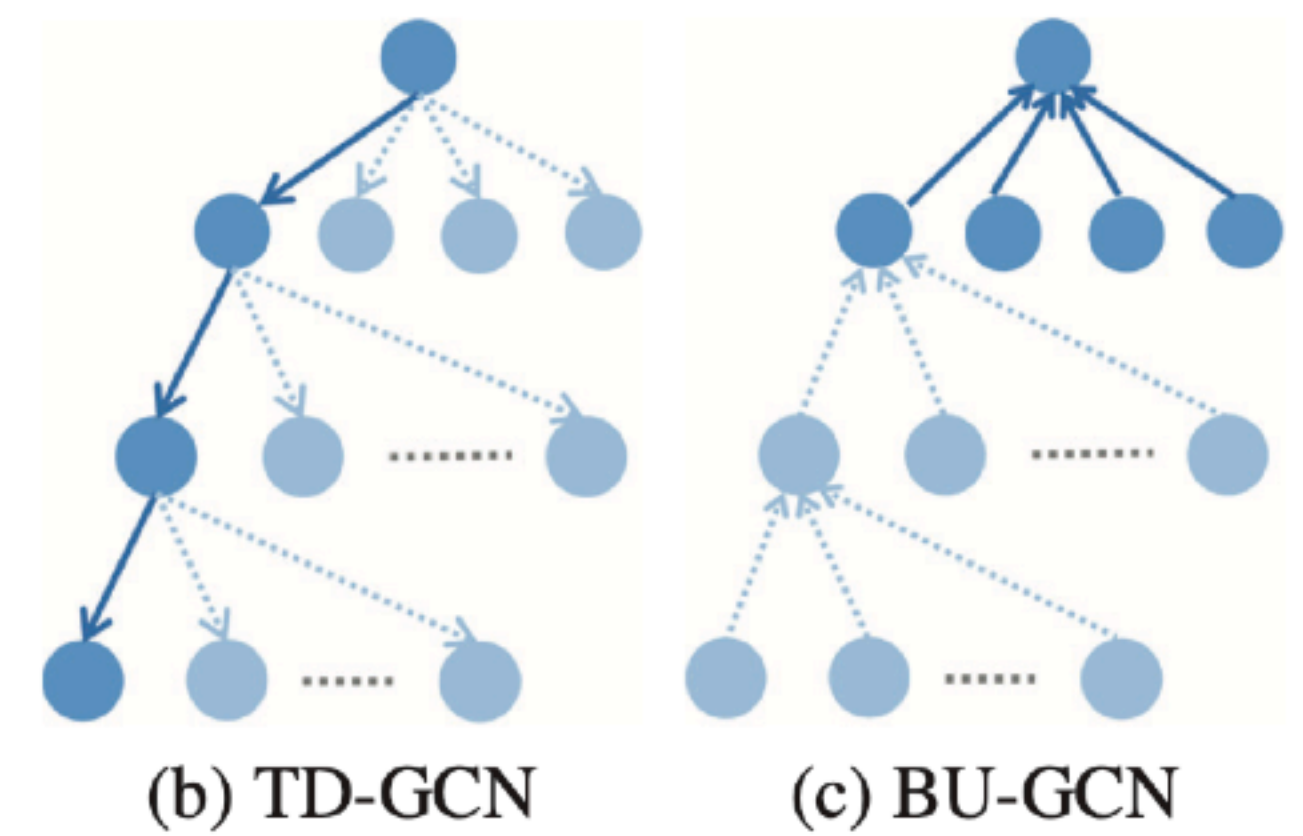


Introduction

Bi-directional GCN (Bi-GCN)



- To deal with both propagation and dispersion of rumors, proposed Bi-GCN.
- Obtains the features of
 - **Propagation** via **Top-Down** GCN (TD-GCN)
 - TD-GCN forwards information from the parent node of a node in rumor tree to formulate the rumor propagation
 - **Dispersion** via **Bottom-Up** GCN (BU-GCN)
 - BU-GCN aggregates information from the children nodes of a node in a rumor tree to represent rumor dispersion

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- Then, the representations of propagation and dispersion **pooled** from the embedding of TD-GCN and BU-GCN are **merged together through full connections** to make the final result.
- Meanwhile, **concatenate the features of the roots** in rumor trees with the hidden features at each GCN layer to **enhance the influences** from the roots of rumors.
- Employ DropEdge (Rong et al. 2019) in the training phase to **avoid over-fitting**.