

# Recent Advances in Machine learning on Graphs

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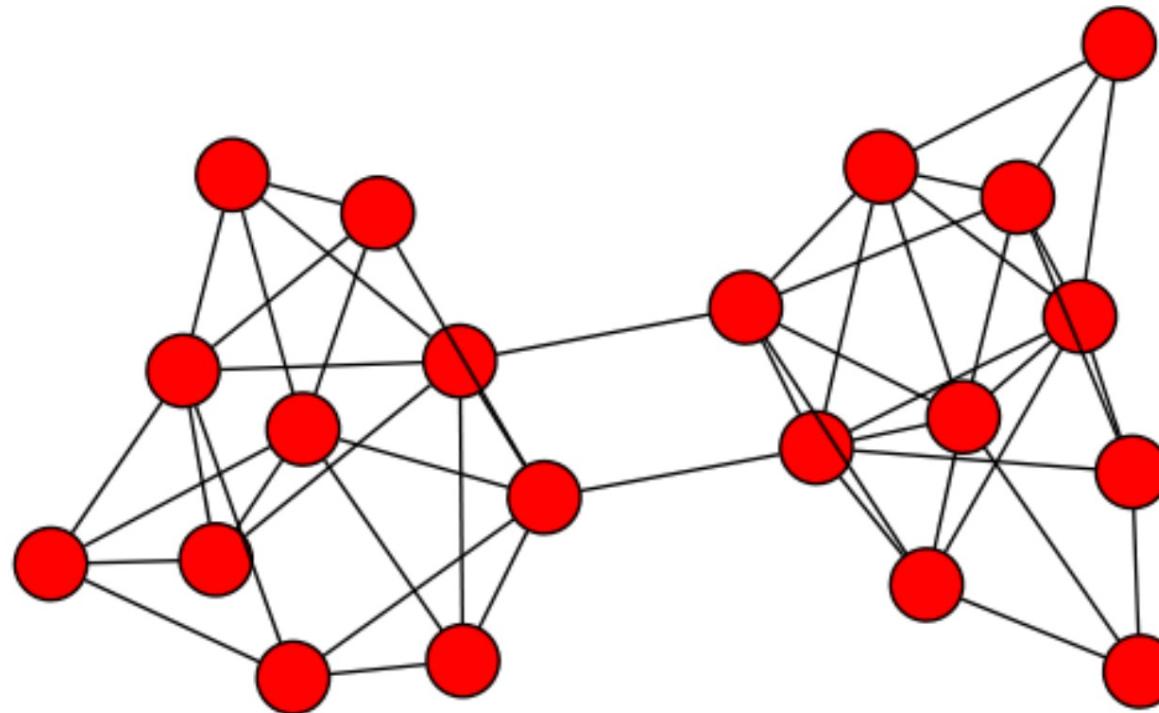
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# Graph (Network)

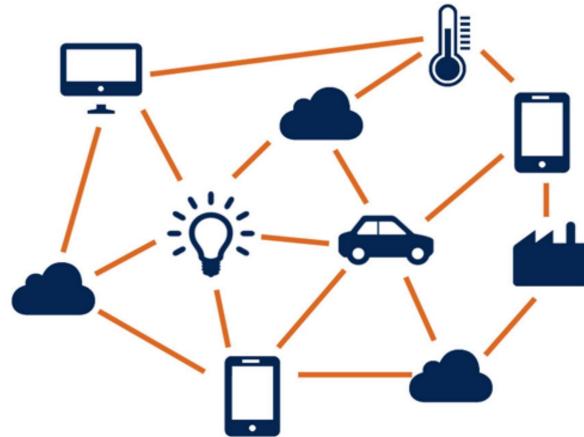
- A general description of data and their relations



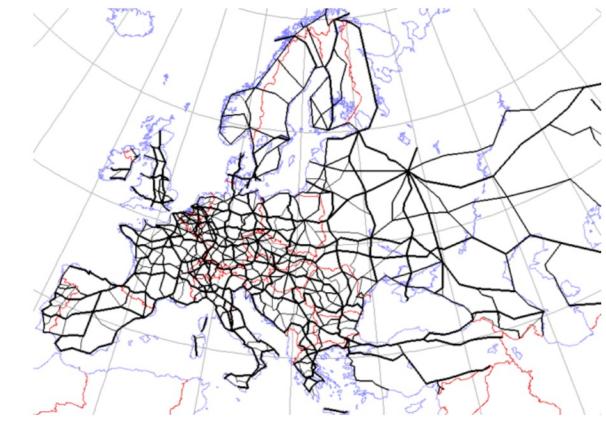
# Various Real-World Graphs



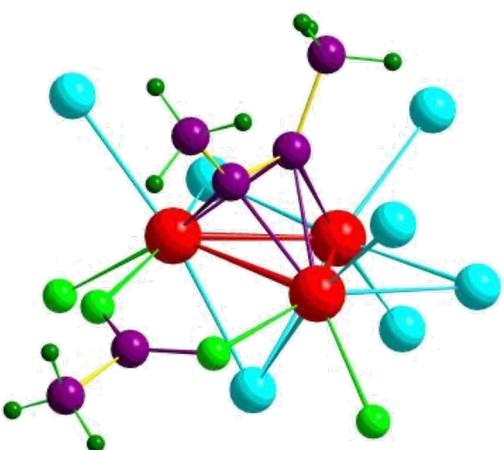
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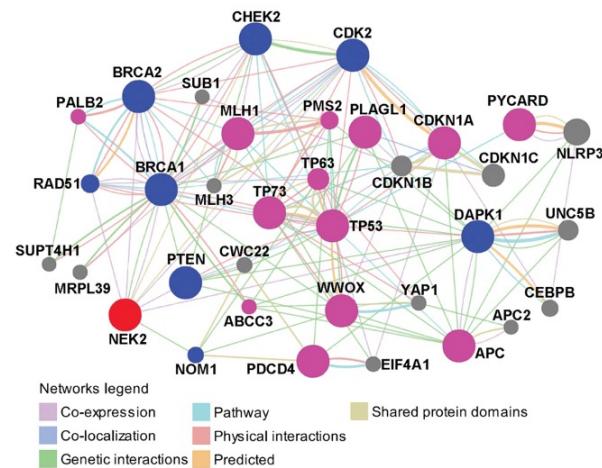
Internet-of-Things



Transportation



Molecular graph



Gene network

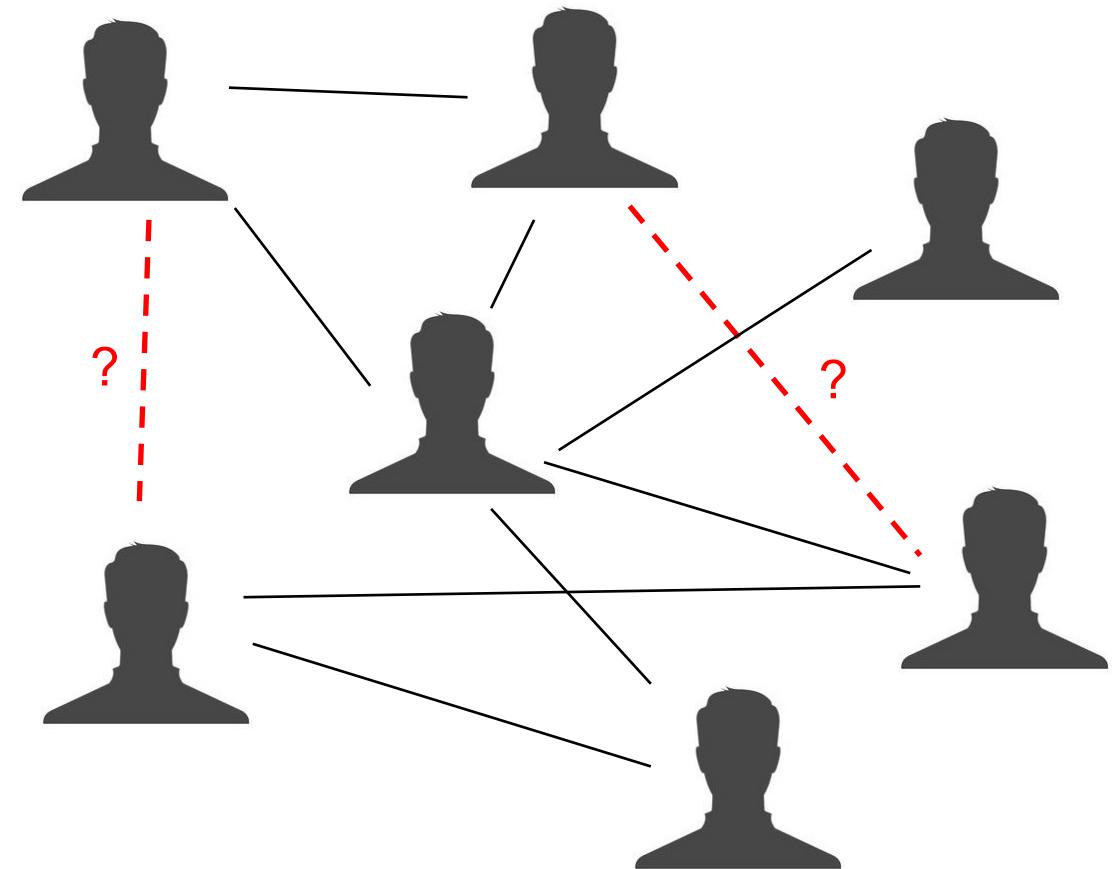


Web graph

# Machine Learning on Graphs

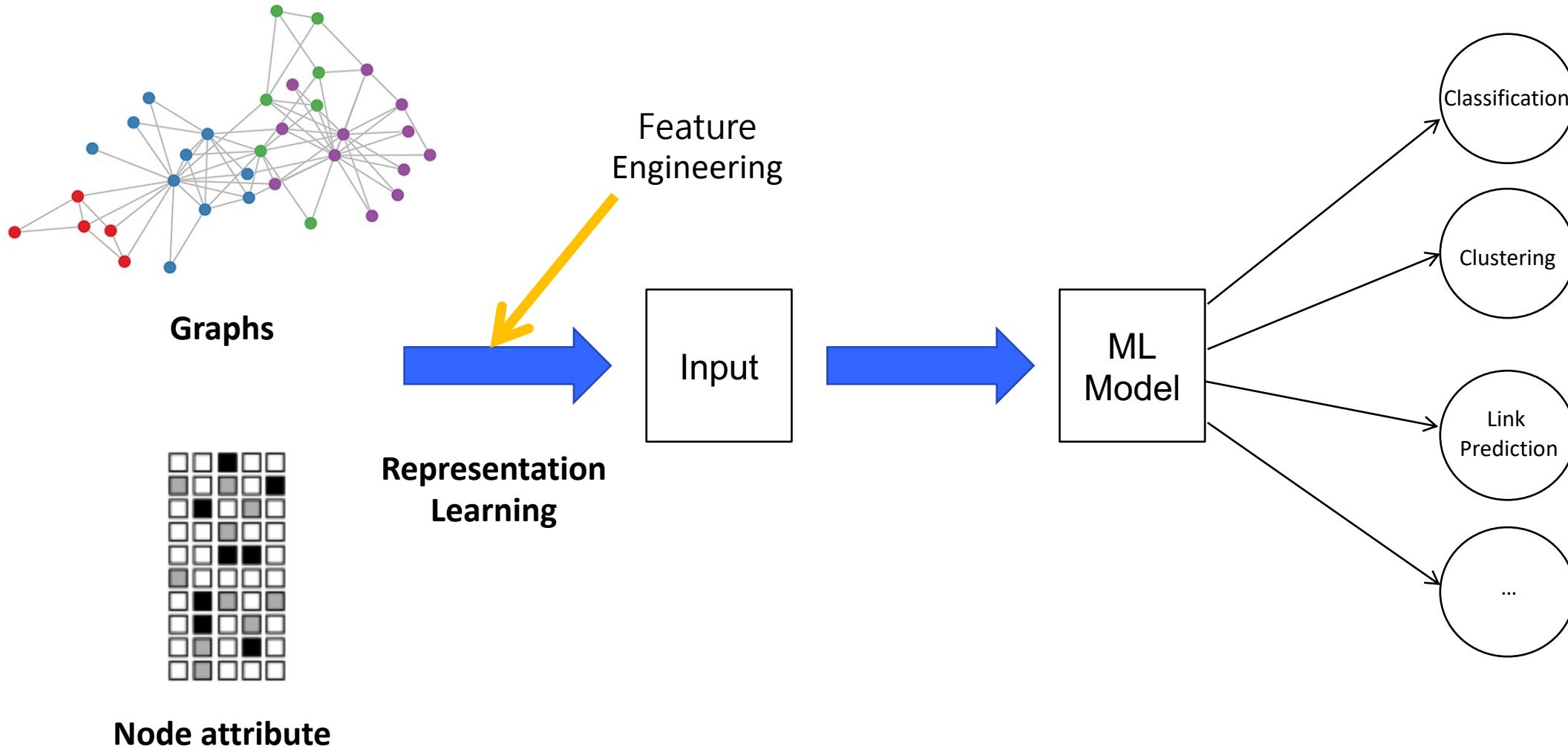
## Classical ML tasks in graphs:

- Node classification
  - Predict a type of a given node
- Link prediction
  - Predict whether two nodes are linked
- Community detection
  - Identify densely linked clusters of nodes
- Network similarity
  - How similar are two (sub)networks

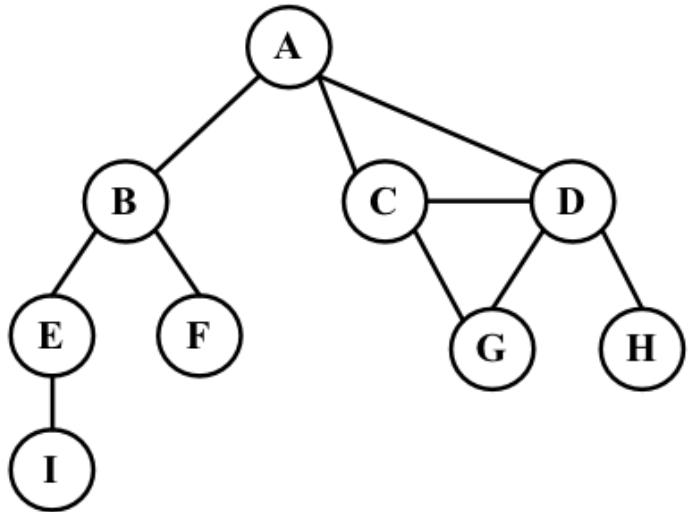


**Link Prediction  
(Friend Recommendation)**

# Machine Learning on Graphs



# Traditional Graph Representation



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
A	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
B	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
C	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
D	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
E	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
F	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
H	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
I	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Adjacency matrix

## Problems

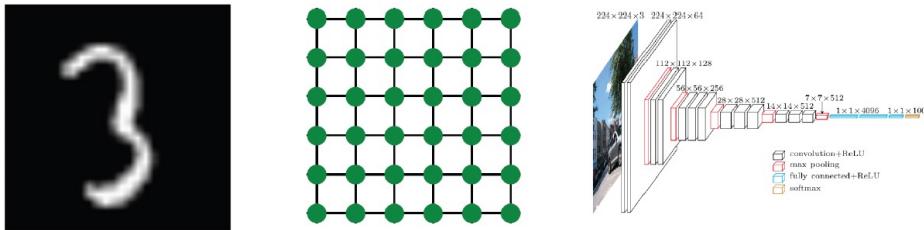
- Suffer from data sparsity
- Suffer from high dimensionality
- High complexity for computation
- Does not represent “semantics”
- ...

**How to effectively and efficiently represent graphs is the key!**

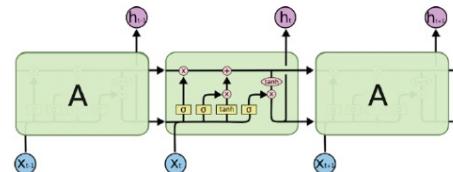
→ Deep learning-based approach?

# Challenges of Graph Representation Learning

- Existing deep neural networks are designed for data with regular-structure (grid or sequence)
  - CNNs for fixed-size images/grids ...



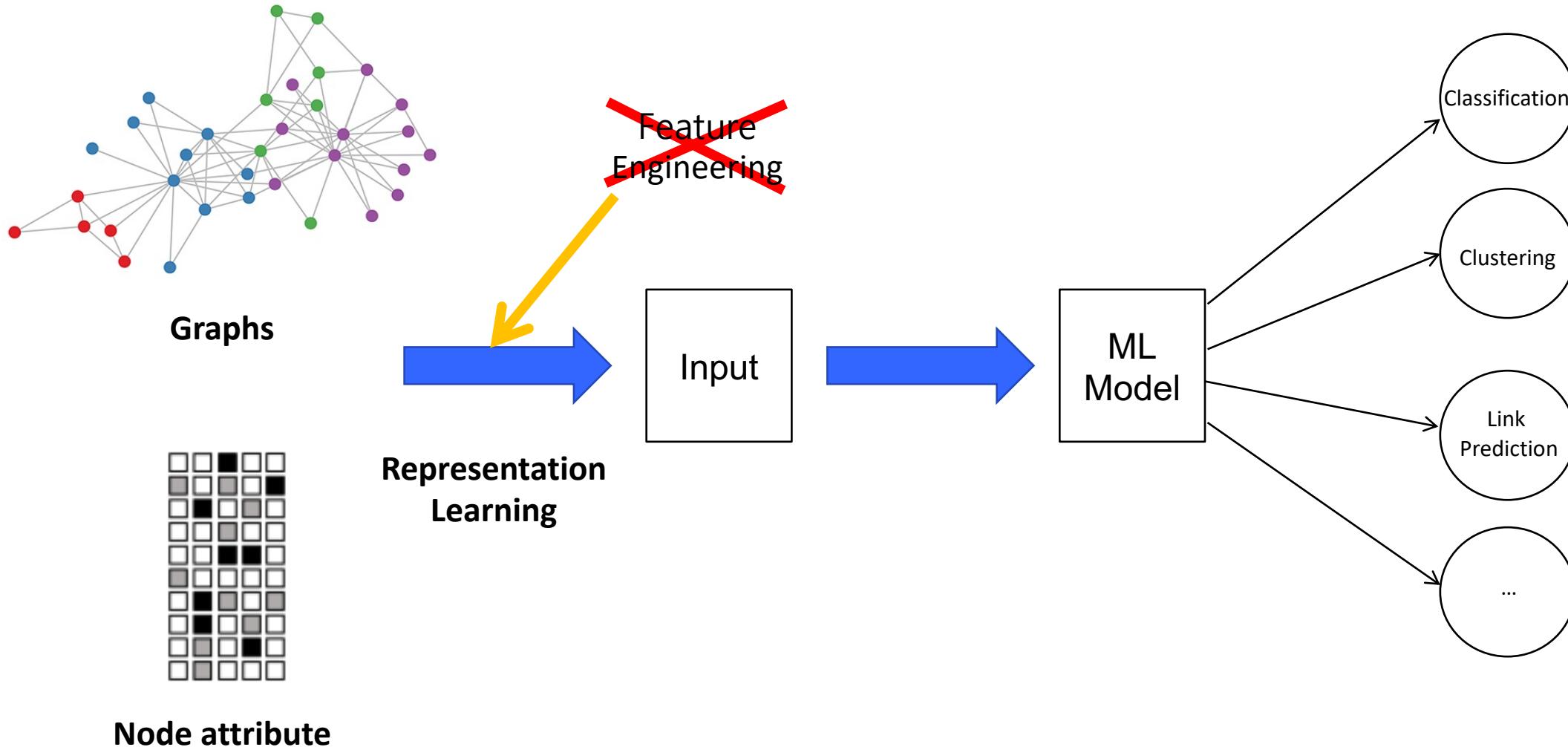
- RNNs for text/sequences ...



## ▪ Graphs are very complex

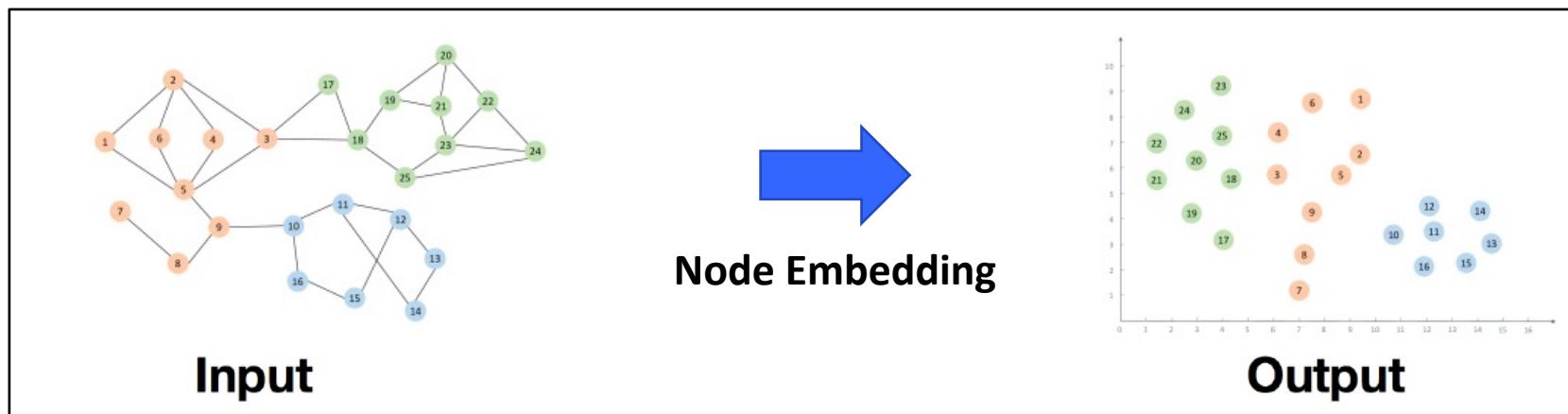
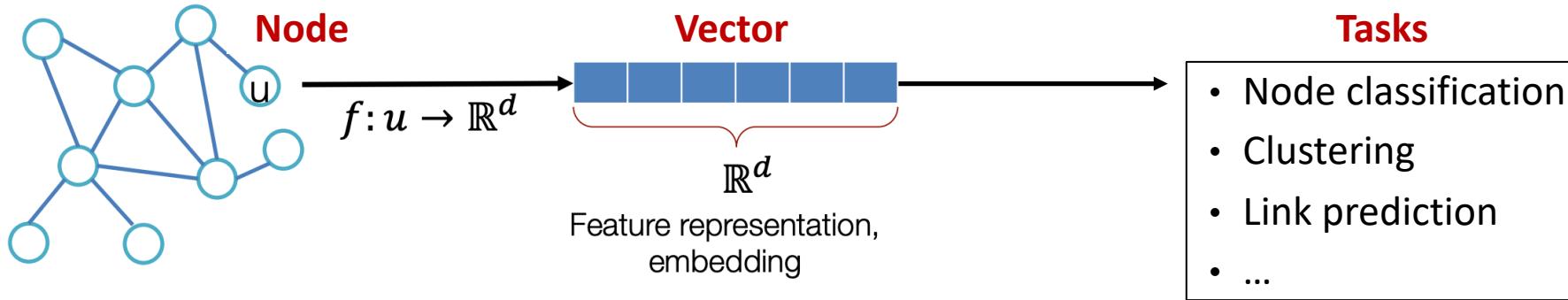
- Arbitrary structures (no spatial locality like grids / no fixed orderings)
- Heterogeneous: Directed/undirected, binary/weighted/typed, multimodal features
- Large-scale: More than millions of nodes and billions of edges

# Machine Learning on Graphs



# Graph Representation Learning

- Goal: Encode nodes so that **similarity in the embedding space** approximates **similarity in the original network**
- Similar nodes in a network have similar vector representations

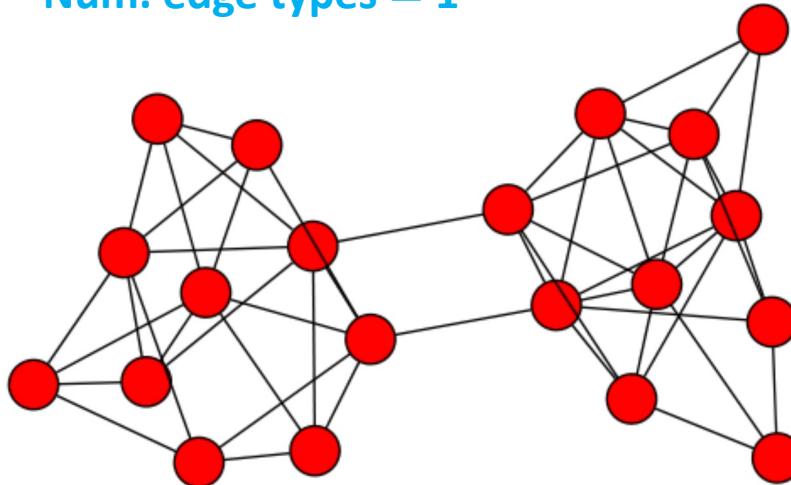


# Homogeneous Graph

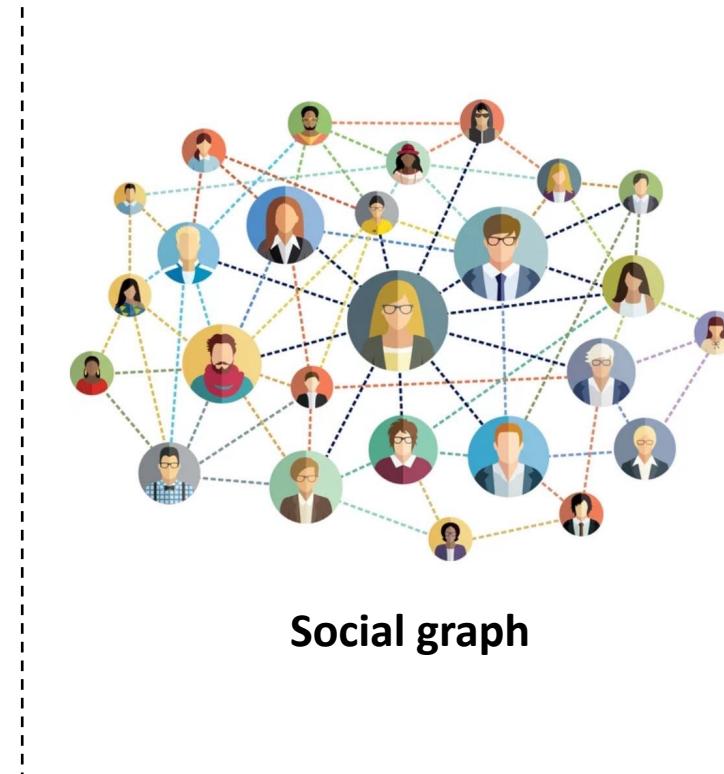
- A graph with a single type of node and a single type of edge

Num. node types = 1

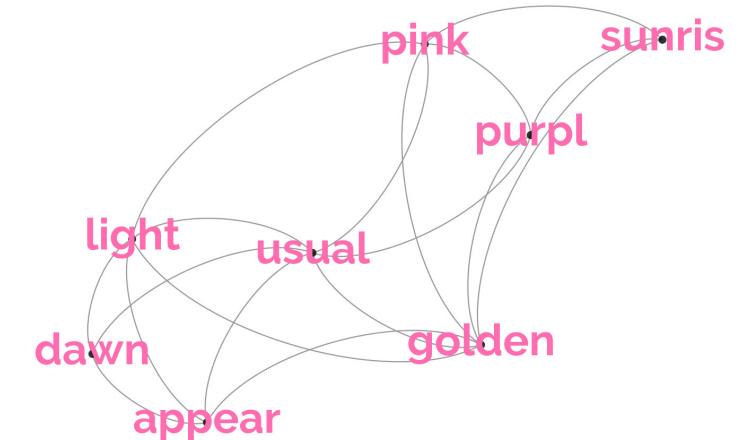
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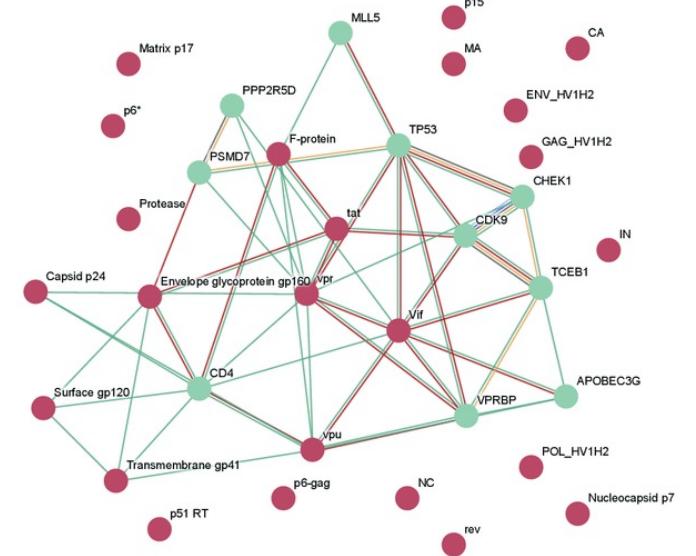
Homogeneous graph



Social graph



Word cooccurrence graph



Protein-Protein Interaction Graph

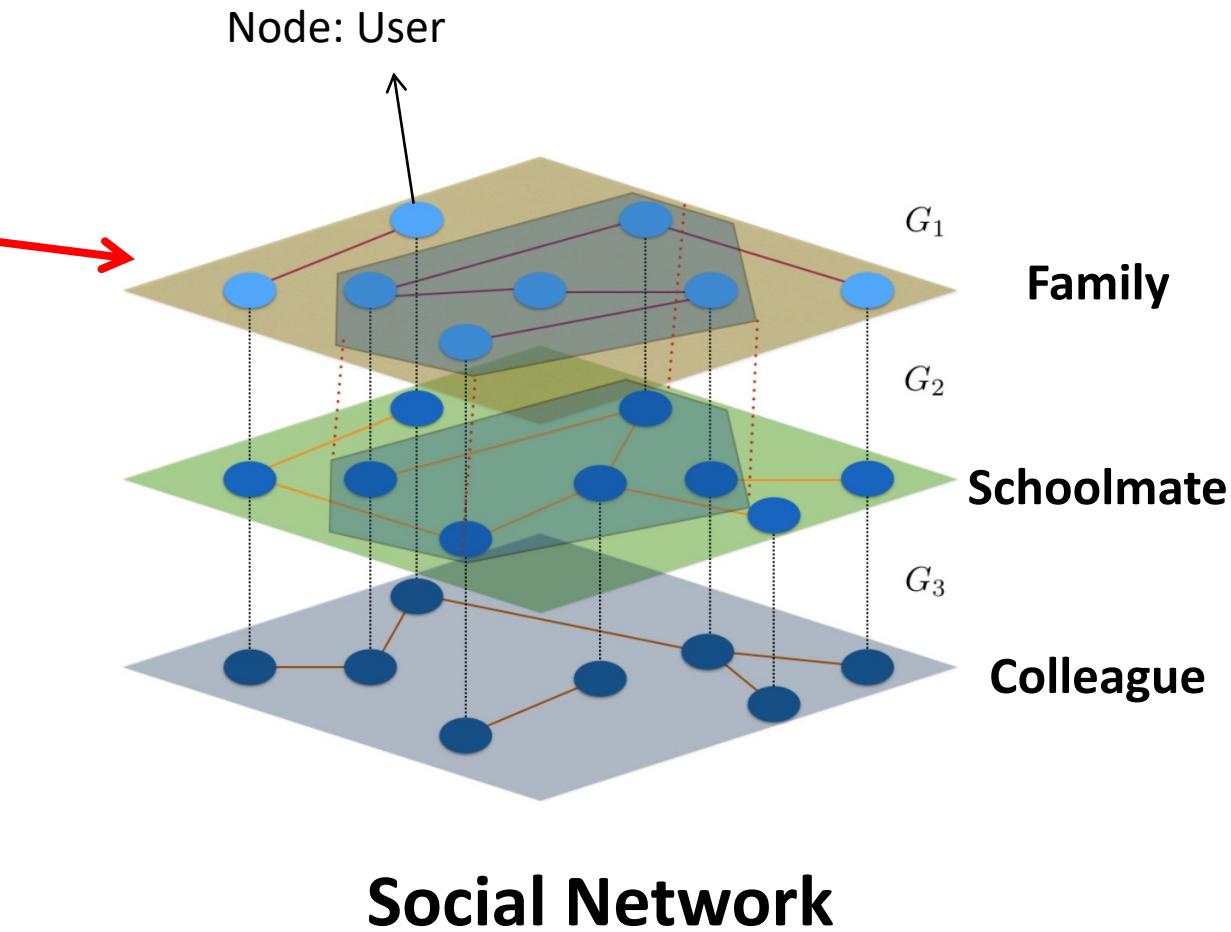
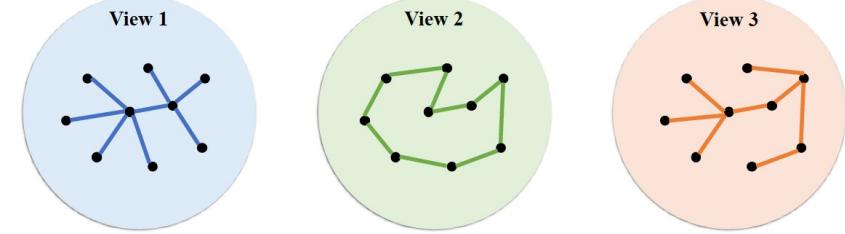
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# Multi-layer (Multiplex) Graph

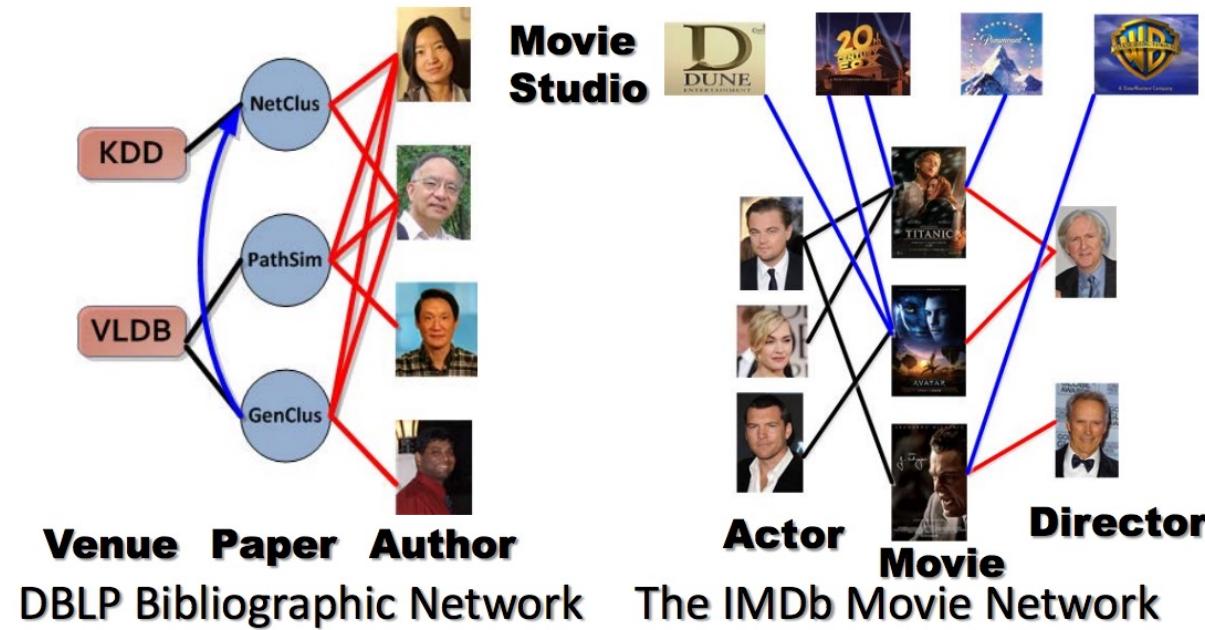
- A type of heterogeneous network
  - A single node type, multiple edge types
- **Example 1: Social network**
  - Relationship between users
- **Example 2: E-commerce**
  - Relationship between items
- **Example 3: Publication network**
  - Relationship between papers (Citation, share authors)
  - Relationship between authors (Co-author, co-citation)
- **Example 4: Movie database**
  - Relationship between movies
    - Common director, common actor
- **Example 5: Transportation network in a city**
  - Relation between locations in a city
    - Bus, train, car, taxi



# Heterogeneous Graph

- So far, we have look at graphs with a single type of node and a single type of edges
- However, in reality a lot of graphs have **multiple types of nodes** and **multiple types of edges**
- Such networks are called “**heterogeneous graph**”

Num. node types > 1  
Num. edge types > 1



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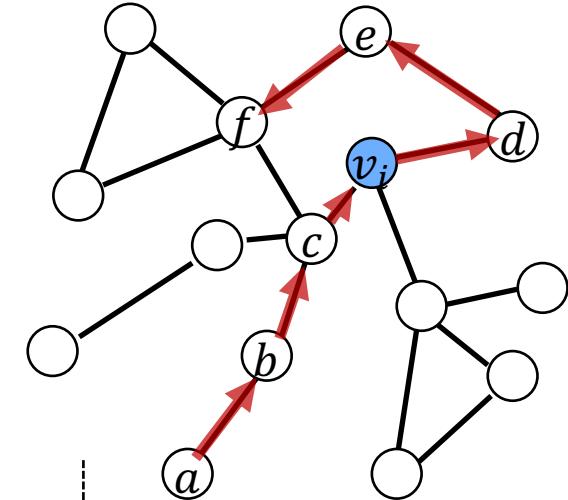
# Deepwalk

- Deepwalk converts a graph into a collection of node sequences through random walk
- Treat random walks on networks as sentences
- Distributional hypothesis
  - **Word embedding:** Words in similar contexts have similar meanings
  - **Node embedding:** Nodes in similar structural contexts are similar

## Deepwalk

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{DW}(\theta) &= \sum_{o \in O} \log p(o|\theta) = \sum_{o \in O} \log p((N(v_i), v_i)|\theta) \\ &= \sum_{o \in O} \sum_{v_j \in N(v_i)} \log p(v_j|v_i),\end{aligned}$$

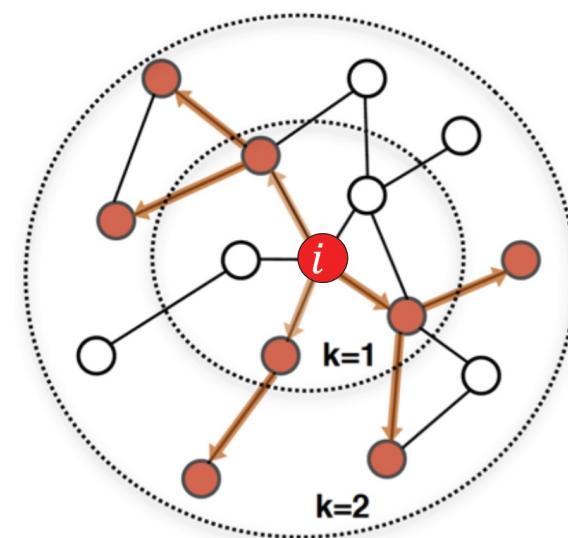
- $O$ : The set of all observations obtained from random walks
- $o = (N(v_i), v_i) \in O$ 
  - Center node  $v_i$
  - Neighboring nodes  $N(v_i)$



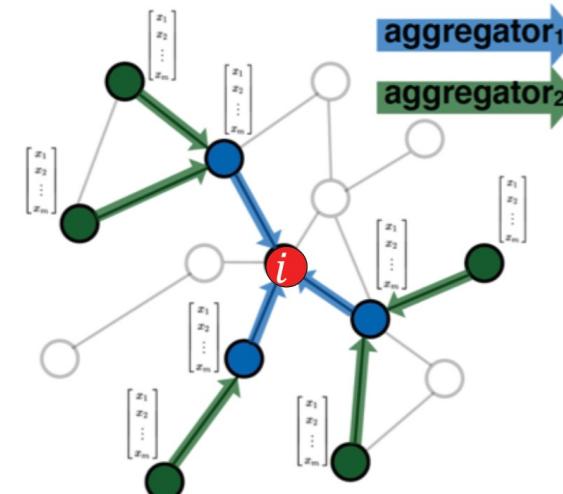
Example seq	$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow v_i \rightarrow d \rightarrow e \rightarrow f$
Window size=2	$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow v_i \rightarrow d \rightarrow e \rightarrow f$
Center node	$v_i$
Neighborhood	$N(v_i) = b, c, d, e$
Observation $o$	$o = (N(v_i), v_i) = (\{b, c, d, e\}, v_i)$

# Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)

- Idea: Node's neighborhood defines a computation graph
  - Messages contain **relational information** + **attribute information**



Determine node  
computation graph



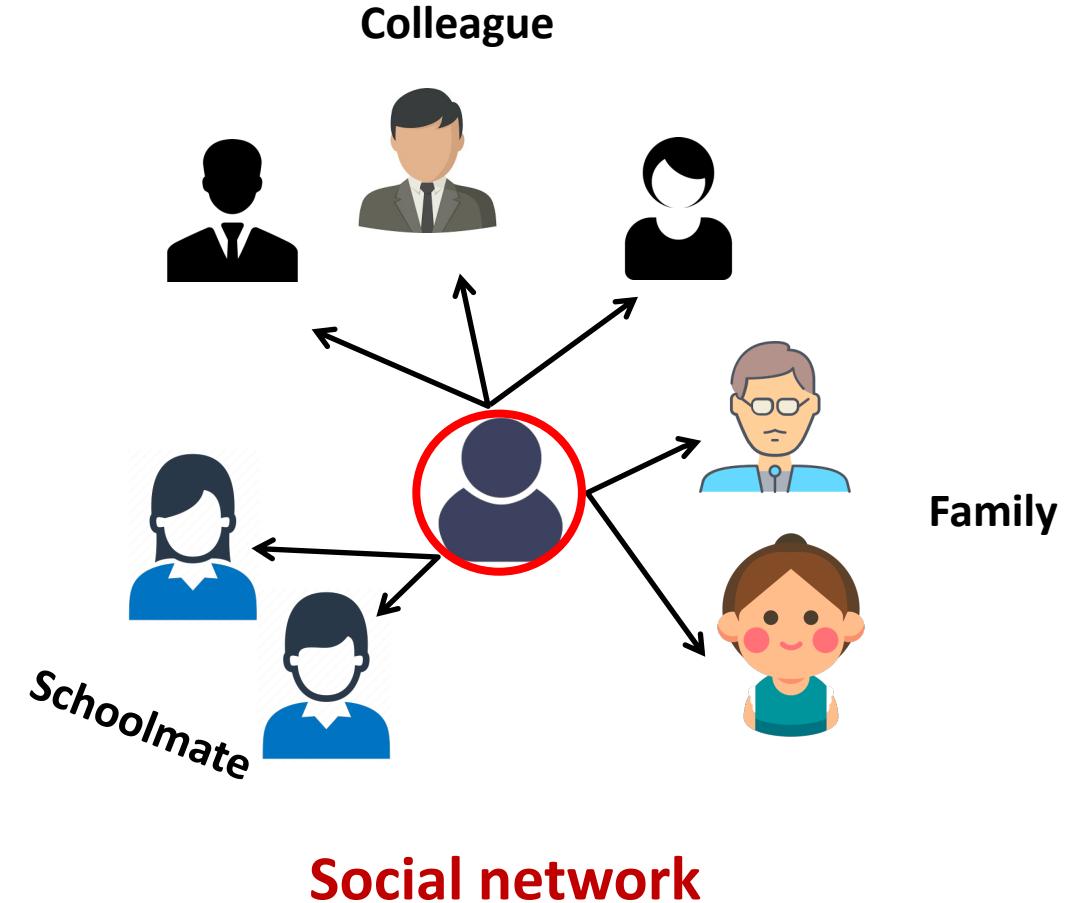
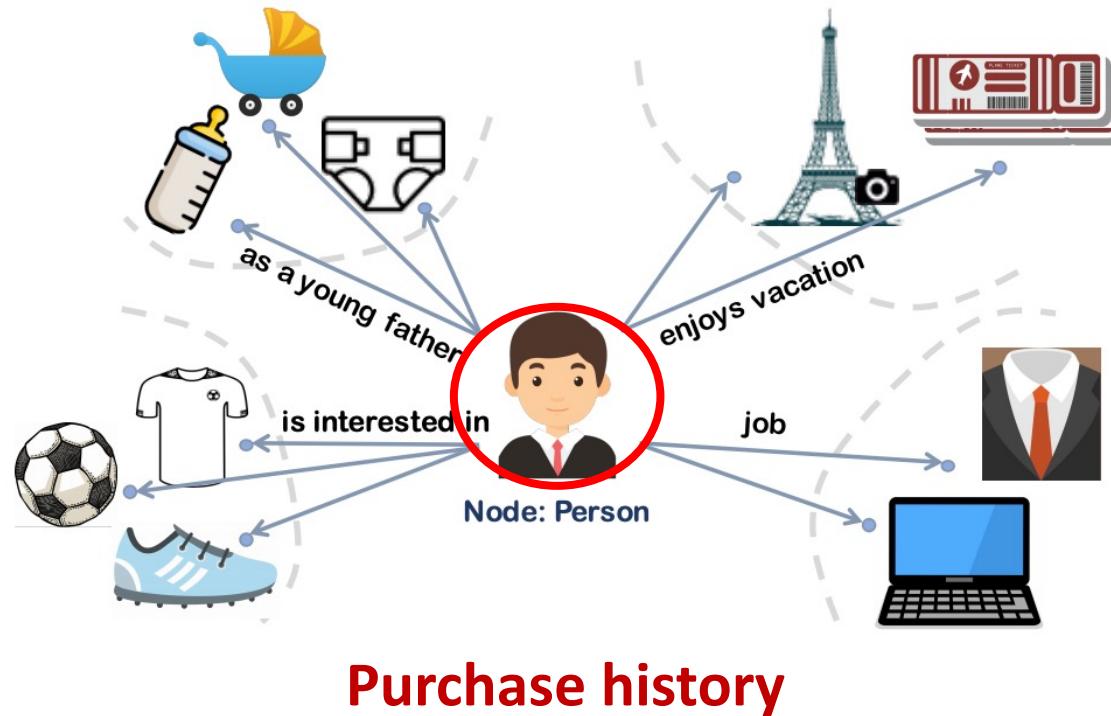
Propagate messages and  
transform information

Learn how to propagate information across the graph to compute node features

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# Is a Single Representation Enough?



How to differentiate among multiple aspects?

# PolyDW

- Idea: Similar to the idea of Deepwalk, but consider multi-aspect of each node
  - Define the aspect (sense) of each node by **clustering the adjacency matrix** (offline clustering)
  - For each node and its context nodes, sample an aspect
  - Update the node embeddings of the **sampled aspect only**

**Deepwalk**

$$\mathcal{L}_{DW}(\theta) = \sum_{o \in O} \log p(o|\theta) = \sum_{o \in O} \log p((N(v_i), v_i)|\theta)$$

$$= \sum_{o \in O} \sum_{v_j \in N(v_i)} \log p(v_j|v_i),$$



**PolyDW**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{PolyDW}(\theta) &= \sum_{o \in O} \log p(o|\mathcal{P}, \theta) \\ &= \sum_{o \in O} \log \left[ \sum_{s(o)} p(o|s(o), \mathcal{P}, \theta) \cdot p(s(o)|\mathcal{P}, \theta) \right] \\ &\geq \sum_{o \in O} \sum_{s(o)} p(s(o)|\mathcal{P}, \theta) \cdot \log p(o|s(o), \mathcal{P}, \theta) \\ &= \sum_{o \in O} \sum_{s(o)} p(s(o)|\mathcal{P}) \cdot \left[ \sum_{v_j \in N(v_i)} \log p(v_j|v_i, s(o)) \right] = \mathcal{L}_{PolyDW}^*(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

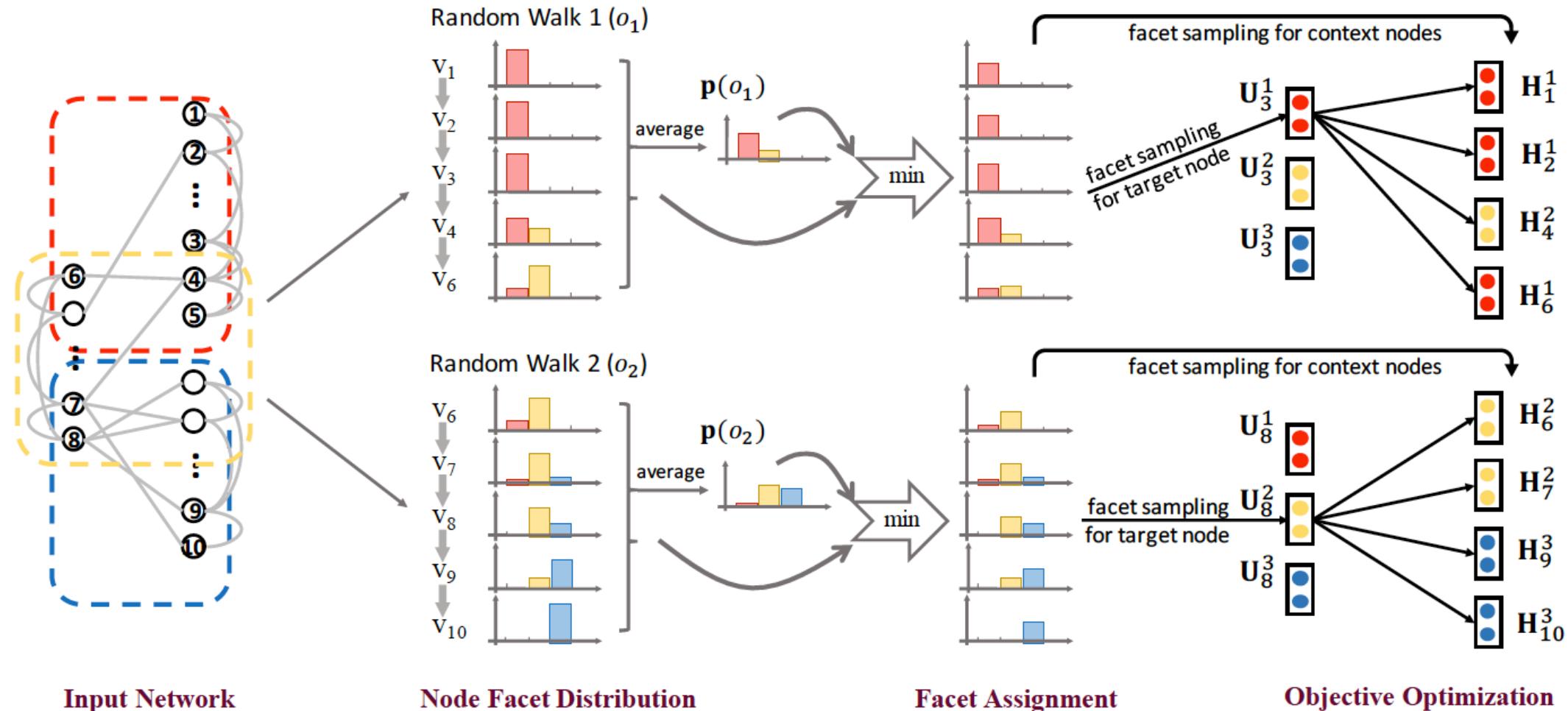
Jensen's inequality

Prior (obtained from clustering)

Cluster membership

$s(o)$ : A set of possible aspects within an observation  $o$

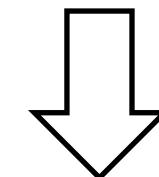
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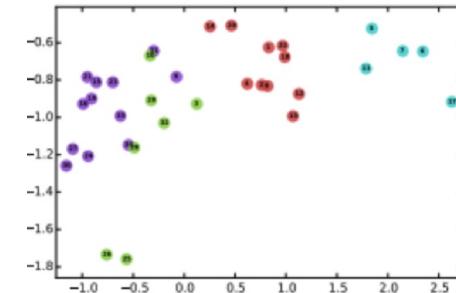
# PolyDW: Summary and Limitation



- :( 1. Each node always has the same **fixed aspect** regardless of its current context
- :( 2. Final network embedding **quality depends on the performance of clustering**
  - Training **cannot be done end-to-end**



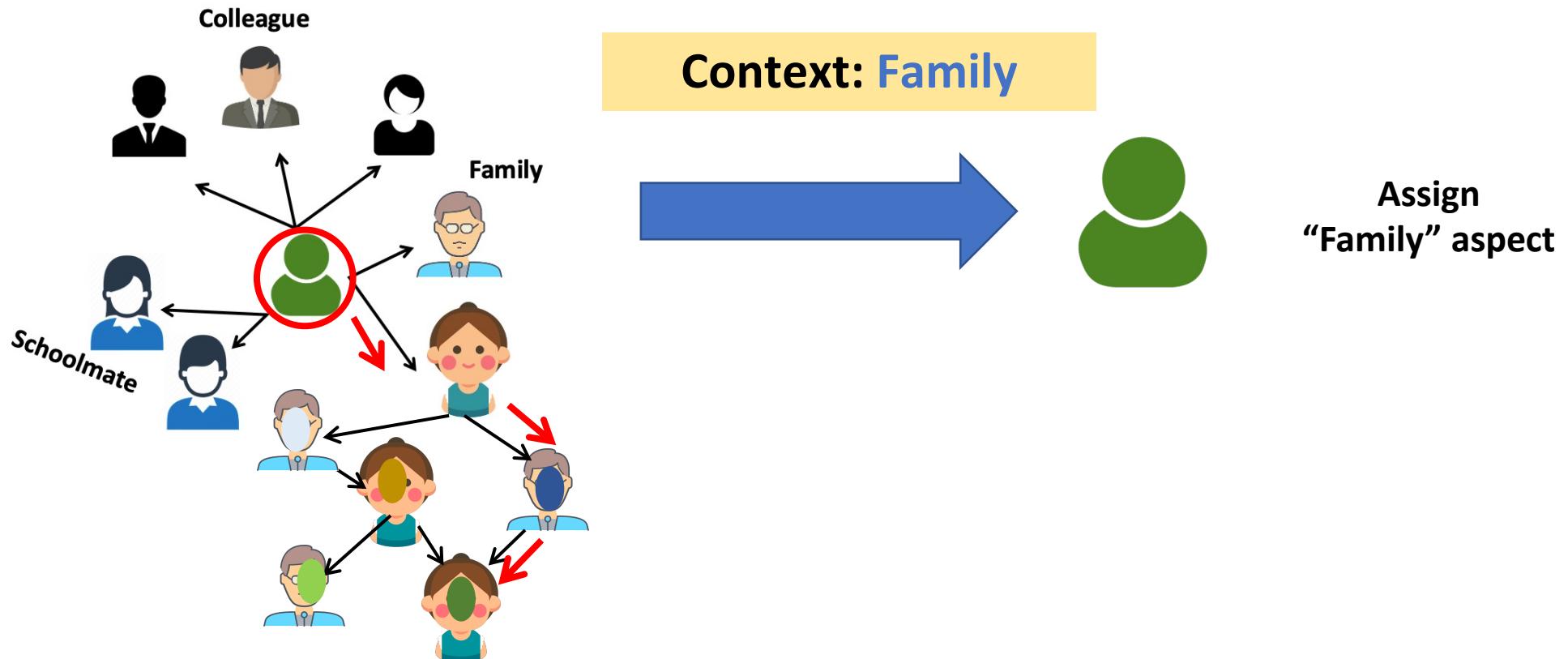
Start network embedding



Done!

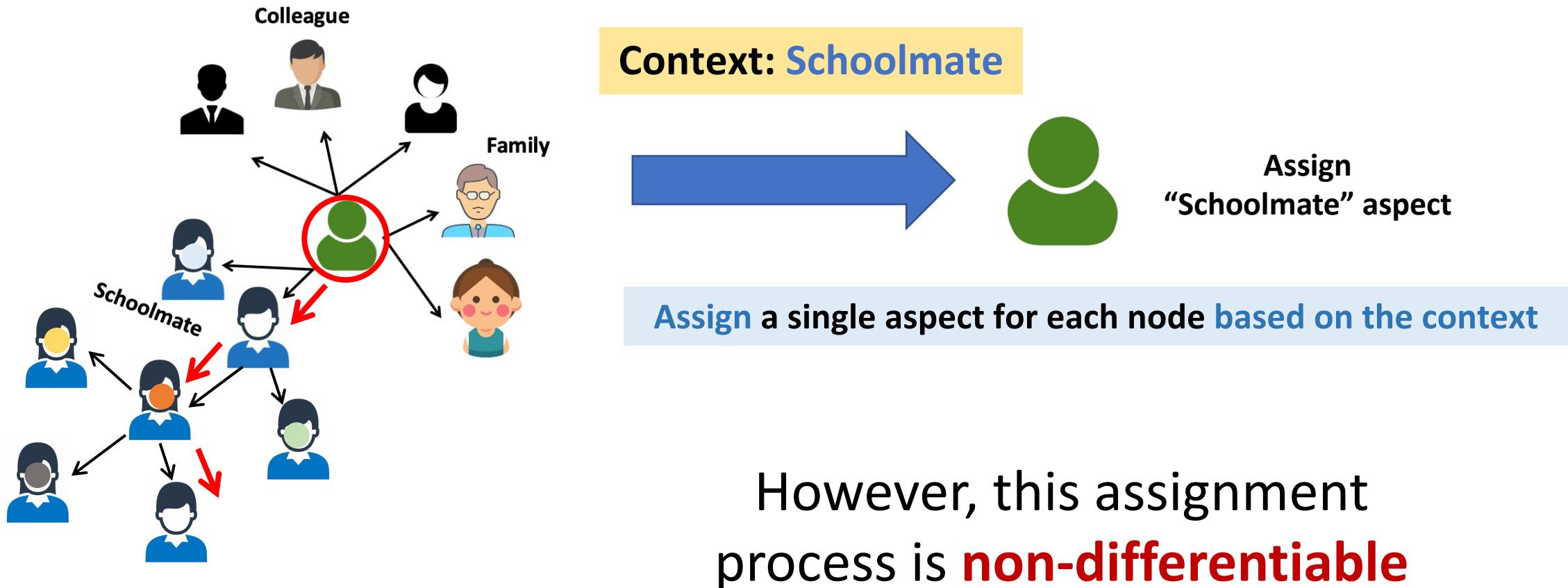
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# Asp2vec: Overview

- Adopt the **Gumbel-softmax trick** [1] to dynamically sample aspects based on the context
  - Continuous relaxation of discrete random variable

Gumbel-softmax

Aspect of node  $v_i$

$$p(\delta(v_i) = s | \mathcal{N}(v_i))$$

Local context of  $v_i$

Embedding of  $v_i$

Embedding of  $\mathcal{N}(v_i)$  regarding aspect  $s$

$$= \frac{\exp[\langle \mathbf{P}_i, \text{Readout}^{(s)}(\mathcal{N}(v_i)) \rangle + g_s] / \tau}{\sum_{s'=1}^K \exp[\langle \mathbf{P}_i, \text{Readout}^{(s')}(\mathcal{N}(v_i)) \rangle + g_{s'}] / \tau}$$

**Sample the aspect that gives the highest value**  
 (Continuous relaxation of discrete random variable )

Probability of  $v_i$  being selected as aspect  $s$  given its context  $\mathcal{N}(v_i)$

**Gumbel-softmax**

Differentiable

$$z_i = \text{softmax} [\log \pi_i + g_i]$$

$$= \frac{\exp ((\log \pi_i + g_i) / \tau)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp ((\log \pi_j + g_j) / \tau)}$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, K$

Gumbel noise drawn from  $\text{Gumbel}(0,1)$

$$g_i = -\log(-\log(u_i))$$

$$u_i \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$$

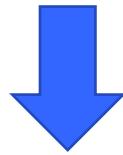
Temperature parameter

As  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ , samples from the Gumbel-Softmax distribution become one-hot

# Asp2vec: Single-aspect → Multi-aspect

**Single-aspect**  
(Deepwalk)

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{DW}}^{(w)} = \sum_{v_i \in w} \sum_{v_j \in N(v_i)} \log p(v_j | v_i)$$



**Multi-aspect**  
(asp2vec)

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{asp2vec}}^{(w)} = \sum_{v_i \in w} \sum_{v_j \in N(v_i)} \sum_{s=1}^K p(\delta(v_i) = s | N(v_i)) \log p(v_j | v_i, p(\delta(v_i) = s))$$

Aspect selection  
probability

**Final objective  
function**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{asp2vec}} = - \sum_{w \in W} \mathcal{J}_{\text{asp2vec}}^{(w)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\exp(\langle P_i, Q_j \rangle)}{\sum_{v_j' \in V} \exp(\langle P_i, Q_{j'} \rangle)} \\ & \frac{\exp[(\log \langle P_i, \text{Readout}^{(s)}(N(v_i)) \rangle + g_s)/\tau]}{\sum_{s'=1}^K \exp[(\log \langle P_i, \text{Readout}^{(s')}(N(v_i)) \rangle + g_{s'})/\tau]} \\ & \frac{\exp(\langle P_i, Q_j^{(s)} \rangle)}{\sum_{v_j' \in V} \exp(\langle P_i, Q_{j'}^{(s)} \rangle)} \end{aligned}$$

# Asp2vec: Is Multi-aspect Enough?

- Authors can belong to multiple research communities
- **These communities interact with one another**



**Interactions among aspects  
should be captured**

- **Goal:** Aspect embeddings should be
  - 1. Related to each other (**Relatedness**)
    - To capture some common information shared among aspects (e.g., DM  $\leftrightarrow$  DB)
  - 2. Diverse from each other (**Diversity**)
    - To independently capture the inherent properties of individual aspects (e.g., DM  $\leftrightarrow$  CA)

**How can we capture both **relatedness** and **diversity** among aspects?**

# Asp2vec: Capturing Diversity and Relatedness among Aspects

- **Capturing diversity:** Minimize similarity among aspect embeddings (= maximize diversity)

$$\text{reg}_{\text{asp}} = \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^K \text{A-Sim}(Q_*^{(i)}, Q_*^{(j)})$$

Aspect similarity between aspect  $i$  and  $j$

$Q_*^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  (Aspect embedding matrix w.r.t. aspect  $i$ )

$$\text{A-Sim}(Q_*^{(i)}, Q_*^{(j)}) = \sum_{h=1}^{|V|} f(Q_h^{(i)}, Q_h^{(j)}) \quad f(Q_h^{(i)}, Q_h^{(j)}) = \frac{\langle Q_h^{(i)}, Q_h^{(j)} \rangle}{\|Q_h^{(i)}\| \|Q_h^{(j)}\|}, \quad -1 \leq f(Q_h^{(i)}, Q_h^{(j)}) \leq 1$$

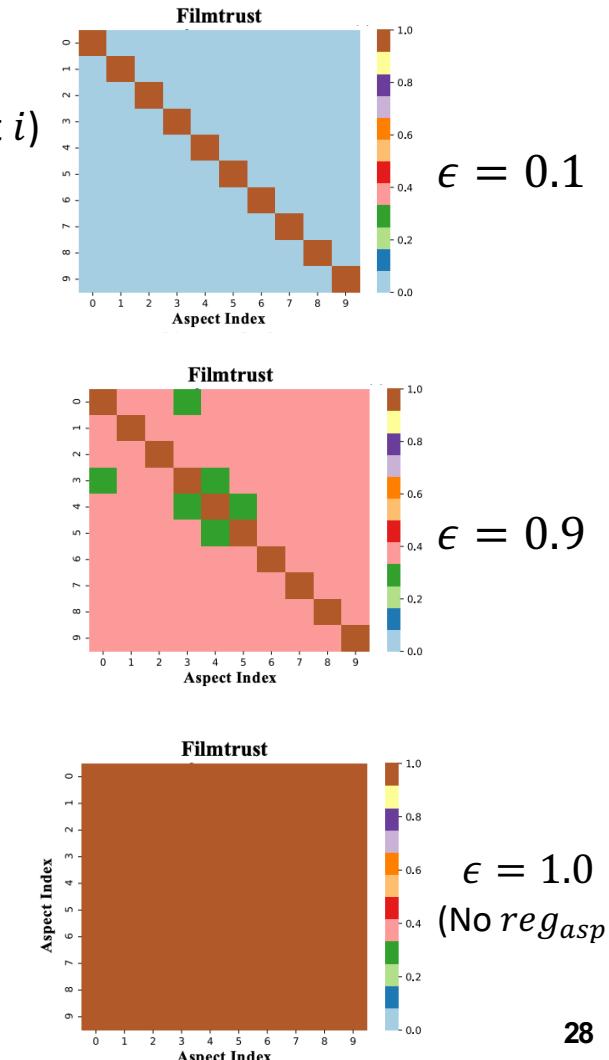
(Cosine similarity)

- **Capturing relatedness:** Allow similarity among aspects **to some extent**

$$\text{A-Sim}(Q_*^{(i)}, Q_*^{(j)}) = \sum_{h=1}^{|V|} w_{i,j}^h f(Q_h^{(i)}, Q_h^{(j)}) \quad (\text{Maximize diversity + allow some similarity})$$

$$w_{i,j}^h = \begin{cases} 1, & |f(Q_h^{(i)}, Q_h^{(j)})| \geq \epsilon \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Enforce loss if similarity is larger than  $\epsilon$ 
  - Allow similarity as much as  $\epsilon$



# Asp2vec: Final Objectives

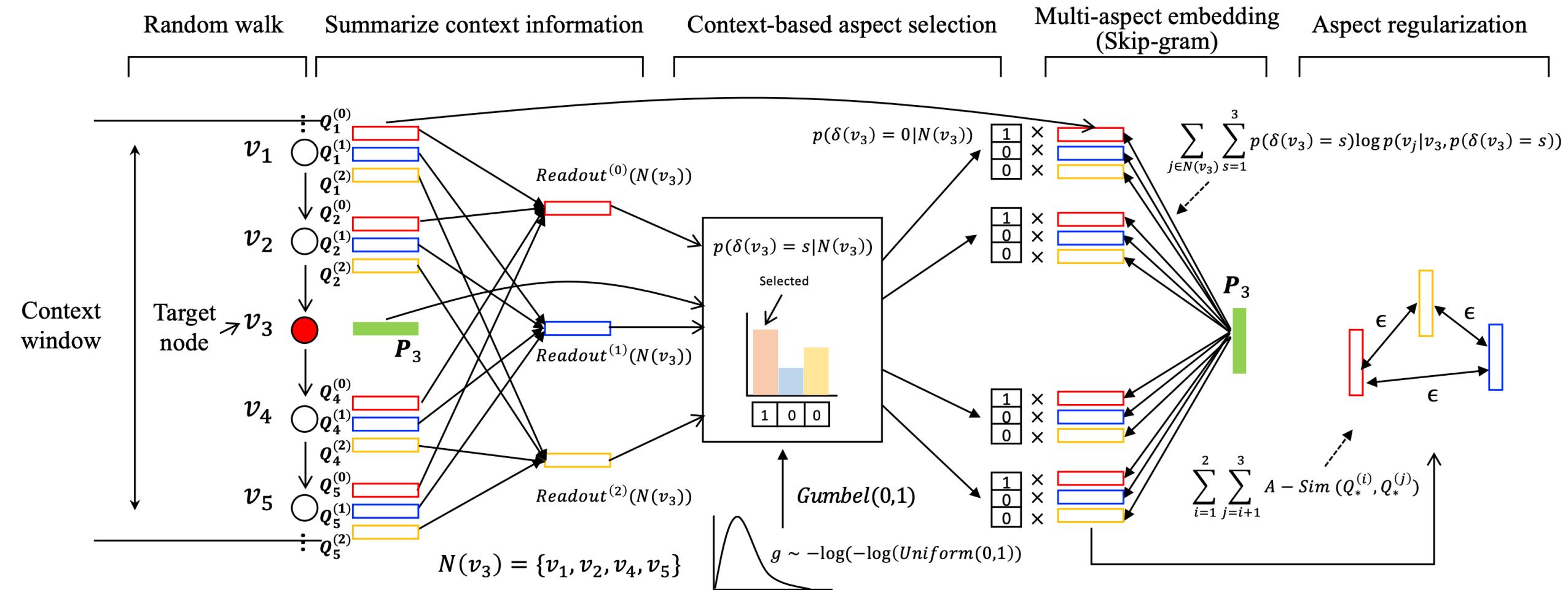
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{asp2vec}} + \lambda \text{reg}_{\text{asp}}$$

Multi-aspect  
embeddingAspect  
regularization

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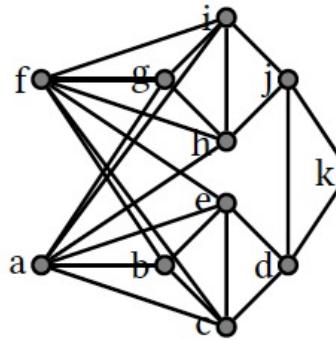
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# Asp2vec: Architecture

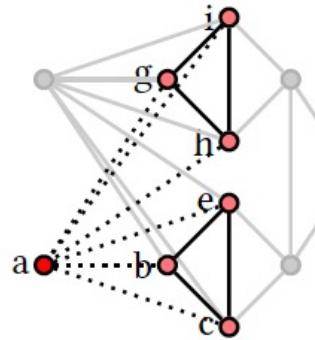


# Splitter

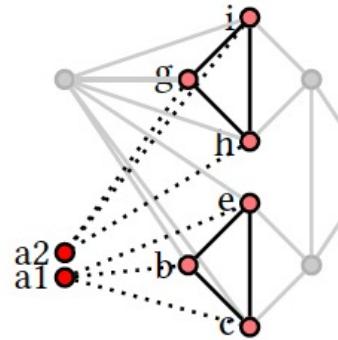
- Given an original graph, compute a **persona graph**
  - Add constraints on Deepwalk to relate the persona graph with the original graph



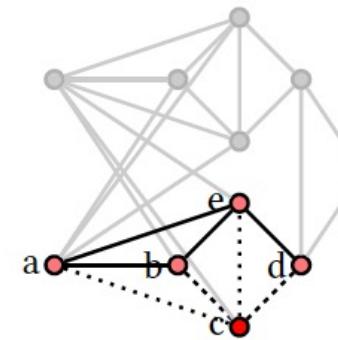
(a) original graph  $G$



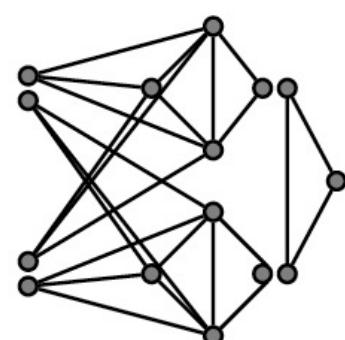
(b) ego-net of  $a$



(c) splitting  $a$  in two personas



(d) ego-net of  $c$  (one persona)



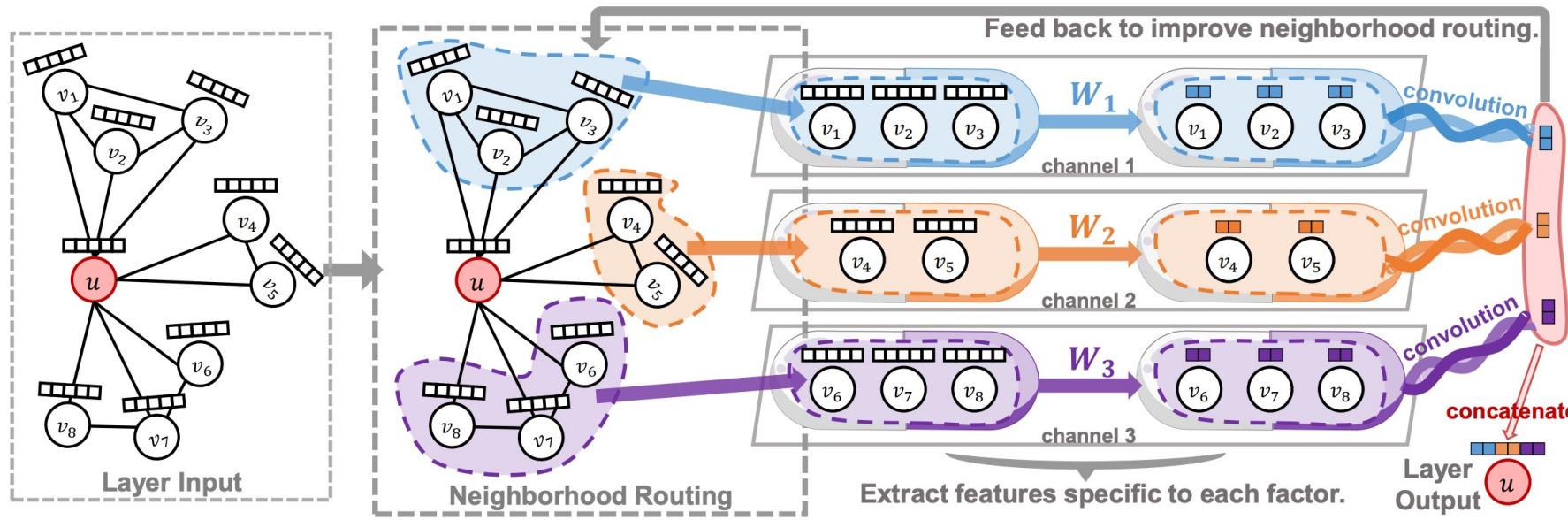
(e) persona graph

$$\underset{\Phi_{GP}}{\text{minimize}} \quad -\log \Pr(\{v_{i-w}, \dots, v_{i+w}\} \setminus v_i \mid \Phi_{GP}(v_i)) - \lambda \log \Pr(v_o \mid \Phi_{GP}(v_i)).$$

Predict the  $N(v_i)$  using the persona of  $v_i$

Predict the original embedding of  $v_i$  using its persona

# DisenGCN: Disentangled Graph Convolutional Networks



**Step 1: Project  $x_i$  into  $K$  different subspaces (aspects)**

$$\mathbf{z}_{i,k} = \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{W}_k^\top \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}_k)}{\|\sigma(\mathbf{W}_k^\top \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}_k)\|_2} \quad \mathbf{W}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{in} \times \frac{d_{out}}{K}} \quad \mathbf{b}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{d_{out}}{K}}$$

- L2-normalization to ensure numerical stability
- $\mathbf{z}_{i,k}$  approximately describes the aspect of node  $i$  that are related with the  $k$ -th factor

**Step 2: How do we know which of the neighbors belong to which channel?**

$$p_{v,k}^{(t)} = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{z}_{v,k}^\top \mathbf{c}_k^{(t)} / \tau)}{\sum_{k'=1}^K \exp(\mathbf{z}_{v,k'}^\top \mathbf{c}_{k'}^{(t)} / \tau)}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_k^{(t)} = \frac{\mathbf{z}_{u,k} + \sum_{v:(u,v) \in G} p_{v,k}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{z}_{v,k}}{\|\mathbf{z}_{u,k} + \sum_{v:(u,v) \in G} p_{v,k}^{(t-1)} \mathbf{z}_{v,k}\|_2}$$

$p_{v,k}$ : probability that factor  $k$  is the reason why node  $u$  reaches neighbor  $v$

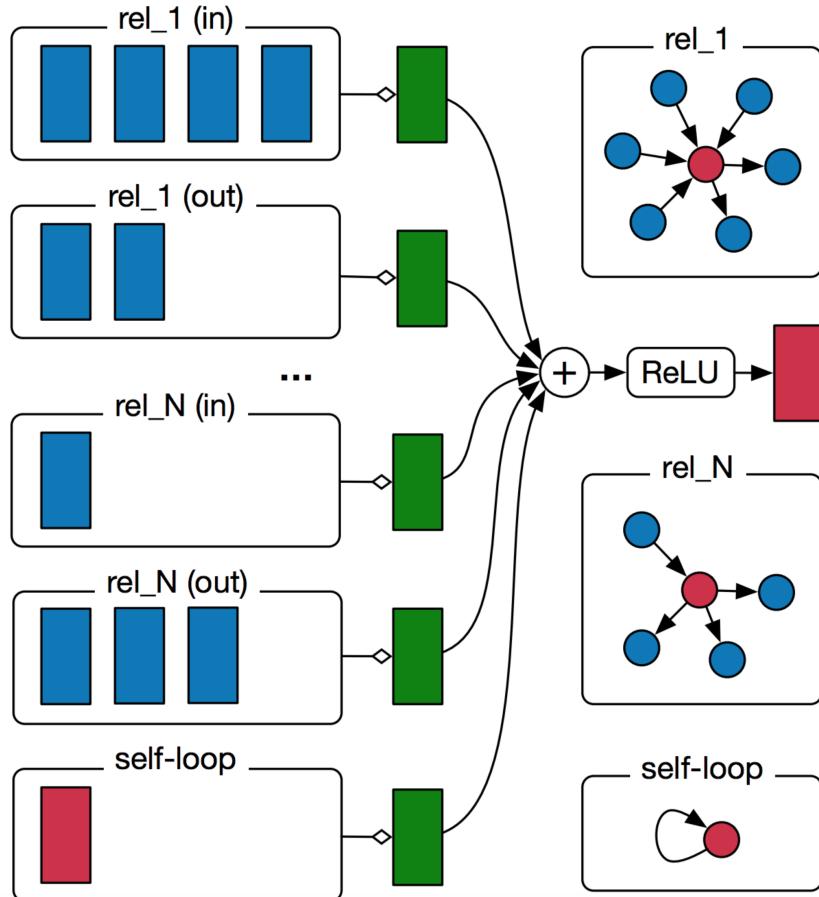
$\mathbf{c}_k$ : The final output of the  $k$ -th channel (combination of the current node  $u$  and its neighbors)

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  - ~~GNNs for Homogeneous Graph~~
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- How to effectively train GNNs?
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# R-GCN: Relational GCN

- Knowledge graph is a type of multiplex network
  - Nodes are entities, the edges are relations labeled with their types



GCN



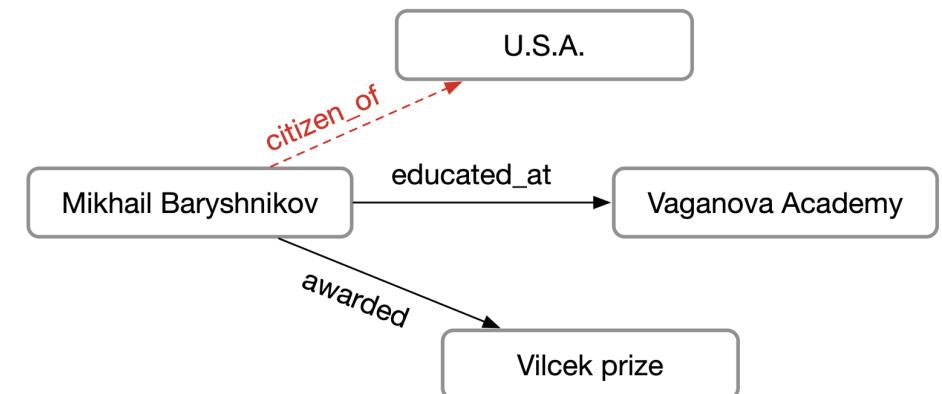
R-GCN

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in N_i} \frac{1}{c_i} W^{(l)} h_j^{(l)} + W_0^{(l)} h_i^{(l)} \right)$$

$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^r} \frac{1}{c_{i,r}} W_r^{(l)} h_j^{(l)} + W_0^{(l)} h_i^{(l)} \right)$$

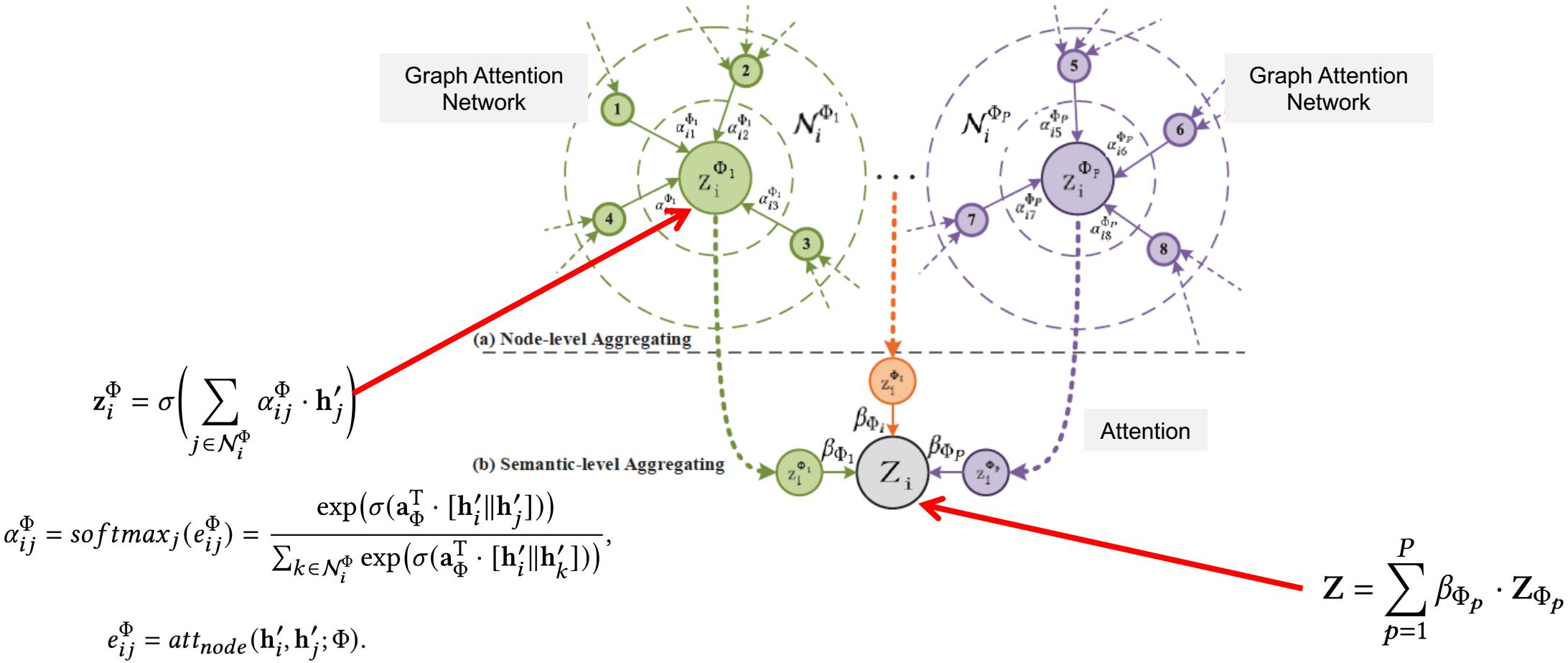
$$W_r^{(l)} = \sum_{b=1}^B a_{rb}^{(l)} V_b^{(l)}$$

Address overfitting and rapid growth in # parameters



# HAN: Heterogeneous Graph Attention Network

- Idea: Apply graph attention networks to each network and then aggregate through attention



# Background: Mutual Information (MI)

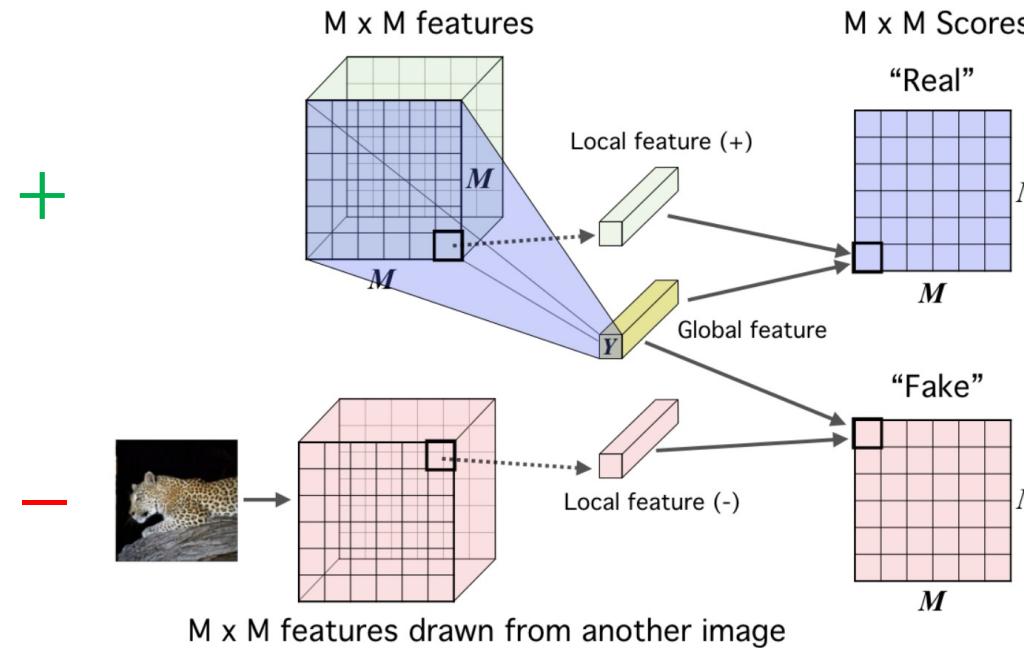
- Measures the amount of information that two variables share
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $P_{XY} = P_X P_Y \rightarrow$  in this case, MI = 0

$$\begin{aligned} I(X; Y) &= \mathbb{E}_{P_{XY}} \left[ \log \frac{P_{XY}}{P_X P_Y} \right] \\ &= D_{KL}(P_{XY} || P_X P_Y) \end{aligned}$$

- High MI?  $\rightarrow$  One variable is always indicative of the other variable
- Recently, scalable estimation of mutual information was made both possible and practical through **Mutual Information Neural Estimation (MINE)**

# Deep Infomax

- Unsupervised representation learning method for image data
- Intuition: **Maximize mutual information (MI)** between local patches and the global representation of an image



Discriminator tries to discriminate  
between “Real” and “Fake”

# Deep Graph Infomax

- Deep Graph Infomax (DGI) applies Deep Infomax on graph domain
- Unsupervised graph representation learning method that considers node features
- Notations

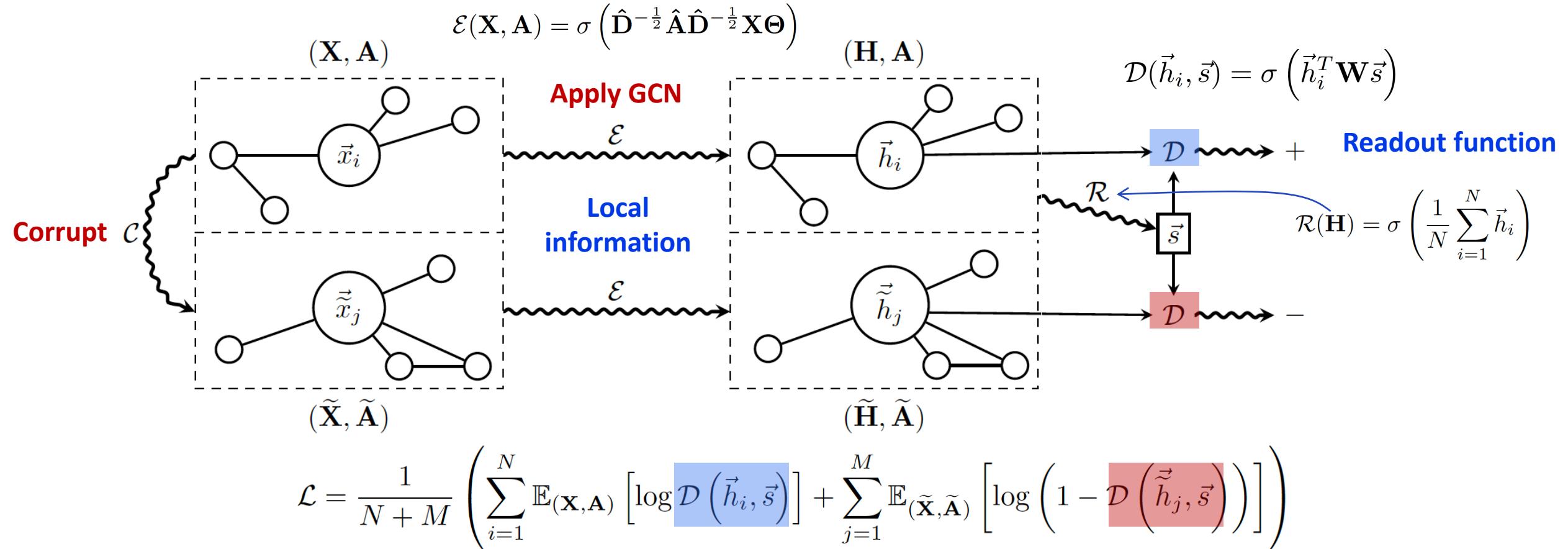
$\mathbf{X} = \{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_N\}$  : A set of node features (N: number of nodes)  $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^F$

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  : Adjacency matrix

- Learn a **graph convolutional** encoder  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{H} = \{\vec{h}_1, \vec{h}_2, \dots, \vec{h}_N\}$   $\vec{h}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{F'}$ 
  - Generates node representations by **repeated aggregation over local node neighborhoods**
  - $\vec{h}_i$  summarizes a patch of the graph centered around node  $i$  ( $\approx$  patch representation)

Analogy: **Local patch** representation in an image == **Node representation** in a graph

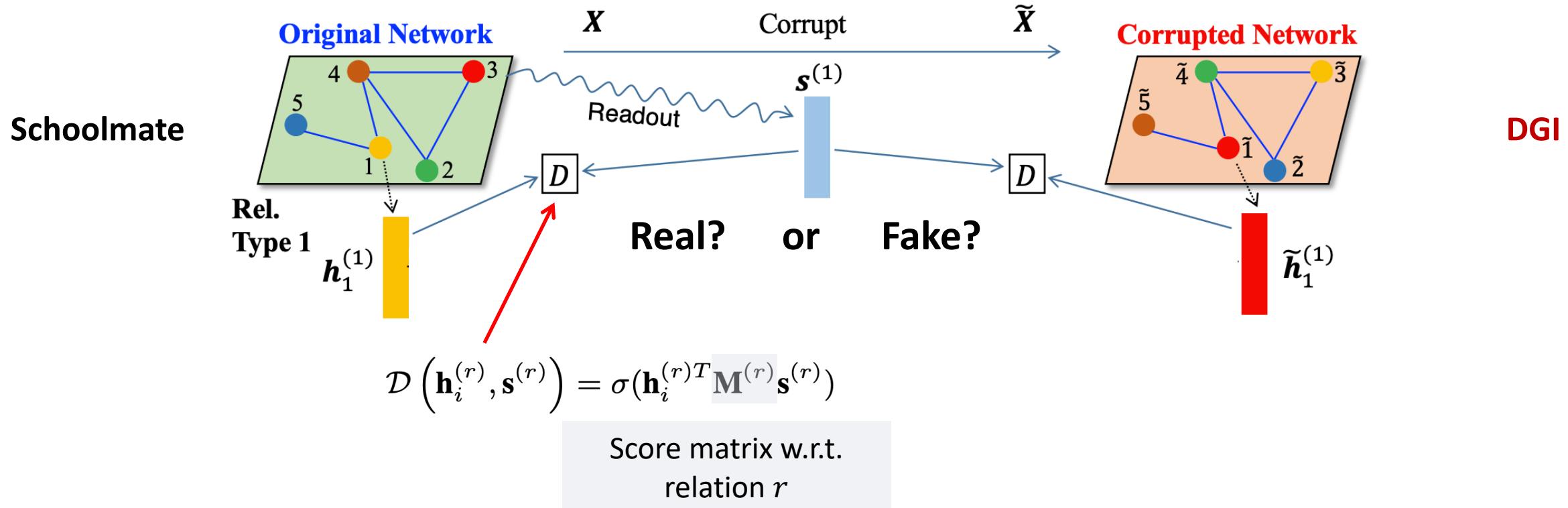
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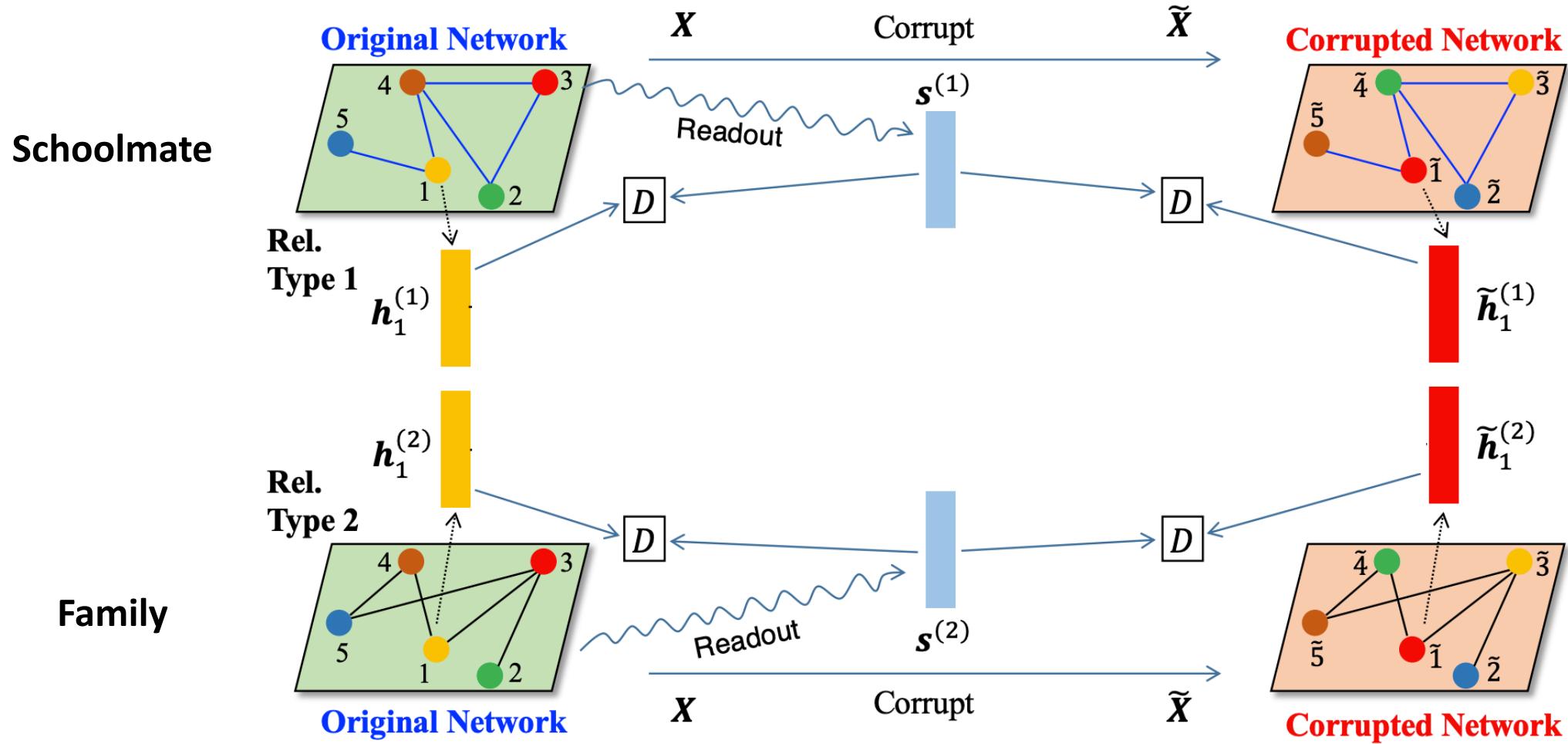
**Maximizes the mutual information between the local patches ( $\vec{h}_i$ ) and the graph-level global representation ( $\vec{s}$ )**

# DMGI: Unsupervised Attributed Multiplex Network Embedding

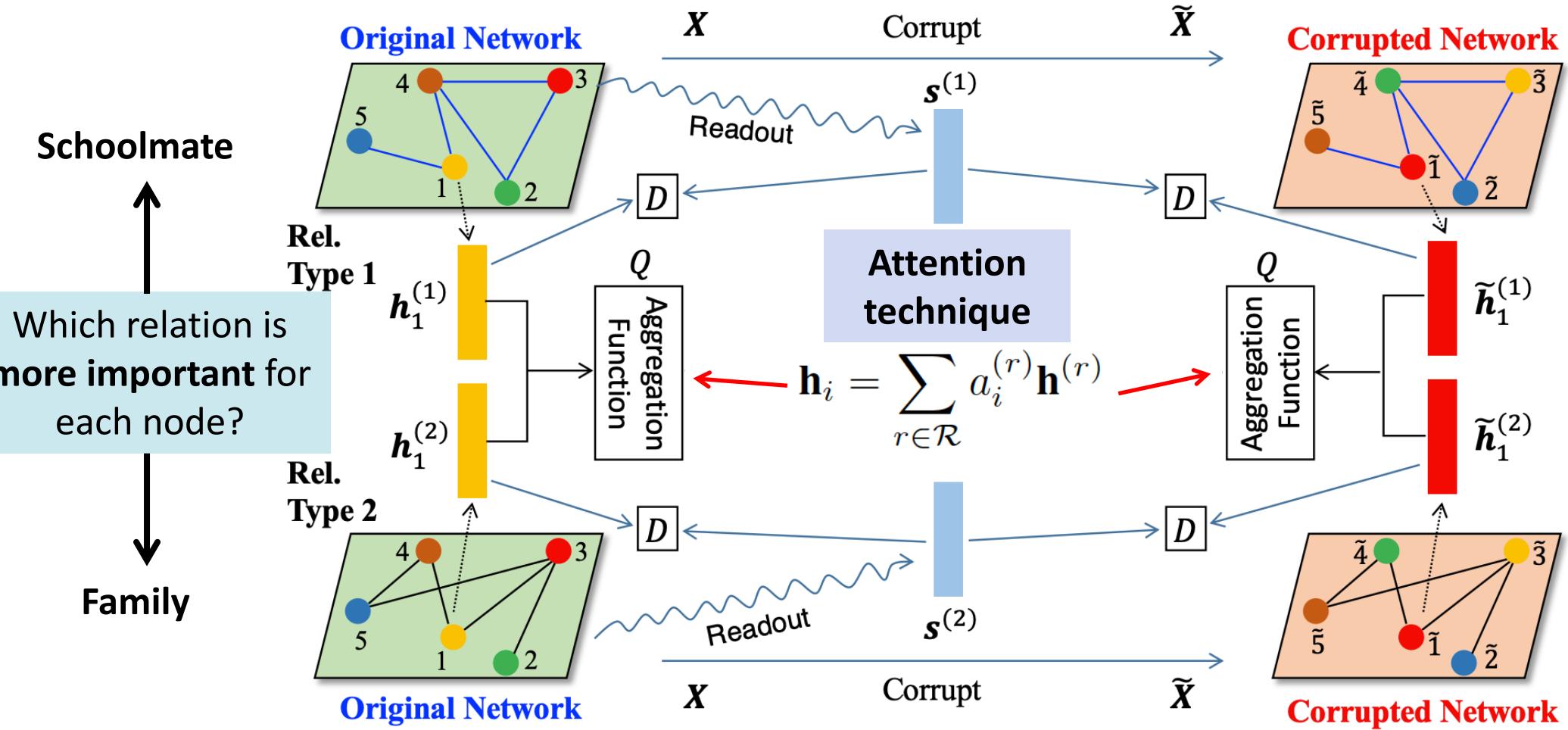
- Idea: Adopt infomax principal to multiplex network



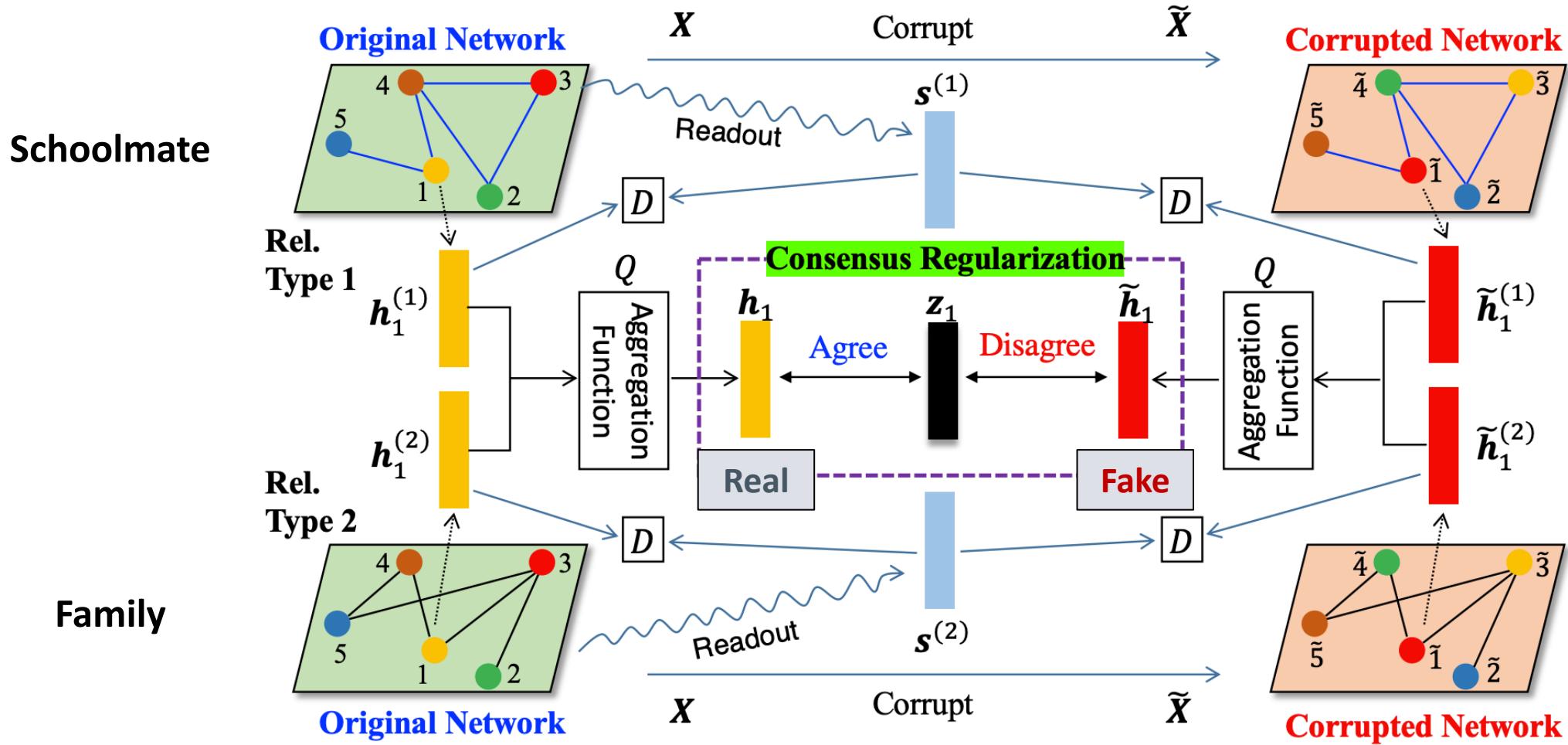
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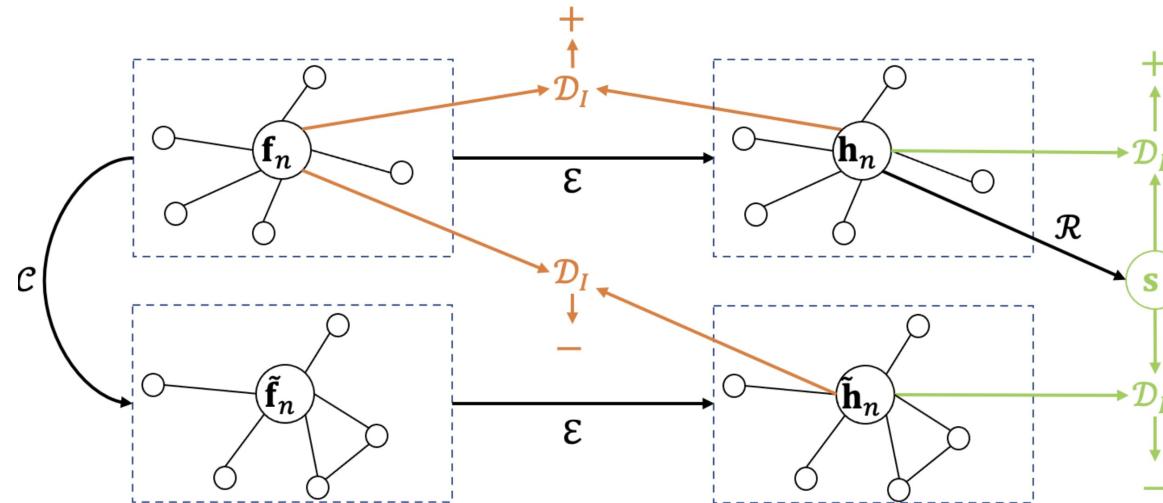
# DMGI: Unsupervised Attributed Multiplex Network Embedding



# HDGI: High-order Deep Graph Infomax

- Idea: **High-order Mutual Information**

- We should not only consider the extrinsic supervision signal, i.e.,  $s \leftrightarrow h$ , but also **intrinsic signal**, i.e.,  $f \leftrightarrow h$



$$I(h_n; s; f_n) = I(h_n; s) + I(h_n; f_n) - I(h_n; s, f_n)$$

**Difference-based estimation** (Mukherjee et al, 2020)

$$\max I(h_n; s; f_n) = \max I(h_n; s) + \max I(h_n; f_n) - \max I(h_n; s, f_n)$$

**Empirical finding**

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_E I(h_n; s) + \lambda_I I(h_n; f_n) + \lambda_J I(h_n; s, f_n)$$

$$I(X; Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X, Y) \quad \text{DGI}$$



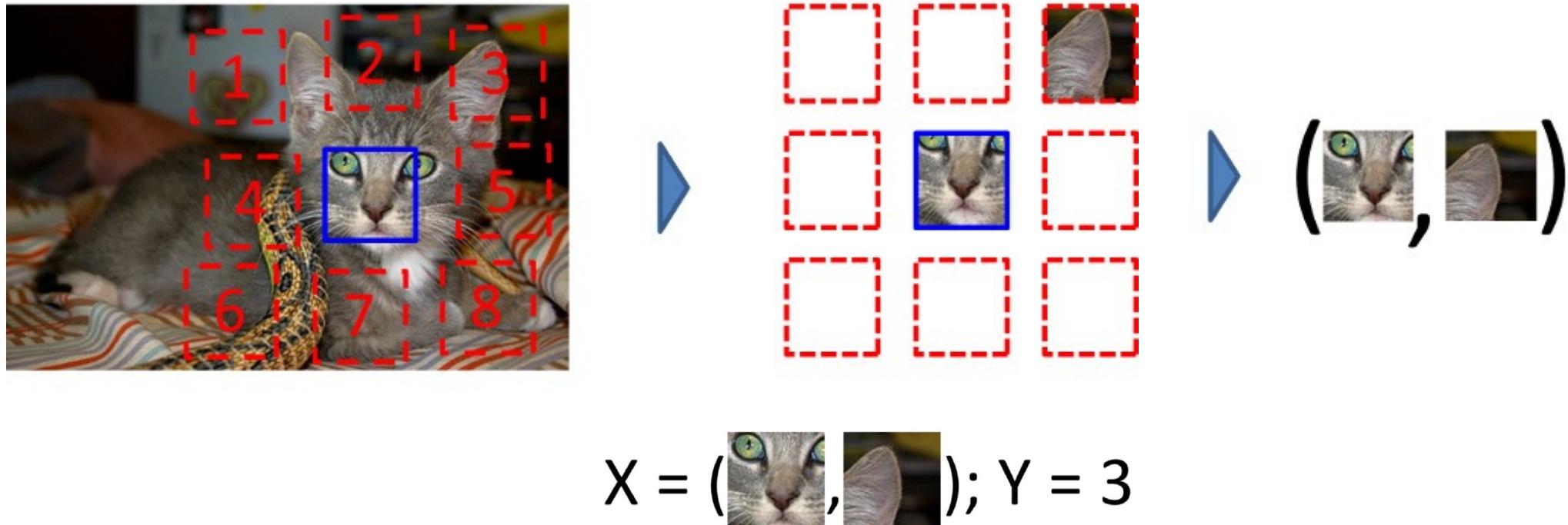
$$\begin{aligned} I(X_1; X_2; X_3) &= H(X_1) + H(X_2) + H(X_3) \\ &\quad - H(X_1, X_2) - H(X_1, X_3) - H(X_2, X_3) \\ &\quad + H(X_1, X_2, X_3) \\ &= H(X_1) + H(X_2) - H(X_1, X_2) \\ &\quad + H(X_1) + H(X_3) - H(X_1, X_3) \\ &\quad - H(X_1) - H(X_2, X_3) + H(X_1, X_2, X_3) \\ &= I(X_1; X_2) + I(X_1; X_3) - I(X_1; X_2, X_3) \end{aligned}$$

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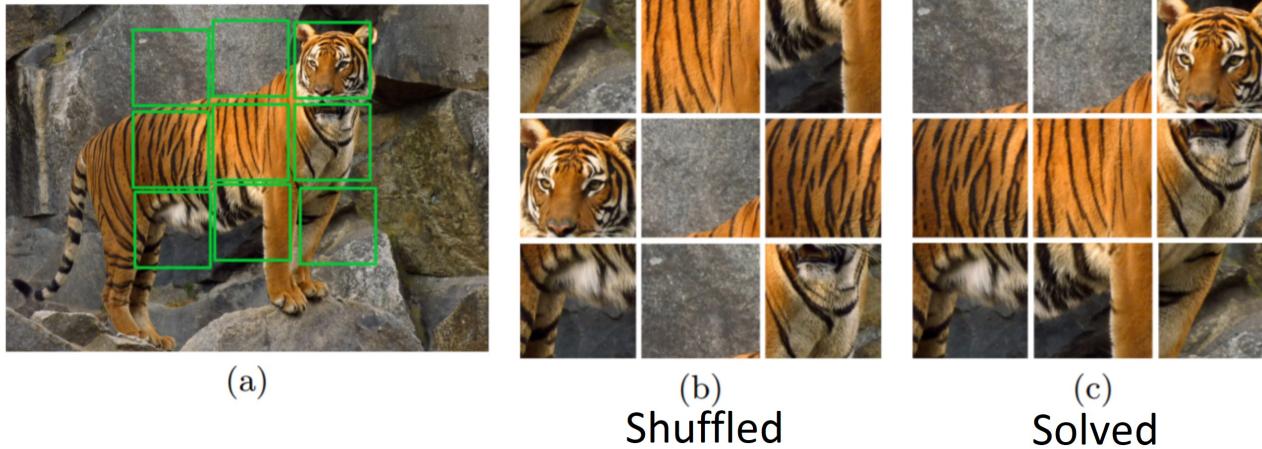
# What is self-supervised learning?

- A form of unsupervised learning where the data provides the supervision
- In general, withhold some part of the data, and task the network with predicting it
- An example of **pretext task: Relative positioning**
  - Train network to predict relative position of two regions in the same image

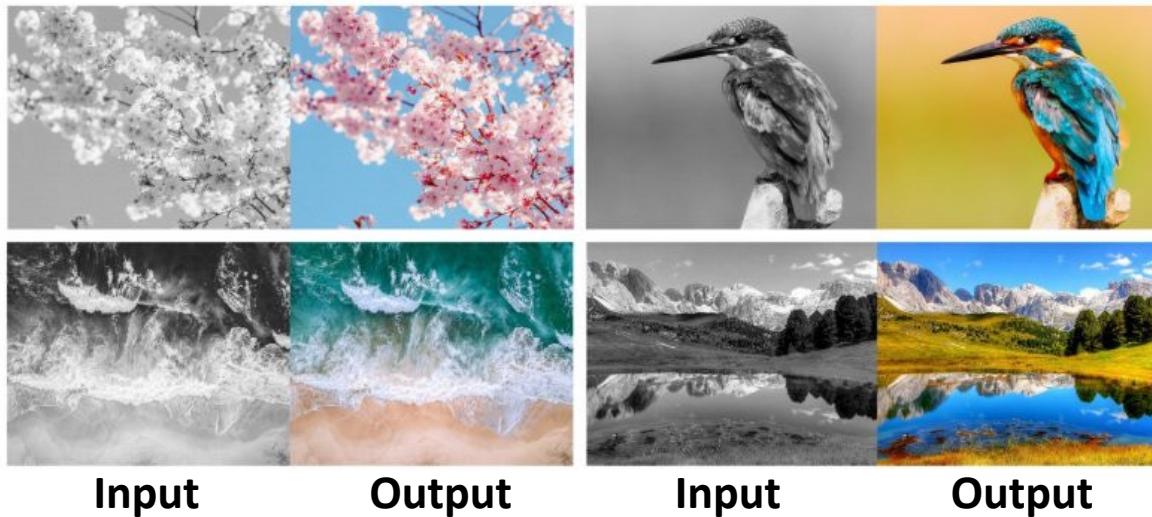


# What is self-supervised learning?

- Pretext task: Jigsaw puzzle



- Pretext task : Colorization



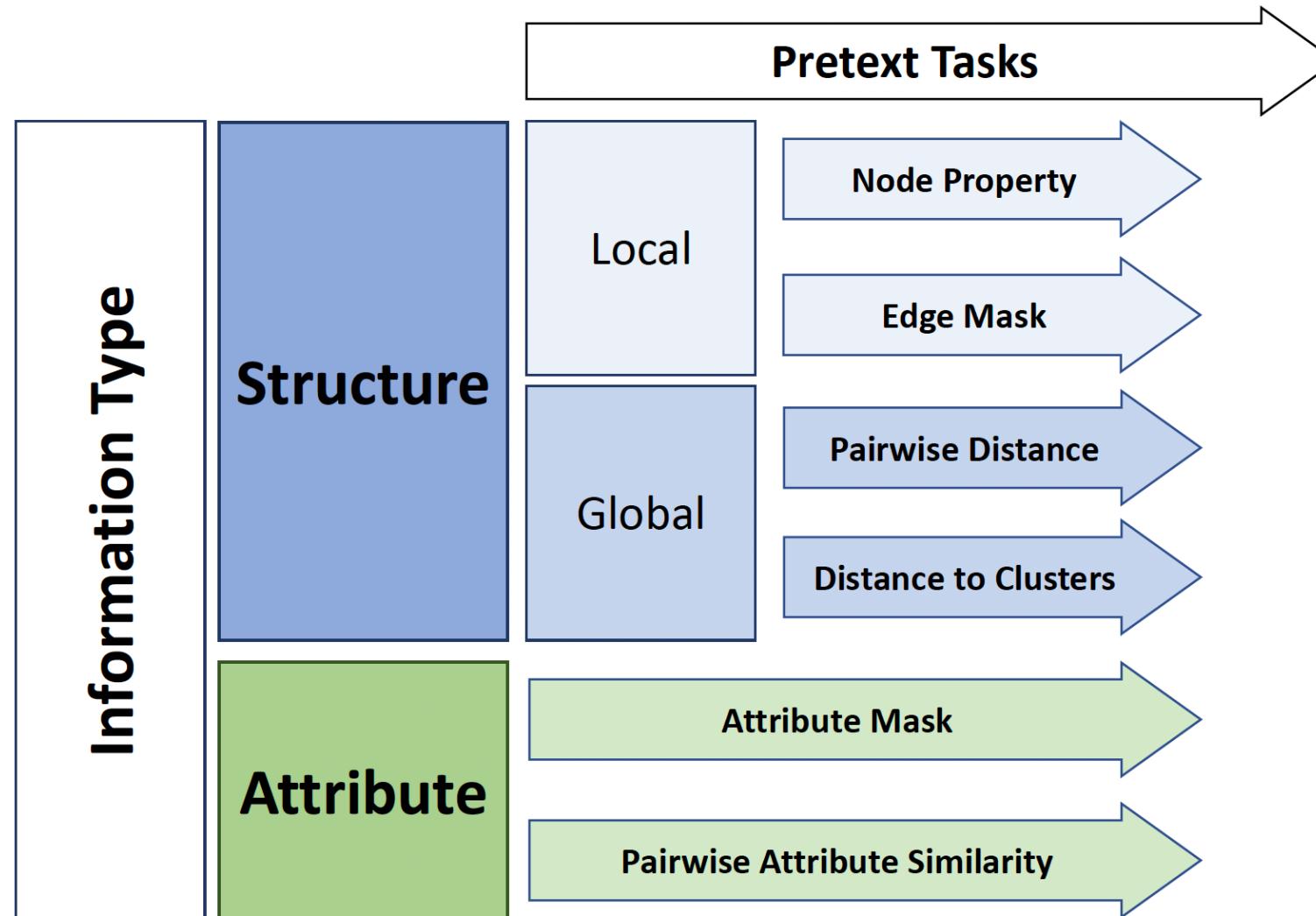
- Pretext task : Rotation

- Which one has the correct rotation?



(Figure credit) Self-Supervised Learning, Andrew Zisserman

# Examples of Pretext tasks on graphs



# Local Structure-based Pretext Task

- Node property
  - **Goal:** To predict the property for each node in the graph such as their *degree*, *local node importance*, and *local clustering coefficient*.

$$\mathcal{L}_{self}(\theta', \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{D}_U) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}_U|} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{D}_U} (f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - d_i)^2$$

Predicted degree of node  $v_i$

Degree of node  $v_i$

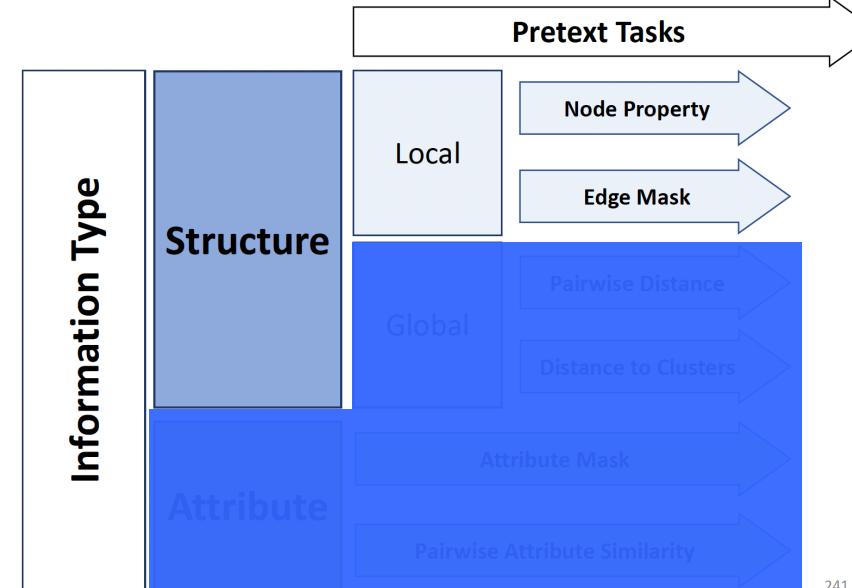
- Edge mask
  - **Goal:** To predict *whether or not there exists a link between a given node pair*

$$\mathcal{L}_{self}(\theta', \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{D}_U) = \text{Cross-entropy loss}$$

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}_e|} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{M}_e} \ell(f_w(|f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_j}|), 1) + \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}_e|} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_e} \ell(f_w(|f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_j}|), 0)$$

Connected edges

Not connected edges



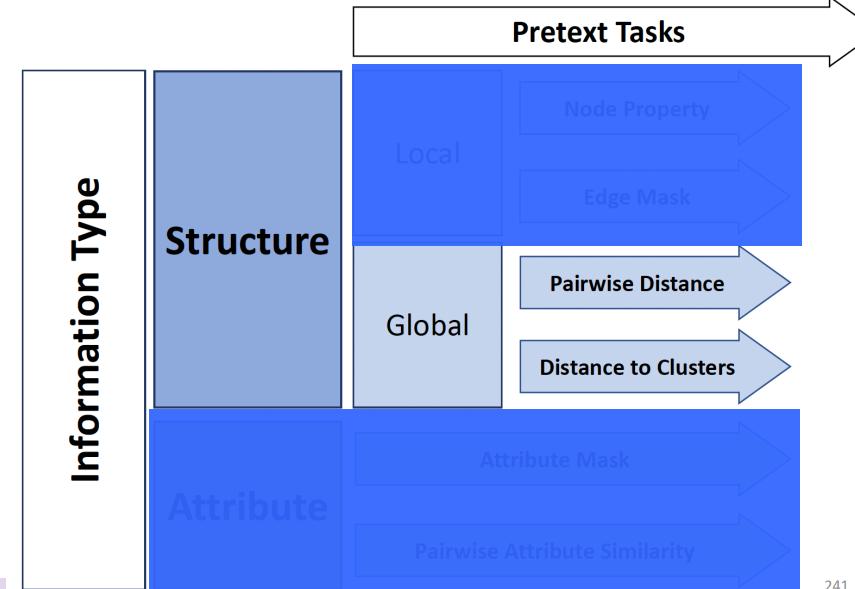
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# Global Structure-based Pretext Task

- Pairwise distance
  - **Goal:** To predict the distance between different node pair.

$$\mathcal{L}_{self}(\theta', \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{D}_U) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{S}|} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{S}} \ell(f_w(|f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_j}|), C_{p_{ij}})$$

Pairwise distance between node  $v_i$  and  $v_j$

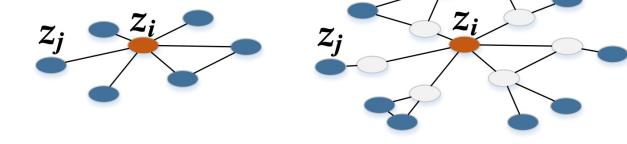


- Distance2Clusters
  - **Goal:** To predict the distance from the unlabeled nodes to predefined graph clusters
  - Step 1: Apply graph clustering to get  $k$  clusters  $\{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$
  - Step 2: In each cluster  $C_j$ , assume the node with the highest degree as the center node

$$\mathcal{L}_{self}(\theta', \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{D}_U) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}_U|} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{D}_U} \|f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - \mathbf{d}_i\|^2$$

$$\mathbf{d}_i = [d_{i1}, d_{i2}, \dots, d_{ik}]$$

Distance from node  $v_i$  to cluster  $c_2$



1-hop context

2-hop context

$$h(z_i, z_j, y=0)$$

$$h(z_i, z_j, y=1)$$

# Attribute-based Pretext Task

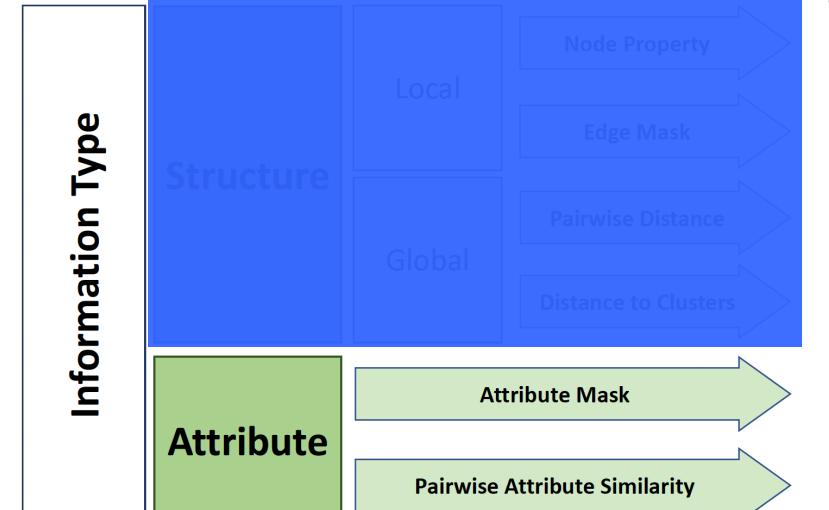
- Attribute mask
  - Goal:** To predict the masked attribute
  - Apply PCA to reduce the dimensionality of features

$$\mathcal{L}_{self}(\theta', \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{D}_U) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}_a|} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{M}_a} \|f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - \mathbf{x}_i\|^2$$

Feature of node  $v_i$

- Pairwise attribute similarity
  - Goal:** To predict the similarity of pairwise node features

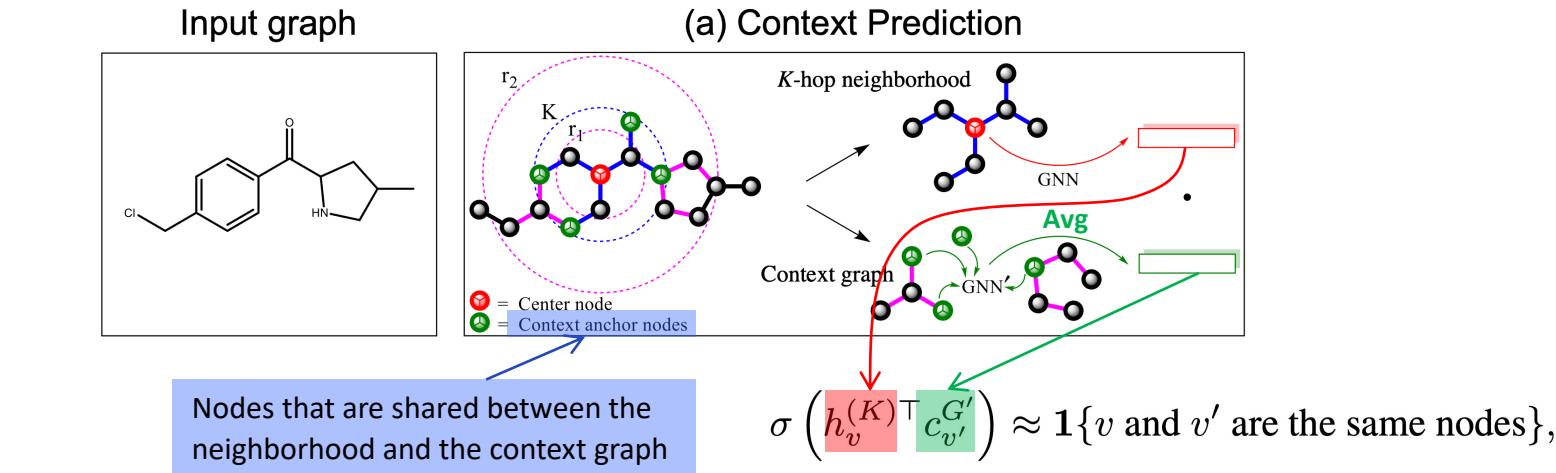
$$\mathcal{L}_{self}(\theta', \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{D}_U) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{T}} \|f_w(|f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_i} - f_{\theta'}(\mathcal{G})_{v_j}|) - s_{ij}\|^2$$



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# Context prediction

- Pretext task: Context prediction

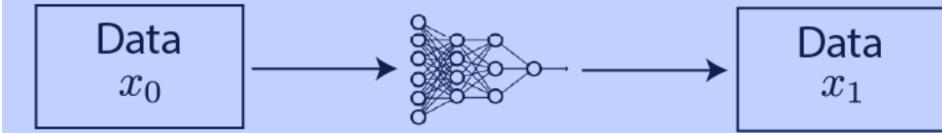


	Chemistry			Biology		
	Non-pre-trained	Pre-trained	Gain	Non-pre-trained	Pre-trained	Gain
GIN	67.0	<b>74.2</b>	<b>+7.2</b>	$64.8 \pm 1.0$	$74.2 \pm 1.5$	<b>+9.4</b>
GCN	<b>68.9</b>	72.2	+3.4	$63.2 \pm 1.0$	$70.9 \pm 1.7$	+7.7
GraphSAGE	68.3	70.3	+2.0	$65.7 \pm 1.2$	$68.5 \pm 1.5$	+2.8
GAT	66.8	60.3	-6.5	$68.2 \pm 1.1$	$67.8 \pm 3.6$	-0.4

# Taxonomy of Self-Supervised Learning

## So far

### Generative / Predictive



## From now on...

### Contrastive

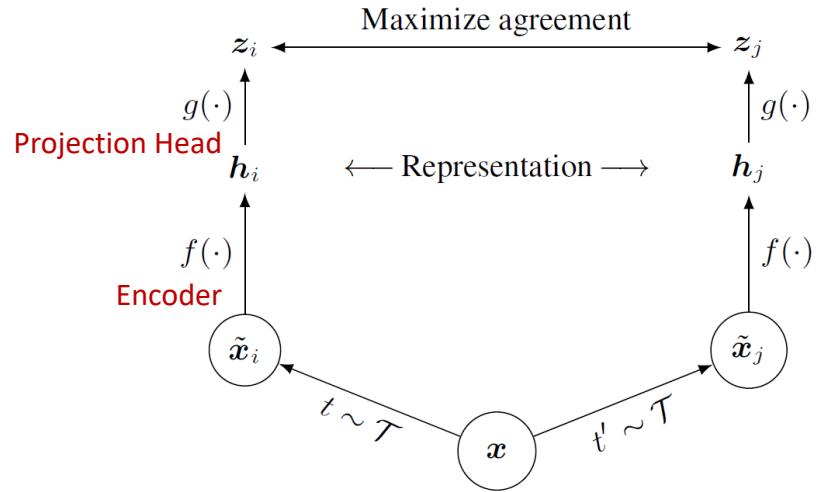
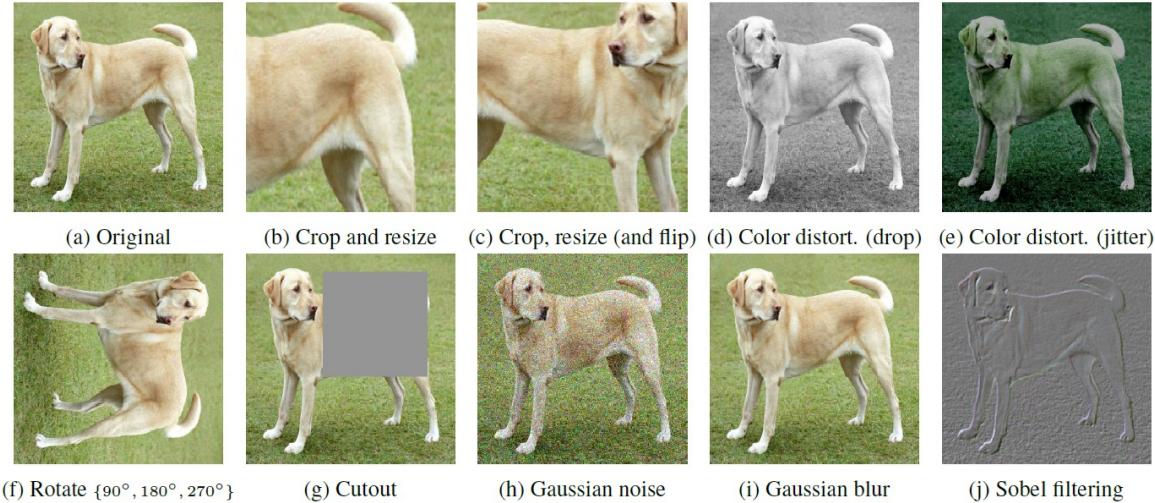


#### ▪ Contrastive learning

- **Given:**  $X = \{x, x^+, x_1^-, \dots, x_{N-1}^-\}$ ; Similarity function  $s(\cdot)$  (e.g., cosine similarity)
- **Goal:**  $s(f(x), f(x^+)) > s(f(x), f(x^-))$
- **Contrastive/InfoNCE Loss**

$$\mathcal{L}_N = -\mathbb{E}_x \left[ \log \frac{\exp(s(f(x), f(x^+)))}{\exp(s(f(x), f(x^+))) + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \exp(s(f(x), f(x_j^-)))} \right]$$

# The Contrastive Learning Paradigm



## Algorithm

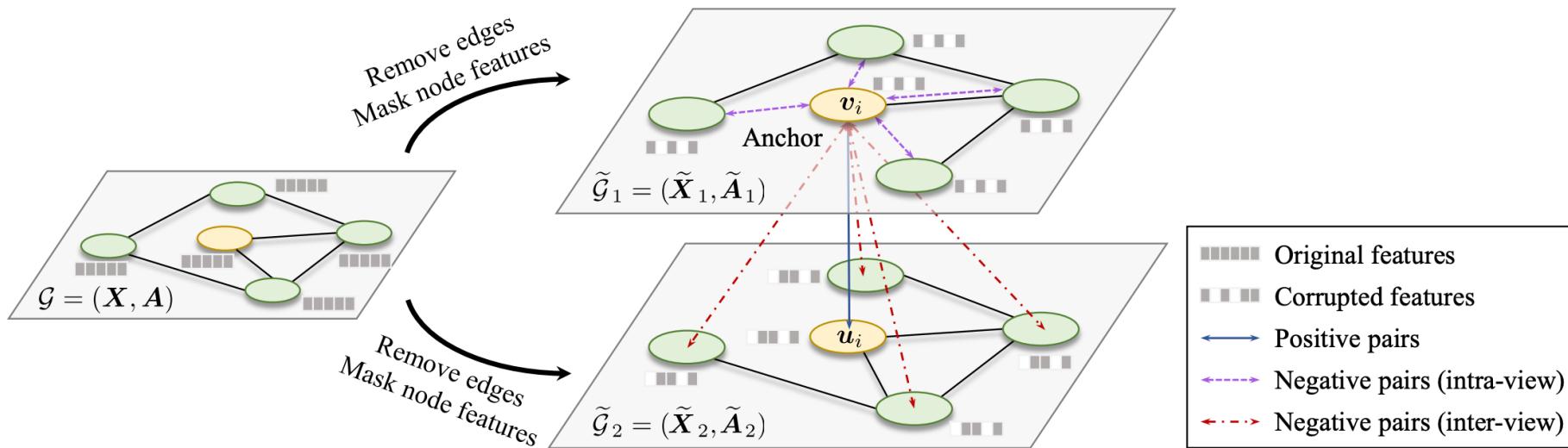
- 1) Sample mini batch of  $N$  examples
- 2) Create  $2N$  data points via Data Augmentation
- 3) Given a positive pair, treat other  $2(N - 1)$  points as negative examples
- **Instance Discrimination!**

$$\ell_{i,j} = -\log \frac{\exp(\text{sim}(z_i, z_j)/\tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{1}_{[k \neq i]} \exp(\text{sim}(z_i, z_k)/\tau)}$$

**Reduce:** Dist. between representations of different augmented views of the same image (Positive)  
**Increase:** Dist. between representations of augmented views from different images (Negative)

# Deep Graph Contrastive Representation Learning (GRACE)

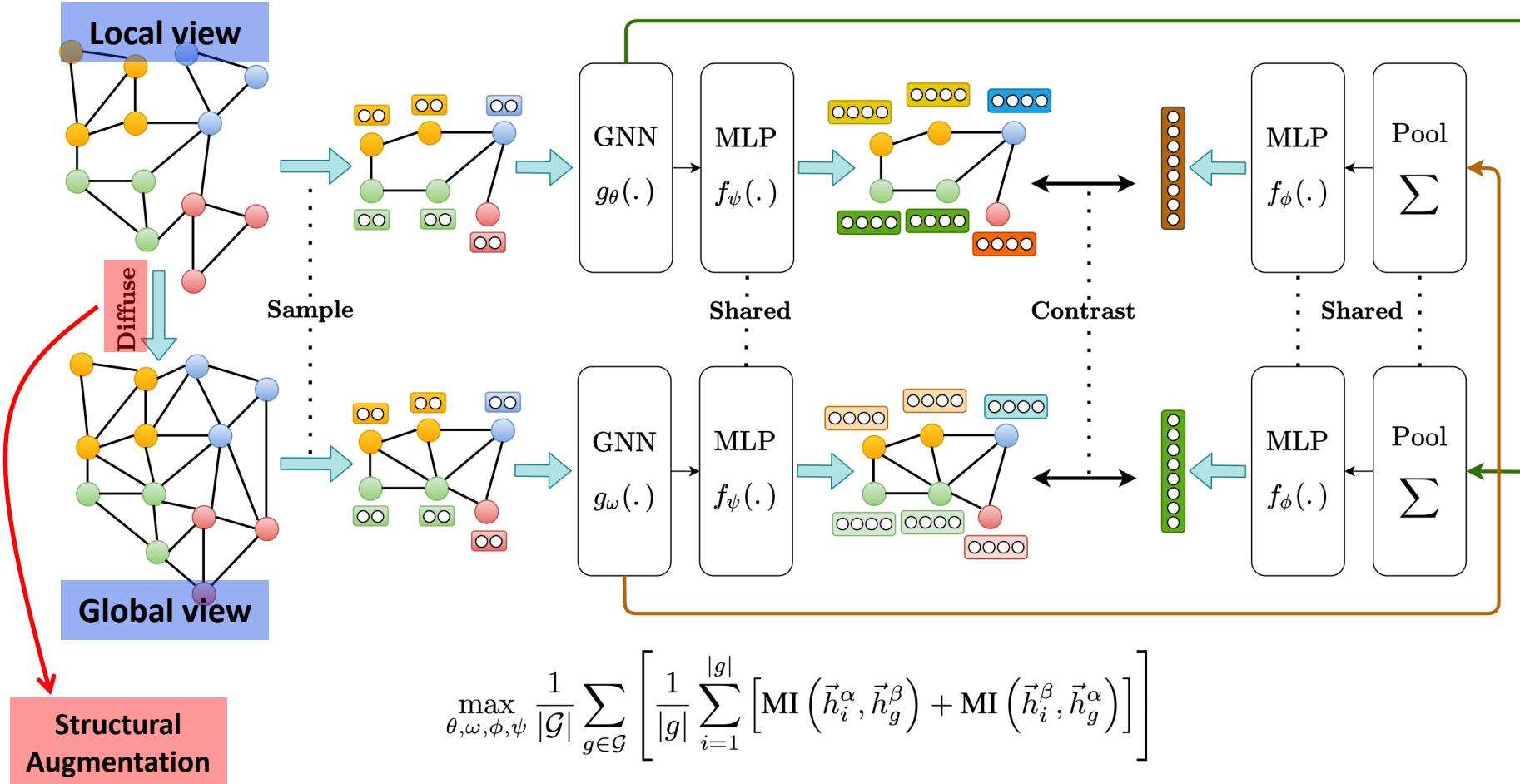
- Pull the representation of the same node in the two augmented graphs
- Push apart representations of every other node



$$\ell(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i) = \log \frac{e^{\theta(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i)/\tau}}{\underbrace{e^{\theta(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i)/\tau}}_{\text{the positive pair}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{[k \neq i]} e^{\theta(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_k)/\tau}}_{\text{inter-view negative pairs}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{[k \neq i]} e^{\theta(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_k)/\tau}}_{\text{intra-view negative pairs}}},$$

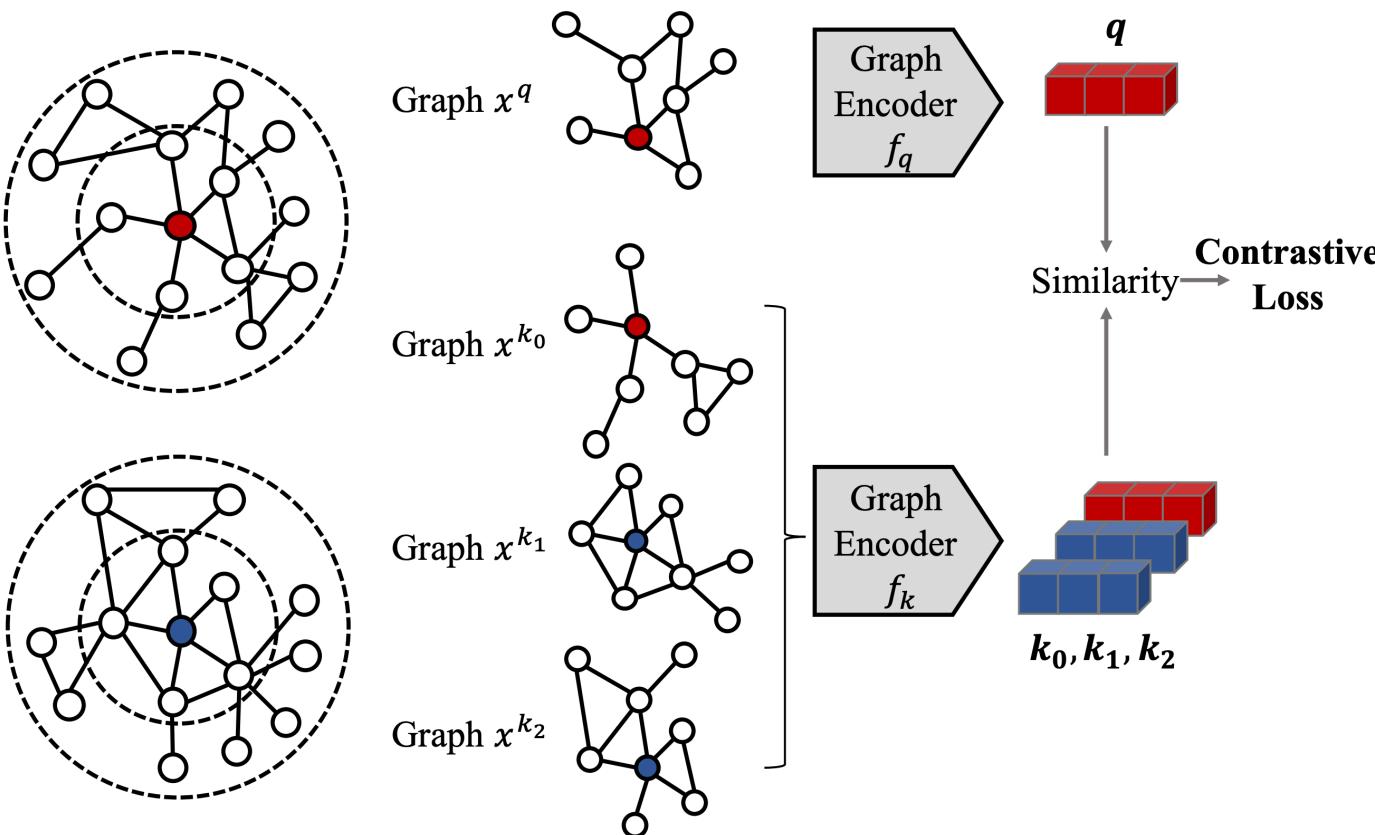
# Contrastive Multi-View Representation Learning on Graphs

- Idea: Contrast encodings from first-order neighbors and a general graph diffusion
  - Maximize MI between node representations of one view and graph representation of another view and vice versa



# GCC: Graph Contrastive Coding for Graph Neural Network Pre-Training

- Idea: **Subgraph instance discrimination** in and across networks



$$\mathcal{L} = -\log \frac{\exp(q^\top k_+ / \tau)}{\sum_{i=0}^K \exp(q^\top k_i / \tau)}$$

- Query instance  $x^q$
- Key instances  $\{x^{k_0}, x^{k_1}, x^{k_2}\}$
- Embedding
  - $q$  (embedding of  $x^q$ )
    - i.e.,  $q = f(x^q)$
  - $k_0, k_1, k_2$  (embedding of  $\{x^{k_0}, x^{k_1}, x^{k_2}\}$ )
    - i.e.,  $k_i = f(x^{k_i})$

# Shortcomings of Contrastive Methods

- 1) Requires negative samples → **Sampling bias**
  - Treat different image as negative even if they share the semantics
- 2) Requires careful augmentation

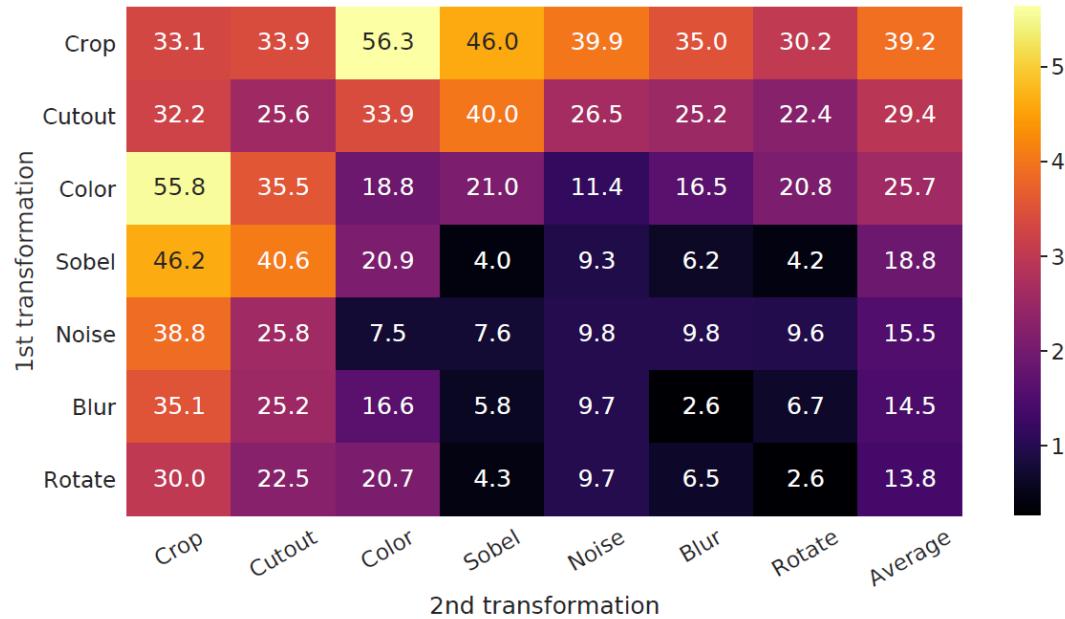
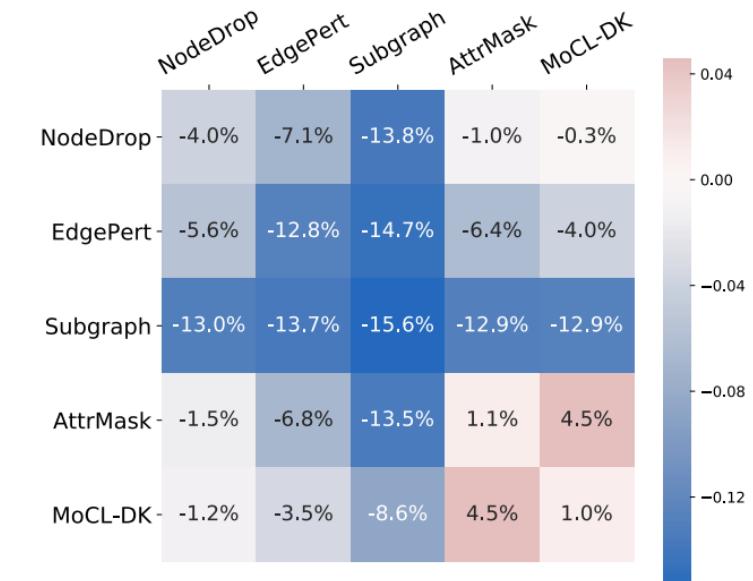


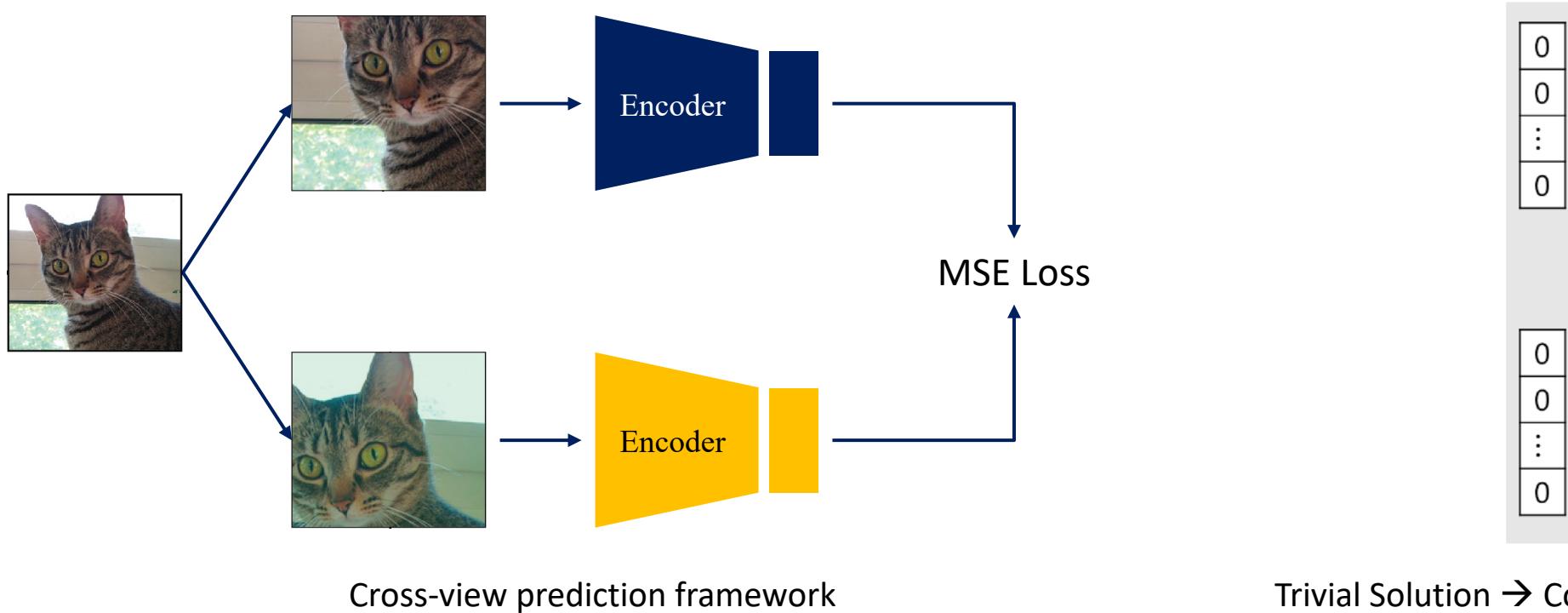
Image classification



Graph classification

# Can We Remove Negative Sampling?

- **Cross-view prediction framework without negative samples?**
  - Learn representations by predicting different views of the same image from one another
- **Problem:** Predicting directly in representation space can lead to **collapsed representation**
  - Contrastive methods circumvents this by **reformulating the prediction problem discrimination task (Pos  $\leftrightarrow$  Neg)**

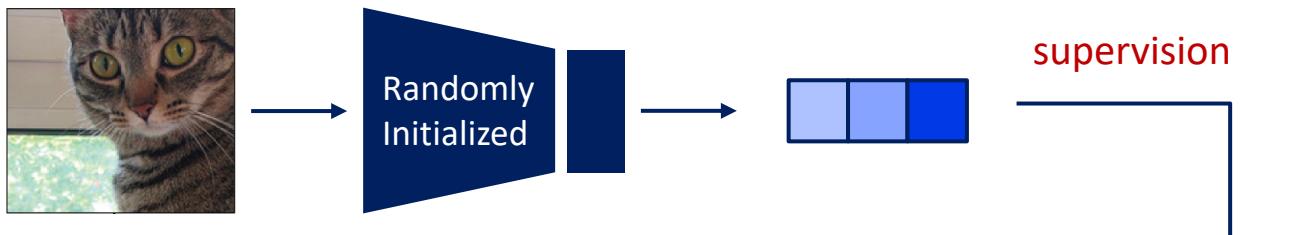


# Straightforward Solution to Overcome Collapsed Representation

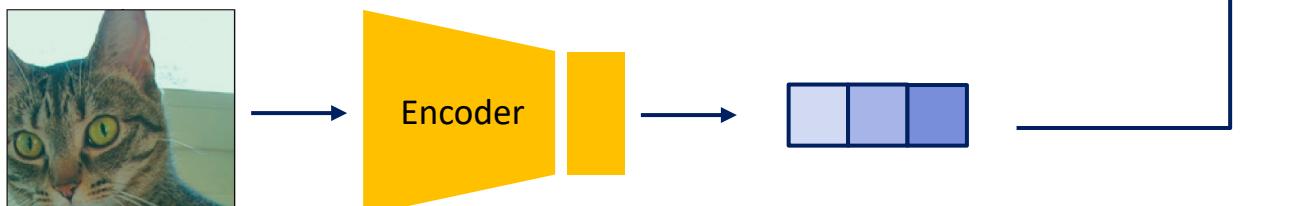
- Use a fixed randomly initialized network to produce targets for our predictions



Top-1 Accuracy → 1.4 %



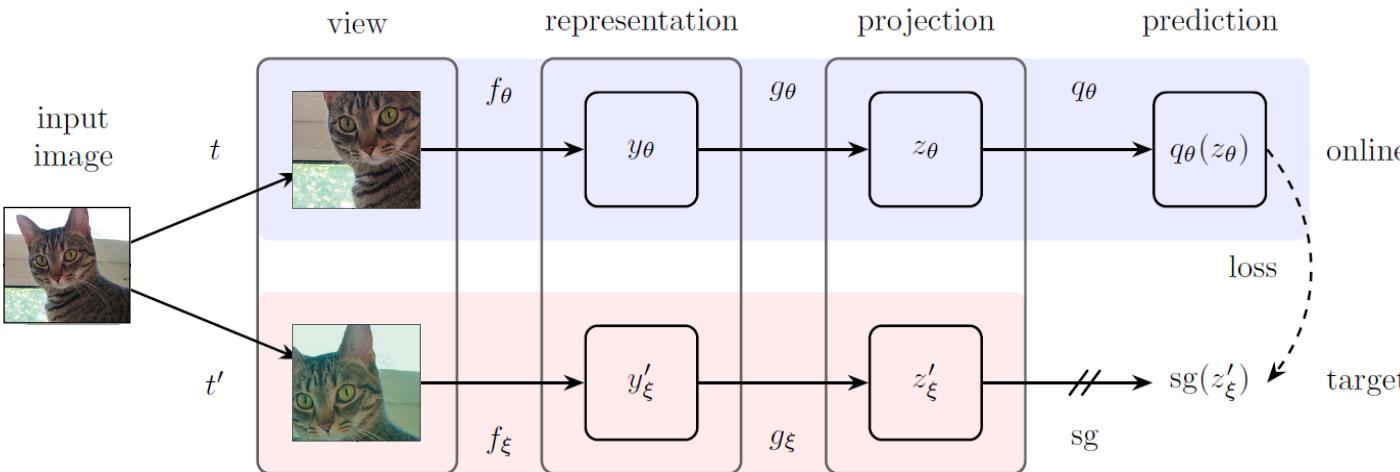
Top-1 Accuracy → 18.8 %  
even with random supervision



Core motivation of  
non-contrastive methods!

# Bootstrap Your Own Latent (BYOL)

- BYOL uses two neural networks to learn: 1) online and 2) target networks
- From a given target representation, we train a new online representation by predicting the target representation



Only online parameters are updated to reduce the loss,  
while the target parameters follow a different objective

→ Avoid Collapsed Representation

1) Online Network Update → Gradient-based update

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta,\xi} \triangleq \|\bar{q}_\theta(z_\theta) - \bar{z}'_\xi\|_2^2, \quad \mathcal{L}^{\text{BYOL}} = \mathcal{L}_{\theta,\xi} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\theta,\xi} \quad (\text{Symmetrize})$$

$$\theta \leftarrow \text{optimizer}(\theta, \nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}^{\text{BYOL}}, \eta)$$

Online network

2) Target Network Update → Exponential Moving Average

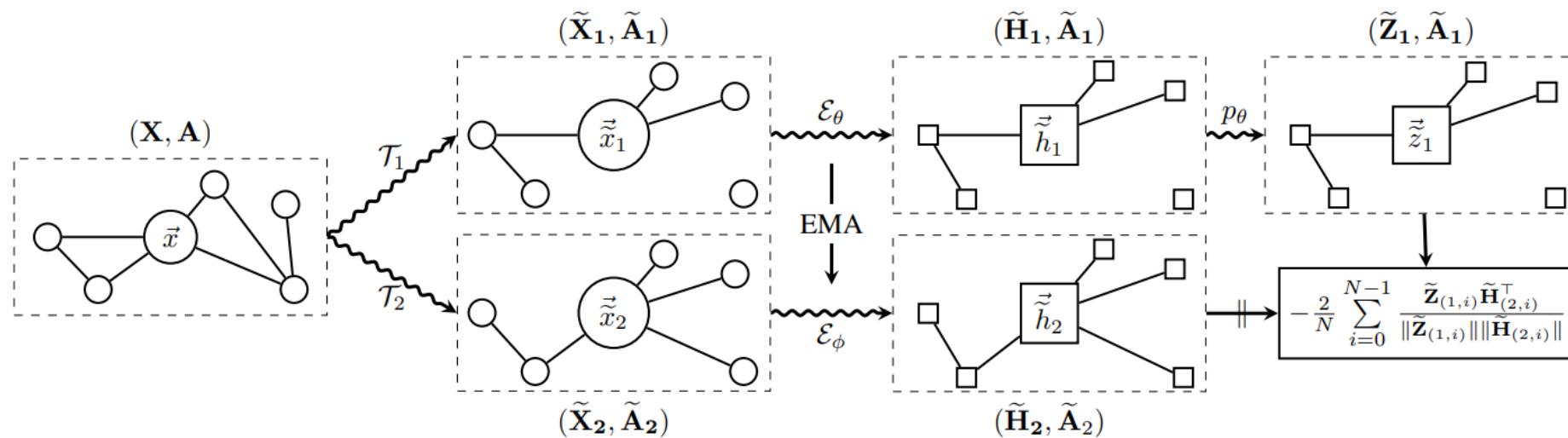
$$\xi \leftarrow \tau \xi + (1 - \tau) \theta$$

Target network

Online network

# Large-Scale Representation Learning on Graphs via Bootstrapping

- BGRL is a simple extension of BYOL to graph domain
- Representations are directly learned by **predicting the representation of each node in one view of the graph, using the representation of the same node in another view**



- Graph Augmentation → Node attribute masking + Edge masking

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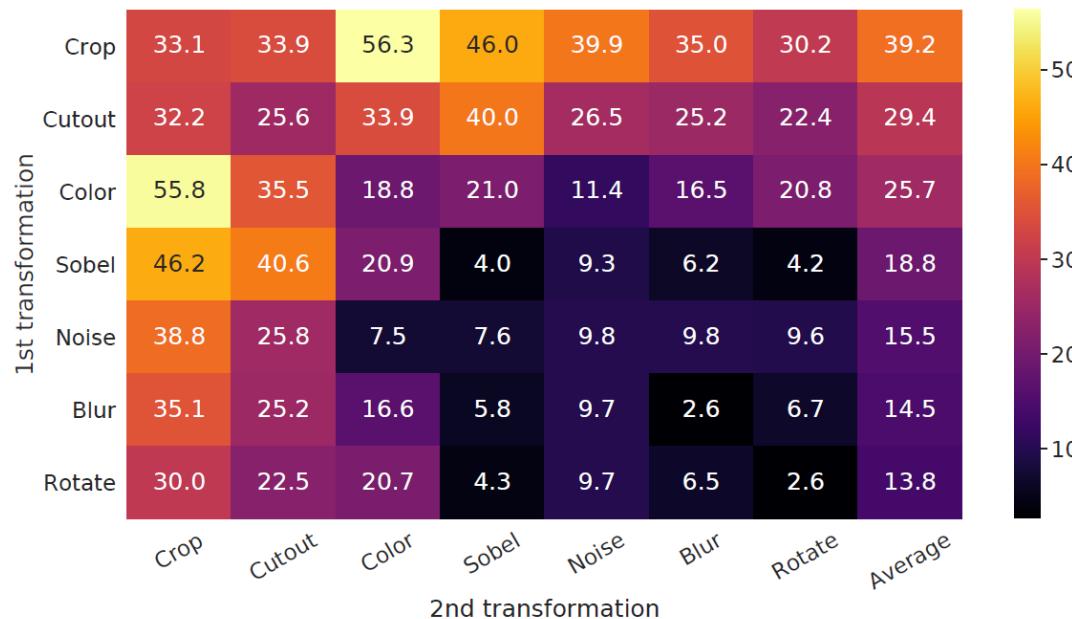
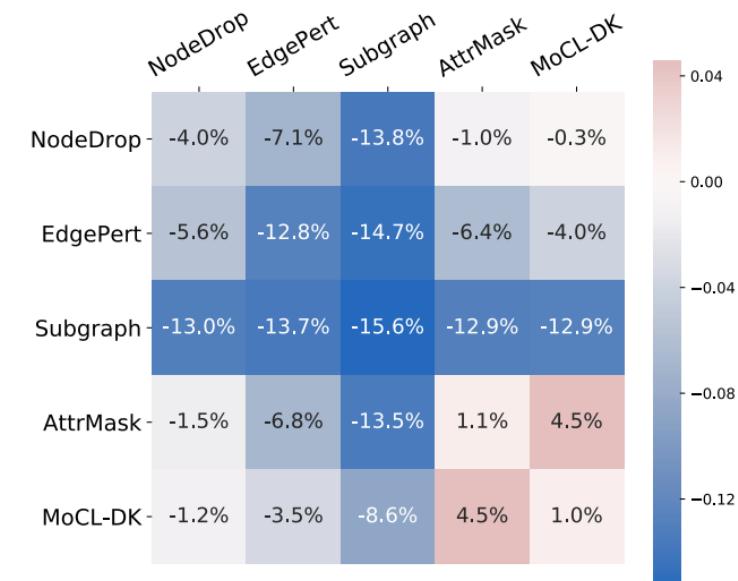


Image classification

**Research Question**  
Is **augmentation** appropriate for graph-structured data?



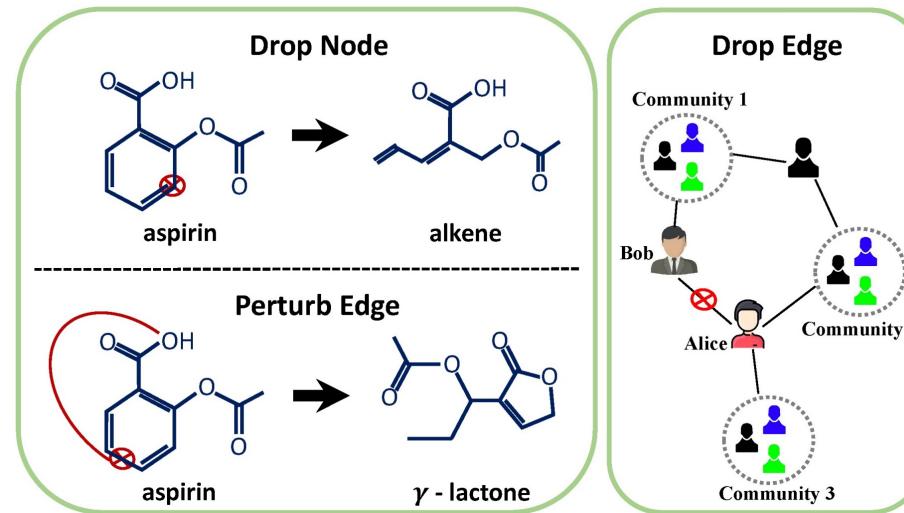
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# Motivation: Is Augmentation Appropriate for Graph-structured Data?

- Image's underlying semantic is hardly changed after augmentation



- However in the case of graphs, we cannot ascertain whether the augmented graph would be positively related to original graph



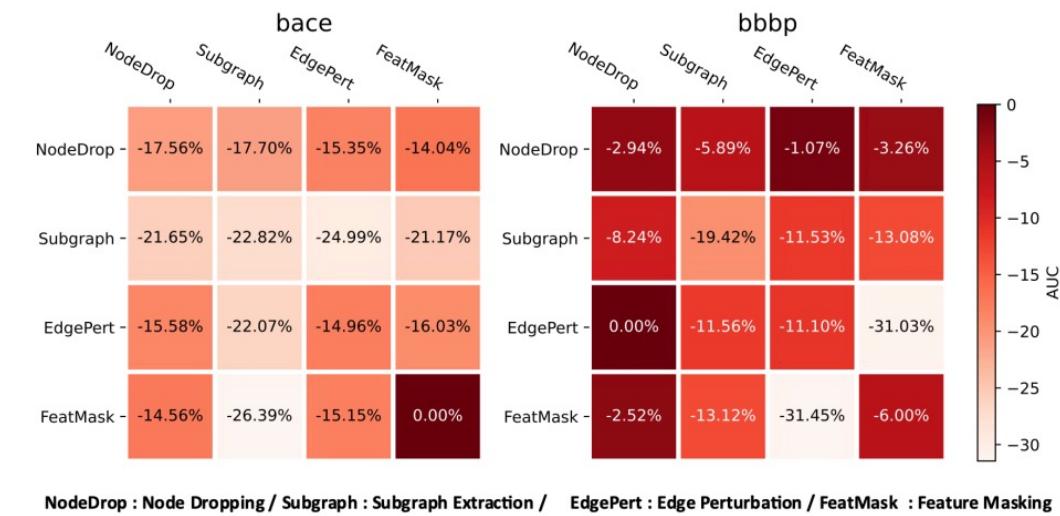
Because graphs contain not only the semantic but also the **structural information**

# Motivation: Is Augmentation Appropriate for Graph-structured Data?

- Performance sensitivity according to hyperparameters for augmentations

		Comp.	Photo	CS	Physics
Node	BGRL	-4.00%	-1.06%	-0.20%	-0.69%
Classi.	GCA	-19.18%	-5.48%	-0.27%	OOM
Node	BGRL	-11.57%	-13.30%	-0.78%	-6.46%
Clust.	GCA	-26.28%	-23.27%	-1.64%	OOM

Node-level task



Graph-level task

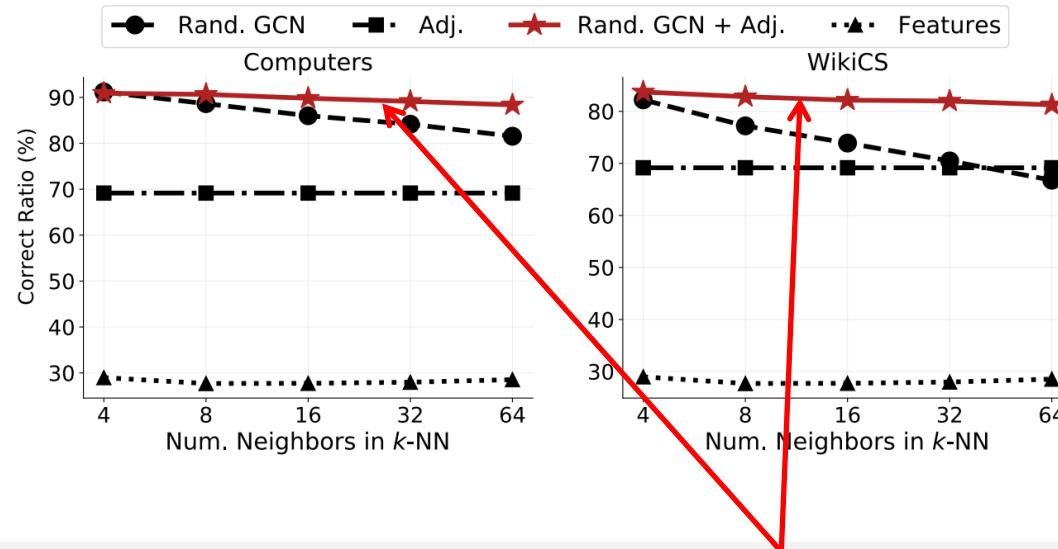
- The quality of the learned representations relies on the **choice of augmentation scheme**
  - Performance on various downstream tasks varies greatly according to the choice of augmentation hyperparameters

We need more stable and general framework for generating alternative view of the original graph  
**without relying on augmentation**

+ remove negative sampling process

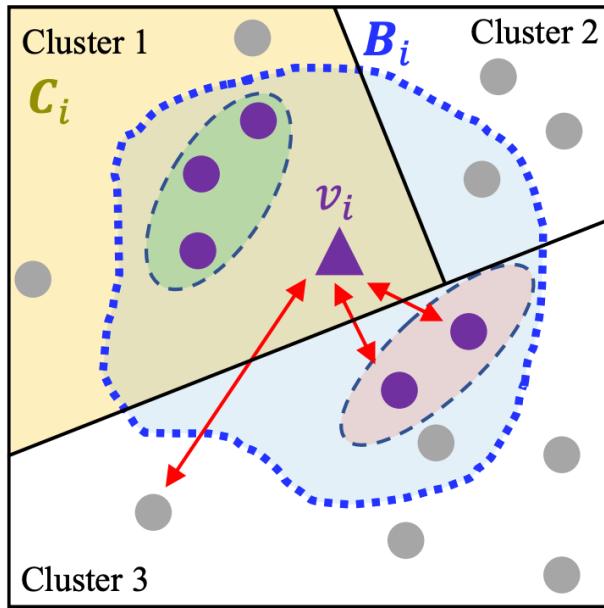
# Augmentation-Free Graph Representation Learning

- Instead of creating two arbitrarily augmented views of graph,
  - Use the original graph per se as one view, and generate another view by discovering nodes that can be serve as positive samples via k-nearest neighbor search in embedding space.
- However, naively selected positive samples with k-NN includes false positives
  - More than 10% of false negatives



We need to filter out false positives regarding local and global perspective!

# Capturing Local and Global Semantics



- $B_i$ : Set of k-NNs of query  $v_i$
- $N_i$ : Set of adjacent nodes of query  $v_i$
- $C_i$ : Set of nodes that are in the same cluster with query  $v_i$

- ▲ Query Node ( $v_i$ )
- Node ( $\mathcal{V} \setminus v_i$ )
- Nearest Neighbors ( $B_i$ )
- ↔ Adjacency ( $N_i$ )
- Same cluster as  $v_i$  ( $C_i$ )
- Local Positive ( $B_i \cap N_i$ )
- Global Positive ( $B_i \cap C_i$ )
- Real Positive ( $P_i$ )

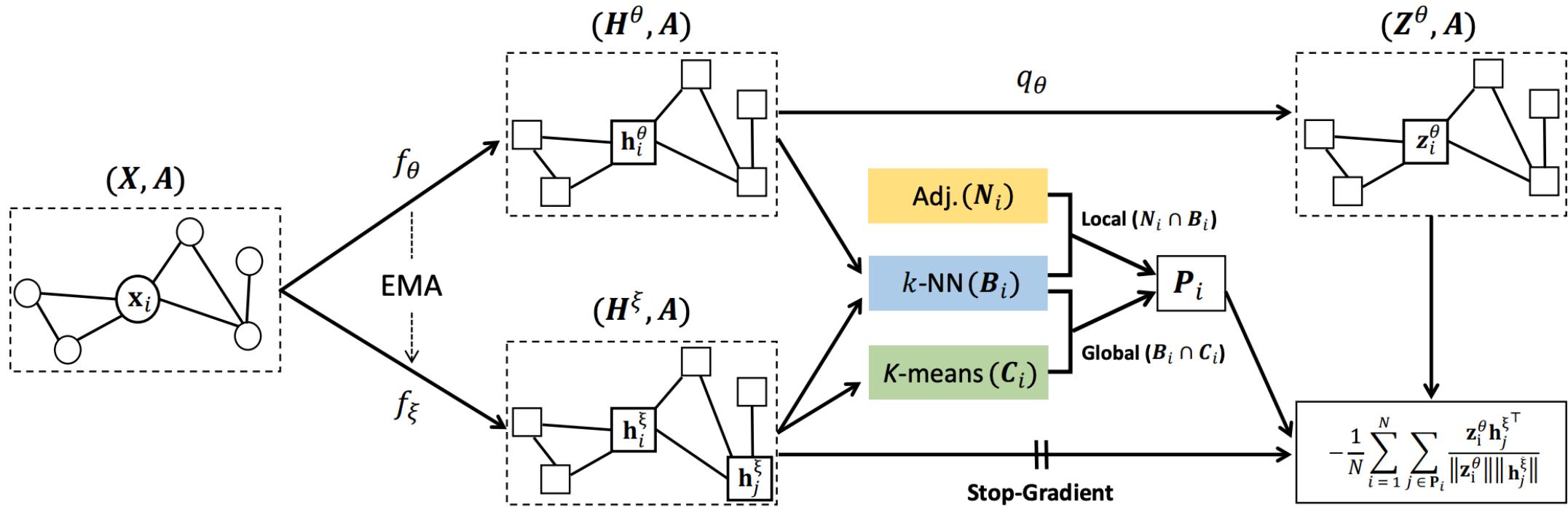
- Obtain real positives for  $v_i$

$$\mathbf{P}_i = (\mathbf{B}_i \cap \mathbf{N}_i) \cup (\mathbf{B}_i \cap \mathbf{C}_i)$$

- Minimize the cosine distance between query and real positives  $\mathbf{P}_i$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta, \xi} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{v_j \in \mathbf{P}_i} \frac{\mathbf{z}_i^\theta \mathbf{h}_j^{\xi \top}}{\|\mathbf{z}_i^\theta\| \|\mathbf{h}_j^\xi\|}$$

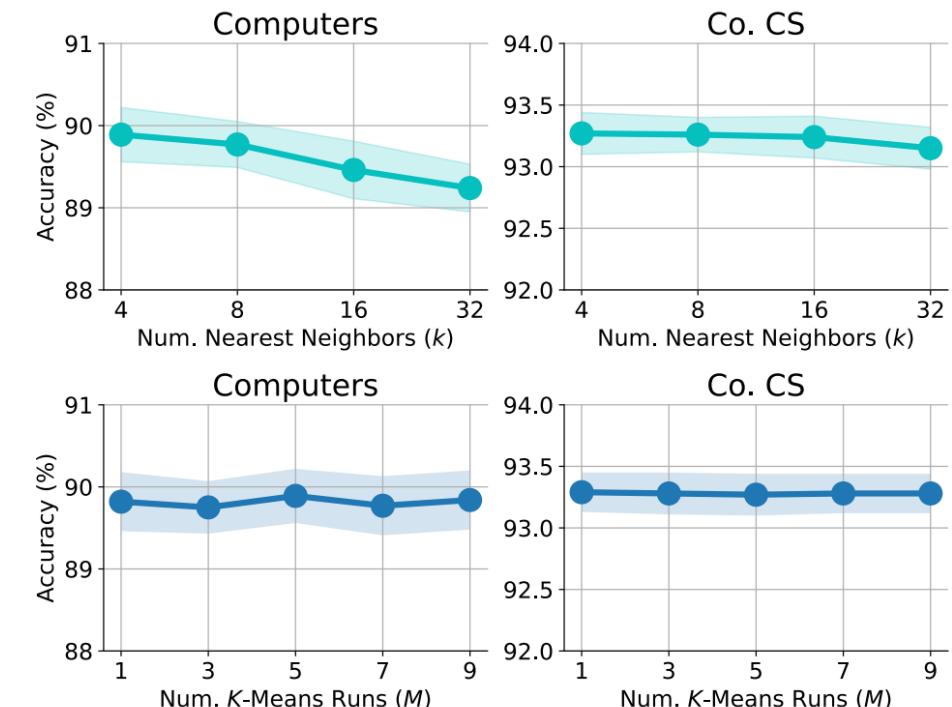
# Overall Architecture of AFGRL



# Experiments

## ■ Task: Node classification

	WikiCS	Computers	Photo	Co.CS	Co.Physics
Sup. GCN	77.19 ± 0.12	86.51 ± 0.54	92.42 ± 0.22	93.03 ± 0.31	95.65 ± 0.16
Raw feats.	71.98 ± 0.00	73.81 ± 0.00	78.53 ± 0.00	90.37 ± 0.00	93.58 ± 0.00
node2vec	71.79 ± 0.05	84.39 ± 0.08	89.67 ± 0.12	85.08 ± 0.03	91.19 ± 0.04
DeepWalk	74.35 ± 0.06	85.68 ± 0.06	89.44 ± 0.11	84.61 ± 0.22	91.77 ± 0.15
DW + feats.	77.21 ± 0.03	86.28 ± 0.07	90.05 ± 0.08	87.70 ± 0.04	94.90 ± 0.09
DGI	75.35 ± 0.14	83.95 ± 0.47	91.61 ± 0.22	92.15 ± 0.63	94.51 ± 0.52
GMI	74.85 ± 0.08	82.21 ± 0.31	90.68 ± 0.17	OOM	OOM
MVGRL	77.52 ± 0.08	87.52 ± 0.11	91.74 ± 0.07	92.11 ± 0.12	95.33 ± 0.03
GRACE	<b>77.97 ± 0.63</b>	86.50 ± 0.33	92.46 ± 0.18	92.17 ± 0.04	OOM
GCA	77.94 ± 0.67	87.32 ± 0.50	92.39 ± 0.33	92.84 ± 0.15	OOM
BGRL	76.86 ± 0.74	89.69 ± 0.37	93.07 ± 0.38	92.59 ± 0.14	95.48 ± 0.08
<b>AFGRL</b>	77.62 ± 0.49	<b>89.88 ± 0.33</b>	<b>93.22 ± 0.28</b>	<b>93.27 ± 0.17</b>	<b>95.69 ± 0.10</b>

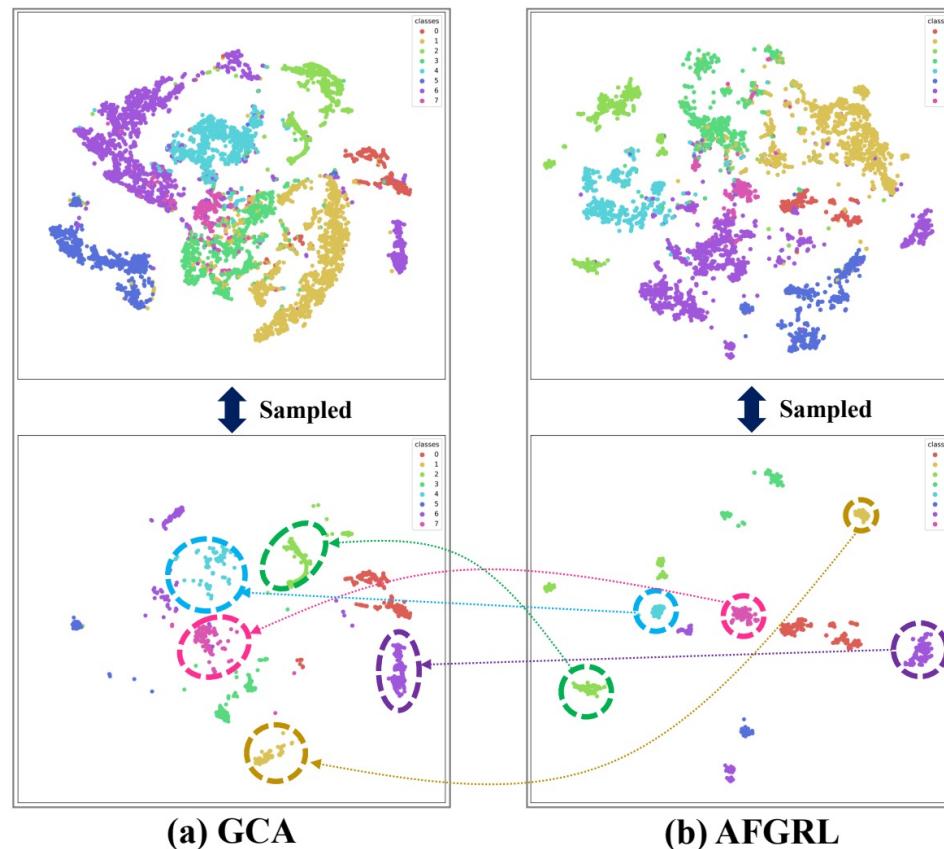


AFGRL outperforms SOTA baselines

AFGRL is stable over hyperparameters  
→ Can be easily trained compared with other augmentation-based methods.

# Experiments

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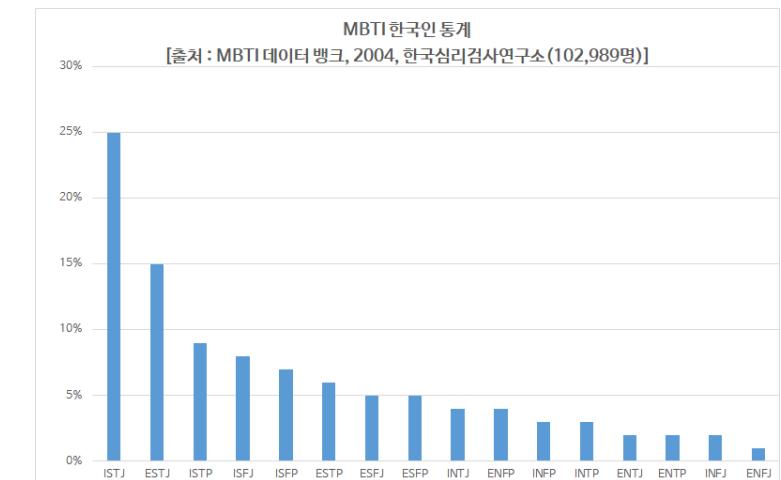
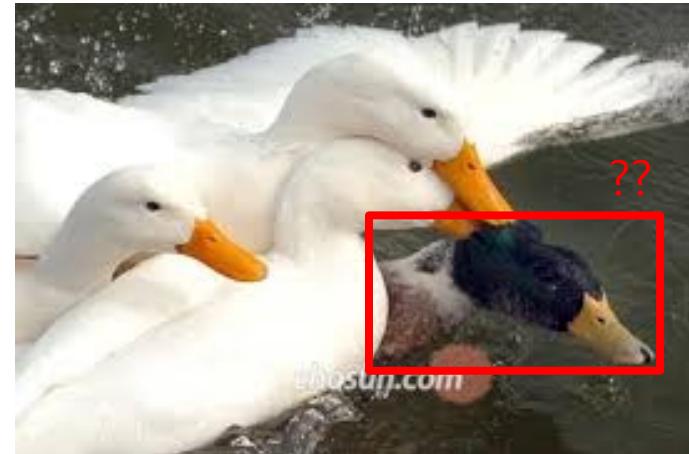
Nodes are more tightly grouped in AFGRL  
→ Captures fine-grained class information

# This talk

- How to learn graph representation in **various types of graphs?**
  - ~~GNNs for Homogeneous Graph~~
  - GNNs for Multi-aspect Graph
  - GNNs for Multi-relational Graph
- How to effectively **train GNNs?**
  - Self-supervised learning
  - Alleviating Long-tail problem
  - Robustness of GNN

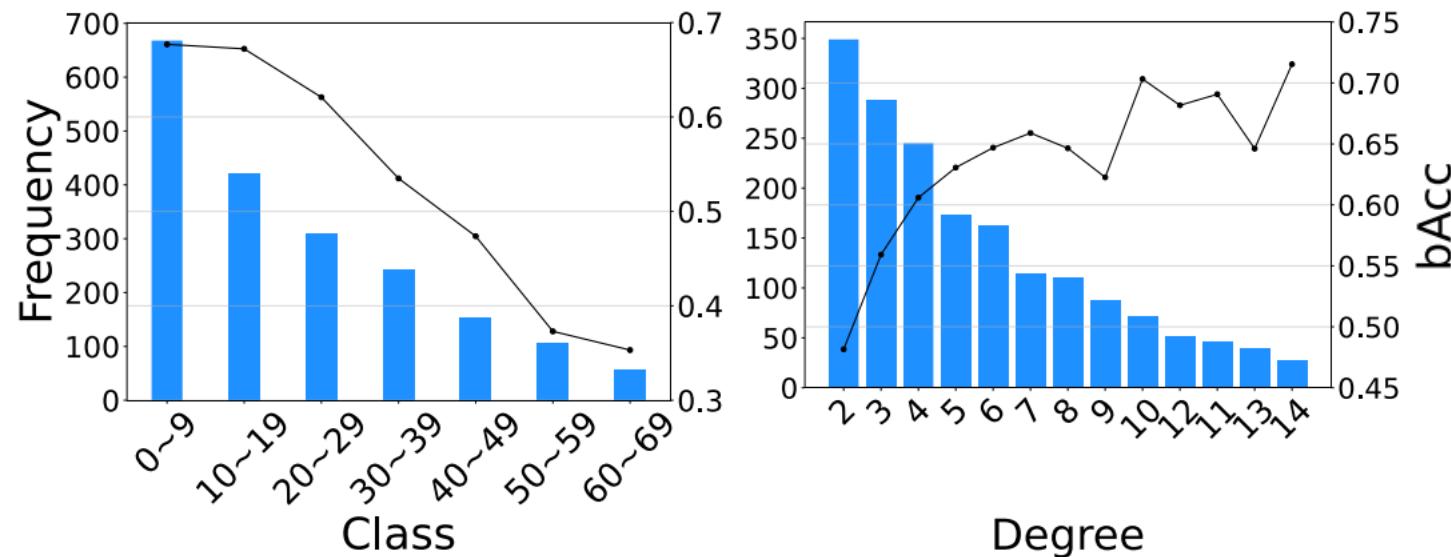
# Motivation: Long-tail (Class imbalance)

Purpose of ML: “*To generalize well*”



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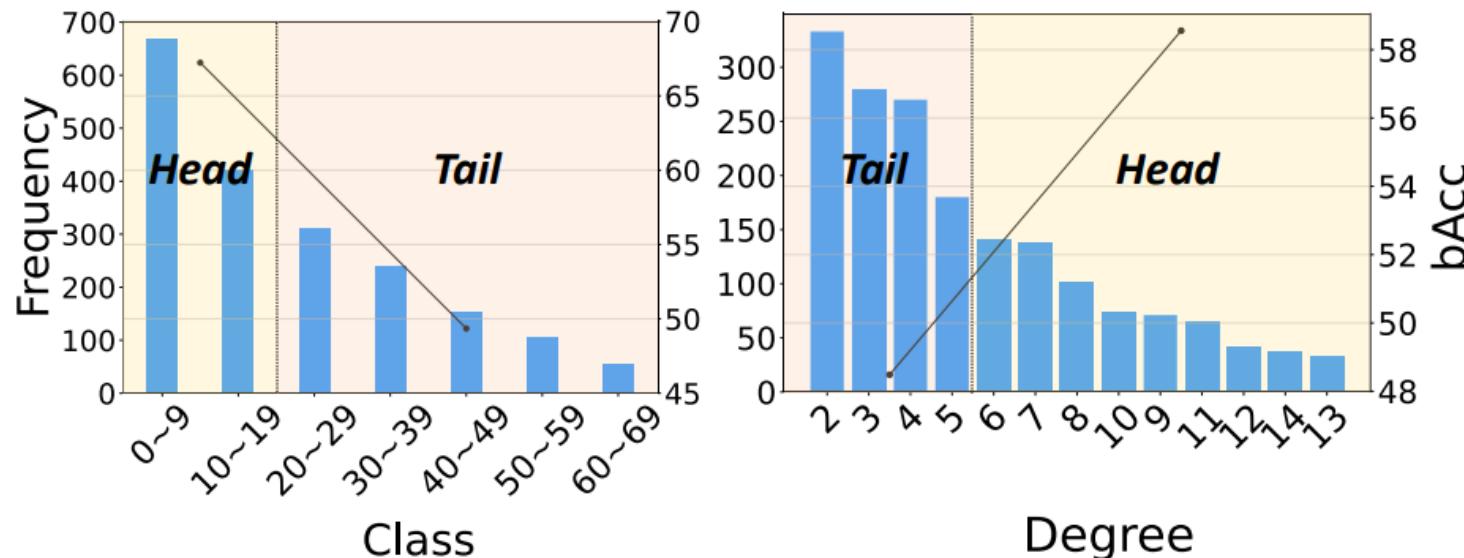


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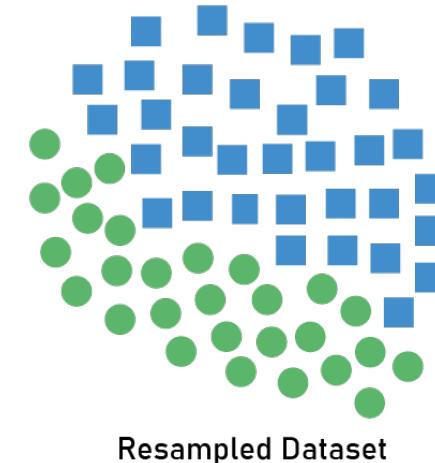
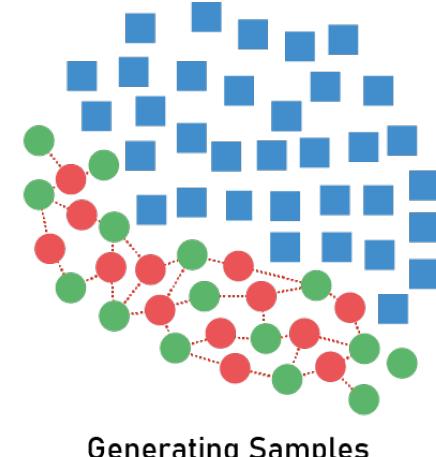
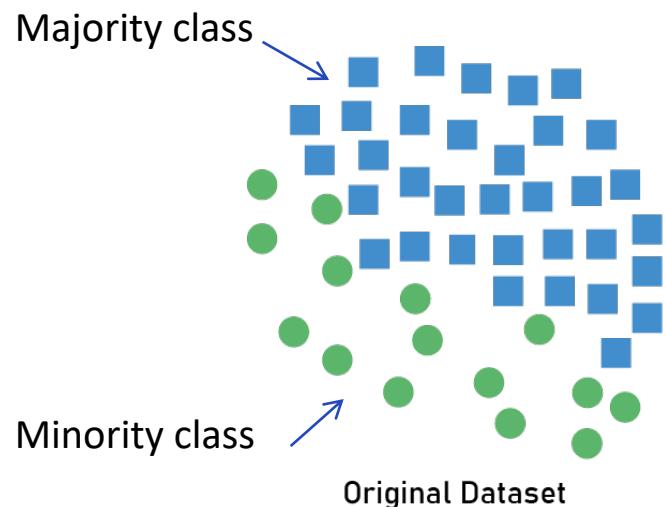
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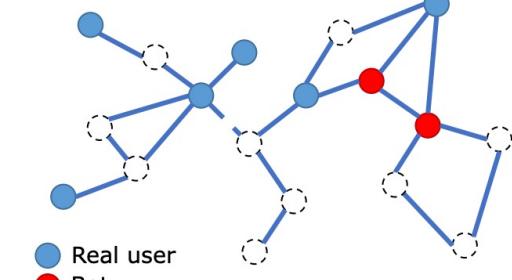
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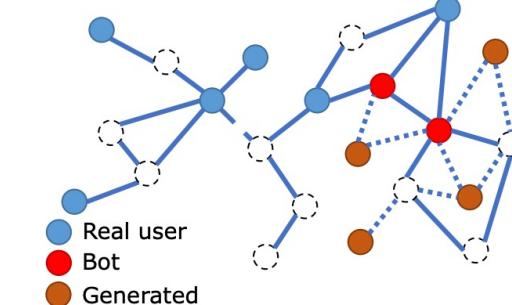
- Motivation: Extend a well-known imbalanced learning technique (SMOTE) to graph domain



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(a) Bot detection task



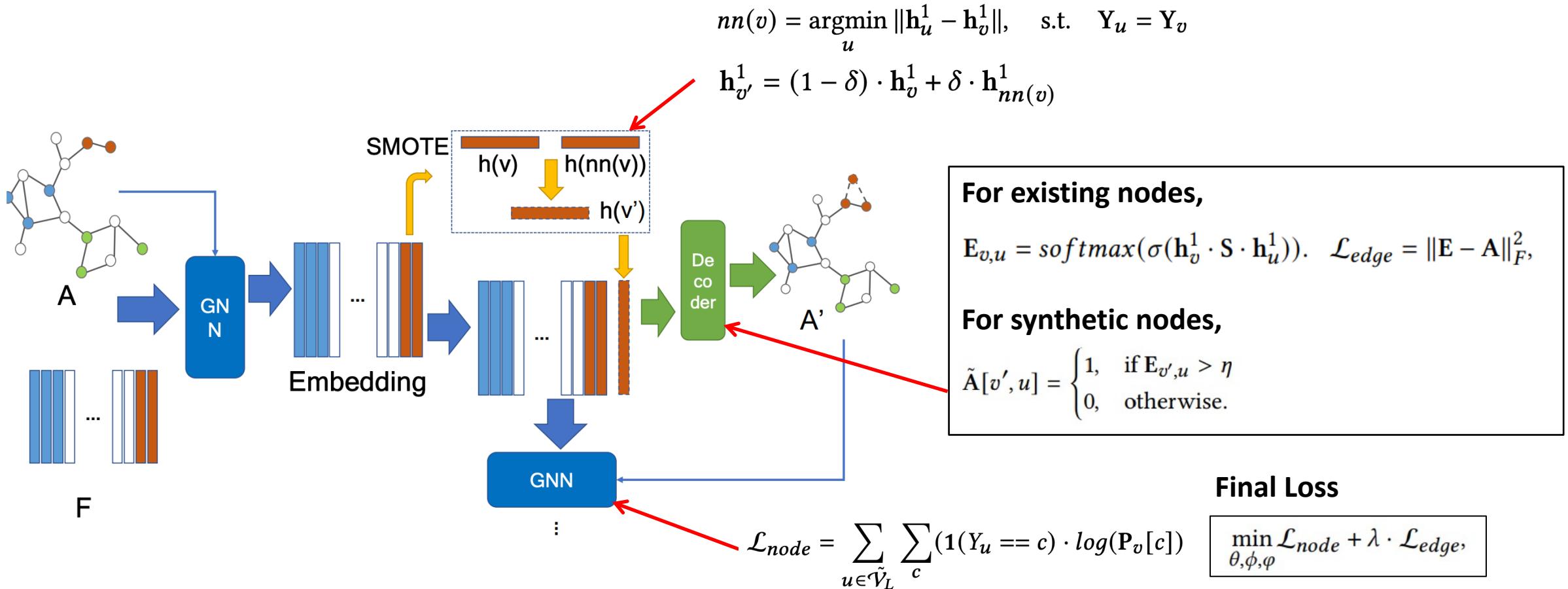
(b) After over-sampling

**Vanilla SMOTE fail to provide relation information for newly synthesized samples**

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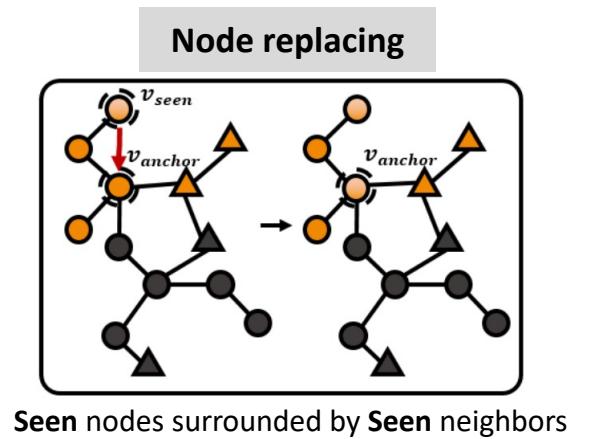
- Main idea: Train edge generator based on existing nodes and use them for synthetic nodes:



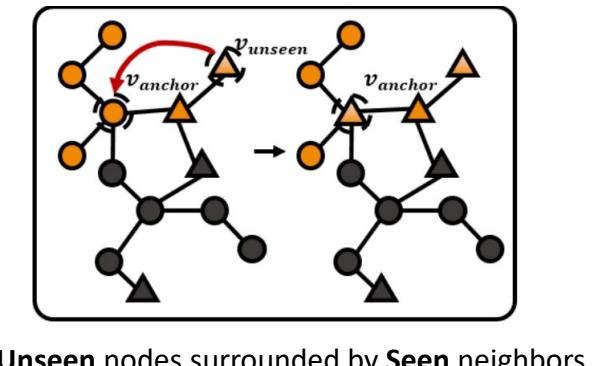
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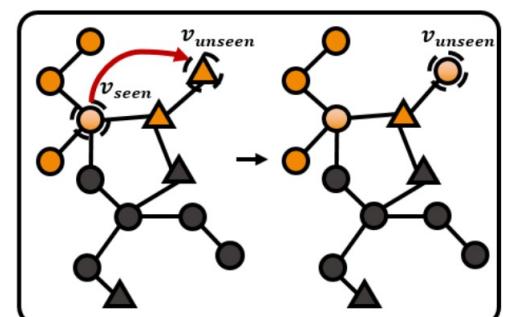
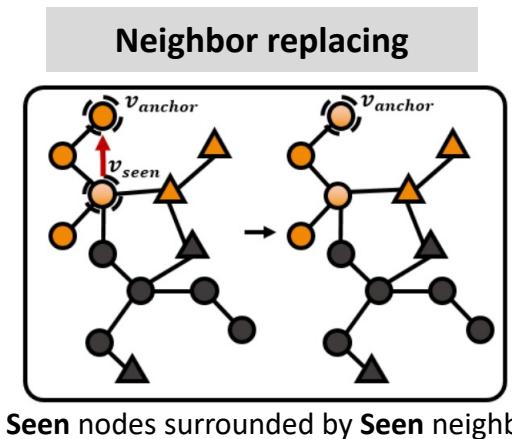
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  - Existing approaches overfit to neighbor sets of minor class nodes, rather than to minor nodes themselves



Minor  
Major      Seen nodes  
Unseen nodes



To see whether the model overfits to the node

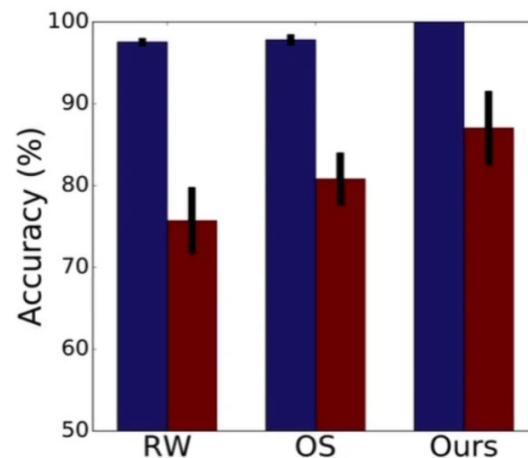


To see whether the model overfits to the neighbors

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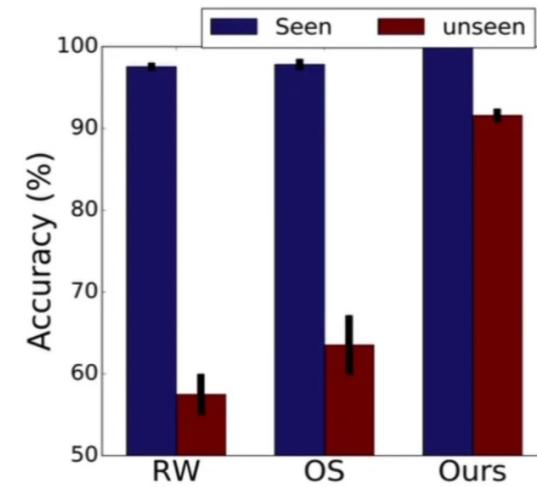
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(c) Node-Replacing

■ : Accuracy of **seen** nodes surrounded by seen neighbors

■ : Accuracy of **unseen** nodes surrounded by seen neighbors



(d) Neighbor-Replacing

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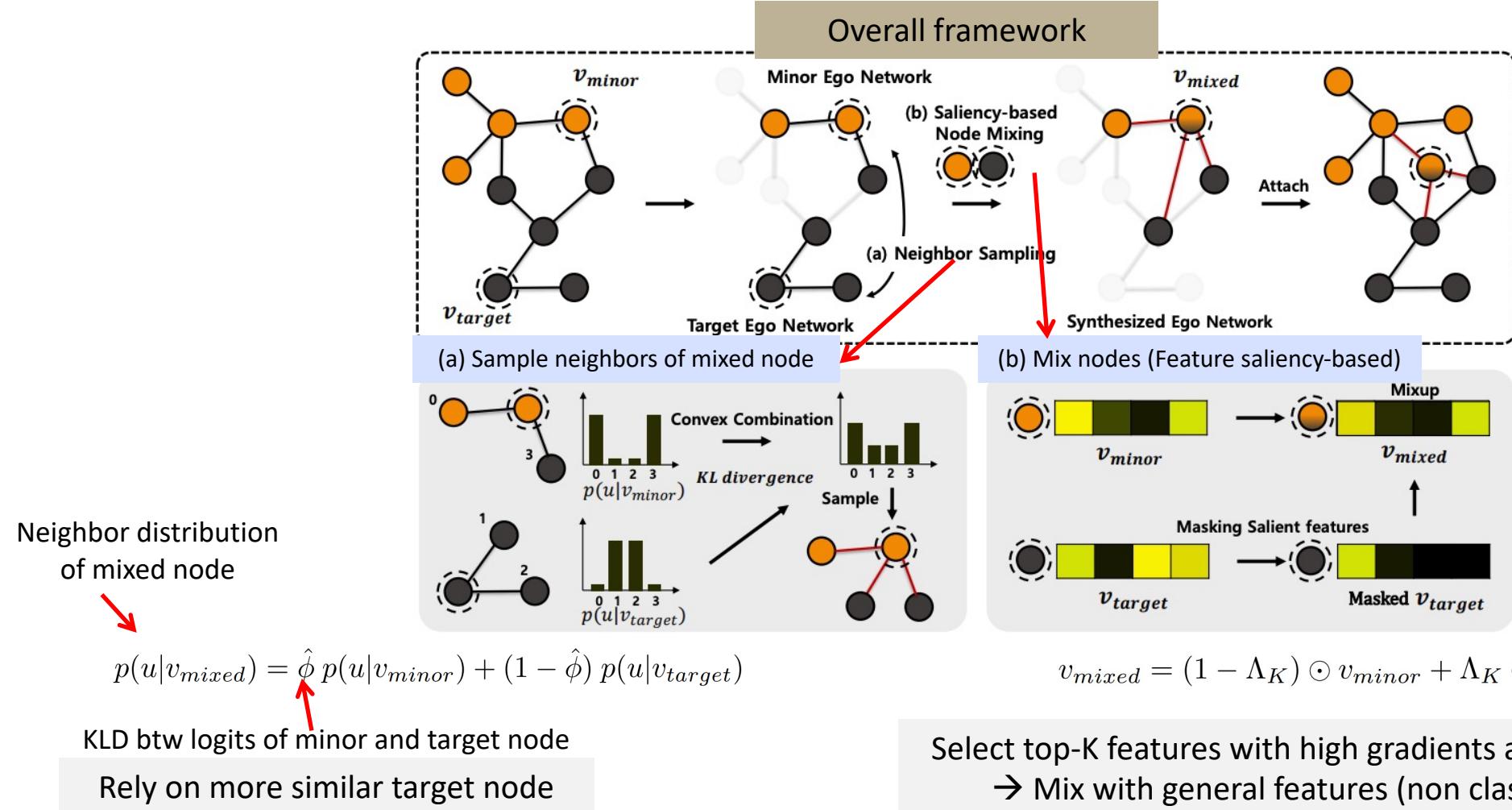
■ : Accuracy of **seen** nodes surrounded by **unseen** neighbors

Performance drop of existing approaches in the neighbor replacing experiment is steeper than in the node replacing  
→ Neighbor memorization problem is a critical obstacle!

# Long-Tailedness: Class Perspective

## Neighbor-Aware Ego Network Synthesis for Class-Imbalanced Node Classification (GraphENS)

- Main idea: 1) Mix two ego-networks rather than mixing two nodes, 2) Selectively mix features



# Long-Tailedness: Degree Perspective

## Investigating and Mitigating Degree-Related Biases in Graph Convolutional Networks (SL-DSGC)

- Motivation: Given limited supervision, performance of GCNs becomes unsatisfying for low-degree nodes

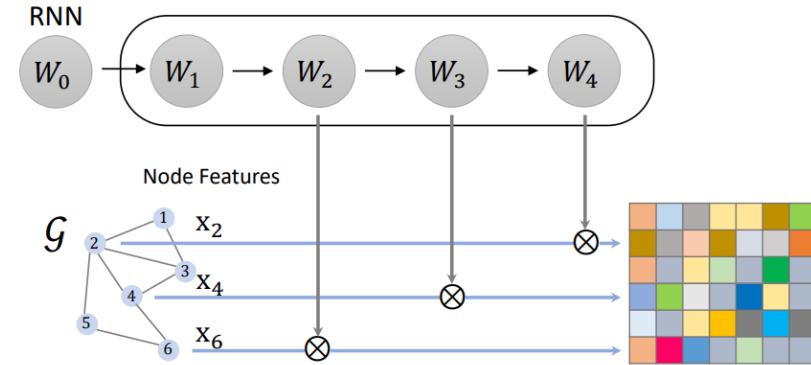
### Approach

- Bias reduction in **model perspective** (due to parameter sharing btw nodes)

- Degree-specific GCN layer with RNN to generate degree-specific parameters:

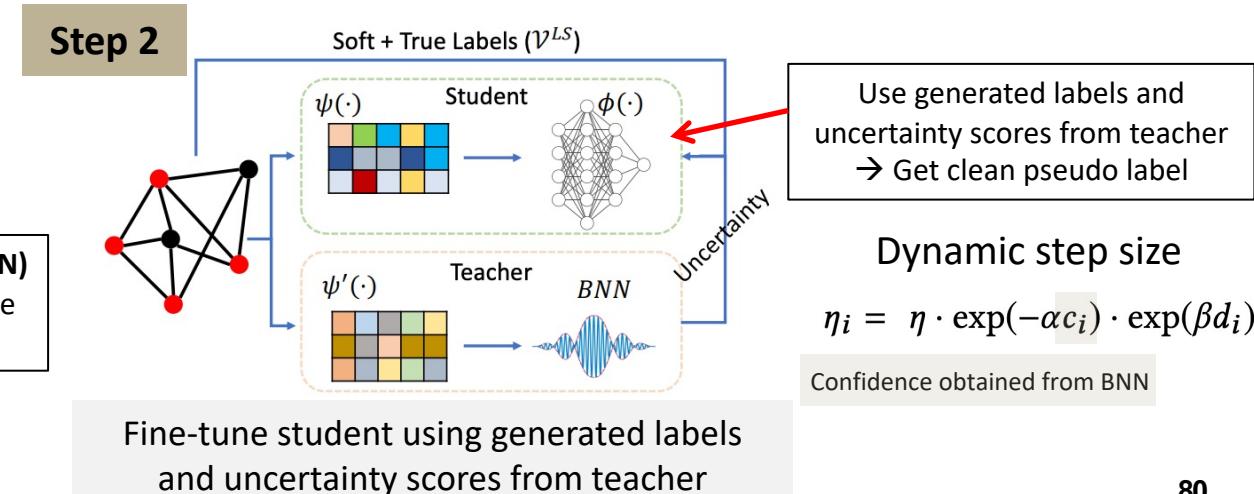
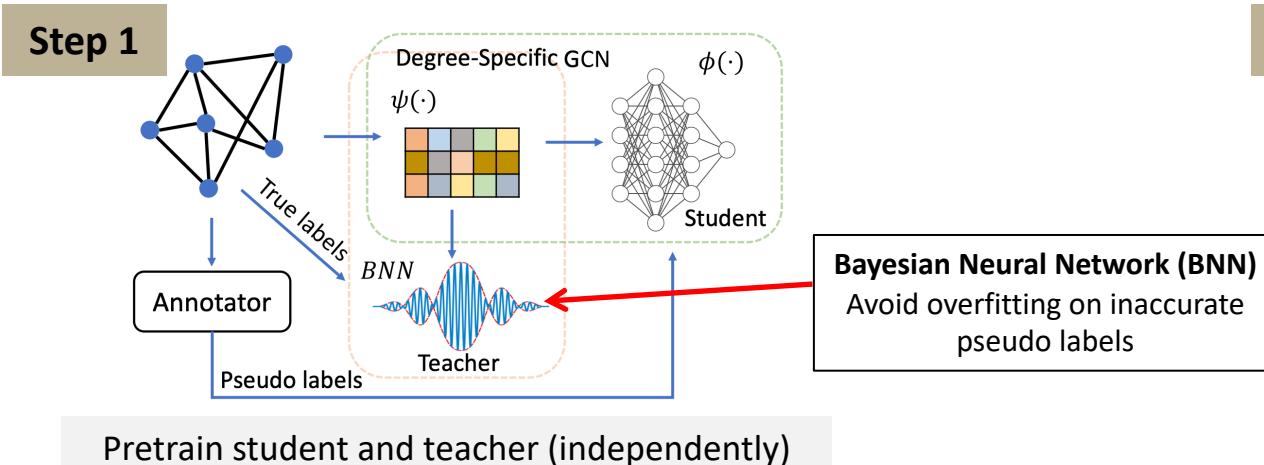
$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in N(i)} a_{ij} (\mathbf{W}^l + \mathbf{W}_{d(j)}^l) \mathbf{x}_j^l \right) \quad W_{k+1}^l = \text{RNN}(W_k^l), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, d_{\max},$$

Degree-specific parameter



- Bias reduction in **data perspective**

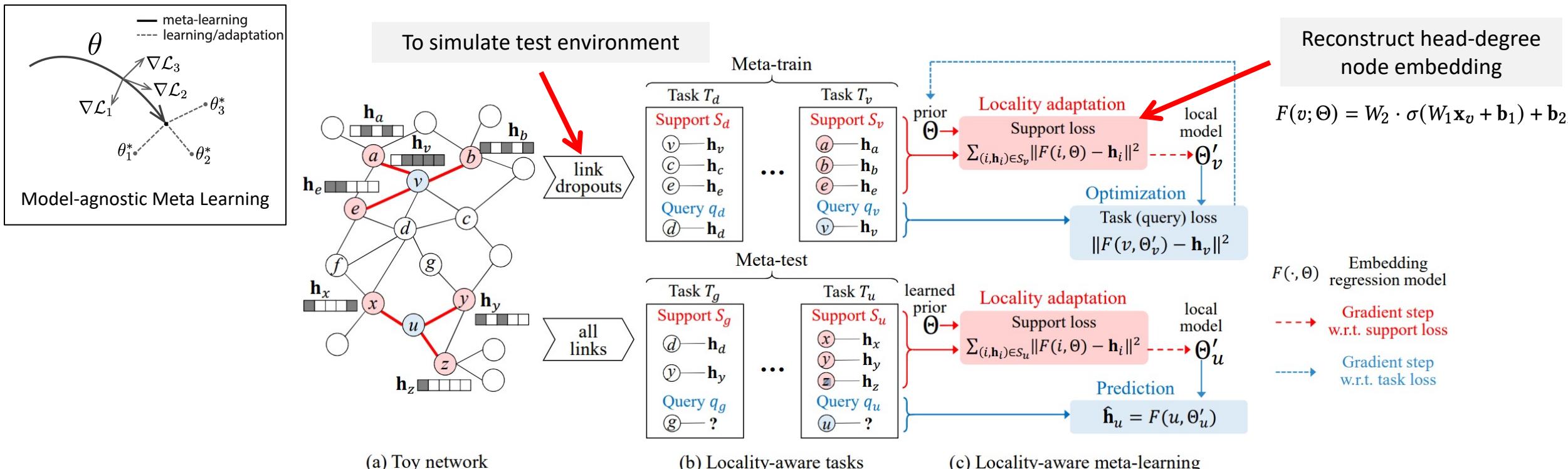
- Create **pseudo labels** with uncertainty scores → Pseudo labels increase the chance of connecting to low-degree nodes



# Long-Tailedness: Degree Perspective

## Towards Locality-Aware Meta-Learning of Tail Node Embeddings on Networks (meta-tail2vec)

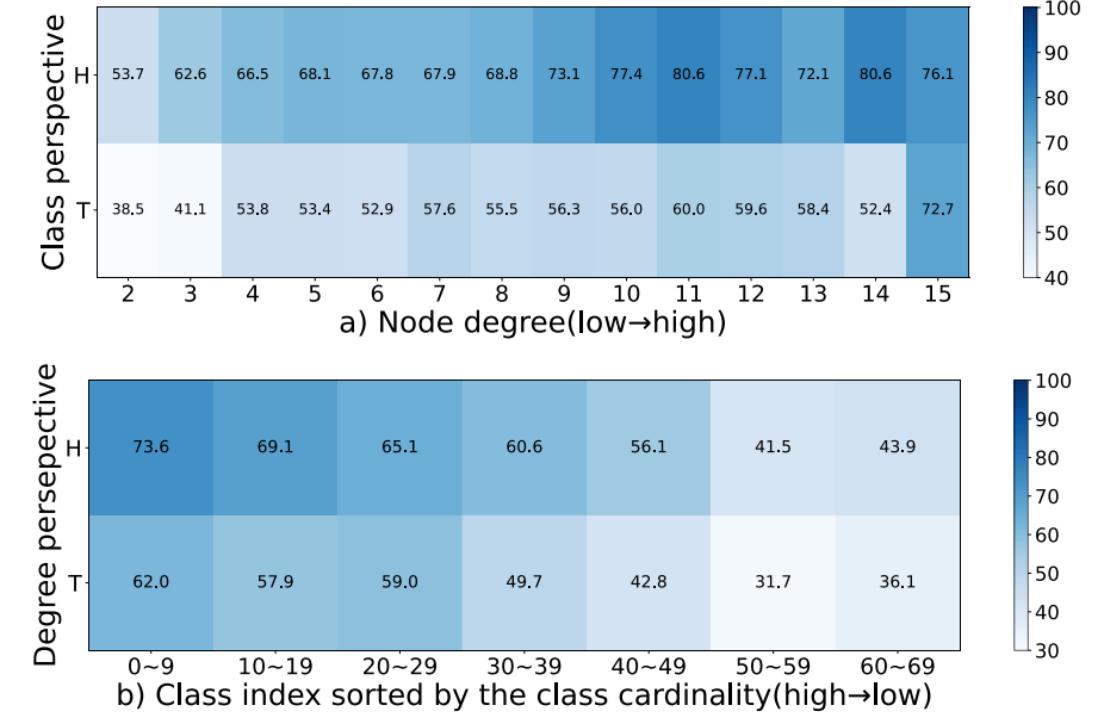
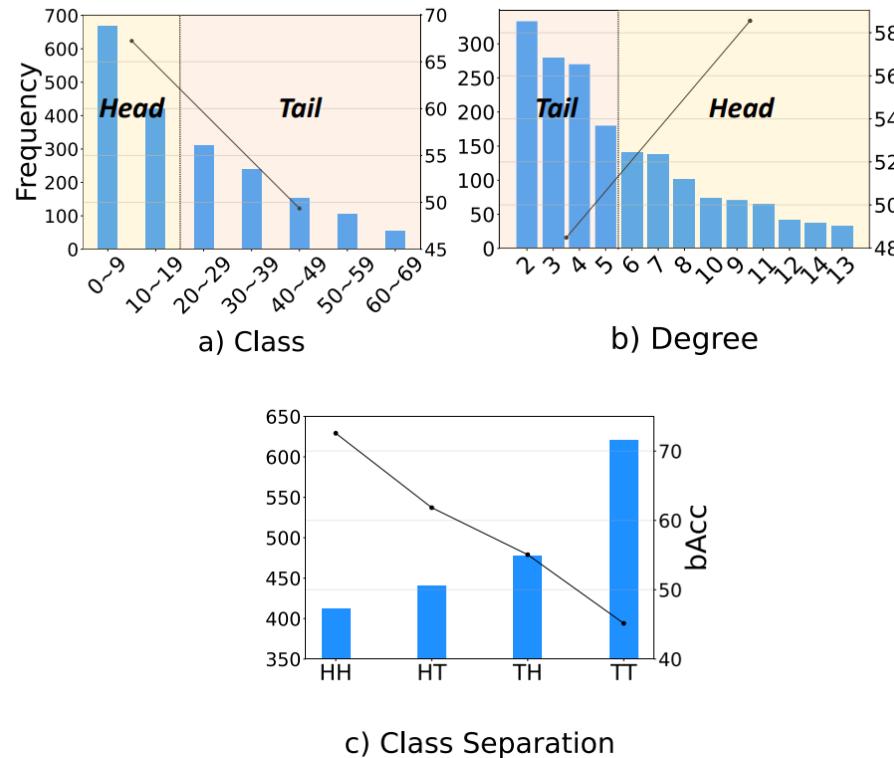
- Motivation:** How do we learn embedding vectors for tail nodes from limited structural information?
- Idea:** Tail-degree node embeddings as a **few-shot regression** problem (i.e., few links on each tail node)
  - Meta-learning (Obtain information from head-degree node and transfer it to tail-degree node)



# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

- Motivation: Both class and degree- longtailedness should be considered at the same time

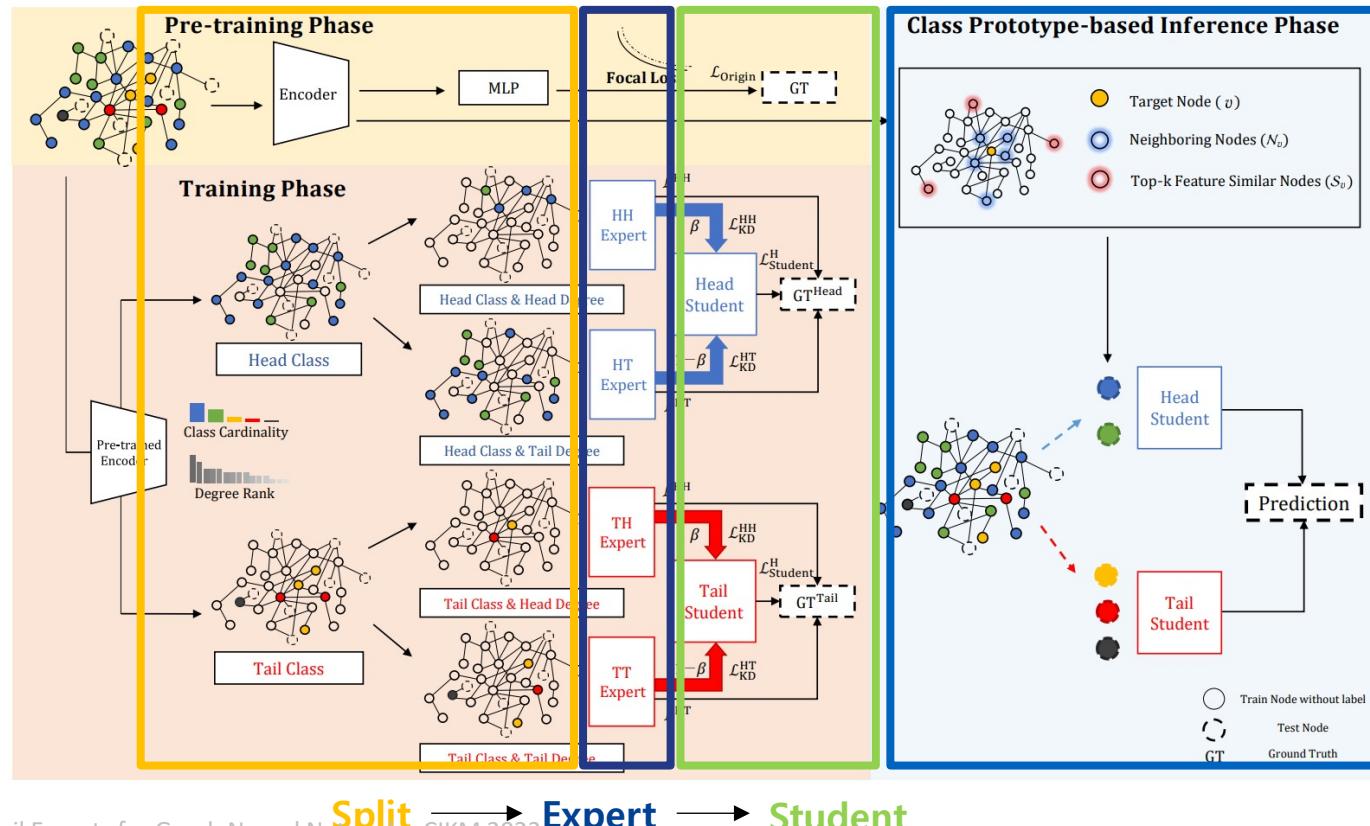


# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

### Idea

- Obtain balanced subsets of nodes and assign an expert to each subset (HH,HT,TH,TT)
- Knowledge distillation between experts and class-wise students
  - Distill knowledge of **HH/HT experts to Head-class student & TH/TT experts to Tail-class student**



### Pre-training Phase

- Obtain a Pre-trained Encoder

### Training Phase

- Split nodes in a balanced manner
- Obtain Experts and Students
- Using Knowledge Distillation
- Using Head-to-Tail Learning

### Class Prototype-based Inference Phase

- Using Candidates for Class Prototype
- Assign each test node to a student

# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

- Experiments: Datasets & Metrics

Dataset	#Nodes	#Edges	#Features	#Classes
Cora	2,708	5,429	1,433	7
CiteSeer	3,327	4,732	3,703	6
Cora-Full	19,793	146,635	8,710	70

Dataset	Imb. class	Imb. ratio	L <sub>0</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>4</sub>	L <sub>5</sub>	L <sub>6</sub>
Cora	3	10%	23.3	23.3	23.3	23.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
		5%	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
	5	10%	40.0	40.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
		5%	44.4	44.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
	LT	1%	54.0	25.0	11.6	5.4	2.4	1.2	0.5
CiteSeer	3	10%	30.3	30.3	30.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	-
		5%	31.7	31.7	31.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	-
	5	10%	66.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	-
		5%	80.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	-
	LT	1%	60.7	24.1	9.5	3.8	1.5	0.5	-
Cora-Full	-	1.1%	34.0	18.9	14.1	10.9	6.9	4.8	2.6

1) **Balanced Accuracy (bAcc)** =  $\frac{(\text{True Positive Rate} + \text{True Negative Rate})}{2}$

2) **Macro-F1** =  $\frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{c \in C} \frac{2 * (\text{Precision}_c * \text{Recall}_c)}{\text{Precision}_c + \text{Recall}_c}$

3) **Geometric Means (G-Means)** =  $(\prod_{c \in C} \text{Sensitivity}_c)^{\frac{1}{|C|}}$

4) **Accuracy (Acc)** =  $\frac{\text{TP} + \text{TN}}{\text{TP} + \text{FP} + \text{FN} + \text{TN}}$

Predict

	Positive	Negative
Actual		
Positive	TP	FN
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# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

- 1) Overall Performance on **manual imbalanced** datasets

Method	Imb. class num: 3						Imb. class num: 5						
	Imbalance_ratio: 10%			Imbalance_ratio: 5%			Imbalance_ratio: 10%			Imbalance_ratio: 5%			
	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	
Cora	Origin	71.0±3.4	70.8±3.7	82.2±2.2	61.6±3.5	58.6±4.3	75.9±2.4	66.8±1.1	66.9±1.4	79.4±0.7	57.7±5.2	56.1±5.8	73.2±3.6
	Over-sampling	65.5±1.8	64.5±2.0	78.5±1.2	61.6±3.4	57.0±4.9	75.9±2.3	58.0±0.8	56.9±1.1	73.4±0.6	44.6±5.3	40.7±5.6	63.5±4.1
	Re-weight	72.9±2.7	72.3±3.7	83.4±1.7	64.7±4.5	62.5±5.5	78.0±3.0	67.5±1.8	67.3±2.2	79.9±1.2	59.1±1.7	56.7±2.7	74.2±1.2
	SMOTE	66.4±3.8	64.7±5.5	79.1±2.6	61.6±3.4	57.0±4.9	75.9±2.3	61.0±2.6	61.1±3.3	75.5±1.8	44.6±5.3	40.7±5.6	63.5±4.1
	Embed-SMOTE	65.5±4.2	63.4±4.7	78.6±2.8	59.3±5.5	54.2±7.4	74.3±3.7	57.5±4.9	55.2±5.5	73.0±3.4	44.3±6.9	41.0±9.0	63.2±5.5
	GraphSMOTE <sub>T</sub>	71.2±2.4	70.2±3.0	82.3±1.6	65.7±1.5	63.3±2.7	78.7±1.0	67.2±1.8	67.2±2.4	79.7±1.2	58.7±2.8	58.0±2.2	73.9±1.9
	GraphSMOTE <sub>O</sub>	70.7±1.9	70.0±2.5	82.0±1.3	64.2±4.0	62.5±4.4	77.7±2.7	67.6±1.8	66.9±2.1	80.0±1.2	61.6±3.0	59.9±3.5	75.9±2.1
	GraphSMOTE <sub>preT</sub>	71.8±5.4	70.4±6.4	82.7±3.5	67.3±5.9	63.9±8.3	79.7±3.9	69.0±2.8	68.0±2.5	80.9±1.8	67.5±3.7	64.8±3.8	79.9±2.4
	GraphSMOTE <sub>preO</sub>	73.4±2.1	72.5±2.0	83.8±1.4	68.2±0.4	65.8±1.9	80.4±0.3	67.6±5.5	65.7±5.8	79.9±3.6	67.2±3.4	64.6±3.5	79.7±2.2
	GraphENS	62.0±3.6	58.2±4.6	76.2±2.4	56.5±4.7	51.4±6.9	72.4±3.3	44.8±4.0	41.3±4.2	63.7±3.1	34.5±2.9	30.3±4.1	55.4±2.5
	Tail-GNN	63.1±3.5	60.4±3.5	76.9±2.4	54.7±4.4	48.0±7.6	71.1±3.1	55.7±6.2	54.7±6.9	71.7±4.3	39.2±6.9	33.6±9.5	59.2±5.6
	<b>LTE4G</b>	<b>73.6±2.6</b>	<b>73.0±2.5</b>	<b>83.9±1.7</b>	<b>70.9±3.1</b>	<b>69.4±2.5</b>	<b>82.1±2.0</b>	<b>74.2±1.8</b>	<b>73.9±1.9</b>	<b>84.3±1.1</b>	<b>71.9±3.5</b>	<b>70.9±3.6</b>	<b>82.8±2.3</b>
CiteSeer	Origin	46.3±2.5	37.2±3.4	64.2±1.9	43.3±1.2	33.1±2.1	62.0±1.0	41.1±2.9	37.2±3.7	60.2±2.4	29.8±1.4	23.4±1.6	50.6±1.2
	Over-sampling	48.1±2.7	41.4±5.3	65.6±2.1	45.7±3.2	36.6±4.3	63.8±2.5	34.9±2.9	31.2±3.6	55.1±2.5	33.8±2.9	27.5±0.8	54.1±2.5
	Re-weight	47.2±2.5	39.7±3.9	64.9±1.9	44.1±2.2	33.5±3.2	62.6±1.7	42.3±5.0	37.9±5.3	61.1±3.9	31.2±3.9	25.7±3.5	51.8±3.5
	SMOTE	46.4±2.6	37.6±3.3	64.3±2.0	45.7±3.2	36.6±4.3	63.8±2.5	34.7±0.7	27.3±3.2	55.0±0.6	33.8±2.9	27.5±0.8	54.1±2.5
	Embed-SMOTE	46.4±3.3	36.6±4.1	64.3±2.6	44.9±4.3	33.5±5.8	63.2±3.4	32.9±0.4	25.5±1.7	53.4±0.3	20.4±0.3	11.2±0.5	41.4±0.3
	GraphSMOTE <sub>T</sub>	47.3±3.0	38.9±4.6	65.0±2.3	45.6±1.9	35.1±2.8	63.7±1.4	42.8±5.8	37.3±6.9	61.5±4.6	31.1±4.6	26.0±5.3	51.7±4.0
	GraphSMOTE <sub>O</sub>	47.2±3.4	38.6±5.9	64.9±2.6	45.1±4.4	34.9±6.1	63.3±3.3	41.8±2.9	35.3±2.9	60.8±2.3	35.3±4.6	28.3±4.6	55.3±4.0
	GraphSMOTE <sub>preT</sub>	45.5±3.7	37.3±4.5	63.6±2.9	41.2±2.8	31.0±2.6	60.3±2.3	46.3±4.9	42.9±4.9	64.2±3.8	34.1±7.7	28.6±8.4	54.1±6.8
	GraphSMOTE <sub>preO</sub>	45.2±1.9	38.2±1.5	63.4±1.4	40.9±1.3	30.4±1.8	60.1±1.1	46.4±4.3	43.3±4.6	64.3±3.4	34.0±7.7	28.3±8.2	54.0±6.9
	GraphENS	46.7±2.4	39.2±3.9	64.6±1.8	44.2±1.2	35.4±1.9	62.7±1.0	28.9±5.0	23.6±6.2	49.6±4.6	25.4±2.0	20.4±4.1	46.4±2.0
	Tail-GNN	44.2±1.6	34.3±2.5	62.7±1.3	41.8±0.7	30.1±2.6	60.8±0.6	32.1±4.7	26.4±6.1	52.6±4.2	27.8±5.0	21.5±4.7	48.6±4.6
	<b>LTE4G</b>	<b>51.0±1.6</b>	<b>50.1±0.7</b>	<b>67.8±1.2</b>	<b>50.5±0.8</b>	<b>48.6±1.2</b>	<b>67.5±0.6</b>	<b>49.6±2.3</b>	<b>47.0±3.7</b>	<b>66.8±1.7</b>	<b>46.7±0.6</b>	<b>44.4±4.8</b>	<b>64.5±4.7</b>

# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

- 2) Overall Performance on **manual LT & natural datasets**

Method	Cora-LT			CiteSeer-LT		
	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means
Origin	63.3±1.4	58.4±1.4	77.1±0.9	48.3±1.8	41.7±1.4	65.8±1.4
Over-sampling	65.9±2.5	63.3±2.8	78.8±1.7	48.7±1.7	42.2±1.9	66.1±1.3
Re-weight	64.3±0.2	61.0±0.7	77.8±0.2	50.3±2.5	44.9±2.3	67.3±1.9
SMOTE	64.1±0.3	60.8±0.2	77.6±0.2	48.5±0.7	42.1±0.5	65.9±0.6
Embed-SMOTE	61.9±1.0	58.3±0.9	76.1±0.7	48.8±2.5	42.3±2.0	66.2±1.9
GraphSMOTE <sub>T</sub>	65.2±2.2	62.3±2.9	78.4±1.4	50.8±1.8	45.6±1.8	67.7±1.3
GraphSMOTE <sub>O</sub>	65.8±1.6	62.9±2.0	78.8±1.1	51.0±1.2	45.9±0.8	67.8±0.9
GraphSMOTE <sub>preT</sub>	65.8±1.4	63.5±2.0	78.8±0.9	47.8±1.9	42.4±1.8	65.4±1.4
GraphSMOTE <sub>preO</sub>	66.1±0.7	63.5±0.5	78.9±0.5	48.1±1.9	42.4±1.9	65.6±1.4
GraphENS	70.0±1.2	66.8±1.1	81.6±0.8	56.0±1.1	50.9±1.1	71.4±0.8
Tail-GNN	63.2±2.0	57.6±1.8	77.0±1.3	53.1±0.9	48.2±1.4	69.4±0.7
<b>LTE4G</b>	<b>72.6±1.4</b>	<b>72.4±1.5</b>	<b>83.3±0.9</b>	<b>60.6±1.7</b>	<b>55.0±1.9</b>	<b>74.7±1.2</b>

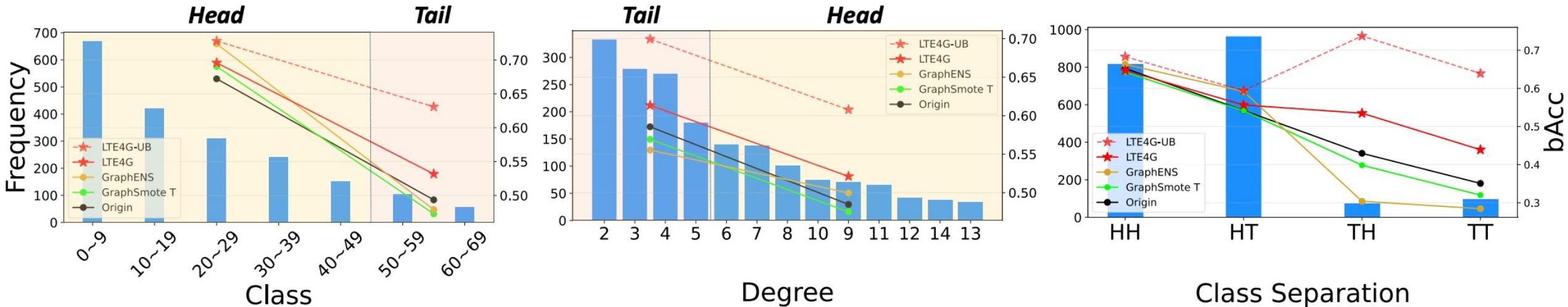
Method	Cora-Full			
	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	Acc.
Origin	52.0±1.0	52.5±0.8	71.9±0.7	60.5±0.2
Over-sampling	52.0±0.7	52.6±0.6	71.9±0.5	60.7±0.1
Re-weight	52.1±0.9	52.6±0.7	72.0±0.6	60.7±0.1
SMOTE	52.2±0.7	52.4±0.7	72.0±0.5	60.6±0.4
Embed-SMOTE	52.3±0.7	53.8±0.7	72.1±0.5	62.6±0.5
GraphSMOTE <sub>T</sub>	51.9±0.6	52.4±0.4	71.8±0.4	60.6±0.2
GraphSMOTE <sub>O</sub>	52.3±1.0	52.5±0.8	72.1±0.7	60.5±0.3
GraphSMOTE <sub>preT</sub>	48.0±2.1	48.4±2.2	69.0±1.5	56.8±1.9
GraphSMOTE <sub>preO</sub>	47.0±2.5	47.2±2.5	68.3±1.8	55.9±2.1
GraphENS	52.9±0.5	53.7±0.3	72.5±0.3	<b>63.4±0.4</b>
Tail-GNN	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
<b>LTE4G</b>	<b>56.3±0.5</b>	<b>55.2±0.2</b>	<b>74.8±0.3</b>	62.6±0.2

LTE4G outperforms SOTA in both manual and natural settings

# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

- 3) Performance on each class, degree and joint consideration



LTE4G performs well in terms of **class** and **degree + class** and **degree jointly**

# Long-Tailedness: Class & Degree Perspective

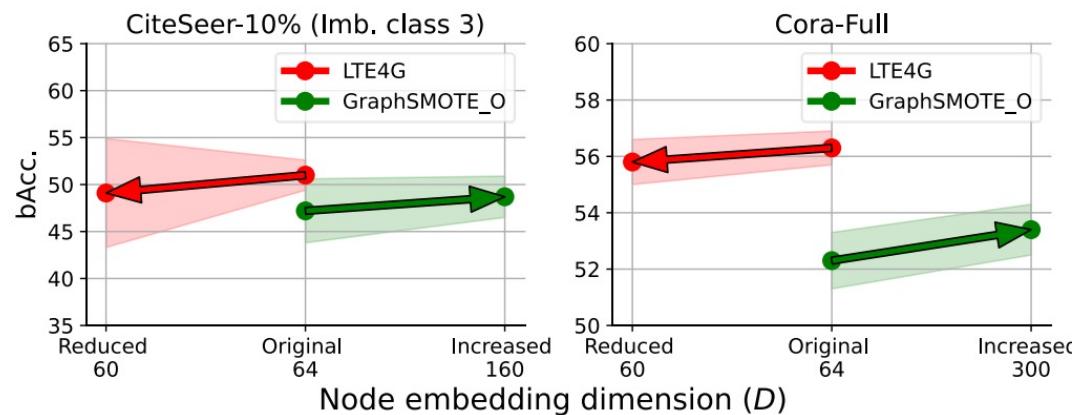
## Long-Tail Experts for Graph Neural Networks (LTE4G)

- 4) Ablations on each component of LTE4G & balanced split of LTE4G

#	Components					Cora-5%(Imb Class 3)			Cora-5%(Imb Class 5)		
	C	D	KD	T2H	H2T	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means
(a)	✓					70.6±3.2	69.0±2.8	82.0±2.1	71.3±4.6	70.2±4.6	82.4±3.0
(b)		✓				50.6±1.2	44.8±1.8	68.1±0.9	43.5±2.8	40.1±4.5	62.7±2.2
(c)	✓	✓				59.9±3.3	59.0±3.6	74.8±2.3	55.6±4.6	56.2±0.5	71.7±3.3
(d)	✓	✓	✓			70.6±3.4	69.3±2.8	81.9±2.2	71.1±6.1	69.8±6.1	82.2±0.4
(e)	✓	✓	✓	✓		69.4±3.7	67.9±3.4	81.2±2.4	70.3±4.4	69.2±4.4	81.7±2.9
(f)	✓	✓	✓		✓	<b>70.9±3.1</b>	<b>69.4±2.5</b>	<b>82.1±2.0</b>	<b>71.9±3.5</b>	<b>70.9±3.6</b>	<b>82.8±2.3</b>

Balanced Split	Cora-LT			Cora-Full				
	Class	Degree	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means	bAcc.	Macro-F1	G-Means
✗	✗		65.7±1.4	61.6±1.5	78.7±0.9	53.2±0.9	54.1±0.9	72.8±0.6
✗	✓		63.0±1.4	58.7±1.6	76.9±1.0	53.3±0.9	54.0±0.9	72.8±0.6
✓	✗		72.3±0.9	72.0±1.0	83.0±0.6	55.4±0.9	54.6±0.6	74.2±0.6
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- 5) Complexity analysis



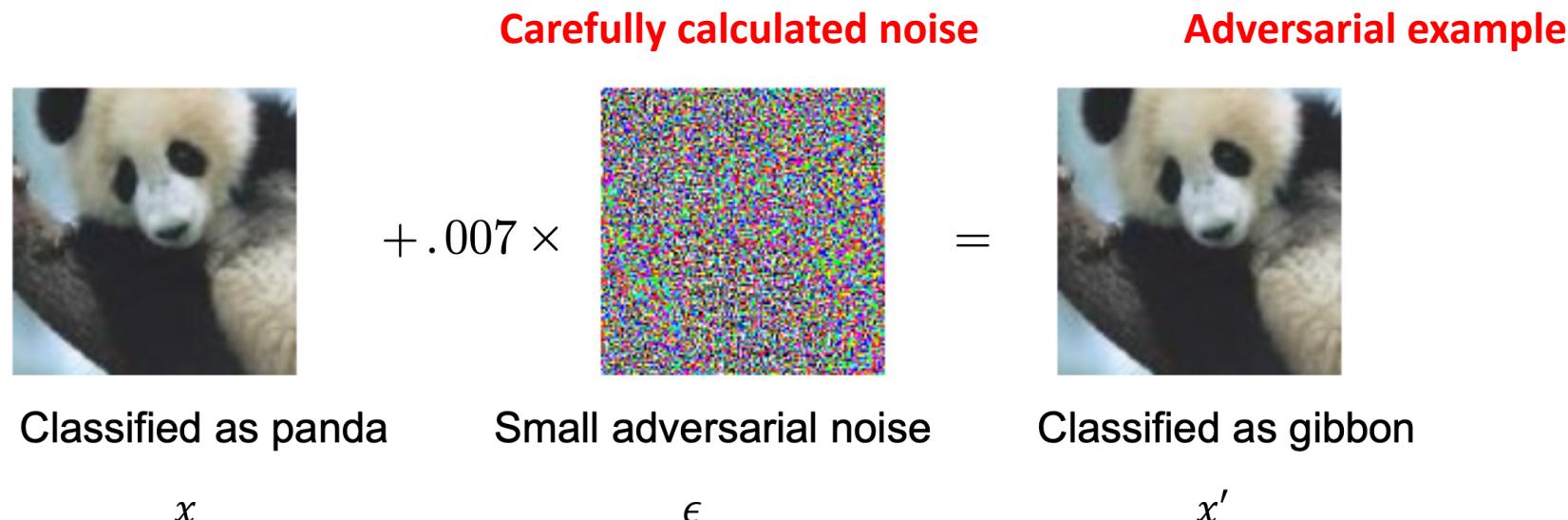
Blindly increasing the number of parameters is **not beneficial**  
 → Important to assign parameters in the right place where they are needed

# This talk

- How to learn graph representation in **various types of graphs?**
  - ~~GNNs for Homogeneous Graph~~
  - GNNs for Multi-aspect Graph
  - GNNs for Multi-relational Graph
- How to effectively **train GNNs?**
  - Self-supervised learning
  - Alleviating Long-tail problem
  - Robustness of GNN

# Adversarial Examples

- Assume a neural network that performs at human level accuracy
- Given a data point  $x$ , it is possible to build  $x'$  (an adversarial example) around  $x$  such that the neural network makes nearly 100% error
- In many cases,  $x'$  is so similar to  $x$  that a human observer cannot tell the difference between  $x'$  and  $x$ 
  - **Imperceptible** noise changes the prediction



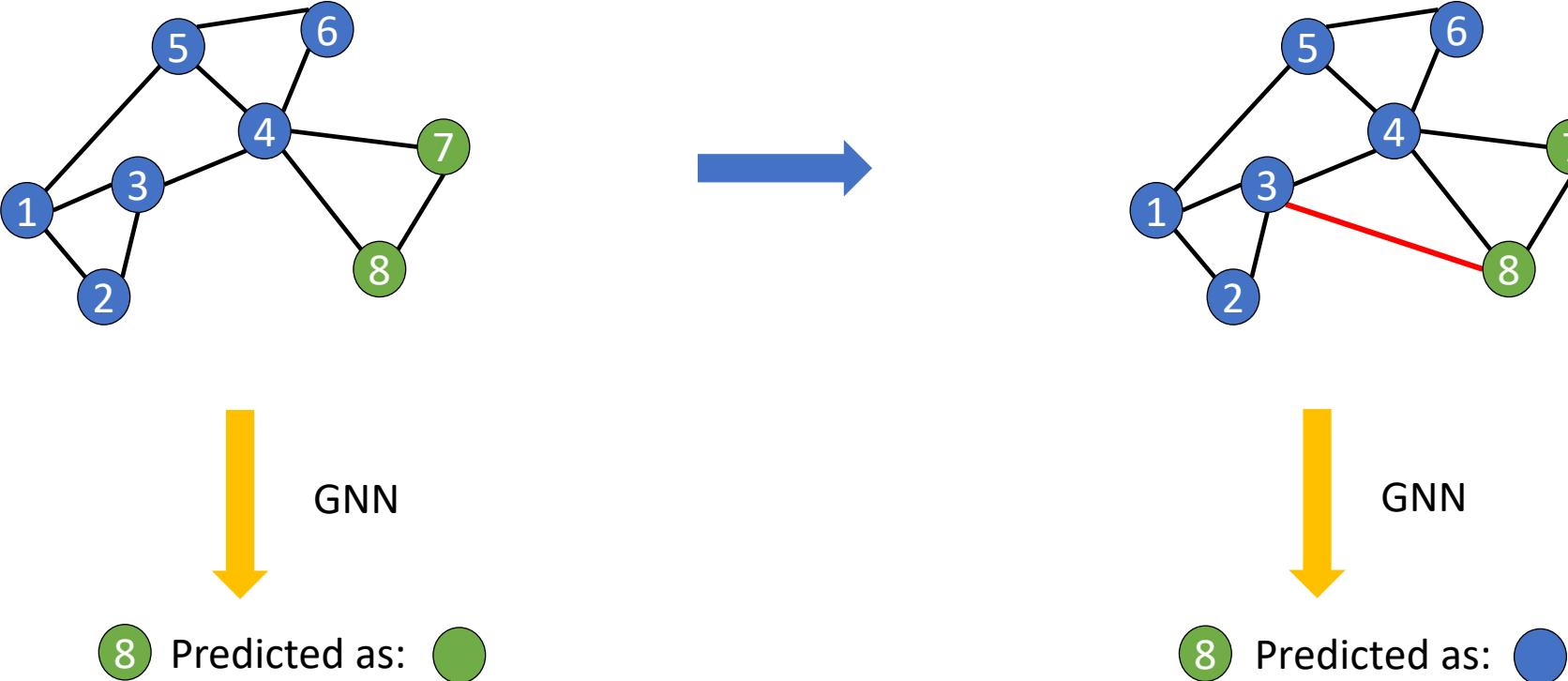
Find  $x'$  satisfying  $\|x' - x\| \leq \Delta$  s.t.  $C(x') \neq y$

# Implications of Adversarial Examples

- **The existence of adversarial examples prevents the reliable deployment of deep learning models to the real world**
  - Adversaries may try to actively hack the deep learning models.
  - The model performance can become much worse than we expect.
- **Deep learning models are often not robust**
  - In fact, it is an active area of research to make these models robust against adversarial examples

**How about GNNs? Are they robust to adversarial examples?**

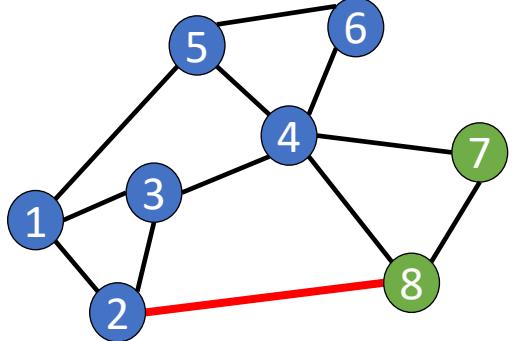
# Adversarial Attacks on GNN



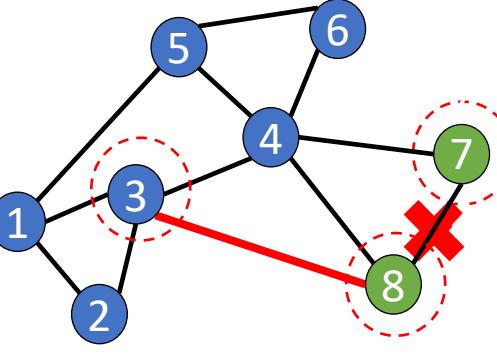
# Why do we care about robust GNN?

- Adversaries are very common in application scenarios, e.g. search engines, or recommender systems
  - Financial Systems
    - Credit Card Fraud Detection
  - Recommender Systems
    - Social Recommendation
    - Product Recommendation
  - Search engines
  - ...
- These adversaries will exploit any vulnerabilities exposed

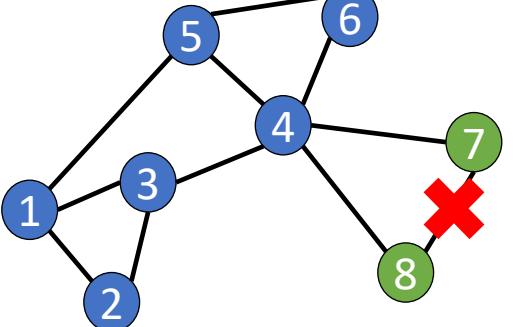
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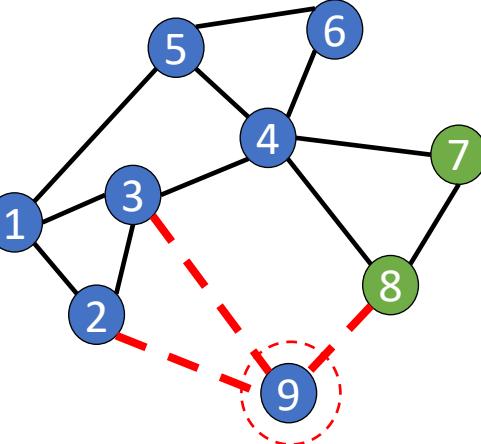
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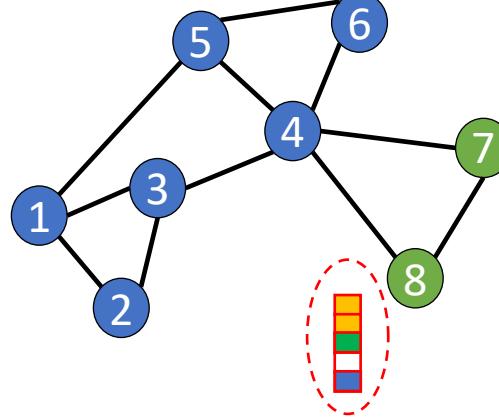
Rewiring



Deleting an edge

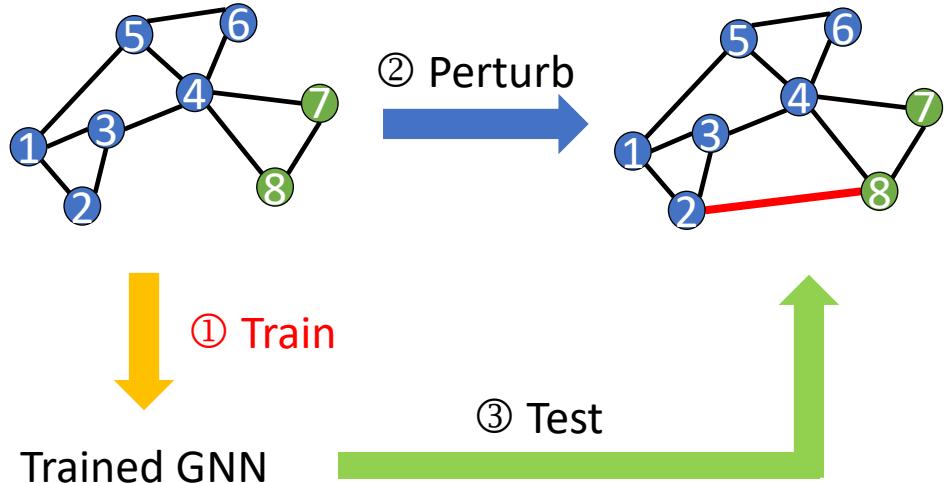


Node Injection

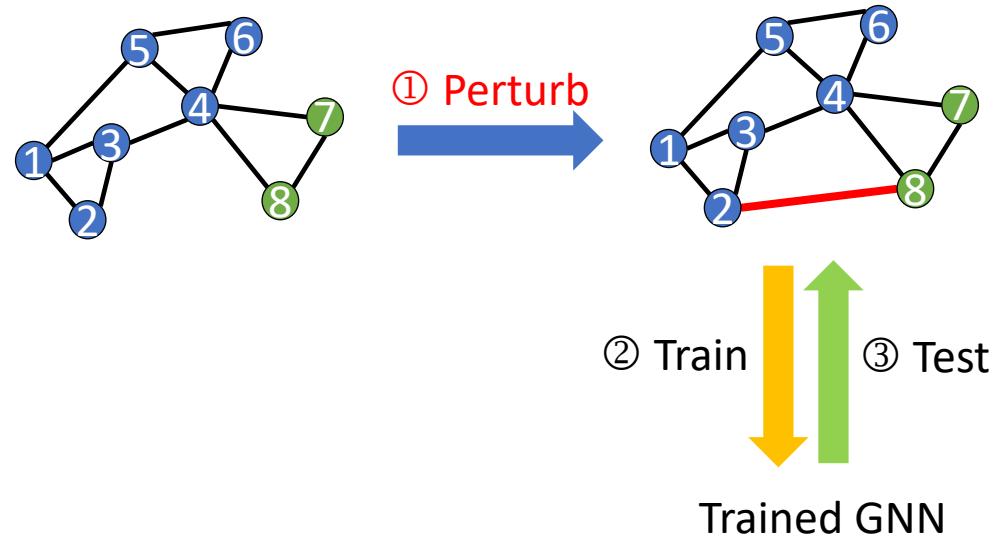


Modifying Features

# Evasion & Poisoning Attack



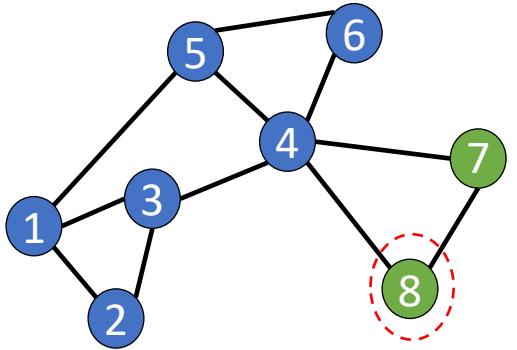
Evasion Attack



Poisoning Attack

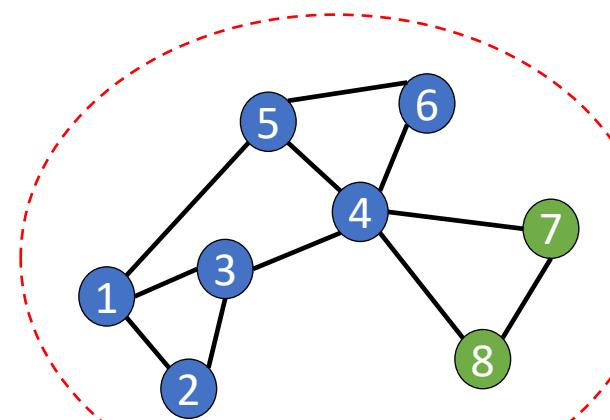
# Targeted & Non-Targeted Attack

## Targeted Attack



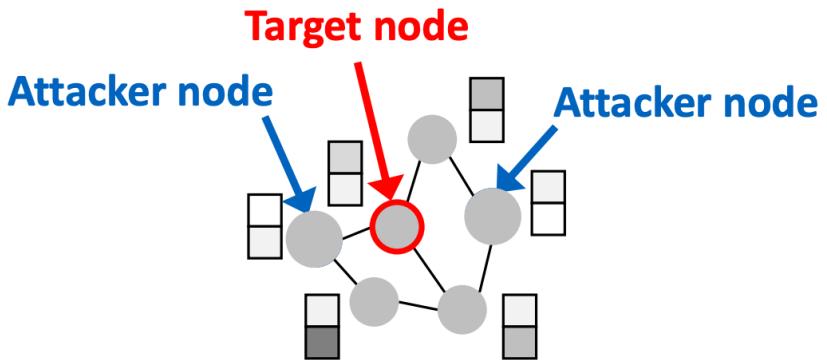
8 Target Node

## Non-Targeted Attack



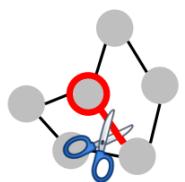
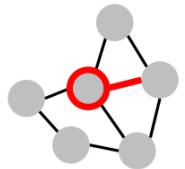
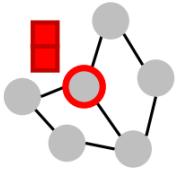
# Direct & Indirect Attack

- **Target node  $t \in V$** : node whose classification label we want to change
- **Attacker nodes  $S \subset V$** : nodes the attacker can modify



## Direct attack ( $S = \{t\}$ )

- Modify the **target's** features
- Add connections to the **target**
- Remove connections from the **target**

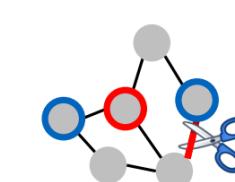
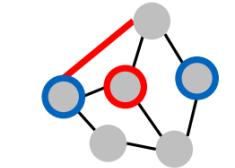
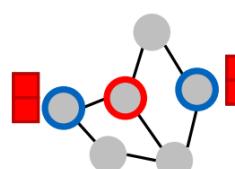


## Example

Change website content

## Indirect attack ( $t \notin S$ )

- Modify the **attackers'** features
- Add connections to the **attackers**
- Remove connections from the **attackers**



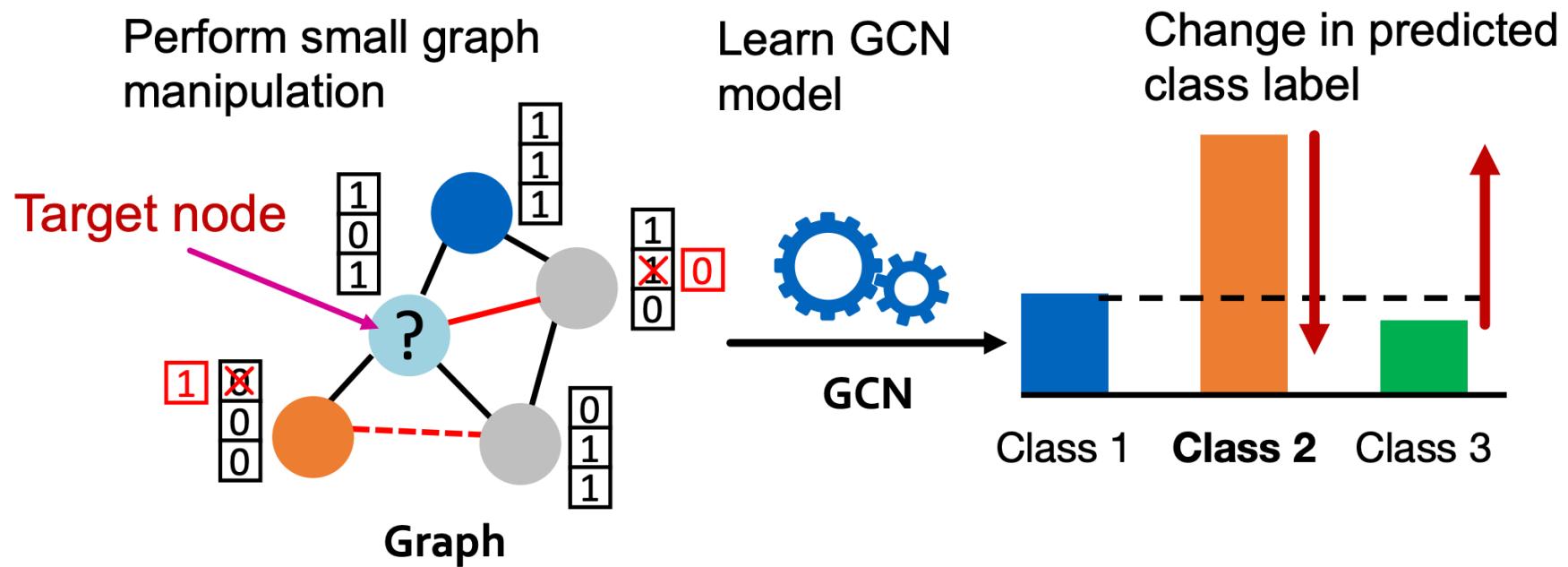
## Example

Hijack friends of target

Create a link/spam farm

# Objective for Attacker

- **Maximize:** Change of target node label prediction
- **Subject to:** Graph manipulation is small (imperceptible)
  - If graph manipulation is too large, it will easily be detected
  - Successful attacks should change the target prediction with “unnoticeably-small” graph manipulation



# Poisoning Attack on Node Classification (Nettack)

$$\arg \max_{A', X'} \max_{c \neq c_{old}} \log Z_{v,c}^* - \log Z_{v,c_{old}}^*$$


where  $Z^* = f_{\theta^*}(A', X') = \text{softmax}(\hat{A}' \text{ReLU}(\hat{A}' X' W^{(1)}) W^{(2)}),$

with  $\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta; A', X')$

$A \in \{0,1\}^{N \times N}$ : original adjacency matrix

$X \in \{0,1\}^{N \times D}$ : (binary) node attributes

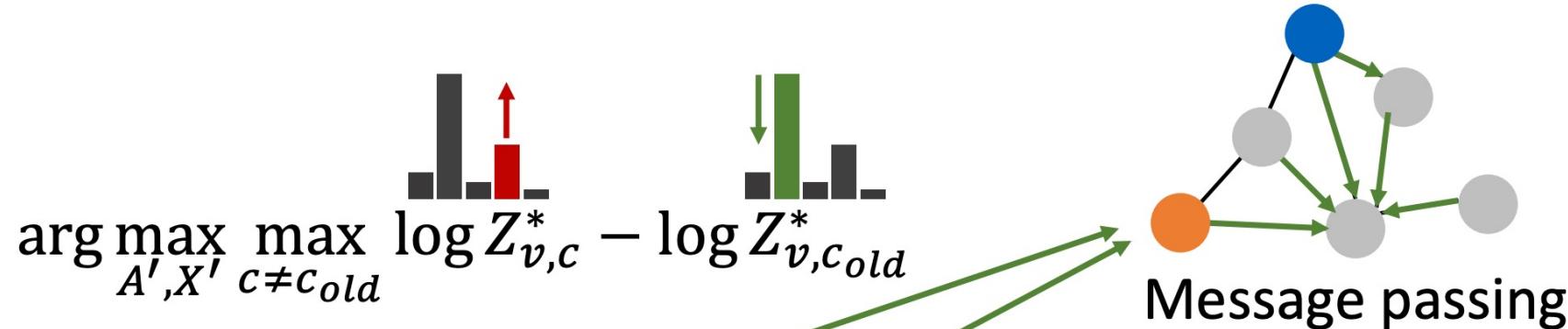
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$v$  : target node

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c.f.  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; A, X)$ : evasion

s. t.  $(A', X') \approx (A, X)$

**“Unnoticeability” constraint**

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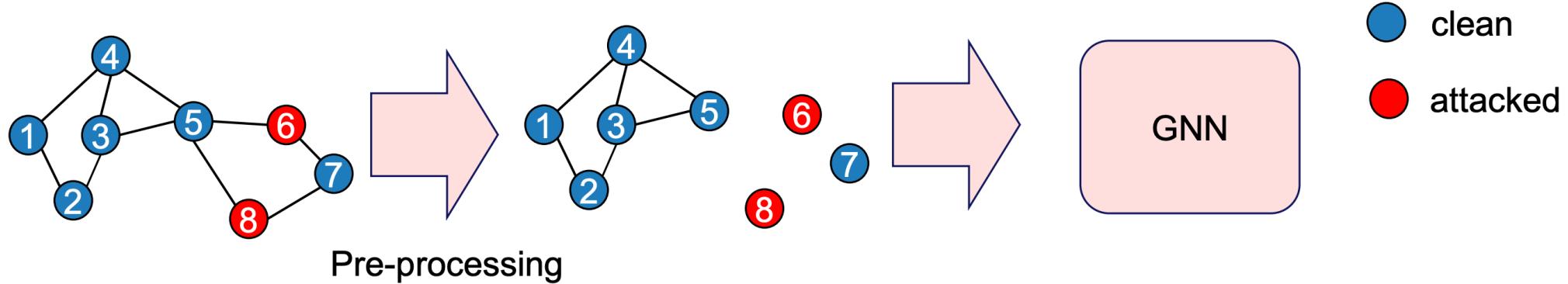
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# Adversarial Defense in GNN

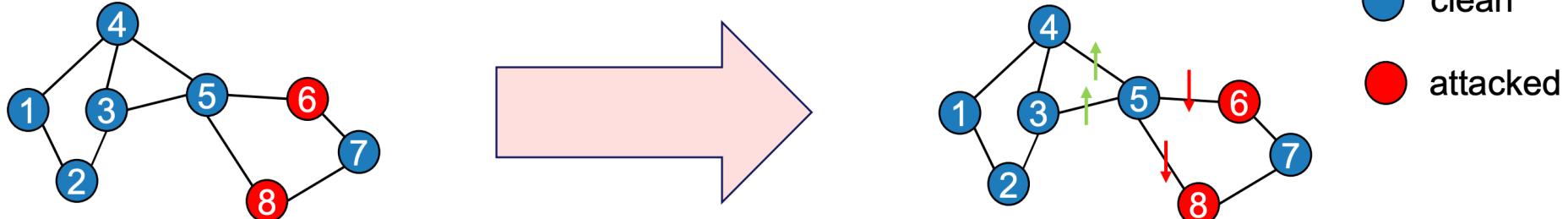
- **Graph Purification-based Approach**

- ProGNN (KDD 2020)



- **Attention-based Approach**

- RGCN (KDD 2019), PA-GNN (WSDM 2020)

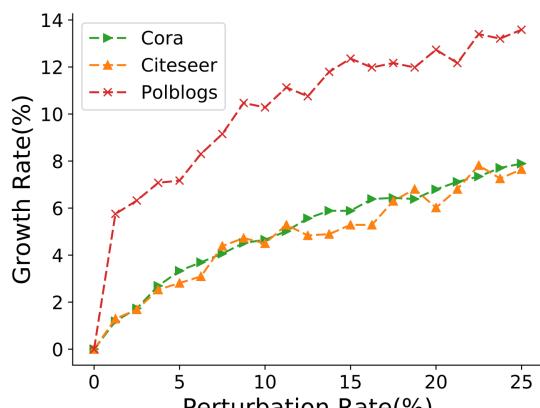


# Defense: Graph Purify-based Approach

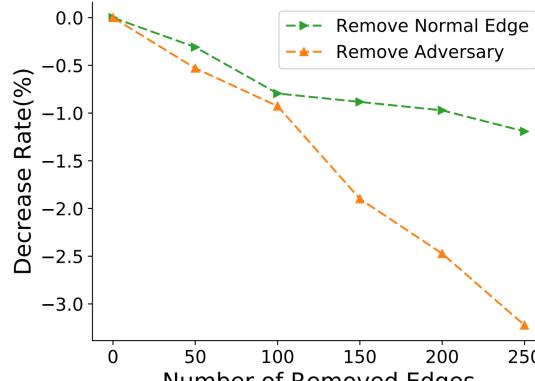
## Graph Structure Learning for Robust Graph Neural Network (ProGNN)

- Idea: Preserve intrinsic properties of real-world graphs

- Low-rank, Sparsity, Feature smoothness

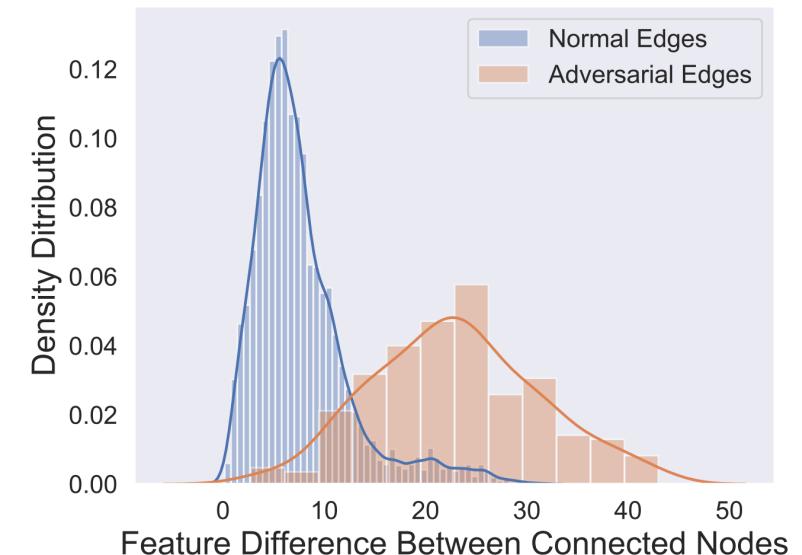


(b) Rank Growth



(c) Rank Decrease Rate

Low-rank



Feature smoothness

# Defense: Graph Purify-based Approach

## Graph Structure Learning for Robust Graph Neural Network (ProGNN)

- Approach

- Add loss to ensure the graph is low-rank and sparse ( $\mathbf{S}$ : the clean adjacent matrix we would like to learn)

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{L}_0 = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 + \beta \|\mathbf{S}\|_*, \text{ s.t., } \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^\top \quad \|\mathbf{S}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{\text{rank}(\mathbf{S})} \sigma_i$$

- Add loss to penalize rapid changes in features between adjacent nodes:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_s = \mathcal{L}_0 + \lambda \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \hat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{X}), \text{ s.t., } \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^\top \quad \mathcal{L}_s = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \hat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \mathbf{S}_{ij} \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{\sqrt{d_i}} - \frac{\mathbf{x}_j}{\sqrt{d_j}} \right)^2$$

- Jointly learn the desired properties of graphs and the GNN model:

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}, \theta} \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_0 + \lambda \mathcal{L}_s + \gamma \mathcal{L}_{GNN} \\ &= \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 + \alpha \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 + \beta \|\mathbf{S}\|_* + \gamma \mathcal{L}_{GNN}(\theta, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}_L) + \lambda \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^T \hat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{X}) \\ &\text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^\top, \end{aligned}$$

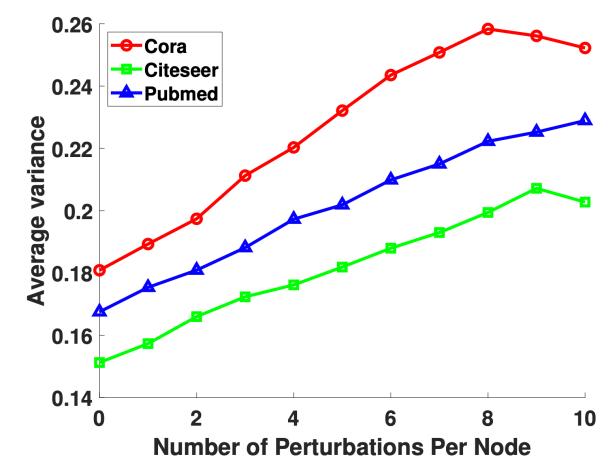
# Defense: Attention-based Approach

## Robust Graph Convolutional Networks Against Adversarial Attacks (RGCN)

- **Motivation:** Attacked nodes may have high uncertainty → Give lower attention score to reduce their impact
- **Idea:** Adopt Gaussian distribution as the node representations  $\mathbf{h}_i^{(l)} = \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{(l)}, diag(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i^{(l)}))$

$$\mathbf{h}_{ne(i)}^{(l)} = \sum_{j \in ne(i)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{i,i} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{j,j}}} \mathbf{h}_j^{(l)} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\sum_{j \in ne(i)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{i,i} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{j,j}}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{(l)}, diag\left(\sum_{j \in ne(i)} \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{i,i} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{j,j}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j^{(l)}\right)\right)$$

- Variance-based attention mechanism
  - Assign different weights to node neighborhoods according to their variances
  - Attacked nodes have larger variances, give them small attention weights  
→ Reduce influence of adversarial changes



$$\mathbf{h}_{ne(i)}^{(l)} = \sum_{j \in ne(i)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{i,i} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{j,j}}} (\mathbf{h}_j^{(l)} \odot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j^{(l)})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_j^{(l)} = \exp(-\gamma \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j^{(l)})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg1} = \sum_{i=1}^N KL \left( \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{(1)}, diag(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i^{(1)})) || \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \right)$$

Enforce Gaussian in the first layer

# Defense: Attention-based Approach

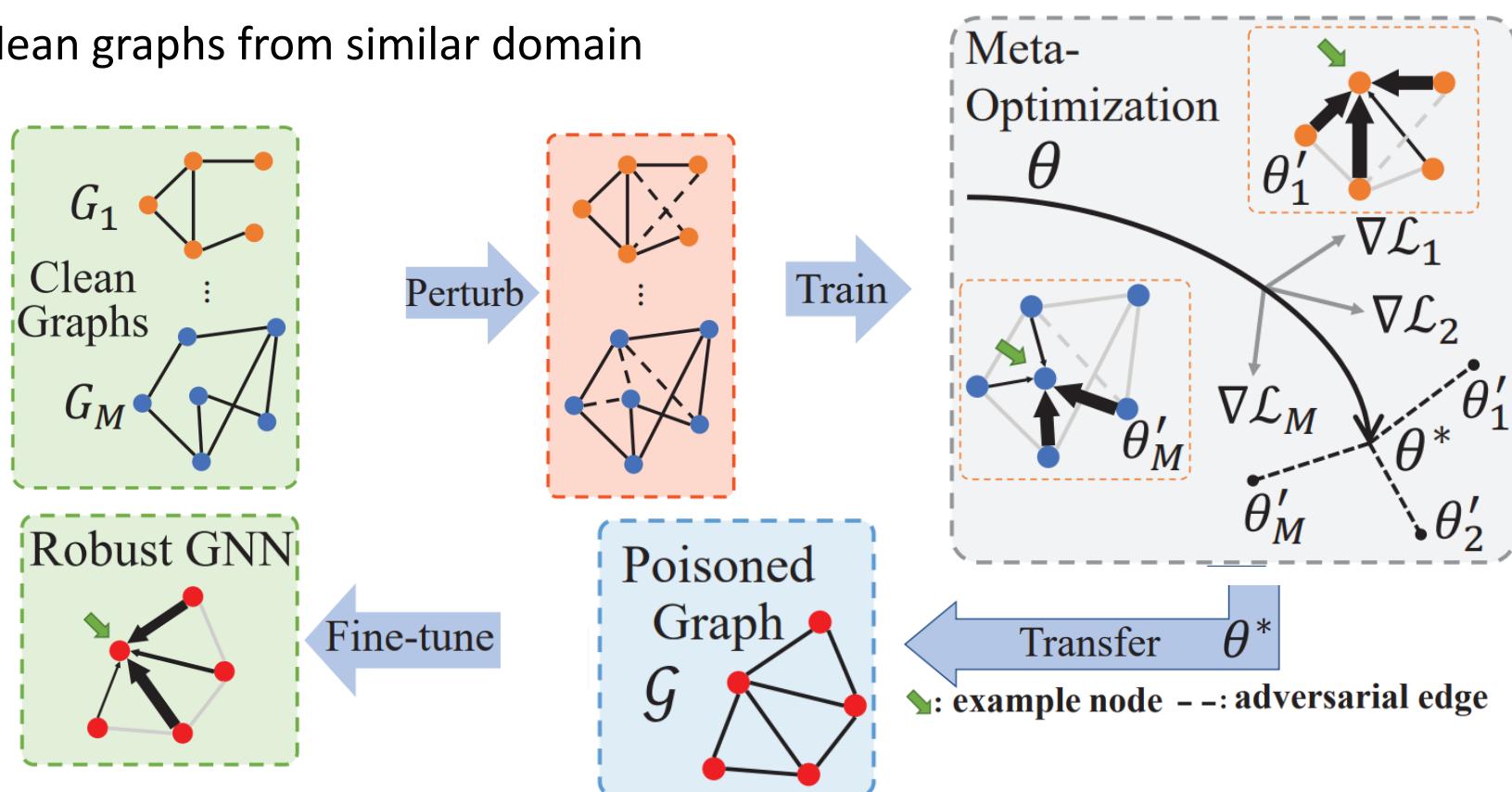
## Robust Graph Neural Network Against Poisoning Attacks via Transfer Learning (PA-GNN)

### Motivation

- Only relying on perturbed graph to learn attention coefficients is not enough
- We should exploit information from clean graphs

### Assumption: There are clean graphs from similar domain

- Facebook & Twitter
- Yelp & Foursquare



# This talk

- How to learn graph representation in **various types of graphs?**
  - ~~GNNs for Homogeneous Graph~~
  - GNNs for Multi-aspect Graph
  - GNNs for Multi-relational Graph
- How to effectively **train GNNs?**
  - Self-supervised learning
  - Alleviating Long-tail problem
  - Robustness of GNN

# Thank you

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