

# Benchmarking Graph Neural Networks

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# Motivation

- Need for Benchmarking:
  - GNNs are thought of as much more generalisable
  - Graph data holds a lot more information
  - Not well explored
- Problems with Benchmarking:
  - **Datasets:** The datasets which exist are not representative/challenging
  - **Performance:** Some GNN models don't perform as well as non-GNNs
  - **Settings:** Experimental settings are not yet standardized

# Background

- Graph Neural Networks (only a few used in this paper):

- **Basic:** 
$$\hat{h}_i^{\ell+1} = \frac{1}{\text{deg}_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} h_j^\ell, \quad h_i^{\ell+1} = \sigma(U^\ell \hat{h}_i^{\ell+1})$$

- **Mean GraphStage:** 
$$\hat{h}_i^{\ell+1} = \text{Concat}\left(h_i^\ell, \frac{1}{\text{deg}_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} h_j^\ell\right)$$

- **GIN:** 
$$\hat{h}_i^{\ell+1} = (1 + \epsilon) h_i^\ell + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} h_j^\ell,$$
$$h_i^{\ell+1} = \sigma\left(U^\ell \sigma\left(\text{BN}\left(V^\ell \hat{h}_i^{\ell+1}\right)\right)\right),$$

- **Anisotropic:** 
$$\hat{h}_i^{\ell+1} = w_i^\ell h_i^\ell + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} w_{ij}^\ell h_j^\ell,$$

# Claim / Target Task

- Propose a benchmark, with plug and play methods - model and datasets
- Create new datasets by converting well known datasets into graphs
- Proposed/tested building blocks of GNN
- Compare performance

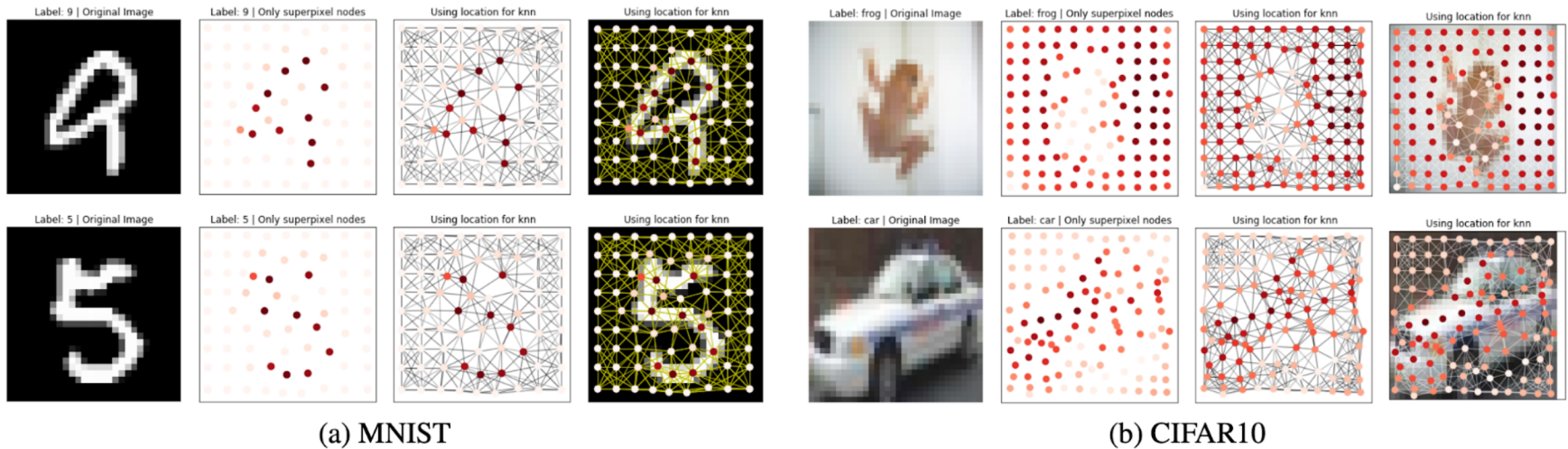
# Data Summary

- Old Graph Datasets:
  - CORA
  - TU
- Converted Datasets:

*Table 1.* Summary statistics of proposed benchmark datasets.

| <b>Domain/Construction</b>                                  | <b>Dataset</b> | <b># graphs</b> | <b># nodes</b> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Computer Vision/ Graphs<br>constructed with super-pixels    | MNIST          | 70K             | 40-75          |
|   | CIFAR10        | 60K             | 85-150         |
| Chemistry/ Real-world molecular graphs                      | ZINC           | 12K             | 9-37           |
| Artificial/ Graphs generated from<br>Stochastic Block Model | PATTERN        | 14K             | 50-180         |
|   | CLUSTER        | 12K             | 40-190         |
| Artificial/ Graphs generated from<br>uniform distribution   | TSP            | 12K             | 50-500         |

# Proposed Solution - Superpixel



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# Experimental Results

**Table 3.** Performance on the standard test sets of MNIST and CIFAR10 (higher is better). Results are averaged over 4 runs with 4 different seeds. **Red**: the best model, **Violet**: good models. **Bold** indicates the best model between residual and non-residual connections (both models are bold if they perform equally).

| Dataset     | Model       | #Param            | Residual          |                   | No Residual       |                 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|             |             |                   | Acc               | Epoch/Total       | Acc               | Epoch/Total     |
| MNIST       | MLP         | 104044            | <i>not used</i>   |                   | 94.46±0.28        | 21.82s/1.02hr   |
|             | MLP (Gated) | 105717            | <i>not used</i>   |                   | <b>95.18±0.18</b> | 22.43s/0.73hr   |
|             | GCN         | 101365            | <b>89.99±0.15</b> | 78.25s/1.81hr     | <b>89.05±0.21</b> | 79.18s/1.76hr   |
|             | GraphSage   | 102691            | <b>97.09±0.02</b> | 75.57s/1.36hr     | <b>97.20±0.17</b> | 76.80s/1.42hr   |
|             | GIN         | 105434            | <b>93.91±0.63</b> | 34.30s/0.73hr     | <b>93.96±1.30</b> | 34.61s/0.74hr   |
|             | DiffPool    | 106538            | <b>95.02±0.42</b> | 170.55s/4.26hr    | <b>94.66±0.48</b> | 171.38s/4.45hr  |
|             | GAT         | 110400            | <b>95.62±0.13</b> | 375.71s/6.35hr    | <b>95.56±0.16</b> | 377.06s/6.35hr  |
|             | MoNet       | 104049            | <b>90.36±0.47</b> | 581.86s/15.31hr   | <b>89.73±0.48</b> | 567.12s/12.05hr |
|             | GatedGCN    | 104217            | <b>97.37±0.06</b> | 128.39s/2.01hr    | <b>97.36±0.12</b> | 127.15s/2.13hr  |
| GatedGCN-E* | 104217      | <b>97.24±0.10</b> | 135.10s/2.25hr    | <b>97.47±0.13</b> | 127.86s/2.15hr    |                 |
| CIFAR10     | MLP         | 104044            | <i>not used</i>   |                   | 56.01±0.90        | 21.82s/1.02hr   |
|             | MLP (Gated) | 106017            | <i>not used</i>   |                   | 56.78±0.12        | 27.85s/0.68hr   |
|             | GCN         | 101657            | <b>54.46±0.10</b> | 100.91s/2.73hr    | 51.64±0.45        | 100.30s/2.44hr  |
|             | GraphSage   | 102907            | <b>65.93±0.30</b> | 96.67s/1.88hr     | <b>66.08±0.24</b> | 96.00s/1.79hr   |
|             | GIN         | 105654            | <b>53.28±3.70</b> | 45.29s/1.24hr     | 47.66±0.47        | 44.30s/0.93hr   |
|             | DiffPool    | 108042            | <b>57.99±0.45</b> | 298.06s/10.17hr   | 56.84±0.37        | 299.64s/10.42hr |
|             | GAT         | 110704            | <b>65.40±0.38</b> | 389.40s/7.32hr    | <b>65.48±0.33</b> | 386.14s/7.75hr  |
|             | MoNet       | 104229            | <b>53.42±0.43</b> | 836.32s/22.45hr   | 50.99±0.17        | 869.90s/21.79hr |
|             | GatedGCN    | 104357            | <b>69.19±0.28</b> | 146.80s/2.48hr    | <b>68.92±0.38</b> | 145.14s/2.49hr  |
| GatedGCN-E* | 104357      | <b>68.64±0.60</b> | 158.80s/2.74hr    | <b>69.37±0.48</b> | 145.66s/2.43hr    |                 |

\*GatedGCN-E uses the graph adjacency weight as edge feature.



# Experimental Results

*Table 5.* Performance on the standard test sets of PATTERN and CLUSTER SBM graphs (higher is better). Results are averaged over 4 runs with 4 different seeds. **Red**: the best model and **Violet**: good models. **Bold** indicates the best model between residual and non-residual connections.

| Dataset | Model       | #Param | Residual          |                 | No Residual       |                 |
|---------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|         |             |        | Acc               | Epoch/Total     | Acc               | Epoch/Total     |
| PATTERN | MLP         | 105263 | <i>not used</i>   |                 | 50.13±0.00        | 8.68s/0.10hr    |
|         | MLP (Gated) | 103629 | <i>not used</i>   |                 | 50.13±0.00        | 9.78s/0.12hr    |
|         | GCN         | 100923 | <b>74.36±1.59</b> | 97.37s/2.06hr   | 55.22±0.17        | 97.46s/2.30hr   |
|         | GraphSage   | 98607  | 78.20±3.06        | 79.19s/2.57hr   | <b>81.25±3.84</b> | 79.43s/2.14hr   |
|         | GIN         | 100884 | <b>96.98±2.18</b> | 14.12s/0.32hr   | <b>98.25±0.38</b> | 14.11s/0.37hr   |
|         | GAT         | 109936 | <b>90.72±2.04</b> | 229.76s/5.73hr  | 88.91±4.48        | 229.65s/8.78hr  |
|         | MoNet       | 103775 | 95.52±3.74        | 879.87s/21.80hr | <b>97.89±0.89</b> | 870.05s/24.86hr |
|         | GatedGCN    | 104003 | 95.05±2.80        | 115.55s/2.46hr  | <b>97.24±1.19</b> | 115.03s/2.59hr  |
| CLUSTER | MLP         | 106015 | <i>not used</i>   |                 | 20.97±0.01        | 6.54s/0.08hr    |
|         | MLP (Gated) | 104305 | <i>not used</i>   |                 | 20.97±0.01        | 7.37s/0.09hr    |
|         | GCN         | 101655 | <b>47.82±4.91</b> | 66.58s/1.26hr   | 34.85±0.65        | 66.81s/1.21hr   |
|         | GraphSage   | 99139  | 44.89±3.70        | 54.53s/1.05hr   | <b>53.90±4.12</b> | 54.40s/1.19hr   |
|         | GIN         | 103544 | 49.64±2.09        | 11.60s/0.27hr   | <b>52.54±1.03</b> | 11.57s/0.27hr   |
|         | GAT         | 110700 | 49.08±6.47        | 158.23s/4.08hr  | <b>54.12±1.21</b> | 158.46s/4.53hr  |
|         | MoNet       | 104227 | <b>45.95±3.39</b> | 635.77s/15.32hr | 39.48±2.21        | 600.04s/11.18hr |
|         | GatedGCN    | 104355 | <b>54.20±3.58</b> | 81.39s/2.26hr   | 50.18±3.03        | 80.66s/2.07hr   |

*Table 6.* Performance on TSP test set graphs with and without residual connections (higher is better). Results are averaged over 2 runs with 2 different seeds. **Red**: the best model and **Violet**: good models. **Bold** indicates the best model between residual and non-residual connections (both models are bold if they perform equally).

| Model          | #Param | Residual           |                  | No Residual        |                  |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                |        | F1                 | Epoch/Total      | F1                 | Epoch/Total      |
| k-NN Heuristic | k=2    | F1: 0.693          |                  |                    |                  |
| MLP            | 94394  | <i>not used</i>    |                  | 0.548±0.003        | 53.92s/2.85hr    |
| MLP (Gated)    | 115274 | <i>not used</i>    |                  | 0.548±0.001        | 54.39s/2.44hr    |
| GCN            | 108738 | <b>0.627±0.003</b> | 163.36s/11.26hr  | 0.547±0.003        | 164.41s/10.28hr  |
| GraphSage      | 98450  | <b>0.663±0.003</b> | 145.75s/16.05hr  | <b>0.657±0.002</b> | 147.22s/14.33hr  |
| GIN            | 118574 | <b>0.655±0.001</b> | 73.09s/5.44hr    | <b>0.657±0.001</b> | 74.71s/5.60h     |
| GAT            | 109250 | <b>0.669±0.001</b> | 360.92s/30.38hr  | 0.567±0.003        | 360.74s/20.55hr  |
| MoNet          | 94274  | <b>0.637±0.010</b> | 1433.97s/41.69hr | 0.569±0.002        | 1472.65s/42.44hr |
| GatedGCN       | 94946  | <b>0.794±0.004</b> | 203.28s/15.47hr  | <b>0.791±0.003</b> | 202.12s/15.20hr  |
| GatedGCN-E*    | 94946  | <b>0.802±0.001</b> | 201.40s/15.19hr  | <b>0.794±0.003</b> | 201.32s/15.05hr  |

\*GatedGCN-E uses the pairwise distance as edge feature.

Generating correlated features (for images) - ?

# 1 Simulation Data Generation

Assuming we have  $p$  features.  $\Delta, R_I \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ ,  $\Delta$  and  $R_I$  are both Erdos Renyi graphs, with probability  $p_d$  and  $p_i$  respectively.

In a multivariate normal distribution, the key property of the precision matrix (inverse of covariance) is that its zeros indicate conditional independence. The values indicate partial correlation of two variables. Specifically:  $\Omega_{ij}=0$  if and only if  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are conditionally independent given all other coordinates of  $X$ . We generate data from two classes  $A$  and  $B$  using the following equations:

$$\Omega_A = \Delta + R_I \tag{1}$$

$$\Omega_B = R_I \tag{2}$$

$$X_A \sim N(0, \Omega_A^{-1}) \tag{3}$$

$$X_B \sim N(0, \Omega_B^{-1}) \tag{4}$$

Main takeaway: Generating the covariance matrix

In the code a random E-R graph is made and its adjacency matrix' inverse is taken as covariance matrix to the normal distributions

