

Stanford CS520: Introduction to Graph Neural Networks

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Many Types of Data are Graphs

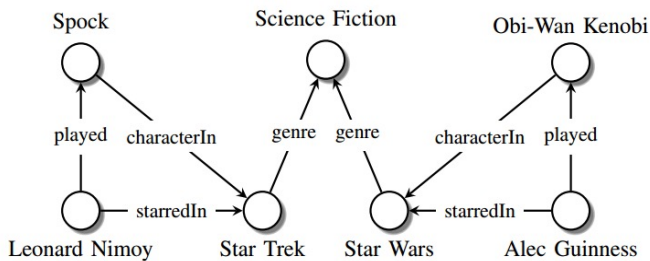


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Knowledge Graphs

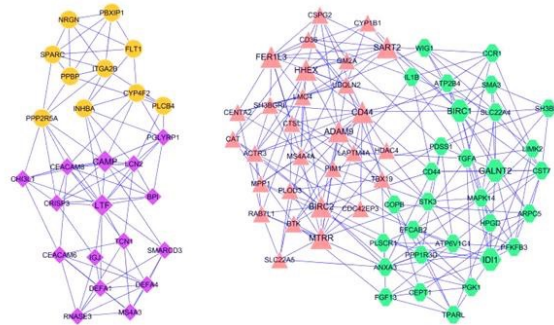


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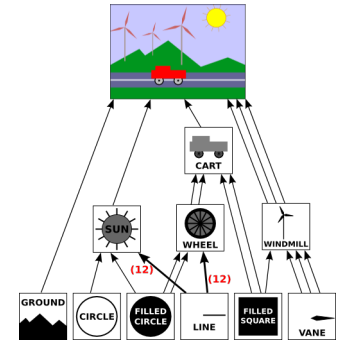


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Scene Graphs

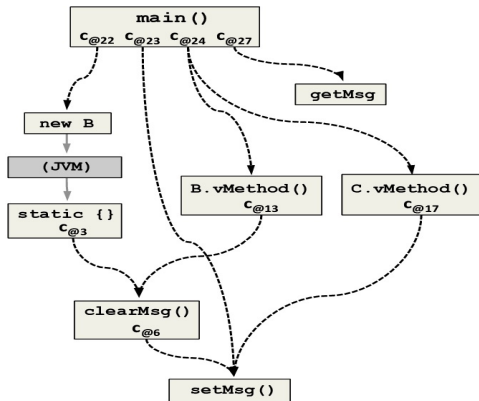


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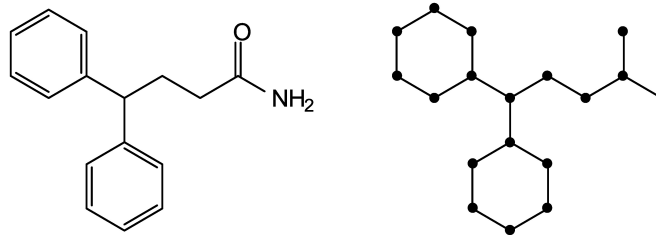


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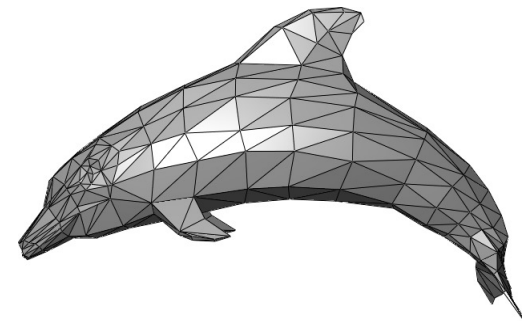
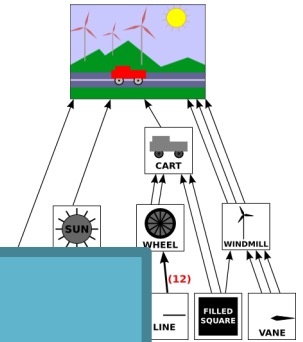
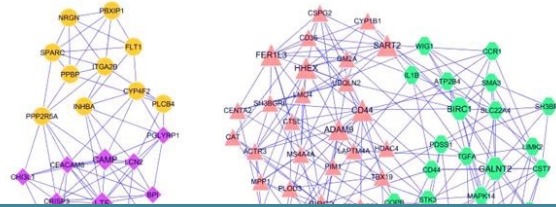
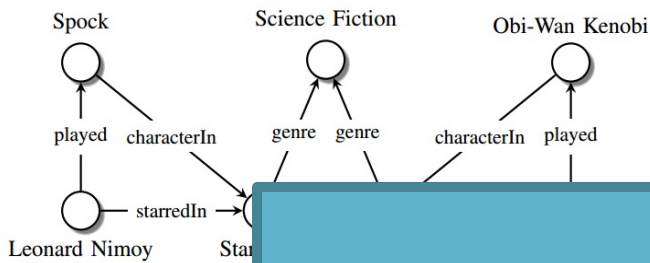


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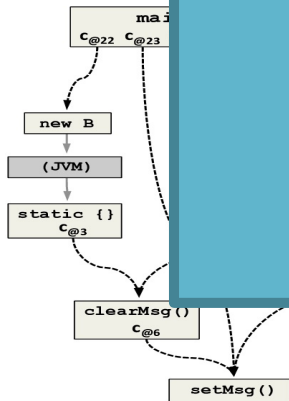
Many Types of Data are Graphs



Main question:

How do we take advantage of relational structure for better prediction?

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Graphs

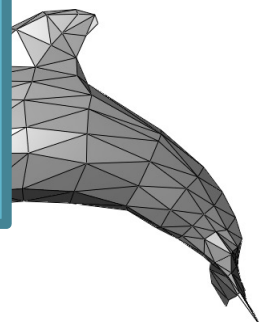


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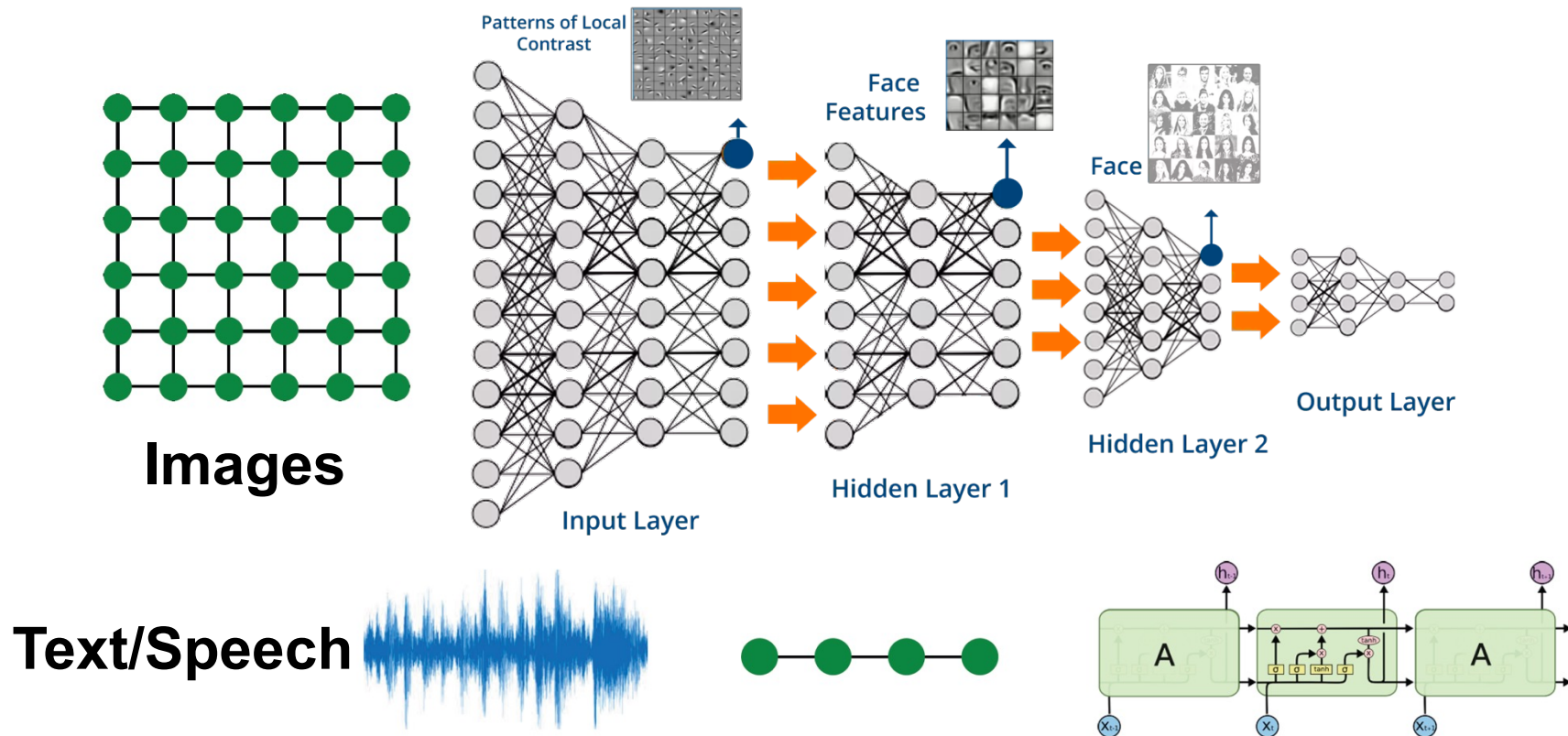
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Graphs: Machine Learning

Complex domains have a rich relational structure, which can be represented as a **relational graph**

By explicitly modeling relationships we achieve better performance!

Modern ML Toolbox

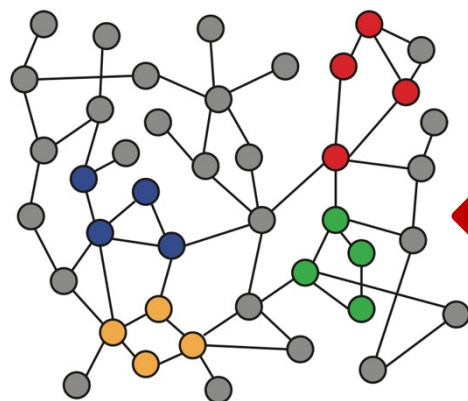


Modern deep learning toolbox is designed for simple sequences & grids

Why is it Hard?

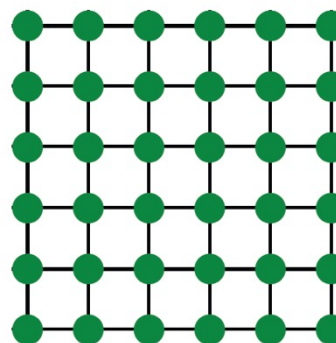
Networks are complex.

- Arbitrary size and complex topological structure (*i.e.*, no spatial locality like grids)



Networks

VS.



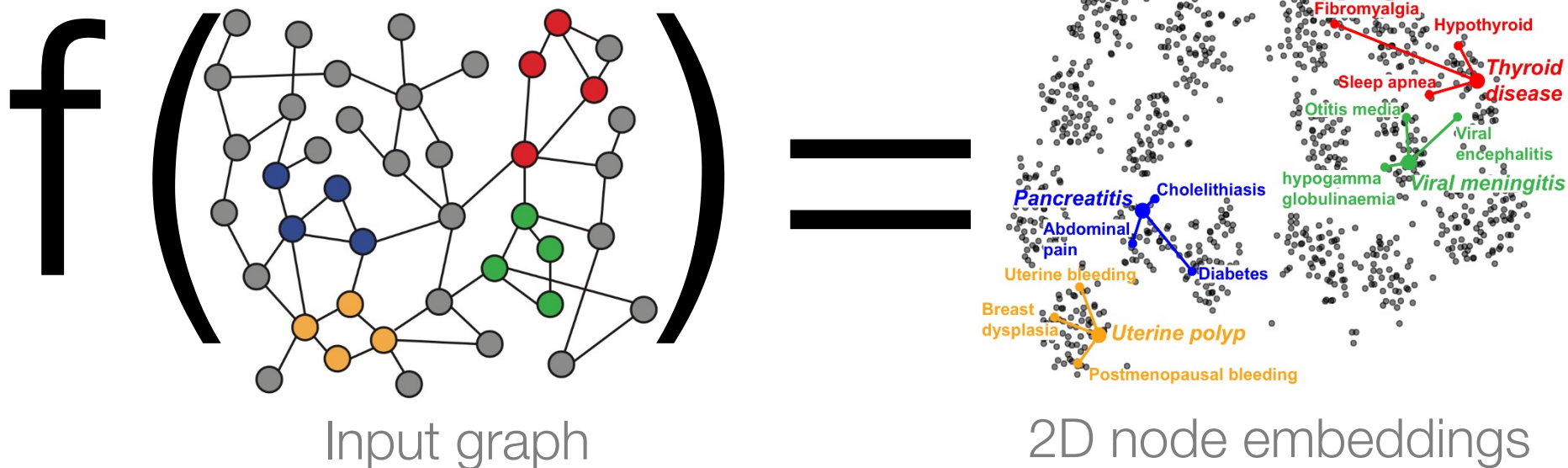
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Text

Node Embeddings

- **Intuition:** Map nodes to d -dimensional embeddings such that similar nodes in the graph are embedded close together

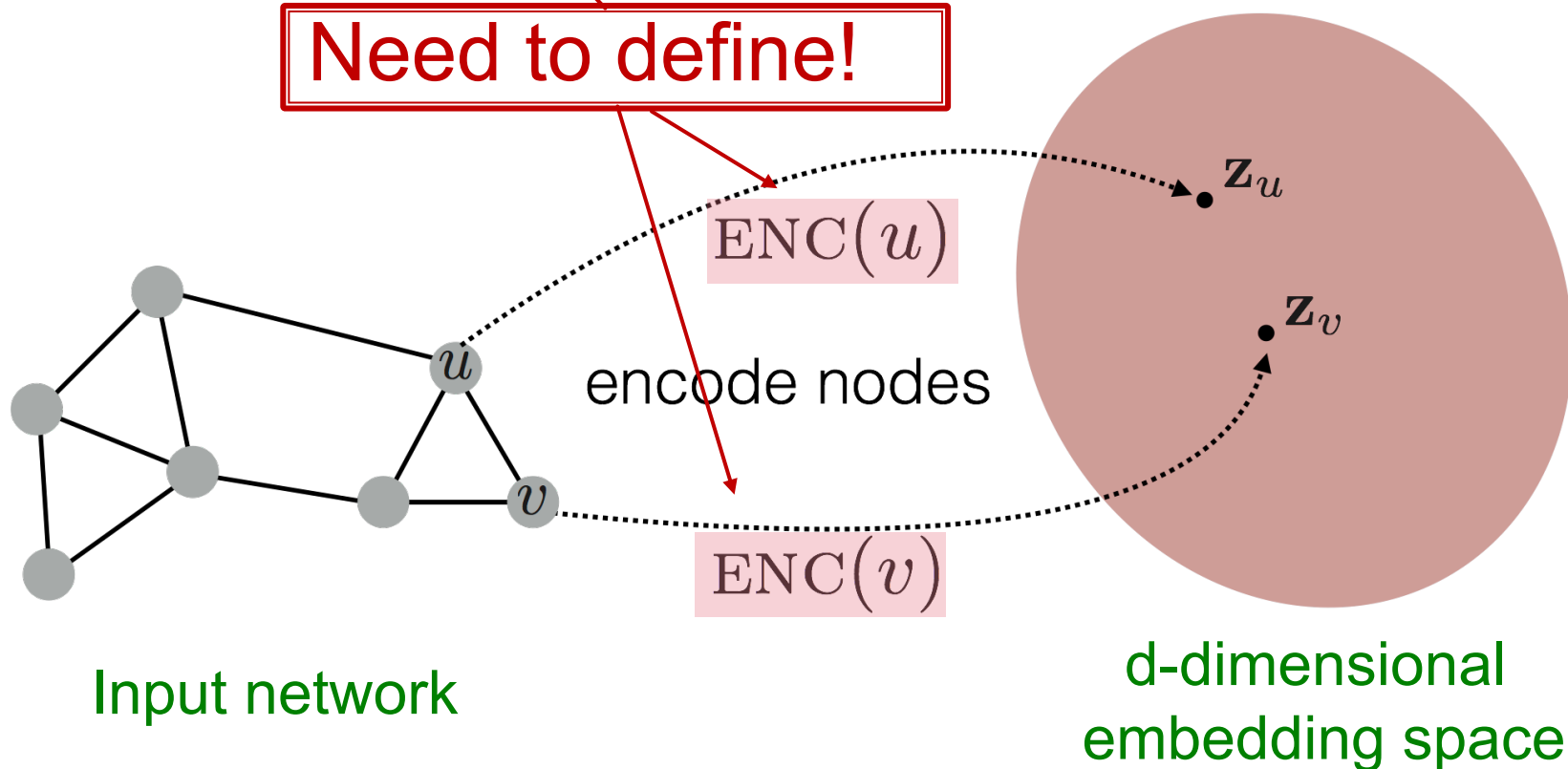


How to learn mapping function f ?

Node Embeddings

Goal: $\text{similarity}(u, v) \approx \mathbf{z}_v^T \mathbf{z}_u$

Need to define!



Two Key Components

- **Encoder:** maps each node to a low-dimensional vector

$$\text{ENC}(v) = \mathbf{z}_v$$

node in the input graph

d -dimensional embedding

- **Similarity function:** specifies how the relationships in vector space map to the relationships in the original network

$$\text{similarity}(u, v) \approx \mathbf{z}_v^T \mathbf{z}_u$$

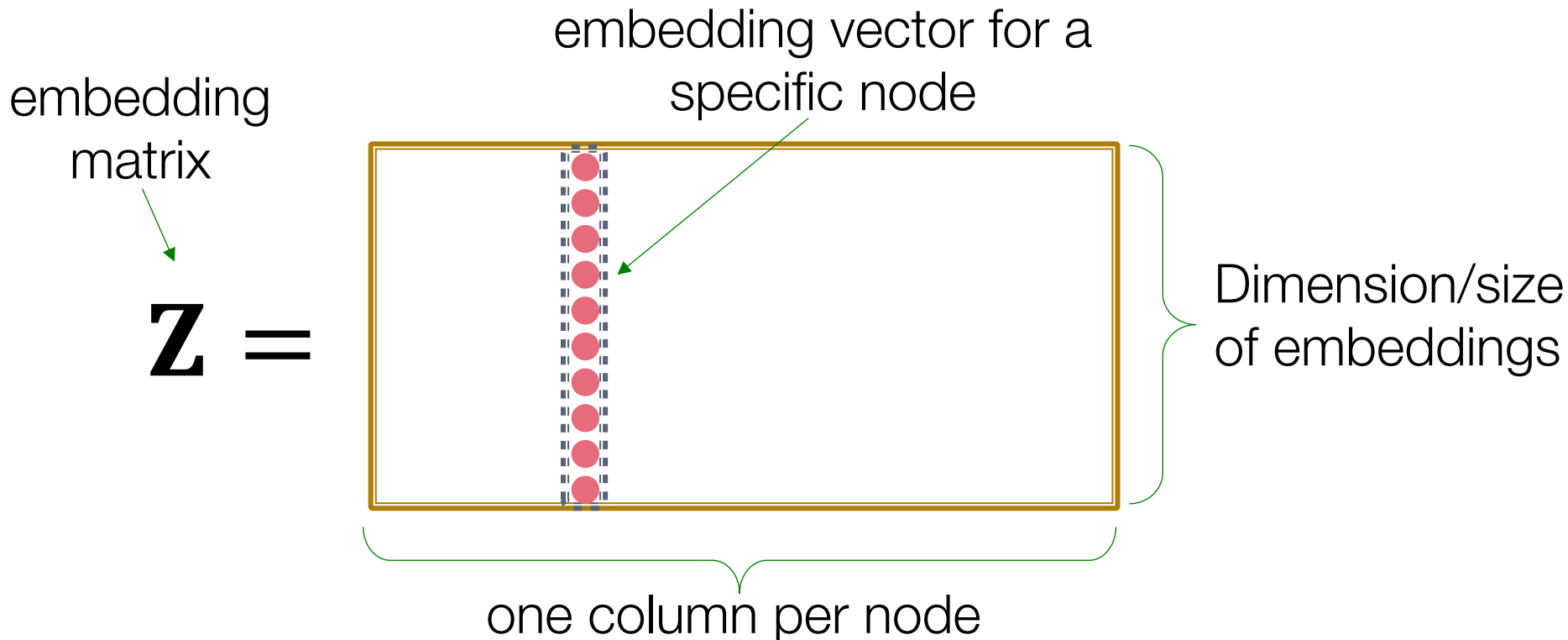
Similarity of u and v in the original network

dot product between node embeddings

Decoder

“Shallow” Encoding

Simplest encoding approach: **encoder is just an embedding-lookup**



KG: shallow encoder + similarity decoder

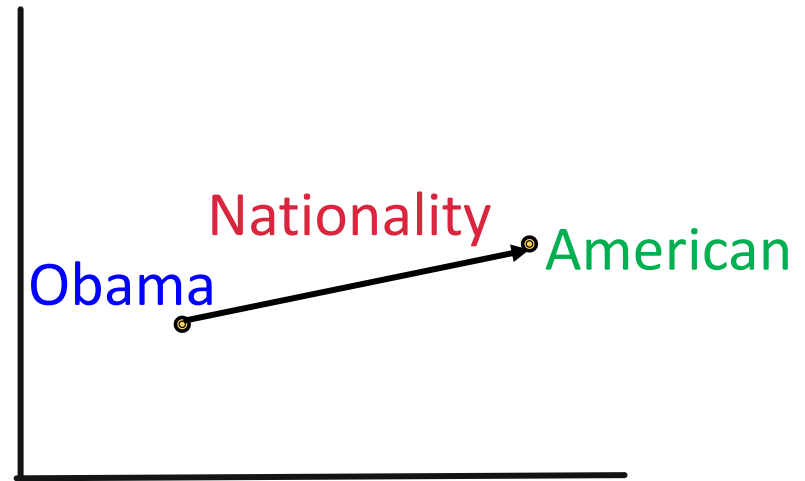
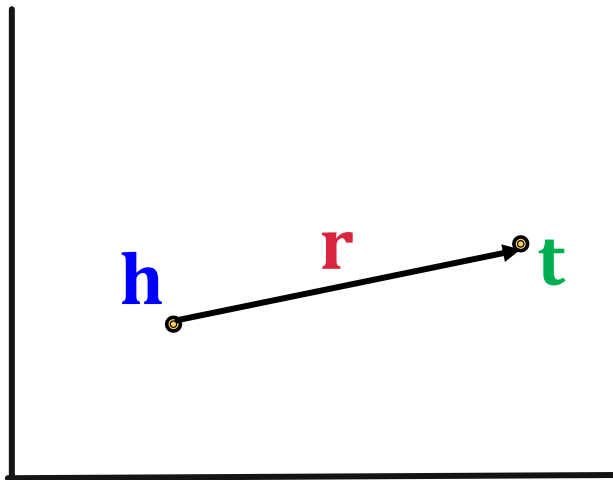
- Edges in KG are represented as **triplets** (h, r, t)
 - **head** (h) has **relation** (r) with **tail** (t)
- **Knowledge Graph embeddings**
 - **Shallow encoder**: Model entities and relations in the embedding/vector space \mathbb{R}^d via embedding lookup
 - Associate entities and relations with **shallow embeddings**
 - **Similarity-based decoder**: Given a true triple (h, r, t) , the goal is that the **embedding of** (h, r) **should be close to the** **embedding of** t .

Example: TransE

■ Translation Intuition:

For a triple (h, r, t) , $\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,
 $\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} \approx \mathbf{t}$ if the given fact is true
else $\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{t}$

Scoring function: $f_r(h, t) = -||\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t}||$



Shallow Encoders: Limitations

- **Limitations of shallow embedding methods:**
 - **$O(|V|)$ parameters are needed:**
 - No sharing of parameters between nodes
 - Every node has its own unique embedding
 - **Inherently “transductive”:**
 - Cannot generate embeddings for nodes that are not seen during training
 - **Do not incorporate node features:**
 - Many graphs have features that we can and should leverage

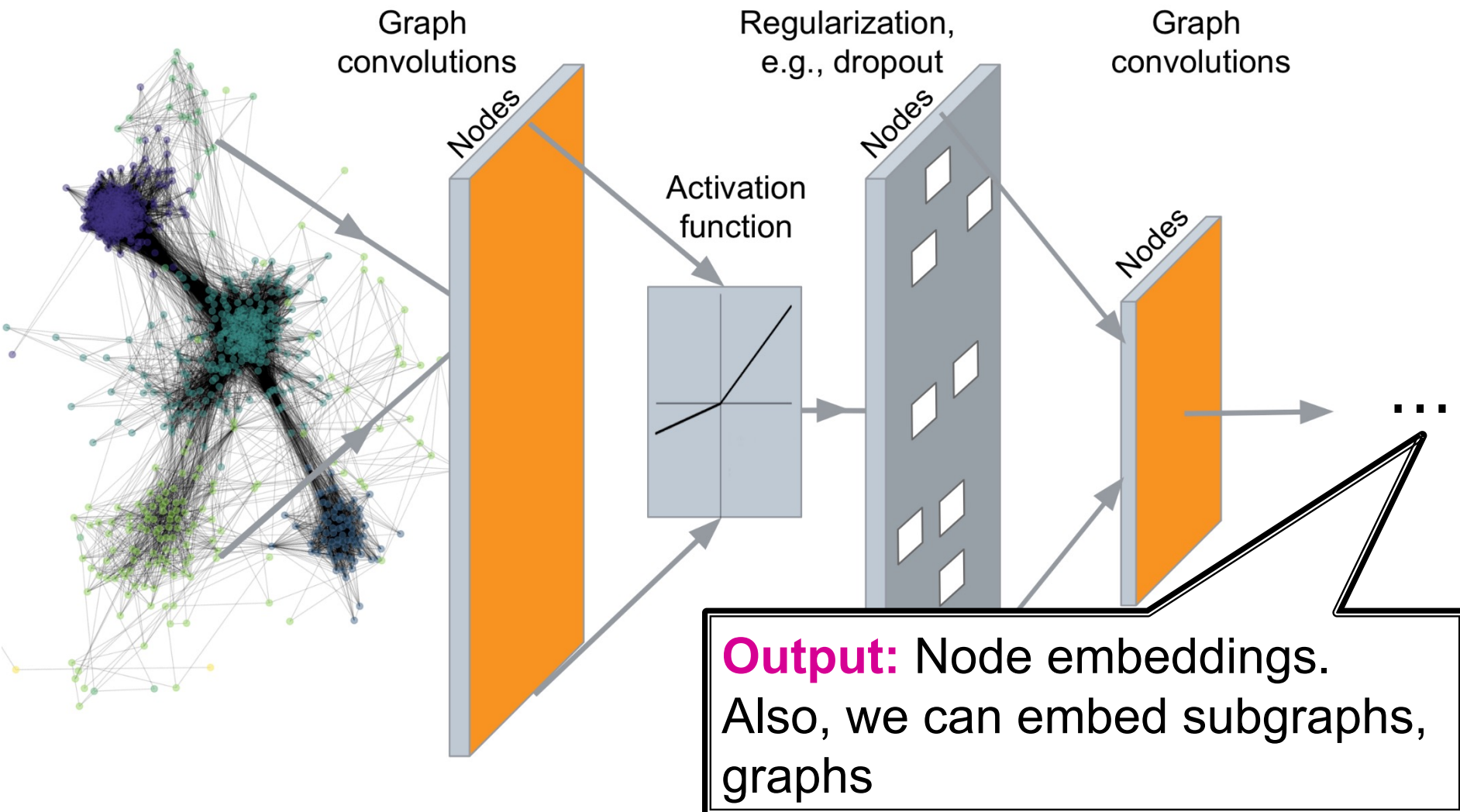
Today: Deep Graph Encoders

- **Today:** We will now discuss deep methods based on **graph neural networks (GNNs)**:

$$\text{ENC}(v) = \begin{array}{l} \text{multiple layers of} \\ \text{non-linear transformations} \\ \text{based on graph structure} \end{array}$$

- **Note:** All these deep encoders can be **combined with node similarity functions** defined in Knowledge Graph models

Deep Graph Encoders



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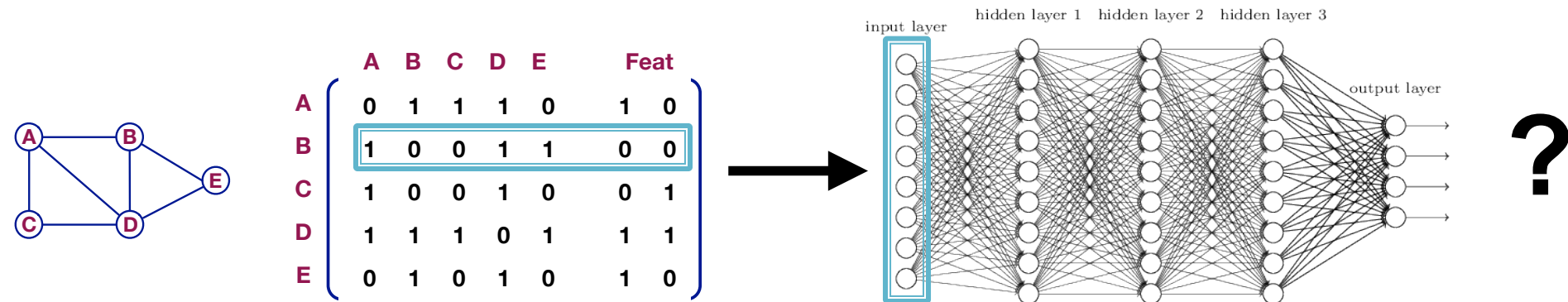


Setup

- Assume we have a graph G :
 - V is the **vertex set**
 - A is the **adjacency matrix** (assume binary)
 - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times |V|}$ is a matrix of **node features**
 - v : a node in V ; $N(v)$: the set of neighbors of v .
 - **Node features:**
 - Social networks: User profile, User image
 - Biological networks: Gene expression profiles, gene functional information
 - When there is no node feature in the graph dataset:
 - Indicator vectors (one-hot encoding of a node)
 - Vector of constant 1: $[1, 1, \dots, 1]$

A Naïve Approach

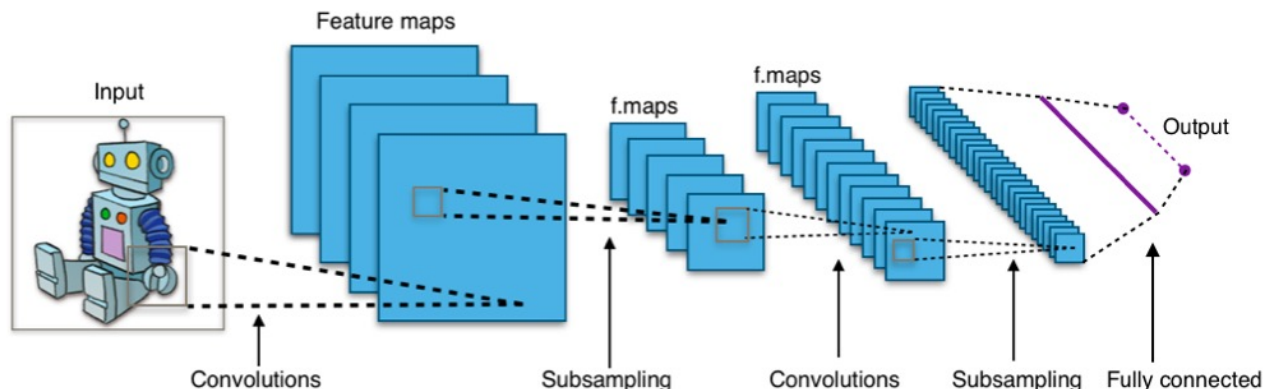
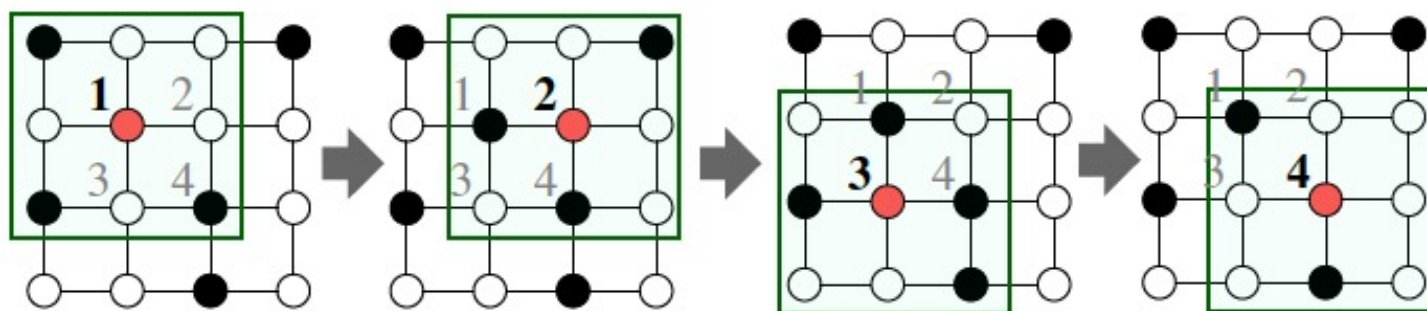
- Join adjacency matrix and features
- Feed them into a deep neural net:



- Issues with this idea:
 - $O(|V|)$ parameters
 - Not applicable to graphs of different sizes
 - Sensitive to node ordering

Idea: Convolutional Networks

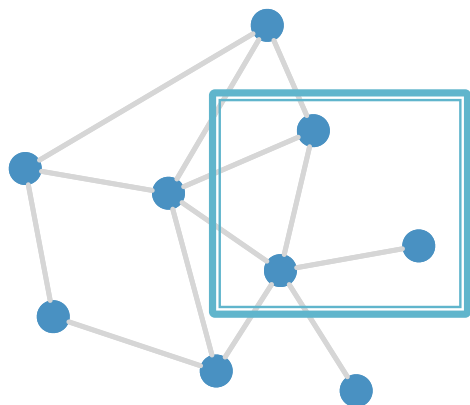
CNN on an image:



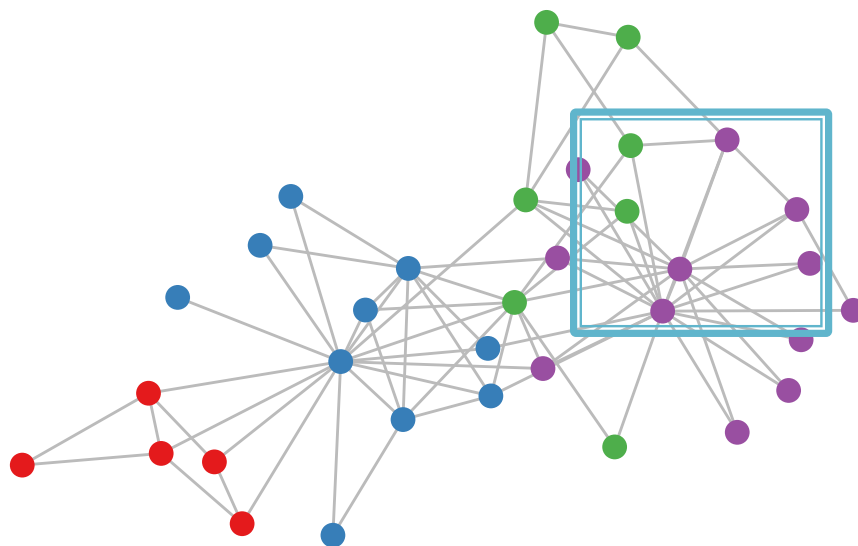
Goal is to generalize convolutions beyond simple lattices
Leverage node features/attributes (e.g., text, images)

Real-World Graphs

But our graphs look like this:



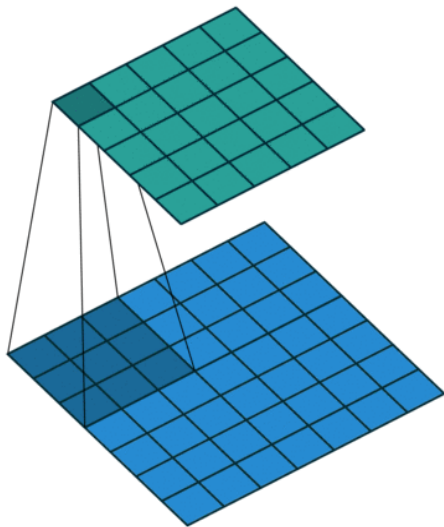
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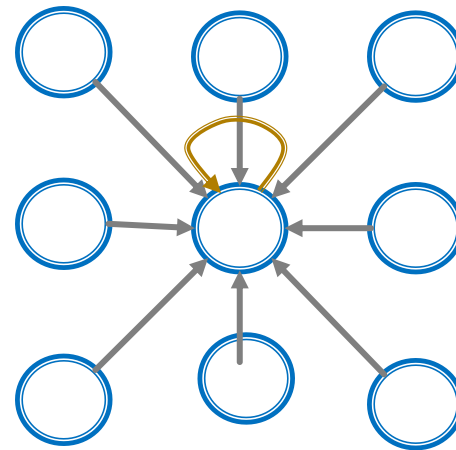
- There is no fixed notion of locality or sliding window on the graph
- Graph is permutation invariant

From Images to Graphs

Single Convolutional neural network (CNN) layer with 3x3 filter:



Image

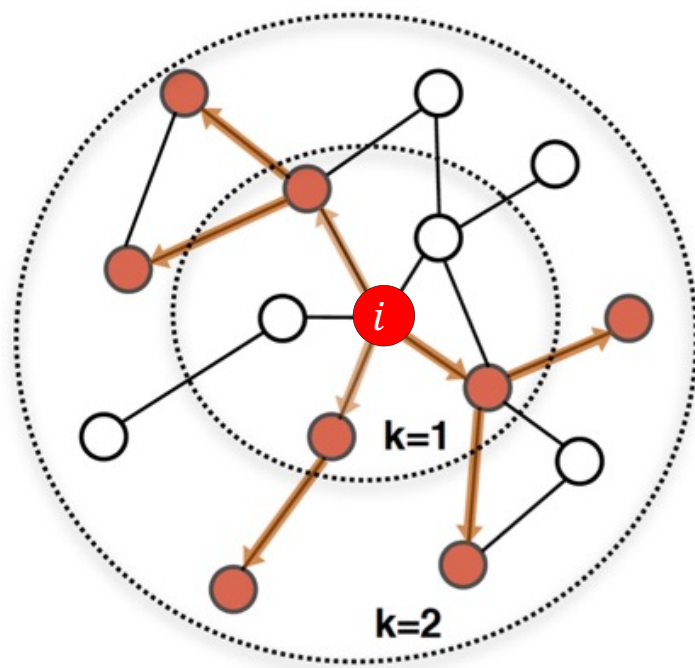


Graph

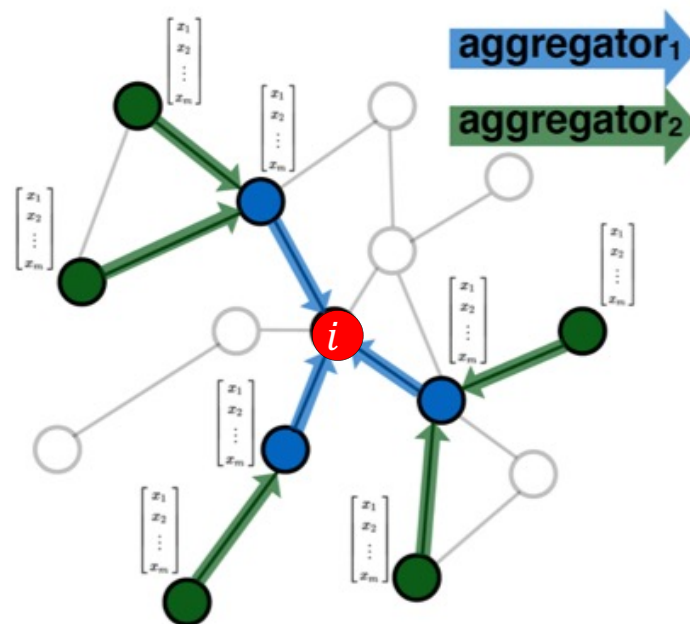
Idea: transform information at the neighbors and combine it:

- Transform “messages” h_i from neighbors: $W_i h_i$
- Add them up: $\sum_i W_i h_i$

Graph Convolutional Networks



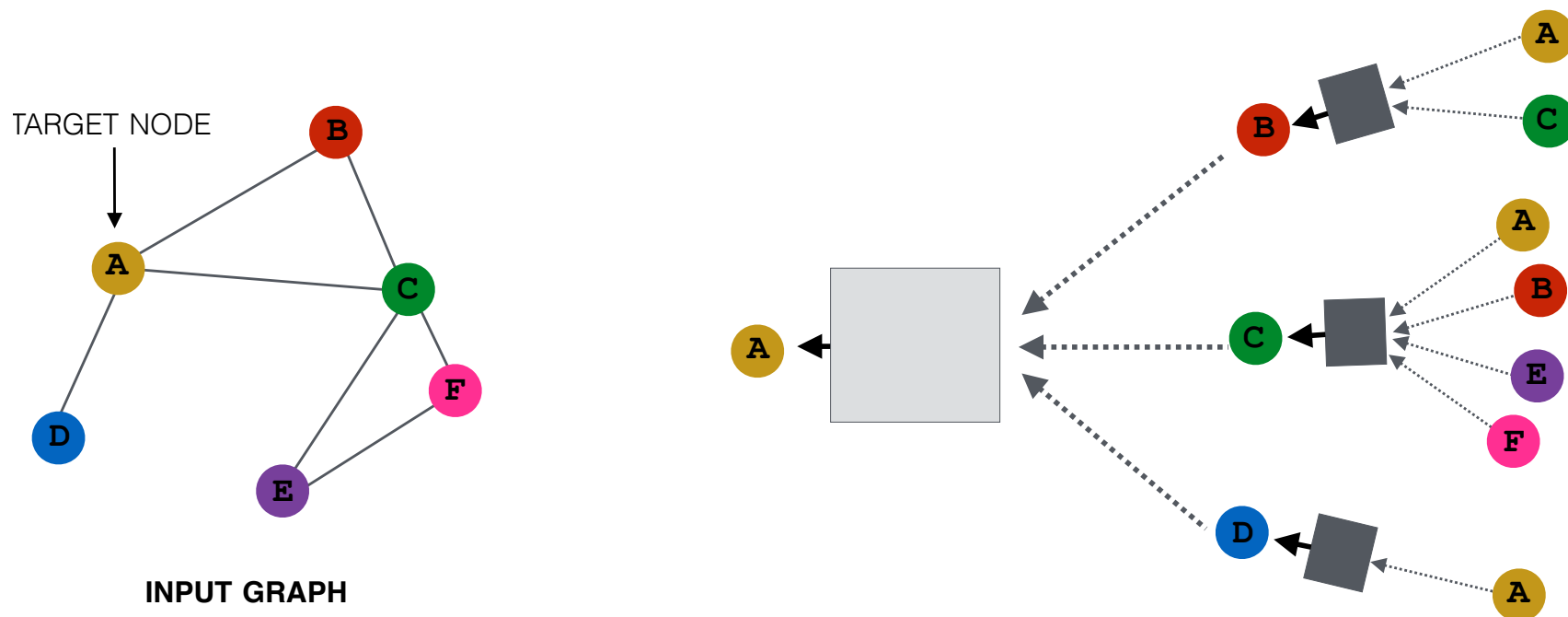
Determine node
computation graph



Propagate and
transform information

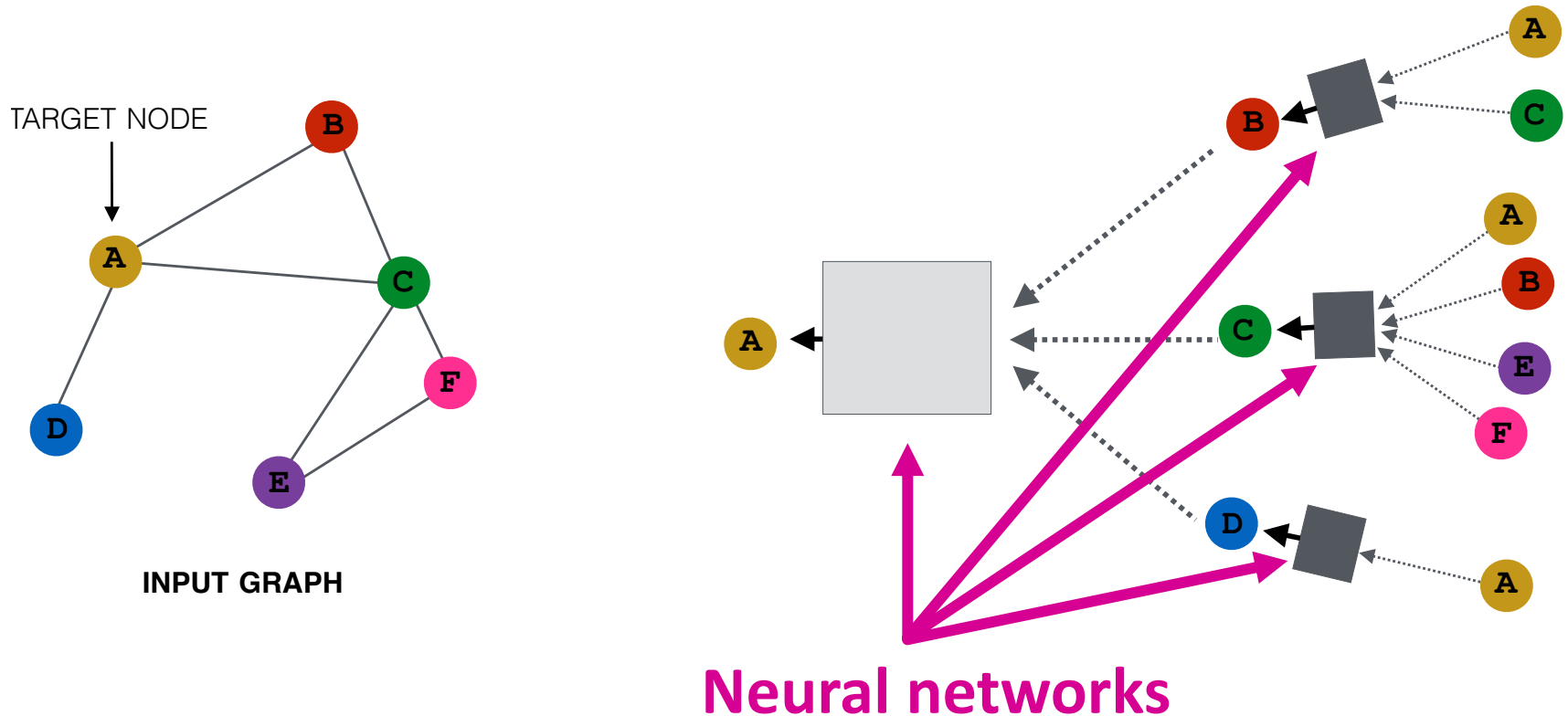
Idea: Aggregate Neighbors

- **Key idea:** Generate node embeddings based on **local network neighborhoods**



Idea: Aggregate Neighbors

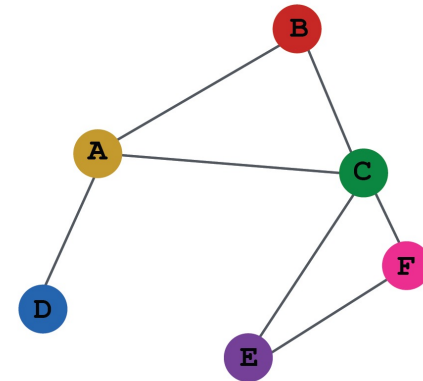
- **Intuition:** Nodes aggregate information from their neighbors using neural networks



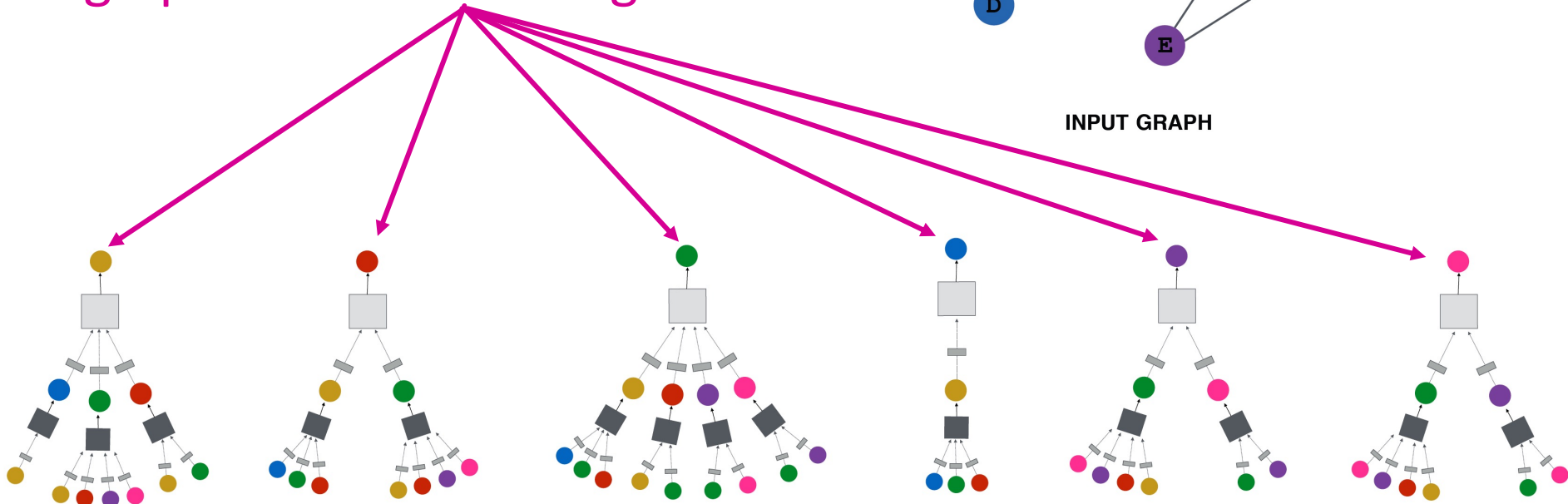
Idea: Aggregate Neighbors

- **Intuition:** Network neighborhood defines a computation graph

Every node defines a computation graph based on its neighborhood!

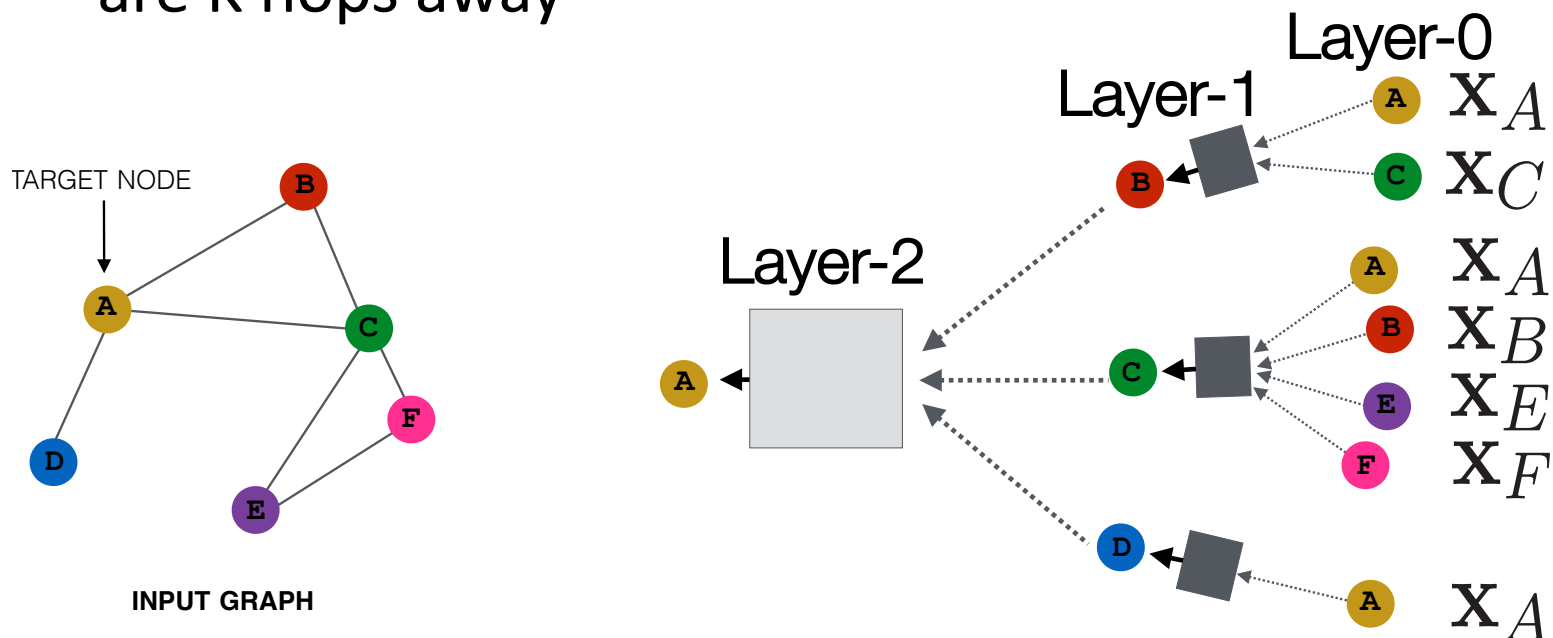


INPUT GRAPH



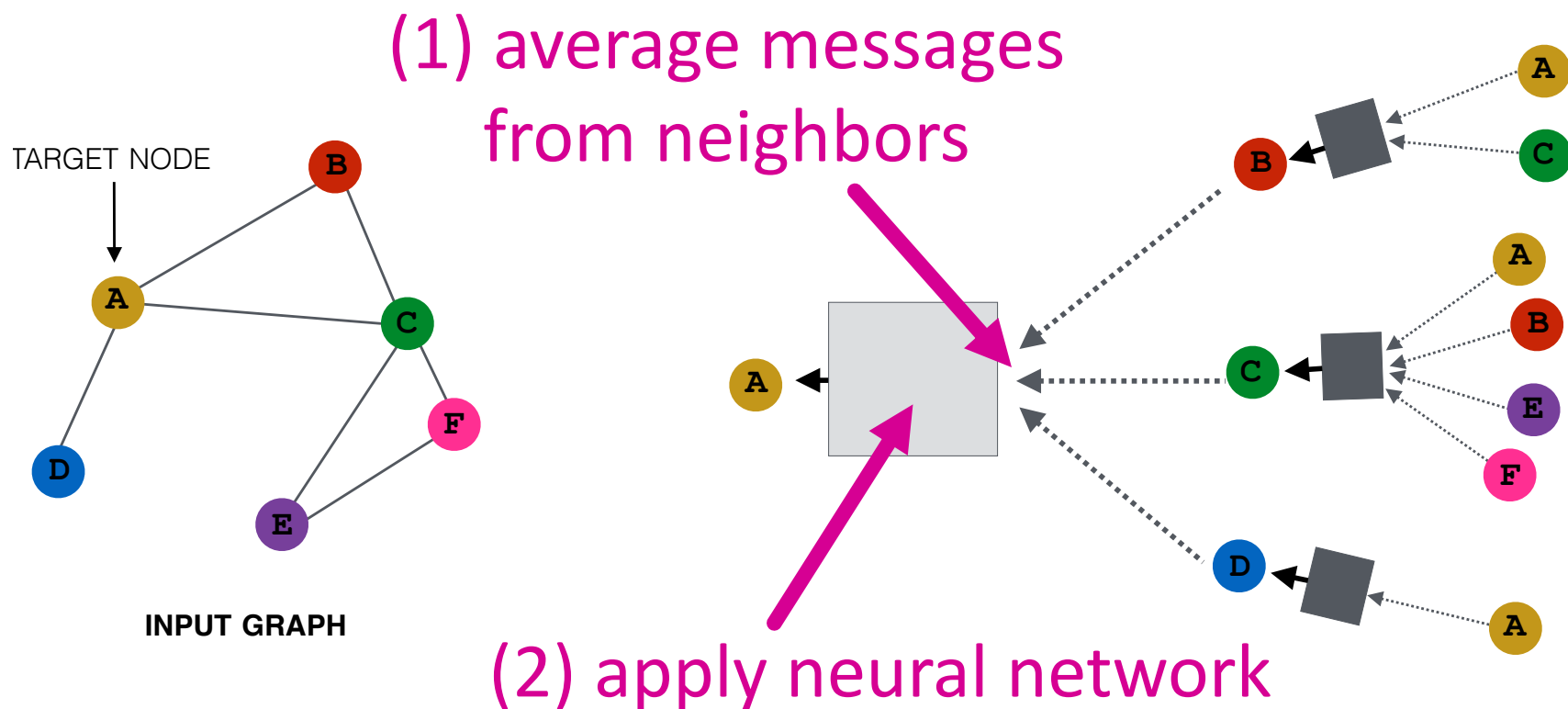
Deep Model: Many Layers

- Model can be of arbitrary depth:
 - Nodes have embeddings at each layer
 - Layer-0 embedding of node u is its input feature, x_u
 - Layer- k embedding gets information from nodes that are k hops away



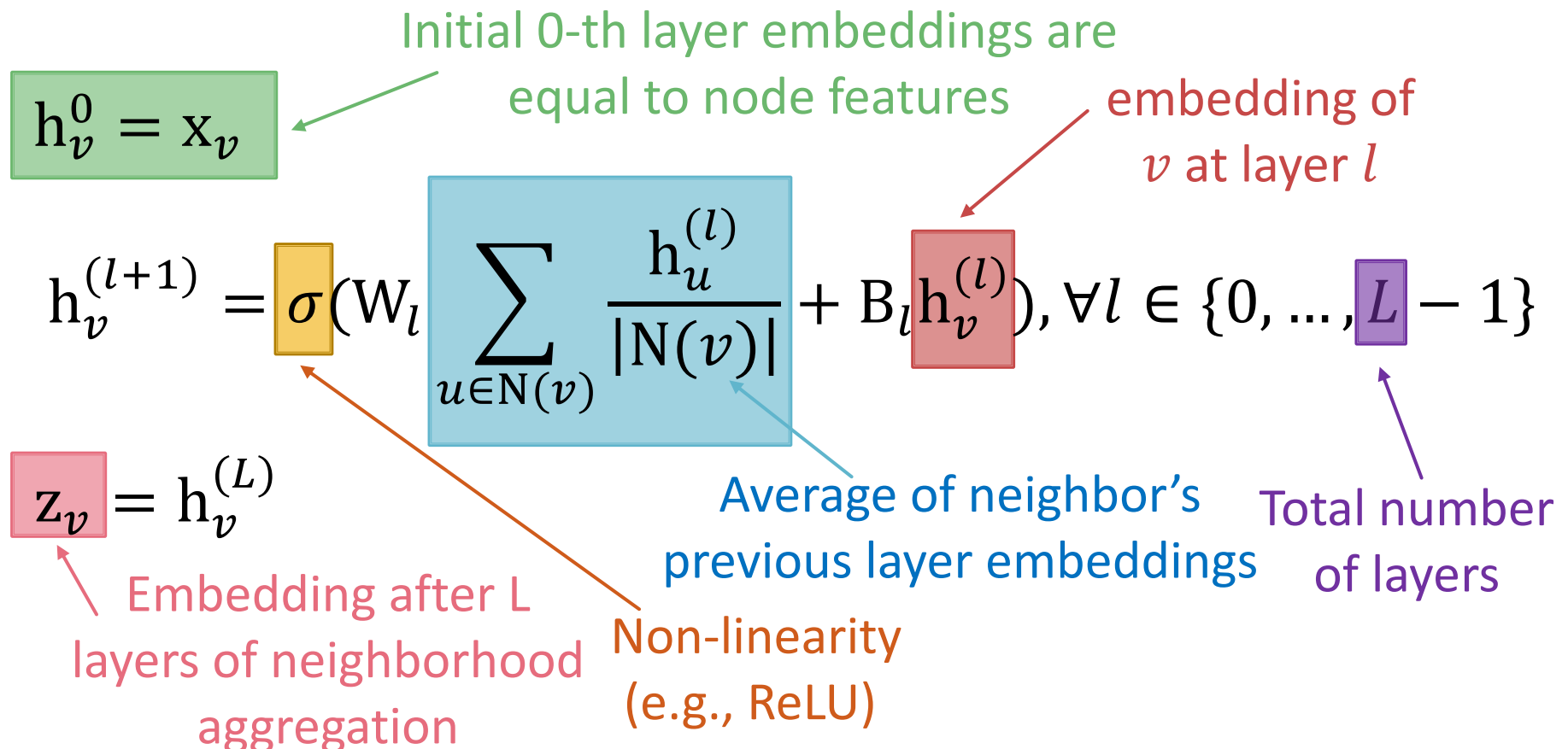
Neighborhood Aggregation

- **Basic approach:** Average information from neighbors and apply a neural network



The Math: Deep Encoder

- **Basic approach:** Average neighbor messages and apply a neural network



How to train a GNN

- GNN provides us node embedding \mathbf{z}_v

- **Supervised setting:**

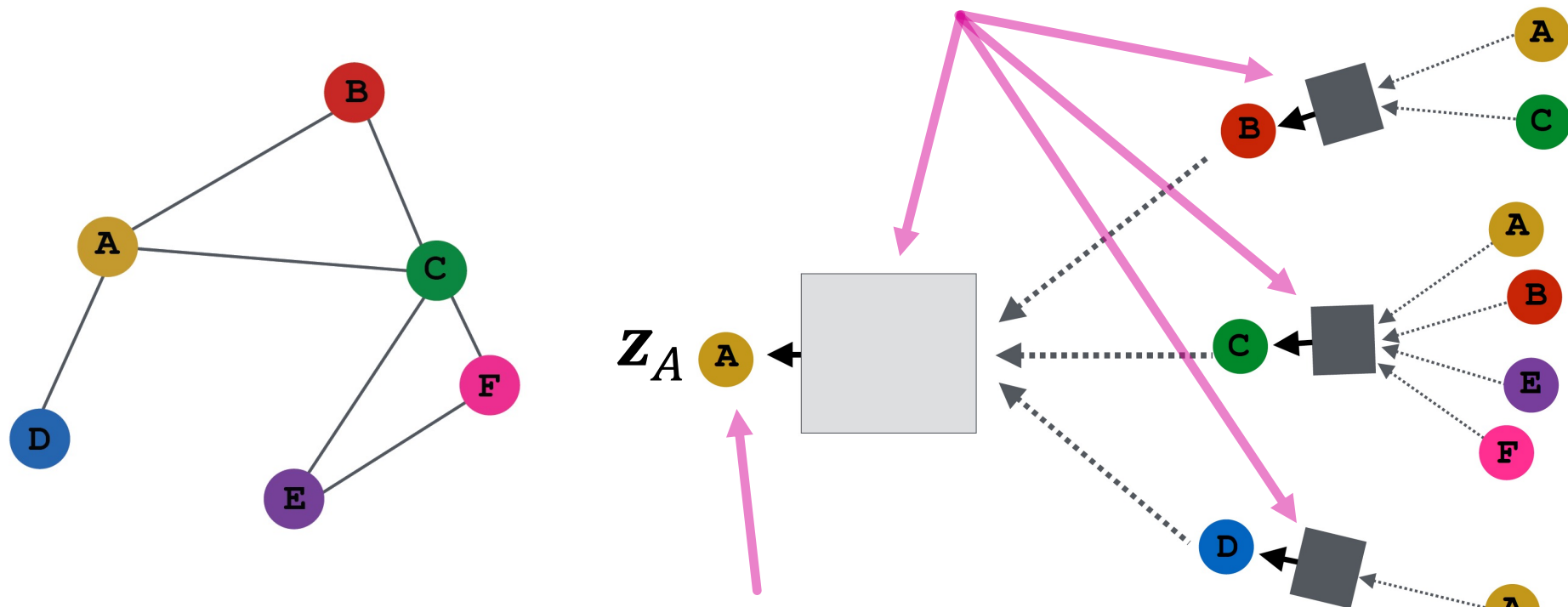
- we want to minimize the loss \mathcal{L} :

$$\min_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}, f(\mathbf{z}_v))$$

- \mathbf{y} : node/edge/graph label (from external sources)
- \mathcal{L} could be L2 if \mathbf{y} is real number, or cross entropy if \mathbf{y} is categorical
- **Unsupervised setting:**
 - Use graph structure itself as supervision
 - E.g.: random walks, KG objective (TransE, RotatE, ...)

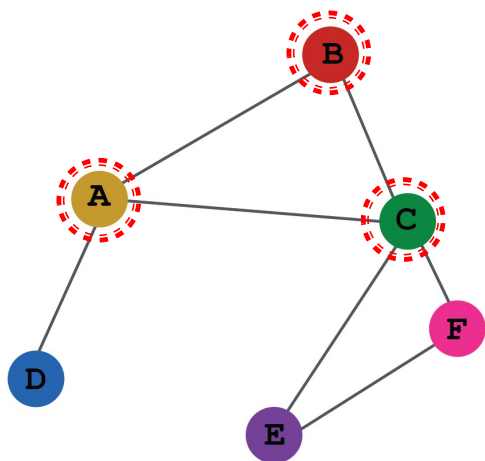
Model Design: Overview

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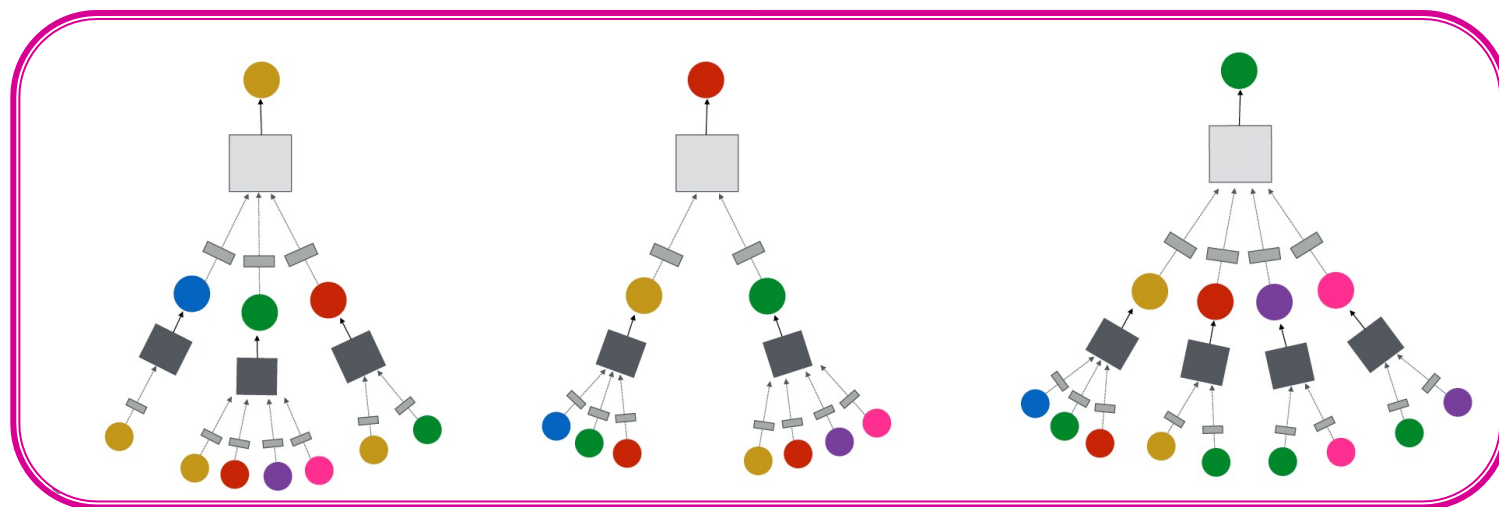
(2) Define a loss function on the embeddings

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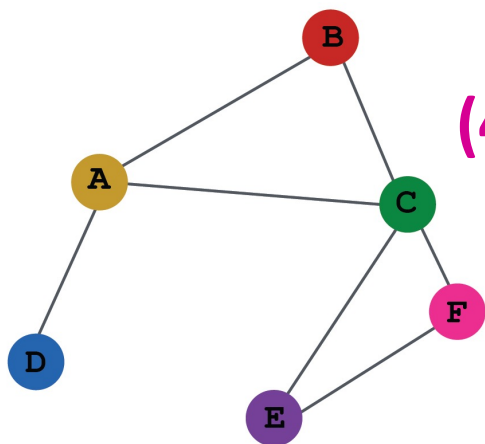


INPUT GRAPH

(3) Train on a set of nodes, i.e.,
a batch of computational graphs



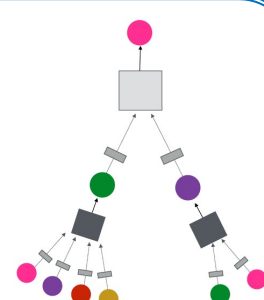
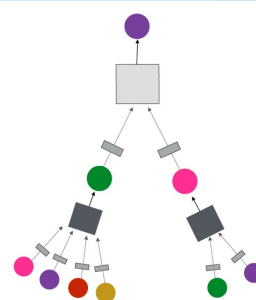
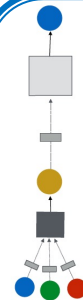
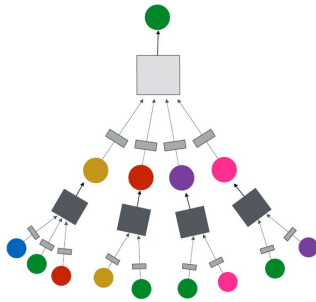
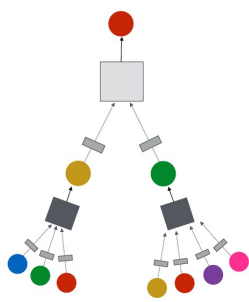
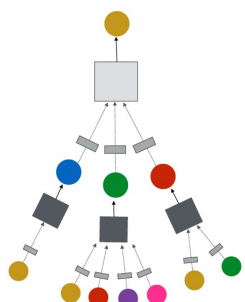
Model Design: Overview



INPUT GRAPH

(4) Test time: Generate embeddings for nodes as needed

Even for nodes we never trained on!



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Tasks on Networks

Tasks we will be able to solve:

- **Node classification**
 - Predict a type of a given node
- **Link prediction**
 - Predict whether two nodes are linked
- **Community detection**
 - Identify densely linked clusters of nodes
- **Graph classification**
 - Classify different graphs

Example of Node-level ML Tasks

Example (1): Protein Folding

A protein chain acquires its native 3D structure

Every protein is made up of a sequence of amino acids bonded together

These amino acids interact locally to form shapes like helices and sheets

These shapes fold up on larger scales to form the full three-dimensional protein structure

Proteins can interact with other proteins, performing functions such as signalling and transcribing DNA

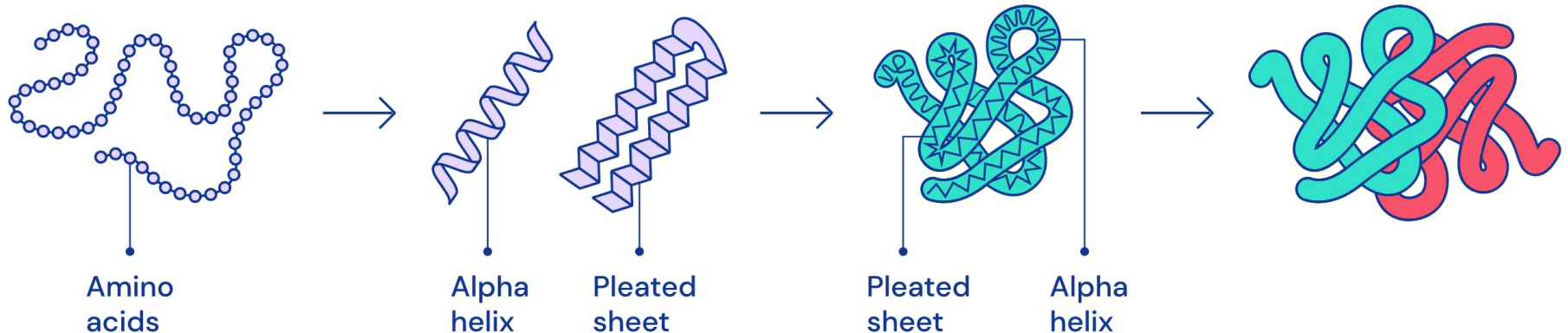
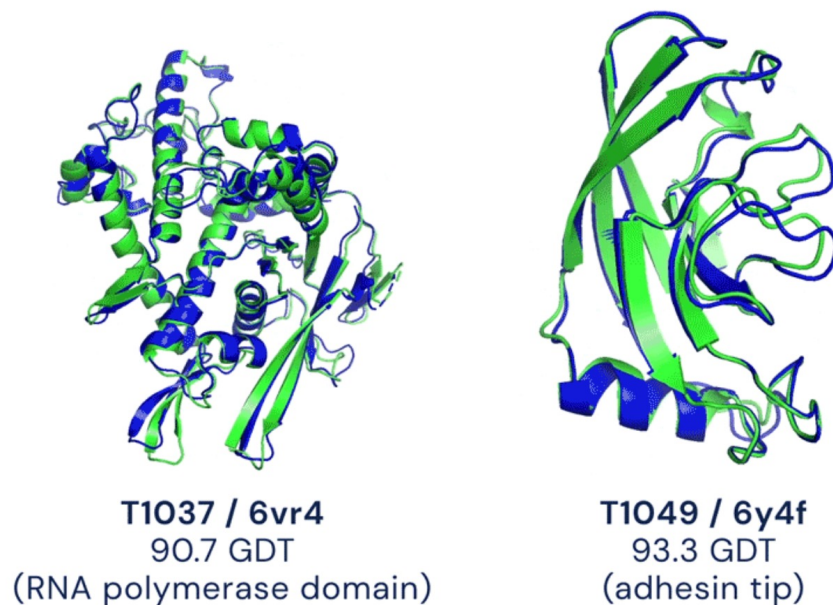


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The Protein Folding Problem

Computationally predict a protein's 3D structure based solely on its amino acid sequence

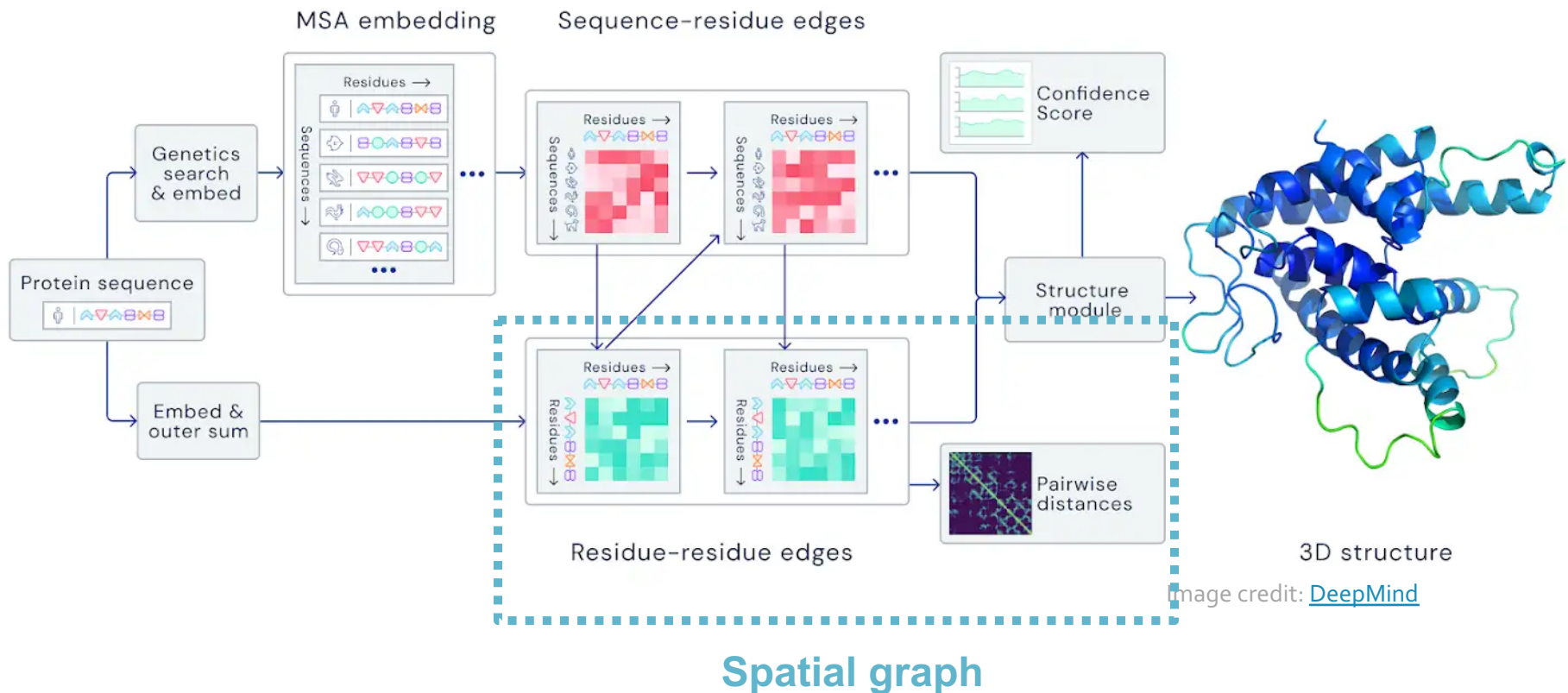


● Experimental result
● Computational prediction

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AlphaFold: Solving Protein Folding

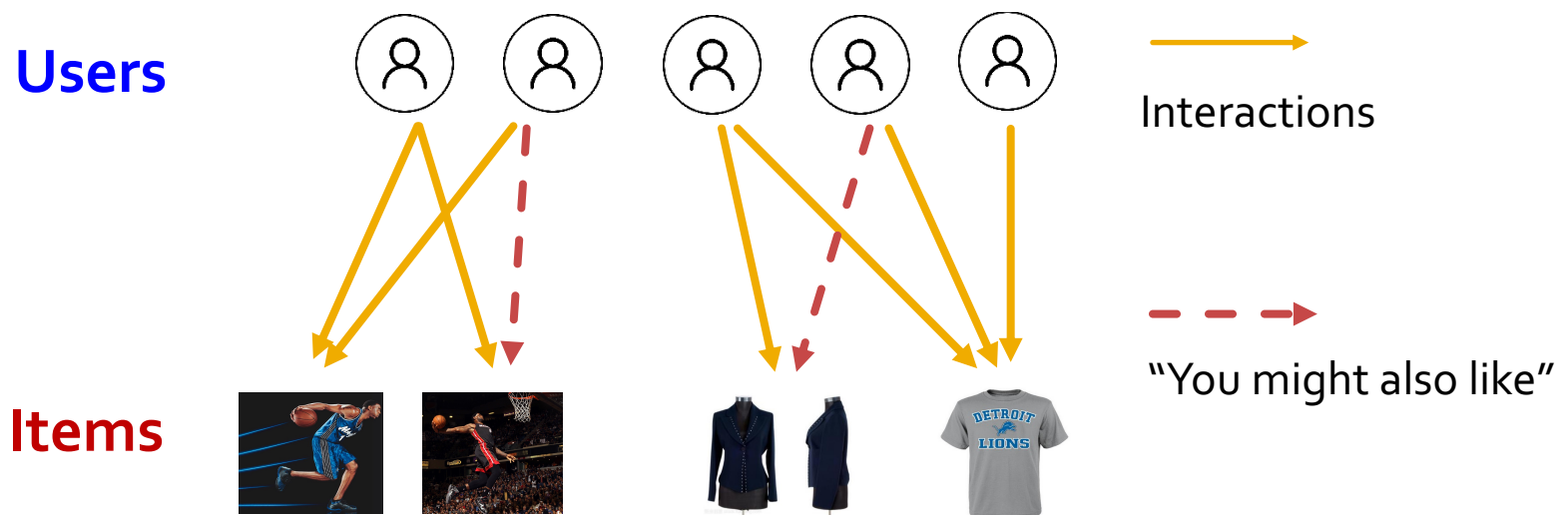
- **Key idea:** “Spatial graph”
 - **Nodes:** Amino acids in a protein sequence
 - **Edges:** Proximity between amino acids in 3D



Examples of Edge-level ML Tasks

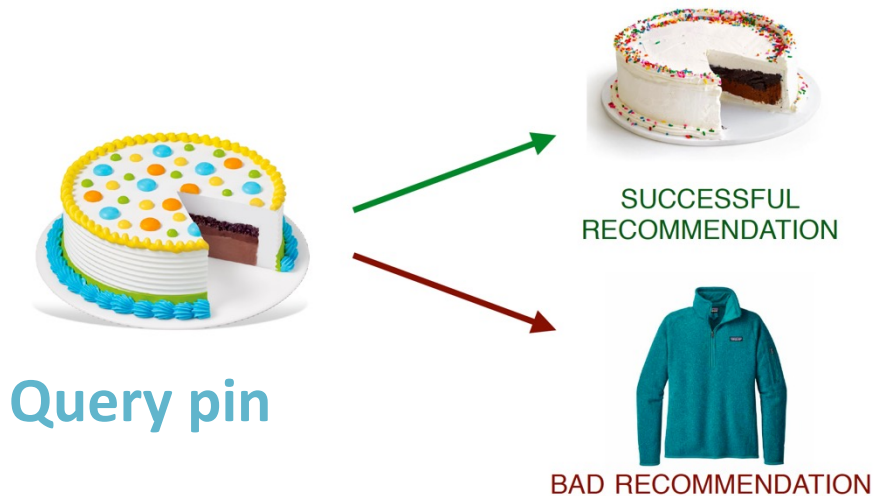
Example (2): Recommender Systems

- **Users interacts with items**
 - Watch movies, buy merchandise, listen to music
 - **Nodes:** Users and items
 - **Edges:** User-item interactions
- **Goal: Recommend items users might like**



PinSage: Graph-based Recommender

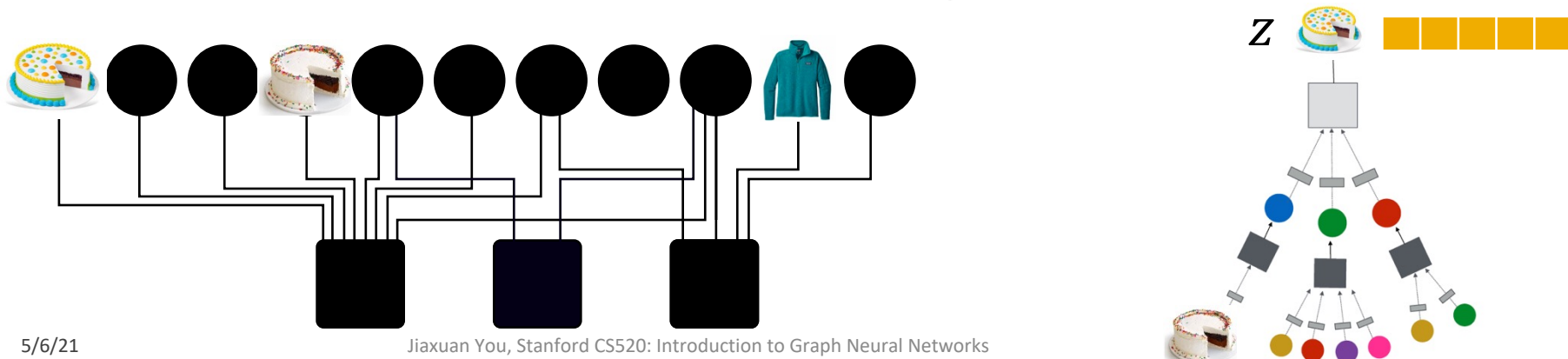
Task: Recommend related pins to users



Task: Learn node embeddings z_i such that

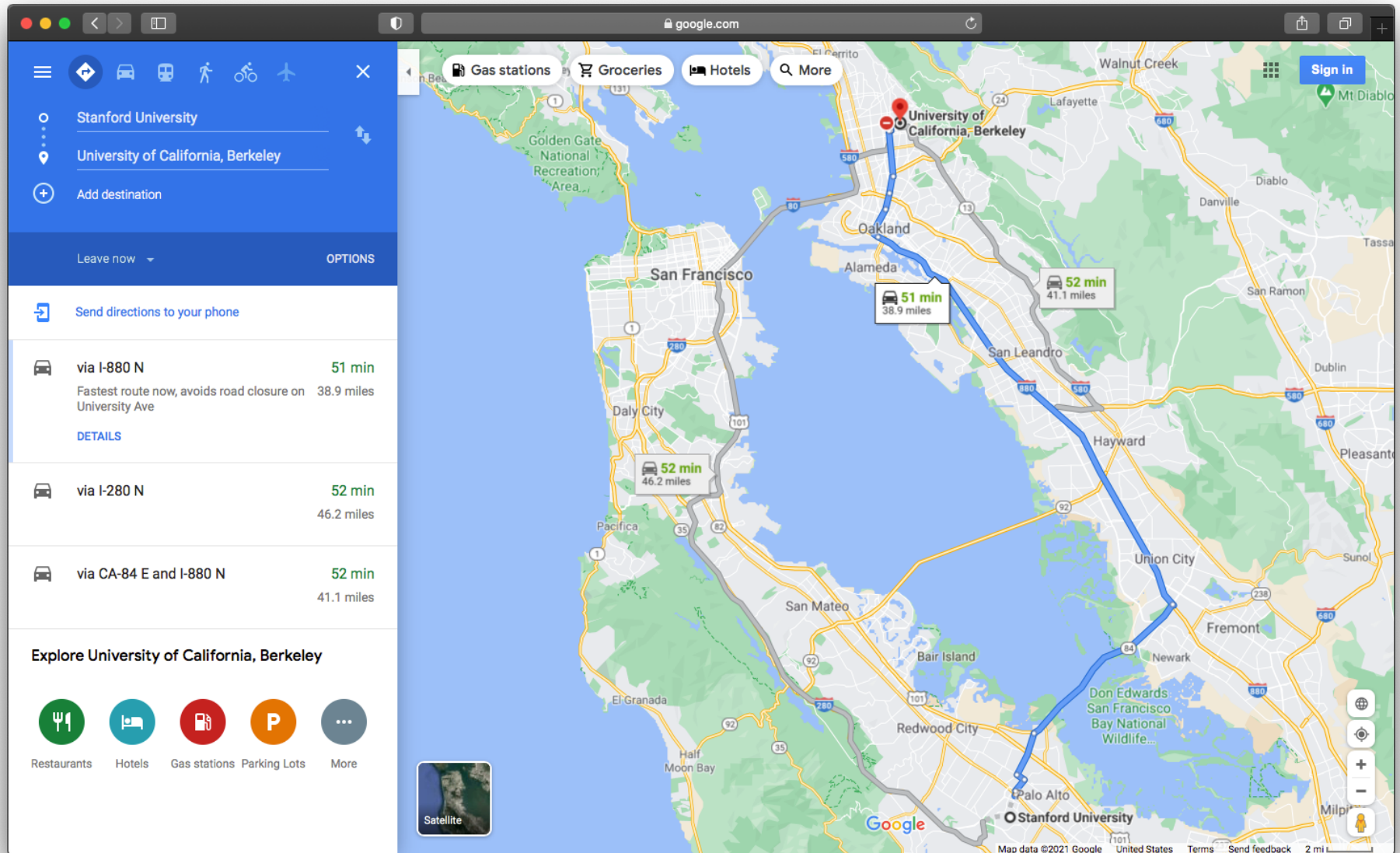
$$d(z_{cake1}, z_{cake2}) < d(z_{cake1}, z_{sweater})$$

Predict whether two nodes in a graph are related



Examples of Subgraph-level ML Tasks

Example (3): Traffic Prediction



Road Network as a Graph

- **Nodes:** Road segments
- **Edges:** Connectivity between road segments

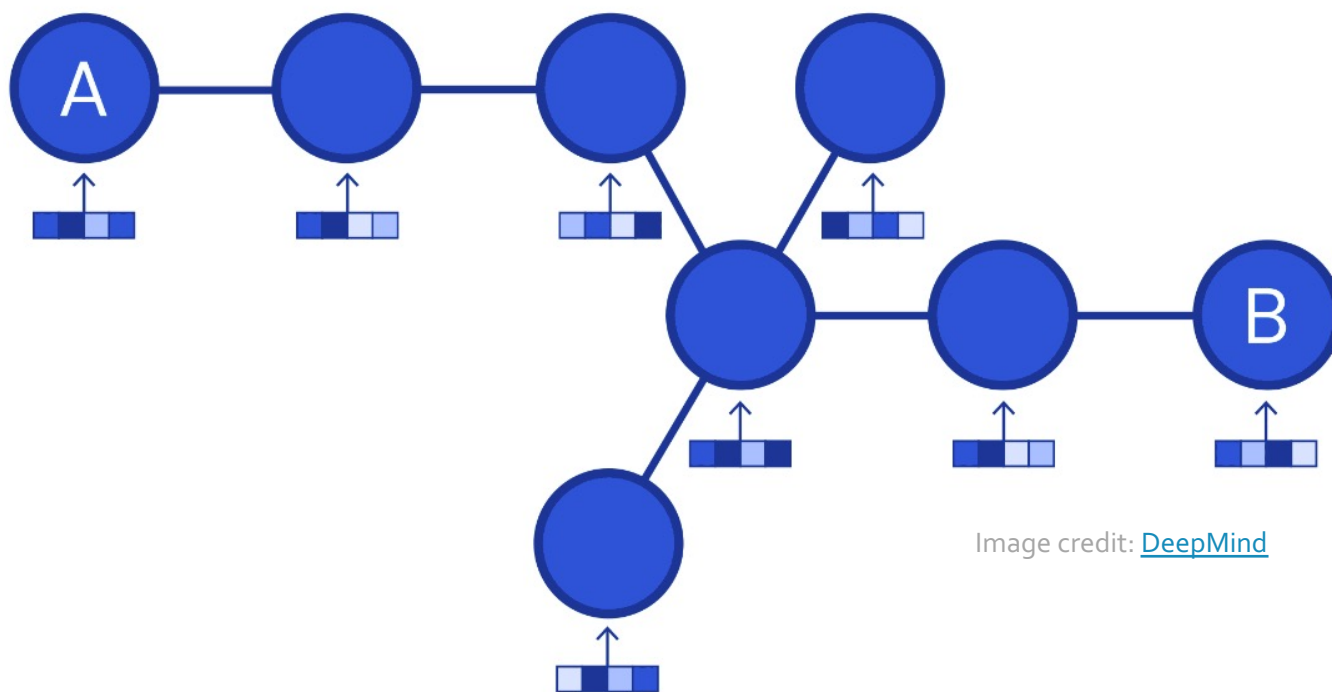
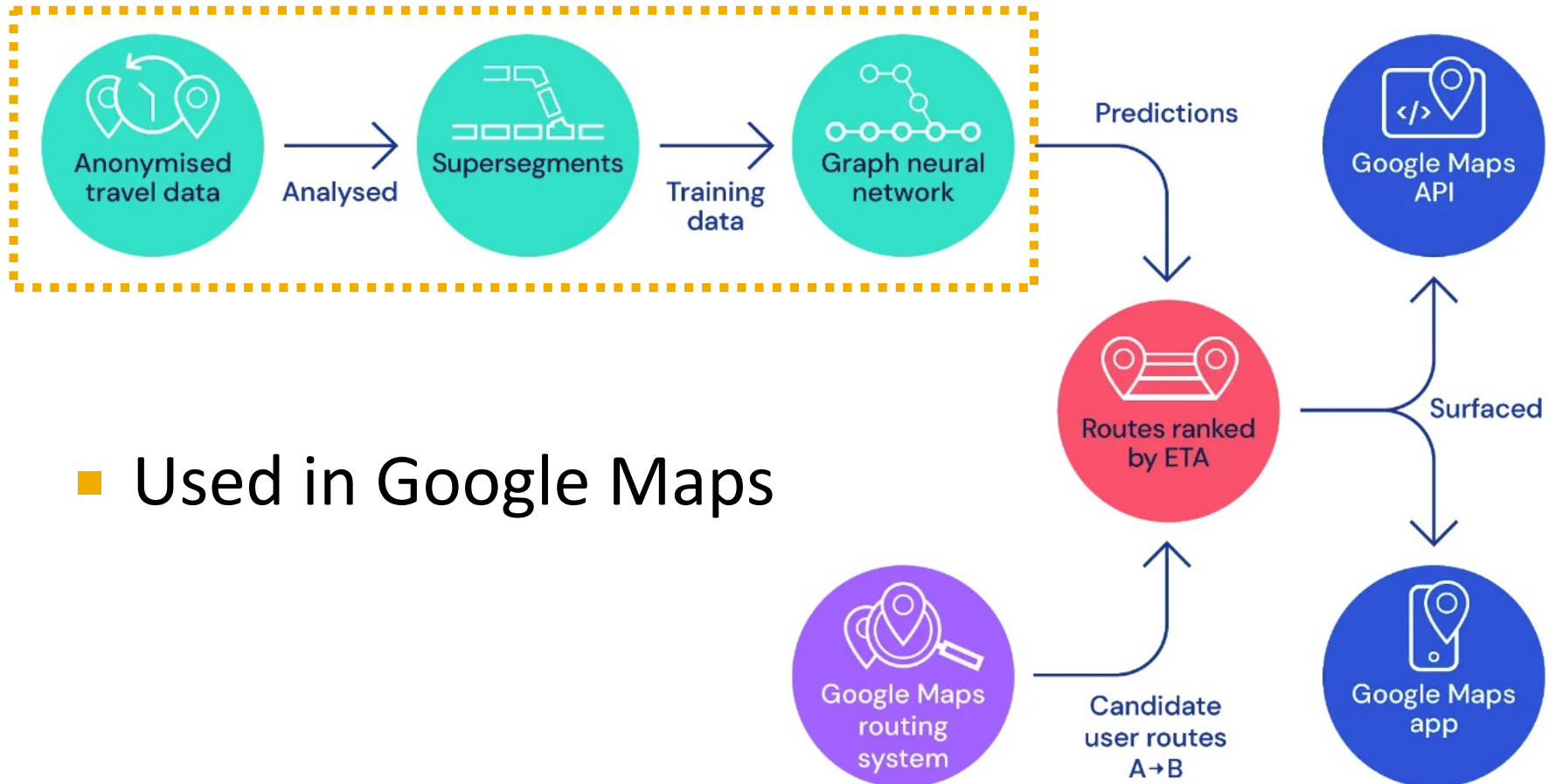


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Traffic Prediction via GNN

Predict via Graph Neural Networks



- Used in Google Maps

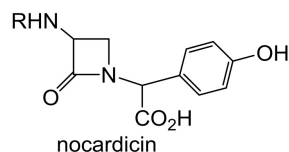
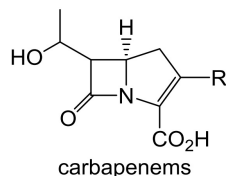
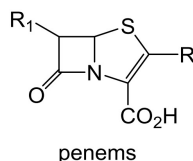
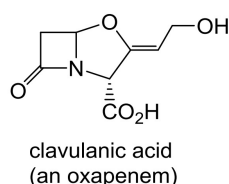
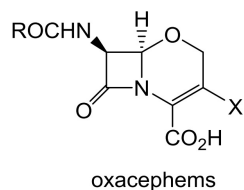
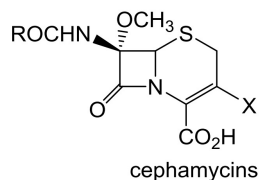
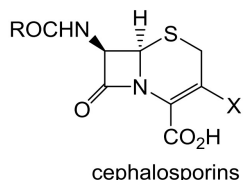
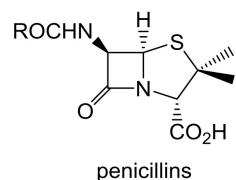
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Examples of Graph-level ML Tasks

Example (4): Drug Discovery

- Antibiotics are small molecular graphs
 - **Nodes:** Atoms
 - **Edges:** Chemical bonds

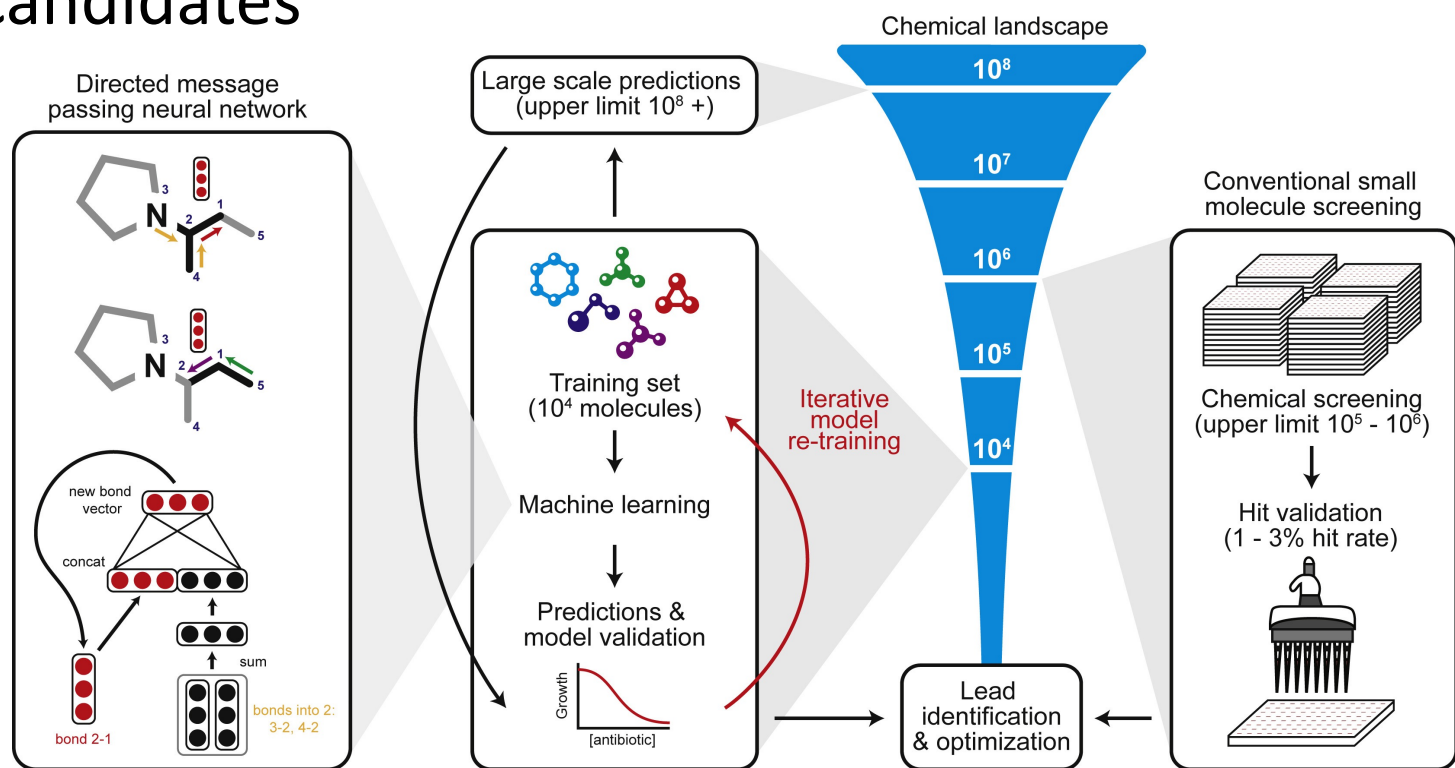


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Deep Learning for Antibiotic Discovery

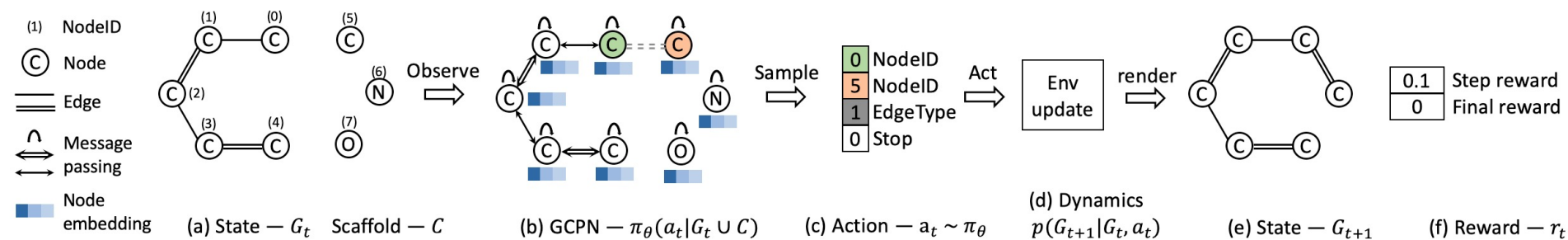
- A graph classification task
- Predict promising molecules from a pool of existing candidates



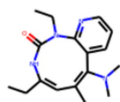
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Molecule Generation / Optimization

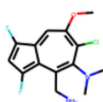
Graph generation: Generating novel molecules



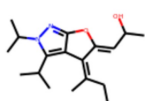
Use case 1: Generate novel molecules with high drug likeness



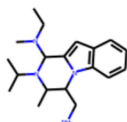
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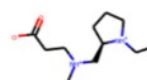


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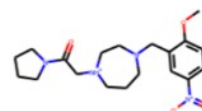


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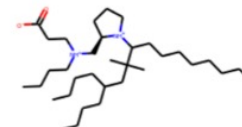
Use case 2: Optimize existing molecules to have desirable properties



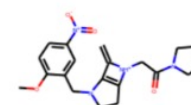
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Summary

- **Motivations for GNNs**

- Expressive and scalable

- **What is a GNN**

- **Key:** A node neighborhood aggregation function
- Define losses and training procedure

- **Applications of GNNs**

- **Different levels:** Node, edge, subgraph, graph

- **More materials:**

- Stanford CS224W
 - Course website: <http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs224w/>