# Self-Attention Graph Pooling

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#### Introduction

- · Convolutional neural networks in graph
  - Convolution
  - Downsampling (pooling)
- Previous researches
  - Only graph topology
  - Diffpool: quadratic storage complexity; many parameters
  - ► gPool: no topology

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- > Self-Attention Graph Pooling
  - hierarchical
  - ► end-to-end
  - few parameters
  - both node features and graph topology

#### Related Work

- Topology based pooling
  - Eigendecomposition
- Global pooling: consider graph features
  - Set2Set
  - ► SortPool
- ► Hierarchical pooling: capture structural information
  - Diffpool
  - ► gPool

The key point of SAGPool is that it uses a GNN to provide self-attention scores.

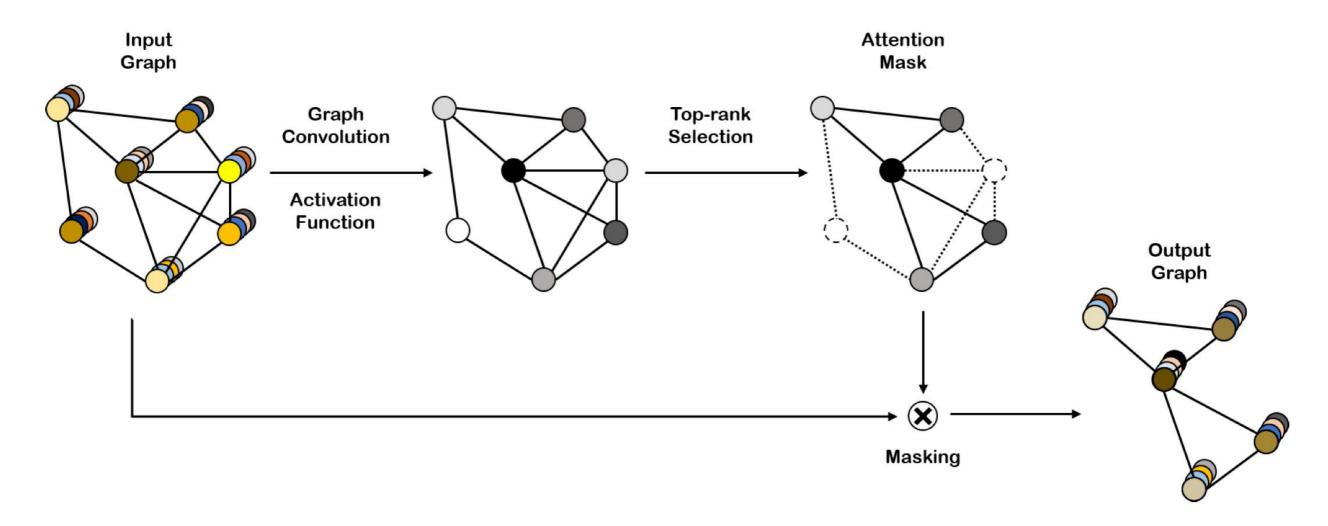


Figure 1. An illustration of the SAGPool layer.

- ► Self-attention mask
  - the self-attention score  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$  is calculated as follows.

$$Z = \sigma(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{A}\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}X\Theta_{att}) \tag{3}$$

 $\Theta_{att} \in \mathbb{R}^{F \times 1}$  is the only parameters

- The result is based on both graph features and topology.
- Node selection  $idx = top-rank(Z, \lceil kN \rceil), \quad Z_{mask} = Z_{idx}$
- Graph pooling  $X' = X_{\text{idx,:}}, X_{out} = X' \odot Z_{mask}, A_{out} = A_{\text{idx,idx}}$

- Variation of SAGPool
  - The generalized equatio  $Z = \sigma(GNN(X, A))$
  - Variation 1  $Z = \sigma(GNN(X, A + A^2))$
  - Variation 2  $Z = \sigma(GNN_2(\sigma(GNN_1(X, A)), A))$
  - Variation  $Z = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m} \sigma(\text{GNN}_{m}(X, A))$

- Model Architecture
  - ► Convolution layer

$$h^{(l+1)} = \sigma(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\tilde{A}\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}h^{(l)}\Theta)$$

Readout

$$s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \parallel \max_{i=1}^{N} x_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \parallel \max_{i=1}^{N} x_i \parallel \min_{i=1}^{N} x_i \parallel \min_{i=$$

- Hierarchical pooling architecture

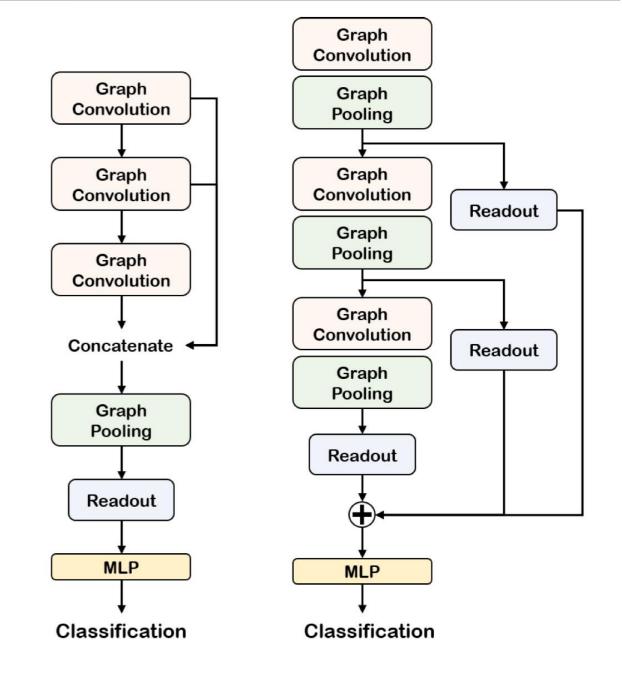


Figure 2. The global pooling architecture (left) and the hierarchical pooling architecture (right). These architectures are applied to all the baselines and SAGPool for a fair comparison. In this paper, the architecture on the left side is referred to as  $POOL_g$  and the architecture on the right side is referred to as  $POOL_h$  with the POOL method (e.g.  $SAGPool_q$ ,  $gPool_h$ ).

## **Experiments**

Table 4. Experimental results of SAGPool<sub>h</sub> variants. We compare ChebConv(K=2) (Defferrard et al., 2016), GCNConv (Kipf & Welling, 2016), SAGEConv (Hamilton et al., 2017), and GATConv(heads=6) (Velikovi et al., 2018). GCNConv is applied to SAGPool<sub>h</sub>, SAGPool<sub>h</sub>, augmentation, SAGPool<sub>h</sub>, serial, and SAGPool<sub>h</sub>, parallel.

<b>Graph Convolution</b>	D&D	PROTEINS
$SAGPool_h$	$76.45 \pm 0.97$	$71.86 \pm 0.97$
$egin{aligned} SAGPool_h,_{Cheb} \ SAGPool_h,_{SAGE} \ SAGPool_h,_{GAT} \end{aligned}$	$75.82 \pm 0.79$ $76.28 \pm 1.06$ $75.49 \pm 0.93$	$71.98 \pm 0.93$ $71.93 \pm 0.82$ $71.98 \pm 1.01$
$SAGPool_h$ , augmentation $SAGPool_h$ , serial, 2 layers	$77.07 \pm 0.82$ $76.68 \pm 0.96$	$71.82 \pm 0.81 \\ 72.17 \pm 0.87$
$SAGPool_h,_{parallel,M=2}$ $SAGPool_h,_{parallel,M=4}$	$75.79 \pm 0.96$ $76.77 \pm 0.61$	$72.05 \pm 0.43$ $71.66 \pm 0.98$

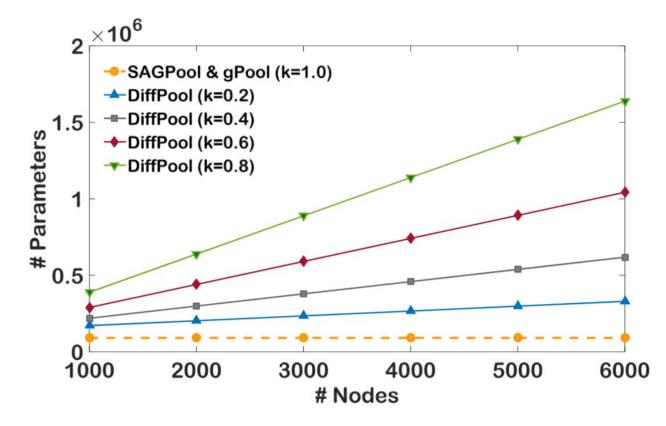


Figure 3. The increase in the number of parameters according to the number of graph nodes. The x-axis label denotes the number of input graph nodes and the y-axis label denotes the number of parameters of the hierarchical pooling models: the number of input node features is 128, the hidden feature size is 128, and the number of classes is 2. Equation (3) is used as a graph convolution of SAGPool. k denotes the pooling ratio and k = 1.0 indicates that the entire node is preserved after pooling. gPool and SAGPool have a consistent number of parameters regardless of the input graph size and the pooling ratio.

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- Analysis
  - ► 比较global and hierarchical pooling
  - ► 解释SAGPool方法如何解决gPool方法的缺点
  - ▶ 比较SAGPool与DiffPool的效率
  - ► 分析SAGPool变体
- Limitation
  - · Cannot parameterize the pooling ratio k