

Consistency Regularization for GNNs

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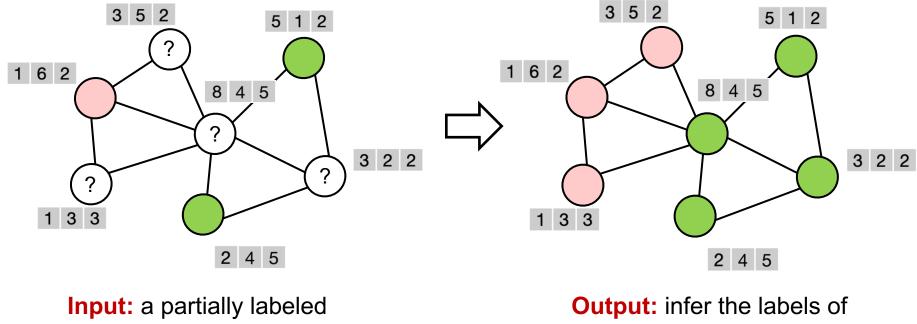
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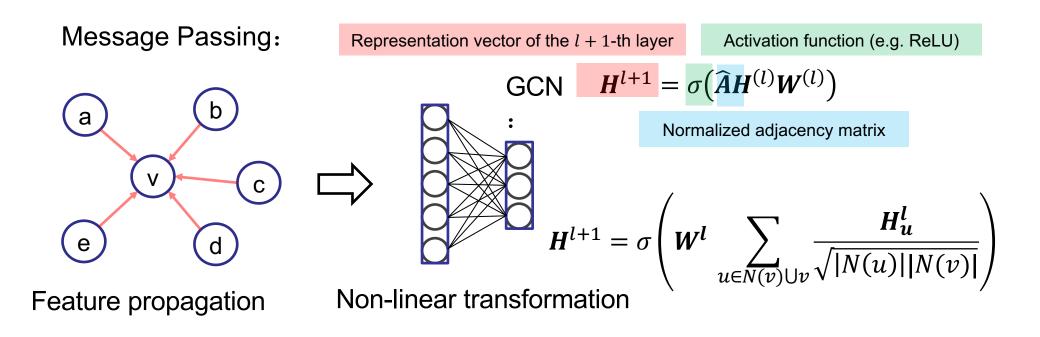
Semi-Supervised Learning on Graphs



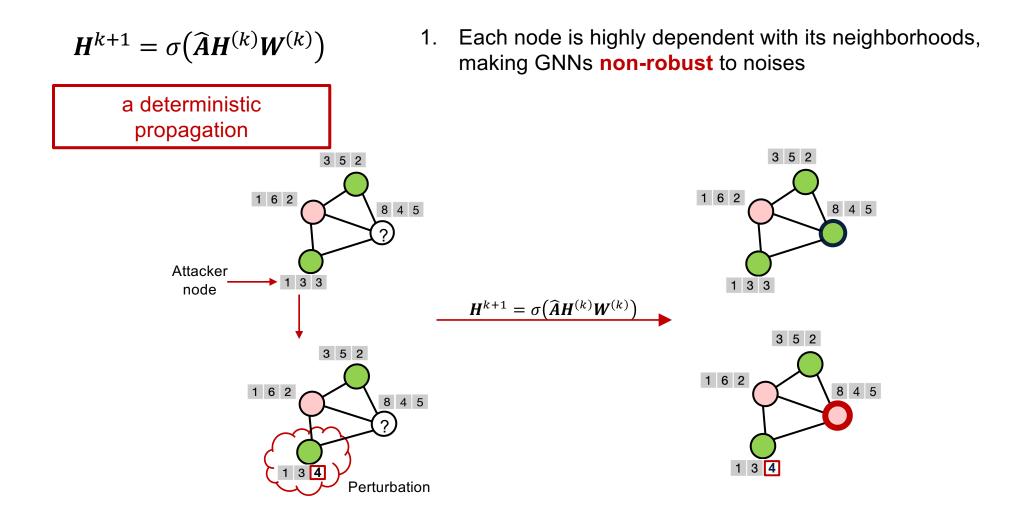
& attributed graph

unlabeled nodes

Graph Neural Networks (GNN)



Potential Issues of GNNs



• Zügner D, Akbarnejad A, Günnemann S. Adversarial attacks on neural networks for graph data. In KDD 2018.

Potential Issues of GNNs

$$\boldsymbol{H}^{k+1} = \sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{A}}\boldsymbol{H}^{(k)}\boldsymbol{W}^{(k)})$$

feature propagation is Laplacian smoothing, coupled with non-linear transformation

- 1. Each node is highly dependent with its neighborhoods, making GNNs non-robust to noises
- 2. Stacking many GNNs layers may cause over-smoothing.

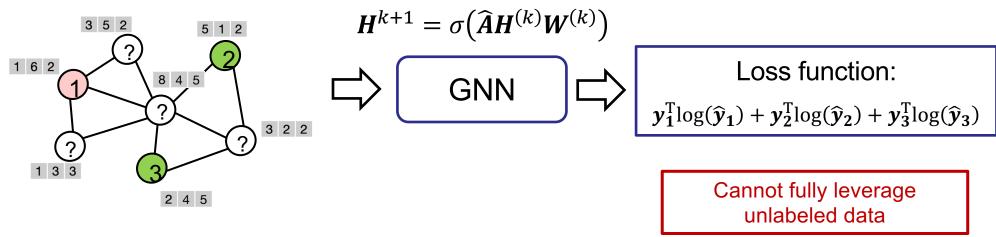
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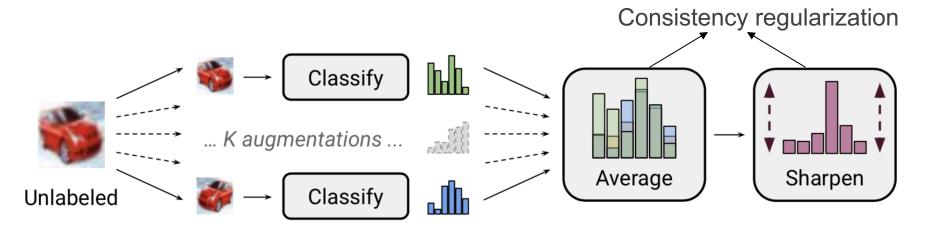
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- 2. Stacking many GNNs layers may cause over-smoothing.
- 3. Under semi-supervised setting, standard training method is easy to **over-fit** the scarce label information.

Standard training method for GNN:



Recent advances in Semi-Supervised Learning

• Improving models' generalization through image data augmentation and consistency regularization.

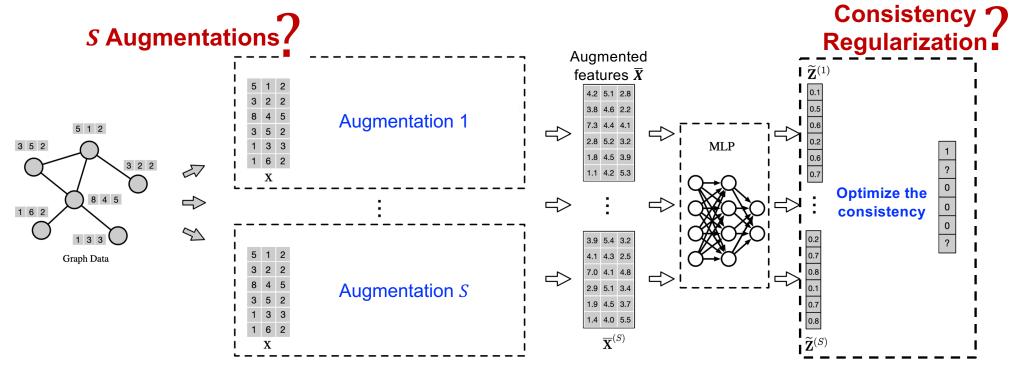


(Picture from MixMatch's paper)

• Berthelot D, Carlini N, Goodfellow I, et al. Mixmatch: A holistic approach to semi-supervised learning. In NIPS'19.

Graph Random Neural Network (GRAND)

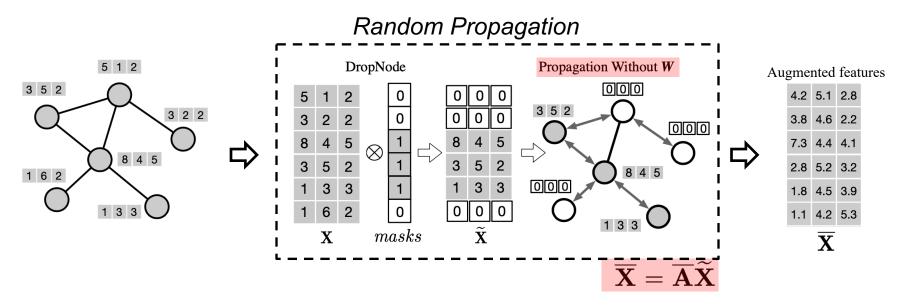
- Consistency Regularized Training:
 - Generates *S* data augmentations of the graph
 - Optimizing the consistency among *S* augmentations of the graph.



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Random Propagation in GRAND

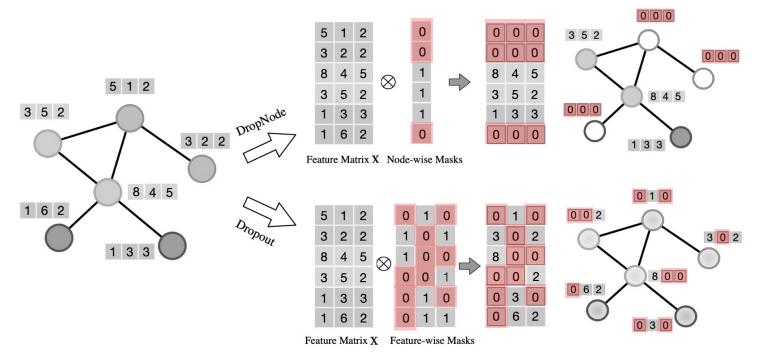
- Random Propagation (DropNode + Propagation):
 - Enhancing robustness: Each node is enabled to be not sensitive to specific neighborhoods.
 - Mitigating over-smoothing and overfitting: Decouple feature propagation from feature transformation.



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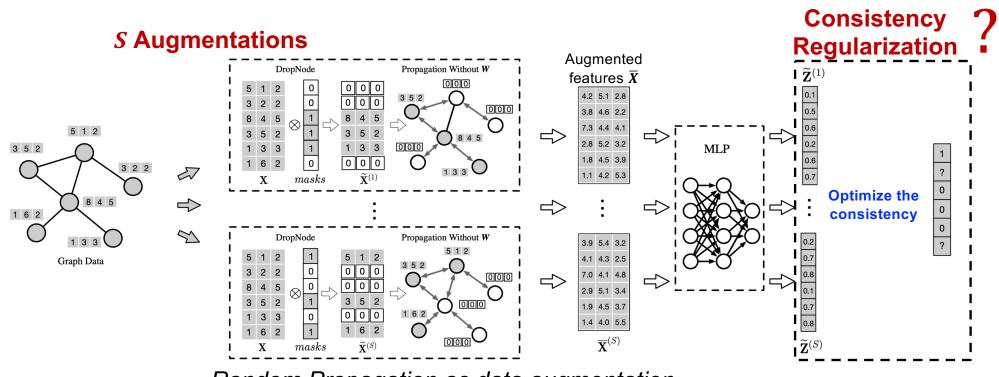
Random propagation: DropNode vs Dropout

- Dropout drops each element in X independently
- DropNode drops the entire features of selected nodes, i.e., the row vectors of *X*, randomly



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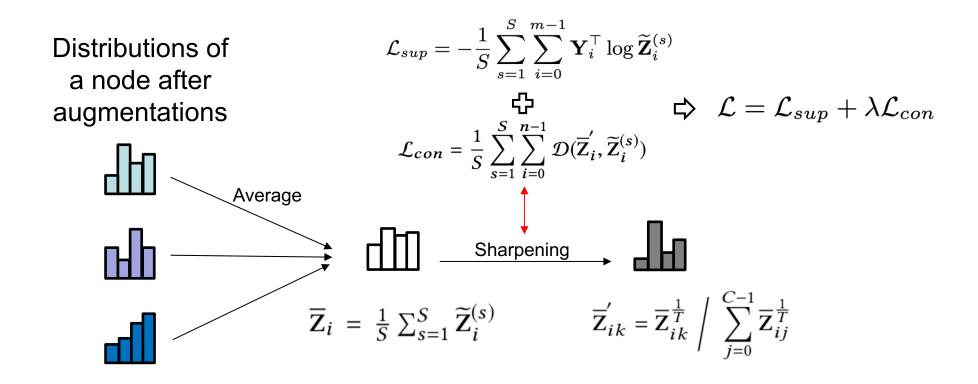
Consistency Regularization?



Random Propagation as data augmentation

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GRAND: Consistency Regularization



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Training Algorithm of GRAND

Input:

Adjacency matrix \hat{A} , feature matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, times of augmentations in each epoch *S*, DropNode probability δ .

Output:

Prediction Z.

- 1: while not convergence do
- 2: **for** s = 1 : S **do**
- 3: Apply DropNode via Algorithm 1: $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{(s)} \sim \text{DropNode}(\mathbf{X}, \delta)$.
- 4: Perform propagation: $\overline{\mathbf{X}}^{(s)} = \frac{1}{K+1} \sum_{k=0}^{K} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^k \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{(s)}$.
- 5: Predict class distribution using MLP: $\widetilde{\mathbf{Z}}^{(s)} = P(\mathbf{Y} | \overline{\mathbf{X}}^{(s)}; \Theta)$.
- 6: end for
- 7: Compute supervised classification loss \mathcal{L}_{sup} via Eq. 4 and consistency regularization loss via Eq. 6.
- 8: Update the parameters Θ by gradients descending:

$$\nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_{sup} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{con}$$

9: end while

10: Output prediction Z via Eq. 8.

Consistency Regularized Training Algorithm

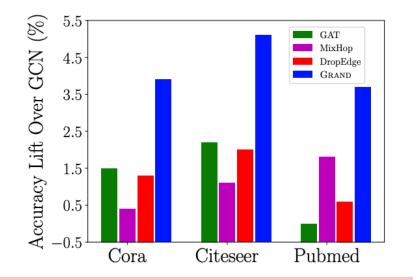
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GRAND Results

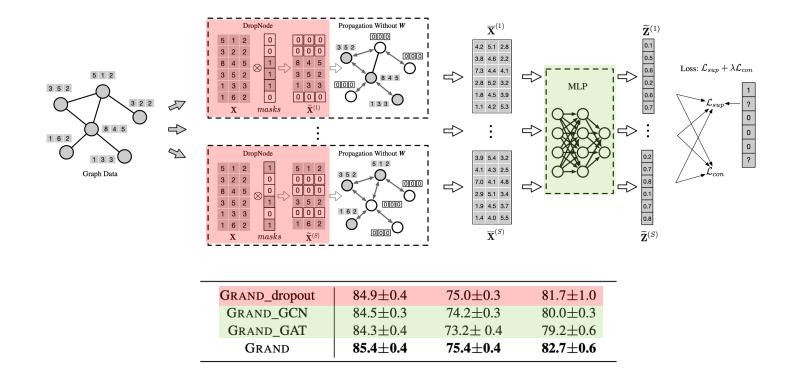
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	MixHop [1]	81.9 ± 0.4	71.4 ± 0.8	$80.8 {\pm} 0.6$
	GMNN [28]	83.7	72.9	81.8
	GraphNAS [12]	84.2 ± 1.0	73.1 ± 0.9	$79.6 {\pm} 0.4$
Sampling	GraphSAGE [16]	78.9±0.8	67.4±0.7	77.8±0.6
GCNs	FastGCN [7]	$81.4 {\pm} 0.5$	$68.8{\pm}0.9$	77.6 ± 0.5
-	VBAT [10]	83.6±0.5	74.0±0.6	79.9±0.4
Regularization	G ³ NN [24]	82.5 ± 0.2	74.4 ± 0.3	77.9 ± 0.4
GCNs	GraphMix [33]	83.9±0.6	74.5 ± 0.6	81.0 ± 0.6
GUNS	DropEdge [29]	82.8	72.3	79.6
-	GRAND	85.4±0.4	75.4±0.4	82.7±0.6



Instead of the marginal improvements by conventional GNN baselines over GCN, *GRAND* achieves much more significant performance lift in all three datasets!

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Results of Different Choices



Evaluation of the design choices in GRAND

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Ablation Study of GRAND

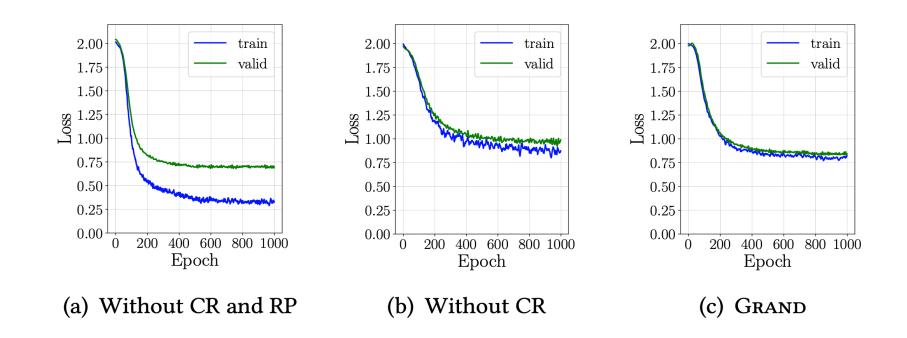
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w/o sharpening	84.6 ± 0.4	72.2 ± 0.6	$81.6 {\pm} 0.8$
w/o CR & DN	83.2±0.5	70.3±0.6	78.5±1.4

Ablation Study

- 1. Each of the designed components contributes to the success of GRAND.
- 2. GRAND w/o consistency regularization outperforms almost *all 8 nonregularization based GCNs & DropEdge*

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Analysis of CR and RP

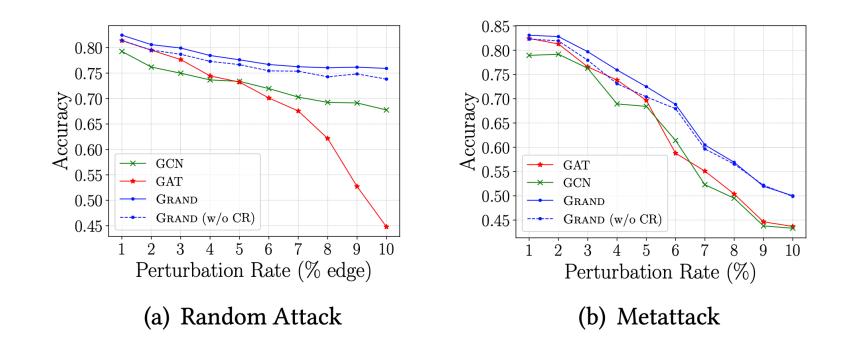


Generalization

1. Both the random propagation and consistency regularization improve GRAND's generalization capability

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Robustness Analysis

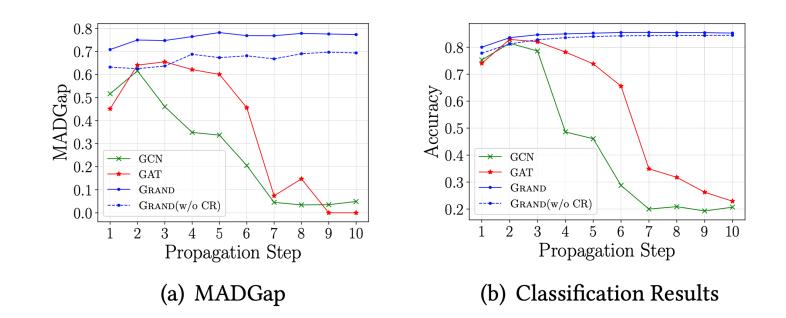


Robustness

1. GRAND (with or w/o) consistency regularization is more robust than GCN and GAT.

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Over-smoothing Analysis



Over-Smoothing

1. GRAND is very powerful to relieve over-smoothing, when GCN & GAT are very vulnerable to it

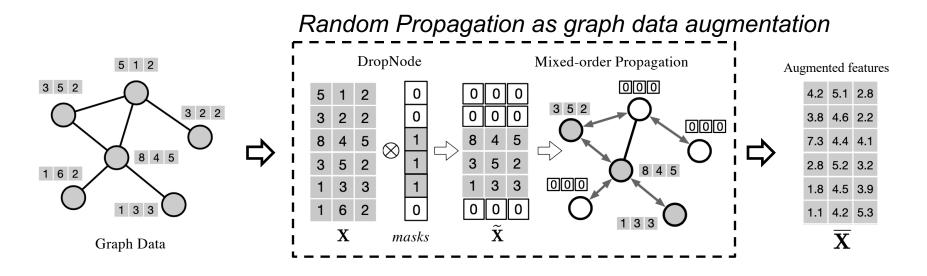
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GRAND+: Scalable Graph Random Neural Networks

Review GRAND

- Random Propagation (DropNode + Propagation):
 - Decouple the feature propagation from non-linear feature transformation.
 - Propagate feature with a mixed-order adjacency matrix: $\Pi = \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{1}{N+1} \widehat{A}^n$
 - Use DropNode to randomly aggregate neighbors' features



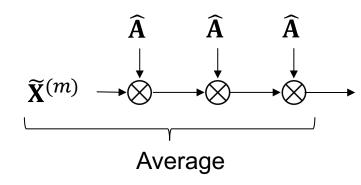
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Scalability limitation of GRAND

• Random Propagation in GRAND:

$$\overline{\mathbf{X}}^{(m)} = \mathbf{\Pi} \, \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^{(m)}, \qquad \mathbf{\Pi} = \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{1}{N+1} \, \widehat{\mathbf{A}}^n$$

• $\overline{\mathbf{X}}^{(m)}$ is calculated with power iteration:



Weak Scalability:

- Time/Memory complexity: O(|E| + |V|).
- Random propagation needs to be formed for multiple times at each epoch.

GRAND+: General Idea

- Mini-batch Radom Propagation:
 - Select a batch of nodes at each training step, and generate augmented features by

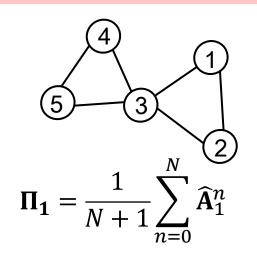
$$\overline{\mathbf{X}}_{s}^{(m)} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^{\pi}} \boldsymbol{z}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Pi}(s, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \cdot \mathbf{X}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}, \qquad \overline{\boldsymbol{z}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}} \sim Bernoulli(1 - \delta)$$
Non-zero elements in $\boldsymbol{\Pi}_{s}$
$$\boldsymbol{\Pi} = \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{1}{N+1} \widehat{\mathbf{A}}^{n}$$

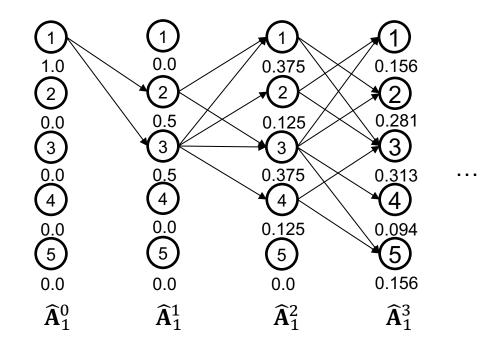
How to efficiently calculate the row vector Π_s ?

GRAND+: Matrix approximation

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \widehat{\mathbf{A}}^n$$

 $\widehat{\mathbf{A}} = \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-1}\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$ is random walk reverse transition matrix. $\mathbf{P}(s, v)$ indicates the random walk probability from s to v.





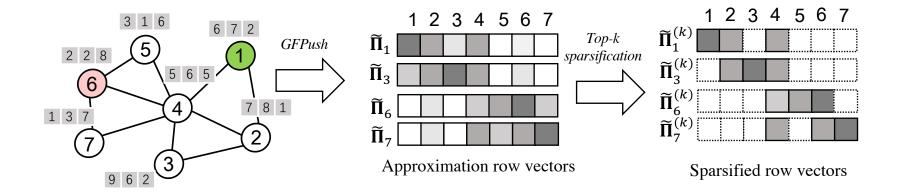
Random Walk Probability Diffusion Complexity: O(|E|) \bigcirc

GRAND+: Matrix approximation

Generalized Forward Push (GFPush) Memory Complexity: T/r_{max}

GRAND+: Matrix approximation

- Approximation method:
 - GFPush: Generate an error bounded approximation $\widetilde{\Pi}_s$ for Π_s .
 - Top-*k* sparsification: Truncate $\widetilde{\Pi}_s$ for top-*k* elements.



GRAND+: Mini-batch Radom Propagation

• Mini-batch Random Propagation with Approximation:

$$\overline{\mathbf{X}}_{s}^{(m)} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}_{v}^{(k)}} \mathbf{z}_{v} \cdot \widetilde{\mathbf{\Pi}}^{(k)}(s, v) \cdot \mathbf{X}_{v}, \qquad \mathbf{z}_{v} \sim Bernoulli(1 - \delta)$$
Non-zero elements in $\widetilde{\mathbf{\Pi}}_{v}^{(k)}$

• Prediction:

 $\widehat{\mathbf{Y}}^{(m)} = \mathrm{MLP}(\overline{\mathbf{X}}^{(m)}_{s}, \Theta)$

With batch size as b, the time complexity is $O(b \cdot k)$, which is independent of graph size

Scalability: Adopt GFPush to approximately calculate the propagation matrix , and adopt mini-batch method for model training

GRAND+: Propagation matrix

• Propagation Matrix in GRAND:

$$\Pi = \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{1}{N+1} \widehat{\mathbf{A}}^n, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{A}} = \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-1} \widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$$

• Generalized Mixed-order Matrix:

$$\Pi = \sum_{n=0}^{N} w_n \widehat{\mathbf{A}}^n, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{A}} = \widetilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-1} \widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$$

Flexibility: Using a set of tunable weights $\{w_t | 0 \le t \le T\}$ to control the importance of different orders of neighborhoods

Confidence-aware Consistency Regularization

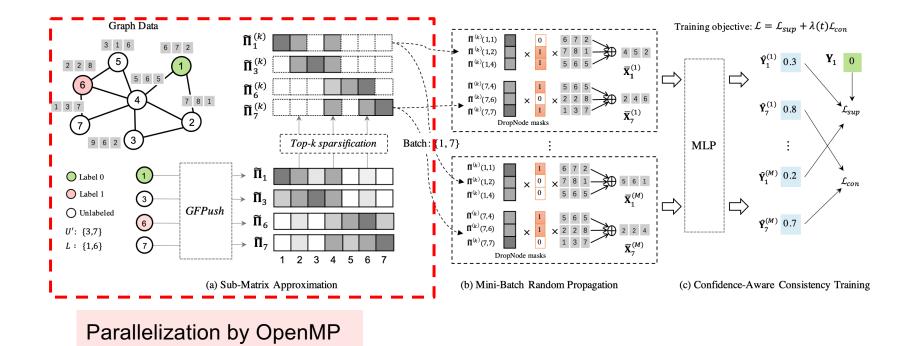
• Confidence-aware Consistency Loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_{con} = \frac{1}{b_u \cdot M} \sum_{s \in U_n} \mathbb{1}(\max(\overline{\mathbf{Y}}_s) \geq \gamma) \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{D}(\widetilde{\mathbf{Y}}_s, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_s^{(m)}),$$

Confidence term: Filter out unlabeled nodes that have low confidence

Effectiveness: Further improving prediction performance

GRAND+ Architecture



GRAND+: Better scalability & generalization capability

GRAND+ Experiments

Category	Method	Cora	Citeseer	Pubmed
	GCN	81.5 ± 0.6	71.3 ± 0.4	79.1 ± 0.4
Full-batch	GAT	83.0 ± 0.7	72.5 ± 0.7	79.0 ± 0.3
	APPNP	84.1 ± 0.3	71.6 ± 0.5	79.7 ± 0.3
GNNs	GCNII	85.5 ± 0.5	73.4 ± 0.6	80.3 ± 0.4
	GRAND	85.4 ± 0.4	75.4 ± 0.4	82.7 ± 0.6
	FastGCN	81.4 ± 0.5	68.8 ± 0.9	77.6 ± 0.5
Scalable	GraphSAINT	81.3 ± 0.4	70.5 ± 0.4	78.2 ± 0.8
GNNs	SGC	81.0 ± 0.1	71.8 ± 0.1	79.0 ± 0.1
GININS	GBP	83.9 ± 0.7	72.9 ± 0.5	80.6 ± 0.4
	PPRGo	82.4 ± 0.2	71.3 ± 0.3	80.0 ± 0.4
Our	GRAND+ (P)	$\textbf{85.8} \pm \textbf{0.4}$	$\textbf{75.6} \pm \textbf{0.4}$	84.5 ± 1.1
Methods	GRAND+ (A)	85.5 ± 0.4	75.5 ± 0.4	$\textbf{85.0} \pm \textbf{0.6}$
	GRAND+ (S)	85.0 ± 0.5	74.4 ± 0.5	84.2 ± 0.6

Table 2: Classification Accuracy (%) on Benchmarks.

Better generalization performance: Achieves 2.3% improvements over GRAND on Pubmed.

GRAND+ Experiments

Table 3: Accuracy (%) and Running Time (s) on Large Graphs.

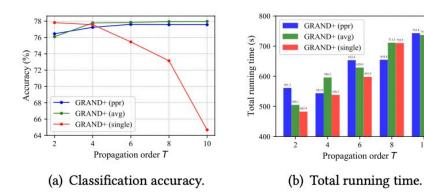
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Method	Acc	RT	Acc	RT	Acc	RT	Acc	RT
GRAND	53.1±1.1	750	ООМ	-	OOM	-	OOM	-
FastGCN	48.9±1.6	69	89.6±0.6	158	72.9±1.0	239	64.3±5.6	4220
GraphSAINT	51.8±1.3	39	92.1±0.5	39	75.9±1.3	189	75.0±1.7	6009
SGC	50.2±1.2	9	92.5±0.2	31	74.9±0.5	69	-	>24h
GBP	52.7±1.7	21	88.7±1.1	370	70.1±0.9	280	-	>24h
PPRGo	51.2±1.4	11	91.3±0.2	233	67.6±0.5	160	72.9±1.1	434
GRAND+ (P)	53.9±1.8	17	93.3±0.2	183	75.6±0.7	188	77.6±1.2	653
GRAND+ (A)	54.2±1.7	14	93.5±0.2	174	75.9±0.7	136	80.0±1.1	737
GRAND+ (S)	54.2±1.6	10	92.8±0.2	62	76.2±0.6	80	77.8±0.9	483

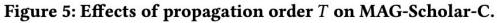
Scalability:

- 40 times faster than GRAND on Aminer-CS.
- 8 times faster than FastGCN on MAG.
- 12 times faster than GraphSAINT on MAG.
- Achieves comparable running time and 4.9% improvement than PPRGo on MAG.

Parameter Analysis

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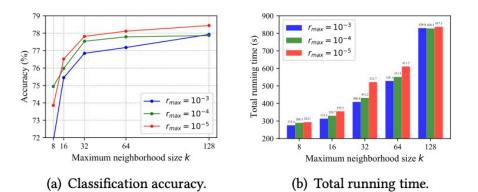
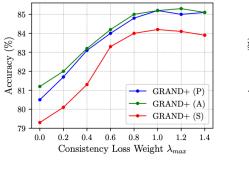
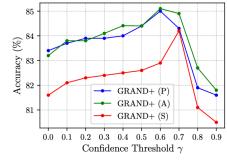


Figure 4: GRAND+ w.r.t. k and r_{max} on MAG-Scholar-C.





(a) Accuracy w.r.t. λ_{max} .

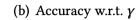


Figure 2: Effects of λ_{max} and γ on Pubmed.

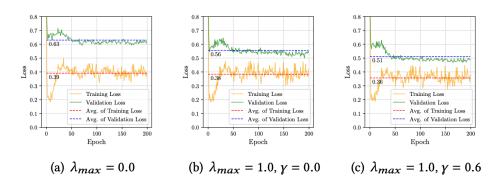
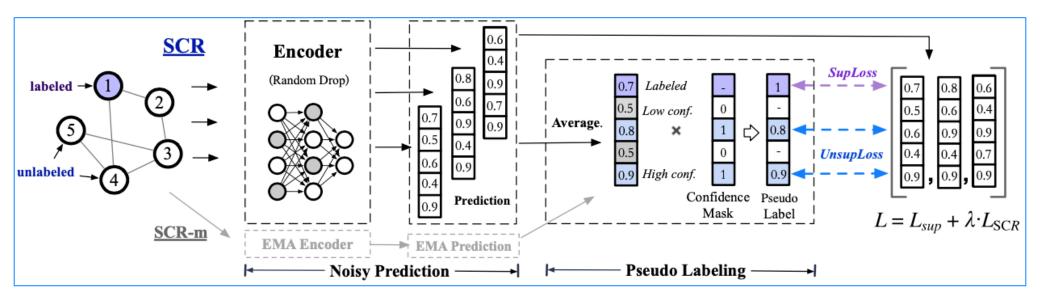


Figure 3: Training and Validation Losses on Pubmed.



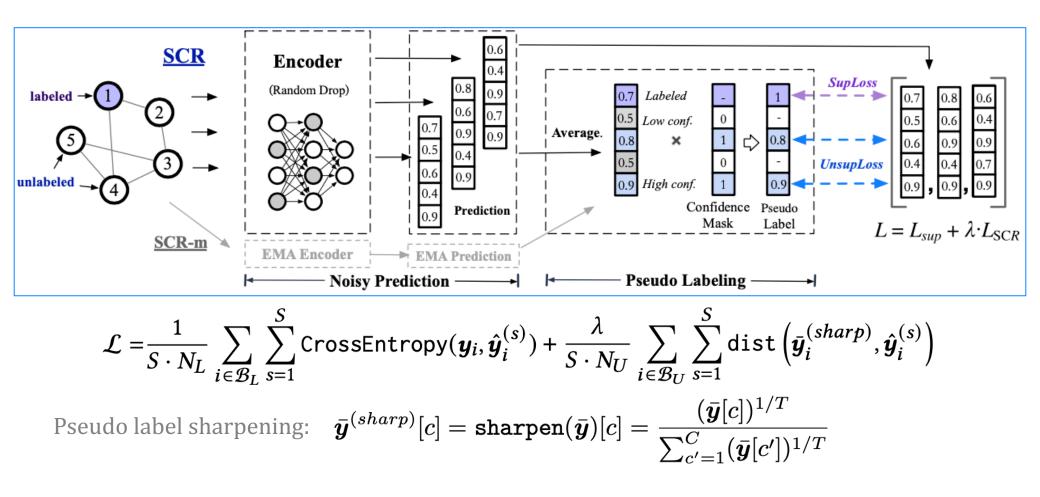
SCR: Training Graph Neural Networks with Consistency Regularization

The SCR Framework



- Noisy Prediction Generation: Get multiple predictions with different dropout masks
- Pseudo Labeling: obtain pseudo labels for unlabeled data
 - SCR: averages the noisy predictions
 - SCR-m: exploits an EMA teacher encoder

The SCR Framework



SCR Results on OGB.

Methods	Arch.	C&S	Validation	Test
_	MLP		75.54 ± 0.14	61.06 ± 0.08
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	MLP	V	91.47 ± 0.09	84.18 ± 0.07
	GCN	-	92.00 ± 0.03	
	GraphSAGE	-	92.24 ± 0.07	78.50 ± 0.14
	SIGN	-	92.99 ± 0.04	80.52 ± 0.16
	SAGN	-	93.09 ± 0.04	81.20 ± 0.07
	GAMLP	-	93.12 ± 0.03	83.54 ± 0.09
E	SAGN	-	93.09 ± 0.07	84.68 ± 0.12
Æ	SAGN	\checkmark	93.02 ± 0.03	84.85 ± 0.10
U	GAMLP	-	93.24 ± 0.05	84.59 ± 0.10
CR	GAMLP	-	93.30 ± 0.06	84.07 ± 0.06
CR-m	GAMLP	-	93.19 ± 0.03	84.62 ± 0.03
U + SCR	GAMLP	-	92.92 ± 0.05	85.05 ± 0.09
U + SCR	GAMLP	\checkmark	93.04 ± 0.05	$\textbf{85.20}\pm0.08$
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LE	SAGN	-	93.63 ± 0.05	86.22 ± 0.22
LE	SAGN	\checkmark	93.52 ± 0.05	86.43 ± 0.20
CR	SAGN	-	93.64 ± 0.05	86.67 ± 0.09
CR	SAGN	\checkmark	93.57 ± 0.04	86.80 ± 0.07
CR-m	SAGN	-	93.89 ± 0.02	86.51 ± 0.09
CR-m	SAGN	\checkmark	93.87 ± 0.02	$\textbf{86.73} \pm 0.08$

Table 2: Classification accuracy on ogbn-products. Results with gray are obtained by our proposed framework.

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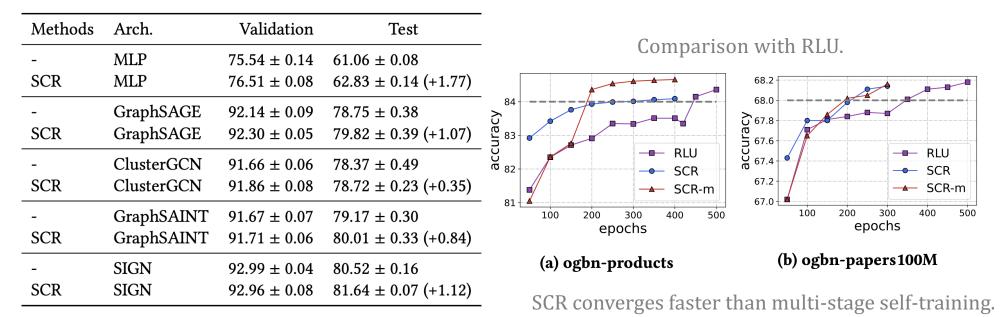
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- R-GCN 40.84 ± 0.41 39.77 ± 0).46
- SIGN $40.68 \pm 0.10 40.46 \pm 0$).12
- NARS 53.72 ± 0.09 52.40 ± 0).16
- NARS_SAGN 54.12 ± 0.15 52.32 ± 0).25
- NARS_GAMLP 55.48 ± 0.08 53.96 ± 0).18
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RLU NARS_GAMLP 57.02 ± 0.41 55.90 ± 0).27
SCR NARS_GAMLP 56.54 ± 0.21 54.32 ± 0).18
SCR-m NARS_GAMLP 55.90 ± 0.28 54.51 ± 0).19
RLU + SCR NARS_GAMLP 57.34 ± 0.35 56.31 ± 0).21

Table 4: Classification accuracy on ogbn-papers100M. Results with gray are obtained by our proposed framework.

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Experimental Results

Table 5: Classification accuracy with different GNNs as the base encoder on the ogbn-products dataset.



Applicability to various GNN architectures.

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Summary

- GRAND
 - non-robust, over-smoothing, over-fit problems
 - random propagation + consistency regularization
- GRAND+
 - scalable version of GRAND
 - mini-batch random propagation with approximation
- SCR
 - simple and general method for GNNs

Homework 6: GRAND Implementation

- Experiments on GRAND:
 - Due by 21st Aug.
 - Implement GRAND with **consistency regularization**
 - Test GRAND on the cora dataset
 - Discuss on consistency regularization
- Find the homework material from the course website: <u>https://cogdl.ai/gnn2022/</u>
- Bonus: post your discussion to: <u>https://discuss.cogdl.ai/t/topic/83</u>.



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