



# GrokFormer: Graph Fourier Kolmogorov-Arnold Transformers

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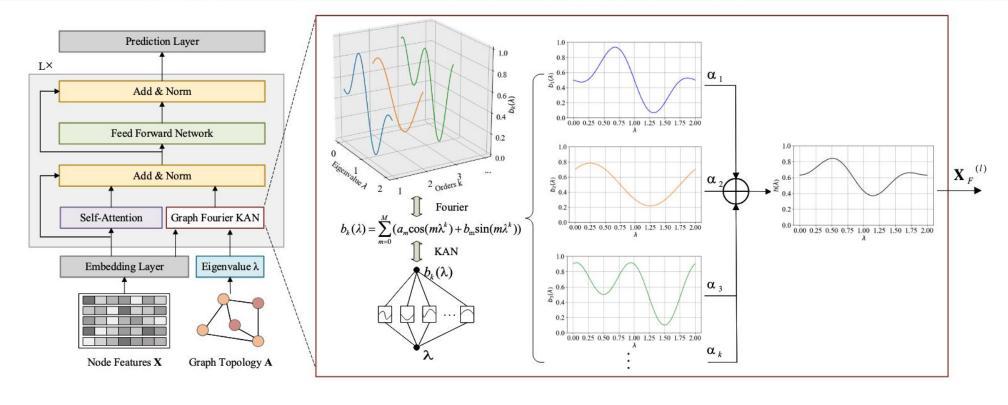


Figure 2: Overview of GrokFormer. In addition to the use of self-attention to capture global information in the spatial domain, a novel Graph Fourier KAN is proposed in GrokFormer to achieve global graph modeling in the spectral domain. This design enables a strong adaptability in both spectral order and graph spectrum, offering superior expressive power in capturing diverse graph frequency signals. GrokFormer synthesizes the spatial and spectral representations by a standard summation and normalization layer, followed by a Feed-Forward Network (FFN) layer for prediction.









### The Proposed GrokFormer Filter

$$\phi_h(\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{m=0}^M \left(\cos\left(m\lambda^k\right) \cdot a_{km} + \sin\left(m\lambda^k\right) \cdot b_{km}\right)$$

### Order and Spectrum Adaptability

$$b_k(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} \left(\cos\left(m\lambda^k\right) \cdot a_m + \sin\left(m\lambda^k\right) \cdot b_m\right) \quad h(\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k b_k(\lambda)$$

## Spectral Graph Convolution

$$\mathbf{X}_F^{(l)} = \mathbf{U} \operatorname{diag}(h(\lambda)) \mathbf{U}^{\top} \mathbf{X}^{(l-1)}$$

#### Network Architecture of GrokFormer

$$\mathbf{X}^{(l)} = EMHA\left(LN\left(\mathbf{X}^{(l-1)}\right)\right) + \mathbf{X}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{X}_F^{(l)}$$
$$\mathbf{X}^{(l)} = FFN\left(LN\left(\mathbf{X}^{(l)}\right)\right) + \mathbf{X}^{(l)}$$









> Our graph filter is learnable in both spectral order and graph spectrum.

$$h(\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k \sum_{m=0}^{M} \left( \cos \left( m\lambda^k \right) \cdot a_{km} + \sin \left( m\lambda^k \right) \cdot b_{km} \right)$$

Existing polynomial filters are a simplified variant of our graph filter.

$$h(\lambda) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_2 \lambda^2 + \dots + \alpha_K \lambda^K = \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_k \lambda^k$$

> Specformer filter is a simplified variant of our graph filter.

$$h_s(\lambda) = a_0 \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{M} (\sin(m\lambda) \cdot a_i + \cos(m\lambda) \cdot b_i)$$

 $\triangleright$  Our filter  $h(\lambda)$  can approximate any continuous function and constructs a permutation-equivariant spectral graph convolution.











Table 2: Node classification results on five homophilic and five heterophilic datasets: mean accuracy (%)  $\pm$  std. The best results are in bold, while the second-best ones are underlined. 'OOM' means out of memory

	Homophilic Datasets						Heterophilic Datasets				
	Cora	Citeseer	Pubmed	Photo	WikiCS	Physics	Penn94	Chameleon	Squirrel	Actor	Texas
	Spatial-based GNNs										
GCN	87.14±1.01	$79.86 \pm 0.67$	86.74±0.27	88.26±0.73	$82.32 \pm 0.69$	97.74±0.35	82.47±0.27	59.61±2.21	46.78±0.87	$33.23 \pm 1.16$	77.38±3.28
GAT	88.03±0.79	$80.52 \pm 0.71$	$87.04 \pm 0.24$	$90.94 \pm 0.68$	$83.22 \pm 0.78$	$97.82 \pm 0.28$	81.53±0.55	$63.13 \pm 1.93$	$44.49 \pm 0.88$	$33.93 \pm 2.47$	$80.82 \pm 2.13$
H2GCN	87.96±0.37	$80.90{\scriptstyle\pm1.21}$	$89.18 \pm 0.28$	$95.45 \pm 0.67$	$83.45 \pm 0.26$	$97.19 \pm 0.13$	81.31±0.60	$61.20 \pm 4.28$	$39.53 \pm 0.88$	$36.31 \pm 2.58$	$91.89 \pm 3.93$
HopGNN	$88.68{\scriptstyle\pm1.06}$	$80.38 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.68}$	$89.15{\scriptstyle\pm0.35}$	$94.49 \pm 0.33$	$84.73{\scriptstyle\pm0.59}$	$97.86 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.16}$	OOM	$65.25 \pm 3.49$	$57.83{\scriptstyle\pm2.11}$	$39.33 \pm 2.79$	$89.15{\scriptstyle\pm4.04}$
300000 V	Spectral-based GNNs										
ChebyNet	$86.67 \pm 0.82$	79.11±0.75	$87.95 \pm 0.28$	$93.77 \pm 0.32$	$82.95 \pm 0.45$	$97.25 \pm 0.78$	81.09±0.33	59.28±1.25	$40.55 \pm 0.42$	$37.61 \pm 0.89$	86.22±2.45
<b>GPRGNN</b>	88.57±0.69	$80.12 \pm 0.83$	$88.46 \pm 0.33$	$93.85 \pm 0.28$	$82.58 \pm 0.89$	$97.25 \pm 0.13$	81.38±0.16	$67.28 \pm 1.09$	$50.15 \pm 1.92$	$39.92 \pm 0.67$	$92.95 \pm 1.31$
BernNet	$88.52 \pm 0.95$	$80.09 \pm 0.79$	$88.48 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.41}$	$93.63 \pm 0.35$	$83.56 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.61}$	$97.36 \pm 0.30$	82.47±0.21	$68.29{\scriptstyle\pm1.58}$	$51.35 \pm 0.73$	$41.79 \pm 1.01$	$93.12 \pm 0.65$
JacobiConv	$88.98 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.46}$	$80.78 \pm 0.79$	$89.62 \pm 0.41$	$95.43 \pm 0.23$	$84.13 \pm 0.49$	$97.56 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.28}$	83.35±0.11	$74.20 \pm 1.03$	$57.38 \pm 1.25$	$41.17 \pm 0.64$	$93.44 \pm 2.13$
HiGCN	$89.23 \pm 0.23$	$81.12{\scriptstyle\pm0.28}$	$89.95 \pm 0.13$	$95.33 \pm 0.37$	$83.14{\scriptstyle\pm0.78}$	$97.65 \pm 0.35$	OOM	$68.47{\scriptstyle\pm0.45}$	$51.86{\scriptstyle\pm0.42}$	$41.81{\scriptstyle\pm0.52}$	$92.15 \pm 0.73$
Graph Transformers											
Transformer	71.83±1.68	$70.55 \pm 1.20$	86.66±0.50	89.58±1.05	77.36±1.25	OOM	OOM	45.21±2.01	33.17±1.32	$39.95 \pm 0.64$	88.75±6.30
GraphGPS	$83.42 \pm 1.22$	$75.87 \pm 0.71$	$86.62 \pm 0.53$	$94.35 \pm 0.25$	$79.26 \pm 0.57$	$97.60 \pm 0.05$	OOM	$46.07 \pm 1.51$	$34.14 \pm 0.73$	$37.68 \pm 0.94$	83.71±5.85
NodeFormer	$87.32 \pm 0.92$	$79.56 \pm 1.10$	$89.24 \pm 0.23$	$95.27 \pm 0.22$	$81.03 \pm 0.94$	$96.45 \pm 0.28$	69.66±0.83	$56.34 \pm 1.11$	$43.42 \pm 1.62$	$34.62 \pm 1.82$	$84.63 \pm 3.47$
SGFormer	$87.87 \pm 2.67$	$79.62 \pm 1.63$	$89.07 \pm 0.14$	$94.34 \pm 0.23$	$82.71 \pm 0.56$	$97.96 \pm 0.81$	76.65±0.49	$61.44 \pm 1.37$	$45.82 \pm 2.17$	$41.69 \pm 0.63$	$92.46 \pm 1.48$
NAGphormer	88.15±1.35	$80.12 \pm 1.24$	$89.70 \pm 0.19$	$95.49 \pm 0.11$	$83.41 \pm 0.34$	$97.85 \pm 0.26$	73.98±0.53	$54.92 \pm 1.11$	$48.55 \pm 2.56$	$40.08 \pm 1.50$	$91.80_{\pm 1.85}$
Specformer	$88.57 \pm 1.01$	$81.49 \pm 0.94$	$90.61 \pm 0.23$	$95.48 \pm 0.32$	$85.15{\scriptstyle\pm0.63}$	$97.75 \pm 0.53$	84.32±0.32	$74.72 \pm 1.29$	$64.64{\scriptstyle\pm0.81}$	$41.93 \pm 1.04$	$88.23{\scriptstyle\pm0.38}$
PolyFormer	$87.67{\scriptstyle\pm1.28}$	$\underline{81.80{\scriptstyle\pm0.76}}$	$\underline{90.68}{\scriptstyle\pm0.31}$	$94.08 \pm 1.37$	$83.62 \pm 0.17$	$\underline{98.08}{\scriptstyle\pm0.27}$	79.27±0.26	$\overline{60.17}_{\pm 1.39}$	44.98±3.03	$41.51_{\pm 0.71}$	$89.02{\scriptstyle\pm5.44}$
GrokFormer	89.57±1.43	81.92±1.25	91.39±0.51	95.52±0.52	85.57±0.65	98.31±0.18	83.59±0.26	75.58±1.73	65.12±1.59	42.98±1.48	94.59±2.08