

# S<sup>3</sup>GC: Scalable Self-Supervised Graph Clustering

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- Graphs are a commonplace data structures.
- Usually nodes are often equipped with vector embeddings from different sources.
- Example: ogbn-arxiv - a citation graph where nodes can be equipped with embeddings of the title/content of the papers.

## Problem

*Given a graph  $G$  with node set  $V$ , edges  $E$ , and node attributes  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , aim is to cluster the nodes into  $k$  clusters.*

This problem of graph clustering with side information has been extensively studied in the literature [1]

Existing solutions suffer from one of the following 3 limitations:

- ① The clustering algorithm is highly reliant on either the graph structure or the node attributes.
- ② The algorithm doesn't explicitly promote clusterability.
- ③ The method isn't scalable to realistic web-scale datasets.

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Consists of 3 components:

- 1 **A scalable encoder** that captures both node as well as graph structure information.
- 2 **A contrastive loss function** that ensures that the embedding of a node is close to “near-by” nodes, thus learning clusterable embeddings.
- 3 **Random Walk Sampler** to scalably generate positive samples from more than 1-hop neighbourhood.

Given an adjacency matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , define  $k$ -hop Diffusion matrix as

$$S_k = \sum_{i=0}^k A^i \quad (1)$$

Then, the encoder is defined as:

$$\bar{X} = (PReLU(AX\theta) + PReLU(S_k X\theta') + \mathcal{I}) \quad (2)$$

where  $PReLU$  is the activation function,  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$  are learnable parameters, and  $\mathcal{I}$  is a learnable  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  matrix.

→  $\mathcal{I}$  supports in learning graph structure information. While  $PReLU(AX\theta)$  and  $PReLU(S_k X\theta')$  are 1-layer Graph Convolutional Neural Network that capture node attributes information.

# Random Walk Sampler

→ Given a pivot node  $u$ , the random walk sampler outputs all the distinct points seen in a random walk of length  $l$  started at  $u$ .

→ These points act as "positive samples" to the node  $u$ , later used by contrastive loss. Negative samples are generated by picking  $r$  distinct random nodes in the graph.

# Contrastive Loss

We use a SimCLR style loss function where positive and negative nodes are generated by the random walk sampler. Let  $p_u^+$  be the set of positive nodes and  $p_u^-$  be the set of negative nodes. Then, the loss for node  $u$  is calculated as:

$$\text{SimCLR\_Loss} = \frac{\sum_{v \in p_u^+} \exp(\text{sim}(u, v))}{\sum_{v \in p_u^+} \exp(\text{sim}(u, v)) + \sum_{v' \in p_u^-} \exp(\text{sim}(u, v'))} \quad (3)$$

where  $\text{sim}$  is some similarity function, for example inner product

$$\text{sim}(u, v) = \frac{u^T v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$$

# Overall Algorithm

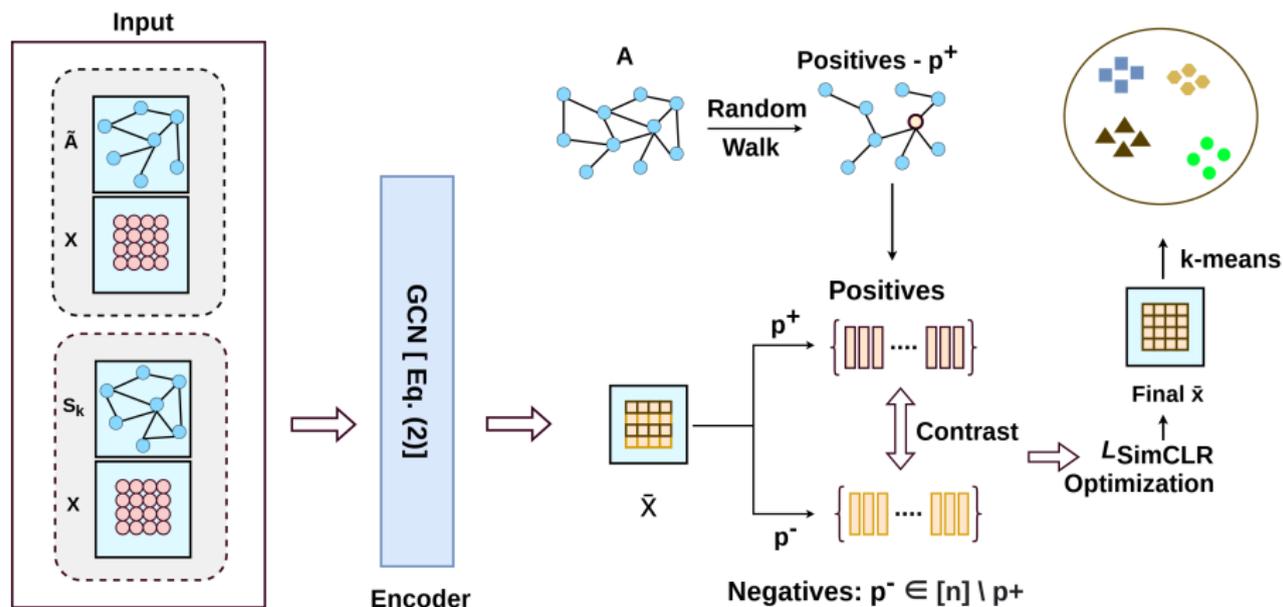


Figure: S<sup>3</sup>GC Algorithm

# Results on real world datasets

**Table: Comparison of clustering obtained by our method to several state-of-the-art methods.** We use the official implementations provided by the authors for all the methods. \* denotes that the method ran Out of Memory (OOM) while trying to run the experiments on the hardware. – indicates that the method did not converge.

Dataset	Metric	Baseline									Ours
		k-means	MinCutPool	METIS	Node2vec	DGI	DMoN	GRACE	BGRL	MVGRL	<b>S<sup>3</sup>GC</b>
Pubmed	NMI	0.314	0.214	0.297	0.288	0.322	0.257	0.308	0.315	<b>0.345</b>	0.333
ogbn-arxiv	NMI	0.216	0.380	0.345	0.406	0.412	0.356	*	0.321	*	<b>0.463</b>
Reddit	NMI	0.114	–	0.727	<b>0.792</b>	0.306	0.628	*	*	*	<b>0.807</b>
ogbn-products	NMI	0.273	0.430	0.468	0.489	0.467	0.428	*	*	*	<b>0.536</b>

# Scaling up to 100M nodes and 1.6B edges

**Table:** Results of comparison of the embeddings generated by our method as compared to different scalable methods on ogbn-papers100M with 111M nodes and 1.6B edges.

Method	ogbn-papers100M				
	Accuracy	NMI	CS	F1	ARI
k-means	0.144	0.368	0.342	0.101	0.074
Node2vec	<b>0.175</b>	0.380	0.352	<b>0.099</b>	<b>0.112</b>
DGI	0.151	0.416	0.386	<b>0.111</b>	0.096
<b>S<sup>3</sup>GC (Ours)</b>	<b>0.173</b>	<b>0.453</b>	<b>0.430</b>	<b>0.118</b>	<b>0.110</b>

- 1 We introduced  $S^3GC$ , a new method for scalable graph clustering with node feature side-information.
- 2 Our choice of the encoder, positive and negative node samples, and the loss function - makes our method scalable as well as generate clusterable embeddings.
- 3  $S^3GC$  is able to scale to graphs with 100M nodes while still ensuring SOTA clustering performance.

- [1] Yuchen Zhao and Philip S Yu. On graph stream clustering with side information. In *Proceedings of the 2013 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining*, pages 139–150. SIAM, 2013.