Neural Structured Learning
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TensorFlow

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- Data Preprocessing
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- Regularizing with Synthesized Graphs (Lab 2)
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- Conclusion

Tutorial website:
https://github.com/tensorflow/neural-structured-learning/tree/master/workshops/kdd_2020

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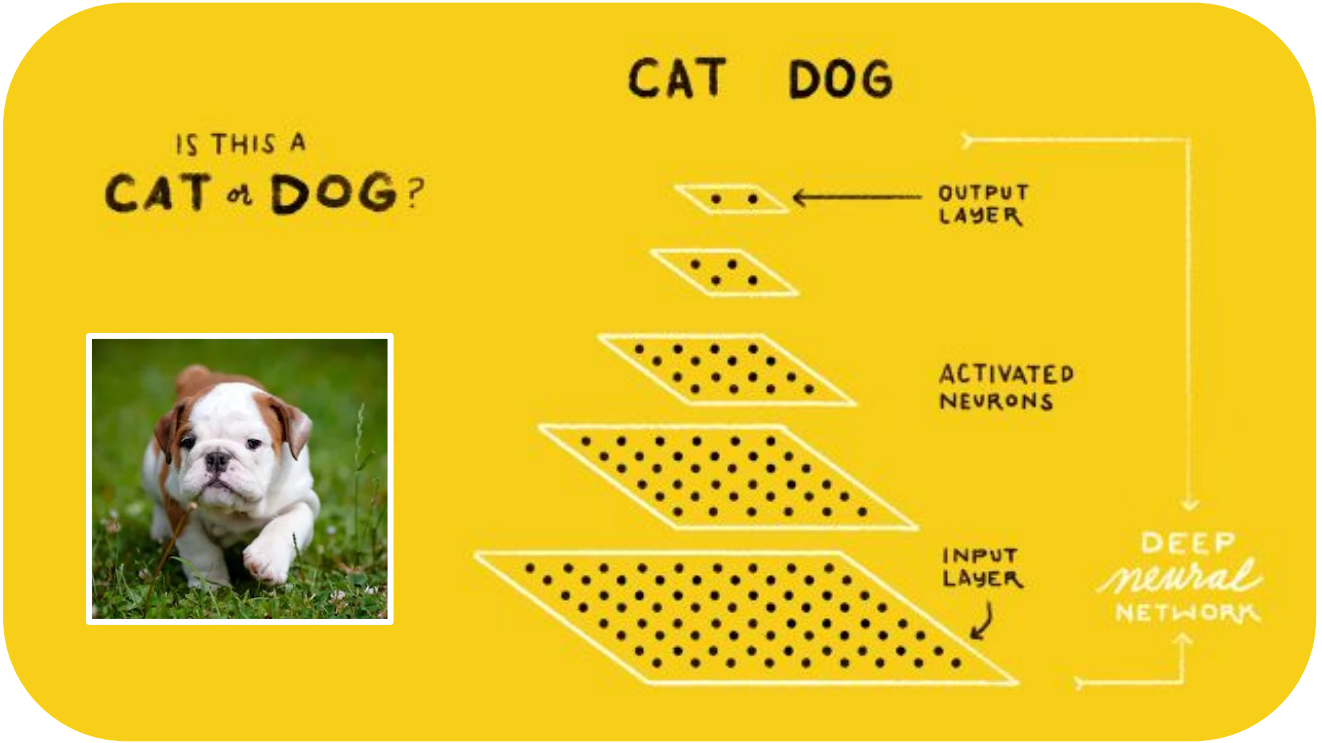
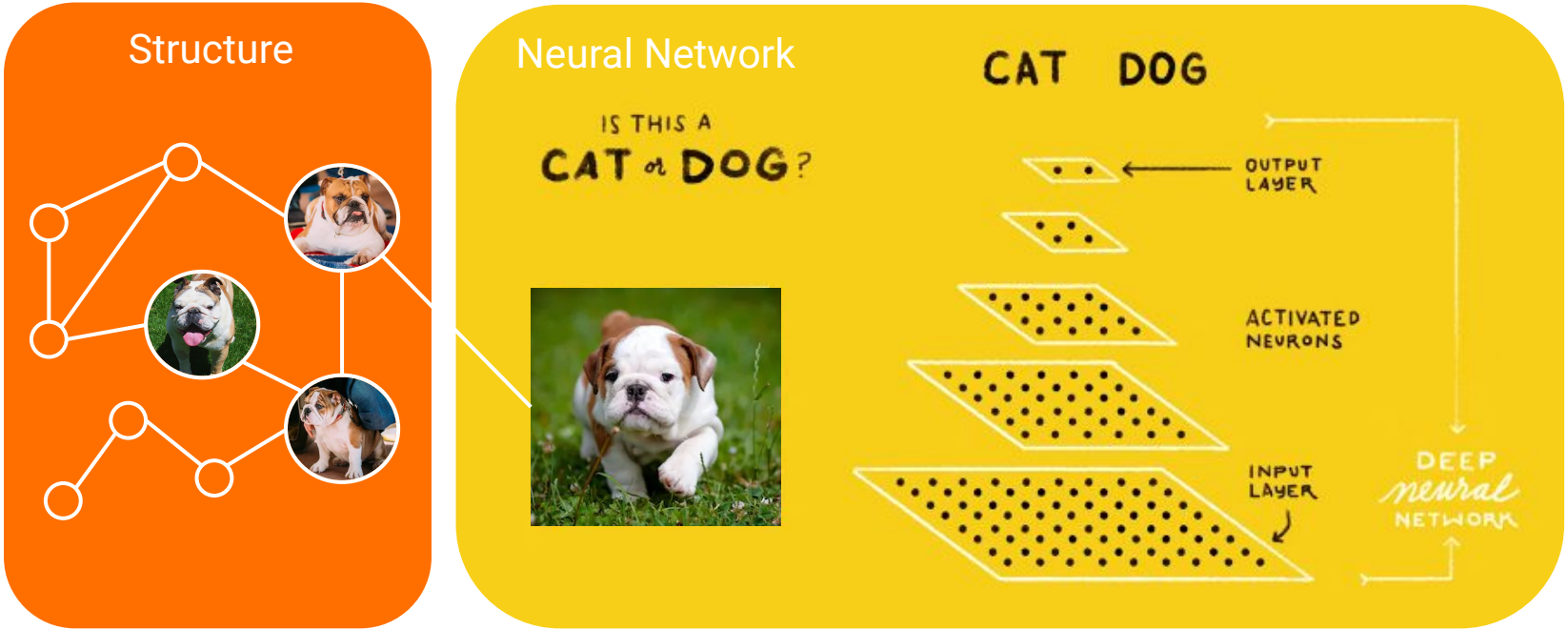
Introduction to NSL

Da-Cheng Juan

How a Typical Neural Net Works

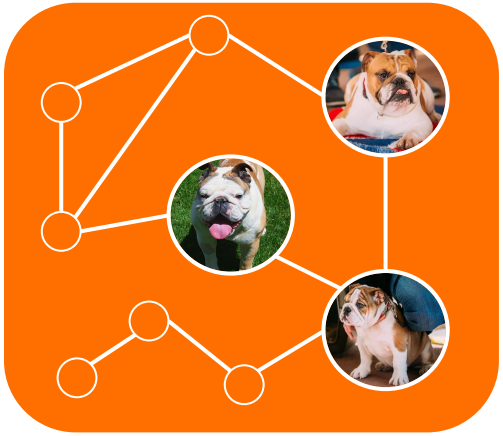


Neural Structured Learning (NSL)



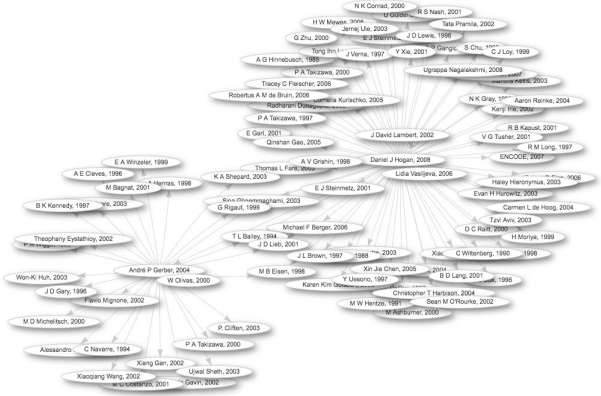
Structure Among Samples

Co-Occurrence Graph



[Source: graph concept is from Juan et al., WSDM'20. Original images are from pixabay.com]

Citation Graph



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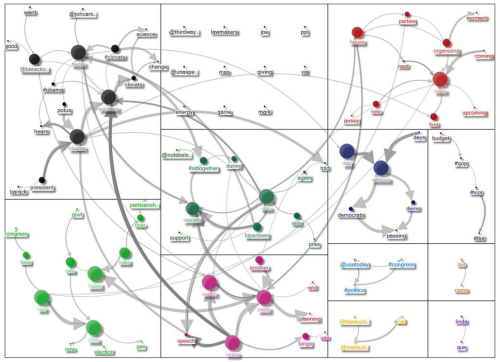
Text Graph



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NSL: Advantages of Learning with Structure

- **Less Labeled Data Required**
- **Robust Model**

Scenario I: Not Enough Labeled Data

Example task:

Document Classification

Lots of samples

Not enough labels

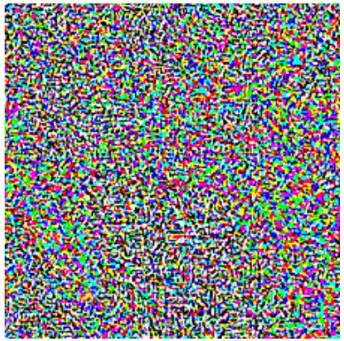
Scenario II: Model Robustness Required

Example task: **Image Classification**

$\boldsymbol{x}$

"panda"

$+ .007 \times$



$\text{sign}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x}, y))$

"nematode"

$=$

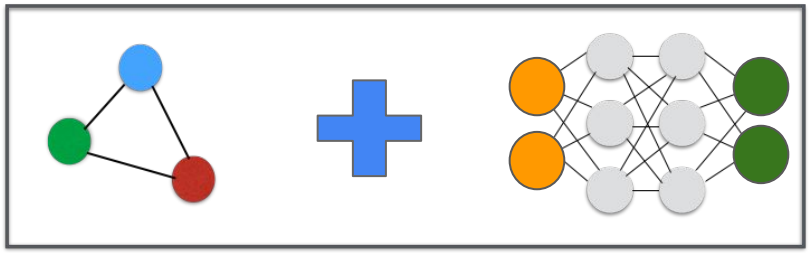
$\boldsymbol{x} + \epsilon\text{sign}(\nabla_{\boldsymbol{x}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x}, y))$

"gibbon"

[Source: Goodfellow, et al., ICLR'15]

NSL: Neural Graph Learning

Graph + Neural Net



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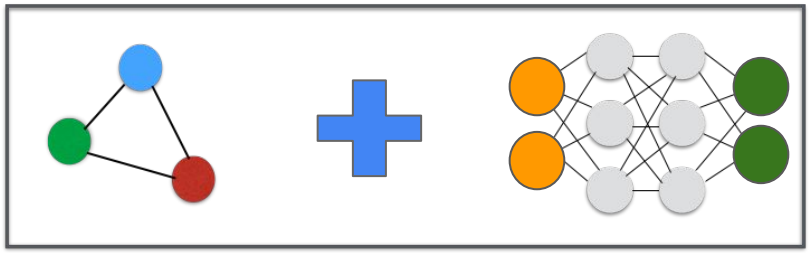

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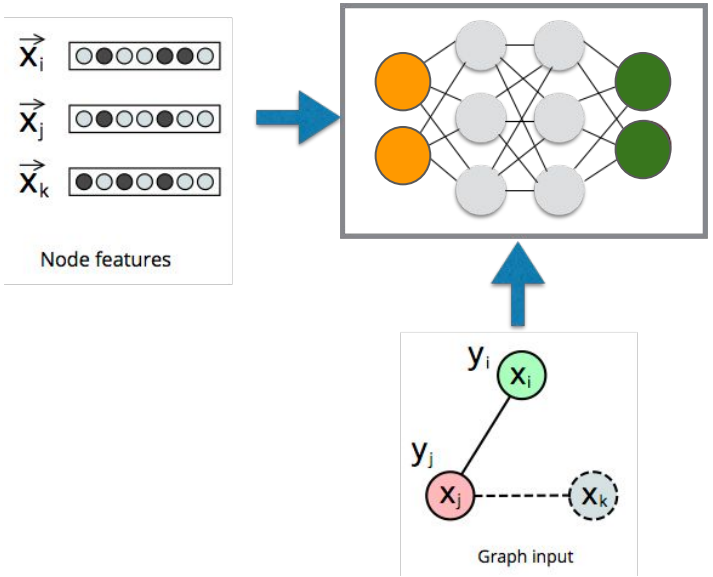
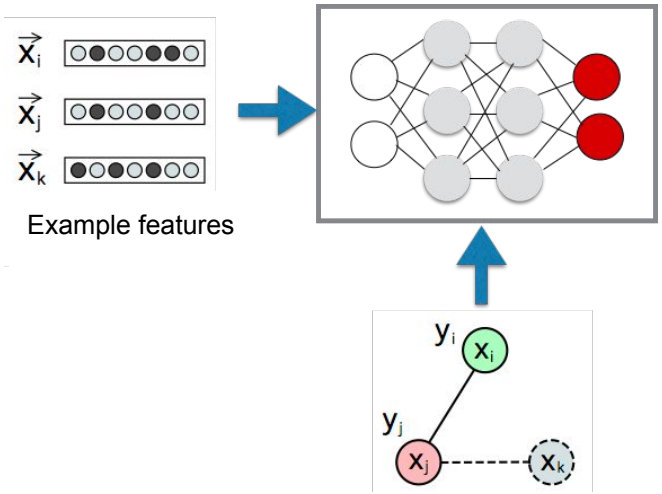


Neural Graph Machines (NGM)

Paper: Bui, Ravi & Ramavajjala [WSDM'18]

NSL: Neural Graph Learning

Joint optimization with label and structured signals:



Optimize: $loss = \sum_{i=1}^{B} \mathcal{L}(y_i, \hat{y}_i) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{B} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{N}}(y_i, x_i, \mathcal{N}(x_i))$

$x_i \rightarrow f(.) \rightarrow y_i$

Supervised Loss

$$\sum_{i=1}^{B} \mathcal{E}(y_i, g_\theta(x_i))$$

Neighbor Loss

$$\sum_{x_j \in \mathcal{N}(x_i)} w_{ij} \cdot \mathcal{D}(h_\theta(x_i), h_\theta(x_j))$$

$g_\theta(x_i)$: NN output for input x_i

$\mathcal{E}(\cdot)$: Loss function

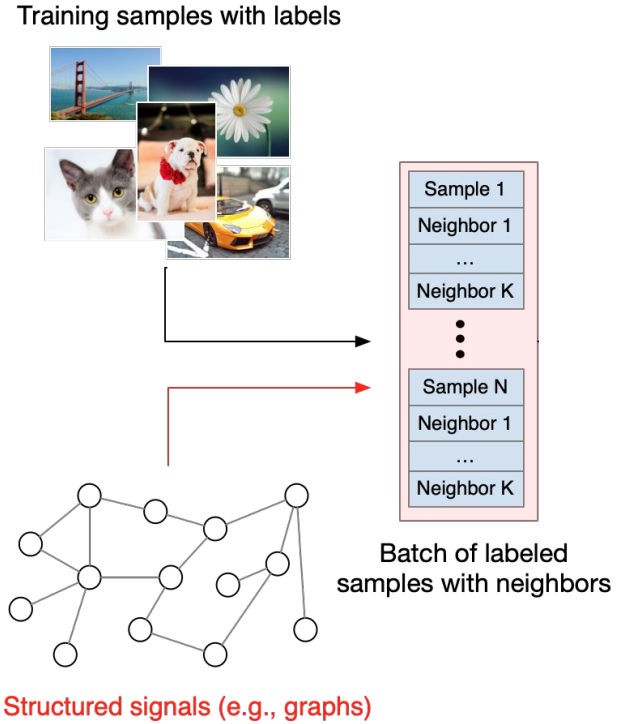
Examples: L2 (for regression)
Cross-Entropy (for classification)

$h_\theta(\cdot)$: Target hidden layer

$\mathcal{D}(\cdot)$: Distance metric

Examples: L1, L2, ...

NSL: Neural Graph Learning in Practice



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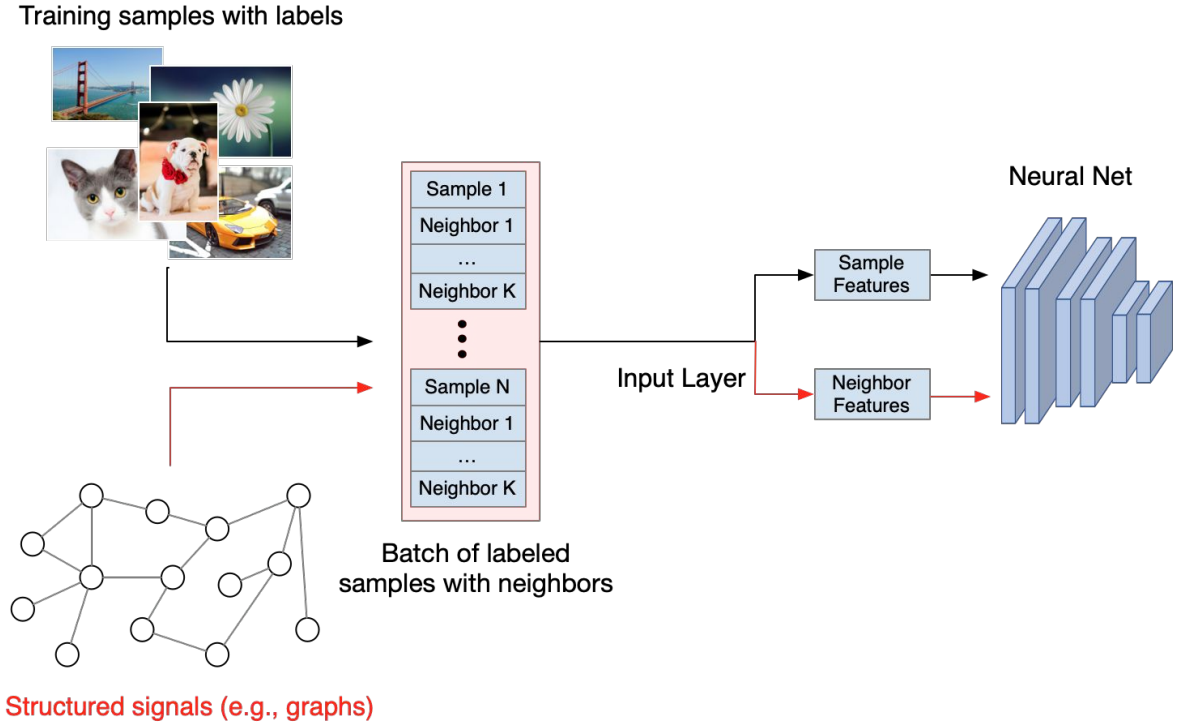

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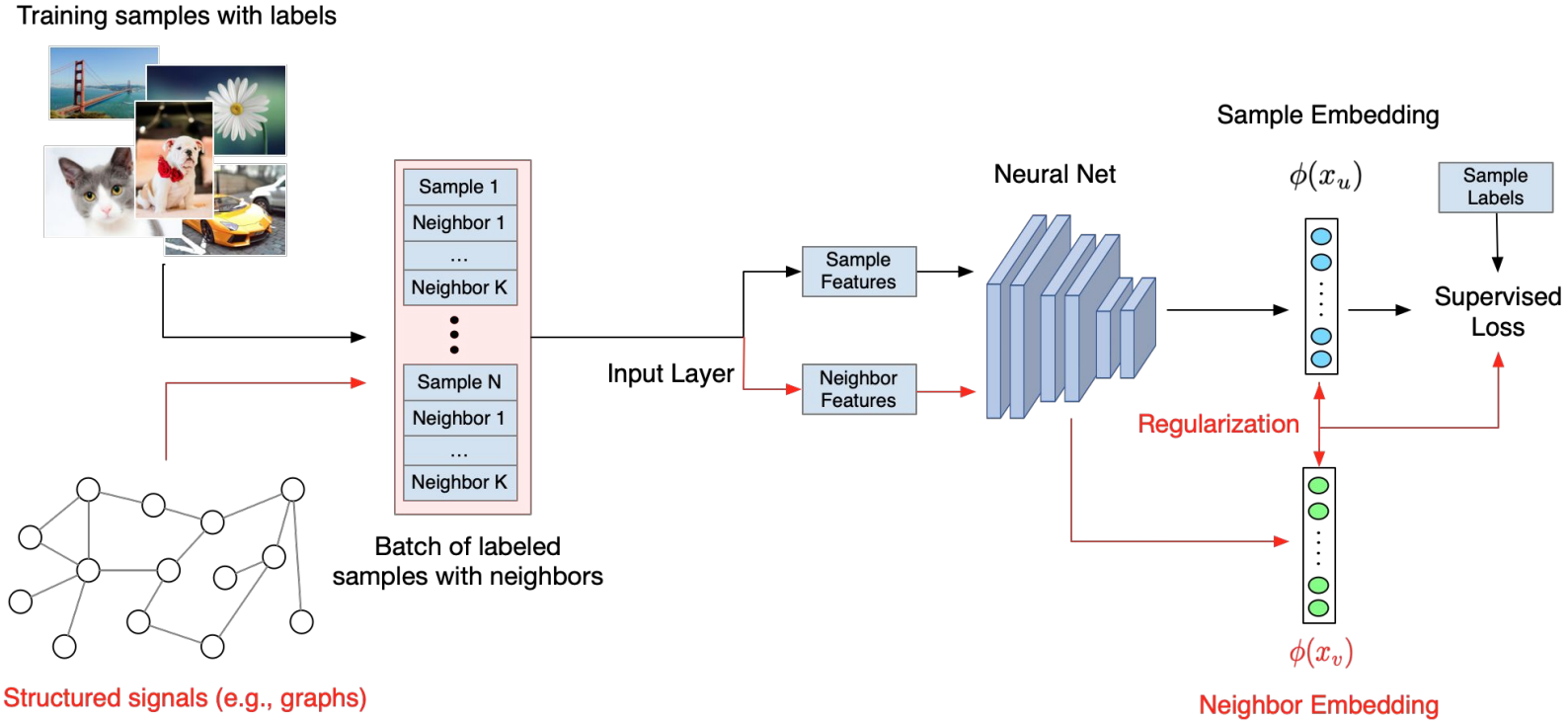
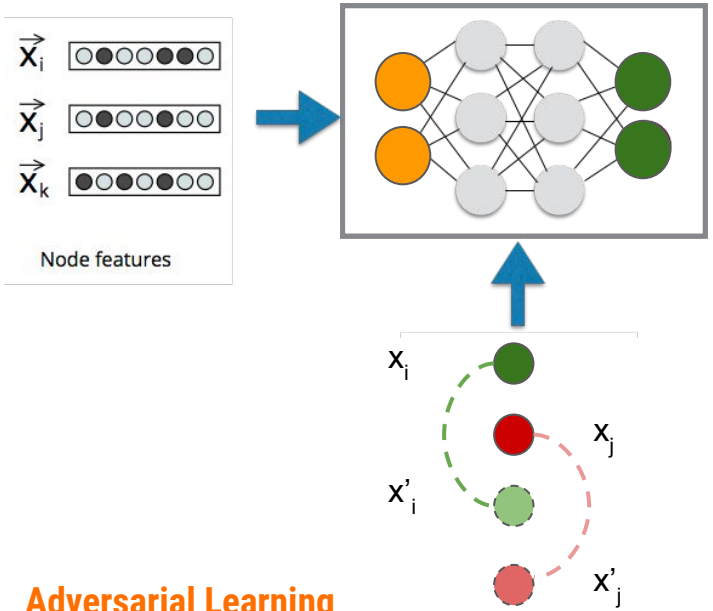


NSL: Adversarial Learning

Adversarial + Neural Net

- **Jointly** optimize features from original and “adversarial” examples for more robust models



Adversarial Learning

Paper: Goodfellow, et al. [ICLR’15]

Libraries, Tools and Trainers

Standalone Tool

`build_graph`

`pack_nbrs`

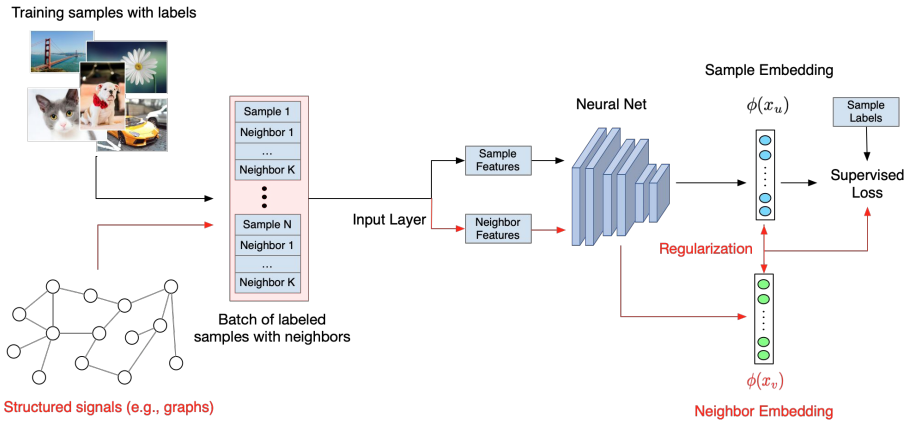
Graph Functions

`read_tsv_graph`

`write_tsv_graph`

`add_edge`

`add_undirected_edges`



Lib

`unpack_neighbor_features`

`gen_adv_neighbor`

`replicate_embeddings`

Keras

`GraphRegularization`

`AdversarialRegularization`

`layers`

Web: tensorflow.org/neural_structured_learning