# LAGIM: A Label-Aware Graph Interaction Model for Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Filling

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Abstract—Multi-intent spoken language understanding joint model can handle multiple intents in an utterance and is closer to complicated real-world scenarios, attracting increasing attention. However, existing research (1) usually focuses on identifying implicit correlations between utterances and one-hot encoding while ignoring intuitive and explicit original label characteristics; (2) only considers the token-level slot-intent interaction, which results in the limitation of the performance. In this paper, we propose a Label-Aware Graph Interaction Model (LAGIM), which captures the correlation between utterances and explicit labels' semantics to deliver enriched priors. Then, a global graph interaction module is constructed to model the sentence-level interaction between intents and slots. Specifically, we propose a novel framework to model the global interactive graph based on the injection of the original label semantics, which can fuse explicit original label features and provide global optimization. Experimental results show that our model outperforms existing approaches, achieving a relative improvement of 11.9% and 2.1% overall accuracy over the previous state-of-the-art model on the MixATIS and MixSnips datasets, respectively.

Index Terms—Spoken Language Understanding, Joint Model, Label Semantics, Global Graph Interaction

# I. INTRODUCTION

Spoken language understanding (SLU) is one of the critical components of the task-oriented dialogue system, aiming to understand users' queries [1]. It traditionally consists of two subtasks: intent detection (ID) and slot filling (SF) [2]. The former can be treated as a classification task, and the latter can be seen as a sequence labeling task. Given a movie-related utterance "watch a comedy movie", for example, ID can identity intent label (i.e., WatchMovie) and SF can predict slot label for each token in BIO format [3] (i.e., O, O, B-movie-type, I-movie-type).

Since intents and slots are closely related [4], many researchers have worked on the single-intent SLU system with the joint model, considering the correlation between the two subtasks and obtaining remarkable success. For example, Goo et al. [5] propose the Slot-Gated, focusing on learning the relationship between intent and slot features to obtain better

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semantic results. Their experiments show that the model significantly improves semantic accuracy with 4.2% and 1.9% relative improvement compared to the benchmark model on ATIS and Snips datasets, respectively. Qin et al. [6] propose the Co-Interactive Transformer with a co-interactive module that considers the cross-impact by building a bidirectional connection between the two related tasks, achieving 87.4% and 90.3% semantic accuracy on ATIS and Snips datasets.

In recent years, researchers have gradually discovered that an utterance constantly contains multiple intents in complex real-world scenarios. To this end, many studies are progressively focusing on the more practical multi-intent SLU system. The work in [7] begins to explore modeling multiintent scenarios in dialogue systems. However, the proposed model only considers the multiple ID task and ignores the SF task, which does not achieve true multi-intent SLU. To handle this, Gangadharaiah [8] first attempts to conduct the multi-task framework with an attention-based neural network. which provides a improvement of 0.2% on ATIS dataset and 55% intent accuracy improvement on an internal multi-intent dataset. The study in [9] further proposes an adaptive interaction framework, named AGIF, to achieve fine-grained multiintent information integration for slot filling, obtaining 44.5% and 76.4% semantic accuracy on MixATIS and MixSnips datasets, respectively. The work in [10] proposes a framework based on BERT [11], called SLIM, to fully exploit the existing annotation data and capture the interactions between intents and slots, achieving the semantic accuracy of 47.6% and 84.0% on MixATIS and MixSnips datasets, respectively. Although the above research has shown promising performance, the existing approaches for building the SLU system require further discussion with the following concerns.

- Oversimplified label representation. These models usually focus on identifying implicit correlations between utterances and one-hot encoding, ignoring intuitive and explicit original label features.
- Insufficient interaction. These methods only consider the token-level slot-intent interaction while the sentencelevel global optimization is missing, resulting in leaking contextual features.

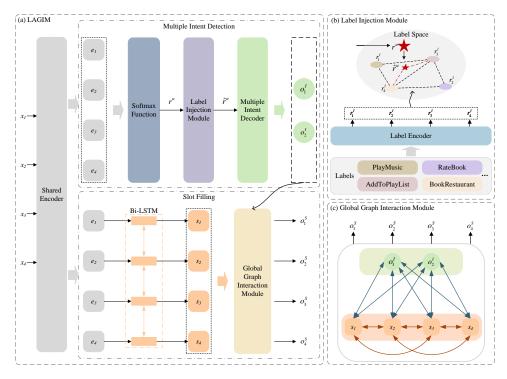


Fig. 1. The architecture of LAGIM (a), where (b) presents the label injection module and (c) indicates the global graph interaction module. For simplicity, we only draw one case with multiple labels.

In this paper, we propose the Label-Aware Graph Interaction Model (LAGIM) for joint multiple ID and SF, shown in Fig.1, aiming to handle the above issues and achieve high accuracy in SLU system. Concretely, motivated by the triumph of leveraging label characteristics to assist model optimization [12], we construct the label space using words in intent labels to map label information into utterance representations. Then, we further introduce the global graph interaction module to perform sentence-level intent-slot interaction by using all tokens with multiple intents, as opposed to prior studies simply considering the token-level intent-slot interaction. Empirical results on two public datasets (MixATIS [13] and MixSnips [14]) demonstrate that our novel model outperforms competitive baselines. In addition, we also explore the effect of the pre-trained model [15] in our framework.

To summarize, the contributions of our work are as follows: (1) We propose the novel label-aware graph interaction model, where the label injection module is used to merge initial label features while the global graph interaction module is introduced to model sentence-level intent-slot interaction; (2) We conduct experiments on two public benchmarks, and the results show that our model provides a small but statistically significant improvement. Moreover, we also explore the effect of the pre-trained model in our framework. With the pre-trained model, our model obtains a new state-of-the-art (SOTA) result.

# II. PROBLEM DEFINITION

# A. Multiple Intent Detection

Given input sequence  $X=(x_1,x_2,\cdots,x_n)$  embedded by the utterance, multiple ID outputs a sequence intent label  $o^I=$ 

 $(o_1^I, o_2^I, \dots, o_m^I)$ , where m is the number of intents in the utterance and n is the length of the utterance.

#### B. Slot Filling

Given the same sequence x, SF maps the x into a slot output sequence  $o^S = (o_1^S, o_2^S, \dots, o_n^S)$ .

# III. METHODOLOGY

As shown in Fig.1, we describe the proposed model, which mainly consists of a shared encoder (III-A), a label injection module (III-B), a multiple ID decoder (III-C), and a global graph interaction module (III-D). We use a joint training scheme for the multiple ID and SF to optimize simultaneously.

## A. Shared Encoder

Following the work in [16], we utilize a shared encoder by stacking the bidirectional LSTM (Bi-LSTM) [17] and the self-attention mechanism [18] to obtain the representation, which can benefit from the temporal features in word order and contextual information.

1) Bi-LSTM: The Bi-LSTM consists of two LSTM layers and has been remarkably applied to the sequence labeling task. We utilize the Bi-LSTM to read the input sequence X forwardly and backwardly to produce context-sensitive hidden states:

$$\boldsymbol{H} = (\boldsymbol{h}_1, \boldsymbol{h}_2, \cdots, \boldsymbol{h}_n) \tag{1}$$

where  $h_i = Bi - LSTM(x_i, h_{i-1}, h_{i+1})$ .

2) Self-Attention: Firstly, we map the matrix of input vectors  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  (d is the mapped dimension) to Q (queries), K (keys), and V (values) matrices by using different linear projections  $W_q$ ,  $W_k$ , and  $W_v$ , respectively. Then, attention weight is computed by the dot product between Q and K, and the self-attention output  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  is a weighted sum of values:

 $A = softmax \left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) V \tag{2}$ 

where  $d_k$  represents the dimension of K.

Finally, we concatenate the above two representations as the final encoding representation:

$$\boldsymbol{E} = (\boldsymbol{e}_1, \boldsymbol{e}_2, \cdots, \boldsymbol{e}_n) = \boldsymbol{H} | \boldsymbol{A}$$
 (3)

where  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 2d}$  and || denotes the concatenation operation. Following the study in [19], we employ the Softmax function over encoding representation E in the multiple ID task to capture the relevant context of utterance:

$$v_i = softmax\left(\mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{e}_i + b\right), \mathbf{r}^u = \sum_i v_i \mathbf{e}_i$$
 (4)

where  $\mathbf{r}^u$  denotes the weighted sum of each encoding element  $e_i$ ,  $v_i$  represents the corresponding normalized self-attention score, and  $\mathbf{W}_e$  is the trainable matrix parameters.

Likewise, we also involve a Bi-LSTM network to obtain slot-related hidden representation for the subsequent prediction.

$$\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{s}_n) \tag{5}$$

where  $s_t = Bi - LSTM(e_t, s_{t-1}, s_{t+1}), t$  denotes the number of steps.

# B. Label Injection Module

Inspired by the work in [12], instead of simply classifying utterance into a predefined set of intents, we leverage the best linear approximation idea [20] to assist us in specifying the intents of an utterance, where label features are adaptively fused into the utterance representation.

Specifically, we first construct an embedded label subspace  $\Upsilon$  with the basis sequence  $\mathbf{R} = (r_1^l, r_2^l, \cdots, r_M^l)$ , where M is the number of all intent labels. To obtain  $\mathbf{R}$ , we adopt a label encoder similar to section III-A to encode M intents.

Then, given the utterance  $r^u$ , we can inject it onto  $\Upsilon$  to fetch its best linear approximation:

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}}^u = \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{w}_m r_m^l \tag{6}$$

where  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^M$  is computed as  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ . The Gram matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are defined as follows.

$$\boldsymbol{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \left\langle r_{1}^{l}, r_{1}^{l} \right\rangle & \cdots & \left\langle r_{M}^{l}, r_{1}^{l} \right\rangle \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \left\langle r_{1}^{l}, r_{M}^{l} \right\rangle & \cdots & \left\langle r_{M}^{l}, r_{M}^{l} \right\rangle \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \left\langle r^{u}, r_{1}^{l} \right\rangle \\ \vdots \\ \left\langle r^{u}, r_{M}^{l} \right\rangle \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

Notably, we assume that  $(r_1^l, r_2^l, \cdots, r_M^l)$  is linearly independent since each vector represents an intent concept. It should be a more balanced combination of other intent vectors. Therefore,  $\boldsymbol{G}$  is guaranteed to be positive definite and has an inverse.

# C. Multiple Intent Detection Decoder

Following [9], we predict multiple intents on each token, and the utterance results are obtained by voting for all tokens. After computing  $\hat{r}^u$ , we can employ it for multiple ID decoding:

$$\mathbf{P}^{I} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{W}_{i} \left( \text{LeakyReLU} \left( \mathbf{W}_{u} \hat{\mathbf{r}}^{u} + \mathbf{b}_{u} \right) \right) + \mathbf{b}_{i} \right)$$
 (8)

where  $\mathbf{P}^I = \left(p_1^I, p_2^I, \cdots, p_M^I\right)$  denotes the distribution of intent probability,  $\sigma$  represents the Sigmoid activation function,  $\mathbf{W}_*$  and  $\mathbf{b}_*$  mean trainable matrix parameters and bias terms, respectively.

We obtain the utterance intent result  $o^I = (o_1^I, o_2^I, \cdots, o_k^I)$  and  $o_i^I$  means  $p_i^I$  greater than the threshold  $t_u$ , where  $t_u \in (0,1)$  is a hyper-parameter adjusted using the validation subset  $^I$ . For instance, if we have  $\mathbf{P}^I = (0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.9, 0.3)$  and  $t_u = 0.5$ , the result  $o^I = (o_3^I, o_4^I)$ .

# D. Global Graph Interaction Module

The proposed global graph interaction module, one of our model's main advantages, considers the sentence-level intent-slot interaction and achieves global optimization. In the following, we first represent the vanilla graph attention network (III-D1) and then demonstrate the mechanism of intent-slot interaction (III-D2) for decoding.

1) Vanilla Graph Attention Network: Graph attention network (GAT) [21] is a graph neural network variant that fuses graph structure information and node features in the model. Its masked self-attention layer lets nodes concentrate on neighborhood features and learn different attention weights, which can automatically decide the significance and correlation between the current node and its neighbors. Concretely, for a given graph with N nodes, one-layer GAT takes the initial node features  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_1, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_2, \cdots, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_N \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_n \in \mathbb{R}^F$  as input, aiming at producing a more abstract representation  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{H}}' = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_1', \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_2', \cdots, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_N' \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_n' \in \mathbb{R}^{F'}$  as output. The attention mechanism of a typical GAT operated on the node representation can can be summarized as below:

$$\Psi\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{i}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{j}\right) = \text{LeakyReLU}\left(\boldsymbol{a}^{T}\left[\boldsymbol{W}_{h}\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{i}||\boldsymbol{W}_{h}\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{j}\right]\right) 
\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp\left(\Psi\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{i}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{j}\right)\right)}{\sum_{j' \in \mathcal{U}_{i}} \exp\left(\Psi\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{i}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{j'}\right)\right)}$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}'_{i} = ||_{k=1}^{K} \sigma\left(\sum_{j' \in \mathcal{U}_{i}} \alpha_{ij} \boldsymbol{W}_{h} \tilde{\boldsymbol{h}}_{j}\right)$$
(9)

where  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{2F'}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{F \times F'}$  are the trainable matrix parameters,  $\alpha_{ij}$  is the normalized attention weight denoting the significance of each  $\mathbf{h}_j$  to  $\mathbf{h}_i$ ,  $\mho_i$  represents the first-order neighbors of node i (including itself) in the graph, K is the number of heads, and  $\sigma$  indicates the nonlinearity activation function.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In our experiment,  $t_u$  is set to 0.5.

2) Global Intent-Slot Interaction: To achieve sentence-level intent-slot interaction, given the slot-related hidden representation S and intent result  $o^{I}$ , we construct a global graph where all predicted multiple intents and sequence slots are connected. Mathematically, the graph can be represented as  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ , where vertices refer to intents and slots, and edges refer to correlations between them.

**Vertices** We have n+k nodes in the graph, where n is the utterance length and k is the number of  $o^{I}$ . The input of slot token feature is  $oldsymbol{G}^{[S,1]} = oldsymbol{S}^{L+1} = ig\{oldsymbol{s}_1^{L+1}, oldsymbol{s}_2^{L+1}, \dots, oldsymbol{s}_n^{L+1}ig\},$ where  $\boldsymbol{s}_i^{L+1} = \sigma\left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \alpha_{ij} \boldsymbol{W}_l \boldsymbol{s}_j^L\right)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{W}_l$  is the trainable matrix parameter, L is the number of layer, and the initial states vector is  $\mathbf{S}^1 = \mathbf{S}$ . The input of intent feature is  $\mathbf{G}^{[I,1]} = \left\{\phi^{emb}\left(\mathbf{o}_1^I\right), \phi^{emb}\left(\mathbf{o}_2^I\right), \ldots, \phi^{emb}\left(\mathbf{o}_k^I\right)\right\}$ , where  $\phi^{emb}$  is a trainable embedding matrix parameter for mapping  $o_*^I$ . The first layer states vector for two kind of nodes is  $m{G}^1 = \left\{ m{G}^{[I,1]}, m{G}^{[S,1]} 
ight\}.$  **Edges** There are three types of connections in this graph.

- slot-slot connection: We assemble the slot-slot connection, where each slot node connects other slot nodes with the sliding window size <sup>2</sup>, to model the slot dependency further and incorporate the bidirectional contextual information.
- intent-intent connection: We connect all intent nodes to model the relationship between each intent node since they all materialize in the same utterance.
- intent-slot connection: Since intents and slots are closely related, we form the intent-slot connection to model the global interaction between the two subtasks. Specifically, each slot node connects all predicted intent nodes to capture relevant intent information automatically.

Within the graph, the aggregation process at l-th layer can be described as:

$$\boldsymbol{g}_{i}^{[S,l+1]} = \sigma \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}^{S}} \alpha_{ij} \boldsymbol{W}_{g} \boldsymbol{g}_{j}^{[S,l]} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}^{I}} \alpha_{ij} \boldsymbol{W}_{g} \boldsymbol{g}_{j}^{[I,l]} \right)$$
(10)

where  $\mathcal{G}^S$  and  $\mathcal{G}^I$  are vertices sets in connected slot nodes and intent nodes, respectively.

After L layers' aggregation, we obtain the final representation for slot prediction as follows.

$$o_{t}^{S} = \operatorname{argmax}\left(\operatorname{softmax}\left(\boldsymbol{W}_{s}\boldsymbol{g}_{t}^{[S,L+1]}\right)\right)$$
 (11)

There,  $oldsymbol{W}_s$  is the trainable matrix parameter and  $o_t^S$  is the predicted slot of the t-th token in the utterance.

# E. Joint Training

1) Loss Function: The loss functions for multiple ID is formulated as:

$$\vartheta\left(\bar{y},y\right) = \bar{y}\log\left(y\right) + \left(1 - \bar{y}\right)\log\left(1 - y\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{1} \triangleq -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{M} \left(\vartheta\left(\bar{y}_{i}^{(I)}[j], y_{i}^{(I)}[j]\right)\right) \tag{12}$$

<sup>2</sup>In our experiment, the sliding window size is 2/1 for MixATIS/MixSnips, respectively.

Similarly, the loss function for SF is described as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{2} \triangleq -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{Q} \left( \bar{y}_{i}^{(S)}[j] \log \left( y_{i}^{(S)}[j] \right) \right)$$
 (13)

where Q is the number of slot labels,  $\bar{y}^{(I)}$  and  $\bar{y}^{(S)}$  are gold intent label and gold slot label, respectively.

2) Model Training: We adopt a joint training mode to consider the two subtasks and update parameters by global optimization. The final joint objection is combined from the two loss functions as follows.

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_2 \tag{14}$$

Here,  $\lambda_*$  is the hyper-parameter.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTS

# A. Datasets and Metrics

We conduct experiments on two public multi-intent SLU datasets. One is MixATIS, which includes 13162/756/828 utterances for training/validation/testing. Another is MixSnips, containing 39776/2198/2199 utterances for training/validation/testing. In addition, both datasets are the cleaned version, removing the repeated sentences.

Following previous work, we adopt the accuracy for multiple ID, the F1 score for SF, and the overall accuracy for the semantic frame parsing. The overall accuracy illustrates the ratio of an utterance whose intent labels and slot labels are all accurately predicted.

#### B. Experimental Settings

The dimensionality of the hidden unit in the shared encoder, word embedding, and label embedding are 256, 128, and 256 on MixATIS, while on MixSnips, they are 256, 64, and 128. We set the number of the attention head is 4/8 for MixATIS/MixSNIPS, respectively. All layer number of GAT is fixed to 2. We use Adam [27] for optimization with a learning rate of  $1e^{-3}$  and a weight decay of  $1e^{-6}$ , and set the dropout rate as 0.4. As for the joint objection (Eq.(14)), the hyper-parameters  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are initialed to 0.85 and 0.15, respectively. In all the experiments, we choose the model which performs the best on the validation subset and then evaluate it on the test subset for a fair comparison. All experiments are conducted at Nvidia GeForce GTX 1080Ti.

## C. Main Results

The performance comparison between LAGIM and other baselines is shown in Table I, from which we mainly have the following observations:

 The LAGIM outperforms all baselines on all subtasks and datasets. Specifically, on the MixATIS dataset, LAGIM overpasses the previous SOTA model SDJN by 5.3%, 0.1%, and 0.7% on sentence-level semantic frame parsing, SF, and multiple ID, respectively. LAGIM surpasses SDJN by 1.6%, 0.4%, and 0.6% on sentence-level semantic frame parsing, SF, and multiple ID on the MixSNIPS dataset. We attribute the improvement to the fact that our

TABLE I
THE PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT MODELS ON TWO PUBLIC TARGET DATASETS.

Model	MixATIS			MixSnips		
	Overall(Acc)	Slot(F1)	Intent(Acc)	Overall(Acc)	Slot(F1)	Intent(Acc)
Attention BiRNN [22]	39.1	86.4	74.6	59.5	89.4	95.4
Slot-Gated [5]	35.5	87.7	63.9	55.4	87.9	94.6
Bi-Model [23]	34.4	83.9	70.3	63.4	90.7	95.6
SF-ID [24]	34.9	87.4	66.2	59.9	90.6	95.0
Stack-Propagation(Concat) [25]	39.6	86.5	76.2	72.4	93.7	96.2
Joint Multiple ID-SF [8]	36.1	84.6	73.4	62.9	90.6	95.1
AGIF [9]	40.8	86.7	74.4	74.2	94.2	95.1
SDJN [26]	44.6	88.2	77.1	75.7	94.4	96.5
LAGIM (Ours)	49.9*	88.3*	77.8*	77.3*	94.8*	97.1*

<sup>\*</sup> These results show that the advancement of LAGIM over all baselines is statistically momentous with p < 0.05 under t-test.

proposed global graph interaction module can sufficiently capture the correlation between intents and slots, enhancing the performance of multi-intent SLU system.

• LAGIM achieves a more considerable improvement on multiple ID than on SF. The reason is that except for the implicit correlations between utterances and one-hot encodings, our model injects label semantics into utterances to fuse explicit original label features and deliver enriched priors. In contrast, the previous models all ignore this. Based on semantic information injection, the label injection module catch the high-confidence resemblance between intent representations and label features through the best linear approximation, which brings significant and consistent improvements to multiple ID.

## D. Model Analysis

1) Ablation Study: To verify the efficacy of our model from different perspectives, we conduct a set of ablation experimentations on the two datasets, which are shown in Table II.

TABLE II EFFECT OF VARIANTS ON LAGIM

Model		MixATIS		MixSnips			
	Overall(Acc)	Slot(F1)	Intent(Acc)	Overall(Acc)	Slot(F1)	Intent(Acc)	
LAGIM	49.9	88.3	77.8	77.3	94.8	97.1	
w/o LIM	42.3 (\psi 7.6)	87.1 (\( \psi 1.2 )	76.4 (\ 1.4)	72.2 (\10145.1)	93.8 (\ 1.0)	95.5 (\ 1.6)	
w/o GGIM	43.1 (\ 6.8)	85.7 (\ 2.6)	77.2 (\psi 0.6)	74.0 (\ 3.3)	92.5 (\psi 2.3)	96.4 (\( 0.7)	
+ More Para.	46.5 (\ 3.4)	86.0 (\ 2.3)	77.3 (\psi 0.5)	75.4 (\ 1.9)	92.8 (\ 2.0)	96.6 (\( 0.5 )	

Efficacy of Label Injection Module We remove the label injection module (LIM), utilize the outcome of utterance/token representations and labels, and maintain other components unchanged. It is named as *w/o LIM* in Table II. We can observe that the absence of the LIM leads to 1.4% and 1.6% intent accuracy drops clearly on MixATIS and MixSnips, respectively. This phenomenon signifies that LIM can capture the correlation between utterances and explicit labels' semantics, which is advantageous for the semantic performance of the multiple ID subtask.

Efficacy of Global Graph Interaction Module We remove the global graph interaction module (GGIM), utilize the product of the slot-related Bi-SLTM encoder for SF, and maintain other components unchanged. We refer it to *w/o GGIM* in Table II. We can observe that the slot f1 score drops by 2.6% and 2.3% on MixATIS and MixSnips, respectively. It proves that the GGIM can model the sentence-level intent-slot interaction and navigate the prediction for SF through global optimization, which significantly boosts the performance of the SLU system.

Following [9], we replace the LSTM (2 layers) as the proposed GGIM to verify that the added parameters do not work. Table II (*More Para.*) shows the consequences. We celebrate that our model outperforms more parameters by 3.4% and 1.9% overall accuracy in MixATIS and MixSnips, respectively, indicating that the advancements come from the proposed GGIM.

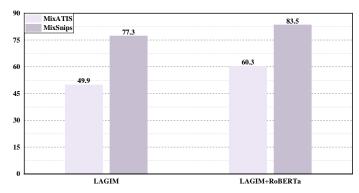


Fig. 2. The overall accuracy performances on MixATIS and MixSnips with the RoBERTa.



Fig. 3. The visualization result. The Y-axis is the predicted intents, and X-axis is the input utterance where all slot tokens are surrounded by \*. For each block, the darker the color is, the more relevant they are.

2) Explore of Pre-trained Model: Following the work in [25], we explore the pre-trained model in our model and replace the shared encoder as RoBERTa [15] with the fine-tuning approach. We keep the other components identified in

our model and consider the first subword label if a word is broken into multiple subwords.

The result, which introduces the pre-trained model and is shown in Fig. 2, exhibits that the RoBERTa-based model is incredibly well on two public datasets and reaches a new SOTA performance. We attribute this to the fact that pre-trained models can provide more rich semantic features, which is significant for predicting the multi-intent SLU system.

3) Visualization: To better comprehend what the global graph has learned and contributes to the final prediction, we visualize its attention weight shown in Fig. 3, using an utterance from the MixATIS dataset. Based on the utterance with the multiple intents atis\_flight and atis\_meal, we can see the attention weights successfully focus on the correct slot, which means our LAGIM can learn to incorporate the correlated intent information at each slot. More detailly, LAGIM correctly aggregates the corresponding atis\_flight intent information at slot delta and atis\_meal intent information at slot meals.

# V. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes the LAGIM for joint multiple ID and SF. The novel model mainly consists of two modules, which are the proposed LIM and the introduced GGIM. The former can capture the correlation between utterances and explicit labels' semantics, and the latter can model the sentence-level intent-slot interaction for global optimization. Empirical results on two public datasets reveal that our novel model outperforms the prior research.

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