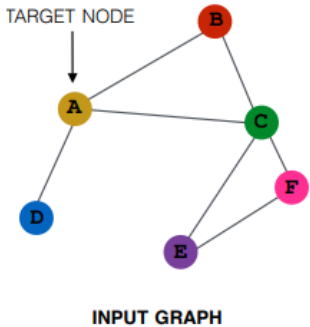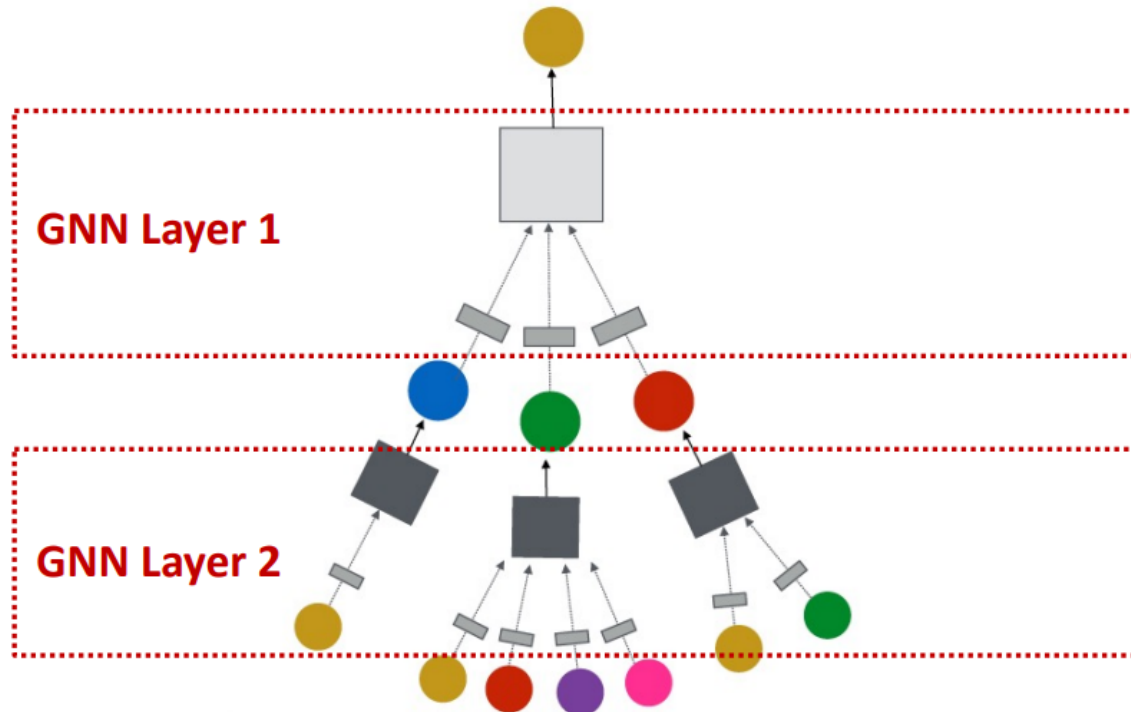# Deep Graph Networks
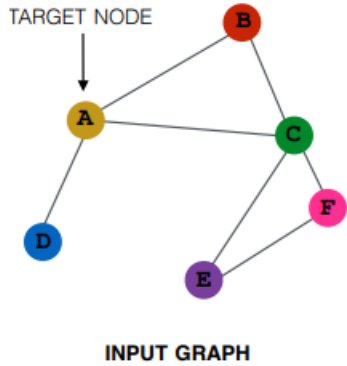

Slides from Jure Leskovec

General GNN Framework

Connect GNN layers into a GNN
- **Stack layers sequentially**
- **Ways of adding skip connections**

TARGET NODE

INPUT GRAPH

(3) Layer connectivity

GNN Layer 1

GNN Layer 2

TARGET NODE

INPUT GRAPH

GNN Layer = Message + Aggregation

- **Different instantiations under this perspective**
- **GCN, GraphSAGE, GAT, …**

GNN Layer 1

(2) Aggregation

(1) Message

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Message Computation

- Message function: $m_u^{(l)} = MSG^{(l)}\left(h_u^{(l-1)}\right)$
  - **Intuition**: each node will create a message, which will be sent to other nodes later
  - **Example:** a linear layer $m_u^{(l)} = W^{(l)} h_u^{(l-1)}$

TARGET NODE

INPUT GRAPH

Node v

(2) Aggregation

(1) Message

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Aggregation

- **Intuition:** each node will aggregate the messages from node *v*'s neighbours

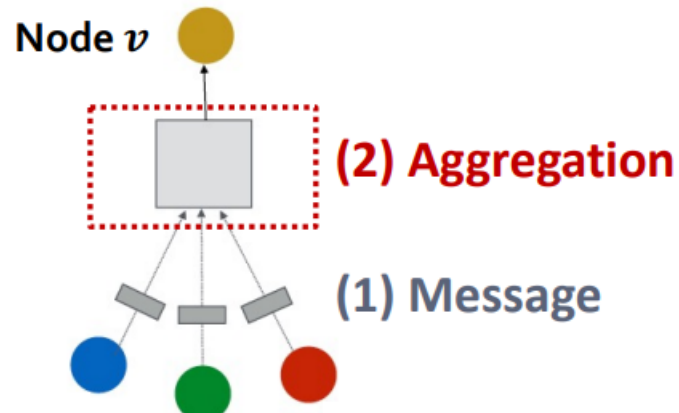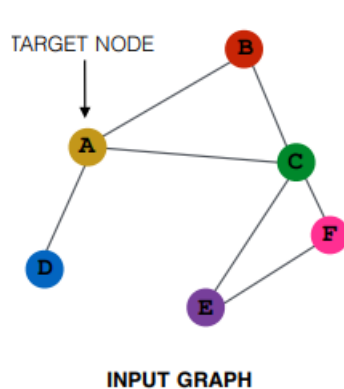$$h_v^{(l)} = AGG^{(l)}\left(\left\{m_u^{(l)}, u \in N(b)\right\}\right)$$

- **Example aggregation functions:** sum, mean, max

  - $h_v^{(l)} = sum\left(\left\{m_u^{(l)}, u \in N(v)\right\}\right)$

TARGET NODE

INPUT GRAPH

Node v

(2) Aggregation

(1) Message

Message Aggregation: Issue

- Want $h_v^{(l)}$ to encode information about v

- Options:
    - Include $h_v^{(l-1)}$ when computing $h_v^{(l)}$
        - Compute a message from node v to itself

        $$m_u^{(l)} = W^{(l)} h_u^{(l-1)} \qquad m_v^{(l)} = B^{(l)} h_v^{(l-1)}$$

    - After aggregating from neighbours, aggregate the message from node v to itself, via concatenation or summation
        - $h_v^{(l)} = CONCAT \left(AGG \left(\left\{ m_u^{(l)}, u \in N(v) \right\} \right), m_v^{(l)} \right)$

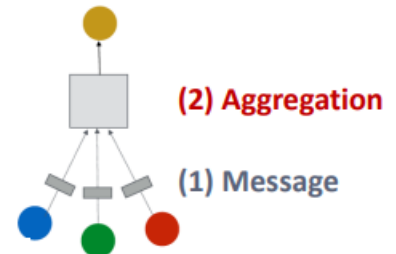# Putting things together: one layer

- Message: each node computes a message

$$\mathbf{m}_u^{(l)} = \text{MSG}^{(l)}\left(\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}\right), u \in \{N(v) \cup v\}$$

- Aggregation: aggregate messages from neighbours

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} = \text{AGG}^{(l)}\left(\left\{\mathbf{m}_u^{(l)}, u \in N(v)\right\}, \mathbf{m}_v^{(l)}\right)$$
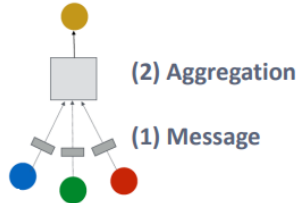
- Apply nonlinearity

(2) Aggregation

(1) Message

Graph Convolutional Networks

- Graph Convolution Network layer

Message

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} = \sigma \left(\underbrace{\sum_{u \in N(v)}}_{\textbf{Aggregation}} \boxed{\mathbf{W}^{(l)} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}}{|N(v)|}} \right)$$

(2) Aggregation

(1) Message

- Message from each neighbour: $\quad \mathbf{m}_u^{(l)} = \frac{1}{|N(v)|} \mathbf{W}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}$

- Aggregation: sum, then apply activation

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} = \sigma \left(\text{Sum} \left(\left\{ \mathbf{m}_u^{(l)}, u \in N(v) \right\} \right) \right)$$

In GCN graph is assumed to have self-edges that are included in the summation.

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GraphSAGE (SAmple and AgreggatE)

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} = \sigma\left(\mathbf{W}^{(l)} \cdot \text{CONCAT}\left(\mathbf{h}_v^{(l-1)}, \text{AGG}\left(\left\{\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}, \forall u \in N(v)\right\}\right)\right)\right)$$

- Message is computed within AGG()
- Two-stage aggregation:
  - Stage 1: aggregate from node neighbours

$$\mathbf{h}_{N(v)}^{(l)} \leftarrow \text{AGG}\left(\left\{\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}, \forall u \in N(v)\right\}\right)$$

  - Stage 2: further aggregate over the node itself

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} \leftarrow \sigma\left(\mathbf{W}^{(l)} \cdot \text{CONCAT}(\mathbf{h}_v^{(l-1)}, \mathbf{h}_{N(v)}^{(l)})\right)$$

GraphSAGE Neighbour Aggregation

- **Mean:** take a weighted average of neighbours

$$AGG = \sum_{u \in N(v)} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}}{|N(v)|}$$

Aggregation   Message computation

- **Pool**: transform neighbour vectors and apply symmetric functions like Mean or Max

$$AGG = \text{Mean}(\{\text{MLP}(\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}), \forall u \in N(v)\})$$

Aggregation   **Message computation**

- **LSTM:** Apply LSTM to reshuffled neighbours

$$AGG = \text{LSTM}([\mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)}, \forall u \in \pi(N(v))])$$

Aggregation
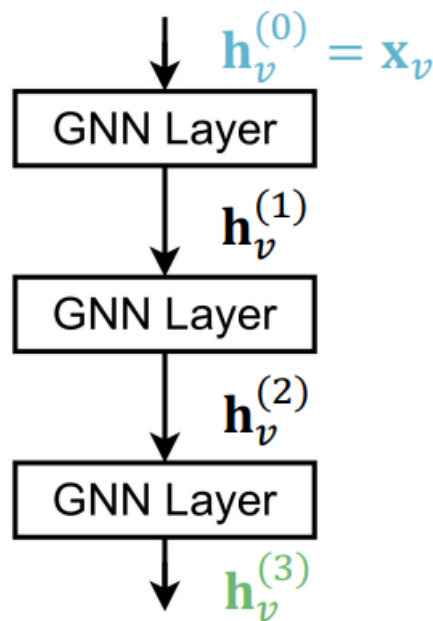
Graph Attention Networks (GAT)

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} = \sigma(\sum_{u \in N(v)} \boxed{\alpha_{vu}} \mathbf{W}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}_u^{(l-1)})$$

Attention weights

- Can try $\alpha_{vu} = \frac{1}{|N(v)|}$ is the weighting factor of node *u's* message to node *v*
- Can learn an attention function:
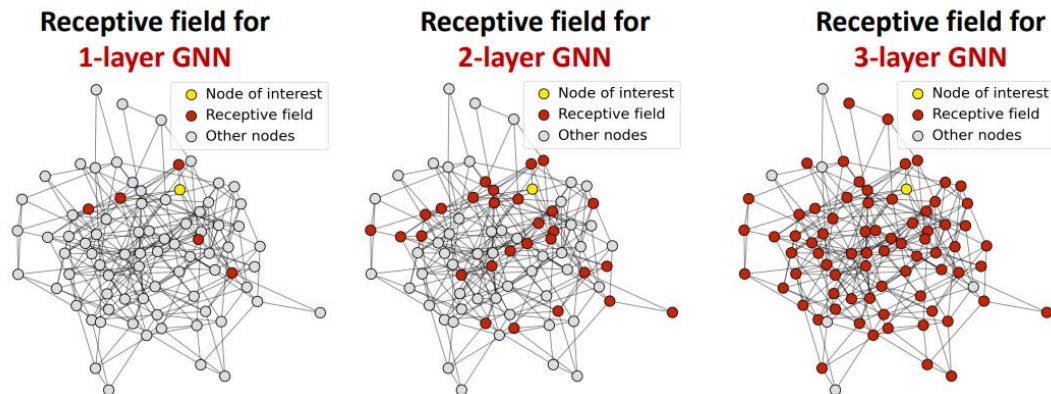 - $\alpha_{vu} = softmax(W_a[W^{(l)}h_u^{(l-1)} \; W^{(l)}h_v^{(l-1)}])$

Stacking GNN layers

- Stack GNN layers sequentially
- Input: initial raw node feature x_v
- Output: node embeddings $h_v^{(l)}$ after L GNN layers

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}_v$$

GNN Layer

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(1)}$$

GNN Layer

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(2)}$$

GNN Layer

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(3)}$$

Oversmoothing Problem

- GNN suffers from over smoothing problem
  - All the node embeddings converge to the same value
    - Bad because we want to use node embeddings to differentiate nodes

- In a K-layer GNN, the receptive field of *v* (all the nodes that determine the value of $h(v)$) is the K-hop neighbourhood of *v*

GNN design

- Use fewer GNN layers

- Can make message/aggregation functions be deep networks

- Can add skip connections so that close neighbours are emphasized when computing *h(v)*