



### **Augmentations in Hypergraph Contrastive Learning: Fabricated and Generative**

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## Background



- □ **Hypergraphs** have raised a surge of interest in the research community
- Powerful tool to capture higher-order relations and model complicated topological structures in broad applications:
  - Recommender Systems: User Relations

Financial Analyses: Industry Groupings

Bioinformatics: Protein Complexes







### Problem



**Label scarcity scenarios:** ubiquitous in real-world applications of hypergraphs



Restrict the **generalizability** of HyperGNNs!

□ Inspired by emerging self-supervised learning on images/graphs → leverage **contrastive self-supervision** on hypergraphs



# Augmentation in Hypergraphs



□ **Bad view construction** would result in negative transfer



Doesn't perform well!

Non-trivial to build hypergraph views due to their overly intricate topology
 > Overly intricate topology

 $\sum_{e=1}^{N} \binom{N}{e}$  possibilities for one hyperedge on N vertices!

□ Propose the first hypergraph generative augmentation in a data-driven manner

> Parameterize the augmentation space in a learnable manner



# **Comparison with Existing Work**

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 $\hfill\square$  Contrasting between the hypergraph and corresponding clique-expanded graph

Cause information loss



□ Fabricated Augmentations on Graph

- Can be applied to hypergraph
- Rely on domain knowledge

□ Our method generates better augmented views in a **data-driven manner** 

- ➢ Novel hypergraph generator → parameterize a certain augmentation space of hypergraphs
- ➤ End-to-end pipeline → jointly learn hypergraph augmentations and model parameters



**5** - Matthias Hein, et al. "**The total variation on hypergraphs-learning on hypergraphs revisited.**" *NeurIPS 2013.* Pan Li, et al. "**Submodular hypergraphs: p-laplacians, cheeger inequalities and spectral clustering.**" *ICML 2018.* 

# Method: Hypergraph Generative Models

□ **Proposed method**: a novel variational hypergraph auto-encoder architecture (**VHGAE**) to parametrize the augmentation space of **edge perturbation** 

□ Encoder: embeds the vertex and hyperedge representation with variational distribution

$$\mu_{\mathcal{V}}, \mu_{\mathcal{E}} = h_1^{\mu}(\mathcal{G}), \qquad \log(\sigma_{\mathcal{V}}), \log(\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}) = h_1^{\sigma}(\mathcal{G}),$$





## **Method: Hypergraph Generative Models**

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 $\Box$  The sampled vertex and hyperedge representation  $z_{\mathcal{E}}, z_{\mathcal{V}}$ 

**Decoder** attempts to reconstruct the higher-order relations of hypergraph

$$p(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}|z_{\mathcal{V}}, z_{\mathcal{E}}) = \prod_{e=1}^{|\mathcal{E}|} \prod_{v=1}^{|\mathcal{V}|} p(\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_{v,e}|z_v, z_e) = \prod_{e=1}^{|\mathcal{E}|} \prod_{v=1}^{|\mathcal{V}|} \operatorname{Sigmoid}(z_v^T z_e),$$
Relation Reconstruction

□ Optimize the evidence lower bound (ELBO):

Variational Regularization

$$ELBO = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z_{\mathcal{E}}|\mathcal{G})} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(z_{\mathcal{V}}|\mathcal{G})} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(\mathcal{G}|z_{v}, z_{e}) \right] - \mathrm{KL}[q_{\phi}(z_{\mathcal{V}} \mid \mathcal{G}) \mid p(z_{\mathcal{V}})] - \mathrm{KL}[q_{\phi}(z_{\mathcal{E}} \mid \mathcal{G}) \mid p(z_{\mathcal{E}})]],$$

$$\overbrace{\mathcal{G}}$$

$$Encoder$$

$$q_{\phi}(z_{\mathcal{E}}|\mathcal{G}), q_{\phi}(z_{\mathcal{V}}|\mathcal{G})$$

$$Sample$$

$$z_{\mathcal{E}}, z_{\mathcal{V}}$$

$$Decoder$$

$$p(\mathcal{G}|z_{\mathcal{V}}, z_{\mathcal{E}})$$



# **Method: Jointly Augmenting and Contrasting**



Main barrier: the **discrete sampling** of hyperedges which is **non-differentiable** To tackle it,

$$T(\mathcal{G}) = \text{Gumbel-Softmax}(p(\mathcal{G} \mid z_{\mathcal{V}}, z_{\mathcal{E}})) \quad \text{Differential Sampling} \\ = \text{Sigmoid}((w_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{E}} + \log(\delta) - \log(1 - \delta))/\tau) \\ \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_{gen} = T(\mathcal{G}) \circ \mathcal{G},$$

VHGAE Optimization

HyperGNN Optimization



- Generator loss (-ELBO) to be minimized
- > Maximizing CL loss in VHGAE to avoid capturing redundant information



### **Evaluation**



#### Data Sets

Vertex Classification

|                 | Cora | Citeseer | Pubmed | Cora-CA | DBLP-CA | Zoo  | 20News | Mushroom | NTU2012 | ModelNet40 | Yelp   | House | Walmart |
|-----------------|------|----------|--------|---------|---------|------|--------|----------|---------|------------|--------|-------|---------|
| $ \mathcal{V} $ | 2708 | 3312     | 19717  | 2708    | 41302   | 101  | 16242  | 8124     | 2012    | 12311      | 50758  | 1290  | 88860   |
| $ \mathcal{E} $ | 1579 | 1079     | 7963   | 1072    | 22363   | 43   | 100    | 298      | 2012    | 12311      | 679302 | 341   | 69906   |
| # feature       | 1433 | 3703     | 500    | 1433    | 1425    | 16   | 100    | 22       | 100     | 100        | 1862   | 100   | 100     |
| # class         | 7    | 6        | 3      | 7       | 6       | 7    | 4      | 2        | 67      | 40         | 9      | 2     | 11      |
| $h_{e}$         | 0.86 | 0.83     | 0.88   | 0.88    | 0.93    | 0.66 | 0.73   | 0.96     | 0.87    | 0.92       | 0.57   | 0.58  | 0.75    |
| $h_v$           | 0.84 | 0.78     | 0.79   | 0.79    | 0.88    | 0.35 | 0.49   | 0.87     | 0.81    | 0.88       | 0.26   | 0.52  | 0.55    |

### **D** Metrics

- Accuracy (for generalization and robustness)
- Statistical Parity and Equalized Odds (for fairness)

### □ Baselines

- Fabricated Augmentation Operations
- Existing self-supervised learning methods between hypergraph and clique-expanded graph

#### Augmentation Operations

| Name | Operation                          |
|------|------------------------------------|
| A0   | Identity                           |
| A1   | Naïve Hyperedge Perturbation       |
| A2   | Generalized Hyperedge Perturbation |
| A3   | Vertex Dropping                    |
| A4   | Attribute Masking                  |
| A5   | Subgraph                           |
| Ā6   | Generative Augmentation            |



### **Evaluation: Generalization**

| Artificate Istrational |
|------------------------|
|                        |

|                             |           | Cora             | Citeseer                    | Pubmed                      | Cora-CA                     | DBLP-CA                     | Zoo               | 20Newsgroups                | Mushroom         |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
|                             | SetGNN    | $67.93 \pm 1.27$ | $63.53 \pm 1.32$            | $84.33 \pm 0.36$            | $72.21 \pm 1.51$            | $89.51 \pm 0.18$            | $65.06 \pm 12.82$ | $79.37 \pm 0.35$            | $99.75 \pm 0.11$ |
| <b>Existing SS methods</b>  | Self      | $68.24 \pm 1.12$ | $62.49 \pm 1.48$            | $84.38 \pm 0.38$            | $72.74 \pm 1.53$            | $89.51 \pm 0.23$            | $5/.35 \pm 18.32$ | $79.45 \pm 0.32$            | $95.83 \pm 0.23$ |
|                             | Con       | $68.89 \pm 1.80$ | $62.82 \pm 1.21$            | $84.50 \pm 0.34$            | $73.22 \pm 1.03$            | $89.59 \pm 0.13$            | $61.05 \pm 14.54$ | $79.49 \pm 0.45$            | $95.85 \pm 0.31$ |
|                             | AU<br>A 1 | $08.39 \pm 1.33$ | $62.23 \pm 2.13$            | $84.34 \pm 0.42$            | $71.85 \pm 1.02$            | $89.02 \pm 0.24$            | $62.37 \pm 13.84$ | $79.07 \pm 0.40$            | $99.77 \pm 0.17$ |
|                             | AI        | $72.39 \pm 1.34$ | $66.28 \pm 1.27$            | $85.17 \pm 0.37$            | $75.45 \pm 1.54$            | $89.83 \pm 0.21$            | $65.80 \pm 13.31$ | $79.47 \pm 0.32$            | $99.80 \pm 0.14$ |
| Fabricated Augmentations    | A2        | $72.58 \pm 1.09$ | $66.40 \pm 1.35$            | $85.16 \pm 0.38$            | $75.62 \pm 1.42$            | $90.22 \pm 0.23$            | $66.35 \pm 13.26$ | $79.56 \pm 0.42$            | $99.80 \pm 0.17$ |
| i upi icuted muginemution   | A3        | $72.33 \pm 1.23$ | $65.79 \pm 1.18$            | $85.24 \pm 0.28$            | $75.34 \pm 1.40$            | $89.85 \pm 0.16$            | $65.79 \pm 14.05$ | $79.47 \pm 0.34$            | $99.81 \pm 0.10$ |
|                             | A4        | $72.95 \pm 1.19$ | $66.22 \pm 0.95$            | $84.88 \pm 0.38$            | $75.29 \pm 1.56$            | $90.10 \pm 0.18$            | $62.59 \pm 12.77$ | $79.45 \pm 0.48$            | $99.80 \pm 0.14$ |
|                             | A5        | $67.96 \pm 0.99$ | $63.21 \pm 1.25$            | $84.48 \pm 0.40$            | $72.61 \pm 1.86$            | $89.75 \pm 0.24$            | $62.47 \pm 12.39$ | $79.42 \pm 0.52$            | $99.79 \pm 0.10$ |
| Our Generative Augmentation | n A6      | $73.12 \pm 1.48$ | $66.94 \pm 1.00$            | $85.72 \pm 0.38$            | $76.21 \pm 1.26$            | $90.28 \pm 0.19$            | 66.89 ± 12.44     | $79.78 \pm 0.40$            | 99.86 ± 0.10     |
|                             |           | NTU2012          | ModelNet40                  | Yelp                        | House (0.6)                 | House (1.0)                 | Walmart (0.6)     | Walmart (1.0)               | Avg. Rank        |
|                             | SetGNN    | $73.86 \pm 1.62$ | $95.85 \pm 0.38$            | $28.78 \pm 1.51$            | $68.54 \pm 1.89$            | $58.34 \pm 2.25$            | $74.97 \pm 0.22$  | $59.13 \pm 0.20$            | 7.71             |
|                             | Self      | $73.41 \pm 1.65$ | $95.83 \pm 0.23$            | $23.49 \pm 4.15$            | $67.75 \pm 3.29$            | $58.54 \pm 2.16$            | $74.76 \pm 0.20$  | $58.83 \pm 0.21$            | 8.64             |
|                             | Con       | $73.27 \pm 1.53$ | $95.85 \pm 0.31$            | $26.14 \pm 1.86$            | $68.50 \pm 2.52$            | $58.56 \pm 2.42$            | $75.17 \pm 0.21$  | $59.39 \pm 0.20$            | 7.07             |
|                             | A0        | $73.54 \pm 1.93$ | $95.92 \pm 0.18$            | $29.43 \pm 1.42$            | $67.48 \pm 3.21$            | $57.39 \pm 2.37$            | $73.14 \pm 0.21$  | $56.49 \pm 0.60$            | 8.21             |
|                             | A1        | $74.71 \pm 1.81$ | $95.87 \pm 0.27$            | $27.18 \pm 0.71$            | $68.64 \pm 2.99$            | $58.10 \pm 3.22$            | $75.42 \pm 0.13$  | $60.09 \pm 0.25$            | 4.50             |
|                             | A2        | $74.88 \pm 1.66$ | $96.56 \pm 0.34$            | $31.39 \pm 2.45$            | $69.73 \pm 2.60$            | $58.90 \pm 1.97$            | $75.50 \pm 0.18$  | $60.19 \pm 0.20$            | 2.29             |
|                             | A3        | $74.68 \pm 1.74$ | $\overline{96.48 \pm 0.29}$ | $\overline{27.57 \pm 1.00}$ | $\overline{67.88 \pm 2.90}$ | $58.51 \pm 2.22$            | $75.29 \pm 0.23$  | $\overline{60.19 \pm 0.20}$ | 4.71             |
|                             | A4        | $74.83 \pm 1.75$ | $95.86 \pm 0.28$            | $29.64 \pm 1.93$            | $69.56 \pm 2.89$            | $58.91 \pm 2.69$            | $75.43 \pm 0.18$  | $59.90 \pm 0.24$            | 4.14             |
|                             | A5        | $74.41 \pm 1.86$ | $96.46 \pm 0.33$            | $29.24 \pm 1.42$            | $68.14 \pm 2.97$            | $\overline{57.70 \pm 2.98}$ | $75.26 \pm 0.18$  | $59.81 \pm 0.22$            | 6.71             |
|                             | A6        | 75.34 ± 1.91     | 96.93 ± 0.33                | $34.64 \pm 0.39$            | $70.96 \pm 2.27$            | 59.93 ± 1.99                | $75.62 \pm 0.16$  | $60.46 \pm 0.20$            | 1.00             |

□ Proposed generative augmentation (A6) achieves **substantial improvements** 



### **Evaluation: Robustness & Fairness**



#### Robustness

|        |                  | Cora             |                  |                  | Citeseer         |                  | ModelNet40       |                  |                  |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|        | Random           | Net              | Minmax           | Random           | Net              | Minmax           | Random           | Net              | Minmax           |
| SetGNN | $66.87 \pm 1.33$ | $66.26 \pm 1.54$ | $66.58 \pm 1.02$ | $62.89 \pm 1.57$ | $62.81 \pm 1.32$ | $62.21 \pm 1.64$ | $95.74 \pm 0.22$ | $95.41 \pm 0.28$ | $93.33 \pm 0.26$ |
| A2     | $71.90 \pm 1.63$ | $71.16 \pm 0.92$ | $70.86 \pm 1.22$ | $66.41 \pm 1.08$ | $65.38 \pm 1.47$ | $64.69 \pm 0.98$ | $96.09 \pm 0.17$ | $95.52 \pm 0.24$ | $93.64 \pm 0.26$ |
| A4     | $72.11 \pm 1.60$ | $70.49 \pm 1.29$ | $70.52 \pm 1.39$ | $65.94 \pm 1.24$ | $65.15 \pm 1.70$ | $64.12 \pm 1.19$ | $95.79 \pm 0.27$ | $95.44 \pm 0.25$ | $93.35 \pm 0.24$ |
| A6     | $72.15 \pm 1.70$ | 71.94 ± 1.48     | 71.98 ± 1.36     | 66.60 ± 1.61     | $65.68 \pm 1.09$ | 65.51 ± 1.13     | $96.58 \pm 0.24$ | $96.23 \pm 0.23$ | $94.82 \pm 0.33$ |
|        |                  | NTU2012          |                  |                  | House (0.6)      |                  |                  | House (1.0)      |                  |
|        | Random           | Net              | Minmax           | Random           | Net              | Minmax           | Random           | Net              | Minmax           |
| SetGNN | $73.84 \pm 2.18$ | $73.38 \pm 1.36$ | $70.71 \pm 1.89$ | $67.16 \pm 2.55$ | $68.88 \pm 2.68$ | $64.78 \pm 2.20$ | $56.86 \pm 1.93$ | $59.95 \pm 1.92$ | $56.52 \pm 2.52$ |
| A2     | $74.50 \pm 2.03$ | $73.86 \pm 1.84$ | $71.40 \pm 1.64$ | $67.71 \pm 2.94$ | $69.59 \pm 2.32$ | $65.23 \pm 2.89$ | $57.74 \pm 2.70$ | $60.73 \pm 2.30$ | $57.00 \pm 1.94$ |
| A4     | $73.73 \pm 1.59$ | $73.72 \pm 1.59$ | $71.06 \pm 1.53$ | $67.55 \pm 2.41$ | $68.85 \pm 1.38$ | $64.97 \pm 3.35$ | $57.47 \pm 2.72$ | $60.10 \pm 1.74$ | $56.65 \pm 2.26$ |
| A6     | $75.06 \pm 1.97$ | 74.37 ± 1.99     | $72.09 \pm 1.98$ | $69.88 \pm 3.27$ | $73.14 \pm 2.71$ | 68.84 ± 2.71     | $60.06 \pm 2.07$ | 62.41 ± 1.77     | $58.76 \pm 2.24$ |

#### Fairness

| data set         | Method | AUROC            | F1               | $\Delta_{SP}(\downarrow)$   | $\Delta_{EO}(\downarrow)$ |
|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                  | SetGNN | $59.16 \pm 2.51$ | $81.84 \pm 0.93$ | $2.65\pm5.62$               | $4.06 \pm 6.76$           |
| Compon Cradit    | A2     | $59.81 \pm 3.00$ | $82.26 \pm 0.13$ | $0.55\pm0.95$               | $0.78 \pm 0.70$           |
| German Credit    | A4     | $59.66 \pm 3.83$ | $80.54 \pm 3.52$ | $3.03 \pm 6.54$             | $5.07 \pm 7.81$           |
|                  | A6     | $59.88 \pm 3.04$ | $82.36 \pm 0.38$ | $\underline{0.95 \pm 0.92}$ | $0.47 \pm 0.56$           |
|                  | SetGNN | $96.51 \pm 0.48$ | $89.84 \pm 0.97$ | $8.63 \pm 0.50$             | $4.16 \pm 0.51$           |
| Pagidivism       | A2     | $96.34 \pm 0.39$ | $90.09 \pm 0.53$ | $8.53\pm0.52$               | $3.92 \pm 0.68$           |
| Recluivisili     | A4     | $96.45 \pm 0.35$ | $89.75 \pm 0.68$ | $8.49 \pm 0.27$             | $3.49 \pm 0.66$           |
|                  | A6     | $96.55 \pm 0.54$ | $89.22\pm0.55$   | $\underline{8.51 \pm 0.25}$ | $3.13 \pm 0.64$           |
|                  | SetGNN | $73.46 \pm 0.17$ | $87.91 \pm 0.27$ | $2.79 \pm 0.99$             | $0.98 \pm 0.69$           |
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| Clean defaulter  | A4     | $73.58 \pm 0.19$ | $87.92 \pm 0.25$ | $2.84 \pm 1.14$             | $1.38 \pm 0.32$           |
|                  | A6     | $73.78 \pm 0.16$ | $88.03 \pm 0.14$ | $2.58 \pm 0.91$             | $0.81 \pm 0.37$           |

- □ First robustness and fairness evaluation for hypergraphs
- **Robust** against adversarial attacks
- □ **Fair** w.r.t. sensitive attributes



### Conclusion

- Problem: Label scarcity scenarios of Hypergraph Application
- Algorithms: Generative Hypergraph Contrastive Learning (HyperGCL)
   Parametrize the augmentation space
  - Jointly learn augmentation and model
- Evaluation: Effectiveness on generalization, robustness, and fairness
  - Vertex Classification











# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

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