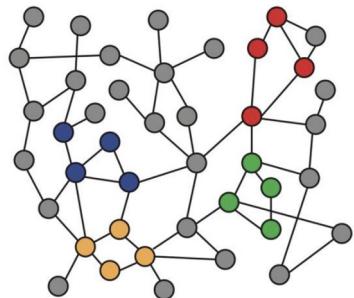


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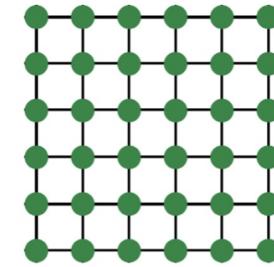


Why is ML on Graphs Hard?

- Networks are complex
- Arbitrary size and complex topological structure (i.e., no spatial locality like grids)
- No fixed node ordering or reference point
- Often dynamic and have multimodal features



Networks



Images



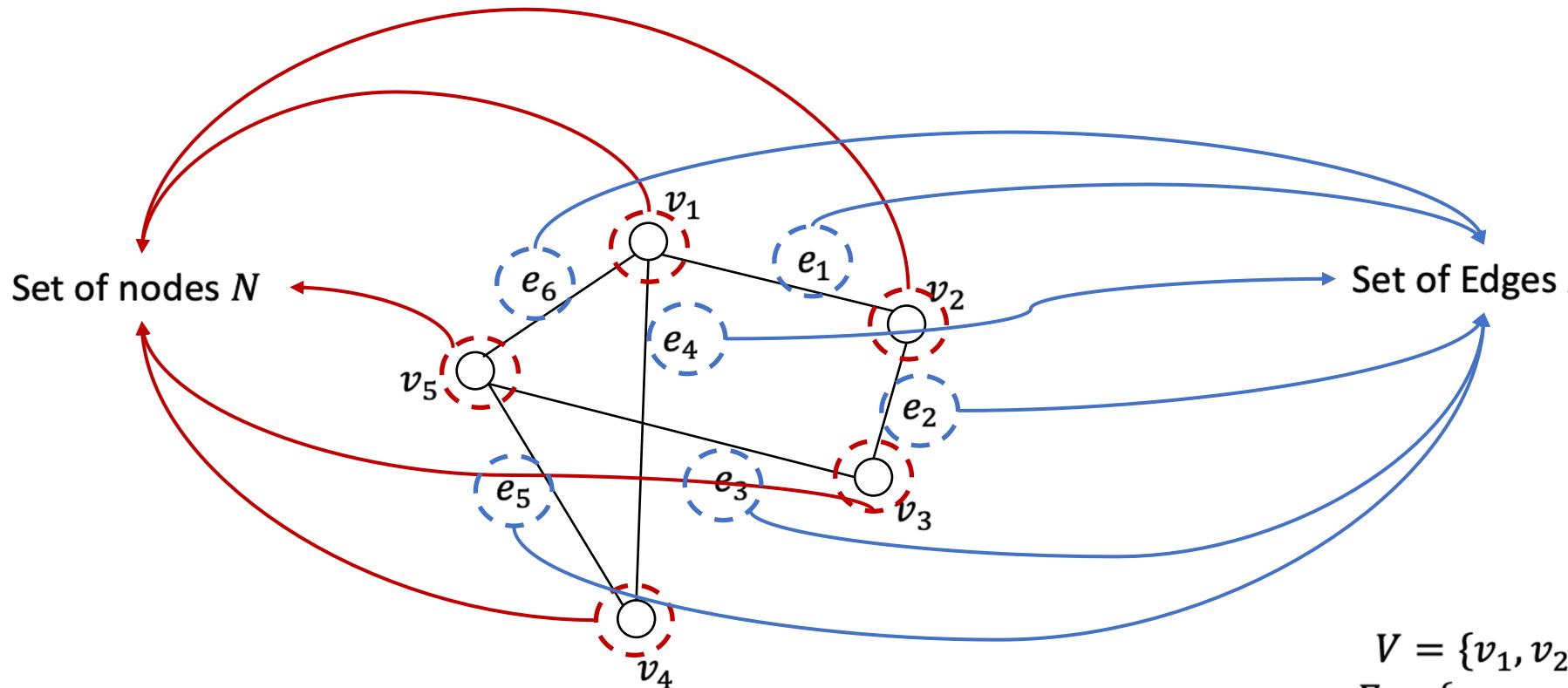
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What is Graph?

Definition (Graph). A graph can be denoted as $G = \{V, E\}$, where $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\}$ is a set of $N = |V|$ nodes and $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_M\}$ is a set of M edges.



$$V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$$

$$E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$$

$$N = 5$$

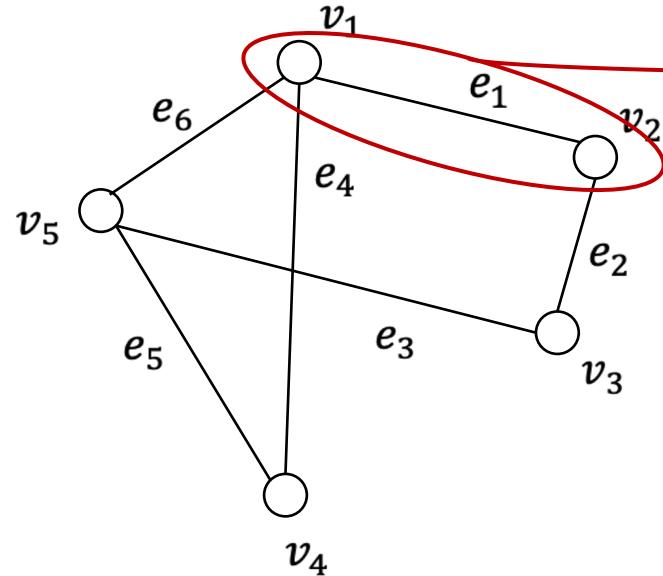
$$M = 6$$

More on Graphs

- The **size** of a given graph G is defined by **its number of nodes**, i.e., $N = |V|$.
- The set of edges E describes the connections between nodes.
- An edge $e \in E$ connects two nodes v_e^1 and v_e^2 ; thus, the edge e can be also represented as (v_e^1, v_e^2) .
- The nodes v_e^1 and v_e^2 are **incident** to the edge e .
- A node v_i is **adjacent** to another node v_j if and only if there exists an edge between them.

Adjacency Matrix

Definition (Adjacency Matrix). For a given graph $G = \{V, E\}$, the corresponding adjacency matrix is denoted as $A \in \{0,1\}^{N \times N}$. The $i, j - th$ entry of the adjacency matrix A , indicated as $A_{i,j}$, represents the connectivity between two nodes v_i and v_j . More specifically, $A_{i,j} = 1$ if v_i is adjacent to v_j , otherwise $A_{i,j} = 0$.



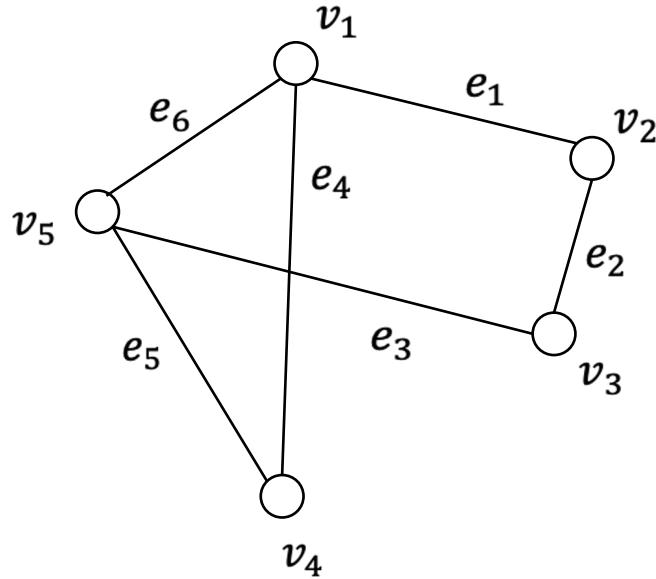
$i = \text{the number of row}$
 $j = \text{the number of column}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 \\ v_1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ v_2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ v_3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ v_4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ v_5 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

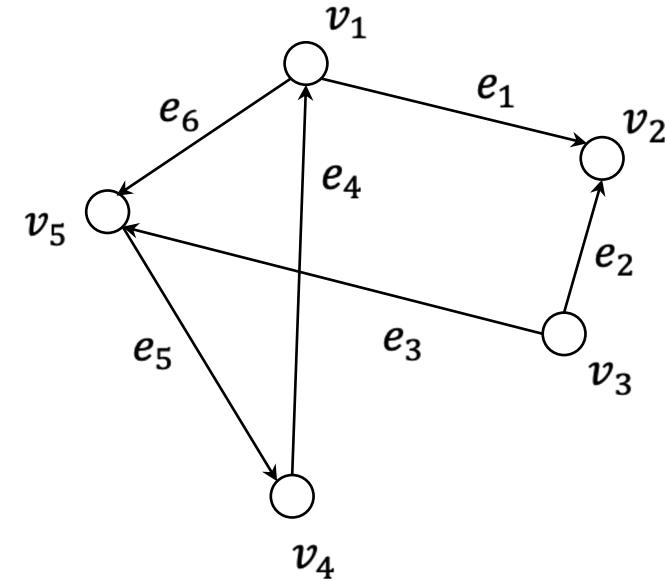
$A_{1,2}$

Undirected vs Directed Graphs

Undirected Graph



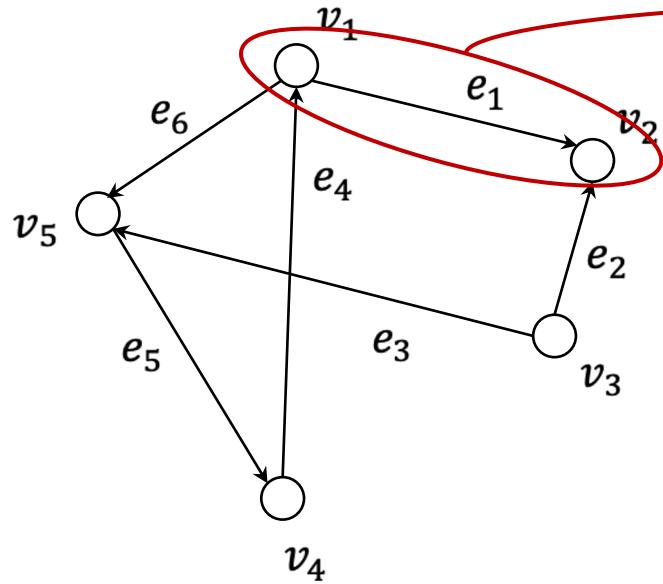
Directed Graph



In **undirected graphs**, the order of the two nodes does not make a difference, i.e., $e_1 = (v_1, v_2) = (v_2, v_1)$. More generally, $e = (v_e^1, v_e^2) = (v_e^2, v_e^1)$.

In **directed graphs**, the edge is directed from node v_e^1 to node v_e^2 .

Adjacency Matrix (Directed Graph)

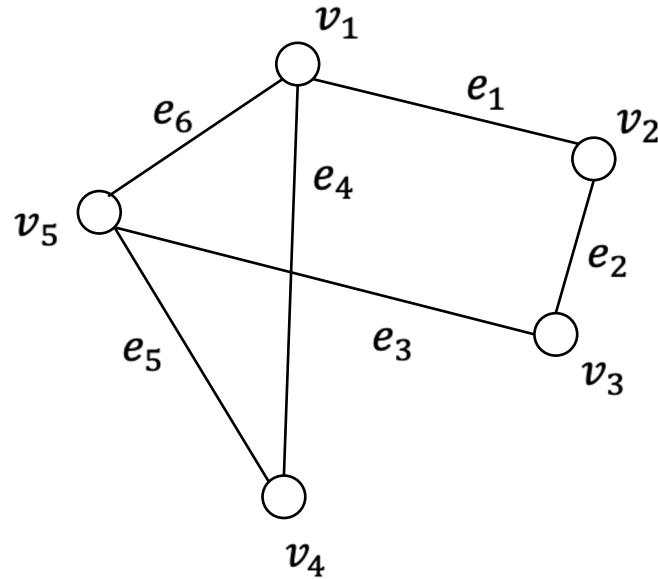


$A = \text{To}$

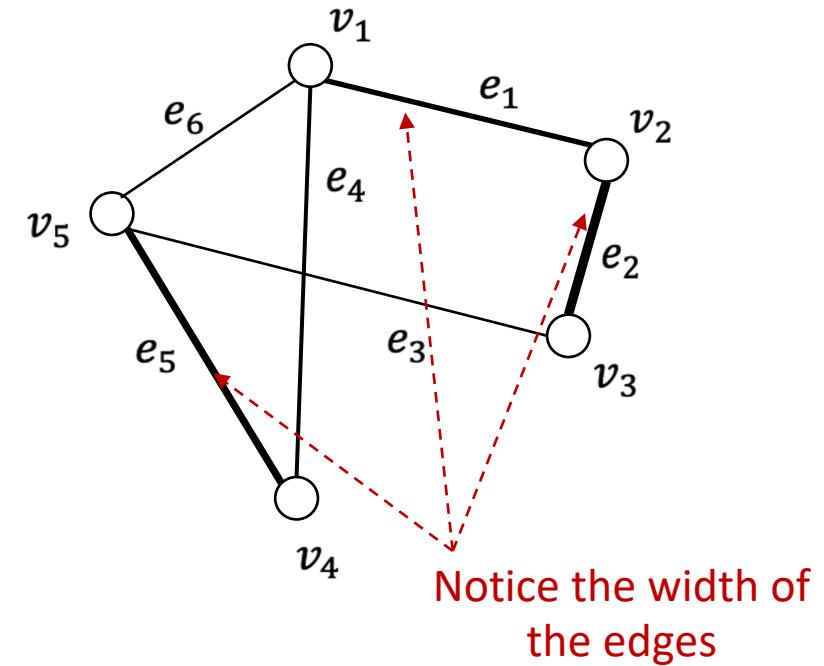
	From				
	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4	v_5
v_1	0	0	0	1	0
v_2	1	0	1	0	0
v_3	0	0	0	0	0
v_4	0	0	0	0	1
v_5	1	0	1	0	0

Unweighted and Weighted Graphs

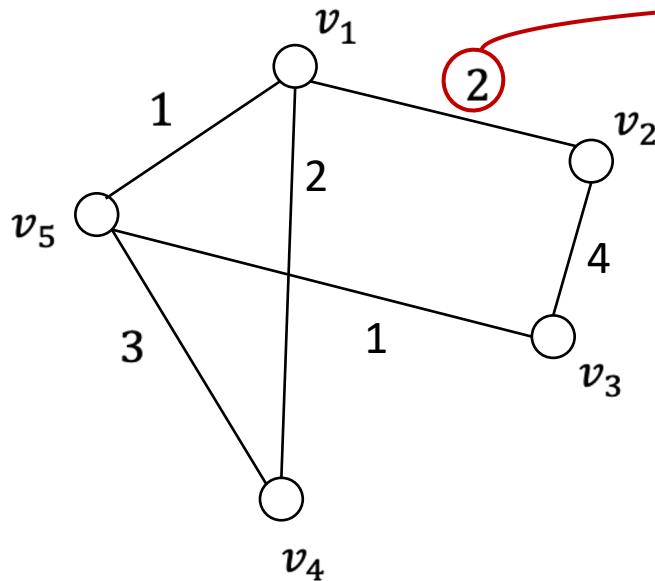
Unweighted Graphs
(undirected)



Weighted Graph
(undirected)



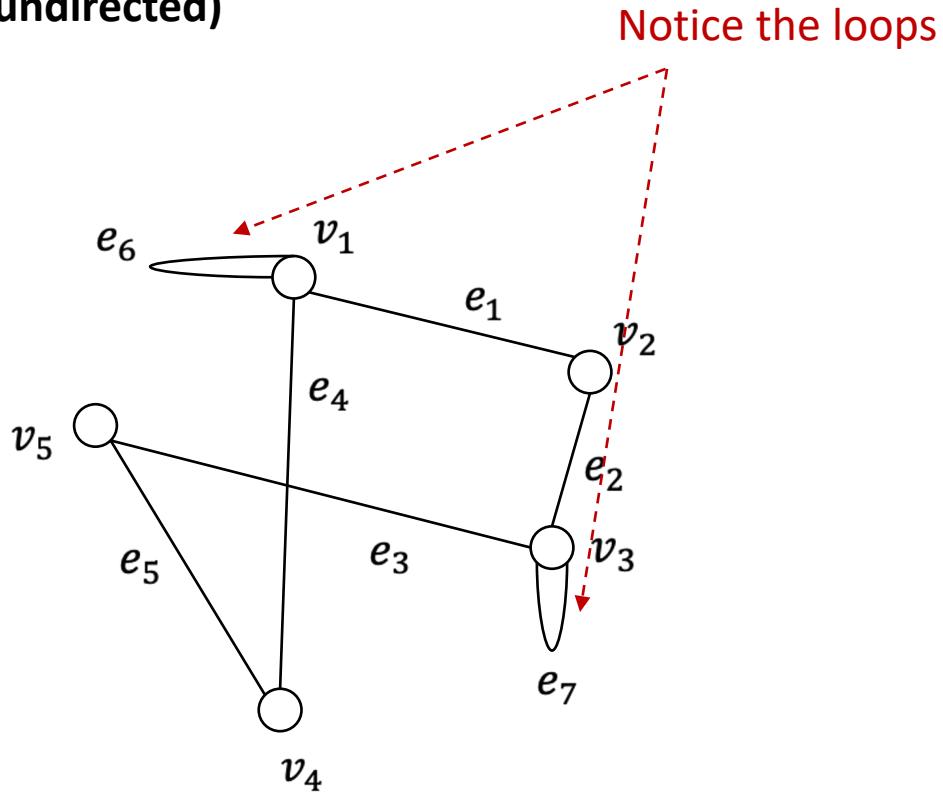
Adjacency Matrix (Weighted Graphs)



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 \\ v_1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ v_2 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ v_3 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ v_4 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ v_5 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Other Types of Graphs

Self-edges
(undirected)

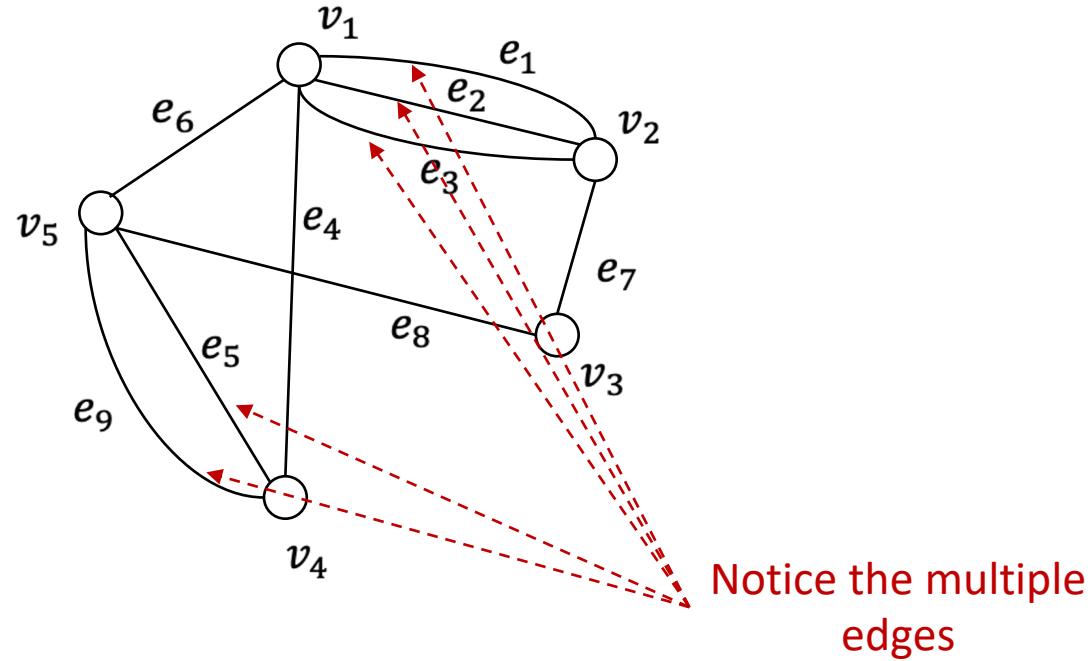


Adjacency Matrix Self-edges
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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 \\ v_1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ v_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ v_3 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ v_4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ v_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Other Types of Graphs

Multigraph (undirected)



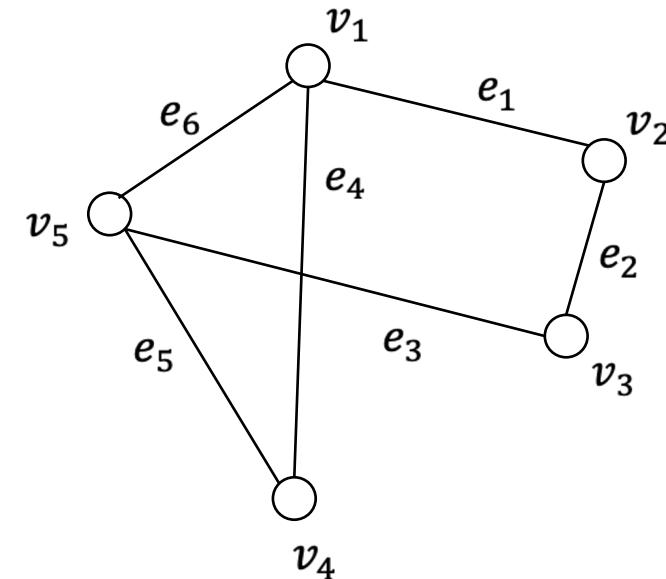
Adjacency Matrix Multigraph (undirected)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 \\ v_1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ v_2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ v_3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ v_4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ v_5 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Graph Walk

Definition (Walk). A walk on a graph is an alternating sequence of nodes and edges, starting with a node and ending with a node where each edge is incident with the nodes immediately preceding and following it.

A walk from u to v is called a $u - v$ walk



Definition (Length of a walk). Number of edges in the walk.

$$v_1 - v_2 \text{ walk} = (v_1, e_4, v_4, e_5, v_5, e_6, v_1, e_1, v_2)$$

Length of a walk = 4

Trail & Path

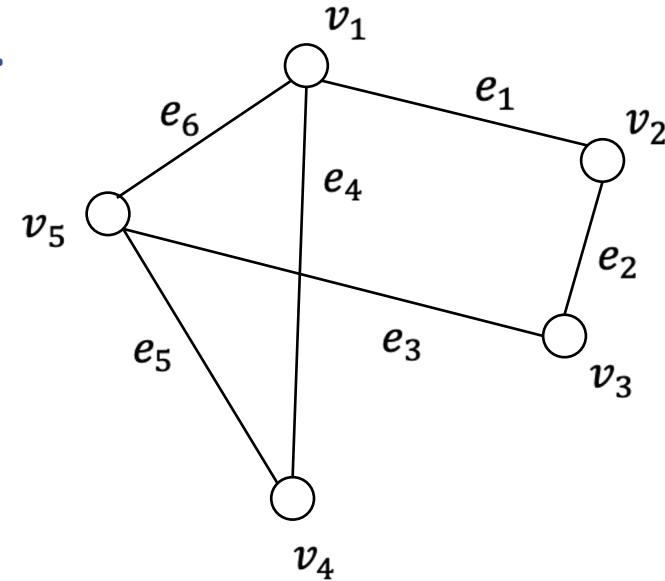
Definition (Trail). A trail is a walk whose edges are distinct.

$$\text{Trail} = (v_1, e_4, v_4, e_5, v_5, e_6, v_1, e_1, v_2)$$

Definition (Path). A path is a walk whose nodes are distinct.

$$\text{Path} = (v_1, e_4, v_4, e_5, v_5, e_3, v_3, e_2, v_2)$$

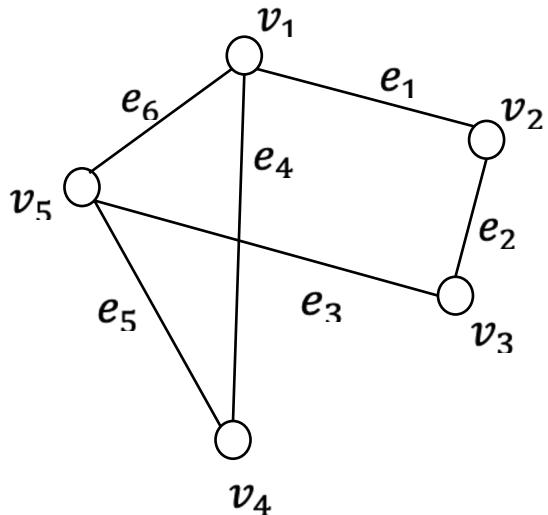
Example.



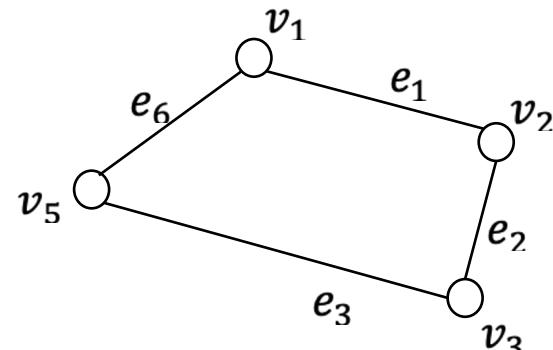
Subgraph

Definition (Subgraph). A subgraph $G' = \{V', E'\}$ of a given graph $G = \{V, E\}$ is a graph formed with a subset of nodes $V' \subset V$ and a subset of edges $E' \subset E$. Furthermore, the subset V' must contain all the nodes involved in the edges in the subset E' .

Example.



$$\begin{aligned}V &= \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\} \\E &= \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\} \\N &= 5 \\M &= 6\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}V' &= \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5\} \\E' &= \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_6\} \\V' &\subset V \text{ and } E' \subset E\end{aligned}$$

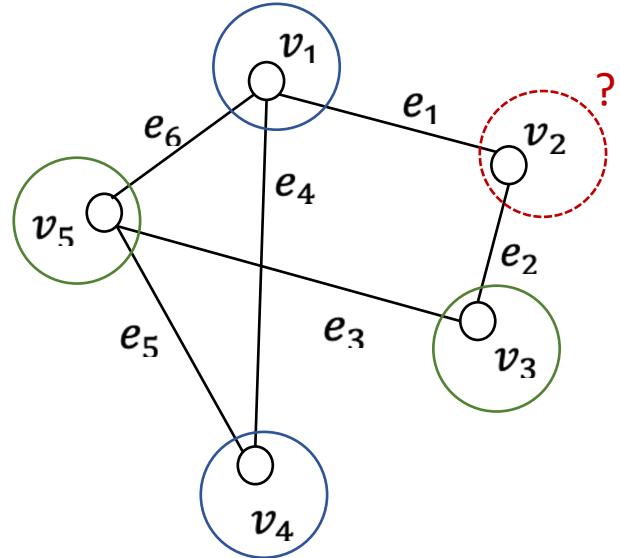
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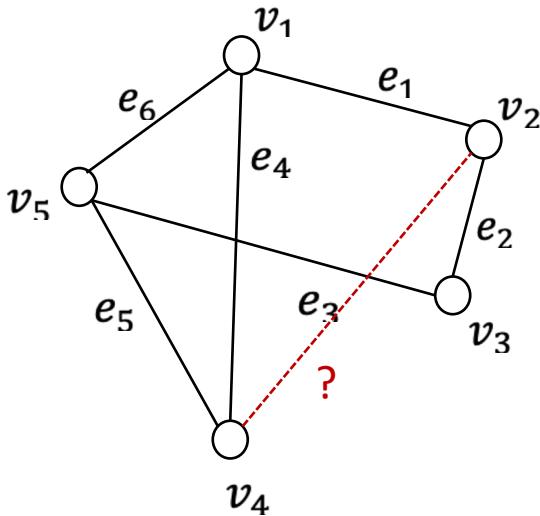
Classic Graph ML Tasks

- **Node classification.** Predict a property of a node
 - Example: Categorize online users / items
- **Link prediction.** Predict whether there are missing links between two nodes
 - Example: Knowledge graph completion
- **Graph classification.** Categorize different graphs
 - Example: Molecule property prediction
- **Clustering.** Detect if nodes form a community
 - Example: Social circle detection
- **Other tasks.**
 - Graph generation: Drug discovery

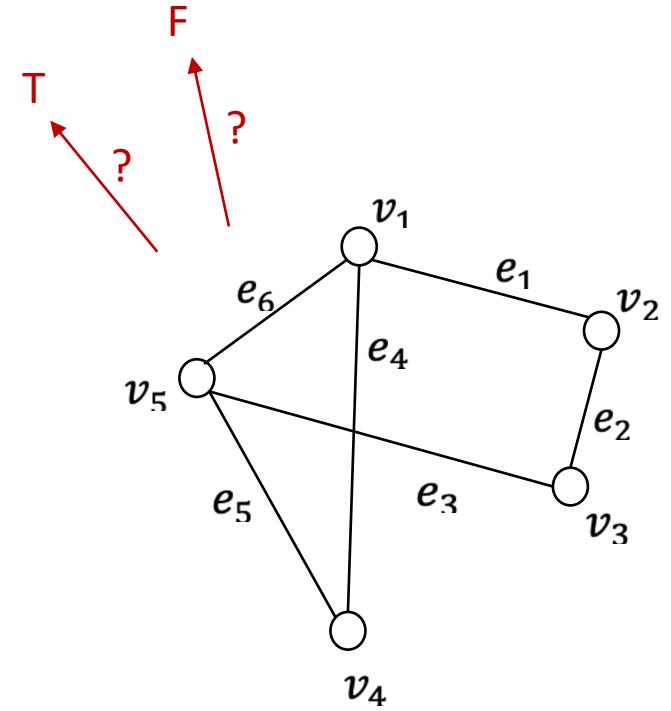
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Node Classification

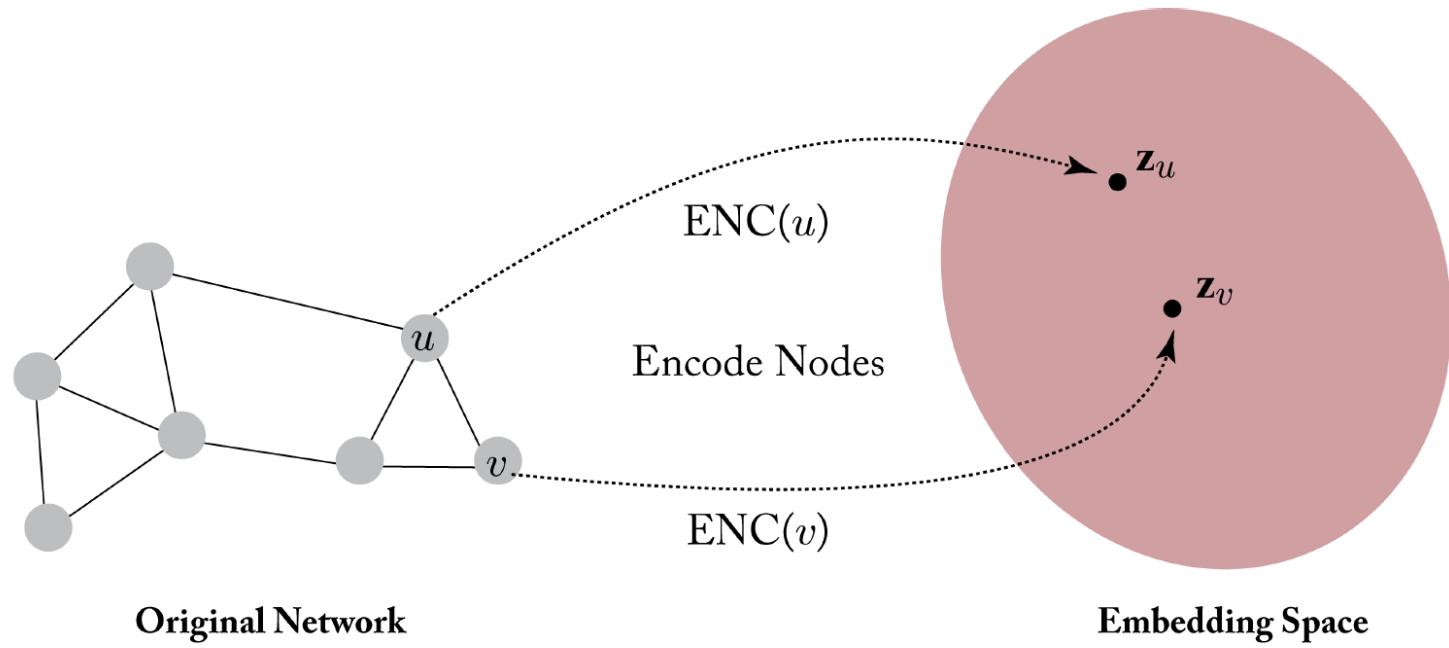


Link Prediction



Graph Classification

Graph Representation Learning



Graph Neural Networks – Quick Overview

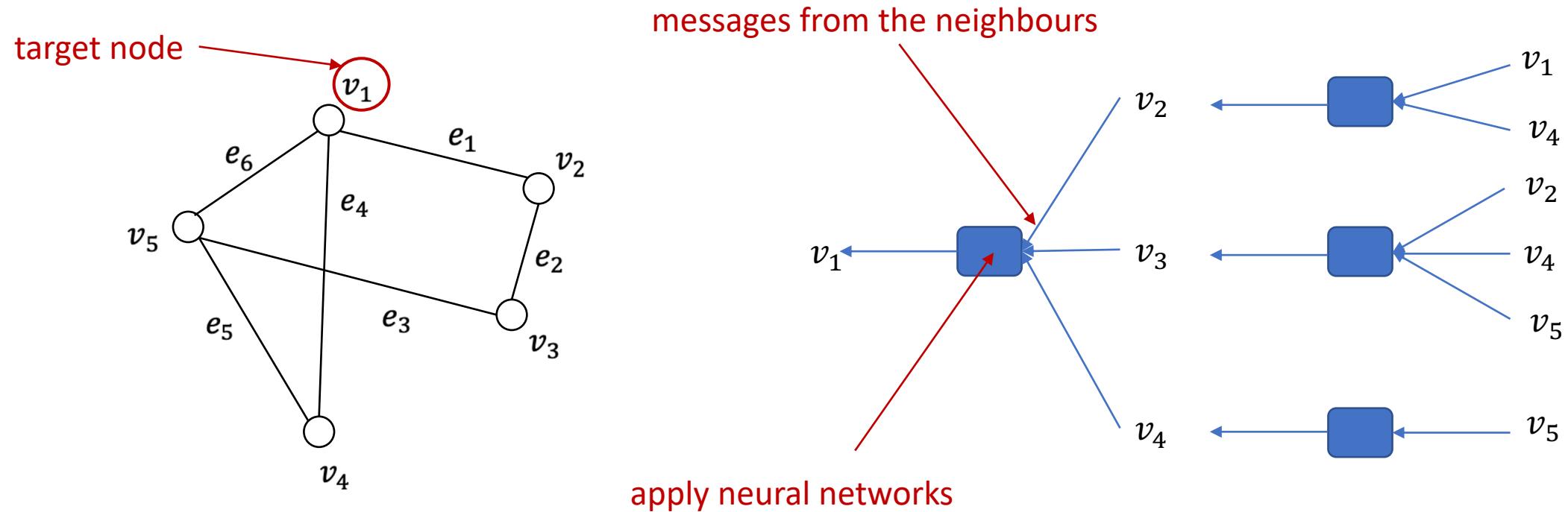
$$m_v^{(l)} = \text{Propagate}^{(l)} \left(\{h_u^{(l-1)} : u \in \mathcal{N}(v)\} \right)$$

Message passing

$$h_v^{(l)} = \text{Aggregate}^{(l)} \left(h_v^{(l-1)}, m_v^{(l)} \right)$$

Feature vector of node v at l-th layer

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Graph GPT

Graph Instruction Tuning for Large Language Models

1. **Feed** graph structures into LLMs.
2. Empower LLMs to **understand** graph structures?
3. Provide LLMs with the ability to **reason** step-by-step for zero-shot complex graph learning tasks.

Graph GPT (1)

Feed graph structures into LLMs?

- Without Graph Structure
 - fail when interdisciplinary field
- Text-based Graph
 - fail when interdisciplinary field
unacceptably long token length
- GraphGPT effectively learning from graph controllable token length

Input: (a) ChatGPT with Node Content Only Token Length: 615

Abstract: The use of lower precision has emerged as a popular technique ...
Title: TiM-DNN: Ternary in-Memory accelerator for Deep Neural Networks
Question: Which arXiv CS sub-category does this paper belong to? ...
Output:
cs.AR, cs.AI, cs.SY, cs.ET, cs.NE. The paper presents a hardware ...
Therefore, the most likely category for this paper is cs.AR ...



Input: (b) ChatGPT with Node Content and Text-based Graph Structure Token Length: 4649

Abstract: The use of lower precision has emerged as a popular technique ...
Title: TiM-DNN: Ternary in-Memory accelerator for Deep Neural Networks
With it as central node (paper 0), a citation graph can be constructed.
The list of neighbors: Paper 1: ... , ... , Paper 102: ...
The citation relations: Paper 0 cites Paper 1, ... , ... cites Paper 102.
Question: Which arXiv CS sub-category does this paper belong to? ...
Output:
Based on the title and Abstract, the paper is likely to belong:
1. cs.AR (Hardware Architecture) ...

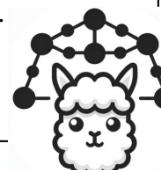


Input: (c) GraphGPT Token Length: 750

Given a citation graph: <graph> where the 0th node is the target paper, with the following information:

Abstract: The use of lower precision has emerged as a popular technique ...
Title: TiM-DNN: Ternary in-Memory accelerator for Deep Neural Networks
Question: Which arXiv CS sub-category does this paper belong to? ...
Output:
Based on the title and abstract, we can identify the following CS sub-categories that are most likely to be relevant: 1. cs.LG ...

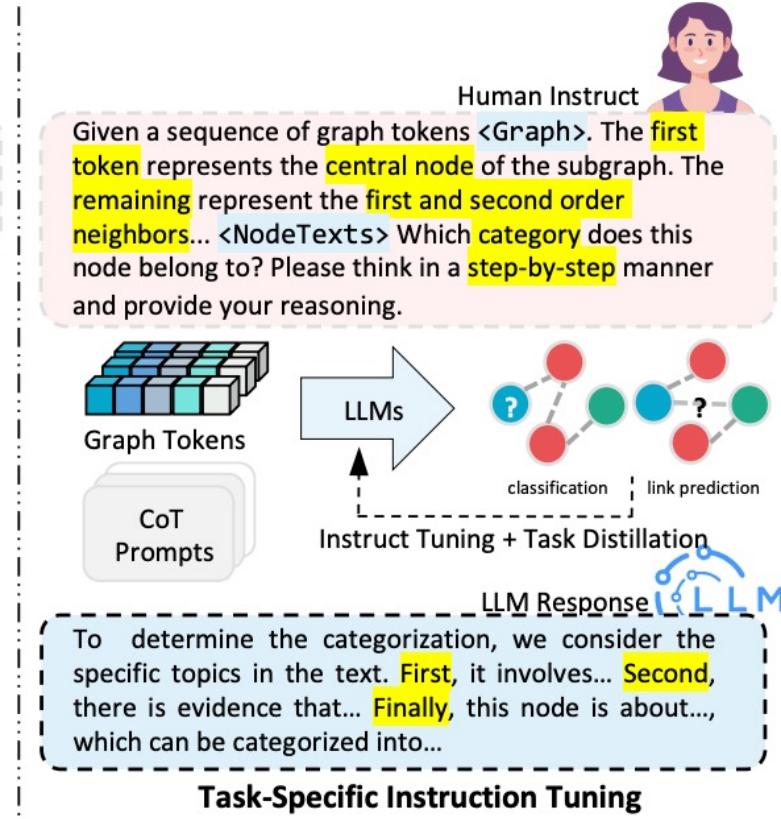
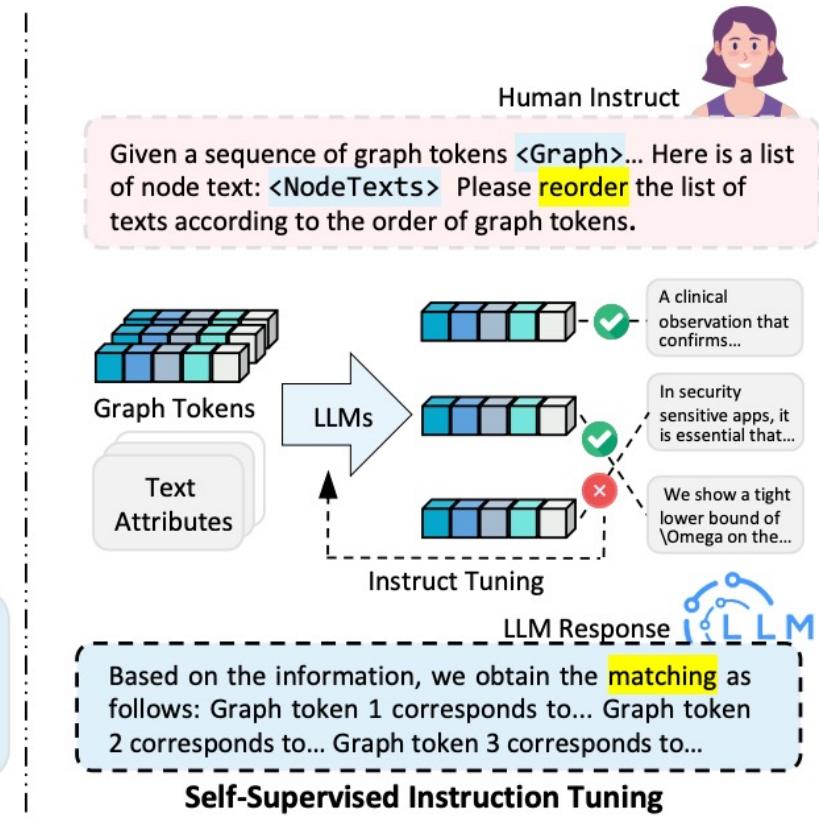
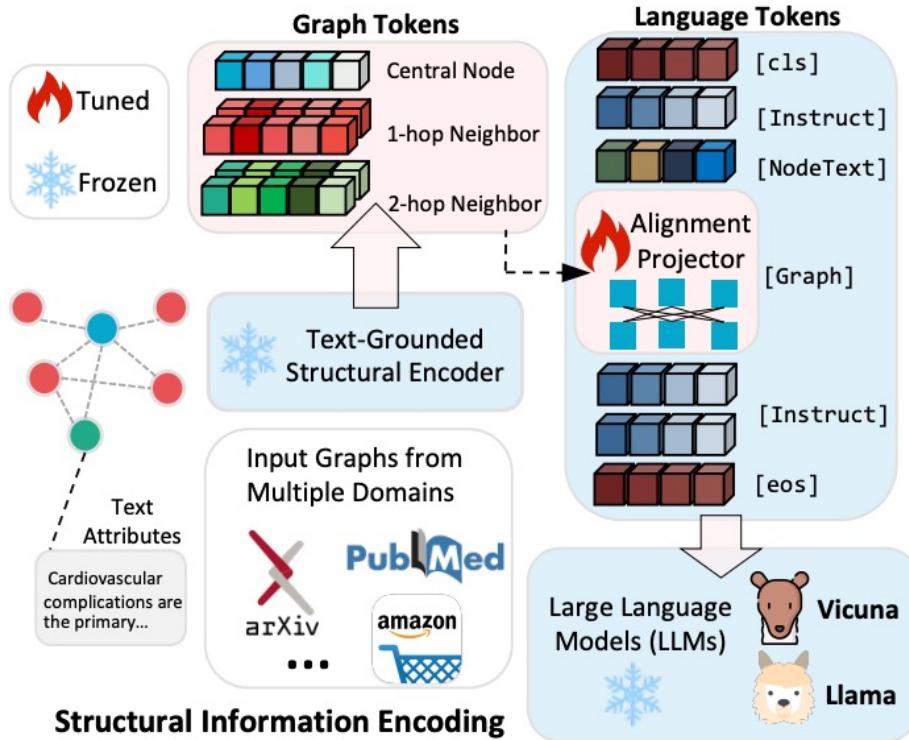
Ground Truth: cs.LG, Machine Learning



Graph GPT: Overall Architecture

Feed graph structures into LLMs

Graph as a sequence of “Graph Tokens”



Text – Graph Grounding (1)

Graph Encoder

$$\mathbf{H}^{(l)} = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{H}^{(l-1)}\mathbf{W})$$

Non-linear activation function

Graph representation of the l-th layer

Parameter matrix

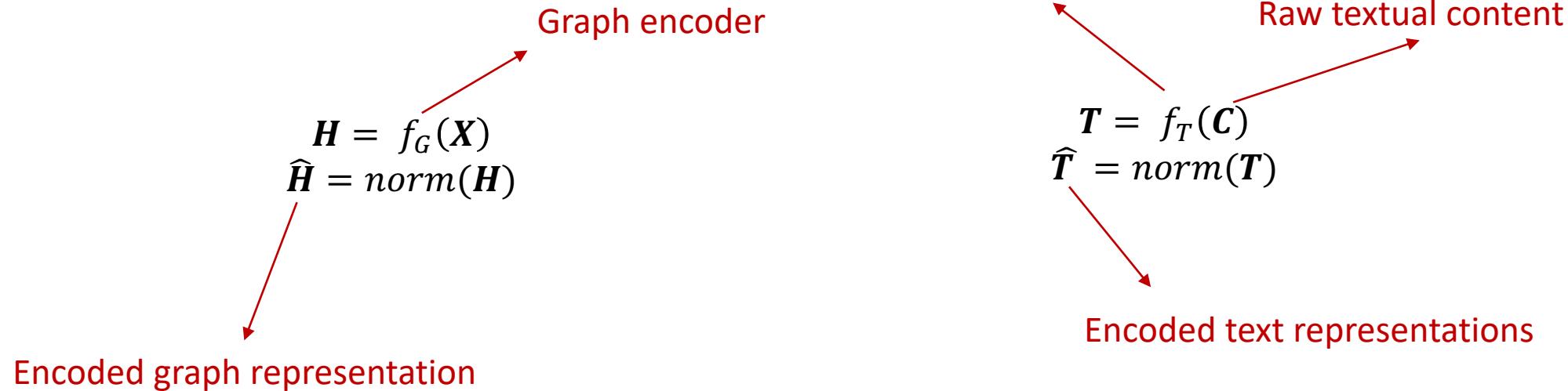
Self-loop adjacency matrix

The diagram illustrates the computation of the graph representation $\mathbf{H}^{(l)}$ for the l -th layer. It shows the formula $\mathbf{H}^{(l)} = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{H}^{(l-1)}\mathbf{W})$. Four red arrows point to different parts of the equation and its context:

- An arrow points to the term σ , labeled "Non-linear activation function".
- An arrow points to the term $\mathbf{H}^{(l-1)}$, labeled "Graph representation of the l-th layer".
- An arrow points to the term \mathbf{W} , labeled "Parameter matrix".
- An arrow points to the term $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$, labeled "Self-loop adjacency matrix".

Text – Graph Grounding (1)

Text Structure Alignment



Alignment Across Modalities

The diagram illustrates the Alignment Across Modalities process, showing three alignment terms and their summation to form the loss function.

Trainable temperature parameter:

$$\tau$$

Alignment Terms:

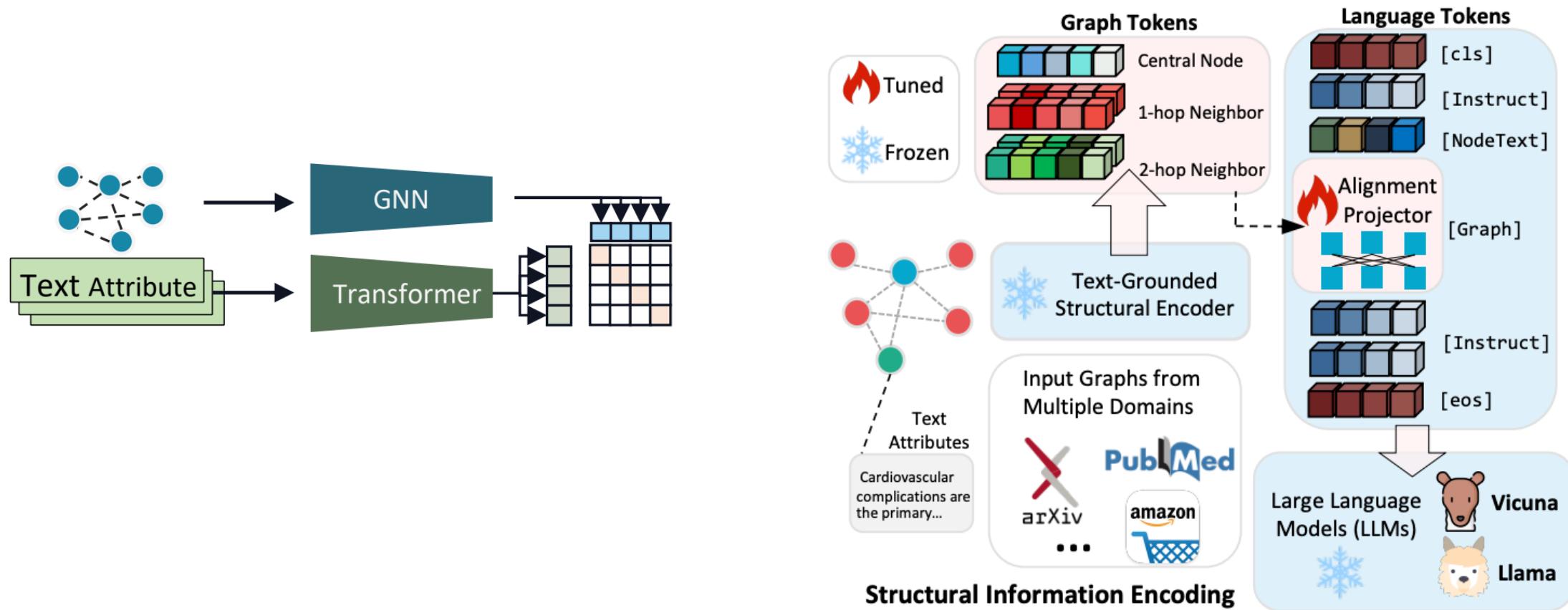
- $\Gamma_1 = (\hat{H} \hat{T}^T) \cdot \exp(\tau)$
- $\Gamma_2 = (\hat{H} \hat{T}'^T) \cdot \exp(\tau)$
- $\Gamma_3 = (\hat{T}^T \hat{T}'^T) \cdot \exp(\tau)$

Cross-entropy loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i (\text{CE}(\Gamma_i, \mathbf{y}) + \text{CE}(\Gamma_i^\top, \mathbf{y}))$$

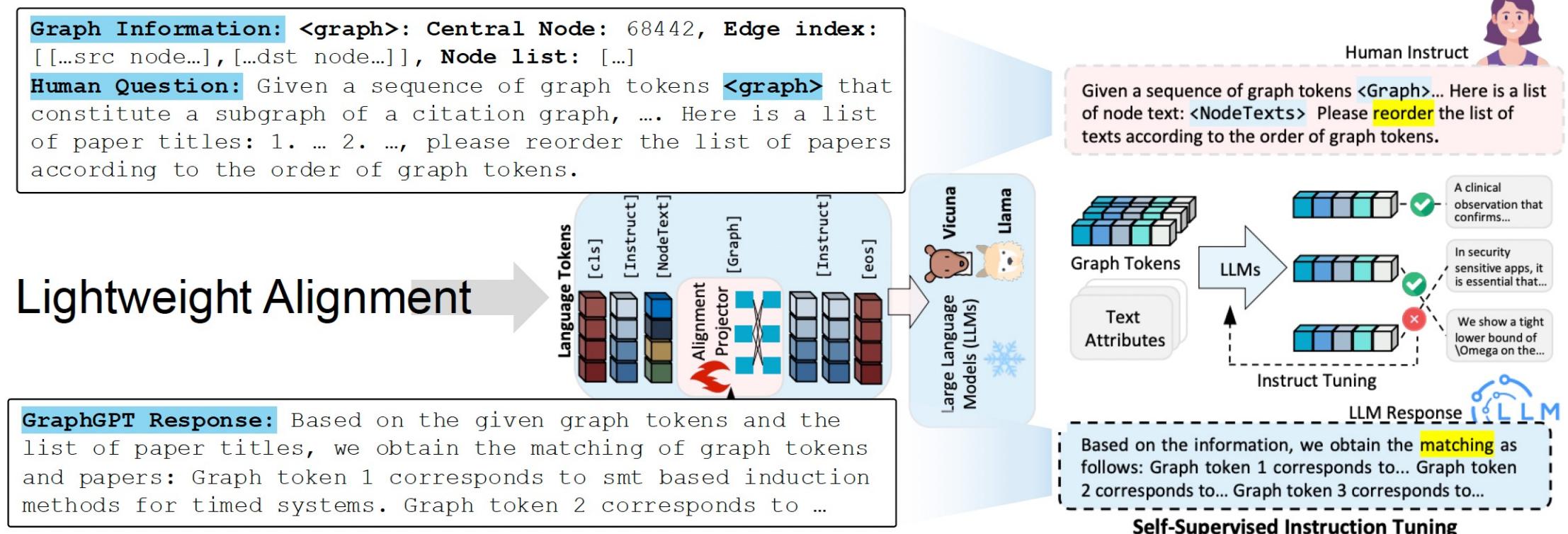
Text – Graph Grounding (1)

Initializing graph encoder with natural language alignment



Self - Supervised Instruction Tuning (2)

Let LLM match the graph tokens with the corresponding natural language content in the prompt



Task Specific Instruction Tuning (2)

Instruction Tuning for downstream tasks

Graph Information: <graph>: Central Node: 2, Edge index: [...src node...], [...dst node...]], Node list: [...]

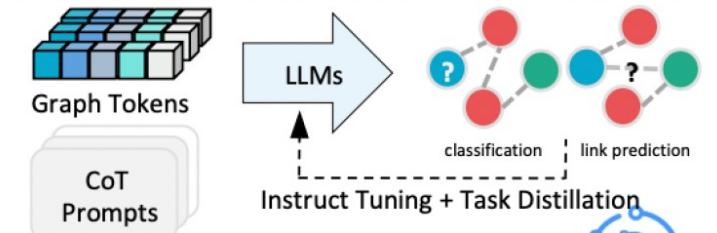
Human Question: Given a citation graph: <graph> where the 0th node is the target paper, with the following information:
Abstract: ... Title: ... Question: Which arXiv CS sub-category does this paper belong to? ...

Graph Information: <graph>: Central Node 1: 8471, Edge index 1: [...src node...], [...dst node...]], Node list 1: [...] <graph>: Central Node 2: 19368, Edge index 2: [...src node...], [...dst node...]], Node list 2: [...]

Human Question: Given a sequence of graph tokens: <graph> that constitute a subgraph of a citation graph,
Abstract: ... Titile: ... and the other sequence of graph tokens: <graph>, ... Abstract: ... Title: ..., are these two central nodes connected? Give me an answer of "yes" or "no".

GraphGPT Response: cs.IT, cs.LG, cs.SP, cs.CV, cs.NA. The paper discusses the Restricted Isometry So, it is likely to belong to cs.IT...

Human Instruct
Given a sequence of graph tokens <Graph>. The first token represents the central node of the subgraph. The remaining represent the first and second order neighbors... <NodeTexts> Which category does this node belong to? Please think in a step-by-step manner and provide your reasoning.

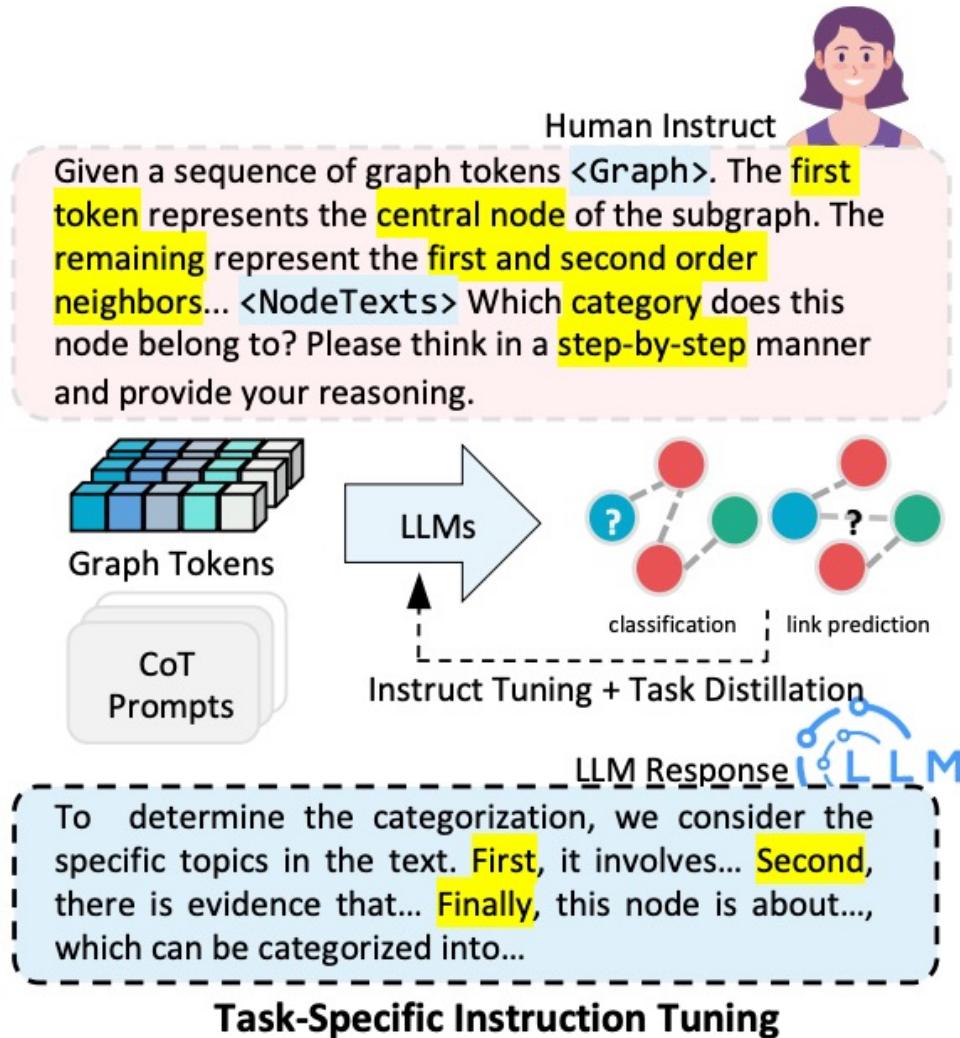


To determine the categorization, we consider the specific topics in the text. First, it involves... Second, there is evidence that... Finally, this node is about..., which can be categorized into...

Task-Specific Instruction Tuning

Chain-of-Thought (CoT) Distillation (3)

Distilling reasoning capabilities from a powerful model (ChatGPT) through the CoT



Experimental Results

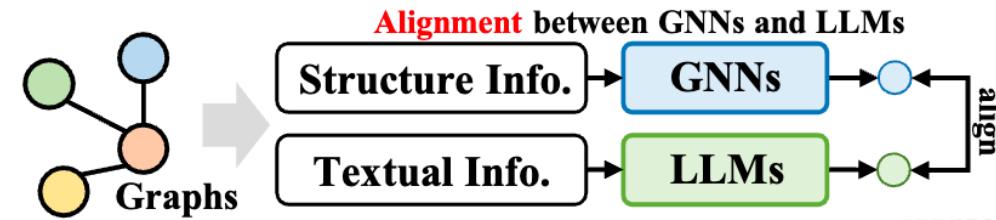
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Model	Accuracy	Macro-F1	acc	Macro-F1	Accuracy	Macro-F1	Accuracy	Macro-F1	Accuracy	Macro-F1
MLP	0.5179	0.2536	0.3940	0.1885	0.0258	0.0037	0.0220	0.0006	0.2127	0.0145
GraphSAGE	0.5480	0.3290	0.3950	0.1939	0.0328	0.0132	0.0132	0.0029	0.1281	0.0129
GCN	0.5267	0.3202	0.3940	0.1884	0.0214	0.0088	0.0187	0.0032	0.0122	0.0008
GAT	0.5332	0.3118	0.3940	0.1884	0.0167	0.0110	0.0161	0.0057	0.1707	0.0285
RevGNN	0.5474	0.3240	0.4440	0.3046	0.0272	0.0101	0.0217	0.0016	0.1309	0.0126
DGI	0.5059	0.2787	0.3991	0.1905	0.0205	0.0011	0.0205	0.0011	0.5059	0.2787
GKD	0.5570	0.1595	0.3645	0.2561	0.0470	0.0093	0.0406	0.0037	0.2089	0.0179
GLNN	0.6088	0.3757	0.4298	0.3182	0.0267	0.0115	0.0182	0.0092	0.3373	0.1115
NodeFormer	0.5922	0.3328	0.2064	0.1678	0.0152	0.0065	0.0144	0.0053	0.2713	0.0855
DIFFormer	0.5986	0.3355	0.2959	0.2503	0.0161	0.0094	0.0100	0.0007	0.1637	0.0234
baichuan-7B	0.0946	0.0363	0.4642	0.3876	0.0405	0.0469	0.0405	0.0469	0.0946	0.0363
vicuna-7B-v1.1	0.2657	0.1375	0.5251	0.4831	0.1090	0.0970	0.1090	0.0970	0.2657	0.1375
vicuna-7B-v1.5	0.4962	0.1853	0.6351	0.5231	0.1489	0.1213	0.1489	0.1213	0.4962	0.1853
GraphGPT-7B-v1.1-cot	0.4913	0.1728	0.6103	0.5982	0.1145	0.1016	0.1250	0.0962	0.4853	0.2102
GraphGPT-7B-v1.5-stage2	0.7511	0.5600	0.6484	0.5634	0.0813	0.0713	0.0934	0.0978	0.6278	0.2538
GraphGPT-7B-v1.5-std	0.6258	0.2622	0.7011	0.6491	0.1256	0.0819	0.1501	0.0936	0.6390	0.2652
GraphGPT-7B-v1.5-cot	0.5759	0.2276	0.5213	0.4816	0.1813	0.1272	0.1647	0.1326	0.6476	0.2854
p-val	$2.26e^{-9}$	$1.56e^{-10}$	$2.22e^{-7}$	$1.55e^{-9}$	$1.04e^{-9}$	$9.96e^{-6}$	$7.62e^{-8}$	$1.97e^{-7}$	$1.5e^{-13}$	$4.63e^{-6}$

Alignment b/w GNN & LLMs

- Align the feature spaces of GNNs and LLMs
- GNNs and LLMs process different types of data
- Distinct feature spaces in GNNs and LLMs

Methods

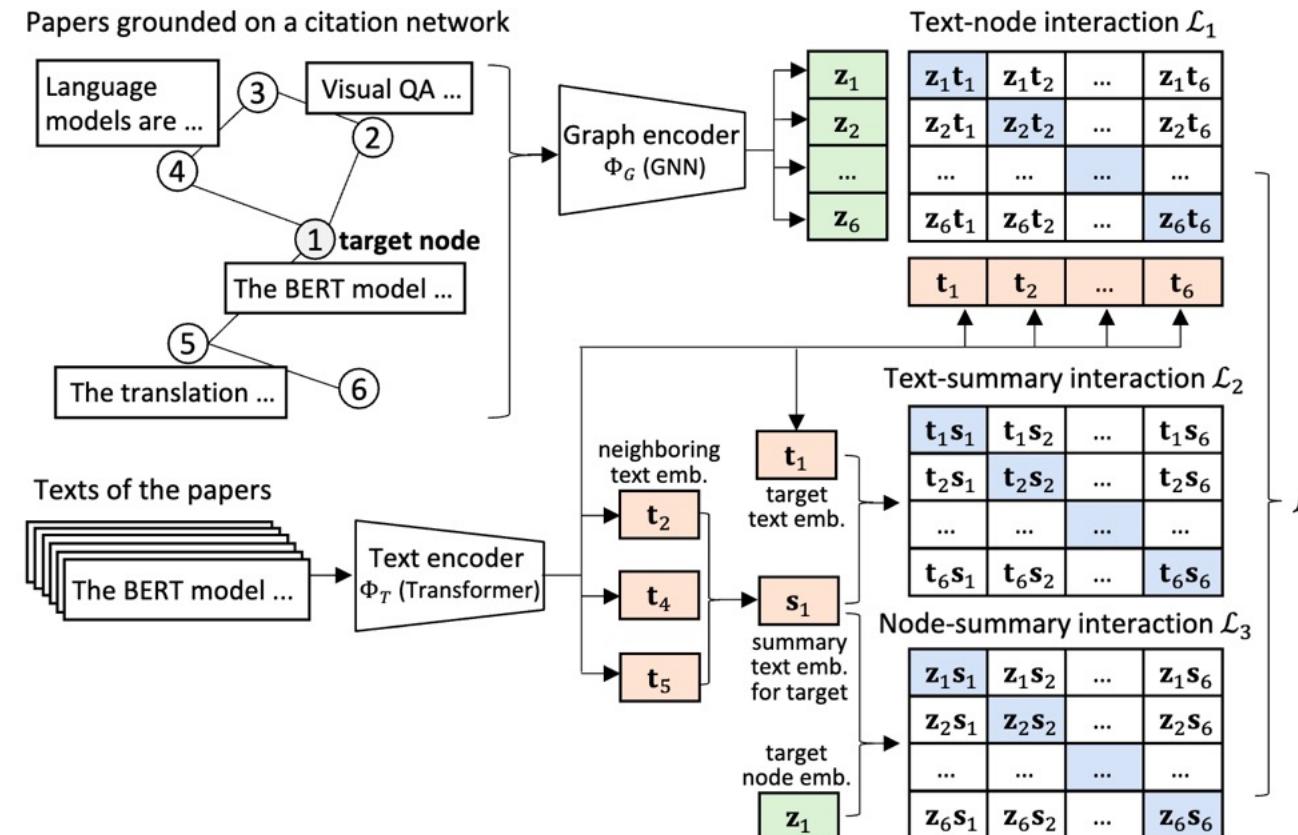
- Contrastive Learning
- EM Iterative Training



Alignment b/w GNN & LLMs

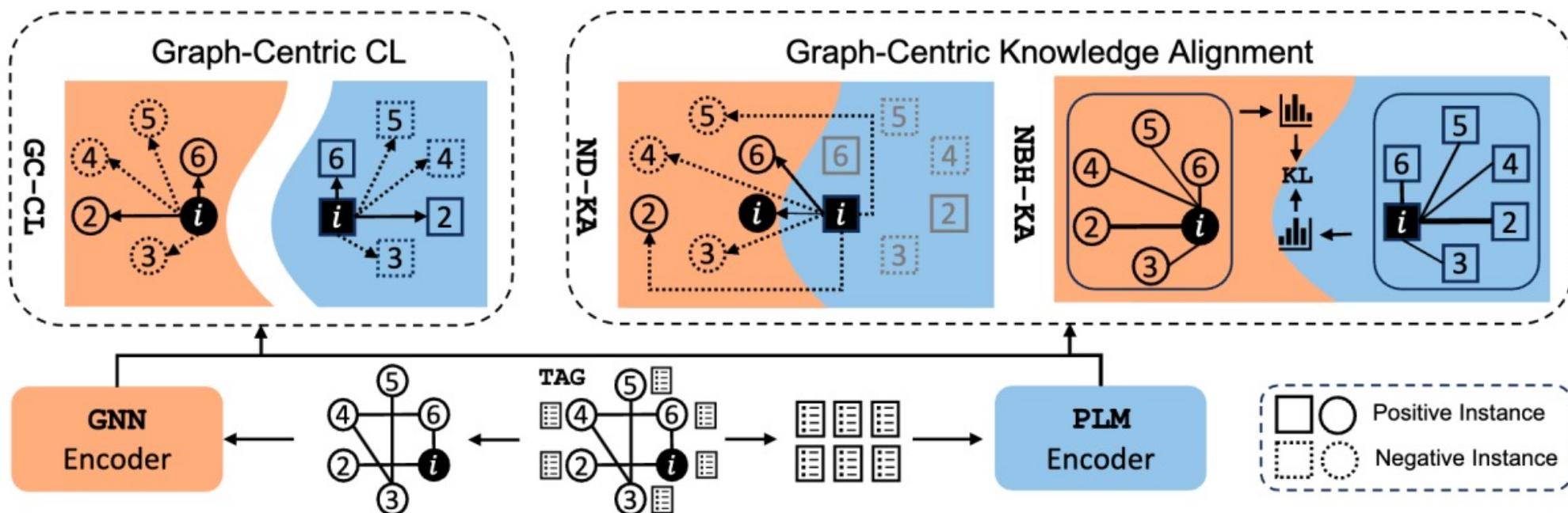
Methods considering contrastive Alignment.

G2P2 proposes text-node, text-summary, and node-summary alignment and improves the text classification performance in low-resource environments



Alignment b/w GNN & LLMs

- Graph-Centric Contrastive Learning
- Graph-Centric Knowledge Alignment
 - Minimize KL Divergence of the Distribution from two Encoders (GNN and PLM).



Alignment b/w GNN & LLMs

- Graph and Language Learning by Expectation Minimization
- Language Models for Node Classification

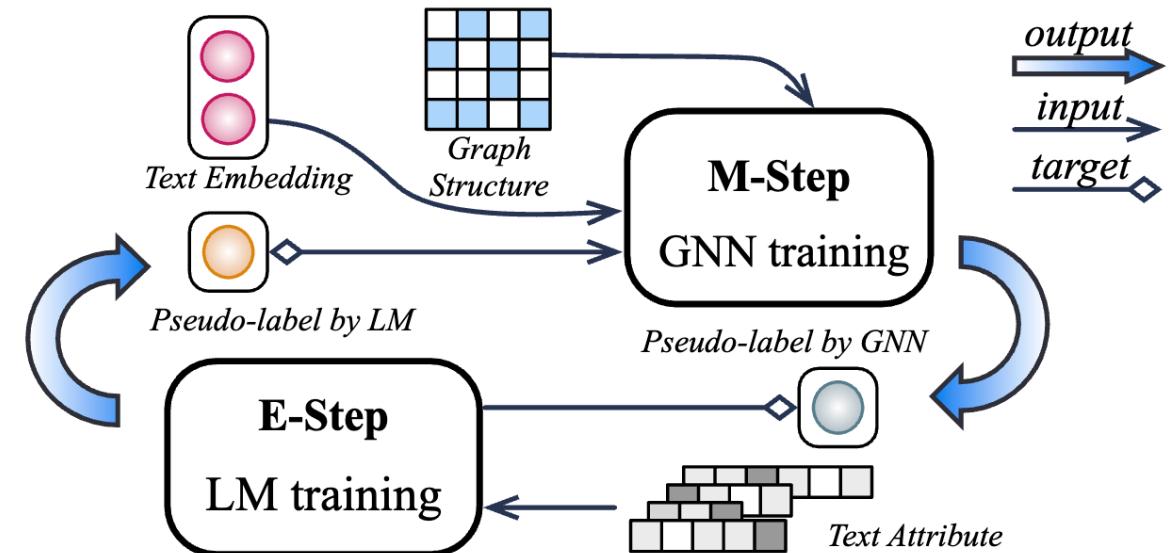
$$\mathbf{h}_n = \text{SeqEnc}_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{s}_n)$$

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}_n | \mathbf{s}_n) = \text{Cat}(\mathbf{y}_n | \text{softmax}(\text{MLP}_{\theta_2}(\mathbf{h}_n)))$$

- Graph Neural Networks for Node Classification

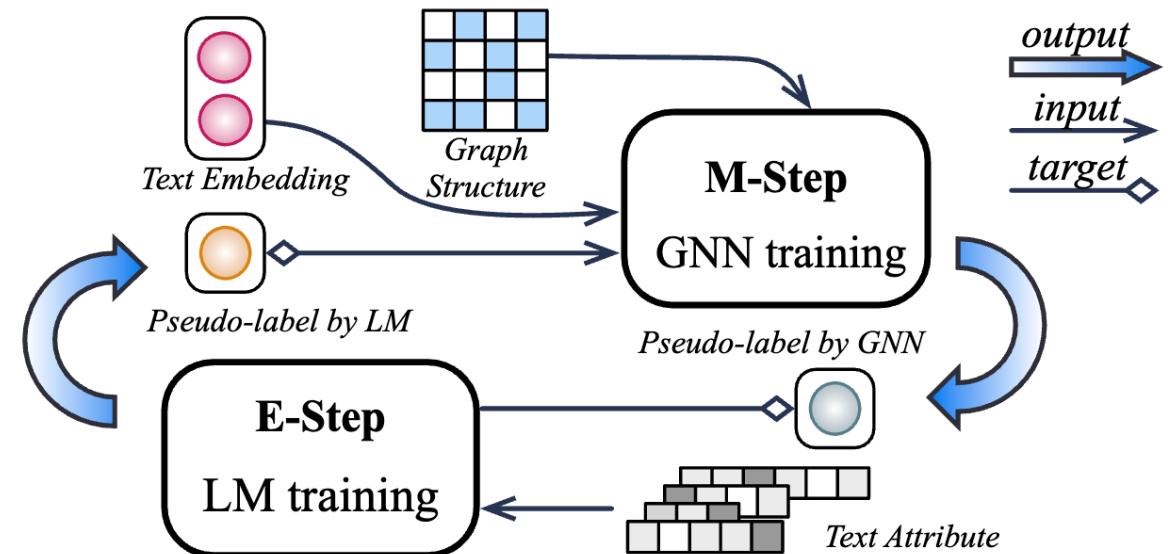
$$\mathbf{h}_n^{(l)} = \sigma(\text{AGG}_{\phi}(\text{MSG}_{\phi}(\mathbf{h}_{\text{NB}(n)}^{(l-1)}), A))$$

$$p_{\phi}(\mathbf{y}_n | A) = \text{Cat}(\mathbf{y}_n | \text{softmax}(\mathbf{h}_n^{(L)}))$$



Alignment b/w GNN & LLMs

- Graph and Language Learning by Expectation Minimization
- **GLEM** leverages a variational **EM framework** for optimization
- In the **E-step**, the **GNN is fixed**, and the LM mimics the labels inferred by the GNN.
- In the **M-step**, the **LM is fixed**, and the GNN is optimized by using
 - the **node representations** learned by the LM as features and
 - the node labels **inferred** by the LM as target



Alignment b/w GNN & LLMs

- Graph and Language Learning by Expectation Minimization
- GLEM achieves better performance improvements with various GNN backbones

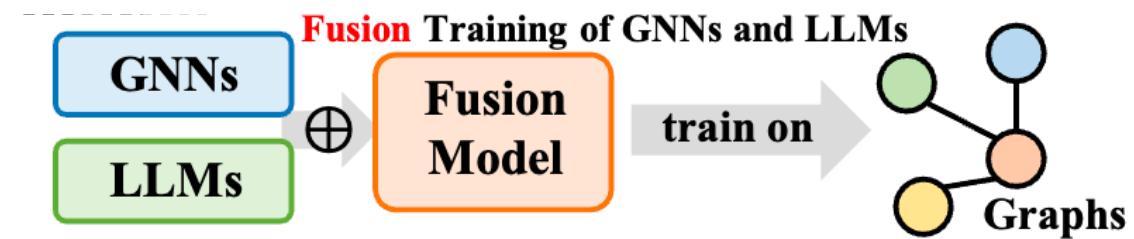
Datasets	Methods	GNN				G ↑	LM-Ft	LM GLEM-LM	L↑	
		X _{OGB}	X _{GIANT}	X _{PLM}	GLEM-GNN					
Arxiv	GCN	<i>val</i>	73.00 ± 0.17	74.89 ± 0.17	47.56 ± 1.91	76.86 ± 0.19	3.86	75.27 ± 0.09	76.17 ± 0.47	0.90
		<i>test</i>	71.74 ± 0.29	73.29 ± 0.10	48.19 ± 1.47	<u>75.93 ± 0.19</u>	4.19	74.13 ± 0.04	75.71 ± 0.24	1.58
	SAGE	<i>val</i>	72.77 ± 0.16	75.95 ± 0.11	56.16 ± 0.46	<u>76.45 ± 0.05</u>	3.68	75.27 ± 0.09	75.32 ± 0.04	0.6
		<i>test</i>	71.49 ± 0.27	74.35 ± 0.14	56.39 ± 0.82	<u>75.50 ± 0.24</u>	4.01	74.13 ± 0.04	74.53 ± 0.12	1.44
	GAMLP	<i>val</i>	62.20 ± 0.11	75.01 ± 0.02	71.14 ± 0.19	<u>76.95 ± 0.14</u>	14.75	75.27 ± 0.09	75.64 ± 0.30	0.44
		<i>test</i>	56.53 ± 0.02	73.35 ± 0.14	70.15 ± 0.22	<u>75.62 ± 0.23</u>	19.09	74.13 ± 0.04	74.48 ± 0.41	2.04
	RevGAT	<i>val</i>	75.01 ± 0.10	77.01 ± 0.09	71.40 ± 0.23	<u>77.49 ± 0.17</u>	2.48	75.27 ± 0.09	75.75 ± 0.07	0.48
		<i>test</i>	74.02 ± 0.18	75.90 ± 0.19	70.21 ± 0.30	76.97 ± 0.19	2.95	74.13 ± 0.04	75.45 ± 0.12	1.32
Products	SAGE	<i>val</i>	91.99 ± 0.07	93.47 ± 0.14	86.74 ± 0.31	<u>93.84 ± 0.12</u>	1.85	91.82 ± 0.11	92.71 ± 0.15	0.71
		<i>test</i>	79.21 ± 0.15	82.33 ± 0.37	71.09 ± 0.65	<u>83.16 ± 0.19</u>	3.95	79.63 ± 0.12	81.25 ± 0.15	1.61
	GAMLP	<i>val</i>	93.12 ± 0.03	93.99 ± 0.04	91.65 ± 0.17	<u>94.19 ± 0.01</u>	1.07	91.82 ± 0.11	90.56 ± 0.04	-1.26
		<i>test</i>	83.54 ± 0.09	83.16 ± 0.07	80.49 ± 0.19	<u>85.09 ± 0.21</u>	1.55	79.63 ± 0.12	82.23 ± 0.27	2.60
	SAGN+	<i>val</i>	93.02 ± 0.04	93.64 ± 0.05	92.78 ± 0.04	<u>94.00 ± 0.03</u>	0.98	91.82 ± 0.11	92.01 ± 0.05	0.21
		<i>test</i>	84.35 ± 0.09	<u>86.67 ± 0.09</u>	84.20 ± 0.39	87.36 ± 0.07	3.01	79.63 ± 0.12	84.83 ± 0.04	5.17
Papers	GAMLP	<i>val</i>	71.17 ± 0.14	72.70 ± 0.07	69.78 ± 0.07	<u>71.71 ± 0.09</u>	0.54	68.05 ± 0.03	69.94 ± 0.16	1.89
		<i>test</i>	67.71 ± 0.20	69.33 ± 0.06	65.94 ± 0.10	<u>68.25 ± 0.14</u>	0.54	63.52 ± 0.06	64.80 ± 0.06	1.78
	GAMLP+	<i>val</i>	71.59 ± 0.05	73.05 ± 0.04	69.87 ± 0.06	<u>73.54 ± 0.01</u>	1.95	68.05 ± 0.03	71.16 ± 0.45	3.11
		<i>test</i>	68.25 ± 0.11	<u>69.67 ± 0.05</u>	66.36 ± 0.09	70.36 ± 0.02	2.11	63.52 ± 0.06	66.71 ± 0.25	3.19

LLM & GNN Fusion

Motivation: Achieve a higher level of integration between LLMs and GNNs

Methods

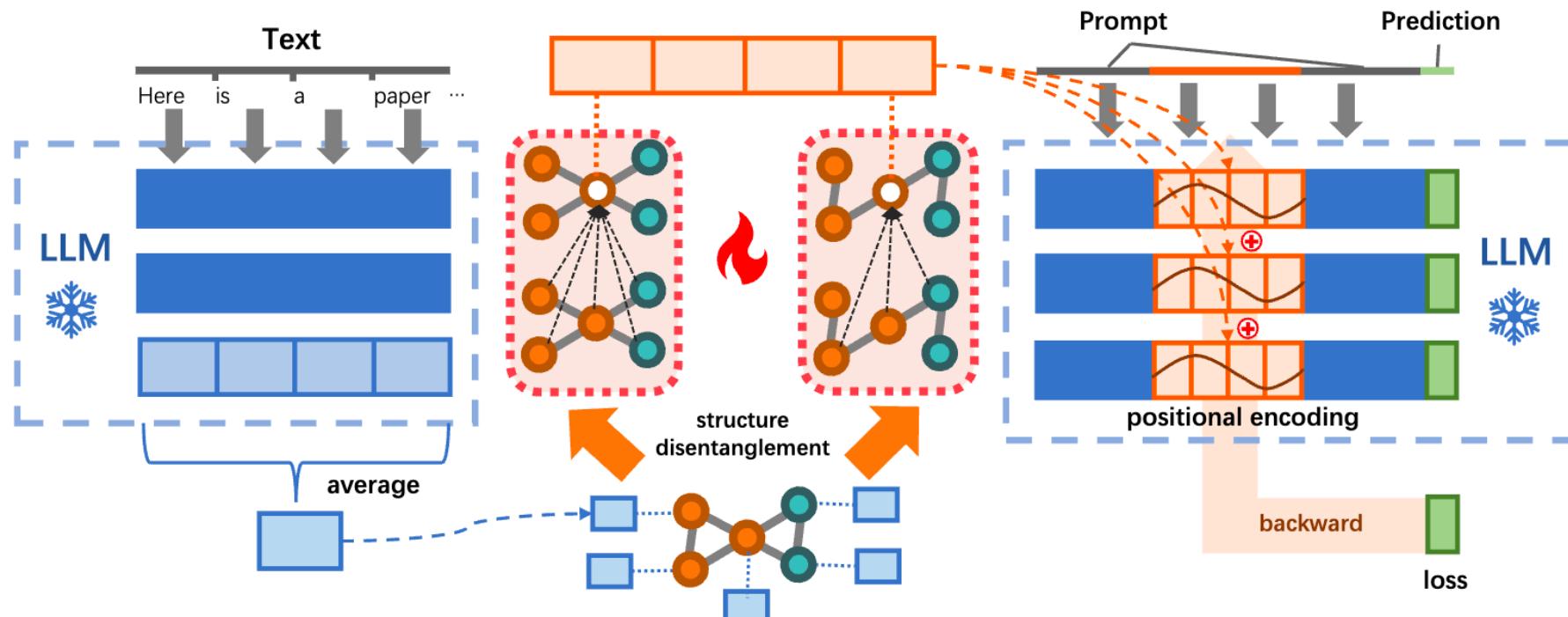
Fuse Transformer Layer with Graph Neural Network Layer



LLM & GNN Fusion

Disentangled Graph-Text Learner (DGTL)

- DGTL injects the disentangled graph neural network representation into each layer of the large language models.
- DGTL achieves high performance on both citation network and e-commerce graph tasks.



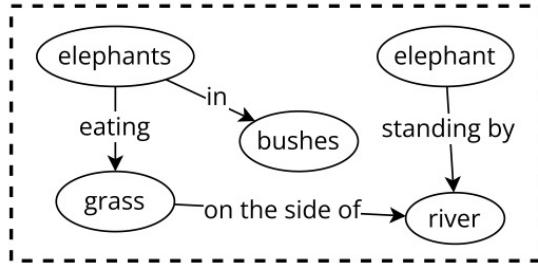
LLMs as Agents for Graphs

Build LLM based Agents for Graph Tasks

- Model is capable of solving problems step by step by utilizing external tools and interacting with the graph



G-Retriever – Q&A over graphs



What kind of animal is in the bushes?

Answer the question and list the nodes or edges from the graph that support your answer

User Query

[Correct response with accurate node and edge references]

Based on the information provided in the graph, the animal in the bushes is an elephant. The nodes that support this answer are:

* Node 1: The **elephant** is mentioned in the first line of the graph.

The edges that support this answer are:

* The edge **connects the elephant to the bushes**, indicating that the elephant is in the bushes.

Therefore, the answer to the question is: The animal in the bushes is an elephant.

[Incorrect response with hallucinated nodes and edges]

The animal in the bushes is a deer.

Nodes:

* Deer (node 1)

* Bushes (node 2)

Edges:

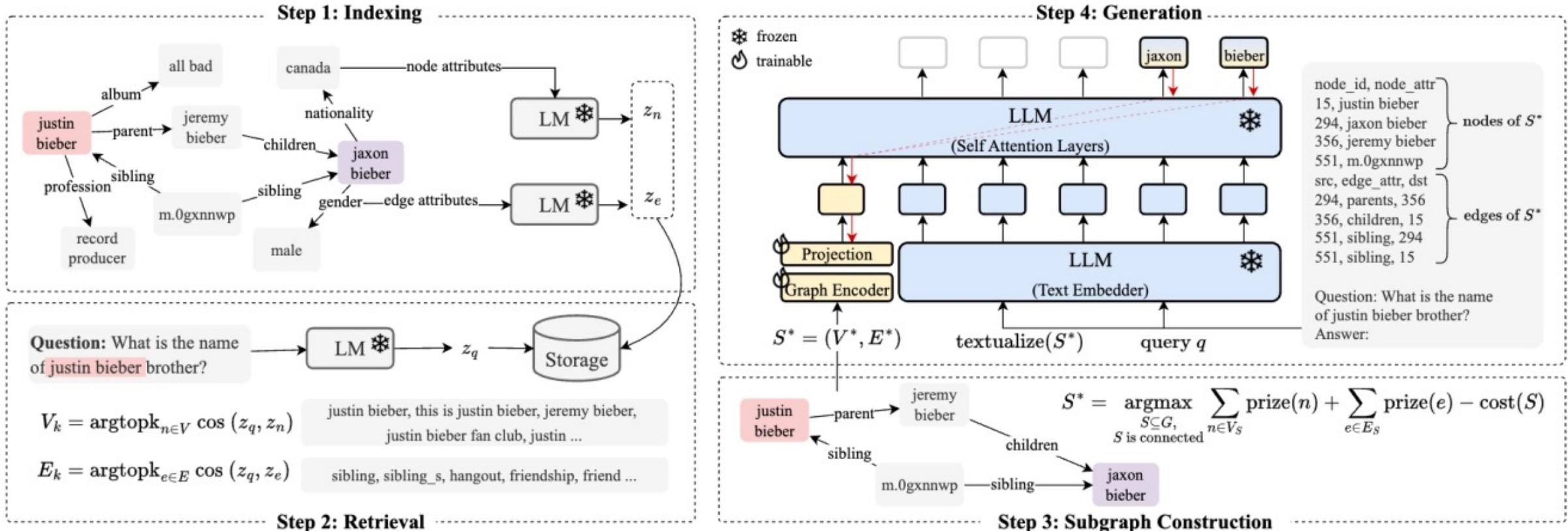
* Deer → Bushes (edge 1)

* Deer → Grass (edge 2)

* Bushes → Grass (edge 3)

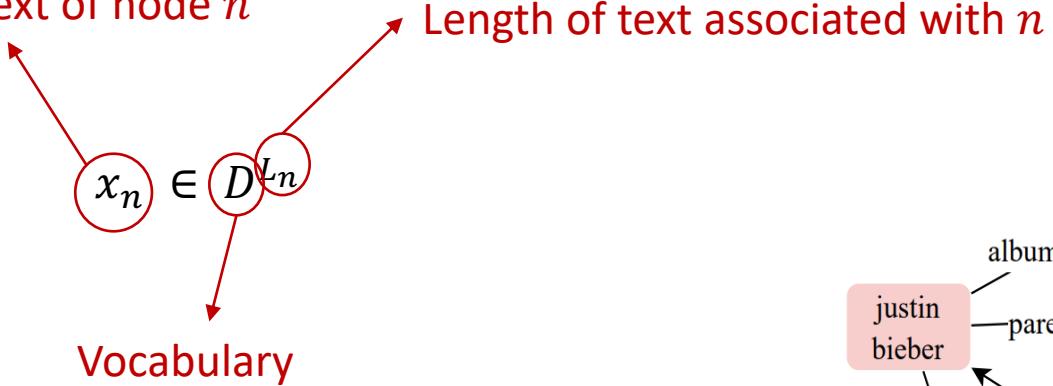
LLM w/ Graph Prompt Tuning

G-Retriever



G-Retriever - Indexing

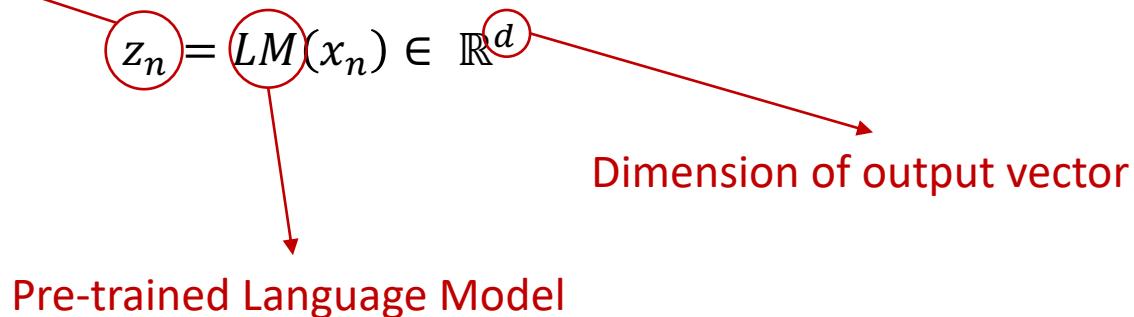
Sequential text of node n



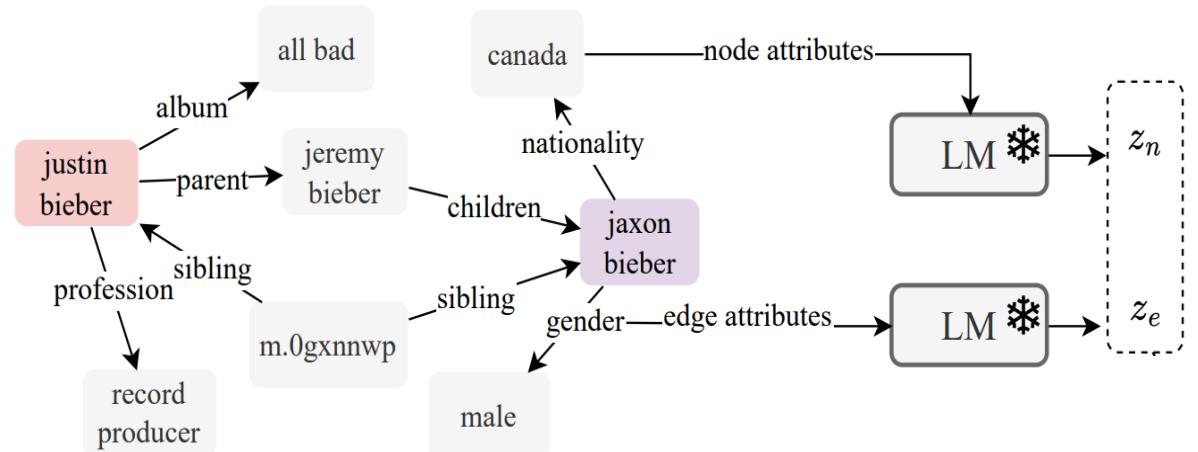
Vocabulary

Dimension of output vector

Representations of node n

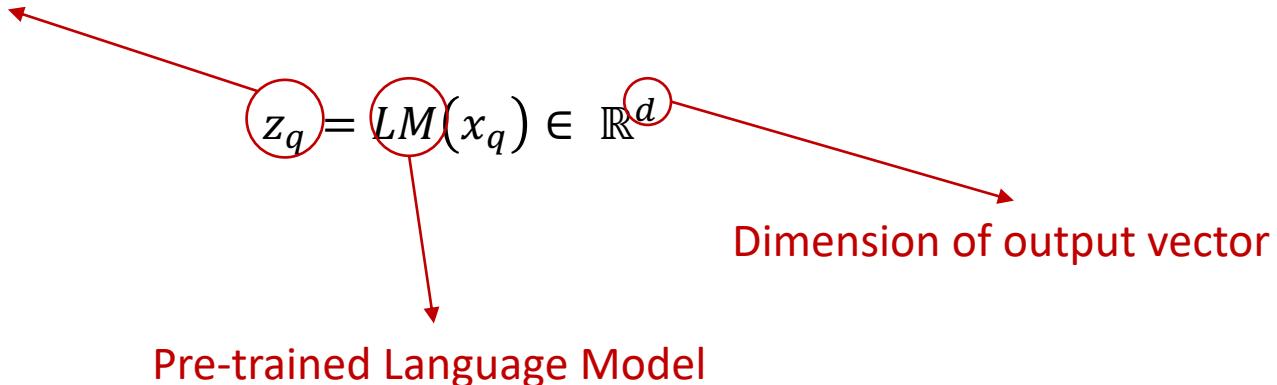


Pre-trained Language Model



G-Retriever - Retrieval

Representations of the question q



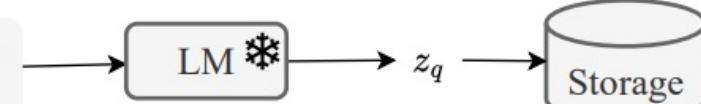
$$V_k = \text{argtopk}_{n \in V} \cos(z_q, z_n)$$

$$E_k = \text{argtopk}_{e \in E} \cos(z_q, z_e)$$

Question: What is the name
of justin bieber brother?

$$V_k = \text{argtopk}_{n \in V} \cos(z_q, z_n)$$

$$E_k = \text{argtopk}_{e \in E} \cos(z_q, z_e)$$



justin bieber, this is justin bieber, jeremy bieber,
justin bieber fan club, justin ...

sibling, sibling_s, hangout, friendship, friend ...

G-Retriever – Subgraph Construction

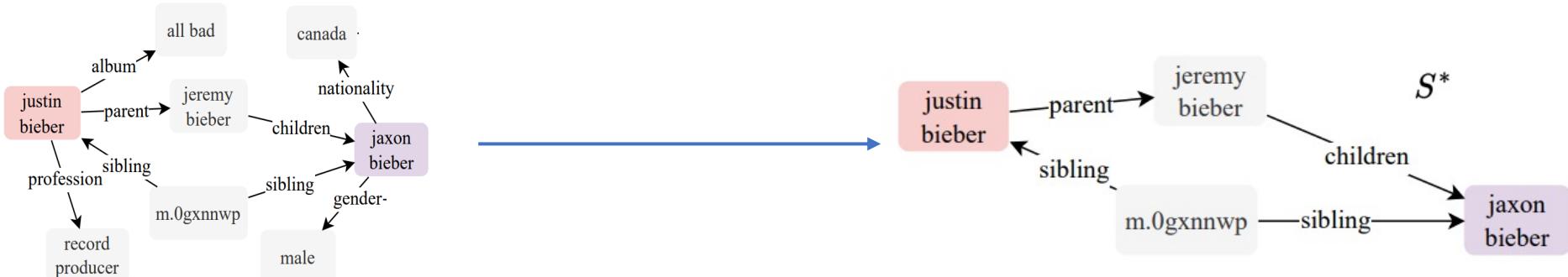
Prize-Collecting Steiner Tree (PCST)

Find a connected subgraph that

- maximizes the total prize values of its nodes
- While minimizing the total costs of its edges
- higher prize values to nodes and edges more relevant to the query

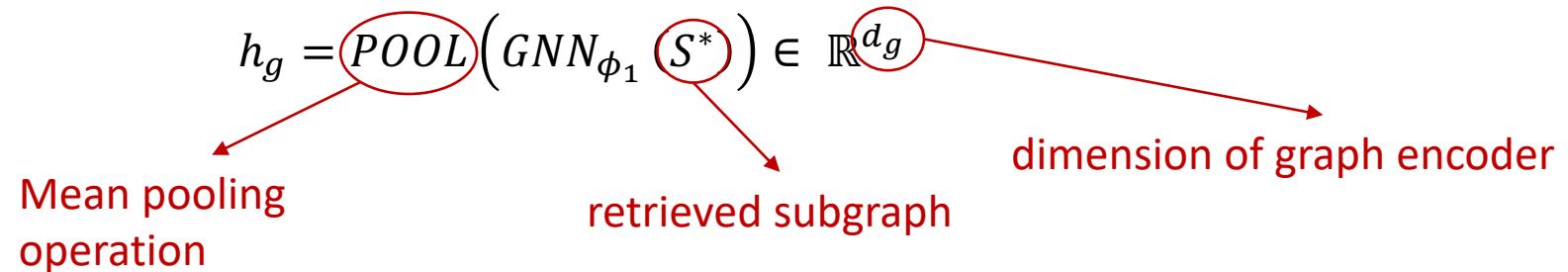
$$\text{prize}(n) = \begin{cases} k - i, & \text{if } n \in V_k \text{ and } n \text{ is the top } i \text{ node,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$S^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{S \subseteq G} \sum_{n \in V_S} \text{prize}(n) + \sum_{e \in E_S} \text{prize}(e) - \text{cost}(S)$$

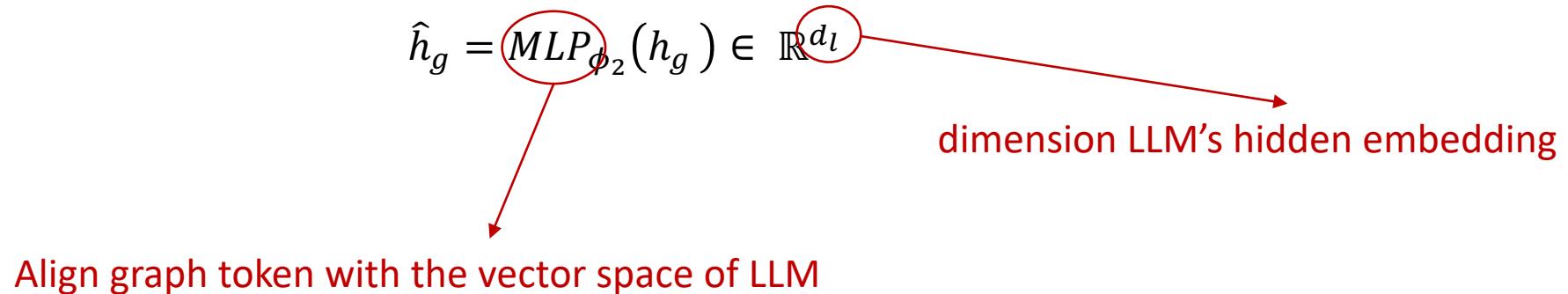


G-Retriever – Answer Generation

Graph Encoder.



Projection Layer.



G-Retriever – Answer Generation

Text Embedder.

$$h_t = \text{TextEmbedder}([\text{textualize}(S^*); x_q]) \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times d_l}$$

concatenation

number of tokens

LLM Generation with Graph Prompt Tuning.

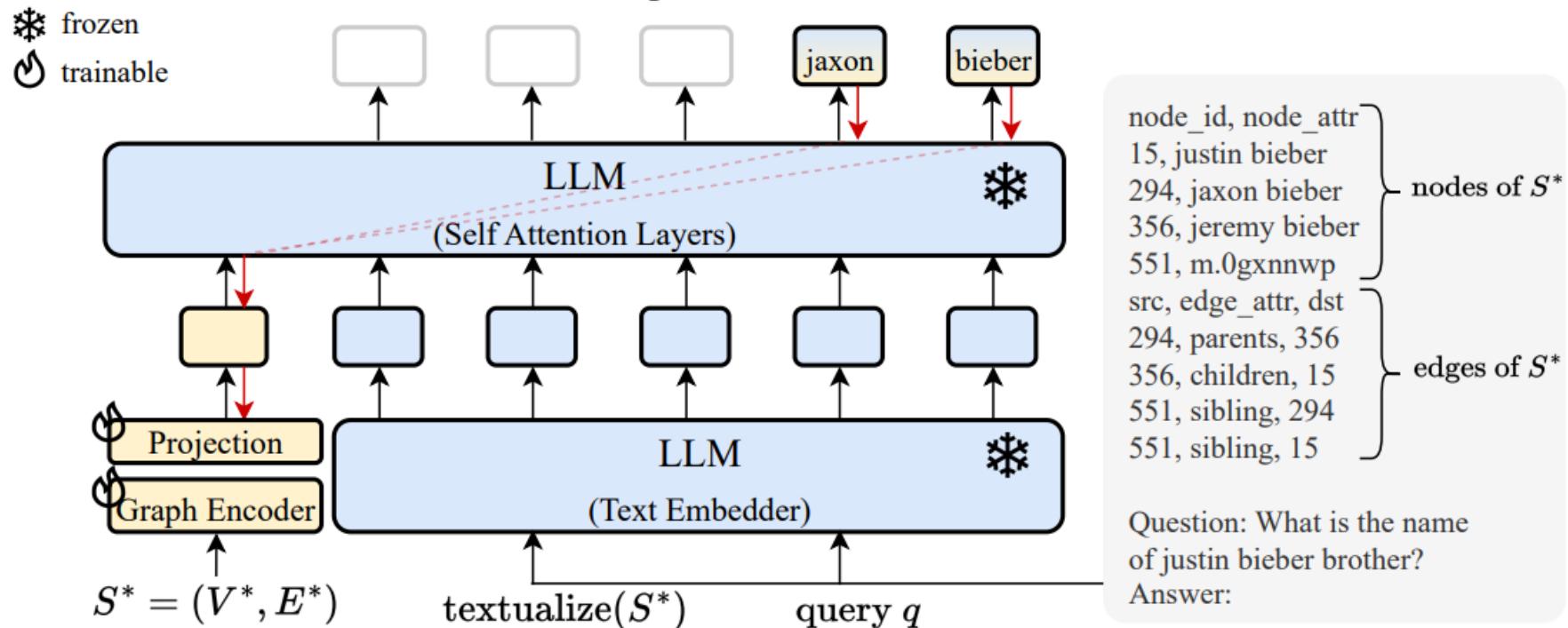
$$p_{\theta, \phi_1, \phi_2}(Y|S^*, x_q) = \prod_{i=1}^r p_{\theta, \phi_1, \phi_2}(y_i | y_{<i}, [\hat{h}_q; h_t])$$

parameter

Soft prompt

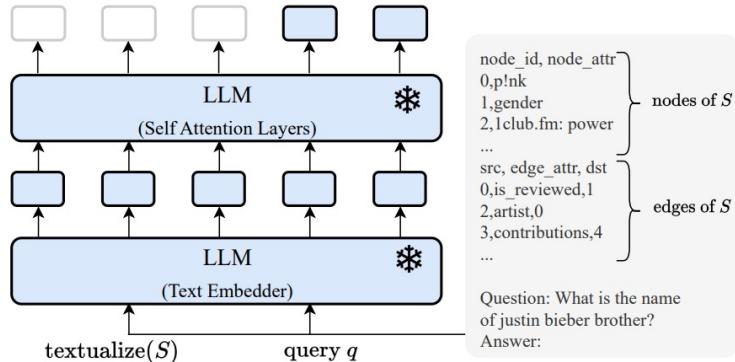
output

G-Retriever – Answer Generation



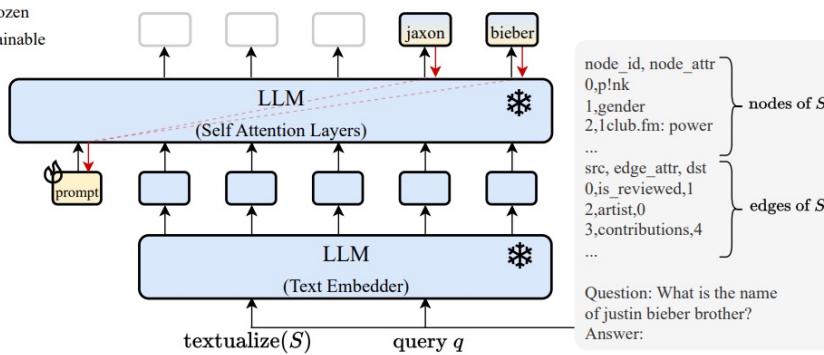
G-Retriever – Variations

* frozen



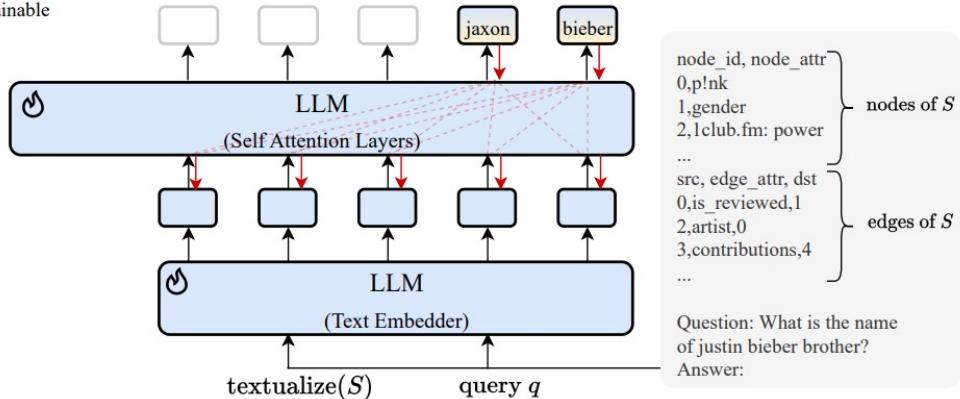
Inference-Only

* frozen



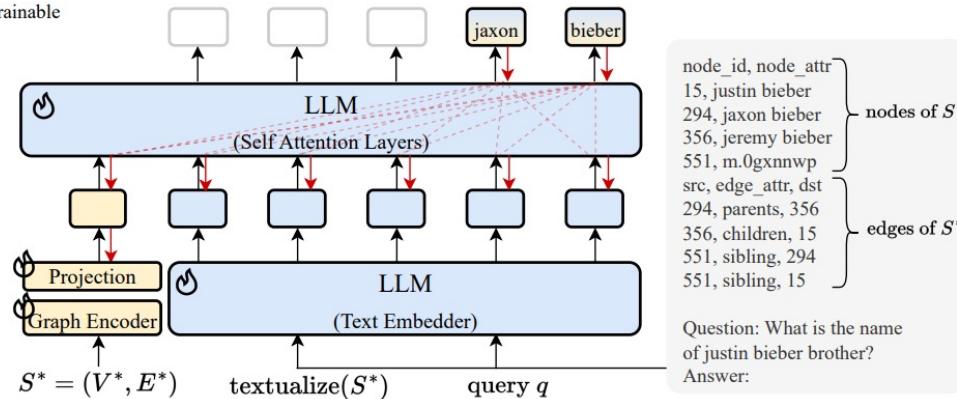
Prompt Tuning

🔥 trainable



LoRA

🔥 trainable



G-retriever with LoRA

G-Retriever – Results

Setting	Method	ExplaGraphs	SceneGraphs	WebQSP
Inference-only	Zero-shot	0.5650	0.3974	41.06
	Zero-CoT [18]	0.5704	0.5260	51.30
	CoT-BAG [44]	0.5794	0.5680	39.60
	KAPING [1]	0.6227	0.4375	52.64
Frozen LLM w/ PT	Prompt tuning	0.5763 ± 0.0243	0.6341 ± 0.0024	48.34 ± 0.64
	GraphToken [31]	0.8508 ± 0.0551	0.4903 ± 0.0105	57.05 ± 0.74
	<i>G-Retriever</i>	0.8516 ± 0.0092	0.8131 ± 0.0162	70.49 ± 1.21
	$\Delta_{\text{Prompt tuning}}$	$\uparrow 47.77\%$	$\uparrow 28.23\%$	$\uparrow 45.81\%$
Tuned LLM	LoRA	0.8538 ± 0.0353	0.7862 ± 0.0031	66.03 ± 0.47
	<i>G-Retriever</i> w/ LoRA	0.8705 ± 0.0329	0.8683 ± 0.0072	73.79 ± 0.70
	Δ_{LoRA}	$\uparrow 1.95\%$	$\uparrow 11.74\%$	$\uparrow 10.44\%$

Outline

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