



Self-Supervised Graph Transformer on Large Molecular Data

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Contributions



- GROVER: Graph Representation frOm self-superVised mEssage passing tRansformer
- Overview of this molecular representation learning framework



Integrating message passing networks with the Transformer-style architecture

delivers

More expressive encoders of molecules

Carefully designed selfsupervised tasks in node, edge & graph levels

enables

Rich structural and semantic information of molecules from enormous unlabeled data

GTransformer Architecture



Output for both node embedding and edge embeddings.

- Multi-Head Attention: model global interaction between nodes/edges.
- Long-range Residual Connection: alleviating the vanishing gradient and oversmoothing.
- **MPNN**: Extract local structural information of graphs.
- **dyMPN**: Randomize the message passing hops for the dynamic receptive field modeling.







Better generalization



Self-supervised Tasks Construction



Good self-supervision task shall have *reliable* and *cheap* prediction target

Node/edge level task: contextual property prediction

target reflects contextual property: recurrent statistical properties of local subgraph

A multi-class classification problem

Graph level task: **motif** prediction

Motifs: recurrent sub-graphs, such as functional groups.

A multi-label classification problem





Experimental Results



Pre-training GROVER with 100M params on 10M unlabelled molecules Verifying on downstream tasks with fine-tuning Significant improvement (more than 6% on average) over SOTA models on 11 challenging benchmarks

Classification (Higher is better)						
Dataset	BBBP	SIDER	ClinTox	BACE	Tox21	ToxCast
# Molecules	2039	1427	1478	1513	7831	8575
TF_Robust [40]	$0.860_{(0.087)}$	$0.607_{(0.033)}$	$0.765_{(0.085)}$	$0.824_{(0.022)}$	$0.698_{(0.012)}$	$0.585_{(0.031)}$
GraphConv [24]	$0.877_{(0.036)}$	$0.593_{(0.035)}$	$0.845_{(0.051)}$	$0.854_{(0.011)}$	$0.772_{(0.041)}$	$0.650_{(0.025)}$
Weave [23]	$0.837_{(0.065)}$	$0.543_{(0.034)}$	$0.823_{(0.023)}$	$0.791_{(0.008)}$	$0.741_{(0.044)}$	$0.678_{(0.024)}$
SchNet [45]	$0.847_{(0.024)}$	$0.545_{(0.038)}$	$0.717_{(0.042)}$	$0.750_{(0.033)}$	$0.767_{(0.025)}$	$0.679_{(0.021)}$
MPNN [13]	$0.913_{(0.041)}$	$0.595_{(0.030)}$	$0.879_{(0.054)}$	$0.815_{(0.044)}$	$0.808_{(0.024)}$	$0.691_{(0.013)}$
DMPNN [63]	$0.919_{(0.030)}$	$0.632_{(0.023)}$	$0.897_{(0.040)}$	$0.852_{(0.053)}$	$0.826_{(0.023)}$	$0.718_{(0.011)}$
MGCN [30]	$0.850_{(0.064)}$	$0.552_{(0.018)}$	$0.634_{(0.042)}$	$0.734_{(0.030)}$	$0.707_{(0.016)}$	$0.663_{(0.009)}$
AttentiveFP [61]	$0.908_{(0.050)}$	$0.605_{(0.060)}$	$0.933_{(0.020)}$	$0.863_{(0.015)}$	$0.807_{(0.020)}$	$0.579_{(0.001)}$
N-GRAM [29]	$0.912_{(0.013)}$	$0.632_{(0.005)}$	$0.855_{(0.037)}$	$0.876_{(0.035)}$	$0.769_{(0.027)}$	_4
HU. et.al[18]	$0.915_{(0.040)}$	$0.614_{(0.006)}$	$0.762_{(0.058)}$	$0.851_{(0.027)}$	$0.811_{(0.015)}$	$0.714_{(0.019)}$
GROVER _{base}	$0.936_{(0.008)}$	$0.656_{(0.006)}$	$0.925_{(0.013)}$	$0.878_{(0.016)}$	$0.819_{(0.020)}$	$0.723_{(0.010)}$
GROVER _{large}	$0.940_{(0.019)}$	$0.658_{(0.023)}$	$0.944_{(0.021)}$	$0.894_{(0.028)}$	$0.831_{(0.025)}$	$0.737_{(0.010)}$



Code and models will be released soon.