# Recommending Academic Papers with Graph Neural Networks

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### Motivation

#### NUMBER of PEER-REVIEWED AI PUBLICATIONS, 2000-19

Source: Elsevier/Scopus, 2020 | Chart: 2021 Al Index Report



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Source: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/365209417\_Astronomia\_ex\_machina\_a\_history\_primer\_and\_outlook\_on\_neural\_networks\_in\_astronomy

### Problem Statement

Given a paper, can we leverage graph neural networks (GNNs) to provide recommendations to helpful prior or future readings based on a citation network?

## Link Prediction

Predict missing edges in a graph:



Source: https://towardsdatascience.com/graph-neural-networks-with-pyg-on-node-classification-link-prediction-and-anomaly-detection-14aa38fe1275

### Dataset: CORA-ML

• Directed: Citing paper points to cited paper

- 2995 papers
  - Each paper represented by 2879-dimensional embedding
  - Papers in the topic of machine learning

• 8416 citation relationships

• https://github.com/abojchevski/graph2gauss/tree/master

## Model & Training Parameters

- Graph Encoder:
  - Conv (2879, 128)
  - ReLU
  - Conv (128, 64)
- Decoder:
  - Cosine similarity
- Split: 85% Train, 5% Validation, 10% Test
- Optimizer: BCEWithLogits
- Learning rate: 0.001
- Epochs: 100

### Results



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#### WILLIAM M. SPEARS<sup>†</sup>

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#### Cites

### Using Markov Chains to Analyze GAFOs

Kenneth A. De Jong 🖾 , William M. Spears, Diana F. Gordon 🖾

Analyzing GAs Using Markov Models with Semantically Ordered and Lumped States \*

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#### An Overview of Evolutionary Computation †

William M. Spears ‡ Kenneth A. De Jong Thomas Bäck David B. Fogel Hugo de Garis

Abstract. Evolutionary computation uses computational models of evolutionary processes as key elements in the design and implementation of computerbased problem solving systems. In this paper we provide an overview of evolutionary computation, and describe several evolutionary algorithms that are currently of interest. Important similarities and differences are noted, which lead to a discussion of important issues that need to be resolved, and items for future research.

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#### Predicted

### **Multiassociative Memory**

John F. Kolen Jordan B. Pollack

5 citations

Evolving Optimal Neural Networks Using Genetic Algorithms with Occam's Razor\*

> Byoung-Tak Zhang Heinz Mühlenbein

> > 112 citations

## Discussion

• Although it can point to somewhat relevant papers, more information is needed for the model to be able to recommend pedagogically

- Limitations
  - Small dataset size
    - Average node degree of 2.8
  - Unknown initial node embedding method
  - A "good" recommendation is ambiguous
  - Restriction to academic publications makes more fundamental expository pieces a rarity

### Next Steps

• Collect and/or test on larger dataset

• Use different embedding methods and incorporate content embeddings into prediction

• Inductive Learning to deal with unseen node embeddings