## Learning Graphical State Transitions

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## MOTIVATION

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- Gated Graph Sequence Neural Networks: extension to produce output sequences


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Mary went to the garden. John journeyed to the office. ... Where
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Why?

- Using graphs as an internal representation is natural to some tasks, and can help interpret network behavior
- This provides a general framework for learning to output structured data

MODEL

## GRAPH REPRESENTATION

- Set of nodes $v \in \mathcal{V}$, each with:
- a strength $s_{v}$ (with $0 \leq s_{v} \leq 1$ )
- an annotation $\mathbf{x}_{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}$ where $\sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{v, j}=1$
- a hidden state $\mathbf{h}_{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$
- Connectivity matrix $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times|\mathcal{V}| \times Y}$
- $\mathcal{C}_{v, v^{\prime}, y}$ : strength of directed edge of type $y$ from $v$ to $v^{\prime}$ (with $0 \leq \mathcal{C}_{v, v^{\prime}, y} \leq 1$ )

Nodes



Connectivity


## GRAPH TRANSFORMATION TYPES

- Node addition:
create new nodes
- Node state update:
update node states based on new input
- Edge update:
add or remove edges based on node states
- Propagation:
update node states based on adjacent node states
- Aggregation:
combine node states into a representation vector


## NODE ADDITION

Create new nodes conditioned on an input vector


## NODE STATE UPDATE

Update node states conditioned on an input vector.


## NODE STATE UPDATE: DIRECT REFERENCE

If there are different input vectors for each node type, update each node type separately.


## EDGE UPDATE

## Add or remove edges conditioned on node states and an input vector.



## PROPAGATION

Exchange information between nodes along edges based on the node states and the edge types.


## AGGREGATION

Compute a graph-level representation vector as a weighted sum of outputs from each node.


## Gated Graph Transformer Neural Network (GGT-NN)



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- After training: use unmodified network output


## EXPERIMENTS

## BABI TASKS

## Dataset of $\mathbf{2 0}$ simple synthetic question-answering tasks

(Weston et al., 2016)

- 95\% accuracy in 19 tasks using 1000 examples
- 100\% accuracy in 11 tasks using 1000 examples
- Including "Basic Induction" and "Pathfinding" tasks
- 95\% accuracy in 14 tasks using 500 examples
- 95\% accuracy in 10 tasks using 250 examples


## RULE DISCOVERY

## Rule 30 Cellular Automaton (Wolfram, 2002)



## Arbitrary 2-symbol 4-state Turing machine



## RULE DISCOVERY: RESULTS

## Accuracy

Original Task Generalization: $\mathbf{2 0}$ Generalization: $\mathbf{3 0}$

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Automaton output at step 3:

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Automaton output at step 4:

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3000 iterations


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Automaton output at step 5:

1000 iterations


3000 iterations


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Automaton output at step 6:

1000 iterations


3000 iterations


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Automaton output at step 7:


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Automaton output at step 8:


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Automaton output at step 9:


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Automaton output at step 10:


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## FUTURE WORK

Future work will focus on

- Reducing model supervision
- Sparse connectivity optimizations
- Extending node types


## CONCLUSIONS

- GGT-NN model can construct and manipulate graphical state
- Modular graph transformations can be recombined in different ways
- GGT-NN successfully solves textual bAbl tasks and graphical rule discovery tasks, and is potentially useful for a wide variety of structured data applications

THANK YOU!

