

Introduction to Graph Neural Networks

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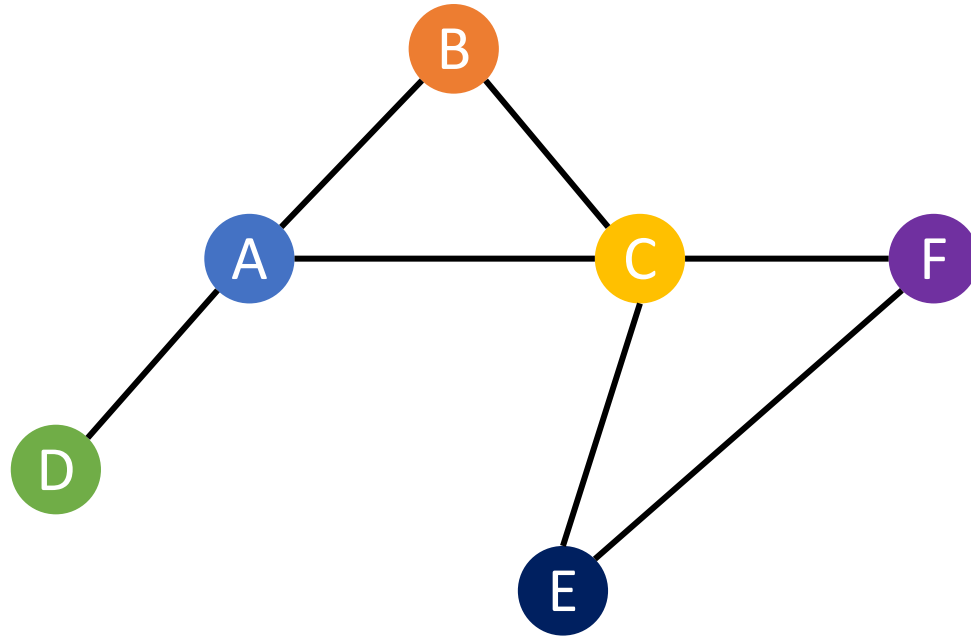
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Talk objectives

- Introduce Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)
- Highlight interesting open research questions

What is a graph?

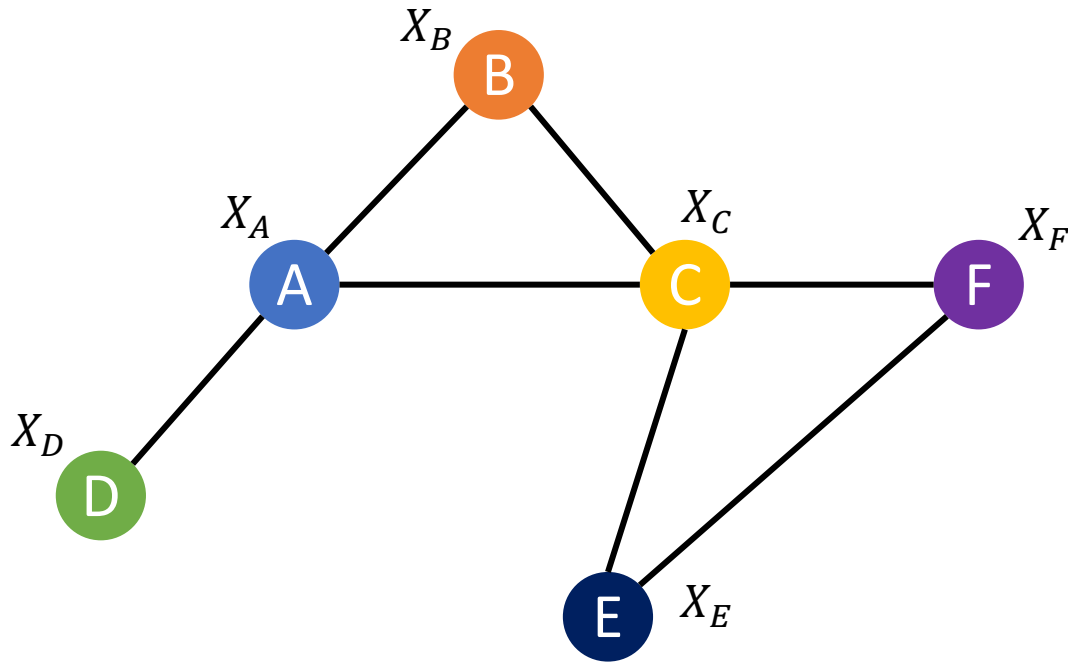


A graph is composed of

- **Nodes** (also called vertices)
- **Edges** connecting a pair of nodes presented in an **adjacency matrix**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
A		1	1	1		
B	1		1			
C	1	1			1	1
D	1					
E			1			1
F			1		1	

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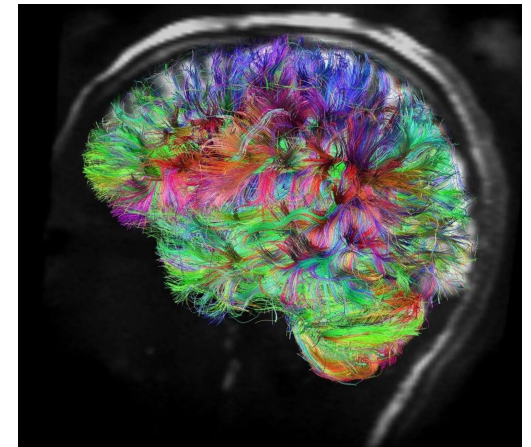
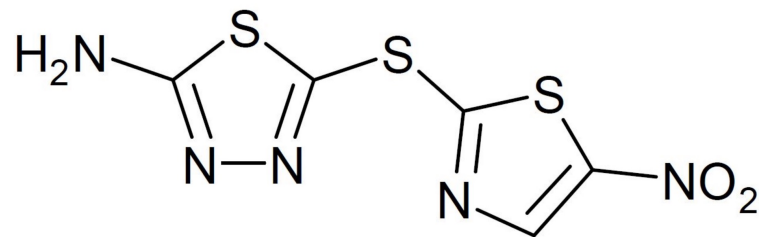
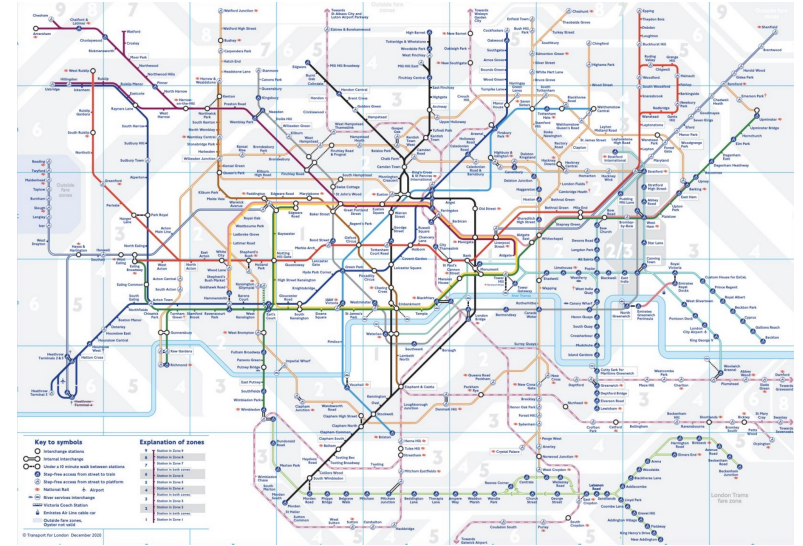
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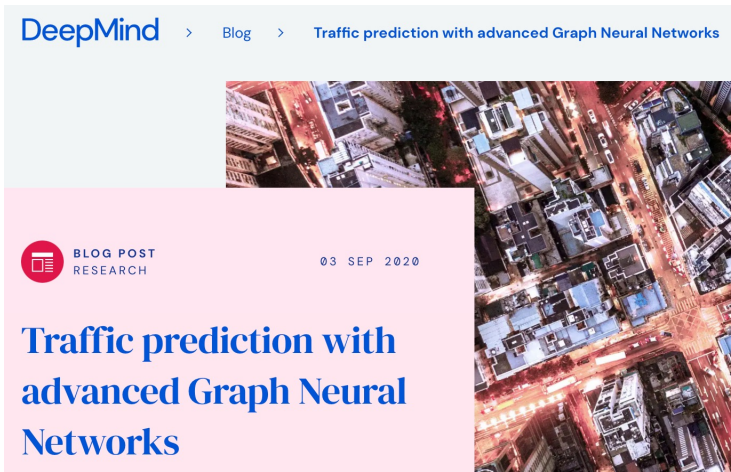
Nodes can have **feature vectors**

A	X_A
B	X_B
C	X_C
D	X_D
E	X_E
F	X_F

Graphs are everywhere



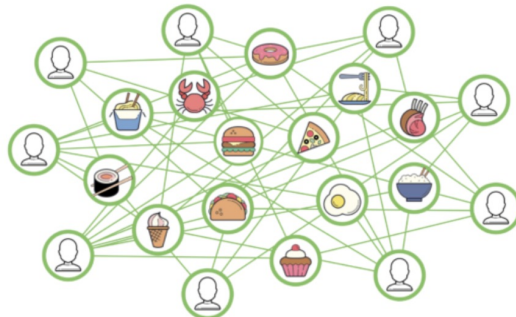
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Opinion

Neural algorithmic reasoning

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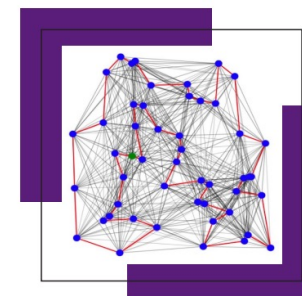
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We present neural algorithmic reasoning—the art of building neural networks that are able to execute algorithmic computation—and provide our opinion on its transformative potential for running classical algorithms on inputs previously considered inaccessible to them.

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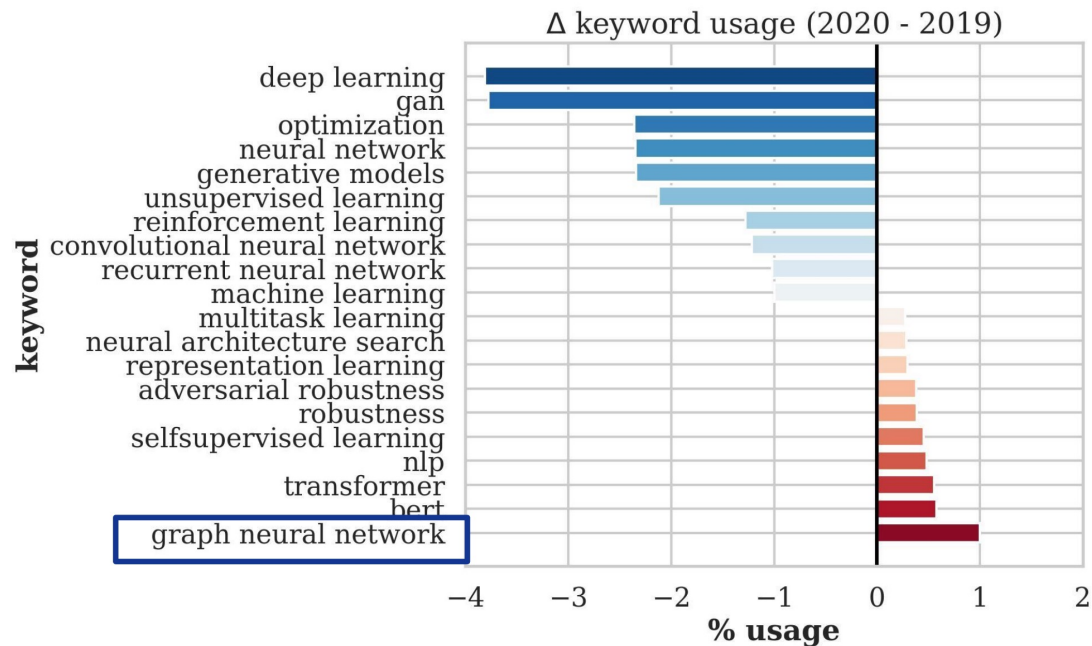
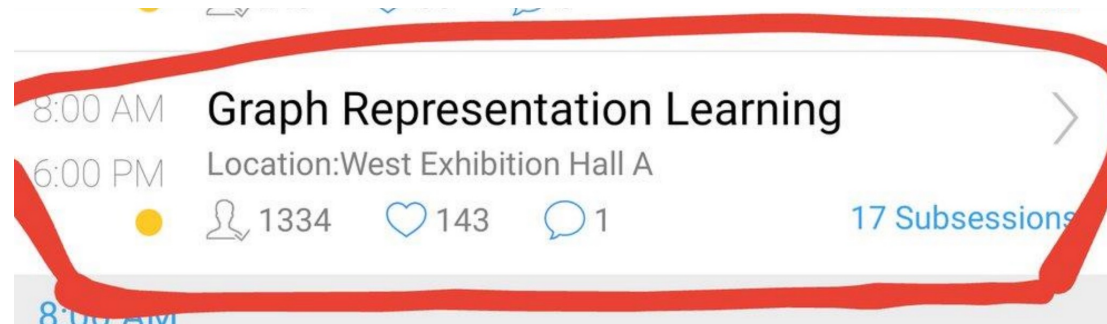
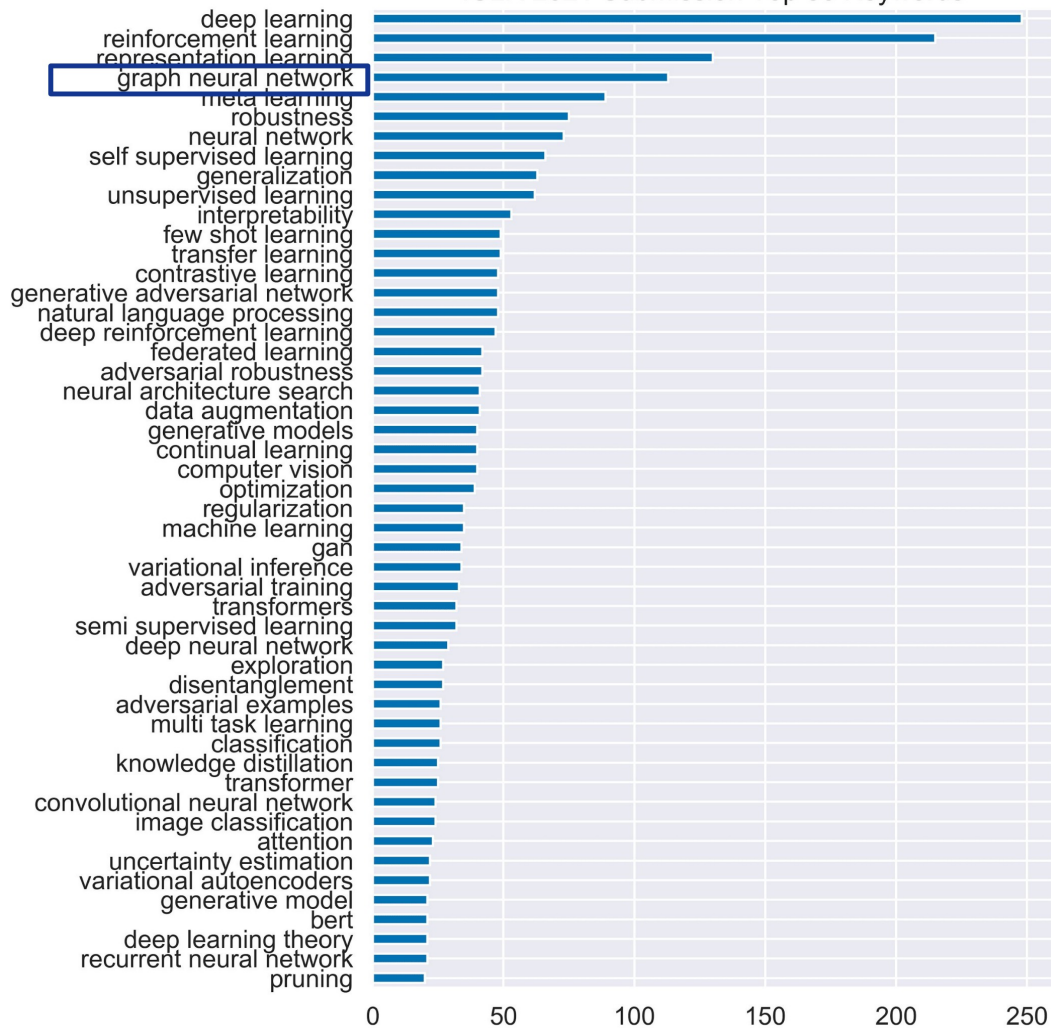


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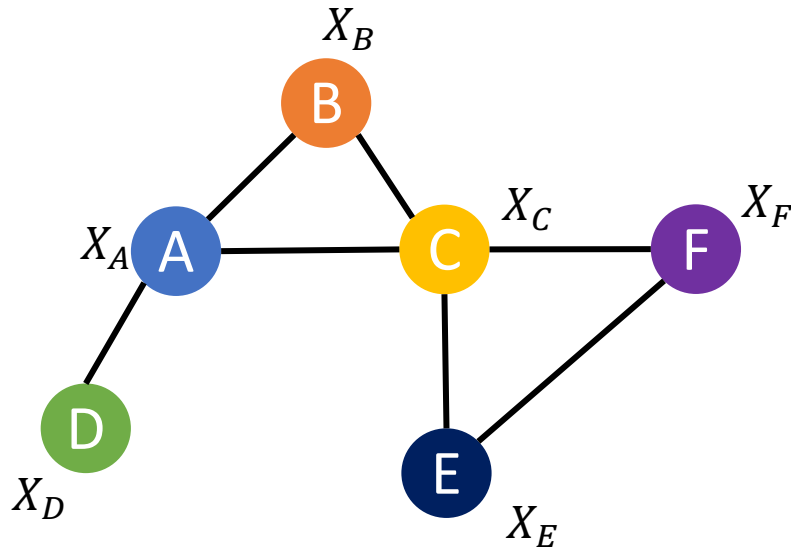
A very hot research topic

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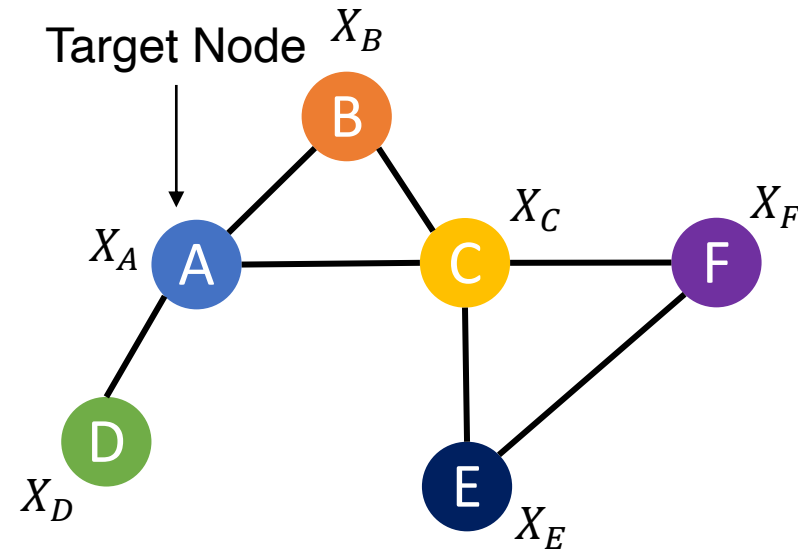
What is Graph Neural Network?

Problem definition



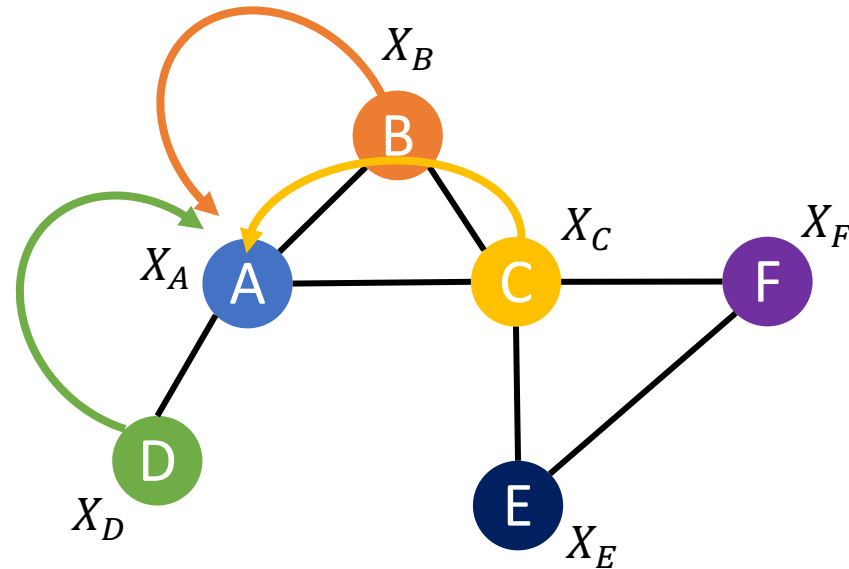
- **Given**
 - A graph
 - Node attributes
 - (part of nodes are labeled)
- **Find**
 - Node embeddings
- **Predict**
 - Labels for the remaining nodes

Graph Neural Networks



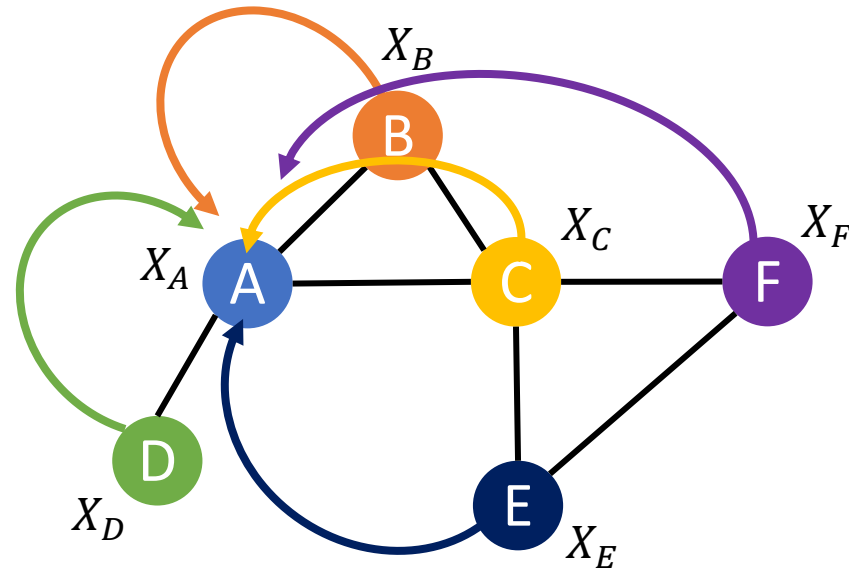
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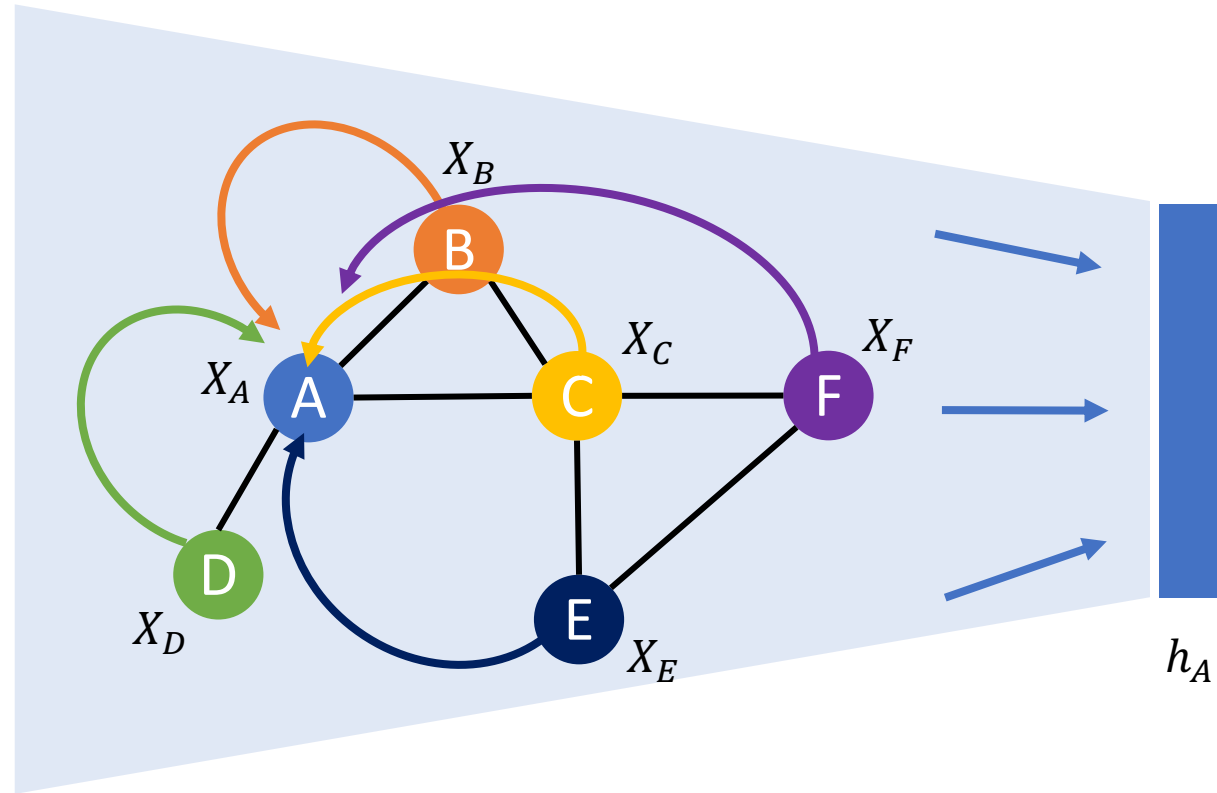
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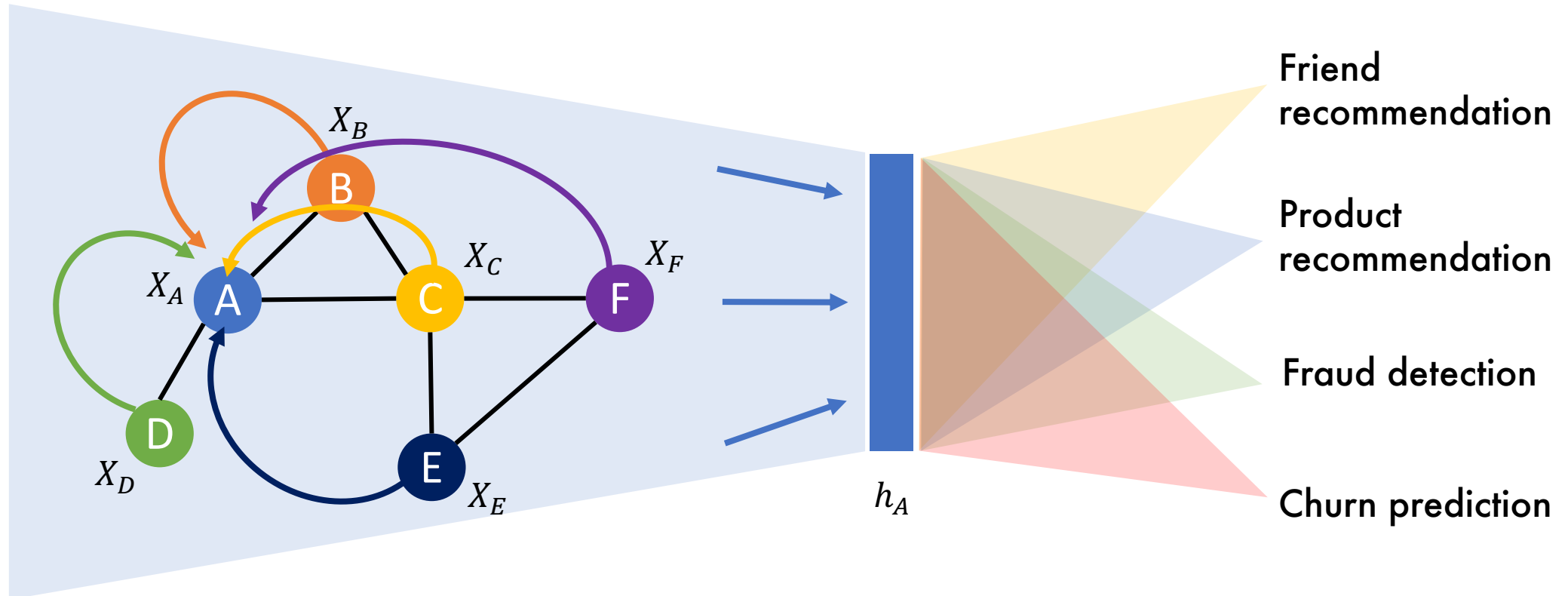


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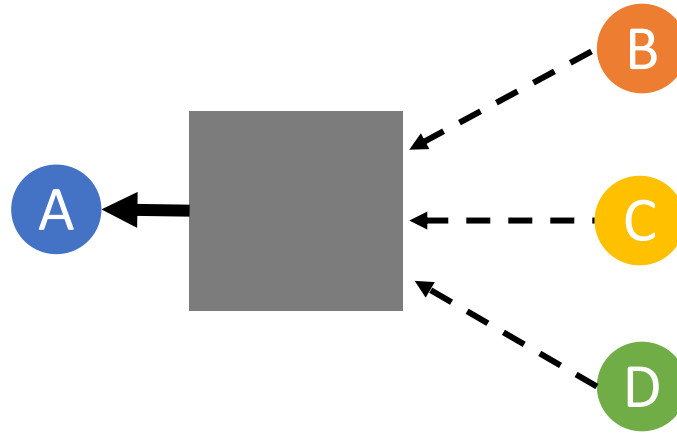
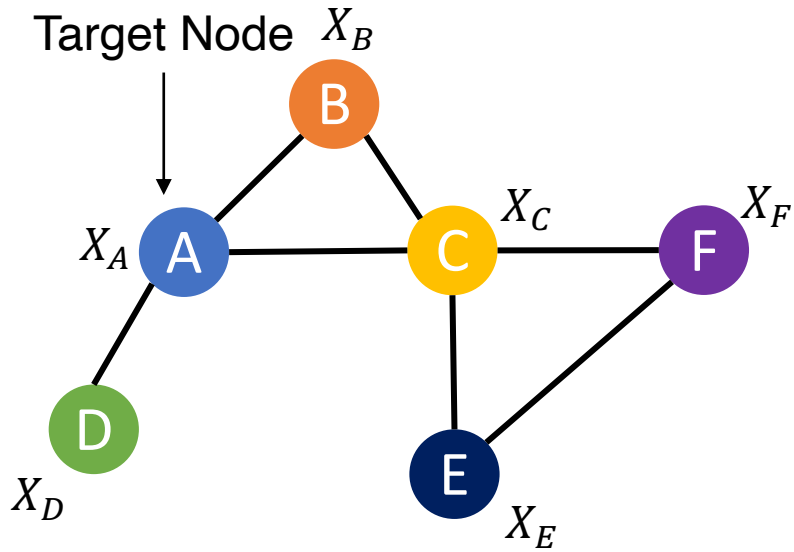
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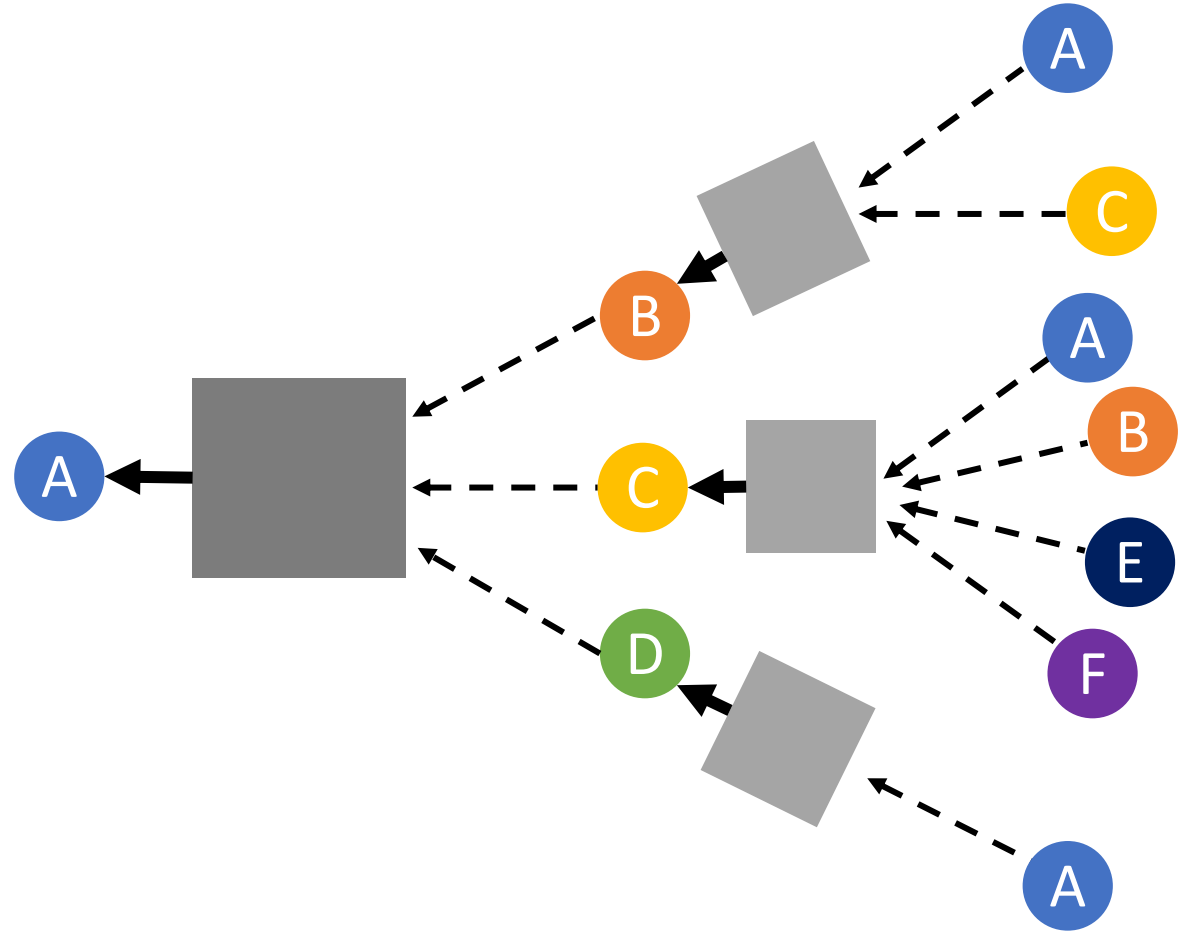
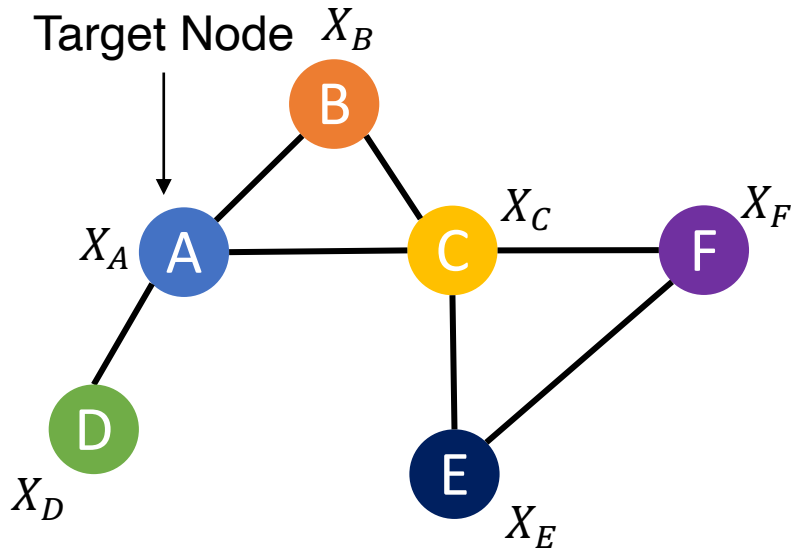
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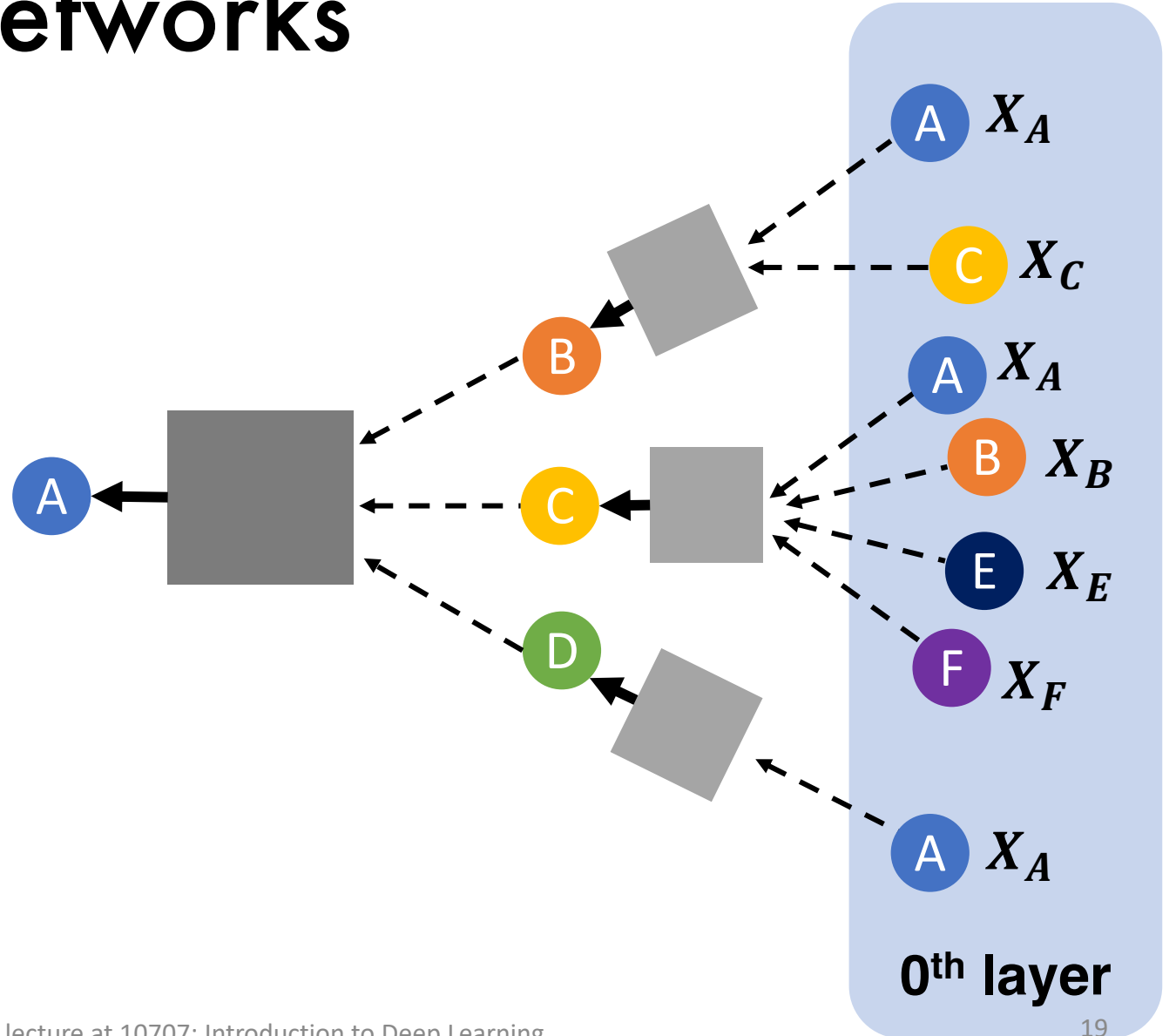
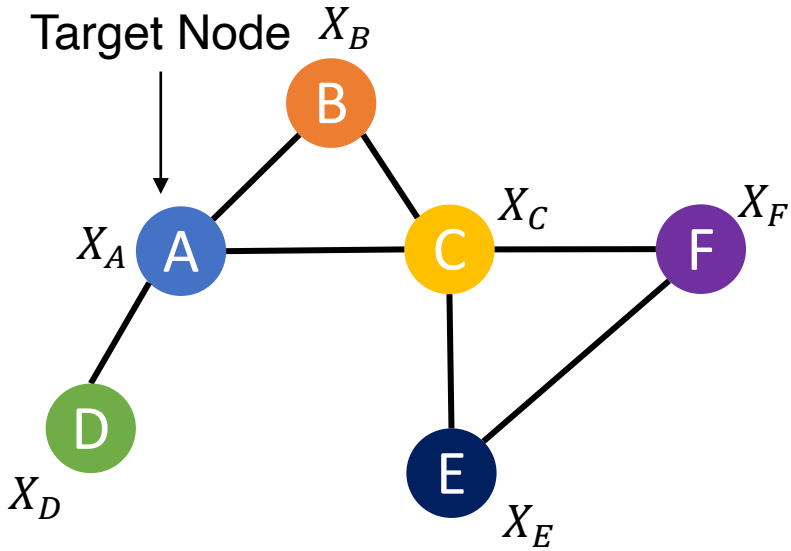
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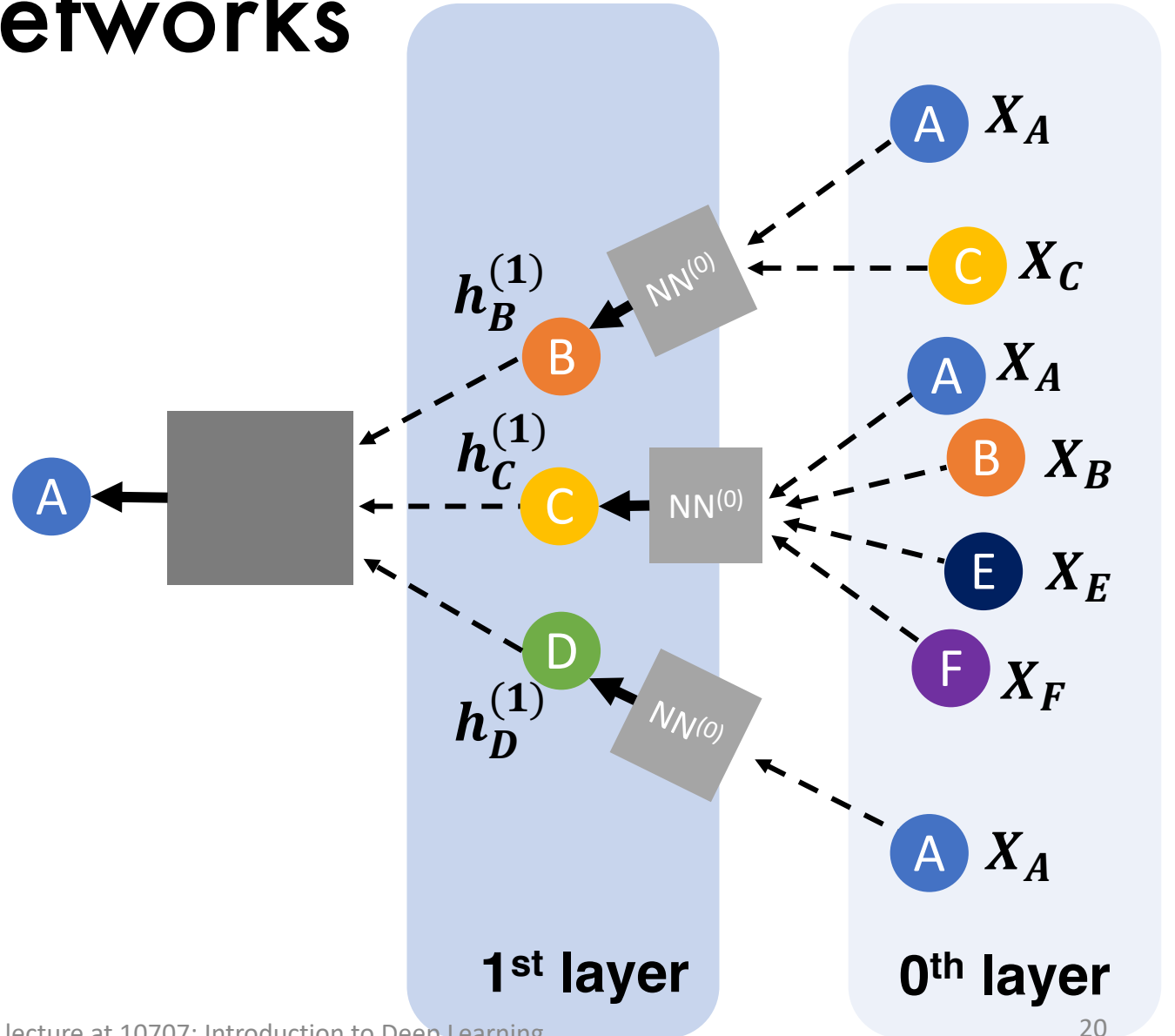
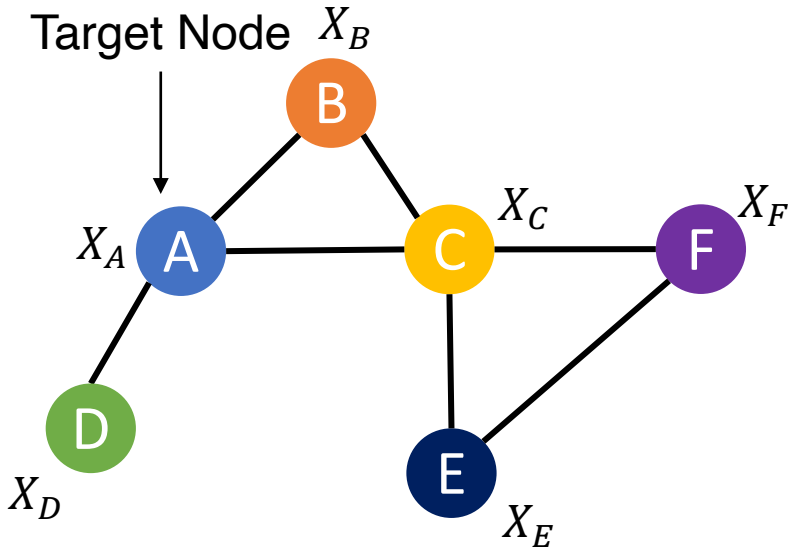
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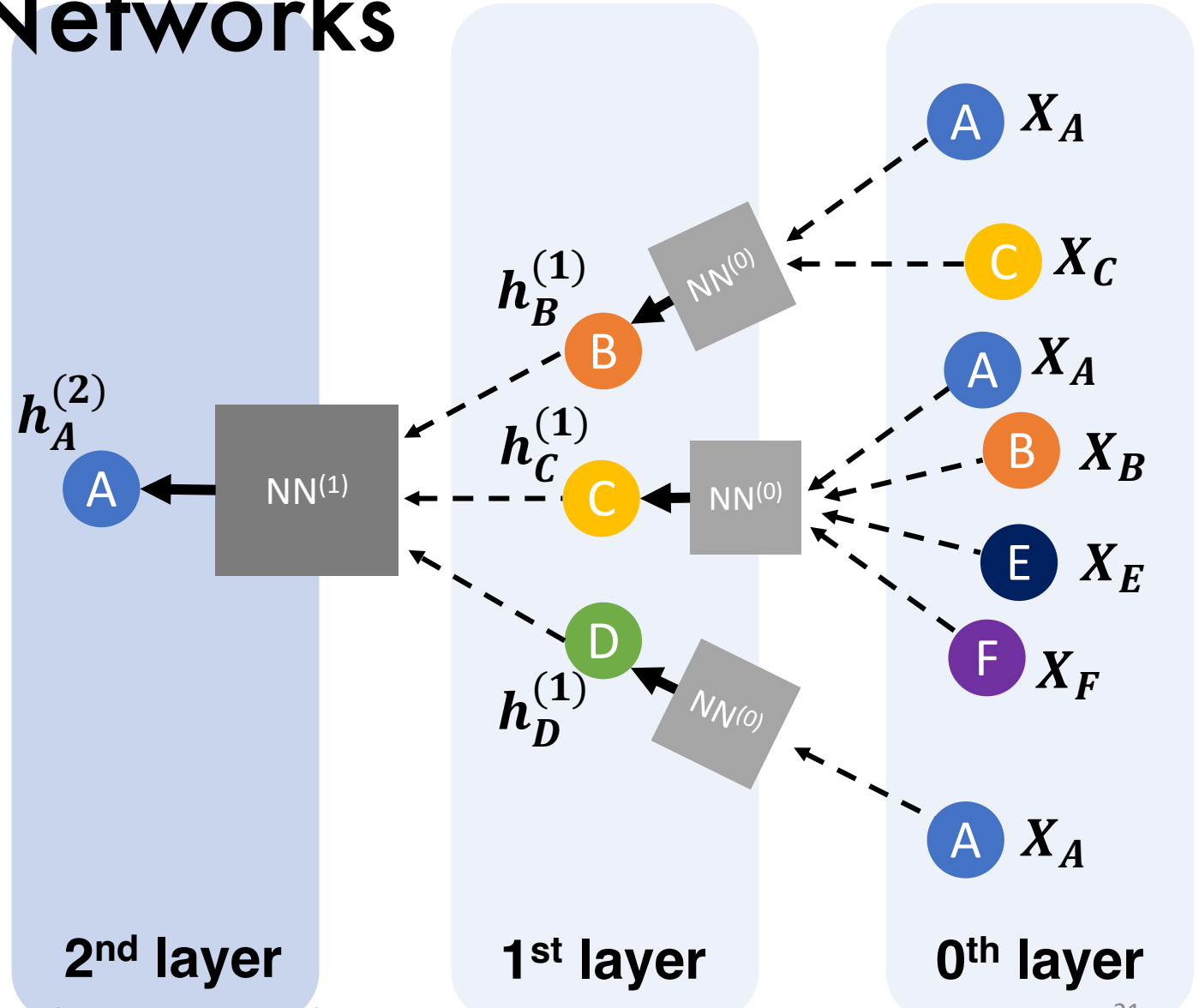
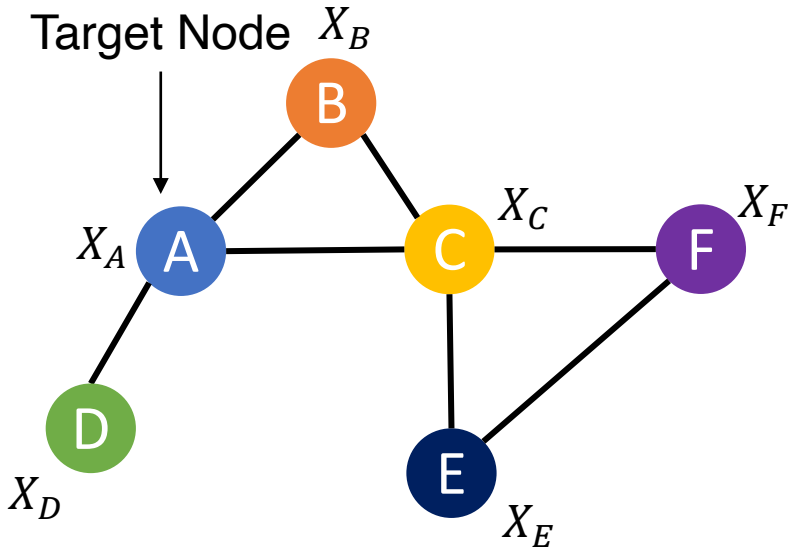
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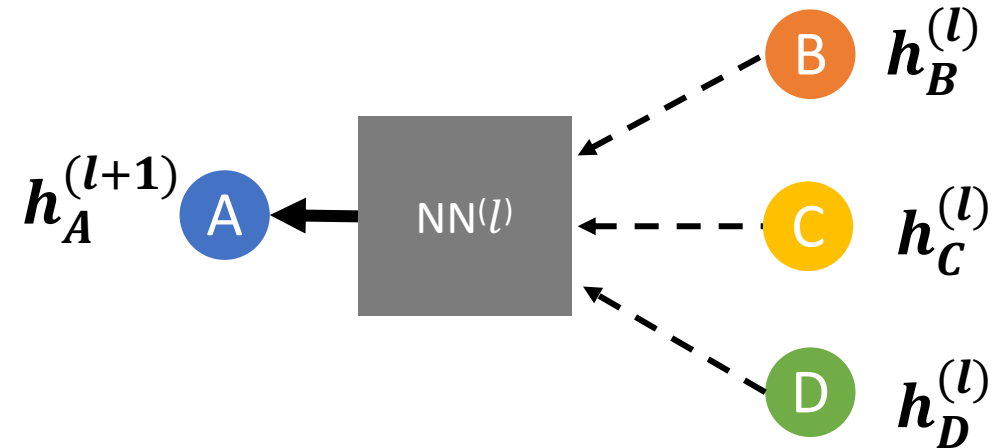
$h_v^{(l)}$: node embedding of v at l -th layer

$\mathcal{N}(v)$: neighboring nodes of v

$f^{(l)}$: aggregation function at l -th layer

$m_v^{(l)}$: message vector of v at l -th layer

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Neighbors of node A
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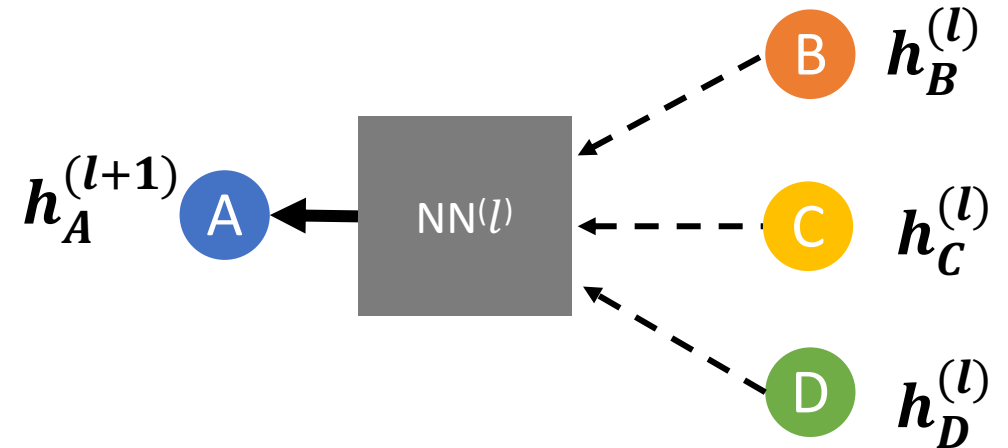
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$\mathbf{g}^{(l)}$: transformation function at l -th layer

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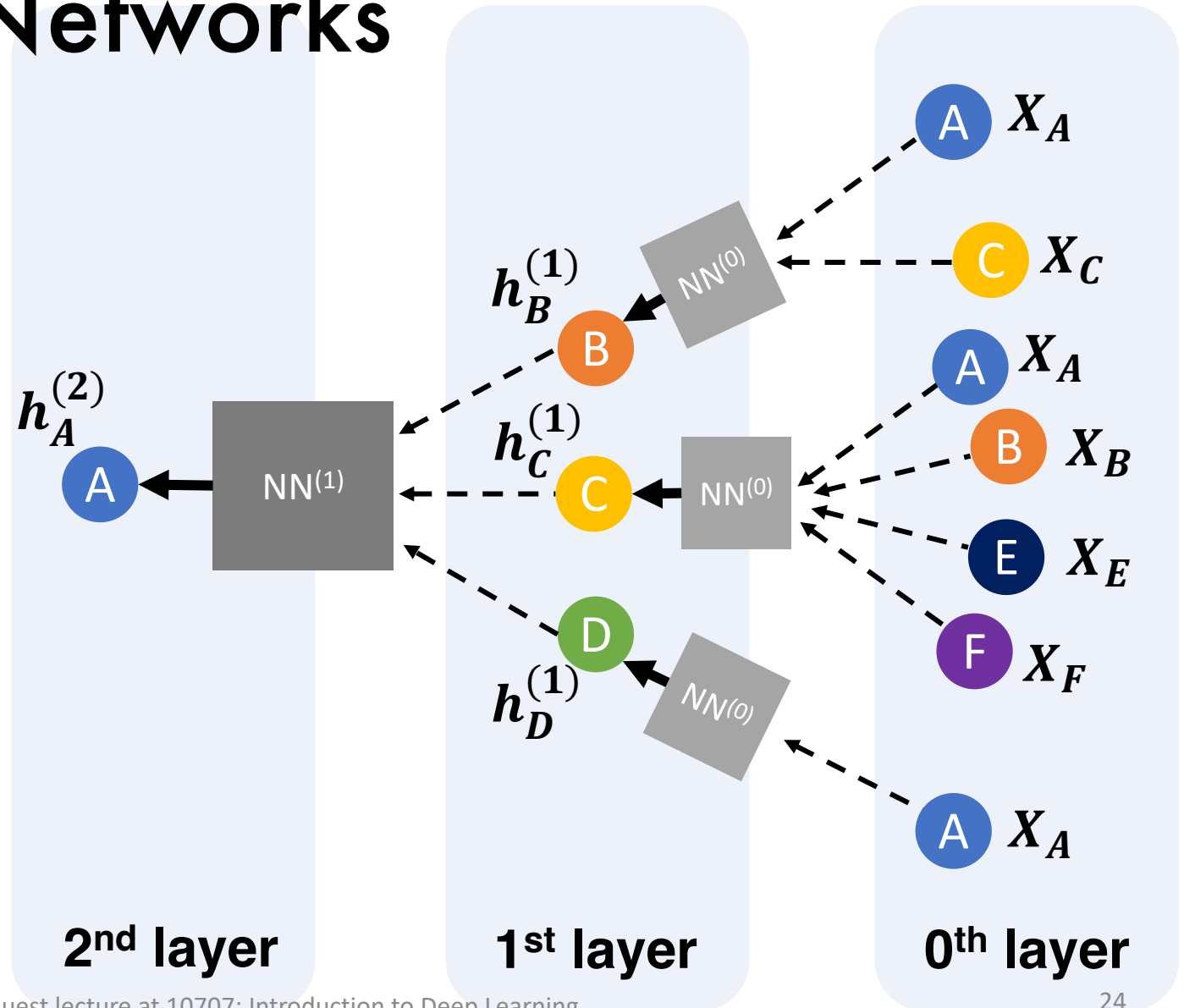
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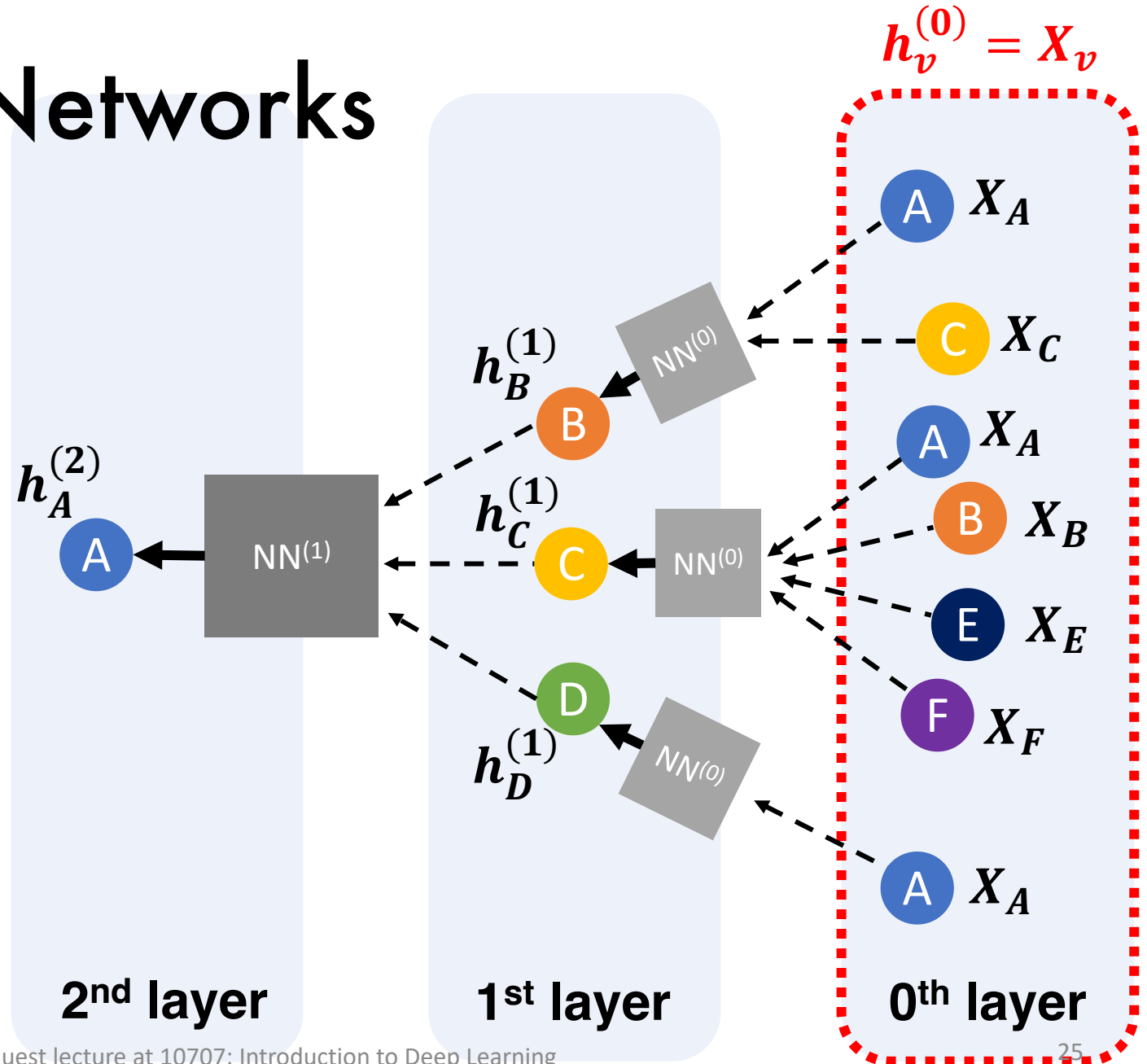
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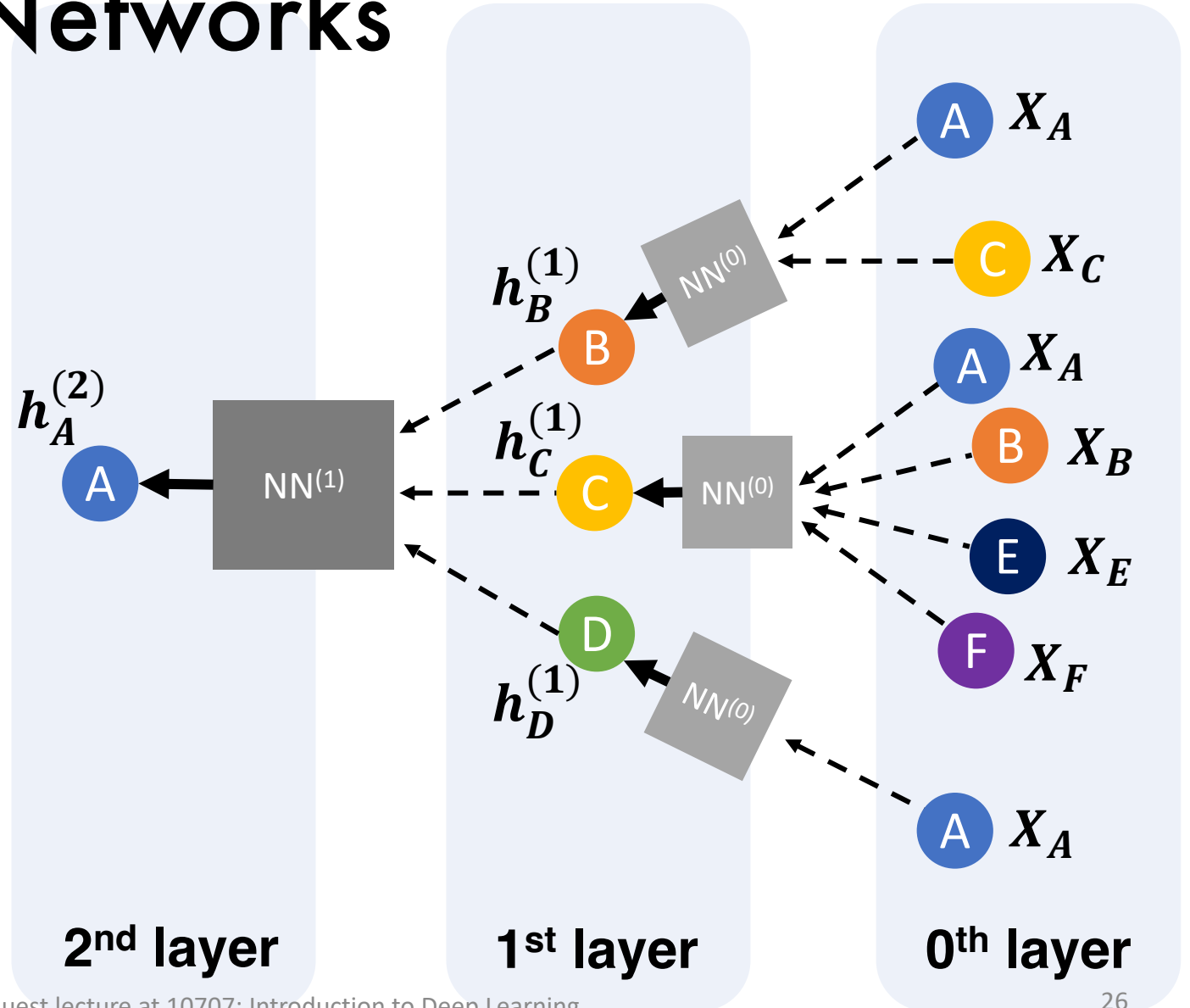
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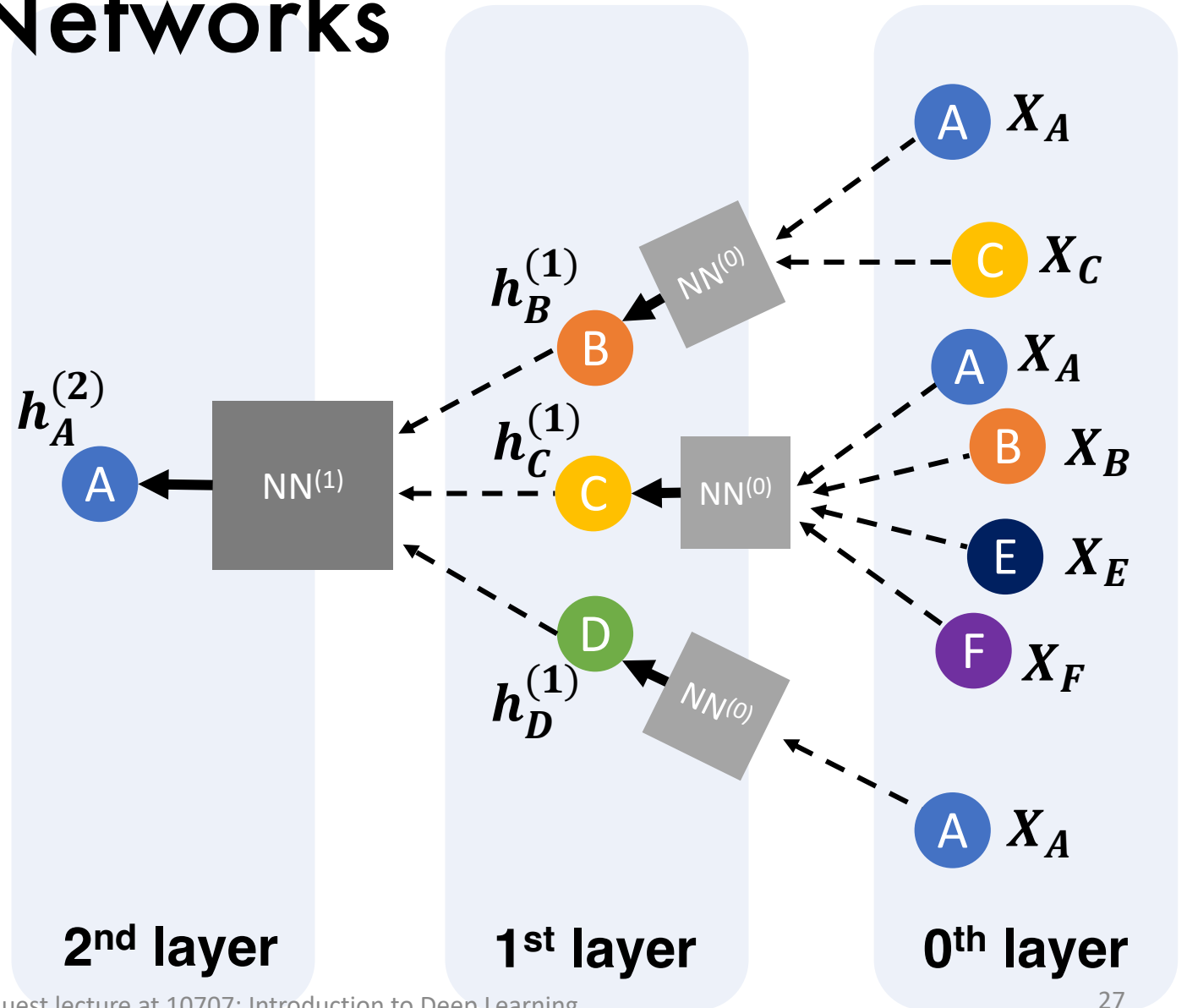
Graph Convolutional Networks^[1]

1. Aggregate messages

$$m_v^{(l)} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(v) + 1|} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \cup \{v\}} h_u^{(l)}$$

2. Transform messages

$$h_v^{(l+1)} = \sigma(W^{(l)} \circ m_v^{(l)})$$



[1] Kipf, Thomas N., et al. "Semi-supervised classification with graph convolutional networks."

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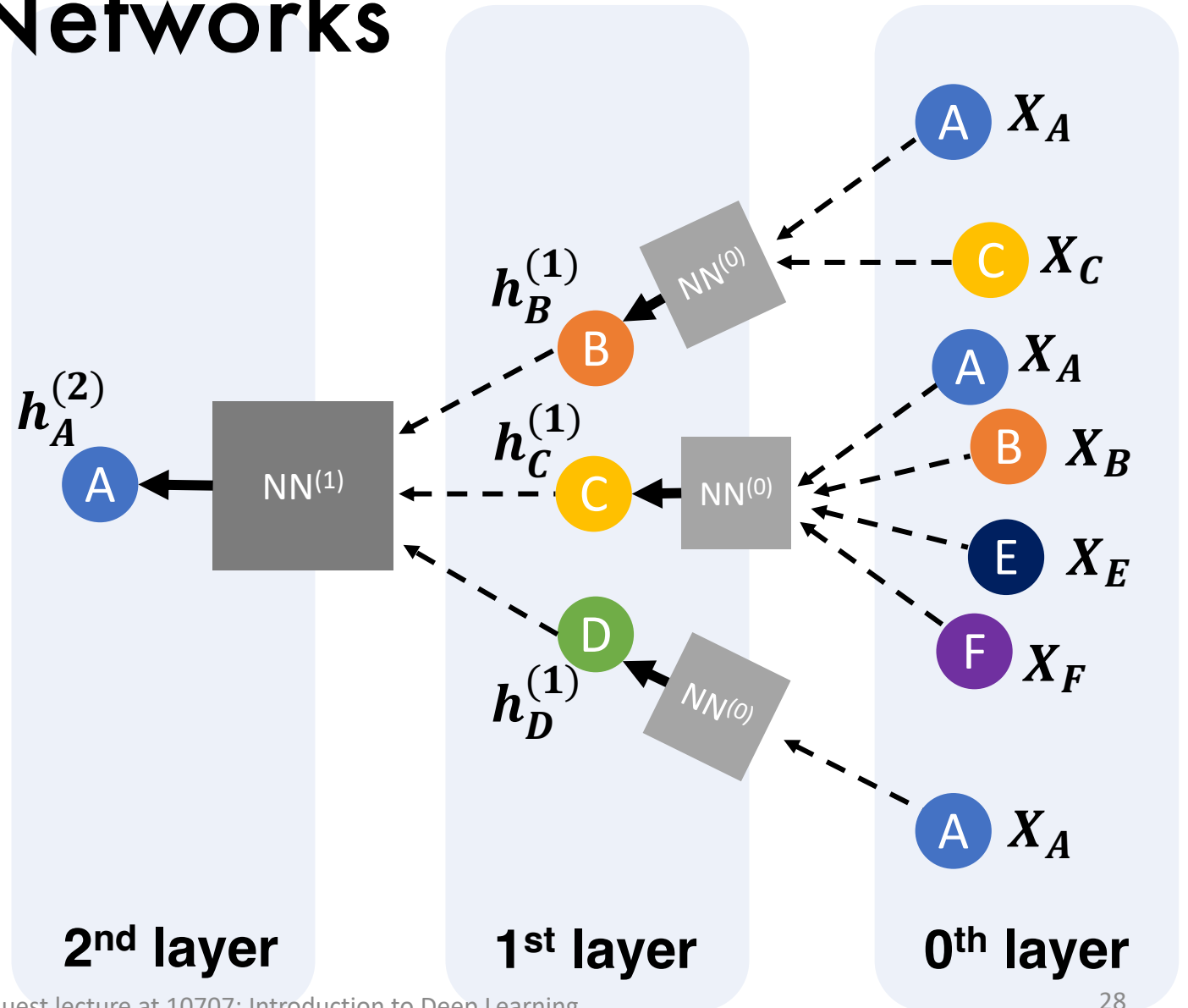
Graph Isomorphism Networks^[2]

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[2] Xu, Keyulu, et al. "How powerful are graph neural networks?."

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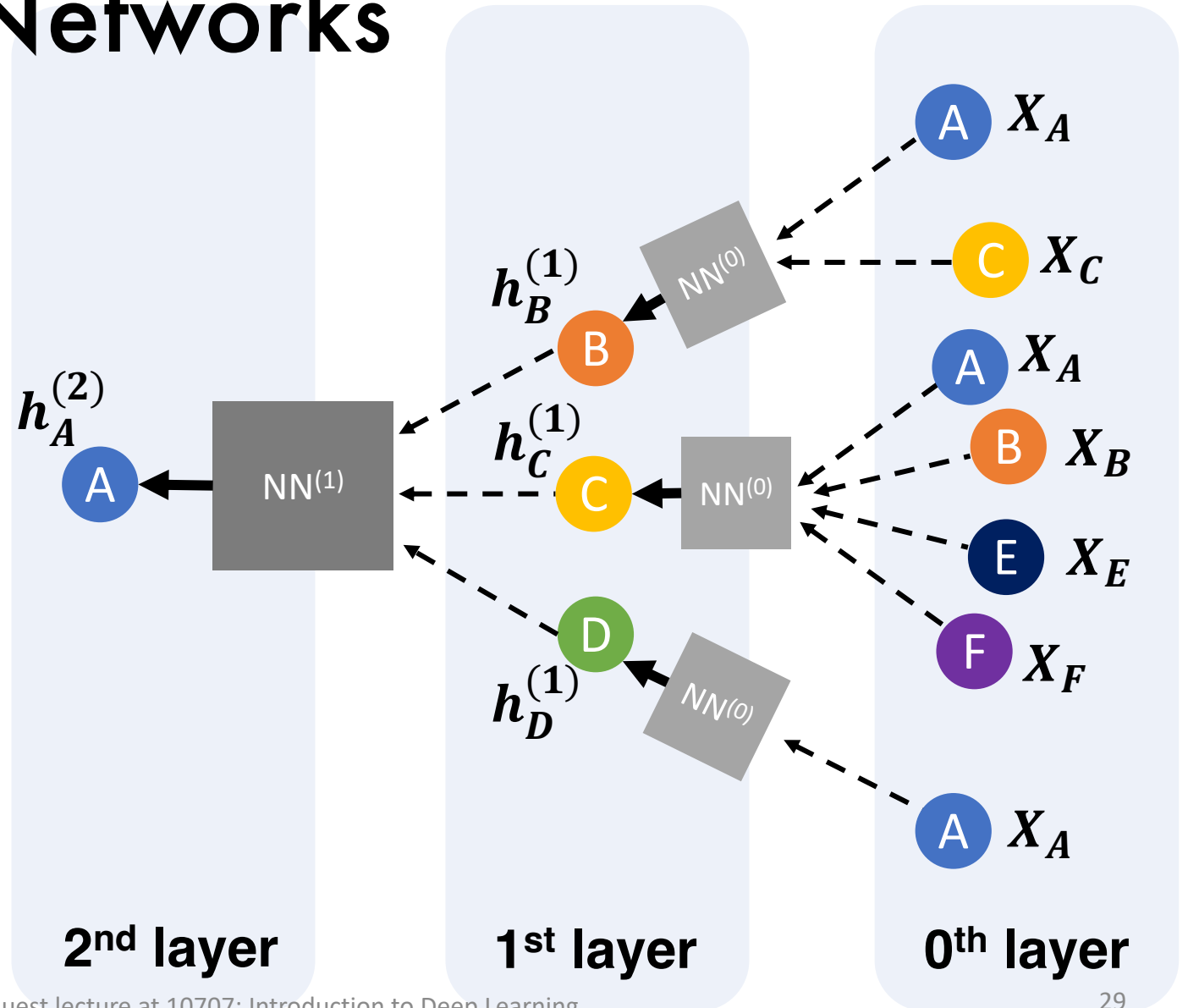
Simplified GCN^[3]

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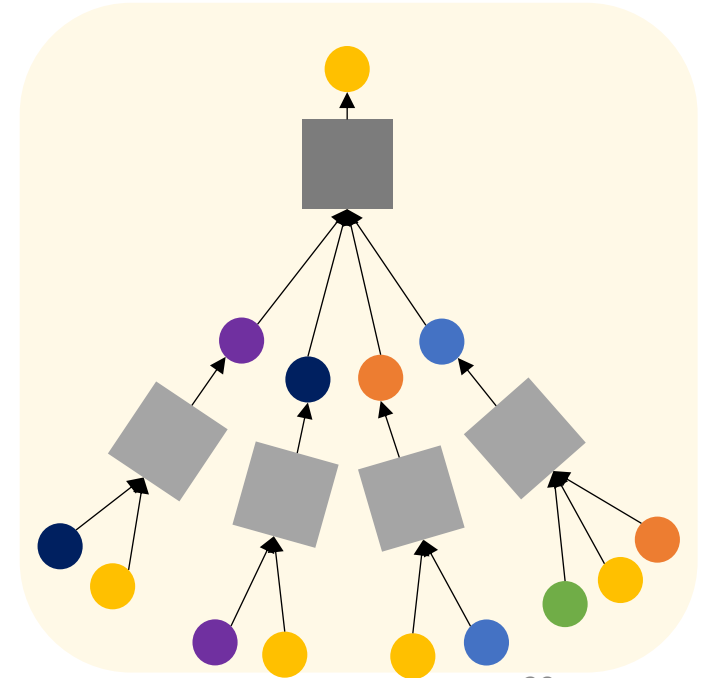
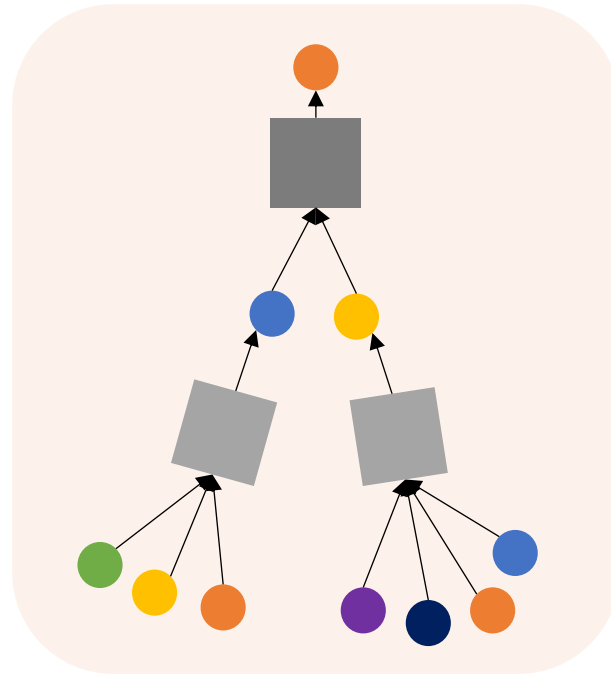
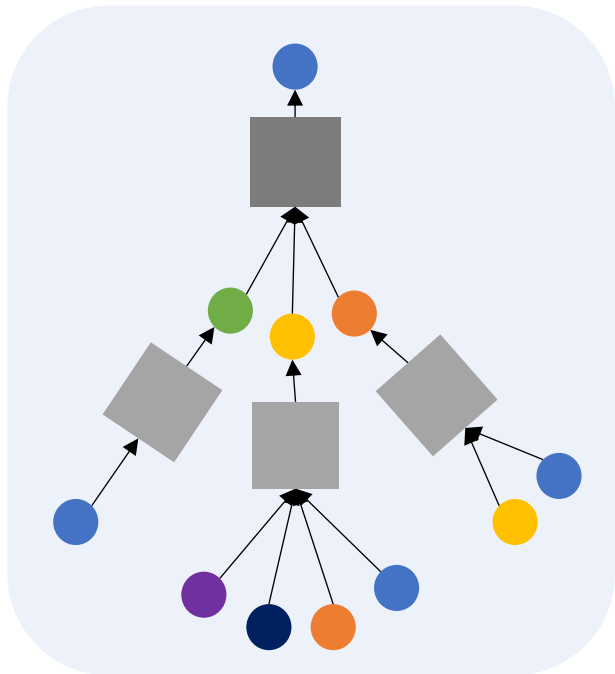
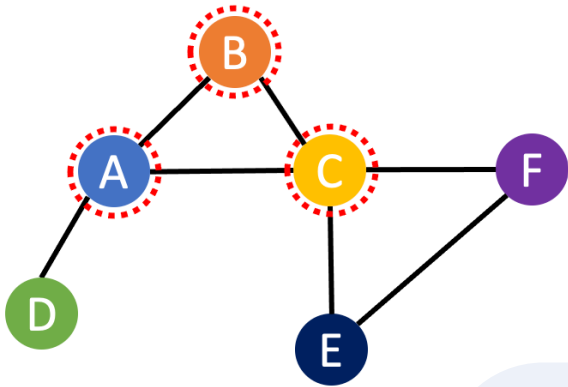
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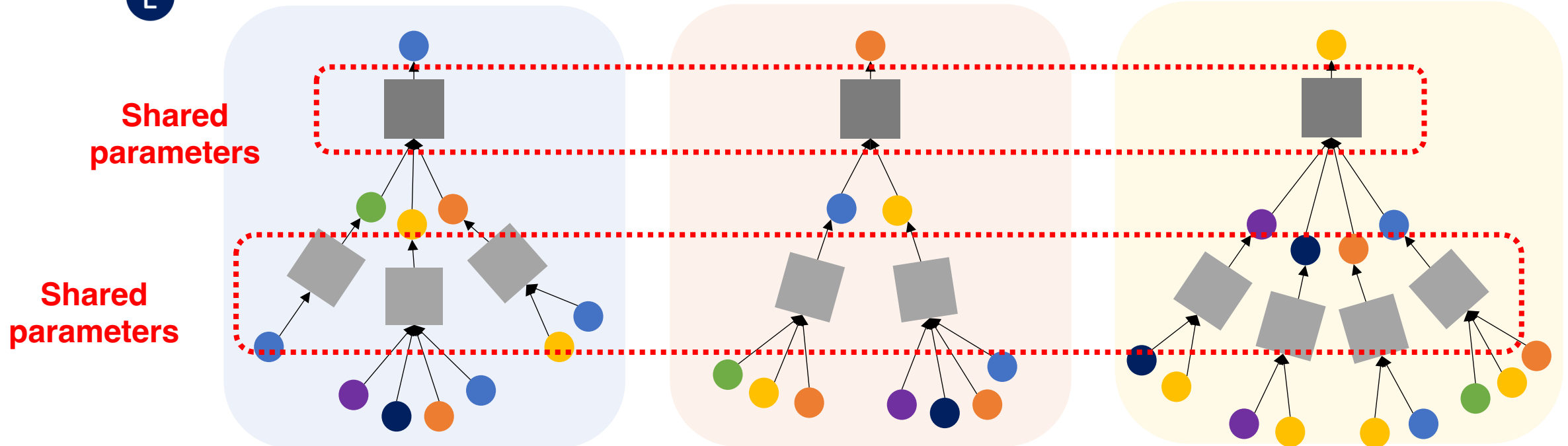
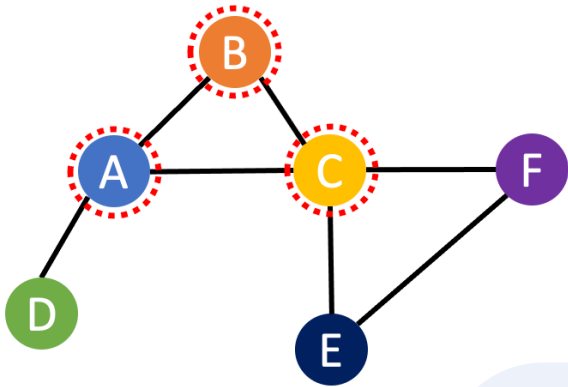


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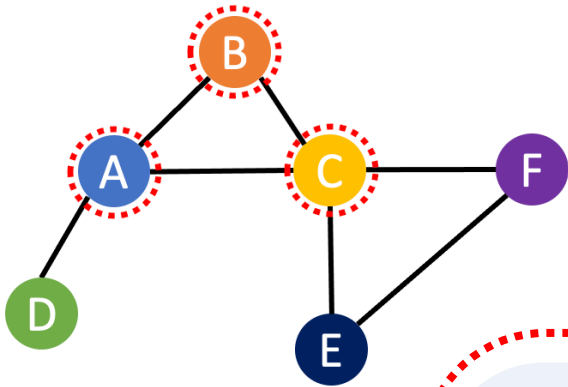


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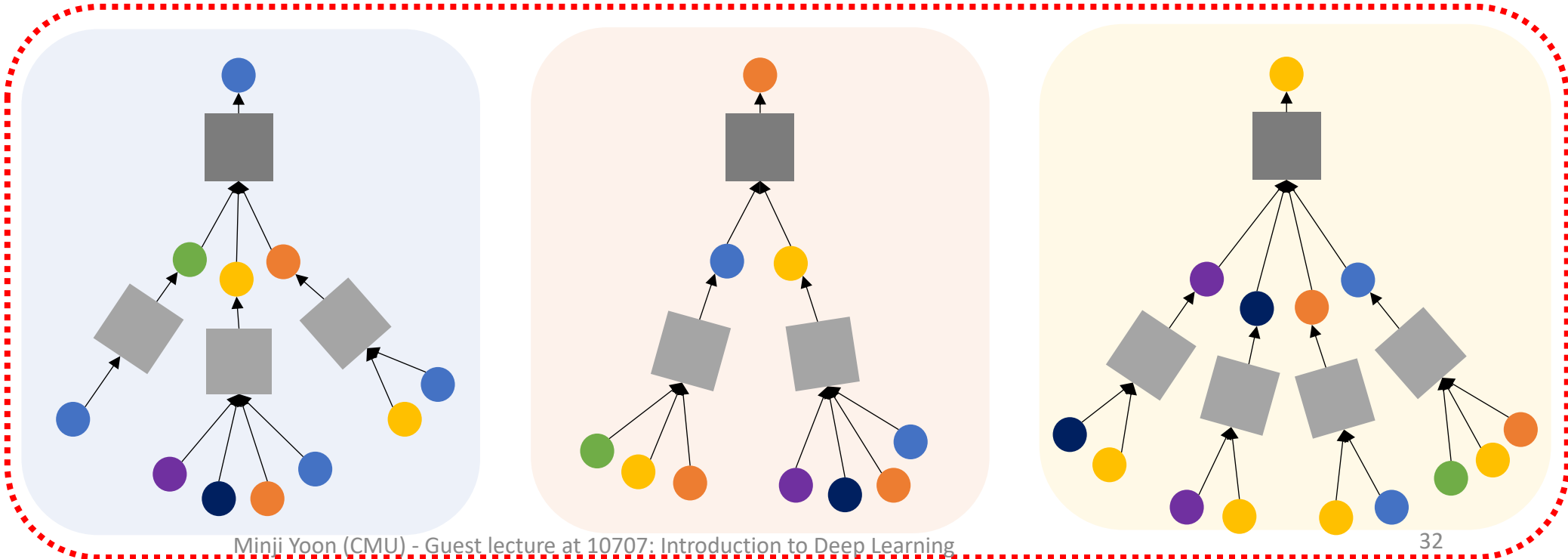


Batch execution

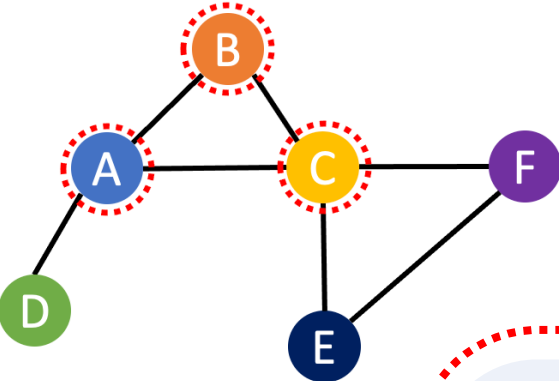
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Batch size = 3



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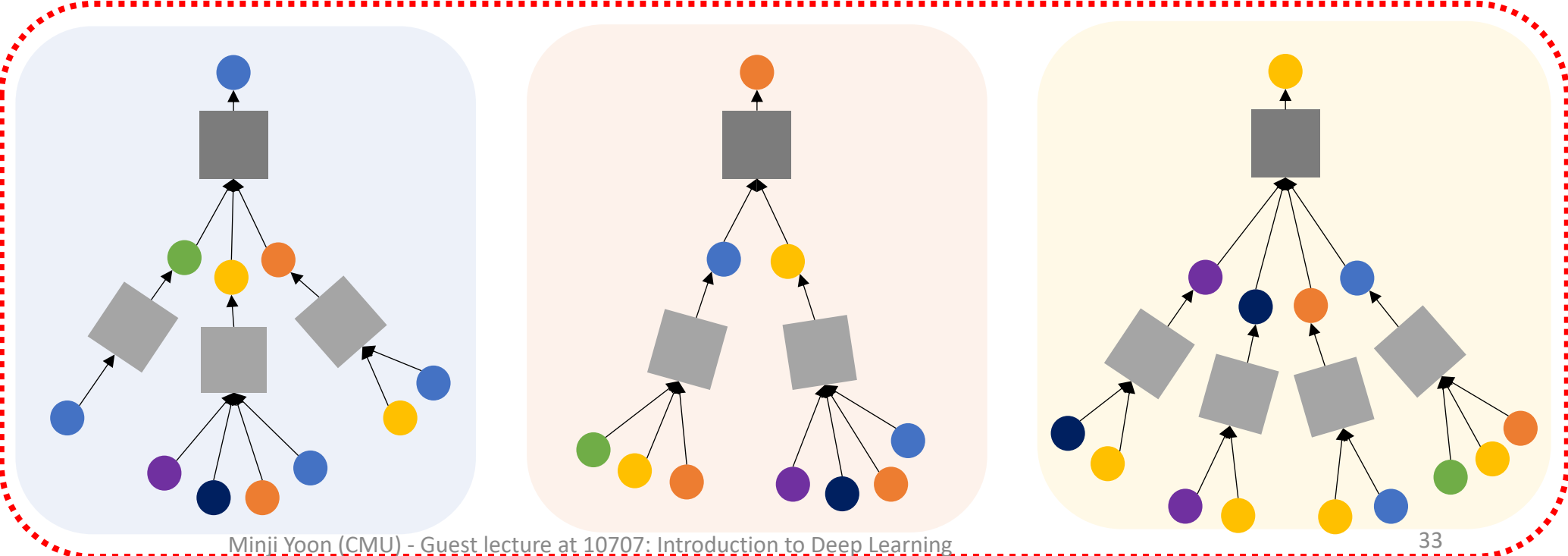
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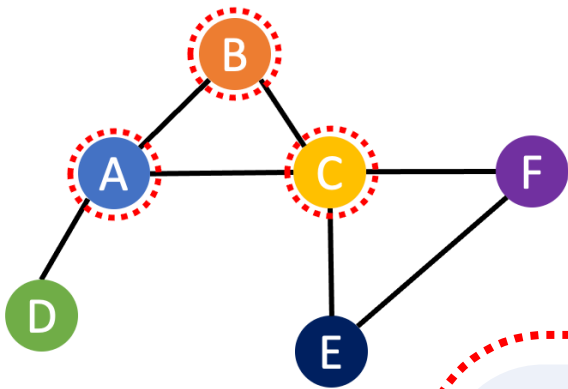
Node embedding matrix

(row-normalized) Adjacency matrix

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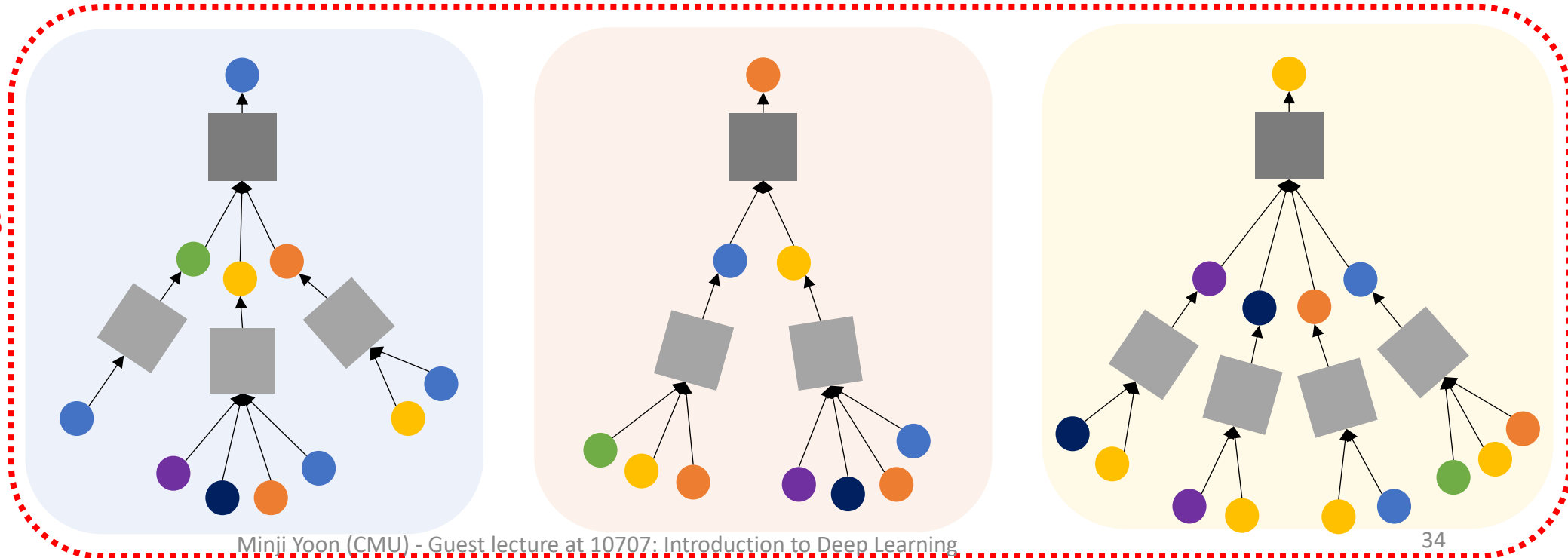
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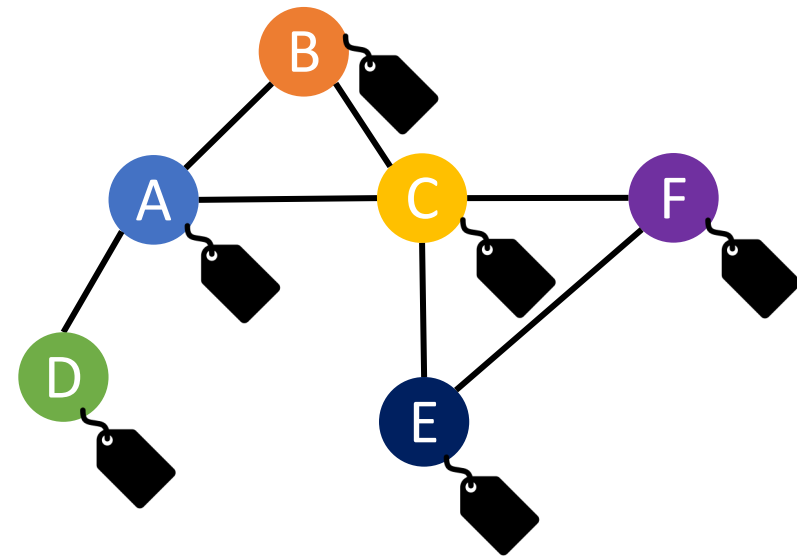
Trainable

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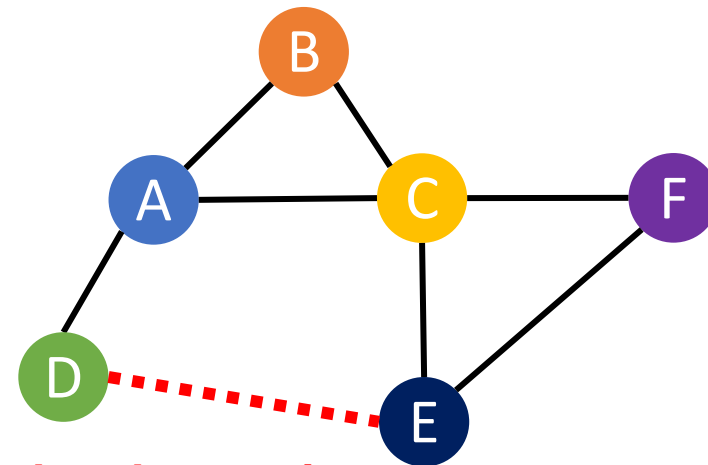
Downstream tasks

- Node-level prediction



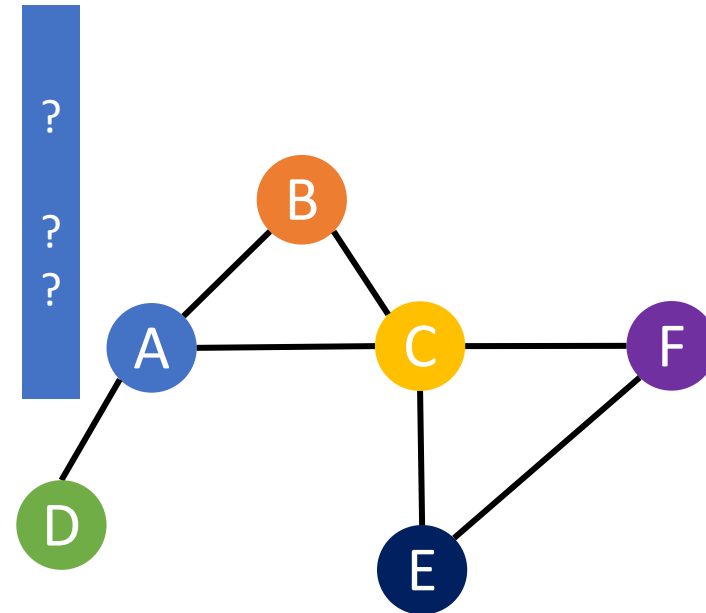
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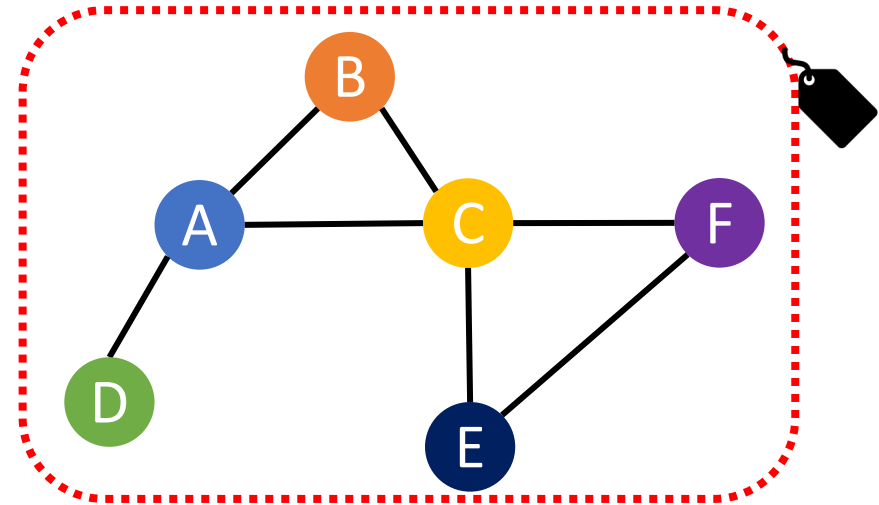
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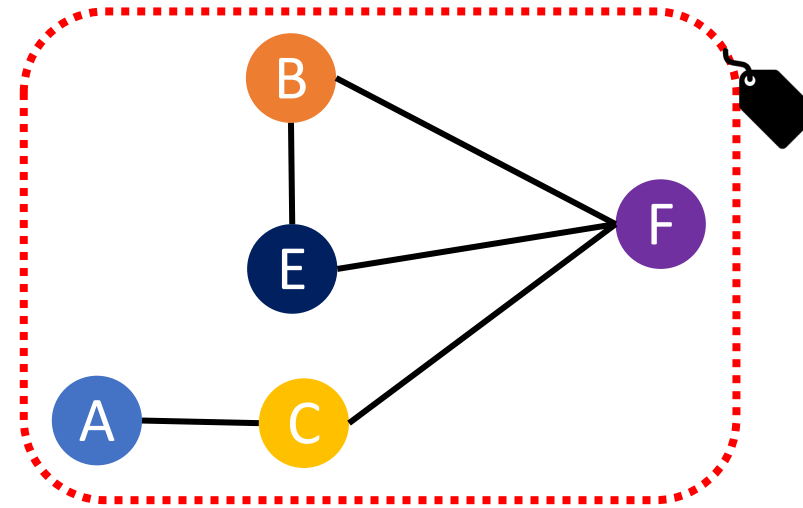
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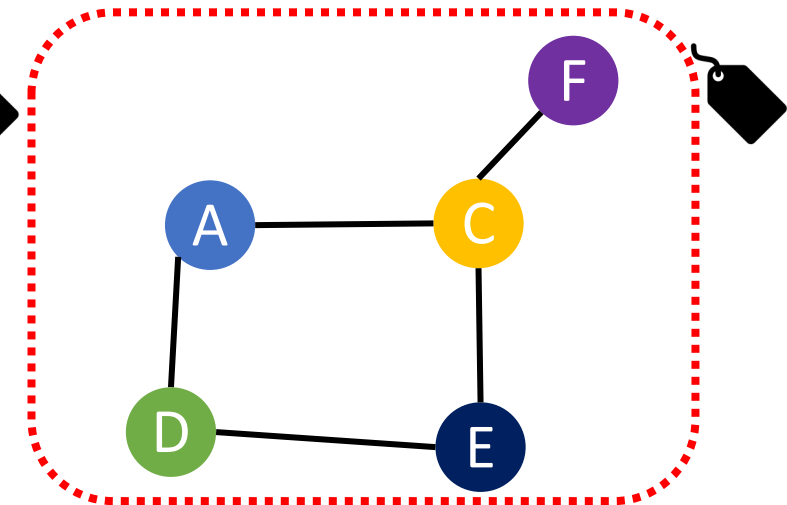
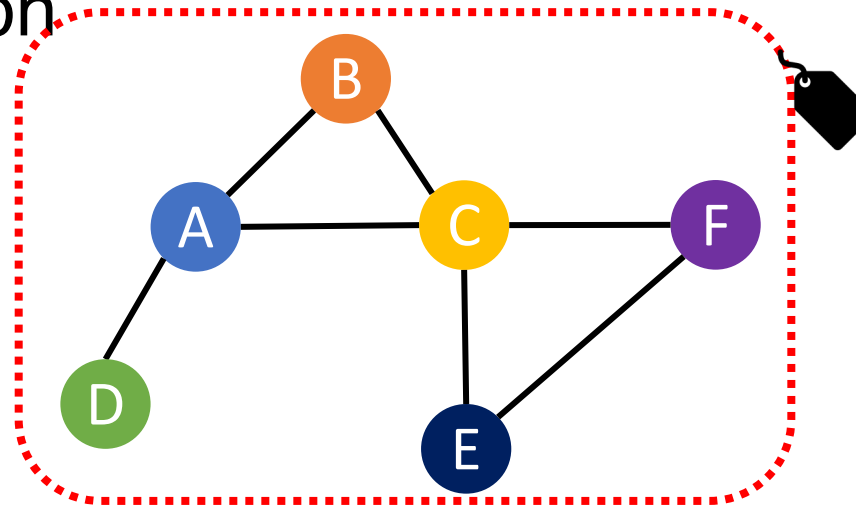


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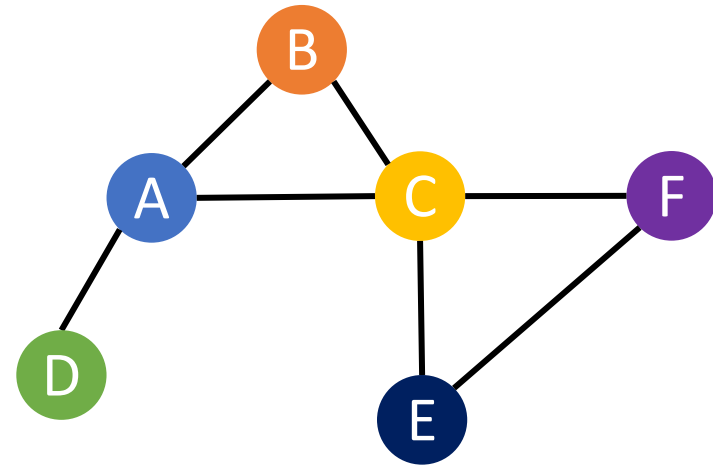


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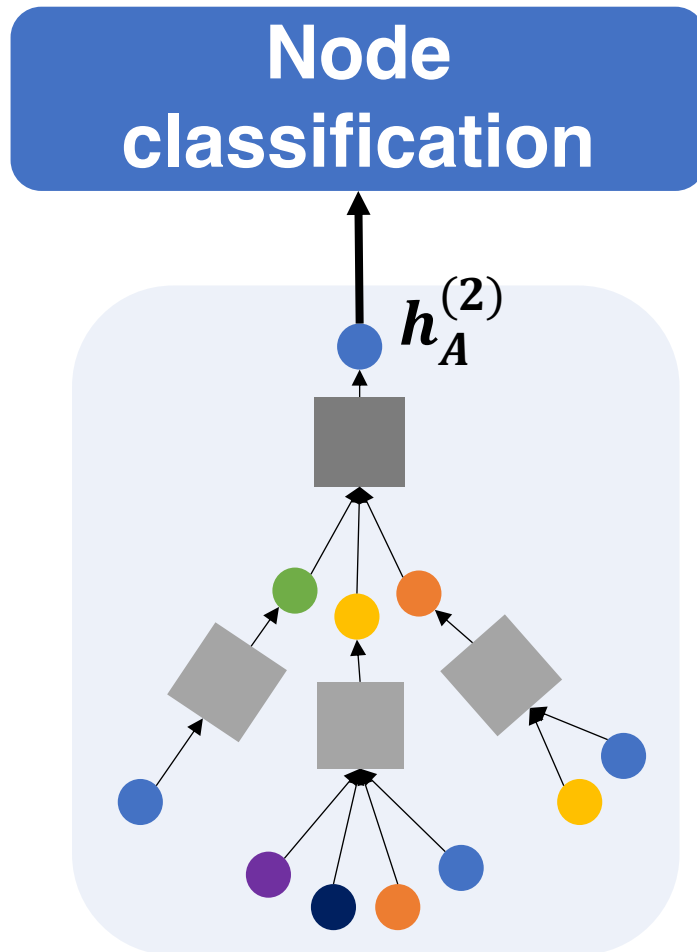


Downstream tasks

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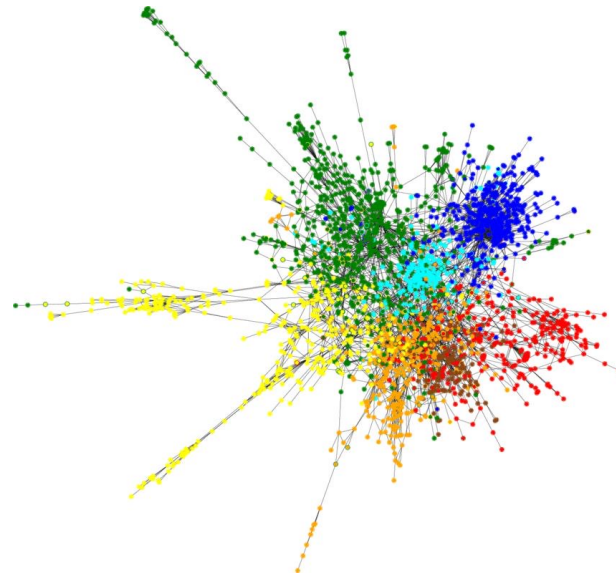
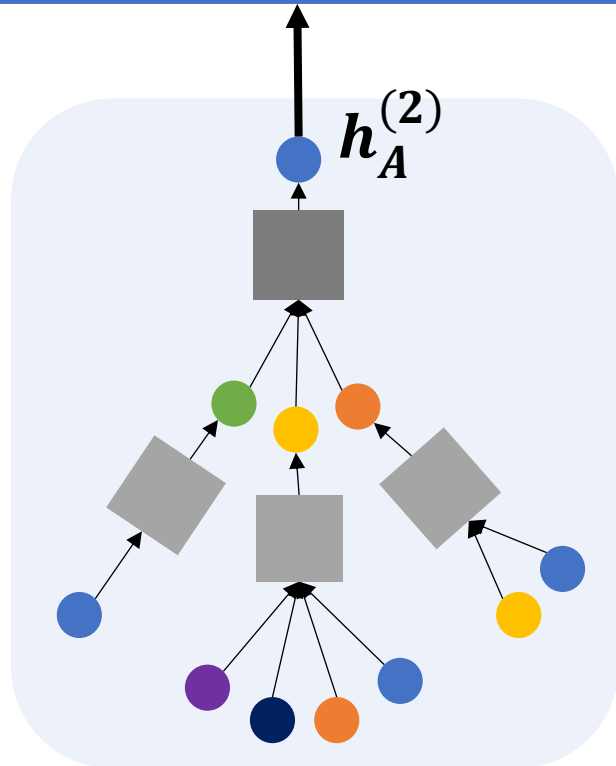


Node-level prediction tasks



Node-level prediction tasks

Node
classification



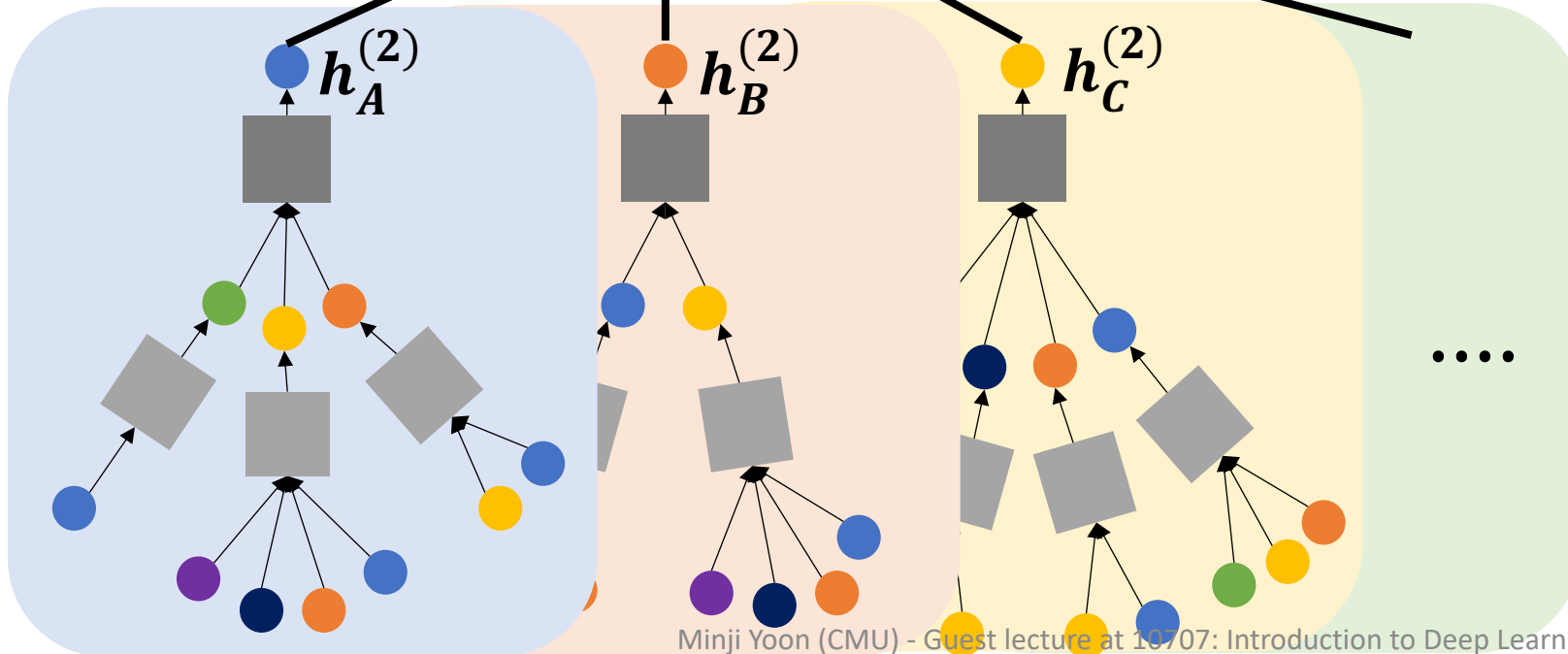
- Classify **papers** into topics on **citation networks**
- Cluster **posts** into subgroups on **Reddit networks**
- Classify **products** into categories on **Amazon co-purchase graphs**

Graph-level prediction tasks

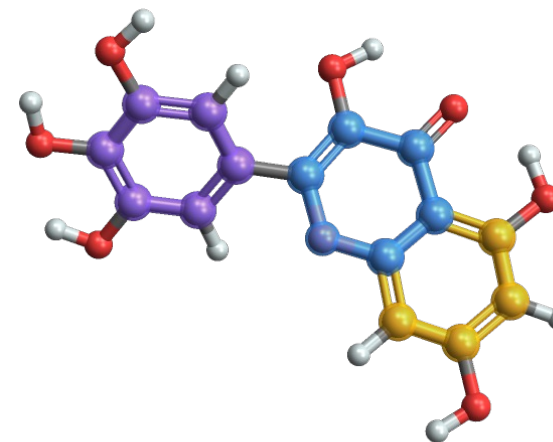
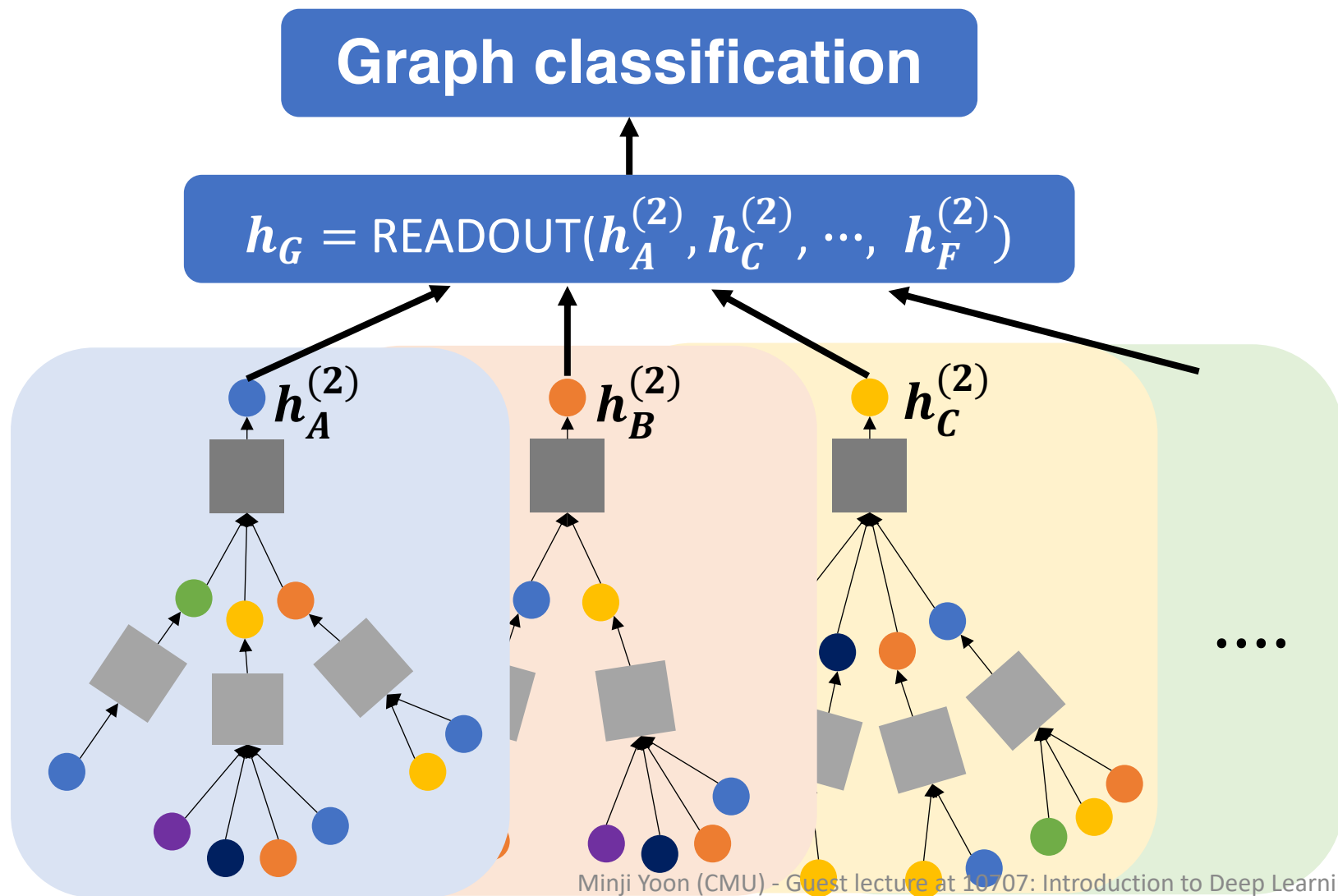
Graph classification

$$h_G = \text{READOUT}(h_A^{(2)}, h_C^{(2)}, \dots, h_F^{(2)})$$

(ex) sum, average, min/max pooling of node embeddings



Graph-level prediction tasks



- Predict **properties of a molecule (graph)** where nodes are atoms and edges are chemical bonds

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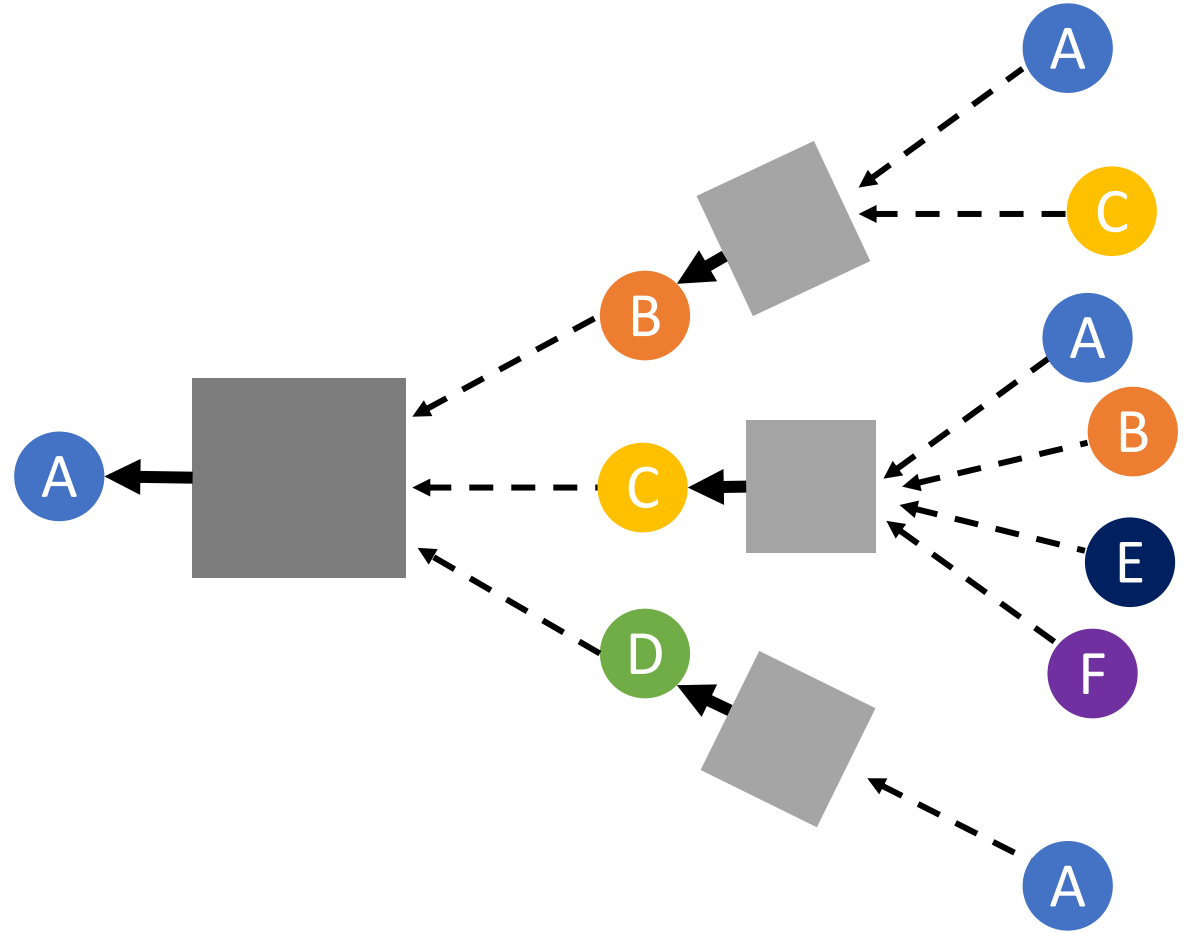
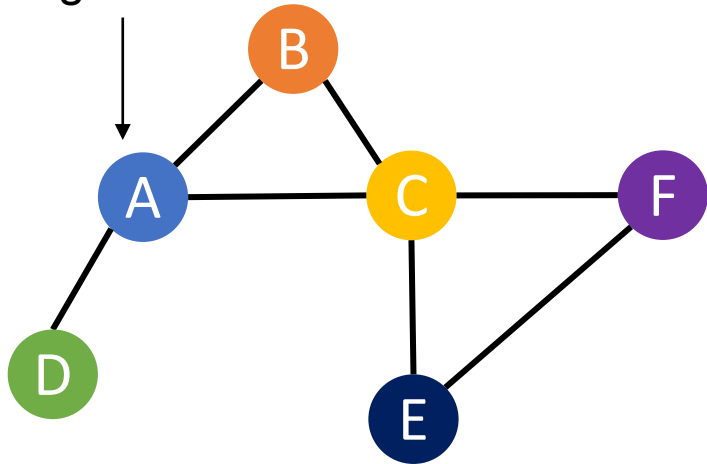
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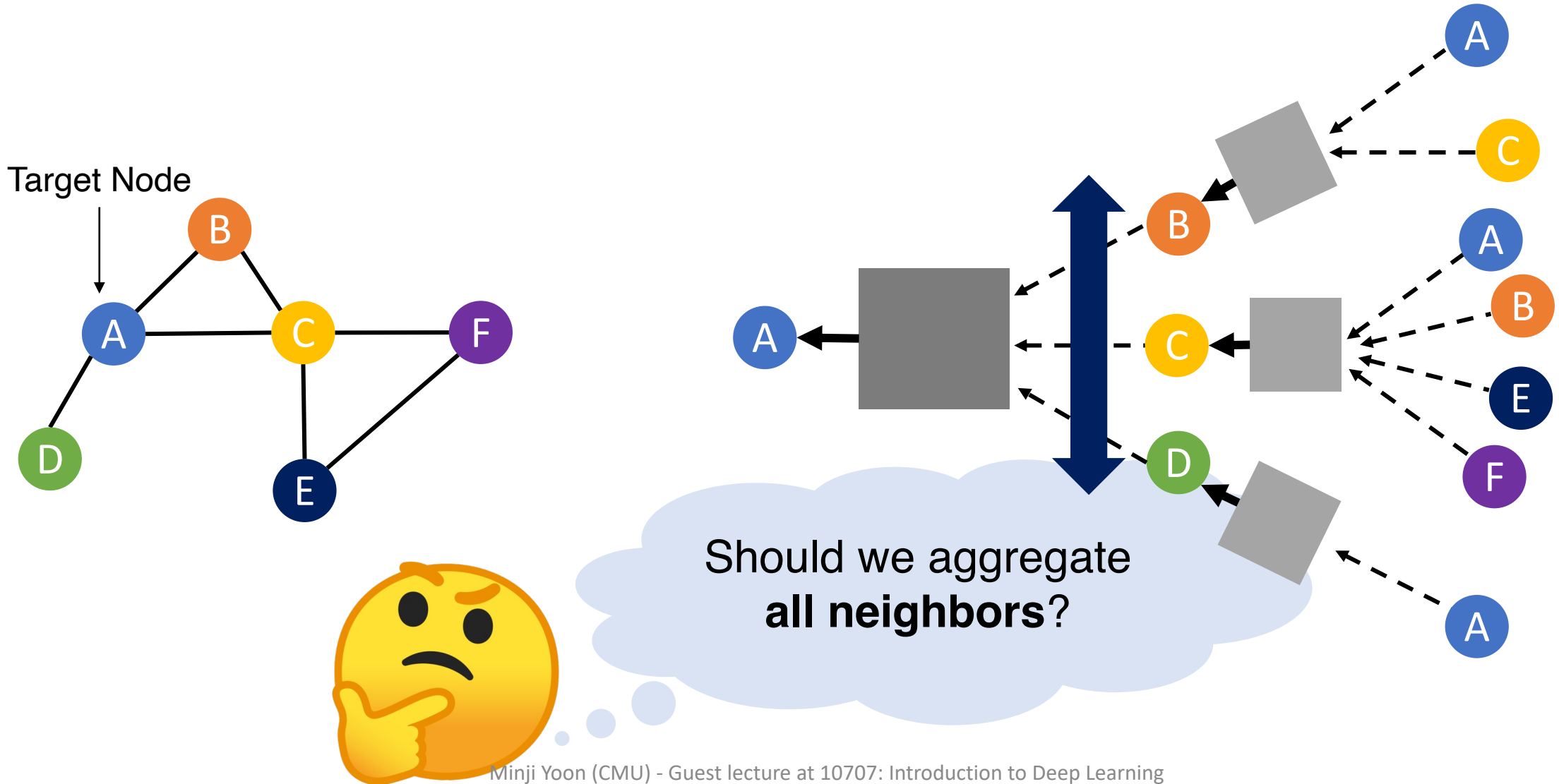
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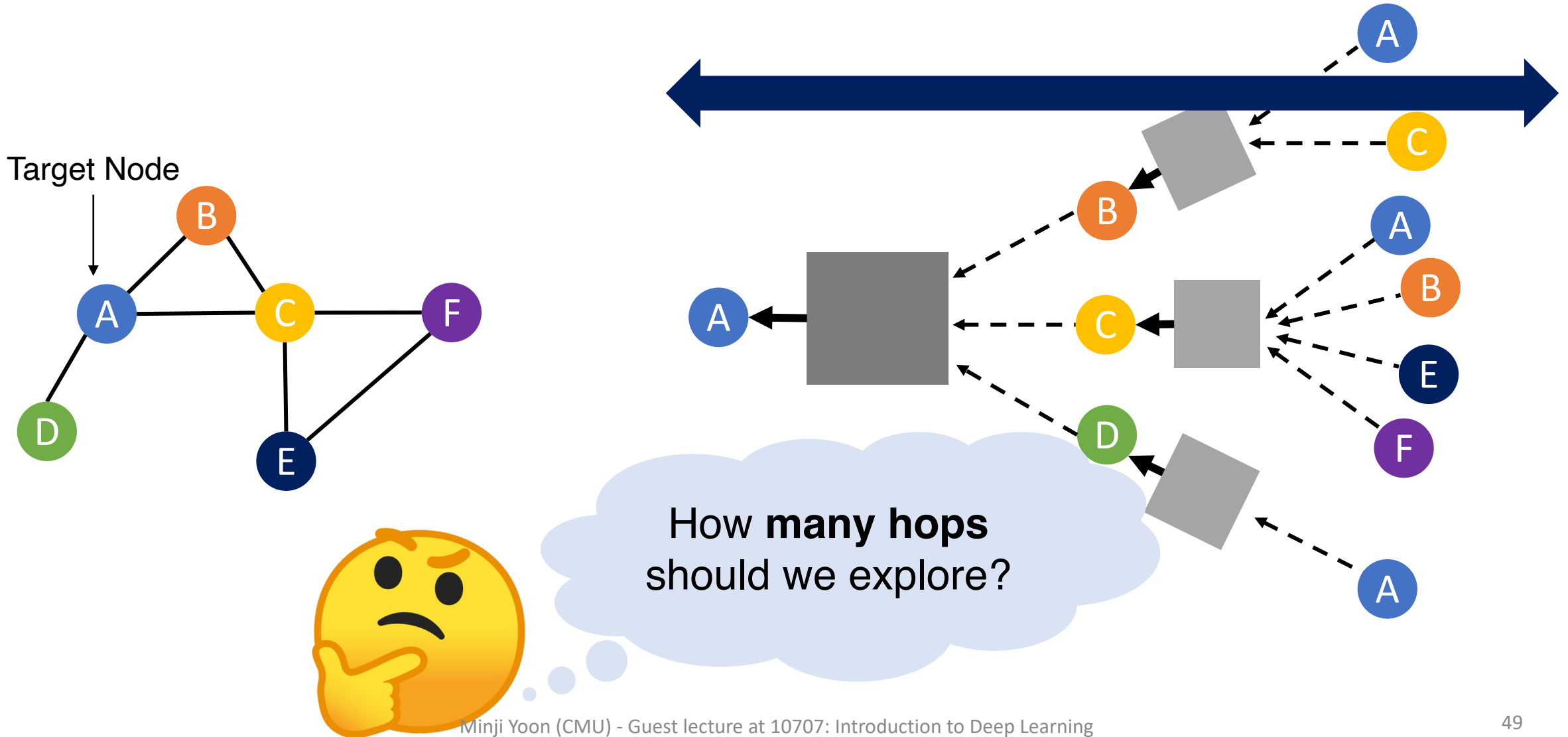
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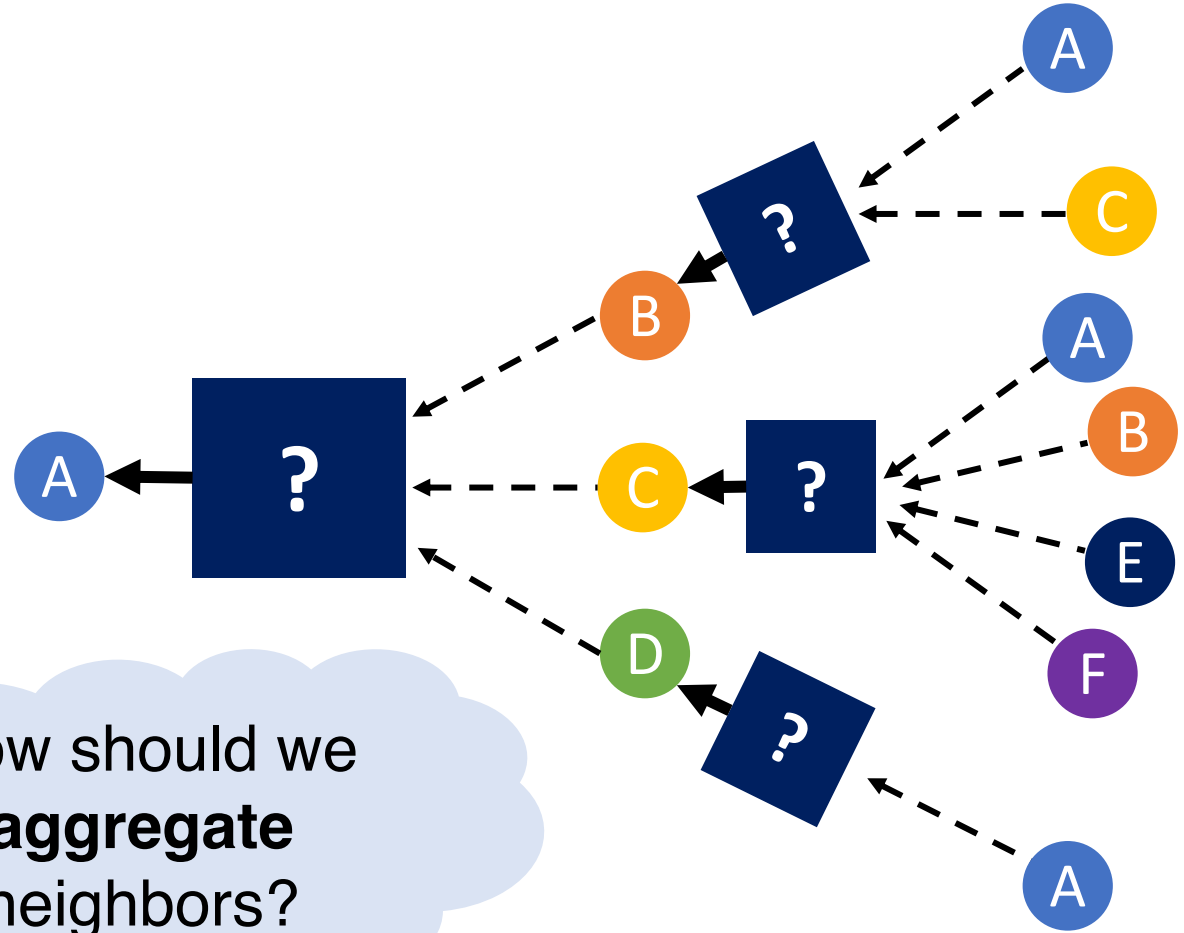
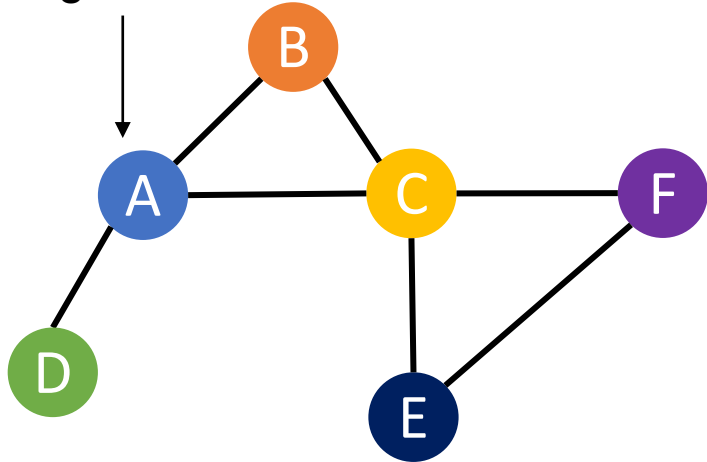


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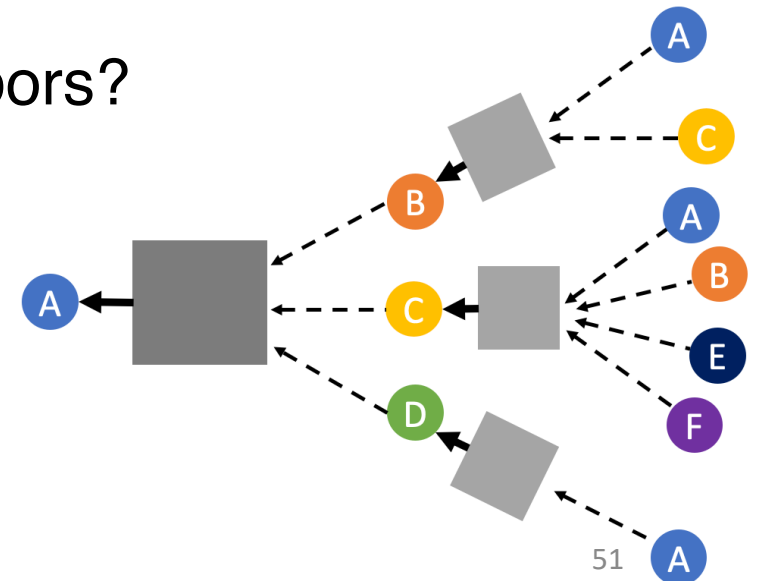
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How should we **aggregate** neighbors?

Graph Neural Network Architectures

- Width
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Graph Neural Network Architectures

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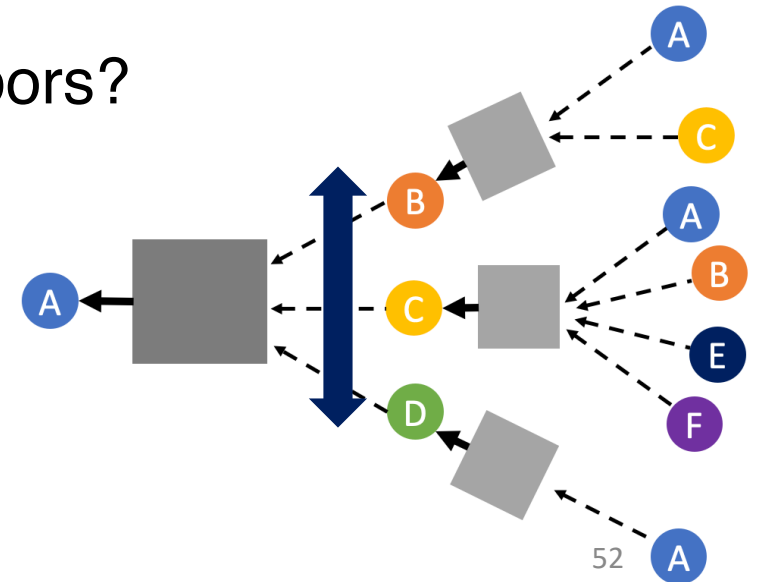
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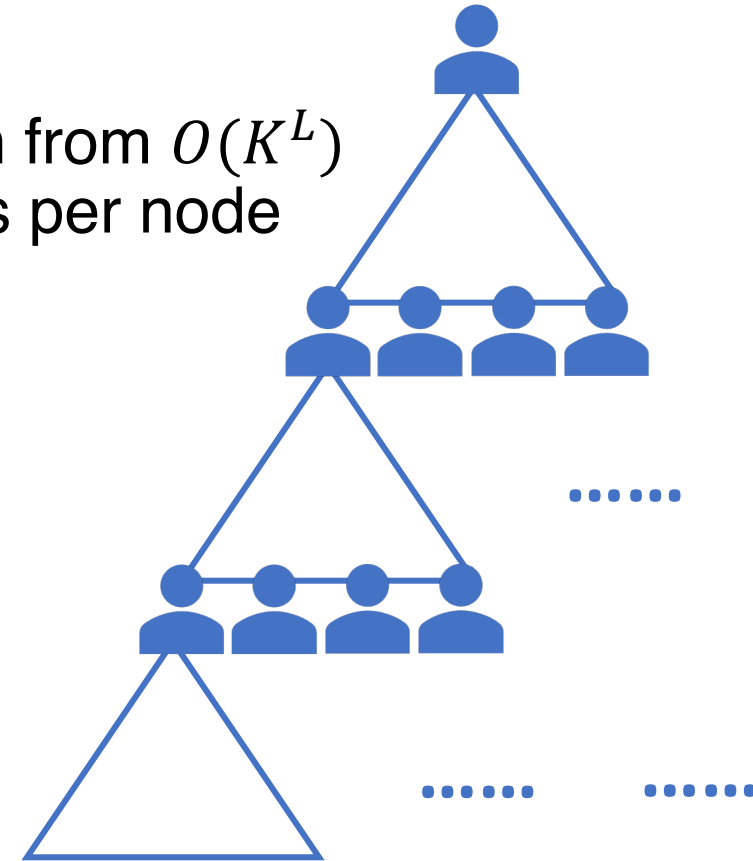
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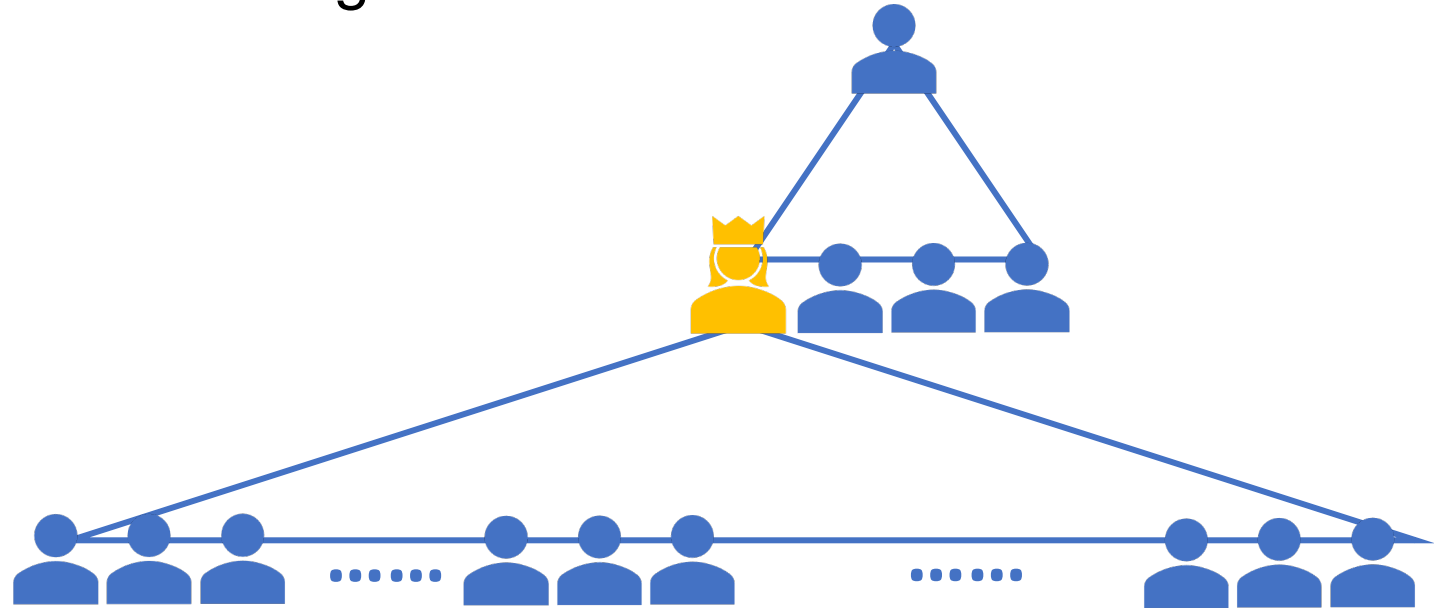
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- Neighbor explosion
 - In L -layer GNNs, one node aggregates information from $O(K^L)$ nodes where K is the average number of neighbors per node



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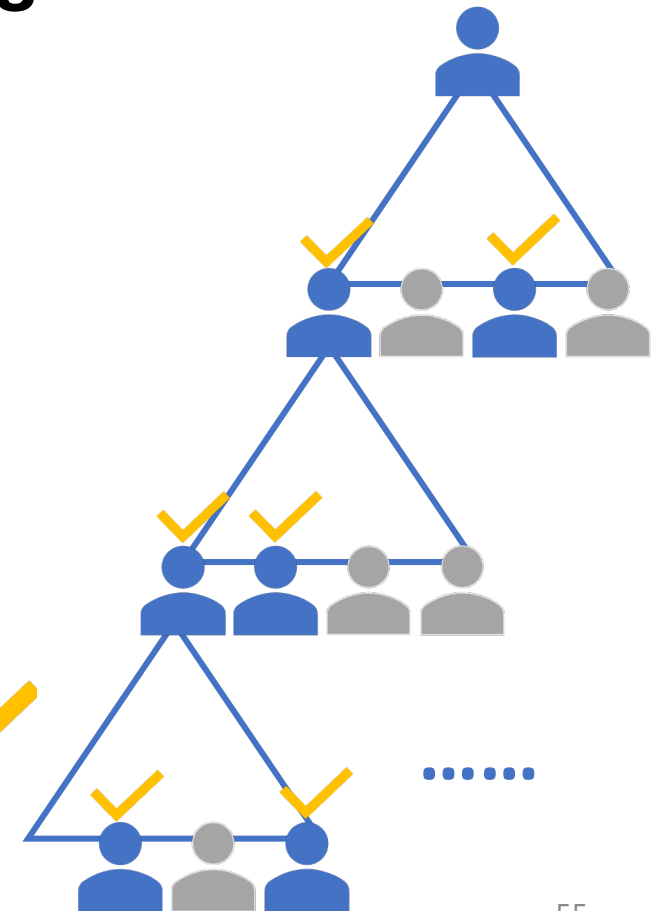
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Aggregation Width in GNNs

- Limit the neighborhood expansion by **sampling** a fixed number of neighbors

Sample the neighbors ✓



Aggregation Width in GNNs

- Random sampling
 - Assign **same** sampling probabilities to all neighbors
 - *GraphSage*^[4]
- Importance sampling
 - Assign **different** sampling probabilities to all neighbors
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: assign *higher sampling probabilities to neighbors who*

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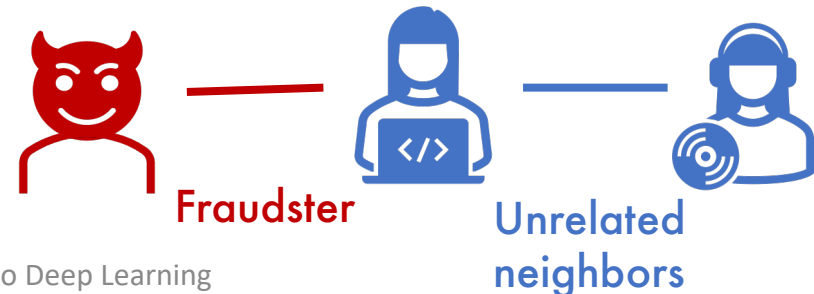
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- Node classification task on 7 different real-world graphs
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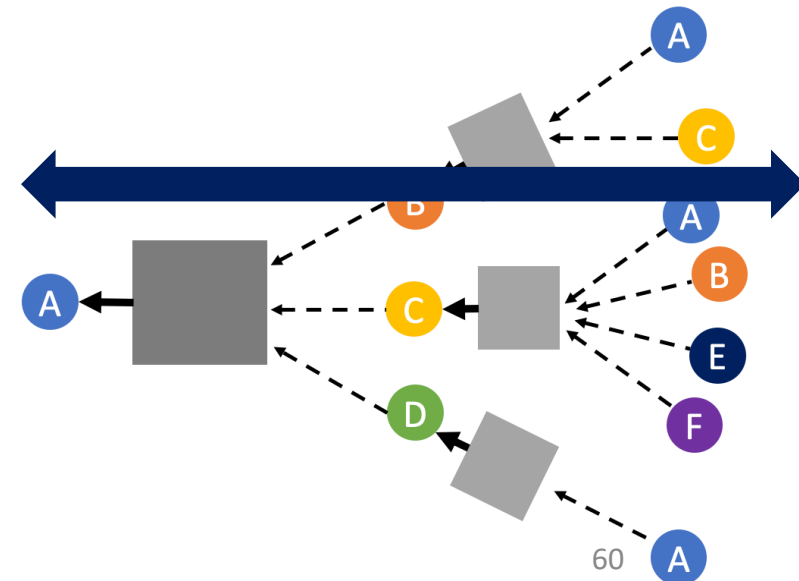
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Real-world graphs are noisy!!



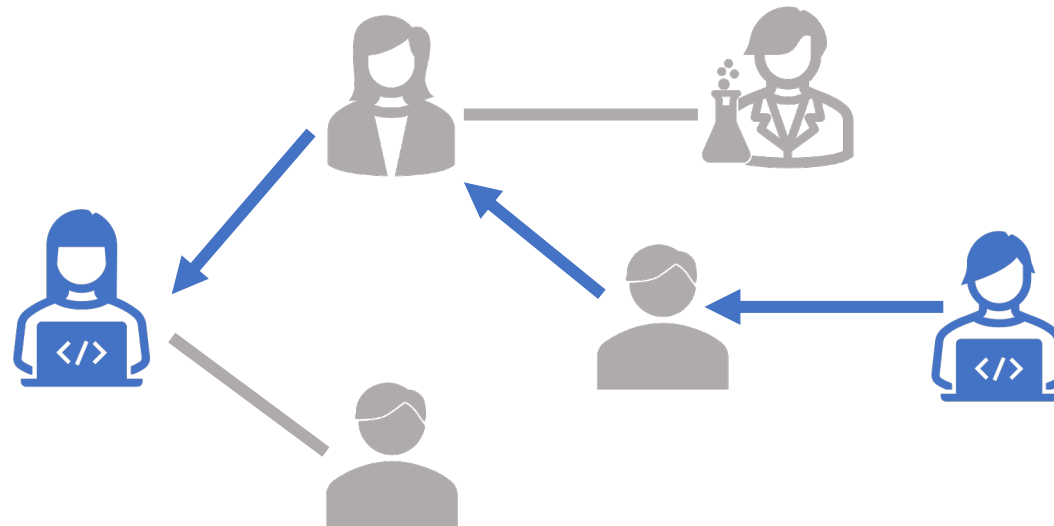
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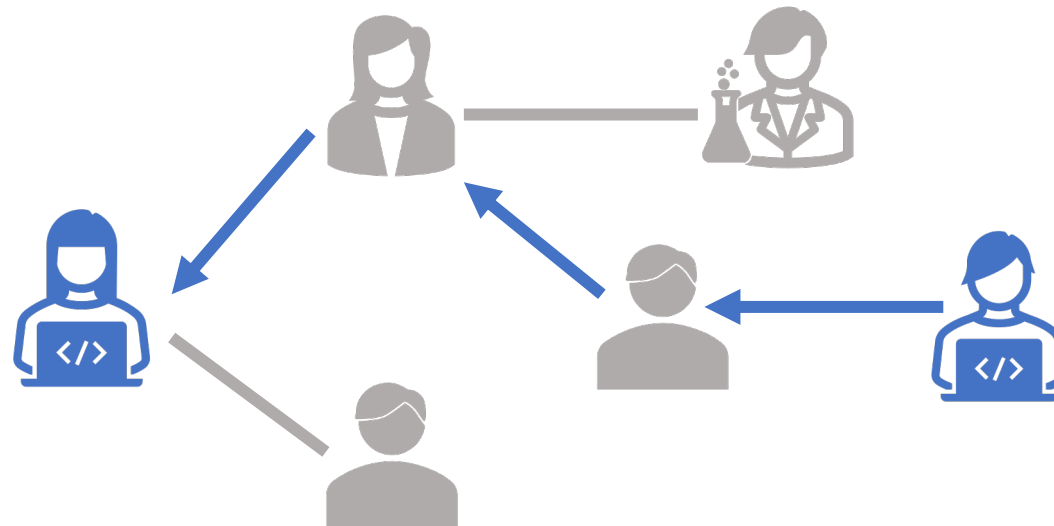
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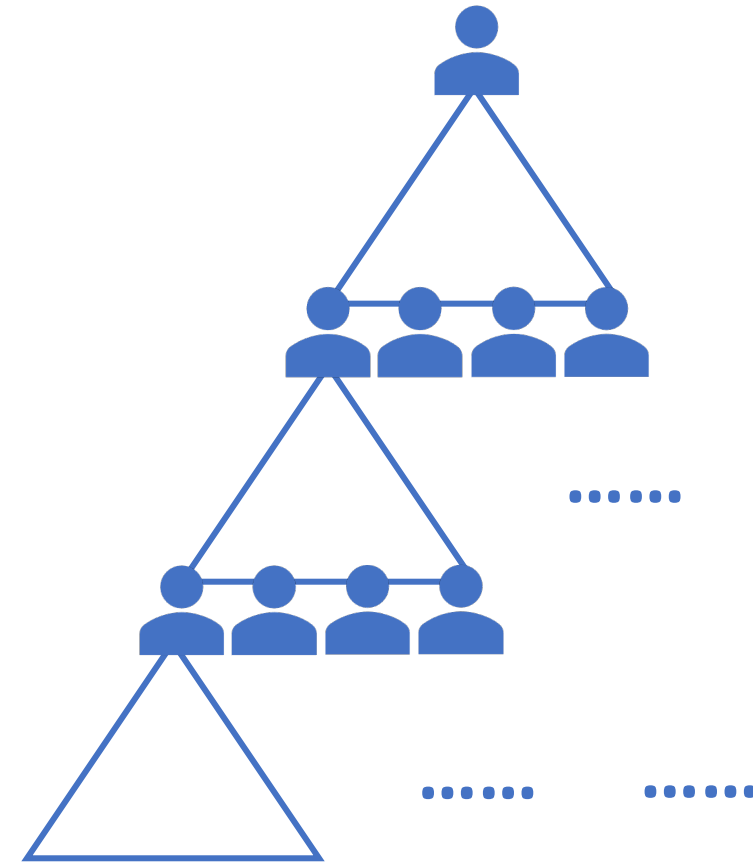
- 2-layer or 3-layer GNNs are commonly used in real worlds



Wasn't it Deeeep Learning?

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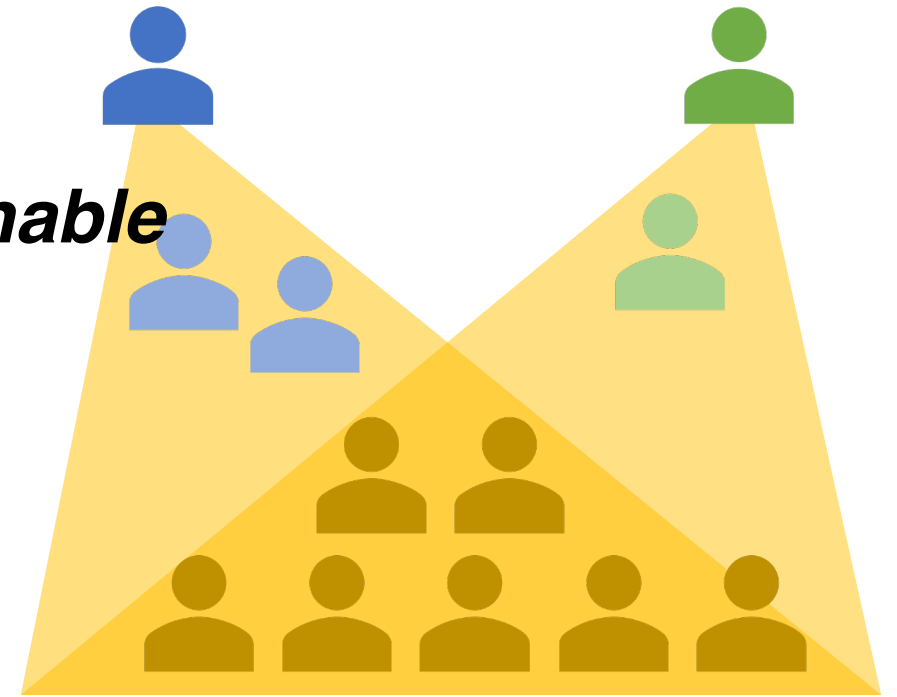
- When we increase the depth L more than this, GNNs face neighbor explosion $O(K^L)$
 - **Over-smoothing**
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Aggregation Depth in GNNs

Over-smoothing^[10]

- When GNNs become deep, nodes share many neighbors
- Node embeddings become *indistinguishable*

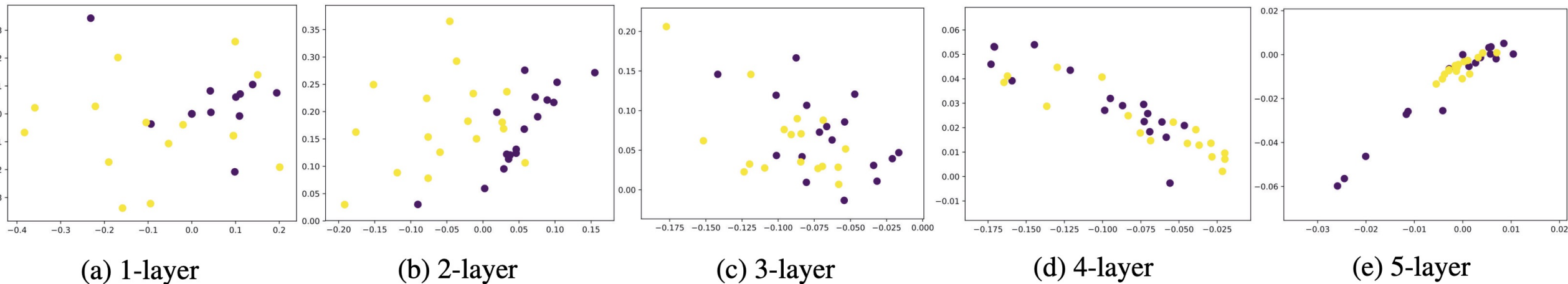


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- Node embeddings of Zachary's karate club network with GNNs



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Aggregation Depth in GNNs

Mitigate over-smoothing

PairNorm^[11]

- Keep total pairwise squared distance (TPSD) **constant** across layers
- Push away pairs that are not connected

$$\text{TPSD}(\dot{X}) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} \|\dot{x}_i - \dot{x}_j\|_2^2 + \sum_{(i,j) \notin \mathcal{E}} \|\dot{x}_i - \dot{x}_j\|_2^2 = \mathcal{C}$$

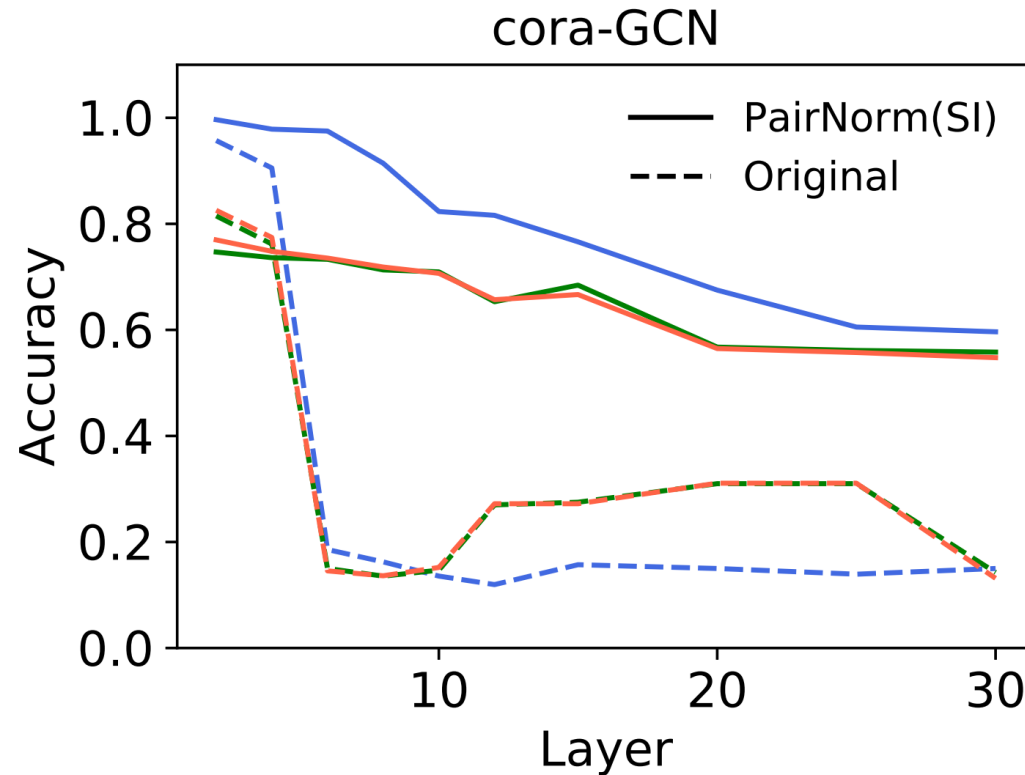
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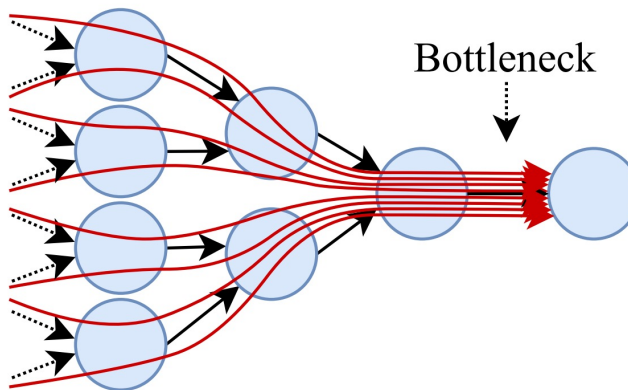


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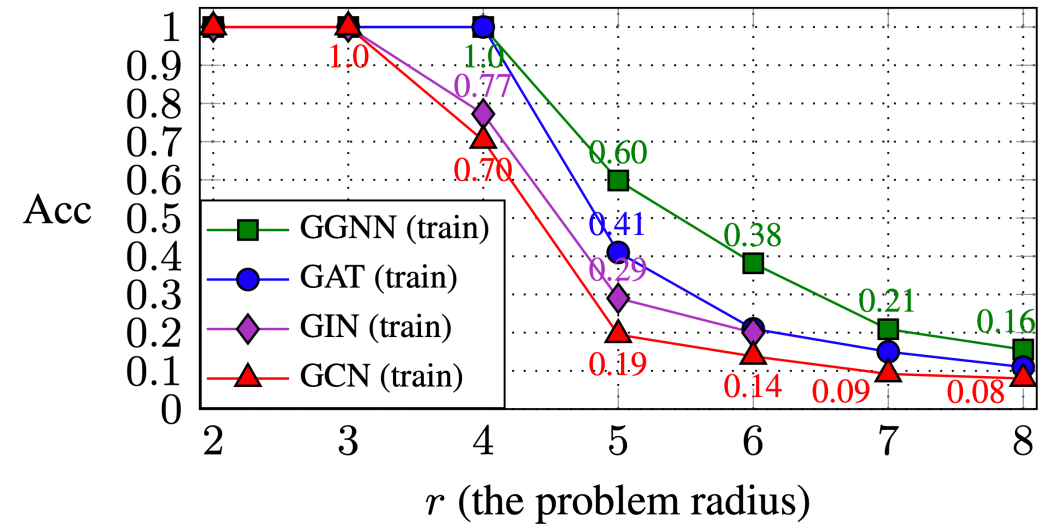
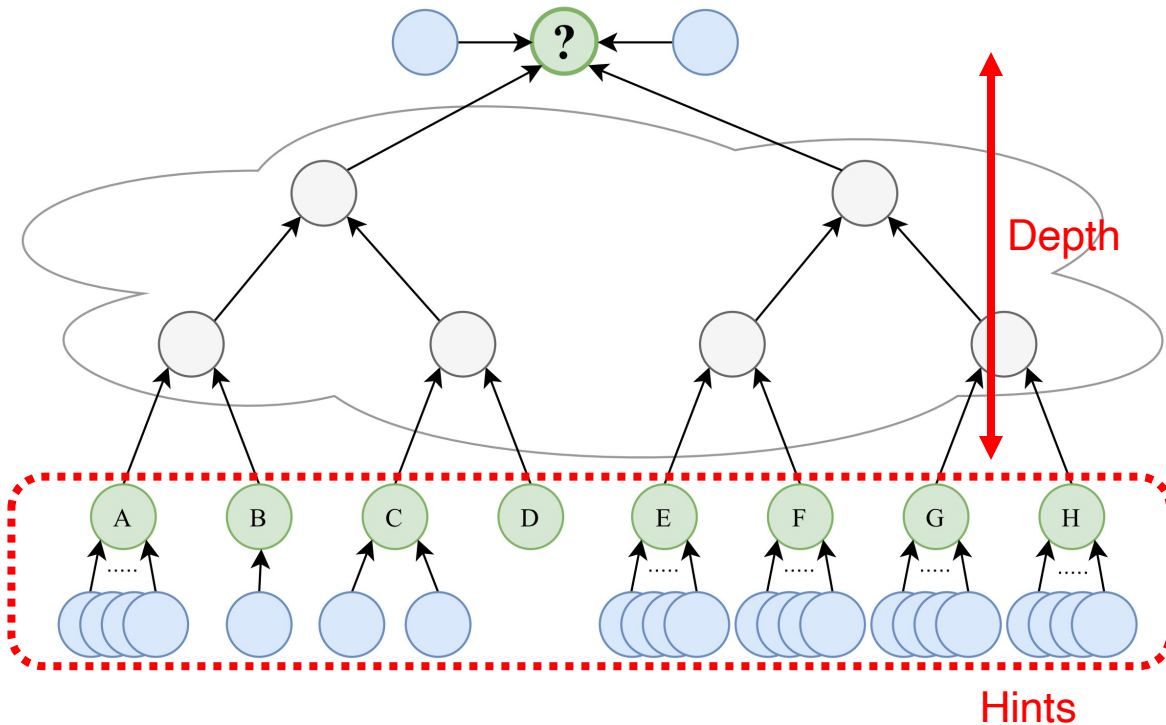
- A node's exponentially-growing neighborhood is compressed into a fixed-size vector



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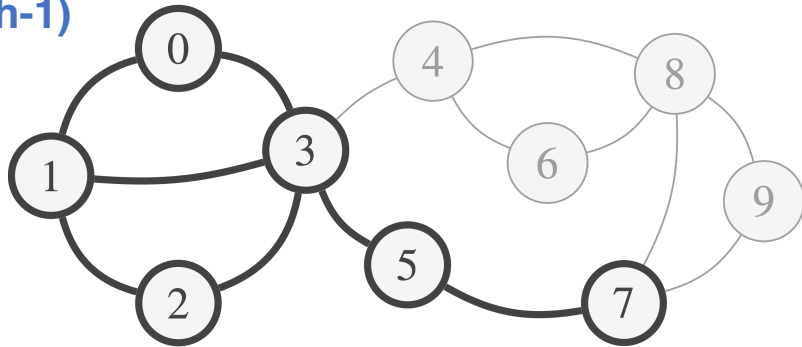
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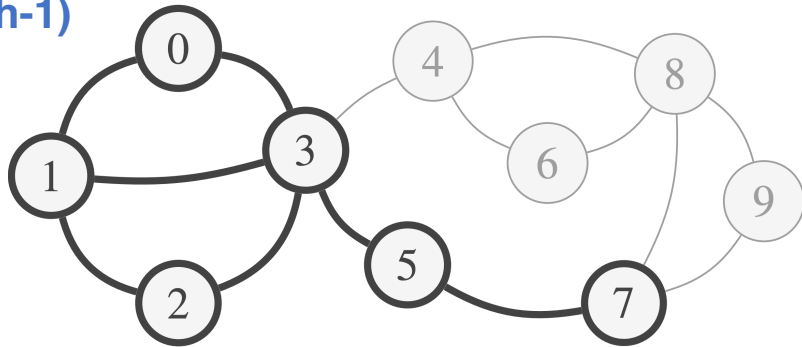
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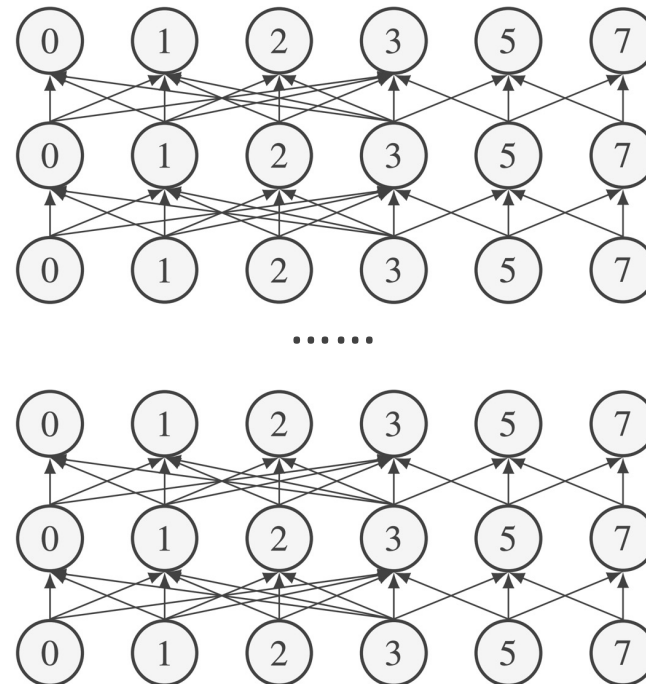
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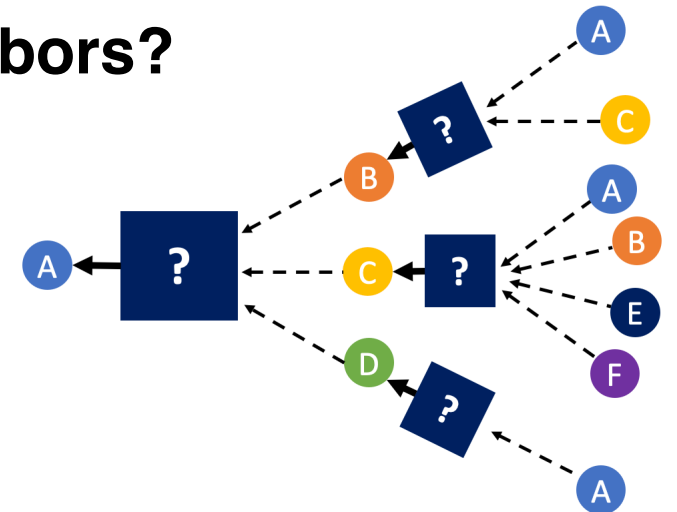


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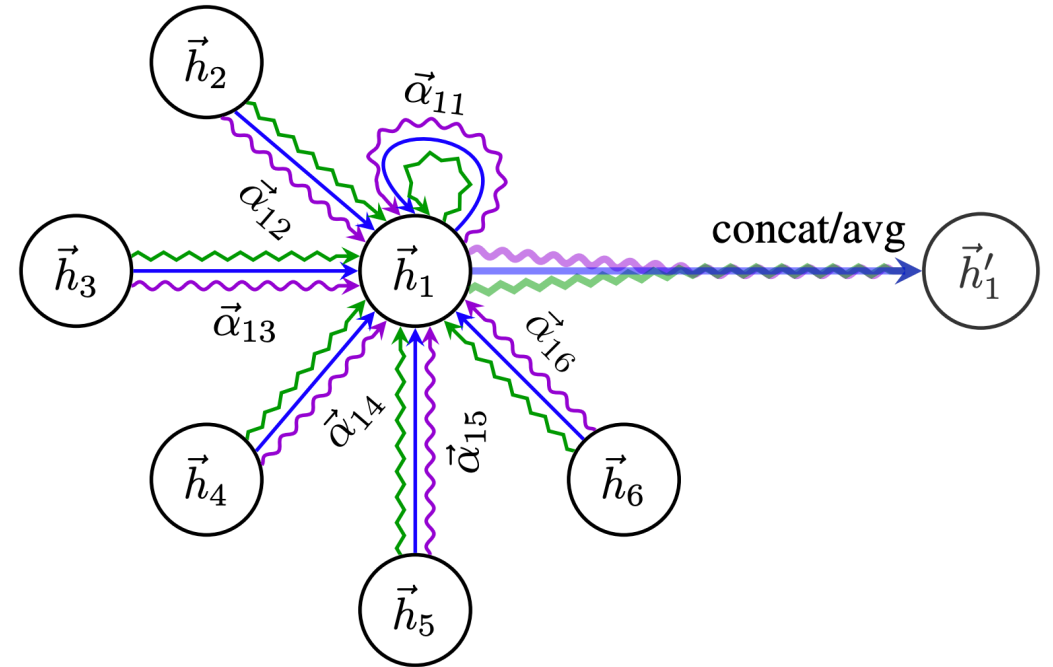
- GCN^[1]
 - Average embeddings of neighboring nodes

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- GAT^[14]
 - Different weights to different nodes in a neighborhood
 - Multi-head attention

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(\vec{\mathbf{a}}^T [\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_j]\right)\right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i} \exp\left(\text{LeakyReLU}\left(\vec{\mathbf{a}}^T [\mathbf{W}\vec{h}_i \parallel \mathbf{W}\vec{h}_k]\right)\right)}$$



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Core part of GNNs

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Any neural network module can fit in
1-layer MLP is commonly used

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Power of **GNNs**

=

Power of **aggregation strategies**

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- *But.. what is the power of GNNs and how can we measure it?*



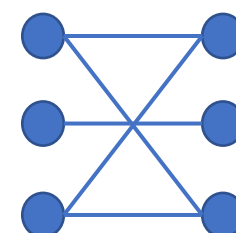
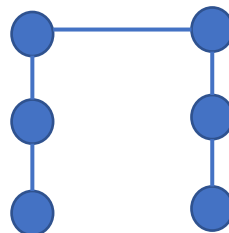
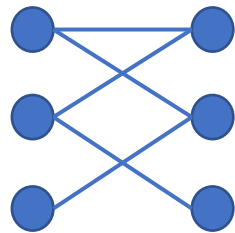
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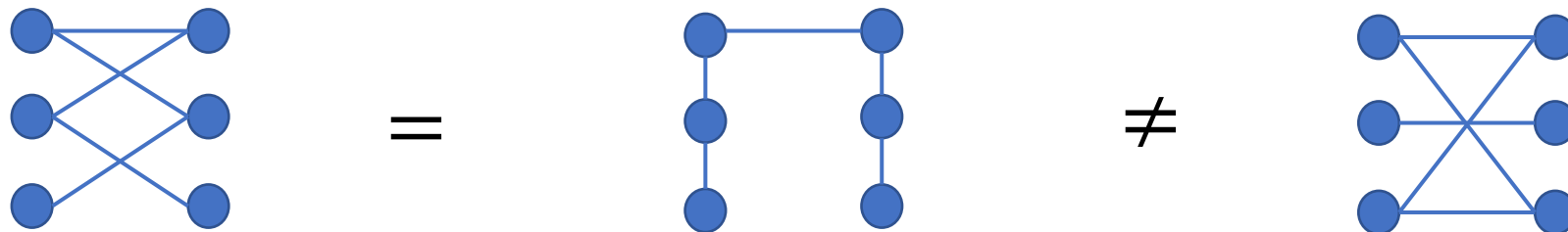
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Mean and Max both fail, while Sum can distinguish them!!

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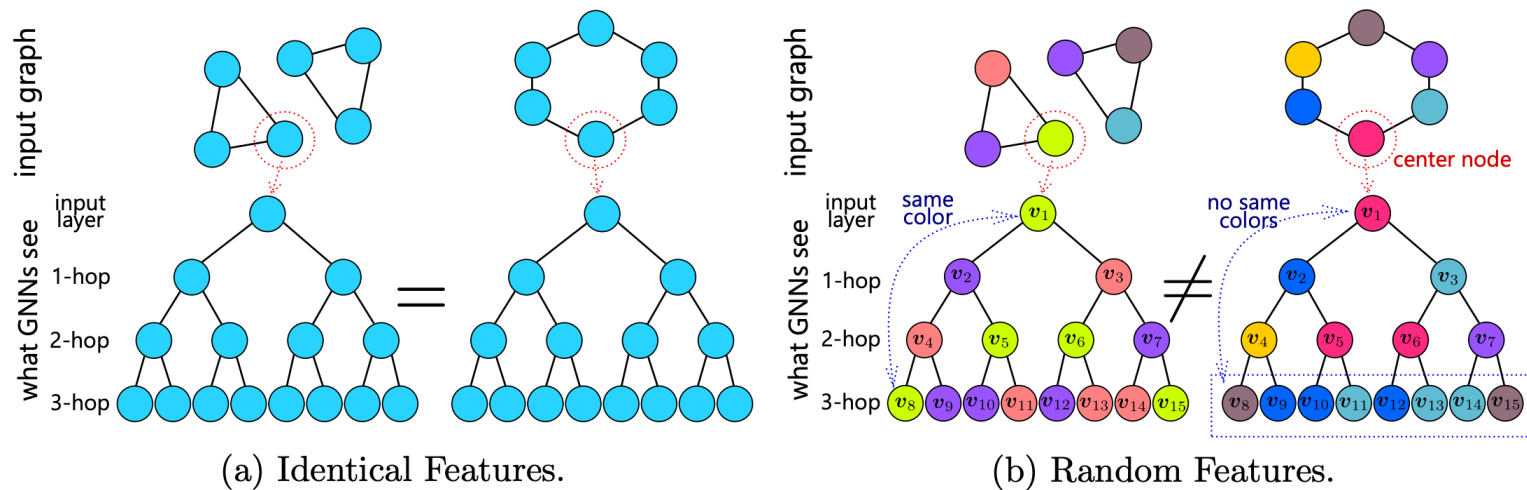
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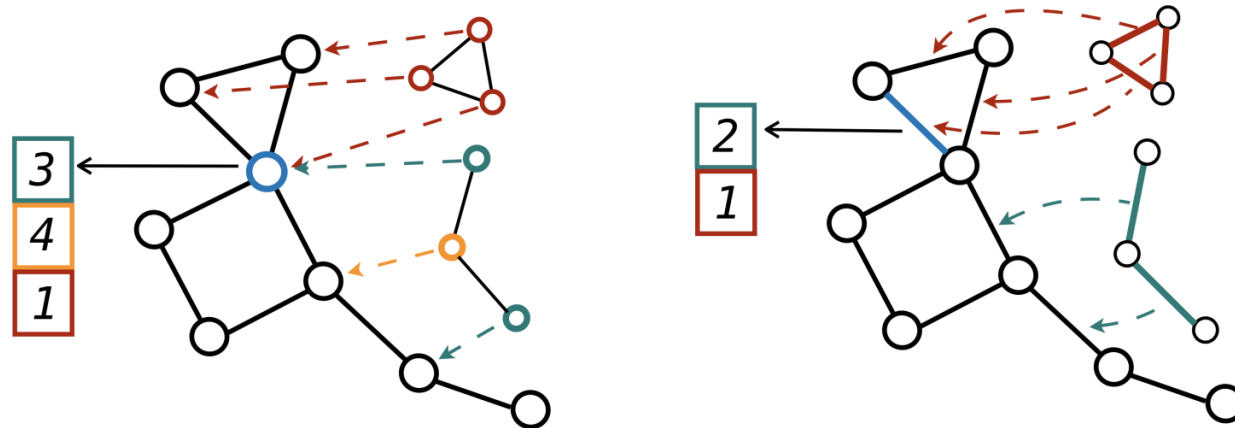
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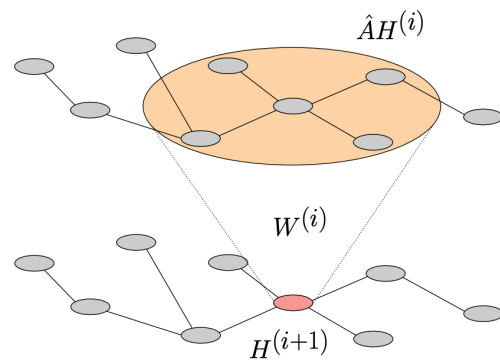
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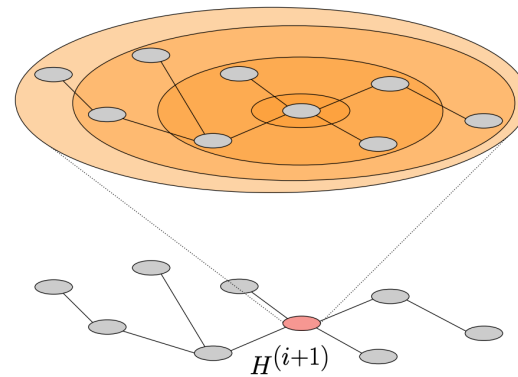
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- Can we make more powerful GNNs?
- Directly aggregates k-hop information by using adjacency matrix powers^[18]



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(a) Traditional graph convolution.



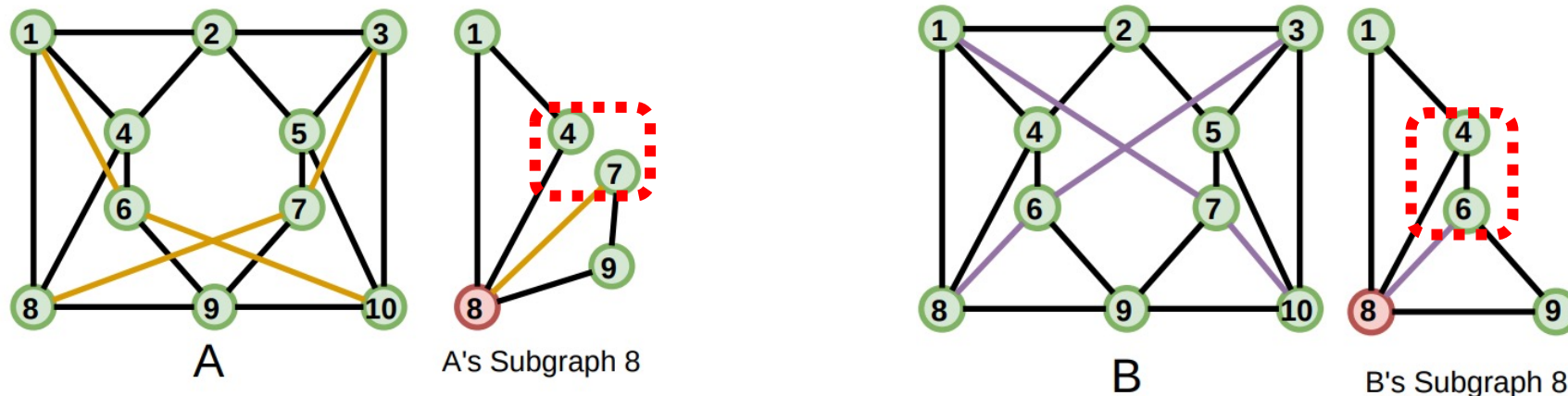
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(b) Our mixed feature model.

[18] Sami Abu-El-Haija, et al. "MixHop: Higher-Order Graph Convolutional Architectures via Sparsified Neighborhood Mixing"

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- [20] proves that *there isn't* a clear single “winner” aggregator

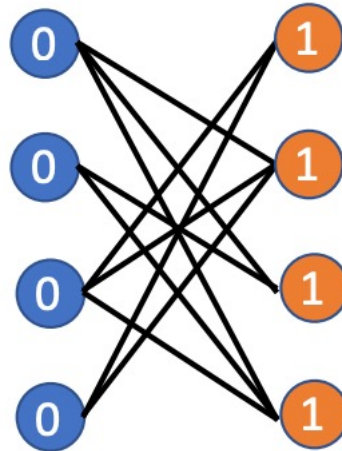
Theorem 1 (Number of aggregators needed). *In order to discriminate between multisets of size n whose underlying set is \mathbb{R} , at least n aggregators are needed.*

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- How can we deal with **heterophilous networks**?^[21,22]
 - Connected nodes have different class labels and dissimilar features

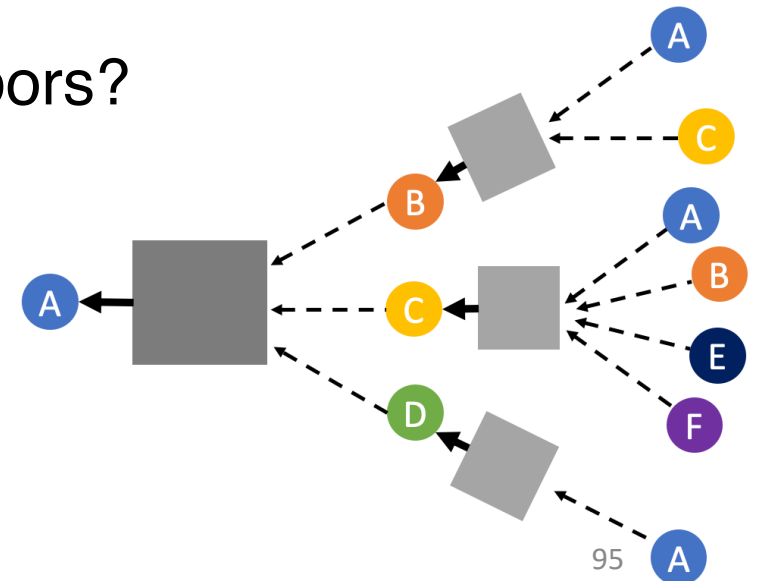


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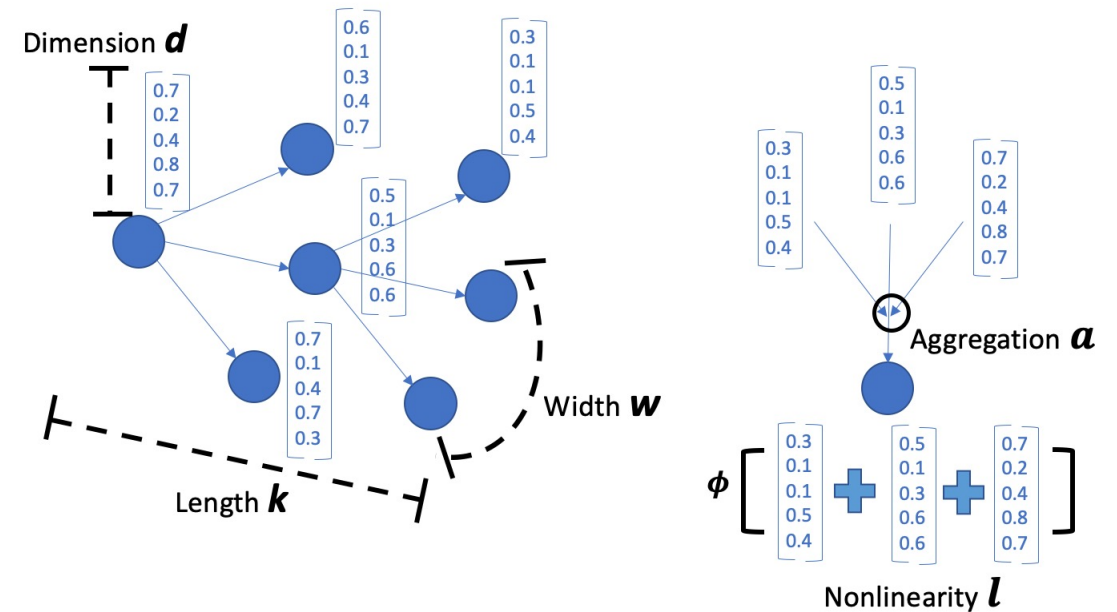
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Neural Architecture Search for GNNs

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Width?
Depth?
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Neural Architecture Search for GNNs

- Finding proper *width, depth, and aggregation strategy* for a given graph and task **automatically**^[1,2,3]

Here is the GNN you requested



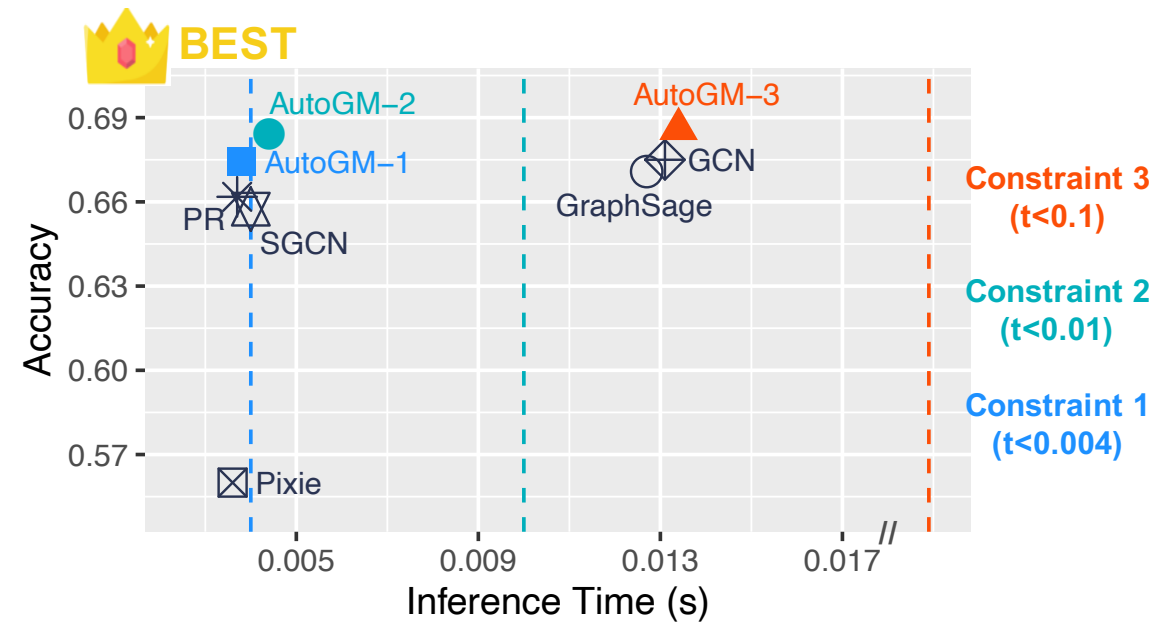
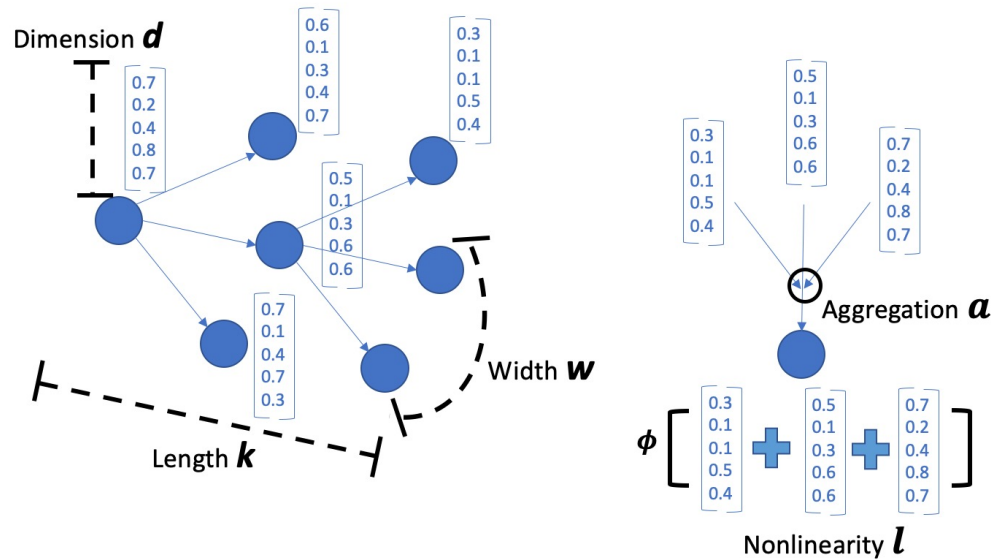
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Neural Architecture Search for GNNs

- AutoGM^[23]



Step 1: define a hyperparameter space

Step 2: explore the space efficiently

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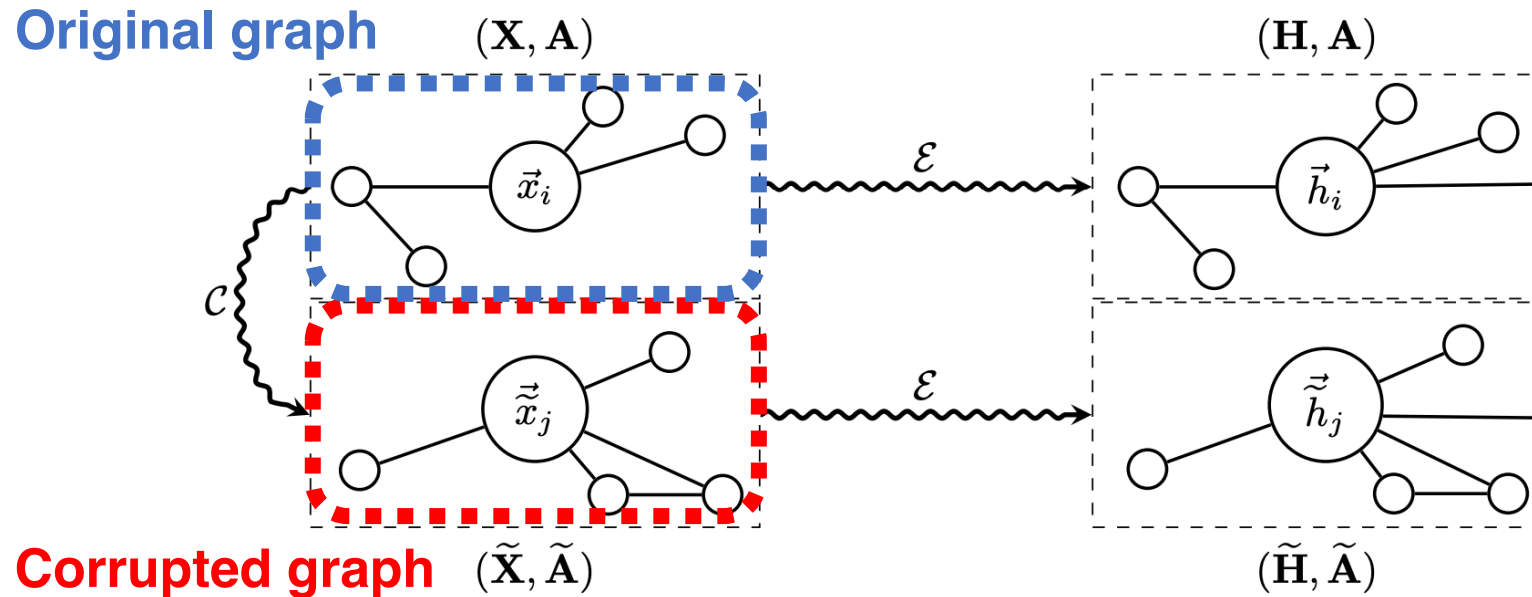
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How to train GNNs

- Semi-supervised learning
 - Input node features are given for all nodes in a graph
 - Only a subset of nodes have labels

How to train GNNs

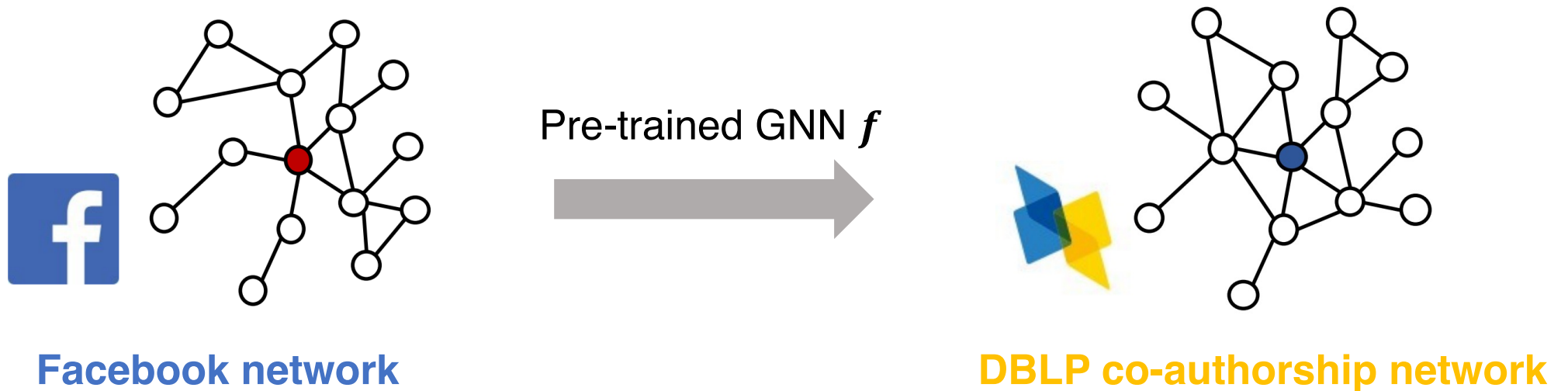
- Unsupervised learning^[26]
 - Contrastive learning



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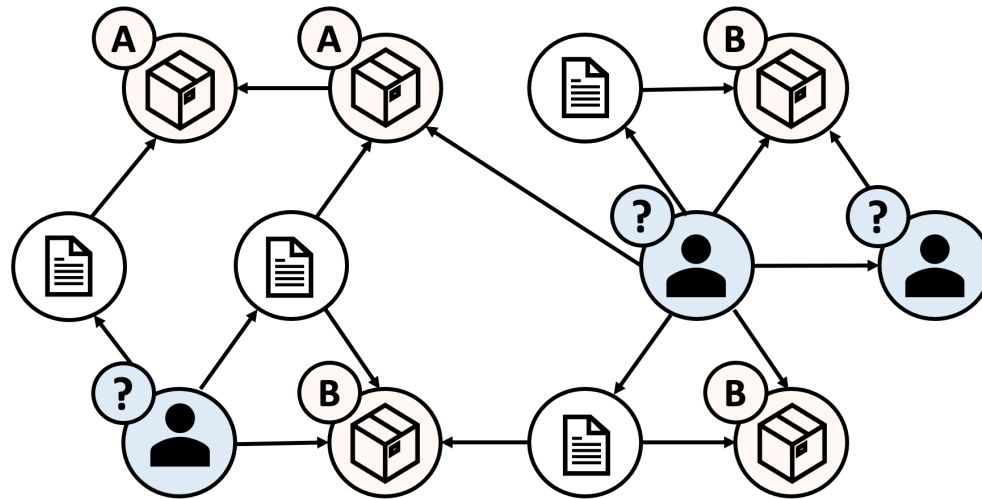
- Transfer learning
 - Transfer a pre-trained GNN model between graphs^[27]



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- Transfer learning
 - Transfer between different node types across a **heterogeneous graph**^[28]



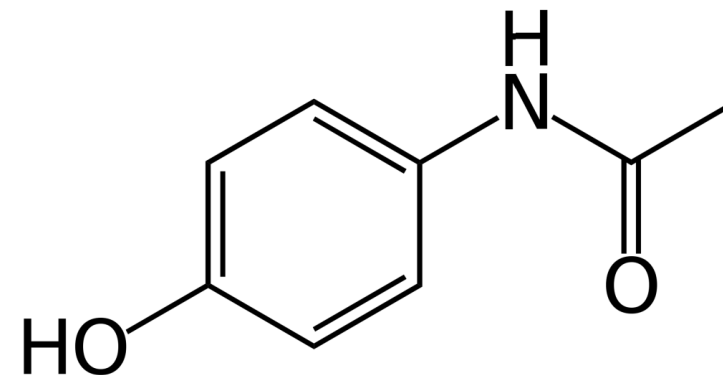
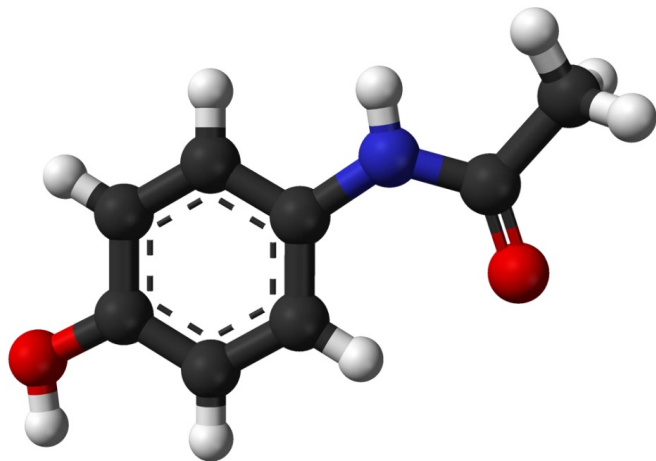
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- 1. Graph Neural Network**
- 2. Open research questions in GNN architectures**
- 3. GNN training strategy**
- 4. Application**

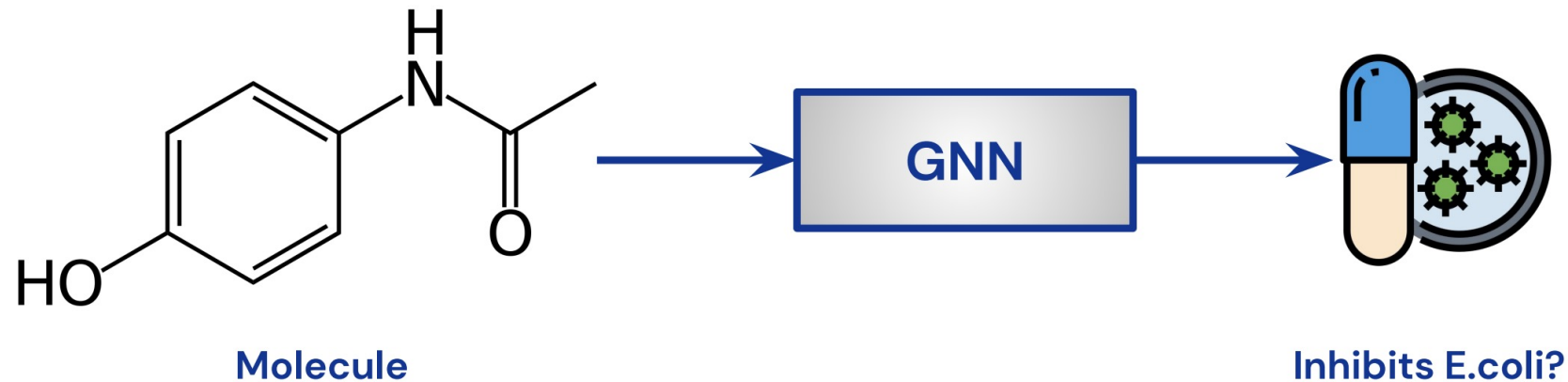
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- GNNs for molecule classification
- Molecule
 - Node: atoms
 - Edge: bonds
 - Input features: atom type, charge, bond type



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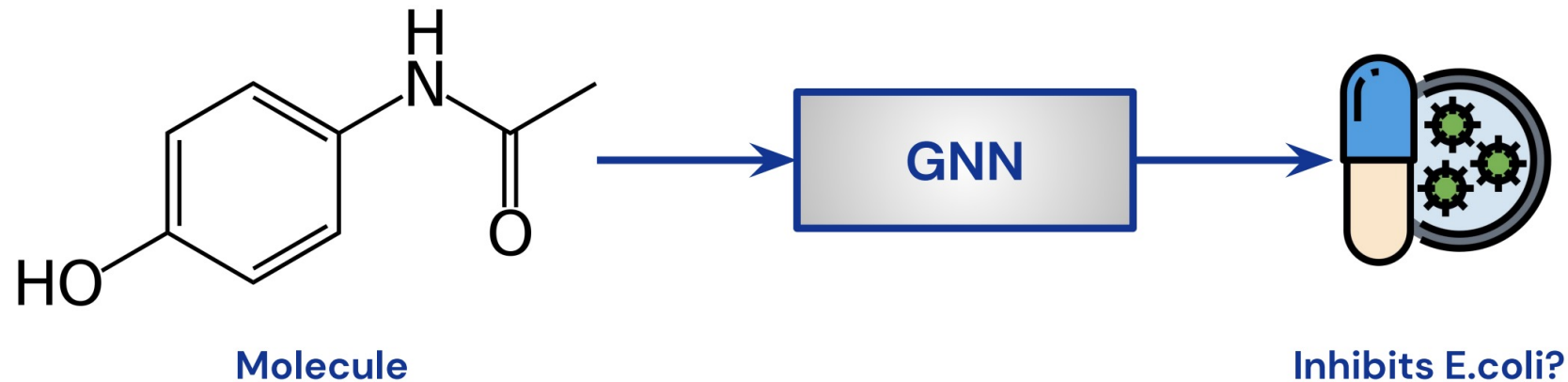
- Graph-level prediction: whether the molecule is a potent **drug**^[29]
 - Binary classification on whether the drug will inhibit certain bacteria



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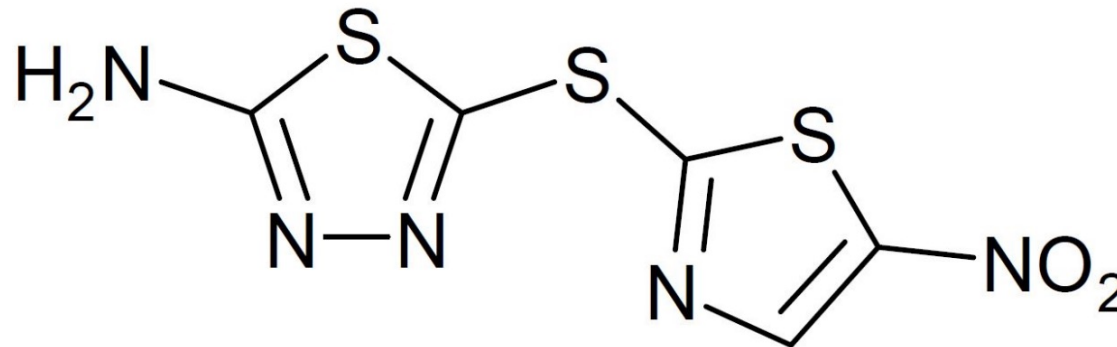
- Graph-level prediction: whether the molecule is a potent **drug**^[29]
 - Execute on a large dataset of known candidate molecules
 - Select the *~ top-100* candidates from the GNN model
 - Have chemists thoroughly investigate those



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- Discover a previously overlooked compound that is a **highly potent** antibiotic^[29]



Halicin

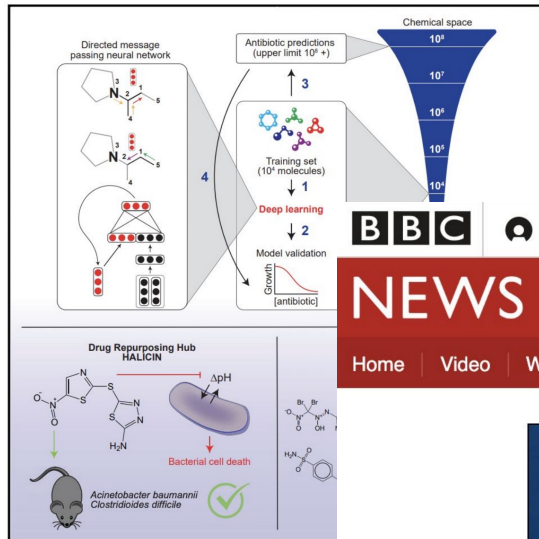
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Graphical Abstract



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Still many open problems..

- And many more chances to do groundbreaking research
- (ex) other graph formats
 - 3-dimensional graphs
 - Temporal graphs
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Thank you!

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