

CZ4071 Network Science

Assignment 2 - Final Report

### **Survey and Implementation of Paper:**

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### Chapter 1

#### Introduction

Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs) applies convolution filter into graphs. Each GNC layer aggregate the embeddings of a node's neighbours from the previous layer and transforms it in a non-lineary fashion to obtain the new contextualised node representation. Through stacking multiple GCN layers, each node representation is thus able to make use of a wide receptive field from both immediate and distant node neighbours, which intuitively increases model capacity assigned\_paper\_zou2019layer.

An experiment will be conducted in relation to the paper in **assigned\_paper\_zou2019layer**. The experiment will include the implementation and adaptation of algorithms developed from the paper and the replication of experimental results from the algorithms implemented in the paper.

### Chapter 2

### **Background**

#### 2.1 Problem Statement and Related Works

GCNs are rising in popularity due to favourable implementations in various areas. However, training GCNs is difficult in practice due to the fact that graph data can be extremely large, unlike tokens in a paragraph or pixels in an image that normally have a fixed size. A node's embedding in GCNs depend recursively on all its neighbours' embeddings, causing an exponential growth in computation dependency depending on the number of layers. Thus, GCNs are still inapplicable in large-scale graphs.

Classical solutions to the size problem includes sampling-based methods such as the "node-wise neighbour-sampling" and "layer-wise importance sampling" that train GCNs on a subset of nodes. The "node-wise neighbour-sampling", which recursively samples a fixed number of neighbour nodes and calculates each node's embedding **assigned\_paper\_zou2019layer**. However, when nodes share the same sampled neighbour, the neighbour's embedding has to be reevaluated and the redundancy increases exponentially with more layers. This results in an exponentially increasing computation cost with a node's neighbour size.

An the other hand, the "layer-wise importance sampling" calculates the sampling probability based on the node's degree and a fixed number of nodes is sampled for each layer. The sampled nodes are used to build a smaller, now sampled adjacency matrix, which reduces computation costs. A problem, however, is that sampled nodes from adjacent layers may not be connected due to the fact that sampling probability is independent for each layer. This may cause the matrix to be extremely sparse and so, the sampled nodes may suffer from sparse connectivity problems.

Due to the limitations of the classical methods, alternative methods such as the VR-GCN chen2017stochastic FastGCN chen2018fastgcn and Cluster-GCN chiang2019cluster have been proposed in the recent years. The FastGCN reduces the computation cost by using only sampled nodes to build a sampled adjacency matrix chen2018fastgcn, while the VR-GCN uses variance reduction techniques to improve sample complexity to reduce computation redundancy chen2017stochastic and the Cluster-GCN does preprocessing before training the GCN by restricting the sampled neighbors within some dense subgraphs through a graph clustering algorithm chiang2019cluster. However, it is argued in assigned\_paper\_zou2019layer that those proposed methods still cannot resolve the issue of redundant computations completely.

### 2.2 Real-World Applications

Due to its flexibility, GCNs can be applied in various domains in the real-world. Examples of such domains are in the application of GCNs in Computer Vision (CV), Natural Language Processing (NLP) and other sciences.

CV has been a hot research area in the past decades. Although classic convolutional neural networks (CNN) have achieved great successes in CV, it is not feasible to encode the intrinsic graph structures in the specific learning tasks. On the other hand, GCNs have been applied and achieved a comparable or even better performance in some CV problems. For example, cui2018context proposes a graph CNN to leverage both the semantic graphs of words and spatial scene graph for visual relationship detection. Furthermore, in chen2017photographic, it is shown that a GCN model can be used to process the input scene graph and generate the images by a cascaded refinement network for photographic image synthesis. Moreover, GCNs can also be applied in videos. yan2018spatial applied GCN to perform action recognition by proposing a spatial-temporal graph convolutional model to eliminate the need of hand-crafted part assignment which achieved a greater expressive power.

GCNs also have applications in NLP. For text classification, citation network can be constructed with the documents as nodes and the citation relationships among them as edges. And node classification can be a straightforward way to classify documents into different categories. In yao2019graph, TextGCN performs text classification by modeling a whole corpus to a heterogeneous graph and learn word embedding and document embedding simultaneously, followed by a softmax classifier for text classification. In addition, a syntactic GCN model is developed and it can be used on top of syntactic dependence trees, which is suitable for semantic role labelling marcheggiani2017encoding and neural machine translation bastings2017graph.

GCNs are also applied in other domains outside of Computer Science.

In chemistry, **zitnik2018modeling** first models drug-protein target interactions and protein-protein interactions into a multimodal graph, and then graph convolutions is applied to predict polypharmacy side effects.

In material science, **xie2018crystal** proposes a crystal GCN to directly learn material properties from the connections of atoms in the crystal.

In social sciences, GCNs have been widely used for social recommendation to improve the recommendation performances based on user-item interactions and/or user-user interactions. **wu2019neural** proposes a neural influence diffusion model for better social recommendation by considering the influence of trusted friends.

## Chapter 3

# The Challenges of the Problem

The goal of the LADIES sampling method is to improve on the previously implemented sampling methods. The issue with the other methods is that it requires high computation and memory cost. The weakness of node-wise neighbour-sampling method is that it recursively samples a fixed number of neighbours which leads to high computation cost. Furthermore, layer-wise importance-sampling method discards the neighbour-dependent constraints and thus the nodes sampled will lead to high memory cost.

A good sampling method should satisfy 2 criteria. The sampling method has to be layer-wise, neighbour-dependent and must use importance-sampling. The LADIES sampling method solves these issues by mini-batch processing. Every iteration, it chooses a mini-batch nodes then

dependent-sampling of neighbours is applied with a fixed size of sampled nodes that limits the space complexity.

### **Chapter 4**

### **Previous Work: LADIES**

### 4.1 Independent Layer-wise Sampling Framework

Let  $S_l = \{i_k^{(l)}\}_{k=1,2,...,s_l}$  where  $s_l = |S_l|$  and  $i_k^{(l)} \in V$  be the set of sampled nodes at the l-th layer. Hence, The value of matrix production  $PH^{(l)}$  can be estimated in equation  $\ref{eq:local_start}$ ?

$$PH^{(l)} \approx PS^{(l)}H^{(l)} \tag{4.1}$$

where  $S^{(l)} = \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times |V|}$  is a diagonal matrix defined by the sampling distribution adopted  $p_1^{(l)}, p_2^{(l)}, ..., p_{|V|}^{(l)}$  to all nodes in V, which is defined as

$$S_{i,i}^{(l)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{s_l p_i^{(l)}}, & i \in S_l \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (4.2)

Define the row selection matrix  $Q^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_l \times |V|}$  as:

$$Q_{r,c}^{(l)} = \begin{cases} 1, & (r,c) = (k, i_k^{(l)}) \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (4.3)

Then the forward process of GCN with layer-wise sampling can be approximated by:

$$\tilde{Z}^{(l+1)} = \tilde{P}^{(l)}\tilde{H}^{(l)}W^{(l)}, \quad \tilde{H}^{(l)} = \sigma \tilde{Z}^{(l)}$$
 (4.4)

where  $\tilde{Z}^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_l \times d^{(l)}}$  denotes the approximated intermediate embedding for sampled nodes at l-layer and equation  $\ref{eq:layer}$  serves as a modified Laplacian matrix.

$$\tilde{P}^{(l)} = Q^{(l+1)} P S^{(l)} Q^{(l)T} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{l+1} \times s_l}$$
 (4.5)

## 4.2 Layer-dependent Importance Sampling

**Sampling Distribution:** The sampling distribution at *l*-th layer is defined in equation ??:

$$p_i^{(l)} = \frac{||Q^{(l+1)}P_{*,i}||_2^2}{||Q^{(l+1)}P||_F^2}$$
(4.6)

where  $||\mathbf{M}||_2$  and  $||\mathbf{M}||_F$  are respectively L2 Norm and Frobenius Norm.

**Normalisation:** Normalised  $\tilde{P}^{(l)}$ 

Normalisation operation is essential since it maintains the scale of embedding in the forward process and avoid exploding and vanishing gradient. The proposed normalisation of  $\tilde{P}^{(l)}$  is stated in equation  $\ref{eq:proposed}$ :

$$\tilde{P}^{(l)} \leftarrow \mathbf{D}_{\tilde{p}(l)}^{-1} \tilde{P}^{(l)} \tag{4.7}$$

#### Algorithm 1 Sampling Procedure of LADIES

- 1: **Require:** Normalised Laplacian Matrix P; Batch Size b, Sample Number n. Randomly sample a batch of b output nodes as  $Q^L$
- 2: **for** l = L 1 to 0 **do**
- 3: Get layer-dependent laplacian matrix  $Q^{(l+1)}P$ . Calculate sampling probability for each node using  $p_i^{(l)} = \frac{||Q^{(l+1)}P_{*,i}||_2^2}{||Q^{(l+1)}P||_F^2}$ , and organize them into a random diagonal matrix  $S^{(l)}$
- 4: Sample n nodes in l layer using  $p^{(l)}$ . The sampled nodes formulate  $Q^{(l)}$
- 5: Reconstruct sampled laplacian matrix between sampled nodes in layer l and l+1 by  $\tilde{P}^{(l)}=Q^{(l+1)}PS^{(l)}Q^{(l)T}$ , then normalise it by  $\tilde{P}^{(l)}\leftarrow \mathbf{D}_{\tilde{n}(l)}^{-1}\tilde{P}^{(l)}$
- 6: end for
- 7: **return** Modified Laplacian Matrices  $\{ ilde{P}^{(l)}\}_{l=1,\dots,L}$  and Sample Node at Input Layer  $\mathcal{Q}^0$

### **Chapter 5**

### **Experiment**

### 5.1 Implementation

We managed to fix many bugs in the original code and finally produced the correct version according to the paper. Sampling Procedure is described as follow in algorithm ??, and the code can be found in listing ??.

#### Algorithm 2 LADIES Pseudo-code

- 1: for For layer from last to first do
- 2: Calculate L2 Norm of Q(I)P\*, i and Frobenius Norm of Q(I)P from squared normalized laplacian matrix using row-selection (Note that QM is equivalent to row-selection operator)
- 3: Calculate sampling probabilities p
- 4: Fix number of sampled nodes in case p is negative. (This has no effect on the code since all norms are non-negative but it is included in the original code since they wrongly used laplacian matrix instead of the square.)
- 5: Random sample nodes and add the nodes of next layers.
- 6: Conduct the unbiased sampling by dividing the to sampling probabilities
- 7: Row-normalization to avoid explosion of feature vectors.
- 8: end for

```
# input_nodes: sampled nodes at input
     # output_nodes : batch_nodes
14
    16 def full_sampler(batch_nodes: np.ndarray, samp_num_list: np.ndarray, num_nodes:
     int, lap_matrix: sparse.csr_matrix, lap2_matrix: sparse.csr_matrix, num_layers:
      int) -> SimpleNamespace:
     # simply sample the full lap_matrix for every layers
17
18
     sample = SimpleNamespace(
         adjs= [lap_matrix for _ in range(num_layers)],
19
         input_nodes= np.arange(num_nodes),
20
         output_nodes= batch_nodes,
21
22
23
     return s
24 def ladies_sampler(batch_nodes: np.ndarray, samp_num_list: np.ndarray, num_nodes:
      int , lap_matrix: sparse.csr_matrix , lap2_matrix: sparse.csr_matrix , num_layers:
      int) -> SimpleNamespace:
25
26
         LADIES_Sampler: Sample a fixed number of nodes per layer. The sampling
     probability (importance)
                          is computed adaptively according to the nodes sampled in
27
     the upper layer.
28
29
     previous_nodes = batch_nodes
30
     adjs = []
31
         Sample nodes from top to bottom, based on the probability computed
32
     adaptively (layer-dependent).
33
     for d in range(num_layers):
34
         # row-select the lap2_matrix (U2) by previously sampled nodes
35
         U2 = lap2_matrix[previous_nodes , :]
36
         # calculate sampling probabilities
37
         pi = np.sum(U2, axis=0)
38
39
         p = pi / np.sum(pi)
         # get number of sampled nodes
40
         s_num = np.min([np.sum(p > 0), samp_num_list[d]])
         p = p.view(np.ndarray).flatten()
         # sample the next layer's nodes based on the adaptively probability (p).
43
         after_nodes = np.random.choice(num_nodes, s_num, p = p, replace = False)
44
         # Add output nodes for self-loop
45
         after_nodes = np.unique(np.concatenate((after_nodes, batch_nodes)))
46
         # row-select and col-select the lap_matrix (U), and then divided by the
47
      sampled probability for unbiased-sampling.
         adj = lap_matrix[previous_nodes, :][:, after_nodes]
48
         adj = adj.multiply(1/ p[after_nodes])
49
         # conduct row-normalization to avoid value explosion.
         adj = row_normalize(adj)
51
         # fill the sub-matrix into the original
52
53
         adj = sparse_fill(lap_matrix.shape, adj, previous_nodes, after_nodes)
54
         adjs.append(adj)
         # turn the sampled nodes as previous_nodes, recursively conduct sampling.
55
         previous_nodes = after_nodes
56
     # Reverse the sampled probability from bottom to top. Only require input how
57
     the lastly sampled nodes.
58
     adjs.reverse()
59
     sample = SimpleNamespace(
60
         adjs= adjs,
61
         input_nodes= previous_nodes,
62
         output_nodes = batch_nodes,
63
     )
64
     return sample
```

Listing 5.1: LADIES code

### 5.2 Experiment

Due to the limitation of computing power, we decided to use random block model with two samesized clusters with connection probability as follow in equation ??.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\log(N)}{N}, \frac{\log(N)}{N^2} \\ \frac{\log(N)}{N^2}, \frac{\log(N)}{N} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (5.1)

where  $P_{i,j}$  is the connection probability between nodes in cluster i and cluster j.

The feature vector is taken as an random row-permutation of Identity matrix where feature vector is represented in equation ??.

$$F = \text{row-permutation}(I_N)$$
 (5.2)

The neural network consists of 5 GCN layers of 64 hidden layer dimensions and a Linear layer at the end works as a classifier. All layers were implemented with a dropout probability of 0.5

We used cross-entropy loss with log\_softmax with Adam Optimizer, the learning rate was set to 1e-3.

For each run, the model was trained in 80 epochs with two sampling modes: Full-batch and ladies. The execution time, loss and f1 score was recorded in table ??. The plots obtained by the experiment can be referred to in in Appendix ??.

Number of Nodes	Runtime for 80 epochs	
	Full-Batch	LADIES
64	2.6	8.82
128	6.63	30.71
256	22.80	101.91
512	98.51	315.95
1024	384.68	1020.65

Table 5.1: Model runtime for 80 epochs

Number of Nodes	Convergence Epochs	
	Full-Batch	LADIES
64	35	50
128	40	36
256	40	20
512	30	18
1024	16	15

Table 5.2: Number of Epochs for convergence

Number of Nodes	Updates per epoch	
	Full-Batch	LADIES
64	1	1
128	1	2
256	1	4
512	1	8
1024	1	16

Table 5.3: Number of updates per epoch

Number of Nodes	Updates for convergence	
Number of Nodes	Full-Batch	LADIES
64	35	50
128	40	72
256	40	80
512	30	144
1024	16	240

Table 5.4: Number of updates to convergence

Number of Nodes	Convergence time	
	Full-Batch	LADIES
64	1.3	5.8
128	3.5	15
256	12.5	25
512	38	65
1024	85	140

Table 5.5: Convergence time

As such, the observation from the results in table **??** is that LADIES converges much faster than Full-Batch w.r.t epochs especially for large graphs due to the nature of stochastic gradient descent. LADIES sparse matrix implementation can be improved further.

## **Chapter 6**

#### Conclusion

The difference between Layer-Dependent Importance Sampling (LADIES) method and the Full-Batch sampling method is that the LADIES method does not sample the whole graph. It samples the important nodes that will be processed in the neural network. However, the Full-Batch sampling method uses the whole graph as training samples. The methods can be considered as batch gradient descent and stochastic gradient descent. Throughout the experiments, it is found that Full-Batch sampling has a better execution time as compared to LADIES sampling. However, due to space complexity, Full-Batch sampling cannot be scaled up for large-size data. On the other hand, by the nature of stochastic gradient descent, LADIES method takes the advantage of conducting many updates in a batch of data, it converges faster than Full-Batch sampling.

# **Chapter 7**

### **Further Research**

It has been observed that the execution time of LADIES method is at least 1.5 times slower than Full-Batch method caused by the inefficiency in sparse matrix implementation. A better implementation is possible to yield better results.

## Appendix A

### **Experiment Code**

```
1 import pdb
2 import argparse
3 from typing import List, Dict
4 from types import SimpleNamespace
5 import multiprocessing as mp
6 import time
8 import numpy as np
9 import scipy as sp
10 import torch
11 import torch.nn as nn
12 import torch.nn.functional as F
13 import torch.optim as optim
14 from sklearn.metrics import f1_score
15 from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
16 from torchviz import make_dot
18 from module import GCN, GCNLinear
19 from load_data import load_random_block
20 from sampler import full_sampler, ladies_sampler
21 from utils import adj_to_lap_matrix, row_normalize,
      sparse_mx_to_torch_sparse_tensor, sparse_fill
22
23
24 #np.seterr(all="raise")
25
26 def random_sampling_train(args: SimpleNamespace, model: SimpleNamespace, data:
      SimpleNamespace) -> SimpleNamespace:
    if args.batch_size <= 0 or args.batch_size >= len(data.train_nodes):
27
      batch_nodes = data.train_nodes
28
29
      batch_nodes = np.random.choice(data.train_nodes, size= args.batch_size,
     replace = True)
    sample = model.sampler(
31
     batch_nodes = batch_nodes,
32
      samp_num_list= [len(batch_nodes) for _ in range(args.num_layers)],
33
     num_nodes= data.num_nodes,
34
     lap_matrix= data.lap_matrix,
35
     lap2_matrix= data.lap2_matrix,
37
      num_layers = args.num_layers,
    )
38
    return sample
39
41 def sampling_valid(args: SimpleNamespace, model: SimpleNamespace, data:
     SimpleNamespace) -> SimpleNamespace:
    sample = full_sampler(
42
      #batch_nodes= data.valid_nodes,
43
      batch_nodes = np.arange(data.num_nodes),
44
      samp_num_list= None,
45
      num_nodes = data.num_nodes,
      lap_matrix= data.lap_matrix,
      lap2_matrix= None,
      num_layers = args.num_layers,
49
50
    return sample
51
52
53
54
55 if __name__ == "__main__":
# load args
parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Training GCN')
parser.add_argument('--hidden_features', type=int, default=64,
```

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59
                          help='hidden layer embedding dimension')
     parser.add_argument('--num_epochs', type=int, default= 10,
60
                          help='Number of epochs')
61
     parser.add_argument('--batch_size', type=int, default=64,
62
                          help='batch_size: number of sampled nodes at output layer')
63
     parser.add_argument('--num_layers', type=int, default=5,
64
65
                          help='Number of GCN layers')
     parser.add_argument('--sampling_method', type=str, default='full',
66
                          help='sampling algorithms: full/ladies')
67
     parser.add_argument('--cuda', type=int, default=-1,
68
                          help='GPU ID, (-1) for CPU')
69
70
     parser.add_argument('--dropout', type=float, default= 0.5,
71
                        help='dropout probability')
     parser.add_argument('--learning_rate', type=float, default= 1e-3,
72
                        help='learning rate')
73
74
     parser.add_argument('--num_nodes', type=int, default=100,
                          help='number of network nodes in random block model')
75
76
77
     args = parser.parse_args()
     print(args)
78
     # set up device
79
80
     if args.cuda != -1:
81
       device = torch.device("cuda:" + str(args.cuda))
82
       device = torch.device("cpu")
83
    # load data
84
     all = args.num_nodes
85
    half = int(all/2)
86
    p1 = np.log(all) / all
87
    p2 = p1 / all
88
     data = load_random_block(
89
       [half, all-half],
90
       [[p1, p2], [p2, p1]],
91
92
93
     data.num_nodes = data.features.shape[0]
94
     data.in_features = data.features.shape[1]
95
     data.out_features = len(np.unique(data.labels))
     data.lap_matrix = row_normalize(adj_to_lap_matrix(data.adj_matrix))
96
     data.lap2_matrix = data.lap_matrix.multiply(data.lap_matrix)
97
98
     if args.sampling_method == "full":
99
       args.batch_size = len(data.train_nodes)
100
     # create pool
101
    pool = mp.Pool(processes= 1)
102
103
     # create model
     model: SimpleNamespace = SimpleNamespace()
104
     model.sampler = full_sampler
105
     if args.sampling_method == "ladies":
106
107
       model.sampler = ladies_sampler
     model.module = GCNLinear(
108
       encoder = GCN (
109
         in_features = data.in_features,
         hidden_features = args.hidden_features,
111
         out_features = args.hidden_features,
112
         num_layers = args.num_layers,
113
114
         dropout = args.dropout
115
       in_features = args.hidden_features,
116
       out_features = data.out_features,
117
118
       dropout = args.dropout,
     )
119
120
    model.module.to(device)
122
     optimizer = optim.Adam(filter(lambda p: p.requires_grad, model.module.parameters
      ()), lr=args.learning_rate)
```

```
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
124
     times = []
125
     losses = []
126
     f1s = []
127
     next_sample_async = None
128
     sample = None
129
130
    #START TRAINING
131
     start = time.time()
132
133
     try:
       for epoch in range(args.num_epochs):
134
         # train
135
         model.module.train() # train mode
136
         print(f"Epoch {epoch}: ", flush= True)
137
138
         num_iterations = int(data.num_nodes / args.batch_size)
         for iter in range(num_iterations):
139
           print(f"\tIteration {iter}: ", end= "", flush= True)
140
           if next_sample_async is None:
141
             sample = random_sampling_train(args, model, data)
142
           else:
143
             sample = next_sample_async.get()
144
           next_sample_async = pool.apply_async(random_sampling_train, args= (args,
145
      model, data))
146
           optimizer.zero_grad()
147
           output = model.module(
148
             x= sparse_mx_to_torch_sparse_tensor(sparse_fill(shape= data.features.
      shape, mx= data.features[sample.input_nodes], row= sample.input_nodes)),
150
             adjs= list(map(lambda adj: sparse_mx_to_torch_sparse_tensor(adj).to(
      device), sample.adjs)),
151
           loss = criterion(
             output[sample.output_nodes],
154
             torch.from_numpy(data.labels[sample.output_nodes]).long(),
155
156
           loss.backward()
158
           torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_(model.module.parameters(), 0.2)
159
           optimizer.step()
160
161
           #if epoch == 0 and iter == 0:
162
           # dot = make_dot(loss.mean(), params= dict(model.module.named_parameters
163
      ()))
             dot.render("test.gv", view= True)
164
165
           loss = loss.detach().cpu()
           print(f"Loss {loss}", flush= True)
167
         # eval
168
169
         model.module.eval() # eval mode
170
         sample = sampling_valid(args, model, data)
         output = model.module(
           x= sparse_mx_to_torch_sparse_tensor(data.features[sample.input_nodes]),
           adjs= list(map(lambda adj: sparse_mx_to_torch_sparse_tensor(adj).to(device
173
      ), sample.adjs)),
174
175
         loss = criterion(
           output[sample.output_nodes],
           torch.from_numpy(data.labels[sample.output_nodes]).long(),
178
179
         output = output.detach().cpu()
180
         loss = loss.detach().cpu()
181
         f1 = f1\_score(
182
           output[sample.output_nodes].argmax(dim=1),
183
           data.labels[sample.output_nodes],
184
```

```
average= "micro",
185
          )
186
          times.append(time.time() - start)
187
          losses.append(loss)
188
189
          fls.append(fl)
190
          epochs = np.arange(len(times)).reshape(-1, 1)
191
          reg = LinearRegression().fit(epochs, times)
192
          eta = reg.predict(np.array(args.num_epochs - 1).reshape(-1, 1))[0]
193
194
          print(f"Epoch {epoch}: Loss {loss} F1 {f1} ETA {eta - time.time() + start}s"
195
        , flush= True)
196
197
     except KeyboardInterrupt:
198
     print(f"Elapsed Time: {time.time() - start}")
199
200
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
201
     fig, axs = plt.subplots(nrows= 2, ncols= 2, constrained_layout=True)
202
     \label{fig:suptitle} \textbf{fig.suptitle} (\textbf{f"Sampling method: \{args.sampling\_method\}}, \ \textbf{Number of nodes \{args.sampling\_method\}}, \ \textbf{Number of nodes \{args.sampling\_method\}}.
203
       num_nodes}")
204
     axs[0][0].plot(np.arange(len(times)), losses)
205
     axs[0][0].set_xlabel("Epoch")
206
     axs[0][0].set_ylabel("Loss")
207
208
209
     axs[0][1].plot(times, losses)
     axs[0][1].set_xlabel("Time")
210
     axs[0][1].set_ylabel("Loss")
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     axs[1][0].plot(np.arange(len(times)), f1s)
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     axs[1][0].set_xlabel("Epoch")
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216
     axs[1][0].set_ylabel("F1")
217
218
     axs[1][1].plot(times, f1s)
     axs[1][1].set_xlabel("Time")
219
     axs[1][1].set_ylabel("F1")
220
221
     plt.show()
222
```

Listing A.1: Training code

# Appendix B

# **Experiment Plots**

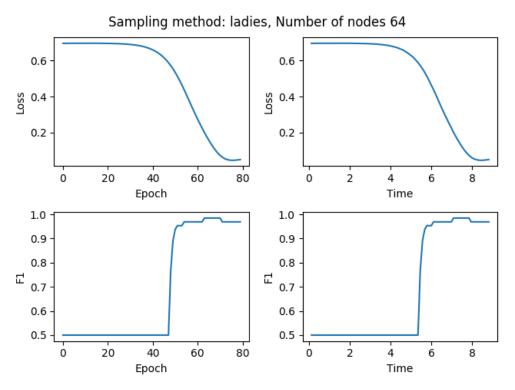


Figure B.1: Ladies with 64 nodes

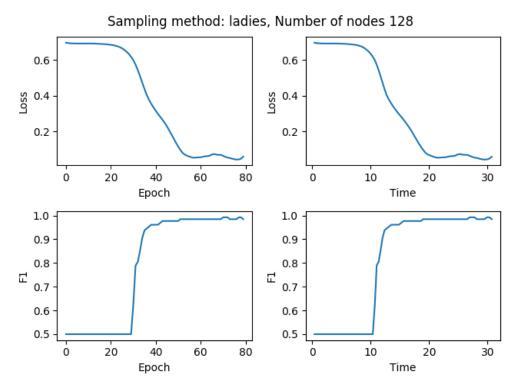


Figure B.2: Ladies with 128 nodes

#### Sampling method: ladies, Number of nodes 256 0.6 0.6 sso\_ sso7 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.0 40 60 80 20 40 60 20 80 100 0 0 Epoch Time 1.0 1.0 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.8 H 0.7 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.5 40 20 60 20 80 60 80 100 Epoch Time

Figure B.3: Ladies with 256 nodes

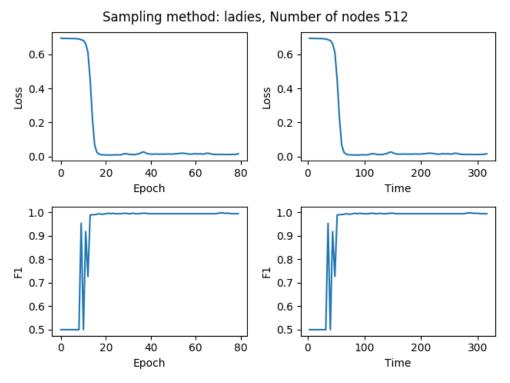


Figure B.4: Ladies with 512 nodes

#### Sampling method: ladies, Number of nodes 1024 0.6 0.6 SSOT 0.4 sso7 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.0 40 20 60 80 200 400 800 ò ò 600 1000 Epoch Time 1.0 1.0 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.8 H 0.7 0.7 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.5 20 40 60 80 Ó 200 400 600 800 1000 Epoch Time

Figure B.5: Ladies with 1024 nodes

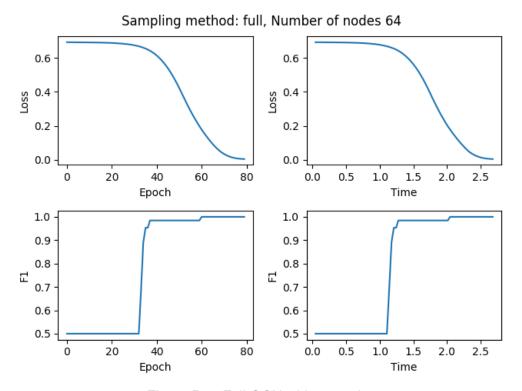


Figure B.6: Full GCN with 64 nodes

#### Sampling method: full, Number of nodes 128 0.6 0.6 SSO 0.4 SSOJ 0.4 0.2 0.2 20 40 60 80 ż ò 4 Epoch Time 1.0 1.0 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.8 F FJ 0.7 0.7 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.5 40 20 60 80 6 Epoch Time

Figure B.7: Full with 128 nodes

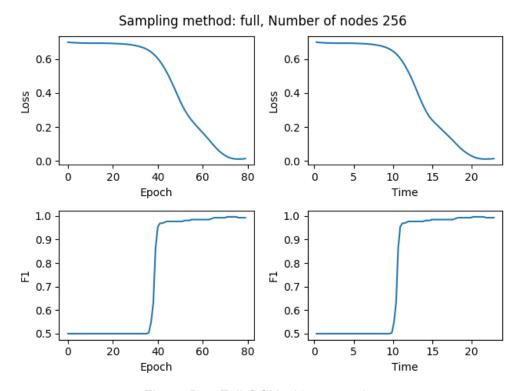


Figure B.8: Full GCN with 256 nodes

#### Sampling method: full, Number of nodes 512 0.6 0.6 sso7 0.4 SOJ 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.0 60 40 80 20 80 20 40 60 100 0 0 Epoch Time 1.0 1.0 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.8 0.7 0.7 0.6 0.6 0.5 0.5 40 20 60 80 20 60 100 80 Epoch Time

Figure B.9: Full GCN with 512 nodes

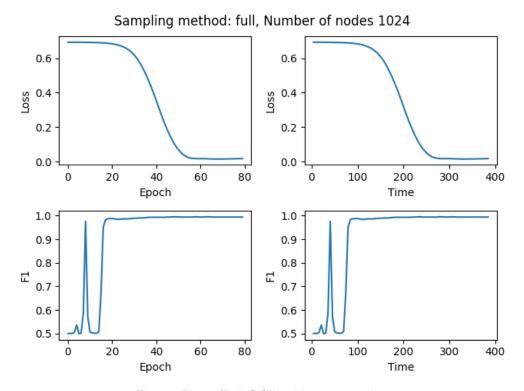


Figure B.10: Full GCN with 1024 nodes