



# Augmentation-Free Self-Supervised Learning on Graphs

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# Introduction

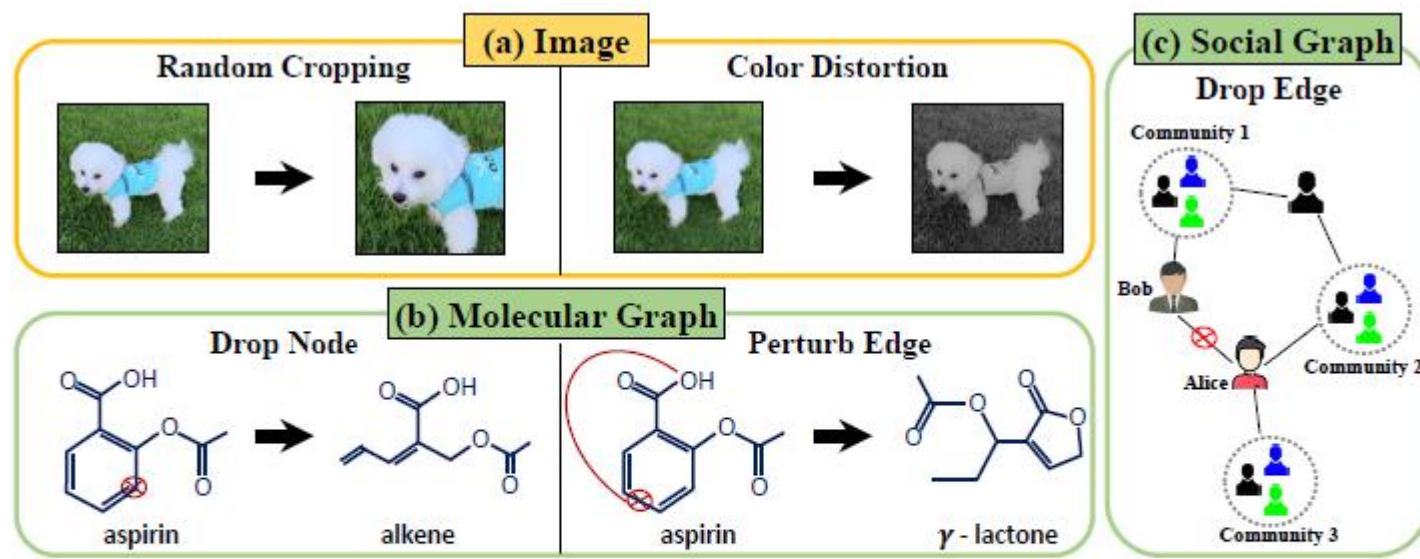


Figure 1: Augmentations on images ((a)) keep the underlying semantics, whereas augmentations on graphs ((b),(c)) may unexpectedly change the semantics.

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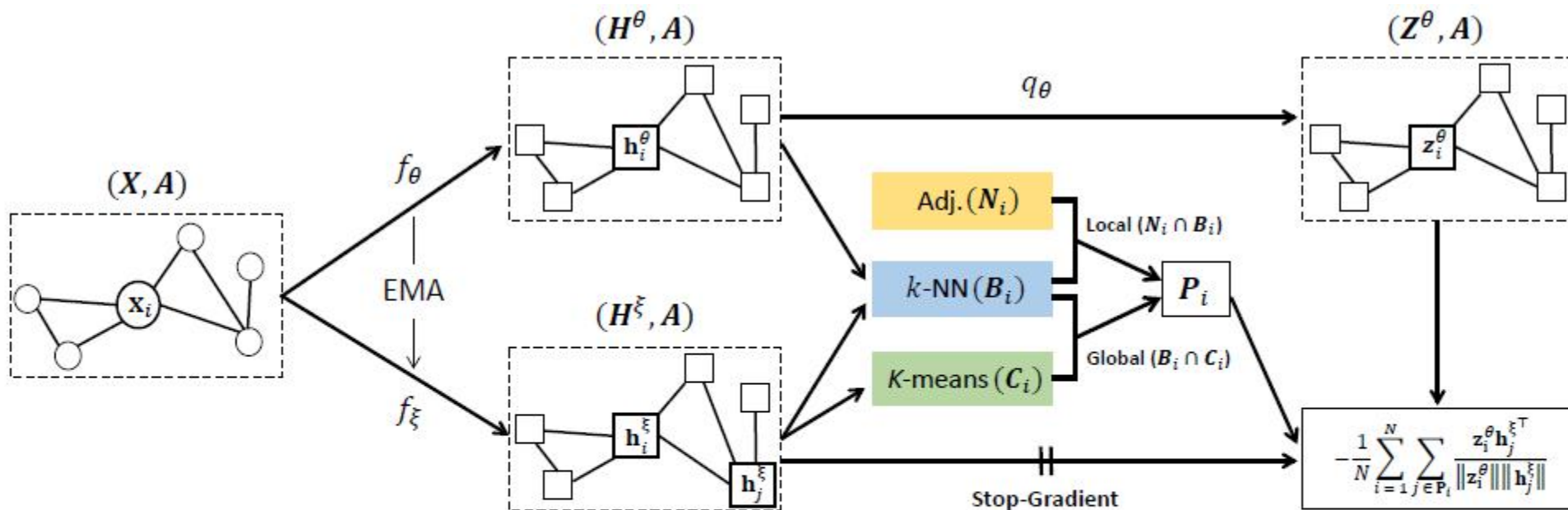
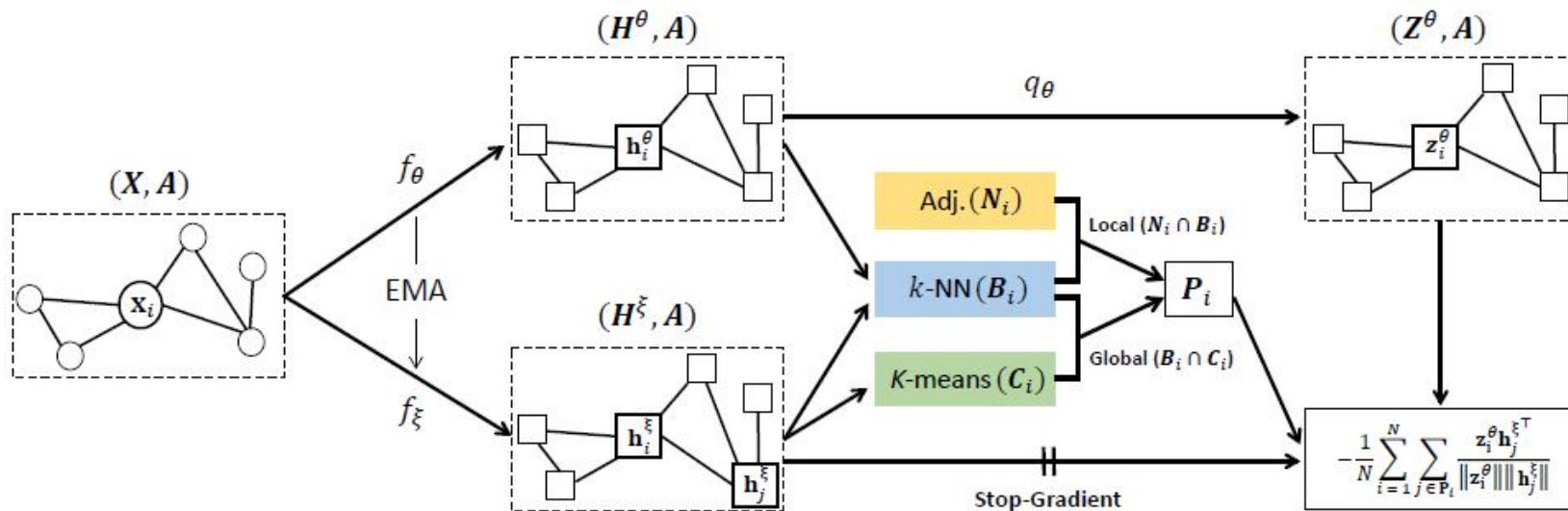
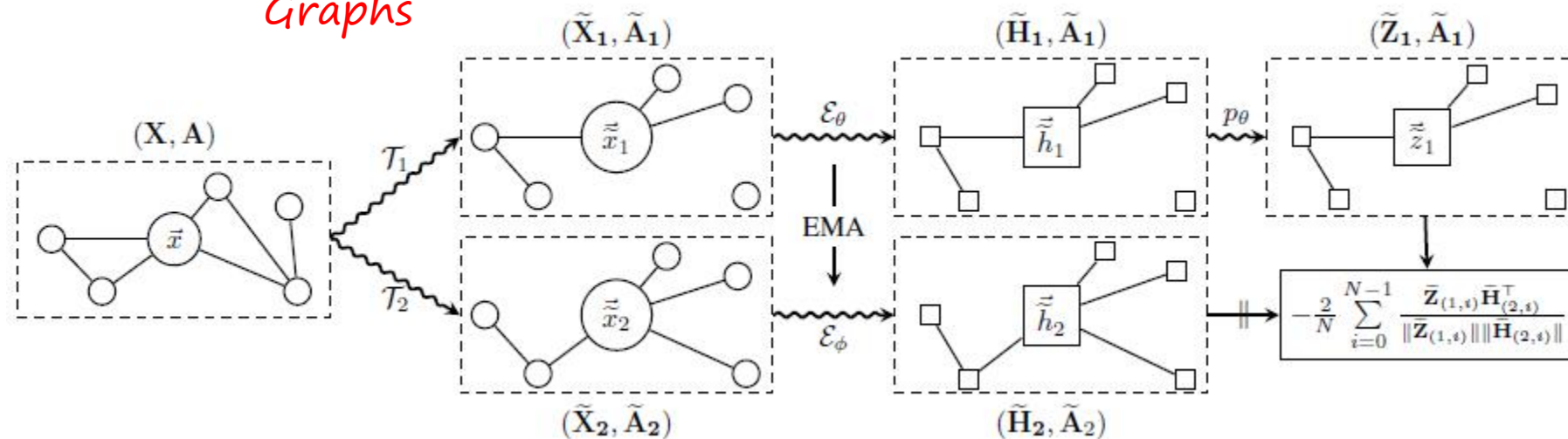


Figure 2: The overall architecture of AFGRL. Given a graph,  $f_\theta$  and  $f_\xi$  generate node embeddings  $\mathbf{H}^\theta$  and  $\mathbf{H}^\xi$  both of which are used to obtain  $k$ -NNs for node  $v_i$ , i.e.,  $B_i$ . Combining it with  $N_i$ , we obtain local positives, i.e.,  $B_i \cap N_i$ . To obtain global positives for node  $v_i$ ,  $K$ -means clustering is performed on  $\mathbf{H}^\xi$ , and the result  $C_i$  is combined with  $B_i$ , i.e.,  $B_i \cap C_i$ . Finally, we combine local and global positives to obtain real positives, i.e.,  $P_i$ . A predictor  $q_\theta$  projects  $\mathbf{H}^\theta$  to  $\mathbf{Z}^\theta$ , which is used to compute the final loss along with  $\mathbf{H}^\xi$ . Note that  $f_\theta$  is updated via gradient descent of the loss, whereas  $f_\xi$  is updated via EMA of  $f_\theta$ .

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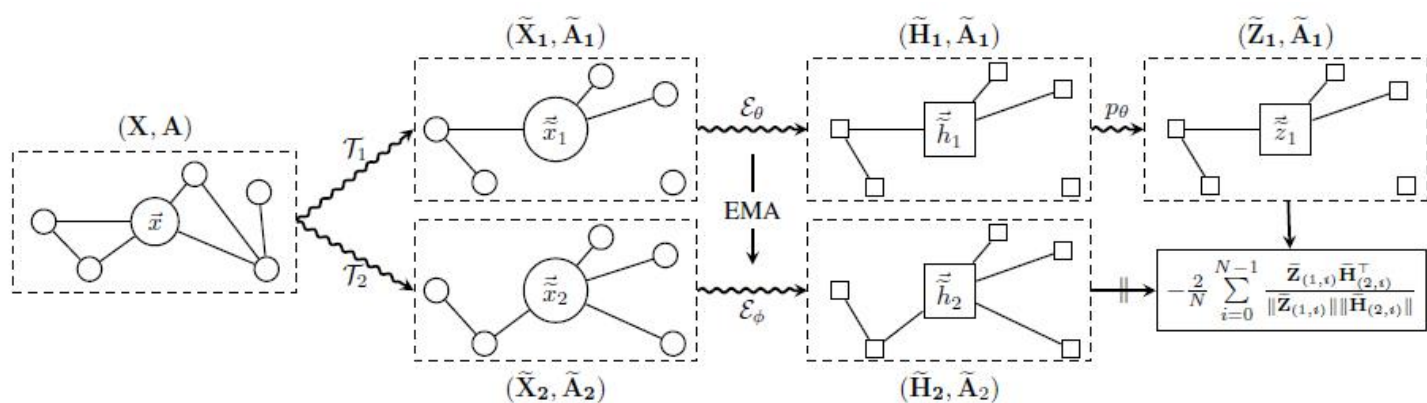


Figure 1: Overview of our proposed BGRL method. The original graph is first used to derive two different semantically similar views using augmentations  $\mathcal{T}_{1,2}$ . From these, we use encoders  $\mathcal{E}_{\theta,\phi}$  to form online and target node embeddings. The predictor  $p_\theta$  uses the online embedding  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_1$  to form a prediction  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_1$  of the target embedding  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_2$ . The final objective is then computed as the cosine similarity between  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_1$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_2$ , flowing gradients only through  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_1$ . The target parameters  $\phi$  are updated as an exponentially moving average of  $\theta$ .

$$\mathbf{G}_1 = (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_1) \text{ and } \mathbf{G}_2 = (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_2)$$

**node feature masking and edge masking**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_1 := \mathcal{E}_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_1) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_2 := \mathcal{E}_\phi(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_2)$$

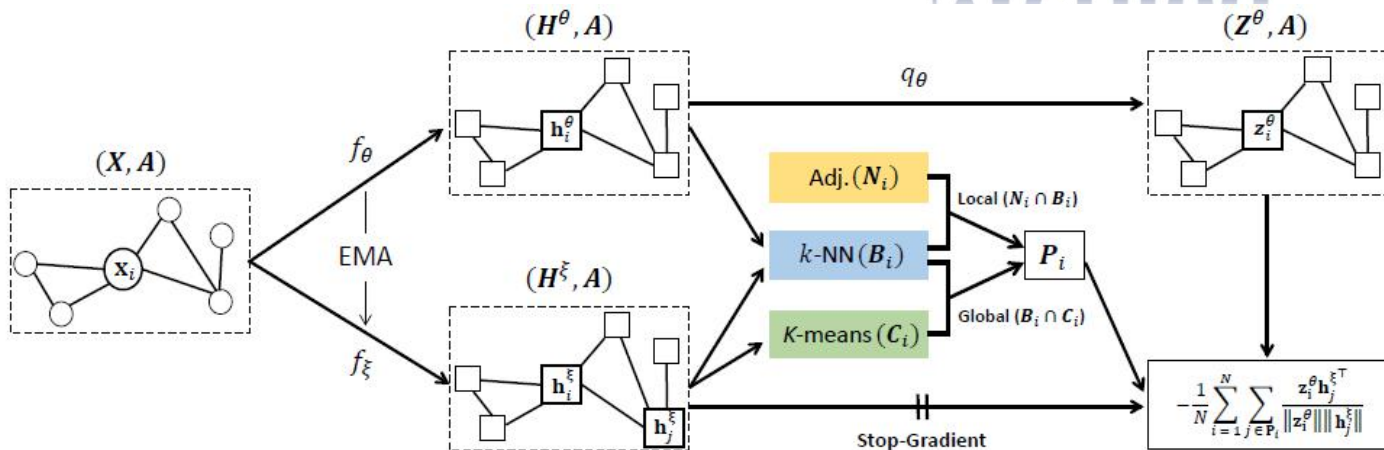
$$\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_1 := p_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_1)$$

$$\ell(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_{(1,i)} \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_{(2,i)}^\top}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_{(1,i)}\| \|\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_{(2,i)}\|} \quad (1)$$

$$\theta \leftarrow \text{optimize}(\theta, \eta, \partial_\theta \ell(\theta, \phi)), \quad (2)$$

$$\phi \leftarrow \tau \phi + (1 - \tau) \theta, \quad (3)$$

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$$\mathbf{H}^\theta = f_\theta(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) \quad \text{online encoder } f_\theta(\cdot)$$

$$\mathbf{H}^\xi = f_\xi(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}) \quad \text{target encoder } f_\xi(\cdot)$$

$$\text{sim}(v_i, v_j) = \frac{\mathbf{h}_i^\theta \cdot \mathbf{h}_j^\xi}{\|\mathbf{h}_i^\theta\| \|\mathbf{h}_j^\xi\|}, \forall v_j \in \mathcal{V} \quad (1)$$

*Capturing Local Structural Information*

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{Rand-GCN}} = \text{Rand-GCN}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A})$$

Rand.GCN + Adj

$$\mathbf{B}_i \cap \mathbf{N}_i \quad \text{locality} = \text{knn\_neighbor} * \text{adj}$$

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*Capturing Global Semantics*  
K-means

$$\mathbf{C}_i = \{v_j | v_j \in G_c(\mathbf{h}_i^\xi)\}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_i \cap \mathbf{C}_i$$

$$\mathbf{P}_i = (\mathbf{B}_i \cap \mathbf{N}_i) \cup (\mathbf{B}_i \cap \mathbf{C}_i) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta, \xi} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{v_j \in \mathbf{P}_i} \frac{\mathbf{z}_i^\theta \mathbf{h}_j^{\xi \top}}{\|\mathbf{z}_i^\theta\| \|\mathbf{h}_j^\xi\|}, \quad (3)$$

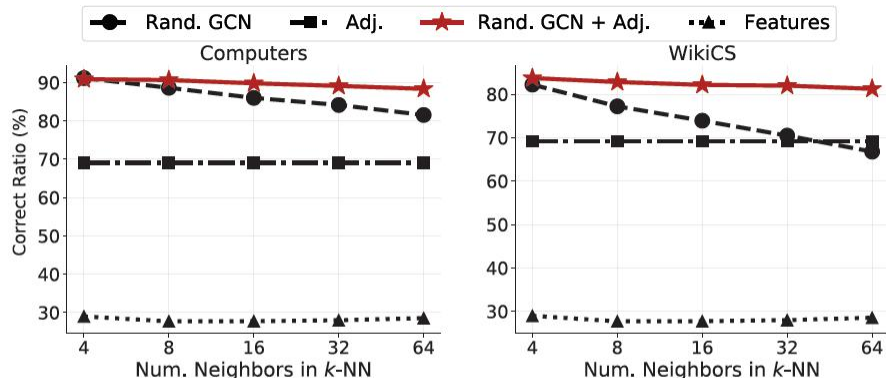


Figure 3: Analysis on the ratio of its neighboring nodes being the same label as the query node across different  $k$ s.

# Experiments

	WikiCS	Computers	Photo	Co.CS	Co.Physics
Sup. GCN	77.19 $\pm$ 0.12	86.51 $\pm$ 0.54	92.42 $\pm$ 0.22	93.03 $\pm$ 0.31	95.65 $\pm$ 0.16
Raw feats.	71.98 $\pm$ 0.00	73.81 $\pm$ 0.00	78.53 $\pm$ 0.00	90.37 $\pm$ 0.00	93.58 $\pm$ 0.00
node2vec	71.79 $\pm$ 0.05	84.39 $\pm$ 0.08	89.67 $\pm$ 0.12	85.08 $\pm$ 0.03	91.19 $\pm$ 0.04
DeepWalk	74.35 $\pm$ 0.06	85.68 $\pm$ 0.06	89.44 $\pm$ 0.11	84.61 $\pm$ 0.22	91.77 $\pm$ 0.15
DW + feats.	77.21 $\pm$ 0.03	86.28 $\pm$ 0.07	90.05 $\pm$ 0.08	87.70 $\pm$ 0.04	94.90 $\pm$ 0.09
DGI	75.35 $\pm$ 0.14	83.95 $\pm$ 0.47	91.61 $\pm$ 0.22	92.15 $\pm$ 0.63	94.51 $\pm$ 0.52
GMI	74.85 $\pm$ 0.08	82.21 $\pm$ 0.31	90.68 $\pm$ 0.17	OOM	OOM
MVGRL	77.52 $\pm$ 0.08	87.52 $\pm$ 0.11	91.74 $\pm$ 0.07	92.11 $\pm$ 0.12	95.33 $\pm$ 0.03
GRACE	<b>77.97</b> $\pm$ 0.63	86.50 $\pm$ 0.33	92.46 $\pm$ 0.18	92.17 $\pm$ 0.04	OOM
GCA	77.94 $\pm$ 0.67	87.32 $\pm$ 0.50	92.39 $\pm$ 0.33	92.84 $\pm$ 0.15	OOM
BGRL	76.86 $\pm$ 0.74	89.69 $\pm$ 0.37	93.07 $\pm$ 0.38	92.59 $\pm$ 0.14	95.48 $\pm$ 0.08
AFGRL	77.62 $\pm$ 0.49	<b>89.88</b> $\pm$ 0.33	<b>93.22</b> $\pm$ 0.28	<b>93.27</b> $\pm$ 0.17	<b>95.69</b> $\pm$ 0.10

Table 2: Performance on node classification (OOM: Out of memory on 24GB RTX3090).





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		GRACE	GCA	BGRL	AFGRL
WikiCS	NMI	<b>0.4282</b>	0.3373	0.3969	0.4132
	Hom.	<b>0.4423</b>	0.3525	0.4156	0.4307
Computers	NMI	0.4793	0.5278	0.5364	<b>0.5520</b>
	Hom.	0.5222	0.5816	0.5869	<b>0.6040</b>
Photo	NMI	0.6513	0.6443	<b>0.6841</b>	0.6563
	Hom.	0.6657	0.6575	<b>0.7004</b>	0.6743
Co.CS	NMI	0.7562	0.7620	0.7732	<b>0.7859</b>
	Hom.	0.7909	0.7965	0.8041	<b>0.8161</b>
Co.Physics	NMI	OOM	OOM	0.5568	<b>0.7289</b>
	Hom.	OOM	OOM	0.6018	<b>0.7354</b>

Table 3: Performance on node clustering in terms of NMI and homogeneity.



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		GRACE	GCA	BGRL	AFGRL
WikiCS	Sim@5	0.7754	0.7786	0.7739	<b>0.7811</b>
	Sim@10	0.7645	<b>0.7673</b>	0.7617	0.7660
Computers	Sim@5	0.8738	0.8826	0.8947	<b>0.8966</b>
	Sim@10	0.8643	0.8742	0.8855	<b>0.8890</b>
Photo	Sim@5	0.9155	0.9112	<b>0.9245</b>	0.9236
	Sim@10	0.9106	0.9052	<b>0.9195</b>	0.9173
Co.CS	Sim@5	0.9104	0.9126	0.9112	<b>0.9180</b>
	Sim@10	0.9059	0.9100	0.9086	<b>0.9142</b>
Co.Physics	Sim@5	OOM	OOM	0.9504	<b>0.9525</b>
	Sim@10	OOM	OOM	0.9464	<b>0.9486</b>

Table 4: Performance on similarity search. (Sim@ $n$ : Average ratio among  $n$  nearest neighbors sharing the same label as the query node.)

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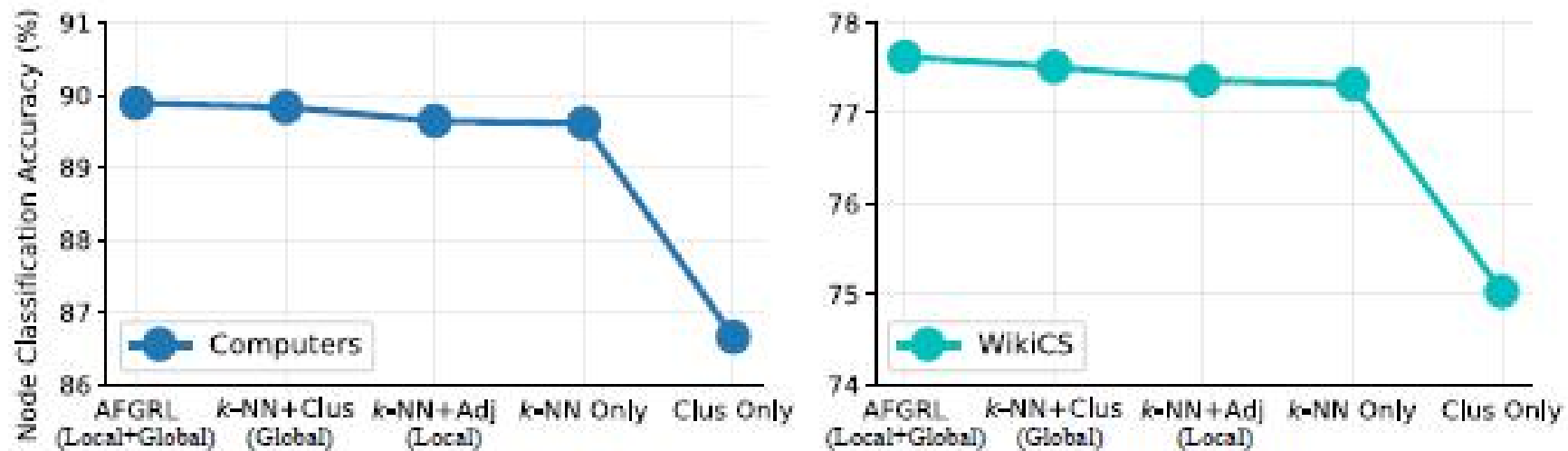


Figure 6: Ablation study on AFGRL.

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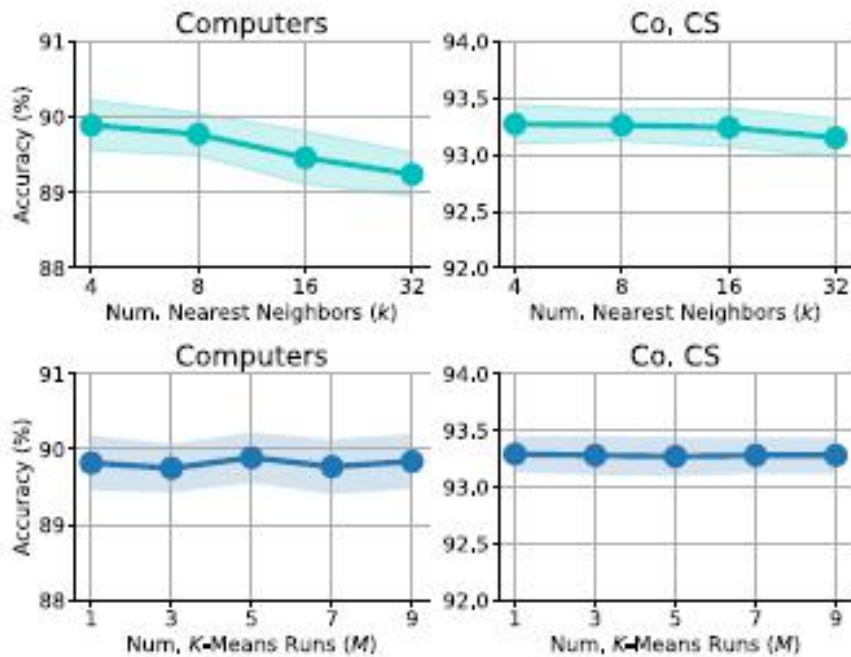


Figure 5: Sensitivity analysis.

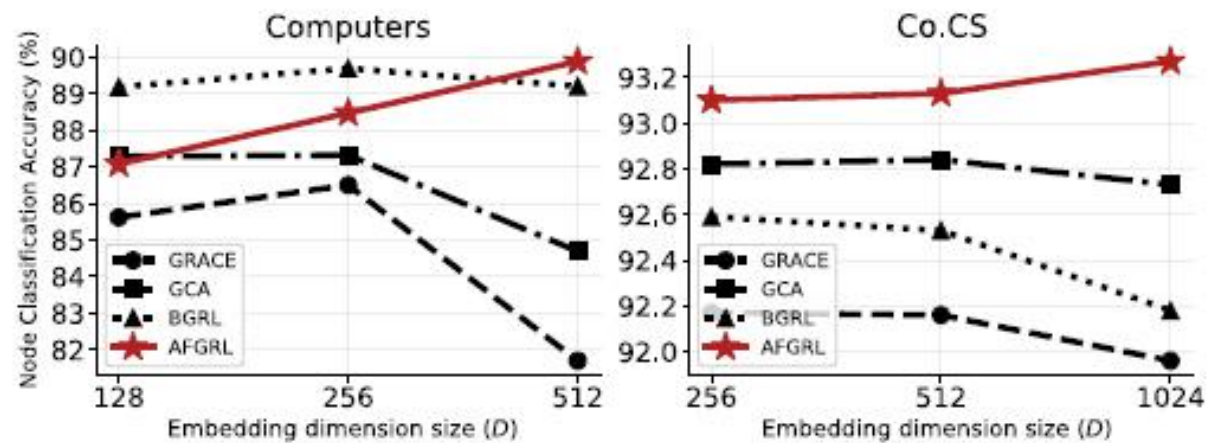


Figure 7: Effect of embedding dimension size ( $D$ ).

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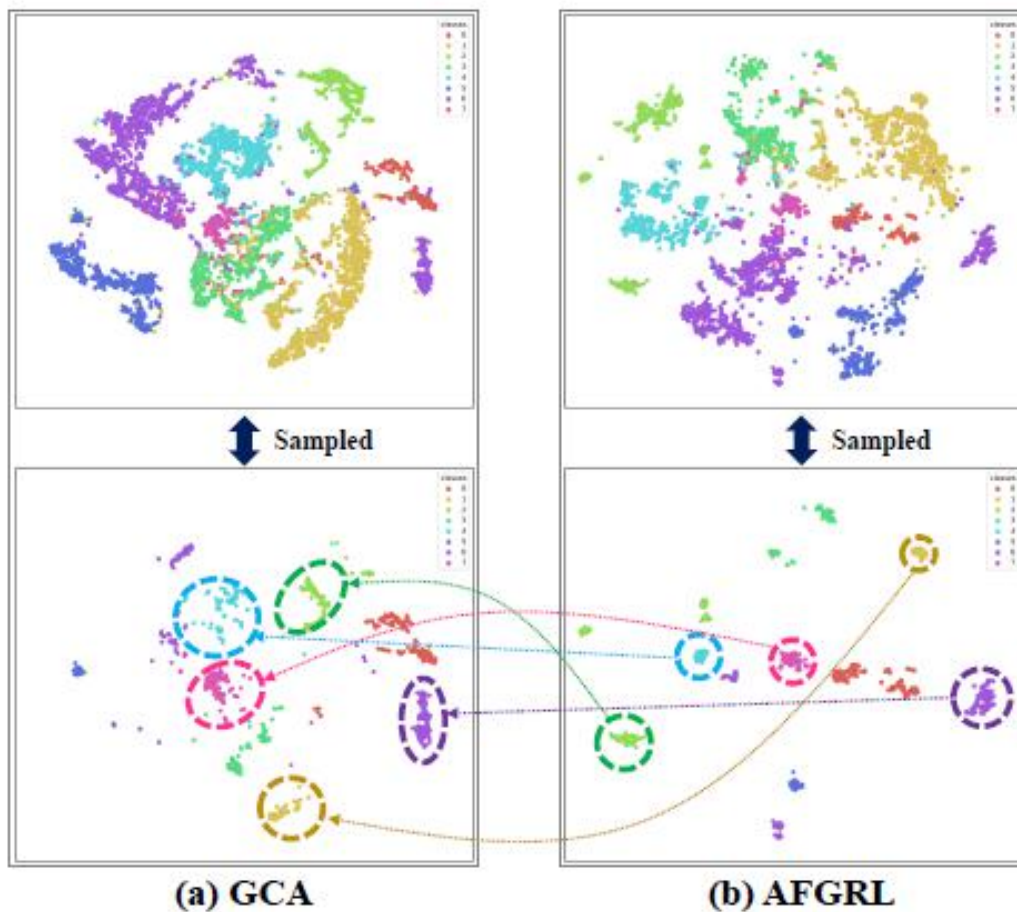


Figure 8: t-SNE embeddings of nodes in *Photo* dataset.



**Thank you!**