

Self-Explainable Graph Neural Networks for Link Prediction Network[1]

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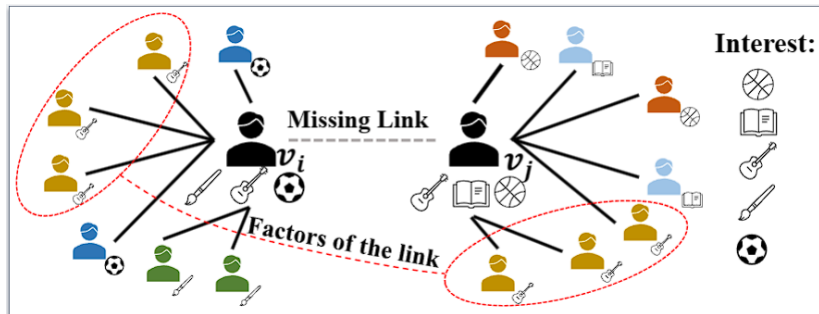
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Problems

1. for a pair of nodes (v_i, v_j) , how we can identify K most important neighbors of v_j and v_i .
2. How to take both graph structure and node attributes into consideration when measuring node similarity for identifying important neighbors for link prediction?

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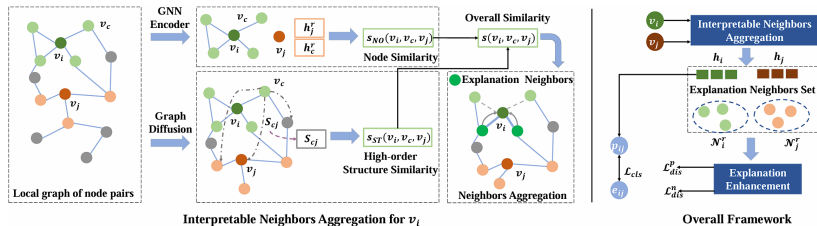
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High-order Structure Similarity

To measure this high-order similarity, we propose to use a Graph Diffusion matrix which calculates the closeness of nodes in the graph structure by repeatedly passing the weighting coefficients to the neighboring nodes and represents the high-order similarity between nodes based on graph structure:

$$\mathbf{S} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \theta_k \mathbf{T}^k, \quad (1)$$

\mathbf{T} represents the random walk transition matrix as $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}^{-1}$. PPR chooses $\theta_k^{\text{PPR}} = \gamma(1 - \gamma)^k$ with teleport probability $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. γ is set as 0.05 in the experiment.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{D}_S^{-1/2} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}_S^{-1/2}$$

$$s_{\text{ST}}(v_i, v_c, v_j) = \tilde{S}_{cj}, \quad (2)$$

Node Similarity

$$\mathbf{H}^m = \text{MLP}(\mathbf{X}), \quad \mathbf{H}^r = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}[\mathbf{H}^m \parallel \mathbf{X}]\mathbf{W}) + \mathbf{H}^m, \quad (3)$$

$$s_{\text{NO}}(v_i, v_c, v_j) = \text{sigmoid}((\mathbf{h}_j^r)^T \mathbf{h}_c^r), \quad \forall v_c \in \mathcal{N}_i \quad (4)$$

$$s(v_i, v_c, v_j) = \alpha \cdot s_{\text{ST}}(v_i, v_c, v_j) + (1 - \alpha) \cdot s_{\text{NO}}(v_i, v_c, v_j), \quad (5)$$

$$b_{ic} = \frac{\exp(s(v_i, v_c, v_j))}{\sum_{v_c \in \mathcal{N}_i^r} \exp(s(v_i, v_c, v_j))}. \quad (6)$$

Finally, node v_i 's representation vectors can be obtained as:

$$\mathbf{h}_i = \mathbf{h}_i^r + \beta \sum_{v_c \in \mathcal{N}_i^r} b_{ic} \mathbf{h}_c^r, \quad (7)$$

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$$p_{ij} = \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{h}_i^T \mathbf{h}_j). \quad (8)$$

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Explanation Enhancement

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{\text{rand}} = \mathbf{h}_i^r + \beta \sum_{v_c \in \mathcal{N}_i^{\text{rand}}} b_{ic}^{\text{rand}} \mathbf{h}_c^r, \quad (9)$$

$$p_{ij}^{\text{rand}} = \text{sigmoid}((\mathbf{h}_i^{\text{rand}})^T \mathbf{h}_j^{\text{rand}}). \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}^p = \sum_{e_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}_L, e_{ij}=1} \max(0, p_{ij}^{\text{rand}} + \delta - p_{ij}), \quad (11)$$

Loss

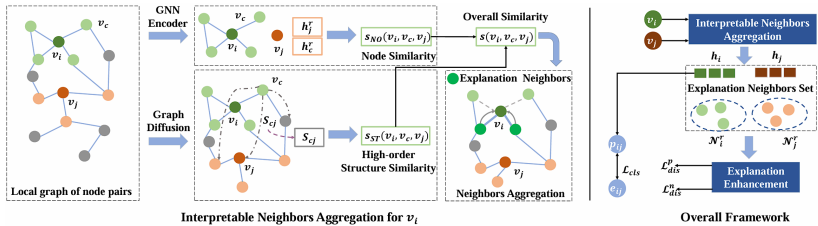
If nodes v_i and v_j have lower similarity scores with nodes in \mathcal{N}_j^r and \mathcal{N}_i^r respectively, the similarity of \mathbf{h}_i and \mathbf{h}_j will be small and the model will give a lower probability for the link of (v_i, v_j) . To achieve this purpose, we randomly sample unlinked pairs $e_{ij} = 0$ which have the same number as the number of linked pairs $e_{ij} = 1$ in \mathcal{E}_L . The set of randomly selected unlinked pairs can be denoted as \mathcal{E}_N . The similarity scores can be minimized through the following loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}^n = \sum_{e_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}_N} \left(\sum_{v_c \in \mathcal{N}_i^r} s(v_i, v_c, v_j)^2 + \sum_{v_c \in \mathcal{N}_j^r} s(v_j, v_c, v_i)^2 \right). \quad (12)$$

Overall Objective Function

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}} = \sum_{e_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}_L} -\log p_{ij} + \sum_{e_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}_N} -\log (1 - p_{ij}), \quad (13)$$

$$\min_{\Theta} \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}} + \lambda(\mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}^p + \mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}^n), \quad (14)$$



Algorithm 1 Training Algorithm of ILP-GNN.

Input: $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_L, \mathbf{X})$, K , λ , α , δ

Output: GNN model g_θ with explanation for link prediction.

- 1: Randomly initialize the model parameters Θ .
- 2: Calculate high-order distance via Eq.(1).
- 3: **repeat**
- 4: For each node pair (v_i, v_j) , assign weights $s_{ST}(v_i, v_c, v_j)$ to neighbors of v_i by high-order structure similarity in Eq.(2).
- 5: Learn node feature representation by Eq.(3) and assign weights to neighbors of v_i by node similarity in Eq.(4).
- 6: Do the same operation on v_j and aggregate top K neighbors of v_i and v_j with two kinds of weights in Eq.(7).
- 7: Calculate the probability p_{ij} of a link between two nodes.
- 8: Randomly choose neighbors except from top K neighbors to obtain p_{ij}^{rand} and calculate $\mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}^p$ in Eq.(11)
- 9: Calculate $\mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}}^n$ using negative samples
- 10: Update Θ by minimizing the overall loss function in Eq.(14)
- 11: **until** convergence
- 12: **return** g_θ

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