Few-shot link prediction via graph neural networks for covid-19 drug-repurposing

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Introduction Drug repurposing

• Drug repurposing (drug repositioning/reprofiling/re-tasking)



A drug discovery strategy from existing drugs

Significantly shortens the time and reduces the cost compared to de novo drug discovery

Introduction

Drug repurposing knowledge graph (DRKG)

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• Graph



- Arbitrary size
- Complex topological structure
- No fixed node ordering
- Dynamic and multimodal features

• Graph



A collection of objects where some pairs of **objects(nodes)** are connected by **links(edges)**.

General language for describing interactions between components in complex systems.

➔ By explicitly modeling relationships in complex domain(knowledge, text, image…), can achieve better performance in prediction.

• Graph Convolution



Connectionist models using **generalized convolution** based propagation rules

Capture the dependence of graphs via **message passing** between the nodes of graphs.

→ Represent node information from its neighborhood with arbitrary depth

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Graph Convolutional Networks

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$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left(\sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^r} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_i^r|} W_r^{(l)} h_j^{(l)} + W_0^{(l)} h_i^{(l)} \right)$$

Graph Convolutional Network

Relational Graph Convolutional Network

• Link prediction in RGCN

 $\mathbf{h}_r := \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{r})$

$$f(n_t, r, n_{t'}) = h_{n_t}^{\mathrm{T}} h_r h_{n_{t'}}$$
$$\mathcal{L} := \log(1 + \exp(-y \times \mathbf{h}_{n_t}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{h}_r \mathbf{h}_{n_{t'}}))$$

Vulnerable when only few training edges are available for a certain relation type

The small number of edges will challenge the learning of the embedding vector r for the rare relation



• Limitation



Novel disease



Links to be predicted could belong to rare types such as the case in novel diseases

- GCNs are ill-equipped in learning rare link types
- → motivates the task of **few-shot link prediction**

Method Proposed method

• Inductive RGCN

$$\mathbf{h}_r := \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{r}) \qquad \qquad \mathbf{h}_r := \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}_r|} \sum_{(n_t, n_{t'}) \in \mathcal{E}_r} \sigma(\mathbf{W}_1 \sigma(\mathbf{W}_2(\mathbf{h}_{n_t} \| \mathbf{h}_{n_{t'}})))$$

Relation embedding is calculated as a nonlinear function of the node embedding for all node pairs participating to a certain relation type r

This allows the I-RGCN to learn relation embeddings in an inductive fashion.

 \rightarrow Enables the model to generalize to rare or even unseen relations.

Experiments Dataset

• Relational Graph Neural Networks

IMDB

DBLP

	Nodes	Edges	Relation types
IMDb	movie : 4,278 director : 2,081 actor : 5,257	17,106	12
	Nodes	Edges	Relation types
DBLP	author : 4,057 paper : 14,328 term : 7,723 venue : 20	119,783	12

DRKG

8104 candidate drugs

442 Covid-19 related genes

107 relation type

17 node type

Experiments Result

• Relational Graph Neural Networks

		MF	R I		Hit 1			Hit 10				
K	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN
10	6.88	11.80	1.32	33.56	1.75	6.74	0.13	25.32	14.25	18.35	1.07	53.55
50	8.48	12.56	15.26	53.24	3.34	7.76	7.42	45.14	15.70	19.12	28.88	69.32
100	8.61	12.57	18.78	53.63	3.44	7.86	9.59	40.27	15.71	18.40	36.84	77.38
1000	68.37	70.09	95.23	96.06	65.48	67.52	91.72	93.56	72.23	73.50	99.72	99.81

Table 2. Experiment results (%) on the IMDb dataset for k-shot link prediction.

Table 3. Experiment results (%) on the DBLP dataset for k-shot link prediction.

		MF	R .		Hit 1			Hit 10				
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K	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN
10	5.97	7.41	7.42	27.95	1.37	2.13	2.95	13.78	11.81	15.36	12.51	60.51
50	6.32	7.87	17.25	83.42	1.55	2.26	10.95	72.54	12.59	16.64	26.84	96.82
100	7.24	10.66	32.45	90.00	1.99	04.43	23.46	85.27	14.96	20.92	49.85	97.61
1000	36.56	46.51	91.34	96.82	30.62	39.83	86.43	94.41	46.45	59.27	98.59	99.81

Experiments Result

• Link prediction

Metrics		MF		Hit 1			Hit 10					
Training links	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN	ComplEx	RotatE	RGCN	I-RGCN
95%	94.15	93.97	93.38	95.12	93.75	93.48	89.31	92.75	94.74	94.56	99.29	98.24
90%	88.87	88.89	89.30	93.98	88.25	87.87	83.45	91.52	89.74	90.35	97.66	98.12
80%	78.55	78.90	83.46	90.03	77.45	76.83	76.59	86.70	79.96	81.94	94.72	95.93
70%	69.59	69.56	82.73	87.00	67.98	66.73	76.09	82.95	71.89	73.49	93.76	94.07
60%	60.40	60.90	78.16	81.53	58.49	57.60	70.63	77.01	62.92	65.57	91.14	90.27

Table 4. Experiment results (%) on the IMDb dataset for link prediction.

Experiments Result

• Drug inhibits gene scores

Use corona-virus related diseases* as target diseases and 442 Covid-19 related genes from the relations

Predict links among gene entities associated with the target disease and drug entities

Check hit rate of the overlap among the top 100 predicted drugs and the drugs used in clinical trials per gene

Several of the widely used drugs in clinical trials appear high on the predicted list, and that I-RGCN shows a higher hit rate *Table 5.* Drug inhibits gene scores for Covid-19. Note that a random classifier will result to approximately 5.3 per drug. This suggests that the reported predictions are significantly better than random.

I-RGCN		RGCN	
Drug name	# hits	Drug name	# hits
Dexamethasone	240	Chloroquine	69
Ribavirin	142	Colchicine	41
Colchicine	128	Tetrandrine	40
Chloroquine	115	Oseltamivir	37
Methylprednisolone	86	Azithromycin	36
Tofacitinib	75	Tofacitinib	33
Thalidomide	70	Ribavirin	32
Losartan	64	Methylprednisolone	30
Hydroxychloroquine	48	Deferoxamine	30
Oseltamivir	46	Thalidomide	25
Deferoxamine	34	Dexamethasone	24
Ruxolitinib	23	Bevacizumab	21
Azithromycin	23	Hydroxychloroquine	19
Nivolumab	11	Losartan	19
Tradipitant	11	Ruxolitinib	13
Bevacizumab	10	Eculizumab	12
Eculizumab	7	Tocilizumab	11
Baricitinib	6	Anakinra	11
Sarilumab	6	Sarilumab	8
Tetrandrine	6	Nivolumab	6

Conclusion

- I-RGCN consistently outperforms baseline models in the IMDB and DBLP datasets for few-shot link prediction
- Also formulate the Covid-19 drug-repurposing task as a link prediction over the DRKG
- I-RGCN successfully identifies a subset of clinical trial drugs for Covid-19 and can be used to assist researchers and

prioritize existing drugs for further investigation in the Covid-19 treatment.

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