

# Tackling the problem of “bad” explanations with the Human-in-the-Loop principle

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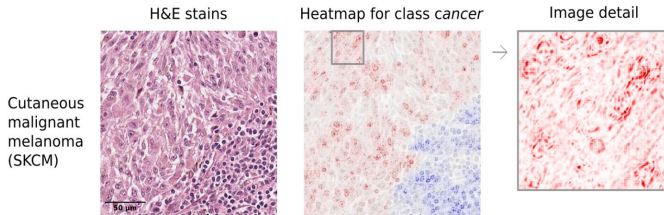
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# Outline

1. What is a good explanation?
2. What is a bad explanation?
3. Graphs
4. Graph Neural Networks (GNN)
5. xAI on GNNs
6. Literature
7. Questions

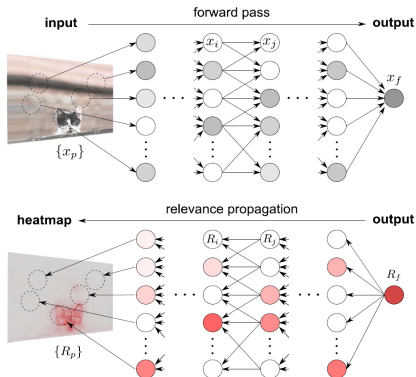
# Heatmaps

- Binary classification task
- Cancer or healthy?



Hägele, Miriam, et al. "Resolving challenges in deep learning-based analyses of histopathological images using explanation methods." *Scientific reports* 10.1 (2020): 1-12.

# How does LRP work? - Computational flow



Lapuschkin, Sebastian, et al. "Unmasking clever hans predictors and assessing what machines really learn." Nature communications 10.1 (2019): 1-8.



## LRP vs. SA (1/2)

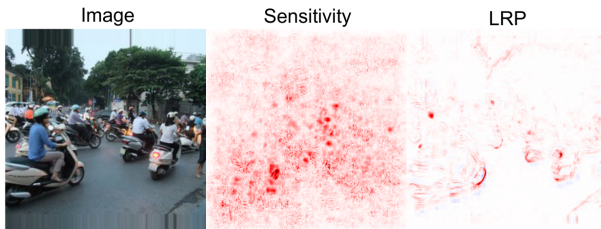
- What is a good heatmap?
- Sensitivity of a pixel  $p$  is the norm over all partial derivatives:

$$h_p = \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} f(x) \right\|$$

- How much a small change in the pixel  $p$  affects the prediction (output) of the NN
- The direction of change is lost because of the norm
- Needs (locally) differentiable neurons

## LRP vs. SA (2/2)

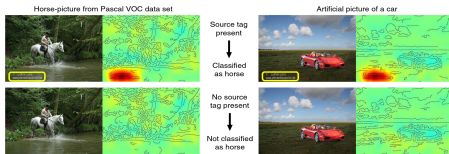
- Blue color denotes negative relevance  
Evidence **against** the predicted class



Samek, Wojciech, et al. "Interpreting the predictions of complex ml models by layer-wise relevance propagation." arXiv preprint arXiv:1611.08191 (2016).

# Whole dataset analysis (1/2)

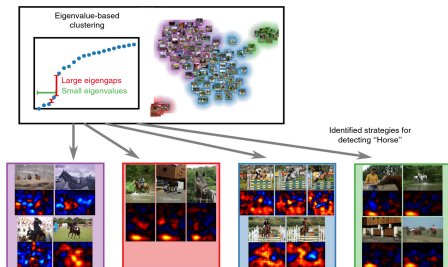
- PASCAL VOC2007 data set: horse images have a tag
- Classification by high-performing NN
- Use LRP and detect Clever Hans predictions



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## Whole dataset analysis (2/2)

- Semi-automated Spectral Relevance Analysis
- Improve the model and the dataset



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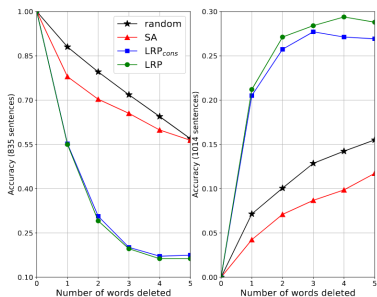
# LRP on LSTMs and Perturbation Analysis (1/2)

## ■ Sentiment classification task

true	predicted	N <sup>o</sup>	Notation: -- very negative, - negative, 0 neutral, + positive, ++ very positive
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# LRP on LSTMs and Perturbation Analysis (2/2)

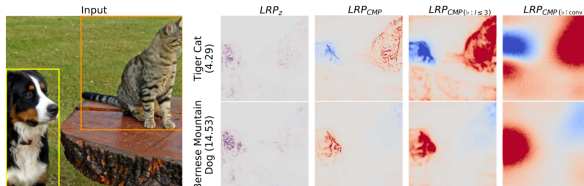


- How does word deleting affect performance?
- Left: Correct classification, decreasing relevance
- Right: Misclassification, increasing relevance

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# Positive and negative relevance is important (1/2)

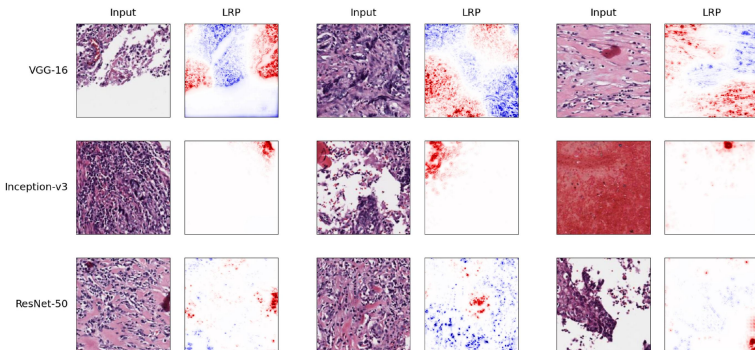
- Classification: is it a cat or a dog?
- What speaks for or against a decision?
- Can a human decide? What would the human say?



Kohlbrenner, Maximilian, et al. "Towards best practice in explaining neural network decisions with LRP?" 2020 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN). IEEE, 2020.

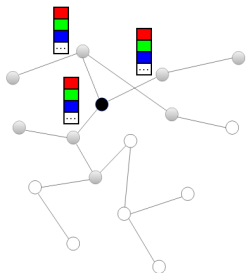
# Positive and negative relevance is important (2/2)

- Do humans trust AI when its prediction is wrong?



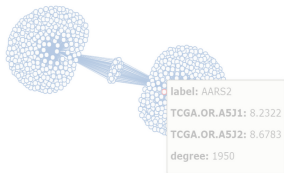


# Graph data (1/5)



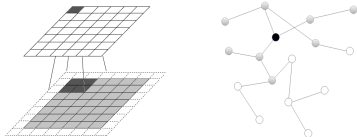
- Not just 3 features, but any number
- Size  
shape  
degree  
type  
...

## Graph data (2/5)



- Sequential, Grid ↔ Graph data
- Biological data, Drug discovery, Social networks, Maps
- Images, Reinforcement Learning states

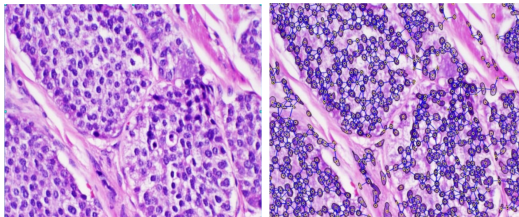
## Graph data (3/5)



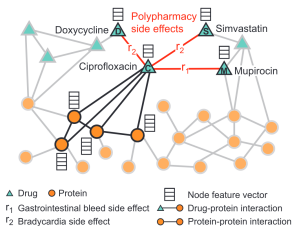
- Each pixel has 3 features (RGB)
- How does a CNN operate?  
Gathers information from the neighborhood

## Graph data (4/5)

- histocartography: <https://github.com/histocartography/histocartography>
- Centroids and texture features for each node: convex area, length of the major and minor axis, orientation, convex hull perimeter, ellipticity, roundness ...



# Graph data (5/5)



Zitnik, Marinka, Monica Agrawal, and Jure Leskovec.  
 “Modeling polypharmacy side effects with graph  
 convolutional networks.” *Bioinformatics* 34.13 (2018):  
 i457-i466.

- Features on edges: distance, weight, tissue node
- Heterogeneous graphs: nodes and or edges of different type → different features
- Multigraphs: many edges between two nodes

# Graphs mathematical description

- $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ : set of nodes and edges
- Directed vs. undirected, simple vs. multi-relational (heterogeneous), self-loops
- Adjacency matrix:  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|}$   
Laplacian matrix:  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$
- Shortest path, degree, connected components:

```
nx.connected_components(G),  
nx.draw(G, pos=nx.circular_layout(G),  
        node_color='r', edge_color='b')
```



# Define graph(s)

```
import networkx as nx

G=nx.Graph()

G.add_node(1)
G.add_node(2)

G.add_edge(1, 2)
```

```
G_1=nx.complete_graph(9)

G_2=nx.cycle_graph(5)

G_3=nx.star_graph(5)

G_4=barabasi_albert_graph
      (5, 2)
```



# Software for GNN

## [Python]

- Pytorch Geometric (PyG): <https://pytorch-geometric.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- DGL: <https://www.dgl.ai/>

## Compatibility with networkx:

```
torch_geometric.utils.convert.from_networkx(...)  
torch_geometric.utils.convert.to_networkx(...,  
                                     to_undirected, ...)
```

## Graph datasets (benchmarks)

- <https://pytorch-geometric.readthedocs.io/en/latest/modules/datasets.html>
- Open Graph Benchmark datasets:  
<https://ogb.stanford.edu/>

```
dataset = TUDataset(root='data/TUDataset',
                    name='MUTAG')
print(f'Number of graphs: {len(dataset)}')
print(f'Number of node features:
      {dataset.num_features}')
print(f'Number of classes: {dataset.num_classes}')
```

# Graph representation in PyG (1/3)

`torch_geometric.data.Data`

- `data.x`: Node feature matrix  
[ `num_nodes`, `num_node_features` ]
- `data.edge_attr`: Edge feature matrix  
[ `num_edges`, `num_edge_features` ]

	color	size	shape
node_0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
node_1	-0.5	0.05	-0.1

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/classes.html#module-sklearn.preprocessing>

## Graph representation in PyG (2/3)

- `data.edge_index`: [2, num\_edges]  
[[0, 2, 3],  
 [2, 4, 1]]
- `data.y`: targets (node or graph classification)  
[0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...]
- `data.pos`: [num\_nodes, num\_dimensions]

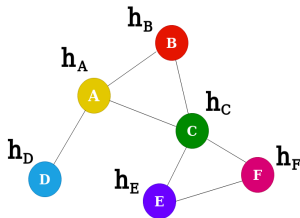
## Graph representation in PyG (3/3)

- `**kwargs` (optional): Additional attributes

```
graph=Data(x=node_attributes_x, y=None,  
           edge_index=edge_idx, edge_attr=None,  
           pos=None,  
  
           node_labels=node_labels,  
           node_ids=node_ids,  
           node_feature_labels=node_feature_labels,  
           edge_ids=edge_ids,  
           edge_attr_labels=edge_attr_labels)
```

# Neural message passing (1/6)

Graph with node features/embeddings  $h(v)$ :

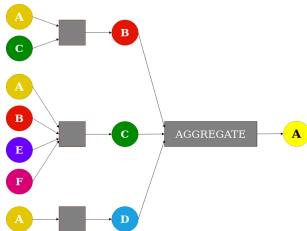


...  $k$  times - the initial values of the features are replaced with new ones

# Neural message passing (2/6)

Computational graph -  $\mathcal{N}(v)$ : Neighborhood

$$a_v^{(k)} = \text{AGGREGATE}^{(k)} \left( \left\{ h_u^{(k-1)} : u \in \mathcal{N}(v) \right\} \right)$$



## Neural message passing (3/6)

$$h_v^{(k)} = \text{COMBINE}^{(k)}\left(h_u^{(k-1)}, a_v^{(k)}\right)$$

What is an appropriate AGGREGATE function?

- `mean()`
- `max()`
- `sum()`

... reminds Belief Propagation in  
Conditional Random Fields (CRF)



## Neural message passing (4/6)

- COMBINE is implemented by a Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)
- Overall function:

$$h_v^{(k)} = \text{MLP}^{(k)} \left( (1 + \mathbf{e}^{(k)}) \cdot h_v^{(k-1)} + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} h_u^{(k-1)} \right)$$

- You can write your own module!

## Neural message passing (5/6)

```
class GCN(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, num_node_features: int,
                 hidden_channels: int,
                 num_classes: int):
        super(GCN, self).__init__()
        self.conv1 = GCNConv(num_node_features,
                              hidden_channels)
        self.conv2 = GCNConv(hidden_channels,
                              hidden_channels)
        self.lin = Linear(hidden_channels,
                           num_classes)
```

## Neural message passing (6/6)

```
def forward(self, x, edge_index, batch):  
    x = self.conv1(x, edge_index)  
    x = x.relu()  
    x = self.conv2(x, edge_index)  
    x = x.relu()  
    x = global_mean_pool(x, batch)  
    x = F.dropout(x, p=0.2,  
                  training=self.training)  
    x = self.lin(x)
```

- Use comments and formatting!

# GNN Tasks [overview] (1/6)

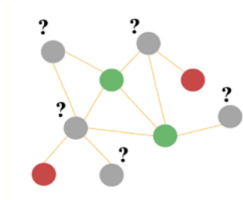
1. Node classification
2. Link prediction
3. Graph classification

What will xAI methods compute?

- Images → heatmap
- Graphs → relevant subgraphs, walks, and causal structures

# GNN Tasks - Node classification (2/6)

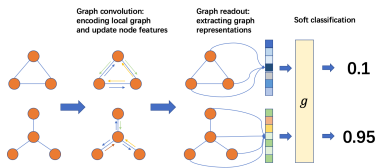
- Input: Graph
- Some nodes labeled
- Label the unlabeled ones



<https://docs.dgl.ai/tutorials/blitz/index.html>

## Tasks - Graph classification (3/6)

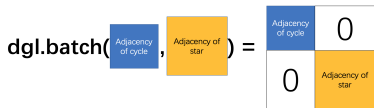
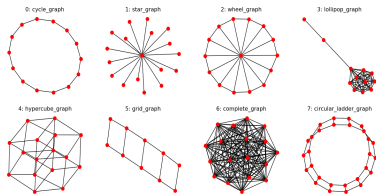
- How is node classification related to graph classification? -  
Use the end values of the node features after the last application of aggregate and combine.



<https://docs.dgl.ai/en/0.6.x/guide/training-graph.html>

# Tasks - Graph classification (4/6)

## Batch Adjacency Matrix:

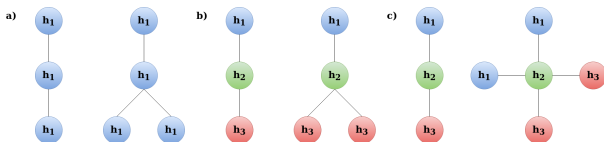


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# Tasks - Graph classification (5/6)

Graph Isomorphism Network (GIN) architecture:



Can the pairs be differentiated [discrimination]?

- a) mean and maximum of several  $h_1$  same
- b)  $\max(h_1, h_2, h_3) = \max(h_1, h_2, h_3, h_3)$
- c)  $\frac{1}{2}(h_1 + h_3) = \frac{1}{4}(2 \cdot h_1 + 2 \cdot h_3)$



## Tasks - Graph classification (6/6)

- Aggregations implemented by `mean()` and `max()` cannot distinguish between very simple graph structures
- Use `sum()`
- Representationally more powerful - as powerful as the Weisfeiler-Lehman graph isomorphism test

```
torch_geometric.nn.conv.gin_conv
```

## GNNExplainer (1/2)

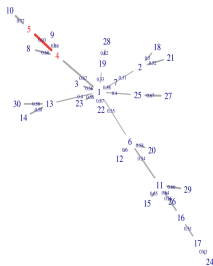
- Compute the important subgraph  $G_S$  of the computation graph  $G_C$  of input graph  $G$
- Optimization algorithm - iteratively find the substructure that maximizes the mutual information (MI) w.r.t. the prediction score
- $X_S$ : Subset of features of nodes in subgraph  $G_S$ .
- $\mathbf{Y}$ : Predicted label distribution

$$\max_{G_S} \text{MI}(\mathbf{Y}, (G_S, X_S)) = H(\mathbf{Y}) - H(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{G} = G_S, \mathbf{X} = X_S)$$

# GNNExplainer (2/2)

## Synthetic data

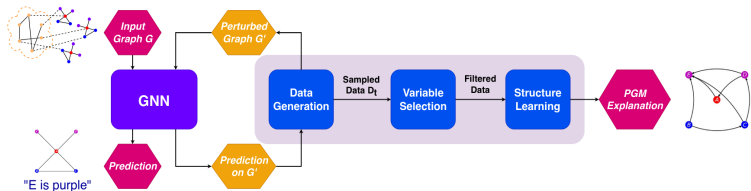
- Barabasi graphs
- Node features:  
 $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma = 0.1)$
- 1000 graphs,  
same topology
- Edge 4 – 5:  
 $\mathcal{N}(\mu = -1, \sigma = 0.1)$
- Graph classification



Pfeifer, Bastian, et al. "GNN-SubNet: disease subnetwork detection with explainable Graph Neural Networks." bioRxiv (2022).

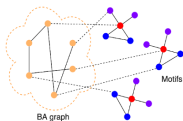
# PGMExplainer (1/2)

- Perturb the input to uncover dependencies
- Learn a Bayesian Network (BN) from the generated data → structure and parameter learning

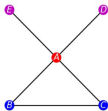
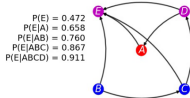


# PGMExplainer (2/2)

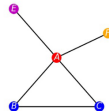
- Estimate the probability that node  $E$  has the predicted role (w.r.t. node classification) given the realization (values of features) of other nodes
- pgmpy: <https://pgmpy.org/>



(a) Input graph.

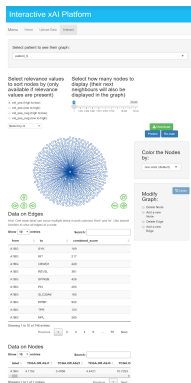
(b) Motif containing  $E$ .

(c) PGM-Explainer.



(d) GNNExplainer.

# GNN Counterfactuals UI platform (1/3)



Interactive xAI Platform

Menu Home Latest Data Help

Select dataset to use from graph:

Select relevance values to sort nodes by (only available if relevance values are present):

Select how many nodes to display (if all nodes neighbours will also be displayed in the graph):

Color the Nodes by:

Modify Graph:

Data on Edges

Node	to	weight	score
A-B01	A-B02	100	
A-B01	A-B03	100	
A-B01	A-B04	100	
A-B01	A-B05	100	
A-B01	A-B06	100	
A-B01	A-B07	100	
A-B01	A-B08	100	
A-B01	A-B09	100	
A-B01	A-B10	100	
A-B01	A-B11	100	
A-B01	A-B12	100	
A-B01	A-B13	100	
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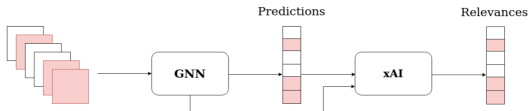
Data on Nodes

Node	total_in_degree	total_out_degree	total_degree	total_in_weight	total_out_weight	total_weight
A-B01	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B02	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B03	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B04	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B05	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B06	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B07	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B08	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B09	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B10	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B11	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B12	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B13	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B14	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B15	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B16	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B17	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
A-B18	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400
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A-B20	17	17	34	1700	1700	3400

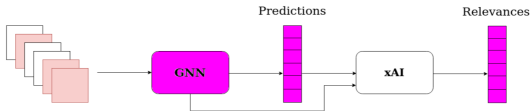
- Add/delete nodes and edges
- Add/delete features
- Predict/Retrain
- Good performance - good explanations?
- Incorporate human domain knowledge

# GNN Counterfactuals UI platform (2/3)

## ■ Predict



## ■ Retrain



# GNN Counterfactuals UI platform (3/3)

## Human-in-the-loop in the Causability Lab:

Select patient to see their graph:

patient\_0

Select relevance values to sort nodes by (only available if relevance values are present)

- rel\_pos (high to low)
- rel\_pos (low to high)
- rel\_pos\_neg (high to low)
- rel\_pos\_neg (low to high)

Select by id

Select how many nodes to display (their next neighbours will also be displayed in the graph)

1 1.894 3.789 5.683 7.578 9.472 11.367 13.261 15.156

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Color the Nodes by:

one color (default)

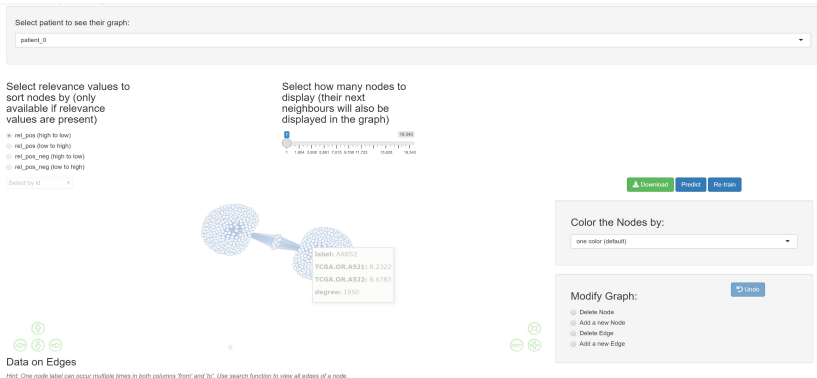
Modify Graph:

- Delete Node
- Add a new Node
- Delete Edge
- Add a new Edge

Data on Edges

label: AARS2  
TCGA.OR.LA531: 0.2322  
TCGA.OR.LA532: 0.6783  
degree: 1950

Hint: One node label can occur multiple times in both columns 'from' and 'to'. Use search function to view all edges of a node.





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