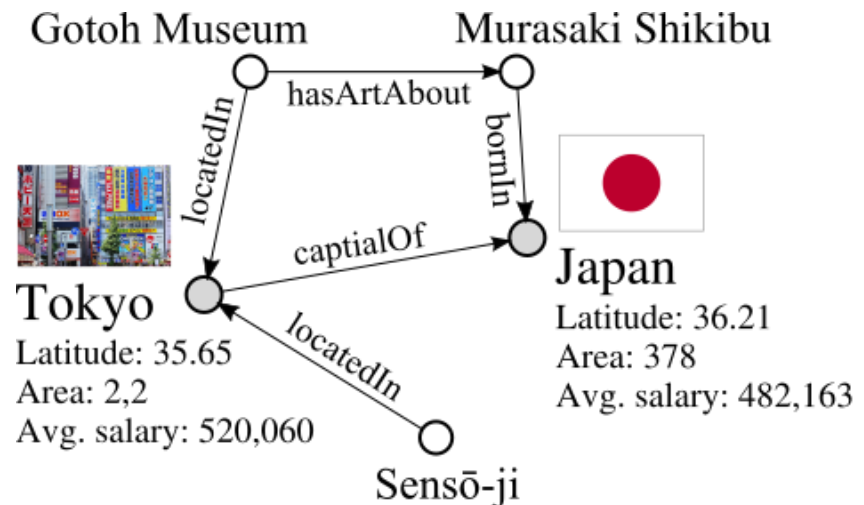


# Neural Representation Learning for Graphs

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# NEC Labs Europe: What do we do?

- ~ 80 researchers, 22 nationalities
- Research lab, no product development
- Main objectives:
  1. Research output for top tier conferences
  2. Stable prototypes for technology transfer
  3. Patent applications
- Product prototypes based on lab's research



## ■ NEC Japan (business units and central labs)

- Digital Health
- Retail
- Finance
- Networked Systems



## ■ EU Projects

- Exploration of applications not coming from NEC
- Foster collaborations with research community
- Understand trends and problems in the SME market



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- University of Heidelberg medical school

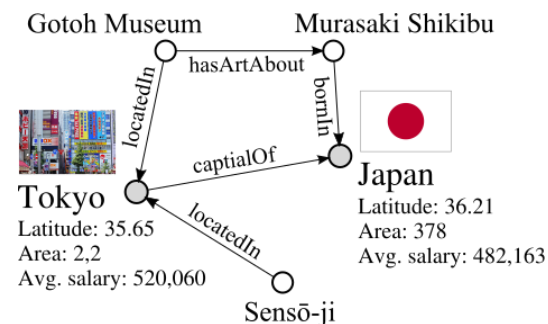


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# Main Research Themes

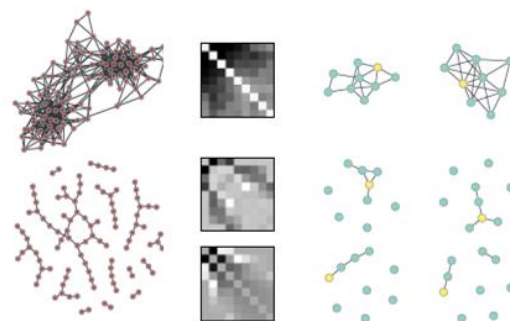
## Multi-Modal Learning and Reasoning

- Combining different attribute types and modalities
- Knowledge graphs for multi-modal learning**  
(combining deep learning and logical reasoning)



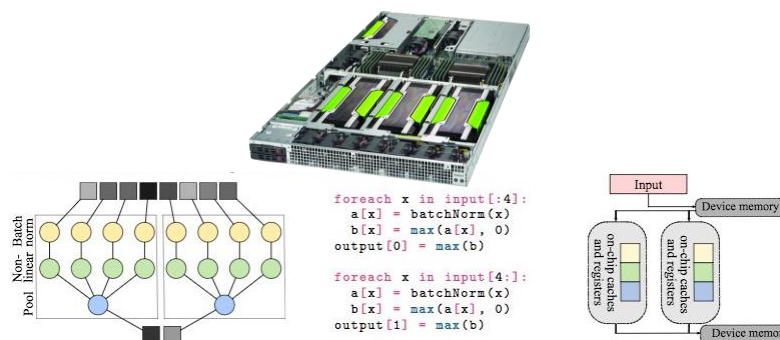
## Graph-based (Relational) Machine Learning

- Learning graph representations
- Unsupervised and semi-supervised learning**



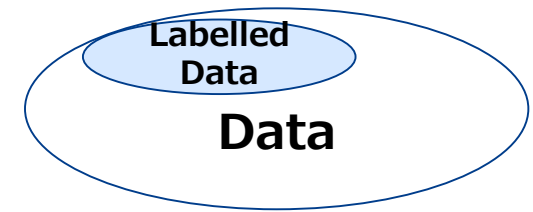
## Systems and ML

- ML for Systems and Systems for ML
- CPU/GPU/network optimizations etc.
- Deep learning for data networks

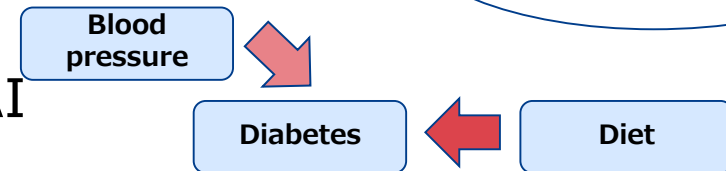


# Technological Challenges

■ ML that works without much labelled data (unsupervised and semi-supervised learning)



■ Interpretable and Explainable AI



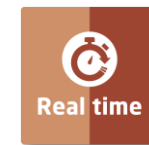
■ Ability to combine different data modalities (data integration, multi-modal learning)



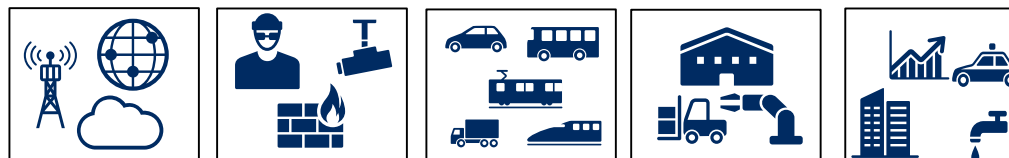
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■ Efficiency and support of real time predictions (network speed if required)

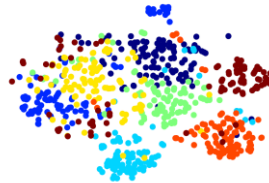
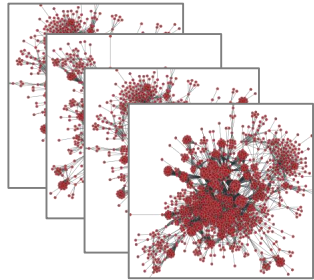


■ Applicable to several business use cases (horizontal technology)



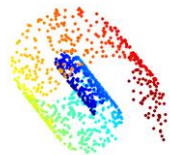
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Learn representations for entire graphs

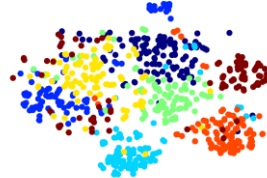
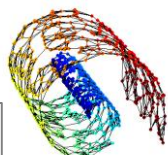


Graph classification/  
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Learn representations for nodes

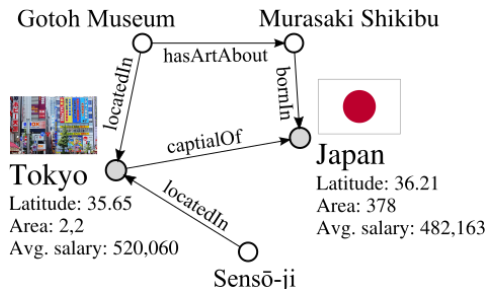
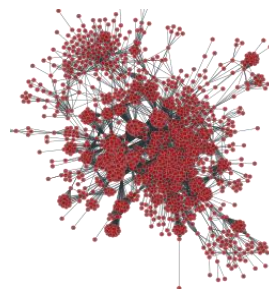


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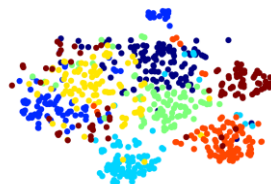
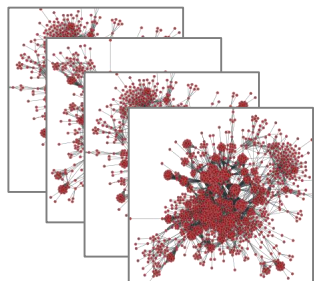
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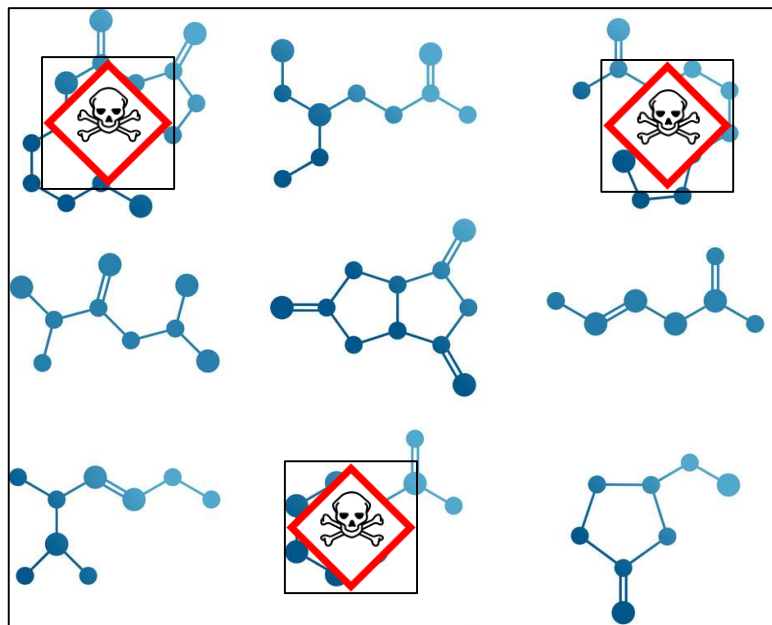


# Example Applications – Drug Discovery

Learn representations for entire graphs



Graph classification/  
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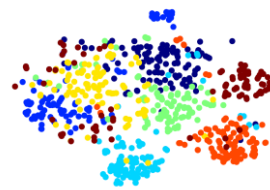
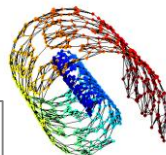


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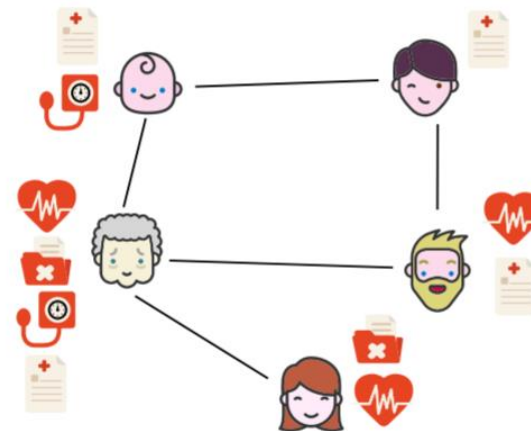
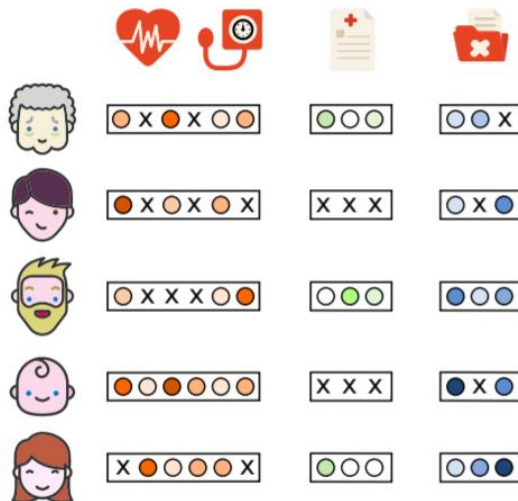
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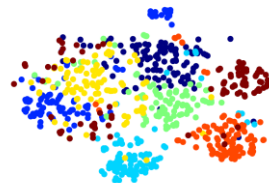
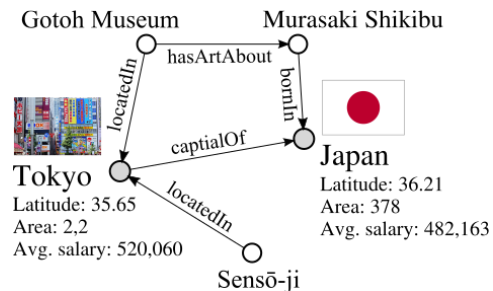
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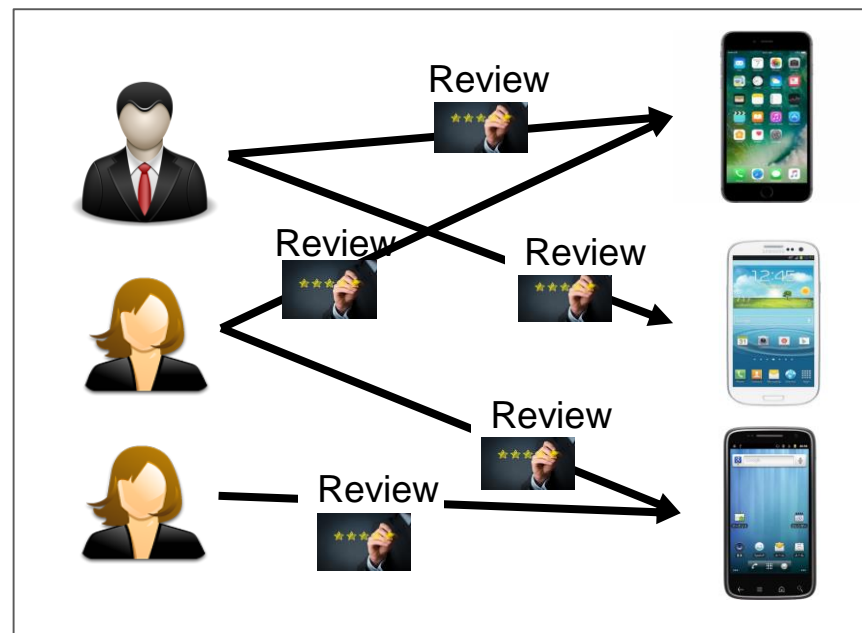


# Example Applications – Recommender Systems

## Learn representations for nodes

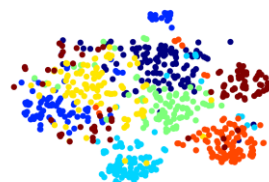
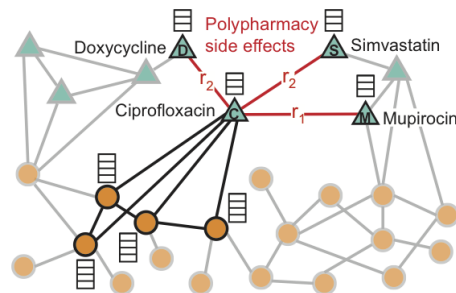


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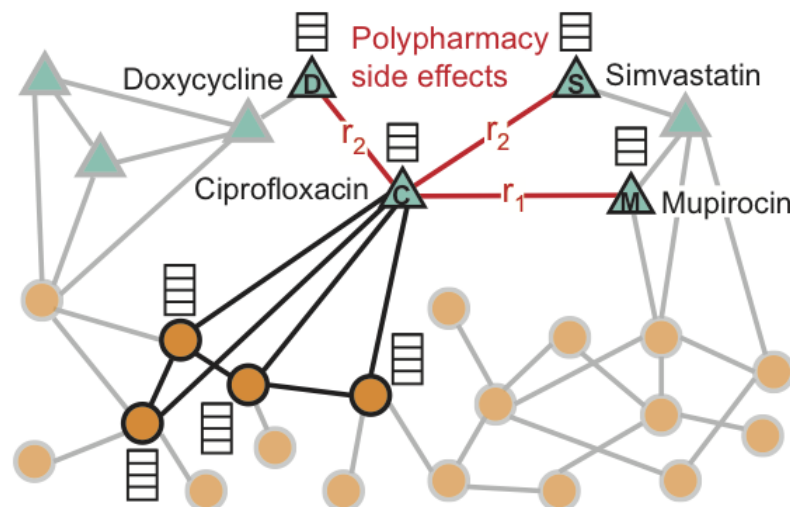


# Example Applications – Polypharmacy Prediction

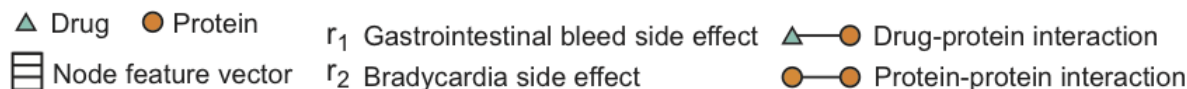
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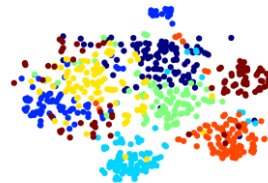
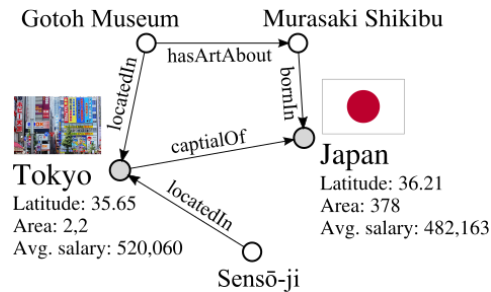


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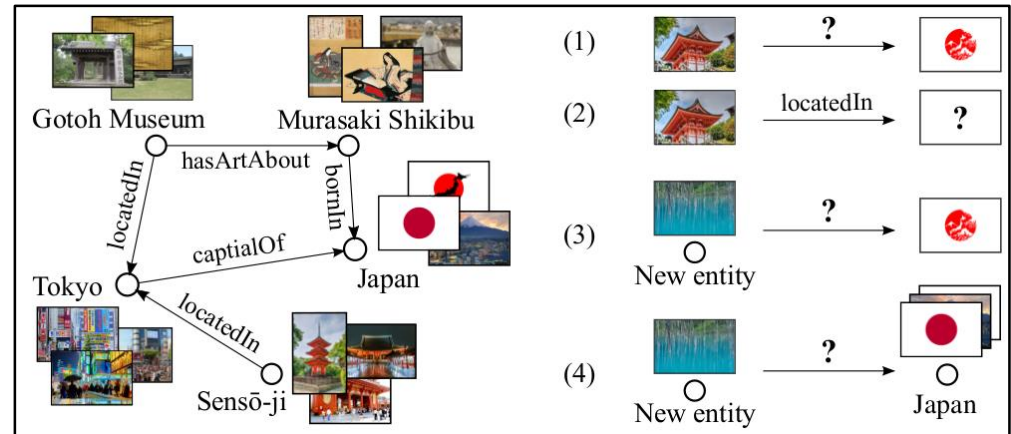
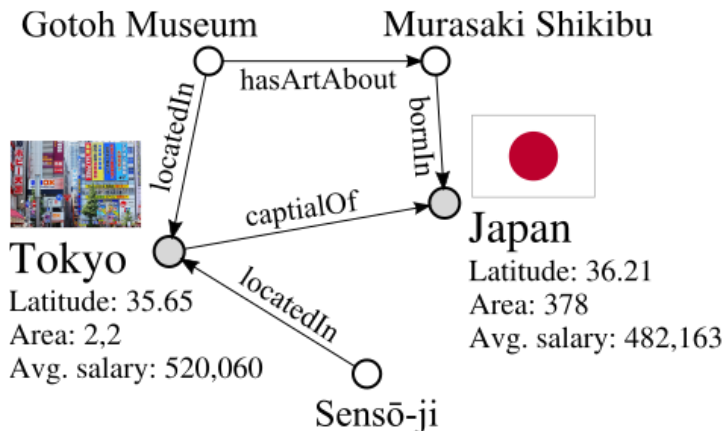


# Example Applications – Knowledge Base Completion

## Learn representations for nodes



Link prediction problem



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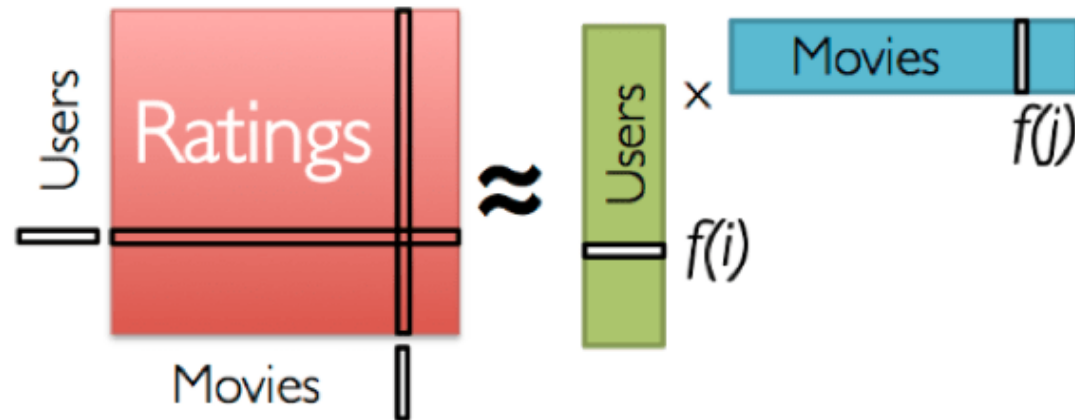
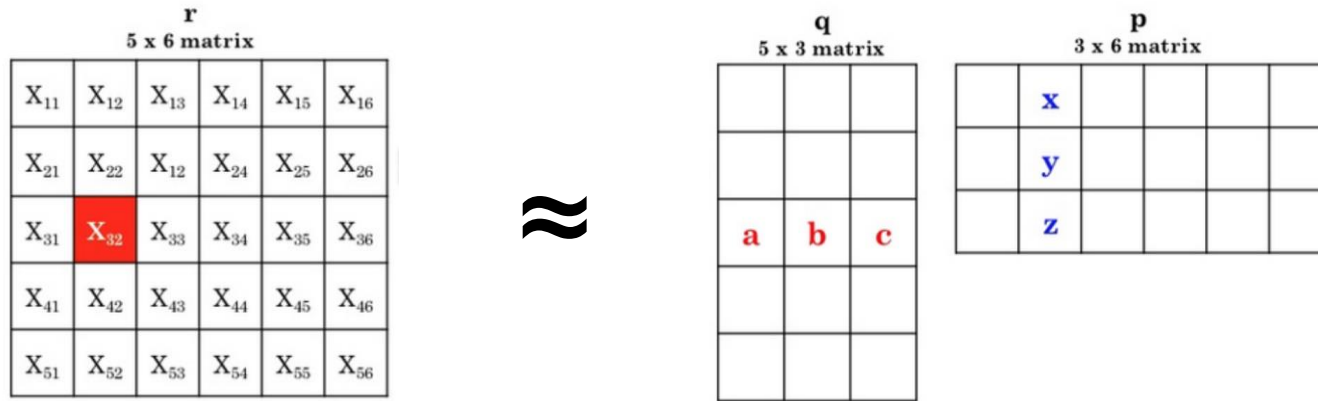
## 1. Basic Concepts

## 2. Two Perspectives on Learning from Graphs

- Knowledge Graph = Tensor (KB completion, evaluation, etc.)
- Learning from Local Structure (learning from paths and neighborhoods)

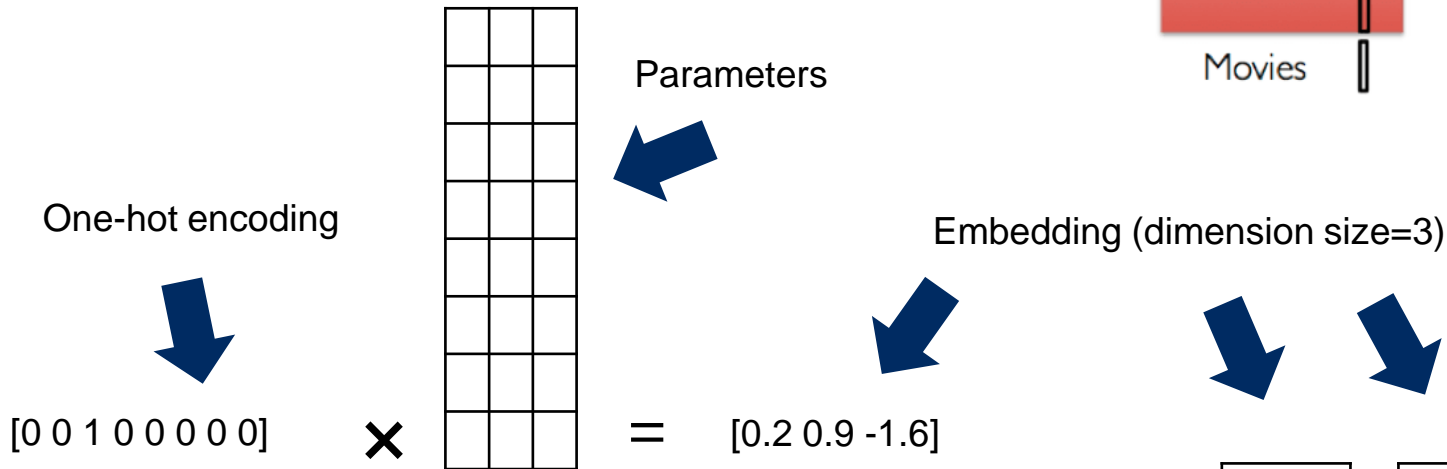
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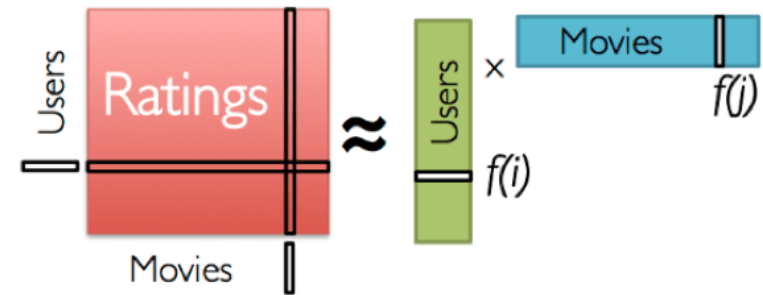


# The Differential Programming Approach

- **Step 1:** Assume users and movies are represented with one-hot encoding and define **encoding** function  $f$  for users and movies



- **Step 2:** Define **scoring function** between user-movie pairs
- **Step 3:** Define a **loss** between scorings and actual existing user ratings
- **Step 4:** Apply **gradient decent** to train the model “end-to-end”



$$\text{Score} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.9 \\ -1.6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ -1.2 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = [-1.72]$$

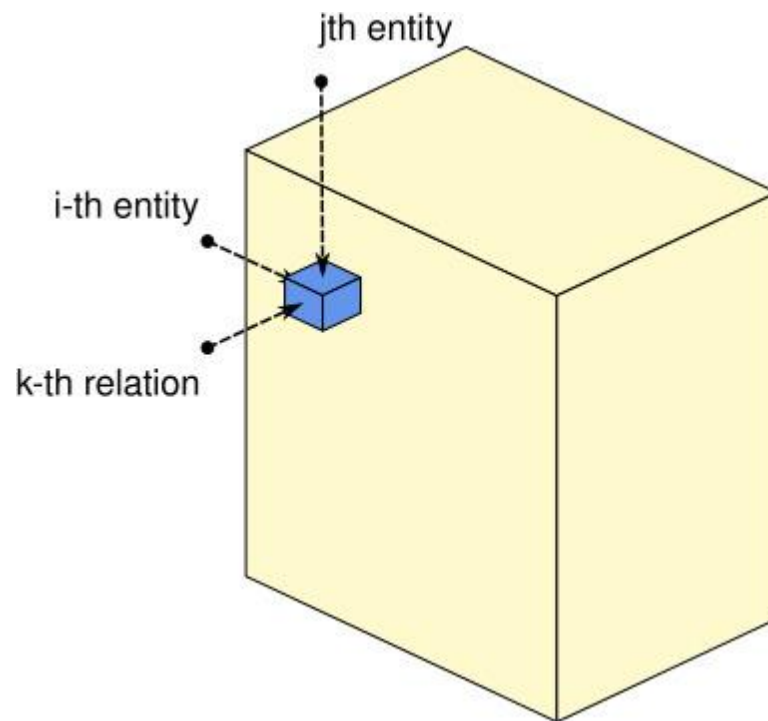
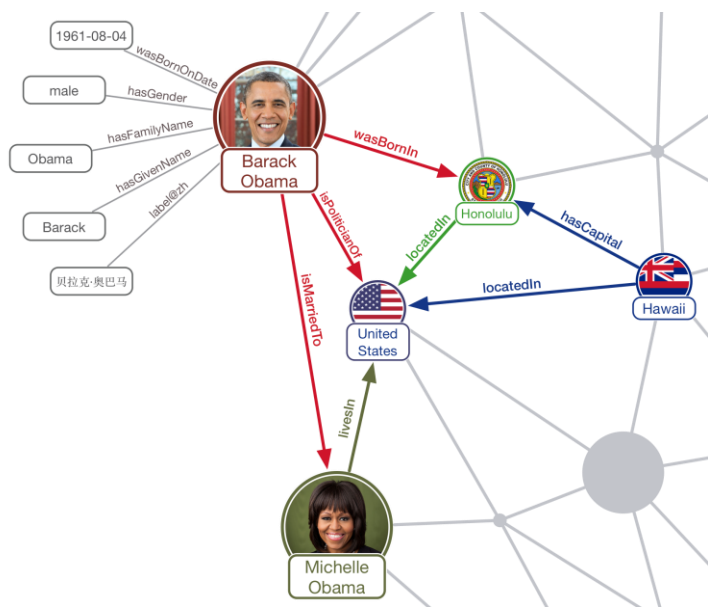
$$\text{Loss} = (-1.72 - 3)^2$$

Observed rating



# Two Perspectives on Learning from Graph Data

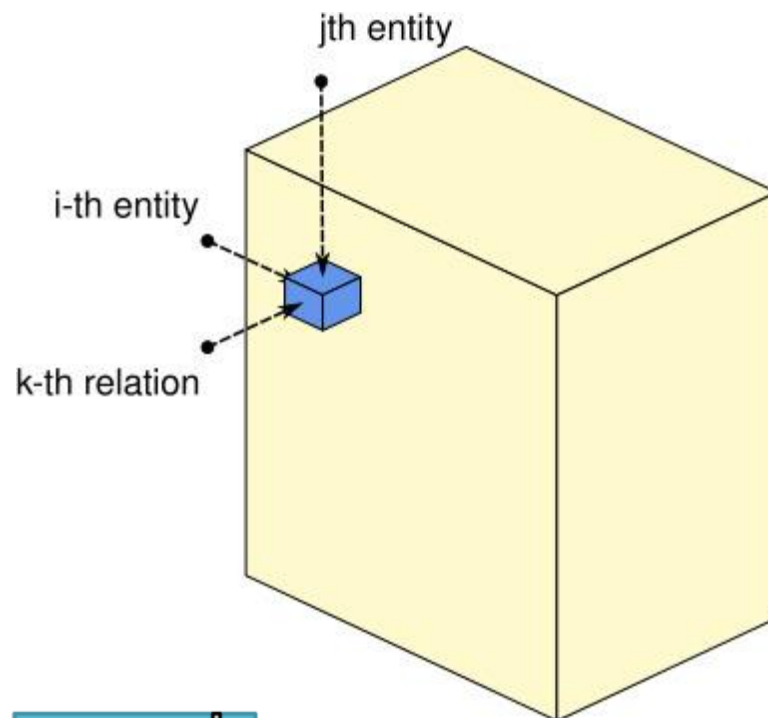
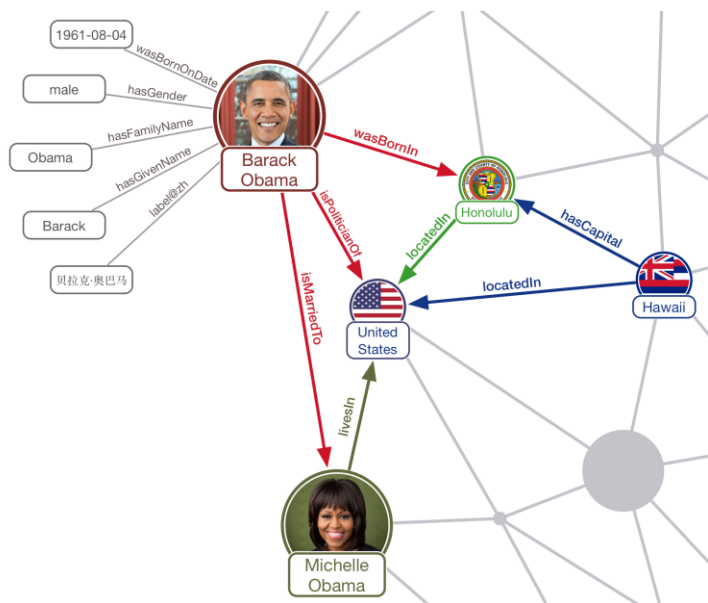
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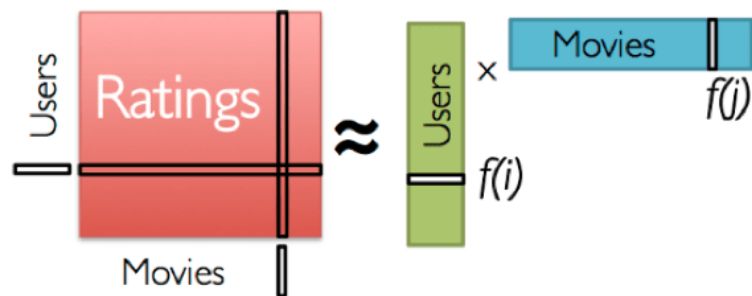
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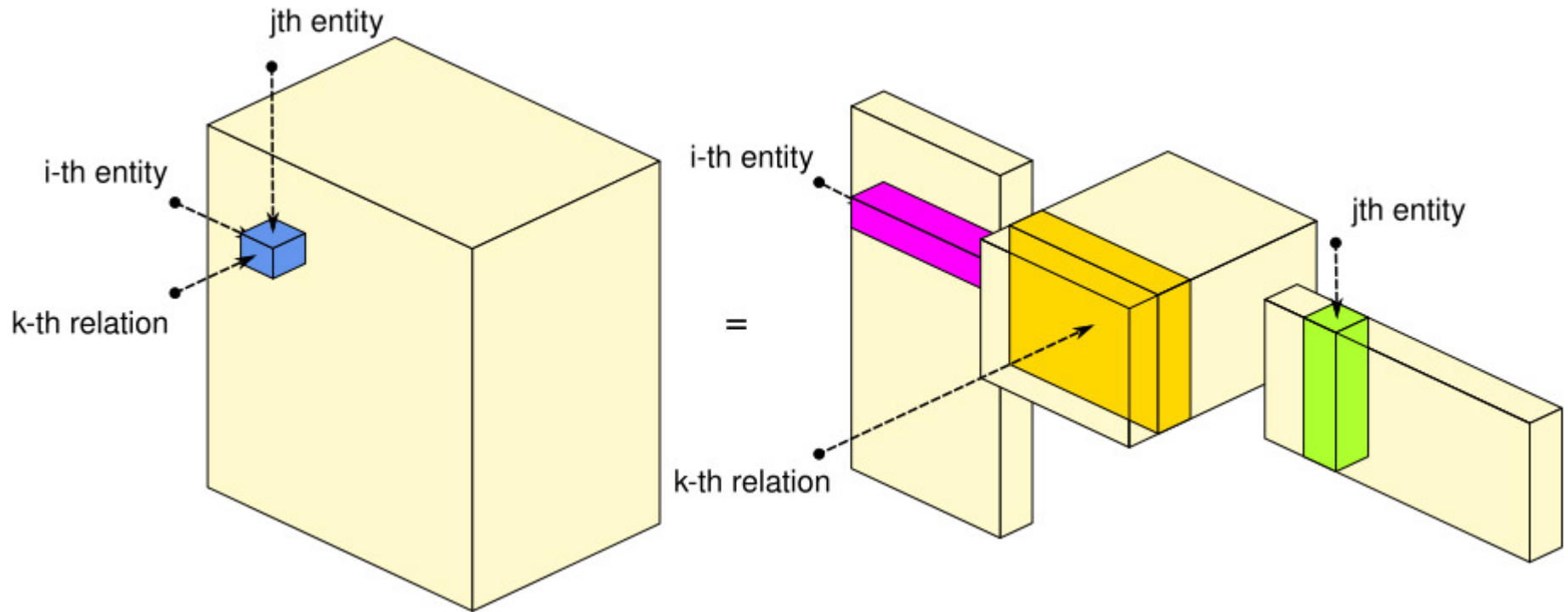
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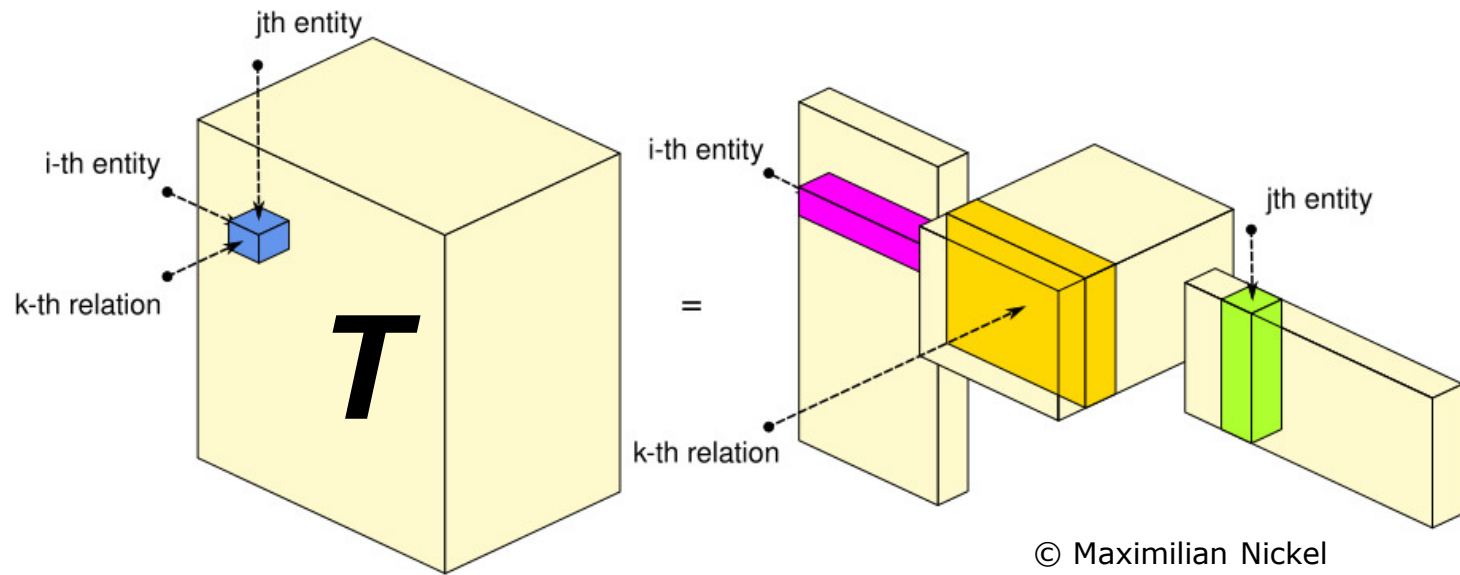


## 1. The multi-relational graph as a **3D tensor**




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Nickel et al, A Three-Way Model for Collective Learning on Multi-Relational Data, 2011



- **Step 1:** Choose the representation (encoding) for entities and relations

Entities:  $e_i =$   Relation types:  $w_r =$  

- **Step 2:** Choose scoring function for triples  $(h, r, t)$  = coordinates in the 3D tensor

$$s(h, r, t) = e_h^T \cdot w_r \cdot e_t$$

- **Step 3:** Choose loss function

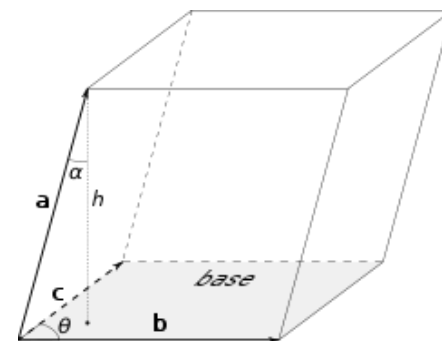
$$\sum_{h,r,t} (T_{\{h,r,t\}} - s(h,r,t))^2$$

- **DistMult:** well-performing KB embedding method
- Simplifies RESCAL; relation matrix only non-zero in diagonal

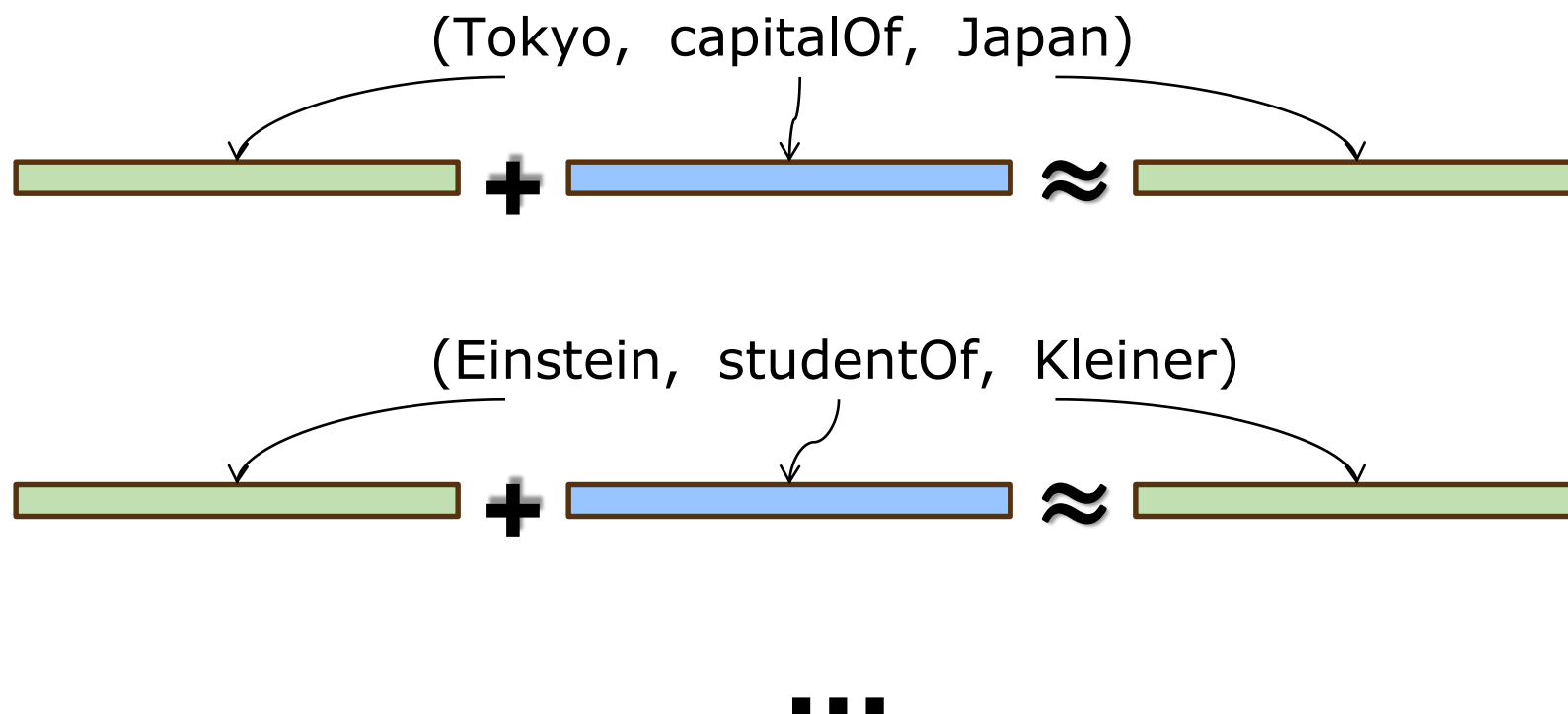
Triple: (h, r, t)

$$s(\mathbf{e}_h, \mathbf{e}_t, \mathbf{e}_r) = (\mathbf{e}_h * \mathbf{e}_t) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r$$

- **Geometric interpretation:** Absolute value is the volume of the 3D parallelogram spanned by the three vectors

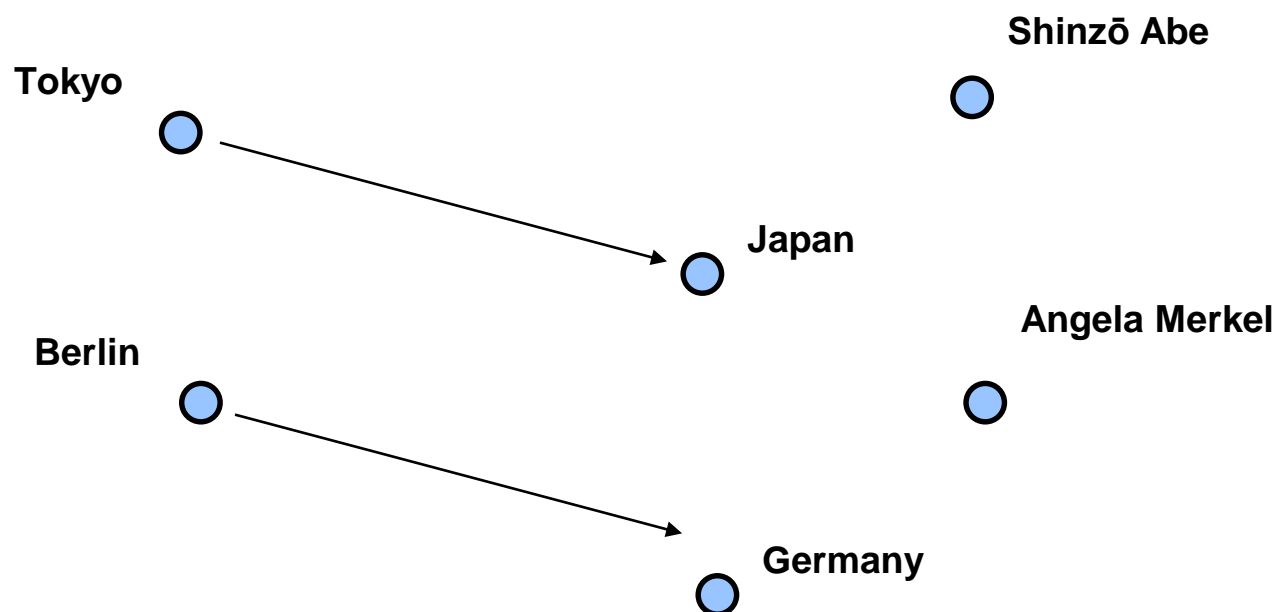


**TransE** learns embeddings of entities and relations





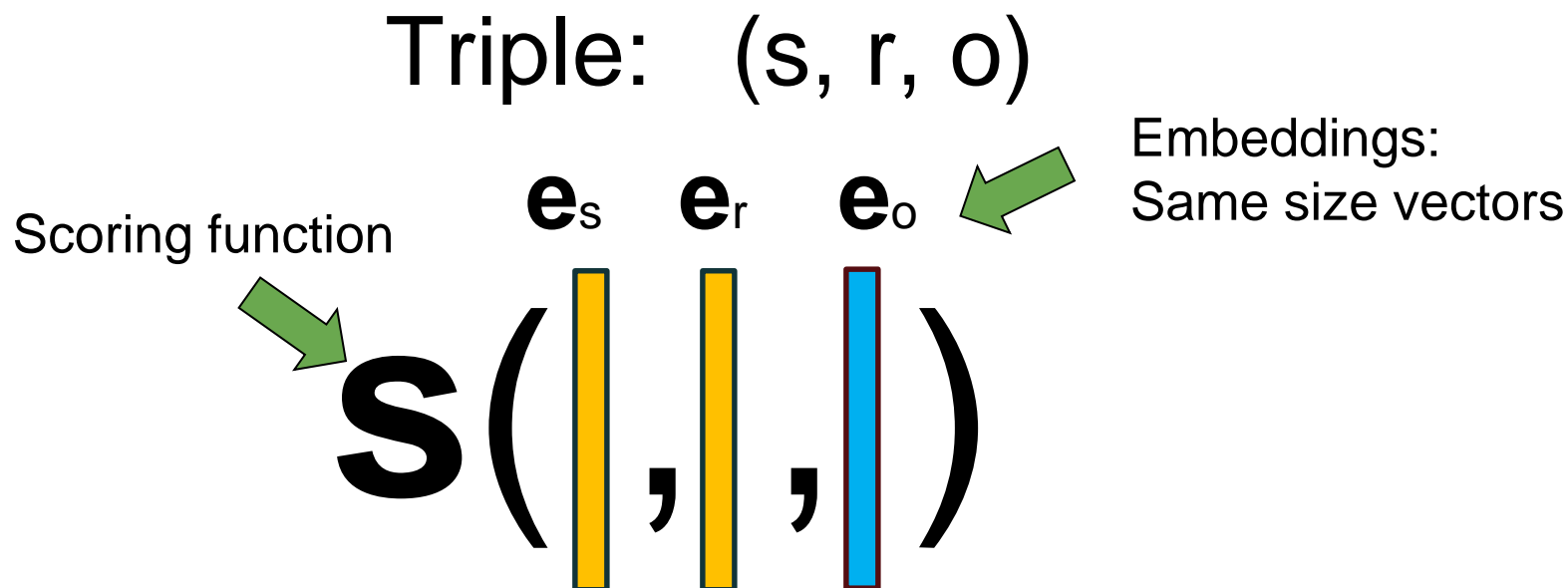
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**Geometric interpretation:** Relation vector translates (moves) head entity embedding to tail entity embedding

# Knowledge Graph Representations

- Many alternative scoring functions have been proposed



Model	Scoring Function	Relation parameters
RESCAL (Nickel et al., 2011)	$e_s^T W_r e_o$	$W_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K^2}$
TransE (Bordes et al., 2013b)	$\ (e_s + w_r) - e_o\ _p$	$w_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$
NTN (Socher et al., 2013)	$u_r^T f(e_s W_r^{[1..D]} e_o + V_r \begin{bmatrix} e_s \\ e_o \end{bmatrix} + b_r)$	$W_r \in \mathbb{R}^{K^2 D}, b_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$ $V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{2KD}, u_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$
DistMult (Yang et al., 2015)	$\langle w_r, e_s, e_o \rangle$	$w_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$
HolE (Nickel et al., 2016b)	$w_r^T (\mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}[e_s] \odot \mathcal{F}[e_o]])$	$w_r \in \mathbb{R}^K$
ComplEx	$\text{Re}(\langle w_r, e_s, \bar{e}_o \rangle)$	$w_r \in \mathbb{C}^K$

Trouillon et al. 2016

# Knowledge Graph Embeddings

## What do they actually learn?

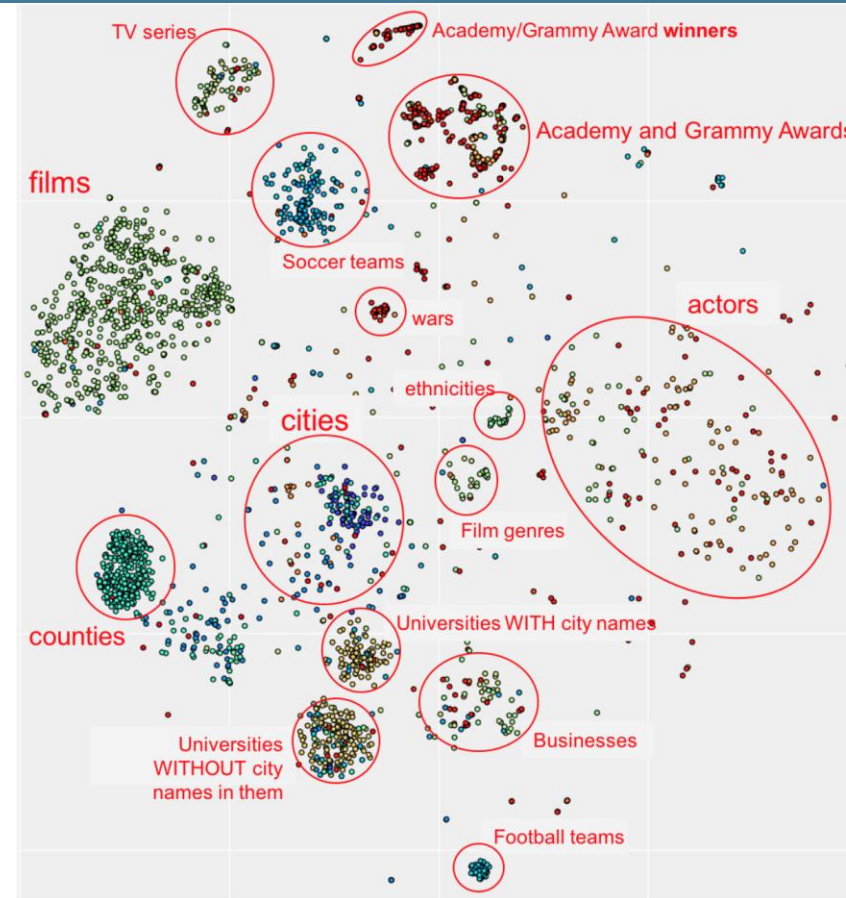
- Fine grained **latent types** of entities
- Latent representation of relation types

## What do they not learn?

- Relational rules with **constants**
- E.g., relation true if married to PersonX
- Approximate vs. exact entity type

## Majority of KB embedding approaches are outperformed by simple relational baselines

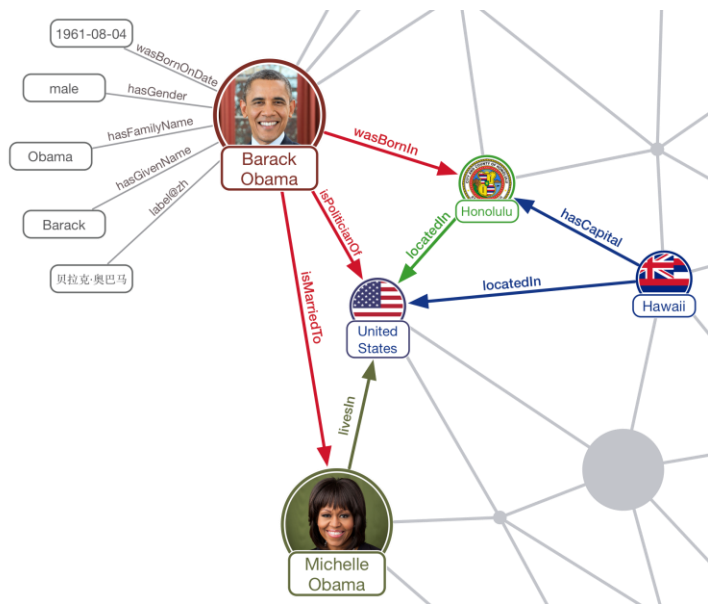
- First observed by Toutanova et al, 2015
- Holds true for dense KBs (e.g. FB15k) but not for sparser ones (e.g., FB15k-237)
- Embedding methods outperform purely relational models on sparse KBs



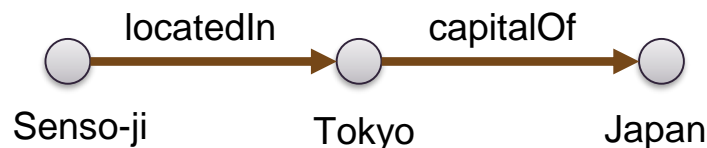
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# Two Perspectives on Learning from Graph Data

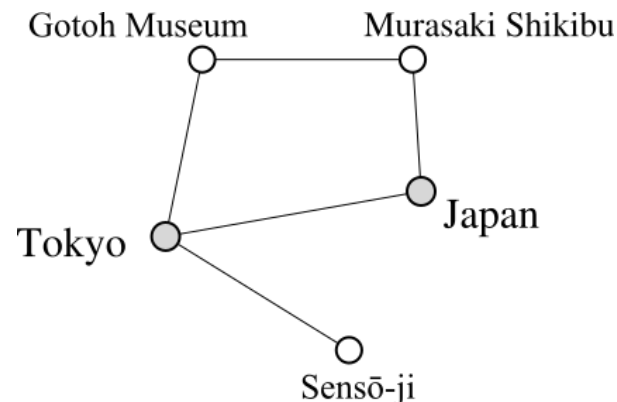
## 2. Learning from Local Graph Structures



### Paths / random walks



### Local Neighborhoods



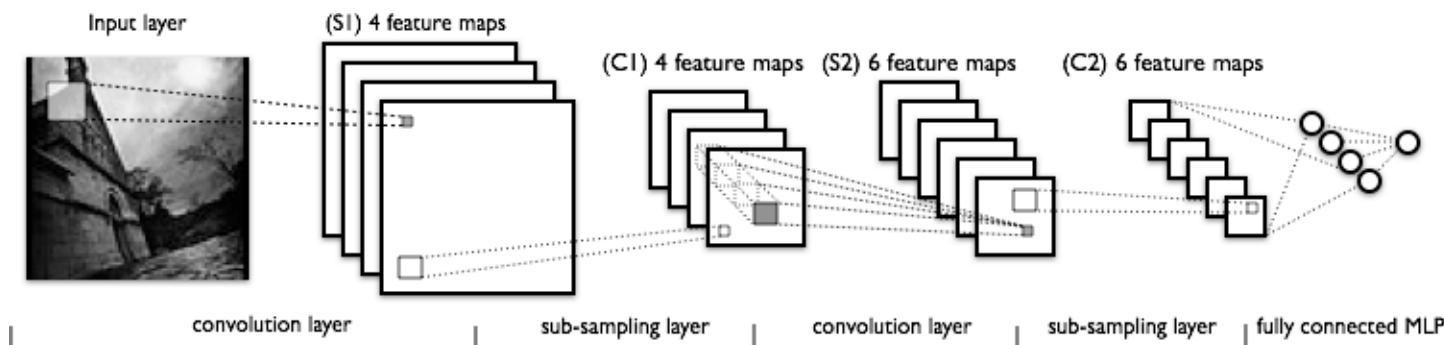
**NB:** Learning from local structures can capture global properties through a recursive propagation process between nodes

# Representation Learning for Knowledge Graphs

**Observation:** Effective representations are often composed bottom-up from **local** representations

- Weight sharing
- Hierarchical features
- Model tractability

**Example:** Convolutional neural networks

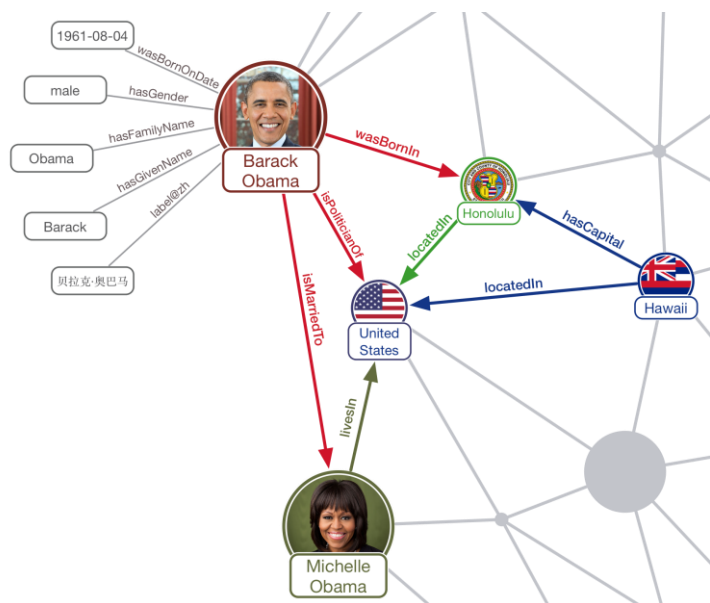


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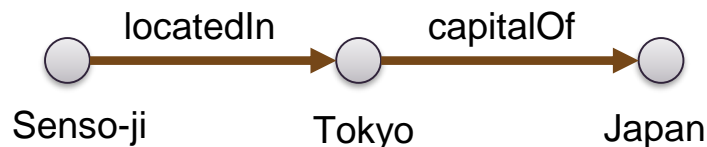
**Question:** What is a suitable notion of **locality** in knowledge graphs?

# Learning From Random Walks and Paths

Basic idea: **Mine frequent paths** in the graph and use these paths as features for some learning method



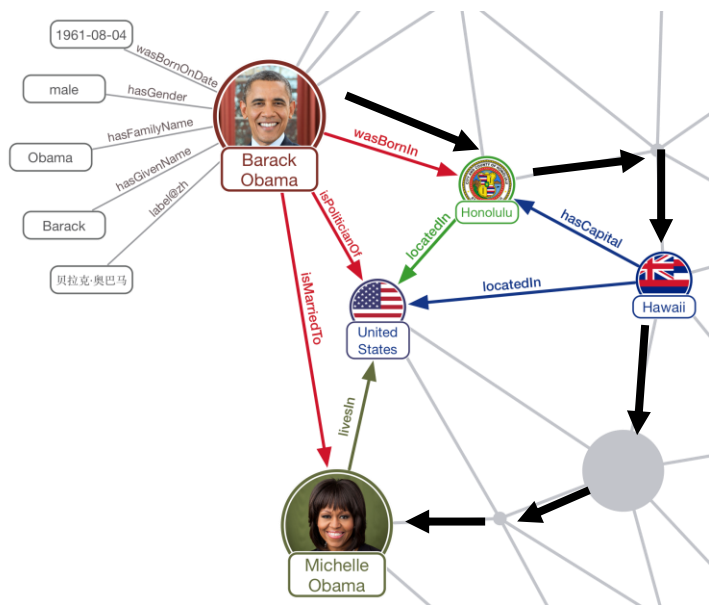
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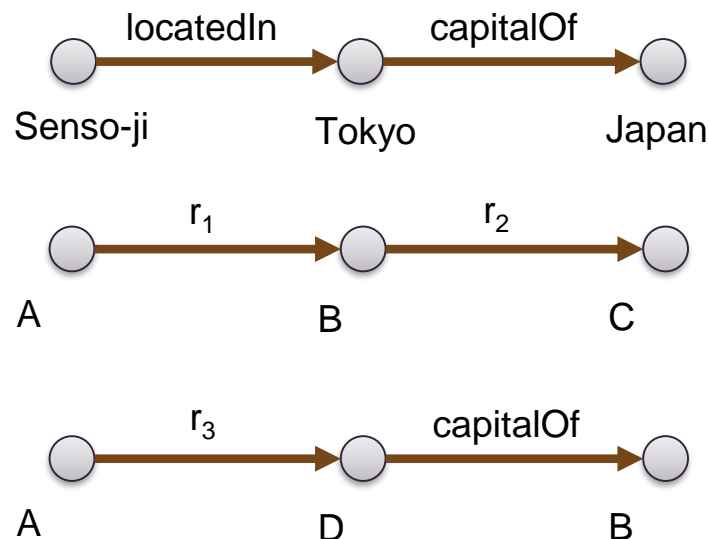


# Methods for Path Extraction

Perform a large number of **Random Walks**



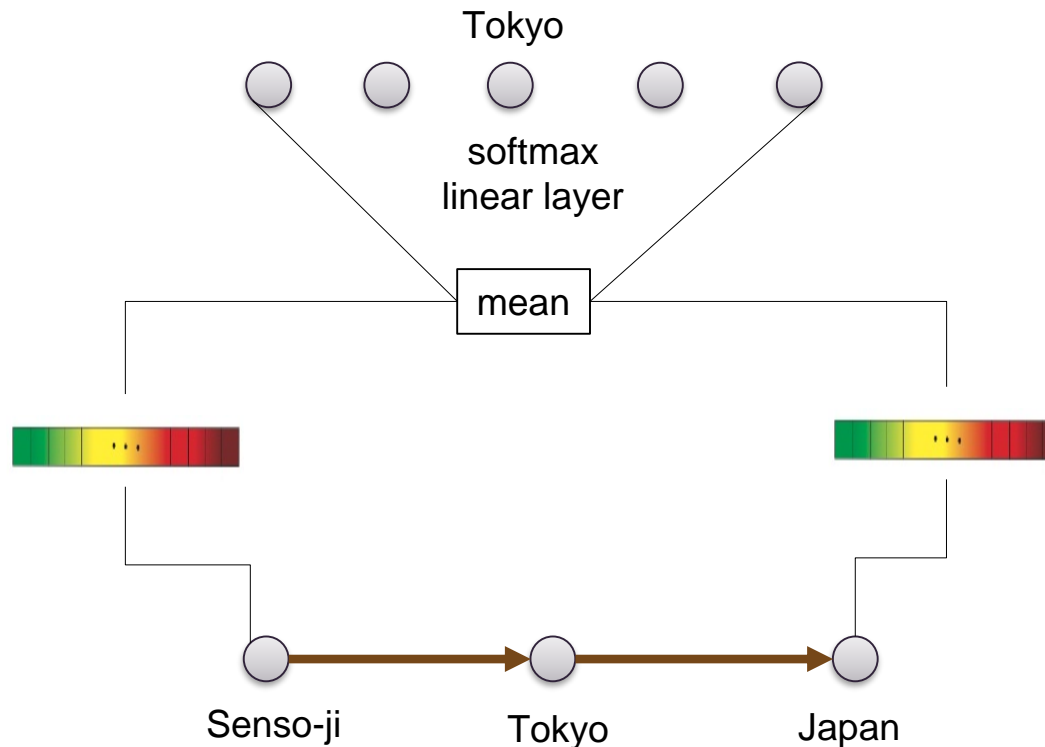
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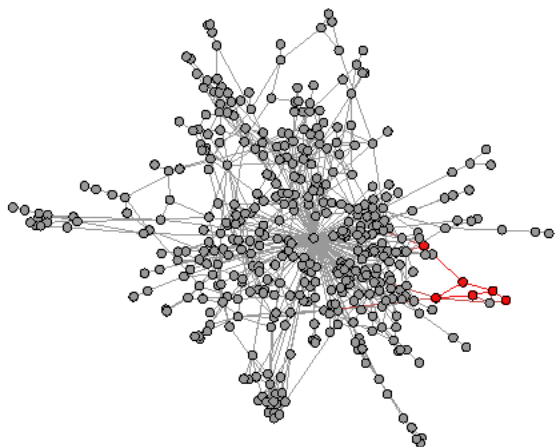
Keep the paths most frequently encountered

# Methods for Learning from Single-Relational Paths

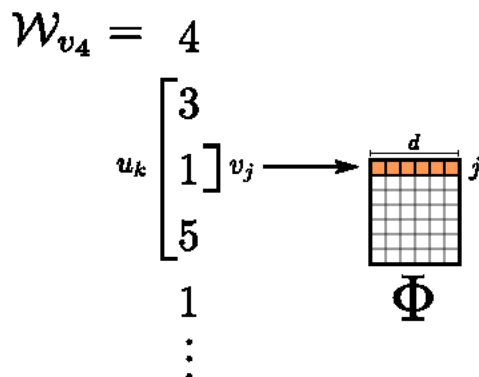
- Interpret every walk as a sentence (sequence of nodes visited)
- Train word embedding method such as Word2vec



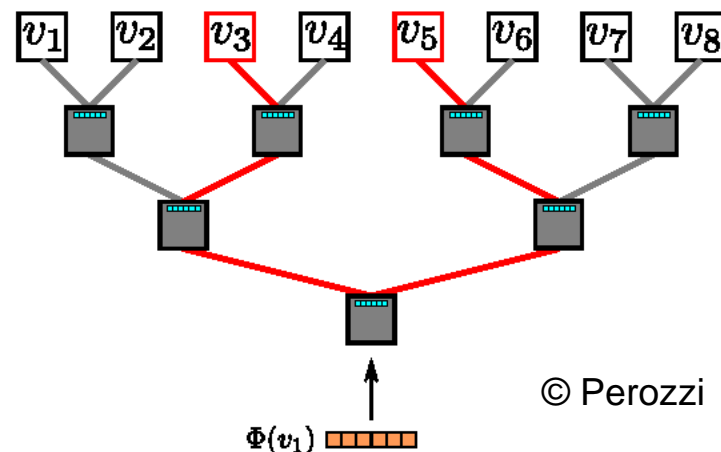
Continuous bag of nodes



(a) Random walk generation.



(b) Representation mapping.



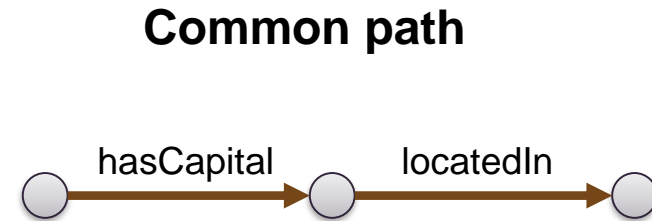
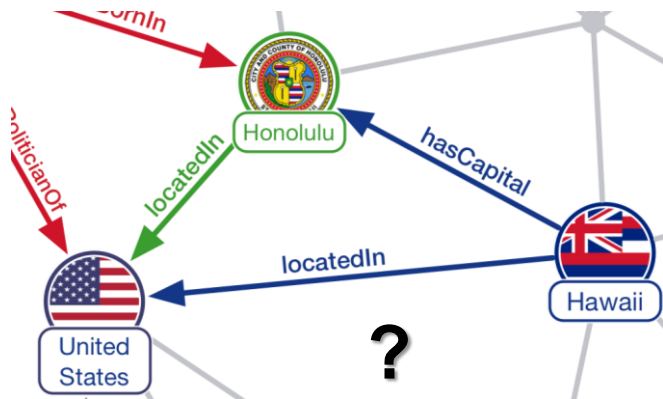
(c) Hierarchical Softmax.

↑  
Skip-gram  
model

Results in node embeddings to be used for other tasks

# Methods for Learning from Multi-Relational Paths

- Interpret every walk as a logical rule:  
“If path is present, then set feature to 1”
- Combine these features with simple classifier such as logistic regression

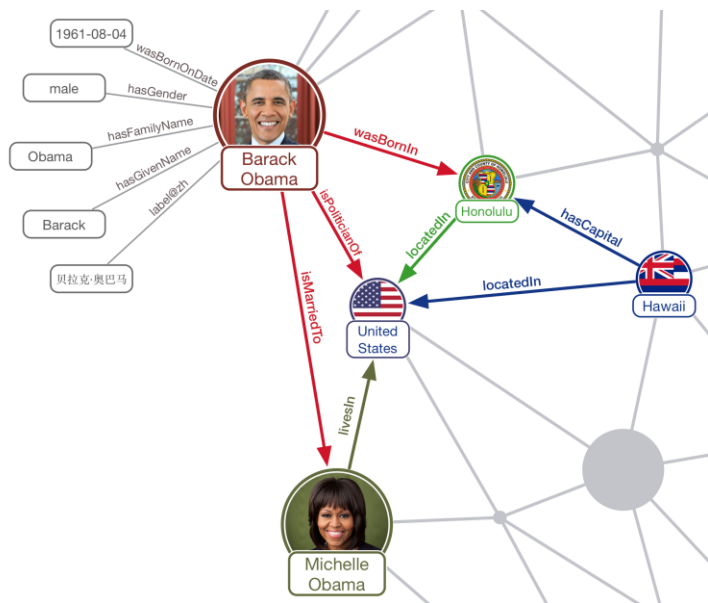


**Good feature to predict “locatedIn”**

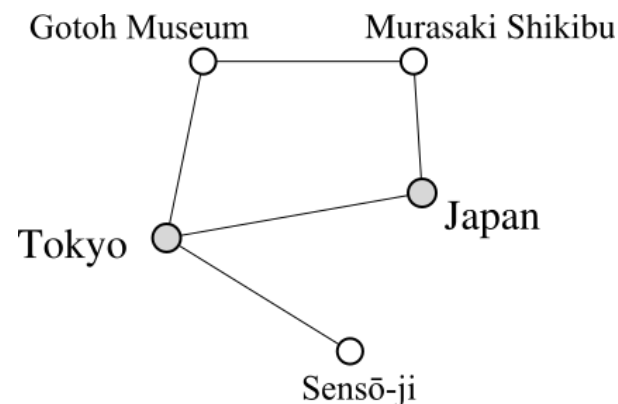
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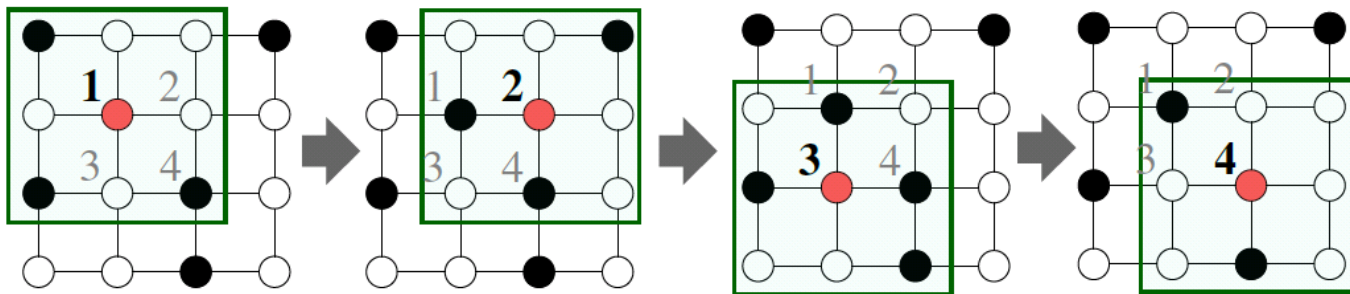


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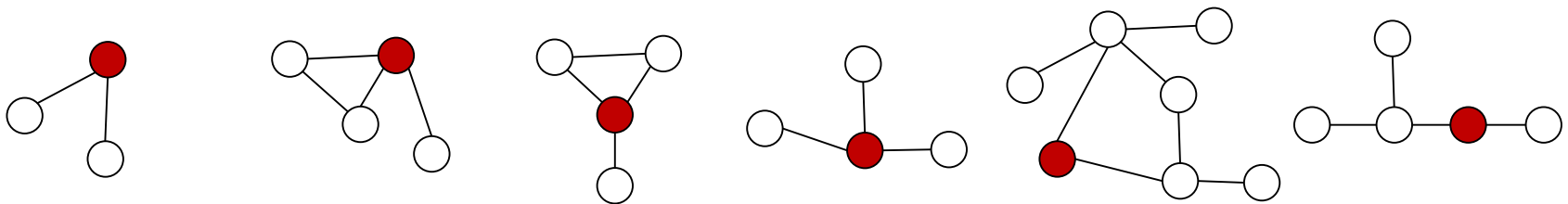
# Strengths of CNNs

- Implicit feature hierarchy based on **local features**
- Parameter sharing** across data points

**Straightforward for regular graphs**



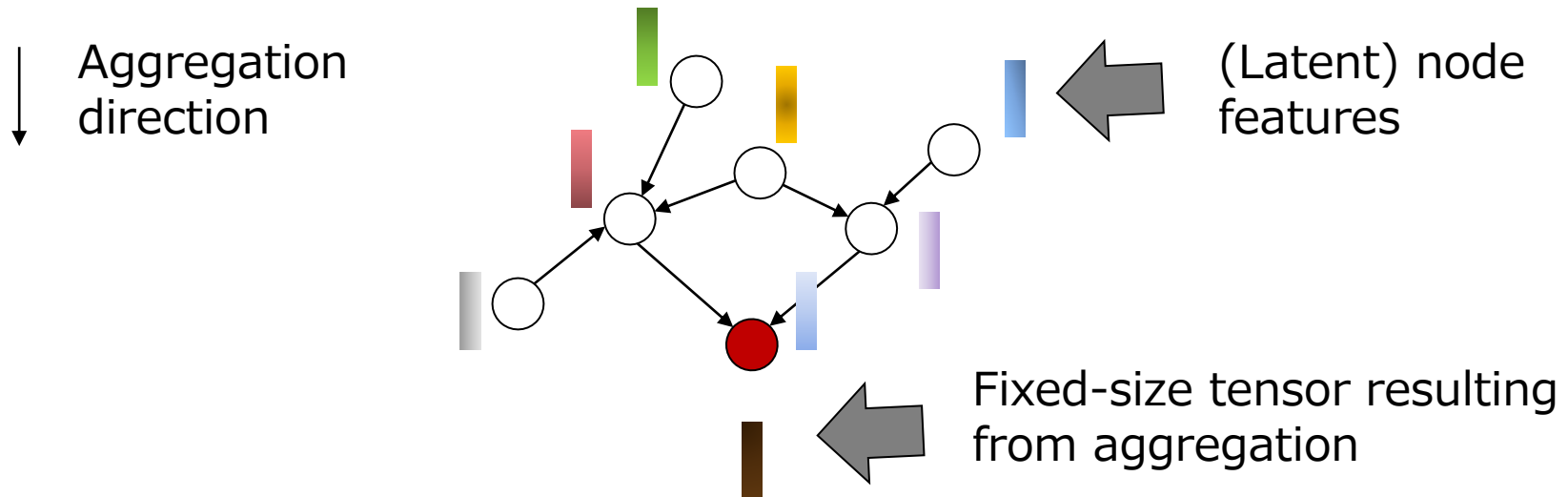
**Challenging for irregular graphs**





# The Big Question of Graph CNNs

- How do we **aggregate neighborhood information** into **fixed-size** representations? → requirement for **weight sharing**



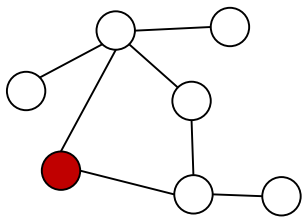
- Feature transformations are applied **locally** for each node on its neighborhood
- Requires ability to work with **highly heterogeneous** neighborhood structures

# A Spectrum Of Methods

Patchy [ICML 2016]  
Neighborhood  
Normalization

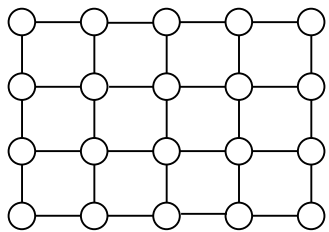


High variance  
Low bias

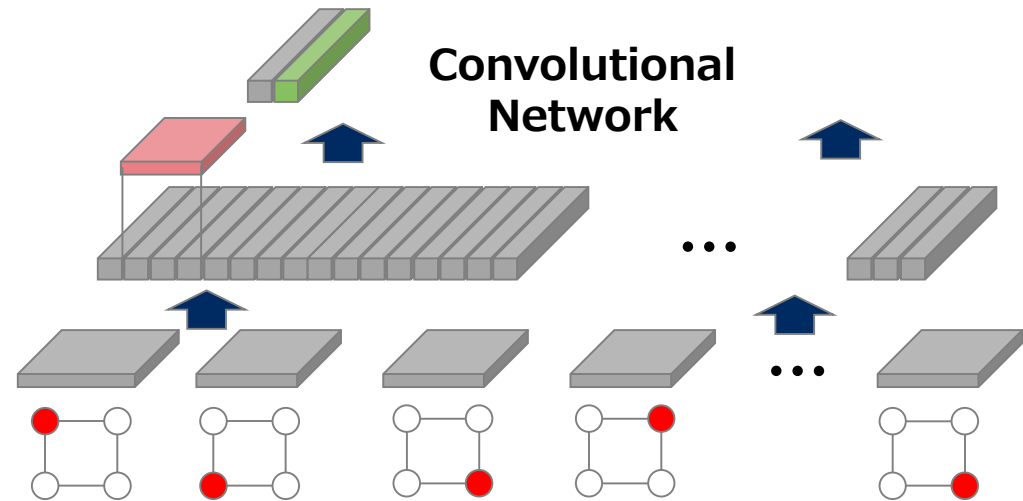


## Image CNN

- Grid graph required (spatial order)
- Works only for images

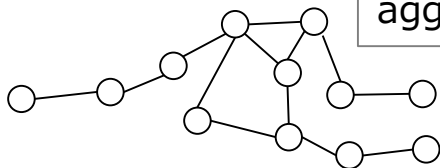


Standard CNN  
*moves over image*

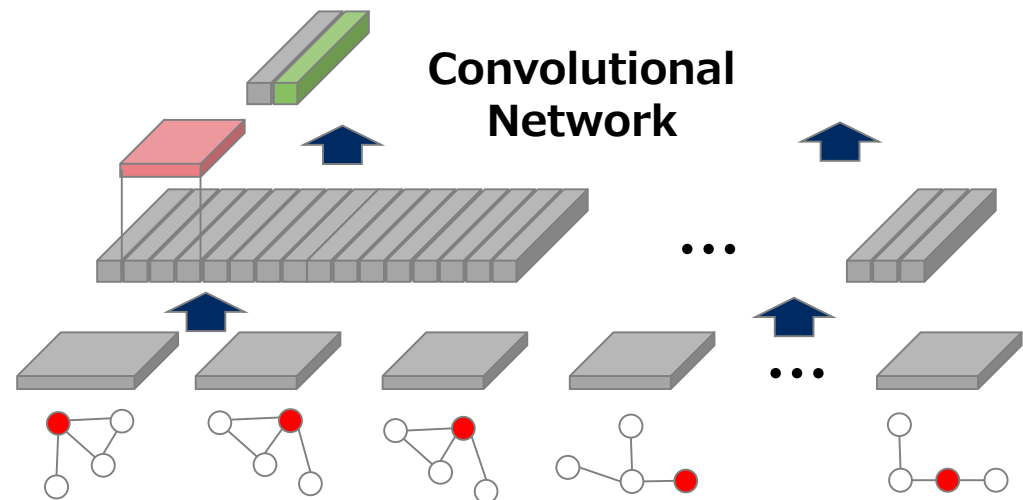


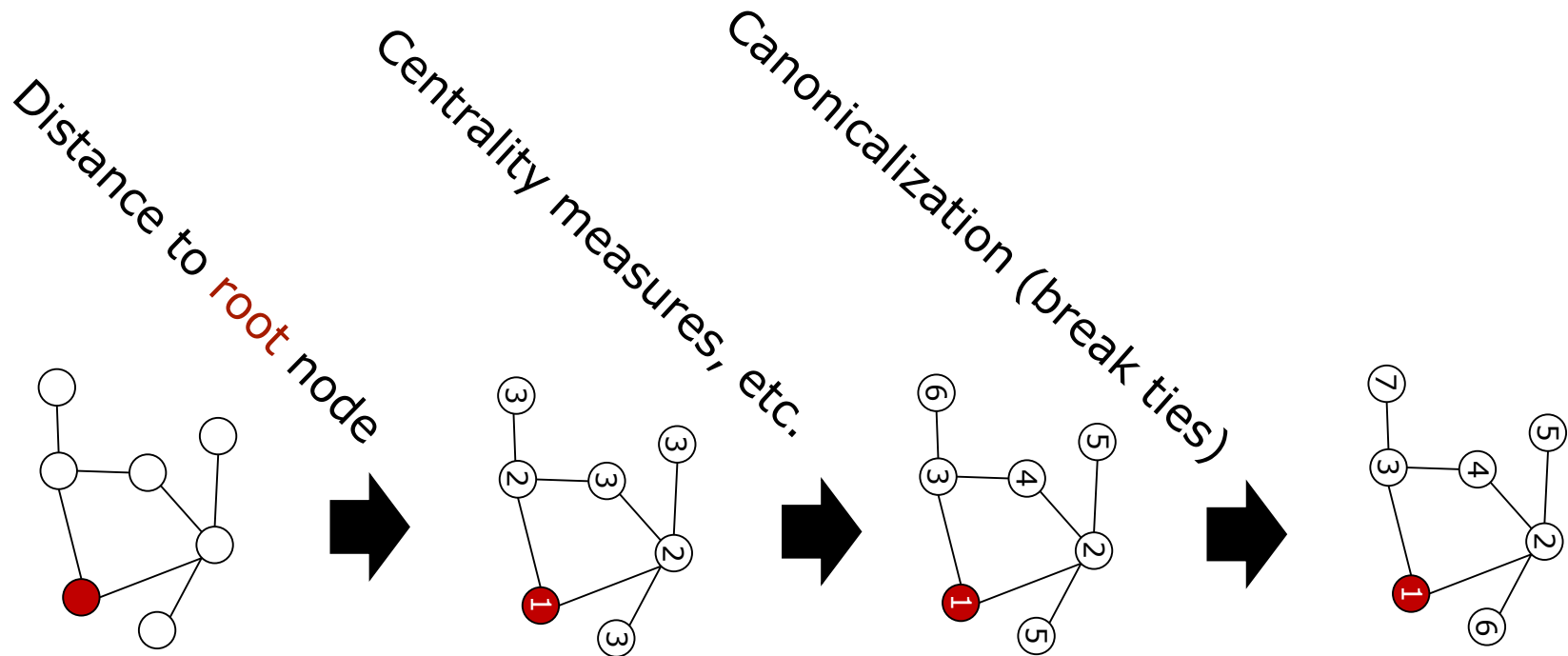
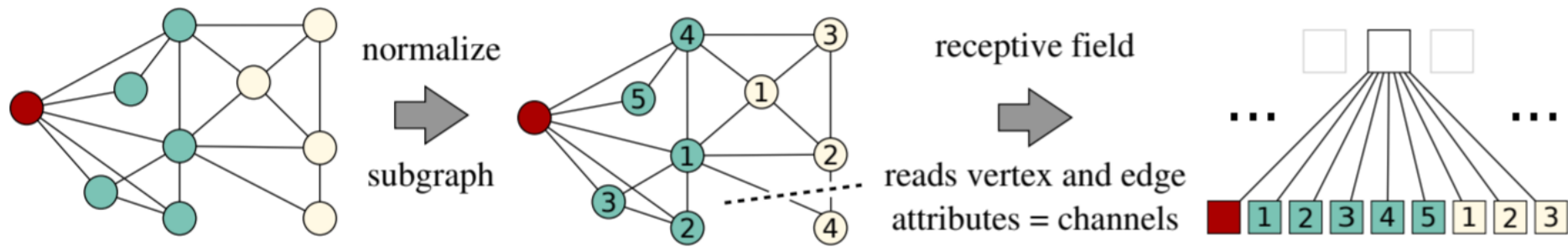
## Graph CNN

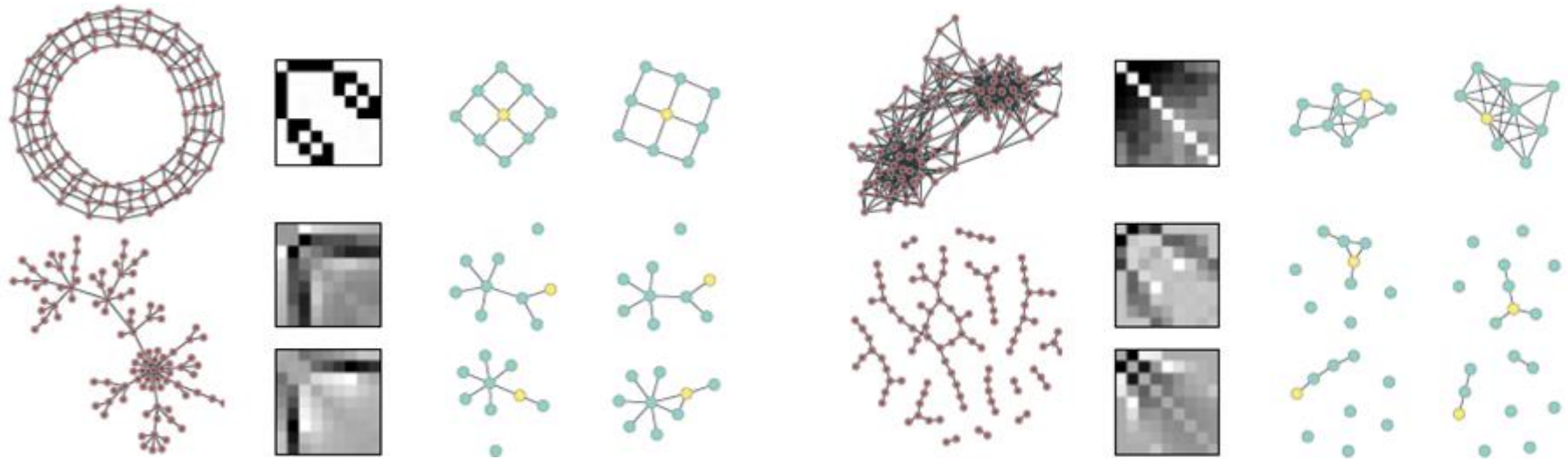
- Arbitrary input graph
- Node attributes
- Edge attributes



What are good local  
aggregations?







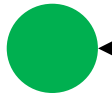
**motifs** *learned by the model*

small instances of input graphs

# A Spectrum Of Methods

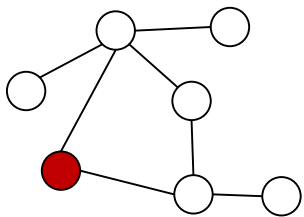
Patchy [ICML 2016]  
Neighborhood  
Normalization

GCN [ICLR 2017]  
Average Pooling

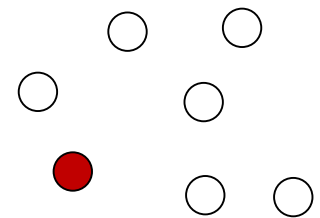


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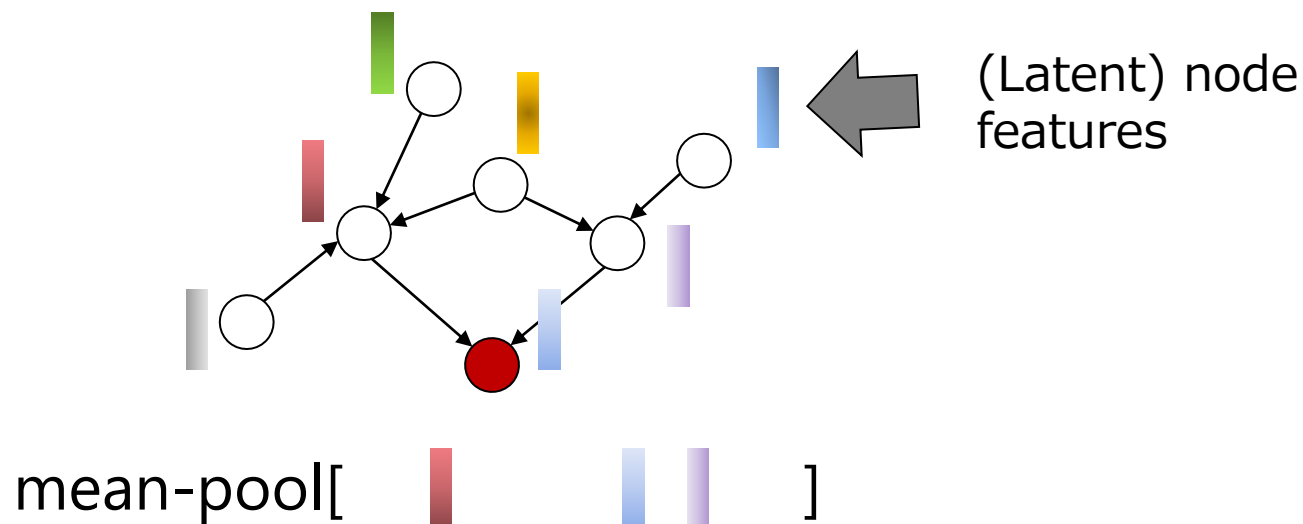
Low variance  
High bias



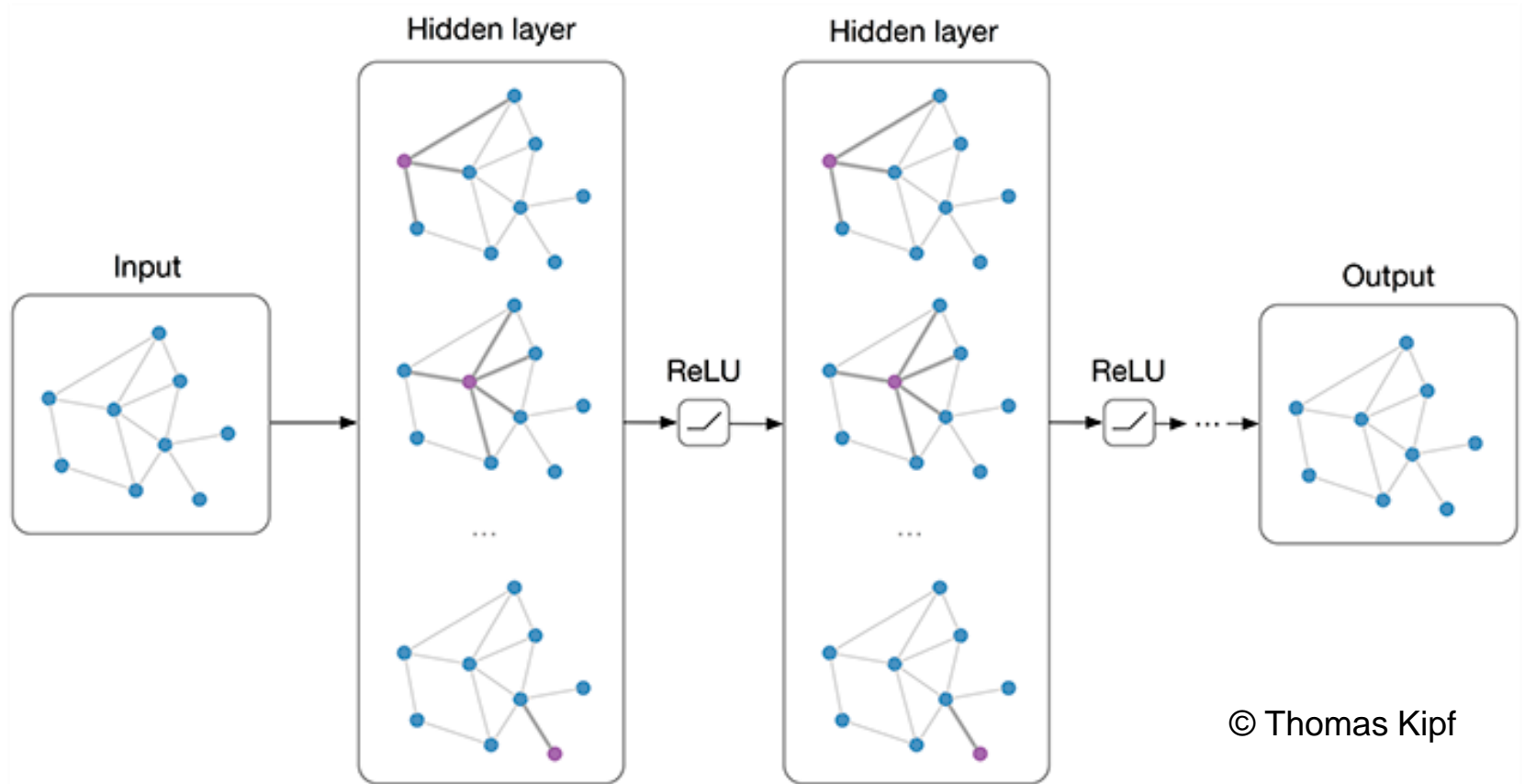
Leverage adjacency structure



Treat neighboring nodes as  
*exchangeable*



- Compute a **weighted sum** of the node features where weights are determined by **global node adjacency** information
- Essentially **average pooling** of the (latent) node features
- Similar to message passing algorithm, aggregation and parameter updates performed **in each iteration**

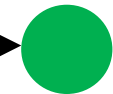
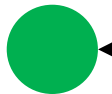




# A Spectrum Of Methods

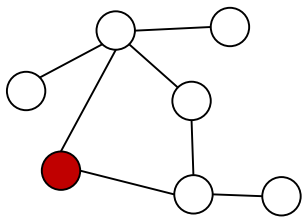
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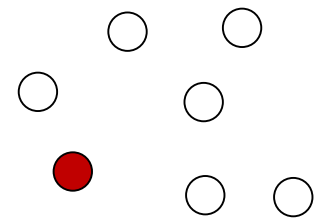


High variance  
Low bias

Low variance  
High bias



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Leverage complete  
adjacency structure








































Approximate lifted learning  
= clustering of structurally  
similar entities in the graphs

Treat neighboring nodes as  
*exchangeable*

# Embedding propagation (EP)

## Input data

Initial (incomplete) data

				
	 X  X  	  	  X	
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	 X  X  	  	X X X	
	X    X	X X X	 	

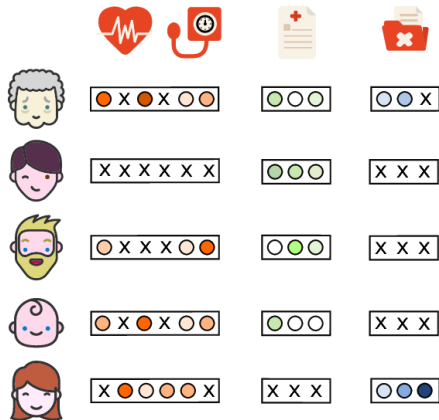
```
df_patients = ep_utils.get_small_patient_df()
```

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# Embedding propagation (EP)

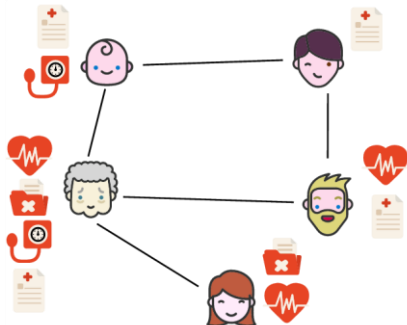
## Input data

Initial (incomplete) data



Induce graph

Knowledge graph



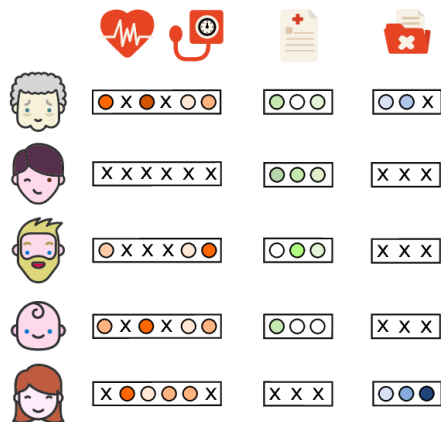
```
demographic_cols = ['gender', 'race']  
graph = GraphCreator.get_graph(  
    df_patients,  
    demographic_cols,  
    identity_index='index'  
)
```

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# Embedding propagation (EP)

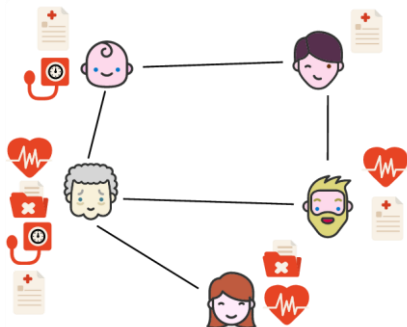
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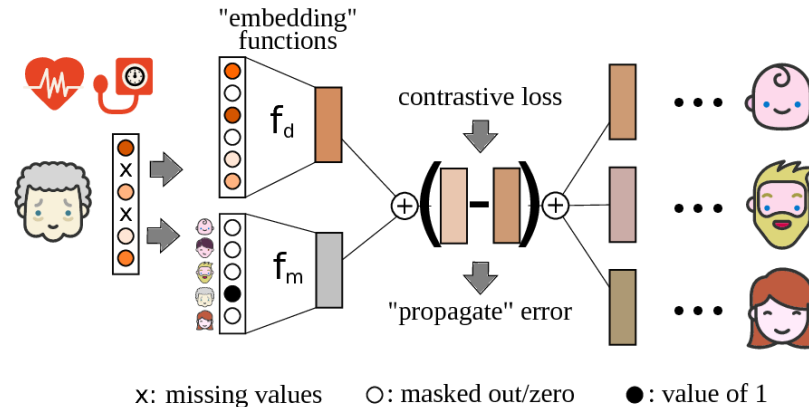


Induce graph

Patient graph



## Embedding propagation (EP)



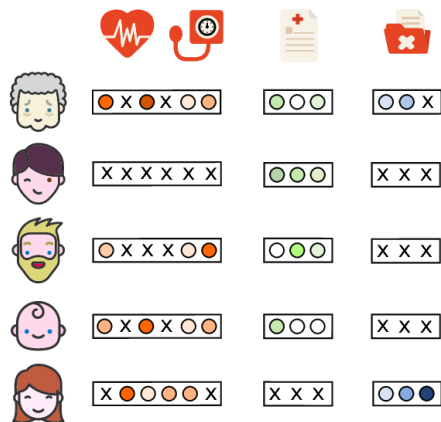
```
target_column = [  
    'has_cm' # this is the target variable  
]  
  
ep = EP.get_ep(  
    df_patients,  
    graph,  
    ignore_cols=target_column  
)  
  
ep_fit = ep.fit()
```

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# GraphAI: Embedding propagation (EP)

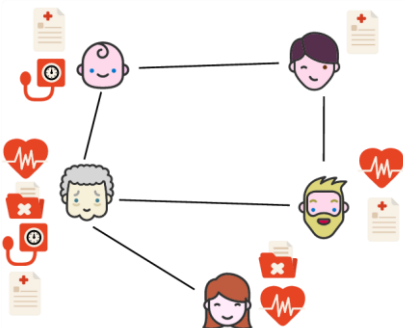
## Input data

Initial (incomplete) data

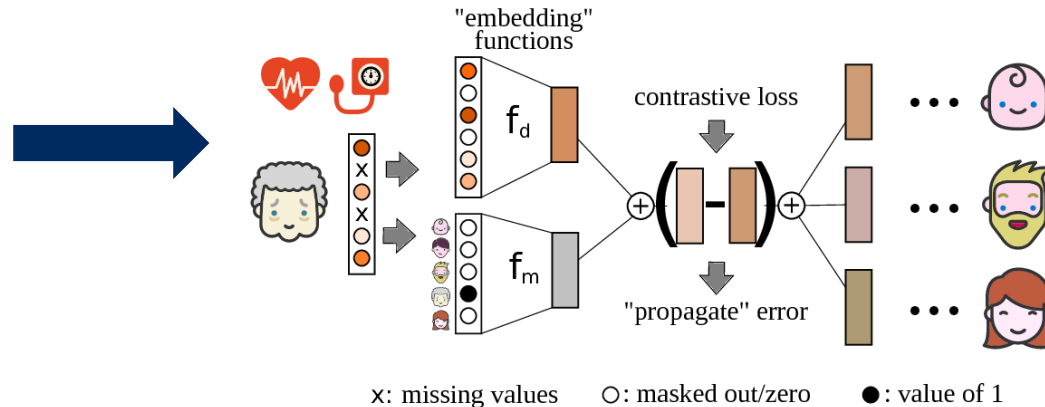


Induce graph

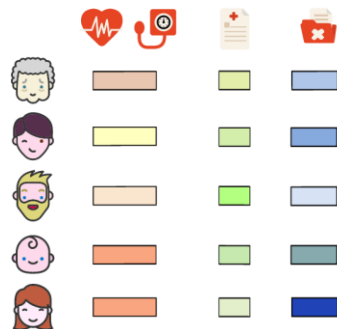
Patient graph



## Embedding propagation (EP):



## Complete data



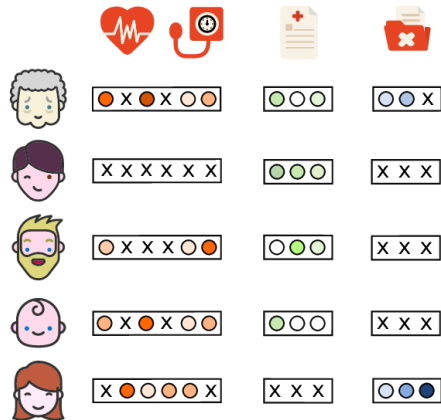
```
complete_data = ep_fit.transform(df_patients['index'])
```

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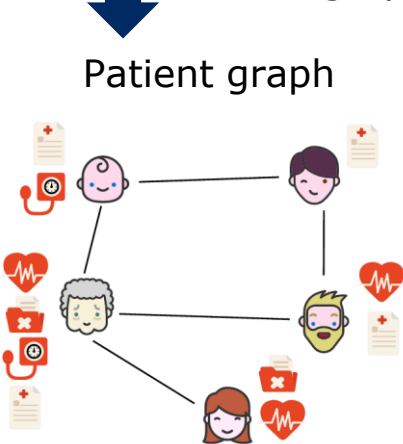
# Embedding propagation (EP) workflow

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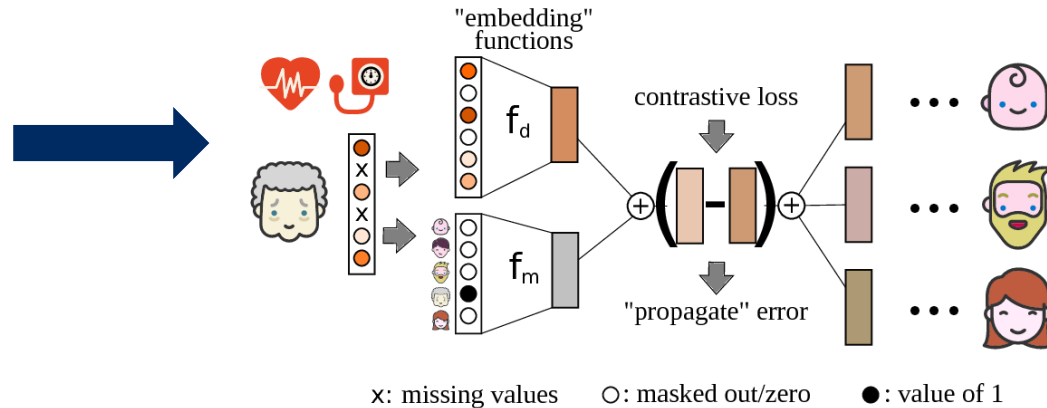
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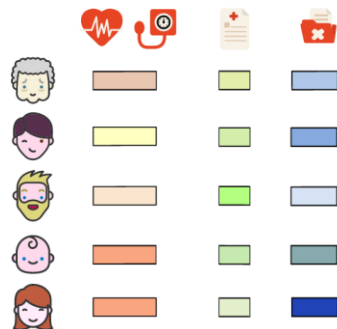
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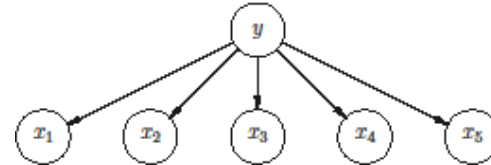
## Embedding propagation (EP):



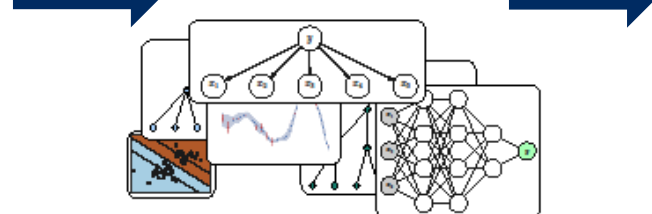
Complete data



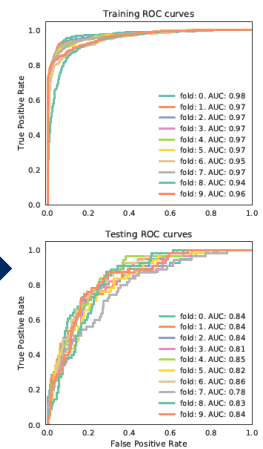
Interpretable model



Sophisticated model

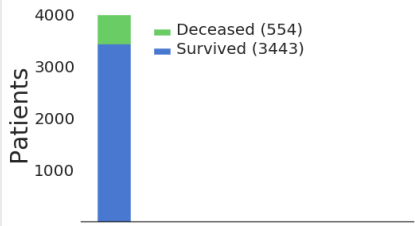
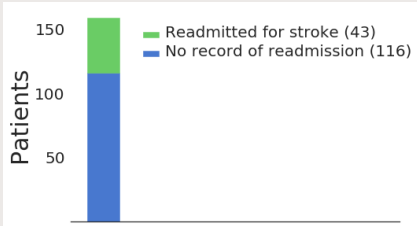
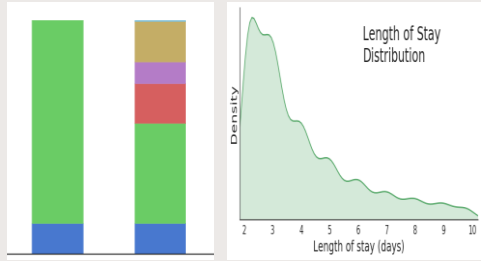


Results



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# EP use case: patient outcome prediction (datasets)

Name		Cardiac (Computation in Cardiology Challenge, 2012)	Stroke (Custom MIMIC benchmark)	General (MIMIC benchmarks from [Harutyunyan et al., 2017])
Task(s)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In-hospital mortality</b> (binary classification)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Long-term (10 year) stroke readmission</b> (binary classification)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In-hospital mortality</b> (binary classification)</li> <li><b>Length of stay</b> (regression)</li> <li><b>Discharge destination</b> (multiclass classification)</li> </ul>
Time of prediction		2-days after ICU admission	End of ICU admission	2-days after ICU admission
Number of Patients		4 000	159	21 102
Outcomes				
Modalities	Time series	37	65	17
	Demographics	0	0	5
	Free text	0	0	6
	Other	2 (SOFA and SAPS-I)	1 (primary ICD diagnosis)	3 (admission type, location, and diagnosis)
Graph construction		Sequential Organ Failure Assessment and Severity of Disease	International Classification of Diseases (ICD) – Medical Diagnosis Codes	Similarity of admission descriptions

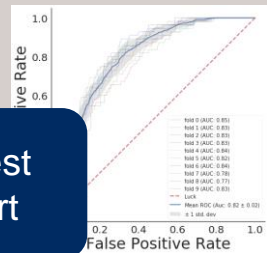
# EP use case: patient outcome prediction (results)

## Cardiac

(missing data ~35%)

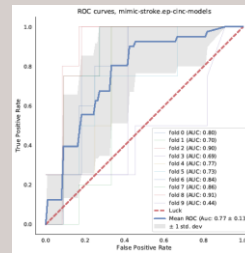
EP +  
Logistic regression

Better than best  
state of the art



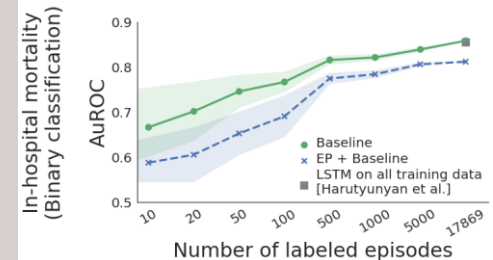
## Stroke

(missing data ~80%)



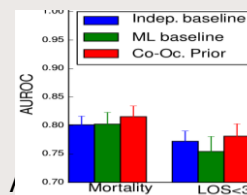
## General

(missing data ~35%, multimodal)



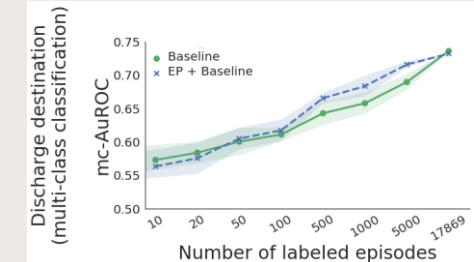
Multimodal baseline outperforms  
existing state of the art.

State of the art



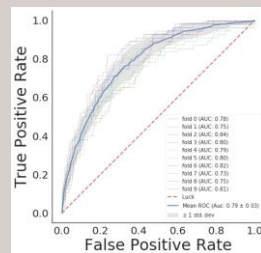
[Uni. South California, KDD  
2015]

EP works best when  
missing data is large  
(+20 vs. +3),  
Many modalities  
available

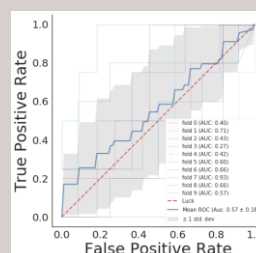


EP outperforms the (strong) baseline  
for most sample sizes.

Logistic regression



AuROC: 0.79 ± 0.03



AuROC: 0.57 ± 0.18



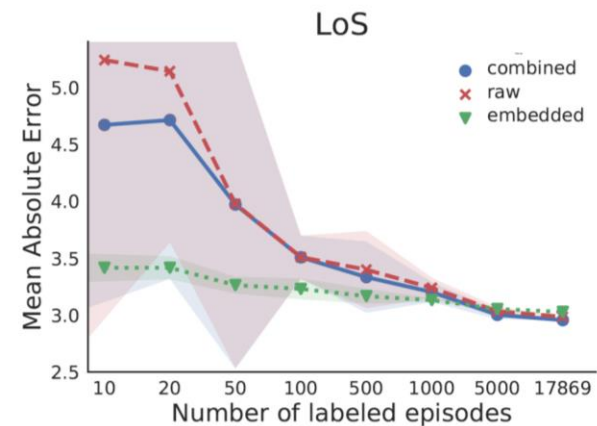
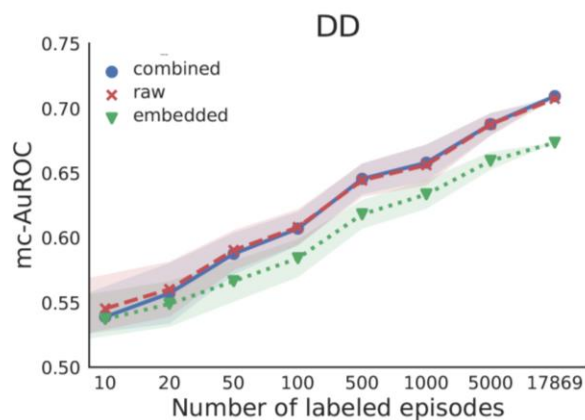
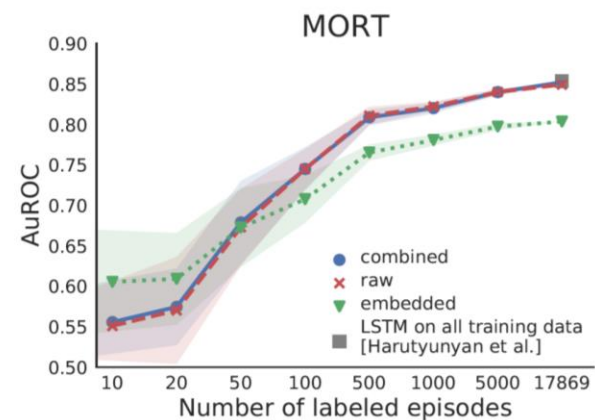
EP is much  
across

Statistically  
significantly better  
for regression



# Detailed Results

## Time series modality only



## All data modalities

