



# Lovász Convolutional Networks

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## Problem Setting

**Semi-Supervised Learning on Graph:** Given a graph  $G(V, E)$ , we are given the labels ( $\{0, 1\}$  in the case of binary classification) of a subset of nodes ( $m < n$ ) of  $V$  and the goal is to predict the labels of the remaining nodes as accurately as possible.

## Contributions

- Our proposed method LCN combines the power of using the Lovász embeddings with GCNs.
- We analyze various types of graphs and identify the classes of graphs where LCN performs much better than existing methods.
- We demonstrate that by keeping the optimal coloring (a global property) fixed, and increasing the number edges in the graph (local structure), LCNs outperforms traditional GCNs.
- We show significant improvement using LCNs than state of the art algorithms.

## Motivation

### Coloring Fraction

- Graph:  $G = (V, E)$
- $\chi(\bar{G})$ : Optimal coloring of the complement graph.
- $n_d$ : Number of edges in  $G$  such that the pair of nodes each edge connects have different colors w.r.t  $\chi(\bar{G})$ .
- $n_t$ : Total number of pairs of nodes in  $G$  such that the nodes in each pair have different colors w.r.t  $\chi(\bar{G})$ .
- Coloring fraction:  $\beta(G) = \frac{n_d}{n_t}$ .

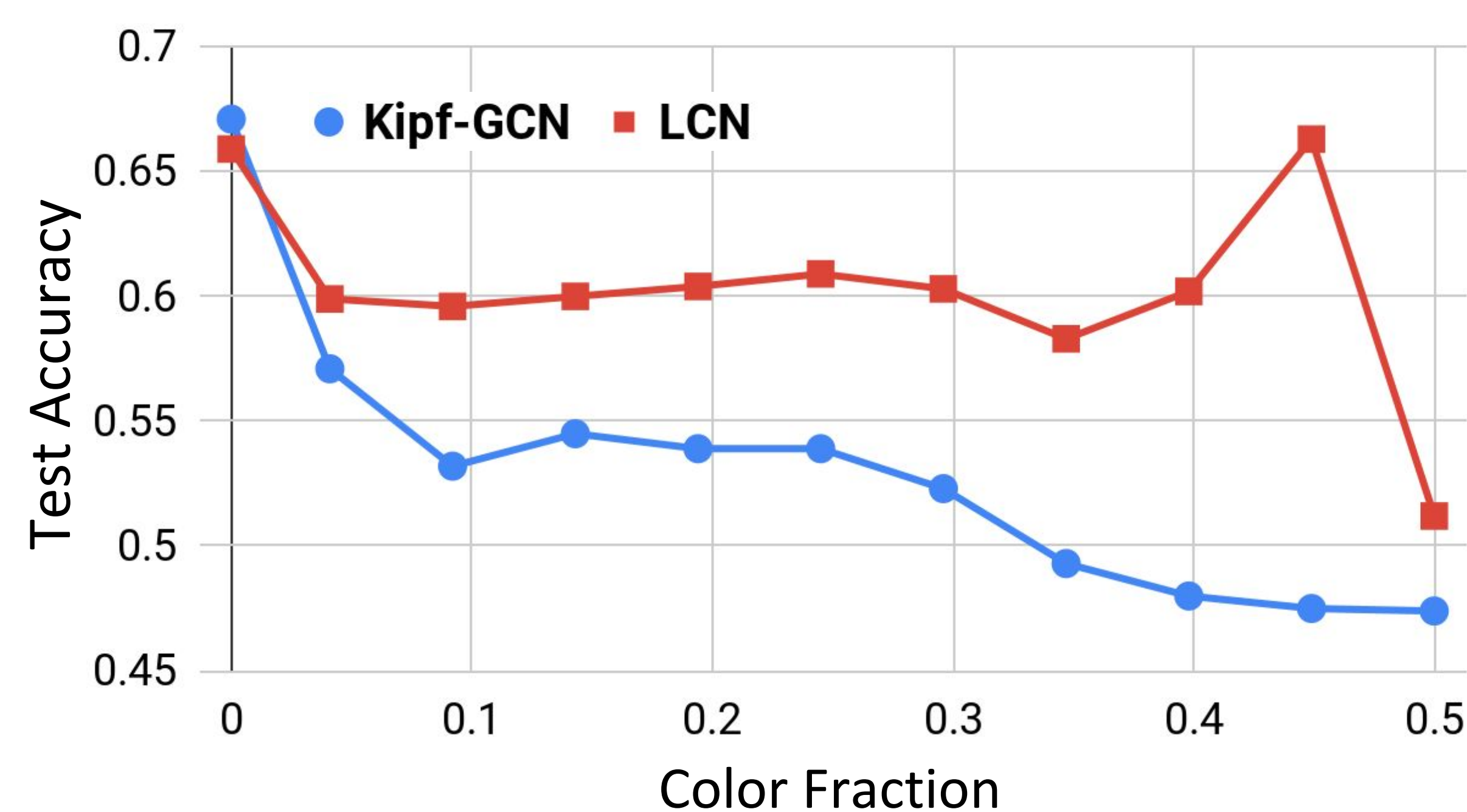


Figure 1: Variation of test accuracy for GCN and LCN - with variation in the graph structure.

### Proposition

- Graph:  $G(V, E)$
- $\beta(G)$ : Coloring fraction of  $G$ .
- $|\chi(\bar{G})|$ : Chromatic number of the complement of  $G$ .
- $G'$ : The graph obtained from  $G$  by removing a set of edges whose nodes have different colors w.r.t the optimal coloring of  $\bar{G}$ . Then,  
 $\chi(\bar{G}') = \chi(\bar{G})$  whereas  $\beta(G') < \beta(G)$

## Lovasz Orthonormal Embeddings

**Definition:** An orthogonal embedding of a graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $|V| = n$ , is a matrix  $U = [\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  such that  $\vec{u}_i^\top \vec{u}_j = 0$  whenever  $(i, j) \notin E$  and  $\vec{u}_i \in \mathcal{S}^{d-1} \forall i \in [n]$ .

- **Lovasz Kernel:**  $K_{Lov} = UU^\top$ , where  $U$  is the orthonormal Embeddings of  $G$ .
- **KLS Kernel:**  $K_{LS} = \frac{A}{-\lambda_{\min}(A)} + I$

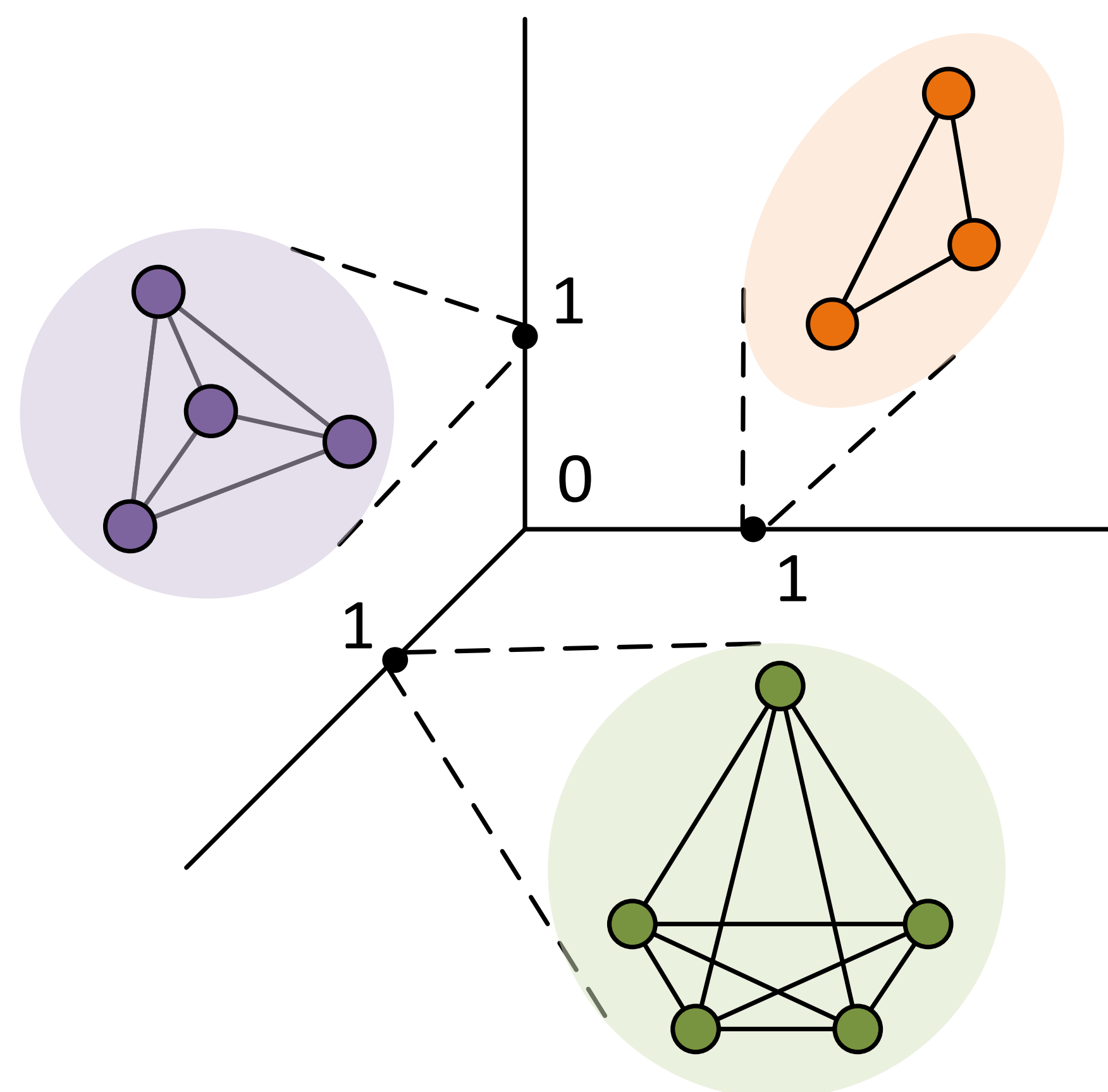


Figure 2: Lovasz embeddings for a graph consisting of set cliques are mapped orthogonal dimensions.

## Proposed Model

- We propose the use of Lovasz kernel in the conventional Graph Convolutional framework. The proposed model is as follows

$$f(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{K}) = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{K} \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}^{(0)})\mathbf{W}^{(1)}),$$

where  $\mathbf{K}$  is the Lovasz or KLS kernel.

- The model is trained using cross entropy loss function as follows.

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{Y}_L} \sum_{f=1}^F Y_{lf} \ln Z_{lf}.$$

## Experiments

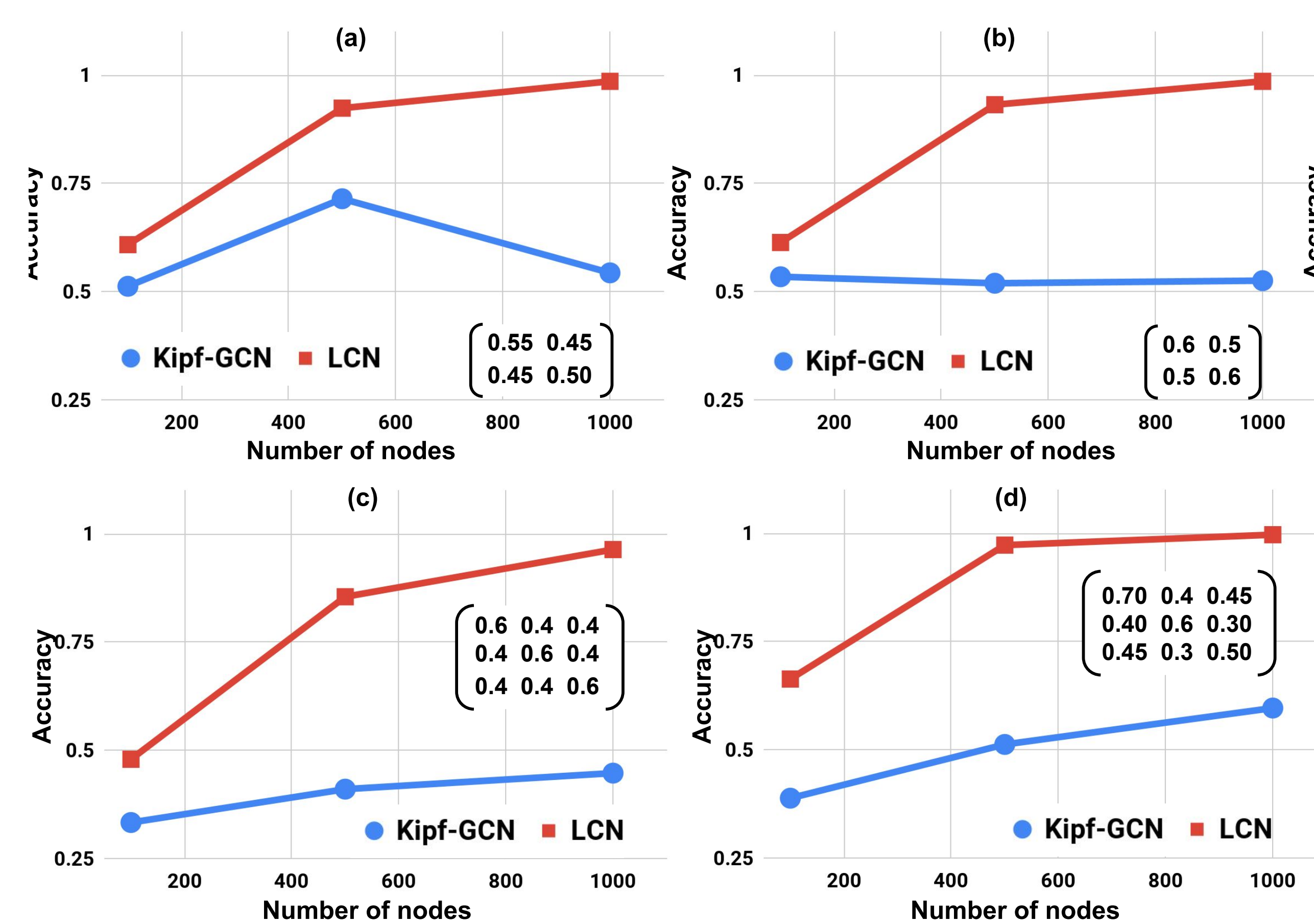


Figure 3: Test accuracy plots for various synthetically generated graphs from stochastic block model.

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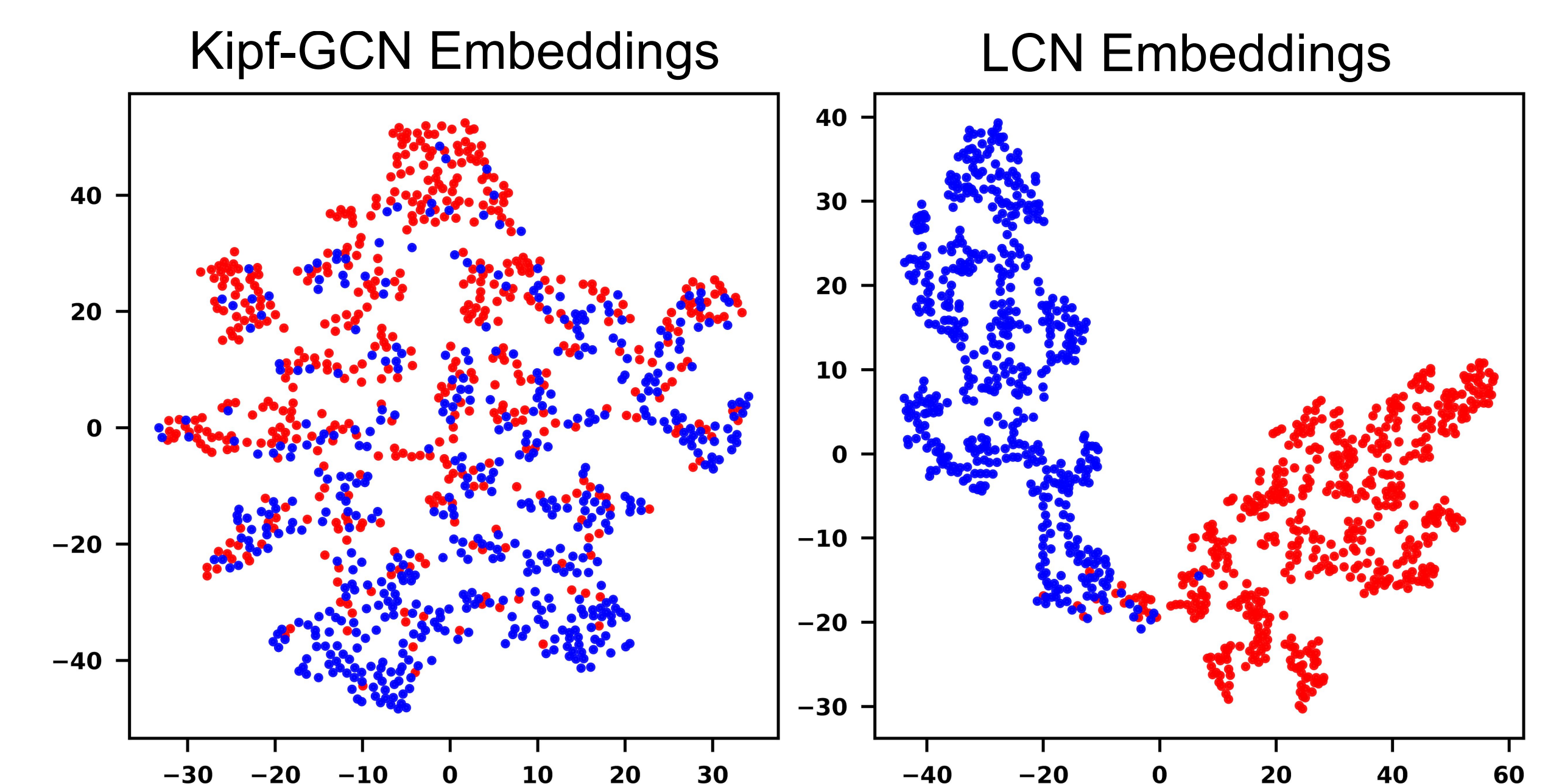


Figure 4: Embeddings learnt for settings corresponding to previous figure's (a) for  $n=1000$

Dataset	Un-Lap	N-Lap	KS	SPORE	Kipf-GCN	GPNN	LCN
breast-cancer	88.2	93.3	92.8	96.7	<b>97.6</b>	95.5	97.2
diabetes	68.9	69.3	69.4	73.3	71.4	68.0	<b>76.3</b>
fourclass	70.0	70.0	70.4	78.0	80.5	73.9	<b>81.7</b>
heart	72.0	75.6	76.4	82.0	<b>85.1</b>	81.1	82.5
ionosphere	67.8	68.0	68.1	76.1	76.1	70.0	<b>87.9</b>
sonar	58.8	59.0	59.3	63.9	71.4	64.8	<b>73.2</b>
mnist-500 1 vs 2	75.6	80.6	79.7	85.8	98.0	96.2	<b>99.0</b>
mnist-500 3 vs 8	76.9	81.9	83.3	86.1	92.3	83.1	<b>93.7</b>
mnist-500 4 vs 9	68.4	72.0	72.2	74.9	<b>89.4</b>	88.5	83.3
mnist-2000 1 vs 2	83.8	96.2	95.0	96.7	99.0	97.5	<b>99.2</b>
mnist-2000 3 vs 8	55.2	87.4	87.4	91.4	94.7	89.6	<b>95.7</b>
mnist-2000 1 vs 7	90.7	96.8	96.6	97.3	<b>98.8</b>	96.4	98.7

Table 1: Binary Classification with Random label-to-color assignment in UCI and MNIST datasets.

Dataset	Node2vec	Kipf-GCN	GPNN	LCN
Citeseer	23.1	70.3	69.7	<b>73.5</b>
Cora	31.9	81.5	81.8	<b>82.6</b>
Pubmed	42.3	79	79.3	<b>79.7</b>

Table 2: Performance for SSL on Citeseer, Cora, Pubmed datasets

$(n, k)$	Kipf-GCN	LCN	Avg_same	Avg_diff
(50, 10)	0.92	<b>0.93</b>	0.83	-0.008
(75, 6)	0.77	<b>0.80</b>	0.80	-0.005
(100, 5)	0.71	<b>0.73</b>	0.79	-0.003
(100, 7)	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.81</b>	0.80	-0.003

Table 3: Caveman graph experiment: Average test accuracy of Kipf-GCN and LCN on caveman graphs.

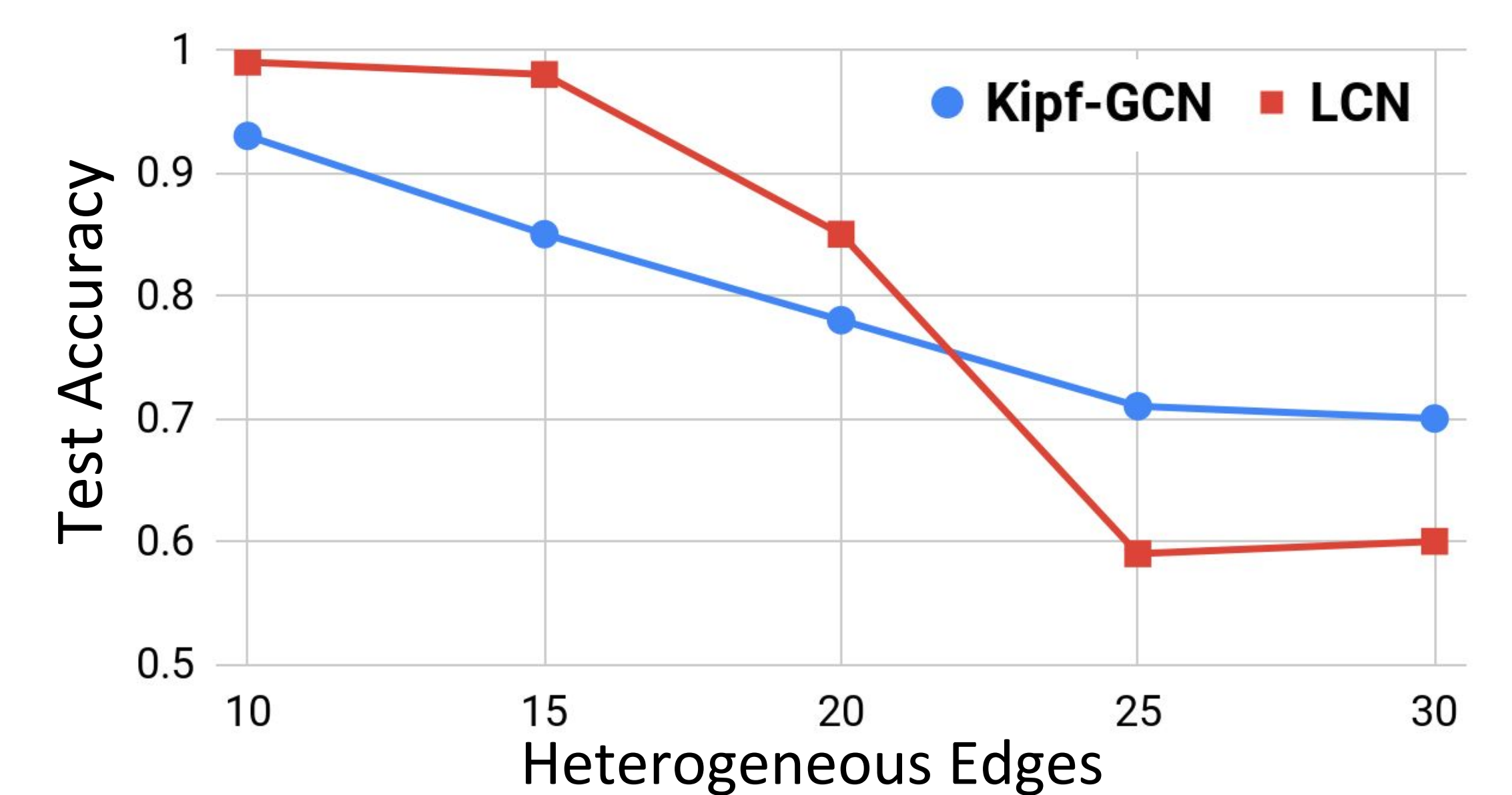


Figure 5: Behavior of test accuracy with increase in the heterogeneous edges in the hypergraph.

## Source Code and Acknowledgement

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