

Can simple pre-training be as effective as self-supervised learning (in ADME modeling)?



The Problem

- Build generalizable ADMET predictors
- from datasets with varying sizes & diversity for several ADMET endpoints
- Learn & predict the endpoints simultaneously

The Problem

Multi-Task Graph Neural Network (GNN) Model



- **GNN** can in theory produce **expressive** representations
- Sub-optimal representations due to small ADMET datasets

Mitigation: Pre-Training

Multi-Task Graph Neural Network (GNN) Model



Examples of Self-Supervised Learning

Recent publications

- Context Prediction of Atoms (GNN-based)
 - Hu, Weihua, Bowen Liu, Joseph Gomes, Marinka Zitnik, Percy Liang, Vijay Pande, and Jure Leskovec. 2019. "Strategies for Pre-Training Graph Neural Networks." arXiv [cs.LG]. arXiv. <u>http://arxiv.org/abs/1905.12265</u>.
 - Rong, Yu, Yatao Bian, Tingyang Xu, Weiyang Xie, Ying Wei, Wenbing Huang, and Junzhou Huang. 2020.
 "Self-Supervised Graph Transformer on Large-Scale Molecular Data." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33.

Data Augmentation & Contrastive Loss (GNN-based)

 Wang, Yuyang, Jianren Wang, Zhonglin Cao, and Amir Barati Farimani. 2021. "MolCLR: Molecular Contrastive Learning of Representations via Graph Neural Networks." *arXiv [cs.LG]*. arXiv. http://arxiv.org/abs/2102.10056.

Language Models (LSTM-based)

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A **simpler** pre-training strategy ...

Model Pre-training

Learns thousands of pre-training tasks



GC: Graph Convolution MLP: Multi-Layer Perceptron Readout is a pooling operation: sum or mean



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Sub-structures provide full coverage



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Model Fine-tuning

Fine-tune the pre-trained model on downstream tasks (ADMET)



Pre-training Data

Millions of diverse compounds from public and commercial sources



Can a GNN learn thousands of tasks?



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Regression labels are standardized

Clustering with the learned embeddings



Clustering: ECFP vs. GNN Embedding



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2D Embedding





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How different embedding methods compare?



Average Performance on 20 ADMET Endpoints



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Ranking Performance: Classification



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Ranking Performance: Regression



Key takeaways

- Pre-training tasks align with human intuition
- •Learning them forces the model to generate meaningful embeddings
- Generated embeddings are predictive for ADME
- Simple & effective

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