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# Background and Motivation

### Mixup

Mixup is a cross-instance data augmentation method, which linearly interpolates random sample pair to generate more synthetic training data.

Mixup have been empirically and theoretically shown to improve the generalization and robustness of deep neural networks.



### Challenges for Graph Mixup

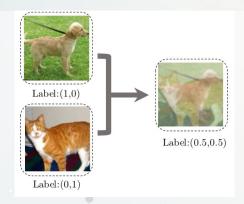
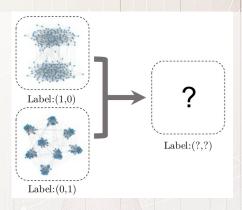


Image data is regular (image can be represented as matrix)

Image data is well-aligned (pixel to pixel correspondence)



Graph data is irregular (the number of nodes)

Graph data is not well-aligned (nodes not naturally ordered)

### What are Graphons?

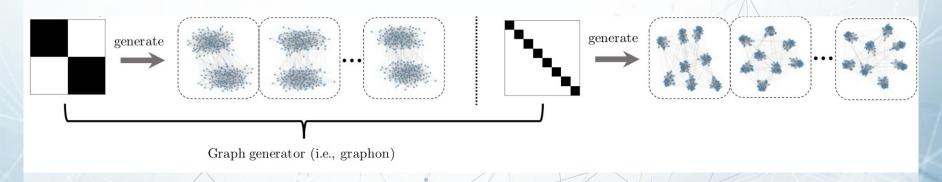
In this study Graphons are used to achieve the input graph mixup.

Graphon serves as a tool in graph theory for approximating large-scale network structures. It works based on the probability of an edge existing between each two nodes.

The graphons of different graphs are regular and well-aligned.

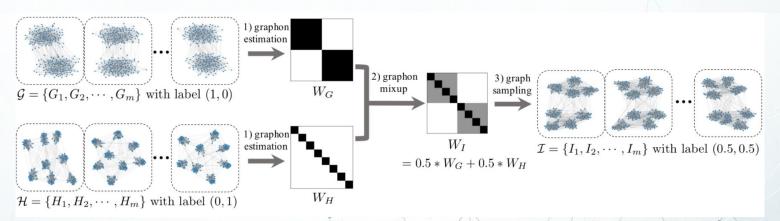
### Graph Generator: Graphon

The real-world graphs can be regarded as generated from generator (i.e., graphon). For example,





### G-Mixup



### The formal mathematical expression are as follows:

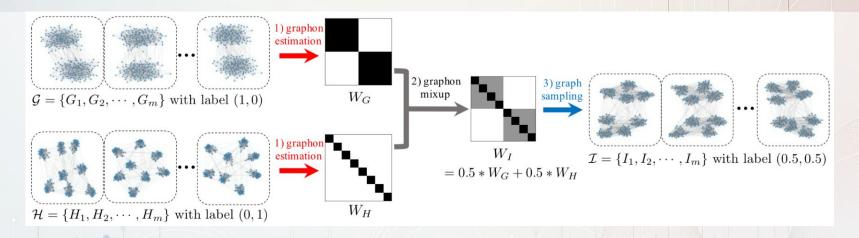
Graphon Estimation:  $\mathcal{G} \to W_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathcal{H} \to W_{\mathcal{H}}$ 

Graphon Mixup:  $W_{\mathcal{I}} = \lambda W_{\mathcal{G}} + (1 - \lambda)W_{\mathcal{H}}$ 

Graph Generation:  $\{I_1, I_2, \cdots, I_m\} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d}}{\sim} \mathbb{G}(K, W_{\mathcal{I}})$ 

Label Mixup:  $\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{I}} = \lambda \mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{G}} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{H}}$ 

### **Implementation**

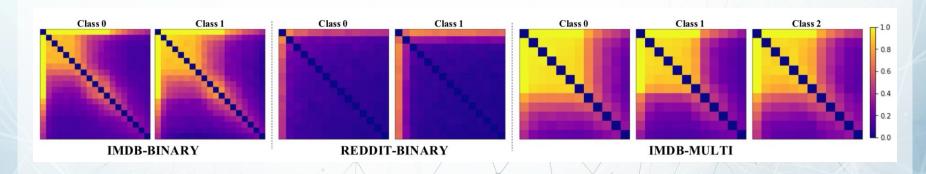


- 1. Graphon Estimation Using Graphons
- 2. Synthetic Graphs Generation Using Bernoulli Distributions

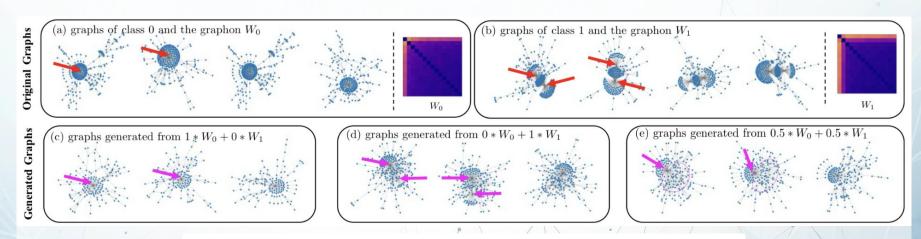


# Do different classes of graphs have different graphons?

Visualization the estimated graphons on IMDB-BINARY, REDDIT-BINARY, and IMDB-MULTI:



## What is G-Mixup doing? A case study



The class 0 has one high-degree node while class 1 have two (a)(b).

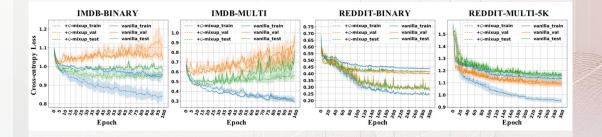
The generated graphs based on

- $(1*W_0+0*W_1)$  have one high-degree node (c).
- $(0*W_0+1*W_1)$  have two high-degree nodes (d).
- $(0.5*W_0 + 0.5*W_1)$  have a high-degree node and a dense subgraph (e).

Graphs generated by G-Mixup are the mixture of original graphs.

# Can G-Mixup improve the performance of GNNs?

Dataset	IMDB-B	IMDB-M	REDD-B	REDD-M5	REDD-M12
#graphs	1000	1500	2000	4999	11929
#classes	2	3	2	5	11
#avg.nodes	19.77	13.00	429.63	508.52	391.41
#avg.edges	96.53	65.94	497.75	594.87	456.89
vanilla	72.18	48.79	78.82	45.07	46.90
○ w/ Dropedge	72.50	49.08	81.25	51.35	47.08
vanilla w/ Dropedge w/ DropNode	72.00	48.58	79.25	49.35	47.93
w/ Subgraph	68.50	49.58	74.33	48.70	47.49
w/ M-Mixup	72.83	49.50	75.75	49.82	46.92
w/ G-Mixup	72.87	51.30	89.81	51.51	48.06
vanilla	71.55	48.83	92.59	55.19	50.23
≥ w/ Dropedge	72.20	48.83	92.00	55.10	49.77
w/ DropNode	72.16	48.33	90.25	53.26	49.95
w/ Subgraph	68.50	47.25	90.33	54.60	49.67
w/ M-Mixup	70.83	49.88	90.75	54.95	49.81
w/ G-Mixup	71.94	50.46	92.90	55.49	50.50



The loss curves of G-Mixup are lower than the vanilla model.

G-Mixup can improve the generalization of graph neural networks.



### Conclusion

**G-Mixup Introduction:** A new method for graph data augmentation.

**Graphon Utilization:** Mixing graphons from different classes to generate new graphs.

Improved GNN Performance: Enhanced performance, generalization, and noise robustness.

Innovation in Graph Data Handling: A novel approach to address graph data augmentation challenges.

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