

Construction and Training of Multi-Associative Graph Networks



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Problem Definition

How to operate on database objects and their relations in brain-like ways using associations for classification and knowledge representation?



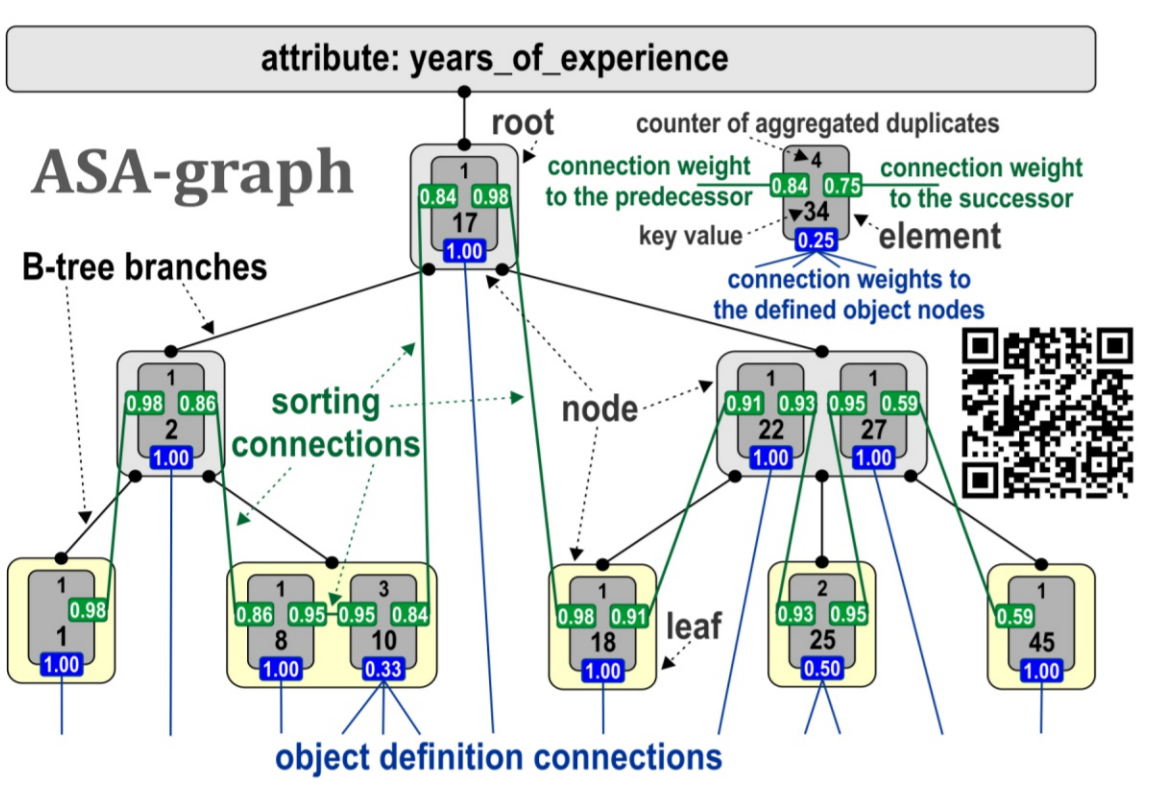
Aim and Objectives

1. Create a model that can represent and associate objects to recall and use them contextually for classifying or regression.
2. Develop a sparse network structure capable of representing related objects.
3. Use this network as a neural network to trigger associated objects, classes, etc.

Methodology

Associate data and objects of all tables of all DBs by:

- Aggregating duplicates and representing them by the same nodes.
- Sorting data in numerical or symbolic order to connect them in order.
- Connecting nodes representing similar values and related objects in the graph.



Additionally, we prioritize (adapt the soft attention) the values of some nodes according to their importance for the classification process:

For each training epoch

For each training example

Activate all the sensors representing features except the target feature

Calculate and normalize delta: the differences between all the activated target neurons and the neuron representing the reference value.

For each neuron in the unique path with no inactive neurons from the neurons representing the target variable to all of the activated sensors

Update the neuron priority: $P = P * (1 + \alpha * \text{activation})$

Update the neuron priority: $P = P * (1 - \alpha * \text{delta} * \text{activation})$

Similarity of two numerical values of the same attribute $w_{i,i+1}^c = s_{i,i+1}^c = 1 - \frac{(v_{i+1}^c - v_i^c)}{R^{C_n}}$ determines the weights between them in view of the range of all the attribute values:

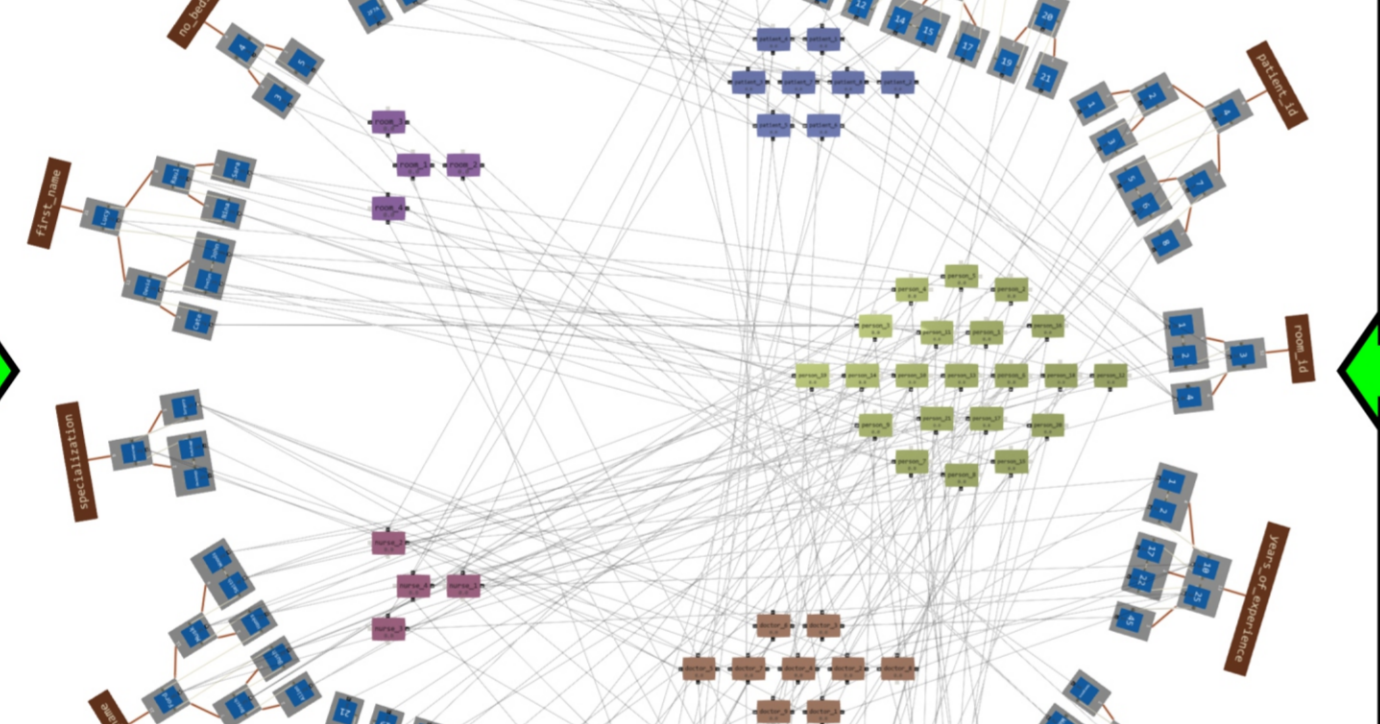
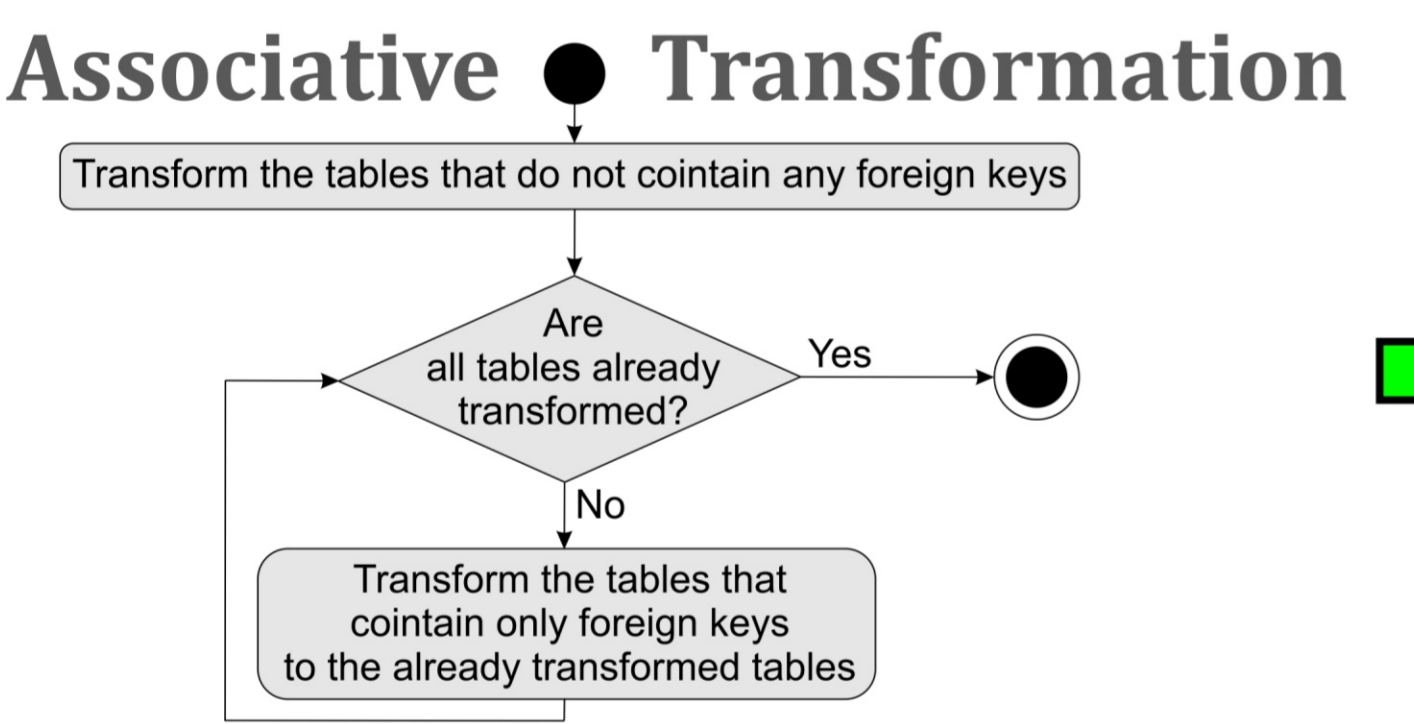
$$R^{C_n} = v_{max}^c - v_{min}^c$$

Weights between different neurons are calculated (not trained) using numbers of represented features or objects by the same nodes that behave like neurons:

$$w_{i,j}^{c_n, c_m} = \frac{1}{d(V_i^{C_n})}$$

$$w_{i,j}^{o_n, o_m} = \frac{1}{d(O_j^{C_n})}$$

The associative transformation process transforms values, objects, and keys (relationships) of database tables into specific nodes and connections of a sparse Multi-Associative Graph Network using a simple rule. It allows to associate data and objects of all tables of many databases creating a knowledge model about the data collected and using it for classification, regression, prediction, and other ML tasks. Next, new nodes representing conclusions can be added.



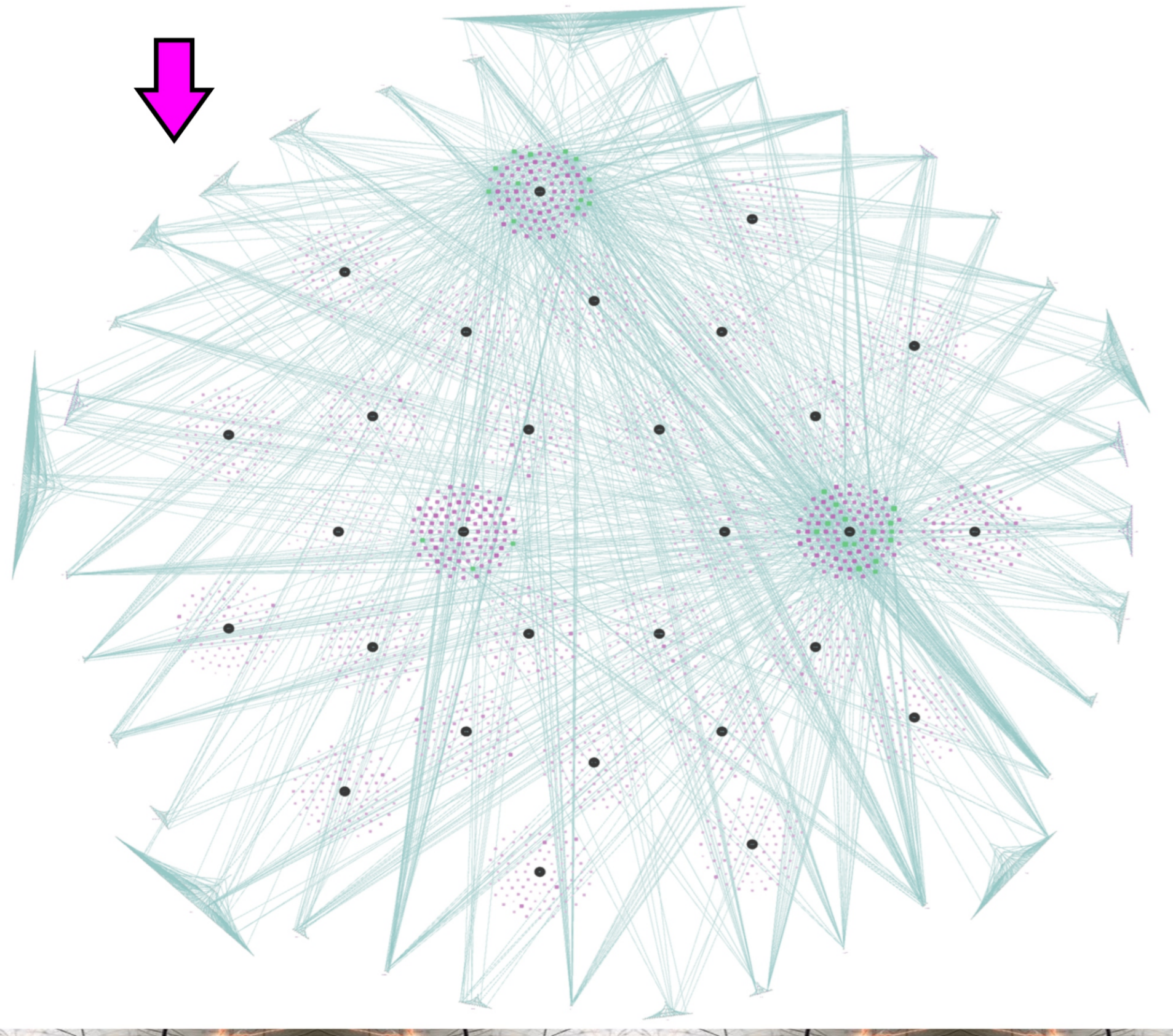
Database

id	person_id	room_id	ICD-11
1	9	1	['C60', 'B60']
2	10	1	['B01', 'Z77A']
3	11	3	['EAB']
4	13	2	['EAB', 'B60']
5	12	4	['B01', 'EAB']
6	15	4	['Z77A', 'B60', 'SALP']
7	16	2	['SALP']
8	14	4	['B60', 'EAB', 'SALP']

id	person_id	room_id	years_of_experience
1	2	1	Surgery 25
2	1	2	Radiology 10
3	4	4	Surgery 45
4	3	5	Oncology 17
5	18	3	Pathology 2
6	20	2	Surgery 22
7	17	7	Radiology 25
8	19	8	Surgery 10
9	21	6	Surgery 1

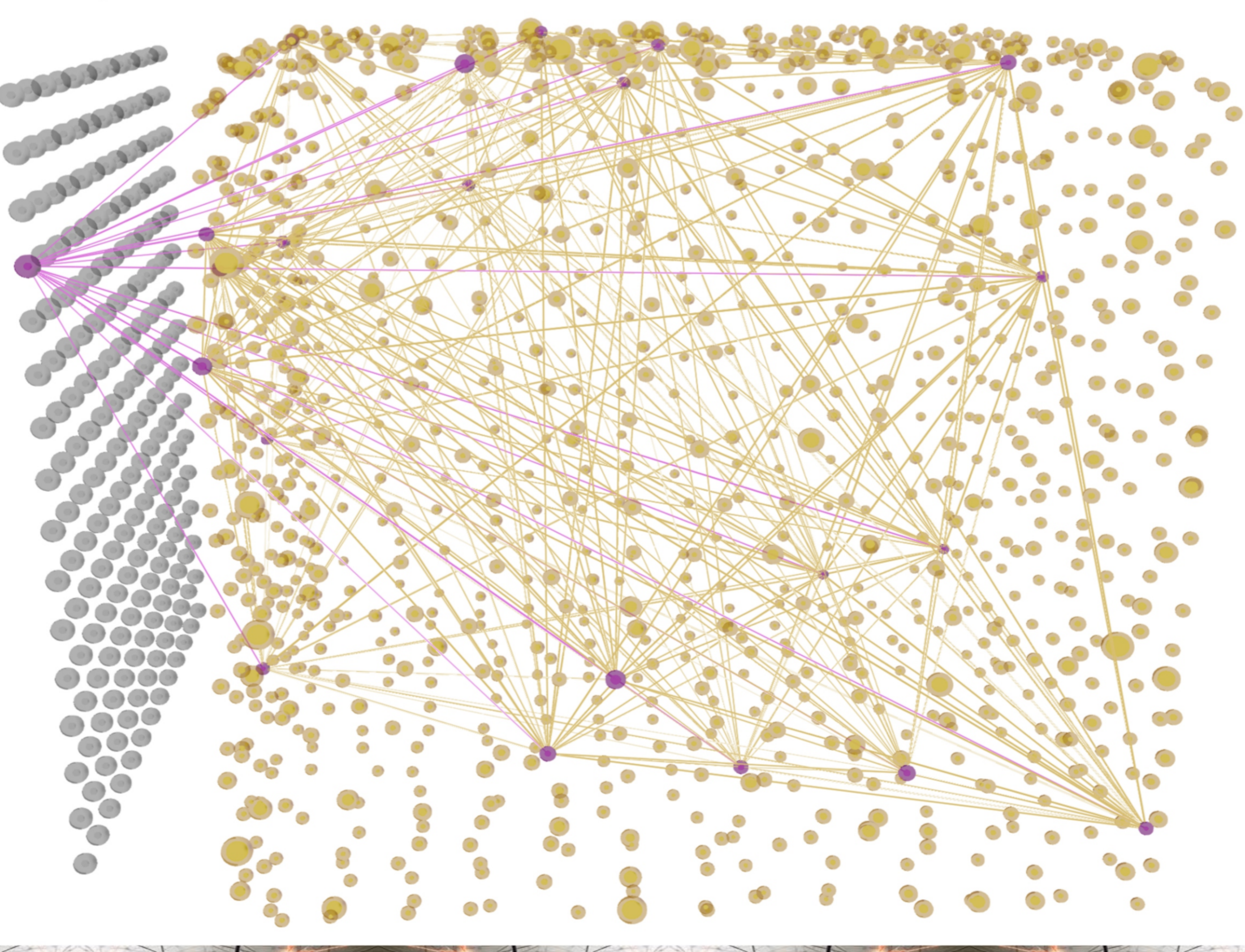
Conclusions

1. Sparse associative connections work like hard attention allowing the MAGNs to focus only on essential relationships.
2. The weights reproduce the strengths of these relationships, defined by the frequency of occurrences of values and objects.
3. This strategy does not require a long-lasting training process.



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Associative Transformation

