

# Recurrent Graph Neural Networks

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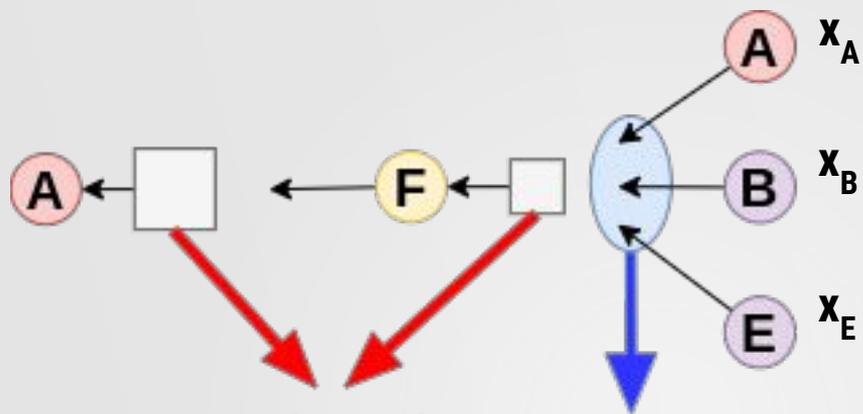
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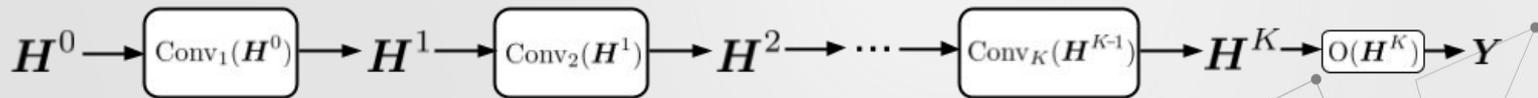
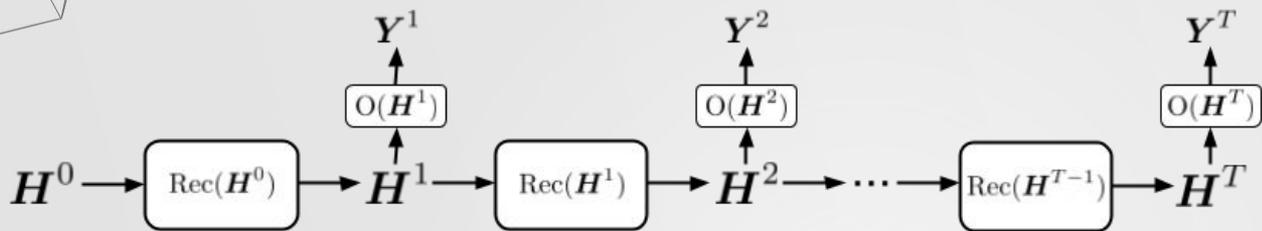


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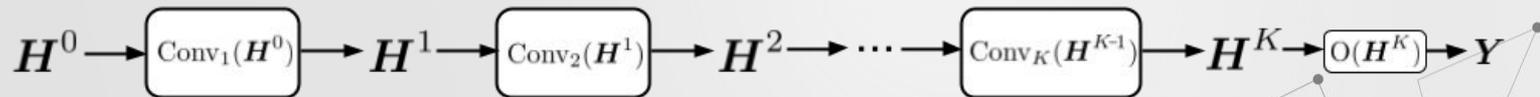
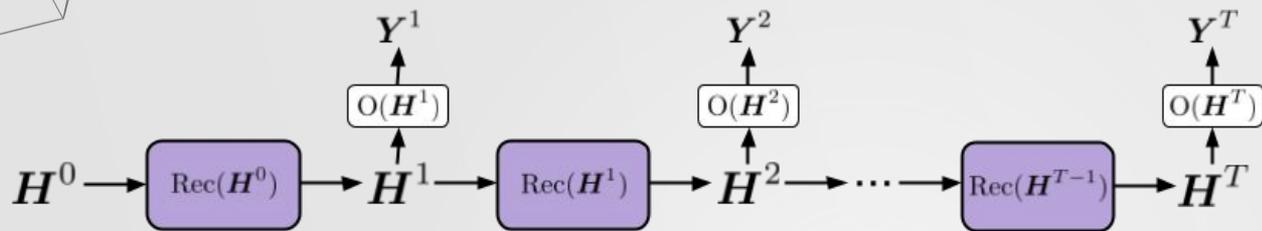
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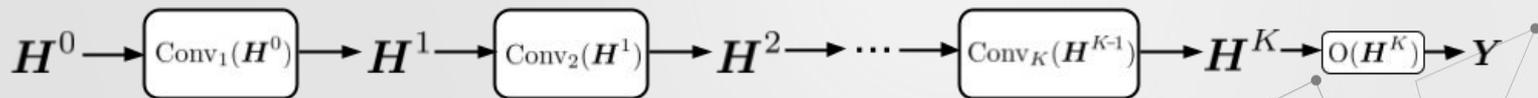
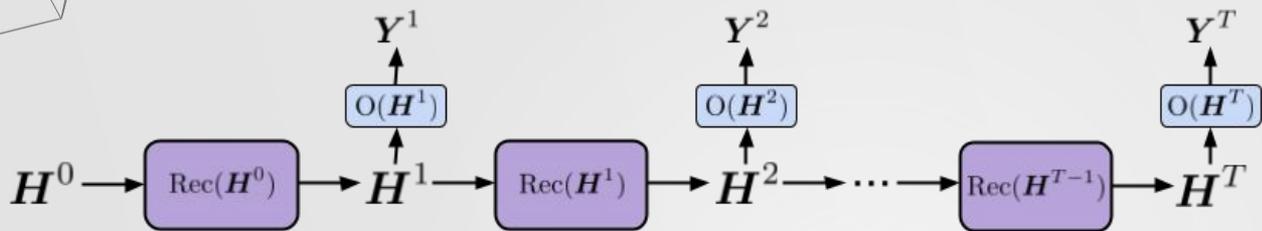
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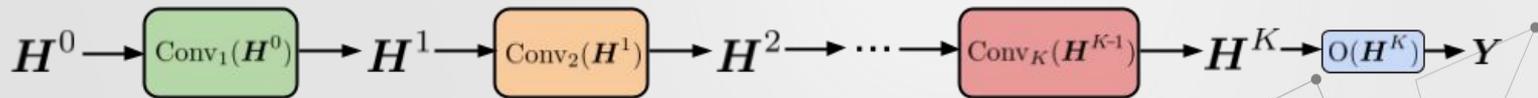
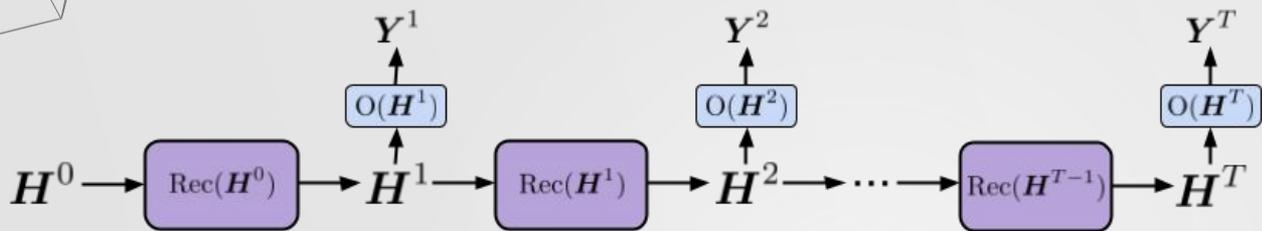
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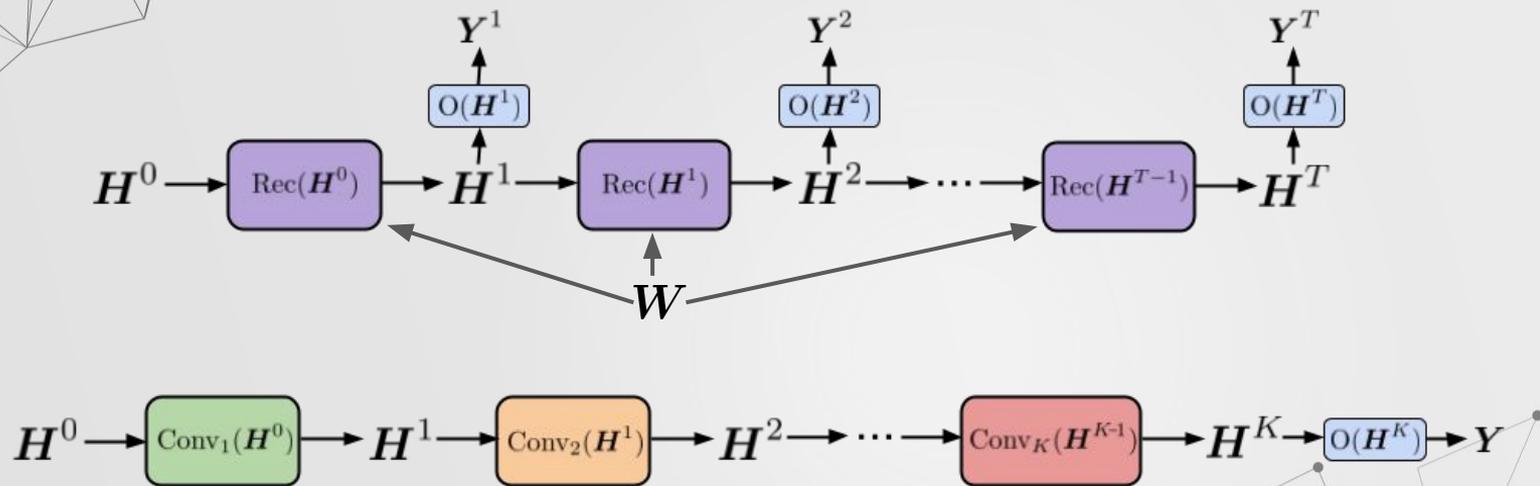
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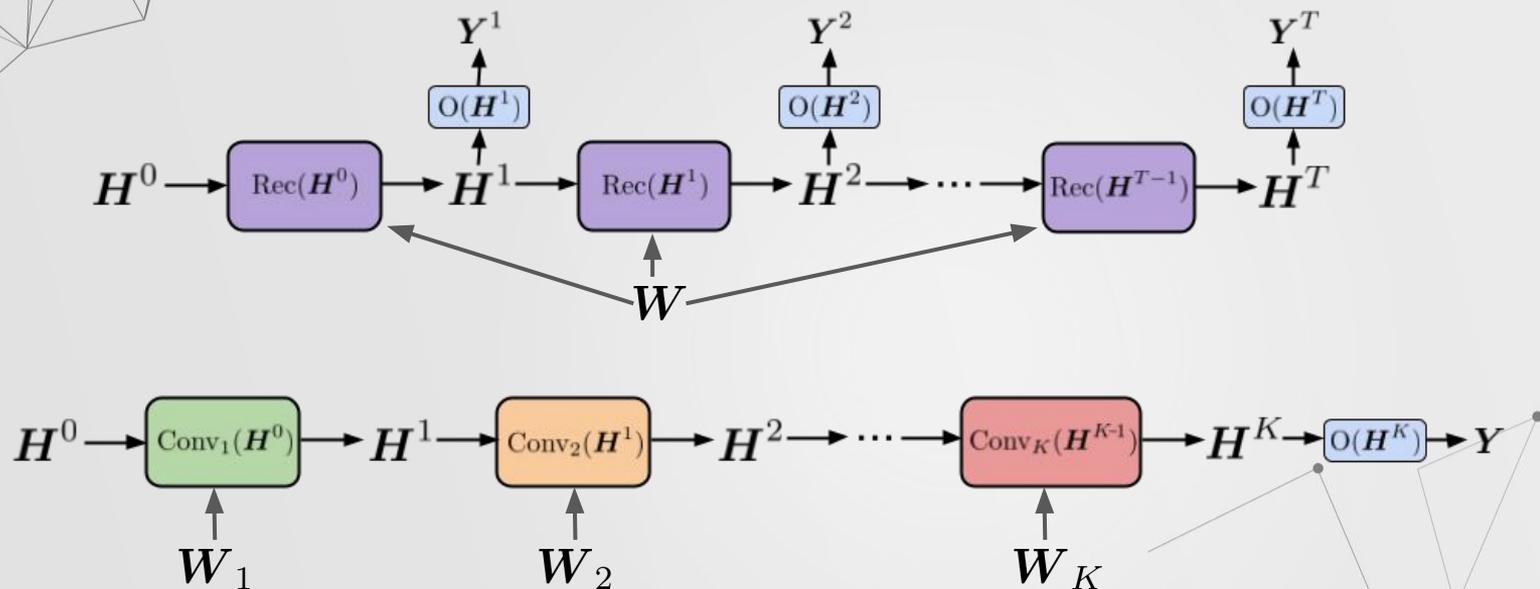
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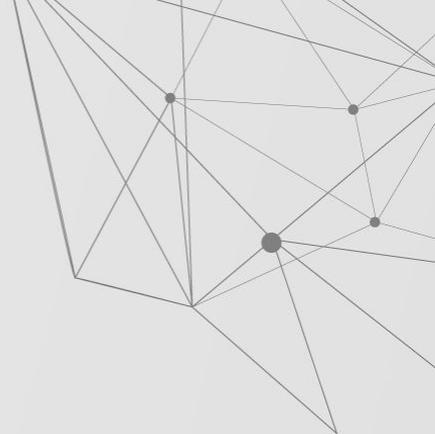
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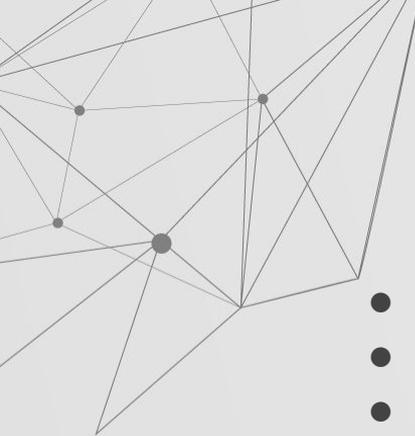
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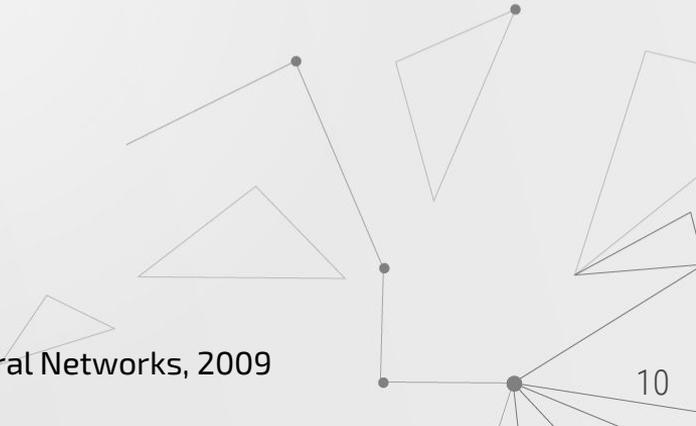


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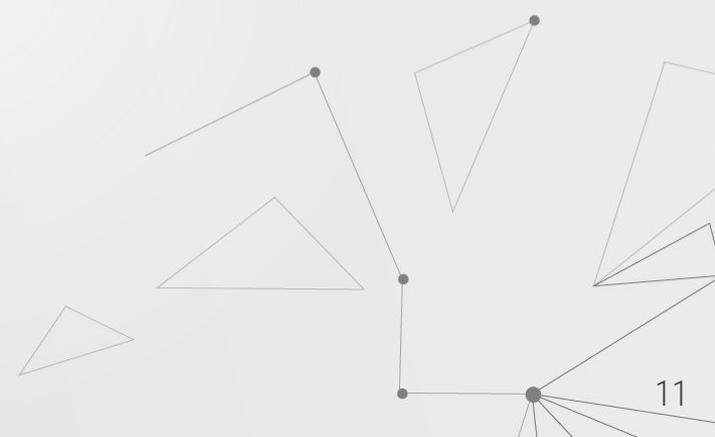
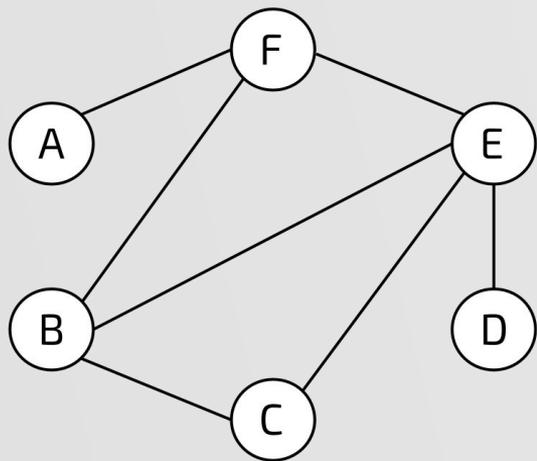
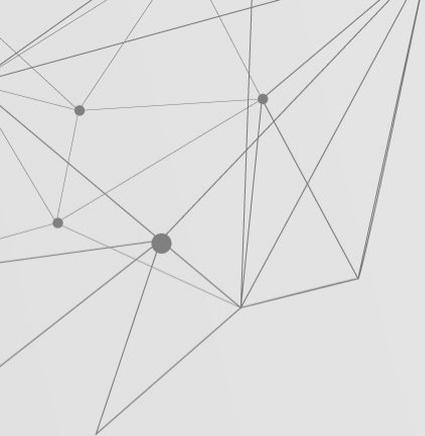
- Pioneer work on Graph Neural Network
- Diffusion mechanism (convolution)
- General framework for graph processing

<sup>1</sup> Scarselli, et al., *The graph neural network model*, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks, 2009



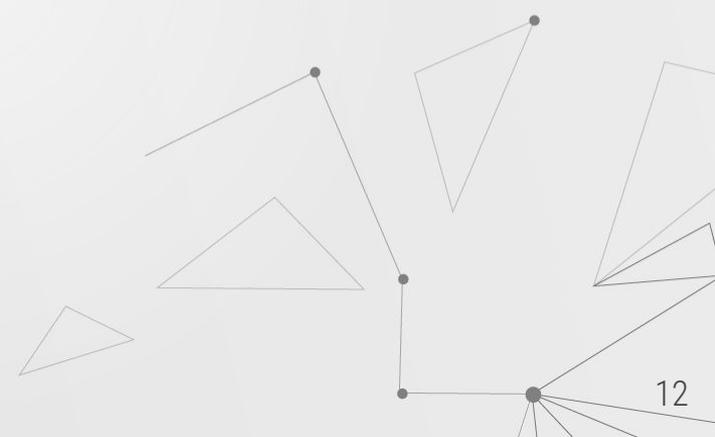
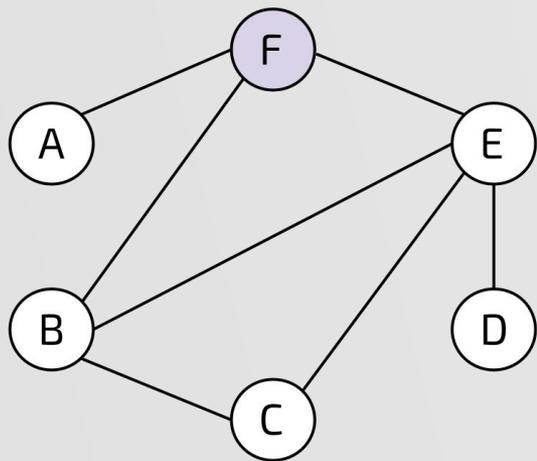
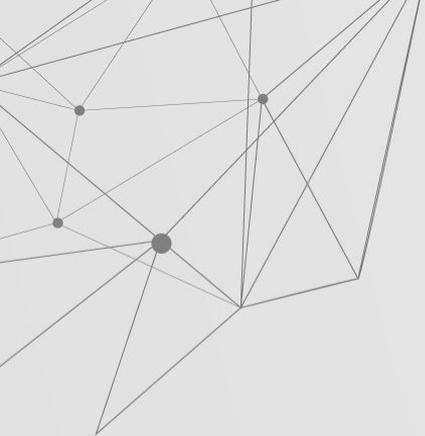
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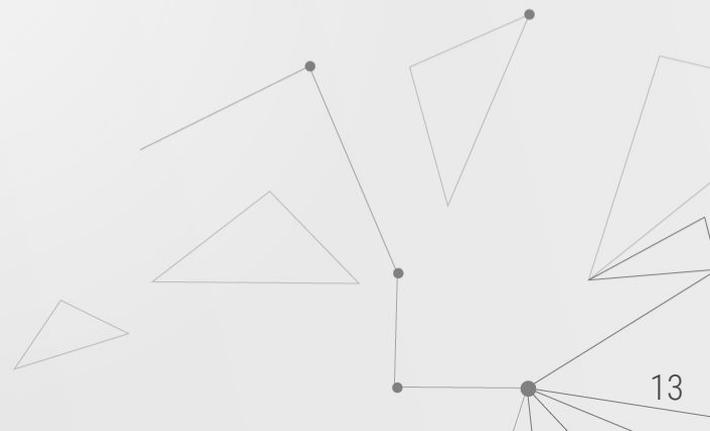
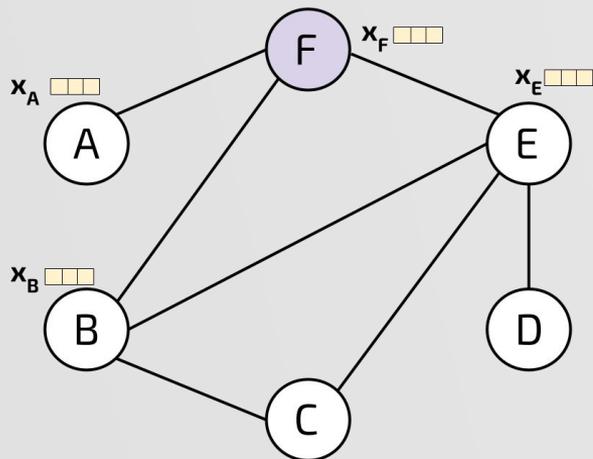
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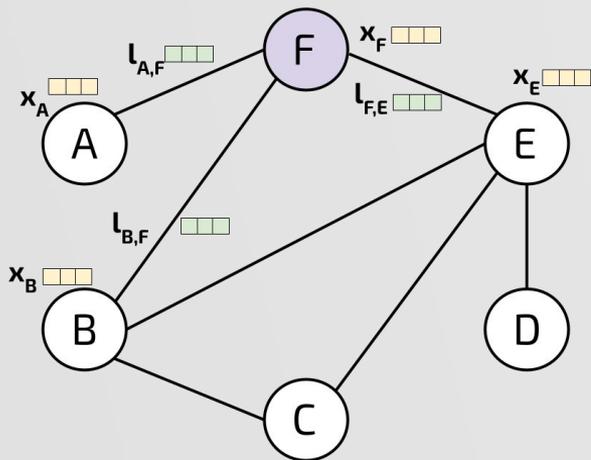
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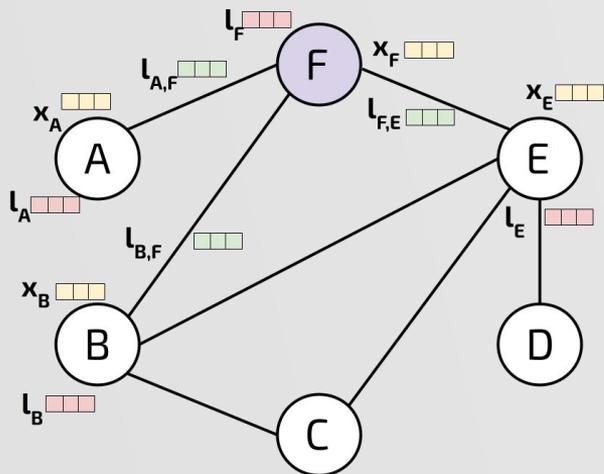


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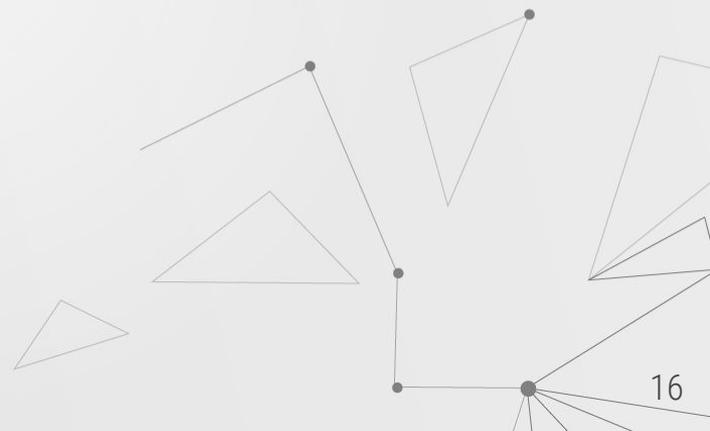
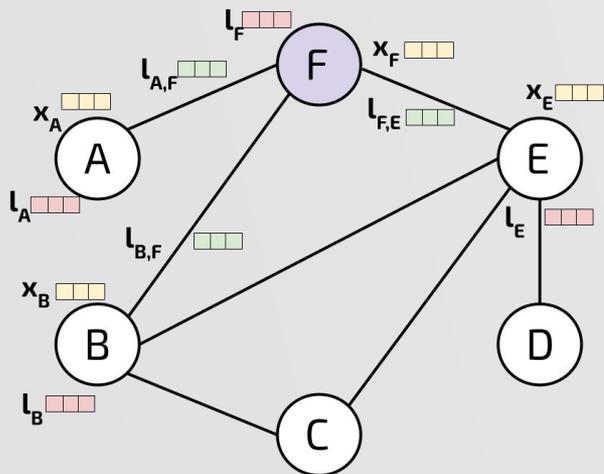
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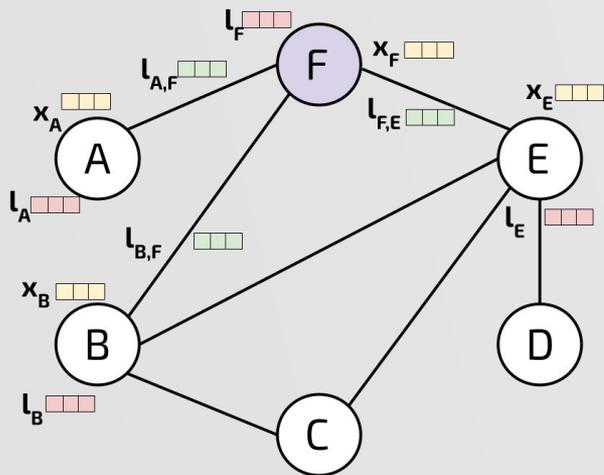
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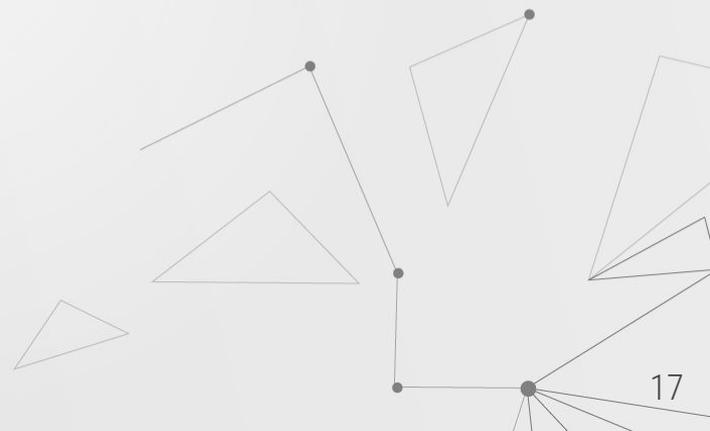
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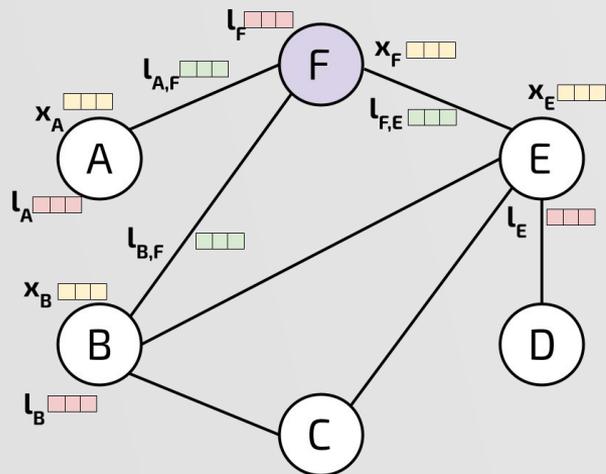
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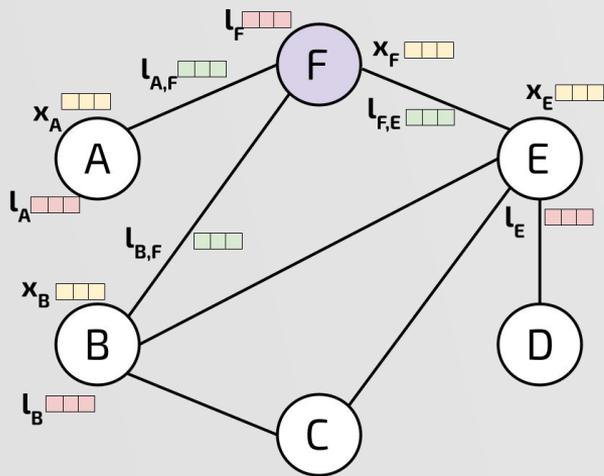
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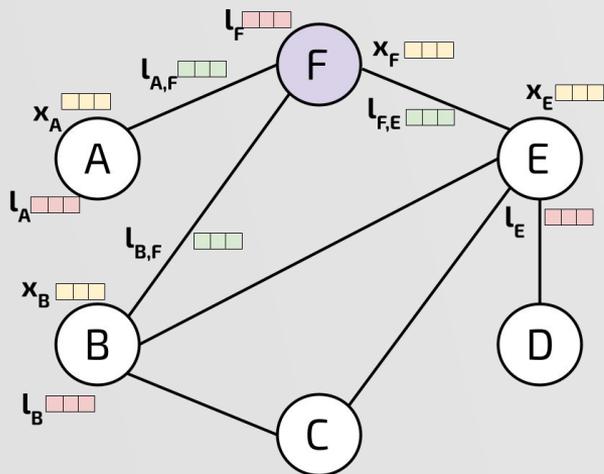
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Repeated forward of the transition function create an **encoding network**  $\varphi_w$

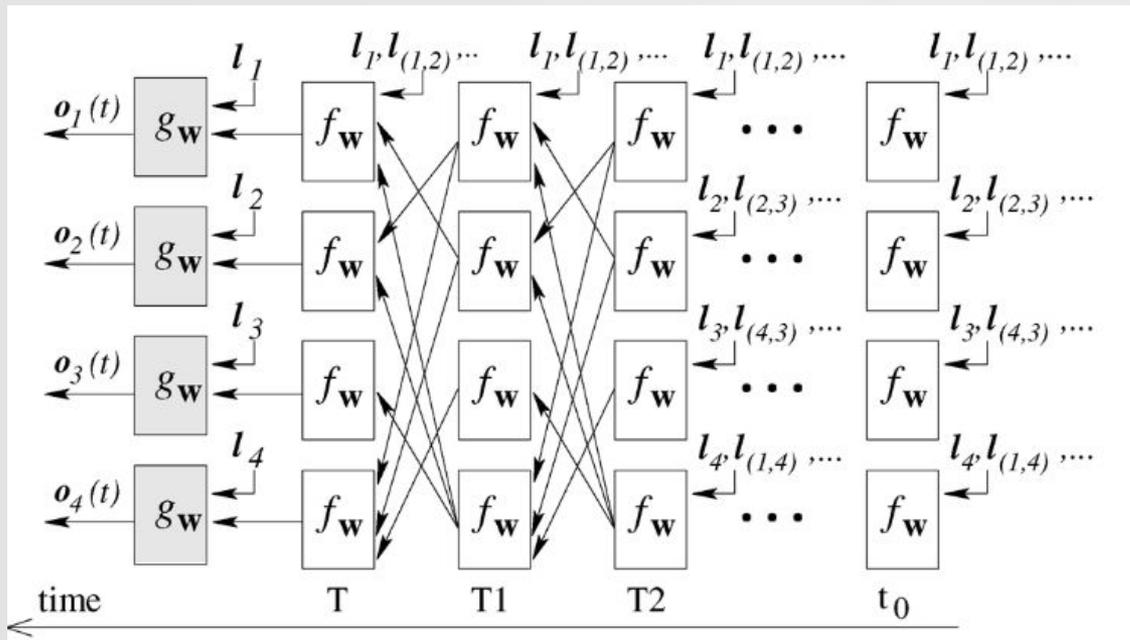


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If  $f_w$  is a NN, to ensure the contraction mapping a penalty based on the norm of the Jacobian is added to the loss function



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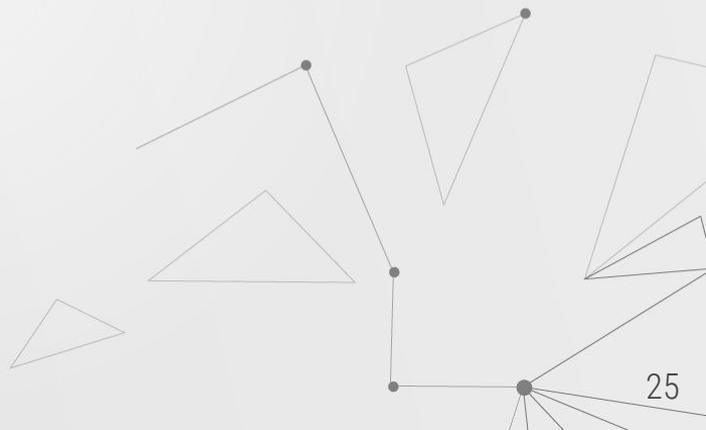
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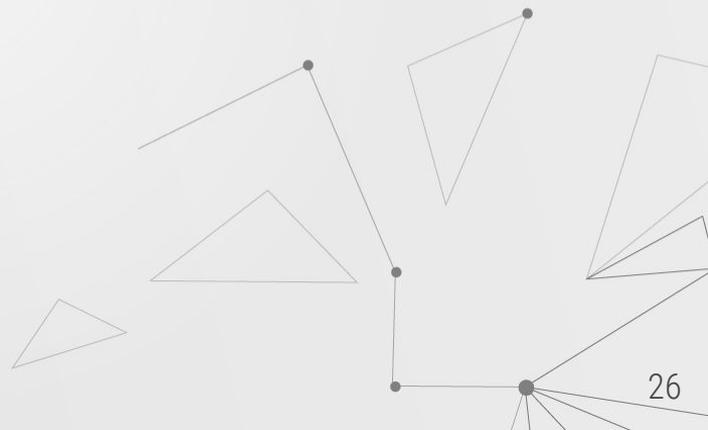
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   $z(t) = z(t + 1) \cdot A + b$ ;  
   $t=t - 1$ ;  
until  $\|z(t - 1) - z(t)\| \leq \varepsilon_b$ ;  
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Almeida - Pineda  
algorithm



# 04 Gated Graph Neural Network<sup>2</sup>

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- Adaptation of the GNNM
- Uses GRU (Gated Recurrent Units) as transition function
- Iterate over T timesteps (instead of until convergence)
- Uses BTT (BackProp Through Time) to compute gradient

<sup>1</sup> Li et al, *Gated graph sequence neural networks*, ICLR, 2015.

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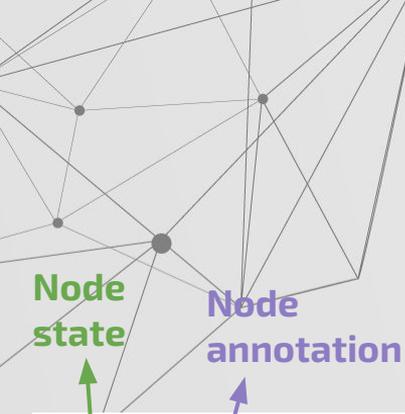
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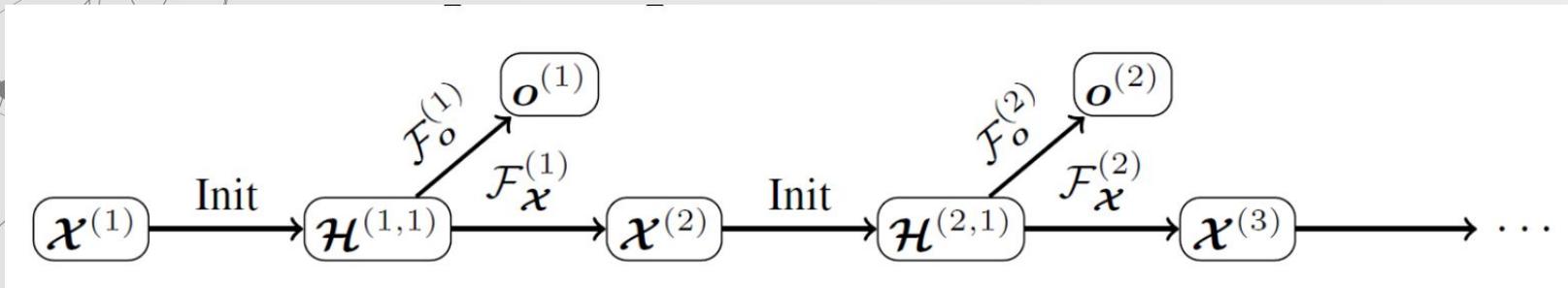
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$\mathcal{F}^{(k)}$  implements both the **transition** and **output** function!

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$$\mathbf{H}^{(k,t)} = [\mathbf{h}_1^{(k,t)}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_v^{(k,t)}]$$

$k$  = length of the sequence

$t$  = timesteps

# 06 PyG tutorial

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Let's go to the Jupyter notebook....