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**Heterogeneous Graph Transformer for learning Compound-Ortholog** 

links from the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes

# Constructing KGs from KEGG

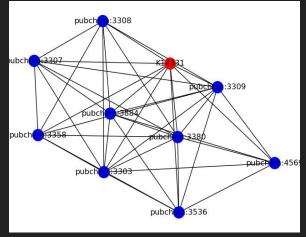
- KEGG has a lot of relation information between types
  - We can build graphs from this
- Graph built contains compounds (MACCS features from PubChem) and KEGG Orthologs
  - KEGG Orthologs (KOs) can be represented as a family of protein sequences related by function. We need a way to represent this as a vector.

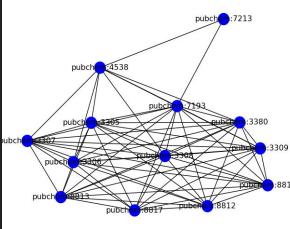
# ESM-2 to embed protein sequences

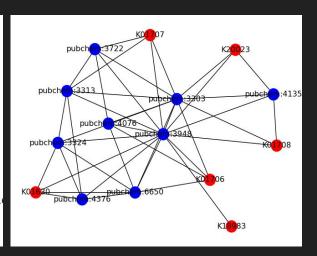
- Each KO has N protein sequences
  - We feed each sequence through ESM-2, a PLM, to get a protein embedding
  - Each KO is represented as and average vector over all proteins in that KO
- Now, we have features for compounds and features for KOs.

### Constructing the graph

- We connect compounds to KOs if the compound and KO share an enzyme (EC number in KEGG)
- By doing this we now have compound-compound edges and compound-KO edges
- cpd={ x=[4550, 167] }
- ko={ x=[2770, 1280] }
- (cpd, reacts, cpd)=109258
- (cpd, interacts, ko)=16629]



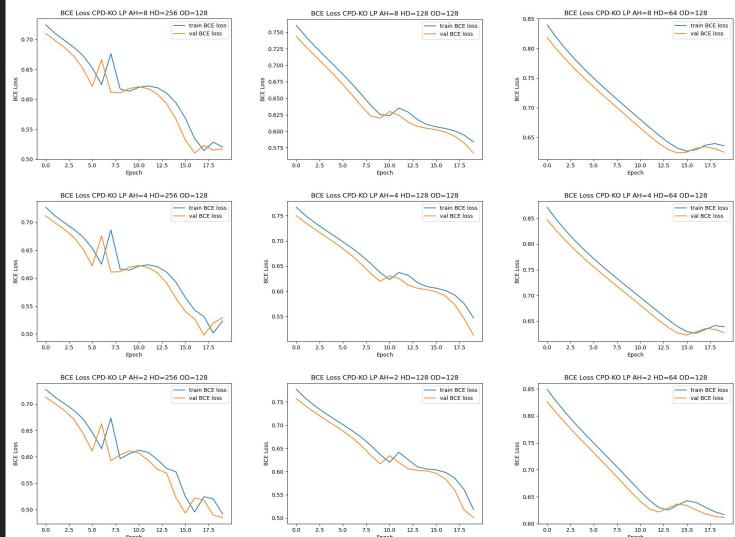




# What are we asking?

- Can a GNN accurately capture relationships between KOs and compounds if we train it on a subset of compound-compound and compound-KO links?
- Our GNN is a Heterogeneous Graph Transformer with a link prediction head
  - o Basically, get embeddings for each nodes and then do link prediction on these embeddings

### Results



#### **Future Work**

- Experiment with layers
- Add in metrics (F1, accuracy, AUC)
- Run on test set
- Add in unseen compounds