

# Graph Random Neural Network for Semi-Supervised Learning on Graphs

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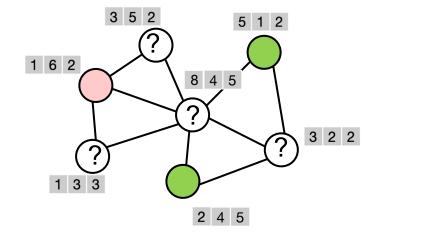






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## Semi-Supervised Learning on Graphs

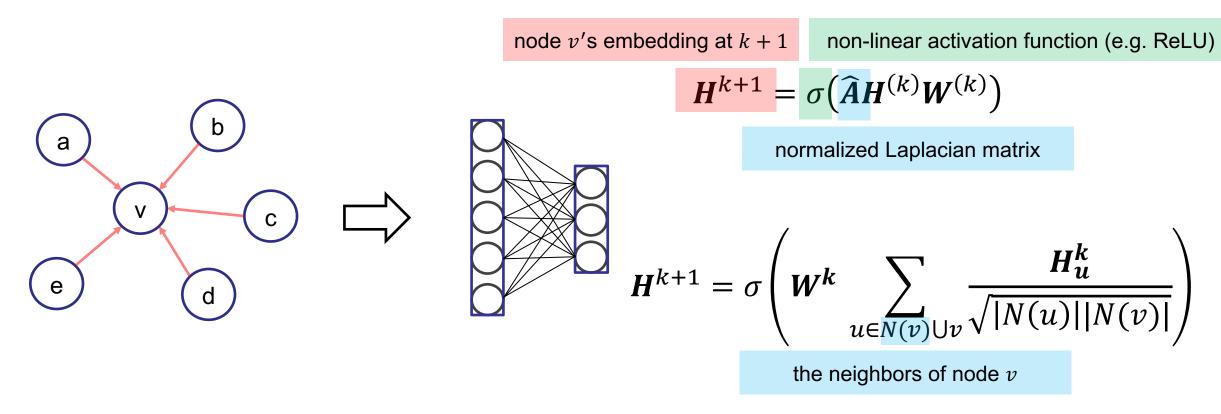


Input: a partially labeled & attributed graph

Output: infer the labels of unlabeled nodes

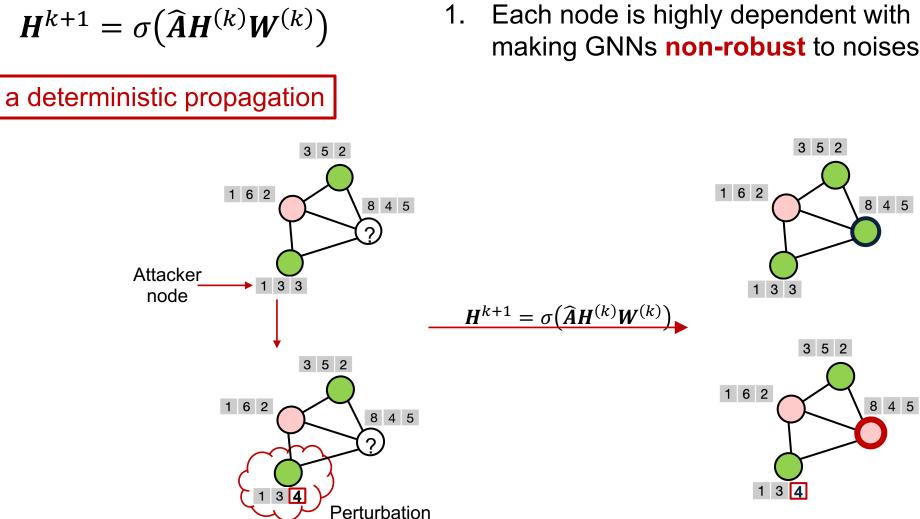
# Graph Neural Network (GNN)

Graph Convolution Network:



• Kipf T N, Welling M. Semi-supervised classification with graph convolutional networks. In ICLR 2017

## **Graph Neural Networks**



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## **Graph Neural Networks**

$$\boldsymbol{H}^{k+1} = \sigma(\widehat{\boldsymbol{A}}\boldsymbol{H}^{(k)}\boldsymbol{W}^{(k)})$$

feature propagation is Laplacian smoothing, coupled with non-linear transformation

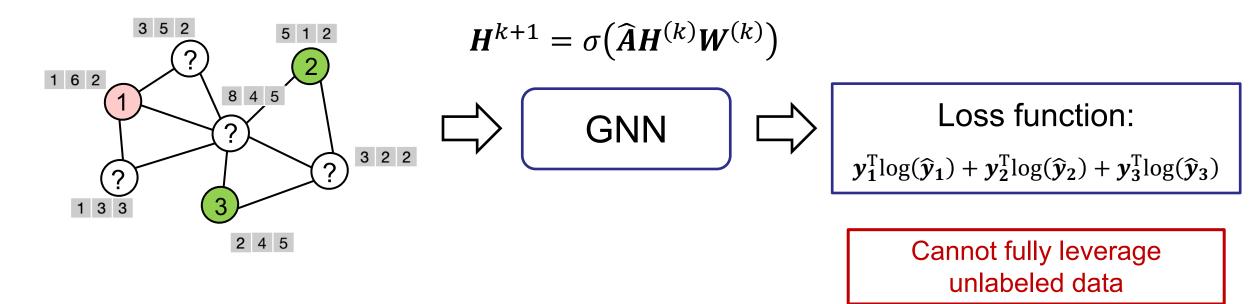
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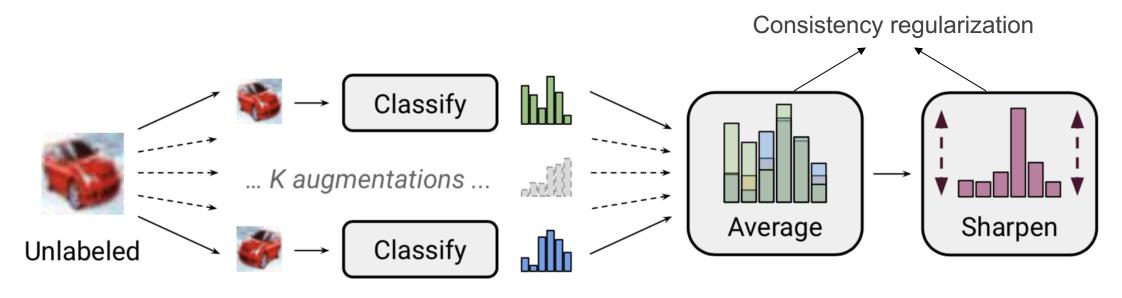
- 1. Each node is highly dependent with its neighborhoods, making GNNs non-robust to noises
- 2. Stacking many GNNs layers may cause over-smoothing.
- 3. Under semi-supervised setting, standard training method is easy to **over-fit** the scarce label information.

Standard training method for GNN:



## Recent advances in Semi-Supervised Image Classification

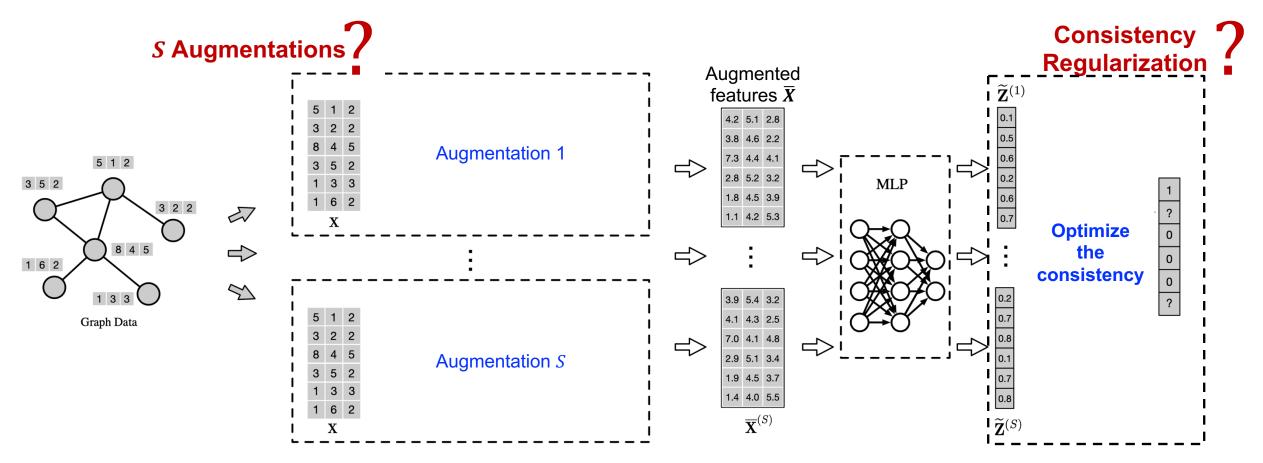
• Improving models' generalization through image data augmentation and consistency regularization.



(Picture from MixMatch's paper)

## Graph Random Neural Network (GRAND)

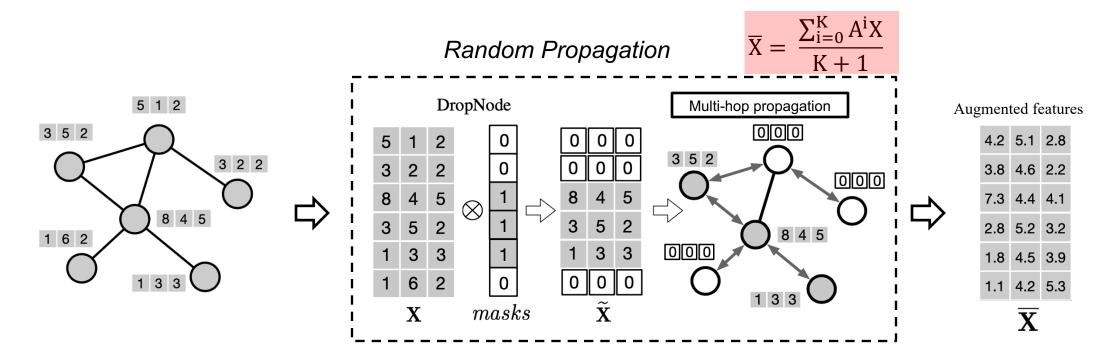
- Consistency Regularized Training:
  - Generates S data augmentations of the graph
  - Optimizing the consistency among *S* augmentations of the graph.



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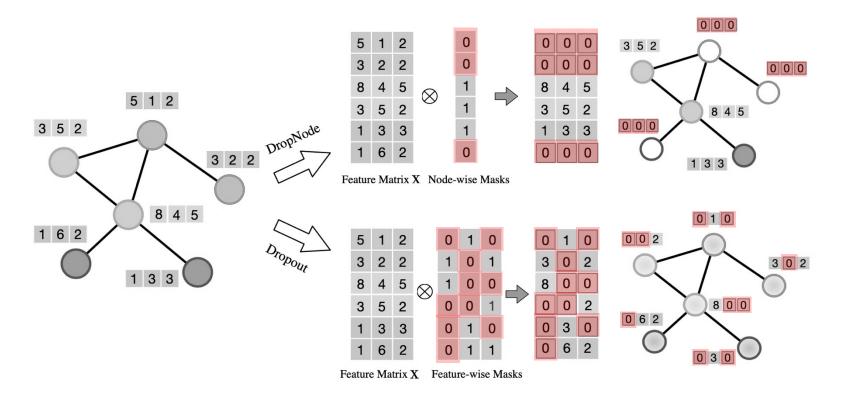
- **Random Propagation** (DropNode + Propagation):
  - Enhancing robustness: Each node is enabled to be not sensitive to specific neighborhoods.
  - Mitigating over-smoothing and overfitting: Decouple feature propagation from feature transformation.



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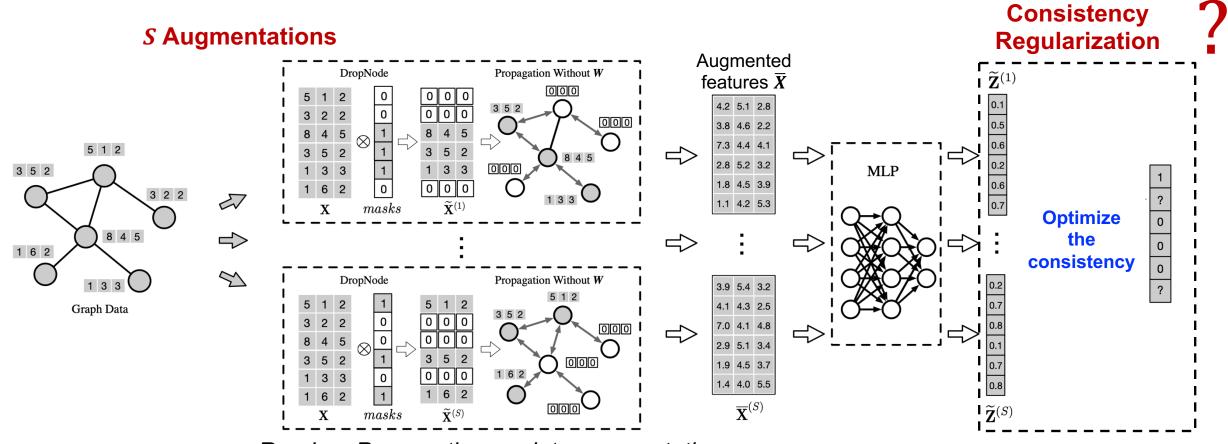
## Random propagation: DropNode vs Dropout

- Dropout drops each element in *X* independently
- DropNode drops the entire features of selected nodes, i.e., the row vectors of *X*, randomly



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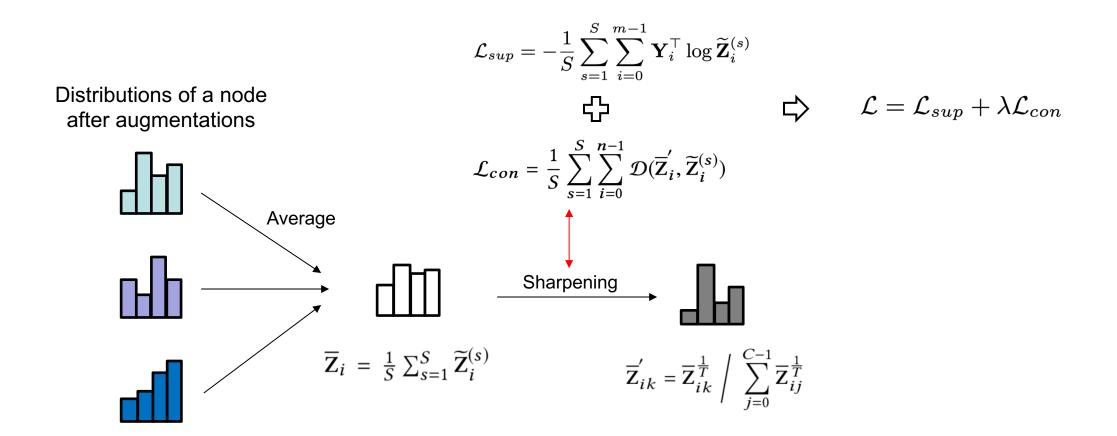
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Random Propagation as data augmentation

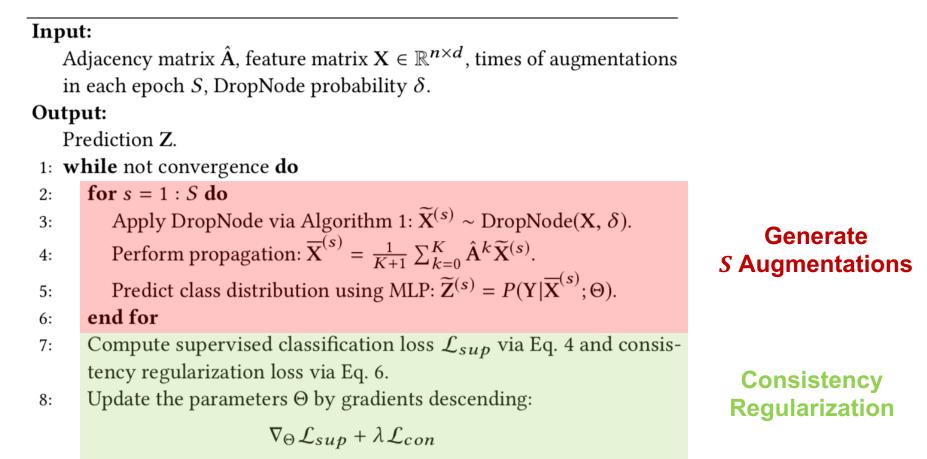
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## **GRAND:** Consistency Regularization



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#### 9: end while

10: Output prediction Z via Eq. 8.

## **Consistency Regularized Training Algorithm**

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• With Consistency Regularization Loss:

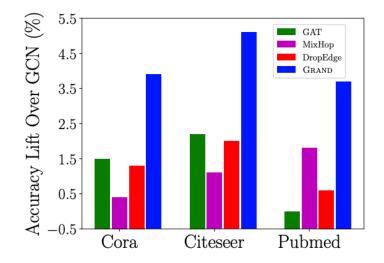
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 Random propagation can enforce the consistency of the classification confidence between each node and its all multi-hop neighborhoods.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{\mathcal{E}}_{\epsilon}\left(\mathcal{L}_{con}\right) &\approx \mathcal{R}^{c}(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z_{i}^{2} (1-z_{i})^{2} \mathrm{Var}_{\epsilon}\left(\overline{\mathbf{A}}_{i} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{W}\right) \\ &\mathcal{R}_{DN}^{c}(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left[ (\mathbf{X}_{j} \cdot \mathbf{W})^{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (\overline{\mathbf{A}}_{ij})^{2} z_{i}^{2} (1-z_{i})^{2} \right] \\ &\mathcal{R}_{Do}^{c}(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} \sum_{h=0}^{d-1} \mathbf{W}_{h}^{2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left[ \mathbf{X}_{jh}^{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z_{i}^{2} (1-z_{i})^{2} (\overline{\mathbf{A}}_{ij})^{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- With Supervised Cross-Entropy Loss:
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	GAT [32]	$83.0 \pm 0.7$	$72.5 \pm 0.7$	$79.0 \pm 0.3$
	APPNP [20]	83.8±0.3	$71.6 \pm 0.5$	$79.7\pm0.3$
	Graph U-Net [11]	$84.4 \pm 0.6$	$73.2 \pm 0.5$	$79.6 \pm 0.2$
	SGC [36]	$81.0\pm0.0$	$71.9 \pm 0.1$	$78.9\pm0.0$
	MixHop [1]	$81.9 \pm 0.4$	$71.4 \pm 0.8$	$80.8 {\pm} 0.6$
	<b>GMNN</b> [28]	83.7	72.9	81.8
	GraphNAS [12]	84.2±1.0	$73.1 \pm 0.9$	79.6±0.4
Sampling	GraphSAGE [16]	78.9±0.8	67.4±0.7	77.8±0.6
GCNs	FastGCN [7]	$81.4 {\pm} 0.5$	$68.8 {\pm} 0.9$	$77.6 \pm 0.5$
-	VBAT [10]	83.6±0.5	74.0±0.6	79.9±0.4
Regularization	G <sup>3</sup> NN [24]	$82.5 \pm 0.2$	$74.4 \pm 0.3$	$77.9 \pm 0.4$
GCNs	GraphMix [33]	83.9±0.6	$74.5 \pm 0.6$	$81.0 \pm 0.6$
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-	Grand	85.4±0.4	75.4±0.4	82.7±0.6



Instead of the marginal improvements by conventional GNN baselines over GCN, *GRAND* achieves much more significant performance lift in all three datasets!

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Table 5: Results on large datasets.

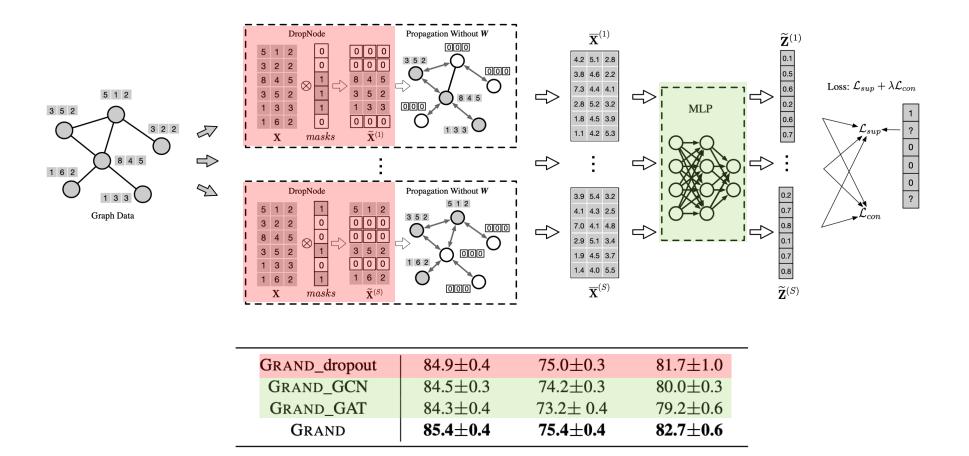
Method	Cora Full	Coauthor CS	Coauthor Physics	Amazon Computer	Amazon Photo	Citation CS
GCN	$62.2 \pm 0.6$	$91.1\pm0.5$	$92.8\pm1.0$	$82.6\pm2.4$	$91.2\pm1.2$	$49.9\pm2.0$
GAT	$51.9 \pm 1.5$	$90.5\pm0.6$	$92.5\pm0.9$	$78.0\pm19.0$	$85.7\pm20.3$	$49.6\pm1.7$
Grand	63.5 ±0.6	$\textbf{92.9} \pm \textbf{0.5}$	$\textbf{94.6} \pm \textbf{0.5}$	<b>85.7</b> ± 1.8	$\textbf{92.5} \pm \textbf{1.7}$	$\textbf{52.8} \pm \textbf{1.2}$

More experiments on larger graph datasets

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Results



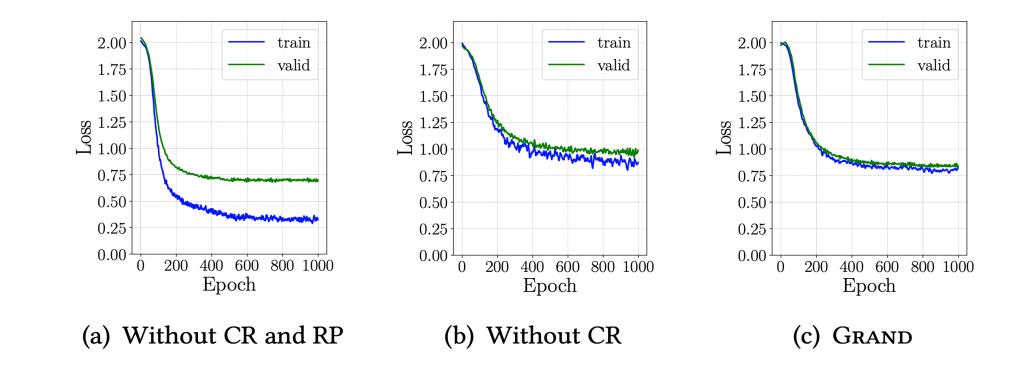
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## Ablation Study

- 1. Each of the designed components contributes to the success of GRAND.
- 2. GRAND w/o consistency regularization outperforms almost all 8 non-regularization based GCNs & DropEdge

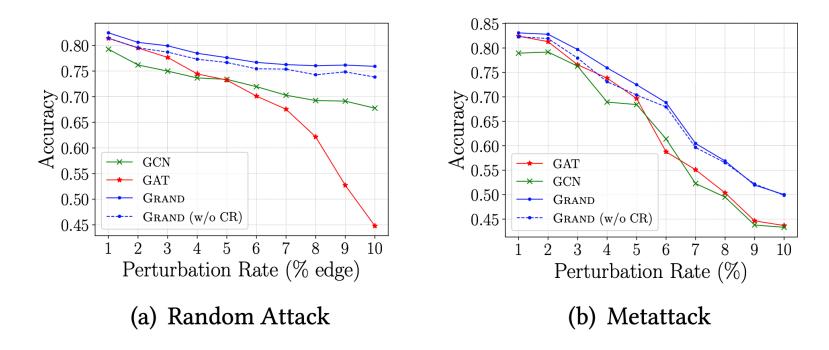
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### Generalization

1. Both the random propagation and consistency regularization improve GRAND's generalization capability

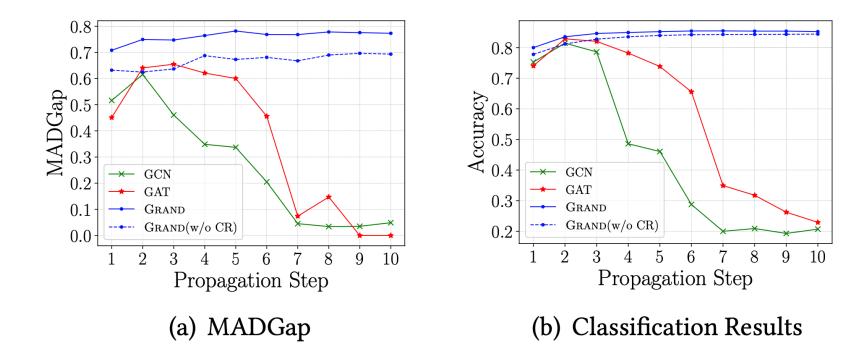
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#### Robustness

1. GRAND (with or w/o) consistency regularization is more robust than GCN and GAT.

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#### **Over-Smoothing**

1. GRAND is very powerful to relieve over-smoothing, when GCN & GAT are very vulnerable to it

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