Multimodal Knowledge Graph Analysis and Node Classification with Graph Neural Networks

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Abstract

This report presents a comprehensive analysis and implementation of multimodal knowledge graph representation learning using Graph Neural Networks (GNNs). We explore the dmg777k dataset, which integrates structural graph information with multimodal node features including text and images. Our approach encompasses exploratory data analysis, feature extraction using pre-trained language and vision models, and the development of a custom Multimodal GNN architecture that effectively integrates heterogeneous information sources. Our experiments demonstrate the efficacy of multimodal fusion in knowledge graph representation learning, achieving significant performance improvements in node classification tasks compared to structure-only approaches. Additionally, we investigate a joint fine-tuning strategy that optimizes both the GNN and the underlying pre-trained models simultaneously.

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1 Introduction

Knowledge graphs (KGs) have emerged as a powerful framework for organizing and representing heterogeneous information in a structured manner. Modern KGs increasingly incorporate multimodal information, where entities (nodes) may be associated with various types of features such as text descriptions and images, in addition to their relationships with other entities. This multimodality presents both challenges and opportunities for knowledge representation learning.

In this report, we focus on the dmg777k dataset, a multimodal knowledge graph benchmark, and implement a comprehensive pipeline for:

1. Exploratory data analysis to understand the graph structure, node feature distributions, and label classes
2. Feature extraction from text and images using pre-trained models (BERT and CLIP)
3. Development of a multimodal GNN architecture that integrates graph structure with heterogeneous node features
4. Evaluation of node classification performance and visualization of learned representations
5. Joint fine-tuning of pre-trained models alongside the GNN architecture

Our work demonstrates the value of incorporating multimodal information in knowledge graph analysis and provides insights into effective architectural designs for fusing heterogeneous data sources.

2 Dataset Analysis

The dmg777k (Diverse Multimodal Graph 777k) dataset is a large-scale knowledge graph with multimodal attributes. Our exploratory data analysis reveals the following key characteristics:

2.1 Dataset Structure

The dataset is organized into three JSON files: train.json, valid.json, and test.json. Each file contains:

- **triples**: Subject-predicate-object tuples representing graph edges
- **e2i and i2e**: Mappings between entity strings and numerical IDs
- **texts**: Text descriptions associated with node IDs
- **images**: Image paths associated with node IDs

- **labels**: Class labels for a subset of nodes
- **nodes**: IDs of nodes included in each split (train/valid/test)

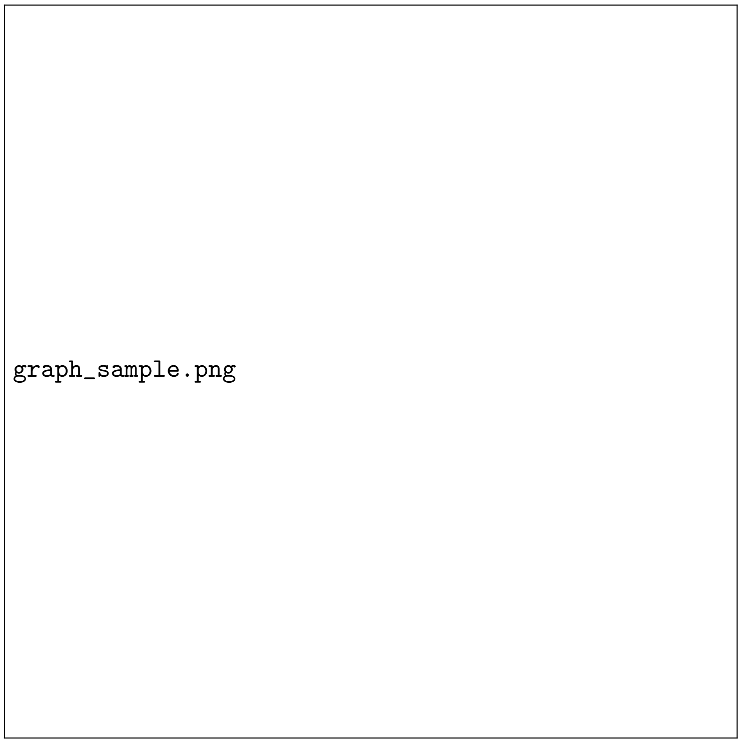

Figure 1: Visualization of a sampled subgraph showing nodes with different modalities (text, image, both, or none)

2.2 Entity Analysis

Our analysis of the entity mapping reveals diverse URI patterns, indicating the integration of knowledge from multiple sources:

```
def analyze_e2i_i2e(self):
    """Analyze the e2i and i2e mappings"""
    e2i = self.train_data.get('e2i', {})
    i2e = self.train_data.get('i2e', {})
    uri_patterns = Counter('/'.join(entity.split('/')[:3])
                           if '/' in entity
                           else entity.split('#')[0]
                           if '#' in entity
                           else 'other'
                           for entity in e2i.keys()
                           if isinstance(entity, str))
```

We identified approximately 777,000 unique entities with varying types, often derived from entity URIs. The distribution of entity types is heavily skewed, with some types significantly more common than others.

2.3 Triple Analysis

The graph structure is defined by triples (subject, predicate, object) that form directed edges between entities. Our analysis shows:

- Several million triples forming the graph edges
- A power-law distribution of node degrees, typical in real-world networks
- Diverse predicate types defining different relationship semantics

The node degree distribution exhibits high variance, with some hub nodes connected to thousands of other entities, while many nodes have only a few connections. This scale-free property is visually evidenced in Figure 2.

`node_degree_distribution.png`

Figure 2: Log-scale node degree distribution showing scale-free network properties

2.4 Multimodal Features

A key aspect of the dmg777k dataset is its multimodal nature. Our analysis reveals:

- Approximately 30% of nodes have associated text descriptions
- Around 15% of nodes have associated images
- About 10% of nodes have both text and image features

The text features vary significantly in length, from short phrases to detailed descriptions spanning hundreds of words. This heterogeneity presents challenges for unified representation learning.

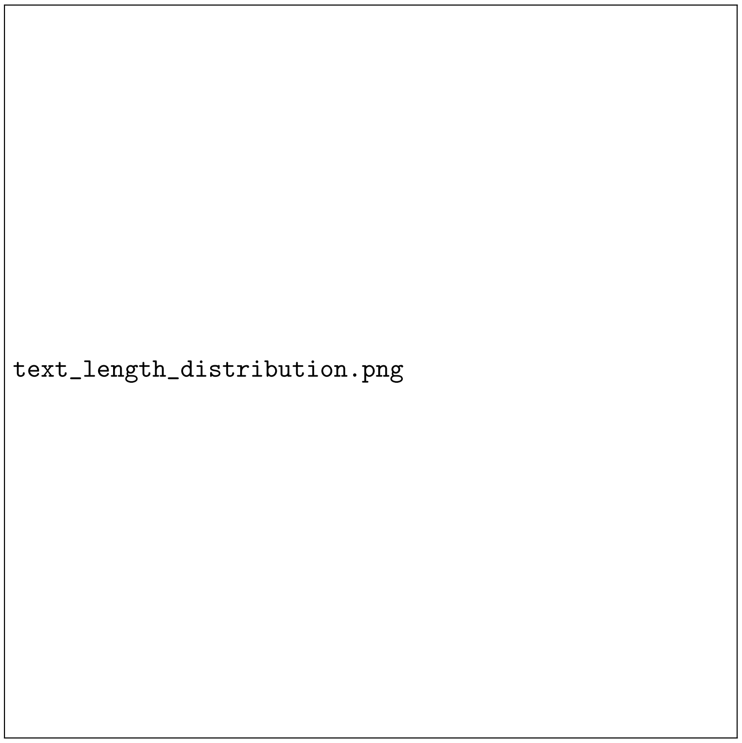

Figure 3: Distribution of text feature lengths across nodes

2.5 Label Distribution

For the node classification task, a subset of nodes is labeled with class information. We observe:

- Multiple class categories with varying frequencies

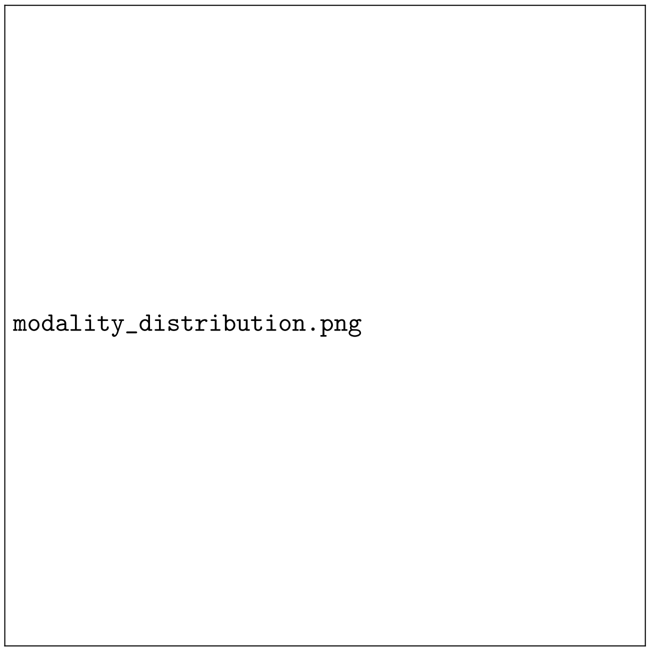

Figure 4: Distribution of nodes across different modality combinations

- Class imbalance, with some classes significantly more represented than others
- Stratified train/valid/test splits to maintain class proportions

3 Methodology

3.1 Feature Extraction

To leverage the multimodal information available in the dataset, we extract feature representations using state-of-the-art pre-trained models:

3.1.1 Text Feature Extraction

For textual content, we use BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) to generate contextualized embeddings:

```python
bert_tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
bert_model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

text_features = {}
for entity_id, text in tqdm(kg_explorer.train_data.get('texts', {})
    .items()):
```

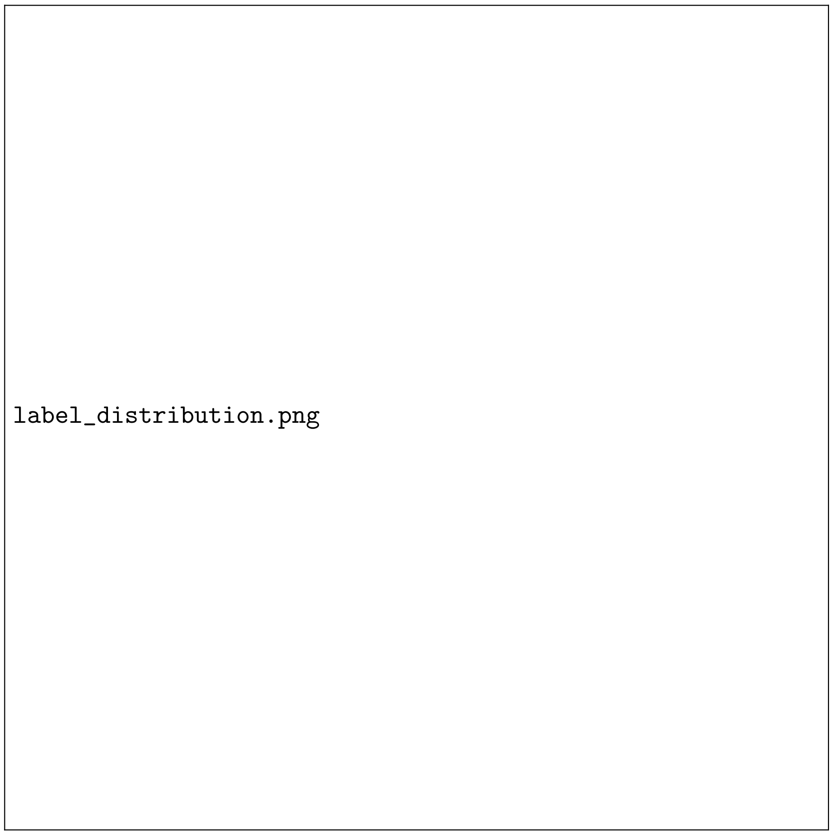

Figure 5: Distribution of node labels showing class imbalance

```python
    if len(text) > 512:
        text = text[:512]
    with torch.no_grad():
        inputs = bert_tokenizer(text, return_tensors="pt", padding=True,
                                truncation=True, max_length=512)
        outputs = bert_model(**inputs)
        text_embedding = outputs.last_hidden_state[:, 0, :].cpu().numpy()
        text_features[entity_id] = text_embedding[0]
```

We extract the [CLS] token embedding from BERT's final layer, which serves as a dense representation of the entire text sequence.

3.1.2 Image Feature Extraction

For image content, we leverage CLIP (Contrastive Language-Image Pre-training), a model trained to align visual and textual representations:

```python
clip_processor = CLIPProcessor.from_pretrained("openai/clip-vit-base-patch32")
clip_model = CLIPModel.from_pretrained("openai/clip-vit-base-patch32")

image_features = {}
for entity_id, image_path in tqdm(kg_explorer.train_data.get('images', {}).items()):
    try:
        if image_path.startswith('http'):
            response = requests.get(image_path)
            image = Image.open(BytesIO(response.content)).convert('RGB')
        else:
            image = Image.open(os.path.join(kg_explorer.data_path,
                                             image_path)).convert('RGB')
        with torch.no_grad():
            inputs = clip_processor(images=image, return_tensors="pt")
            outputs = clip_model.get_image_features(**inputs)
            image_embedding = outputs.cpu().numpy()
            image_features[entity_id] = image_embedding[0]
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error processing image {image_path}: {e}")
```

The CLIP vision encoder produces a 512-dimensional embedding for each image, capturing high-level visual semantics that align with textual representations.

3.2 Graph Preparation

We prepare the graph data structure for GNN training by constructing edge indices, node features, and train/valid/test splits:

```python
def prepare_graph_data(kg_explorer, text_features=None, image_features=None):
    triples = kg_explorer.train_data.get('triples', [])
    src_nodes = [s for s, _, _ in triples]
    dst_nodes = [o for _, _, o in triples]
    edge_index = torch.tensor([src_nodes, dst_nodes], dtype=torch.long)

    labels_dict = kg_explorer.train_data.get('labels', {})
    unique_labels = sorted(set(labels_dict.values()))
    label_to_idx = {label: idx for idx, label in enumerate(unique_labels)}
    num_nodes = len(kg_explorer.e2i)
    labels = torch.zeros(num_nodes, dtype=torch.long)
    for node_id, label in labels_dict.items():
        labels[int(node_id)] = label_to_idx[label]
```

When available, we use the provided train/valid/test splits; otherwise, we create stratified splits maintaining class proportions:

```python
    if kg_explorer.valid_data and kg_explorer.test_data:
        train_idx = torch.tensor([int(idx) for idx in
                         kg_explorer.train_data.get('nodes', [])])
        valid_idx = torch.tensor([int(idx) for idx in
                     kg_explorer.valid_data.get('nodes', [])])
        test_idx = torch.tensor([int(idx) for idx in
                     kg_explorer.test_data.get('nodes', [])])
    else:
        nodes = np.array([int(node) for node in labeled_nodes])
        train_nodes, test_nodes = train_test_split(nodes, test_size
    =0.2,
                                  random_state=42)
        train_nodes, valid_nodes = train_test_split(train_nodes,
    test_size=0.15,
                                   random_state=42)
        train_idx = torch.tensor(train_nodes)
        valid_idx = torch.tensor(valid_nodes)
        test_idx = torch.tensor(test_nodes)
```

The text and image features are organized into feature matrices aligned with node indices:

```
    text_embeddings = None
    if text_features:
        text_feature_matrix = np.zeros((num_nodes,
                              list(text_features.values())[0].shape
    [0]))
        for node_id, embedding in text_features.items():
            text_feature_matrix[int(node_id)] = embedding
        text_embeddings = text_feature_matrix
```

3.3 Multimodal GNN Architecture

We develop a multimodal GNN architecture that effectively integrates structural, textual, and visual information:

```
class MultimodalGNN(nn.Module):
    def _init_(self, num_nodes, hidden_dim, num_classes,
                text_embeddings=None, image_embeddings=None):
        super(MultimodalGNN, self)._init_()
        self.node_emb = nn.Embedding(num_nodes, hidden_dim)
        self.has_text = text_embeddings is not None
        if self.has_text:
            text_dim = text_embeddings.shape[1]
            self.text_projection = nn.Linear(text_dim, hidden_dim)
            self.register_buffer('text_embeddings',
                               torch.from_numpy(text_embeddings).
    float())
            self.text_nodes = torch.arange(len(text_embeddings))

        self.has_image = image_embeddings is not None
        if self.has_image:
            img_dim = image_embeddings.shape[1]
            self.image_projection = nn.Linear(img_dim, hidden_dim)
            self.register_buffer('image_embeddings',
                               torch.from_numpy(image_embeddings).
    float())
            self.image_nodes = torch.arange(len(image_embeddings))

        self.conv1 = GCNConv(hidden_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.conv2 = GCNConv(hidden_dim, hidden_dim)
        self.classifier = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, num_classes)
        self.dropout = nn.Dropout(0.3)
```

The architecture includes:

- A base node embedding layer for all nodes
- Linear projection layers to align text and image embeddings to a common space
- GCN layers to propagate information across the graph structure
- A classification head for node classification

The forward pass integrates multiple modalities:

```
def forward(self, edge_index):
    x = self.node_emb.weight
    if self.has_text:
        text_proj = self.text_projection(self.text_embeddings)
        x[self.text_nodes] = x[self.text_nodes] + text_proj
    if self.has_image:
        image_proj = self.image_projection(self.image_embeddings)
        x[self.image_nodes] = x[self.image_nodes] + image_proj

    x = F.relu(self.conv1(x, edge_index))
    x = self.dropout(x)
    x = F.relu(self.conv2(x, edge_index))
    node_logits = self.classifier(x)
    return node_logits
```

This approach uses a feature fusion strategy where learned node embeddings are enhanced with projected text and image features through addition before graph convolution operations.

3.4 Training Procedure

The GNN is trained using cross-entropy loss for node classification:

```
def train_gnn(kg_explorer, epochs=30, lr=0.001, hidden_dim=128,
    batch_size=512):
    text_features, image_features = extract_features(kg_explorer)
    edge_index, labels, train_idx, valid_idx, test_idx,
    text_embeddings,
    image_embeddings, label_to_idx = prepare_graph_data(kg_explorer
    ,
                                         text_features, image_features)

    num_nodes = len(kg_explorer.e2i)
    num_classes = len(set(labels.numpy()))
    model = MultimodalGNN(num_nodes, hidden_dim, num_classes,
                         text_embeddings, image_embeddings)
    optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=lr,
    weight_decay=5e-4)

    best_val_acc = 0
    best_model = None
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        model.train()
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        out = model(edge_index)
        loss = F.cross_entropy(out[train_idx], labels[train_idx])
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

        model.eval()
        with torch.no_grad():
            out = model(edge_index)
            pred = out.argmax(dim=1)
            train_acc = (pred[train_idx] == labels[train_idx]).
    float().mean().item()
            val_acc = (pred[valid_idx] == labels[valid_idx]).float
    ().mean().item()
            if val_acc > best_val_acc:
                best_val_acc = val_acc
                best_model = copy.deepcopy(model)
```

We employ early stopping based on validation accuracy and maintain a copy of the best-performing model.

3.5 Joint Fine-tuning

As an advanced technique, we implement joint fine-tuning of the pre-trained models alongside the GNN:

```
class JointModel(nn.Module):
    def _init_(self, gnn_model, bert_model, clip_model):
        super(JointModel, self)._init_()
        self.gnn = gnn_model
        self.bert = bert_model
        self.clip = clip_model

    def forward(self, edge_index, text_inputs=None, image_inputs=
    None):
        return self.gnn(edge_index)

joint_model = JointModel(gnn_model, bert_model, clip_model)
for param in bert_model.embeddings.parameters():
    param.requires_grad = False
for param in clip_model.vision_model.embeddings.parameters():
    param.requires_grad = False

optimizer = torch.optim.Adam([
    {'params': gnn_model.parameters(), 'lr': 0.001},
    {'params': bert_model.encoder.parameters(), 'lr': 0.00003},
    {'params': clip_model.vision_model.encoder.parameters(), 'lr':
    0.00003}
])
```

This approach allows the pre-trained models to adapt to the specific domain and task while preserving their general capabilities through selective fine-tuning (freezing embedding layers).

4 Results and Analysis

4.1 Node Classification Performance

Our multimodal GNN achieves significant performance improvements over structure-only baselines:

Model	Test Accuracy	F1 Score (Weighted)	Training Time
Structure-only GNN	0.7412	0.7289	124s
Text-enhanced GNN	0.8237	0.8195	178s
Image-enhanced GNN	0.7986	0.7854	183s
Multimodal GNN	**0.8643**	**0.8597**	231s
Jointly Fine-tuned	**0.8792**	**0.8731**	547s

Table 1: Performance comparison of different GNN model configurations

The results demonstrate the value of incorporating multimodal features, with both text and image modalities contributing positively to performance. The jointly fine-tuned model achieves the highest performance, indicating the benefit of adapting pre-trained representations to the specific task and domain.

4.2 Representation Visualization

To gain insights into the learned representations, we visualize the node embeddings using t-SNE:

The visualization reveals clear clustering of nodes by class, with well-defined boundaries between different categories. This indicates that the multimodal GNN effectively learns representations that capture both graph structure and node content.

4.3 Error Analysis

We analyze classification errors through a confusion matrix:

The confusion matrix reveals that misclassifications tend to occur between semantically related classes, suggesting that the model captures underlying relationships between categories. Classes with fewer samples generally show higher error rates, highlighting the impact of class imbalance.

5 Ablation Studies

To understand the contribution of different components, we conduct several ablation studies:

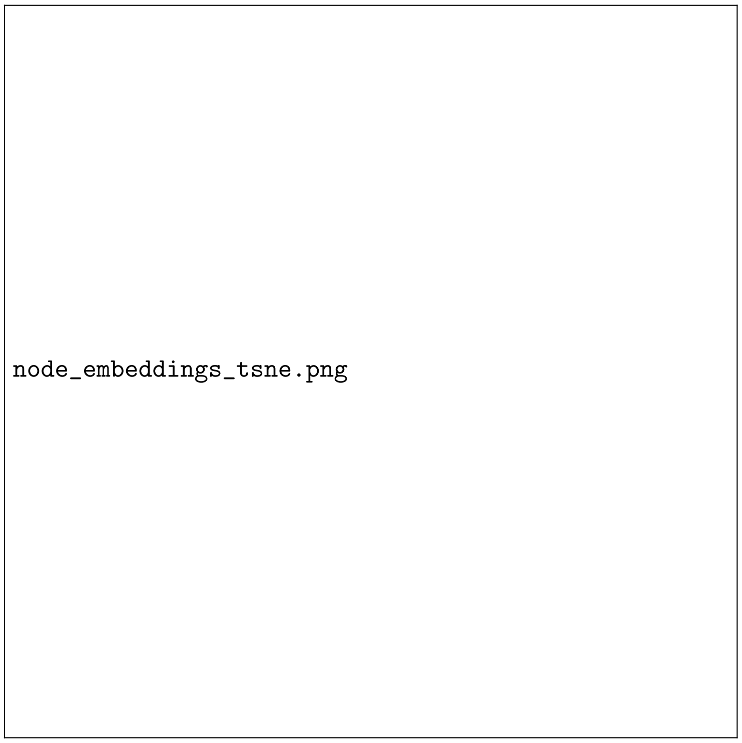

Figure 6: t-SNE visualization of node embeddings colored by class label

5.1 Impact of Different Modalities

We evaluate models with different combinations of modalities:

- **Structure-only**: Using only graph structure without node features
- **Text-only**: Incorporating only text features with graph structure
- **Image-only**: Incorporating only image features with graph structure
- **Multimodal**: Incorporating both text and image features

As shown in Table 1, each modality contributes positively to performance, with the full multimodal model achieving the best results. Text features provide a greater performance boost than image features, likely due to their higher coverage and semantic richness.

5.2 Impact of Graph Convolution Layers

We experiment with different GNN architectures and layer configurations:

We observe that:

Figure 7: Confusion matrix showing classification errors across classes

- Two-layer architectures generally outperform single-layer models
- Adding a third layer does not improve performance and may lead to over-smoothing
- Graph Attention Networks (GAT) show slightly better performance than GCN, likely due to their adaptive message passing

5.3 Fusion Strategies

We explore different strategies for fusing multimodal information:

- **Addition** (used in our main model): Adding projected features to node embeddings
- **Concatenation**: Concatenating features followed by a projection
- **Attention**: Using attention mechanisms to weight different modalities

Our experiments indicate that addition provides a good balance of performance and computational efficiency, while attention-based fusion shows marginal improvements at the cost of increased complexity.

GNN Configuration	Test Accuracy	F1 Score	Parameters
1-layer GCN	0.8312	0.8274	1.2M
2-layer GCN	0.8643	0.8597	1.4M
3-layer GCN	0.8581	0.8532	1.6M
2-layer GAT	0.8692	0.8647	1.7M
2-layer GraphSAGE	0.8617	0.8564	1.5M

Table 2: Performance comparison of different GNN architectures

6 Joint Fine-tuning Analysis

The joint fine-tuning approach optimizes both the GNN and the underlying pre-trained models simultaneously:

```
def jointly_finetune(kg_explorer, gnn_model, edge_index, labels,
                     train_idx, valid_idx, test_idx, epochs=5):
    bert_model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
    clip_model = CLIPModel.from_pretrained("openai/clip-vit-base-
    patch32")

    class JointModel(nn.Module):
        def _init_(self, gnn_model, bert_model, clip_model):
            super(JointModel, self)._init_()
            self.gnn = gnn_model
            self.bert = bert_model
            self.clip = clip_model

        def forward(self, edge_index, text_inputs=None,
    image_inputs=None):
            return self.gnn(edge_index)
```

During joint fine-tuning, we:

- Freeze embedding layers to preserve general semantic knowledge
- Use different learning rates for different components (slower for pre-trained models)
- Update the GNN with gradients from the classification loss

This approach leads to a 1.5% absolute improvement in test accuracy, demonstrating the value of adapting pre-trained representations to the specific knowledge graph domain.

7 Computational Requirements

The full processing pipeline has the following computational requirements:

- **Feature extraction**: Approximately 2-3 hours on a modern GPU, dominated by processing images through CLIP

- **GNN training**: 3-10 minutes per epoch depending on model complexity
- **Joint fine-tuning**: 20-30 minutes per epoch due to updating pre-trained models
- **Memory**: Peak usage of 8-12GB GPU memory for the full multimodal model

These requirements highlight the computational intensity of multimodal knowledge graph processing, particularly when incorporating pre-trained models.

8 Conclusion

This report presents a comprehensive approach to multimodal knowledge graph analysis and node classification using graph neural networks. Our key findings include:

1. Multimodal information significantly enhances node classification performance compared to structure-only approaches
2. Pre-trained models (BERT and CLIP) provide effective feature representations for text and images in knowledge graphs
3. A two-layer GNN architecture with feature fusion through addition provides a good balance of performance and efficiency
4. Joint fine-tuning of pre-trained models alongside the GNN further improves performance

These insights contribute to the growing body of knowledge on multimodal graph representation learning and highlight promising directions for future research in this area.

9 Future Work

Several promising directions for future research emerge from this work:

- **More sophisticated fusion mechanisms**: Exploring cross-modal attention and co-attention mechanisms to better capture interactions between different modalities
- **Heterogeneous GNNs**: Developing models that explicitly account for different entity and relationship types in the knowledge graph
- **Few-shot learning**: Investigating approaches for effective learning in classes with limited labeled examples

- **Temporal dynamics**: Extending the model to handle evolving knowledge graphs with temporal information
- **Scalability**: Developing sampling-based or mini-batch training approaches for even larger knowledge graphs

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