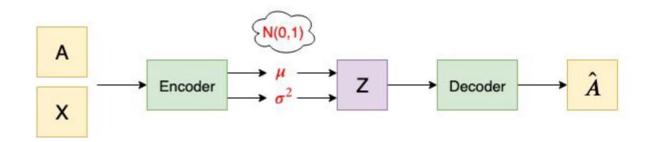
# Variational Graph AutoEncoders

## The architecture of the Encoder and Decoder



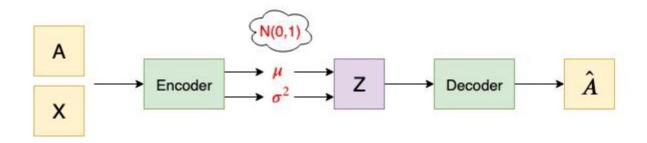
## **Encoder:** two layer GCN

$$GCN(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) = \tilde{\mathbf{A}} ReLU(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_0)\mathbf{W}_1$$

 $\mu = GCN_{\mu}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A})$  is the matrix of mean vectors  $\mu_i$ ; similarly  $\log \sigma = GCN_{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A})$ 

 $GCN_{\mu}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A})$  and  $GCN_{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A})$  share first-layer parameters  $\mathbf{W}_0$ 

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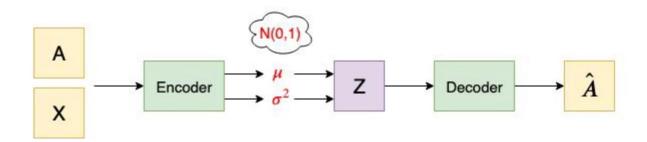


#### **Inference model:**

$$q(\mathbf{Z} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} q(\mathbf{z}_i \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}), \text{ with } q(\mathbf{z}_i \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i^2))$$
 
$$\underset{[1.4365e+00, 1.8989e-02, -2.2564e-02, 2.3635e-04, 3.4869e-02],}{[1.3924e+00, 2.3742e-03, -2.0968e-03, 5.6259e-04, 2.5119e-02],}$$
 
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$$[1.5349e+00, 1.7675e-02, 1.1449e-04, 1.0096e-02, 3.4326e-02],$$
 
$$[1.4815e+00, 3.5499e-03, -2.1504e-02, 1.0316e-02, 3.1015e-02],$$
 
$$[-7.1078e-01, -6.8555e-03, -4.6863e-02, -2.7428e-02, 3.4037e-02],$$
 
$$[-7.0468e-01, -7.9992e-04, -9.8651e-03, 1.2867e-02, -7.4852e-03],$$
 
$$[-6.9762e-01, 9.0425e-03, -2.3550e-02, -9.4596e-04, 5.3763e-03],$$
 
$$[-6.8976e-01, 2.0575e-02, 1.2874e-03, 2.2452e-02, -3.0748e-02],$$
 
$$[-7.8341e-01, 1.9478e-02, -1.7059e-02, -1.3157e-03, 9.0686e-03]],$$
 
$$\text{grad } \text{fn=}(\text{AddBackward0}),$$

Here,  $\mu$  and Z are  $N \times F$  matrices, in which F is the latent space dimension.

### The architecture of the Encoder and Decoder



#### **Generative model:**

$$p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{N} p(A_{ij} \mid \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j)$$
, with  $p(A_{ij} = 1 \mid \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j) = \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^{\top} \mathbf{z}_j)$ ,

where  $A_{ij}$  are the elements of **A** and  $\sigma(\cdot)$  is the logistic sigmoid function.

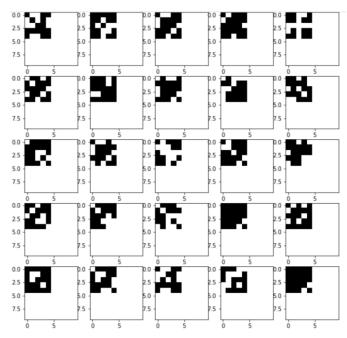
We optimize the variational lower bound  $\mathcal{L}$  w.r.t. the variational parameters  $\mathbf{W}_i$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{Z}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{A})} \left[ \log p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{Z}) \right] - \text{KL} \left[ q(\mathbf{Z} \mid \mathbf{X},\mathbf{A}) \mid\mid p(\mathbf{Z}) \right],$$

in which

Gaussian prior 
$$p(\mathbf{Z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{z_i}) = \prod_i \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_i \mid 0, \mathbf{I})$$

## Input for simulation



**Input**:  $N \times N$  adjacency matrix A and  $N \times D$  feature matrix X, where N is the number of nodes, D is the dimension of features.

For the upper left submatrix of A, let

$$A(i,j) \sim Bernoulli(p = 0.75); \ A(j,i) = A(i,j), \qquad for \ j \leq \frac{N}{2}, i < j.$$
  $A(i,j) = 0, elsewhere$ 

Let X be the one-hot matrix with respect to the node index.

# Hyperparameters

Optimizer: Adams optimizer with learning rate = 0.01

Epoches = 100000

## Sampling

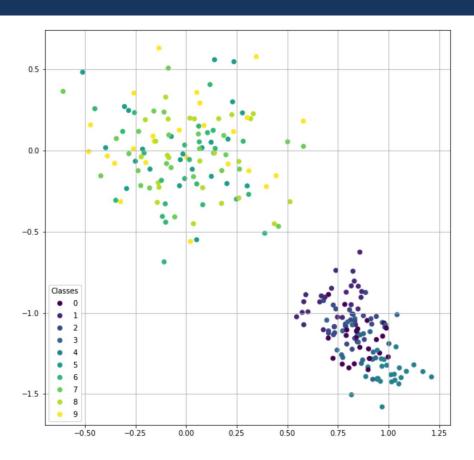
- Flatten the  $n N \times F \mu_i$  into  $1 \times NF$  vectors  $\mu'_i$ .
- Fit multivariate gaussian distributions  $\mathcal{N}_{\mu'}$  from  $\mu'_i$  with diagonal covariance matrix.
- Sample  $\mu'_{sample}$  from  $\mathcal{N}_{\mu'}$ .
- Restore  $\mu'_{sample}$  to  $N \times F$  matrix  $\mu_{sample}$ .
- Generate a latent variable z from  $\mu_{sample}$ :

$$q(z) = \mathcal{N}(z|\mu_{sample}, \text{mean}(\text{diag}(\sigma))$$

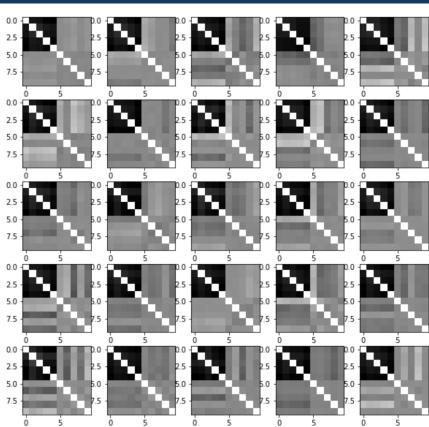
• Decode the latent variable z into a sampling adjacency matrix using the inner product decoder:

$$p(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{Z}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{N} p(A_{ij} \mid \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j)$$
, with  $p(A_{ij} = 1 \mid \mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j) = \sigma(\mathbf{z}_i^{\top} \mathbf{z}_j)$ 

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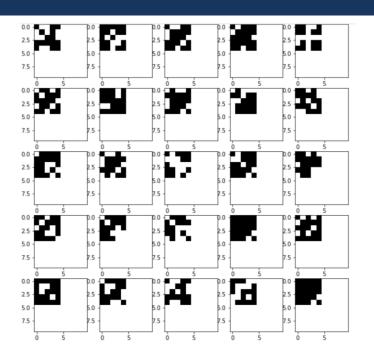


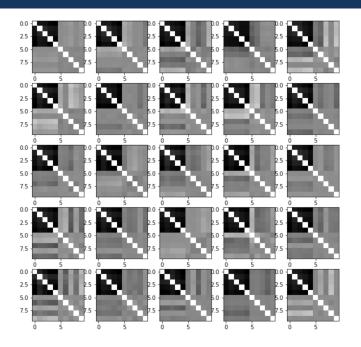
The  $\mu$  for each nodes for 25  $\mu$  sampled from the Gaussian distribution. The blue and purple points are the first five nodes (connected nodes). The yellow and green points are the last five nodes (empty nodes).



25 generated adjacency matrices.

# Comparision

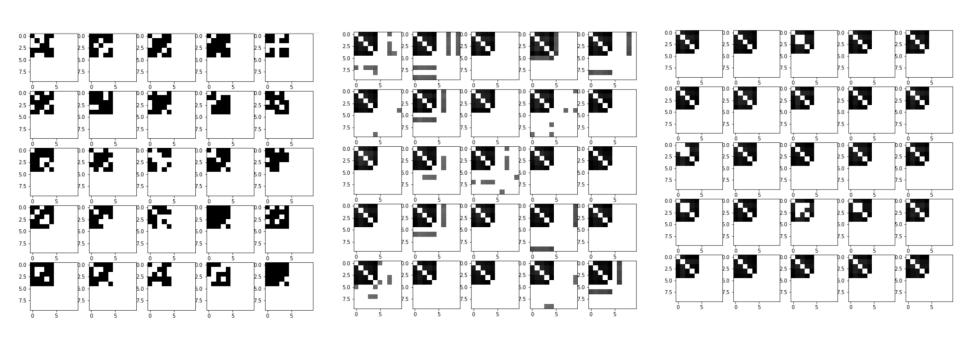




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# Comparision



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Generated with filter value=0.3

Generated with filter value=0.5