
Enhancing Molecular Property Prediction with Auxiliary Learning and Task-Specific Adaptation

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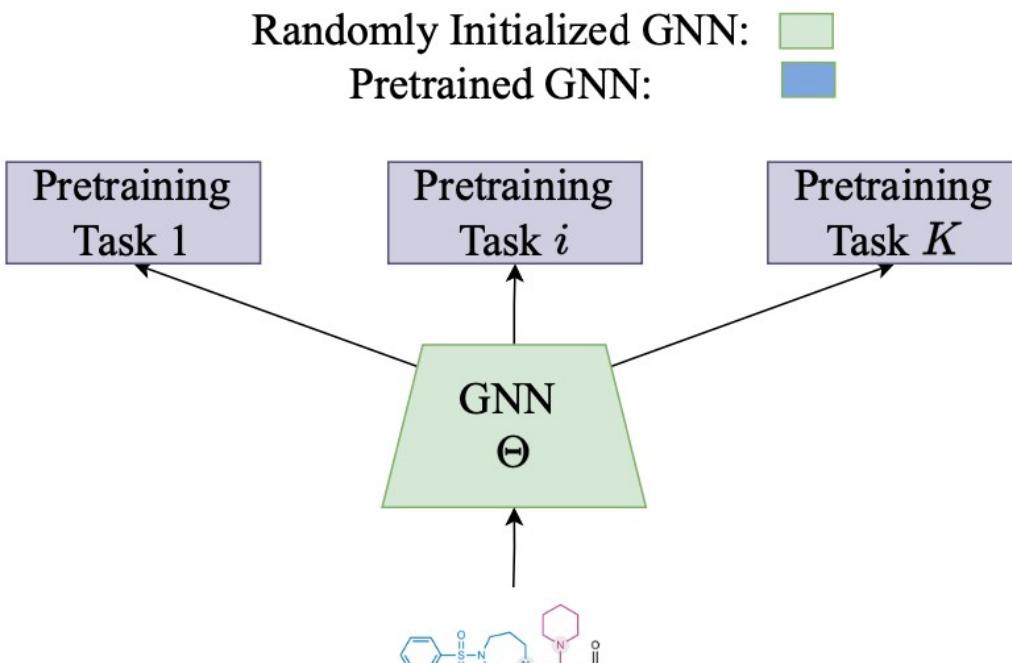
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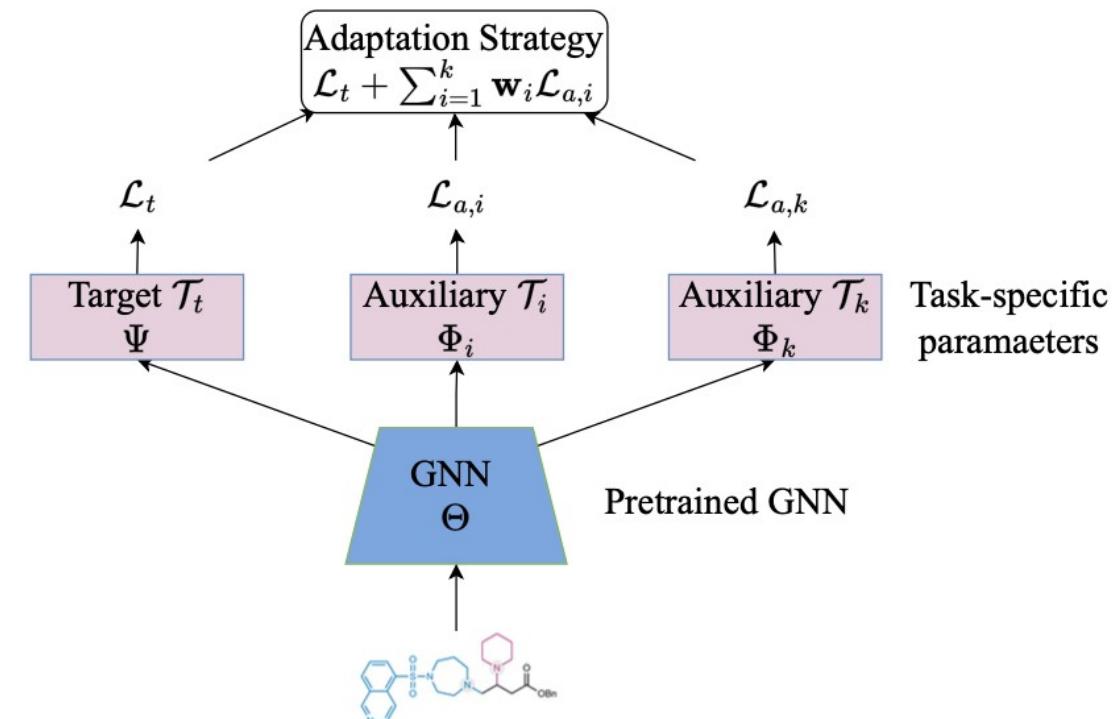
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Introduction –

- Problems with traditional pre-training fine-tuning approach,
- Their contribution.



(a) Pretraining Stage



(b) Adaptation Stage

Methods –

- Transfer knowledge to off-the-shelf GNNs using existing SSL objectives!
- masked atom prediction (AM), edge prediction (EP), context prediction (CP), graph infomax (IG), and motif prediction (MP),
- Formally,

$$\min_{\Theta, \Psi, \Phi_{i \in \{1..k\}}} \mathcal{L}_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{w}_i \mathcal{L}_{a,i},$$

- And then,

$$\Theta^{(t+1)} := \Theta^{(t)} - \alpha \left(\mathbf{g}_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{g}_{a,i} \right)$$

Methods –

- Gradient Cosine Similarity –

$$\Theta^{(t+1)} := \Theta^{(t)} - \alpha \left(\mathbf{g}_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \max(0, \cos(\mathbf{g}_t, \mathbf{g}_{a,i})) \mathbf{g}_{a,i} \right)$$

- Gradient Scaling –

$$\Theta^{(t+1)} := \Theta^{(t)} - \alpha \left(\mathbf{g}_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_t\|}{\|\mathbf{g}_{a,i}\|} \mathbf{g}_{a,i} \right)$$

- Bi-level optimization! (also learn \mathbf{w}).

$$\mathbf{w}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})}(\Theta^*(\mathbf{w})), \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Theta^*(\mathbf{w}) = \arg \min_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_f(\Theta, \mathbf{w})$$

Methods –

- Upon simplification,

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})}(\Theta^*(\mathbf{w})) = \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \Theta^*(\mathbf{w}) = -\nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})} \cdot (\nabla_{\Theta}^2 \mathcal{L}_f)^{-1} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_f$$

Algorithm 1 Learning Task Weights with BLO

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1: Input:  $N, r, \alpha$ 
2: Initialize  $\mathbf{w}$  with  $1/k$ ,  $\Theta$  from pretrained GNN,  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$  with default Xavier initializer
3: for epoch from 1 to  $N$  do
4:   Compute  $\mathcal{L}_f = \mathcal{L}_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{w}_i \mathcal{L}_{a,i}$ 
5:    $\Theta \leftarrow \Theta - \alpha \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_f$ ,  $\Phi \leftarrow \Phi - \alpha \nabla_{\Phi} \mathcal{L}_a$ ,  $\Psi \leftarrow \Psi - \alpha \nabla_{\Psi} \mathcal{L}_t$ 
6:   if  $epoch \% r == 0$  then
7:      $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})}(\Theta(\mathbf{w}))$   $\triangleright$  Algorithm 2
8:   end if
9: end for
10: Return  $\Theta, \mathbf{w}$ 
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Algorithm 2 Computing $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})}(\Theta(\mathbf{w}))$

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1: Input:  $\mathcal{L}_f, \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})}$ , current  $\mathbf{w}, \Theta$  from Algorithm 1,  $M, \beta$ 
2: Initialize  $p = q = \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_t^{(\mathcal{A})}|_{(\mathbf{w}, \Theta)}$ 
    $\triangleright$  Hessian inverse approximation
3: for  $j$  from 1 to  $M$  do
4:    $p = p - \beta p \nabla_{\Theta}^2 \mathcal{L}_f$ 
5:    $q = q + p$ 
6: end for
7: Return  $-q \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_f|_{(\mathbf{w}, \Theta)}$ 
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Experiments –

- Wider set of auxiliary tasks {AM,CP,EP,IG,MP},

Method	SIDER	ClinTox	BACE	BBBP	Tox21	ToxCast	HIV	MUV
FT	62.05 (0.40)	71.36 (0.70)	82.68 (1.14)	67.42 (0.66)	77.55 (0.07)	66.18 (0.14)	78.60 (0.80)	81.25 (2.17)
GTOT	61.98 (0.12)	71.48 (0.77)	82.15 (2.20)	71.34 (0.76)	77.85 (0.52)	64.90 (0.72)	80.03 (0.19)	82.38 (1.52)
MTL	56.39 (0.29)	55.69 (2.65)	77.11 (5.11)	64.89 (0.30)	74.31 (0.24)	64.32 (0.25)	76.79 (0.59)	80.81 (0.74)
GCS	59.52 (1.08)	63.10 (2.46)	85.49 (0.40)	71.23 (0.26)	74.84 (0.36)	65.96 (0.14)	76.69 (0.20)	75.20 (2.42)
GNS	62.14 (0.37)	68.07 (1.58)	84.76 (0.30)	71.60 (0.88)	76.44 (0.16)	66.24 (0.11)	77.87 (0.13)	83.77 (1.25)
BLO	58.09 (0.50)	65.33 (2.23)	84.28 (3.51)	69.18 (0.46)	76.04 (0.46)	65.93 (0.30)	78.62 (0.48)	82.74 (0.32)

- Smaller set of auxiliary tasks {AM,IG,MP},

Method	SIDER	ClinTox	BACE	BBBP	Tox21	ToxCast	HIV	MUV
FT	62.05 (0.40)	71.36 (0.70)	82.68 (1.14)	67.42 (0.66)	77.55 (0.07)	66.18 (0.14)	78.60 (0.80)	81.25 (2.17)
GTOT	61.98 (0.12)	71.48 (0.77)	82.15 (2.20)	71.34 (0.76)	77.85 (0.52)	64.90 (0.72)	80.03 (0.19)	82.19 (1.52)
MTL	58.80 (0.38)	60.82 (1.58)	83.67 (0.42)	72.50 (0.25)	75.22 (0.28)	65.05 (0.27)	78.18 (1.31)	81.26 (2.33)
GCS	63.10 (0.17)	64.84 (2.21)	84.94 (0.42)	68.53 (5.93)	77.41 (0.13)	66.63 (0.14)	79.23 (0.15)	82.56 (1.42)
GNS	62.46 (0.19)	65.44 (1.01)	85.02 (0.23)	72.38 (0.26)	76.62 (0.30)	65.96 (0.14)	79.18 (0.28)	82.22 (0.11)
BLO	63.46 (0.33)	63.06 (0.36)	85.22 (0.36)	73.12 (0.50)	77.94 (0.35)	66.64 (0.16)	80.08 (0.44)	81.83 (0.91)

Experiments (from Appendix) –

- Wider set of auxiliary tasks {AM,CP,EP,IG,MP} + GraphMVP-C,

Method	SIDER	ClinTox	BACE	BBBP	Tox21	ToxCast	HIV	MUV
FT	62.73 (0.40)	68.52(7.19)	80.07 (0.98)	70.92 (0.71)	73.71(0.61)	64.13 (0.68)	75.01 (1.25)	72.45(2.87)
GTOT	60.83 (0.55)	73.17 (5.63)	78.36(2.30)	62.09(1.70)	74.30 (0.59)	64.67 (0.11)	74.78(1.94)	72.63(0.83)
MTL	51.31(1.47)	52.84(5.23)	57.20(4.83)	51.08(2.02)	60.53(1.78)	55.02(0.45)	72.12(3.15)	72.26(7.09)
GCS	57.97(0.54)	69.20 (1.59)	78.00(3.22)	68.27(1.06)	74.14(0.29)	60.87(0.63)	74.80 (1.19)	73.49(0.21)
GNS	58.37(2.71)	65.91(7.41)	80.98 (0.61)	71.82 (0.41)	74.87 (0.35)	63.97(0.16)	72.88(1.15)	76.20 (2.28)
BLO	58.89(1.21)	67.26(1.60)	74.88(5.21)	68.18(0.64)	73.63(0.29)	61.93(0.87)	74.29(1.74)	74.69 (1.34)

- Smaller set of auxiliary tasks {IG,MP} + GraphMVP-C,

Method	SIDER	ClinTox	BACE	BBBP	Tox21	ToxCast	HIV	MUV
FT	62.73 (0.40)	68.52(7.19)	80.07(0.98)	70.92(0.71)	73.71(0.61)	64.13 (0.68)	75.01(1.25)	72.45(2.87)
GTOT	60.83(0.55)	73.17 (5.63)	78.36(2.30)	62.09(1.70)	74.30(0.59)	64.67 (0.11)	74.88(1.94)	72.63(0.83)
MTL	60.29(1.87)	61.76(4.14)	78.41(0.50)	72.05(1.67)	73.75(0.40)	61.59(1.07)	75.19(0.53)	74.18 (4.59)
GCS	63.34 (0.34)	71.43 (2.53)	80.48 (1.73)	71.04(2.33)	74.73 (0.16)	63.28(1.49)	77.06 (0.86)	72.42(2.43)
GNS	61.62(1.44)	67.82(2.57)	81.02 (1.42)	72.26 (0.45)	75.12 (0.43)	62.98(0.30)	76.61 (1.50)	76.94 (0.18)
BLO	60.94(0.72)	68.54(0.53)	79.92(0.57)	72.71 (2.01)	73.86(0.63)	62.29(0.60)	74.75(0.76)	73.94(1.27)

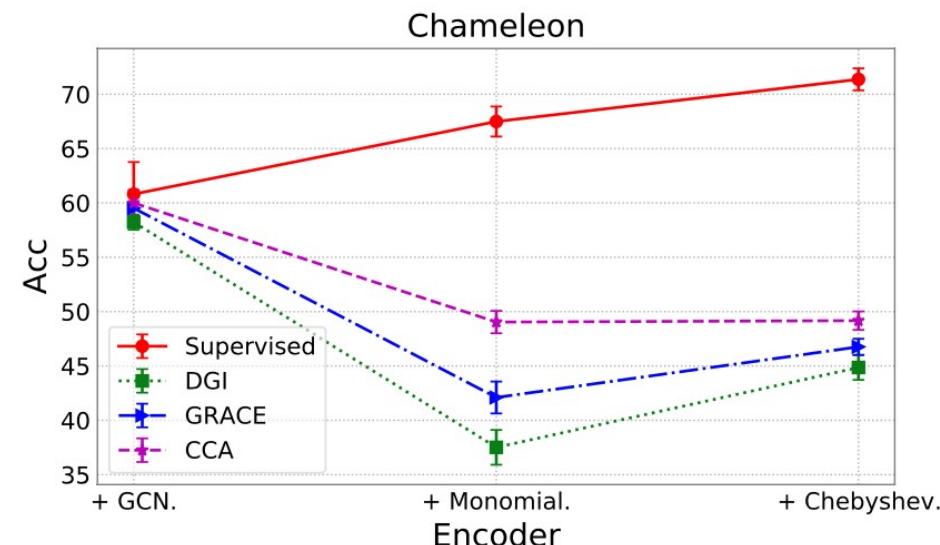
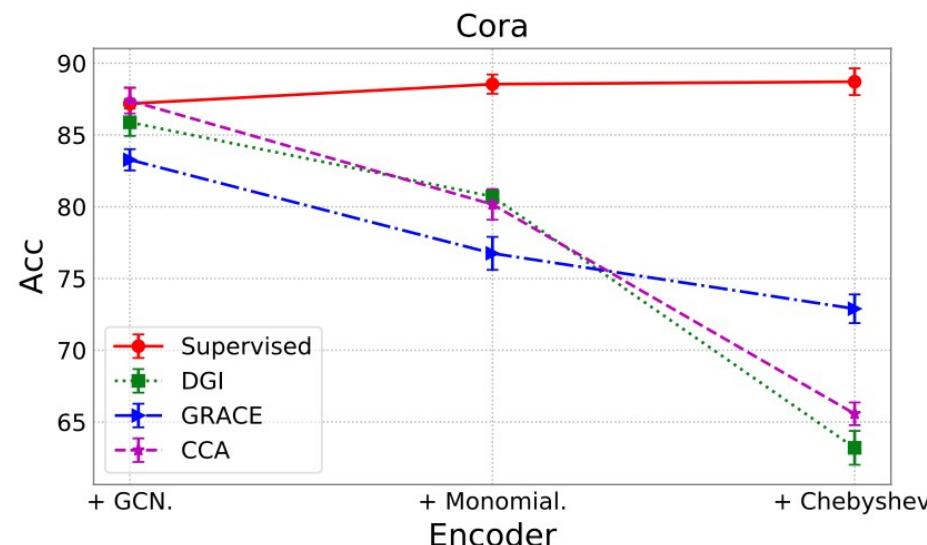
POLYGCL: GRAPH CONTRASTIVE LEARNING VIA LEARNABLE SPECTRAL POLYNOMIAL FILTERS

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Introduction –

- Current SSL/GCL techniques and homo-phility.,
- Spectral GNNs and heterophilic networks,
- *“How can we effectively introduce the properties of spectral polynomial filters into GCL to ensure the expressiveness on both homophilic and heterophilic settings?”*
- Problems with direct adaptation,



Contributions –

- Introduce polynomial filters into GCL,
- Prove that High-pass filters are necessary in heterophilic settings,
- SOTA performance.

Related Work –

- GCL –
 - Augmentation based,
 - Augmentation free.
- Spectral GNNs.

PolyGCL –

- Directly using polynomial filters + GCL doesn't work!
- Decouple low-pass and high-pass filters to fit only one.

$$\sum_{k=0}^K w_k T_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{X}, \text{ where } \hat{\mathbf{L}} = 2\mathbf{L}/\lambda_{max} - \mathbf{I},$$

$$w_k = \frac{2}{K+1} \sum_{j=0}^K \gamma_j T_k(x_j),$$

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{j+1/2}{K+1}\pi\right), j = 0, \dots, K$$

$$\gamma_i^H = \sum_{j=0}^i \gamma_j, \quad \gamma_i^L = \gamma_0 - \sum_{j=1}^i \gamma_j, i = 1, \dots, K,$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_L = \sum_{k=0}^K w_k^L T_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{Z}_H = \sum_{k=0}^K w_k^H T_k(\hat{\mathbf{L}}) \mathbf{X},$$

PolyGCL –

- Optimization Objective,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{BCE}} = \frac{1}{4N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \log \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{Z}_L^i, \mathbf{g}) + \log (1 - \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_L^i, \mathbf{g})) + \log \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{Z}_H^i, \mathbf{g}) + \log (1 - \mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_H^i, \mathbf{g})) \right)$$

- Training Algorithm.

Algorithm 1: Training Algorithm for PolyGCL

Input: Node features \mathbf{X} , input adjacency \mathbf{A} , initialized encoders \mathcal{E} , initialized coefficients α, β , maximum iterations T , polynomial order K .

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1 for  $epoch = 0, 1, \dots, T$  do
2    $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} \leftarrow \text{shuffle}(\mathbf{X});$  % corruption
3    $\gamma_0^L = \gamma_0^H = \gamma_0$  % initialize  $\gamma_0^L, \gamma_0^H$  with  $\gamma_0$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ 
4   for  $i = 1, \dots, K$  do
5      $\gamma_i^H = \sum_{j=0}^i \text{ReLU}(\gamma_j);$  % high-pass encoder
6      $\gamma_i^L = \gamma_0 - \sum_{j=1}^i \text{ReLU}(\gamma_j);$  % low-pass encoder
7     Obtain  $\mathcal{E}^L$  and  $\mathcal{E}^H$  via  $\gamma_i^L$  and  $\gamma_i^H$  respectively shown in equation 3
8      $\mathbf{Z}_L \leftarrow \mathcal{E}^L(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}), \mathbf{Z}_H \leftarrow \mathcal{E}^H(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A});$  % positive embeddings
9      $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_L \leftarrow \mathcal{E}^L(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{A}), \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_H \leftarrow \mathcal{E}^H(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{A});$  % negative embeddings
10     $\mathbf{Z} = \alpha \mathbf{Z}_L + \beta \mathbf{Z}_H;$  % linear combination
11    Compute loss via equation 4 and update parameters in  $\mathcal{E}^L$  and  $\mathcal{E}^H$ ;
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Output: \mathcal{E}^L and \mathcal{E}^H with frozen parameters; learned coefficients α, β .

PolyGCL –

- A lot of theoretical analysis!

Experiments –

- Synthetic datasets

Methods	$\phi = -1$	$\phi = -0.75$	$\phi = -0.5$	$\phi = -0.25$	$\phi = 0$	$\phi = 0.25$	$\phi = 0.5$	$\phi = 0.75$	$\phi = 1$
DGI	83.04 ± 0.92	93.24 ± 0.54	85.75 ± 0.49	68.41 ± 0.94	59.95 ± 0.78	68.70 ± 0.60	84.04 ± 0.61	91.53 ± 0.42	82.68 ± 0.72
MVGRL	68.80 ± 1.00	84.35 ± 0.78	78.81 ± 0.63	64.14 ± 1.05	59.09 ± 1.15	70.74 ± 0.73	89.91 ± 0.58	95.95 ± 0.37	89.13 ± 0.55
GGD	82.90 ± 0.83	92.76 ± 0.63	85.56 ± 0.58	66.63 ± 0.66	56.00 ± 0.51	67.06 ± 1.06	84.22 ± 0.61	91.75 ± 0.45	83.84 ± 0.76
GMI	54.47 ± 0.94	54.38 ± 0.71	50.70 ± 0.91	50.41 ± 0.64	51.79 ± 0.39	59.57 ± 0.93	82.28 ± 0.76	93.74 ± 0.46	96.01 ± 0.48
CCA-SSG	50.55 ± 0.75	52.71 ± 1.08	51.21 ± 0.98	50.88 ± 0.85	51.16 ± 0.67	56.33 ± 0.90	72.41 ± 1.20	90.83 ± 0.62	62.03 ± 0.91
BGRL	49.86 ± 0.77	49.47 ± 0.74	49.95 ± 0.90	50.21 ± 0.87	54.58 ± 0.99	60.80 ± 0.56	70.79 ± 1.01	74.46 ± 0.79	68.69 ± 0.96
GBT	57.41 ± 1.43	64.99 ± 0.53	58.84 ± 0.80	51.80 ± 0.87	57.55 ± 0.69	72.62 ± 0.63	91.09 ± 0.37	97.80 ± 0.25	96.03 ± 0.38
GRACE	98.74 ± 0.28	97.55 ± 0.17	90.06 ± 0.50	68.74 ± 1.01	56.85 ± 1.12	66.70 ± 0.91	89.50 ± 0.60	97.41 ± 0.25	98.78 ± 0.28
GCA	76.56 ± 0.92	85.56 ± 0.40	78.96 ± 0.43	62.32 ± 0.89	58.01 ± 1.07	65.30 ± 1.15	77.16 ± 1.03	81.38 ± 0.59	75.54 ± 0.76
GraphCL	58.82 ± 1.06	57.89 ± 0.68	52.91 ± 0.70	50.18 ± 0.59	51.25 ± 0.76	55.11 ± 0.56	62.54 ± 1.13	65.57 ± 1.17	71.31 ± 1.01
GREET	50.82 ± 0.67	58.79 ± 0.52	59.91 ± 1.09	63.57 ± 0.76	65.99 ± 0.64	71.04 ± 0.67	80.17 ± 0.50	83.11 ± 0.53	75.93 ± 1.19
POLYGCL	98.84 ± 0.17	94.23 ± 0.31	90.82 ± 0.50	75.43 ± 0.68	66.51 ± 0.69	69.43 ± 0.65	88.22 ± 0.72	98.09 ± 0.29	99.29 ± 0.23

Experiments –

- Real-world datasets.

Methods	Cora	Citeseer	Pubmed	Cornell	Texas	Wisconsin	Actor	Chameleon	Squirrel
DGI	85.88 \pm 0.95	76.44 \pm 0.80	82.13 \pm 0.24	70.82 \pm 7.21	81.48 \pm 2.79	75.00 \pm 2.00	32.09 \pm 1.18	58.23 \pm 0.70	38.80 \pm 0.76
MVGRL	87.36 \pm 0.64	78.70 \pm 0.64	86.30 \pm 0.23	67.70 \pm 4.75	73.11 \pm 4.75	74.25 \pm 4.13	32.98 \pm 0.53	57.75 \pm 1.20	40.25 \pm 1.14
GGD	87.21 \pm 1.08	79.25 \pm 0.72	85.38 \pm 0.25	80.33 \pm 1.80	82.62 \pm 3.11	73.25 \pm 2.25	32.27 \pm 1.11	57.64 \pm 1.16	40.87 \pm 0.66
GMI	85.09 \pm 1.13	76.38 \pm 0.70	83.06 \pm 0.24	62.79 \pm 7.54	68.03 \pm 4.10	62.13 \pm 2.88	32.37 \pm 1.01	62.47 \pm 1.55	39.82 \pm 0.93
CCA-SSG	87.39 \pm 0.89	79.60 \pm 0.71	84.96 \pm 0.20	78.69 \pm 3.44	87.87 \pm 1.64	82.88 \pm 1.50	34.86 \pm 0.56	60.00 \pm 1.20	41.50 \pm 0.72
BGRL	84.45 \pm 0.66	74.84 \pm 1.04	83.06 \pm 0.29	59.84 \pm 2.95	69.84 \pm 3.61	62.88 \pm 4.13	32.48 \pm 0.67	64.09 \pm 1.27	47.02 \pm 0.88
GBT	84.89 \pm 1.13	76.59 \pm 0.68	86.10 \pm 0.23	59.18 \pm 9.34	72.79 \pm 6.56	62.38 \pm 3.00	34.34 \pm 0.67	68.77 \pm 1.25	48.86 \pm 0.80
GRACE	83.27 \pm 0.74	73.79 \pm 0.60	81.71 \pm 0.16	60.66 \pm 11.32	75.74 \pm 2.95	72.13 \pm 2.75	31.97 \pm 1.15	59.52 \pm 1.49	42.68 \pm 0.90
GCA	84.09 \pm 0.85	75.23 \pm 0.75	82.01 \pm 0.31	53.11 \pm 9.34	81.97 \pm 2.30	73.50 \pm 3.00	31.13 \pm 0.71	65.54 \pm 1.07	47.13 \pm 0.61
GraphCL	86.54 \pm 0.54	78.99 \pm 0.50	85.16 \pm 0.21	61.48 \pm 5.74	66.07 \pm 6.07	60.63 \pm 3.50	32.45 \pm 1.22	58.49 \pm 1.31	42.92 \pm 0.62
GREET	85.16 \pm 0.77	79.06 \pm 0.44	85.64 \pm 0.24	78.36 \pm 3.77	78.03 \pm 3.94	84.63 \pm 3.88	38.26 \pm 0.87	60.57 \pm 1.03	39.76 \pm 0.74
POLYGCL	87.57 \pm 0.62	79.81 \pm 0.85	87.15 \pm 0.27	82.62 \pm 3.11	88.03 \pm 1.80	85.50 \pm 1.88	41.15 \pm 0.88	71.62 \pm 0.96	56.49 \pm 0.72

Experiments –

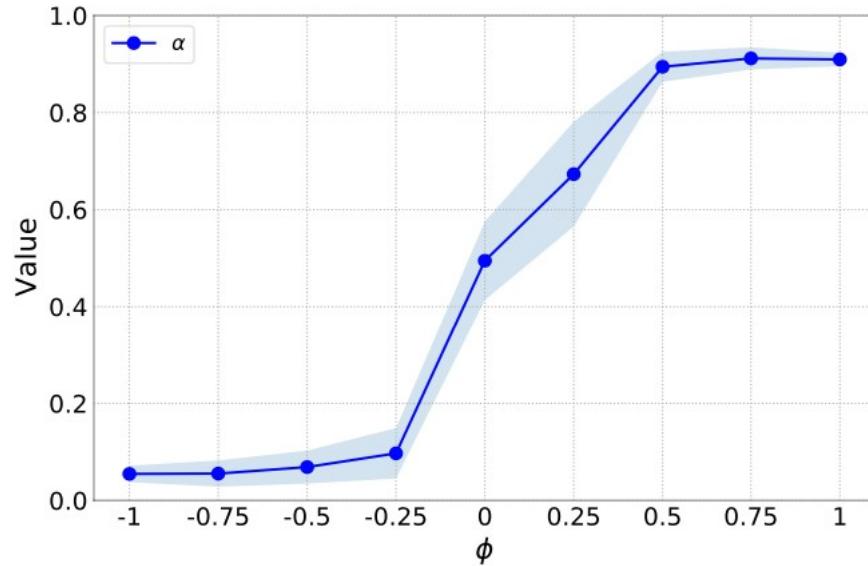
- Real-world datasets (specifically heterophilic).

Methods	Roman-empire	Amazon-ratings	Minesweeper	Tolokers	Questions
DGI	58.57 \pm 0.26	42.72 \pm 0.42	68.36 \pm 0.60	76.29 \pm 0.66	74.44 \pm 0.63
MVGRL	70.02 \pm 0.25	42.18 \pm 0.29	90.07 \pm 0.36	80.86 \pm 0.63	OOM
GGD	58.04 \pm 0.40	43.15 \pm 0.34	78.15 \pm 0.48	76.43 \pm 0.63	74.63 \pm 0.66
GMI	32.33 \pm 0.27	40.98 \pm 0.30	72.38 \pm 0.63	79.89 \pm 0.62	OOM
CCA-SSG	42.82 \pm 0.24	41.23 \pm 0.25	72.42 \pm 0.60	75.46 \pm 0.75	74.64 \pm 0.57
BGRL	39.34 \pm 0.32	41.17 \pm 0.25	72.82 \pm 0.60	79.73 \pm 0.61	72.27 \pm 0.55
GBT	45.96 \pm 0.34	43.58 \pm 0.28	72.39 \pm 0.56	75.74 \pm 0.78	75.98 \pm 0.88
GRACE	59.57 \pm 0.39	43.79 \pm 0.28	68.10 \pm 0.70	76.31 \pm 0.71	74.34 \pm 0.71
GCA	59.77 \pm 0.40	42.57 \pm 0.17	68.11 \pm 0.66	77.26 \pm 0.61	75.09 \pm 0.57
GraphCL	29.92 \pm 0.30	37.81 \pm 0.14	82.15 \pm 0.46	76.88 \pm 0.60	60.51 \pm 1.45
GREET	72.68 \pm 0.31	41.19 \pm 0.25	82.71 \pm 0.51	80.60 \pm 0.56	OOM
POLYGCL	72.97 \pm 0.25	44.29 \pm 0.43	86.11 \pm 0.43	83.73 \pm 0.53	75.33 \pm 0.67

Ablation Studies –

- α and β analysis with $\phi + \text{regularization}$.

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{U}^\top \Delta \mathbf{y} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{X}$$



	ArXiv-year
DGI	40.60 \pm 0.21
GGD	40.86 \pm 0.22
MVGRL	-
BGRL	OOM
GBT	41.90 \pm 0.26
CCA-SSG	40.76 \pm 0.25
GRACE	OOM
POLYGCL	43.07 \pm 0.23