Sources / Further Reading

- Adapted from
  - Thomas Kipf’s presentations (Cambridge CompBio, IPAM UCLA)
  - CS224W Machine Learning on Graphs by Jure Leskovec (Course @ Stanford)
  - Graph Neural Networks by Xavier Bresson (Guest lecture in Yann LeCun’s NYU DL course)
  - Theoretical Foundations of Graph Neural Networks by Petar Veličković (@ Cambridge Computer Lab Seminar)
  - Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder (Wengong Jin, ICML 2018)

- Mining and Learning with Graphs at Scale (Google Graph Mining team @ NIPS 2020)
- Graph Representation Learning (Book by Will Hamilton, 2020)
- Thomas Kipf’s thesis (Deep Learning with Graph Structured Representations, 2020)
- Further reading: Petar Veličković’s thread of resources
Outline

1. Refresher on graph neural nets (GNNs)
2. More problem domains
   - Semi-supervised learning
   - Multi-relational data
   - Natural language processing
3. Research frontiers
   - Deep generative graph models
   - Latent graph inference

With applications in...
- Chemical synthesis
- Interacting systems (physical, multi-agent, biological)
- Causal inference
- Program induction
1 Refresher on GNNs

- Main idea
- Standard tasks
- Core models
Aggregating neighbors

Idea: Node’s neighborhood defines a computation graph

1. Sample neighborhood
2. Aggregate feature information from neighbors
3. Predict graph context and label using aggregated information

Learn how to propagate information across the graph to compute node features
Graph convolutional networks (GCNs)
Kipf & Welling (ICLR 2017), related previous works: Duvenaud et al. (NIPS 2015) and Li et al. (ICLR 2016)

Consider this undirected graph:

Calculate update for node in red:

Update rule:

\[
    h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( h_i^{(l)} W_0^{(l)} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \frac{1}{c_{ij}} h_j^{(l)} W_1^{(l)} \right)
\]

$\mathcal{N}_i$: neighbor indices
$c_{ij}$: norm. constant (fixed/trainable)

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One fits all: Classification and link prediction with GNNs/GCNs

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Link prediction:
$$p(A_{ij}) = \sigma(z_i^T z_j)$$
Kipf & Welling (NIPS BDL 2016) "Graph Auto-Encoders"

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GCN classification on citation networks
Kipf & Welling, Semi-Supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks, ICLR 2017

**Input:** Citation networks (nodes are papers, edges are citation links, optionally bag-of-words features on nodes)

**Target:** Paper category (e.g. stat.ML, cs.LG, …)

**Model:** 2-layer GCN \( Z = f(X, A) = \text{softmax} \left( \hat{A} \text{ReLU} \left( \hat{A} X W^{(0)} \right) W^{(1)} \right) \)

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(Figure from: Bronstein, Bruna, LeCun, Szlam, Vandergheynst, 2016)

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Core models
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Message-passing

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2 More problem domains

- Semi-supervised learning
- Multi-relational data
- Natural language processing
Semi-supervised classification on graphs

**Setting:**
Some nodes are labeled (black circle)
All other nodes are unlabeled

**Task:**
Predict node label of unlabeled nodes

Evaluate loss on labeled nodes only:

\[
\mathcal{L} = - \sum_{l \in \mathcal{Y}_L} \sum_{f=1}^{F} Y_{lf} \ln Z_{lf}
\]

- $\mathcal{Y}_L$ set of labeled node indices
- $Y$ label matrix
- $Z$ GCN output (after softmax)
Toy example (semi-supervised learning)

from tkpf.github.io/graph-convolutional-networks

Latent space dynamics for 300 training iterations. Labeled nodes are highlighted.

GCN model manages to linearly separate classes with only 1 training example per class, no node features!

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MoNet & Relational GCN for modeling (multi-)relational data
Monti et al. (CVPR 2017), Schlichtkrull & Kipf et al. (ESWC 2018)

\[ h'_i = \sigma \left( \sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{j \in N_i} \alpha_{i,j}^r W_r h_j \right) \]

\( \alpha_{i,j}^r \) based on:

- Edge type (Relational GCN)
- Auxiliary features (MoNet), e.g. node degree

Relational GCN update rule

Credits to Thomas Kipf
Connection to NLP: Transformers

Words in a sequence interact

- Define a graph over them

Why do we care about this connection?

- Cross-pollination (e.g., Strategies for Pre-training Graph Neural Networks, Hu et al. 2020)
- Fast and optimized libraries
- New way to consider (the validity of) edges in GNN datasets

Credits to Jay Alammar
Transformer “update”

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Input  Thinking  Machines

Embedding  \(X_1\)  \(X_2\)

Queries  \(q_1\)  \(q_2\)

Keys  \(k_1\)  \(k_2\)

Values  \(v_1\)  \(v_2\)

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Transformer “update”
We can frame transformers as a special case of GCNs when the graph is fully connected.

The neighborhood $\mathcal{N}_i$ is the whole graph.

Graph Transformers (Li et al. 2018)


Credits to Xavier Bresson
3 Research frontiers

Deep generative graph models

Latent graph inference
Unsupervised learning with GNNs

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- **Sampling strategies**
  e.g. positive: neighbor; negative: random node

- **Encoder variants**
  GCN, GAT, MLP, Lookup table

- **Node representations**
  Geometry of latent space, distributional embeddings (e.g. Hyperbolic GCNN, Chami et al. 2019)

- **Score functions**
  Inner/bilinear product, local vs. global (e.g. Deep Graph Infomax, Velickovic et al. 2019)

- **Loss**
  (Cross-entropy, MSE, exponential)

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Unsupervised learning takeaways
A Modular Framework for Unsupervised Graph Representation Learning, Daza & Kipf (WIP)

- Graph-based encoders often improve performance
- Neighbor-based scoring (GAE) effective for both link prediction & node classification
- Local-global scoring (DGI) especially effective for node classification
- Ideal node representation (distributional, hyperspherical, etc.) heavily data-dependent

Credits to Thomas Kipf
Likelihood-based (deep) graph generation

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- we have some ground truth graphs
- define likelihood as how well a generated graph matches a ground truth graph
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\[ p(A | Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{N} p(A_{ij} | z_i, z_j) \], with \[ p(A_{ij} = 1 | z_i, z_j) = \sigma(z_i^T z_j) \]

(Variational) Graph Auto-Encoders
Kipf & Welling (NIPS BDL 2016)

Graph2Gauss
Bojchevski & Gunneman (ICLR 2018)

Hyperspherical VAEs
Davidson et al. (UAI 2018)

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VGAE generative model (with ELBO loss)

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Learning Graphical State Transitions
Johnson (ICLR 2017)

Deep Generative Models of Graphs
Li et al. (arXiv 2018)

GraphVAE
Simonovsky et al. (arXiv 2018)

GraphRNN
You et al. (ICML 2018)

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Graph generation for drug discovery
Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder, Jin et al. (ICML 2018)

Aim: generate molecules with high potency
How should we decode the graph?
Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder, Jin et al. (ICML 2018)

- Not every graph is chemically valid
- Invalid intermediate states $\rightarrow$ hard to validate
- Many intermediate states (i.e. long sequences) $\rightarrow$ difficult to train (Li et al. 2018)

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Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder, Jin et al. (ICML 2018)

Group by Group

- Shorter action sequence
- Easy to check validity as we construct
- Vocabulary size: ~800 for 250K molecules

Tree Decomposition

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High-level approach

Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder, Jin et al. (ICML 2018)
Focus on a cool part: tree decoding

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Tree decoding
Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder, Jin et al. (ICML 2018); Tree-Structured Decoding, Alvarez-Melis & Jaakkola (ICLR 2017)

Label Prediction
Tree decoding

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1. Topological Prediction

2. Label Prediction

Message vector

Topological Prediction: Should we add a child node, or backtrack?

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\[ h_{ij} = \text{GRU}(x_i, \{h_{ki}\}_{k \in N_t(i) \setminus j}) \]

Encodes state of subtree thus far

Functional group features

Label Prediction

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### JTVAE evaluation

Junction Tree Variational Autoencoder, Jin et al. (ICML 2018)

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<td>Atom-by-Atom LSTM</td>
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<td>JT-VAE</td>
<td>76.7%</td>
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1. **Molecule Reconstruction**
   
   100 forward passes per molecule, report portion of decoded molecules identical to input

2. **Molecule Validity**
   
   Random samples from latent $z$, report portion that are chemically valid (RDKit)
   
   JTVAE without validity checking: 93.5%

3. **Bayesian Optimization**
   
   1. Train a VAE, associate each molecule with latent vector (mean of encoding distribution)
   2. Train a sparse GP to predict target chemical property $y(m)$ given the latent representation
   3. Use property predictor for BO

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3 Research frontiers

- Deep generative graph models
- Latent graph inference
Modeling implicit/hidden structure

Neural Relational Inference for Interacting Systems, Kipf & Fetaya et al. (ICML 2018)

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Neural Relational Inference with GNNs

Neural Relational Inference for Interacting Systems, Kipf & Fetaya et al. (ICML 2018)

Observe dynamics
\[ \mathbf{x} = (x^1, \ldots, x^T) \]

Interaction graph proposal
\[ \mathbf{z} \sim q_\phi(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}) \]

Reconstruct dynamics
\[ p_\theta(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) \]

Discrete (Gumbel softmax trick)
[Jang et al., 2016, Maddison et al., 2016]

VAE Objective (ELBO)
\[ \mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x})} \left[ \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) \right] - \text{KL}[q_\phi(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}) || p(\mathbf{z})] \]

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NRI evaluation - toy data

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Table 6.1: Accuracy (in %) of unsupervised interaction recovery.

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NRI evaluation - CMU Motion Capture (e.g. walking)
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NRI applications - causal discovery
Amortized Causal Discovery: Learning to Infer Causal Graphs from Time-Series Data, Lowe et al. 2020

Figure 1: Amortized Causal Discovery. We propose to train a single model that infers causal relations across samples with different underlying causal graphs but shared dynamics. This allows us to generalize across samples and to improve our performance with additional training data. In contrast, previous approaches fit a new model for every sample with a different underlying causal graph.

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Challenges and future work in graph neural nets

● Problems of neighborhood aggregation / message passing
  ○ Theoretical relation to WL isomorphism, simple graph convolutions; tree-structured computation graphs → bounded power
  ○ Oversmoothing (residual/gated updates help, but don’t solve)
  ○ See recent work from Max Welling e.g. Natural Graph Networks

● Scalable, stable generative models

● Learning on large, evolving data

● (Mostly) assume a graph structure is provided as input
  ○ Neural Relational Inference is a preliminary work here, also see Pointer Graph Networks (Velickovic et al., NeurIPS 2020)

● Multi-modal and cross-modal learning (e.g. sequence2graph)