

# Heterogeneous Graph Attention Network

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## 1 GOALS

- We first propose a novel heterogeneous graph neural network based on the hierarchical attention, including node-level and semantic-level attentions

## 2 PRELIMINARIES

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## 3 CHALLENGES

- Real-world graph usually comes with multi-types of nodes and edges
- Different node types may have different attributes

## 4 PREVIOUS WORK / CITATIONS

- metapath2vec: randomwalk -> skipgram (context based) (negative sampling)
- hin2vec: max likelihood based on path count/probability approximation (but employs a negative sampling like approach)
  - Uses multiple prediction training tasks which learn the latent vectors of nodes and meta-paths simultaneously
- PME projects different types of node into the same relation space and conducts heterogeneous link prediction.
- **This Work:**
  - We introduce node-level attention can learn the importance of meta-path based neighbors for each node in a heterogeneous graph and aggregate the representation of these meaningful neighbors to form a node embedding.
  - To address the challenge of meta-path selection and semantic fusion in a heterogeneous graph, we propose a novel semantic-level attention to automatically learn the importance of different meta-paths and fuse them for the specific task.

## 5 DEFINITIONS

- **Semantic-level attention:** aims to learn the importance of each meta-path and assign proper weights to them.
- **Node-level attention:** aims to learn the importance of meta-path based neighbors and assign different attention values to them
- **Heterogeneous network:**  $H = \{V, E, A, R, \phi, \psi\}$ 
  - $v_i \in V$ : vertices,  $e_{ij} \in E$ : edges
  - $\phi(v_i)$ : Node type,  $\psi(e_{ij})$ : Link type
  - $A_i^o$ : Node attribute,  $U_{ij}^o$ : Link attribute
- **Meta-Path:** Path  $o_1 \xrightarrow{l_1} o_2 \xrightarrow{l_2} \dots o_m \xrightarrow{l_{m+1}} o_{m+1}$ 
  - Where  $o$  and  $l$  are node/link types
  - Carries semantics (composed relation)
  - Allows computing **multi-modal proximity**
- **Network embedding:**  $\Phi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times d}$

- **Heterogenous network embedding:**  $\{\Phi_k : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{|V_k| \times d}\}_{k=1}^K$ 
  - where  $K$  is number of node types

Notation	Explanation
$\Phi$	Meta-path
$h$	Initial node feature
$M_\phi$	Type-specific transformation matrix
$h'$	Projected node feature
$e_{ij}^\Phi$	Importance of meta-path based node pair $(i, j)$
$a_\Phi$	Node-level attention vector for meta-path $\Phi$
$\alpha_{ij}^\Phi$	Weight of meta-path based node pair $(i, j)$
$\mathcal{N}^\Phi$	Meta-path based neighbors
$Z_\Phi$	Semantic-specific node embedding
$q$	Semantic-level attention vector
$w_\Phi$	Importance of meta-path $\Phi$
$\beta_\Phi$	Weight of meta-path $\Phi$
$Z$	The final embedding

## 6 OUTLINE / STRUCTURE

- Node-level attention: node-level attention can learn the importance of meta-path based neighbors for each node in a heterogeneous graph and aggregate the representation of these meaningful neighbors to form a node embedding.
- Project node features into a common space:  $h'_i = M_{\phi_i} \cdot h_i$

### 6.1 Node-level Embeddings

- Importance of meta-path based node pair (**node-level attention**):  $e_{ij}^\Phi = att_{node}(h'_i, h'_j; \Phi)$ 
  - $att_{node}$  is MLP and is shared
  - $e_{ij}^\Phi$  is asymmetric; node level attention can preserve asymmetry
- Inject structural information via **masked attention** (by calculating neighbor weights):
  - $\alpha_{ij}^\Phi = \text{softmax}_j \left( e_{ij}^\Phi \right) = \frac{\exp \left( \sigma \left( a_\Phi^T \cdot [h'_i \| h'_j] \right) \right)}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_i^\Phi} \exp \left( \sigma \left( a_\Phi^T \cdot [h'_i \| h'_k] \right) \right)}$ 
    - \*  $\sigma$ : activation
    - \*  $\|$ : concatenation operation
    - \* Referred to as Weight Coefficient of Meta-path node pair
- Meta-path based embedding: aggregated based on neighbors and their weight coeffs:
  - $z_i^\Phi = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^\Phi} \alpha_{ij}^\Phi \cdot h'_j \right)$

Close up of meta-path based embedding calculation

- Extend node-level attention to multi-head attention:
  - Since heterogeneous graph present the property of scale free, the variance of graph data is quite high
  - Process becomes more stable
  - Repeat node-level attention for  $K$  times
  - $z_i^\Phi = \parallel_{k=1}^K \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^\Phi} \alpha_{ij}^\Phi \cdot h'_j \right)$

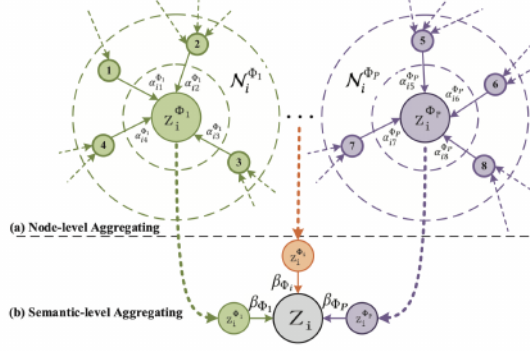


Fig. 1. Figure 3 Explanation of aggregating process in both node-level and semantic-level.

## 6.2 Semantic-level attention

- Calculate weight of each meta-path node pair:  $(\beta_{\Phi_1}, \dots, \beta_{\Phi_p}) = att_{sem}(Z_{\Phi_1}, \dots, Z_{\Phi_p})$
- $att_{sem}$ : DNN performing semantic level attention
  - Calculate importance of a meta path (by averaging the pair weights)
    - \*  $w_{\Phi_p} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} q^T \cdot \tanh(W \cdot z_i^{\Phi_p} + b)$
  - Weight of meta-path is obtained by normalizing the importance of all meta-paths
    - \*  $\beta_{\Phi} = \frac{\exp(w_{\Phi_p})}{\sum_{p=1}^P \exp(w_p)}$
    - \* can be interpreted as the contribution of the meta-path  $\Phi_p$  for specific task
- Final embedding:
  - $Z = \sum_{p=1}^P \beta_{\Phi_p} \cdot Z_{\Phi_p}$
- Loss function: minimizing Cross-Entropy over all labeled nodes

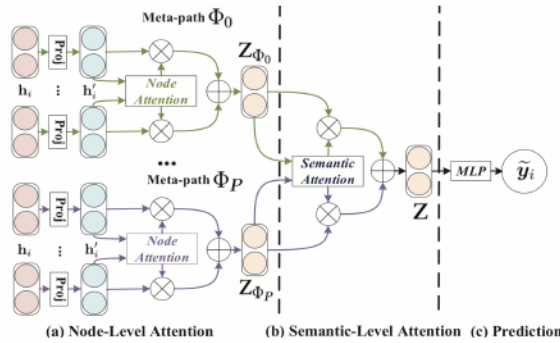


Fig. 2. Screenshot\_20211102\_210011

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**Algorithm 1:** The overall process of HAN.

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**Input :** The heterogeneous graph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ ,  
 The node feature  $\{\mathbf{h}_i, \forall i \in \mathcal{V}\}$ ,  
 The meta-path set  $\{\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_P\}$ .  
 The number of attention head  $K$ ,

**Output :** The final embedding  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  
 The node-level attention weight  $\alpha$ ,  
 The semantic-level attention weight  $\beta$ .

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1 for  $\Phi_i \in \{\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_P\}$  do
2   for  $k = 1 \dots K$  do
3     Type-specific transformation  $\mathbf{h}'_i \leftarrow \mathbf{M}_{\Phi_i} \cdot \mathbf{h}_i$ ;
4     for  $i \in \mathcal{V}$  do
5       Find the meta-path based neighbors  $\mathcal{N}_i^\Phi$ ;
6       for  $j \in \mathcal{N}_i^\Phi$  do
7         Calculate the weight coefficient  $\alpha_{ij}^\Phi$ ;
8       end
9       Calculate the semantic-specific node embedding
         $\mathbf{z}_i^\Phi \leftarrow \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^\Phi} \alpha_{ij}^\Phi \cdot \mathbf{h}'_j \right)$ ;
10    end
11    Concatenate the learned embeddings from all
        attention head  $\mathbf{z}_i^\Phi \leftarrow \big\|_{k=1}^K \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i^\Phi} \alpha_{ij}^\Phi \cdot \mathbf{h}'_j \right)$ ;
12  end
13  Calculate the weight of meta-path  $\beta_{\Phi_i}$ ;
14  Fuse the semantic-specific embedding
     $\mathbf{Z} \leftarrow \sum_{i=1}^P \beta_{\Phi_i} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\Phi_i}$ ;
15 end
16 Calculate Cross-Entropy  $L = - \sum_{l \in \mathcal{Y}_L} Y_l \ln(\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_l)$ ;
17 Back propagation and update parameters in HAN;
18 return  $\mathbf{Z}, \alpha, \beta$ .
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Fig. 3. Overall algorithm

## 7 EVALUATION

- Does outperform other algs by a (substantial) margin.
- Uses: DBLP, ACM, IMDB
- Evaluates node classification task
- Evaluates for clustering task (apply K-Means afterwards)

## 8 CODE

- <https://github.com/Jhy1993/HAN>
  - Code is a little messy
  - $\alpha_{ij}^\Phi$ : <https://github.com/Jhy1993/HAN/blob/71bac29a07fb8fab908d50a806a7bc38aa6c6611/models/>
  - $w_\Phi$ : <https://github.com/Jhy1993/HAN/blob/71bac29a07fb8fab908d50a806a7bc38aa6c6611/models/>
  - semantic level attention calculation ?
    - \* <https://github.com/Jhy1993/HAN/blob/71bac29a07fb8fab908d50a806a7bc38aa6c6611/model/>

## 9 RESOURCES

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## 10 DISCUSSION

- That algorithms seems so compute heavy
  - Especially that softmax (which is not adressed in analysis?)
- Query based attention / importance would be cool
  - But that is a transformer like thing
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