



SE4AI: Design of Neural Network Architectures to Support AI and Machine Learning Formalisms working Side-by-Side as a Team

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Motivation: Digital Twins

Definition (2000 – today)

 Virtual representation of a physical object or system that operates across the system lifecycle (not just front end).



Required Functionality

- Mirror implementation of physical world through real-time-monitoring and synchronization of data with events.
- Provide algorithms and software for observation, reasoning and physical systems control.

Many Application Domains

• NASA, manufacturing processes, building operations, personalized medicine, smart cities, among others.



Business Drivers (Why this project is timely?)

Siemens, IBM, now see Digital Twin Era as the successor to MBSE with SysML



Digital Twin Era (Business Spin)

- New methods and tools for model-centric engineering.
- New operating system environments for observation, reasoning and physical systems control.
- Superior levels of system performance, agility, economy, etc.

Technical Implementation (2020, Google, Apple, Amazon, Siemens, IBM ...)

• Al and ML will be deeply embedded in new software and algorithms.



Definition of AI and ML

- AI: Knowledge representation and reasoning with ontologies and rules. Construction of semantic graphs, executable event-based processing, multi-domain reasoning.
- ML: Modern neural networks (closely related to signal processing of data streams). Data Mining. Input-to-output prediction, Learn structure and sequence. Identify objects, events, anomalies. Remember stuff.

AI/ML Strengths and Weaknesses

State-of-the-art AI and ML technologies are fragmented in their capability:

- Al provides a broad view of concepts needed for reasoning. Decision making processes are transparent; semantic graphs are flexible.
- Semantic reasoning is decision making in-the-moment (no memory).
- Data mining algorithms can organize information from large data sources.
- ML procedures developed to solve very specific tasks.
- ML decision making procedures lack transparency.
- ML procedures can identify anomalies (events) in streams of data.



Digital Twins (What's New?)

• Explore design of digital twin architectures that support AI and ML formalisms working side-by-side as a team.



Key Research Challenge

• How to design digital twin elements and their interactions to support: (1) methods and tools for model-centric engineering, and (2) digital twin operating system environments for observation, reasoning, control.

Project Success (What does it look like?)

• Knowledge to guide architectural development of future digital twins enabled by AI / ML technology.



Cradle-to-Grave Lifecycle Support (Digital Threads)



Observation: A lot of model-centric engineering boils down to representation of systems as graphs and sequences of graph transformations punctuated by decision making and work / actions.

Reasonable Starting Point: Understand the range of possibilities for which machine learning of graphs and their attributes support and enhance activities in model-centric engineering and systems operation.



- 1. Identify neural network architectures and strategies of learning for variety of graph structures and their attributes.
- 2. Exercise machine architecture and strategies of learning on case study problems:
- 3. Briefly show Maria's applications: water distribution system and urban metrorail system.
- 4. Explore the effects of graph size on learning performance.





Digital Twin Architecture

- Business Drivers
- Post Incubator Project
- Real-World Considerations
- Step 1: Multi-Domain Semantic Modeling
- Step 2: Semantic Modeling + Data Mining
- Step 3: Teaching Machines to Understand Graphs
- Opportunities and Extensions
- Plan of Work

So what will the machine learning do?





Focus on Machine Learning of Graphs and Model-Centric Engineering.





Algorithms that use statistics to learn patterns and hidden insights in data without being explicitly programmed for it.





A graph is defined as G = (V, E), where V is a set of vertices (i.e. nodes), E = set of edges, and each edge is formed from pair of distinct vertices in V.

Traditional Approach to Graph Analysis

- Traditional approaches to graph modeling employ adjacency matrices.
- Topology properties can then be extracted through graph analysis tasks:
 - Connectivity analysis, traceability analysis, cycle detection, shortest path identification, etc.





Machine Learning Approach to Graph Analytics

- Adjacency matrices suffer from data sparsity, high-dimensionality, and a lack of support for capturing graph attributes.
- Surge in graph embedding approaches.
- Output vectors are statistical, should be interpreted as graph analytics.
- Learned embeddings could advance various downstream learning tasks:
 - Node Classification
 - Node Clustering
 - Anomaly Prediction
 - Attribute Prediction
 - Link Prediction
 - Recommendation
 - > Etc.





Graph AutoEncoder Approach



Deep neural network architectures trained to reconstruct their original graph input.





Mathematical Procedure: Designed to ensure numerical optimization will converge (play nicely).





AutoEncoding an Urban Graph



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Experiments with Graph AutoEncoder

- Explored different architectures and their effect on reconstruction accuracy.
- Window of convergence where good reconstruction can be achieved.
- Need to understand neural network architectural requirements for accurate reconstruction of graph structures.



Key Takeaways: Mathematical procedures for graph learning with autoencoders work, but only over a limited range. Are the underlying algorithmic assumptions really needed? Can we improve the whole process?



Frame Graph Learning as a Binary Classification Problem



- Learning the structure of a graph can be framed as a binary classification problem.
- If a connection between nodes exists \rightarrow output 1.
- If a connection between nodes does not exists \rightarrow output 0.







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Binary Classification (XOR Problem)









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Trivial Implementation in TensorFlow

Topology:





One Region

- One Hidden Layer
- Hidden Layer Size = number of hyperplanes required to form region
- Output neuron



Many Regions

- ➤ Two Hidden Layers
- Hidden Layer 1 Size = number of hyperplanes required to form regions
- Hidden Layer 2 Size = number of regions
- Output neuron

Source: Lippmann, R., 1987



Directed Line Problem (One Region)





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Line Problem (Multiple Regions)

Topology:





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Graph Mesh Problem

Topology:







Architecture:





Graph Mesh Problem

Topology:





Architecture:

Visually hard to determine required architecture, need for matrix reordering approach.

Matrix Reordering: Automation to Reveal Visual Patterns



Block Pattern

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Anti-Pattern



Bandwidth Anti-Pattern



Example: Water Distribution Network

Topology:





Water Distribution Network

Heatmap:





Matrix Reordered Water Distribution Network

Traveling Salesman:



Station



Transition to Networked Decomposition and Incremental Learning of Multi-Domain Graphs



Attribute-Driven Decomposition of System Graphs

Component Characteristics



Temporal Characteristics



Connection Characteristics



Spatial Characteristics





Supra Graph Framework: Support for multi-layer / multi-domain graphs, graph zones, viewpoints, etc.



Shanthamallu et al., 2019



Example: Washington DC Water Network

- Washington DC's drinking water is distributed by elevation levels.
- Distribution network is divided into "pressure zones".





Water Network Decomposition into Graph Layers





Incremental Learning of Network / Graph Zones





Transition to Networked Decomposition

Washington DC Metro System Network









Washington DC Metro System Network



Heatmap:





Washington DC Metro System Network





Accelerated Learning of Network / Graph Zones





Semantic Model and Machine Learning Liaison

- To date we have achieved considerable success in understanding semantic modeling and ML.
- Need to show their collaboration being applied to a domain-specific networked structure. infrastructure.





Year 1: Teaching Machines to Understand Graphs

- Teaching machines to understand small graphs having static graph topologies.
- Auto-encoder design (guarantees on system graph representation).
- Formulae for design of neural network architectures for specific types of graph.
- Explore opportunities for composition of neural network architectures.
- Identification of events via time-series anomaly detection.
- Basic mechanisms for semantic / machine learning interaction.
- Integration of simulation and machine learning.
- Year 2: Go Deep, Dynamic, Broad, Hybrid
 - Deep graph neural networks / dynamic graph topologies.
 - Reasoning with events, space and time.
 - Inject semantics into machine learning models.
 - Applications.

Year 3: Create Digital Twin Experience

- AI/ML architectures for digital twin experience.
- Applications.





Questions?

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Extra Slides

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Semantic Modeling for Model-Centric Engineering

Simple Military Exercise



Decision Making / Exercise Actions

Military exercise actions need to occur at the right time and in the right place.



Semantic Modeling and Reasoning for Model-Centric Engineering



Multi-Domain Semantic Modeling

Data-Ontology-Rule Footing (Work at UMD / NIST / SERC in 2017).





Combined Semantics + Data Mining

Work at UMD / Building Energy Group at NIST / NCI, 2018-2019



Research Question: How can semantic modeling + machine learning / data mining work together as a team?