#### SimGNN: A Neural Network Approach to Fast Graph Similarity Computation WSDM 2019



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# Background

## Overview of image search / classification



## Image representation / Comparison

- BoW
  - Count the number of SIFTs assigned to each cluster
- VLAD
  - Compute the difference between a feature and its cluster center

$$v_{i,j} = \sum_{x \text{ such that } NN(x) = c_i} x_j - c_{i,j}$$



# Consider the spatial relationship

# Geometric Verification using RANSAC

#### **Repeat N times:**

- Randomly choose 4 matching pairs

- Estimate transformation
  - Assume a particular transformation (Homography)
- Predict remaining points and count "inliers"



#### Image as Graph



recognition

## Graph Similarity





## The proposed Approach

# A similarity metric: Graph Edit Distance (GED)

GED (G1, G2) is the number of edit operations in the <u>optimal alignments</u> that transform G1 to G2.

*3* kinds of edit operations in total



**1** Edge deletion

2 edge insertion

3 node relabeling

#### Overview of the framework



#### Node-level embeddings



## Graph-level embeddings



## Neural Tensor Network





#### Pairwise Node Comparison



## Predicted Similarity Score



# Experiment

#### Datasets

- AIDS
  - Chemical compound structures
- LINUX
  - Program Dependence Graphs (PDG)
- IMDB
  - Networks of movie actors/actresses



#### Table 2: Results on AIDS.

# Speed and Accuracy



Method	mse(10 <sup>-3</sup> )	ρ	τ	p@10	p@20
Beam	12.090	0.609	0.463	0.481	0.493
Hungarian	25.296	0.510	0.378	0.360	0.392
VJ	29.157	0.517	0.383	0.310	0.345
SimpleMean	3.115	0.633	0.480	0.269	0.279
HierarchicalMean	3.046	0.681	0.629	0.246	0.340
HierarchicalMax	3.396	0.655	0.505	0.222	0.295
AttDegree	3.338	0.628	0.478	0.209	0.279
AttGlobalContext	1.472	0.813	0.653	0.376	0.473
AttLearnableGC	1.340	0.825	0.667	0.400	0.488
SimGNN	1.189	0.843	0.690	0.421	0.514

#### Table 3: Results on LINUX.

Method	mse(10 <sup>-3</sup> )	ρ	τ	p@10	p@20
Beam	9.268	0.827	0.714	0.973	0.924
Hungarian	29.805	0.638	0.517	0.913	0.836
VJ	63.863	0.581	0.450	0.287	0.251
SimpleMean	16.950	0.020	0.016	0.432	0.465
HierarchicalMean	6.431	0.430	0.525	0.750	0.618
HierarchicalMax	6.575	0.879	0.740	0.551	0.575
AttDegree	8.064	0.742	0.609	0.427	0.460
AttGlobalContext	3.125	0.904	0.781	0.874	0.864
AttLearnableGC	2.055	0.916	0.804	0.903	0.887
SimGNN	1.509	0.939	0.830	0.942	0.933

Table 4: Results on IMDB. Beam, Hungarian, and VJ together are used to determine the ground-truth results.

Method	mse(10 <sup>-3</sup> )	ρ	τ	p@10	p@20
SimpleMean	3.749	0.774	0.644	0.547	0.588
HierarchicalMean	5.019	0.456	0.378	0.567	0.553
HierarchicalMax	6.993	0.455	0.354	0.572	0.570
AttDegree	2.144	0.828	0.695	0.700	0.695
AttGlobalContext	3.555	0.684	0.553	0.657	0.656
AttLearnableGC	1.455	0.835	0.700	0.732	0.742
SimGNN	1.264	0.878	0.770	0.759	0.777



Figure 10: A query case study on IMDB.