

# Semi-supervised classification with graph convolutional networks(GCN)

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# Introduction

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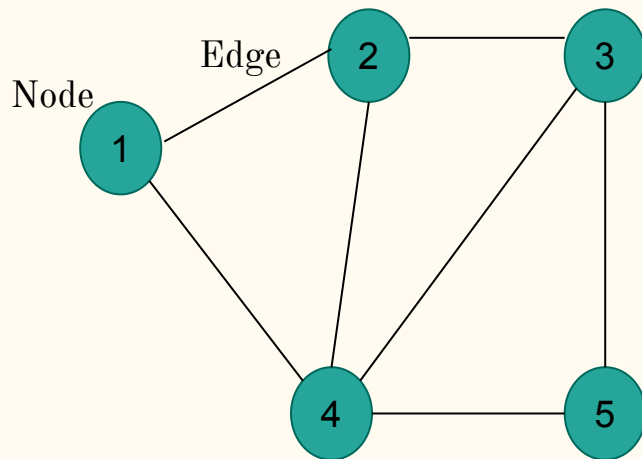
# Idea



- Introducing CNN on graph structured data.
  - Encode local graph structure and features of the nodes.
  - Use scalable approach on semi supervised classification of nodes.
  - Adopt first order approximation of spectral convolutions.
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# Graph

- $G: (V, E)$  with  $N$  nodes  $v_i \in V$   
and  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ .
- Adjacency matrix is matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  representing the graph  $G$ .
- Degree matrix  $D$  is a diagonal matrix containing the information about degree of each node.

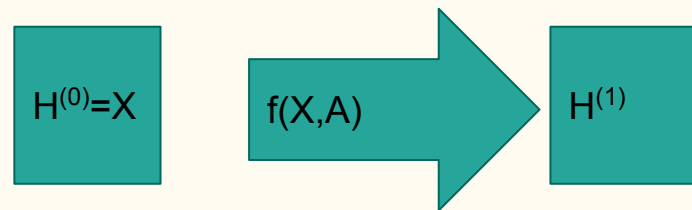


# Convolutions on Graph

- Consider neural network function  $f(X, A)$
- The layer wise propagation rule is

$$H^{(l+1)} = \sigma ( D^{-1/2} \tilde{A} D^{-1/2} H^{(l)} W^{(l)})$$

- $\tilde{A} = A + I_N$  ,  $D_{ii} = \sum_j \tilde{A}_{ij}$
- $W$ : Weight matrix and  $\sigma$ : activation function like ReLu.



# Spectral convolutions

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- Spectral convolution on graph is the product of signal  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and filter  $g_\theta$ :

$$g_\theta * x = U g_\theta U^T x \quad (1)$$

- $U$ : matrix of eigenvectors of the normalized graph Laplacian  $L$ .
- $L = I_N - D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2}$
- $U^T x$ : graph fourier transform of  $x$
- $g_\theta$ : diagonal matrix parametrized by  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$



- As computing eq(1) is expensive, then we can approximate it by a truncated expansion

$$g_{\theta}(\Lambda) \approx \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k T_k(\tilde{\Lambda}) \quad (2)$$

- $\tilde{\Lambda} = (2/\lambda_{\max})\Lambda - I_N$ , with  $\lambda_{\max}$  denotes the largest eigenvalue of  $L$ .
- $T_k(\tilde{\Lambda}) = 2\tilde{\Lambda}T_{k-1}(\tilde{\Lambda}) - T_{k-2}(\tilde{\Lambda})$  with  $T_0(\tilde{\Lambda}) = 1$  and  $T_1(\tilde{\Lambda}) = \tilde{\Lambda}$  : Chebyshev polynomials.
- The equation (1) becomes  $g_{\theta}^* x = \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k T_k(\tilde{L}) x \quad (3)$
- It is denoted  $K^{\text{th}}$ -order polynomial in the Laplacian, with  $\tilde{L} = (2/\lambda_{\max})L - I_N$ .

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- GCN is linear scale of equation (3)
- $k=1, \lambda_{\max}=2, g_{\theta}^* x \approx \theta_0 x + \theta_1 (L - I_N) x$

$$= \theta_0 x - \theta_1 D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2} x$$

- In practice,  $g_{\theta}^* x \approx \theta(I_N + D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2})x$ ,  $\theta = \theta_0 = \theta_1$
- In NN to avoid exploding/vanishing gradient we consider  $\tilde{A} = A + I_N$

$$\longrightarrow Z = g_{\theta}^* x = (D^{-1/2} \tilde{A} D^{-1/2}) x \theta$$

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times F}$  : matrix of filter parameters

$Z \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times F}$ : convolved signal

$C$  : input channels,  $F$ : filters.

# Implementation

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- We consider a two-layer GCN for semi-supervised node classification on a graph.
- Semi-supervised document classification in citation networks.
- Datasets: Citeseer, Cora, Pubmed.

# Results

	Citeseer	Cora	Pubmed
GCN(paper)	67.9	80.1	78.9
GCN(me)	68.1	80.8	78.7

# Conclusion

- GCN model uses an efficient layer-wise propagation rule that is based on a first-order approximation of spectral convolutions on graphs.
- GCN model is capable of encoding both graph structure and node features in a way useful for semi-supervised classification.
- GCN outperform other method like MLP.

Thank You

