

# Interactive Media for Understanding ML Methods

A Case-Study on Graph Neural Networks

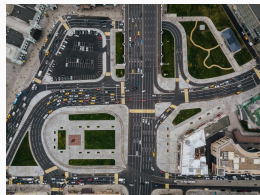
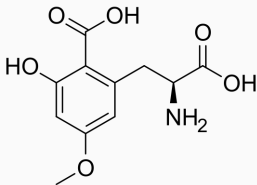
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# Graph Neural Networks

A family of neural networks that operate naturally on graphs!



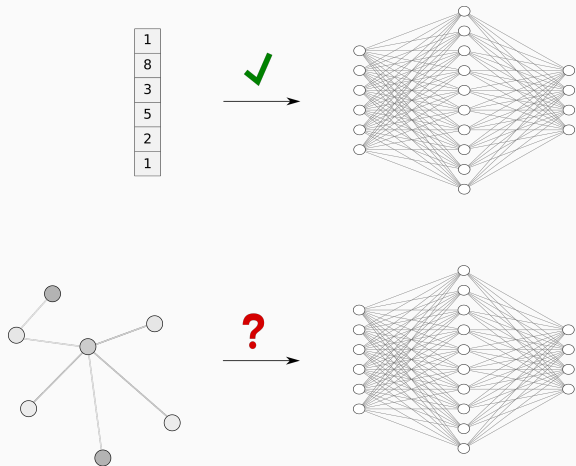
Graphs are everywhere: Social networks, molecules, and even traffic on the roads!

# Graph Neural Networks

GNNs have become extremely popular for:

- Relational modelling.
- Physics simulations.
- Knowledge-graph completion.
- Molecular prediction.
- Model-based reinforcement learning.
- ...and many more interesting domains!

# But how do GNNs work?



How do we compute over graphs? It is not clear what exactly GNNs do!

# CNNs as Motivation

GNNs are inspired by CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks)!

- CNNs are great on many image-related tasks!
- Images can be thought of as grid graphs.
- Can we generalize convolutions over grids to convolutions over arbitrary graphs?

We trace the story of GNNs, but interactively!

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But, GNNs have traditionally been depicted by static images:

Visual descriptions of the GCN model (left) from Kipf & Welling (2017) and the GAT model (right) from Veličković et al. (2018) in their original papers.

It's demo time!



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Exhibit currently under review at Distill.

# Thank you!

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