Learning and Reasoning with Graph Data: Integrating SRL and GNN

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- Learning and reasoning with graphs: from logic to graph neural networks
- A few notes on GNNs
- A few notes on SRL
- Relational Bayesian Networks
- GNN-RBN integration

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Graph Representations

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Examples for higher arity relations (logic, relational databases):

3-ary traffic network relation: *on_shortest_path*(location,location,location) 3-ary movie data: *made_contract*(agent,actor,movie)

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- (a): unary, categorical values
- (b): unary, Boolean/binary values (one-hot encoding)
- (c): binary relation between objects and attribute values materialized as nodes (example: knowledge graphs)



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Categorical attributes and relations of higher arities can be reduced to Boolean attributes (one-hot-encodings) and binary relations (but this can be user-unfriendly).

Ν	number of nodes/vertices
\mathcal{R}	a <i>signature</i> of 1,2,3,ary relation symbols
R	specific values of the relations in \mathcal{R} in a graph $G = (V, \mathbf{R})$.
$G = (V, \mathbf{R})$	a graph with node set V , and relations \boldsymbol{R}
$\mathcal{G}(V,\mathcal{R})$	set of all graphs with node set V , and relations in the signature \mathcal{R}
$\Delta \mathcal{G}(V, \mathcal{R})$	set of all probability distributions over $\mathcal{G}(V, \mathcal{R})$

Generally assume that $V = \{1, ..., N\}$, and $i, j, ... \in \mathbb{N}$ denote nodes.

Reasoning





Given: a probabilistic model for the random generation/evolution of graphs.

Question: what is the probability that the graph becomes (stays) connected, as the number of nodes goes to infinity?

⇒Or many other questions about the global properties of a random graph model.

Mostly (human powered) mathematics, not algorithmic reasoning

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Given: a knowledge base

 $\forall x \exists y \text{ follows}(x, y) \\ \exists y \neg \exists x \text{ follows}(x, y) \end{cases}$

Question: Does the knowledge base imply a given query statement?

 $(\exists y \exists^{\geq 2} x \text{ follows}(x, y)) \lor \exists^{\geq 10.000} x ?$

Reasoning about all possible graphs

Algorithmic reasoning implemented by *theorem provers*.

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Image: A matrix

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Given: a descriminative model for specific node label.

Question: for an input graph (edges, node attributes), what are predicted node labels?



Similarly: link prediction, graph classification.

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Learning and Reasoning about a single graph:



Reasoning domain



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Learning and Reasoning about different graphs:



Reasoning domains (a.k.a. test cases)



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Graph Neural Networks: Basics

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 $h^k(i)$: d^k -dimensional vector representation of node *i* at *k*th iteration (layer).

A basic form of message passing updates:

$$\boldsymbol{h}^{0}(i) = \text{ initial node feature vector of node } i$$

$$\boldsymbol{h}^{k+1}(i) = f\left(\boldsymbol{W}^{k}\boldsymbol{h}^{k}(i) + \boldsymbol{U}^{k}\sum_{j \in N_{i}}\boldsymbol{h}^{k}(j)\right)$$

with ingredients:

- $\boldsymbol{W}^k, \boldsymbol{U}^k$: weight matrices (dimensions: $d^{k+1} \times d^k$)
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In full matrix notation:

$$\boldsymbol{H}^{k+1} = f\left(\boldsymbol{H}^{k}(\boldsymbol{W}^{k})^{T} + \boldsymbol{E}\boldsymbol{H}^{k}(\boldsymbol{U}^{k})^{T}\right)$$

with ingredients:

- H^k , H^{k+1} : $n \times d^k$ and $n \times d^{k+1}$ matrices
- **E**: *n* × *n* adjacency matrix

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Representation as NN architecture/computation graph:



- At each layer: one vector for each node (picture: N = 3)
- At top: task-specific (node or graph classification) transformations of final node representations
- self, neighbors: dependence of vectors in following layer on previous layer

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Initial features: node identifiers (typically: one-hot encoded).



Can represent/learn classification rule: node is *red*, if it has distance \leq 3 to node 26.

this only works in transductive settings.

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Initial features: node attributes (e.g. $color \in \{yellow, blue\}$)



Can represent/learn classification rule: node is *red*, if it has distance \leq 2 to a blue node.

this works in inductive settings: rule can be applied to new graphs with yellow/blue nodes.

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Initial features: none (then can say e.g.: $h^0(i) = 1$ for all *i*).



Can represent/learn classification rule: node is *red*, if it has distance \leq 2 to a node with degree \geq 5.

this works in inductive settings: rule can be applied to new graphs.

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Discriminative power: when can two nodes be distinguished by a GNN?



- a, b indistinguishable by any GNN.
- a, c indistinguishable by 2-layer GNNs, distinguishable by 3-layer GNNs.
- \blacktriangleright /-layer GNNs can only access information in the I 1 hop node neighborhood.
 - GNNs cannot access "global" graph properties. Examples: cannot recognize whether a graph is connected/disconnected
 - GNNs cannot reason about "identity" of nodes (unless node identifiers provided as initial features). Example: cannot recognize whether a node is a member of a clique of size ≥ 3.

Main theorem of [Barceló et al.]:

Every node property that can be expressed in the two-variable fragment of firstorder logic with counting quantifiers (FOC₂) can be captured by an ACR-GNN.

Example

In FOC₂:

$$\alpha_1(X) \equiv \exists^{[8,10]} Y(blue(Y) \land \neg edge(X,Y))$$

("there exist 8-10 blue nodes that are not neighbors of X")

Not in FOC₂:

 $\delta(X) \equiv \exists Y, Z(X \neq Y \land X \neq Z \land Y \neq Z \land edge(X, Y) \land edge(X, Z) \land edge(Y, Z))$

(" X is part of a triangle ")

[Barceló, Pablo, et al. "The logical expressiveness of graph neural networks." 2020]

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Result from [Jaeger, Relational Bayesian Networks, 1997]:

Let $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ be a first-order formula over signature \mathcal{R} . Then there exists a probability formula $F_{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$ over \mathcal{R} , s.t. for every multi-relational graph $G = (V, \mathbf{R})$ and every $|\mathbf{x}|$ -tuple \mathbf{v} of nodes: $F_{\phi}(\mathbf{v}) = 1$ iff $\phi(\mathbf{v})$ holds in G (and $F_{\phi}(\mathbf{d}) = 0$ otherwise).

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An SRL framework consists of

- **Syntax:** a formal representation language over relational signatures \mathcal{R}
- Semantics: defines for any domain V, a probability distribution over the space $\mathcal{G}(V, \mathcal{R})$; formally: a mapping

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V \mapsto P_V \in \Delta \mathcal{G}(V, \mathcal{R})
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Inference (reasoning): algorithms for the computation of conditional probabilities

 $P_V(A|B)$ for some $A, B \subseteq \mathcal{G}(V, \mathcal{R})$

Also: computing most probable explanation (MPE):

 $\max_{G\in\mathcal{G}(V,\mathcal{R})}P_V(G|B)$

- Learning: methods for learning models from graph (relational) data. Typically divided into:
 - Structure learning: determines (logical) structure of the model (here also: knowledge-driven design)
 - Parameter learning: fitting numerical parameters

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Representatives for main paradigms:

RBN	Directed probabilistic graphical models
MLN	Undirected probabilistic graphical models
ProbLog	(Inductive) logic programming

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Relational Bayesian Networks

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RBNs

Chain Rule

For fixed *V*, P_V is a distribution over values $\mathbf{R} = (R_1, \ldots, R_r)$. Let $R_{1:h} := (R_1, \ldots, R_h)$. This distribution can be factored as

$$P_V(\mathbf{R}) = P_V(R_1) \cdot P_V(R_2|R_1) \cdot \ldots \cdot P_V(R_h|R_{1:h-1}) \cdot \ldots \cdot P_V(R_r|R_{1,r-1}).$$

Conditional independence of relations

Conditional independencies lead to simplifications:

 $P_V(R_h|R_{1:h-1}) = P_V(R_h|Pa(R_h))$ for some $Pa(R_h) \subset R_{1:h-1}$

directed acyclic graph over relations (relation DAG).



 $P_V(gender)P_V(republican|gender)P_V(bloodtype|republican, gender)P_V(friends|bloodtype, republican, gender) \overset{assume}{=}$

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$$P_V(\boldsymbol{R}_{prob}|\boldsymbol{R}_{in})$$

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All SRL frameworks support divisions $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{prob} \cup \mathcal{R}_{in}$

Atom independence

Assume atoms of one relation are mutually independent, given the parent relations:

$$P_V(R_h|Pa(R_h)) := \prod_{i \in V^{arity(R_h)}} P_V(R_h(i)|Pa(R_h))$$

As a Bayesian network:



Leads to limitations for modeling e.g. symmetry constaints $friends(1,2) \Leftrightarrow friends(2,1)$, or homophily (exist modeling tricks to circumvent this!).

A relational Bayesian network for signature ${\mathcal R}$ consists of

- ▶ a directed acyclic graph whose nodes are the relations $R \in \mathcal{R}$,
- ▶ for each $R \in \mathcal{R}$ a probability formula F_R in the signature Pa(R) that defines the conditional probabilities

 $P_V(R(\mathbf{i})|Pa(R))$

Probability formulas: semantics

A probability formula F maps tuples of entities i in a graph $G = (V, \mathbf{R})$ to a probability value

 $\textit{eval}(F, \textit{i}, G) \in [0, 1]$

[M. Jaeger: Relational Bayesian Networks. UAI 1997]

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Constants

For any $q \in [0, 1]$,

$$F \equiv q$$

is a probability formula with

eval(F, i, G) = q

for all *i*, *G*.

Example

Let $\mathcal{R} = \{edge\}$. Then

 $F_{edge(X,Y)} \equiv 0.5$

defines the classic Erdős-Rényi random graph model.

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Atoms

For any $R \in \mathcal{R}$, and variables $Y_1, \ldots, Y_{arity(R)}$

$$F \equiv R(Y_1, \ldots, Y_{arity(R)})$$

is a probability formula with

$$eval(F, i, G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } R(i) \text{ is true in } G \\ 0 & \text{if } R(i) \text{ is false in } G \end{cases}$$

WIF-THEN-ELSE

If F_1, F_2, F_3 are probability formulas, then

$$F \equiv \text{WIF} F_1$$
 THEN F_2 ELSE F_3

is a probability formula with

 $eval(F, i, G) = eval(F_1, i, G)eval(F_2, i, G) + (1 - eval(F_1, i, G))eval(F_3, i, G)$

Generalization of Boolean operations ($F_i \in \{0, 1\}$)

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- Nodes partitioned into blocks
- Probability of edges depends on block memberships

With the constructs introduced so far:

A. partitioning into red, green, blue nodes:

$$\begin{array}{lll} F_{red(X)} & \equiv & 0.5 \\ F_{blue(X)} & \equiv & \text{WIF } red(X) \text{ THEN } 0 \text{ ELSE } 0.7 \\ F_{green(X)} & \equiv & \text{WIF } red(X) \lor blue(X) \text{ THEN } 0 \text{ ELSE } 1.0 \end{array}$$

B. generating edges:

$$F_{edge(X,Y)} \equiv \text{WIF } red(X) \land red(Y) \text{ THEN } 0.6 \text{ ELSEIF} \dots$$



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Combination Function

(related to first-order quantifiers ∀, ∃, GNN message passing aggregation, ...)

- If F_1, \ldots, F_t are probability formulas, then
 - $\begin{array}{ll} {\it F} \equiv & {\rm COMBINE}\;{\it F}_1,\ldots,{\it F}_t \\ & {\rm WITH}\;<{\it combination}\;{\it function}> \\ & {\rm FORALL}\;<{\it variables}> \\ & {\rm WHERE}\;<{\it logical}\;{\it constraint}> \end{array}$

is a probability formula.

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 $\mathcal{R} = \{\textit{red},\textit{blue},\textit{edge}\}.$ In figure: yellow \sim not blue; black \sim not red.

$P_V(red(i))$ higher if

- ▶ *i* is blue
- ► *i* is part of many triangles



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Example: triangles



Defining triangles:

 $F_{triangle(X,Y,Z)} \equiv$

 $edge(X, Y) \land edge(X, Z) \land edge(Y, Z)$

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Logistic regression of *triangle_count* and *blue* feature:

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{F_{red}(x)} \equiv \\ & \texttt{COMBINE} \quad 0.6 \cdot \textit{F_{triangle_count(x)}(X)}, \\ & 0.3 \cdot \textit{blue}(X), \\ & -3.0 \\ & \texttt{WITH} \textit{ logistic regression} \end{array}$

The computation graph of the probability formula for *red*. In green: relations from \mathcal{R} . In gray: synthetic names for intermediate formulas ("layers").



- Each probability (sub-)formula defines a feature of 0, 1, 2, ...-tuples of entities
- Nested formulas give "deep" models
- Aggregation (message passing) along "channels" defined by the constraints in combination functions

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Scalar features

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GNN-2-RBN

Example: α_1

- From [Barceló et al.,2020]:
- Input graphs defined by signature:

 $\mathcal{R}_{in} = \{$ blue, green, red, yellow, purple, edge $\}$

Target concept to represent/learn:

$$\alpha_1(X) \equiv \exists^{[8,10]} Y(blue(Y) \land \neg edge(X,Y))$$

(cf. slide 22)

A GNN α_1 classifier defines a conditional distribution $P(\alpha_1|blue, green, red, yellow, purple, edge)$ satisfying the *Atom Independence* property (slide 28).



This distribution can be encoded by a probability formula.

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- One-to-one mapping of representation and parameterization
- Matrix-vector level GNN specifications broken down to the "scalar" level
- GNN training ~ RBN learning (same objective, same gradients, ...)



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But: Primula takes much longer ...

Building a conditional generative model:



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➡No a-priori distinction of low-level perceptual vs. high-level cognitive reasoning (cf. DeepProbLog)



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➡No a-priori distinction of low-level perceptual vs. high-level cognitive reasoning (cf. DeepProbLog)

The resulting neuro-symbolic model supports all types of model checking reasoning.

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MPE task: given observed α_1 labels, what is the most probable configuration of the *blue* attribute?



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- There is more to reasoning than prediction!
- GNNs: good at learning accurate predictors from data
- SRL: good at flexible reasoning
- RBNs: the SRL framework most closely related to GNNs
- RBN+GNN: seamless integration of GNN prediction models into SRL model

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