GNN: GRAPH GENERATION

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Generative models model the joint probability distribution P(X, Y) over the input X and output Y.



Source: https://duphan.wordpress.com/2016/10/27/gaussian-discriminant-analysis-and-logistic-regression/

Generative models can be used to generate examples.

They are generative models that use deep learning, e.g. GPT-1/2/3, VAEs, GANs.



(a) GPT2 [6] generates text from the given prompt



(b) Imaginary celebrities generated by Progressive GAN [3]

Graphs are used to model data containing relations among distinct entities.

Graph generation aims to generate graphs with some desired properties.



Source:

https://news.mit.edu/2013/new-approach-to-vertexconnectivity-could-maximize-networks-bandwidth-1224

EXAMPLE: MOLECULE GENERATION



Figure: Schematic comparison of material discovery paradigms [7]

- Discreteness: Graphs are discrete structures
- Variability: Graphs can be of different sizes
- Ordering: Graph nodes and edges are unordered

Working with graphs as adjacency matrices helps tackle the **discreteness** problem.

This leads to two popular classes of deep graph generators:

- **Single-Shot**: Outputs the entire adjacency matrix at once
- Autoregressive: Sequentially outputs each row of the adjacency matrix

SINGLE-SHOT MODELS

These tackle the **variability** problem by fixing a maximum size for the graph. Then they prune the adjacency matrix.

Different models tackle the **ordering** problem in different ways.

We study the following single-shot models:

- ► GraphVAE [8]
- MolGAN [1]

SINGLE-SHOT MODELS

GRAPHVAE

GraphVAE uses a Variational Autoencoder [4] (VAE) setup.



It is a GNN that takes G = (A, E, F) and the graph properties y.

It models $q_{\phi}(z|G)$ for the latent vector *z*.



It is an MLP that takes a latent vector *z* and the graph properties *y*.

It models $p_{\theta}(G|z)$ with the **probabilistic adjacency matrix** \tilde{A} and the class probabilities \tilde{E}, \tilde{F} .



The PAM \tilde{A} is of size $k \times k$, where k is the maximum graph size.

Each element is a sigmoid probability, which is **thresholded** during inference.



THE PROBABILISTIC ADJACENCY MATRIX

The diagonal element \tilde{A}_{ii} shows whether to keep node *i*.

The off-diagonal element \tilde{A}_{ij} shows whether to keep edge $i \rightarrow j$.



During training, the decoder will be fed $z \sim q_{\phi}(z|G)$.

During inference, it will be fed $z \sim \mathcal{N}(o, l)$.



The decoder loss consists of the cross-entropy loss for \tilde{A} , \tilde{E} and \tilde{F} .

However, due to the **ordering** problem, the node orders between \tilde{G} and G can differ.



Approximate graph matching is used to **assign** nodes from \tilde{G} to nodes in *G*.

This gives us $X \in \{0, 1\}^{k \times n}$, where $X_{ij} = 1$ iff node $i \in \tilde{G}$ is assigned to node $j \in G$.

However, it is very **slow**.



The cross-entropy losses are now calculated for the following:

$$A'_{k \times k} = XAX^{\mathsf{T}} - \tilde{A}_{k \times k}$$
$$E_{n \times n} - \tilde{E}'_{n \times n} = X^{\mathsf{T}}\tilde{E}X$$
$$F_n - \tilde{F}'_n = X^{\mathsf{T}}\tilde{F}$$

The final decoder loss is a weighted sum of these loss terms.

GRAPHVAE RESULTS



Figure: GraphVAE inputs (in green) and outputs

SINGLE-SHOT MODELS

Molgan

MolGAN uses a Generative Adversarial Network [2] (GAN) setup.



It is an MLP that takes a latent vector $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

It generates the PAM A and the node attributes *X*.



MolGAN tackles the **variability** problem using the PAM.

During inference, instead of pruning the PAM, they **sample** from the probabilities.



It is a GNN that takes the PAM A and the node attributes *X*.

It returns the **reward** for the input molecule's properties.



It is another GNN that takes the PAM A and the node attributes X.

It predicts whether its inputs are from the dataset or generated by the generator.



The generator aims to fool the discriminator, while the discriminator aims to catch the generator.

 $\mathcal{L}_{GAN}(\mathrm{Disc}(G),\mathrm{Disc}(\mathrm{Gen}(Z)))$

The generator aims to minimize the GAN loss, while the discriminator aims to maximize it.

The GAN loss is:

 $\mathcal{L}_{GAN}(\mathrm{Disc}(G),\mathrm{Disc}(\mathrm{Gen}(z)))$

The generator's outputs must pass **through the discriminator** before interacting with the ground-truth.



Since the discriminator is a GNN, it is invariant to node ordering.

Thus, the **ordering** problem does not affect MolGAN.



MOLGAN RESULTS



Figure: QM9 samples vs MolGAN outputs

	GraphVAE	Molgan
Architecture	Encoder-decoder	Generator- discriminator
PAM	Thresholding	Sampling
Graph-matching	Required, expensive	None
Convergence	VAEs are easier to train	GANs are hard to train

AUTOREGRESSIVE MODELS

Autoregressive models tackle the **variability** problem by generating the rows of the adjacency matrix **sequentially**.



They can decide to stop generating by outputting a special token.

These models usually deal with the **ordering** problem by considering **all** node orders from a set of canonical orderings.

We study the following autoregressive models:

- GraphRNN [9]
- ▶ GRAN [5]

AUTOREGRESSIVE MODELS

GRAPHRNN

GraphRNN uses Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs) in a hierarchical setup.



Let the sequence of rows of the adjacency matrix be S^{π} .

A **graph-level** RNN generates nodes by modelling $p(S_i^{\pi}|S_{<i}^{\pi})$.



These variable-length sequences help solve the **variability** problem.

Edge-level RNN

To capture complex edge dependencies, $p(S_i^{\pi}|S_{<i}^{\pi})$ is decomposed as:

$$p(S_i^{\pi}|S_{$$

This is done using an **edge-level** RNN to generate edges of each node.



GraphRNN is optimized using SGD to maximize p(G):

$$p(G) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} p(S^{\pi})$$

 Π is the set of **all** orderings. Thus, it solves the **ordering** problem.

However, $|\Pi| = O(N!)$. Hence, GraphRNN **restricts** it to a set of canonical orderings based on BFS.



Multiple node orderings can map to the same BFS ordering.

Considering only **unique** BFS orderings, $|\Pi_{BFS}|$ can drop substantially.



 v_6 will be added to the BFS queue **just after** v_3 is removed.

Thus, the gap between v_3 and v_6 in the BFS order **cannot exceed** the max size of the BFS queue. If we know the max size M of the BFS queue, then the edge-level RNN can **skip** (0, ..., i - M - 1).





Figure: GraphRNN results on various datasets

AUTOREGRESSIVE MODELS



Graph Recurrent Attention Networks (GRANs) are a family of RNN-based models with attention.



GRANs use the same loss and setup as GraphRNN:

$$p(G) = \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{Q}} p(L^{\pi}) \ge \sum_{\pi \in \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}} p(L^{\pi})$$

where $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$

However, instead of using BFS for $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$, they use a combination of various techniques.

Downsides of hierarchical RNNs:

- RNNs suffer from vanishing gradients.
- Each graph-level RNN step cannot be run in parallel.

Thus, GRANs use a **GNN** at the graph-level to generate edges.

The GNN uses the graph generated in the previous step to generate *B* new nodes.



The initial node representations of the GNN are:

$$h_i^{\mathrm{O}} = egin{cases} WL_i^{\pi} + b & i \leq B(t-1) \ \mathrm{O} & \mathrm{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here, $L_i^{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, where *N* is the **maximum** size of the graph.

The GNN update step uses a GRU (RNN) cell:

$$h_i^{r+1} = \operatorname{GRU}(h_i^r, \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} a_{ij}^r m_{ij}^r)$$

Here, m_{ij}^r 's are a transformation of (h_i^r, h_j^r) , while a_{ij}^r 's are **attention** weights.

After *R* message-passing rounds, $p(L_{b_t}^{\pi}|L_{b_{<t}}^{\pi})$ is modelled as a **mixture model**:

$$p(L_{b_t}^{\pi}|L_{b_{< t}}^{\pi}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k \prod_{i \in b_t} \prod_{1 \le j \le i} \theta_{kij}$$

Here, θ_{kij}^r 's are another transformation of (h_i^r, h_j^r) , while α_k 's are mixture probabilities.

A higher value of *B* improves generation speed, while a lower value of *B* improves accuracy.



Thus, the authors propose "strided sampling" to balance these.

After generating *B* rows, they **only keep** the first *S* rows. The next block is generated from the (S + 1)-th row.



However, during training, they fix S = 1.

GRAN RESULTS



Figure: GRAN for Protein Graphs

	GraphRNN	GRAN
Architecture	Hierarchical RNNs	GNN with attention and RNN updates
Edge Updates	Single-row updates	Strided sampling
Graph Size	Variable	Fixed maximum size
Ordering	BFS-based	Mixture of orderings



- Major challenges discreteness, variability, & ordering
- Working with the adjacency matrix tackles discreteness
- ► Two popular approaches single-shot & autoregressive

	Single-Shot	Autoregressive
Variability	PAM Quantization	Sequential generation
Ordering	Varies	Canonical Orderings
Graph Size	Fixed maximum size	Usually variable
Speed	High	Low

MODEL COMPARISON



THANK YOU!

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