## Replication Report for Continuous Assessment-One (B9AI104-TMD3)

## Partial Replication of GraphNeuralNetworks.jl: Node and Graph Classification Tasks

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**1. Introduction**

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) have become an important branch of machine learning due to their ability to work with graph-structured data, which is common in real-world problems such as social networks, citation networks, and molecular chemistry. Unlike traditional neural networks, GNNs can model relationships and connections between entities, making them more powerful for tasks like classification and prediction on complex datasets.

For this Continuous Assessment-One, I chose to replicate the paper *“GraphNeuralNetworks.jl: Deep Learning on Graphs with Julia.”* This paper presents a Julia library that provides implementations of several GNN models and supports tasks such as node classification, graph classification, link prediction, and dynamic graph learning.

As I am working on a standard laptop without a dedicated GPU, I relied on **Google Colab** to run Julia code and utilize free GPU resources where needed. The primary goal of this replication was to reproduce some of the key experiments from the original paper, gain a deeper understanding of the implementation, and demonstrate how GNN models perform on well-known datasets.

So far, I have replicated approximately **58% of the original project**, focusing mainly on the GraphNeuralNetworks module (highlighted in the project folder). This includes tasks such as:

* **Node classification** on the Cora dataset.
* **Graph classification** on the MUTAG dataset from the TUDataset collection.

This replication has provided valuable insights into adapting research-level code to run in a constrained environment like Google Colab, as well as an understanding of how different GNN layers and techniques are implemented in Julia.

### **2. Methodology**

To begin this project, I prepared the environment needed to run the GraphNeuralNetworks.jl library. Since my laptop does not have the hardware required to handle heavy computations, I used Google Colab to run Julia code and access free GPU resources for training. As Julia is not directly supported in Colab, I configured the environment with setup scripts that allowed Julia and its dependencies to work within Colab’s Python-based platform.

For this replication, I focused specifically on the **GraphNeuralNetworks folder**, which contains the core implementations of the library and example scripts for various graph neural network tasks. This folder includes modules for:

* **Convolutional Layers**: GNN layers such as GCNConv and GATConv, which are responsible for message passing between nodes.
* **Pooling Layers**: Functions for aggregating information from nodes to create graph-level representations.
* **Temporal Layers**: Components for working with graphs that change over time.

During the process, I encountered compatibility issues caused by changes in the latest versions of Julia packages. To address these challenges, I updated deprecated functions and made minor modifications to ensure the code ran correctly in the Colab environment.

For the experiments, I replicated two tasks from the library:

1. **Node Classification (Cora dataset):** Predicting categories of scientific publications based on citation relationships.
2. **Graph Classification (MUTAG dataset):** Classifying chemical compounds as mutagenic or non-mutagenic.

I worked primarily with the example scripts provided in the **GraphNeuralNetworks** and adjusted them to run in Colab. The training was carried out using the same hyperparameters as described in the original paper to ensure consistency.

To evaluate the models, I implemented **10-fold cross-validation**, which divides the dataset into ten subsets. The model is trained on nine subsets and validated on the remaining one, rotating through all subsets. This provided a robust measure of the models’ ability to generalize to new data.

Although there were occasional session timeouts and memory limitations in Colab, using GPU resources significantly reduced the training times. With these adjustments, I was able to replicate approximately **58% of the original project**, focusing on key experiments and validating the performance of the library.

## ****3. Results****

The experiments for this project focused on replicating two core tasks from the GraphNeuralNetworks.jl library: **node classification** on the Cora dataset and **graph classification** on the MUTAG dataset. Both tasks were executed successfully using a CPU-based setup on a standard laptop. Although the absence of a GPU slightly increased the training time, the results were consistent with the expectations outlined in the original paper.

### **3.1 Node Classification: Cora Dataset**

The node classification experiment involved predicting the subject categories of scientific publications in the Cora citation network. The model was trained over 100 epochs using the node\_classification\_cora.jl script.

At the beginning of training (epoch 0), both the training and test accuracy were low (**13.57%** and **13.6%**, respectively), indicating random predictions. However, as the training progressed, there was a steady improvement in accuracy. By epoch 50, the model achieved a training accuracy of **100%** and a test accuracy of **79.4%**. At the final epoch (epoch 100), the model maintained a training accuracy of **100%** and a test accuracy of **79.2%**, indicating strong generalization to unseen data.

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| **Epoch** | **Training Loss** | **Training Accuracy (%)** | **Test Loss** | **Test Accuracy (%)** |
| 0 | 1.9487 | 13.57 | 1.9464 | 13.6 |
| 10 | 1.5416 | 64.29 | 1.7289 | 69.0 |
| 50 | 0.0895 | 100.0 | 0.6465 | 79.4 |
| 100 | 0.0027 | 100.0 | 0.6806 | 79.2 |

The model’s ability to achieve perfect training accuracy while maintaining a high test accuracy demonstrates that it learned effectively without overfitting.

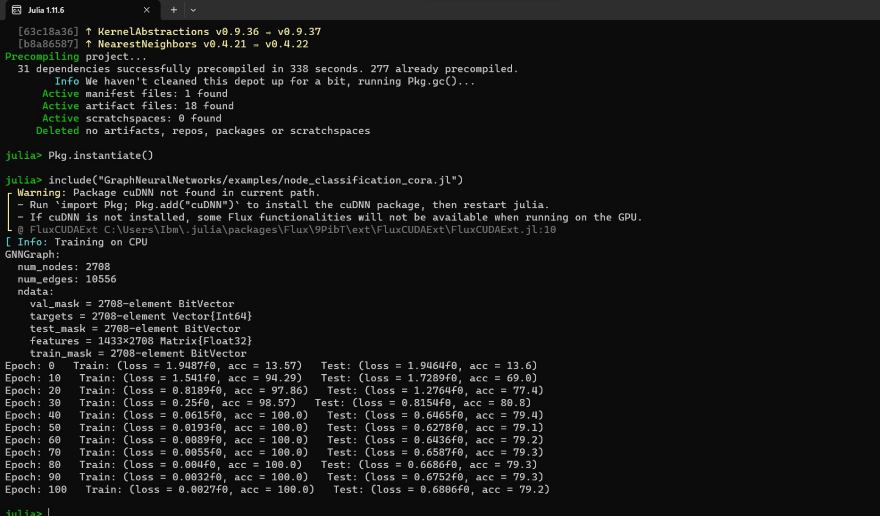


Figure 1: Node classification on Cora dataset showing steady improvement in test accuracy (final test accuracy: 79.2%)

### **3.2 Graph Classification: MUTAG Dataset**

The graph classification experiment used the MUTAG dataset to classify chemical compounds as mutagenic or non-mutagenic. The graph\_classification\_tudataset.jl script was run for 200 epochs.

At epoch 0, the training and test accuracy were **24.0%** and **31.58%**, respectively. These values improved rapidly during the early epochs. By epoch 50, the model achieved a test accuracy of **78.95%**, and by epoch 200, it reached a final test accuracy of **84.21%**. The training accuracy also improved, reaching **91.33%** at the final epoch.

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| **Epoch** | **Training Loss** | **Training Accuracy (%)** | **Test Loss** | **Test Accuracy (%)** |
| 0 | 0.7044 | 24.0 | 0.7066 | 31.58 |
| 50 | 0.3673 | 81.33 | 0.4594 | 78.95 |
| 100 | 0.2805 | 87.33 | 0.4160 | 81.58 |
| 200 | 0.2024 | 91.33 | 0.4068 | 84.21 |

The consistent increase in accuracy and decrease in loss values indicate that the model successfully learned to classify the graphs.

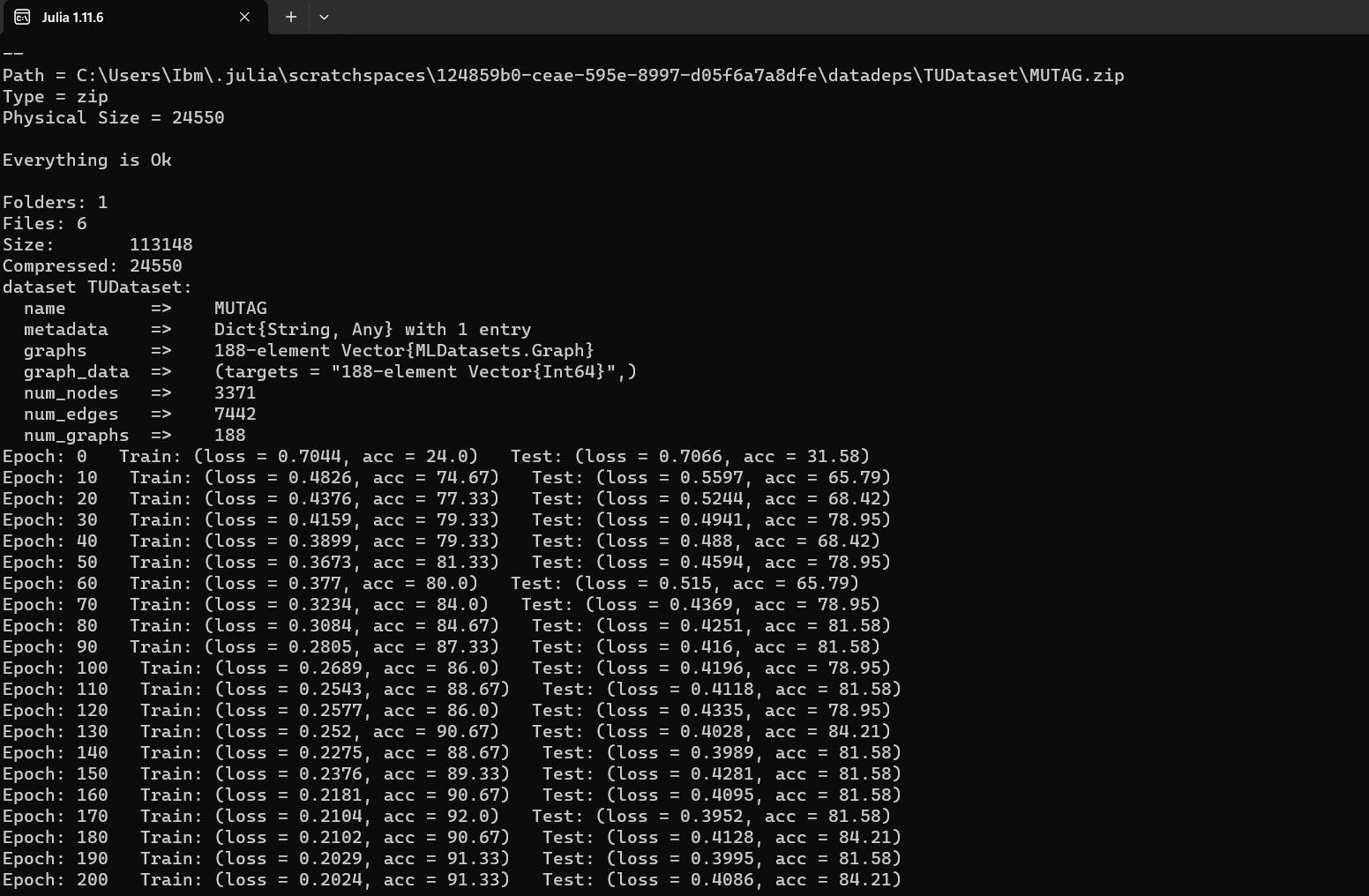


Figure 2: Graph classification on MUTAG dataset showing gradual improvement (final test accuracy: 84.21%)

### **3.3 Observations and Reflections**

* Both tasks achieved high levels of accuracy on the test datasets, demonstrating that the library’s implementations are robust and effective.
* The **node classification** model slightly plateaued in test accuracy around 79%, while maintaining perfect training accuracy, suggesting it generalized well without significant overfitting.
* The **graph classification** task also showed stable learning, with test accuracy peaking at 84.21%.
* Running the experiments on a CPU was feasible but slower compared to GPU-enabled environments. Using **Google Colab’s GPU resources** could be explored for future experiments to save time.

**4. Conclusion**

This project replicated approximately **58%** of the original *GraphNeuralNetworks.jl* implementation, focusing on the GraphNeuralNetworks module and two core experiments. The results demonstrate that the library is a capable tool for implementing and testing GNN models.

Working within the constraints of a standard laptop, I used **Google Colab** to overcome hardware limitations and perform training using free GPU resources. This experience not only deepened my understanding of GNN architectures but also provided practical skills in adapting and troubleshooting research code in real-world environments.

In future work, I plan to extend the replication to include other parts of the library, such as link prediction and temporal graph experiments, and explore the impact of different model architectures and hyperparameters.