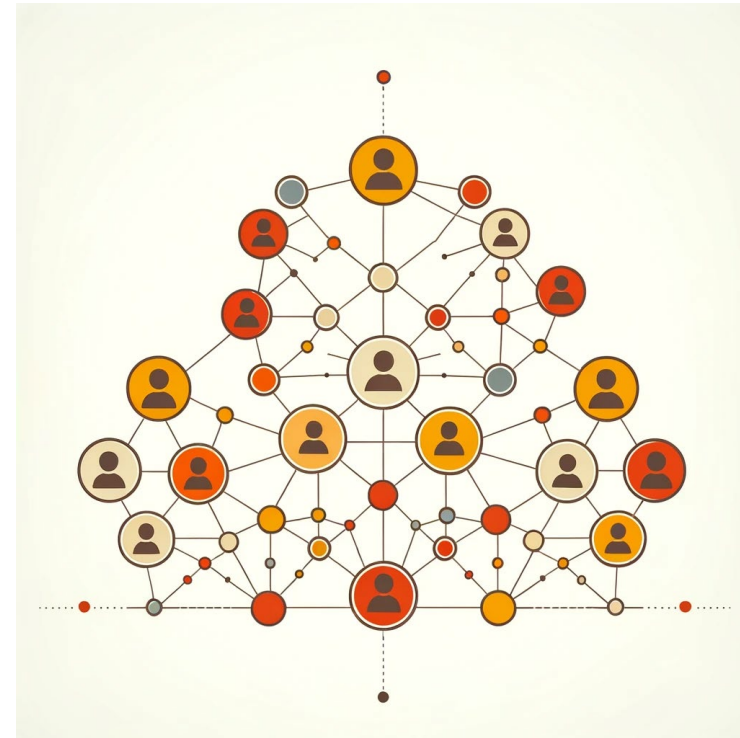


# Lecture 18

# Graph Neural Network- Part 1

# Graphs are structured data

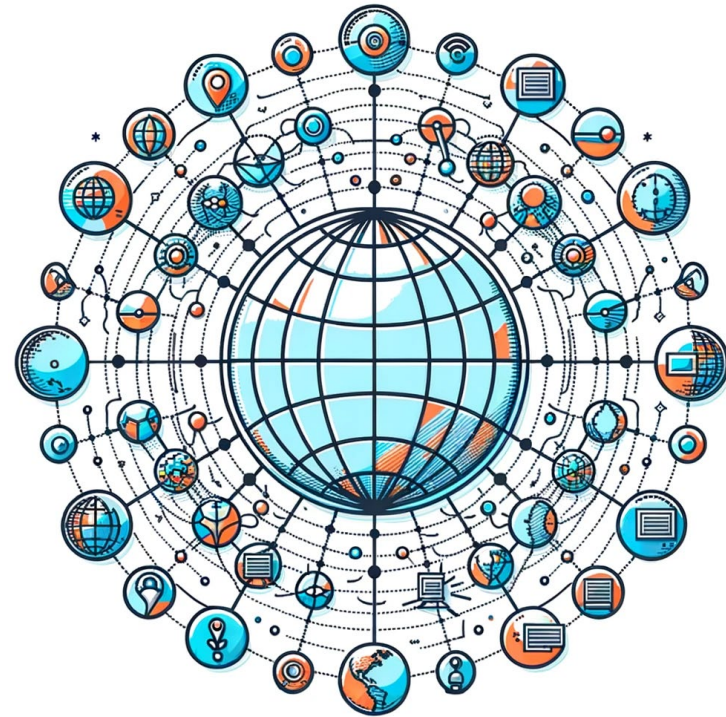
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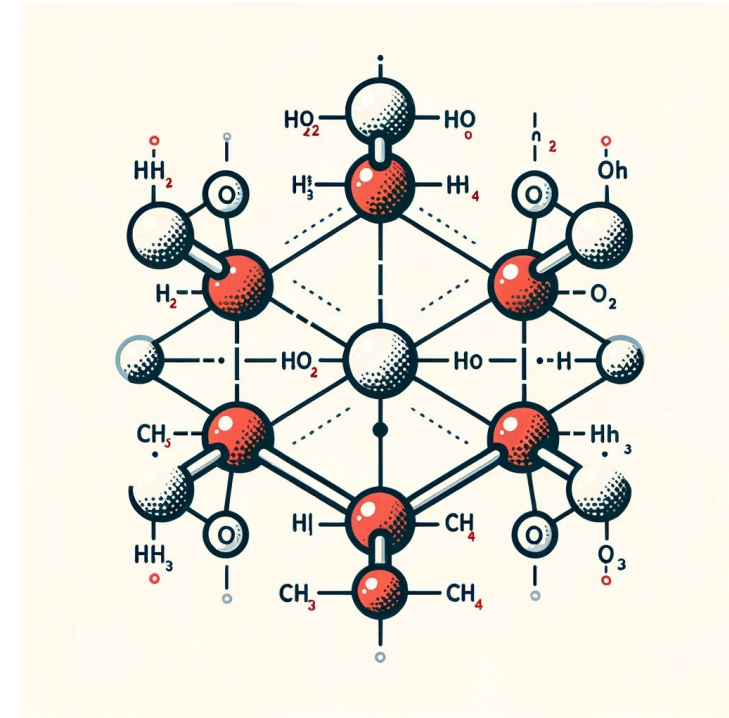
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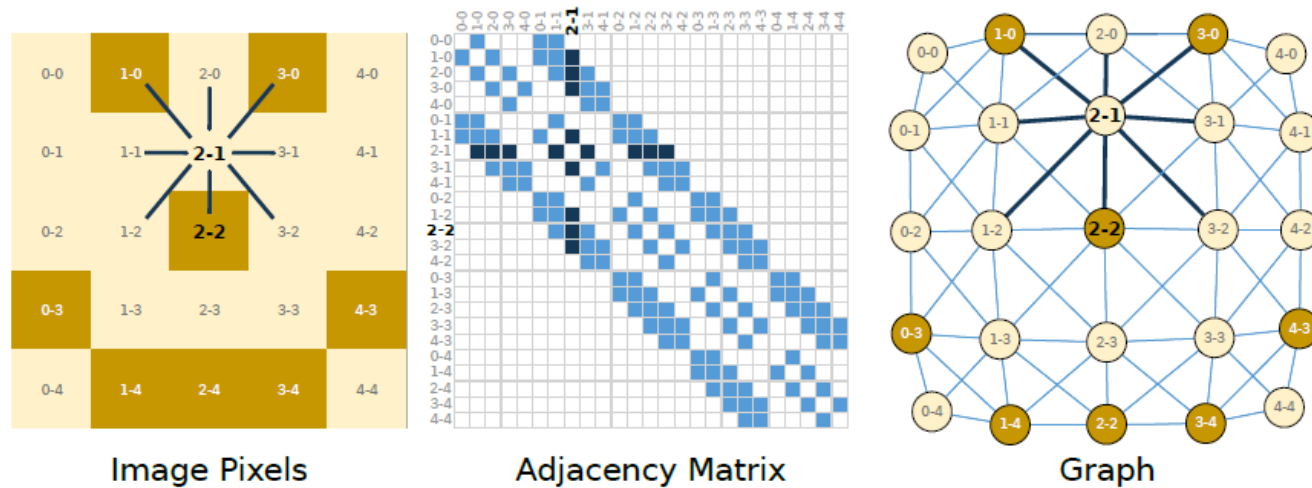
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- Molecules



# Images are graphs

- Images are graphs, where each pixel represents a node and is connected via an edge to adjacent pixels



# Text as graphs

- Each token is a node and is connected via an edge to the node that preceding it.

Texts are graphs

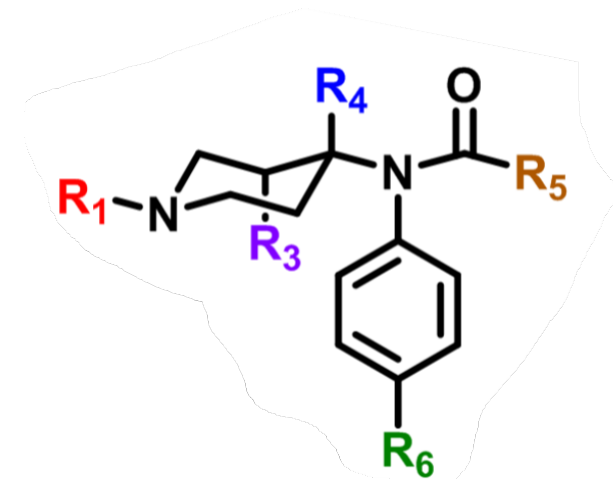


# Tasks

- Graph-level task
- Node-level task
- Edge-level task

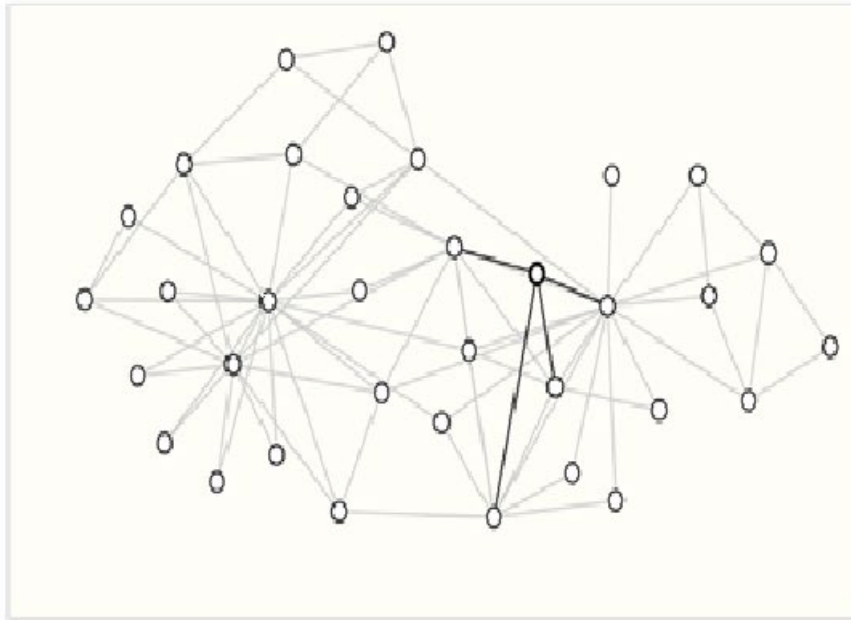
# Graph-level task

- Predict the property of an entire graph.
- Predict whether a molecule will bind to a receptor or not.



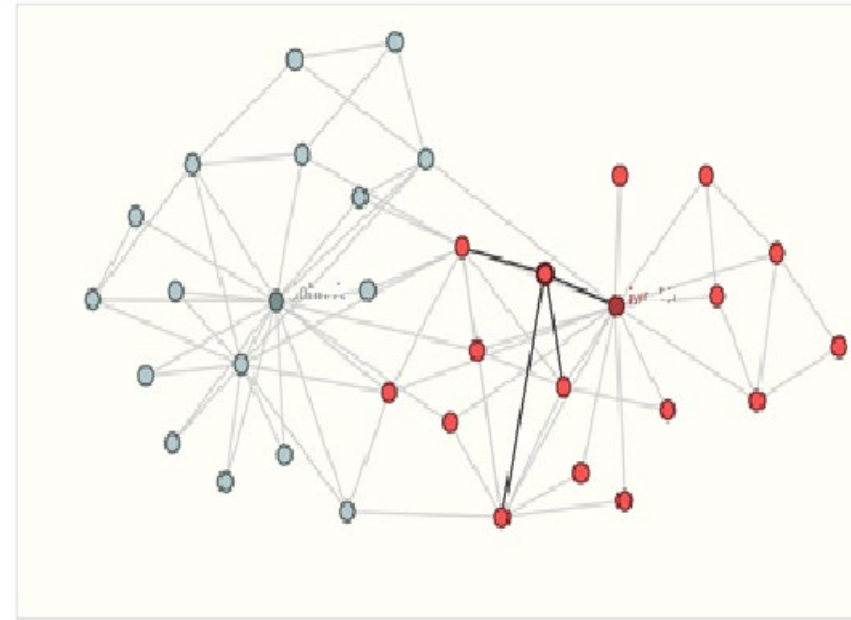
# Node-level task

- Predicting the identity or role of each node within a graph.



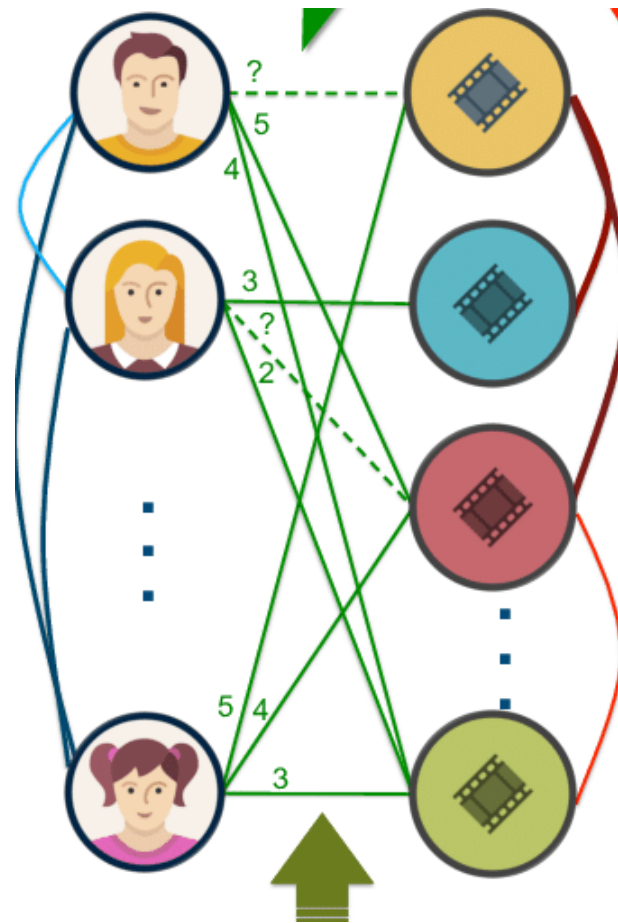
Input: graph with unlabeled nodes

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Output: graph node labels

# Edge-level task



# CNN as GNN

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Image

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Convolved  
Feature

# CNN as GNN

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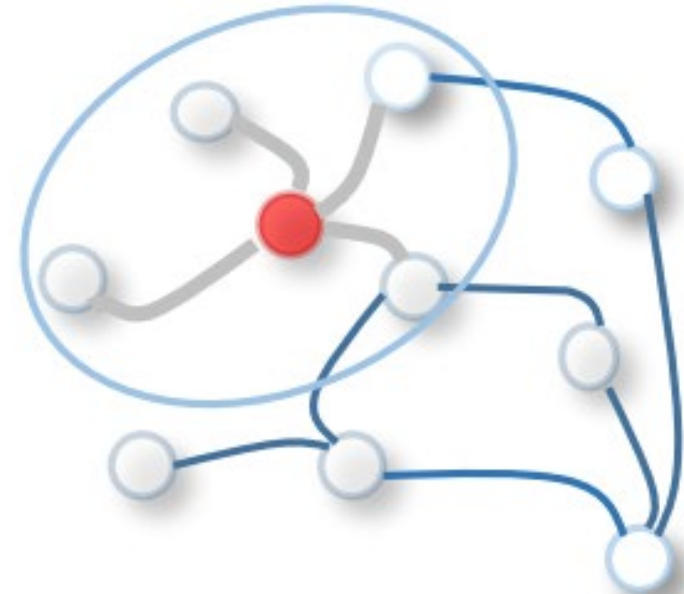
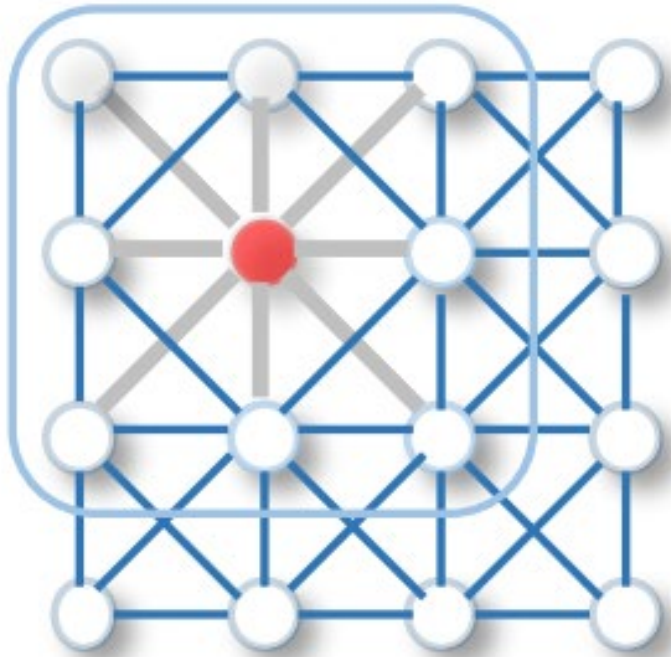


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# Convolution

This operation is called convolution.

$$s(t) = \int x(a)w(t - a)da$$

The convolution operation is typically denoted with an asterisk:

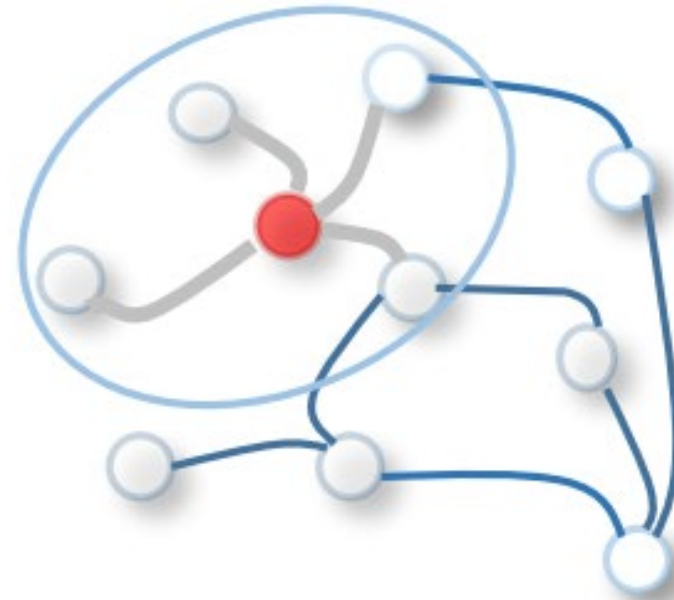
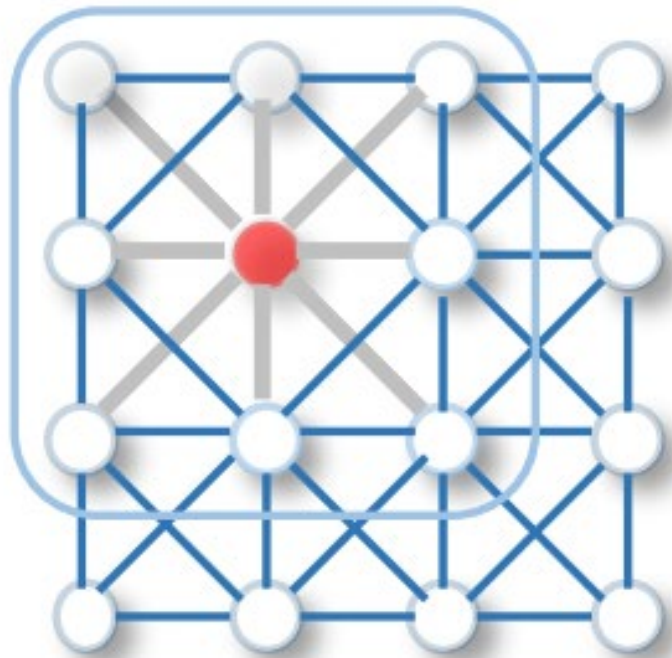
$$s(t) = (x * w)(t)$$

# Discrete convolution

If we now assume that  $x$  and  $w$  are defined only on integer  $t$ , we can define the discrete convolution:

$$s[t] = (x * w)(t) = \sum_{a=-\infty}^{\infty} x[a]w[t - a]$$

# Convolution on Graphs



# Definition of a Graph

A graph  $G$  can be defined as a set of vertices  $V$  and edges  $E$ , along with an adjacency matrix  $A$ .

## Graph Notation

$$G = (V, E, A)$$

- $V$ : Vertices or Nodes
- $E$ : Edges, representing connections between vertices
- $A$ : Adjacency Matrix, indicating the presence (1) or absence (0) of an edge between vertex pairs

The adjacency matrix is a binary matrix indicating whether pairs of vertices are adjacent.

- $A_{ij} = 1$  if there is an edge between vertex  $i$  and vertex  $j$
- $A_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

# Laplacian of a Graph

The Laplacian matrix  $L$  of a graph provides insights into the graph's structure, including its connectivity and the presence of clusters.

## Laplacian Matrix

$$L = D - A$$

- $D$ : Degree Matrix, a diagonal matrix with the degree of each vertex along the diagonal
- $A$ : Adjacency Matrix, as defined above

# Degree Matrix and Degree of a Vertex

The degree matrix  $D$  is a square matrix where each diagonal element  $d_i$  represents the degree of the corresponding vertex  $i$ .

## Degree Matrix Notation

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

## Degree of a Vertex

$$d_i = \sum_j A_{ij}$$

- The degree  $d_i$  is the sum of the elements in the  $i$ -th row of  $A$ , representing the number of edges connected to vertex  $i$ .

# Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sum} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum A_{1j} \\ \sum A_{2j} \\ \sum A_{3j} \\ \sum A_{4j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Laplacian Matrix**

$$L = D - A$$



# Graph Cut Optimization Problem

- **Objective:** Find a cut that divides the graph into segments with minimal interconnections.
- **Minimization Target:**  $\sum A_{ij}(y_i - y_j)^2$ , captures the 'cut' cost.
- **Equation:**  $y^T L y$ , where  $L$  is the Laplacian matrix and  $y$  is a vector indicating node segments.
- **Constraint Applied:**  $y^T y = 1$ , ensures non-trivial solutions.
- **Vector  $y$ :** Represents the assignment of nodes to segments, dimension  $n \times 1$ .
- **Solution Method:** Eigen decomposition of  $L$  identifies optimal partitioning.

# Eigen Decomposition of Laplacian

- Decomposed as  $L = U\Lambda U^T$
- $U$ : Orthonormal eigenvectors
  - Eigenvectors are orthogonal and normalized
- $\Lambda$ : Diagonal matrix with eigenvalues
  - Each diagonal entry is an eigenvalue that pairs with an eigenvector in  $U$

# Normalized Laplacian

- Start with standard Laplacian:  $L = D - A$ 
  - $D$ : Degree matrix
  - $A$ : Adjacency matrix

- Normalized Laplacian is defined as:

$$\tilde{L} = D^{-\frac{1}{2}} (D - A) D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- Can be simplified to:

$$\tilde{L} = I - D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- $I$ : Identity matrix

# Laplacian Eigenvectors & Fourier Analysis Analogy

- **Fourier Analysis:**
- **Mathematical Definition:** Decomposition of a signal into sinusoidal components.
- **Frequency Domain:** A signal is transformed to represent it as a sum of its frequency components.
- **Basis Functions:** Sine and cosine functions serve as the basis for this transformation.
- **Orthogonality:** These basis functions are orthogonal, ensuring unique frequency representation.

# Graph Laplacian Eigenvectors

- **Graph Signals:** Functions defined over the nodes of a graph.
- **Spectral Domain:** Eigenvectors of  $L$  transform graph signals into the spectral domain.
- **Eigenvector Basis:** Analogous to sines and cosines, eigenvectors form a basis for graph signals.
- **Orthogonality:** Eigenvectors are orthogonal, providing a unique spectral representation for graph signals.

# Eigenvectors of Laplacian

- **Low Eigenvalues:** Correspond to "low-frequency" eigenvectors.
  - These eigenvectors change slowly over the graph.
  - Represent large-scale, smooth structures in the graph.
- **High Eigenvalues:** Correspond to "high-frequency" eigenvectors.
  - These eigenvectors change rapidly between connected nodes.
  - Capture fine details or irregularities in the graph.
- **Ordering:** Eigenvalues (and eigenvectors) are ordered from lowest to highest.

# Fourier Functions

- The following is the eigen-decomposition of graph Laplacian,

$$L = U^T \Lambda U$$

$$U = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n]$$

$\Lambda_{ii} = \lambda_i$  diagonal matrix of eigenvalues (spectrum)

$$U^T U = I$$

$\mathbf{u}_1$  to  $\mathbf{u}_n$  are eigenvectors of laplacian also called Fourier functions.

# Fourier Transform

- The Fourier transform is projecting a signal  $x$  on the Fourier functions.
- The result is the coefficients of the Fourier series.
- The **graph Fourier transform** projects the input graph signal to the orthonormal space where the basis is formed by eigenvectors of the **normalized graph Laplacian**.



# Fourier Transform

- Suppose  $x \in R^n$  is a feature vector of all nodes of a graph where  $x_i$  is the value of the  $i^{th}$  node.

- The graph Fourier transform to a signal  $x$

$$f(x) = U^T x = \hat{x}$$

- The inverse graph Fourier transform

$$f^{-1}(\hat{x}) = U \hat{x} = U U^T x = x$$

# Convolution Theorem

- The graph convolution of the input signal  $x$  with a filter  $g \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as:

**Convolution Theorem:**  $f(x * g) = (f(x) \cdot f(g))$

$$\begin{aligned}x * g &= f^{-1}(f(x) \cdot f(g)) \\ &= U(U^T x \cdot U^T g) \\ &= U g_{\theta} U^T x\end{aligned}$$

Where  $g_{\theta} = \text{diag}(U^T g)$

# Vanilla Spectral GCN and ChebNet

# ConvGNNs

- Spectral-based
  - Graph signal processing perspective.
- Spatial-based
  - Define graph convolutions by information propagation.
- GCN [1] bridged the gap between spectral-based approaches and spatial-based approaches.

[1] T. N. Kipf and M. Welling, “Semi-supervised classification with graph convolutional networks,” in Proc. of ICLR, 2017.

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# Neural Network Layers

## Feedforward Neural Networks (FFNN):

- Computation in layers:  $h' = \sigma(Wh)$
- Each layer's output  $h'$  becomes the next layer's input.
- $h_0$  (initial input) is the feature vector  $x$ .

## Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN):

- Layer computation uses convolution:  $h' = \sigma(w * h)$
- $w$ : Learned filters/kernels that slide over  $h$ .

# Vanilla Spectral GNN

- The graph convolutional layer of Spectral CNN [\*] is defined as

$$U^T g = \begin{bmatrix} u_g^T \\ \vdots \\ u_{ng}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x * g &= f^{-1}(f(x) \cdot f(g)) \\ &= U(U^T x \cdot U^T g) \\ &= U g_{\theta} U^T x \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} H' &= \sigma(U \Theta U^T H) \\ X &= H^{(0)} \\ g_{\theta} &= \Theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T g & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & u_n^T g \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Theta$  is a diagonal matrix with learnable parameters.

[\*] Bruna, W. Zaremba, A. Szlam, and Y. LeCun, "Spectral networks and locally connected networks on graphs," in Proc. of ICLR, 2014.

# Limitation

- eigen-decomposition requires  $O(n^3)$  computational complexity.



# ChebNet

- Approximates the filter  $g_\theta$  by Chebyshev [\*] polynomials of the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues  $\Lambda$ .

[\*] M. Defferrard, X. Bresson, and P. Vandergheynst, “Convolutional neural networks on graphs with fast localized spectral filtering,” in Proc. of NIPS, 2016, pp. 3844–3852.

# Chebyshev Polynomials of the First Kind

- $\cos(\theta) = \cos(\theta)$
- $\cos(2\theta) = 2 \cos^2(\theta) - 1$
- $\cos(3\theta) = 4 \cos^3(\theta) - 3 \cos(\theta)$

## Chebyshev Polynomials:

- By substituting  $\cos(\theta) = x$ , we obtain:

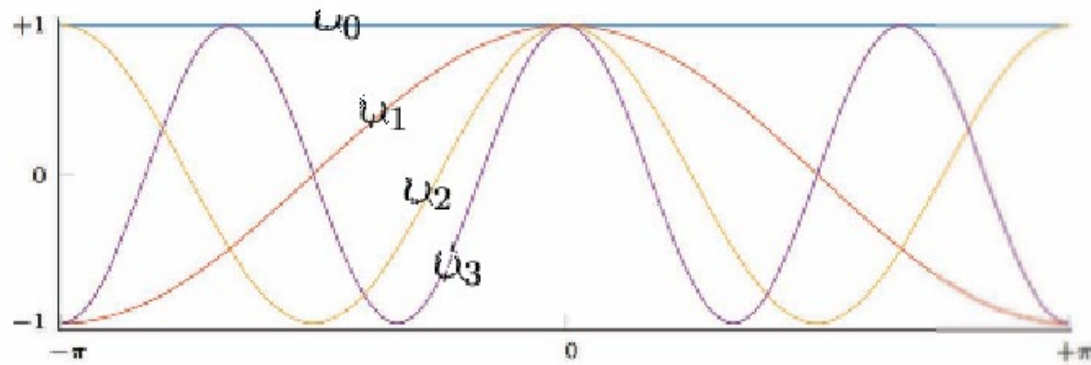
- $T_1(x) = x$
- $T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$
- $T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$

- $T_n(x)$  denotes the  $n$ th polynomial.
- Orthogonal on the interval  $[-1, 1]$

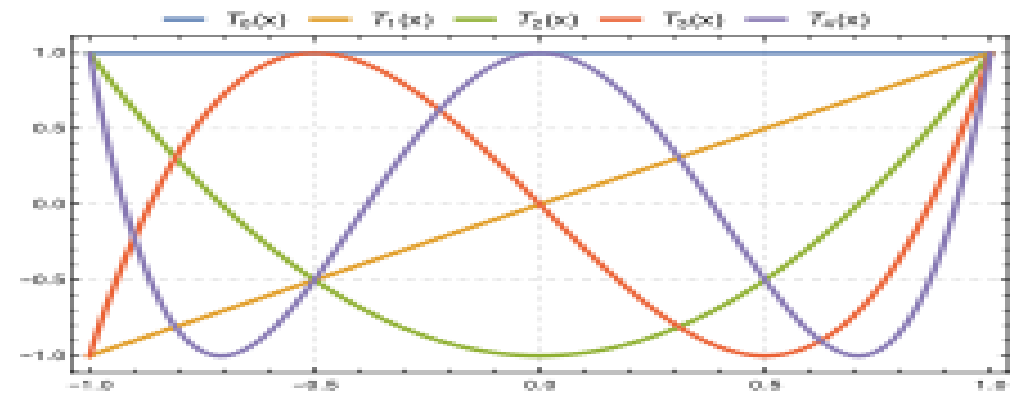
# Chebyshev Polynomials of the First Kind

- $T_0(x) = 1$
- $T_1(x) = x$
- For  $i \geq 2$ ,  $T_i(x) = 2xT_{i-1}(x) - T_{i-2}(x)$

$$\sum \alpha_i b_i$$



Fourier basis (eigenvectors of 1D Laplacian)



Chebyshev polynomials

# ChebNet Graph Convolution

- $g_\theta = \sum_i \theta_i T_i(\tilde{\Lambda})$
- $g_\theta$ : Graph convolutional filter parameterized by  $\theta$ .
- $\tilde{\Lambda}$ : Scaled version of the eigenvalues of the Laplacian matrix.
- $\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{2\Lambda}{\lambda_{max}} - I_n$ 
  - Normalizes the eigenvalues to fall within  $[-1, 1]$ .
- $x * g = U g_\theta U^T x$
- $x * g = \sum_i \theta_i U T_i(\tilde{\Lambda}) U^T x$

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- It is equivalent to:

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We can compute  $\tilde{L}$  without the eigendecomposition of  $L$ .  
The scaled Laplacian  $\tilde{L}$  is

$$\tilde{L} = \frac{2L}{\lambda_{max}} - I_n$$