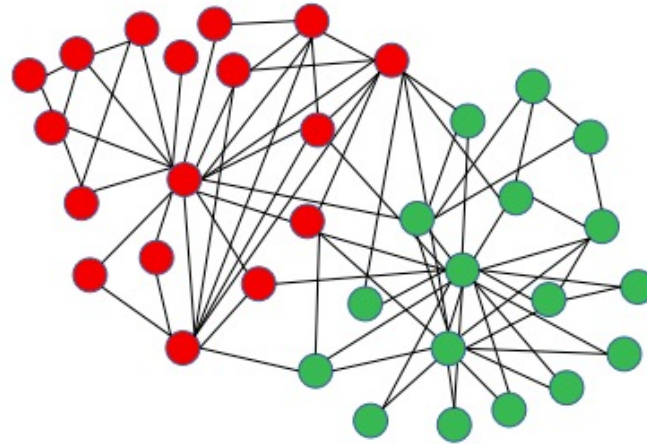


# Learned Augmentation Approaches

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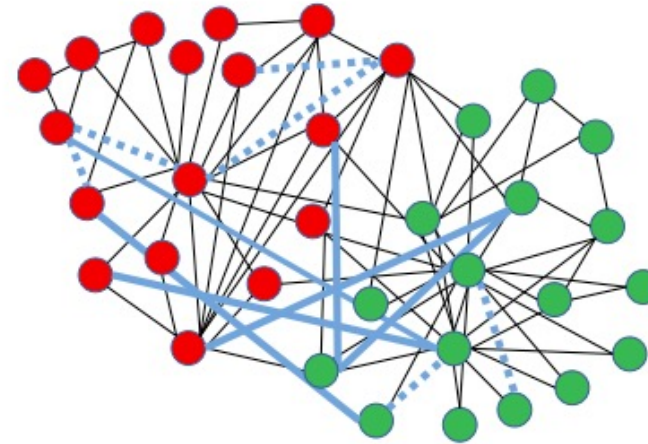
# Limitation of Rule-based Approaches

- Do not leverage task information and could hurt the downstream performance



(a) Original graph.

F1 Score: 92.4



(b) Random mod.

F1 Score: 91.0

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# Learned Augmentation Approaches

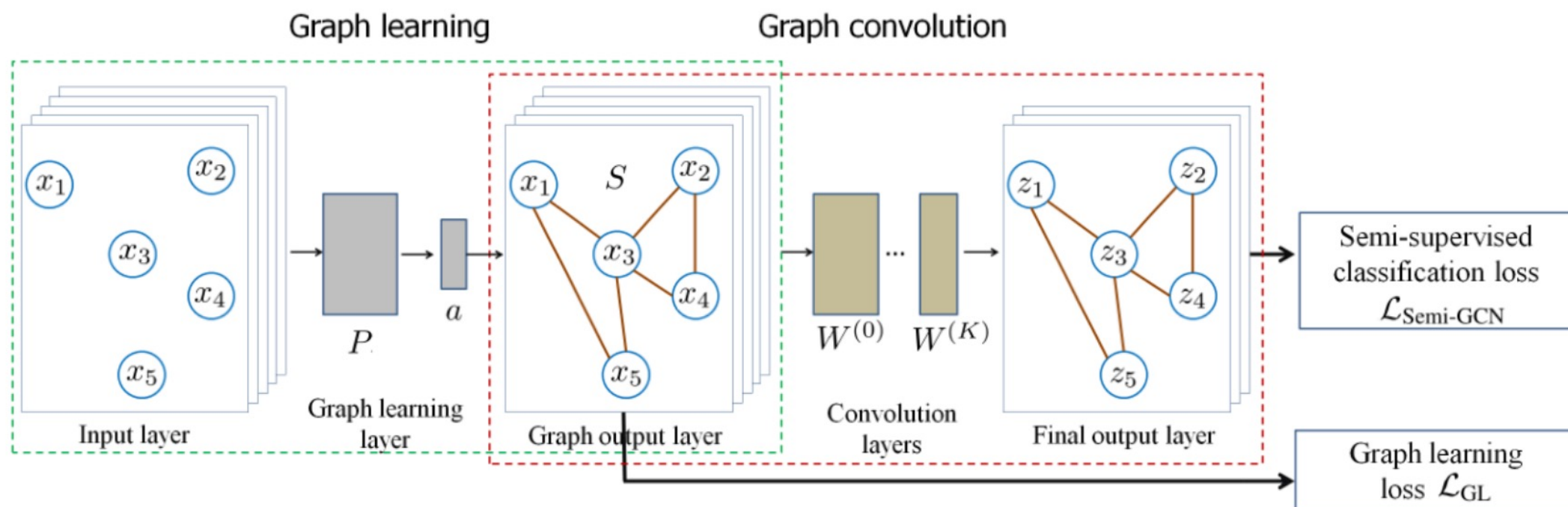
- Graph Structure Learning
  - Augment data with good graph structures
- Adversarial Training
  - Augment data with adversarial examples
- Rationalization
  - Augment data by changing graph environment
- Automated Augmentation
  - Automatically combine different augmentations

# Graph Structure Learning

Attack Methods	Task Level			Augmented Data		
	Node	Graph	Edge	Structure	Feature	Label
GAug	✓			✓		
GLCN	✓			✓		
ProGNN	✓			✓		
GTrans	✓			✓	✓	

# Graph Structure Learning: Framework

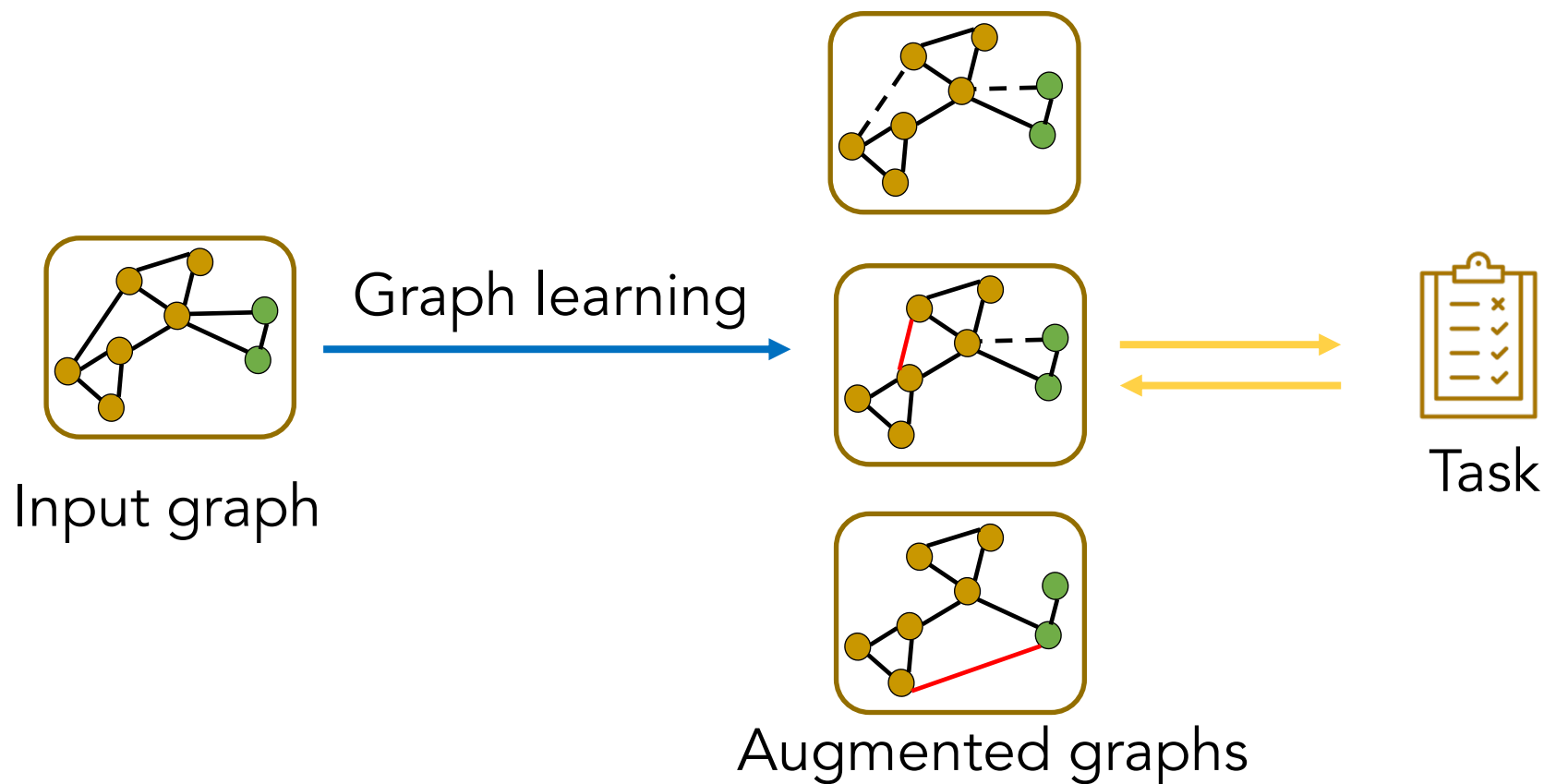
- Graph learning + graph convolution



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# Graph Structure Learning: Core Component

- Graph learning component



# GAug: Neural Edge Predictor

- What are better graph structures?
  - “Noisy” edges should be removed

Inter-class edges

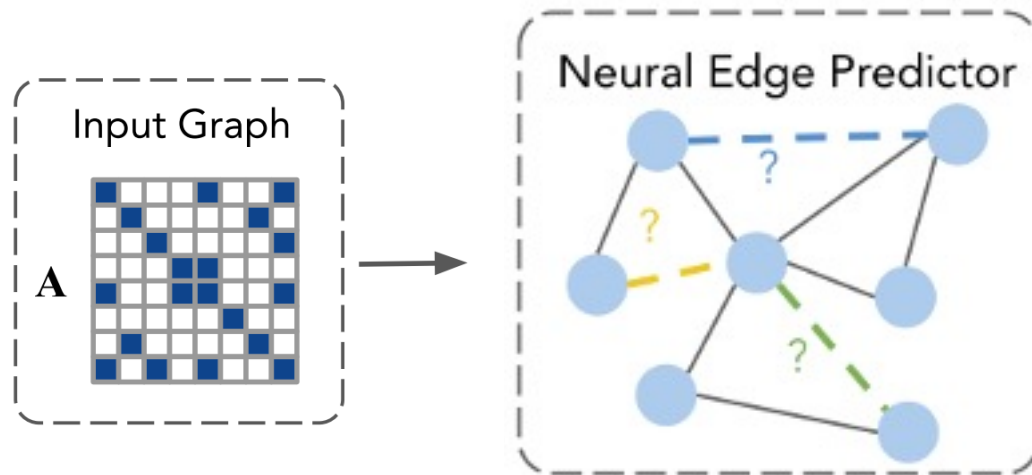
- “Missing” edges should be added

Intra-class edges

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# GAug: Neural Edge Predictor

- GAug uses a neural edge predictor to promote intra-class edges and demote inter-class edges



$$\underline{\mathbf{M}} = \sigma(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^T), \text{ where } \mathbf{Z} = f_{GCL}^{(1)}\left(\mathbf{A}, f_{GCL}^{(0)}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{X})\right)$$

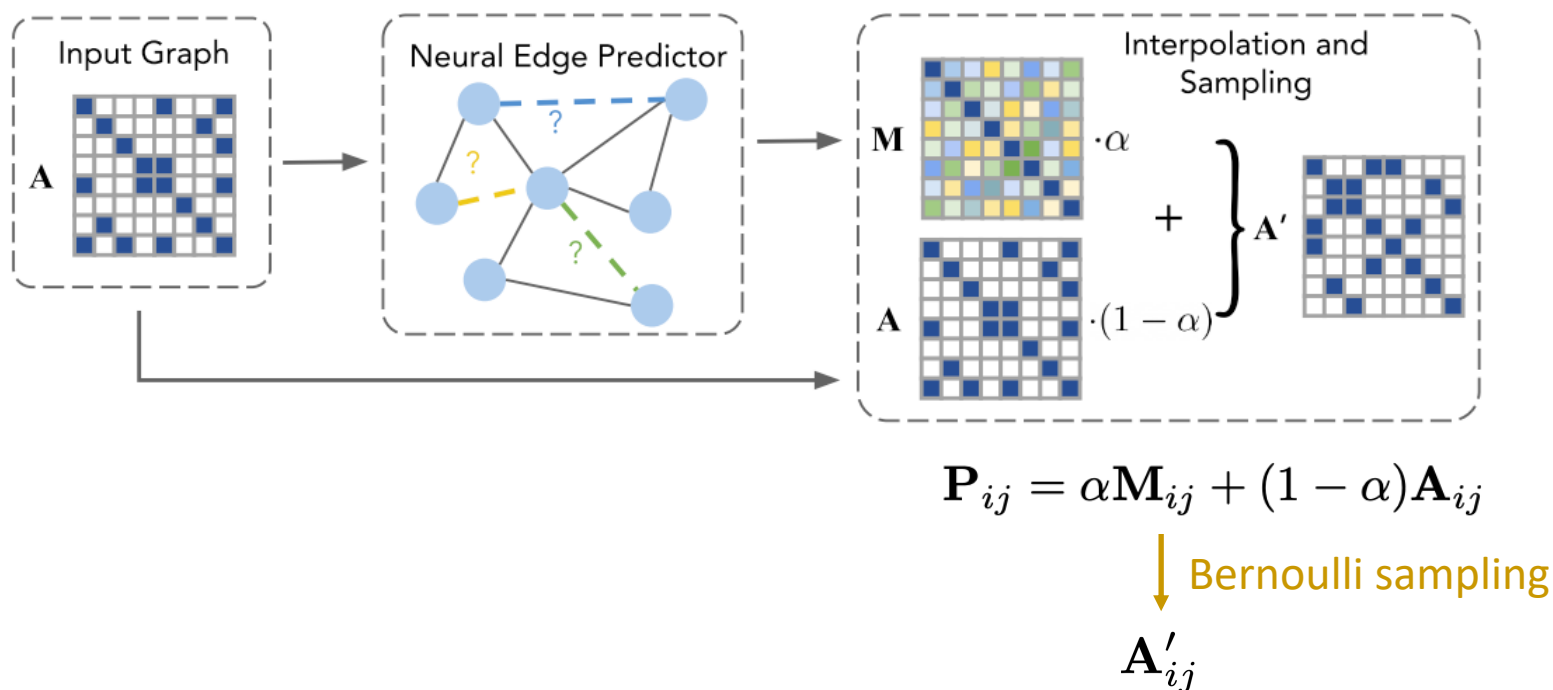
$\mathbf{M}$  models node similarities

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# GAug: Framework

- Interpolation and sampling



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# GLCN: Graph Learning Layer

- Modeling the relationship between nodes as a function of their node features

$$S_{ij} = g(x_i, x_j) = \frac{\exp(\text{ReLU}(a^T |x_i - x_j|))}{\sum_{j=1}^n \exp(\text{ReLU}(a^T |x_i - x_j|))}$$

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Matrix  
Estimation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GL}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|x_i - x_j\|_2^2 S_{ij} + \gamma \|S\|_F^2 + \beta \|S - A\|_F^2$$

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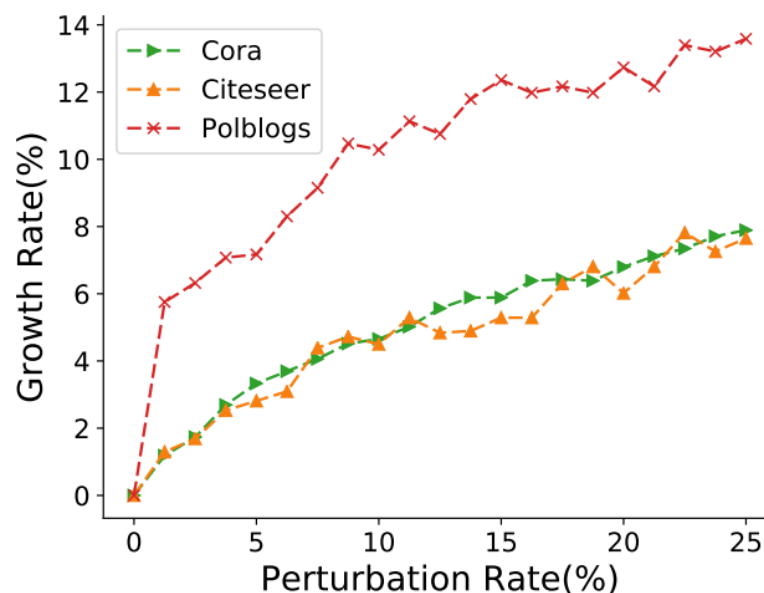
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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GL}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \underbrace{\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2 S_{ij}}_{\text{Connected nodes should be similar}} + \gamma \|S\|_F^2 + \beta \|S - \overset{\text{Original Graph}}{\underset{\text{New graph}}{A}}\|_F^2$$

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# ProGNN: What Are Better Graph Structures?

- A closer look at graphs perturbed by adversarial attacks



Low rank

Dataset	$r(\%)$	edge+	edge-	edges	ranks	clustering coefficients
Cora	0	0	0	5069	2192	0.2376
	5	226	27	5268	2263	0.2228
	10	408	98	5380	2278	0.2132
	15	604	156	5518	2300	0.2071
	20	788	245	5633	2305	0.1983
	25	981	287	5763	2321	0.1943
Citeseer	0	0	0	3668	1778	0.1711
	5	181	2	3847	1850	0.1616
	1	341	25	3985	1874	0.1565
	15	485	65	4089	1890	0.1523
	20	614	119	4164	1902	0.1483
	25	743	174	4236	1888	0.1467
Polblogs	0	0	0	16714	1060	0.3203
	5	732	103	17343	1133	0.2719
	10	1347	324	17737	1170	0.2825
	15	1915	592	18038	1193	0.2851
	20	2304	1038	17980	1193	0.2877
	25	2500	1678	17536	1197	0.2723

Sparse

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# ProGNN: Graph Learning Component

- Model the new graph structure as free parameters

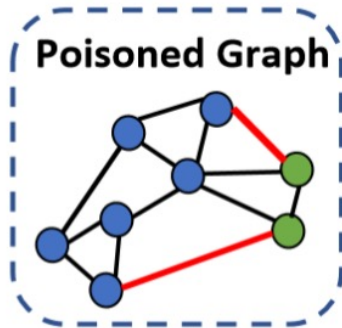
$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{L}_0 = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 + \underbrace{\alpha \|\mathbf{S}\|_1}_{\text{Sparse}} + \underbrace{\beta \|\mathbf{S}\|_*}_{\text{Low rank}}, \text{ s.t. }, \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^\top$$

Original Graph      New graph      Sparse      Low rank

$$\|\mathbf{S}\|_1 = \sum_{ij} |\mathbf{S}_{ij}| \quad \|\mathbf{S}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{\text{rank}(\mathbf{S})} \sigma_i$$

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# ProGNN: Framework



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# GTrans: Test-time Graph Augmentation

Why test-time augmentation?

When the models are too large and we do not want to modify the model architecture/parameters, **how do we augment the graph data to improve the performance?**

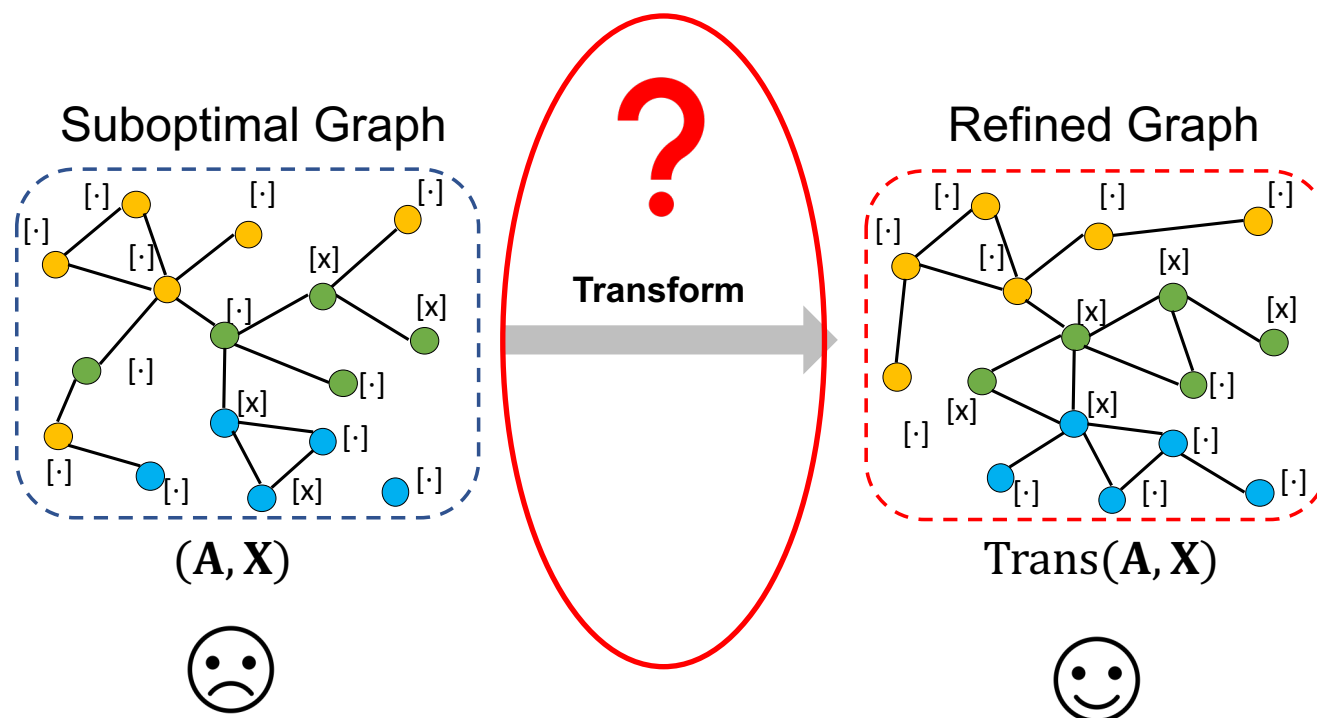
*Transform the graph data at test time while keeping these models unchanged.*

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# GTrans: Test-time Graph Augmentation

**Goal:** Transform the test graph to improve trained GNN models *while keeping these models unchanged.*

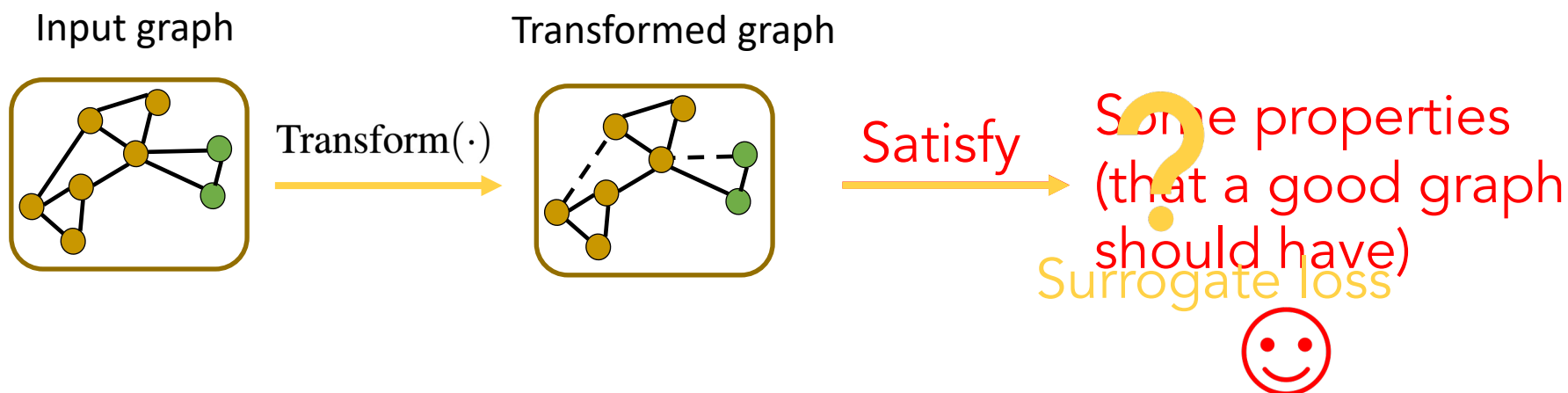


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# GTrans: What Objective To Use?

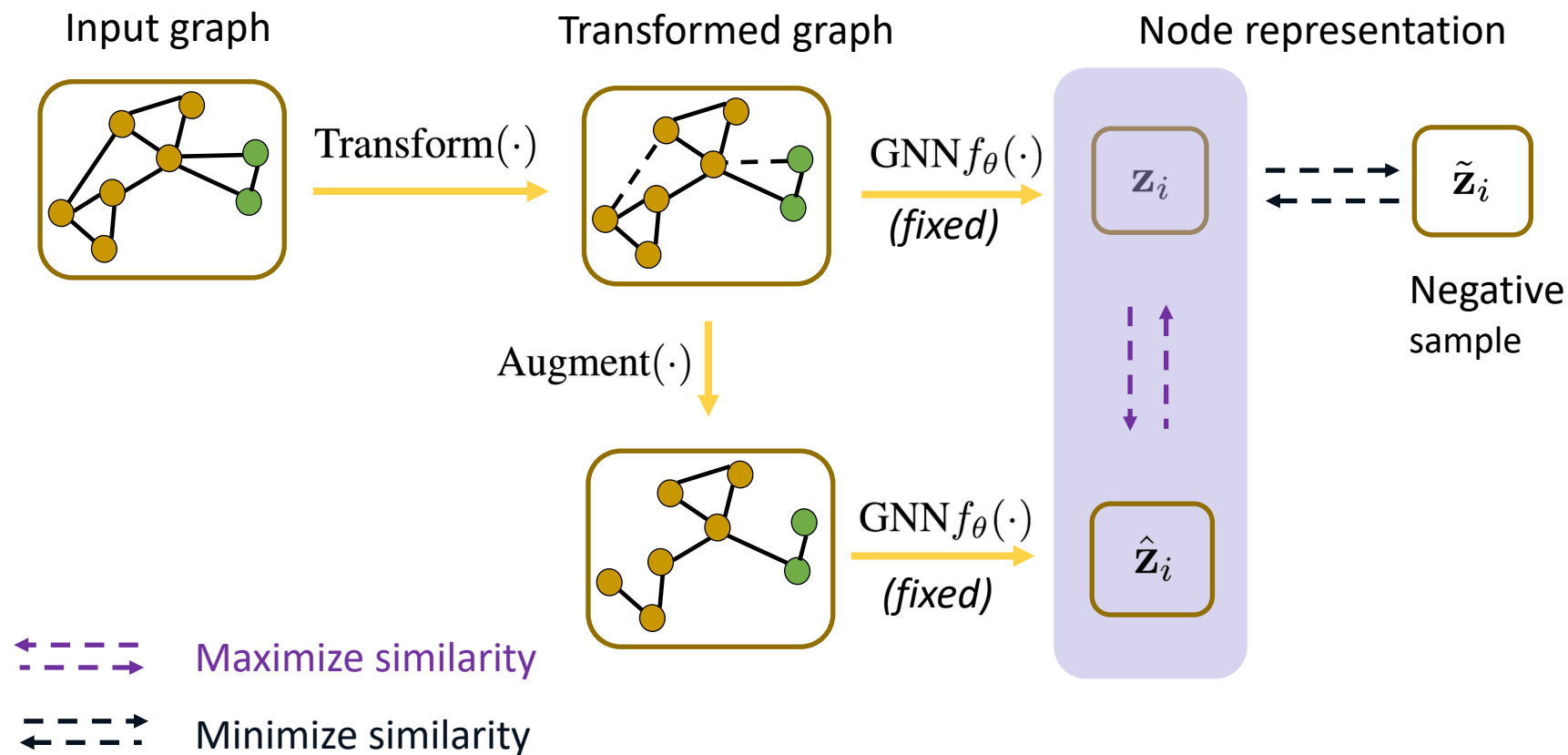
We do not have the label information for test data 😞



# GTrans: Designing A Surrogate Loss

*A good graph should satisfy some property:*

*data augmentation on the nodes should create similar node samples*



# Graph Adversarial Training

	Task Level			Augmented Data		
Attack Methods	Node	Graph	Edge	Structure	Feature	Label
RobustTraining	✓			✓		
FLAG	✓	✓	✓		✓	
LAT	✓			✓	✓	

# Graph Adversarial Training

## Motivation

Augment the training set with adversarial data to improve model robustness

## Main Idea

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\substack{\Delta_A \in \mathcal{P}_A \\ \Delta_X \in \mathcal{P}_X}} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(A + \Delta_A, X + \Delta_X), Y)$$

# Robust Training: Structure Augmentation

- Projected gradient descent (PGD)

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\substack{(\Delta_A)_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \\ \sum_{ij} \Delta_A \leq B}} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(A + \Delta_A, X), Y)$$

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} \leftarrow \bigcirc (\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} - \eta \nabla_{\Delta_{\mathbf{A}}} \mathcal{L}(\Delta_{\mathbf{A}})) \quad \text{Projected Gradient descent}$$

$$(\Delta_{\mathbf{A}})_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{\mathbf{A}_{ij}} \leq B$$

Xu et al. Topology Attack and Defense for Graph Neural Networks: An Optimization Perspective. IJCAI 2019.

# FLAG: Feature Augmentation

- Consider the problem of augmenting features

$$\min_{\theta} \max_{\|\delta\|_{\infty} < \epsilon} \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x + \delta), y)$$

- The final perturbation is obtained by iterative updates:

$$\delta_{t+1} = \Pi_{\|\delta\|_{\infty} \leq \epsilon} (\delta_t + \alpha \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_{\delta} L(f_{\theta}(x + \delta_t), y)))$$

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# FLAG: Feature Augmentation

- Diverse types of data augmentations are beneficial!

We should take advantage of the intermediate perturbations  $(\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_M)$  to form diverse augmentation

$$\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i - \frac{\tau}{M} \sum_{t=1}^M \nabla_{\theta} L(f_{\theta}(x + \delta_t), y)$$

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# Latent Adversarial Training

## Obstacles

- A is discrete
- X may also be discrete

## Latent Adversarial Training

- Apply it on the hidden layer !
- $\min_{\theta} \max_{\Delta \in \mathcal{P}} f_{\theta}(H^{(1)} + \Delta)$

Jin et al. Latent Adversarial Training of Graph Convolution Networks. ICML 2019 workshop.



# Graph Rationalization

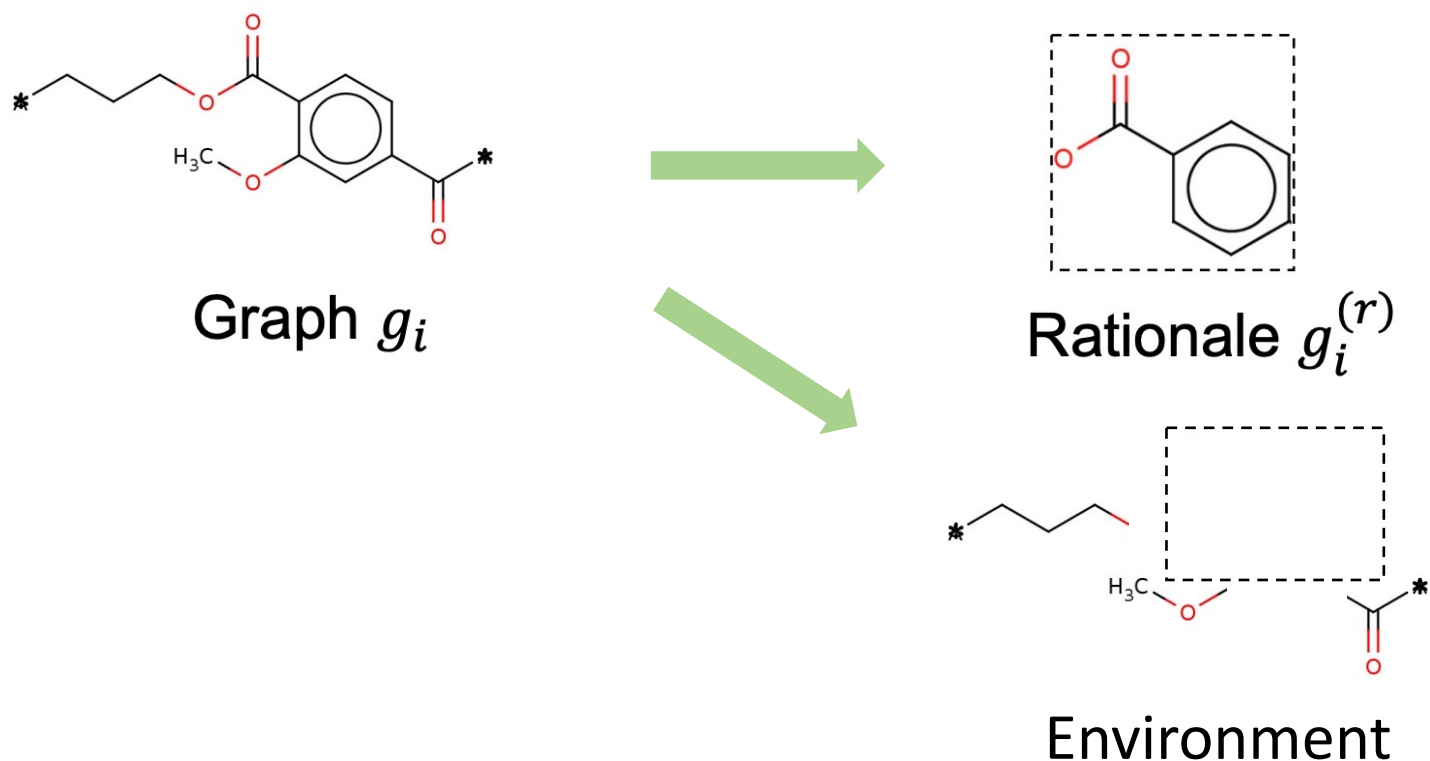
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GREX		✓		✓	✓	
DIR		✓		✓	✓	

# What's Graph Rationalization

- A *rationale* is defined as a subset of input features that best represent, guide and support model prediction
- In the graph domain, rationales are usually intrinsically learned subgraphs that are *representative, provide information or explanation* to the graph models.

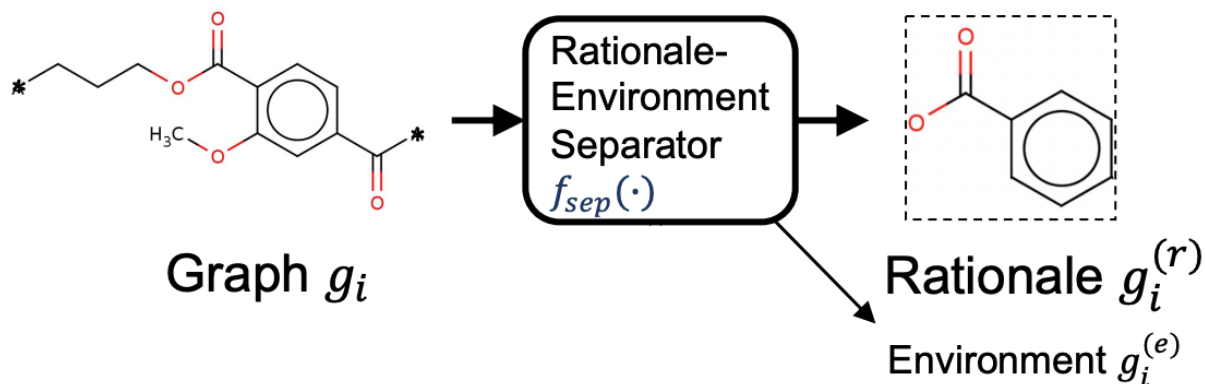
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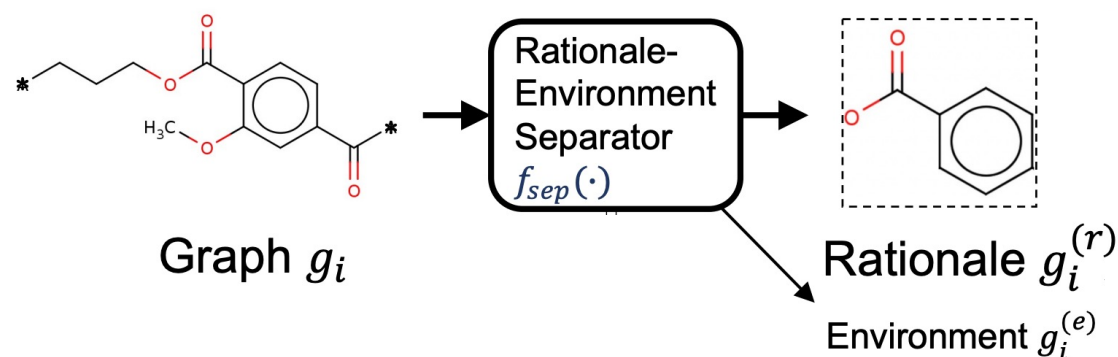
- Environment removal



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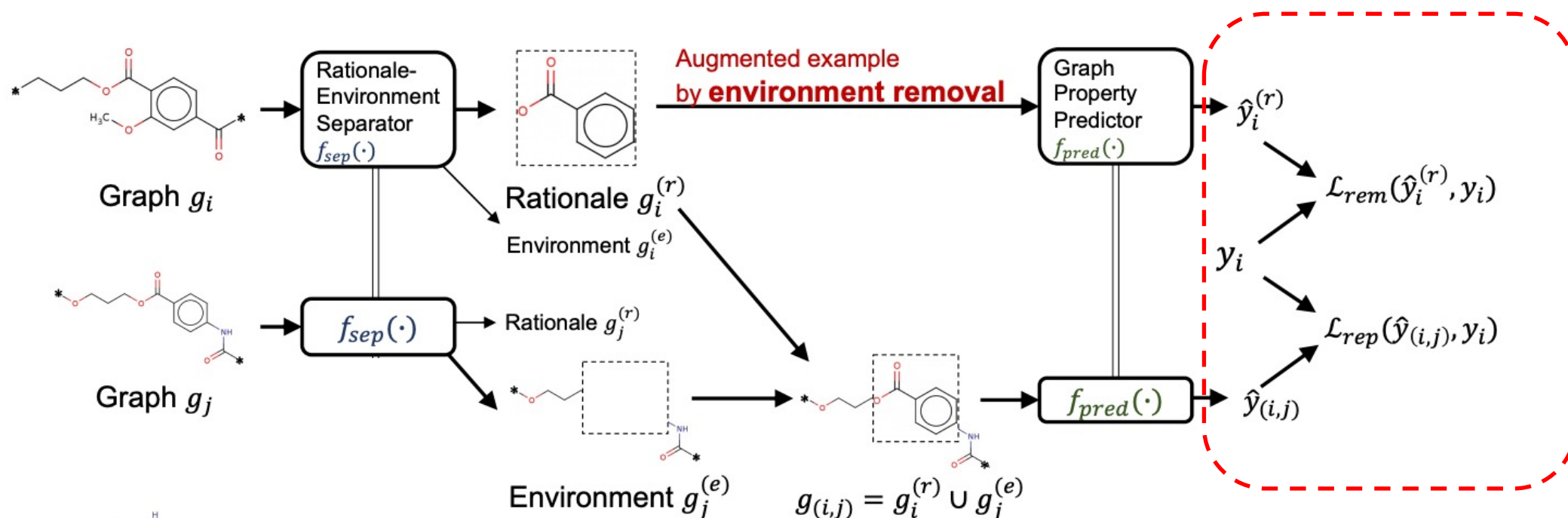
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# GRE: Framework Details

## How to model the environment separator?

- Learning a mask  $\mathbf{m}$  that indicates the probability of nodes being classified into the rationale subgraph

$$\mathbf{m} = \sigma(\text{MLP}_1(\text{GNN}_1(g)))$$

- Then with node representation matrix  $\mathbf{H} = \text{GNN}_2(g)$

$$\mathbf{h}^{(r)} = \mathbf{1}_N^\top \cdot (\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{H}) \quad \mathbf{h}^{(e)} = \mathbf{1}_N^\top \cdot ((\mathbf{1}_N - \mathbf{m}) \times \mathbf{H})$$

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# GRE: Framework (IV)

- Environment Removal Augmentation

$$\hat{y}_i^{(r)} = \text{MLP}_2(\mathbf{h}_i^{(r)})$$

- Environment Replacement Augmentation

$$\mathbf{h}_{(i,j)} = \text{AGG}(\mathbf{h}_i^{(r)}, \mathbf{h}_j^{(e)}) = \mathbf{h}_i^{(r)} + \mathbf{h}_j^{(e)}$$

$$\hat{y}_{(i,j)} = \text{MLP}_2(\mathbf{h}_{(i,j)})$$

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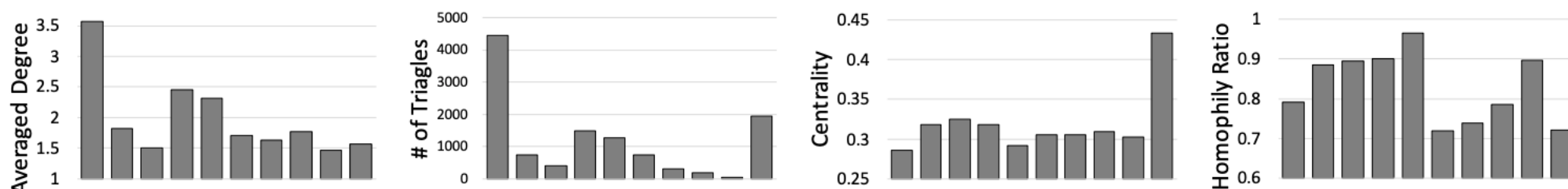


# Automated Augmentation

	Task Level			Augmented Data		
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AutoGDA	✓			✓	✓	
GraphAug		✓		✓	✓	
JOAO		✓		✓	✓	

# AutoGDA: Background

- **Task:** node classification
- **Motivation:** different communities in a graph have different characteristics



*Data augmentation should be localized (community-specific)!*

(a) Averaged Degree

(b) # of Triangles

(c) Centrality

(d) Homophily Ratio

**Figure 1:** Graph communities detected by the Louvain method on the PubMed dataset show diverse distribution on different characteristics of graph structure.

# AutoGDA: Method

- **Goal:** find a set of graph data augmentations for each community in the graph to maximize the performance

Outer level: augmentation policy optimization

$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} ACC \left( f_{\omega_{\theta}} \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{N_c} aug(g_{\theta}(G_{Ck})) \right), \mathbf{y}_{val} \right),$$

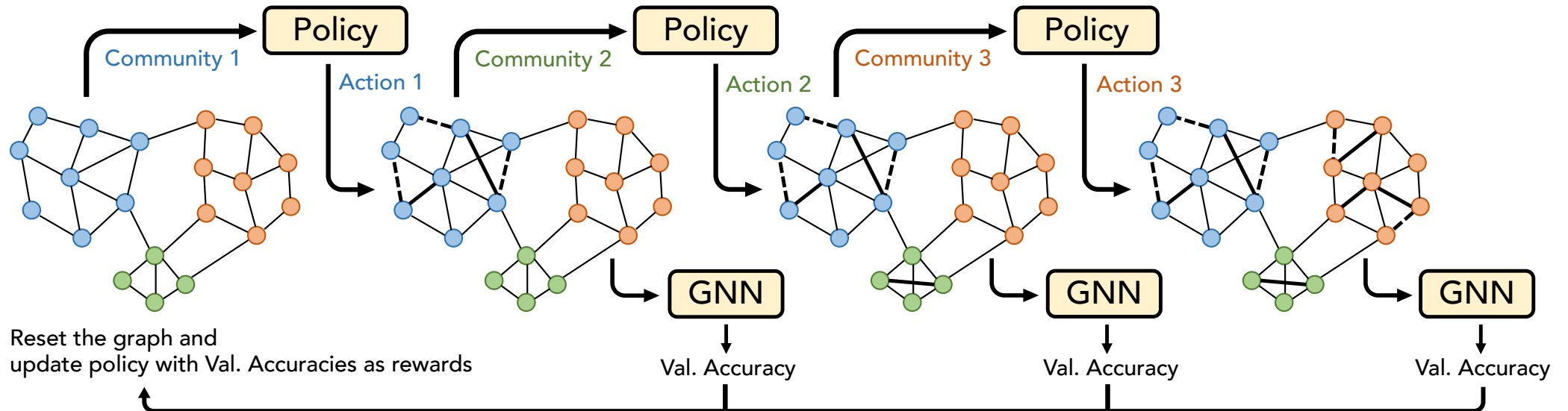
$$\text{where } \omega_{\theta} = \arg \min_{\omega} \mathcal{L} \left( f_{\omega} \left( \bigcup_{k=1}^{N_c} aug(g_{\theta}(G_{Ck})) \right), \mathbf{y}_{tr} \right)$$

Inner level: model weight optimization

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# AutoGDA: Framework

- Sequentially pick up the augmentation strategy



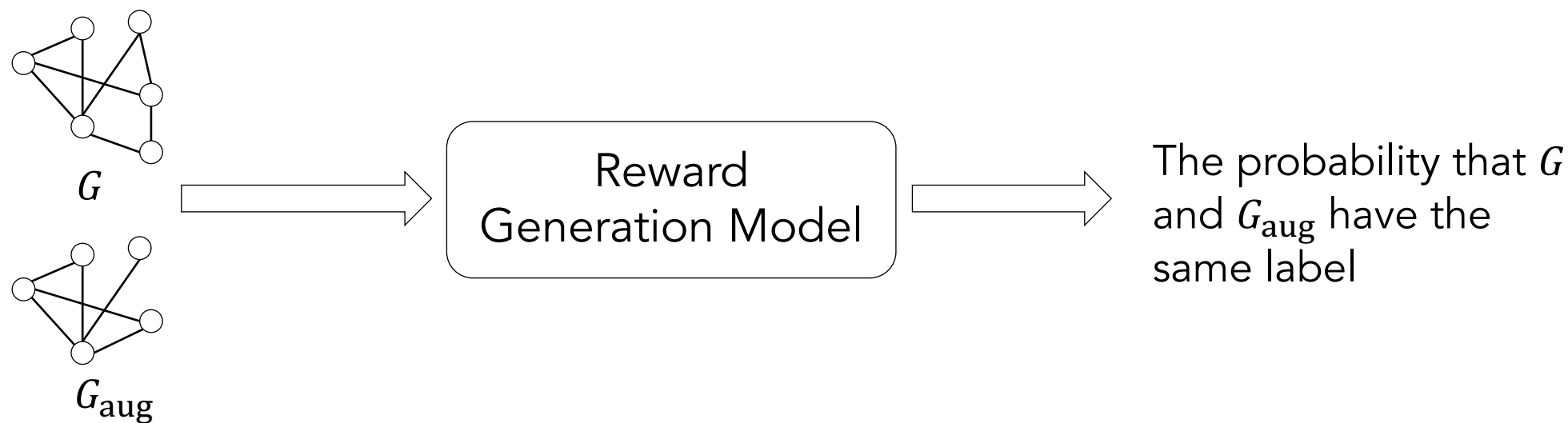
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# GraphAug: Motivation

- **Task:** graph classification
- **Motivation:** ensuring label-invariance is hard for graphs  
*Minor modification of a graph may change its semantics and thus labels*
- GraphAug aims to produce augmented graphs that do not change the graph labels

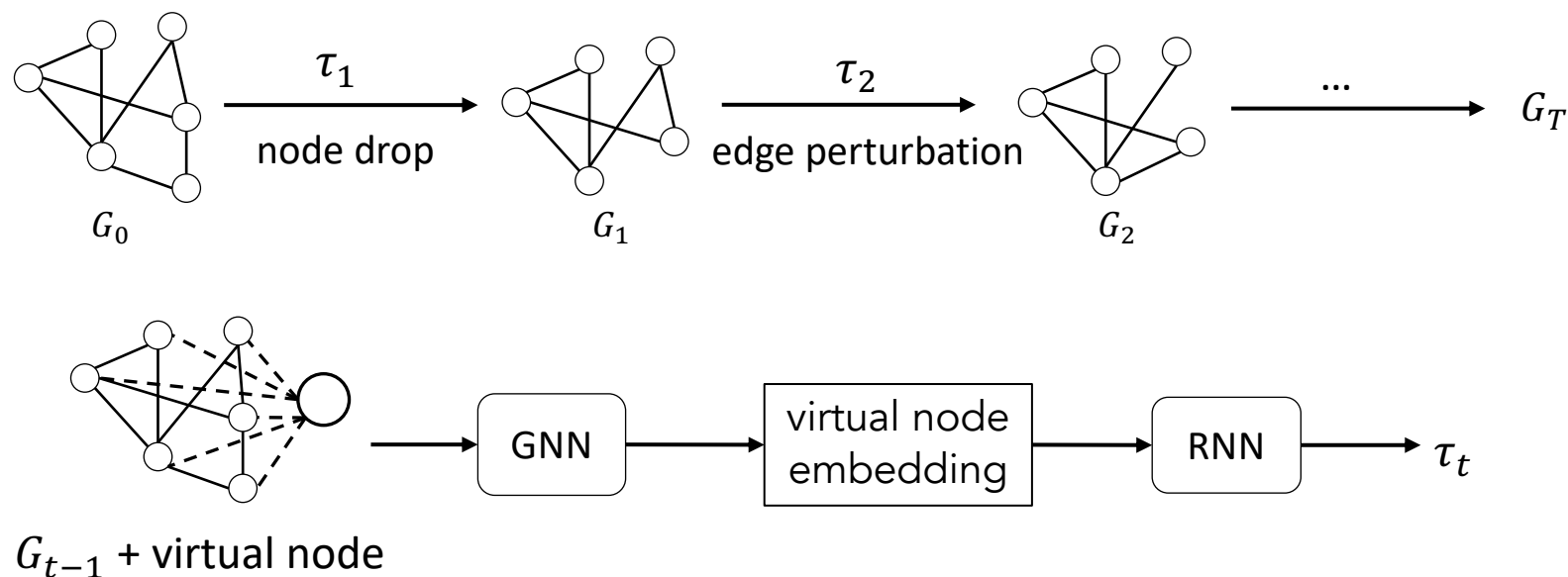
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# GraphAug: Reward Generation Model



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# GraphAug: Augmentation Model



- Add a virtual node to the input graph, use a GNN based encoder to extract graph-level information.
- Use an RNN model, which takes the virtual node embedding as the input and outputs the augmentation probability distribution  $\tau_t$ .

# Summary: Learned Augmentation Approaches

- Graph Structure Learning
- Adversarial Training
- Rationalization
- Automated Augmentation