

1 We thank all reviewers for the comments and the following response will be reflected in the final version.

2 **Complexity** (Rev1234): In solving equilibrium equation (2b), (3) for fixed-point state and (8) for gradient, we iterate
 3 the equations and the iterations converge when the well-posedness condition is satisfied as we mention in line 199
 4 and 238. At training and test time, the equilibrium equations are iterated to convergence until the 2-norm difference
 5 between the LHS and RHS is less than some threshold epsilon. The convergence is guaranteed by well-posedness
 6 theory introduced in Section 4.1. In fact, the convergence is exponential both in theory and in practice. In terms of the
 7 projection step after a gradient update, projection onto $\|W\|_\infty \leq \kappa < 1$ ball can be decomposed over rows with each
 8 row w_i given by a projection onto $\|w_i\|_1 \leq \kappa$, for which a straight forward $O(n \log n)$ algorithm exists using bisection.
 9 Duchi et al. (2008) has proposed an $O(n)$ algorithm for projection onto L_1 ball as we mention in line 246. We will
 10 offer a subsection with detailed complexity analysis and comparison with other methods in the final version.

11 **FDGNN and GIN not in node classification** (Rev1): FDGNN and GIN have mainly discussed their applications in
 12 graph classification. Thus we focus on the comparison in the graph classification task. More experiments will be added.

13 **More experiments with Geom-GCN and larger graphs** (Rev2): Please find the experimental results in Figure 1 and
 14 Table 1. Global methods like Geom-GCN employ additional embedding approaches to capture global information.
 15 However, convolutional-GNN-based methods struggle to capture very long range dependency due to the finite iterations
 16 they take. Geom-GCN is no exception. We also add a graph classification comparison on a larger and less noisy graph
 17 dataset COLLAB where IGNN continues to achieve the best performance.

18 **IGNN not well motivated to find equilibrium** (Rev3): We strongly disagree with the criticism from reviewer 3. IGNN and other recurrent GNN
 19 models including the first GNNs (Gori et al., 2005) are all based on the
 20 idea of seeking the equilibrium in the graph. Such idea further roots from
 21 traditional graph algorithms and metrics including eigenvector central-
 22 ity (Newman, 2010) PageRank (Page et al., 1999), collaborate filtering
 23 as bipartite graph (Zhou, 2018) and more. **IGNN will suffer from ‘over-
 24 smoothness’.** **Missing discussion.** (Rev3): We do not explore the direction
 25 because our work builds on recurrent GNN which is fundamentally different
 26 from convolutional GNN that suffers from ‘over-smoothness’ problem.

27 IGNN obviously does not suffer from ‘over-smoothness’ as reflected from
 28 experiments where the ‘infinitely deep’ IGNN even outperforms a variety
 29 of models on a range of tasks. Additional experiments show that latest deep
 30 models (DropEdge [3] and GCNII [4]) proposed by the reviewer that solve ‘over-smoothness’ cannot match the IGNN’s
 31 performance in capturing long range dependency (See Figure 1). **IGNN is weak with 1 linear layer plus phi** (Rev3):
 32 The proposed architecture is not weak — it covers a 100-layer GCN as a special case and many other models. The
 33 concise notation allows to formulate those in a way that looks like it has only one layer. See Section 4 and Appendix C
 34 for details. **PF eigenvalue (line 172) not defined.** (Rev3): Please find the definition from line 115 in the Preliminary.
 35 **State-of-the-art baseline [5] perform better than IGNN** (Rev3): Wrong. Due the space limit, we report performance
 36 on 4 graph classification tasks in Table 1 and IGNN outperforms [5] on all of them. We will add the results to the
 37 final version. **Does IGNN indeed converge to equilibrium? Why is projected GD needed?** (Rev3): Please find the
 38 well-posedness theorems in Section 4.1 which prove convergence of IGNNs that satisfy the well-posedness condition.
 39 And indeed it converges in practice. The projection step detailed in Section 4.2 is the essential procedure to enforce
 40 such well-posedness condition. We strongly encourage Rev3 to read Section 4 for better understanding.

42 **Underperforming NCI and DBLP** (Rev4): Table 1: Graph classification accuracy (%). Results are averaged (and
 43 For NCI1, IGNN ranks the second best
 44 among the all GNN variants, which is very
 45 competitive too. We believe the reason is,
 46 though GNNs learn high quality embedding,
 47 they can still underperform in distinguishing
 48 non-isomorphic (sub-)graphs compared with
 49 graph kernels (WL as the best performer).
 50 For DBLP, IGNN achieves the second best
 51 performance (after DMGI) using only 2 relationships out of 3 to be consistent with our settings on the other two datasets.

Data sets	PTC	COX2	PROTEINS	COLLAB
WL	58.0 ± 2.5	83.2 ± 0.2	74.7 ± 0.5	78.9 ± 1.9
GIN	63.7 ± 8.2	—	75.9 ± 3.8	80.1 ± 1.9
GNTK[5]	67.9 ± 6.9	84.4 ± 3.7	75.6 ± 4.2	83.6 ± 1.0
IGNN	70.1 ± 5.6	86.9 ± 4.0	77.7 ± 3.4	84.6 ± 2.0

52 **Additional details** (Rev4): Though we use undirected graphs in the experiments, IGNN is not restricted to undirected
 53 graphs. For graph classification, we use mean pooling. Since SSE mainly discusses on learning node embedding
 54 and node classification in their paper, we would like to focus the comparison with SSE on node classification. Edge
 55 features are highly interesting direction to look at for IGNN. We will try to extend IGNN for it. For 2-layer GCN (15),
 56 $\tilde{W}X = [0, W_2; 0, 0][X_2; X_1] = [W_2X_1; 0]$. We will update the draft accordingly for better illustration.

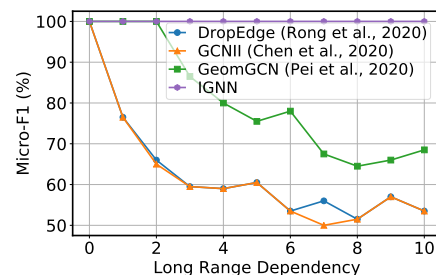


Figure 1: Micro- F_1 (%) performance w.r.t. the length of the chains. Same experimental setting as that for Figure 1. We use 10 layers for GCNII and DropEdge.