# Complexity Analysis of Graph Convolutional Networks and in Attention based GNN

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#### **Definitions**

- Graph G = (V, E, A)
- N = |V| nodes,  $N \times N$  adjacency matrix A
- Average degree of d
- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times F}$ : embeddings of all  $v \in V$
- Each embedding  $x \in \mathbb{R}^F$
- D: the degree matrix of G
- $\hat{A}$ : A with all self-loops included
- $\hat{D}$ : D with all self-loops included

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## Graph Convolutional Networks (GCN) [3]

Normalized adjacency matrix with self-loops:

$$A' = \hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{A} \hat{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tag{1}$$

Output of Ith GCN layer:

$$X^{l+1} = \sigma(A'X^lW^l) \tag{2}$$

Alternatively:

$$Z' = X'W' \tag{3}$$

$$X^{l+1} = \sigma(A'Z^l) \tag{4}$$

(For simplicity, assume every layer is a mapping  $f: \mathbb{R}^{N \times F} \to \mathbb{R}^{N \times F}$ )

## **Implementation and Semantics**

- 1.  $Z^{\prime}=X^{\prime}W^{\prime}$ : input feature transformation. Dense matrix multiplication
- 2. A'Z': GAS/message passing
- 3.  $\sigma(\cdot)$ : nonlinearity

## **GAS/Message Passing**

Everyone [5][2][4][1] computes  $A^{\prime}Z^{\prime}$  roughly as follows:

- 1. Create messages: normalize each  $z_i \in Z^I$
- 2. Scatter: compute  $A'Z^I$  with a sparse multiplication
- 3. Update (optional): additional update to each embedding (e.g., additive bias)

## Time and Space Complexity

- $Z^1 = X^I W^I$ : dense  $(N \times F) \times (F \times F)$  multiplication  $\to O(NF^2)$  time,  $O(NF + F^2)$  space
- A'Z': sparse  $(N \times N) \times (N \times F)$  multiplication  $\rightarrow$  O(NdF) = O(|E|F) time, O(NF) space
- $\sigma(A'Z')$ : O(NF) time for ReLU, O(NF) space

#### 1 Layer:

Time:  $O(NF^2 + |E|F + NF) = O(NF^2 + |E|F)$ 

Space:  $O(NF + F^2)$ 

#### L Layers:

Time:  $O(LNF^2 + L|E|F)$ 

Space:  $O(LNF + LF^2)$ 

#### **Backward Pass**

We seek to compute:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial W^{1}} = \Big(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{Y}}\Big) \Big(\frac{\partial \hat{Y}}{\partial Z^{L}}\Big) \Big(\frac{\partial Z^{L}}{\partial X^{L}}\Big) ... \Big(\frac{\partial Z^{I}}{\partial X^{I}}\Big) \Big(\frac{\partial X^{I}}{\partial Z^{I-1}}\Big) ... \Big(\frac{\partial X^{2}}{\partial Z^{1}}\Big) \Big(\frac{\partial Z^{1}}{\partial W^{1}}\Big) \quad (5$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathsf{X}^1} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \hat{\mathsf{Y}}}\right) \left(\frac{\partial \hat{\mathsf{Y}}}{\partial \mathsf{Z}^L}\right) \left(\frac{\partial \mathsf{Z}^L}{\partial \mathsf{X}^L}\right) \dots \left(\frac{\partial \mathsf{Z}^I}{\partial \mathsf{X}^I}\right) \left(\frac{\partial \mathsf{X}^I}{\partial \mathsf{Z}^{I-1}}\right) \dots \left(\frac{\partial \mathsf{X}^2}{\partial \mathsf{Z}^1}\right) \left(\frac{\partial \mathsf{Z}^1}{\partial \mathsf{X}^1}\right) \tag{6}$$

Which can be done efficiently when formulated as:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial W^{l-1}} = \left( X^{l-1} \right)^{\top} \left( A^{\prime} \right)^{\top} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial X^{l}} \right) \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathsf{X}^{l-1}} = \left(\mathsf{A}^{\prime}\right)^{\top} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathsf{X}^{l}}\right) \left(\mathsf{W}^{l-1}\right)^{\top} \tag{8}$$

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