





# Learning Convolutional Neural Networks for Graphs

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## **Representation Learning for Graphs**





# **Problem Definition**

#### Input: Finite collection of graphs







- Nodes of any two graphs are *not* necessarily in correspondence
- Nodes and edges may have attributes (discrete and continuous)

**Problem:** Learn a representation for classification/regression

**Example:** Graph classification problem





## State of the Art: Graph Kernels

Define kernel based on substructures

- Shortest paths
- Random walks
- Subtrees
- ...

Kernel is similarity function on pairs of graphs

Count the number of common substructures



Use graph kernels with SVMs





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Convolutional architecture



We use centrality measures to generate the node sequences Nodes with similar structural roles are aligned across graphs





A: Betweenness centrality B: Closeness centrality C: Figenvector centrality D: Degree cen

C: Eigenvector centrality D: Degree centrality

Simple breadth-first expansion until at least *k* nodes added, or no additional nodes to add





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Nodes of any two graphs should have similar position in the adjacency matrices iff their structural roles are similar



**Result:** For several distance measure pairs it is possible to efficiently compare labeling methods without supervision

**Example:**  $||\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}'||_1$  and edit distance on graphs



#### **Graph Normalization**





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### **Graph Normalization**



At most *linear* in number of input graphs At most *quadratic* in number of nodes for each graph (depends on maximal node degree and centrality measure)







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# **Experiments - Graph Classification**

Finite collection of graphs and their class labels



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Learn a function from graphs to class labels

# **Experiments - Convolutional Architecture**



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# **Classification Datasets**

MUTAG: Nitro compounds where classes indicate mutagenic effect on a bacterium (Salmonella Typhimurium)
PTC: Chemical compounds where classes indicate carcinogenicity for male and female rats
NCI: Chemical compounds where classes indicate activity against non-small cell lung cancer and ovarian cancer cell lines
D&D: Protein structures where classes indicate whether structure is an enzyme or not

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# **Experiments - Graph Classification**

Q: How efficient and effective compared to graph kernels?
 Apply Patchy to typical graph classification benchmark data

Data set	MUTAG	PCT	NCI1	PROTEIN
Max	28	109	111	620
Avg	17.93	25.56	29.87	39.06
Graphs	188	344	4110	1113
SP [7]	$85.79 \pm 2.51$	$58.53 \pm 2.55$	$73.00\pm0.51$	$75.07 \pm 0.54$
RW [17]	$83.68 \pm 1.66$	$57.26 \pm 1.30$	> 3 days	$74.22\pm0.42$
GK [38]	$81.58 \pm 2.11$	$57.32 \pm 1.13$	$62.28 \pm 0.29$	$71.67 \pm 0.55$
WL [39]	$80.72 \pm 3.00 \ (5s)$	$56.97 \pm 2.01 \; (30s)$	$80.22 \pm 0.51 \; (375s)$	$72.92 \pm 0.56 (143s)$
PSCN $k=5$	$91.58 \pm 5.86(2s)$	$59.43 \pm 3.14$ (4s)	$72.80 \pm 2.06 \ (59s)$	$74.10 \pm 1.72$ (22s)
PSCN $k=10$	$88.95 \pm 4.37 \ (3s)$	$62.29 \pm 5.68 \ (6s)$	$76.34 \pm 1.68 \ (76s)$	$75.00 \pm 2.51 \ (30s)$

Data set	GK [38]	DGK [45]	PSCN $k=10$
COLLAB	$72.84 \pm 0.28$	$73.09 \pm 0.25$	$72.60 \pm 2.15$
IMDB-B	$65.87 \pm 0.98$	$66.96 \pm 0.56$	$71.00 \pm 2.29$
IMDB-M	$43.89 \pm 0.38$	$44.55\pm0.52$	45.00 1 0.04
RE-B	$77.34 \pm 0.18$	$78.04 \pm 0.39$	$86.30 \pm 1.58$
RE-M5k	$41.01 \pm 0.17$	$41.27 \pm 0.18$	$49.10\pm0.70$
RE-M10k	$31.82 \pm 0.08$	$32.22\pm0.10$	$41.32 \pm 0.42$

**Q:** What do learned *edge filters* look like? Restricted Boltzmann machine applied to graphs Receptive field size of hidden layer: 9



# Discussion

#### Pros:

- Graph kernel design not required
- Outperforms graph kernels on several datasets (speed and accuracy)
- Incorporates node and edge features (discrete and continuous)
- Supports visualizations (graph motifs, etc.)

#### Cons:

- Prone to overfitting on smaller data sets (graph kernel benchmarks)
- Shift from designing graph kernels to tuning hyperparameters
- Graph normalization not part of learning

code to be released: patchy.neclab.eu

