

# EECE 571F: Deep Learning with Structures

## Lecture 3: Graph Neural Networks Message Passing Models

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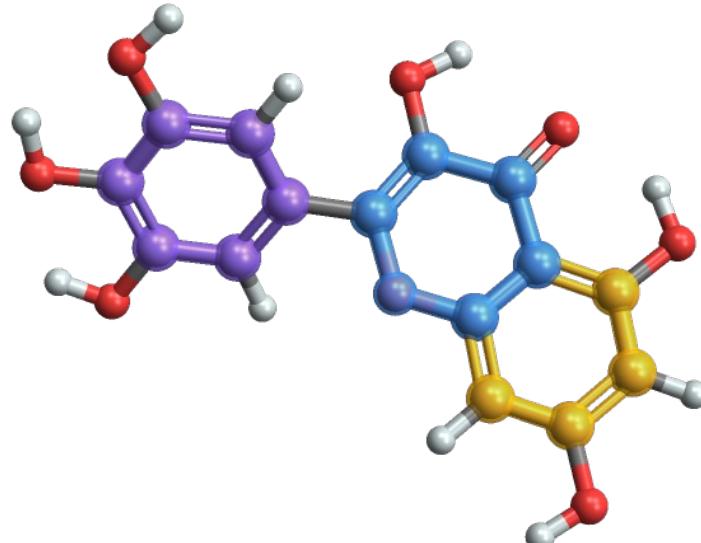
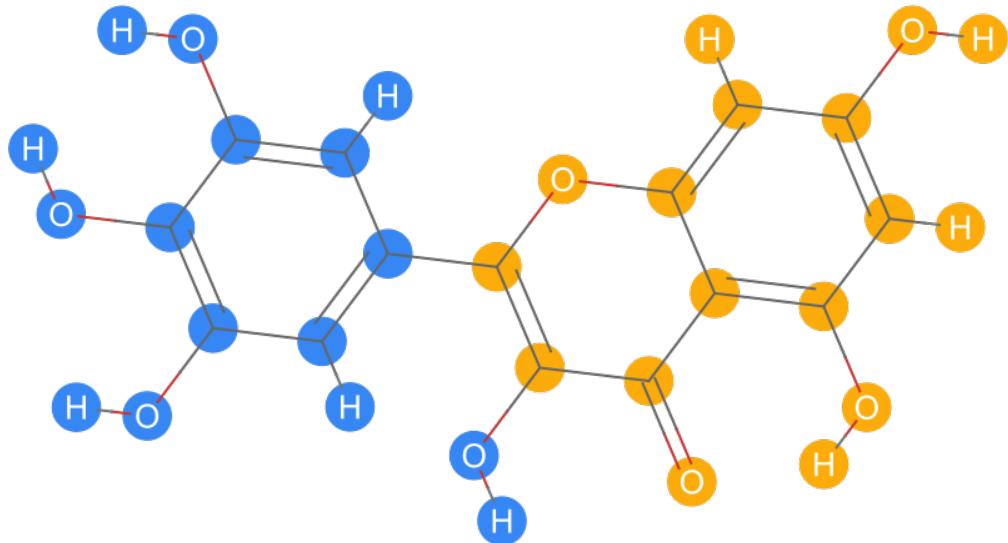
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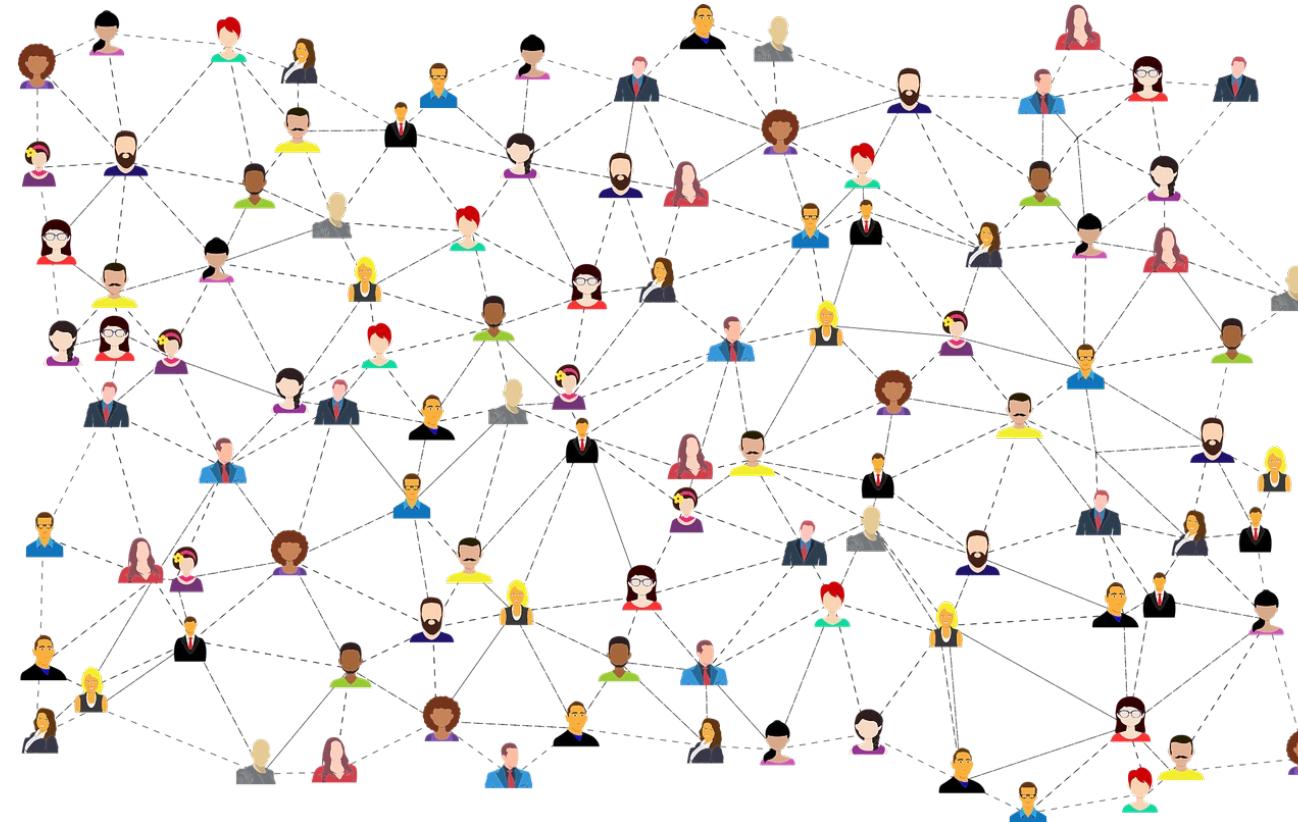
- Molecules



- Multi-edges exist
- Nodes have types
- Edges have types

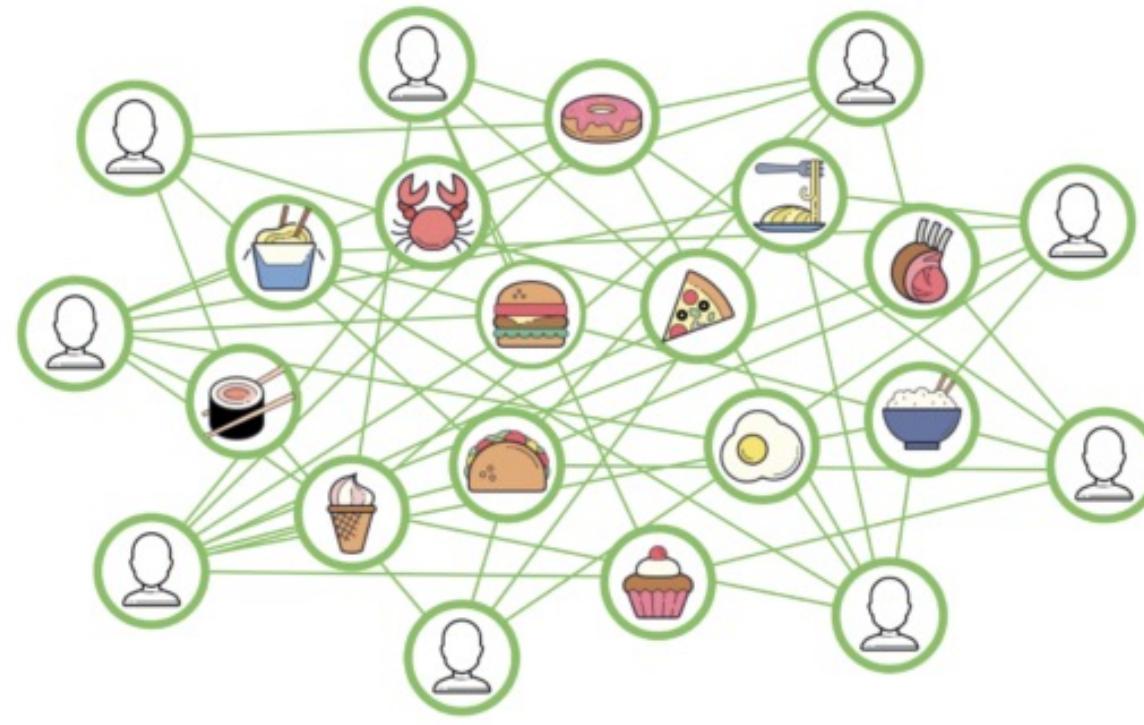
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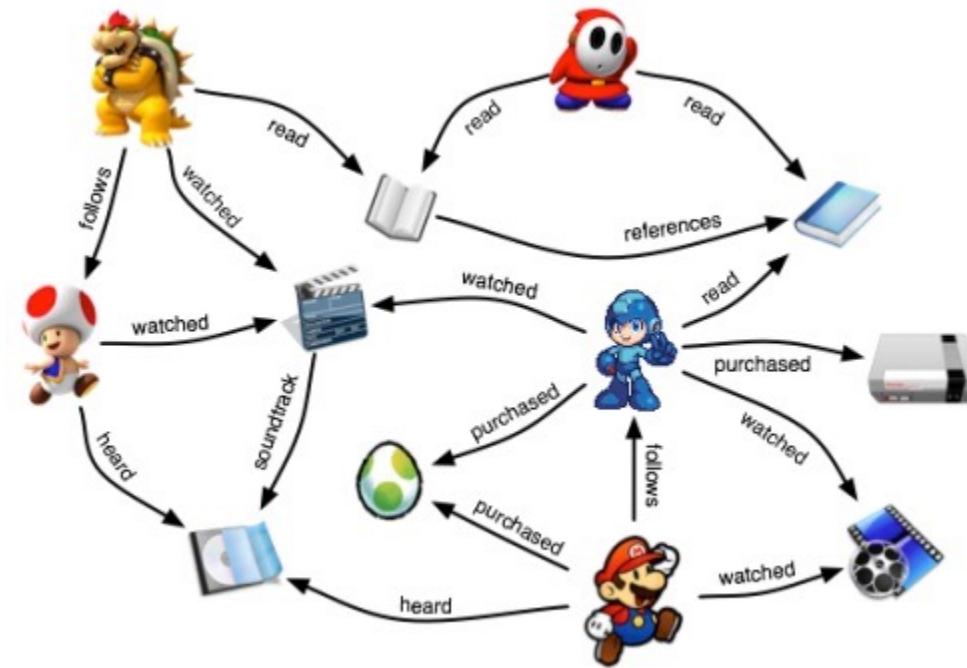
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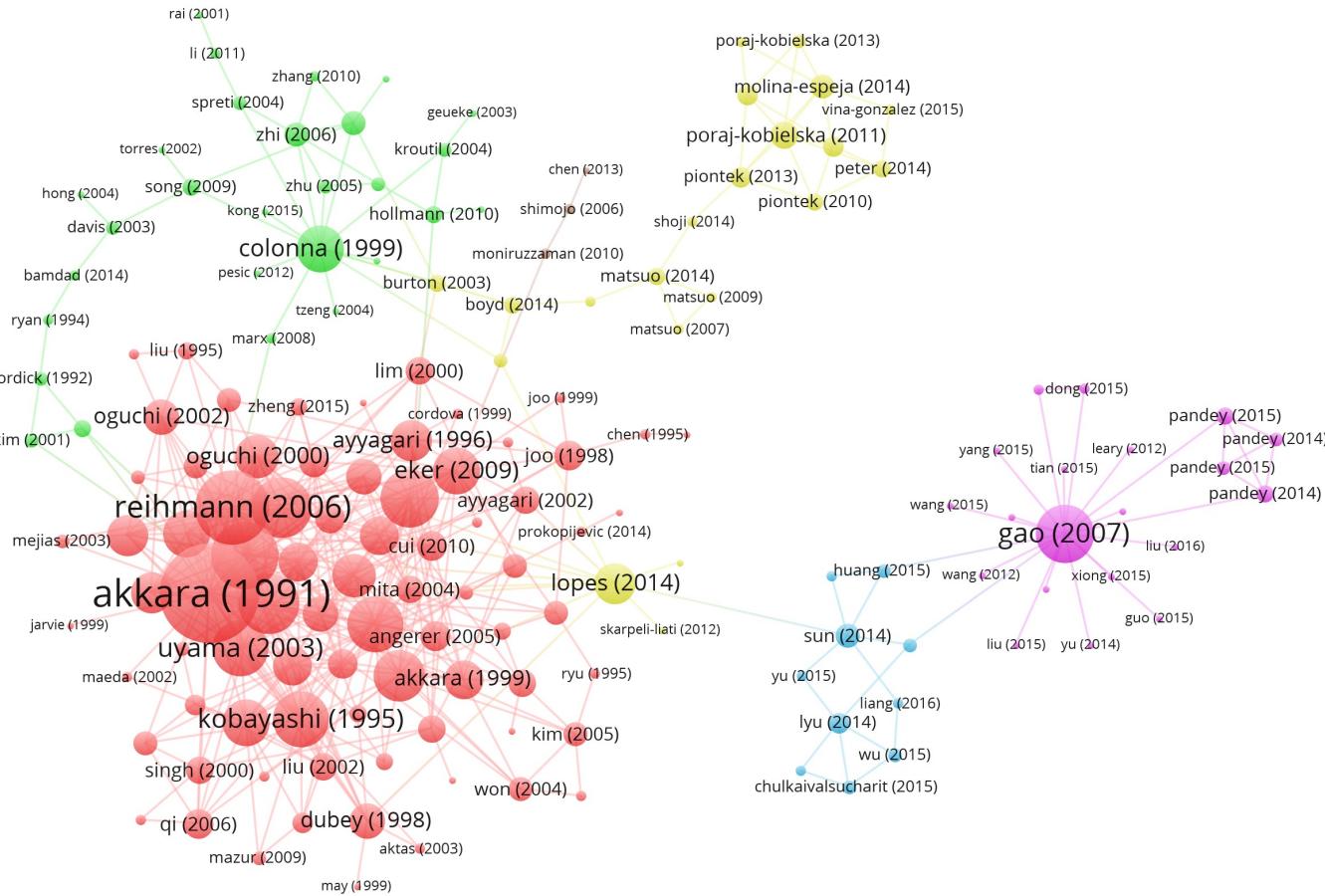
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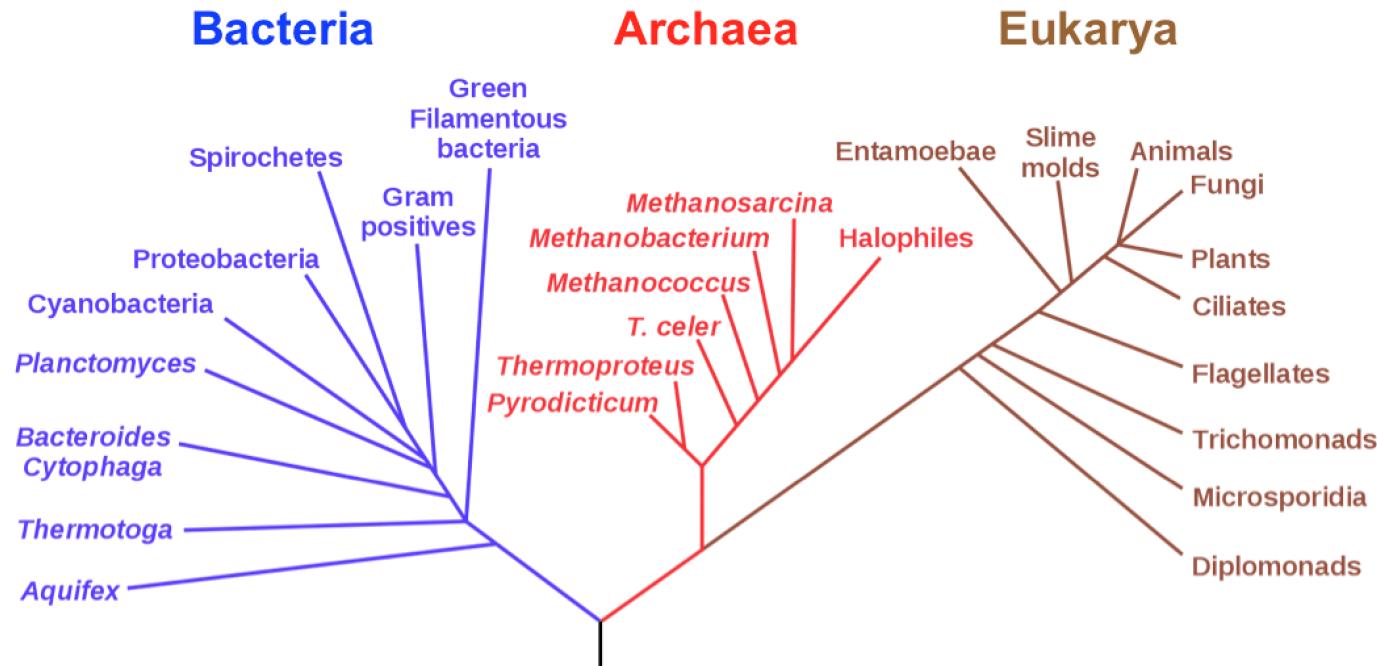
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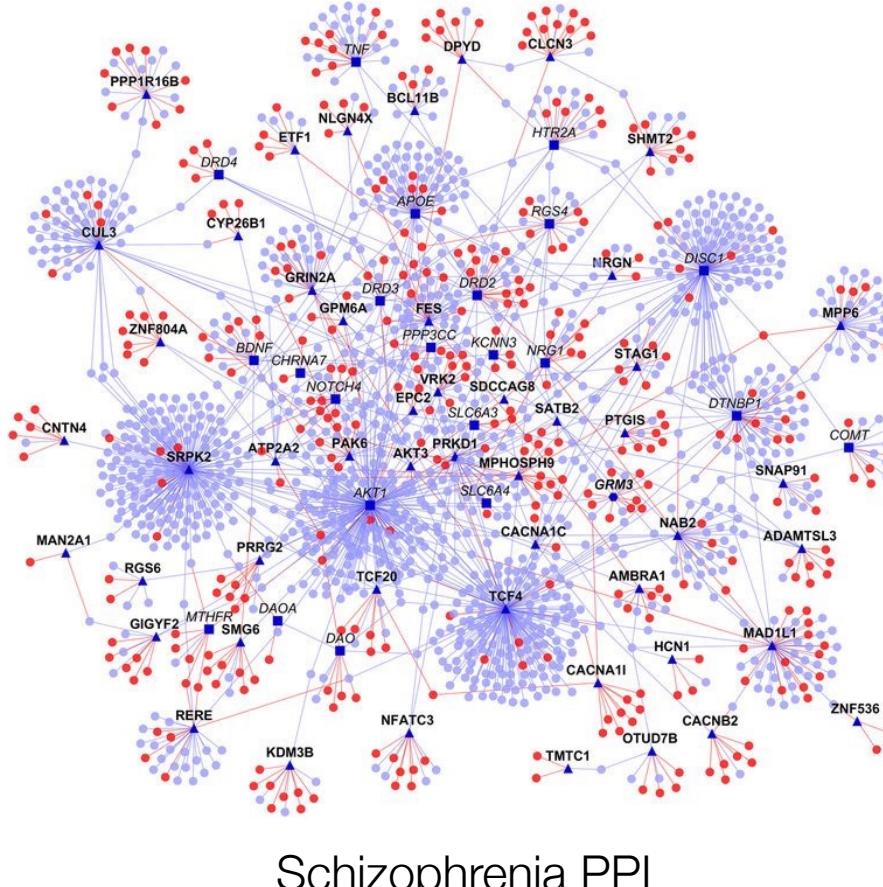
- Phylogenetic Tree



A phylogenetic tree based on rRNA genes  
showing the three life domains

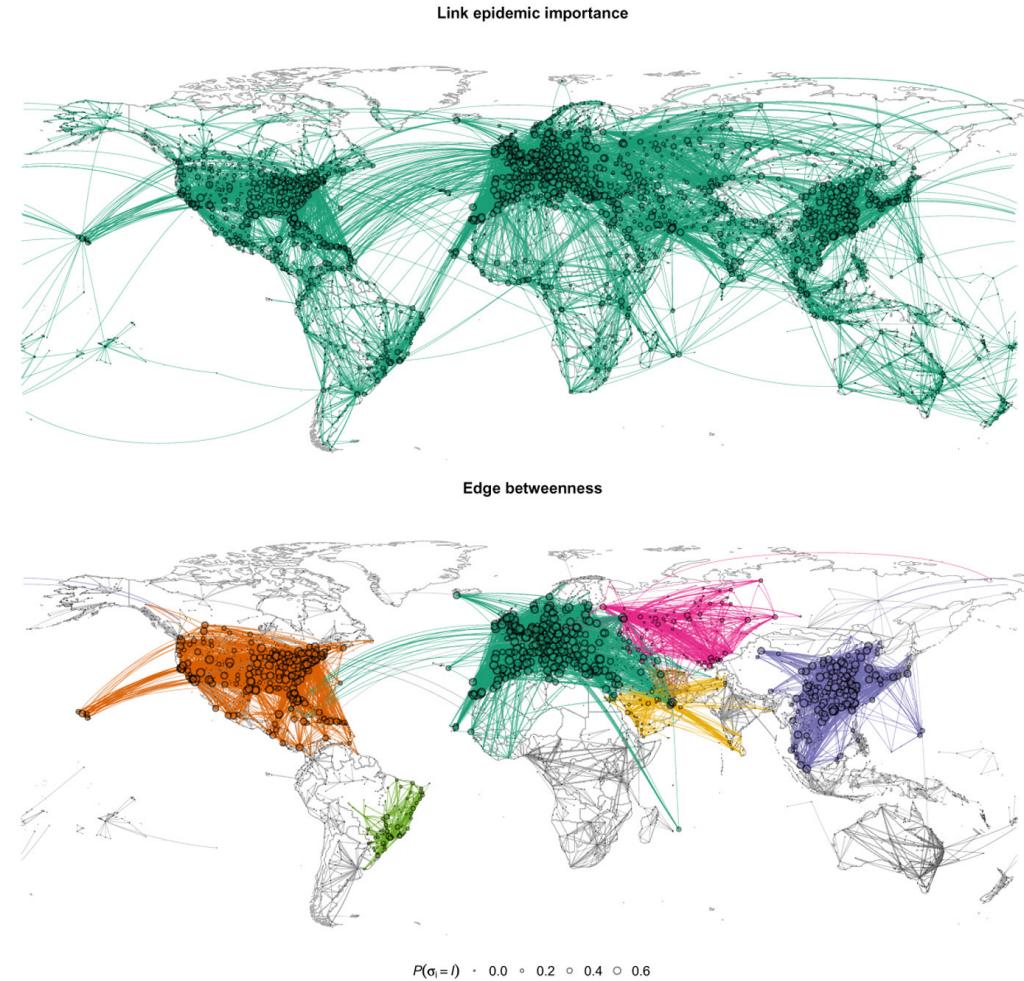
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- Protein-Protein Interactions (PPIs)



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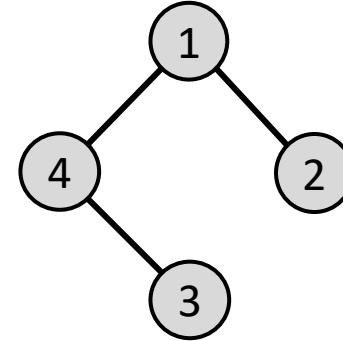
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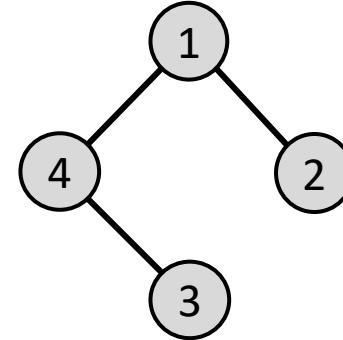


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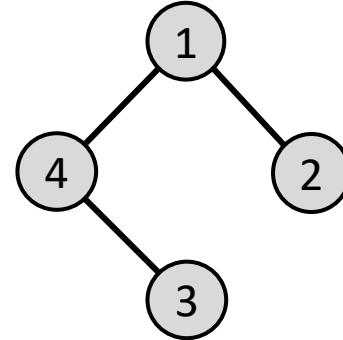
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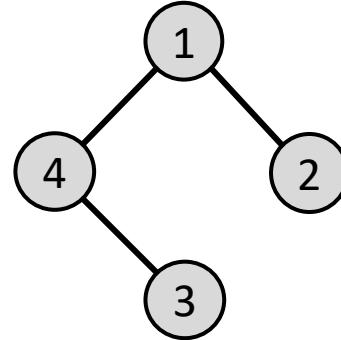
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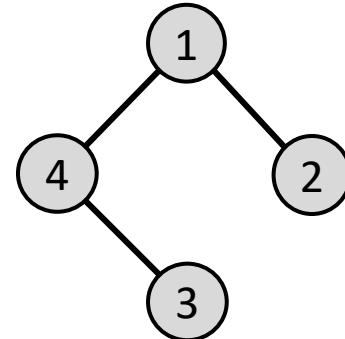
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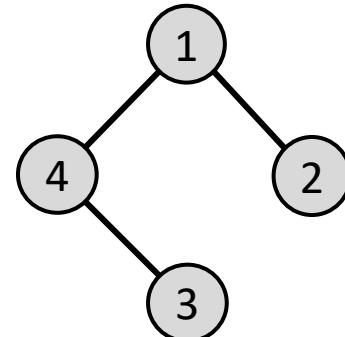
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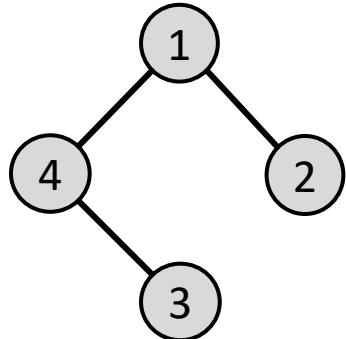
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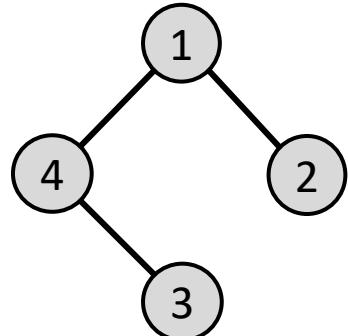
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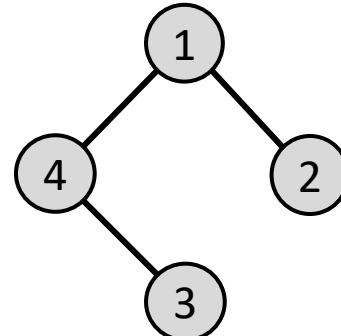
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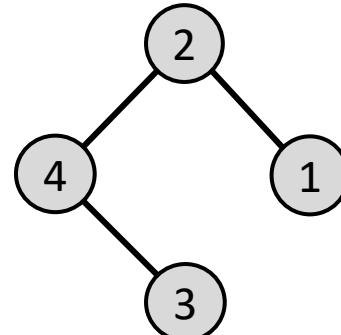
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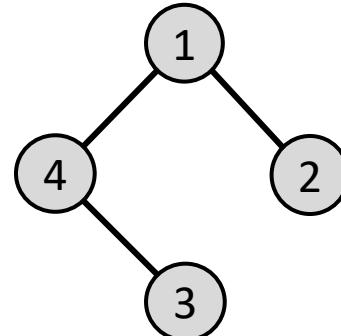
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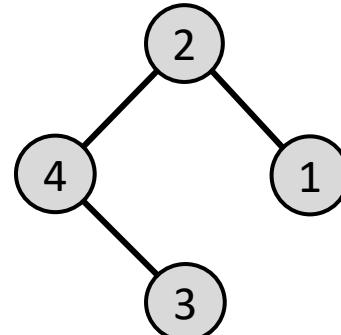
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Graph Isomorphism:

A bijection  $f$  between the vertex sets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  such that any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G_1$  are adjacent iff  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$  are adjacent in  $G_2$ .

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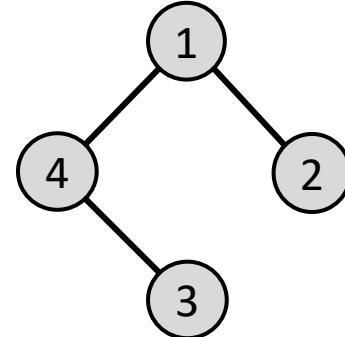
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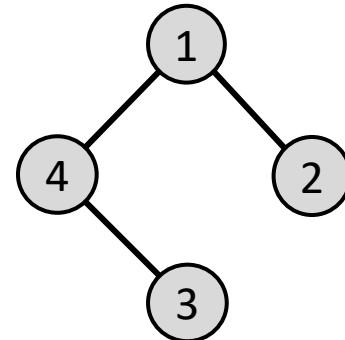
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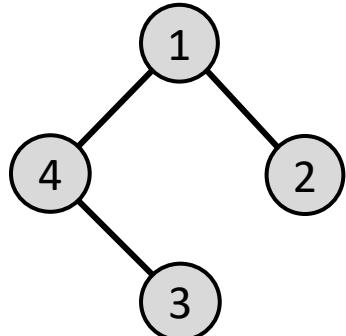
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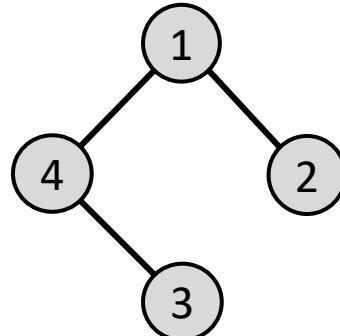
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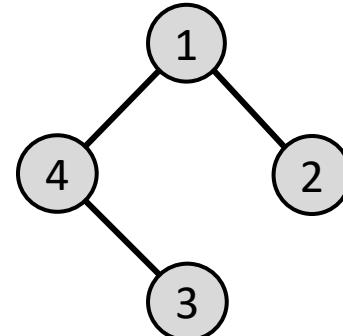
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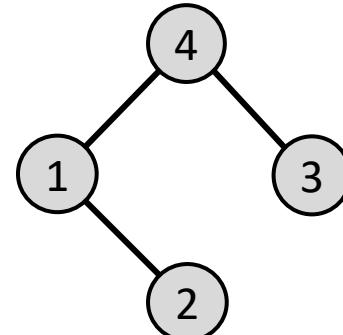
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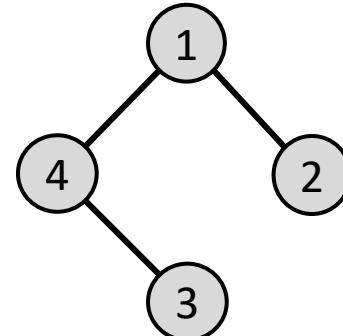
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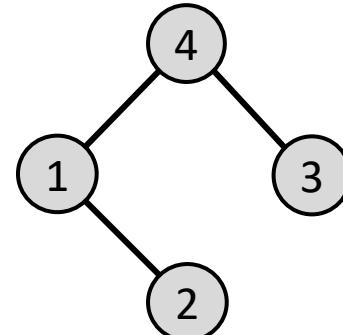


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Permutation Invariance & Equivariance

Graph Data ( $A, X$ ), Model  $f(A, X)$

**Invariance:**

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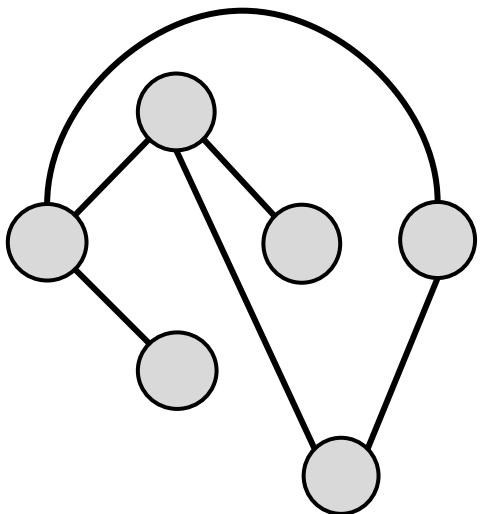
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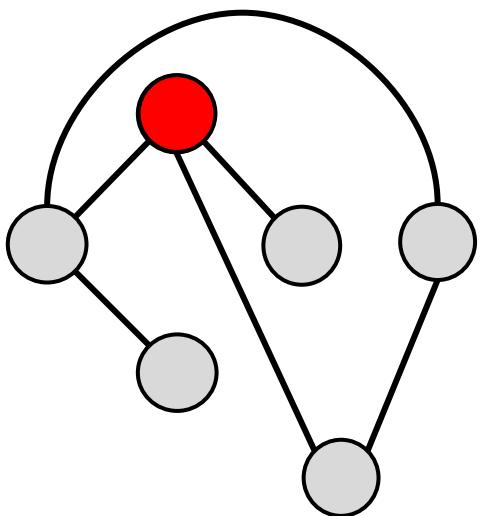
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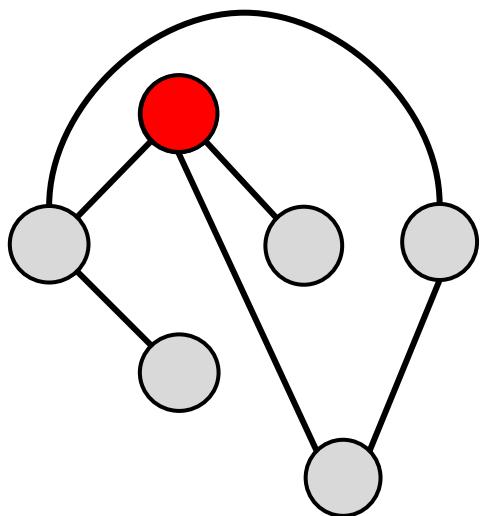
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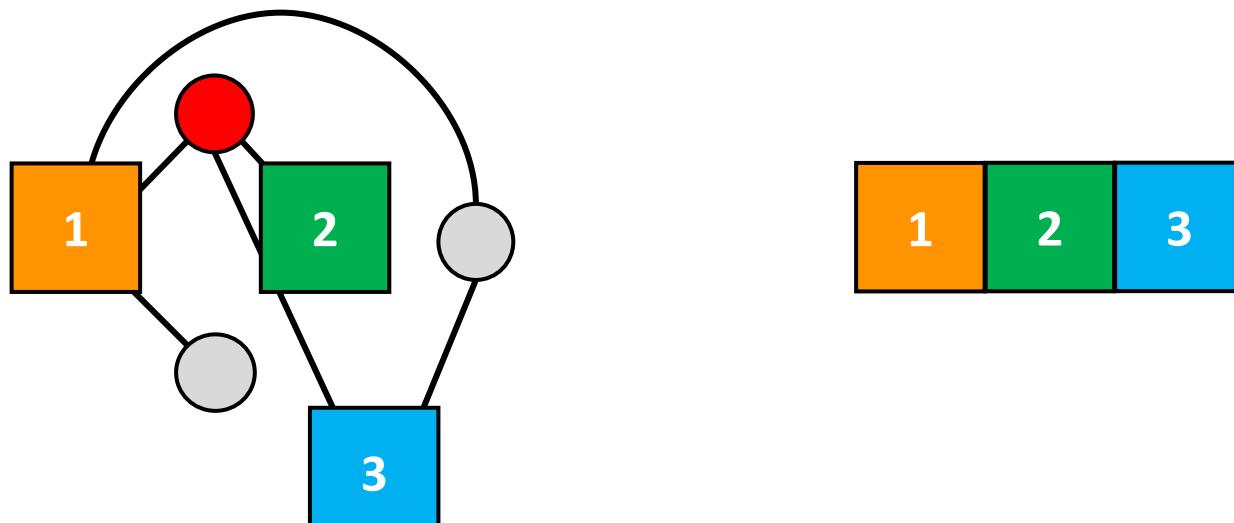
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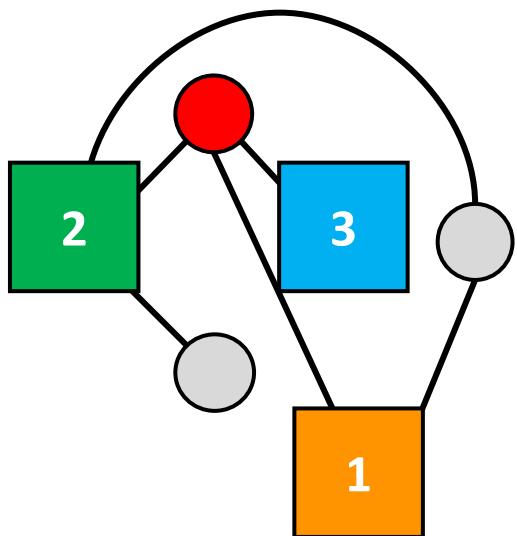


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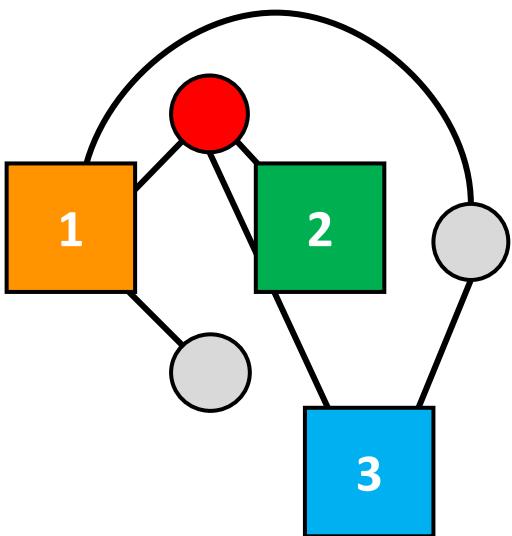
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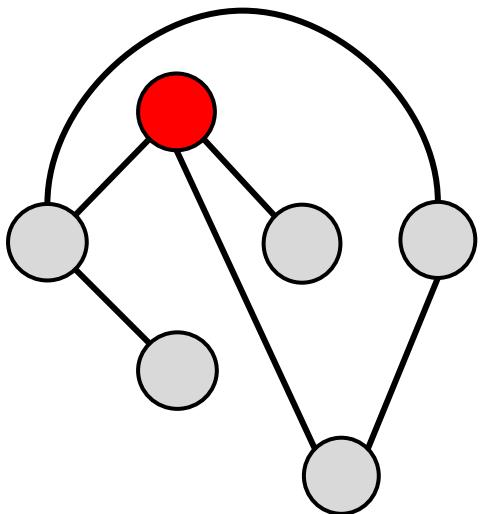
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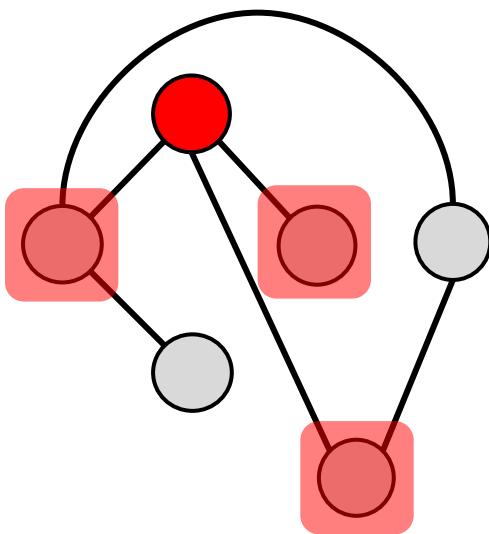
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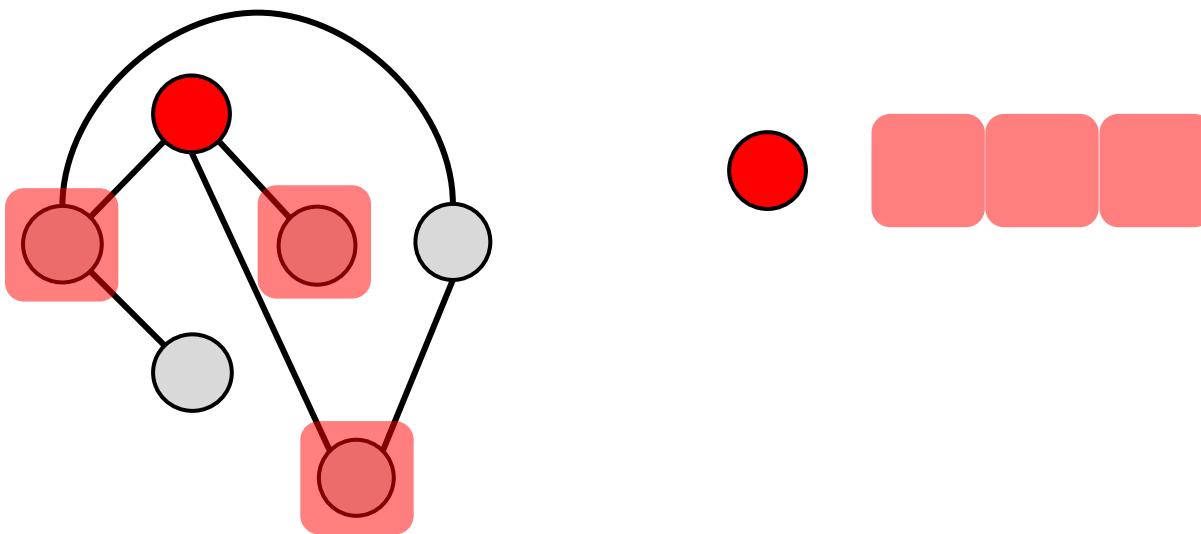
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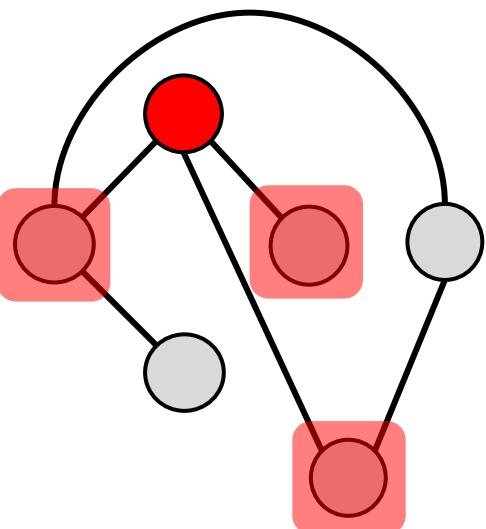
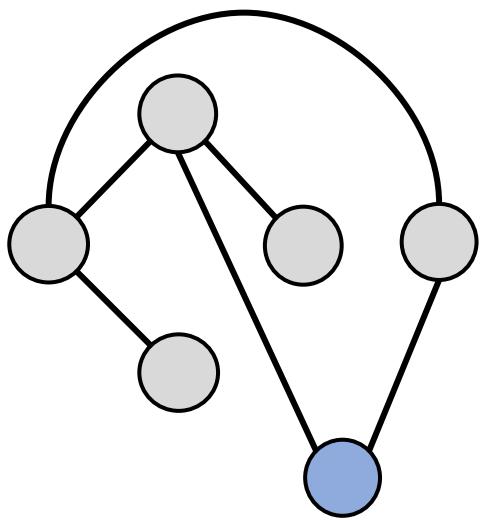
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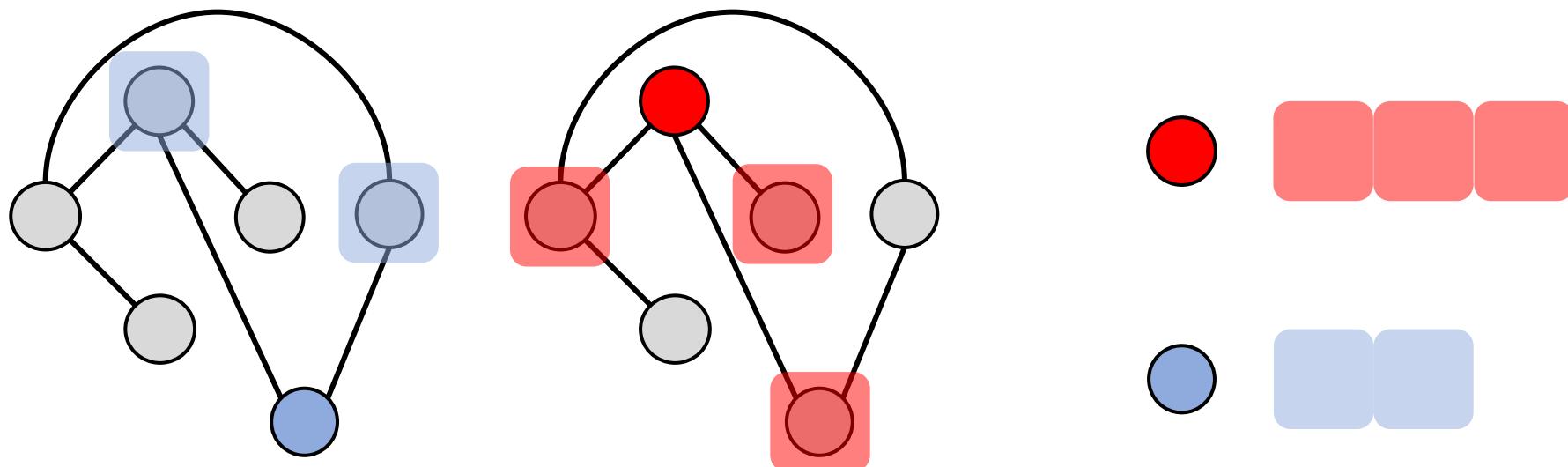
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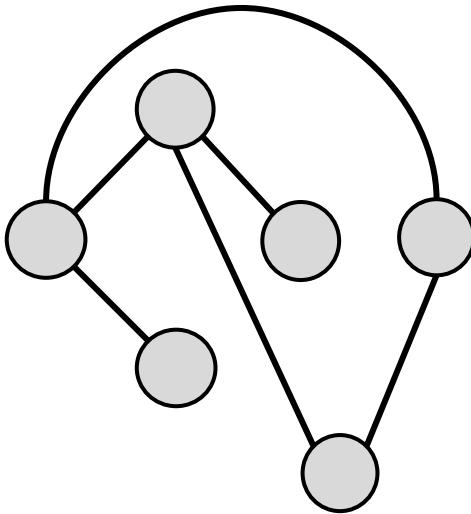
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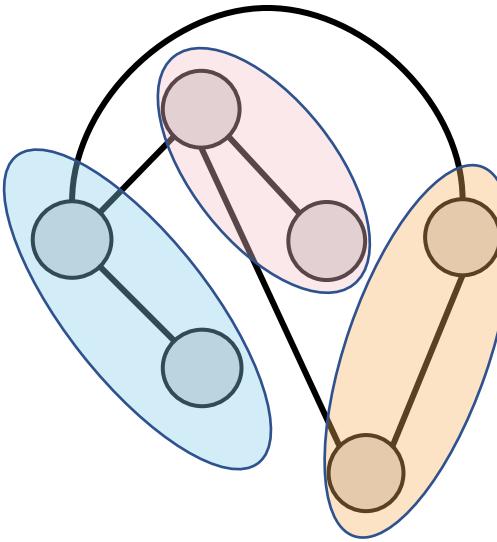
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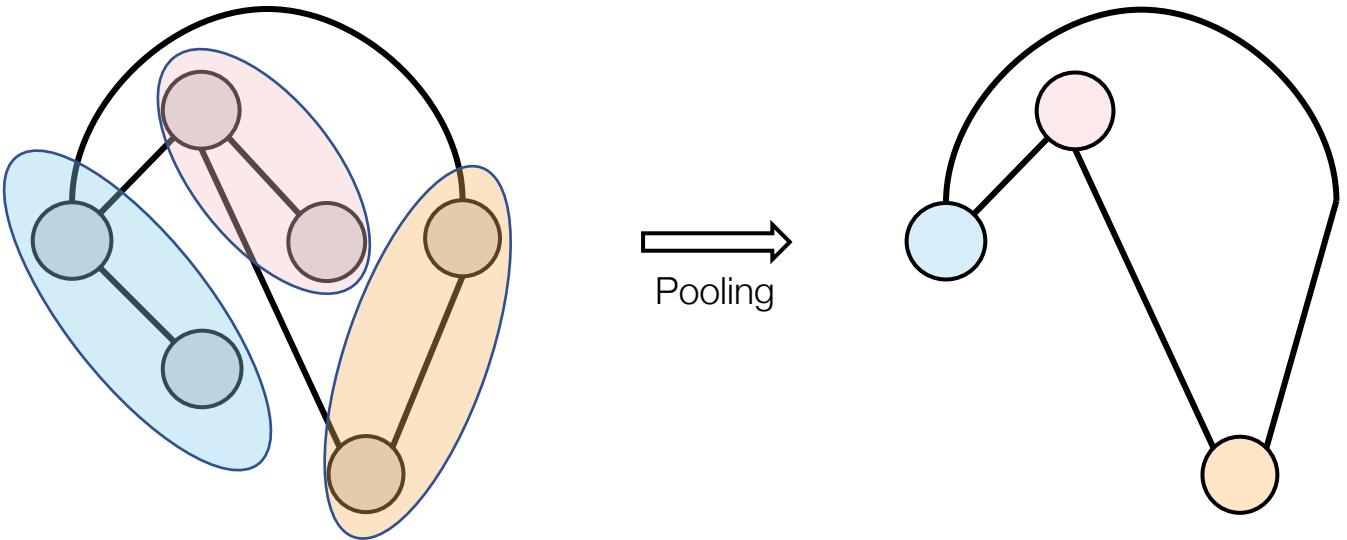
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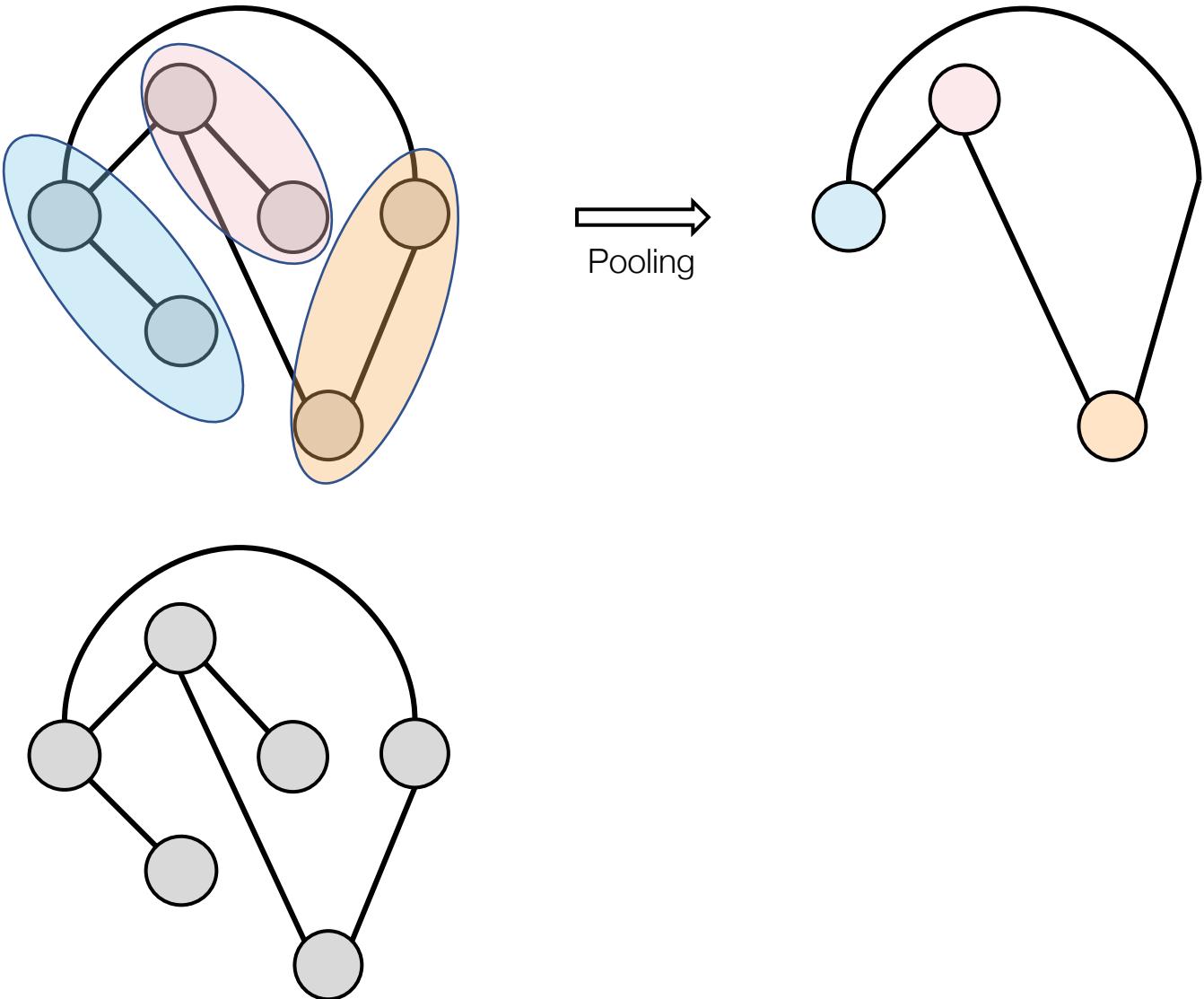
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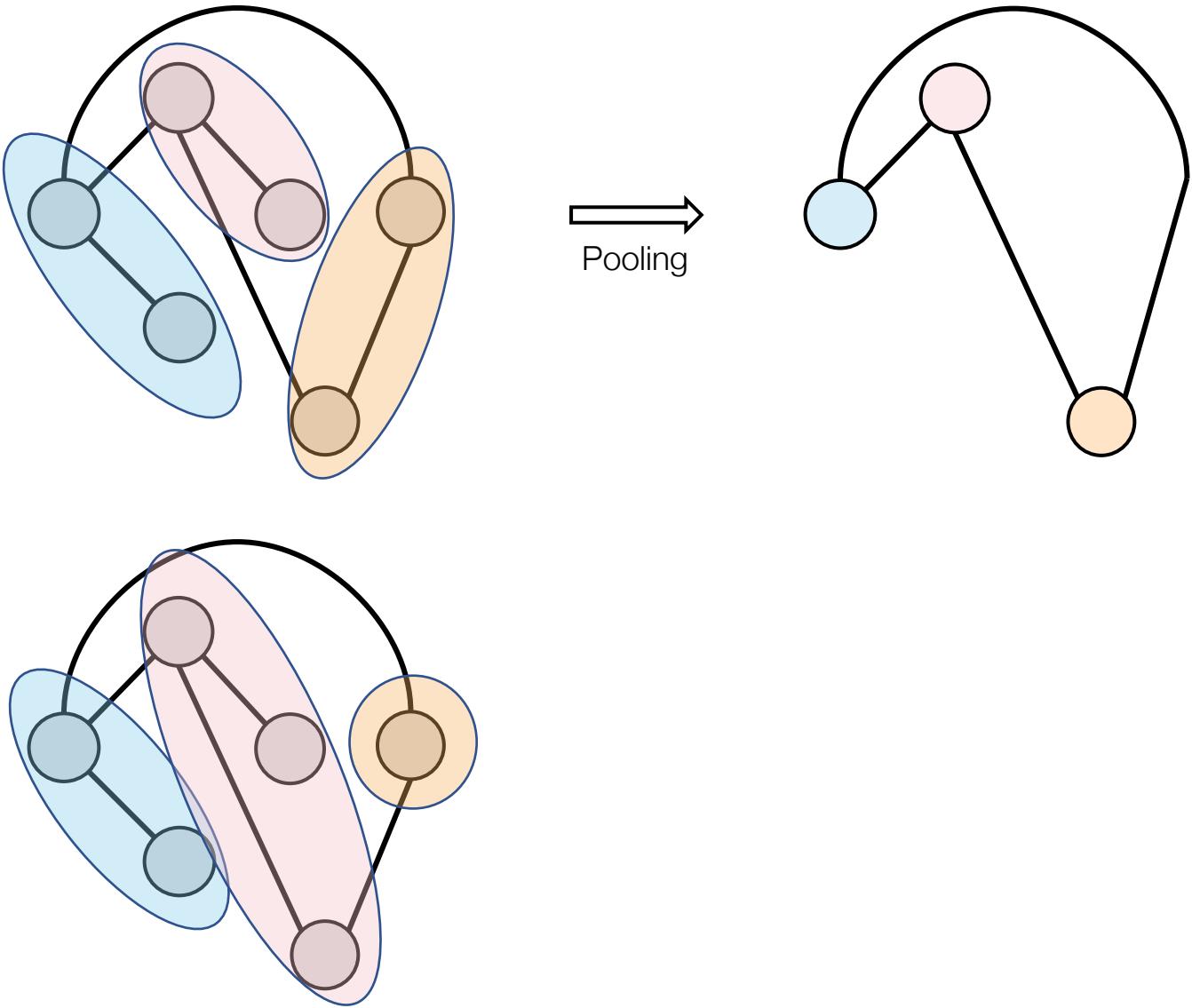
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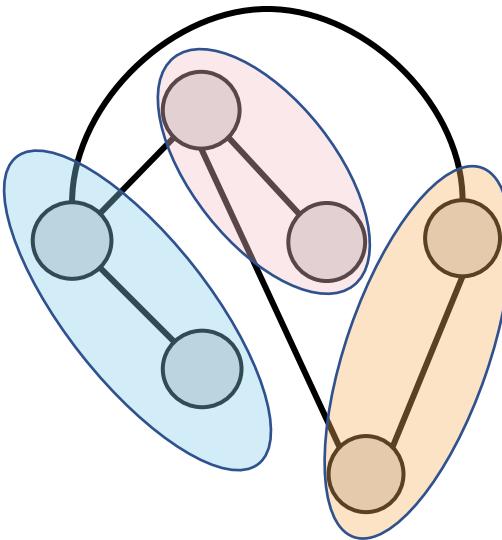
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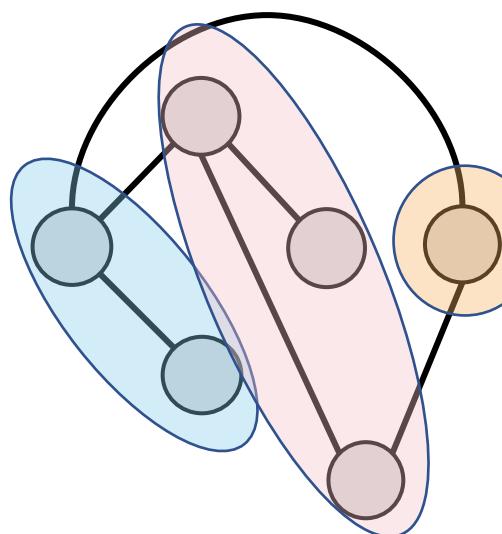
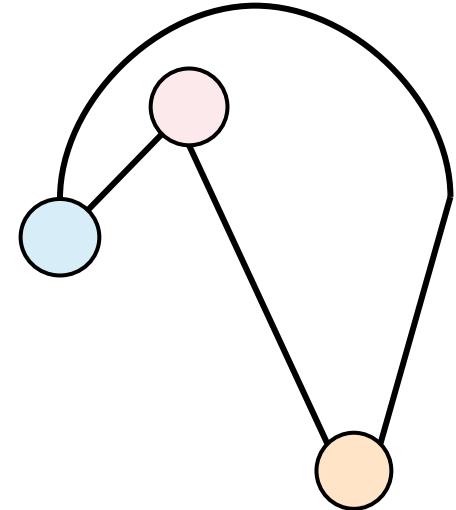
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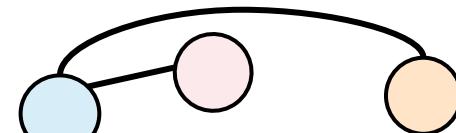
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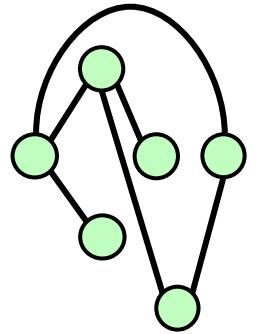
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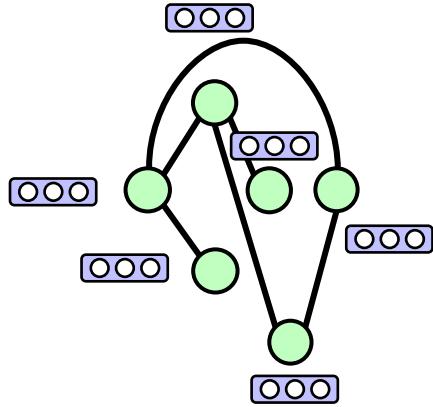
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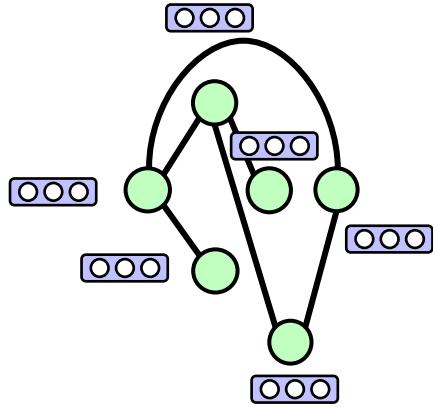


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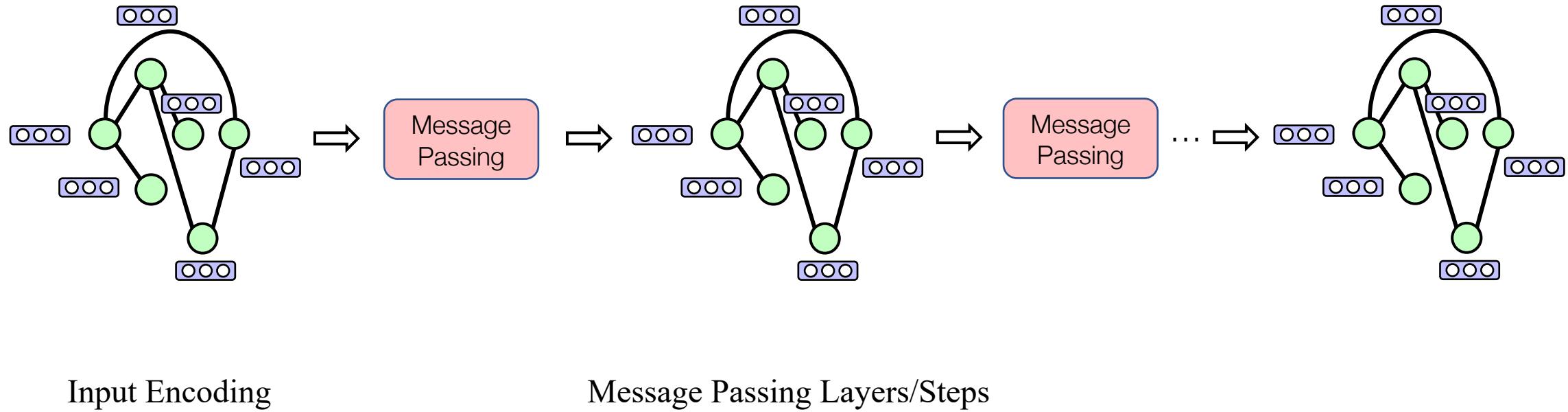
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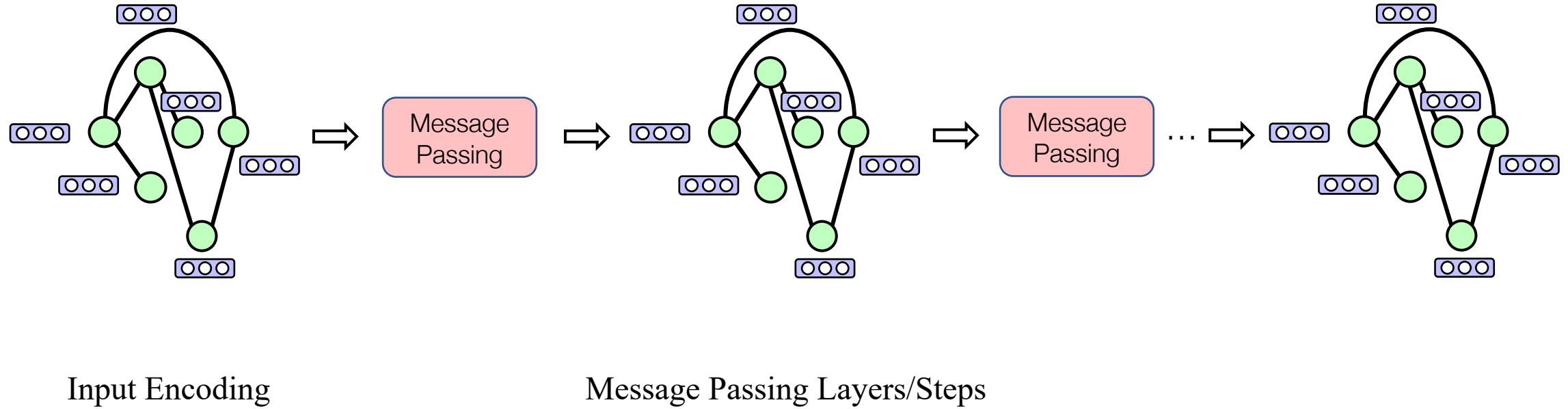
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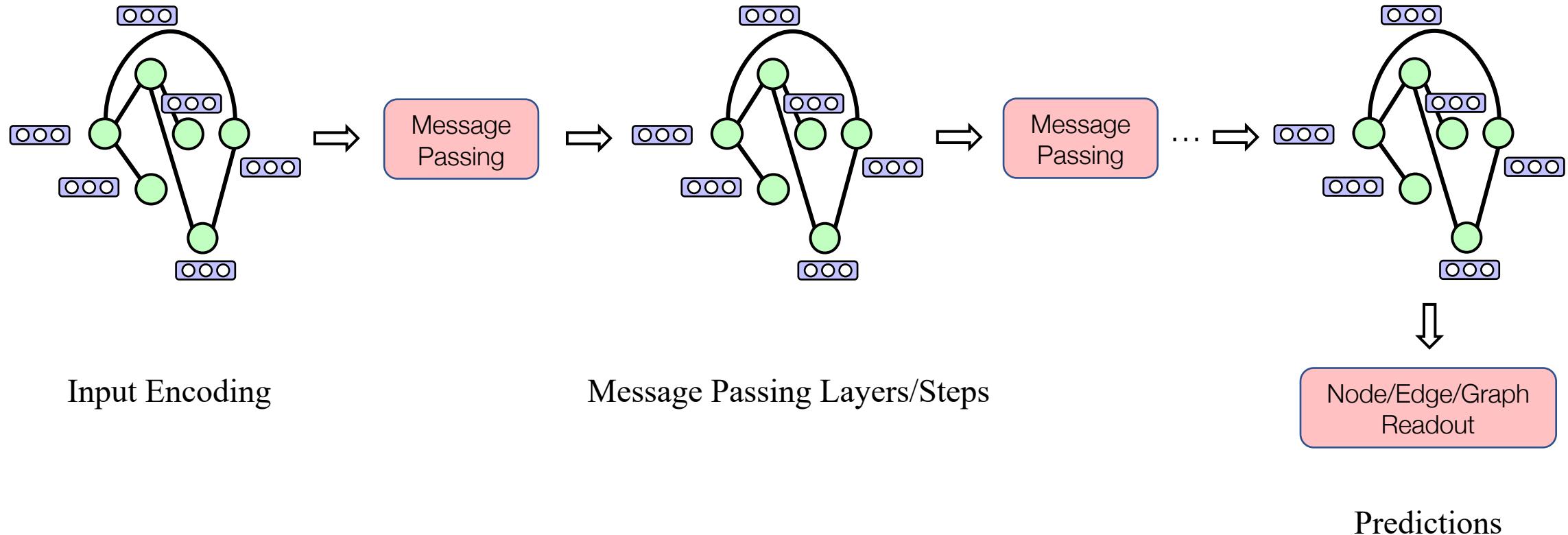
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Message Passing Layers/Steps

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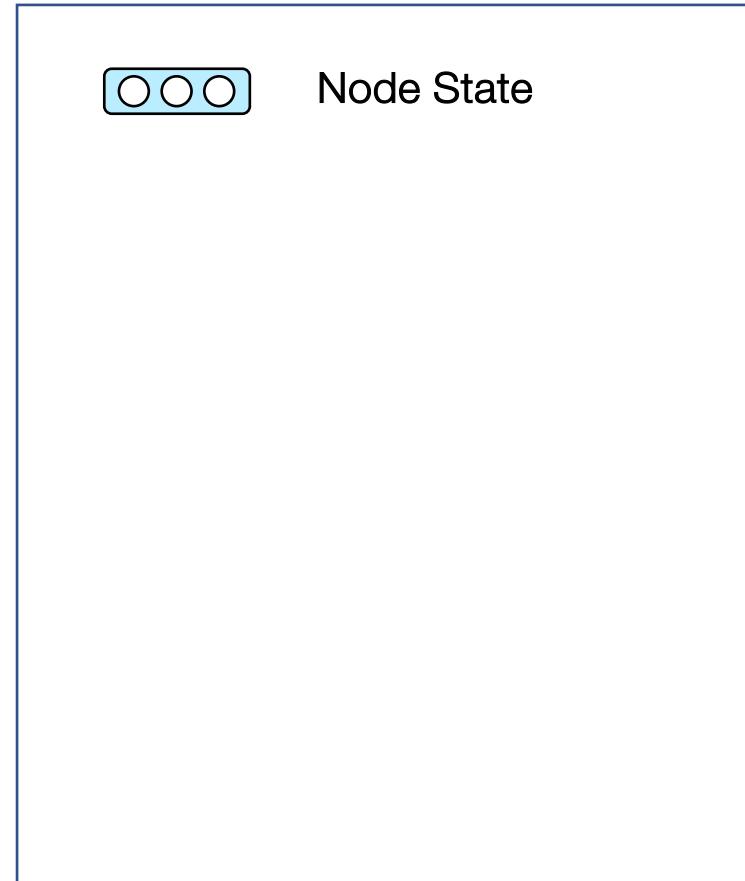
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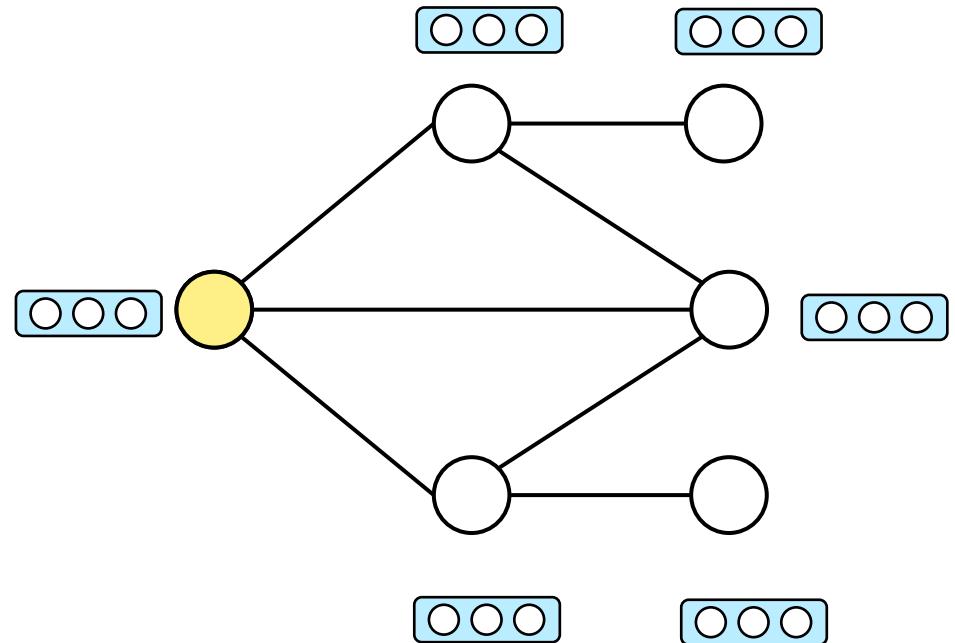


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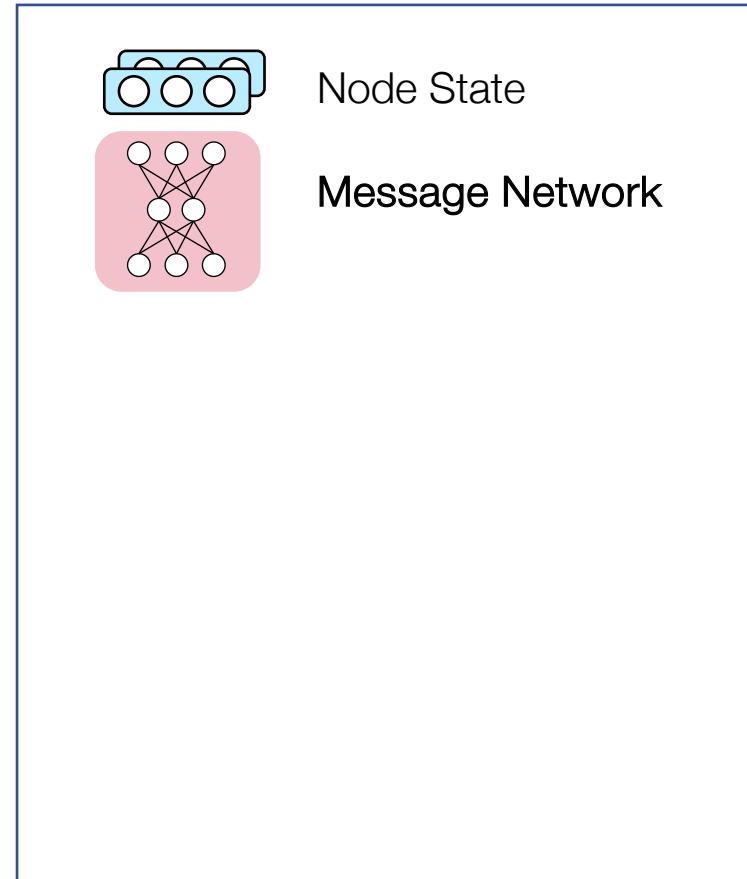


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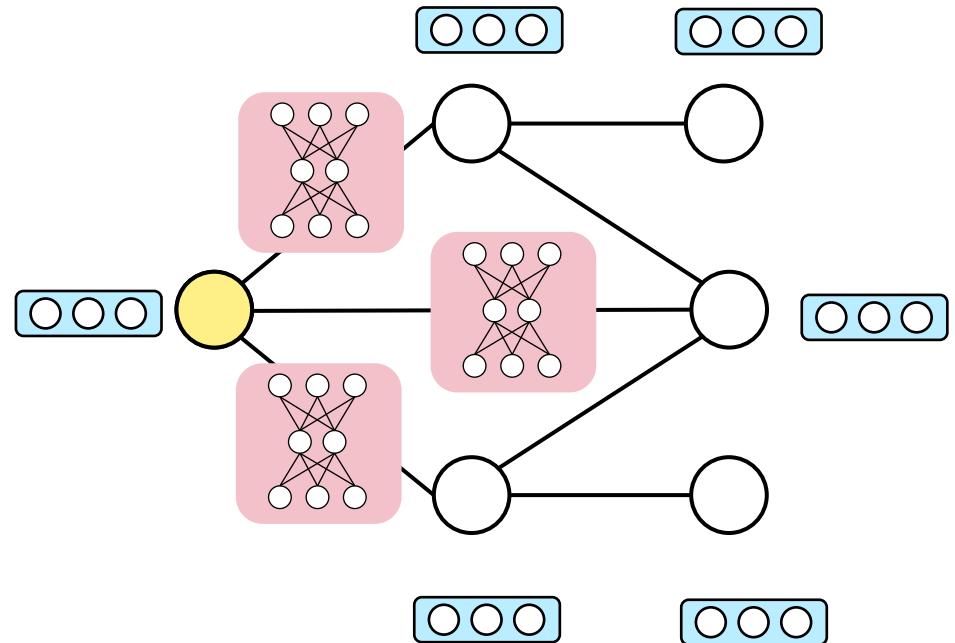


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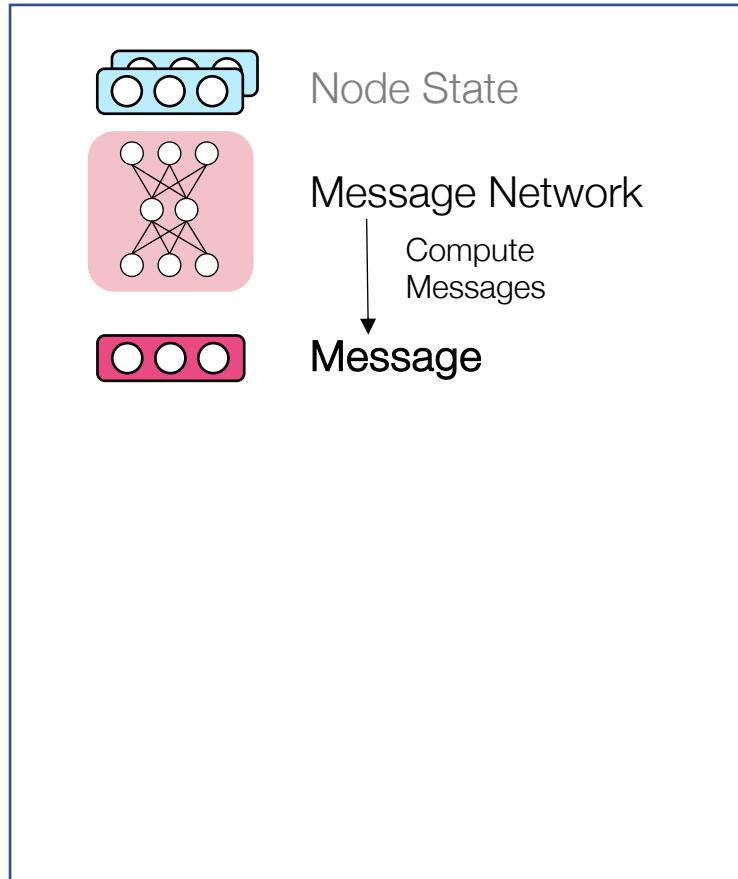


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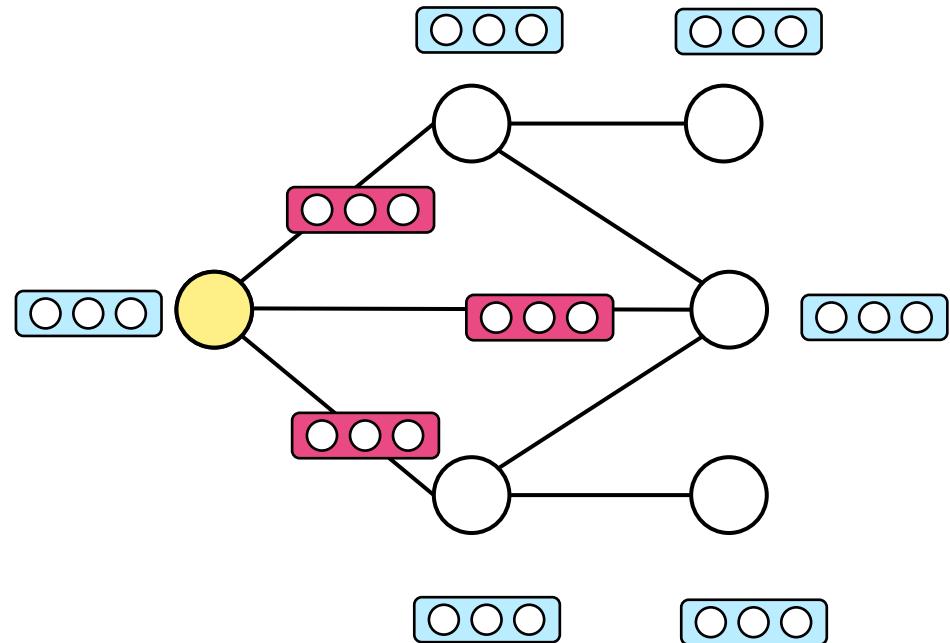


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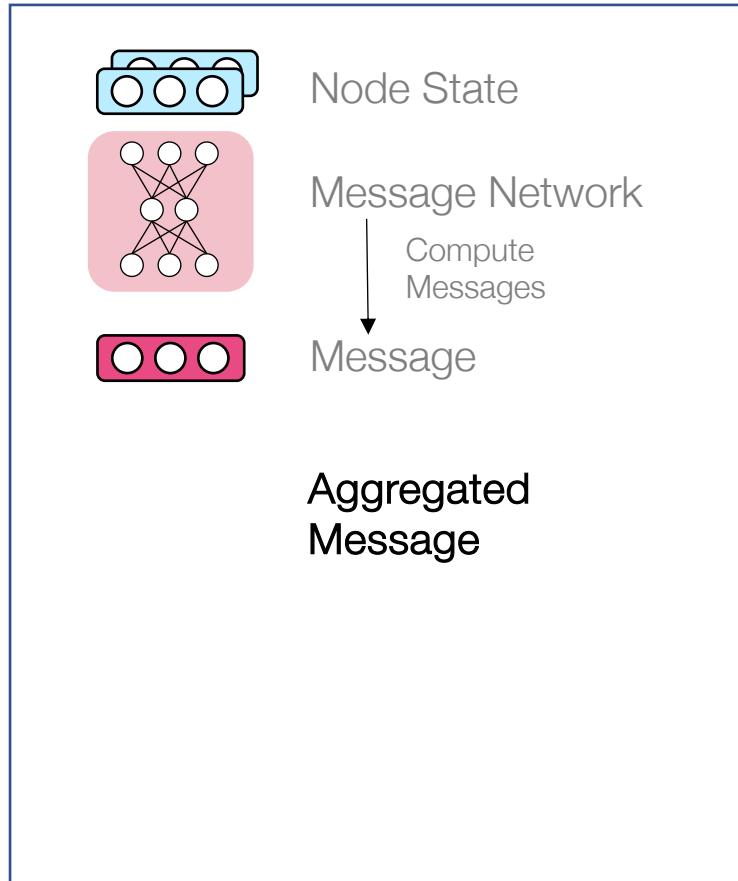


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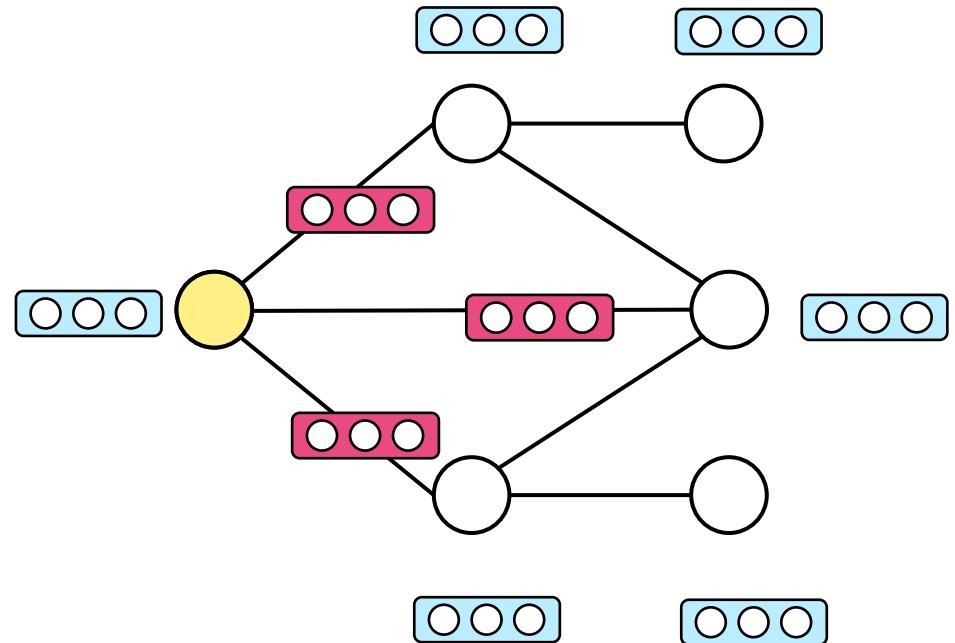


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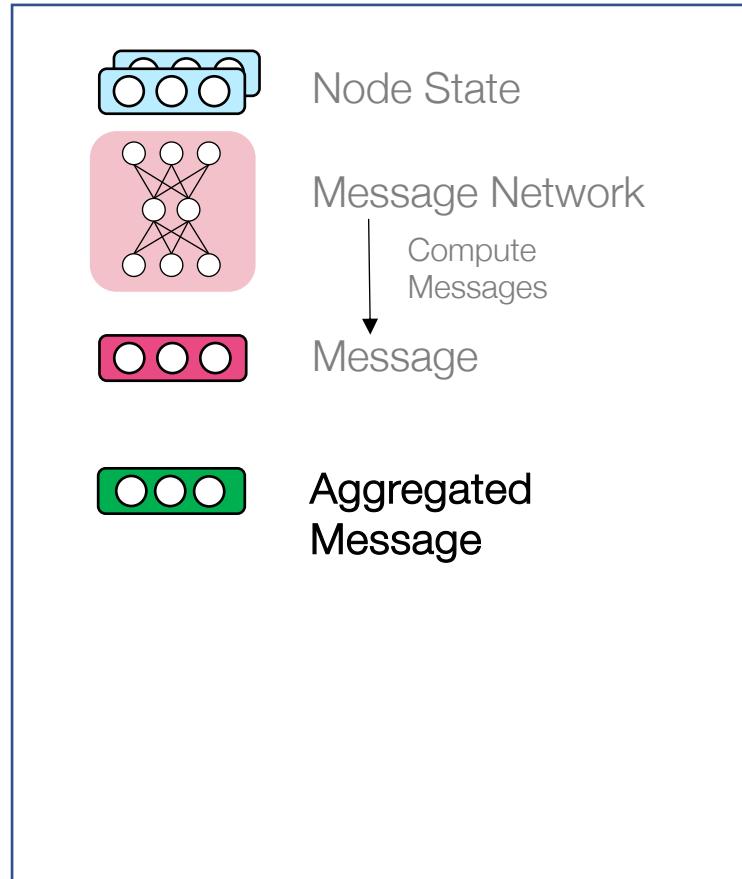


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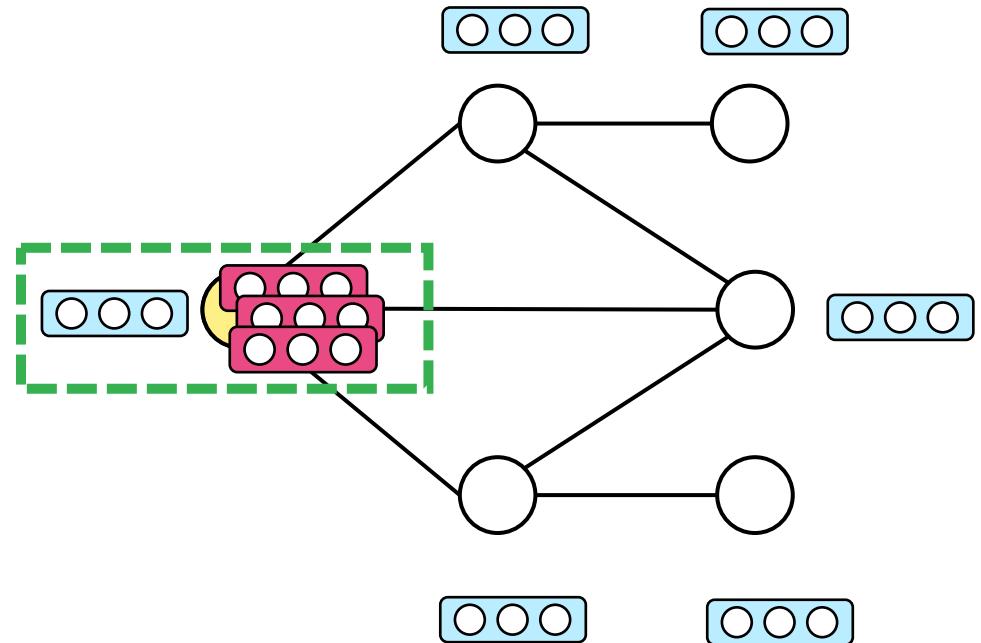


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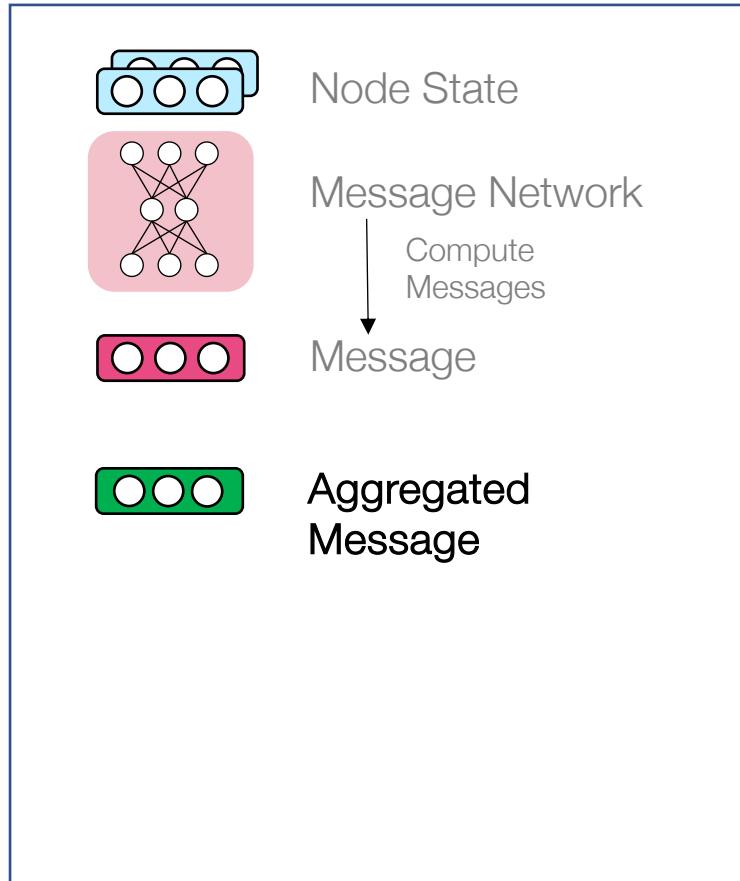


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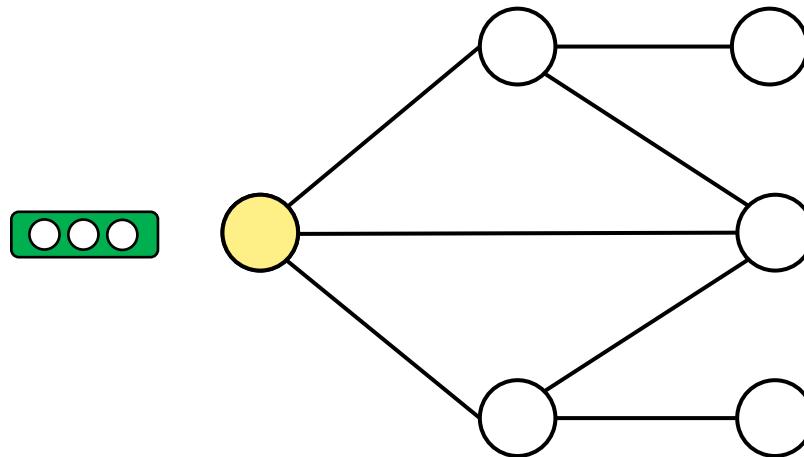
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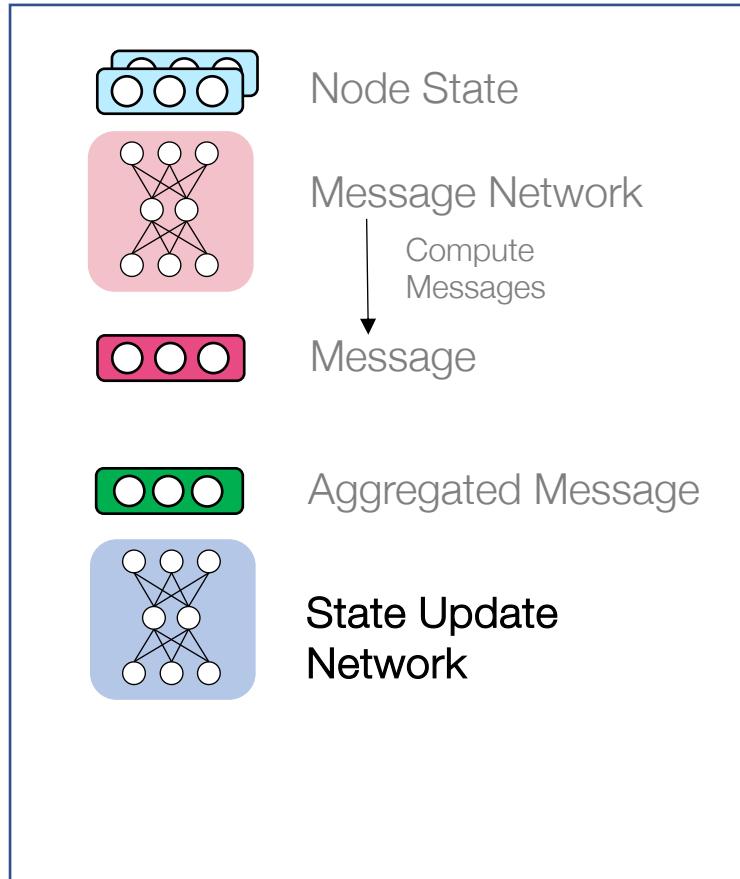


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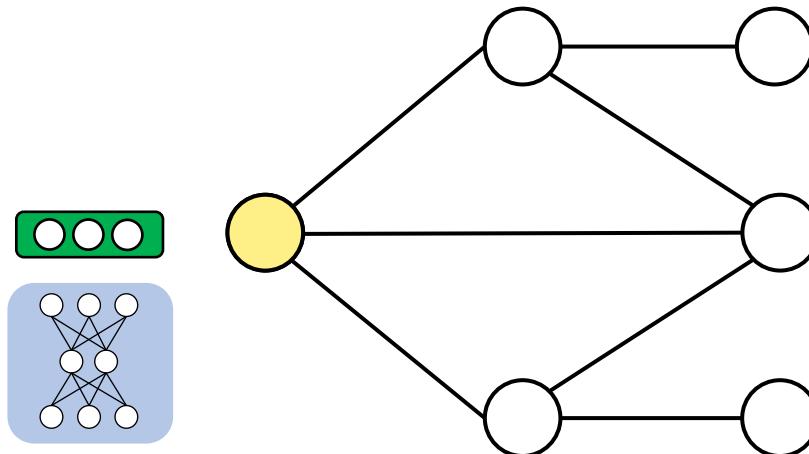
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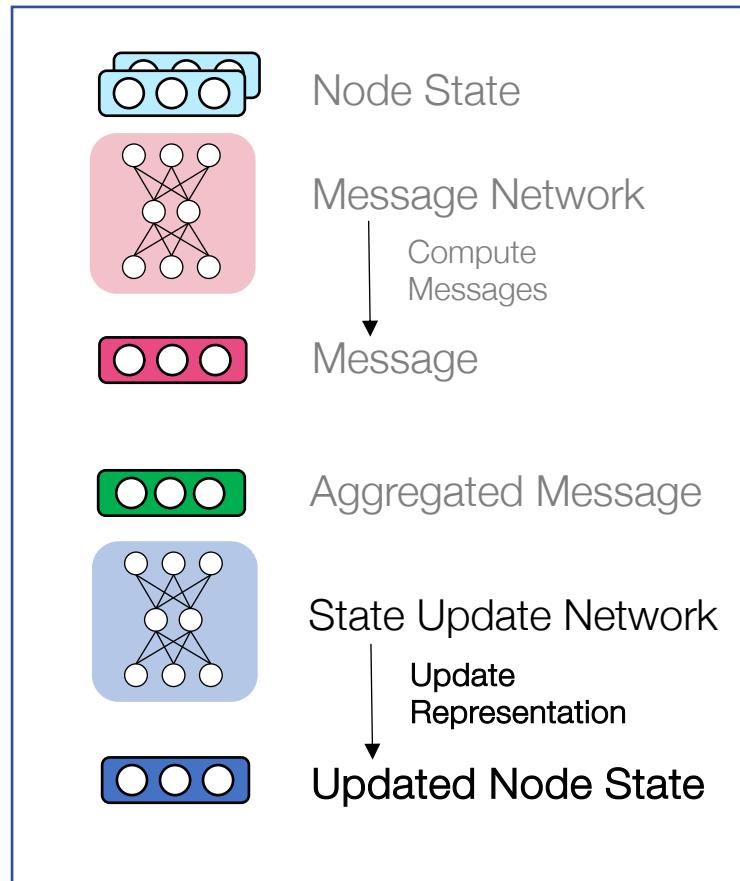
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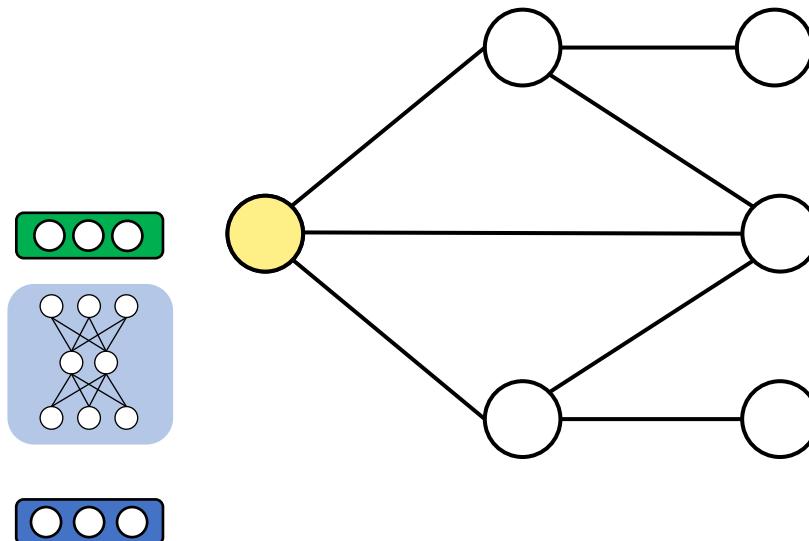
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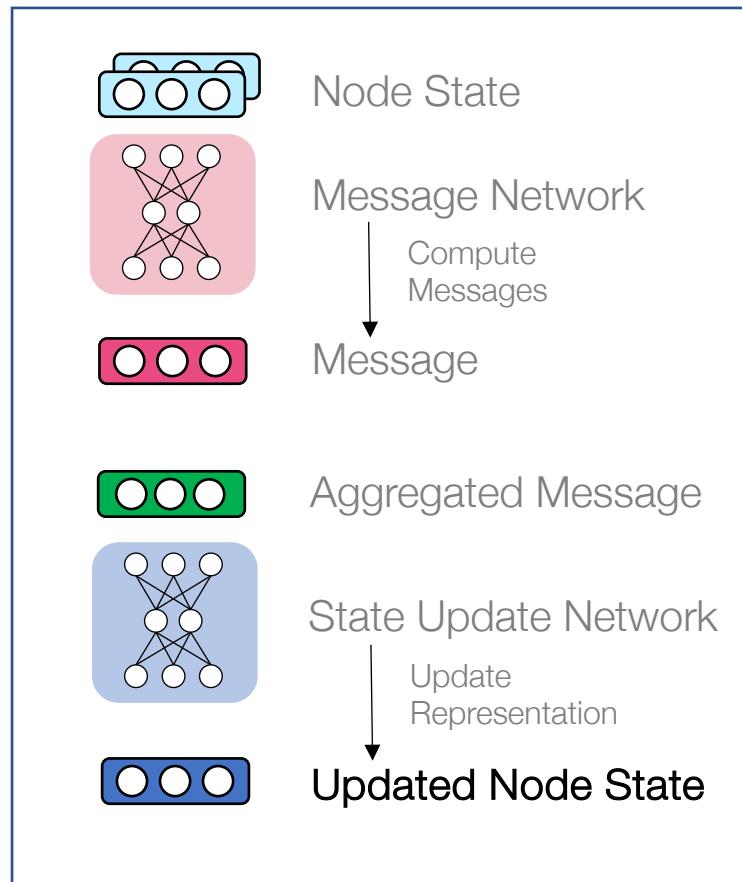
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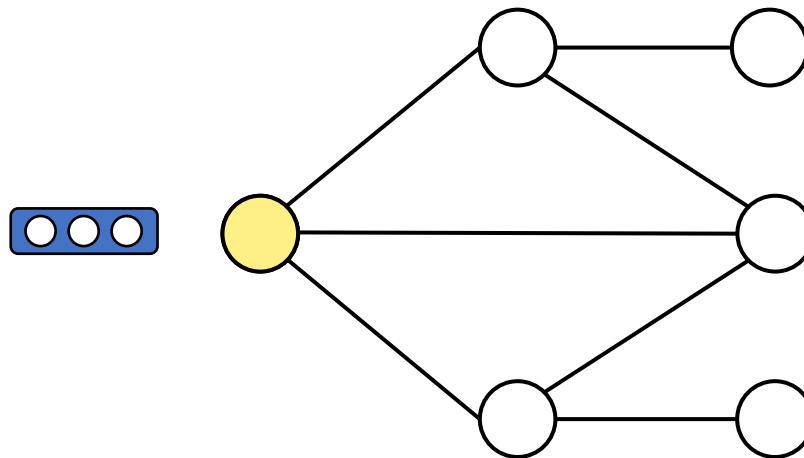
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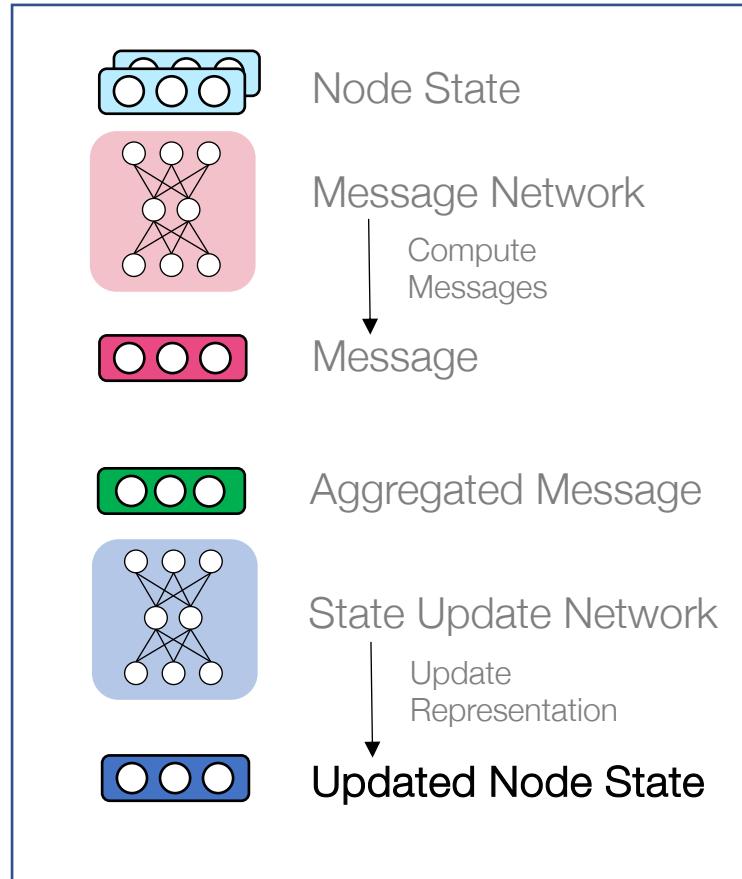
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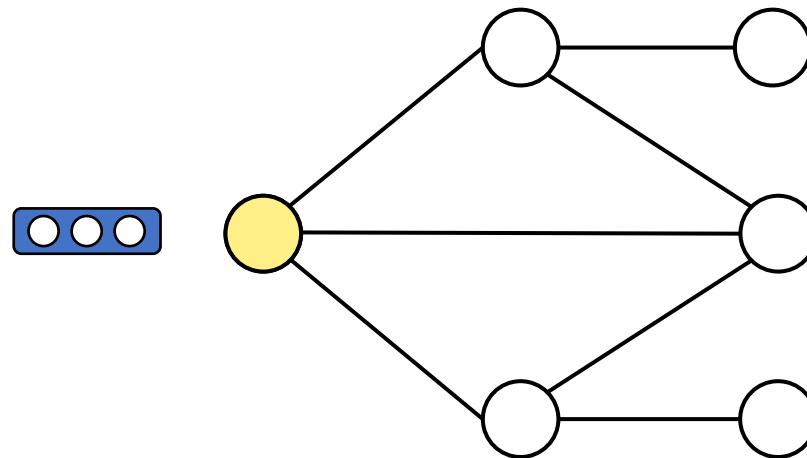
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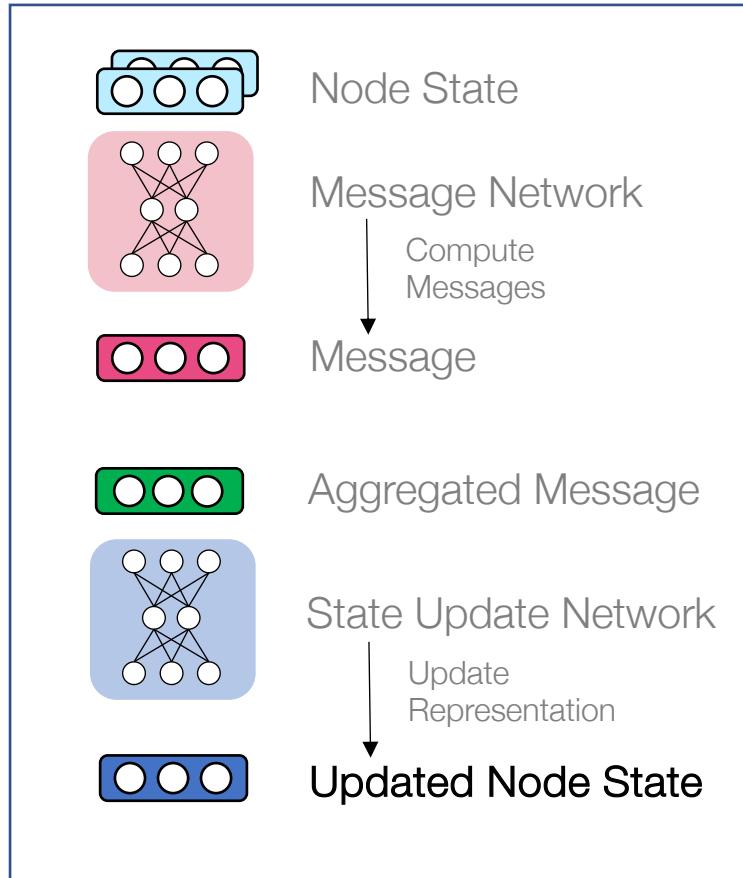
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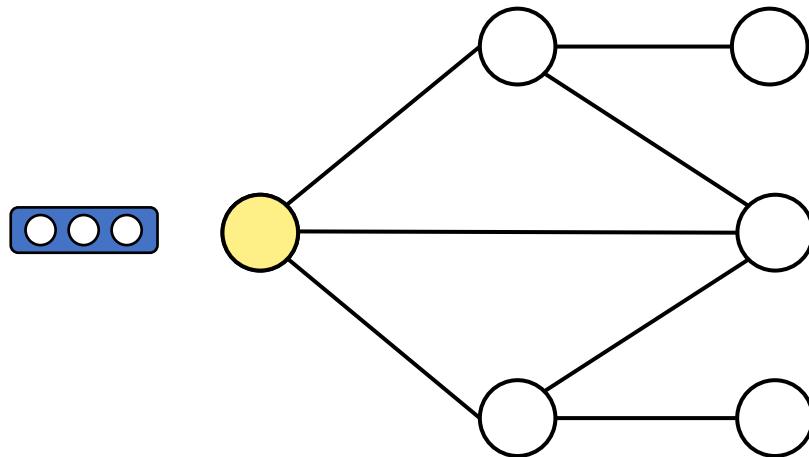
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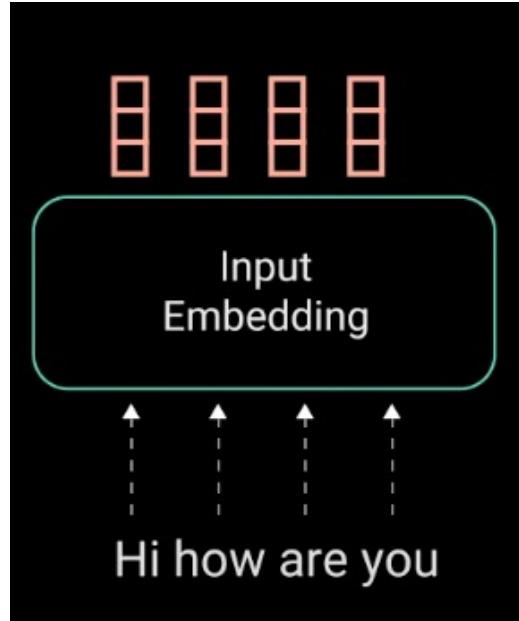
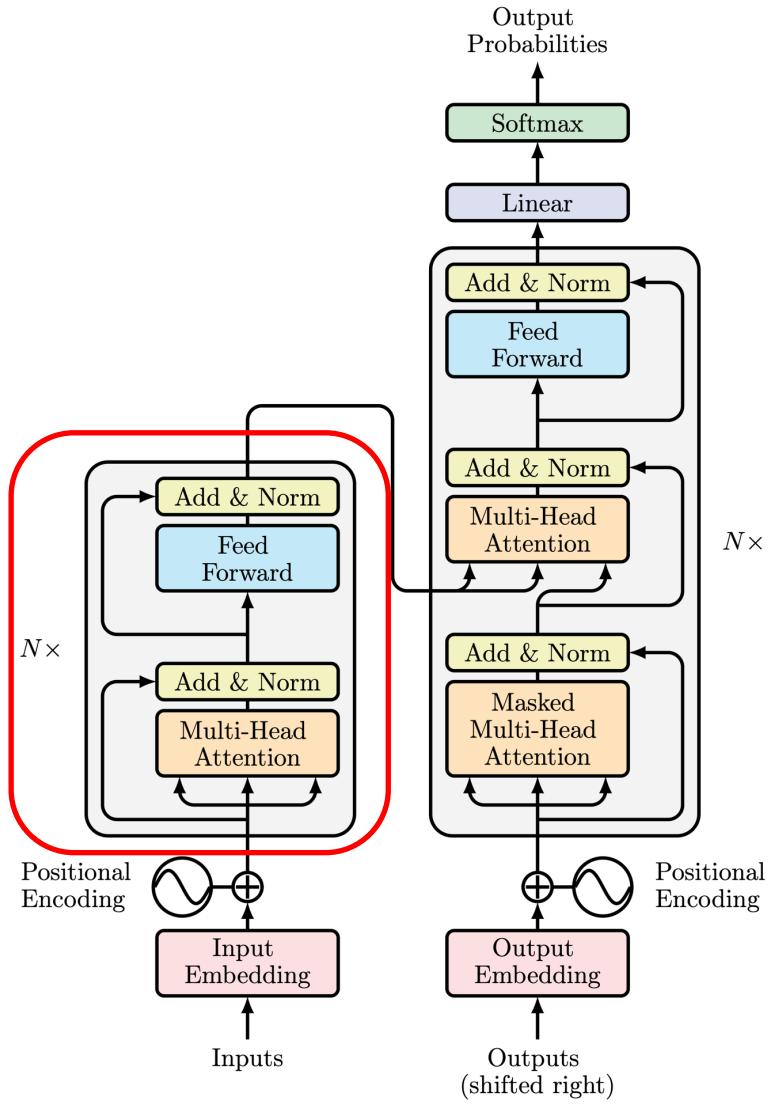
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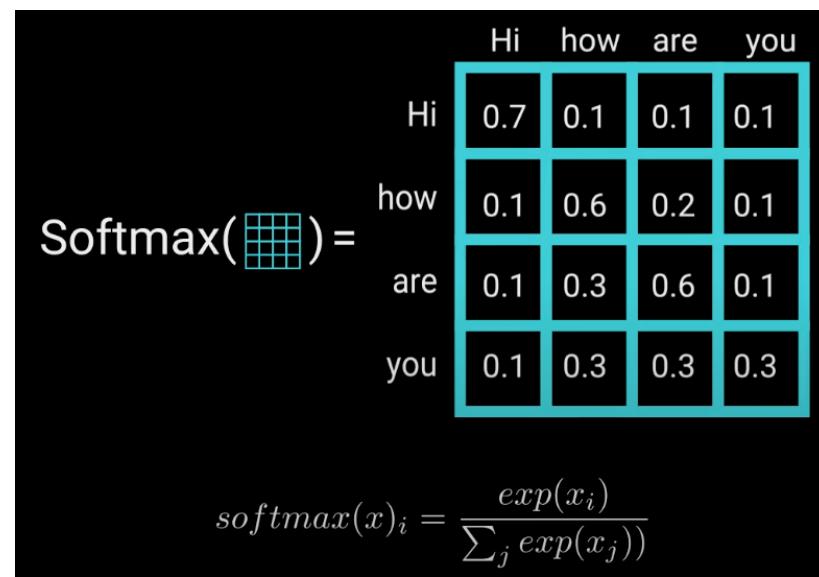
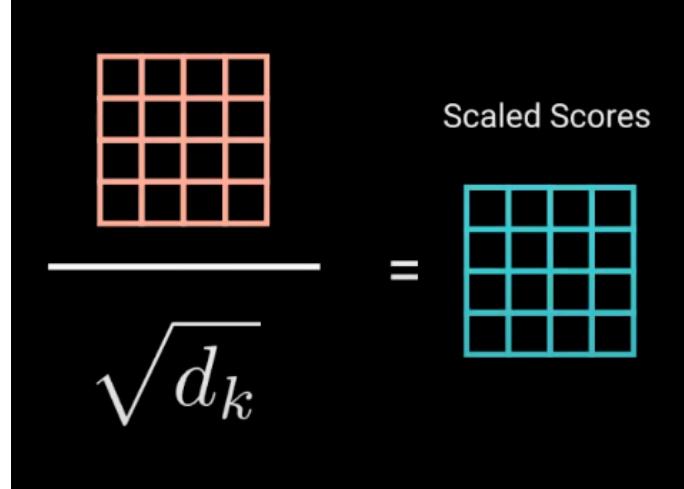
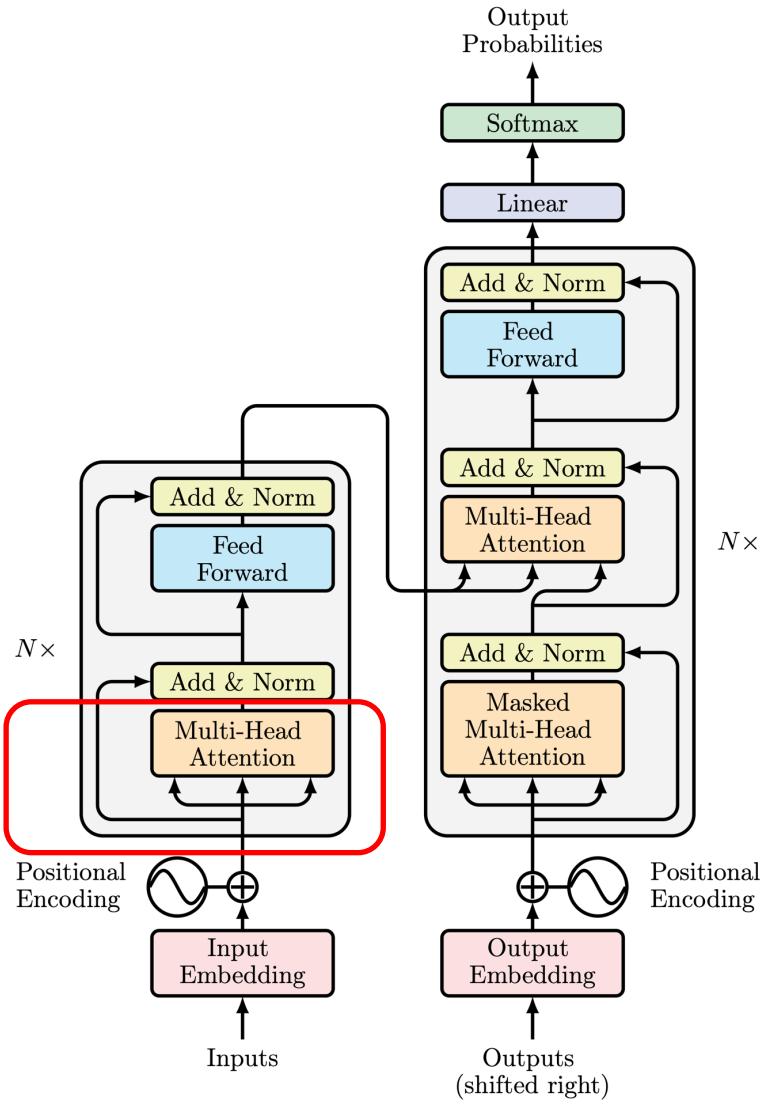
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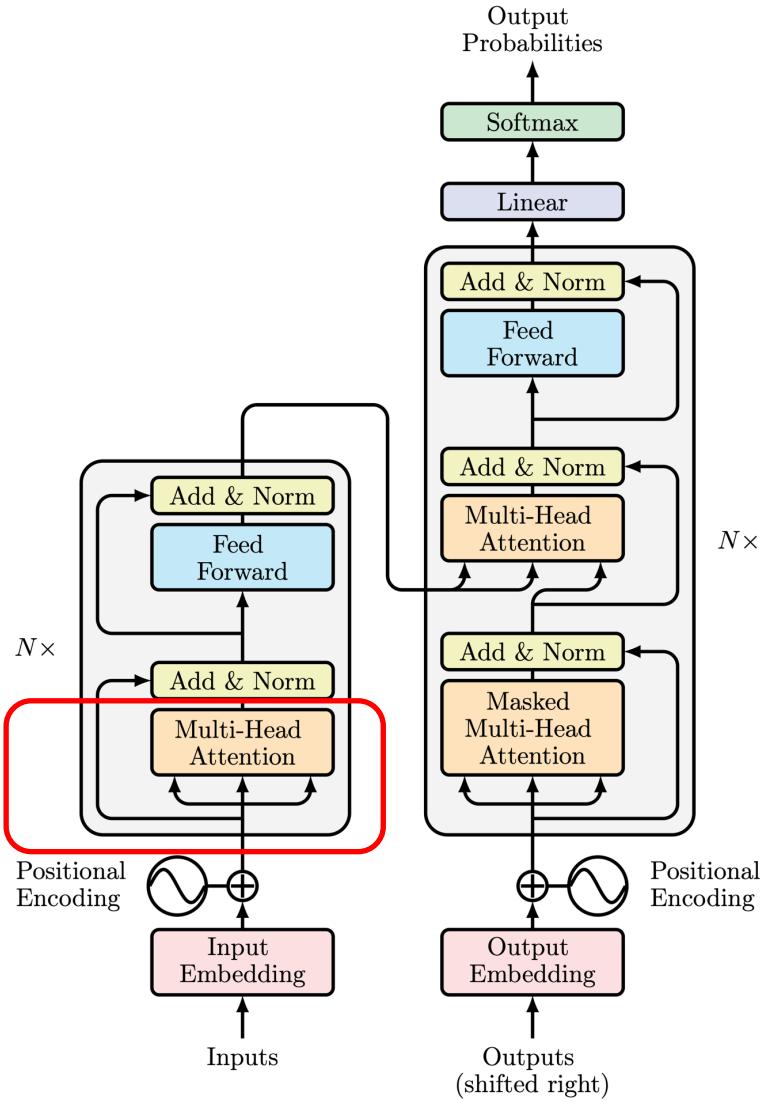
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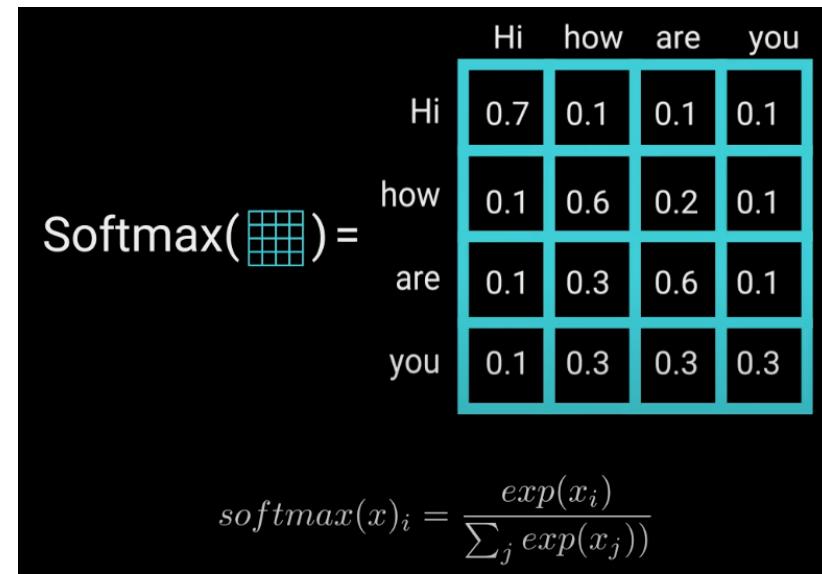
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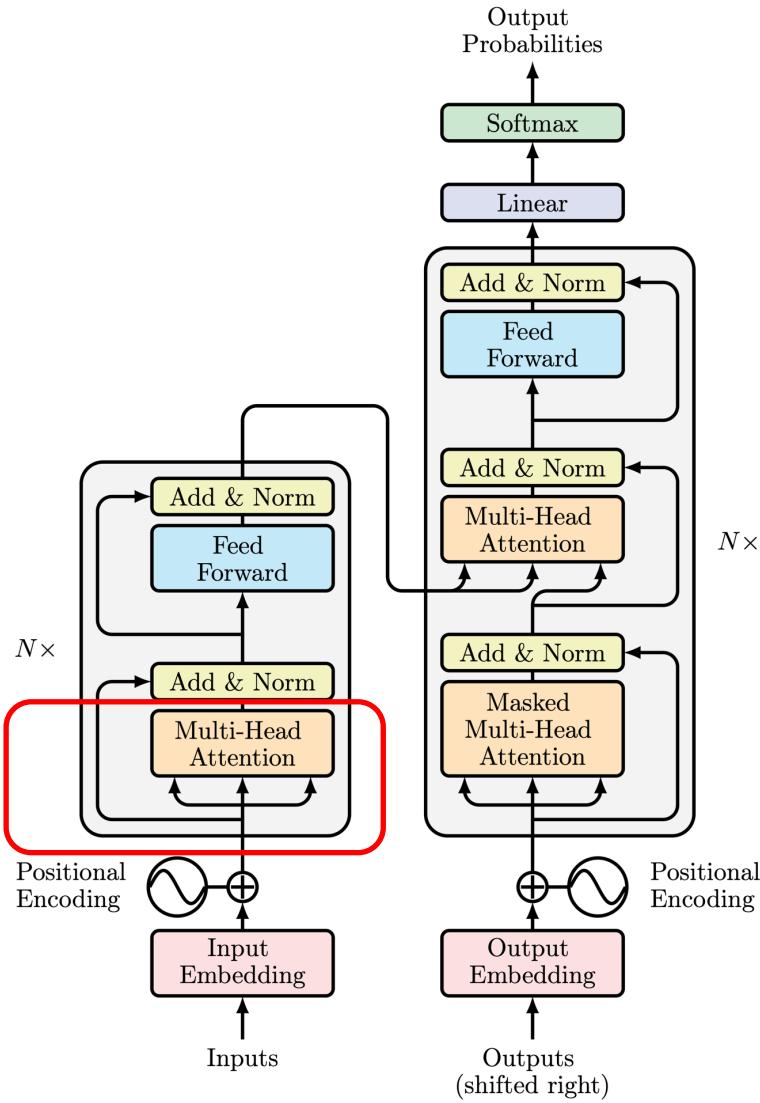
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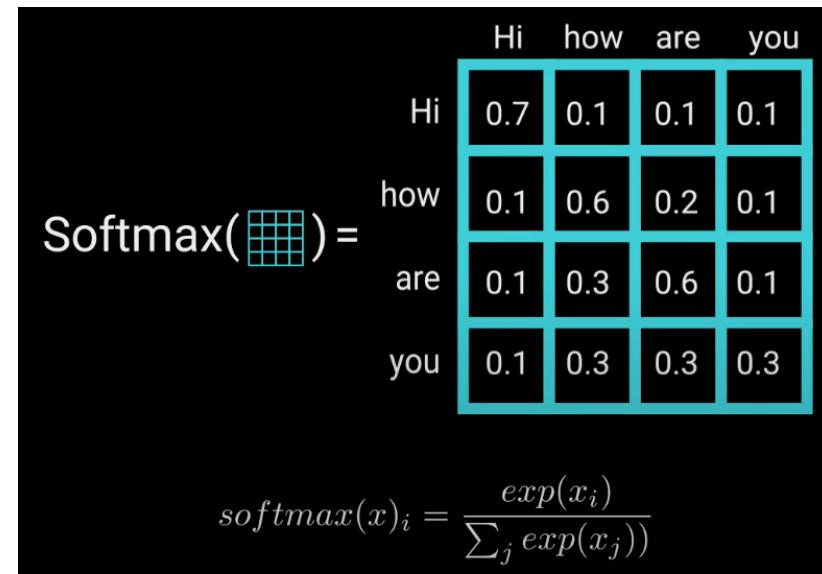
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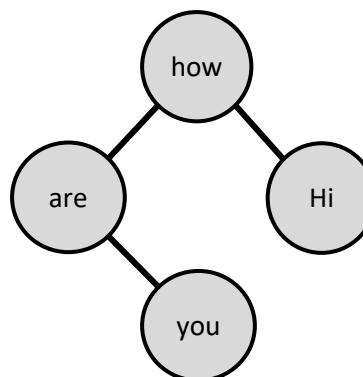


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- Encode connectivities/distances as bias of the attention [11]



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how	1	0	0	0
are	0	0	0	1
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Softmax()=

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$$\text{softmax}(x)_i = \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_j \exp(x_j)}$$

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Questions?