

# Subgraph Neural Networks

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# Subgraph Property Prediction

- ▶ Given Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and subgraph  $G' = (V', E')$  where  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E$ .
- ▶ Each subgraph  $S$  has a label  $y^S$  and many  $S^C$  which is a set of nodes in  $S$  that are connected to each other by a path.
- ▶ The task : if a subgraph has a specific property or not Graph  $G$ : subgraphs defined by node membership

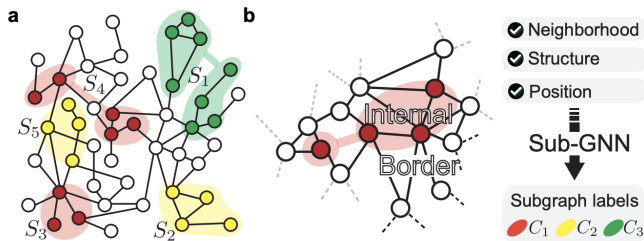


Figure: colors indicate labels

# Why are subgraph property prediction challenging?

- ▶ make joint predictions over larger structures of varying sizes: do not correspond to simple k-hop, possibly disconnected and far off
- ▶ higher-order connectivity patterns: how nodes within the subgraph interact and how they interact with nodes outside the subgraph (border and external nodes)
- ▶ subgraphs can be localized within a region of the graph or spread out: learn about the subgraph positions within the graph
- ▶ subgraphs share edges and non edges

# Formulating Subgraph Prediction

## subgraph problem

Given subgraphs  $(S_1, \dots, S_n)$  the task is to get embeddings  $z_S \in R^{d_S}$  for every subgraph  $S$ . SUB-GNN uses a GNN to learn a classifier  $f : S \rightarrow \{1, \dots, C\}$   $f(S) = \hat{y}_S$ .

Difference from other gnns: operates directly on components

# Subgraph Properties to encode

network properties that are not necessarily defined for either nodes or graphs.

SUB-GNN Channel	SUB-GNN Subchannel	
	Internal (I)	Border (B)
Position (P)	Distance between $S_i$ 's components	Distance between $S_i$ and rest of $G$
Neighborhood (N)	Identity of $S_i$ 's internal nodes	Identity of $S_i$ 's border nodes
Structure (S)	Internal connectivity of $S_i$	Border connectivity of $S_i$

## subgraph properties: position

- ▶ border position: distance to the rest of  $G$
- ▶ internal: distance between the components of  $G$

## subgraph properties: neighborhood

- ▶ border neighborhood: nodes within  $k$ -hops of any node in  $S$ , each component has its own border neighborhood
- ▶ internal neighborhood

## subgraph properties: structure

- ▶ internal : internal connectivity of each subgraph
- ▶ border: edges connecting internal nodes to border neighborhood



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## sub graph level message passing: Anchor Patches to subgraph components

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- ▶ anchor patches are subgraphs sampled from G specific to each channel : P, N and S
- ▶  $MSG_{X,C} = \gamma_x(A_X, S^C)p_X$
- ▶  $\gamma$  is a similarity function for channel X
- ▶  $\mathbf{a}_{X,c} = AGG_M(MSG_X(S^C, A_X, p_X) \forall A_X \text{ in } \mathbb{A}_X)$
- ▶  $\mathbf{h}_{X,c}^l = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_h[\mathbf{a}_{X,c}; \mathbf{h}_{X,c}^{l-1}])$

# Property-aware output representations

- ▶ a matrix  $\mathbf{M}_X$  where each row is an anchor set message computed by  $MSG_X$
- ▶ pass through a non linear activation function to get  $\mathbf{z}_{x,c}$
- ▶ for neighborhood: use  $\mathbf{z}_{N,c} = h_{N,c}$

# Agregating Property-aware output representations

- ▶  $\mathbf{z}_{x,c}$  for a channel  $x$  and a subgraph component  $c$
- ▶ First aggregate using channel aggregator  $AGG_C$
- ▶ Then aggregate using layer aggregator  $AGG_L$
- ▶ now we have  $\mathbf{z}_c$
- ▶ READOUT from  $\mathbf{z}_c$  to  $\mathbf{z}_S$
- ▶ Finally, SUB-GNN routes messages for internal and border properties (i.e.,  $\{P_I, P_B\}, \{N_I, N_B\}, \{S_I, S_B\}$ ) within subchannels for each channel P, N and S, and concatenates the final outputs

$A, p_X, \gamma$

- ▶ Sampling anchor patches
- ▶ Neural encoding of anchor patches
- ▶ Estimating similarity of anchor patches.

# Sampling anchor patches

- ▶  $\phi_X : (G, S^C) \rightarrow A_X$
- ▶ Internal position sampler node  $u_P \in S$ , shared across all components in  $S$
- ▶ Border position sampler node  $v_P \in G$  shared across all  $S$
- ▶ Neighborhood internal sampler node  $u_N \in S^C$
- ▶ Neighborhood border sampler node  $v_N \in k - \text{hop of } S^C$
- ▶ structure anchor sampler : connected component sampled from  $G$  via triangular random walks

# Neural encoding of anchor patches

For position and neighborhood anchor patches, same as initial node embeddings :

$$\psi_N = \psi_p = N_i \quad (1)$$

For structure nodes:

$$\psi_S : A_S \rightarrow \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (2)$$

- ▶  $w$  fixed length triangular random walks  $(u_{\pi_w(1)}, \dots, u_{\pi_w(n)})$
- ▶ The triangular random walk samples triangular successors with probability  $\beta$  and non-triangular successors with probability  $1 - \beta$ .
- ▶ input to LSTM, use sum of hidden states =  $\mathbf{p}$

# Neural encoding of anchor patches

For structure nodes, random walk strategy:

- ▶ internal: random walks over set  $I \{u | u \in A_s\}$
- ▶ neighborhood: random walks over set  $N \{v | v \notin A_s\}$  limited to neighborhood  $k$  hops
- ▶ border: random walks over set  $\{u | u \in I, v \in N, uv \in E\}$
- ▶ multiple random walks but single  $\mathbf{p}$



## Estimating similarity of anchor patches and subgraph components

- ▶ similarity between subcomponent of subgraph and anchor patch

- ▶  $\gamma_X : (S^C, A_S) \rightarrow [0, 1]$

- ▶ for the position channel,  $\gamma_P = \frac{1}{d_{SP}(A_S, S_C) + 1}$

- ▶  $d_{SP}$  is the shortest path between connected components  $S^C$  and anchor path  $A_S$

- ▶ for structure channel, use the normalized Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) <sup>1</sup>

- ▶  $\gamma_S(S^C, A_S) = \frac{1}{DTW(d_{A_S}, d_{S_C}) + 1}$

- ▶  $d_{A_S}, d_{S_C}$ : ordered degree sequences for the subgraph component and anchor patch

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<sup>1</sup>used to compare time signals of varying speed

# Algorithm summary

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## Algorithm 1: SUBGRAPH NEURAL NETWORK.

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**Input:** Graph  $G = (V, E)$ ; Node representations  $\{\mathbf{x}_u | u \in V\}$ ; Subgraph  $S$  consisting of connected components  $S^{(c)}$  for  $c = 1, \dots, R$ ; Channels N, S, and P corresponding to neighborhood, structure, and position; Subchannels I and B corresponding to internal and border subgraph topology; Anchor patch sampling function  $\phi_X : (G, S) \rightarrow A_X$ ; Anchor patch encoder  $\psi_X : A_X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ; Trainable weight matrices  $\mathbf{W}_{x,z}^{(l)}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_{x,h}^{(l)}$  for each layer  $l \in [1, L]$  and each channel  $X$ ; Nonlinear activation function  $\sigma$ .

**Output:** Subgraph representation  $\mathbf{h}_S$  for subgraph  $S$

$$\mathbf{z}_c^0 = \sum_{u \in S^{(c)}} \mathbf{x}_u$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{x,c}^0 = \mathbf{z}_c^0 \text{ for channel } X \in \{N, S, P\} \quad // \text{ Channel-independent initialization}$$

**for** layer  $l = 1, \dots, L$  **do**

$$A_X^{(q)} = \phi_X(G) \text{ for } q \in \{1, \dots, Q\} \text{ and channel } X \in \{S_I, S_B, P_B\} \quad // \text{ See Section 4.2}$$

$$A_X^{(q)} = \phi_X(G, S) \text{ for } q \in \{1, \dots, Q\} \text{ and channel } X \in \{P_I\}$$

**for** connected component  $c = 1, \dots, R$  **do**

$$A_X^{(q)} = \phi_X(G, S^{(c)}) \text{ for } q \in \{1, \dots, Q\} \text{ and channel } X \in \{N_I, N_B\}$$

**for** channel  $X \in \{\{P_I, P_B\}, \{N_I, N_B\}, \{S_I, S_B\}\}$  **do**

**for** anchor patch  $q = 1, \dots, Q$  **do**

$$\mathbf{p}_X^{(q)} = \psi_X(A_X^{(q)}) \quad // \text{ E.g., Algorithm 2}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{x,c,q}^{(l)} = \text{MSG}_X(S^{(c)}, A_X^{(q)}, \mathbf{p}_X^{(q)}) \quad // \text{ (Eq.1)}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{x,c}^{(l)}[q] = \mathbf{m}_{x,c,q}^{(l)} \text{ if } X \in \{S_*, P_*\}$$

**end**

$$\mathbf{z}_{x,c}^{(l)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{x,z}^{(l)} \cdot \mathbf{M}_{x,c}^{(l)}) \text{ if } X \in \{S_*, P_*\} \quad // \text{ Property-aware output rep.}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{x,c}^{(l)} = \text{AGG}_M(\{\mathbf{m}_{x,c,1}^{(l)}, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{x,c,Q}^{(l)}\}) \quad // \text{ Aggregate messages (Eq.2)}$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{x,c}^{(l)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{x,h}^{(l)} \cdot [\mathbf{a}_{x,c}^{(l)}; \mathbf{h}_{x,c}^{(l-1)}]) \quad // \text{ Order-invariant hidden rep. (Eq.2)}$$

**end**

$$\mathbf{z}_c^{(l)} = \text{AGG}_C(\mathbf{h}_{N,c}^{(l)}, \mathbf{z}_{S,c}^{(l)}, \mathbf{z}_{P,c}^{(l)}) \quad // \text{ Aggregate channels}$$

**end**

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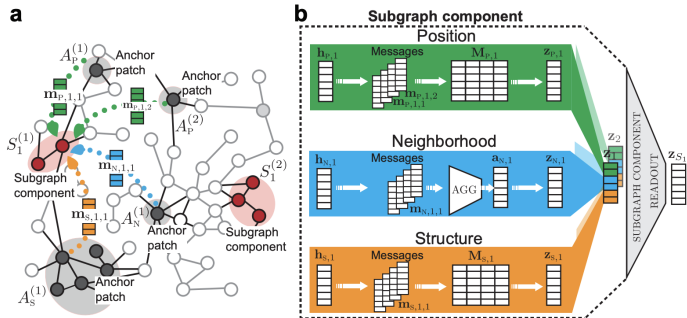
$$\mathbf{z}_c \leftarrow \text{AGG}_L(\{\mathbf{z}_c^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_c^{(L)}\})$$

$$\mathbf{h}_S = \text{READOUT}\{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_R\}$$

// Aggregate layers

// Aggregate components

# Sub-GNN Figure



# Computational Complexity and model extensions

- ▶ function of (number of subgraphs, size of the subgraphs)
- ▶ also depends on number of anchor patches: prespecified and fixed
- ▶ possible to use other types of similarity or joint learning of node embeddings

# Synthetic Experiments

- ▶ subgraph properties: density, cut ratio, coreness, component
- ▶ density: internal structure(250 subgraphs of size 20)
- ▶ cut ratio: border structure(250 subgraphs of size 20)
- ▶ coreness: average core number of the subgraph, tests border structure and position (221 subgraphs of size 20)
- ▶ component: the number of subgraph components,(250 subgraphs with 15 nodes per component) tests internal and external position.

# Real World Datasets

- ▶ PPI-BP : 1591 subgraphs with 6 labels, labeled using Biological Process Ontology from MSigDB, Subgraphs are collections of proteins in the PPI network that are involved in the same biological process
- ▶ HPO-METAB : graphs of causal genes and symptoms, with subgraphs defined by symptoms. 2400 subgraphs with 6 labels from metabolic disorders: lysosomal, energy, amino acid, carbohydrate, lipid, and glycosylation.
- ▶ HPO-NEURO : about neurological disorders
- ▶ EM-USER : subgraphs about work out routines with 1343 sugraphs. Label is gender

## HPO dataset challenges

- ▶ distinguishing subcategories of similar diseases (a challenge for averaging-based methods),
- ▶ exhibit class distributional shift between train and test, and have been designed to require inductive inference to nearby phenotypes using edges in the graph.
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# Baselines

- ▶ AVG: average of the node embeddings of the subgraph
- ▶ MN-GIN and MN-GAT: use virtual node to represent a subgraph
- ▶ s2v-N, s2v-S, s2v-NS: subgraph 2 Vec
- ▶ GC: treat each subgraph as standalone graph using average of node embeddings
- ▶ pretrained: GIN on link prediction



# Simulation microF1

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Method	DENSITY	CUT RATIO	CORENESS	COMPONENT
SUB-GNN (Ours)	<b>0.919<math>\pm</math>0.016</b>	<b>0.629<math>\pm</math>0.039</b>	<b>0.659<math>\pm</math>0.092</b>	<b>0.958<math>\pm</math>0.098</b>
Node Averaging	0.429 $\pm$ 0.041	0.358 $\pm$ 0.055	0.530 $\pm$ 0.050	0.516 $\pm$ <0.001
Meta Node (GIN)	0.442 $\pm$ 0.052	0.423 $\pm$ 0.057	0.611 $\pm$ 0.050	0.784 $\pm$ 0.046
Meta Node (GAT)	0.690 $\pm$ 0.021	0.284 $\pm$ 0.052	0.519 $\pm$ 0.076	0.935 $\pm$ <0.001
Sub2Vec Neighborhood	0.345 $\pm$ 0.066	0.339 $\pm$ 0.058	0.381 $\pm$ 0.047	0.568 $\pm$ 0.039
Sub2Vec Structure	0.339 $\pm$ 0.036	0.345 $\pm$ 0.121	0.404 $\pm$ 0.097	0.510 $\pm$ 0.013
Sub2Vec N & S Concat	0.352 $\pm$ 0.071	0.303 $\pm$ 0.062	0.356 $\pm$ 0.050	0.568 $\pm$ 0.021
Graph-level GNN	0.816 $\pm$ 0.068	0.377 $\pm$ 0.058	0.419 $\pm$ 0.070	0.526 $\pm$ 0.081

# Real World microF1

Method	PPI-BP	HPO-NEURO	HPO-METAB	EM-USER
SUB-GNN (Ours)	<b>0.324<math>\pm</math>0.013</b>	<b>0.632<math>\pm</math>0.010</b>	<b>0.537<math>\pm</math>0.023</b>	<b>0.751<math>\pm</math>0.021</b>
Node Averaging	0.289 $\pm$ 0.043	0.490 $\pm$ 0.059	0.443 $\pm$ 0.063	0.744 $\pm$ 0.086
Meta Node (GIN)	0.277 $\pm$ 0.040	0.233 $\pm$ 0.086	0.151 $\pm$ 0.073	0.550 $\pm$ 0.025
Meta Node (GAT)	0.308 $\pm$ 0.032	0.259 $\pm$ 0.063	0.138 $\pm$ 0.034	0.536 $\pm$ 0.047
Sub2Vec Neighborhood	0.309 $\pm$ 0.023	0.211 $\pm$ 0.068	0.132 $\pm$ 0.047	0.503 $\pm$ 0.035
Sub2Vec Structure	0.307 $\pm$ 0.013	0.223 $\pm$ 0.065	0.124 $\pm$ 0.025	0.742 $\pm$ 0.023
Sub2Vec N & S Concat	0.295 $\pm$ 0.011	0.206 $\pm$ 0.073	0.114 $\pm$ 0.021	0.536 $\pm$ 0.047
Graph-level GNN	0.291 $\pm$ 0.026	0.577 $\pm$ 0.015	0.480 $\pm$ 0.026	0.505 $\pm$ 0.041

# Channel Ablation Analysis

aligns with their inductive biases

SUB-GNN Channel	DENSITY	CUT RATIO	CORENESS	COMPONENT
Position (P)	$0.758 \pm 0.046$	$0.516 \pm 0.083$	$0.581 \pm 0.044$ ✓	<b><math>0.958 \pm 0.098</math></b> ✓
Neighborhood (N)	$0.777 \pm 0.057$	$0.313 \pm 0.087$	$0.485 \pm 0.075$	$0.823 \pm 0.089$
Structure (S)	<b><math>0.919 \pm 0.016</math></b> ✓	<b><math>0.629 \pm 0.039</math></b> ✓	<b><math>0.663 \pm 0.058</math></b> ✓	$0.600 \pm 0.170$
All (P+N+S)	$0.894 \pm 0.025$	$0.458 \pm 0.101$	$0.659 \pm 0.092$	$0.726 \pm 0.120$