



Research and Future Directions

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Image Semantic Embedding

Spectrum of semantic similarity

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Fine-grained level

Instance level (ultra fine-grained)

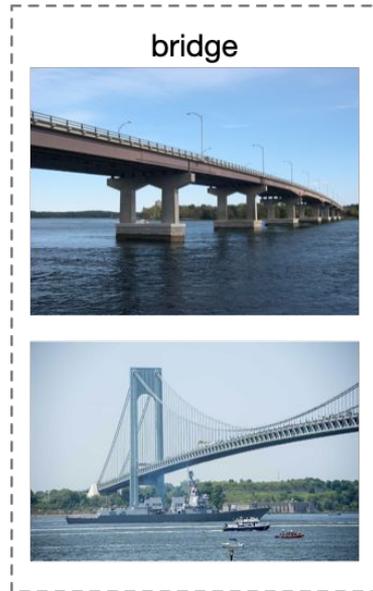


Image embedding:

A dense representation capturing semantics

[Source: [Juan, et al., WSDM'20](#)]



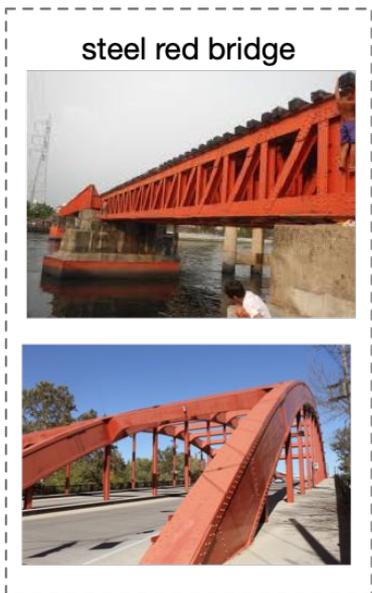
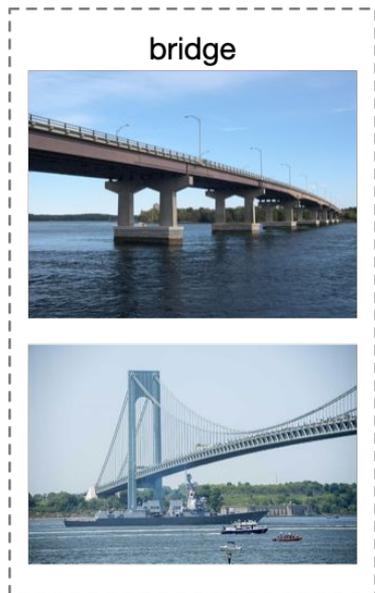
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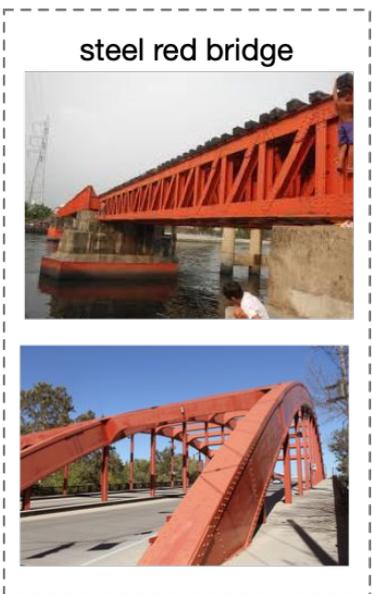
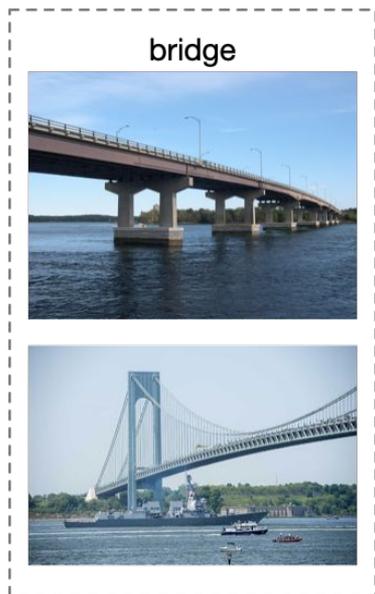
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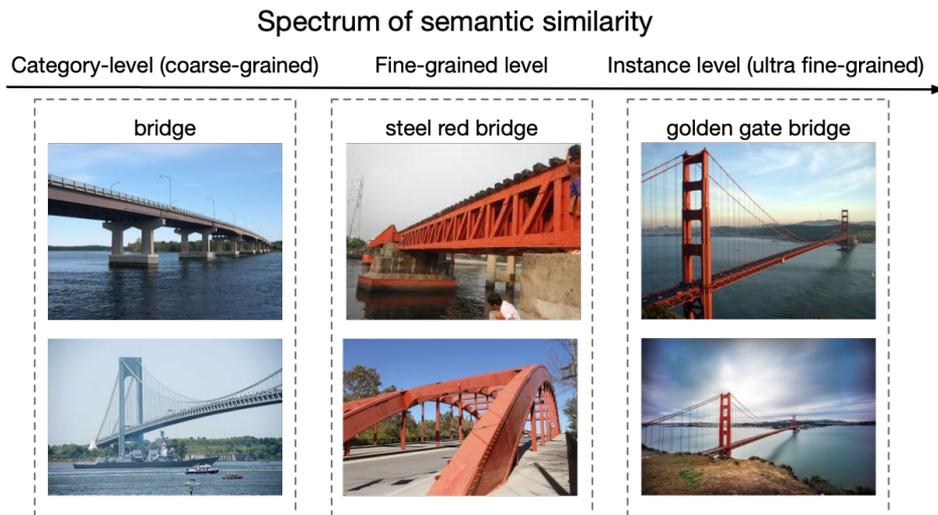


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Learning Image Semantic Embedding

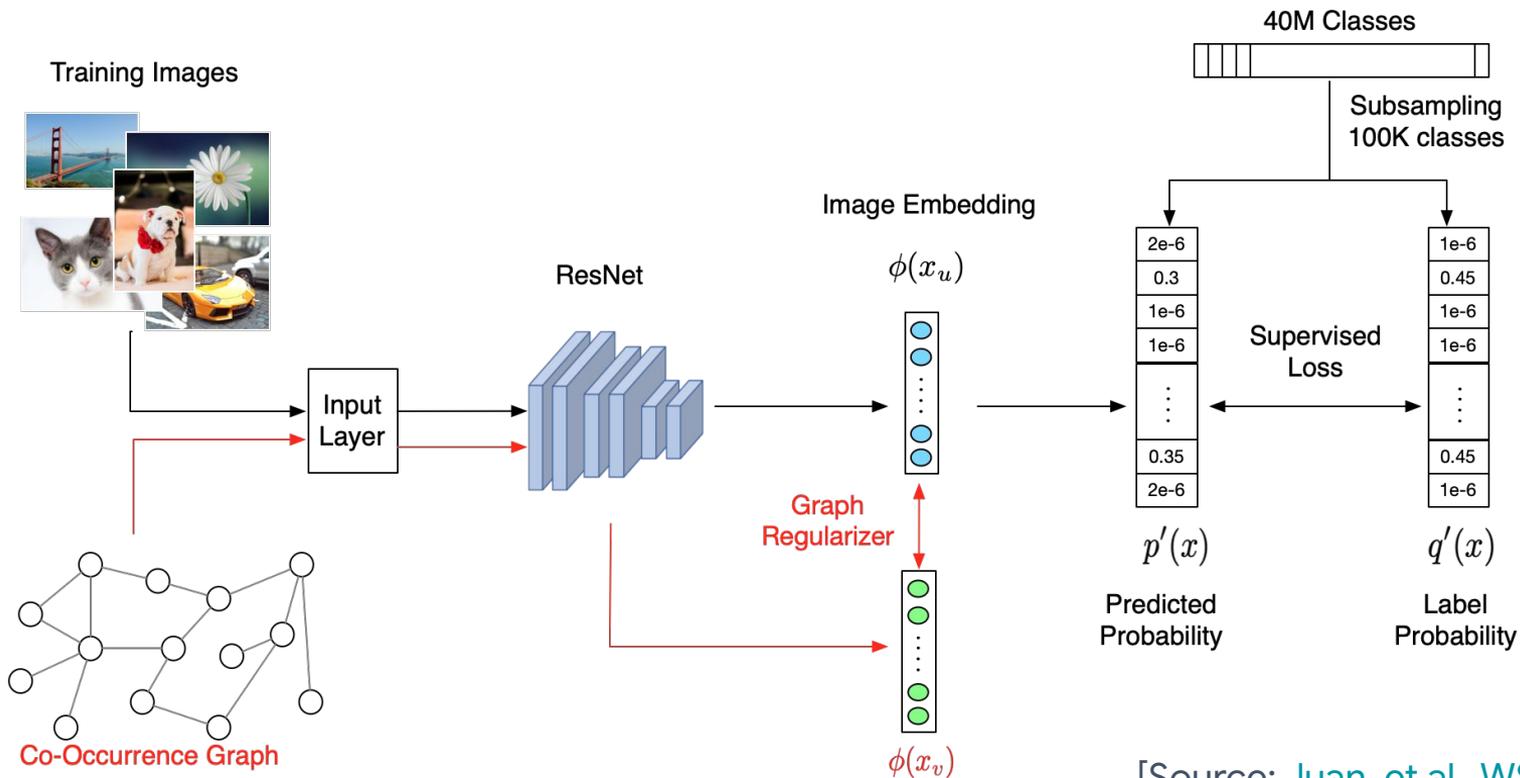
- Embedding to capture semantics in images
- Core of image search
 - By textural queries
 - By image queries



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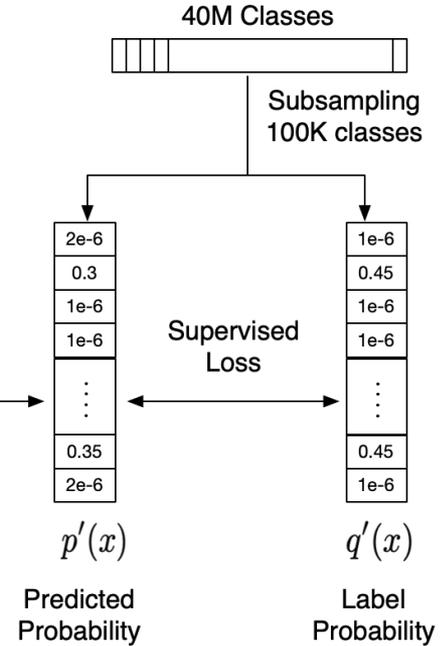
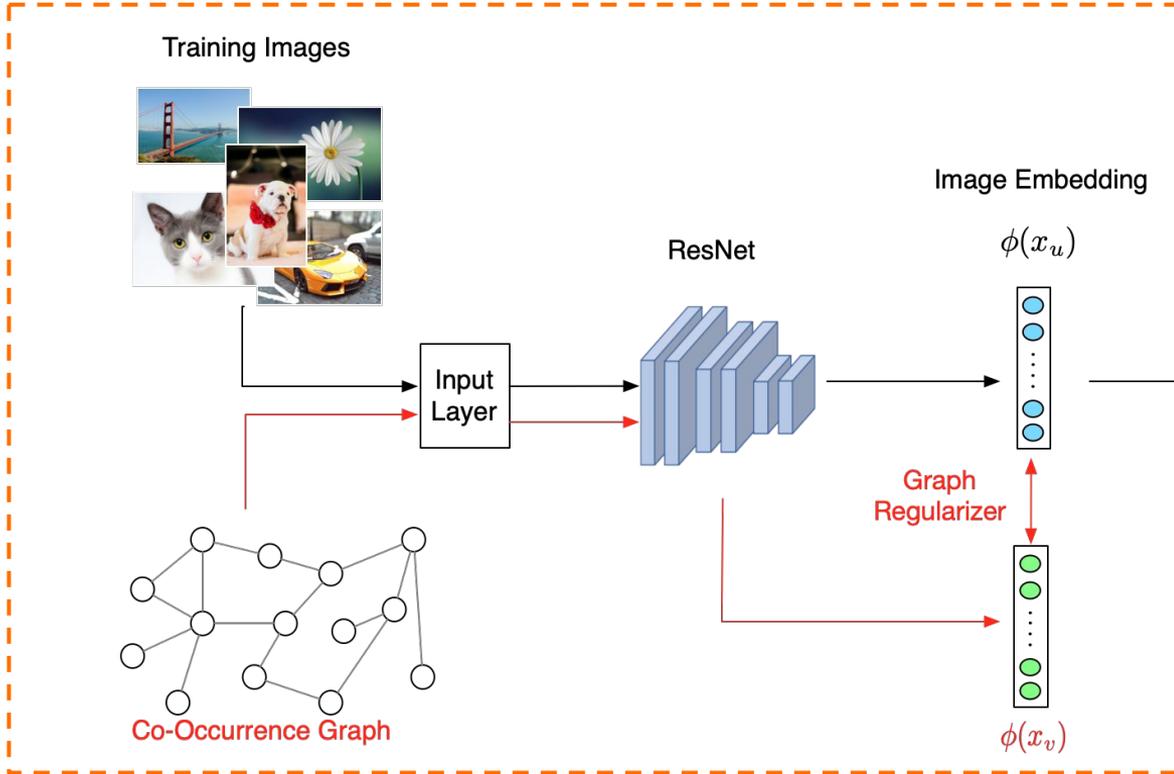
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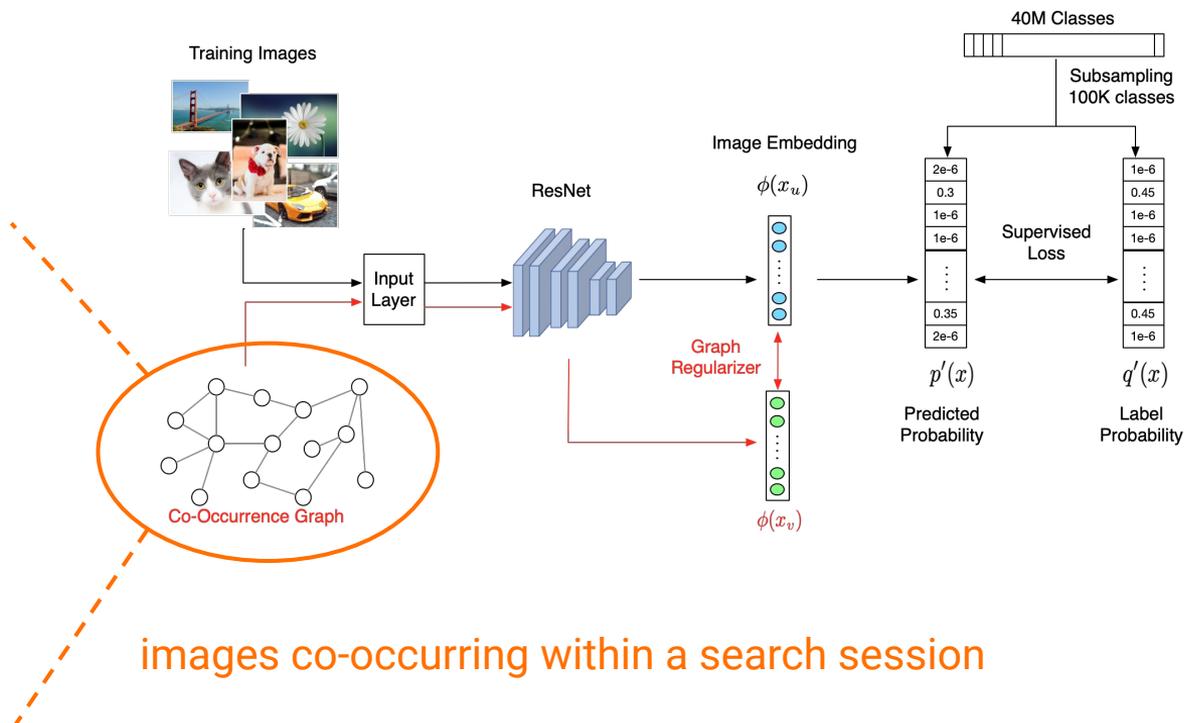
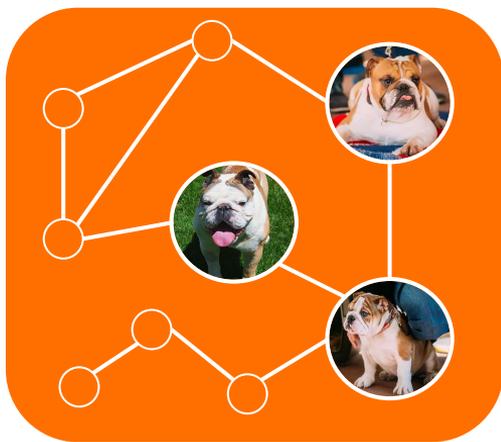


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Neural Architecture

Co-Occurrence Graph

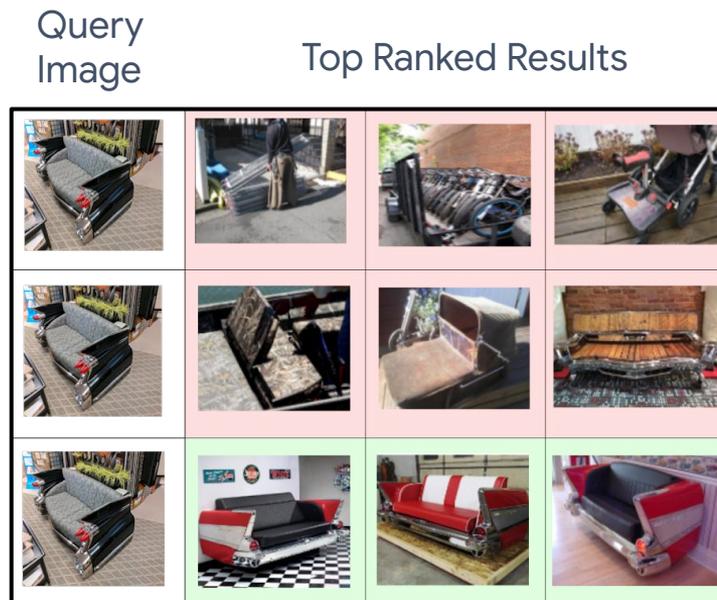
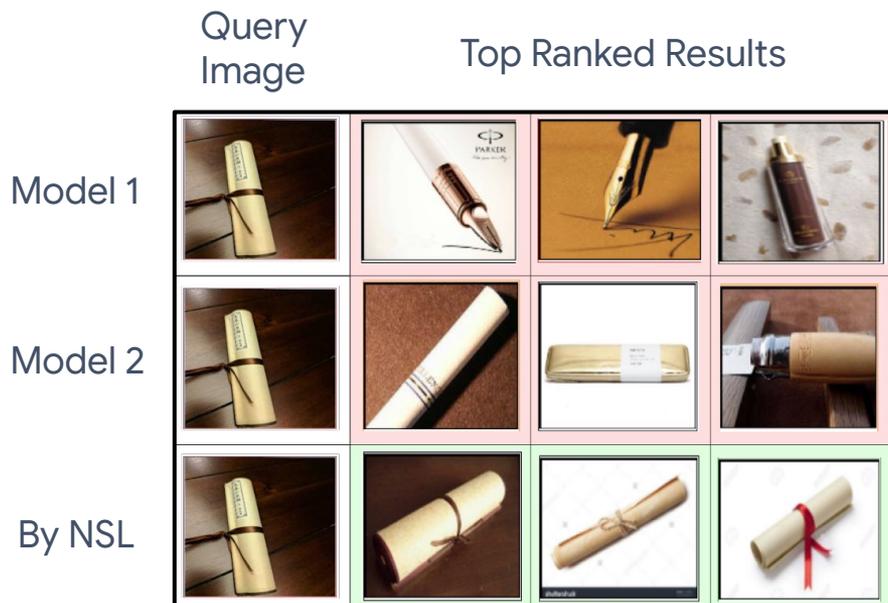


images co-occurring within a search session

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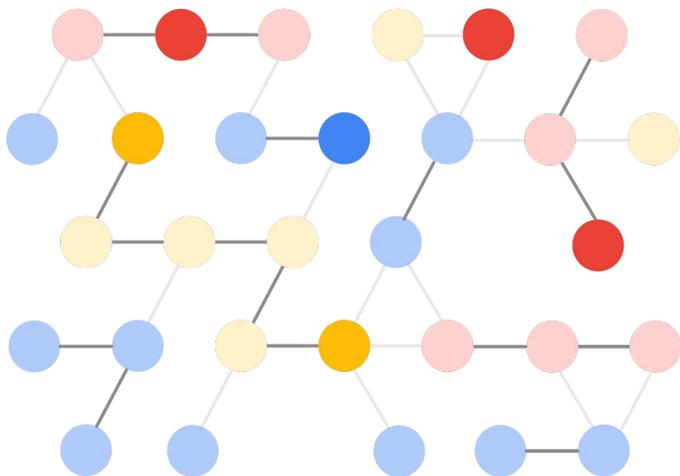
Qualitative Results



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Graph Agreement Models

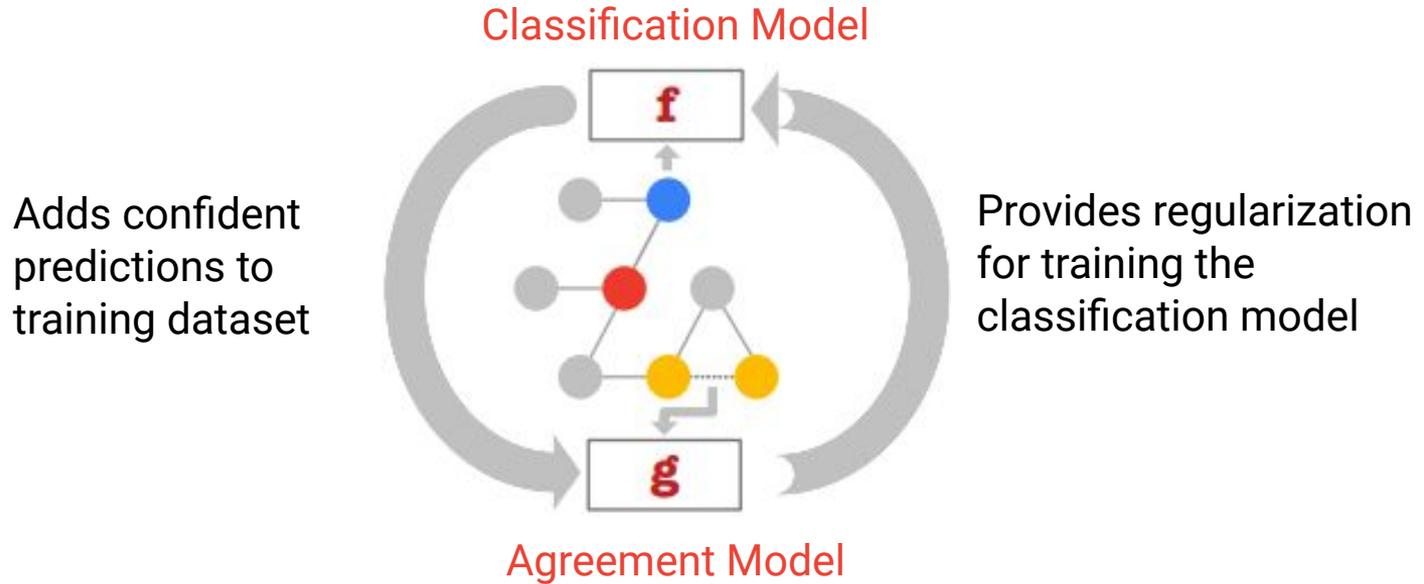


Challenges

- Too few labeled samples
 - overfitting to training data
- Graphs can be noisy
 - edges not relevant to classification task
 - embeddings can be noisy



Graph Agreement Models





Learn neighbor agreement

Loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \sum_{i \in L, j \in L, ij \in E} \ell(g(x_i, x_j, w_{ij}), \mathbb{1}_{y_i=y_j})$$

L = labeled nodes set

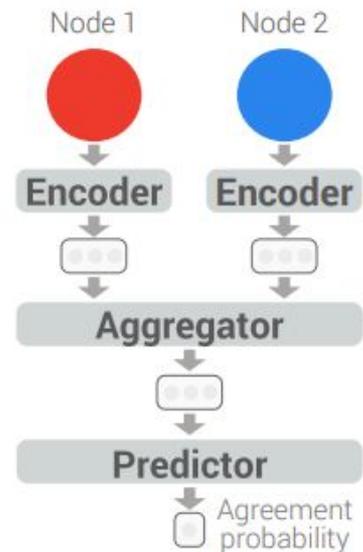
E = edges set

x_i = features for node i

$f(x_i)$ = predicted label distribution for node i

ℓ = loss function (e.g. cross entropy)

Agreement Model



[Source: [Otilia, et al., NeurIPS'19](#)]



Classification: use neighbor agreement

Loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \sum_{i \in L} \ell(f(x_i), y_i) + \lambda \sum_{\substack{(i,j) \in E \\ i \in L \\ j \in U}} g(x_i, x_j) \ell(f(x_i), f(x_j))$$

↑
agreement weight

L = labeled nodes set

U = unlabeled nodes set

E = edges set

x_i = features for node i

y_i = true label distribution for node i

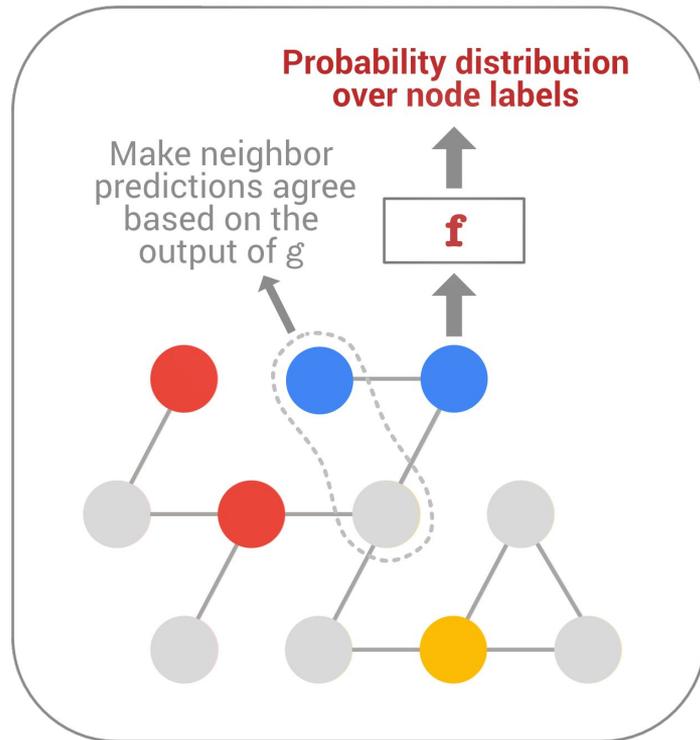
$f(x_i)$ = predicted label distribution for node i

$g(x_i, x_j)$ = predicted probability that nodes i and j
have similar labels

$\ell(p_1, p_2)$ = distance between label distributions p_1 and p_2

λ = regularization parameter

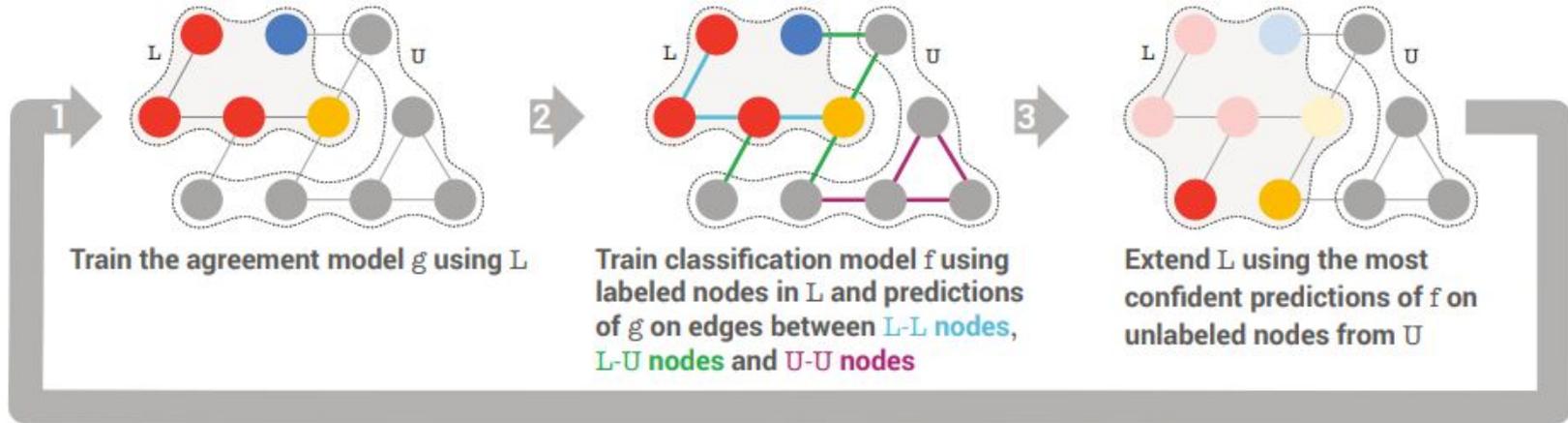
Classification Model



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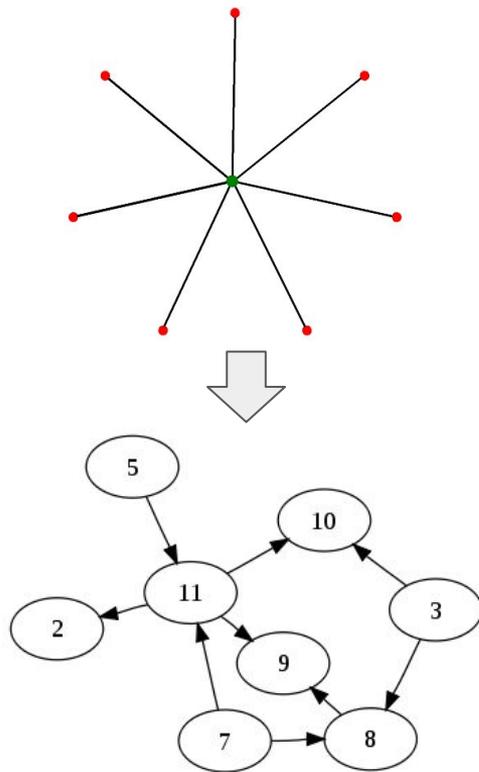
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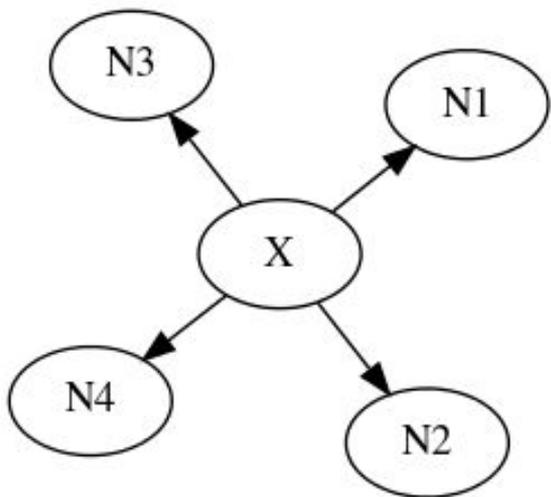
Beyond Graph Regularization: GNNs

- Graph regularization only incorporates information about a node's neighbors through a distance function.
- There may be more information in other nodes and relationships among neighbors.





Graph Regularization with Message Passing



Aggregate distance of neighbors

$$m_v^{t+1} = \sum_{w \in N(v)} M_t(h_v^t, h_w^t, e_{vw})$$

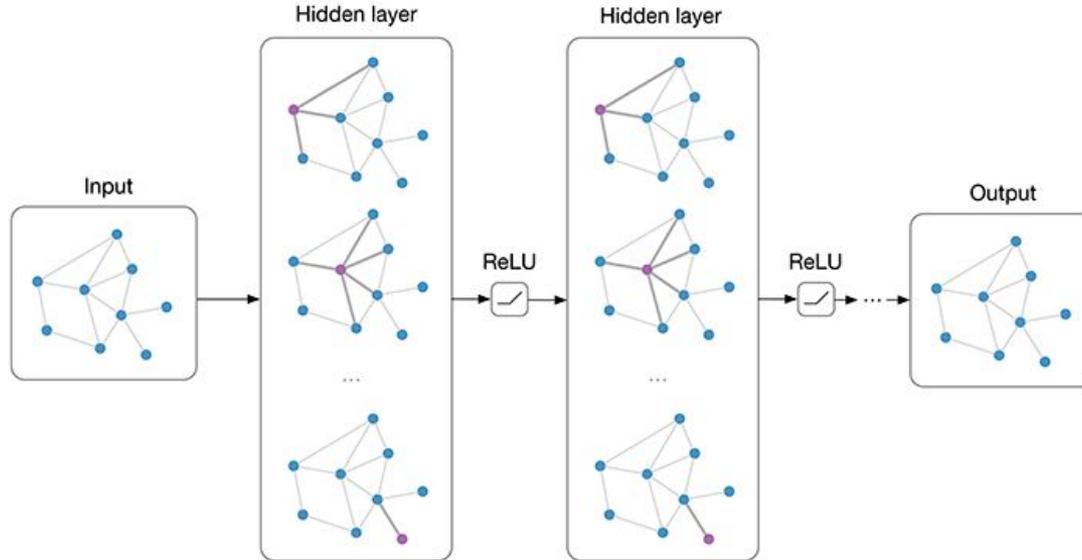
Distance function

Readout phase normalizes graph loss by weighted degree

$$h_v^{t+1} = U_t(h_v^t, m_v^{t+1})$$



Graph Regularization is a GNN

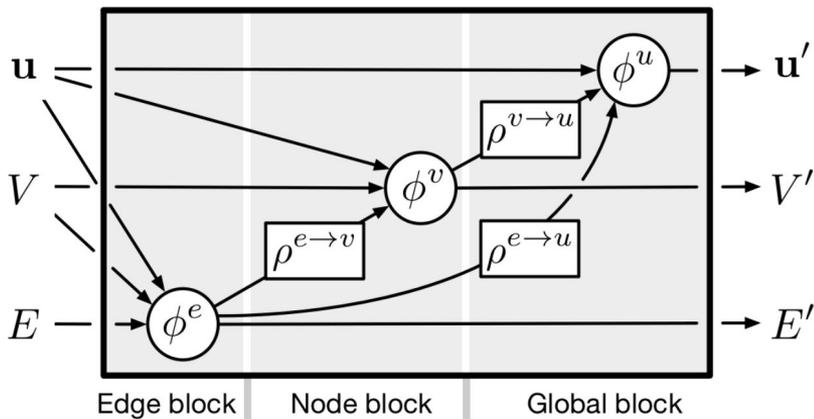


GNNs use graph relationships to embed nodes, edges, and the graph itself. This framework lets us do computation over arbitrary graphs.



GNNs with GraphNets

- We leverage [Graph Nets](#) to generalize graph regularization to Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)
- We're able to express these higher-level relationships between neighbors and more distant nodes.



```
model = gnn.GraphRegularizationModel(
    config=graph_reg_config,
    node_model_fn=NodeClassifier)
model.compile(
    optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(),
    loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True))
model.fit(train_dataset, epochs=30, validation_data=eval_dataset)
```



Graph Neural Network: GCNs

- With Graph Nets it's easy to implement a Graph Convolutional Network (GCN), which can be a drop-in replacement for GraphRegularizationModel.
- `node_model` and `edge_models` are Keras layers.

```
class GraphConvolutionalNodeClassifier(NodeGraphModel):
    """Classifies nodes with a simple Graph Convolutional Network."""

    def __init__(self, seq_length, num_classes, **kwargs):
        # ...

    def graph_call(self, graph, **kwargs):
        # Encode features.
        graph = graph_nets.modules.GraphIndependent(
            node_model_fn=lambda: self._dense_features)(graph)
        # Graph convolutions.
        graph = graph_nets.modules.CommNet(
            edge_model_fn=lambda: self._edge_model1,
            node_encoder_model_fn=lambda: self._node_encoder_model1,
            node_model_fn=lambda: self._node_model1)(graph)
        return graph_nets.modules.CommNet(
            edge_model_fn=lambda: self._edge_model2,
            node_encoder_model_fn=lambda: self._node_encoder_model2,
            node_model_fn=lambda: self._node_model2)(graph)
```