16.485: VNAV - Visual Navigation for Autonomous Vehicles

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Lecture 33: GDL and Graph Neural Networks



 $\mathcal{X}(\Omega) = \{x: \Omega o \mathbb{R}\}$

Recap: Abstraction

 $\mathbb{S} = G$

 \mathbf{S}



image source: Bronstein et al. "Geometric Deep Learning" Lectures for AMMI, 2021.

Classification

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G-invariant

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Segmentation

G-equivariant

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Today

- Geometric Deep Learning Blueprint
- Apply the Blueprint to Sets
 - PointNet, Transformers
- Apply the Blueprint to Graphs
 - Graph Neural Networks
 - Scene Graphs
 - Expressivity Limits of Graph Neural Networks

Translation Equivariance and Convolution

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What does this mean?





Geometric Deep Learning Blueprint



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Classification

source: Bronstein et al. "Geometric Deep Learning: Grids, Groups, Graphs, Geodesics, and Gauges" 2021.





residual connections

A small twist to our tale ...

CNNs are not strictly translation invariant!





Using the Blueprint

Suffices to find invariant and equivariant functions on different domains





Sets

Equivariance over Sets

$$\Omega = [d] \qquad \mathcal{X}(\Omega) = \mathbb{R}^d \qquad G = \{P \,|\, P = d imes d ext{ permutation matrix}\}$$

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Equivariance over Sets

 $\Omega = [d]$ $\mathcal{X}(\Omega) = \mathbb{R}^d$ $G = \{P \mid P = d imes d ext{ permutation matrix}\}$



Recall: Attention and Transformer

is a permutation equivariant function over sets

$$x'_j = \sum_i \rho(\phi(x_j)^T \psi(x_i)) \cdot \alpha(x_i)$$

Invariance over Sets

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Invariance over Sets

$$\Omega = [d]$$
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Theorem [Zaheer'17]:
$$f:\mathcal{X}(\Omega) o\mathbb{R}$$
is G -invariant $f(x)=\psi\left(igoplus_{i=1}^d\phi(x_i)
ight)$ $\exists\,\phi,\psi$

Recall: PointNet Architecture



$$f(\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}) = \max\{h(x_i), h(x_2), \dots, h(x_n)\}$$

Simple Example

Permutation equivariant single layer perceptron

Question

Why not use the blueprint with permutation invariant/equivariant single layer perceptron?

Using G-invariant and G-equivariant single layer perceptrons

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Can approximate any G-invariant function



Domain, Signals, Symmetry, and Function Spaces

$$\Omega = G = (V = [d], E) \qquad \qquad \mathcal{X}(\Omega) = ig(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{A}_Gig)$$

 $G = \{P \mid P = d \times d \text{ permutation matrix}\}$

Space of all adjacency matrices on graph G

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Constructing Permutation Invariant Function

Easy! Any guesses?

Constructing Permutation Equivariant Functions

Local function that operates over node neighborhoods

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} - & \phi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{N}_1}) & - \\ - & \phi(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{N}_2}) & - \\ \vdots & \\ - & \phi(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{N}_n}) & - \end{bmatrix}$$

Local function must be invariant to order of neighbors





Constructing Permutation Equivariant Functions

How to construct these local functions?

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Popular Graph Neural Networks



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Popular Graph Neural Networks



PyTorch Geometric

https://www.pytorch-geometric.read thedocs.io/





Node, edge, and graph features



$$\mathbf{h}_{uv} = \psi(\mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_{uv}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{G}})$$

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$$\mathbf{h}_{u} = \phi\left(\mathbf{x}_{u}, \bigoplus_{u \in \mathcal{N}_{v}} \mathbf{h}_{vu}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{G}}\right)$$





image source: Krishna et al. "Visual Genome" 2016



 $E \subset O imes R imes O \qquad \qquad e = (s, p, o)$

subject-predicate-object

image source: Krishna et al. "Visual Genome" 2016



Scene Graph Generation



Given a segmented 3D scene (voxel, point cloud, mesh), construct a scene graph



Problems

Node class and attribute labeling

Relationship prediction and labeling

Two Approaches

- Conditional random field based methods
- Graph neural network based methods





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CRF-based Approaches

Function parameterized by W

$$P(r_e = r \mid x_{s_e}, x_{r_e}, x_{o_e}) = rac{1}{Z} \mathrm{exp}\{\Phi(r \mid x_{s_e}, x_{r_e}, x_{o_e}, W)\}$$



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Limitation

Does not take into account the spatial correlations between different objects and their relationship in the scene

GNN-based Approaches



2.
$$h_i' = \psi\left(\oplus_{j\,:\,(i-r-j)\in E} h_j, \oplus_{j\,:\,(j-r-i)\in E} h_j
ight)$$

Propagate message across the graph and help learn spatial correlations

3. $x_i' = x_i + \operatorname{MLP}(h_i')$

Problems

Limited expressivity of graph neural networks

Cannot distinguish between two different graphs.



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Graph Isomorphism Problem

Give two finite graphs G and H, determine if they are isomorphic

- Hard problem to solve.
- Not known if polynomial time or NP-complete.
- Complexity exponential in graph treewidth.









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- Expressivity of graph neural networks is less than the Weisfeiler-Lehman test.
- For discrete feature space, graph isomorphism network does as well as the Weisfeiler-Lehman test.

$$x'_v = ext{MLP}\left((1+\epsilon)x_v + \sum_{u\in N_v} x_u
ight)$$

Xu et al. "How Powerful are Graph Neural Networks?" ICLR 2019

Does not hold for continuous feature space!







Sets	Graphs
Using G-invariant and G-equivariant single layer perceptrons	Standard Graph Neural Networks
Are invariant/equivariant	Are invariant/equivariant
Zaheer's approximation	
$f(x) = \psi \left(igoplus_{i=1}^d \phi(x_i) ight)$ Can approximate any G-invariant function	Architecture that can approximate any G-invariant/equivariant function



k-order Graph Neural Network

• Form a k-order Graph

$$G = (V, E) \longrightarrow G^k = (V^k, \tilde{E})$$

• Graph Neural Network on k-order graphs



Morris et al. "Weisfeiler and Leman Go Neural: Higher-order Graph Neural Networks" 2019

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Models for Scene Graphs

Probabilistic graphical models have been used to describe scene graphs



New: Neural Trees

- Neural Tree architecture
- Approximation Results
- Experiments

Any (smooth) graph compatible function can be approximated by a Neural Tree



Rajat Talak, Siyi Hu, Lisa Peng, and Luca Carlone "Neural Trees for Learning on Graphs" NeurIPS 2021

Cenerate a tree structured graph called *H*-tree

Generated tree structured graph

234

345

Exact inference on

prob. graphical model

functions

123

Neural Tree is message passing on H-tree



Conclusion





Error Decomposition