

Preliminaries

Graph Convolutional Networks

- M defined in [1stChebNet](#) (Kipf and Welling 2017) as follow:

- $\mathbf{H}_k = M(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{H}_{k-1}; \mathbf{W}_{k-1}) = \sigma(\hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{H}_{k-1}\mathbf{W}_{k-1})$

- $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$: normalized adjacency matrix

- $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}_N$: adding self-connection

- $\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{ii} = \sum_j \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij}$: degree of the i -th node

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DropEdge

- Novel method to **reduce over-fitting** for GCN-based models (Rong et al. 2019).
- Randomly drops out edges from input graphs to generate different deformed copies with certain rate at each training epoch.
 - This method augments the **randomness** and the **diversity** of input data.
- Formally, suppose the total number of edges in the graph \mathbf{A} is N_e , and the dropping rate is p
 - $\mathbf{A}' = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_{drop}$: adjacency matrix after DropEdge
 - \mathbf{A}_{drop} is constructed using $N_e \times p$ edges randomly sampled from the original edge set.