# Hierarchical Graph Representation Learning with Differentiable Pooling

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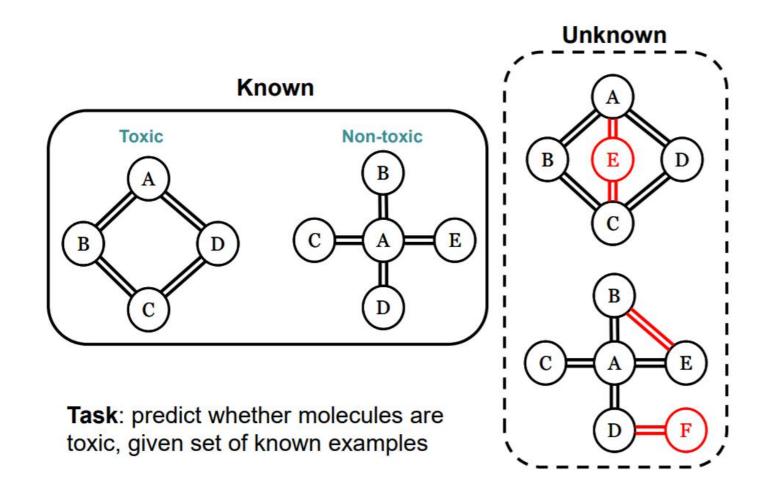
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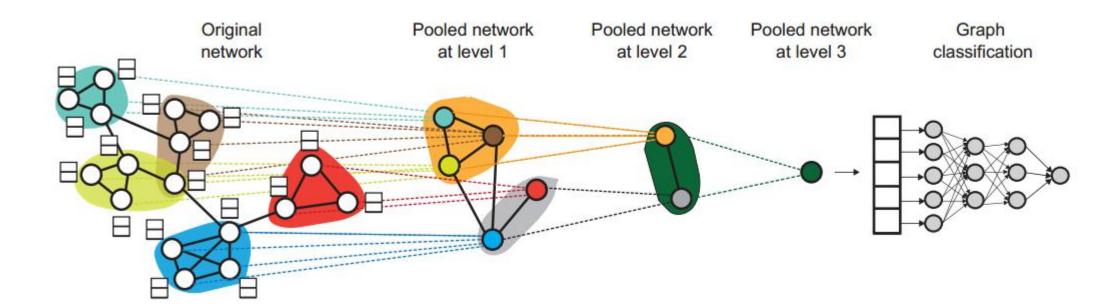
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# Graph classification



### DiffPool



### Graph neural networks

- G (A, F)
- Message passing architecture

$$H^{(k)} = M(A, H^{(k-1)}; \theta^{(k)}), \tag{1}$$

$$H^{(0)} = F$$

$$H^{(k)} = M(A, H^{(k-1)}; W^{(k)}) = \text{ReLU}(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(k-1)} W^{(k-1)}), \tag{2}$$

# Differentiable Pooling

 Pooling with an assignment matrix: learning a cluster assignment matrix of layer I+1 over the nodes using the output of at layer I

$$X^{(l+1)} = S^{(l)} Z^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{l+1} \times d}, \tag{3}$$

$$A^{(l+1)} = S^{(l)}{}^{T} A^{(l)} S^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{l+1} \times n_{l+1}}.$$
(4)

# Differentiable Pooling

Learning the assignment matrix

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$$Z^{(l)} = \text{GNN}_{l,\text{embed}}(A^{(l)}, X^{(l)}),$$
 (5)

$$S^{(l)} = \operatorname{softmax}\left(\operatorname{GNN}_{l,\operatorname{pool}}(A^{(l)}, X^{(l)})\right),\tag{6}$$