

EECE 571F: Deep Learning with Structures

Lecture 6: Autoregressive Models II (Graphs)

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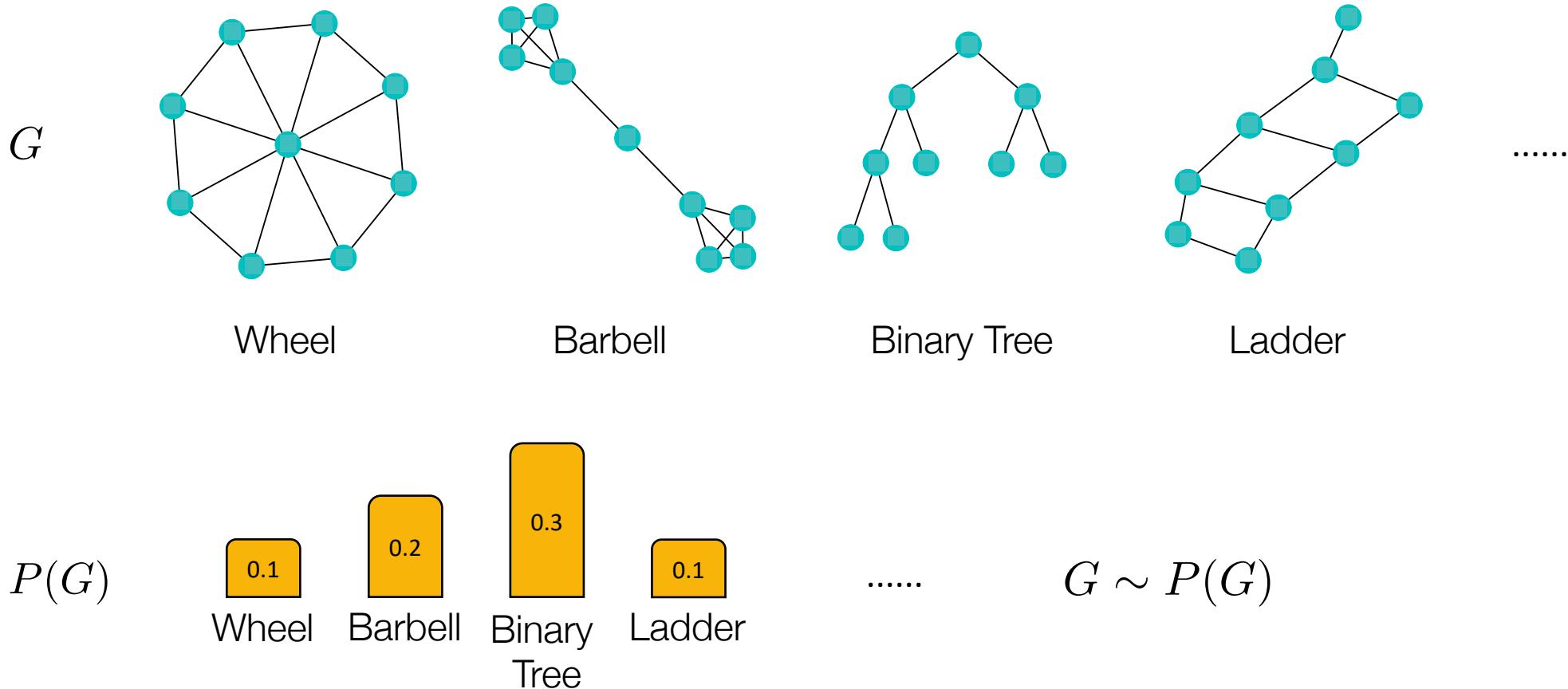
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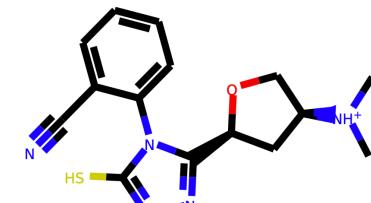
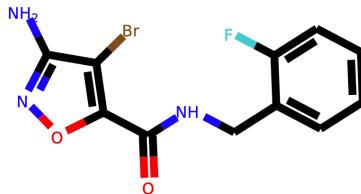
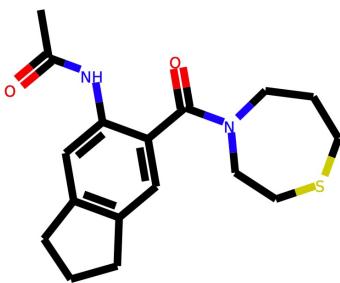
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Deep Generative Models of Graphs



Applications

Drug discovery, e.g. molecules [1]



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Urban planning, e.g. road layout [2]

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Graphics, e.g., 3D objects [3]

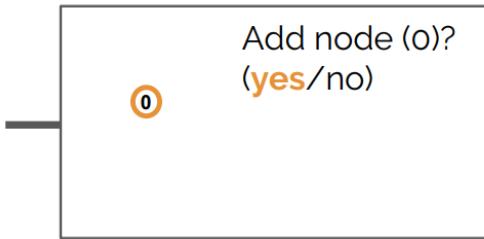


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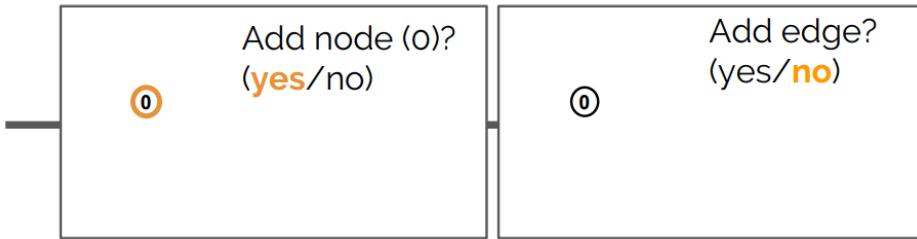
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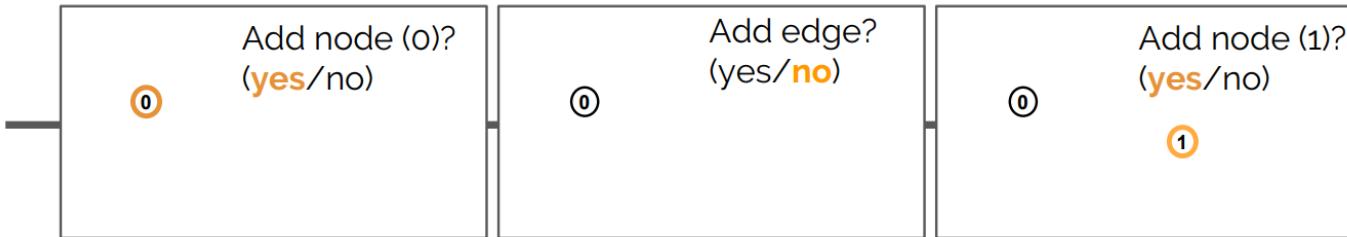
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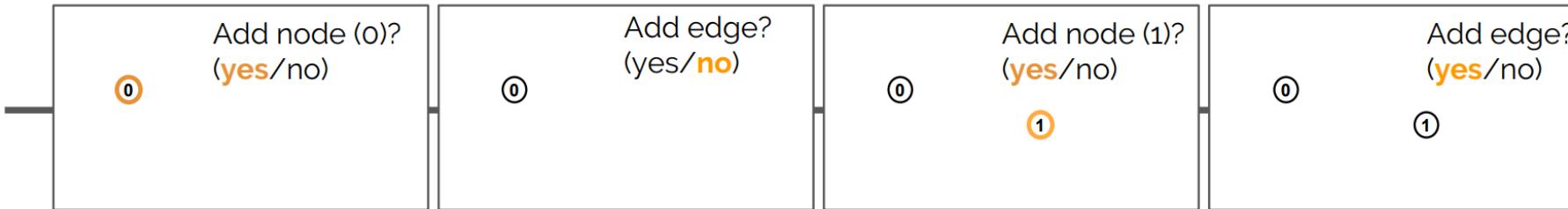
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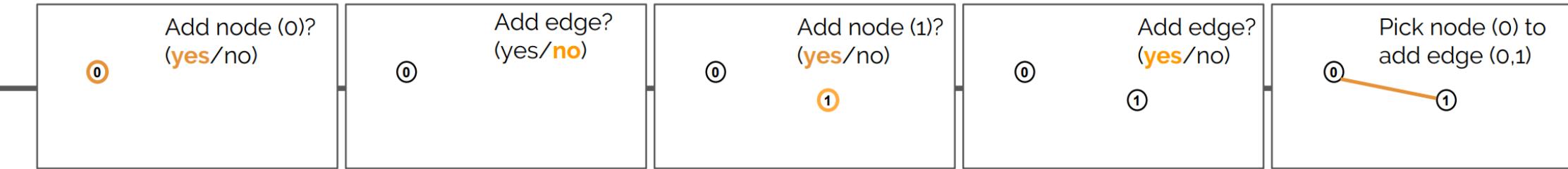
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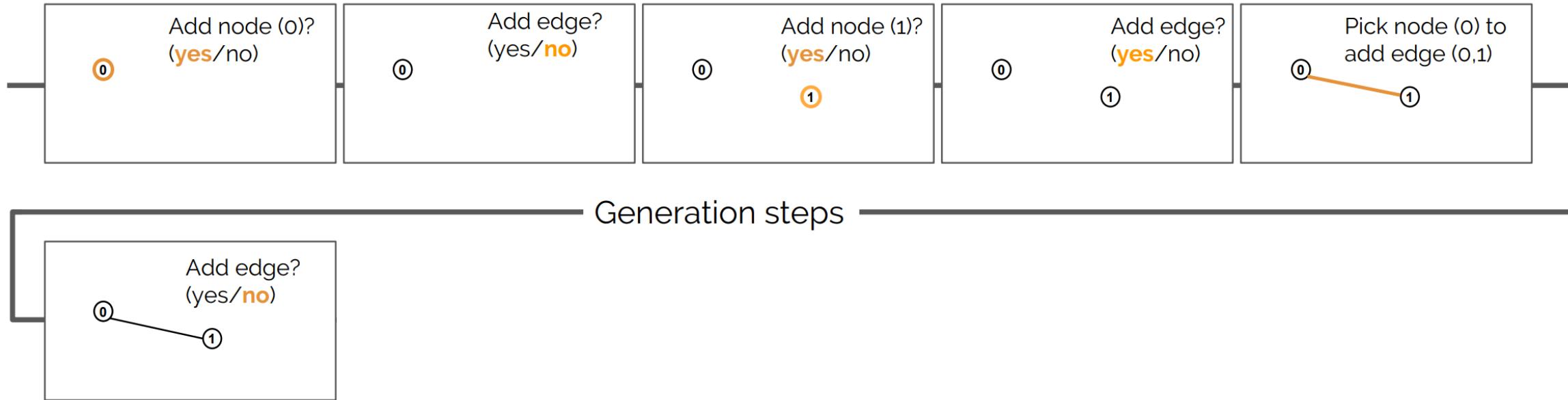
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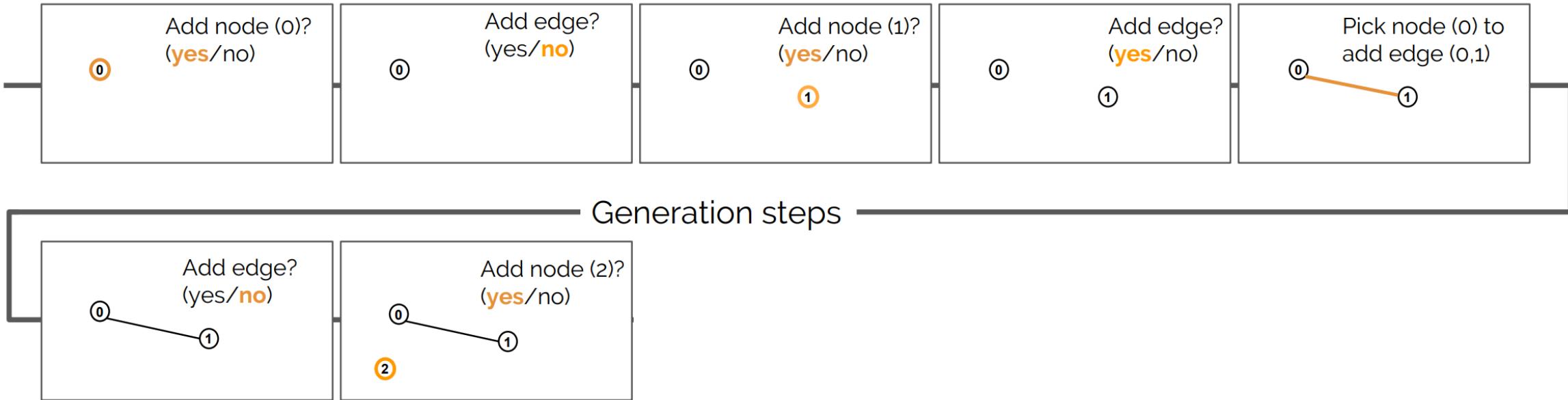
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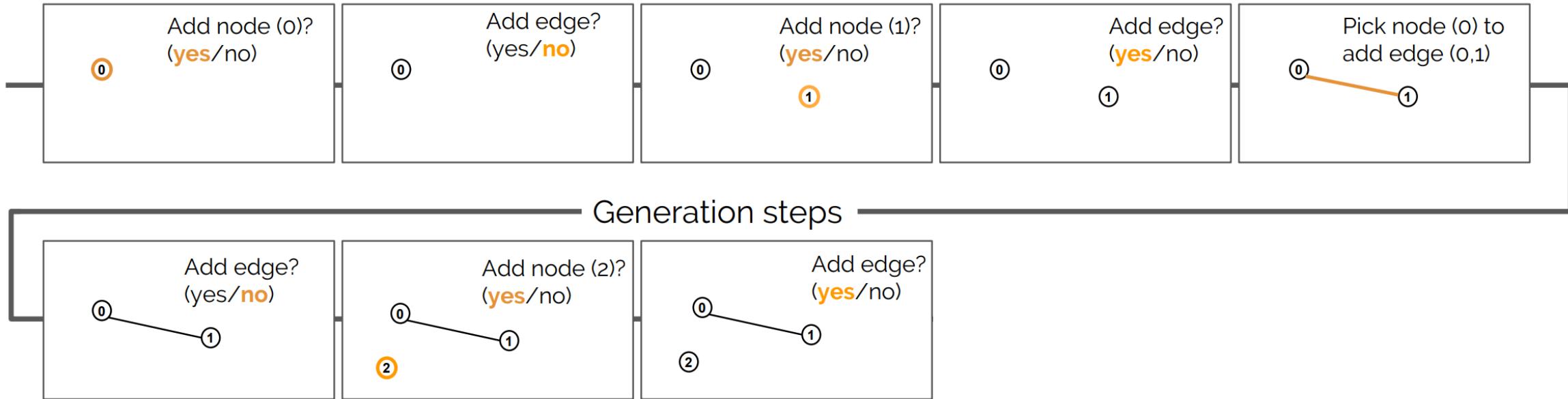
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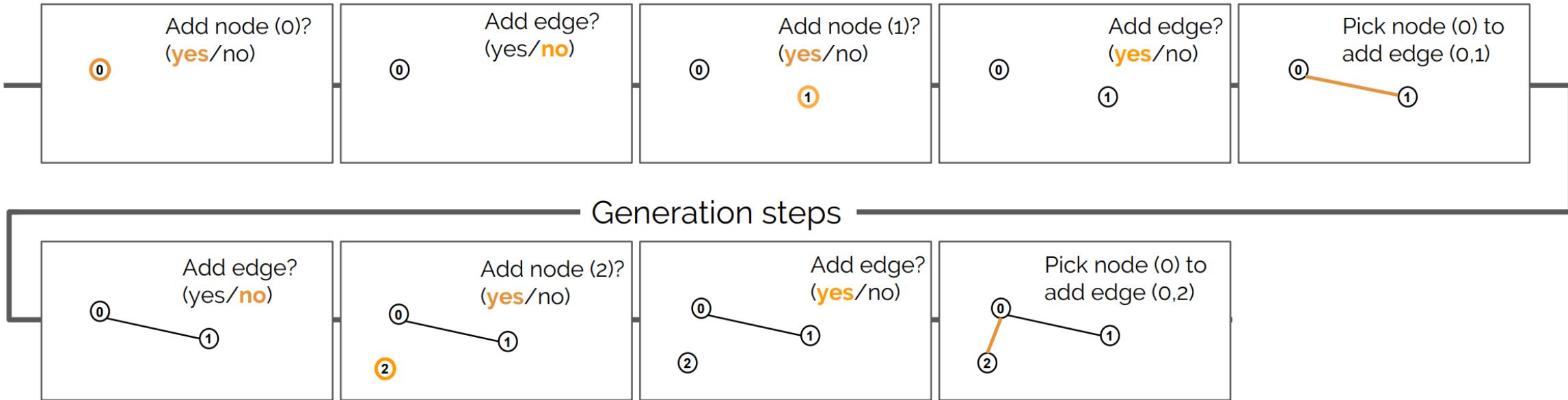
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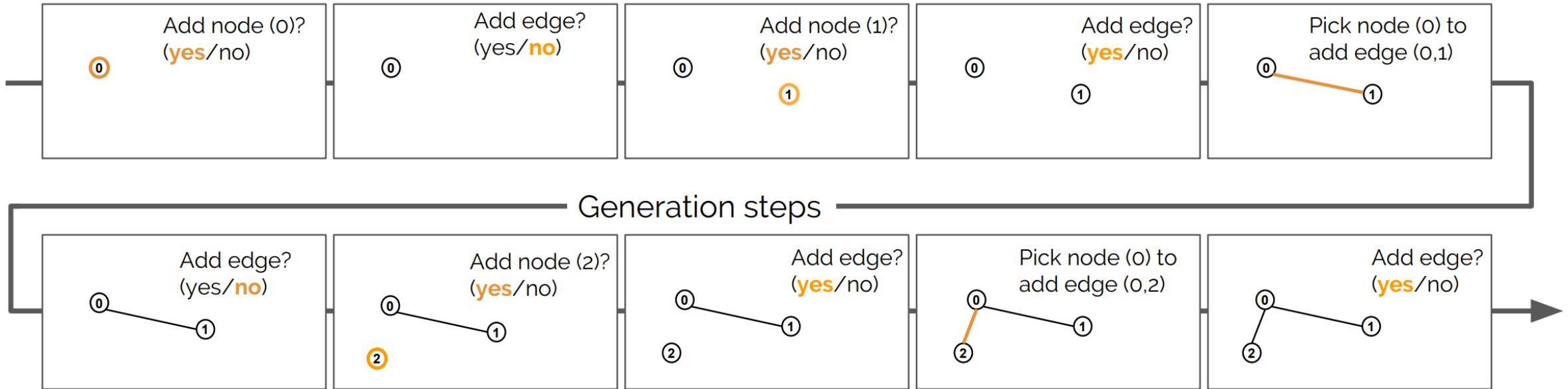
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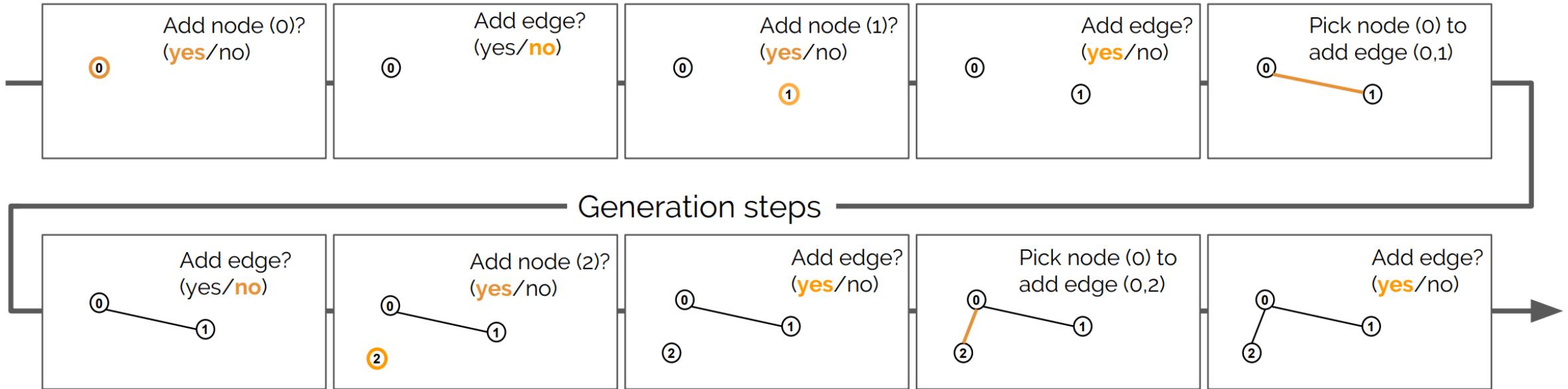
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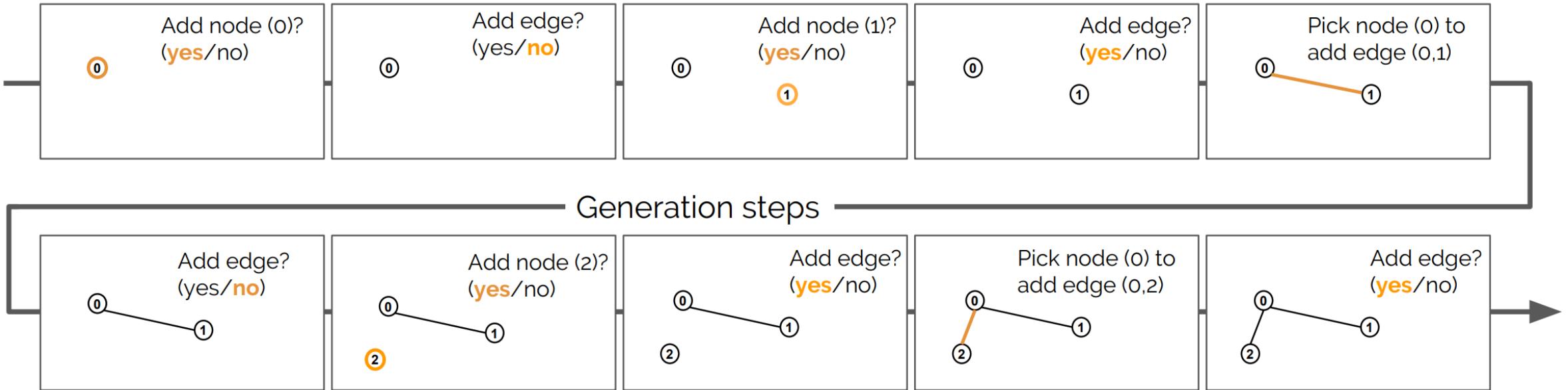
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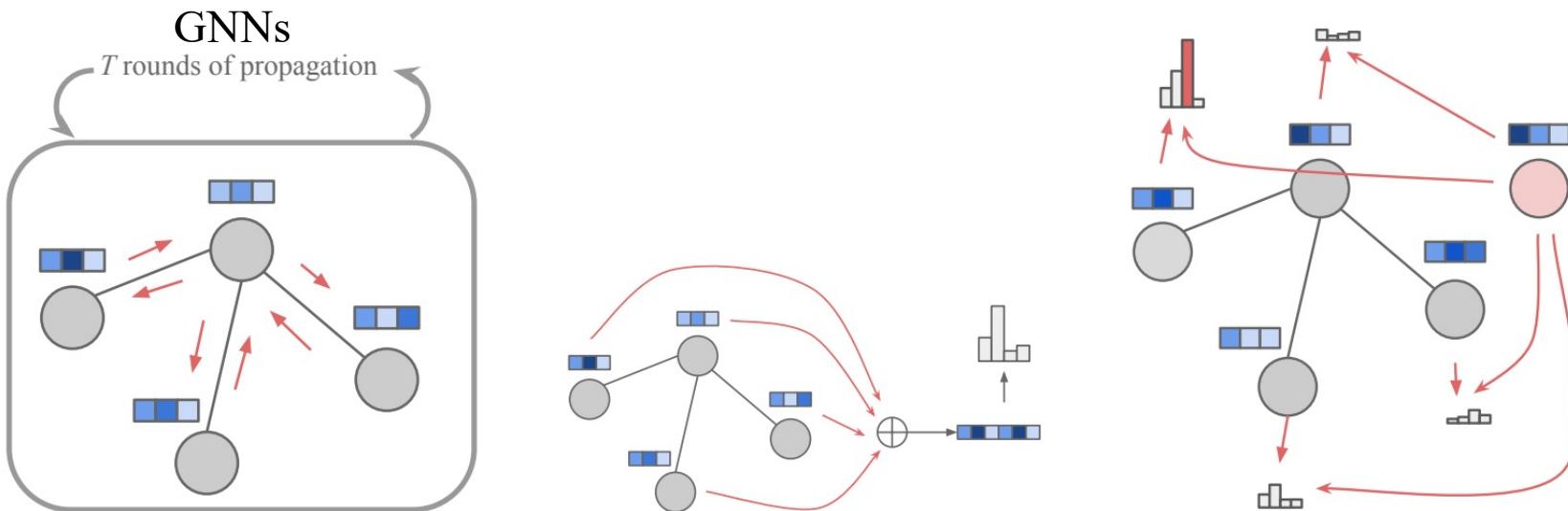
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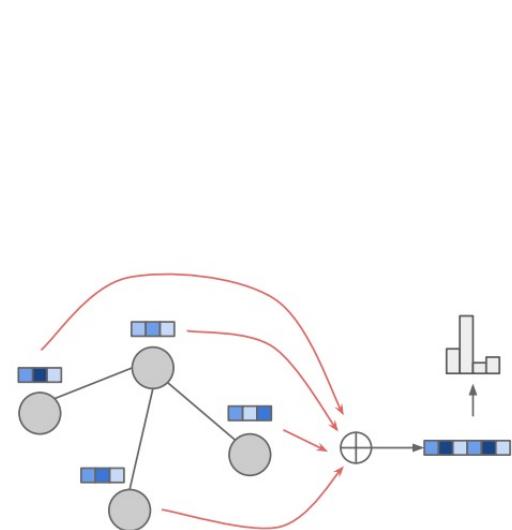
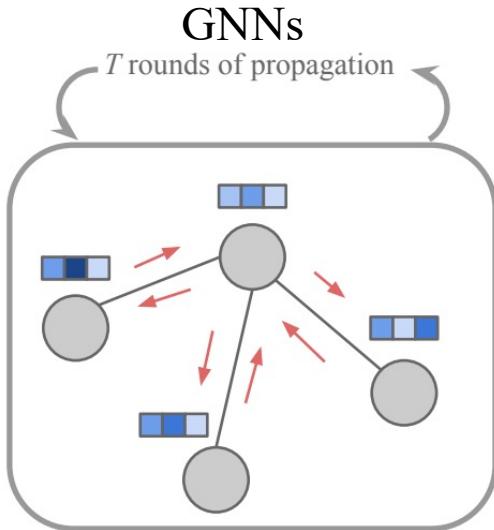


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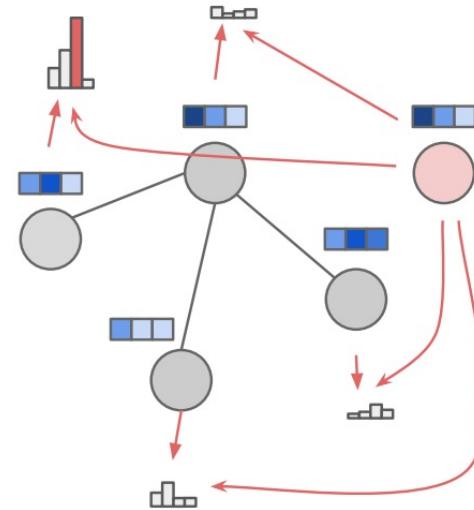
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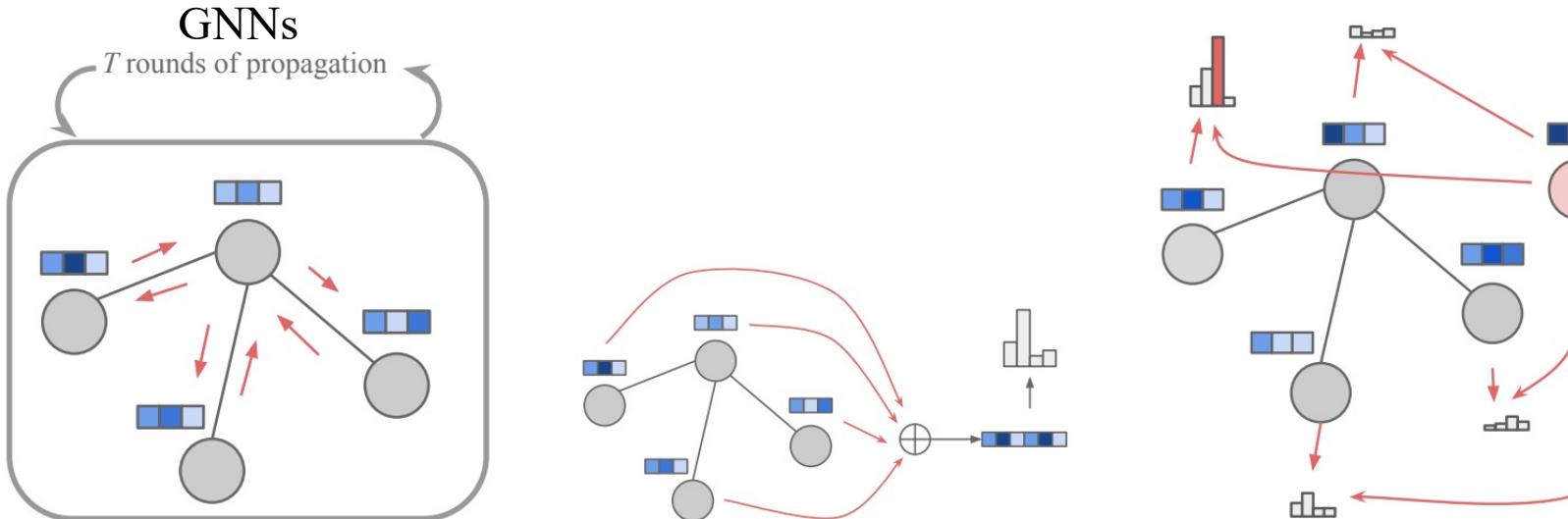
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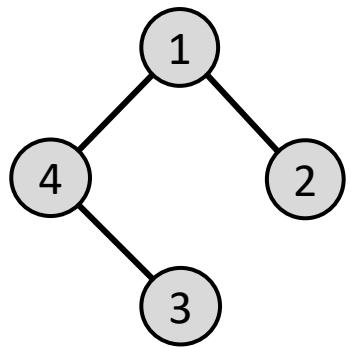
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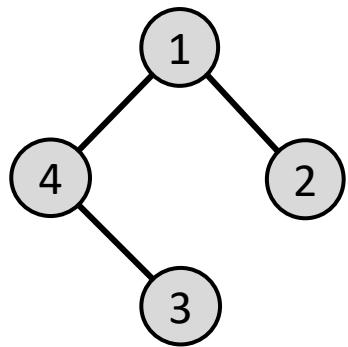


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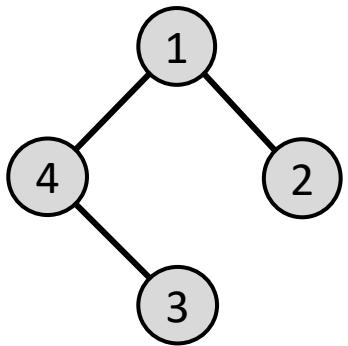


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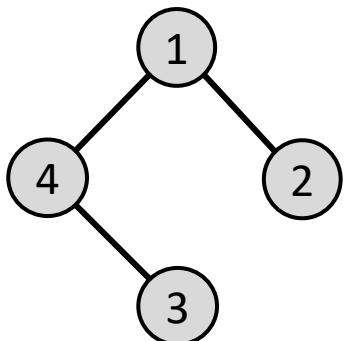


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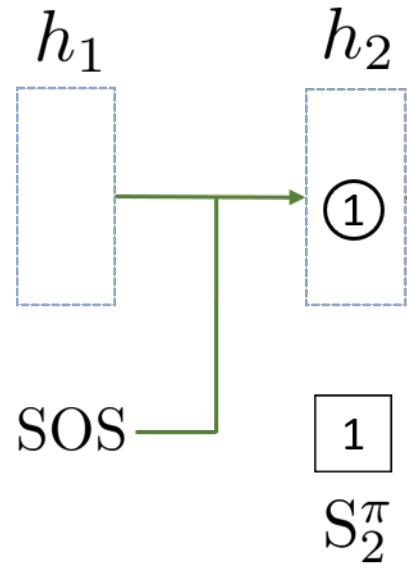
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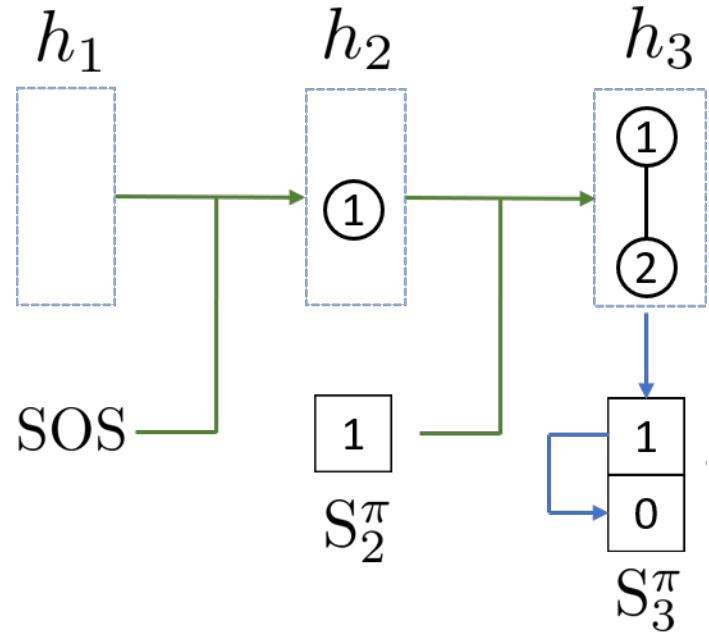
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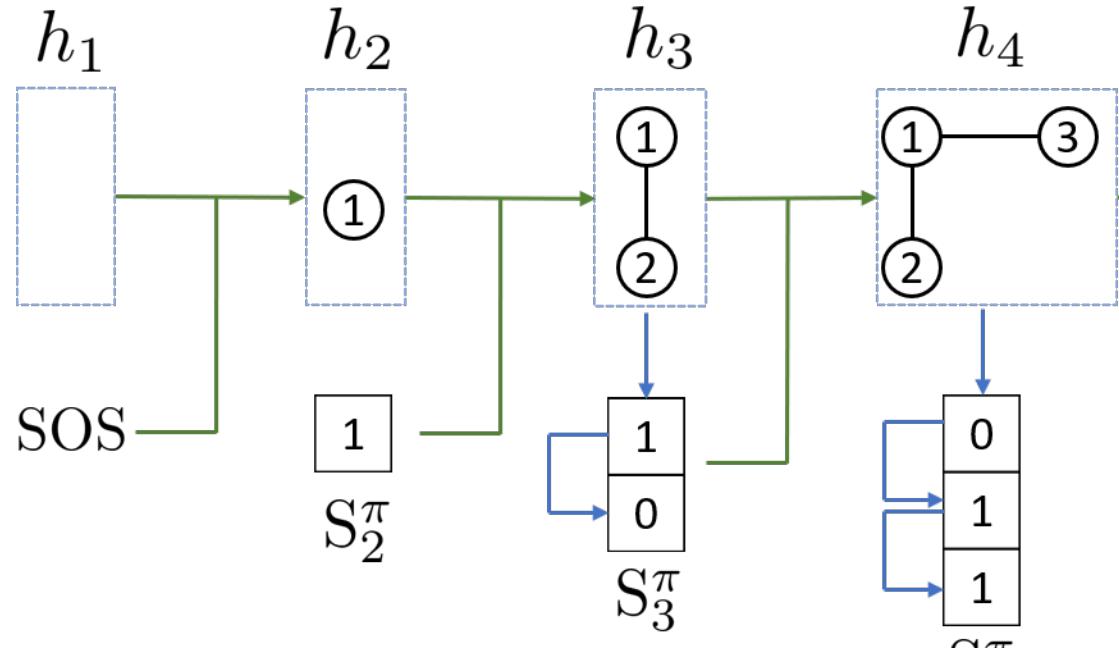
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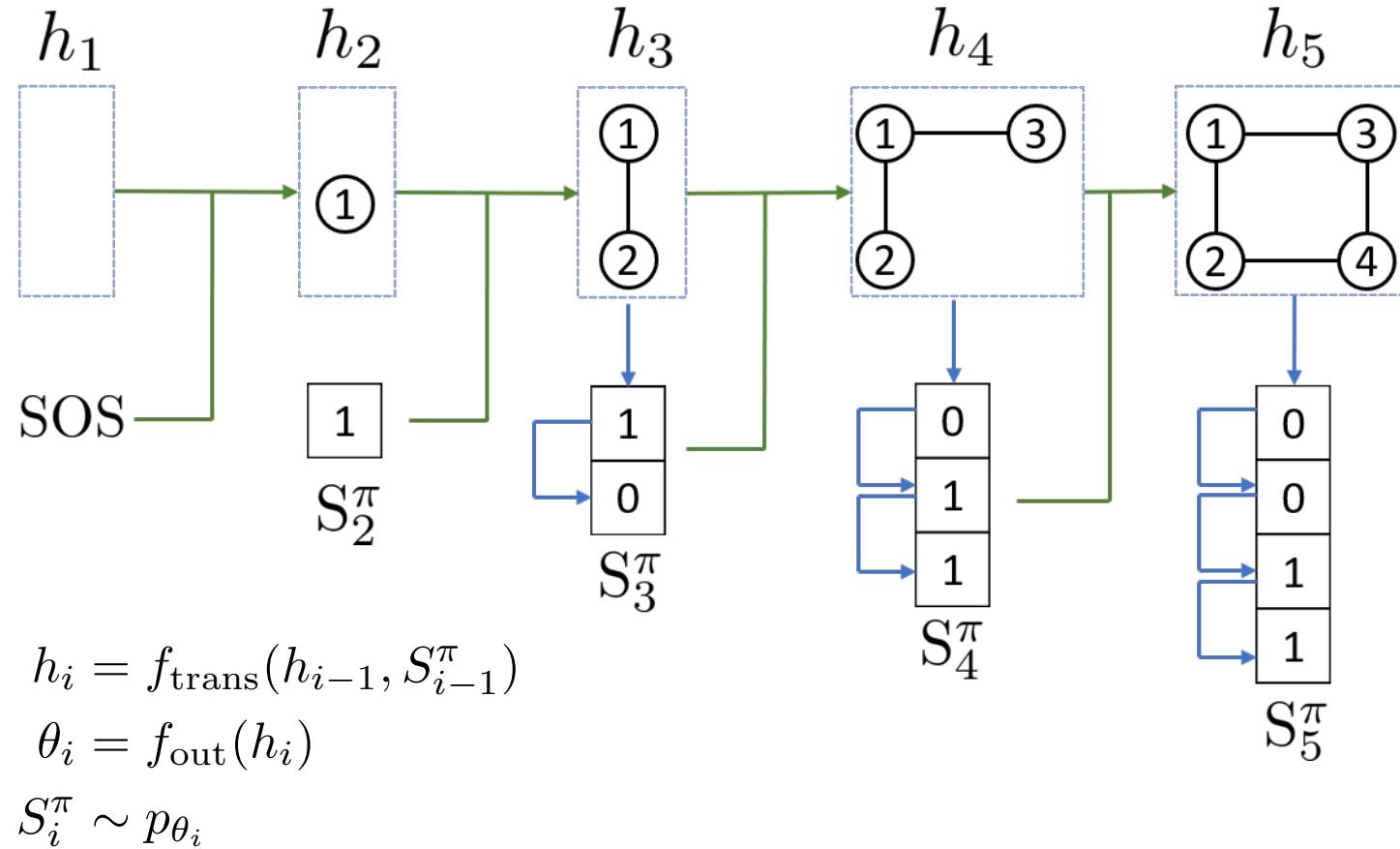
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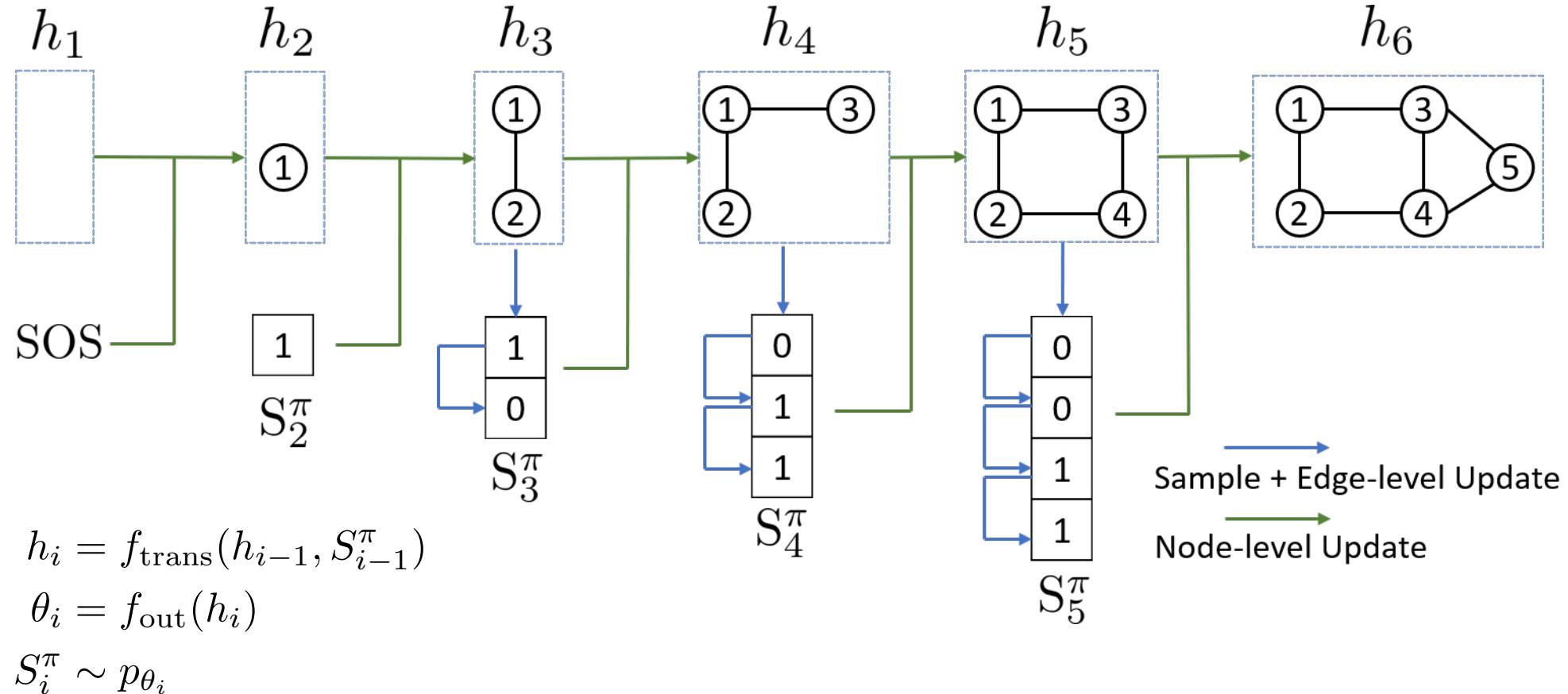
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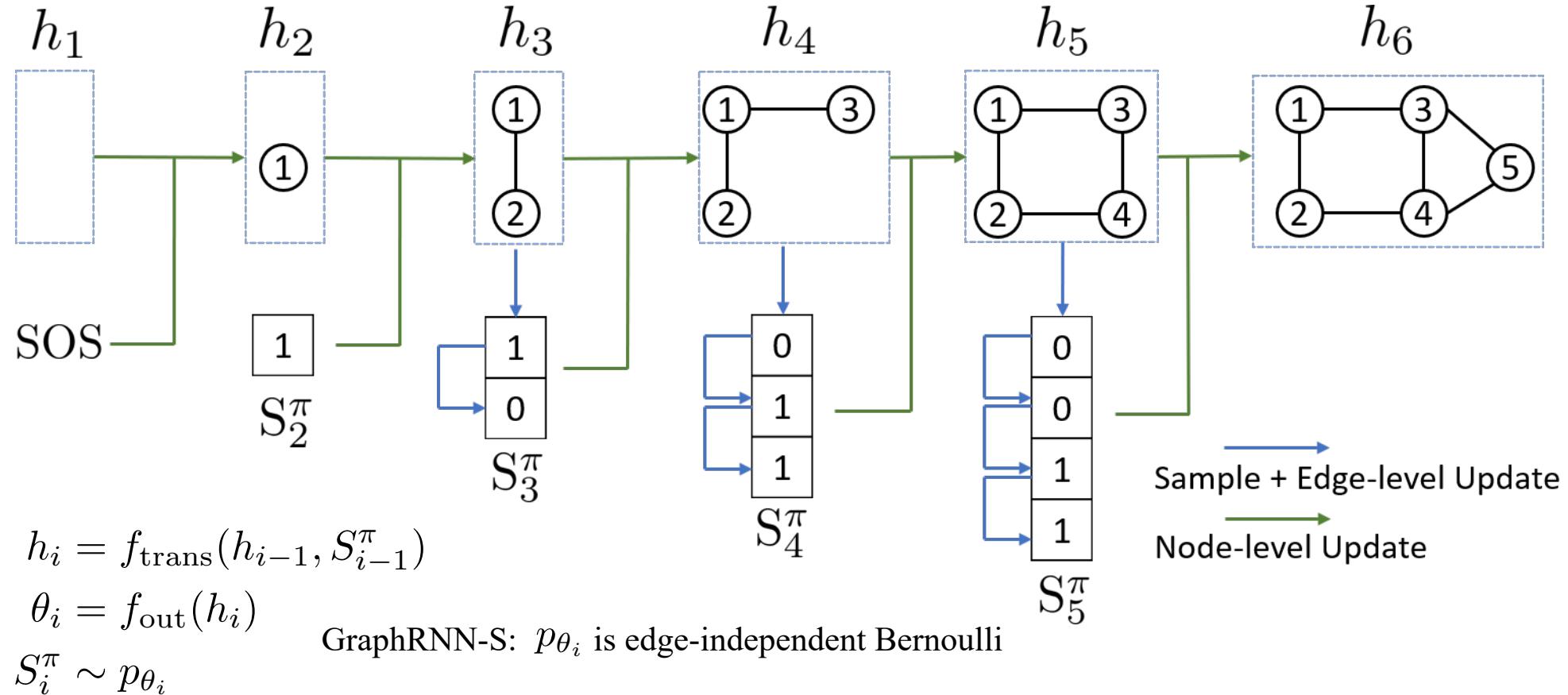
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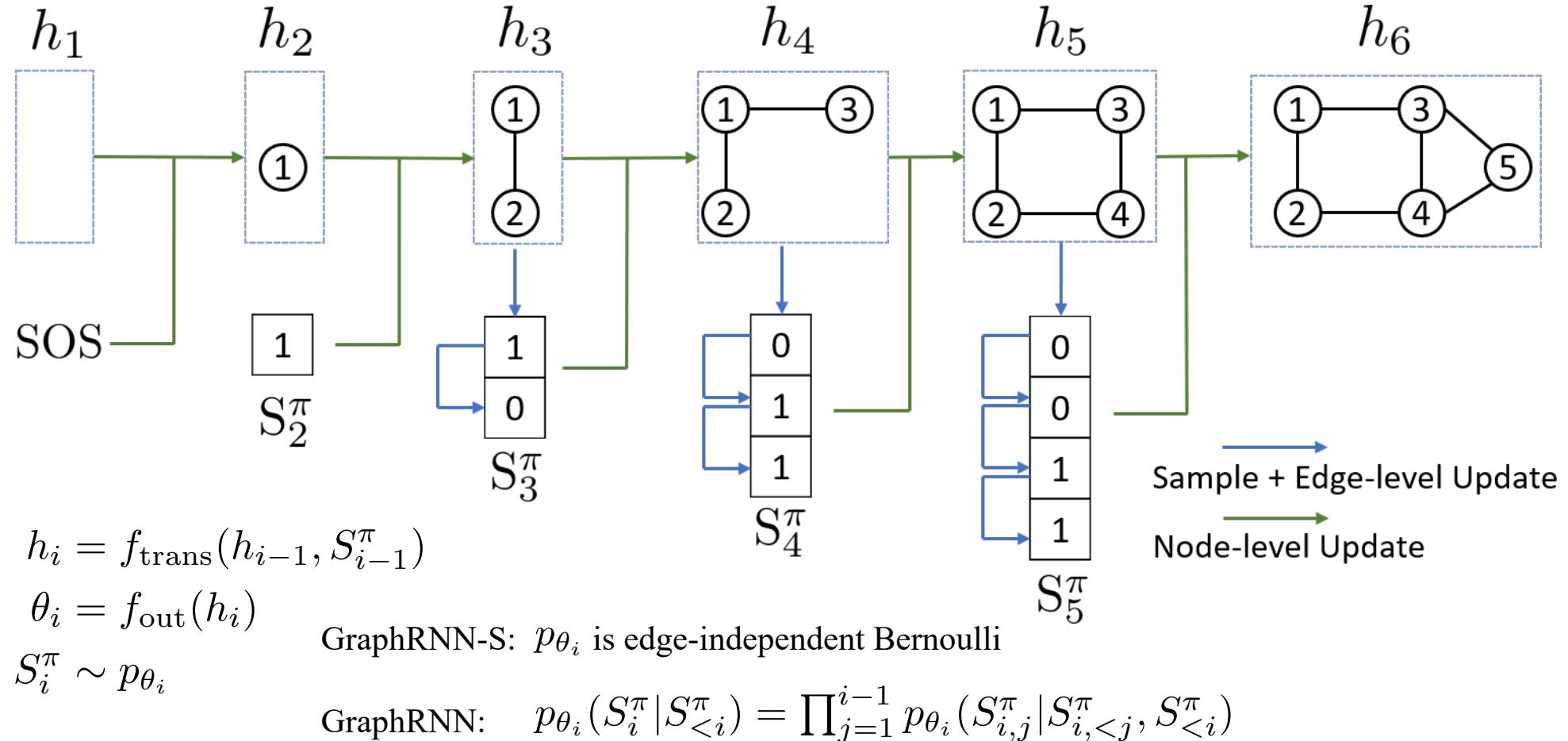
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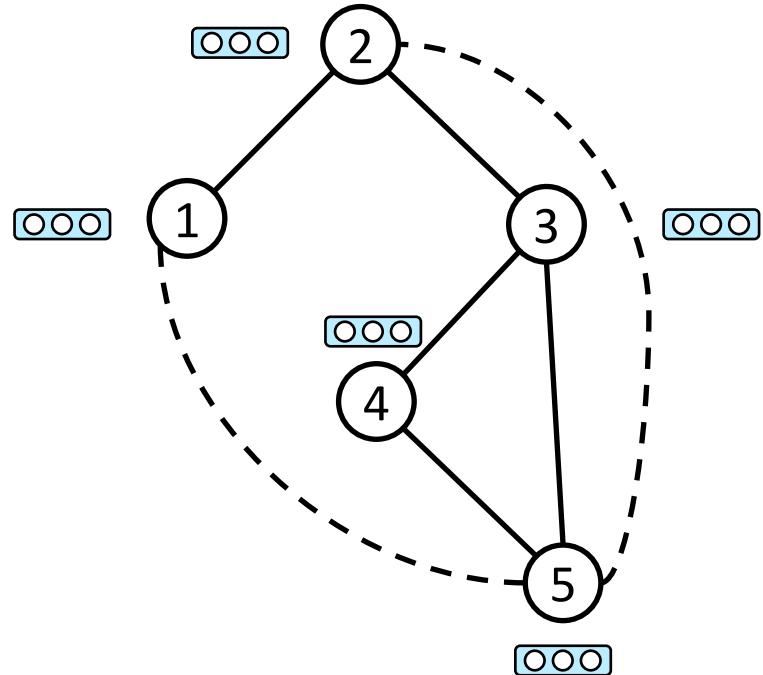
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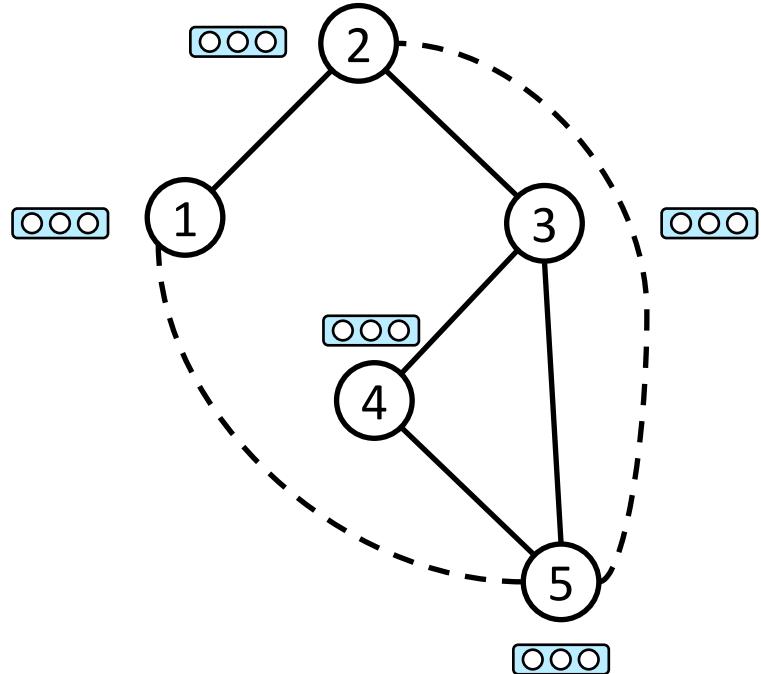
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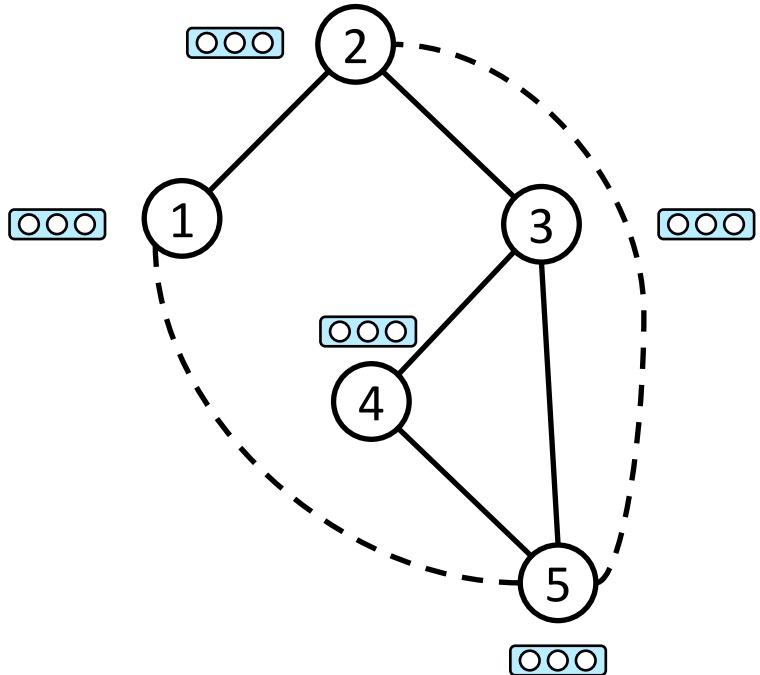


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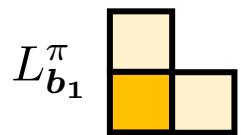
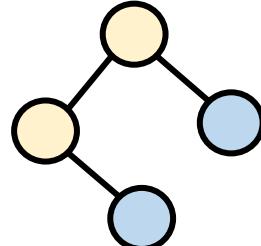
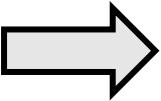
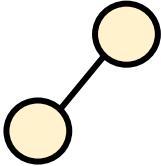
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Training RNNs via BPTT [4,5] is impractical for moderately large graphs (~1k)

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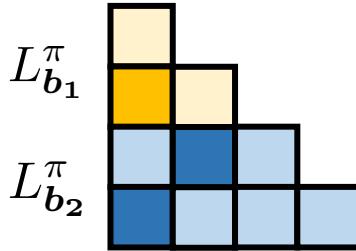
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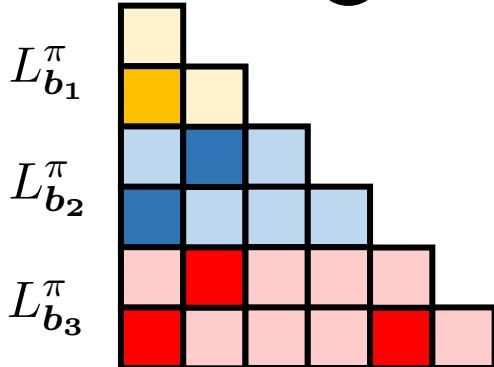


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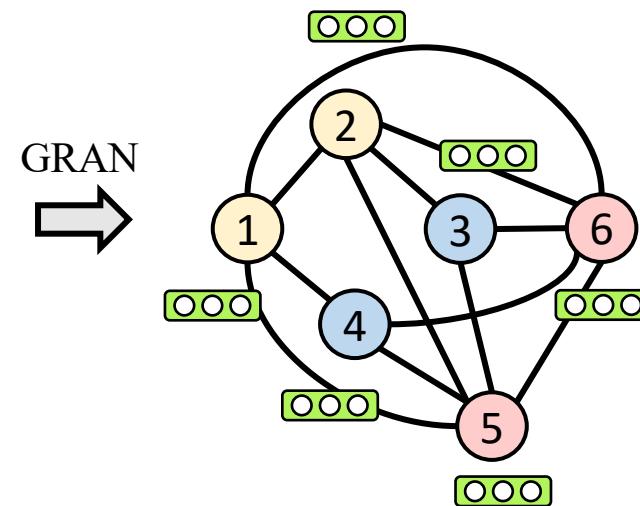
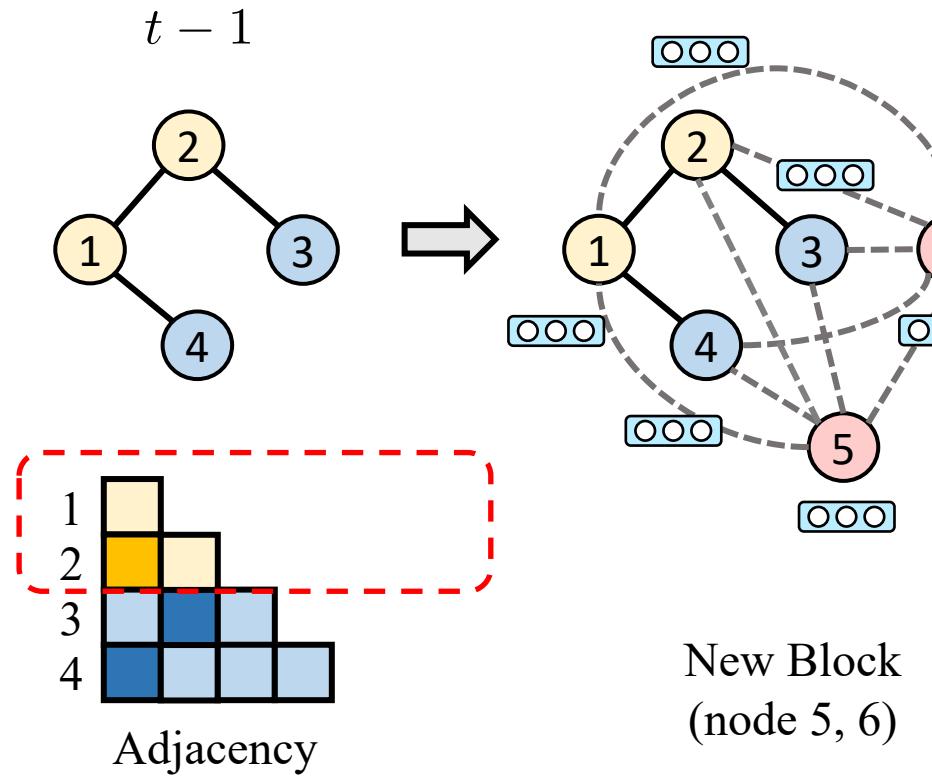


Graph Neural Network + Attention!
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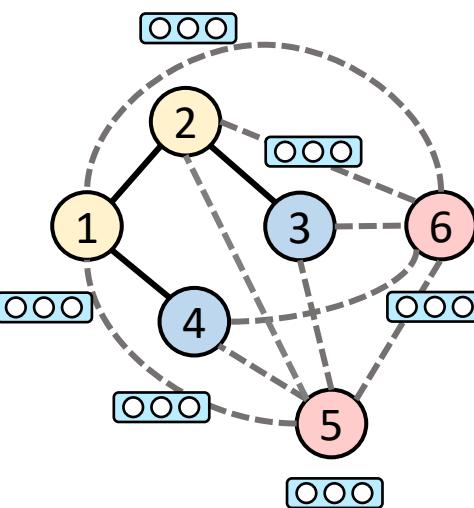
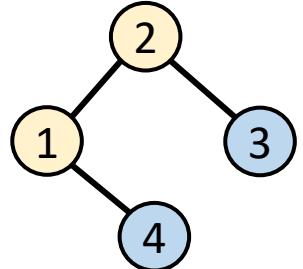


$$m_{ij}^t = f(h_i^t - h_j^t)$$
$$\tilde{h}_i^t = [h_i^t, x_i]$$
$$a_{ij}^t = \text{Sigmoid} \left(g(\tilde{h}_i^t - \tilde{h}_j^t) \right)$$
$$h_i^{t+1} = \text{GRU}(h_i^t, \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} a_{ij}^t m_{ij}^t)$$

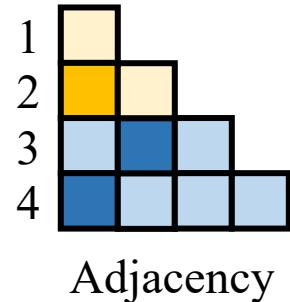
Autoregressive Models for Graphs

GNN-based Autoregressive Model, GRAN [6]

$t - 1$



New Block
(node 5, 6)



GRAN



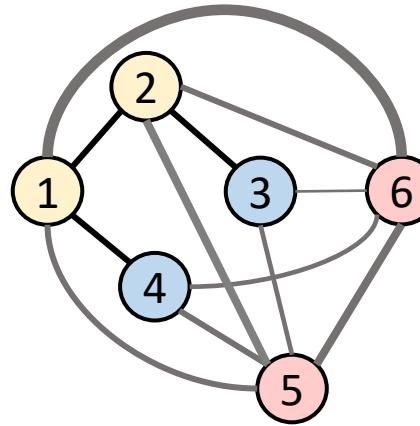
Distribution over *dashed edges*

Parallel Subgraph Training!

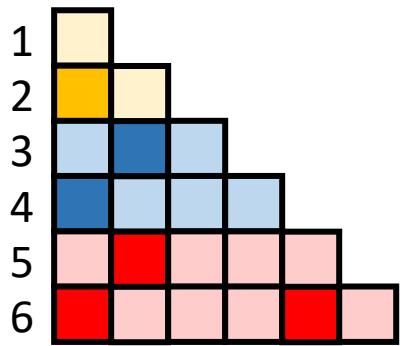
$$p(L_{\mathbf{b}_t}^{\pi} | L_{\mathbf{b}_1}^{\pi}, \dots, L_{\mathbf{b}_{t-1}}^{\pi}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \prod_{i \in \mathbf{b}_t} \prod_{1 \leq j \leq i} \theta_{k,i,j},$$

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K = \text{Softmax} \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbf{b}_t, 1 \leq j \leq i} \text{MLP}_{\alpha}(h_i^R - h_j^R) \right),$$

$$\theta_{1,i,j}, \dots, \theta_{K,i,j} = \text{Sigmoid} \left(\text{MLP}_{\theta}(h_i^R - h_j^R) \right) \quad t$$



Sampling



Autoregressive Models for Graphs

RNN-based Autoregressive Model, GRAN [6]

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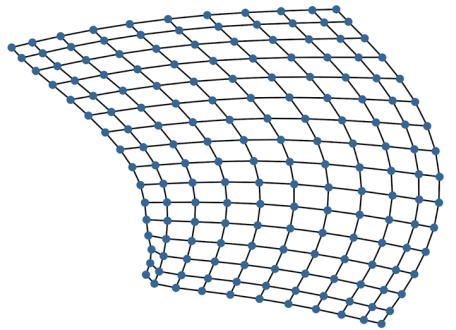
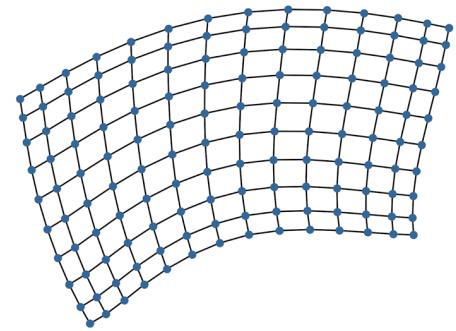
- BFS ordering starting from the largest degree node
- DFS ordering starting from the largest degree node
- K-core descending ordering
- Node degree ascending ordering
- Node degree descending ordering

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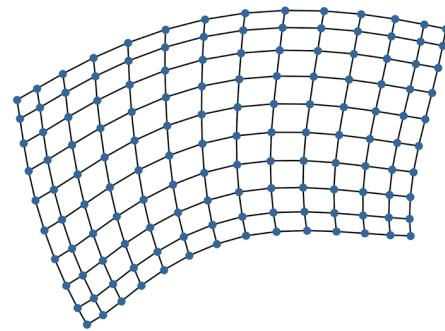
Random Grid Graphs

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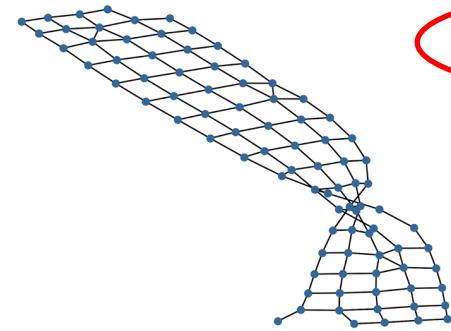


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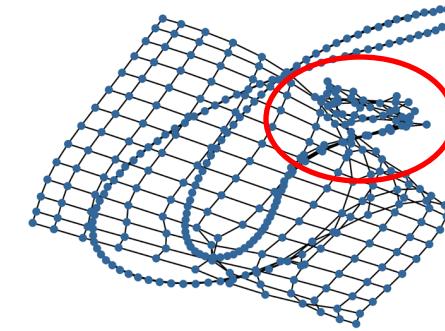
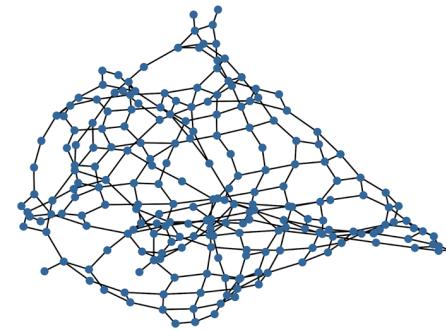
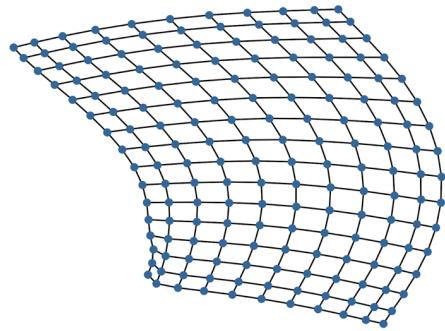
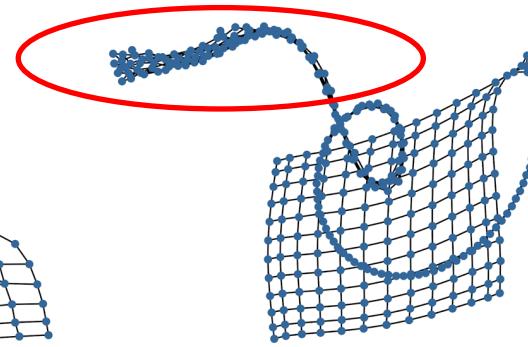
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Graph VAE

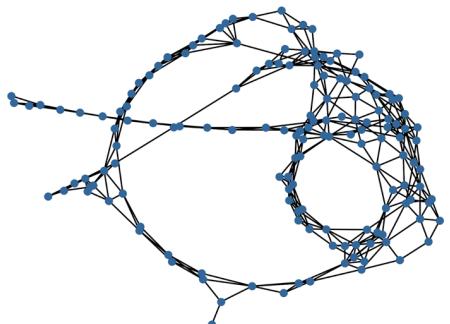
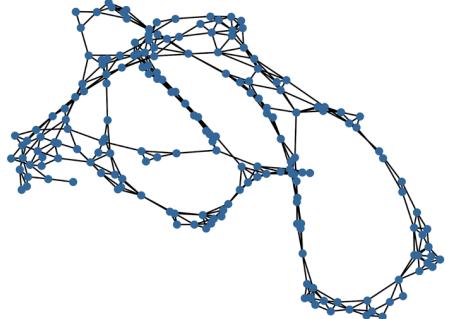


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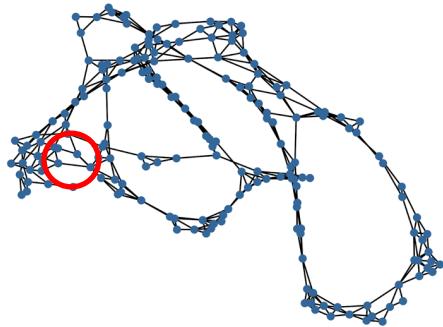
Protein Graphs

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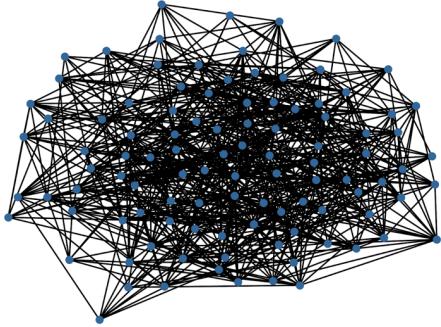


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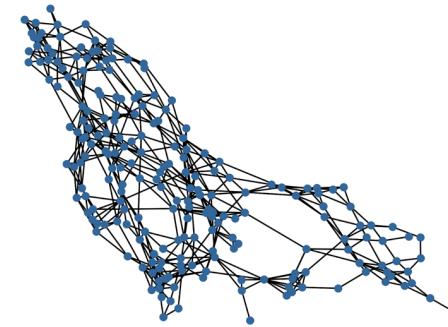
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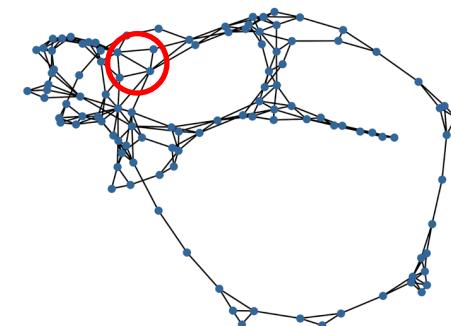
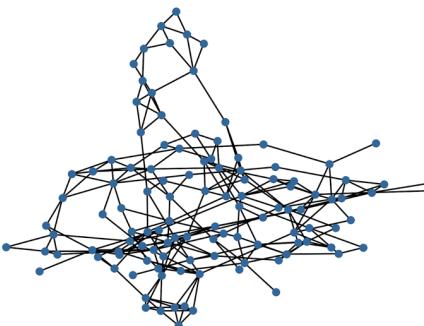
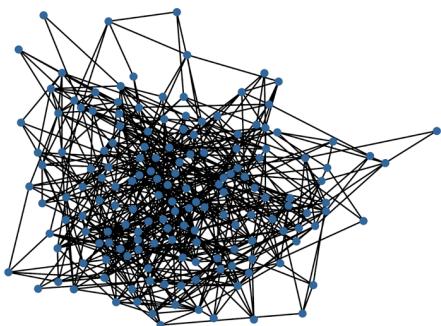
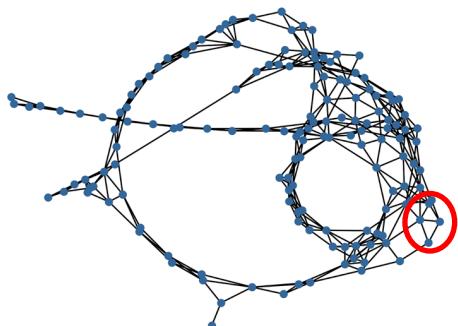
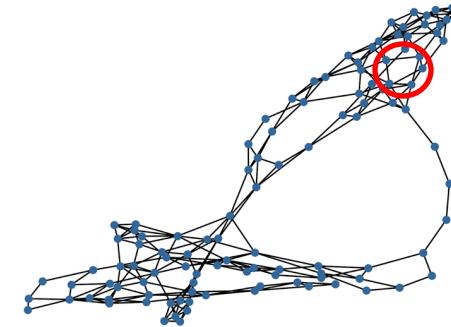
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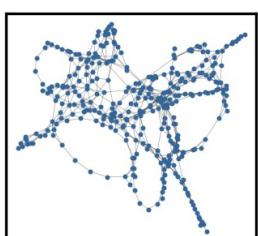
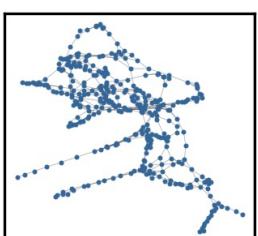
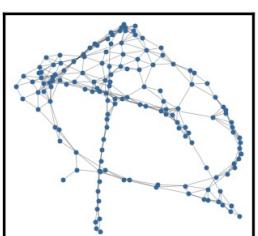
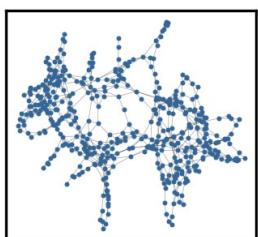
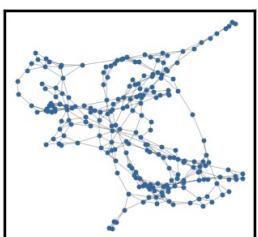
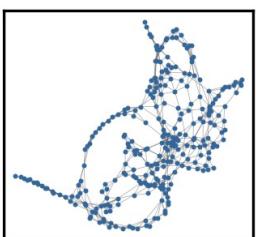
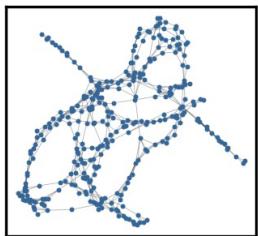
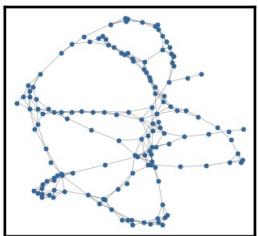
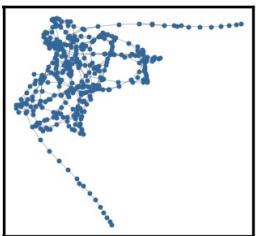
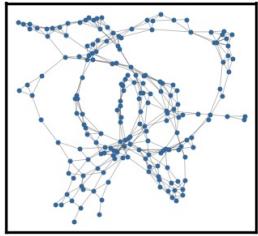
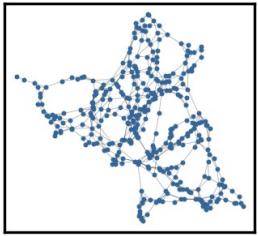
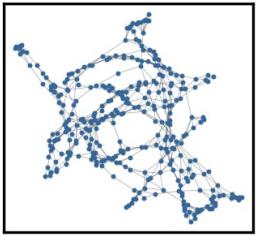


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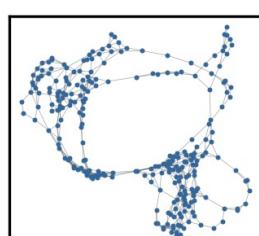
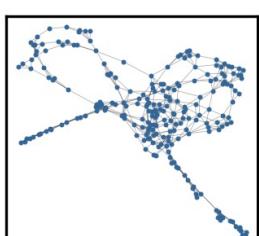
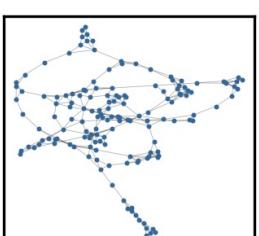
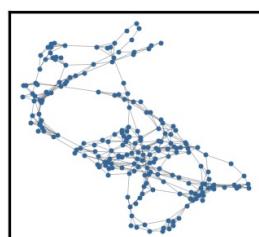
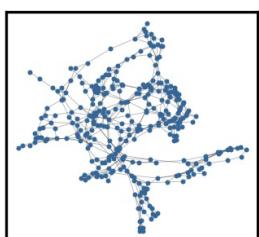
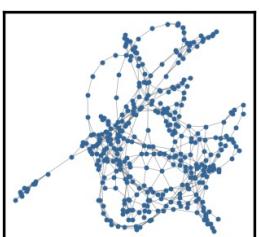
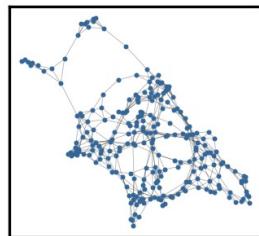
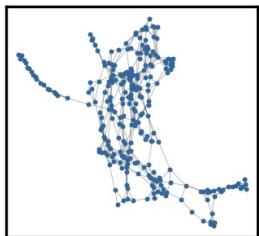
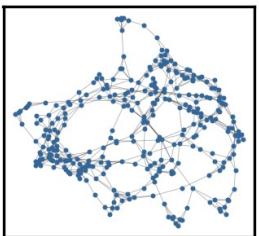
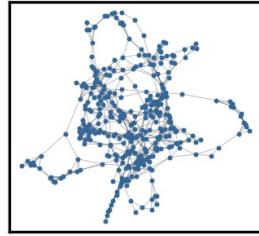
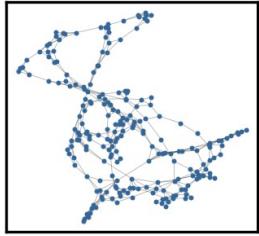
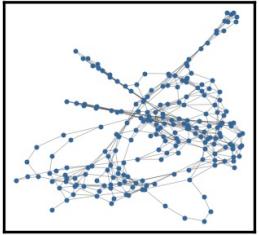


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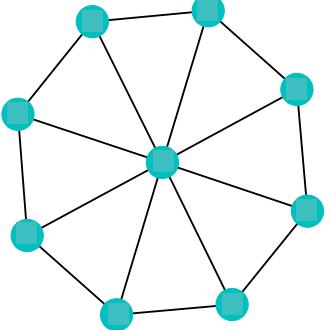
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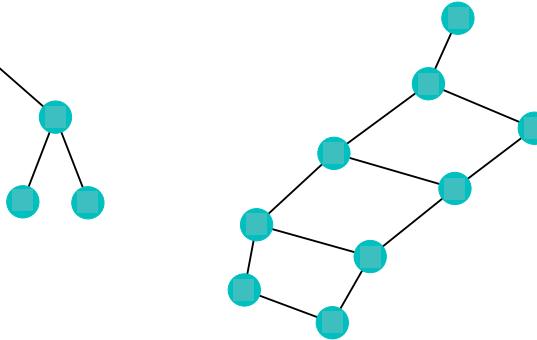
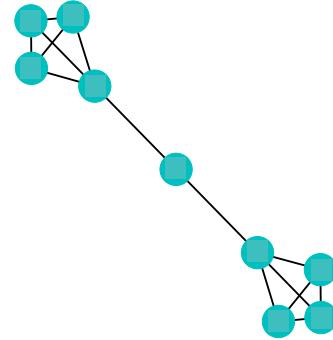
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Quantitative Evaluation



Observation



Generation

Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD) between two distributions of graph statistics

$$\text{MMD}(P, Q) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P}[f(X)] - \mathbb{E}_{Y \sim Q}[f(Y)]$$

- Degree distribution
- Clustering Coefficients
- # 4-node orbits
- Spectrum

Protein Graphs

train/dev/test graphs = 734/183/184

Max: # nodes = 500, # edges = 1575

Mean: # nodes = 258, # edges = 646

Models	Degree	Clustering Coeff.	Orbits	Spectrum
Erdős-Rényi	0.0564	1.00	1.54	0.0913
GraphVAE	0.480	0.0714	0.740	0.110
GraphRNN-S	0.0402	0.0479	0.230	0.210
GraphRNN	0.0106	0.140	0.880	0.0188
Ours	0.00198	0.0486	0.130	0.00513

*For all metrics, the lower the better

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