# GRAPH EMBEDDINGS AND DATA MODELING: A PRIMER

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# DATABASES AT A GLANCE

**Relational databases:** working with tables and join clauses as a standard solution to organize well-structured, a typically stable, data **NoSQL databases:** modern alternatives for data that doesn't fit the relational paradigm:

- 1) Key-value databases: simple, dictionary-style lookups for basic storage and retrieval,
- 2) Document databases: Storing all of an item's data in flexible, self-describing structures,
- **3) Graph databases**: mapping relationships by focusing on how connections between data are meaningful,
- 4) Time series databases: tracking value changes over time

IS THERE A UNIQUE SOLUTION?

What if we have missed some of information, such as entities, relations?

What will happen to the learning/prediction tasks?

What if we have multiple type of data?

#### **GRAPHS CONNECT THINGS**

Considering the graph databases as a consistent solution to study noSQL databases could be inspiring in leveraging the graph representation of information around us...



## HOW COULD WE PROCEED WITH REPRESENTATION LEARNING USING GRAPHS?

There might be a solution in using ML/DL !!!

• ML Toolbox ( classical neural networks) is typically designed for simple sequences and grids (feature vectors)



Networks are complex:

- 1. Arbitrary size and complex topological structure (i.e., no spatial locality like grids)
- 2. No fixed node ordering or reference point
- 3. Often dynamic and have multimodal features



#### WHAT IS REPRESENTATION LEARNING FOR GRAPHS?



**Graph embedding** helps in transforming nodes, edges, and their features into a vector space while partially preserving properties of their original graph structure.



The general goal is that connected nodes in the graph kept closer in the latent space

Three **common steps** are needed in defining an embedding procedure:

✤ Define an encoding procedure mapping the nodes of a graph into embeddings,



Define a node similarity function(i.e., a measure of similarity in the original network)

similarity $(u, v) \approx z_u^T z_v$ 

✤ Optimize the parameters of the encoder so that maximizes the similarity function.

## WE ARE AT THE AI RENAISSANCE

• The deep learning revolution caused breakthroughs in image recognition by Convolutional Neural Networks and in natural language understanding fueled by Transformers, ...



#### WE NEED TO DEVELOP NEURAL NETWORKS THAT ARE MUCH MORE BROADLY APPLICABLE

In other words, Graphs are the new frontier of deep learning

#### **APPLICATION OF DL ON NETWORKS**





## **HOT TOPICS:**

## A NAÏVE APPROACH FOR LEARNING:



## THE IDEA IS USING CNN...



## HOW IS POSSIBLE TO USE CNN ON GRAPHS?



## **FROM IMAGES TO GRAPHS:**

# (CNN) layer with 3x3 filter:





Graph

## NETWORK IS A COMPUTATION GRAPH AND LEARNS HOW TO PROPAGATE INFORMATION

Transform "messages"  $h_i$  from neighbors :  $W_i h_i$ Add them up:  $\sum W_i h_i$ 



# **GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS**

- Each node is a computation unit
- Each edge in this graph is a transformation/aggregation function



Scarselli et al. 2005. The Graph Neural Network Model. IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks







## CAPABILITIES...

- Inductive: Generate embeddings for nodes as needed. Even for nodes we never trained on!
- No manual feature engineering is needed
- End-to-end learning results in optimal features
- Any graph machine learning task: Node-level, link-level, entire graph-level prediction
- Scalable to billion node graphs!
- Other Deep Learning architectures assume fixed input (matrix, sequence), GNN doesn't.

## **DATA PRUNING AND GRAPH REFORMATION**

- Generally speaking, the preferred GNN approach, is highly dependent on the favored learning task, GraphSAGE works well with network of pictures (Pinterest)
- static/dynamic network structure
- Obtaining high accuracy may require graph reformation considering a coarse-grained picture of graph, pre-defined pattern detection.



## CONCLUSION

- Graph connect things
- Graph databases are very powerful tools
- Probabilistic knowledge extraction method is needed for completing missed information or prediction task
- Generic knowledge queries are difficult, for example the similarity of large group of nodes
- Graph embedding could bring up a unified tool for multimodal data analysis

# **THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**