# Self-supervised Auxiliary Learning with Meta-paths for Heterogeneous Graphs

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## 1 Introduction: Why I choose this paper?

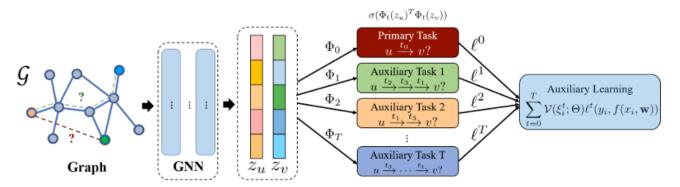
- Hot Topic Self-supervised learning for GNN
- GNN for Real word heterogenous graph
- Meta Training
- For any GNN model & Performance Increase



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#### SELf-supervised Auxiliary LeaRning (SELAR).







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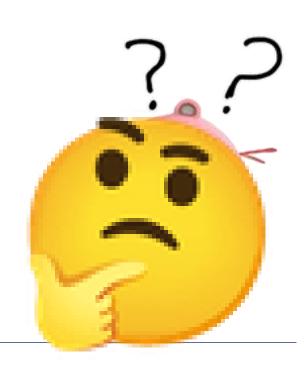
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What is Self-supervised leaning?

What is Auxiliary Learning?

What is Meta-Paths?



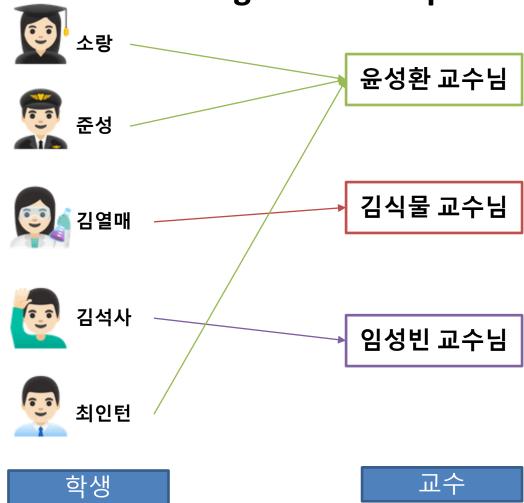


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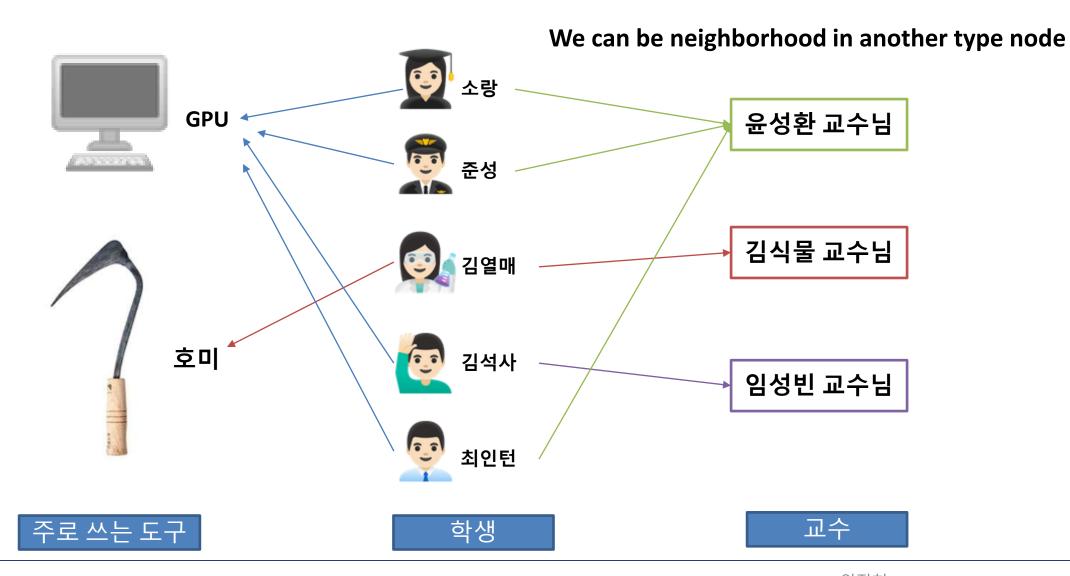
Heterogeneous Graphs: multiple type of node or edge

(like real-word) (rich information for powerful representation)

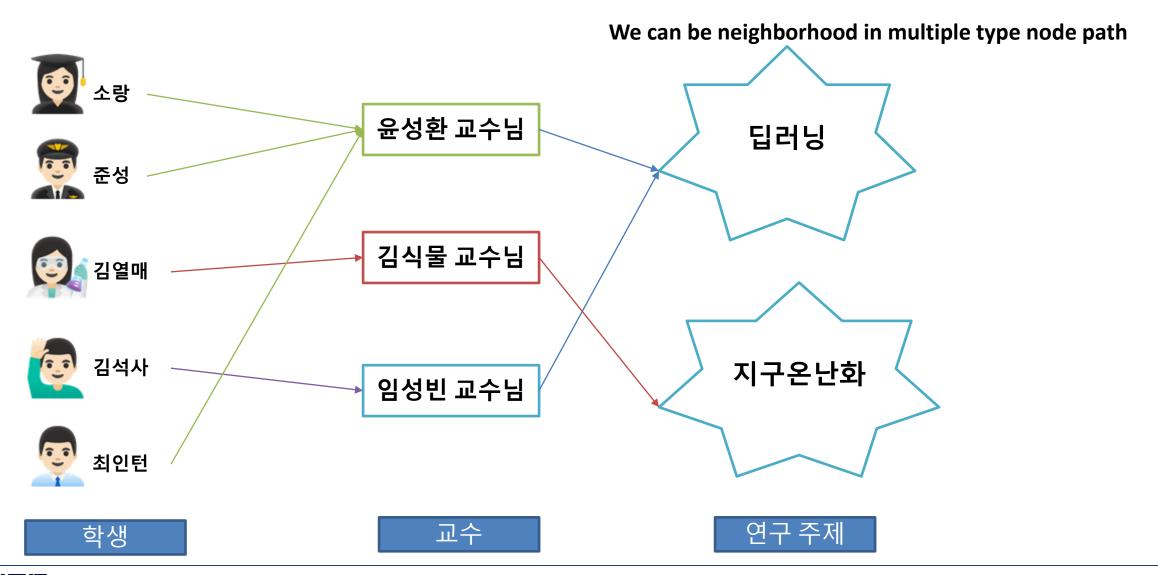
#### Homogeneous Graphs can't catch the rich information?





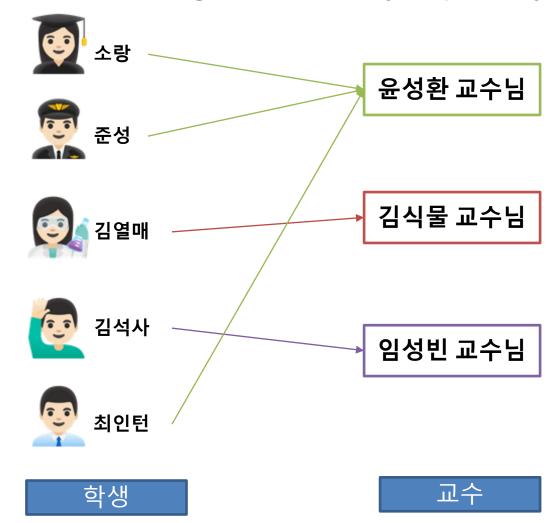








#### Homogeneous Graphs(multiple type node) have rich information!





## Related: Self-supervised learning

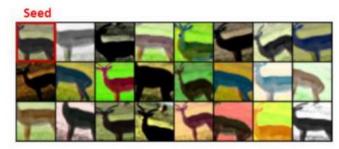
Self-Supervised Learning: pretext task로 NN을 pretrain하여 downstream task로 transfer learning.

pretext task: Unlabeled 데이터들을 이용하여 사용자가 새로운 문제를 정의하여 이에 대한 정답을 Self- supervised label이라 하며 이 때의 새로운 문제를 뜻함.

DOWNSTREAM TASK: Pretrain된 가중치를 사용하여 원하는 테스크에 fine-tune

self- supervised 학습은 일종의 비지도학습으로 라벨이 없는 데이터를 해당 데이터의 구조나 특성을 기반으로 라벨링하여 학습함으로써 High-level representations 학습을 가능케 한다.

#### Exemplar, 2014 NIPS



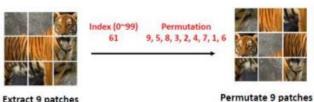
Train with STL-10 dataset (96x96)

[Exemplar]

#### Jigsaw Puzzle, 2016 ECCV



Sample image



Extract 9 patches

[Jigsaw Puzzle]



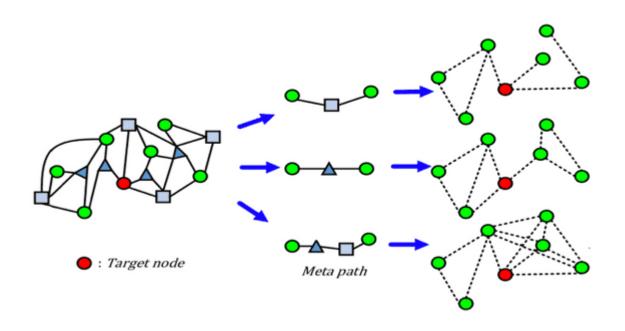
### Related Concepts: Auxiliary Learning

employ auxiliary tasks to assist the primary task

Looks like multi-task learning BUT only care about the performance of the primary task



## Related Concepts: Meta-Paths



At Heterogeneous Graph Embedding

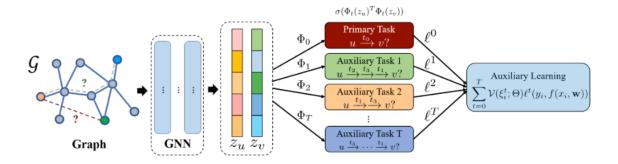


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meta-path prediction

**Hint Networks** 





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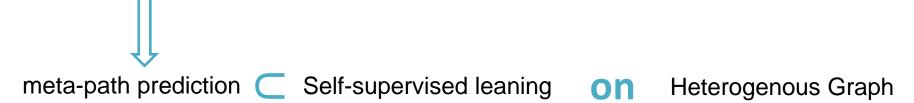


meta-path prediction Self-supervised leaning



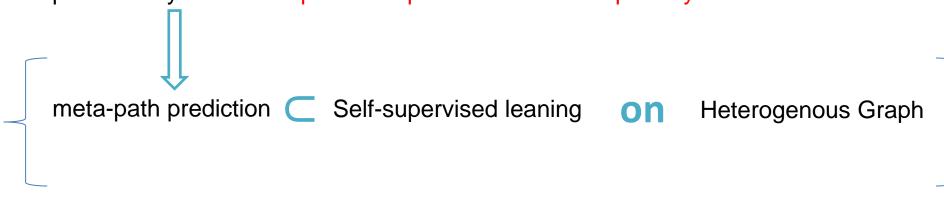


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**Understand Complicated and meaningful relations Of Heterogenous Graph** 



Contribution: It isn't just simple auxiliary learning for GNN

There are so many challenging problem at "Auxiliary task at GNN"

- Graph Structure
- Only Homogeneous Graph
- Manually select the Auxiliary task with domain knowledge

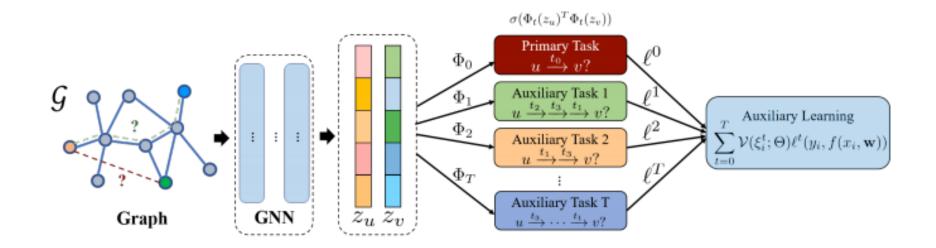




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- Propose a self-supervised learning method on a heterogeneous graph via meta-path prediction without additional data.
- Automatically selects meta-paths (auxiliary tasks) to assist the primary task via metalearning.
- Develop Hint Network that helps the learner network to benefit from challenging auxiliary tasks.





- 1) learning weight functions to softly select auxiliary tasks and balance them with the primary task via meta-learning
- 2) learning Hint Networks to convert challenging auxiliary tasks into more relevant and solvable tasks to the primary task learner.



**SELAR** is learning to learn **a primary task** with multiple **auxiliary tasks** to assist the primary task

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- $\mathcal{L}^{pr}$ : Loss function for the primary task
- $\mathcal{L}^{pr+au}$  : Loss functions for the primary task and auxiliary tasks
- W: Model Parameters (for tasks)
- $\bullet$   $\Theta$ : Parameters for meta-learning (how to learn)

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$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{w}^*(\Theta) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \sum_{t=0}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \frac{1}{N_t} \mathcal{V}(\xi_i^{(t,train)}; \Theta) \ell^t(y_i^{(t,train)}, f^t(x_i^{(t,train)}; \mathbf{w}))$$

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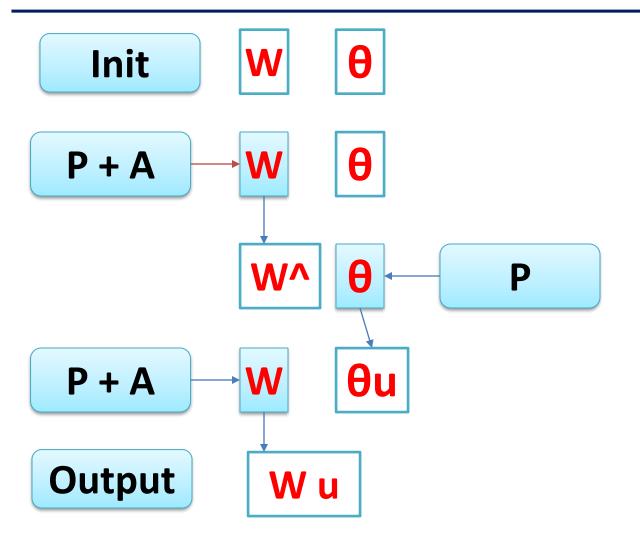
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## Proposed Approach: SELAR How to optimize this Bi-Optimization

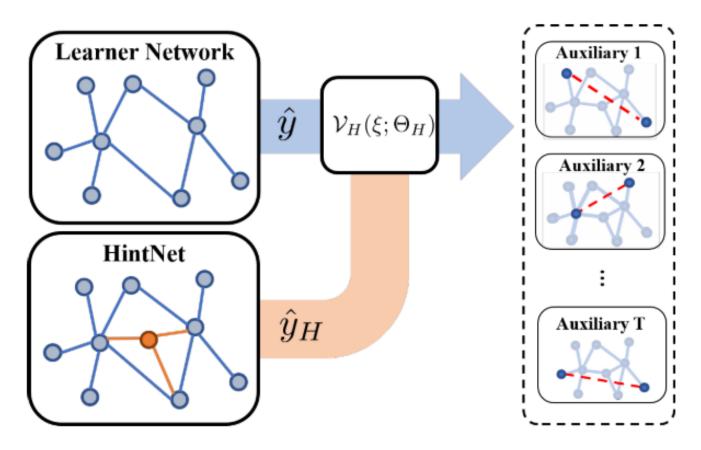




### Proposed Approach: Hint Network

Meta-path prediction more challeng problem than link prediction/ node classification Provide Hint to convert meta path into more easy problem

convex combination of the learner's answer and HintNet's answer





#### **Datasets**

Link prediction: Last-FM and Book-Crossing with knowledge graph

Node classification: ACM and IMDB

Table 2: Datasets on heterogeneous graphs.

	Datasets	# Nodes	# Edges	# Edge type	# Features
Link prediction	Last-FM Book-Crossing	15,084 110,739	73,382 442,746	122 52	N/A N/A
Node classification	ACM IMDB	8,994 12,772	25,922 37,288	4 4	1,902 1,256

Base Model: GCN, GAT, GIN, SG Conv and GTN

Q1. Is meta-path prediction effective for representation learning on **heterogeneous graphs**?

Q2. Can the meta-path prediction be further **improved** by the proposed methods?

Q3. Why are the **proposed methods** effective?

Table 1: Link prediction performance (AUC) of GNNs trained by various learning strategies.

Dataset	Base GNNs	Vanilla	w/o meta-path	w/ meta-path	Ours SELAR	SELAR+Hint
	GCN	0.7963	0.7889	0.8235	0.8296	0.8121
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Last-Fivi	SGC	0.7703	0.7766	0.7718	0.7827	0.7975
	GTN	0.7836	0.7744	0.7865	0.7988	0.8067
	Avg. Gain	-	-0.0017	+0.0106	+0.0190	+0.0200
	GCN	0.7039	0.7031	0.7110	0.7182	0.7208
	GAT	0.6891	0.6968	0.7075	0.7345	0.7360
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Book-Crossing	SGC	0.6860	0.6808	0.6792	0.6902	0.6926
	GTN	0.6732	0.6758	0.6724	0.6858	0.6850
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Table 2: **Node classification** performance (F1-score) of GNNs trained by various learning schemes.

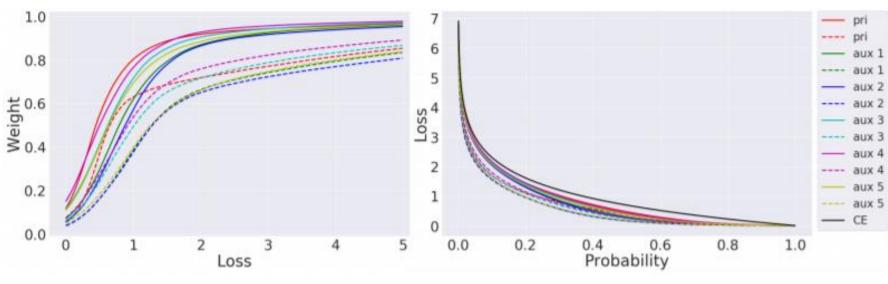
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ACM	GIN	0.9085	0.9118	0.9058	0.9092	0.9135
ACM	SGC	0.9163	0.9194	0.9223	0.9224	0.9235
	GTN	0.9181	0.9191	0.9246	0.9258	0.9236
	Avg. Gain	-	+0.0027	+0.0043	+0.0079	+0.0090
	GCN	0.5767	0.5855	0.5994	0.6083	0.6154
	GAT	0.5653	0.5488	0.5910	0.6099	0.6044
IMDB	GIN	0.5888	0.5698	0.5891	0.5931	0.5897
IMDB	SGC	0.5779	0.5924	0.5940	0.6151	0.6192
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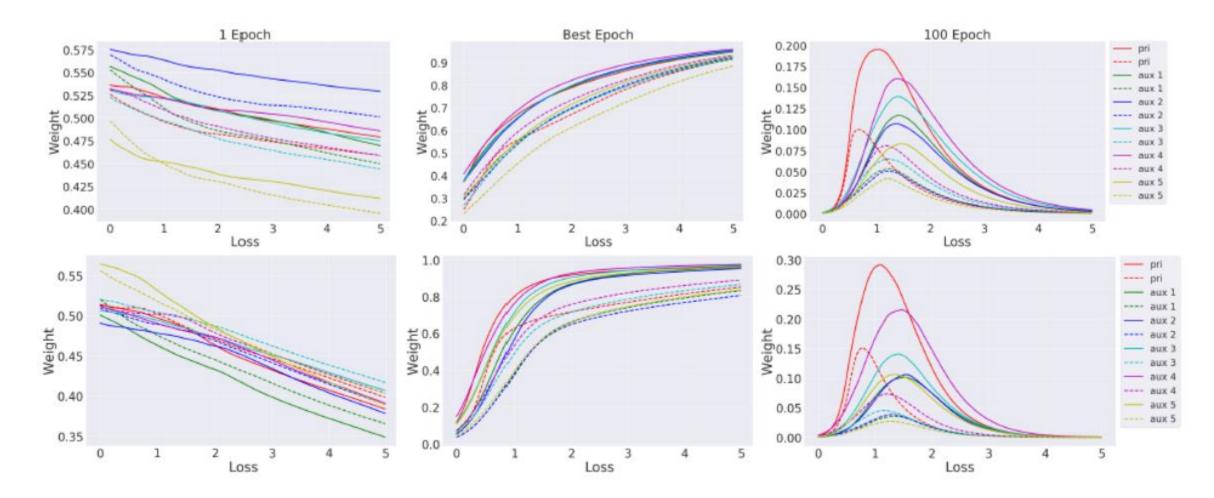
How we know that?

#### Work like Focal loss: focus on hard samples(task)



(b) Adjusted Cross Entropy  $V(\xi; \Theta)\ell^t(y, \hat{y})$ .

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Table 2: The average of the task-specific weighted loss on Last-FM and Book-Crossing datasets.

Meta-paths (Last-FM)	Avg.	Meta-paths (Book-Crossing)	Avg.
user-item-actor-item	7.675	user-item*	6.439
user-item*	7.608	user-item-literary.series-item-user	6.217
user-item-appearing.in.film-item	7.372	item-genre-item	6.163
user-item-instruments-item	7.049	user-item-user-item	6.126
user-item-user-item	6.878	user-item-user	6.066
user-item-artist.origin-item	6.727	item-user-item	6.025

<sup>\*</sup> primary task

#### **Meta cross-validation**

Table 3: Comparison between 1-fold and 3-fold as meta-data on Last-FM datasets.

		SEI	LAR	SELAR+Hint		
Model	Vanilla	1-fold	3-fold	1-fold	3-fold	
GCN	0.7963	0.7885	0.8296	0.7834	0.8121	
GAT	0.8115	0.8287	0.8294	0.8290	0.8302	
GIN	0.8199	0.8234	0.8361	0.8244	0.8350	
SGC	0.7703	0.7691	0.7827	0.7702	0.7975	
GTN	0.7836	0.7897	0.7988	0.7915	0.8067	

Algorithm 1 Self-supervised Auxiliary Learning

**Input:** training data for primary/auxiliary tasks  $D^{pr}$ ,  $D^{au}$ , mini-batch size  $N_{pr}$ ,  $N_{au}$ 

**Input:** max iterations K, # folds for cross validation C, learning rate  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ 

**Output:** network parameter  $\mathbf{w}^K$  for the primary task

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 Initialize w<sup>1</sup>, Θ<sup>1</sup>

 2: for k = 1 to K do
             D_m^{pr} \leftarrow \text{MiniBatchSampler}(D^{pr}, N_{pr})
             D_m^{au} \leftarrow \text{MiniBatchSampler}(D^{au}, N_{au})
                                                                                                          for c = 1 to C do
                   D_m^{pr(train)}, D_m^{pr(meta)} \leftarrow \mathsf{CVSplit}(D_m^{pr}, c)

    Split Data for CV

                \hat{\mathbf{w}}^k(\Theta^k) \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^k - \alpha \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}^{pr+au}(\mathbf{w}^k; \Theta^k) \text{ with } D_m^{pr(train)} \cup D_m^{au}
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                g_c \leftarrow \nabla_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}^{pr}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}^k(\Theta^k)) \text{ with } D_m^{pr(meta)}
                                                                                                                                                                ⊳ Eq. (7)
             end for
             Update \Theta^{k+1} \leftarrow \Theta^k - \beta \sum_c^C g_c

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10:
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12: **end for** 

#### Question about the result

- Hint Network really work?
- How it will be apply Hint Network to "with meta" model
- Can MetaCV be applied to any Meta?

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