





# GraphPrompt: Unifying Pre-Training and Downstream Tasks for Graph Neural Networks

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#### **Motivation**

#### **Problem 1:**

 task-specific labeled data is often difficult or costly to obtain

**Problem 2**:

- pre-training step aims to preserve various intrinsic graph properties
- fine-tuning step aims to reduce the downstream task loss
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GNNs' performance heavily depends on labeled data [1,2]

Scarce of labeled data

Pre-Training+Finetuning [3,4]



Gap between pre-train and downstream tasks[5]

**Pre-Training+Prompt** 

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#### Challenges

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- Different downstream tasks often have different objectives[6]
- Distinction between various downstream tasks

C1: How to unify pre-training with various downstream tasks on graph?
C2: How to design prompts on graphs?[7]

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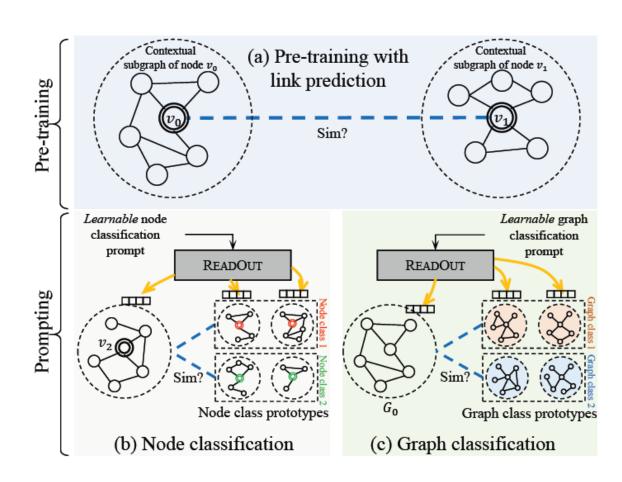


Figure 1: Illustration of the motivation. (a) Pre-training on graphs. (b/c) Downstream node/graph classification.

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#### **Proposed Method: GraphPrompt**

#### Unified task template

#### Link Prediction

$$sim(\mathbf{s}_v, \mathbf{s}_a) > sim(\mathbf{s}_v, \mathbf{s}_b)$$

#### Node Classification(NC)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{s}}_c = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{(v_i, \ell_i) \in D, \ell_i = c} \mathbf{s}_{v_i} \qquad \qquad G_1 \quad \text{for } g_1$$

$$\ell_j = \arg\max_{c \in C} \sin(\mathbf{s}_{v_j}, \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_c)$$

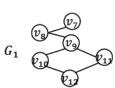
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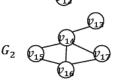
#### Classification(GC)

$$\tilde{\mathbf{s}}_c = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{(G_i, L_i) \in \mathcal{D}, L_i = c} \mathbf{s}_{G_i}$$

 $L_j = \arg\max_{c \in C} \operatorname{sim}(\mathbf{s}_{G_j}, \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_c)$ 

# GNN Encoder (v<sub>0</sub>) (v<sub>1</sub>) (v<sub>2</sub>) (v<sub>3</sub>) (v<sub>4</sub>) (v<sub>5</sub>)







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Learnable node

(c) Prompting for node classification (left) or graph classification (right)

Learnable graph

Figure 2: Overall framework of GRAPHPROMPT.

mean embedding of (sub)graphs
class label

#### A Notation for NC and GC

$$y = \arg \max_{c \in Y} \operatorname{sim}(\mathbf{s}_x, \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_c)$$
$$\mathbf{s}_x = \operatorname{ReadOut}(\{\mathbf{h}_v : v \in V(S_x)\})$$

#### **Pre-Training Objective**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pre}}(\Theta) = -\sum_{(v,a,b)\in\mathcal{T}_{\text{pre}}} \ln \frac{\exp(\text{sim}(\mathbf{s}_v, \mathbf{s}_a)/\tau)}{\sum_{u\in\{a,b\}} \exp(\text{sim}(\mathbf{s}_v, \mathbf{s}_u)/\tau)}$$

#### **Prompt Design**

$$\mathbf{s}_{t,x} = \text{ReadOut}(\{\mathbf{p}_t \odot \mathbf{h}_v : v \in V(S_x)\})$$

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#### **Experiment**

## Node Classification and Graph Classification

Table 2: Accuracy evaluation on node classification.

All tabular results are in percent, with best bolded and runner-up underlined.

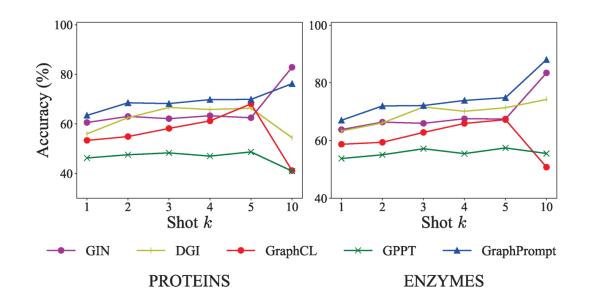
Methods	Flickr 50-shot	PROTEINS 1-shot	ENZYMES 1-shot
GCN	9.22 ± 9.49	59.60 ± 12.44	61.49 ± 12.87
GRAPHSAGE	13.52 ± 11.28	59.12 ± 12.14	61.81 ± 13.19
GAT	16.02 ± 12.72	$58.14 \pm 12.05$	60.77 ± 13.21
GIN	$10.18 \pm 5.41$	$60.53 \pm 12.19$	$63.81 \pm 11.28$
DGI	17.71 ± 1.09	54.92 ± 18.46	63.33 ± 18.13
GraphCL	$18.37 \pm 1.72$	$52.00 \pm 15.83$	58.73 ± 16.47
GPPT	$18.95 \pm 1.92$	50.83 ± 16.56	53.79 ± 17.46
GraphPrompt	20.21 ± 11.52	63.03 ± 12.14	67.04 ± 11.48

Table 3: Accuracy evaluation on graph classification.

Methods	PROTEINS 5-shot	COX2 5-shot	ENZYMES 5-shot	BZR 5-shot
GCN	54.87 ± 11.20	51.37 ± 11.06	$20.37 \pm 5.24$	56.16 ± 11.07
GRAPHSAGE	$52.99 \pm 10.57$	$52.87 \pm 11.46$	$18.31 \pm 6.22$	57.23 ± 10.95
GAT	$48.78 \pm 18.46$	$51.20 \pm 27.93$	$15.90 \pm 4.13$	53.19 ± 20.61
GIN	$58.17 \pm 8.58$	$51.89 \pm 8.71$	$20.34 \pm 5.01$	57.45 ± 10.54
InfoGraph	54.12 ± 8.20	54.04 ± 9.45	20.90 ± 3.32	57.57 ± 9.93
GraphCL	$56.38 \pm 7.24$	$55.40 \pm 12.04$	$\underline{28.11} \pm 4.00$	$59.22 \pm 7.42$
GraphPrompt	$64.42 \pm 4.37$	<b>59.21</b> ± 6.82	31.45 ± 4.32	<b>61.63</b> ± 7.68

- GraphPrompt outperforms all baselines for both node classification task and graph classification task, which implies
  - GraphPrompt is able to narrow the gap between pre-training task and downstream tasks.
  - GraphPrompt could effectively derive the downstream tasks to exploit the pre-trained model in taskspecific manner.

#### **Experiment**



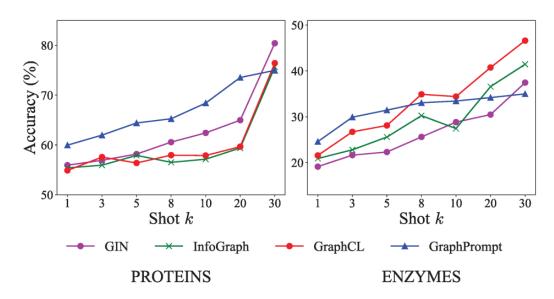


Figure 3: Impact of shots on few-shot node classification.

Figure 4: Impact of shots on few-shot graph classification.

- GraphPrompt consistently outperforms the baselines especially with lower shots
- For node classification task, 10 shot is sufficient for semi-supervised learning since graph is small
- For graph classification task, GraphPrompt can be surpassed by some baselines when given more shots

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#### **Conclusions**

# Problem: Pretraining-Prompting

- Unify pre-training task and downstream tasks
- Attain task-specific optima

# Proposed-Model: GraphPrompt

- Unify upstream and downstream tasks via subgraph similarity
- Using prompt vector to change the feature weights of each dimension of the node embedding to guide subgraph readout

## Experiment

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# Thanks!

Paper, data & code available at <a href="https://xingtongyu.netlify.app/">https://xingtongyu.netlify.app/</a>

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