



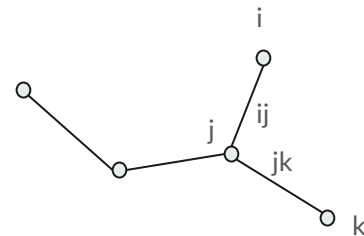
# Message-Passing Neural Networks (MPNNs) and their applications

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## Definitions



# Graphs



A graph  $G = (G_0, G_1)$  may be defined as

- $G_0 = \{i, j, k, \dots\}$  set of vertices
- $G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \times G_0$  set of edges, e.g.  $G_1 = \{(i, j), (j, k), \dots\}$  subset of  $G_0 \times G_0$ .

Features  $x \in F(G)$  usually also map the elements of  $G$  to node- and edge-feature spaces:

$$G_0 \rightarrow F_0$$

$$(x_i) \in F_0$$

$$G_1 \rightarrow F_1$$

$$(x_{ij}) \in F_1$$

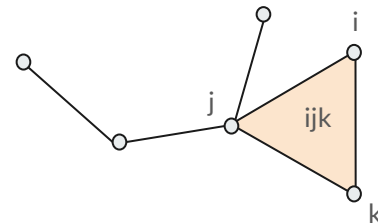
## Definitions



# Hypergraphs

In general,  $d$ -graphs  $G = (G_0, G_1, \dots, G_{d-1})$  also include higher-order relations:

- $G_0 = \{i, j, k, \dots\}$  set of vertices
- $G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \times G_0$  set of edges,
- ...
- $G_d \rightarrow G_0 \times \dots \times G_0$  set of **d-faces** or hyperedges



For instance, including **2-faces** = triangles in a 3D structure is necessary to compute **angles**.

...      **3-faces** = tetrahedra in a 3D chain      ...      **torsion angles**

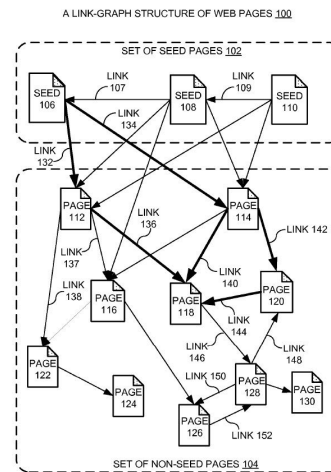
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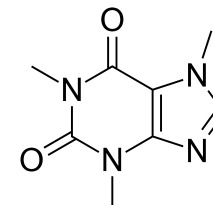


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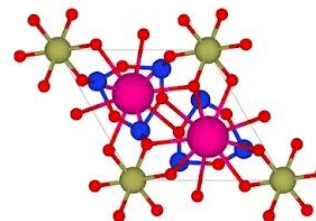
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- Networking : Hosts and routing,
- Telecoms : Bits and checksums,
- Advertising : Users and content,
- ...
- Chemistry : Atoms in organic molecules
- Material Sciences : Atoms in periodic crystals
- Biology : Amino Acid (AA) sequences in proteins
- ...



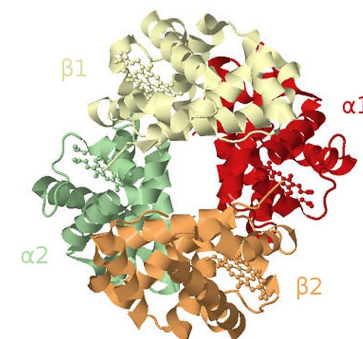
SEO



Caffeine



Deepmind crystal



Hemoglobin

## Examples



## Example Tasks

**Classification**

$$F(G) \rightarrow K = \{0, 1, \dots\}$$

Toxicity, binding ...

Clustering

**Regression**

$$F(G) \rightarrow R \text{ or } R^d$$

Energy, band gaps,  
chemical properties...Likelihood estimation  
(e.g. critic)**Feature prediction**

$$G \rightarrow F(G)$$

Recommendation systems

Error correction

AA sequence to 3D structure

**Generation**

$$N(0, 1) \rightarrow F(G)$$

Drug discovery

Material discovery

## Architectures



## Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs)

Graph gradient / **differential**

$$d : F(G_0) \rightarrow F(G_1)$$

$$d(x)_{ij} = w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)$$

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Graph divergence / **codifferential**

$$d^* : F(G_1) \rightarrow F(G_0)$$

$$d^*(v)_j = \sum_{i > j} v_{ij} - \sum_{j > i} v_{ji}$$



### Graph Laplacian and its polynomials

$$L = d^*d : F(G_0) \rightarrow F(G_0)$$

$$L(x)_j = x_j - \text{average over neighbours } (x)_j$$

$$P(L) = \sum_k p_k L^k : \text{local filter of range } k$$

$$P(L)(x) = \sum_k p_k L^k(x)$$

## Architectures



# Message-Passing Neural Networks (MPNNs)

Message function

$$M : F(G_0) \rightarrow F(G_1)$$

$$M_{ij} = f_{\theta}(x_i, x_j)$$

Update function

$$U : F(G_1) \rightarrow F(G_0)$$

$$U(M)_j = \sum_{i > j} M_{ij}$$

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→ **Message-Passing layers and their iterations**

$$UM : F(G_0) \rightarrow F(G_0)$$

## Architectures



# Message-Passing Neural Networks (MPNNs)

Message function

$$M : F(G) \rightarrow F(G)$$

$$M_{ij} = f_{\theta}(x_i, x_j, x_{ij})$$

Update function

$$U : F(G) \rightarrow F(G)$$

$$U(x, M)_j = x_j + \sum_{i > j} M_{ij}$$

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Note that many different algorithms fall under the umbrella of MPNNs

Graph Convolution is a particular case of message-passing

Shouldn't edge features be updated as well?



## Architectures

# Message-Passing on Hypergraphs

**Nerve:** ordered chains

$$N_k G = \{a_0 > \dots > a_k\}$$

$a_0$  contains  $a_1$  contains ...

$$N_1 G = \{a > b\}$$

**Messages:**

$$M : F(G) \rightarrow F(N_1 G)$$

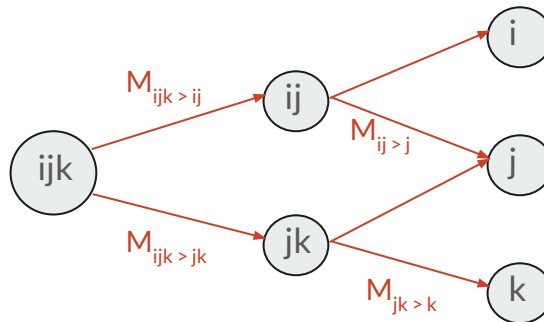
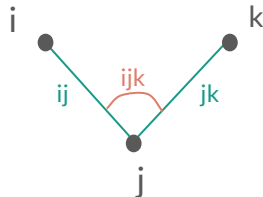
$$M_{a > b} = f_{\theta}(x_a, x_b)$$

**Update function**

$$U : F(N_1 G) \rightarrow F(G)$$

$$U(M)_b = \sum_{a > b} M_{a > b} - \sum_{b > c} M_{b > c}$$

hypergraph

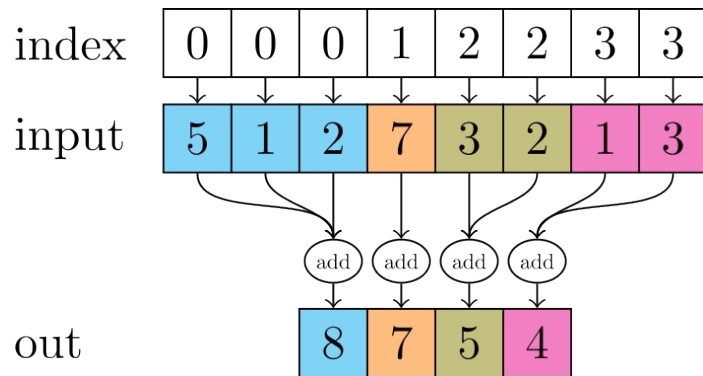


partial order

## Architectures



## Implementation Details



```
from torch_scatter import scatter

out = scatter(src, idx, dim=0)

>>> for x, i in zip(src, idx):
    out[i] += x
```

**N.B:** This is equivalent to a sparse matrix-vector product: **sparse CSR matrices** are optimal for this task.

However, handling sparse (node) / dense (feature) dimensions and reshapes quickly become cumbersome.

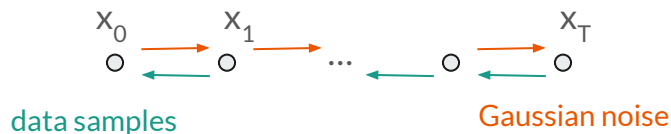
## 3D Generation

# Diffusion Models (aka Annealed Importance Sampling)

Forward process:

$$x_{t+1} \sim P(x_{t+1} | x_t)$$

$$x_{00} \sim N(0, 1)$$



Backward process:

$$x_{t-1} \sim g_{\theta}(x_{t-1} | x_t, t)$$

...

$$x_0 \sim g_{\theta}(x_0 | x_1, t)$$

Stochastic Differential Equations (SDEs) in the continuous limit:

→ 
$$dx_t = -\frac{1}{2}\beta(t)x_t dt + \sqrt{\beta(t)}dW_t$$

← 
$$x_{t-dt} = x_t + \frac{1}{2}\beta(t)x_t dt + \beta(t)f_{\theta}(x_t, t)dt + \sqrt{\beta(t)}dW_t$$

## 3D Generation



## Equivariance?

$SO(3)$  and  $E(3)$  act on  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times N}$

- > For regression tasks, predictions should not depend on molecule presentation.
- > For generation tasks, position updates should be  $E(3)$  equivariant.

Instead of working with **atomic positions** directly, we should work with **local Euclid invariants** :

0: none  
1: **lengths**  
2: **angles, areas**  
3: **torsion angles, volumes**  
...



0: none  
1: **edge vectors**  
2: **rotations**  
3: **torsions**  
...

see Klipfel, P, et al. 2023: [Equivariant Message Passing Neural Network for Crystal Material Discovery](#)

## 3D Generation

## Equivariance?

Other approaches rely on **spherical harmonics** as angular activation functions:

$$r \rightarrow Y_{lm}(r) \text{ for } l < l_{\max}, m = -l, \dots, +l$$

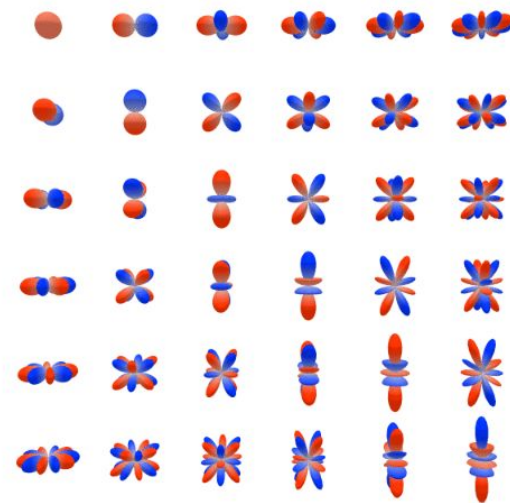
Steeper learning curve!

See:

- [e3nn](#) (torch + jax)
- [e3x](#) (jax / by Google)

Spherical harmonics  $Y_{lm}$  span the space  $H_l$  of degree- $l$  **harmonic polynomials**, i.e. homogeneous polynomials with zero laplacian.

**Warning:** choosing a privileged basis of quantum numbers on  $H_l$  may break the equivariance...



Spherical Harmonics  
(from e3nn)



## References

Extensive review on 3D structures:

- [A Hitchhiker's Guide to Geometric GNNs for 3D Atomic Systems](#) (Duval 2023)

Higher order MPNNs:

- [MACE: Higher Order Equivariant Message Passing Neural Networks for Fast and Accurate Force Fields](#) (Batatia et al 2022)

Deepmind nature paper :

- [Scaling deep learning for materials discovery](#) (Merchant et al 2023)

General review on GNNs:

- [A Gentle Introduction to Graph Neural Networks](#)

For more references and these slides: → [github.com/opeltre/gnn](https://github.com/opeltre/gnn)



## Technical case



<https://github.com/opeltre/gnn>

QM7 and QM9 datasets may be found here

- <http://quantum-machine.org/datasets/>

Respectively consist of ~7k and ~130k organic molecules with:

- atomic positions
- atomization energy (QM7) and more (QM9) obtained by quantum simulations

The small QM7 dataset may be used for simple regression tasks on atomization energy.

Bigger datasets such as the QM9 (~130k molecules) are probably more suited for generation tasks.