Attention Mechanisms in GATs and Vulnerability to Node Injection Attacks

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 15 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: To what extent does the attention mechanism in GATs contribute to vulnerability against node injection attacks compared to the latent structure learning in Graph Inference Learning for dynamic graph. Graph neural networks get significant attention for graph representation and classification in machine learning community. Attention mechanism applied on the neighborhood of a node improves the performance of graph neural networks. 7 claims were extracted from source literature; 1 was independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 4.7/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Robust Hierarchical Graph Classification with Subgraph Attention. Research question: To what extent does the attention mechanism in GATs contribute to vulnerability against node injection attacks compared to the latent structure learning in Graph Inference Learning for dynamic graph scenarios?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 15 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 4.7/10.

3 Results

15 papers retrieved. 7 claims extracted; 1 independently verified. Quality review score: 4.7/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
SubGattPool improves the state-of-the-art or remains competitive on multiple publicly available graph classification dat	✓	0.26
SubGattPool is evaluated on 5 bioinformatics graph datasets (MUTAG, PTC, PROTEINS, NCI1 and NCI09) and 2 social network	×	0.04
SubGattPool is compared with twenty state-of-the-art baseline algorithms from the domains of graph kernels, unsupervised	×	0.15
The reported accuracy numbers of the baseline algorithms are collected from [22, 25, 33] where the same experimental set	×	0.02
SubGattPool uses rooted subtrees as the set of candidate subgraphs for each node in the graph.	×	0.04
The maximum size of a subtree considered by SubGattPool is T.	×	0.02
The number of candidate subgraphs for a node can be very large depending on the maximum size (T) of a rooted subtree.	×	0.02

References

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