#### Neural Symbolic Systems on Graphs

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Deep Learning on Graphs

Selsam et al's NeuroSAT

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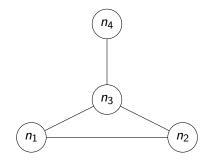
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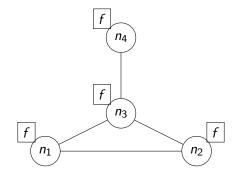
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- [Scarselli et al., 2009] One could adapt this to work with different "kinds" of nodes (i.e. the edge and graph nodes in [Battaglia et al., 2018])

## The Graph Neural Network Model: A Graph



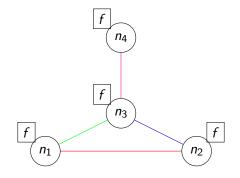
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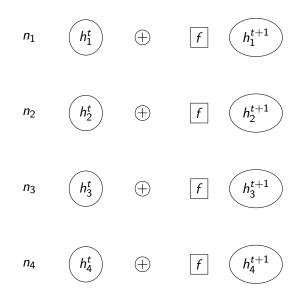


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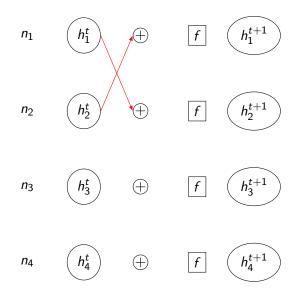
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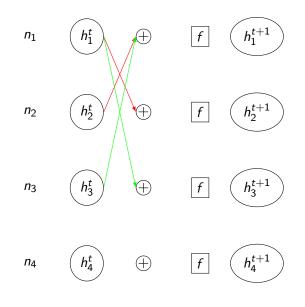
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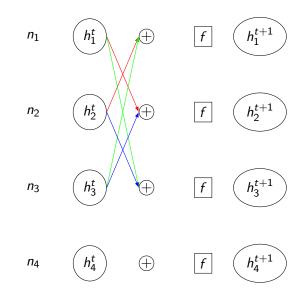
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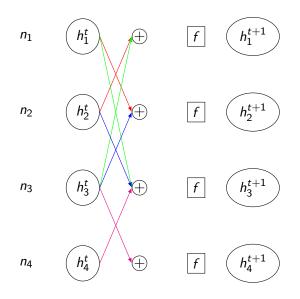
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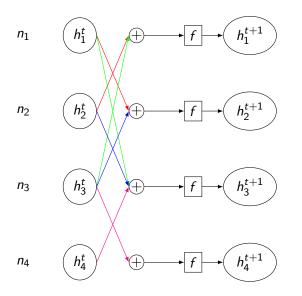
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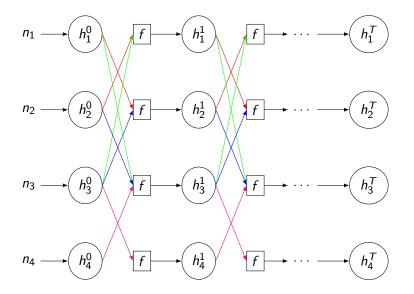


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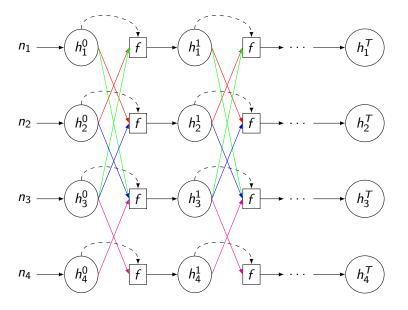


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The Graph Neural Network Model: Unrolling in time



The Graph Neural Network Model: Recurrent connections



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#### Mathematical formalisation

With sum-aggregation, it is easy to organise the propagation as matrix multiplication. Given an adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  with shape (n, n), the learned function f, and the current node "state"  $\mathbf{h}^t$  with shape (n, d), we have:

 $\mathbf{h}^{t+1} = f(\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{h}^t)$ 

Which translates, on a node-to-node basis as:

$$\mathbf{h}_n^{t+1} = f(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(n)} \mathbf{h}_j^t)$$

With  $\mathcal{N}(n)$  being the neighbourhood of node *n*.

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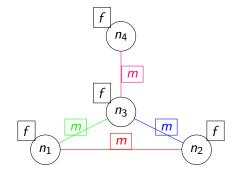
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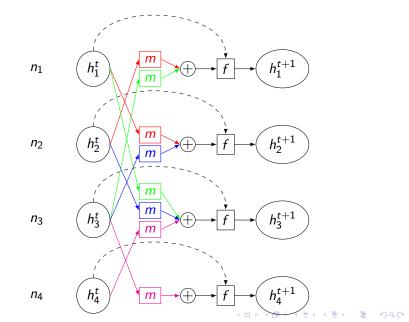
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- "Messages" propagated for a given number of iterations instead

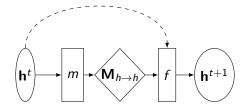


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#### MPNN "blocks"

We'll use the following graphical representation for simplifying the MPNN blocks, ellipses are state tensors, rectangles are learned functions, diamonds represent matrix multiplication (or any other type of neighbourhood aggregation), circles (not present) are pointwise operations, and if two arrows join at a point their tensors are most likely concatenated for every tuple of node:



## Details Left Out

- Messaging functions often take more than just the source's embedding.
- Neighbourhood aggregation can be made in many ways:
  - Sum-aggregation [Gori et al., 2005, Scarselli et al., 2009, Gilmer et al., 2017, Selsam et al., 2018, Xu et al., 2019]
  - Average-aggregation [Kipf and Welling, 2017]
  - Attentional sum-aggregation [Velickovic et al., 2018]
  - Product-aggregation
  - Or any other order-invariant function
- Readout functions can be really diverse, using only specific nodes, all nodes of a kind/type, pairs of nodes, etc...
- Batching of different input graphs (done as a block-diagonal matrix)

## Graph Convolutions

Independently, generalisations of convolutions to graph-domains, such as [Kipf and Welling, 2017], led to an architecture similar to [Scarselli et al., 2009], only with no recurrent connection, untied weights, and average-aggregation instead of sum-aggregation.

### Graph Networks

[Battaglia et al., 2018] suggests the generalisation of the concept of graph neural networks to models other than neural networks, builds upon this idea of inductive bias and argues for three specific kinds/types of nodes: Vertex, Edge and Graph-level nodes.

# Recap

We can:

- Assemble neural modules in the configuration of the input graphs and propagate information through neighbours.
- Work with different "kinds" /types of nodes by training different "update" and "message" functions, working on different sets of embeddings, and different adjacency matrices (we'll see examples soon).
- Read out the embeddings at the last layer and use them to provide an answer to the problem at hand.

## NeuroSAT: CNF formulas as Hypergraphs

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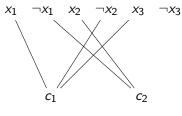
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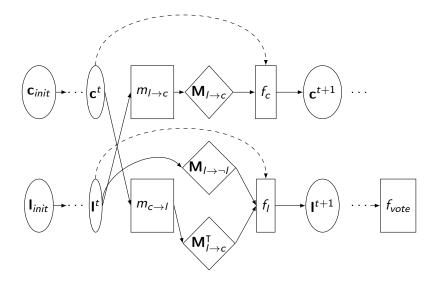
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## The NeuroSAT Model



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# Summary

- Two types of nodes: literals and clauses.
- Literals communicate with clauses they are in and with their negated counterparts
- Clauses communicate with literals they contain
- Same (learned) initial embedding for all literals and another for all clauses.
- Readout function as each literal voting on satisfiability, final answer by averaging

# Major Outcomes

The 3 most important things in [Selsam et al., 2018]'s experiments were, in our opinion:

- Provided a way to build pairs of almost equal problems with radically different answers
- An algorithm-like neural message-passing procedure that has monotonically non-decreasing performance over time.

A way to extract meaningful information to the point of reconstructing solutions to the problems

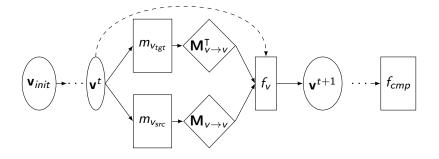
#### Where We Came From

The three achievements cited above came as a guidance for our experiments. All our models are direct applications of the MPNN in Selsam et al's NeuroSAT architecture, with changes made mostly at the beginning and end of the pipeline and thus we'll leave the details out and give only the overview of these models.

## Centrality

Simple application of a GNN/MPNN based on previous work at our lab. For the readout we arrange every possible pair of node embeddings and produce a ranking by training a MLP module serve as a "greater than" comparison. That is:  $r_c(\mathbf{h}_a, \mathbf{h}_b) = 1$  if  $c(n_a) > c(n_b)$  else 0, with  $r_c$  being the learned comparison module for centrality c,  $\mathbf{h}_i$  being the embedding for node i and  $c(n_i)$  the centrality value of that node under centrality measure c.

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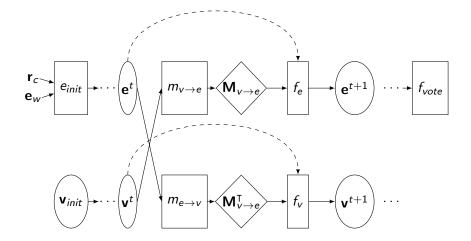
- Only nodes.
- Nodes communicate with neighbours
- Same (learned) initial embedding for all nodes.
- Readout function as each pair of nodes being compared based on their centrality values

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## Travelling Salesman Problem

Exactly the same idea as NeuroSAT, only the voting occurs in the edges and the initial embedding is initialised through a learned function that takes as inputs an edge's cost and the maximum route cost. Couldn't find a way to interpret the embeddings as in NeuroSAT.

#### TSP – The Model



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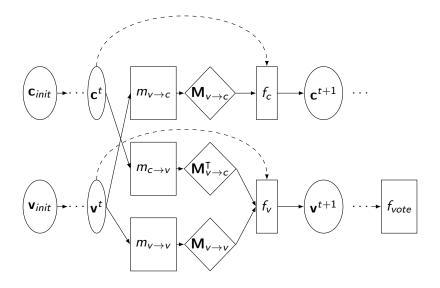
# TSP – Summary

- Nodes and Edges.
- Nodes communicate with edges and edges with nodes
- Same (learned) initial embedding for all nodes.
- Edges initialised according to a (learned) function on the edge's cost and the maximum path lenght.
- Readout function as each edge voting on satisfiability, final answer by averaging values
- Trained on solving the same problem with a small deviation above/below the optimum.

# Graph Colouring

Exactly the same idea as NeuroSAT, only that the initial embeddings for the colours are random. Results interpretable in the sense of conflicts in the clusterings.

#### GCP - The Model



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# GCP – Summary

- Nodes and Colours.
- Nodes communicate between themselves and with colours, colours communicate with nodes
- Same (learned) initial embedding for all nodes.
- Randomly initialised colour embeddings.
- Readout function as each vertex (node) voting on satisfiability, final answer by averaging values
- Trained on solving the same problem with the chromatic number and one below the chromatic number.

## Link Prediction

Currently working on a model for Link Prediction, extending the work of [McCallum et al., 2017] with MPNNs, achieving good results so far.

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## Key Ideas from Experience

- Work in the domain of the problem: Node-centralities should focus on node embeddings, edge-centric problems such as TSP/Link prediction should focus on edge embeddings, if you need k different "graph-level" embeddings for k coloring then have them.
- Too many propagation steps can make it harder to learn.
- Training the loss on each message-passing iteration helps solutions with monotonically increasing performance over more iterations (as in [Palm et al., 2018]).
- If working on a symbolic problem, using instances that are very similar in structure but have opposite answers also help training.
- The fun part is less about the GNN/MPNN model itself and more about how you engineer the pipeline before and after the model.

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