Introduction to Graph Neural Networks

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Talk objectives

- Introduce Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)
- Highlight interesting open research questions
- (course project)

What is a graph?



A graph is composed of

- Nodes (also called vertices)
- Edges connecting a pair of nodes presented in an adjacency matrix



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Nodes can have feature vectors



Graphs are everywhere









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Opinion Neural algorithmic reasoning

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We present neural algorithmic reasoning—the art of building neural networks that are able to execute algorithmic computation—and provide our opinion on its transformative potential for running classical algorithms on inputs previously considered inaccessible to them.

A very hot research topic



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What is Graph Neural Network?

Problem definition



- Given
 - A graph
 - Node attributes
 - (part of nodes are labeled)
- Find
 - Node embeddings
- Predict
 - Labels for the remaining nodes



"Homophily: connected nodes are related/informative/similar"



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1. Aggregate messages from neighbors

 $h_v^{(l)}$: node embedding of v at l-th layer $\mathcal{N}(v)$: neighboring nodes of v $f^{(l)}$: aggregation function at l-th layer $m_v^{(l)}$: message vector of v at l-th layer

$$m_{A}^{(l)} = \boldsymbol{f}^{(l)} \left(h_{A}^{(l)}, \left\{ h_{u}^{(l)} : u \in \mathcal{N}(A) \right\} \right)$$
$$= \boldsymbol{f}^{(l)} \left(h_{A}^{(l)}, h_{B}^{(l)} h_{C}^{(l)} h_{D}^{(l)} \right)$$



Neighbors of node A $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{B, C, D\}$

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2. Transform messages

 $\boldsymbol{g}^{(l)}$: transformation function at l-th layer $h_A^{(l+1)} = \boldsymbol{g}^{(l)}(m_A^{(l)})$



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Graph Convolutional Networks^[1]





[1] Kipf, Thomas N., et al. "Semi-supervised classification with graph convolutional networks."

Graph Isomorphism Networks^[2]

1. Aggregate messages

 $h_u^{(l)}$ $m_{v}^{(l)} =$ $u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \cup \{v\}$ 2. Transform messages $h_n^{(l+1)} = \sigma(\boldsymbol{W}^{(l)} \circ m_n^{(l)})$



[2] Xu, Keyulu, et al. "How powerful are graph neural networks?."

Simplified GCN^[3]

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[3] Wu, Felix, et al. "Simplifying graph convolutional networks."

Computation graphs



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Computation graphs









Downstream tasks

Node-level prediction



Downstream tasks

- Node-level prediction
- Edge-level prediction


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- Attribute-level prediction



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Node-level prediction tasks



Node-level prediction tasks

Node classification





- Classify papers into topics on citation networks
- Cluster posts into subgroups on Reddit networks
- Classify products into categories on Amazon copurchase graphs

Graph-level prediction tasks Graph classification $h_G = \text{READOUT}(h_A^{(2)}, h_C^{(2)}, \cdots, h_F^{(2)})$ (ex) sum, average, min/max pooling of node embeddings

. . . .

Graph-level prediction tasks





 Predict properties of a molecule (graph) where nodes are atoms and edges are chemical bonds

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Graph Neural Networks - Depth



How **many hops** should we explore?

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- If we aggregate all neighbors, GNNs have scalability issues
- Neighbor explosion
 - In *L* -layer GNNs, one node aggregates information from $O(K^L)$ nodes where *K* is the average number of neighbors per node

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 - · Hub nodes who are connected to a huge number of nodes



 Limit the neighborhood expansion by sampling a fixed number of neighbors



- Random sampling
 - Assign same sampling probabilities to all neighbors
 - GraphSage^[4]
- Importance sampling
 - Assign different sampling probabilities to all neighbors
 - *FastGCN*^[5], *LADIES*^[6], *AS-GCN*^[7], *GCN-BS*^[8], *PASS*^[9]

[4] Will Hamilton, et al. "Inductive representation learning on large graphs"

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Importance sampling

: assign higher sampling probabilities to neighbors who

- Minimize variance in sampling
 - *FastGCN*^[5], *LADIES*^[6], *AS-GCN*^[7], *GCN-BS*^[8]
- Maximize GNN performance
 - *PASS*^[9]

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- Node classification task on 7 different real-world graphs
- PASS outperforms all variance-minimizing methods by up to 10.4%

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Real-world graphs are noisy!!



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- Can't we just look multiple hops away from the target node?



• 2-layer or 3-layer GNNs are commonly used in real worlds

Wasn't it Deeeep Learning?



- When we increase the depth L more than this, GNNs face neighbor explosion $O(K^L)$
 - Over-smoothing
 - Over-squashing



Over-smoothing^[10]

- When GNNs become deep, nodes share many neighbors
- Node embeddings become *indistinguishable*



[10] Qimai Li, et al. "Deeper Insights into Graph Convolutional Networks for Semi-Supervised Learning"

Over-smoothing^[10]

Node embeddings of Zachary's karate club network with GNNs



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Mitigate over-smoothing

PairNorm^[11]

- Keep total pairwise squared distance (TPSD) *constant* across layers
- Push away pairs that are not connected



[11] Lingxiao Zhao, et al. "PAIRNORM: TACKLING OVERSMOOTHING IN GNNS"

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Over-squashing^[12]

• A node's exponentially-growing neighborhood is compressed into a fixed-size vector



[12] Uri Alon, et al. "ON THE BOTTLENECK OF GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS"

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[13] Hanqing Zeng, et al. "Decoupling the Depth and Scope of Graph Neural Networks"
Aggregation Depth in GNNs

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Depth of GNN (Depth-2)

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- GCN^[1]
 - Average embeddings of neighboring nodes

- GAT^[14]
 - Different weights to different nodes in a neighborhood
 - Multi-head attention

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(\vec{\mathbf{a}}^T[\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i \| \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_j]\right)\right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(\vec{\mathbf{a}}^T[\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i \| \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_k]\right)\right)}$$

$$\vec{h}_{2}$$

$$\vec{a}_{11}$$

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$$\vec{h}_{4}$$

$$\vec{h}_{5}$$

[14] Petar Veličković., et al. "GRAPH ATTENTION NETWORKS."

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Any neural network module can fit in 1-layer MLP is commonly used

Power of **GNNs**

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Power of aggregation strategies

• By measuring the power of GNNs, we can find the best aggregation strategy!!



- By measuring the expressive power of GNNs, we can find the best aggregation strategy!!
- But.. what is the power of GNNs and how can we measure it?



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- Metric
 - Graph-level prediction task
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 - Maximum power = aggregation strategy is injective

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

[2] Keyulu Xu., et al. "HOW POWERFUL ARE GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS?"[15] Boris Weisfeiler and AA Leman. "A reduction of a graph to a canonical form and an algebra arising during this reduction"

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 - (ex) summation



Mean and Max both fail, while Sum can distinguish them!!

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- Can we make more powerful GNNs?
 - Very active area, with many open problems

- Can we make more powerful GNNs?
- Augment nodes with randomized/positional features^[16]



[16] Ryoma Sato, et al. "Random Features Strengthen Graph Neural Networks"

- Can we make more powerful GNNs?
- Augment nodes with handcrafted subgraph-based features^[17]



[17] Giorgos Bouritsas, et al. "Improving Graph Neural Network Expressivity via Subgraph Isomorphism Counting"

- Can we make more powerful GNNs?
- Directly aggregates k-hop information by using adjacency matrix powers^[18]



[18] Sami Abu-El-Haija, et al. "MixHop: Higher-Order Graph Convolutional Architectures via Sparsified Neighborhood Mixing"

- Can we make more powerful GNNs?
- Extending local aggregation in GNNs from star patterns to general subgraph patterns^[19]





[19] Lingxiao Zhao, et al. "FROM STARS TO SUBGRAPHS: UPLIFTING ANY GNN WITH LOCAL STRUCTURE AWARENESS"

• [20] proves that there isn't a clear single "winner" aggregator

Theorem 1 (Number of aggregators needed). In order to discriminate between multisets of size n whose underlying set is \mathbb{R} , at least n aggregators are needed.

- Homophily assumption
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- How can we deal with heterophilous networks?[21,22]
 - Connected nodes have different class labels and dissimilar features



[21] Jiong Zhu., et al. "Beyond Homophily in Graph Neural Networks: Current Limitations and Effective Designs"[22] Yao Ma, et al. "IS HOMOPHILY A NECESSITY FOR GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS?"

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Neural Architecture Search for GNNs

• Which *width, depth, and aggregation strategy* are proper for a given graph and task?



Neural Architecture Search for GNNs

• Finding proper *width, depth, and aggregation strategy* for a given graph and task **automatically**^[1,2,3]

Here is the GNN you requested

[23] Minji Yoon., et al. "Autonomous Graph Mining Algorithm Search with Best Speed/Accuracy Trade-off"[24] Kaixiong Zhou, et al. "Auto-GNN: Neural Architecture Search of Graph Neural Networks"[25] Yang Gao, et al. "GraphNAS: Graph Neural Architecture Search with Reinforcement Learning"



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• AutoGM^[23]



Step 1: define a hyperparameter space

Step 2: explore the space efficiently

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- Skeleton: aggregation, transformation operations

2. Open research questions in GNN architectures

- Width
- Depth
- Aggregation

3. GNN training strategy

- Semi-supervised learning
 - Input node features are given for all nodes in a graph
 - Only a subset of nodes have labels

- Unsupervised learning^[26]
 - Contrastive learning



^[26] Petar Veličković., et al. "DEEP GRAPH INFOMAX"

- Transfer learning
 - Transfer a pre-trained GNN model between graphs^[27]



DBLP co-authorship network

Facebook network

[27] Jiezhong Qiu, et al. "GCC: Graph Contrastive Coding for Graph Neural Network Pre-Training"

- Transfer learning
 - Transfer between different node types across a heterogeneous graph^[28]



[28] Minji Yoon, et al. "Zero-shot Domain Adaptation of Heterogeneous Graphs via Knowledge Transfer Networks "

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- 4. Application

- GNNs for molecule classification
- Molecule
 - Node: atoms
 - Edge: bonds
 - Input features: atom type, charge, bond type



- Graph-level prediction: whether the molecule is a potent **drug**^[29]
 - Binary classification on whether the drug will inhibit certain bacteria



[29] Jonathan M.Stokes, et al. "A Deep Learning Approach to Antibiotic Discovery"

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- Graph-level prediction: whether the molecule is a potent **drug**^[29]
 - Execute on a large dataset of known candidate molecules
 - Select the ~ top-100 candidates from the GNN model
 - Have chemists thoroughly investigate those



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 Discover a previously overlooked compound that is a highly potent antibiotic^[29]



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Still many open problems..

- And many more chances to do groundbreaking research
- (ex) other graph formats
 - 3-dimensional graphs
 - Temporal graphs

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