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The incidence functions creates relations between V and E . Let $e \in E$ and $u, v \in V$. Then if $\psi_G(e) = uv$, e is said to join u and v .

Defining a Graph

We can use a purely mathematical (analytical) form to write a graph:

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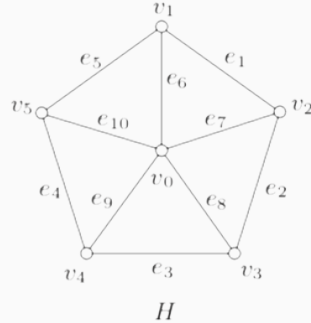
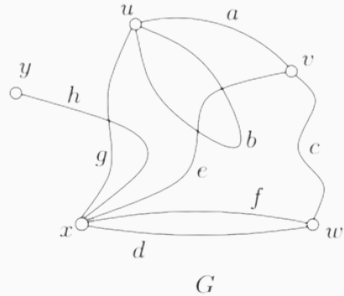
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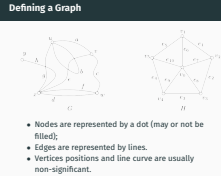
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- Nodes are represented by a dot (may or not be filled);
- Edges are represented by lines.
- Vertices positions and line curve are usually non-significant.

Defining a Graph

- Nodes can also be represented by vectors of features;
- When this representation is chosen, we can then write all the nodes as a matrix of features



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Most definitions in graph theory are built according to these notation rules. For instance:

- The ends of an edge are said to be incident with the edge;

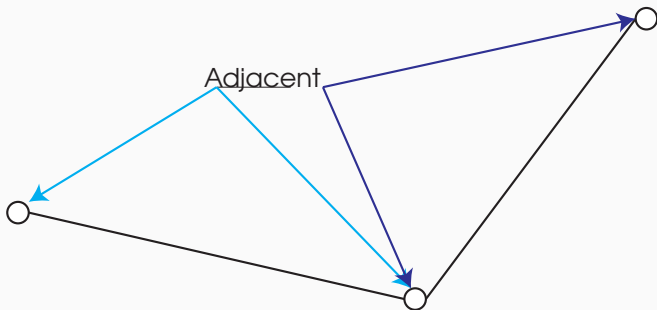


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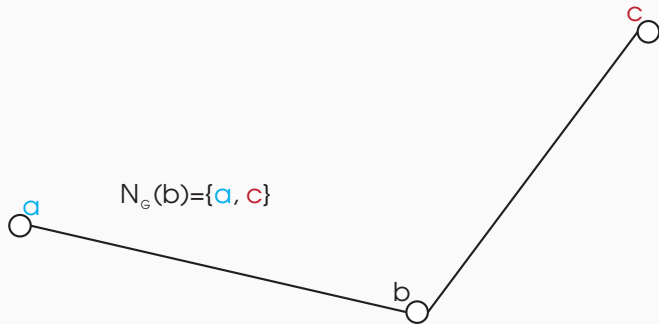
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- Two vertices that are incident with the same edge are adjacent, as are two edges that are incident with the same vertex;

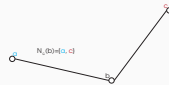


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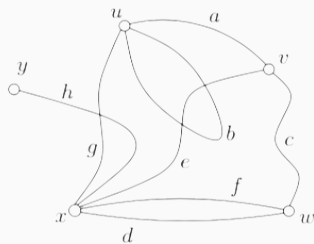
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- cross correlation is the adjoint operator of convolution;

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The graph's signal Fourier transform is written $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{x}$, with the inverse being $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{U} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$, with $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ being the transformed signal.

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This is the definition of convolution that is used in both papers and in the GNN community at large, as far as I had the opportunity to see.

This definition of convolution has a problem: it is computationally very heavy and many times prohibitively so. To circumvent this problem, some authors have suggested using polynomial expansions, such as Chebyshev's, to represent the matrices

Artificial Neural Networks are today's most popular artificial intelligence tools.

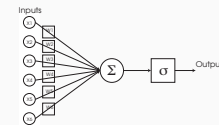
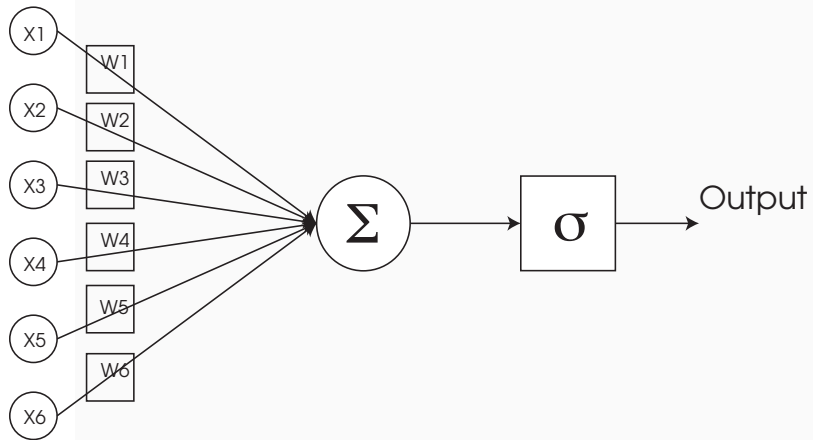
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└ Artificial Neural Networks

For all the mysticism around them, ANNs are remarkably simple mathematical entities, especially given the fact that they are (really) capable of solving any problem that can be expressed as a function.

Inputs



- ANNs stem from mathematical theories developed in the 1940s;
- The most basic form of modern ANN, the perceptron, was created in the 1950s;
- Back then, the structure had some problems, namely the fact that it could not compute the exclusive-or operation.
- Everything changed in the 1980s, when the backpropagation algorithm was invented.

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- First models of neural network could not implement the exclusive-or;
- For that, and for the computational cost, they were less used than they promised;

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- gradient descent is used to minimize the loss function;
- the learning rate parameterises GD so that we can escape or avoid local minima;
- with this algorithm, and the introduction of non-linearities like the sigmoid or the ReLU functions in the network, ANNs can literally approximate any function.

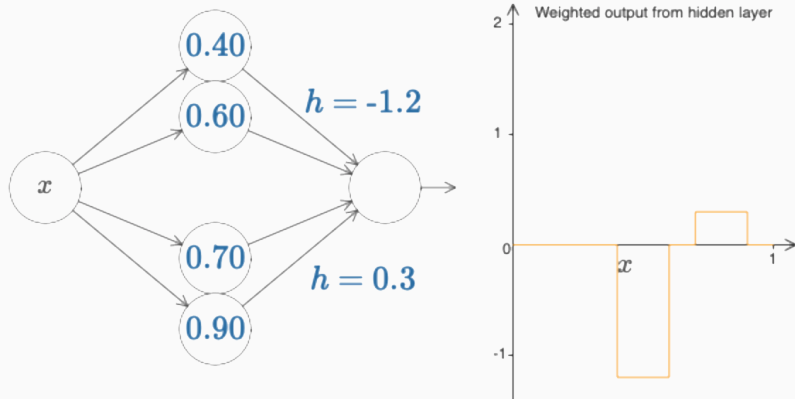
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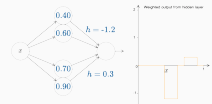
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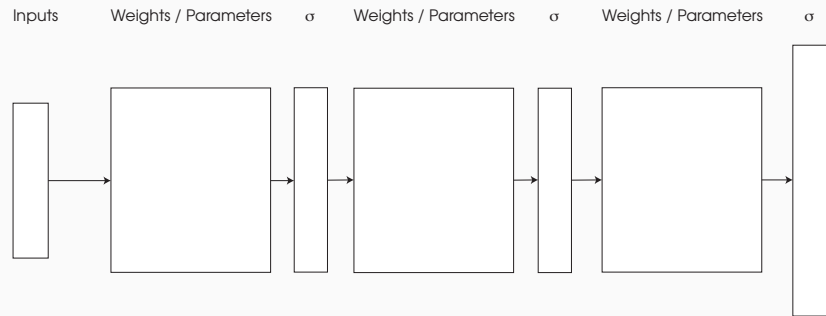
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An example of a modern network could be drawn as follows:



- ANNS are just a stack of linear and non linear operations that can approximate any problem in function form to any precision;
- They rely on simple matrix operations, like multiplication and convolution

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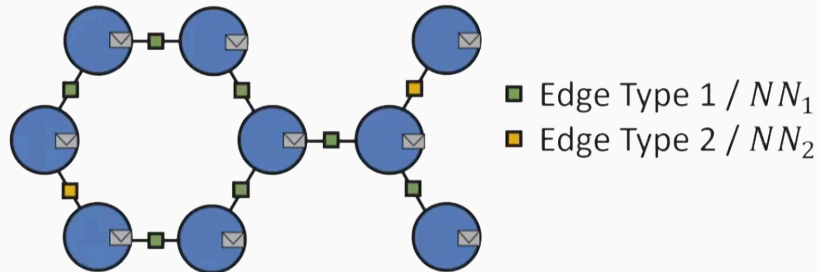
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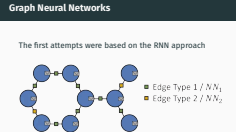
- In Euclidean data, spatial structure is well and hard defined;
- We always know the distance between one "node" and the next;
- in graphs and non-euclidean data, this is not true –it is highly irregular
- So if we want to classify graphs..how do we do it?

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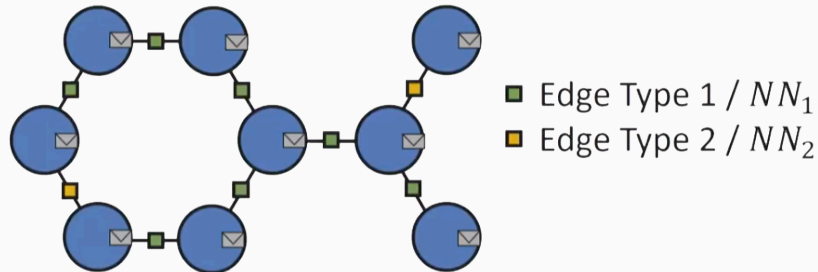


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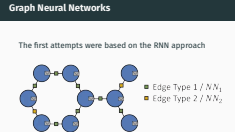


- Consider a feature vector for each node;
- Consider each feature as a message (remember envelope);
- Each "message" is passed to the next iteration order neighbour of every node;
- In the end, messages are summed and classified;

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- In this model, information decays too rapidly with node distance (exponential decay)
- Next models were Gated Recurrent Units, which addressed this decaying problem
- In the mean time, some models appeared which instead of RNNs, were based in convolution and CNN approach.
- In fact, Gilmer et al claim that GCNs and GRNN are the same thing, and generalise it using two operating moments;

In 2016, a new concept called Message Passing Neural Networks appeared, which unified both approaches.

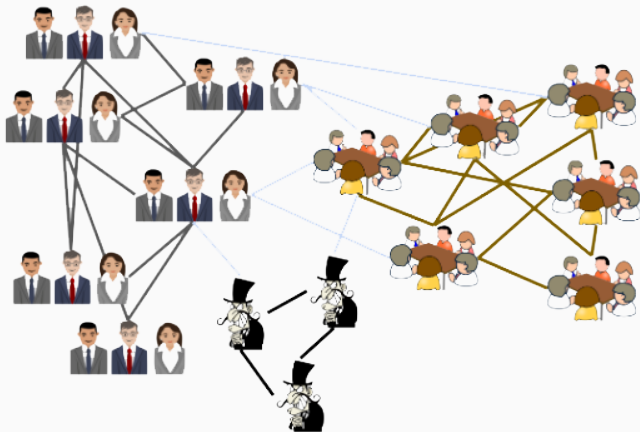
└ Graph Convolutional Networks

- Two stages: convolution and aggregation, in which convolution is also called message passing.
- This is a nice place to make a small demonstration.

Applications of GNNS

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- text;
- image classification;
- Social relationship analysis;
- Semantic segmentation;
- We present some of the main applications of AI in graphs;

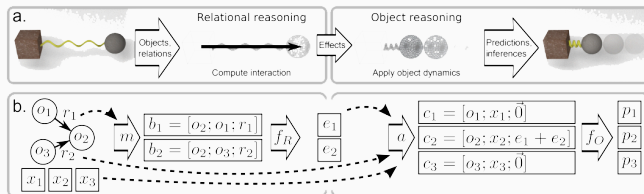
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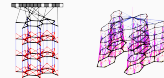
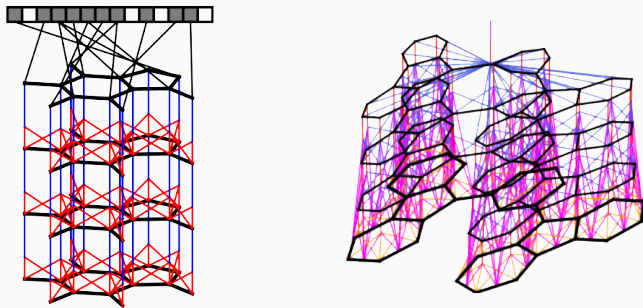


Physical Systems simulation;

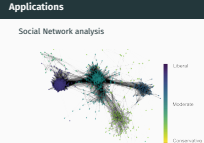
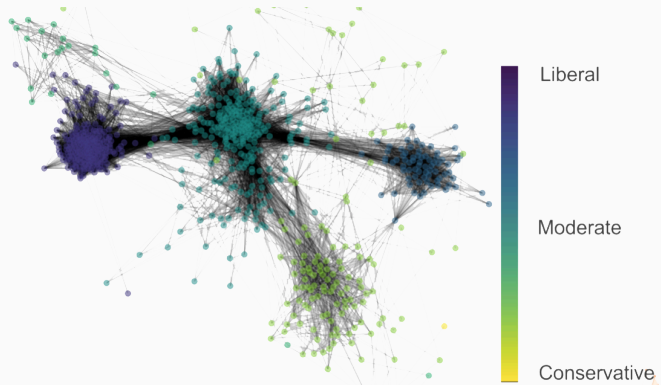


- This system was developed in x and Y;
- It tries to simulate and predict interactions between physical bodies;
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Molecular Fingerprinting



Social Network analysis



Thank you

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