Synthetic Graph Generation for GNN Generalization in Low-Density Data Regimes

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 8 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: To what extent do synthetic graph generation techniques improve the generalization of graph neural networks in low-density regimes compared to standard train-test splits. Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are one of the prominent methods to solve semi-supervised learning on graphs. However, most of the existing GNN models often need sufficient observed data to allow for effective learning and generalization. 8 claims were extracted from source literature; 8 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.2/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Variational Inference for Training Graph Neural Networks in Low-Data Regime through Joint Structure-Label Estimation. Research question: To what extent do synthetic graph generation techniques improve the generalization of graph neural networks in low-density regimes compared to standard train-test splits?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 8 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.2/10.

3 Results

8 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.2/10.

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
Most existing Graph Neural Network (GNN) models require sufficient observed data for effective learning and generalizati	✓	0.22
GNN models encounter severe performance degradation when complete input graph structure and sufficient node labels are n	✓	0.27
WSGNN is a probabilistic generative framework that uses variational inference for graph semi-supervised learning via joi	✓	0.30
WSGNN utilizes a two-branch network to collaboratively learn task-related new graph structure and node representations.	✓	0.19
WSGNN targets a composite variational objective derived from the underlying data generation distribution concerning the	✓	0.35
WSGNN achieves state-of-the-art performance on node classification and link prediction benchmarks compared to strong com	✓	0.24
On the Cora dataset with only 1 label per class and 1% of edges observed, WSGNN achieves a classification accuracy of 52	✓	0.18
On the Cora dataset with only 1 label per class and 1% of edges observed, WSGNN exceeds GCN's classification accuracy by	✓	0.16

References

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