

# Learning Discrete Structures for Graph Neural Networks

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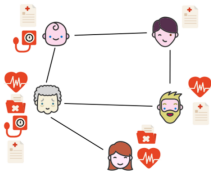
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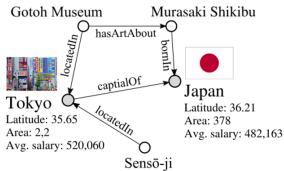
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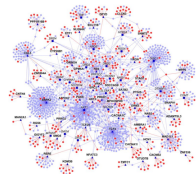
# Introduction & Motivations



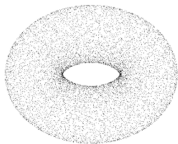
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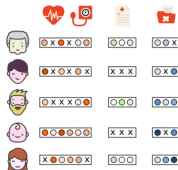
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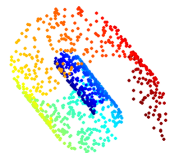
Schizophrenia protein interaction graph



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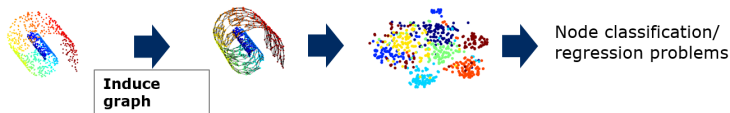
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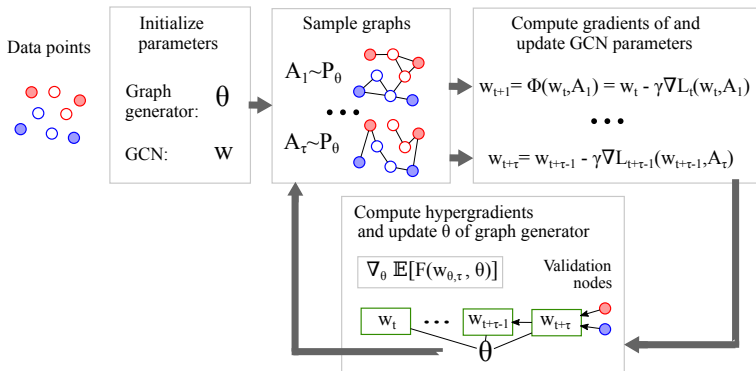
Data on a manifold

**Aim:** apply Graph Neural Networks (GNN) to settings in which an input graph is not available (or it is incomplete/noisy)

# LDS: Jointly Learning Structure and Parameters



Formulation: bilevel programming problem (gradient-based HPO)  
with discrete random variables  $\Rightarrow$  discrete and sparse graph



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# Experiments: Semi-supervised Learning

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LogReg	92.1 (1.3)	<b>93.3 (0.5)</b>	85.5 (1.5)	62.2 (0.0)	60.8 (0.0)	42.7 (1.7)	37.3 (0.7)
Linear							7 (1.5)
RBF S							<b>3 (1.0)</b>
RF							<b>9 (0.6)</b>
FFNN							2 (1.3)
LP							1 (2.1)
ManiR							2 (1.1)
SemiE							1 (1.9)
Sparse							4 (1.4)
Dense							5 (0.9)
RBF-C							7 (1.4)
kNN-C							<b>8 (0.9)</b>
<b>kNN-I</b>							<b>7 (1.4)</b>

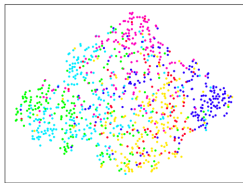
The figure displays three histograms comparing the distribution of probability bins for 'Same cl.' (blue) and 'Diff./Unk.' (orange) across three datasets: Wine, Cancer, and Citeseer. The x-axis represents probability bins on a logarithmic scale from  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^0$ . The y-axis represents normalized density from 0.0 to 0.8. In all three datasets, the 'Diff./Unk.' distribution is heavily skewed towards the lowest probability bins, while the 'Same cl.' distribution is more spread out across higher probability bins.

# Many Thanks!

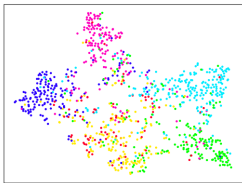
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Github page: <https://github.com/lucfra/LDS>

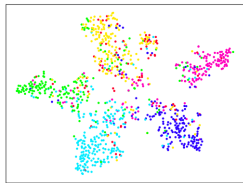
Some learned representations by a GCN on Citeseer



Dense Graph



kNN Graph



LDS graph