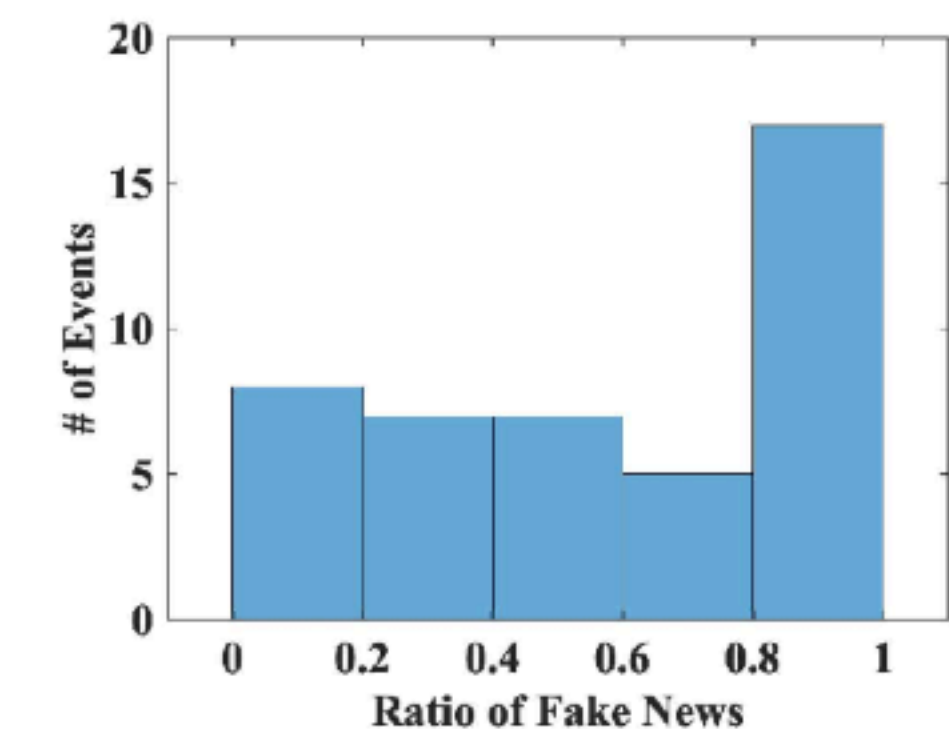
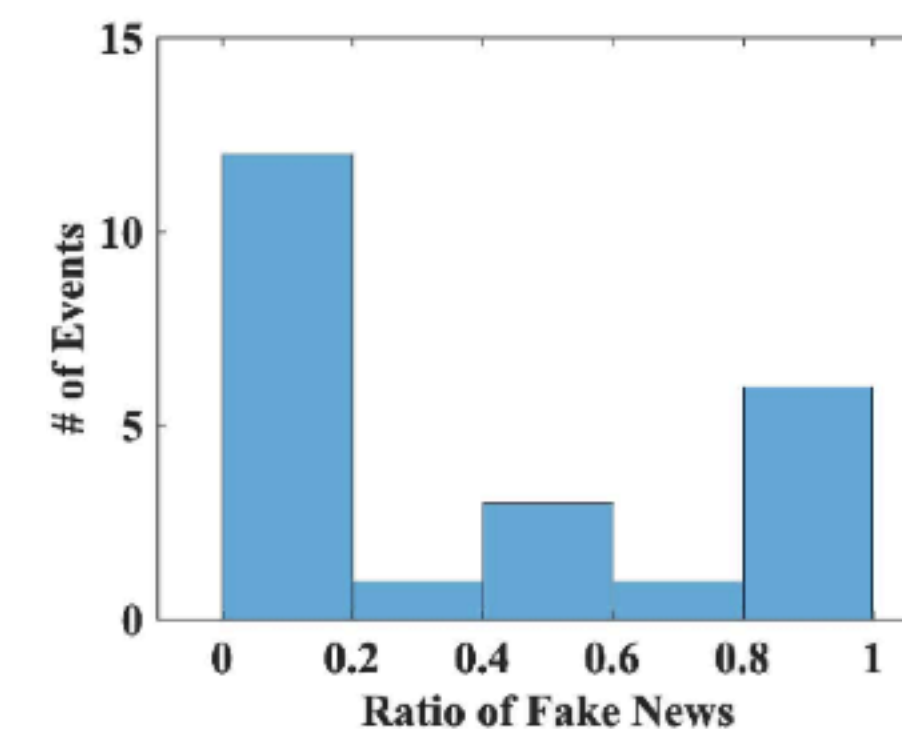
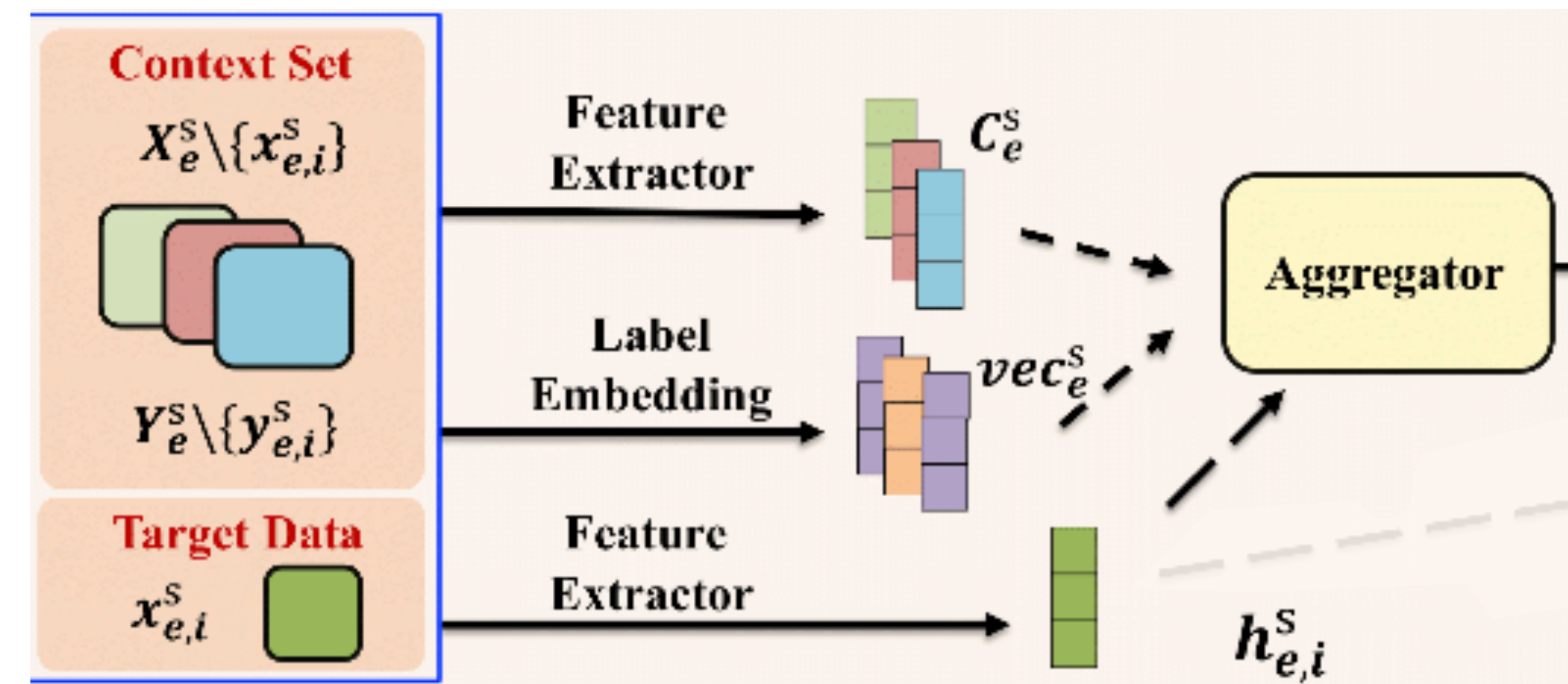


Methodology

Aggregator: Limitation of Soft-attention

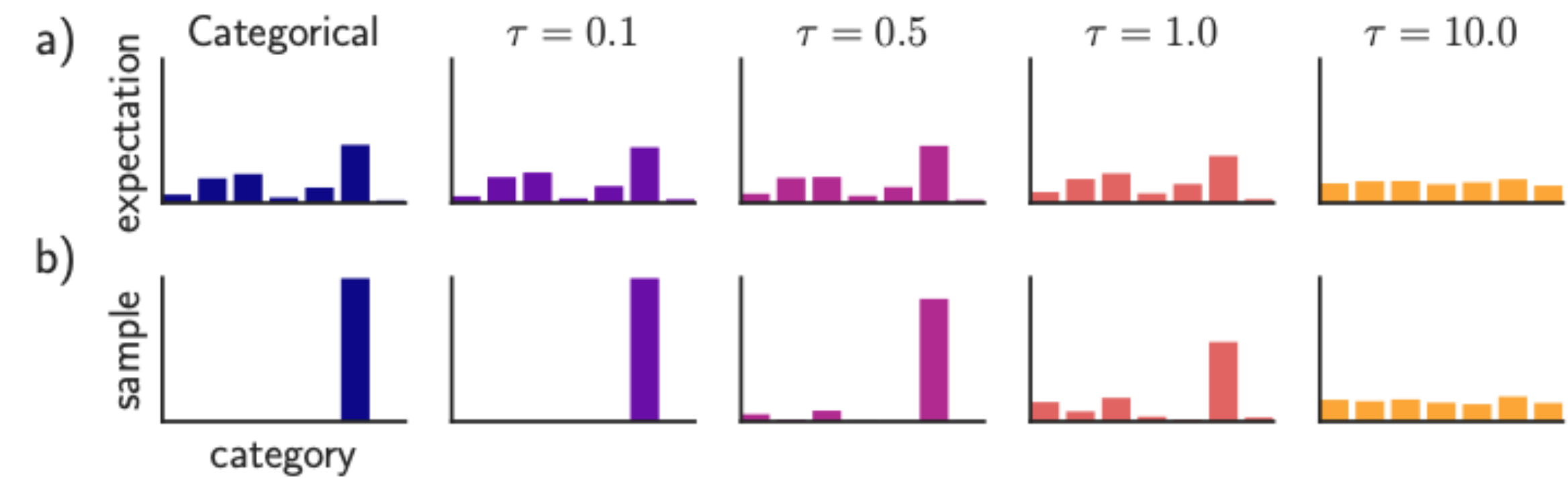
$$a_i = \text{softmax} \left(\frac{\mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{K}^T}{\sqrt{d}} \right)$$

- The attention mechanism with soft weight values is categorized into **soft-attention**.
- However, soft-attention **cannot effectively trim irrelevant data** especially when have a context set with an **imbalanced class distribution** as mentioned before.



Methodology

Aggregator: Hard-Attention



<https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.01144>

- To overcome this limitation, propose to select the most related context data point instead of weighted average.
- To enable argmax operation to be differentiable, use **Straight-Through (ST) Gumbel SoftMax** (ICLR'17) for **discretely sampling the context information** given target data.
- Through gumbel-softmax, the hard-attention is able to **trim the irrelevant data** and **draw the most informative sample** for given target sample $x_{e,i}$.
- The selected data point $\mathbf{c}_{e,k} \oplus \mathbf{v}_{e,k}$ is fed into fully connected layer that top of the aggregator to adjust dimension and output context embedding $\mathbf{r}_{e,i}$.

