



Denoised Self-Augmented Learning for Social Recommendation

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Introduction

In practical social recommendation scenarios, however, user-item interaction data is often very **sparse**.

The SSL-based augmentation is severely hindered by **noisy social relations** when enhancing the representation learning of complex user preferences.

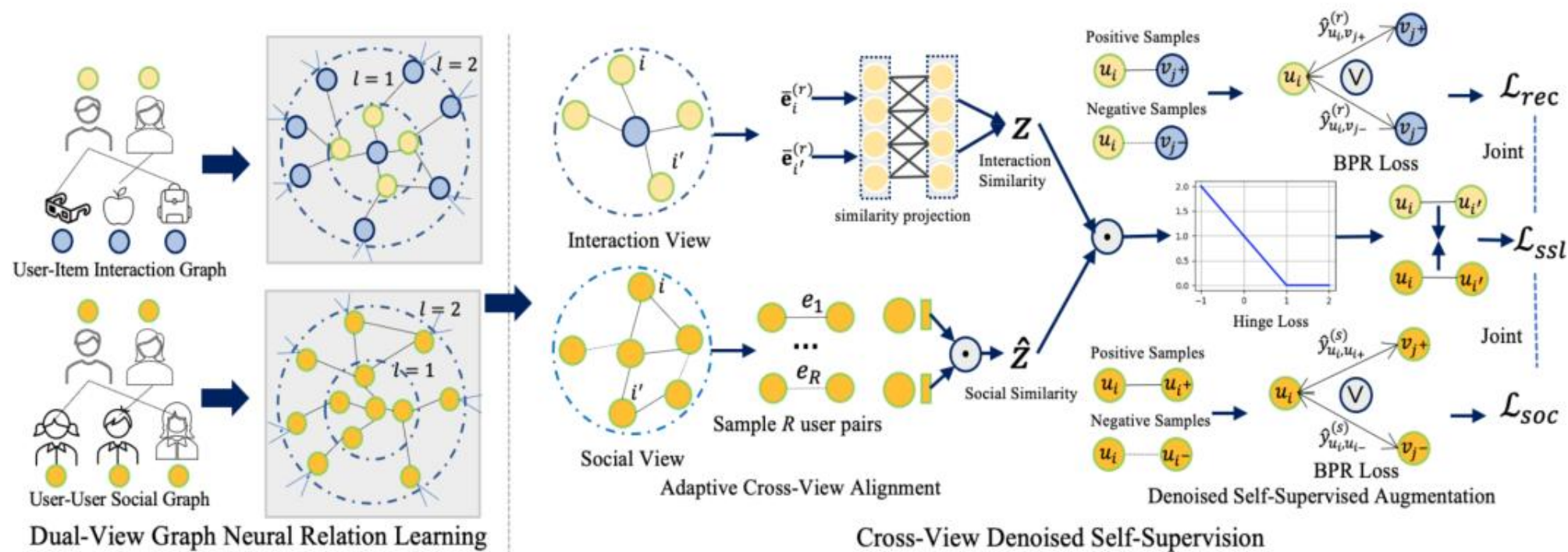
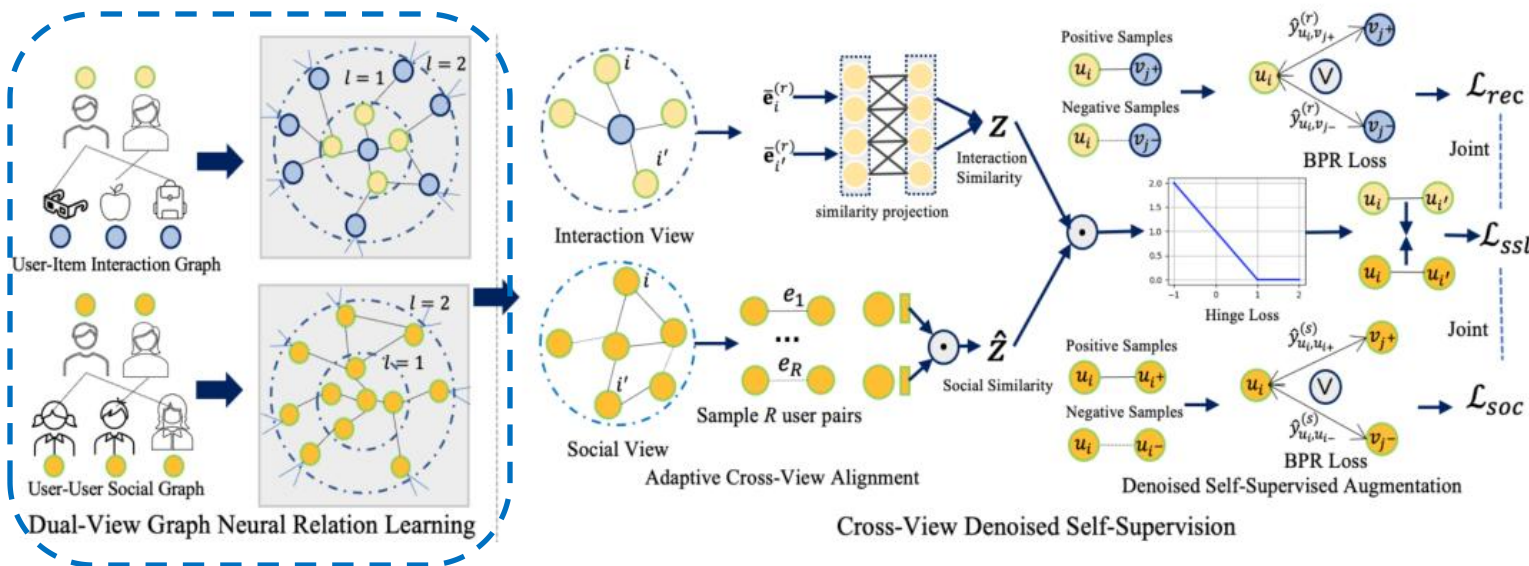


Figure 1: Overall framework of the proposed denoised self-augmented learning (DSL) model.

Method



$$\mathcal{U} = \{u_1, \dots, u_I\} \quad \mathcal{V} = \{v_1, \dots, v_J\}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_r = \{\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_r\} \quad \mathcal{G}_s = \{\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}_s\}$$

Dual-View Graph Neural Relation Learning

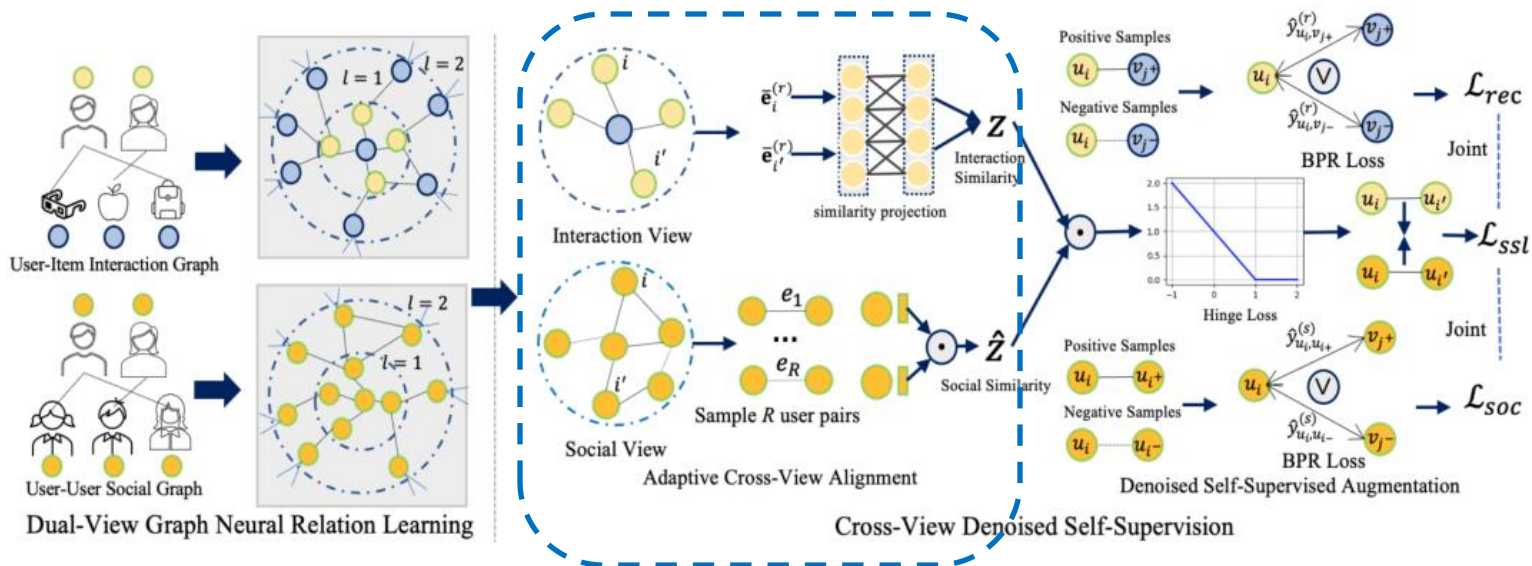
$$\mathbf{E}_r^{(l)} = (\mathcal{L}_r + \mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{E}_r^{(l-1)} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_r = \mathbf{D}_r^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{D}_r^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \mathbf{A}_r = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{R}^\top & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_s^{(l)} = (\mathcal{L}_s + \mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{E}_s^{(l-1)}, \quad \mathcal{L}_s = \mathbf{D}_s^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}_s^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{E}}_r = \sum_{l=0}^L \mathbf{E}_r^{(l)}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{E}}_s = \sum_{l=0}^L \mathbf{E}_s^{(l)} \quad (4)$$

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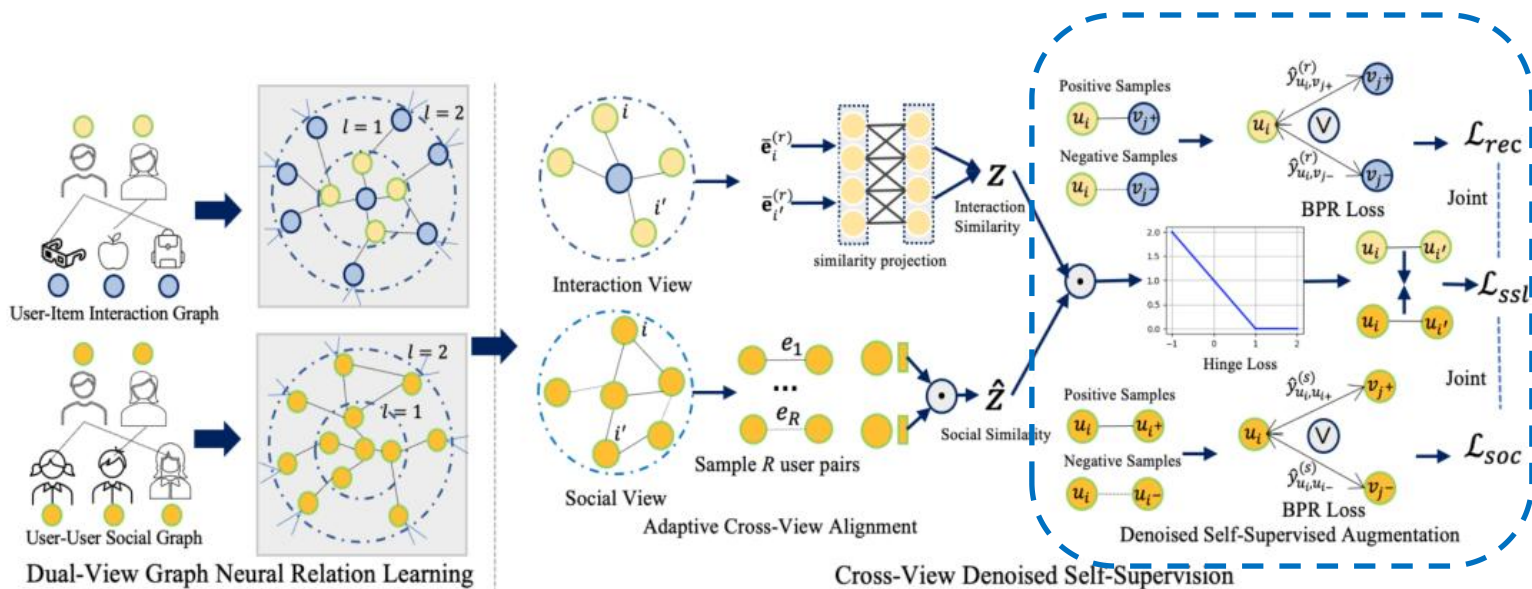


$$z_{i,i'} = [\bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^{(r)}; \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i'}^{(r)}] \quad \hat{z}_{i,i'} = [\bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^{(s)\top}; \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i'}^{(s)}]$$

$$z_{i,i'} = \text{sigm}(\mathbf{d}^\top \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{T} \cdot [\bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^{(r)}; \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i'}^{(r)}] + \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^{(r)} + \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i'}^{(r)} + \mathbf{c})) \quad (5)$$

$$L_{ssl} = \sum_{(u_i, u_{i'})} \max(0, 1 - z_{i,i'} \hat{z}_{i,i'}) \quad (6)$$

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$$\hat{y}_{u_i, v_j}^{(r)} = \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^{(r)\top} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_j^{(r)}; \quad \hat{y}_{u_i, u_{i'}}^{(s)} = \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^{(s)\top} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i'}^{(s)} \quad (7)$$

$$L_{rec} = \sum_{(u_i, v_{j+}, v_{j-})} -\ln \text{sigm}(\hat{y}_{u_i, v_{j+}}^{(r)} - \hat{y}_{u_i, v_{j-}}^{(r)})$$

$$L_{soc} = \sum_{(u_i, u_{i+}, u_{i-})} -\ln \text{sigm}(\hat{y}_{u_i, u_{i+}}^{(s)} - \hat{y}_{u_i, u_{i-}}^{(s)}) \quad (8)$$

$$L = L_{rec} + \lambda_1 L_{soc} + \lambda_2 L_{ssl} + \lambda_3 (\|\mathbf{E}_u\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{E}_v\|_F^2) \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial L_{cl}}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i} = -\bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i+} + \sum_{u_{i-}} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i-} \frac{\exp \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i-}}{\sum_{u_{i-}} \exp \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i^\top \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i-}} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial L_{ssl}}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{e}}_i} = \sum_{u_{i'}} -z_{i, i'} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{i'} \quad (11)$$



Experiments

Data	Ciao	Epinions	Yelp
# Users	6,672	11,111	161,305
# Items	98,875	190,774	114,852
# Interactions	198,181	247,591	1,118,645
Interaction Density	0.0300%	0.0117%	0.0060%
# Social Ties	109,503	203,989	2,142,242

Table 1: Statistical information of evaluated datasets.

Dataset	Metrics	PMF	TrustMF	DiffNet	DGRec	EATNN	NGCF+	MHCN	KCGN	SMIN	DSL	%Imp
Ciao	HR	0.4223	0.4492	0.5544	0.4658	0.4255	0.5629	0.5950	0.5785	0.5852	0.6374	26.0
	NDCG	0.2464	0.2520	0.3167	0.2401	0.2525	0.3429	0.3805	0.3552	0.3687	0.4065	37.2
Epinions	HR	0.1686	0.1769	0.2182	0.2055	0.1576	0.2969	0.3507	0.3122	0.3159	0.3983	76.9
	NDCG	0.0968	0.0842	0.1162	0.0908	0.0794	0.1582	0.1926	0.1721	0.1867	0.2290	96.2
Yelp	HR	0.7554	0.7791	0.8031	0.7950	0.8031	0.8265	0.8571	0.8484	0.8478	0.8923	10.1
	NDCG	0.5165	0.5424	0.5670	0.5593	0.5560	0.5854	0.6310	0.6028	0.5993	0.6599	15.5

Table 2: Recommendation performance of different methods. %Imp denotes relative improvements over all baselines on average.



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Data	Ciao		Epinions		Yelp	
Metrics	HR	NDCG	HR	NDCG	HR	NDCG
DSAL-d	0.615	0.399	0.354	0.207	0.887	0.658
DSAL-s	0.594	0.374	0.327	0.169	0.839	0.621
DSAL-c	0.603	0.388	0.336	0.199	0.889	0.662
DSAL	0.637	0.406	0.398	0.229	0.892	0.659

Table 3: Component-wise ablation study of DSL.

Metrics	PMF	TrustMF	DiffNet	DGRec	EATNN	NGCF+	MHCN	KCGN	SMIN	DSL	%Imp
HR@5	0.3032	0.3133	0.3963	0.3035	0.3259	0.4263	0.4762	0.4361	0.4565	0.5007	35.2
NDCG@5	0.2071	0.2073	0.2650	0.1872	0.2342	0.3020	0.3479	0.3094	0.3298	0.3626	43.0
HR@10	0.4223	0.4492	0.5544	0.4658	0.4255	0.5629	0.5950	0.5785	0.5852	0.6374	26.0
NDCG@10	0.2464	0.2520	0.3167	0.2401	0.2525	0.3429	0.3805	0.3552	0.3687	0.4065	37.2
HR@20	0.5565	0.6133	0.6973	0.6193	0.5309	0.7032	0.7418	0.7191	0.7000	0.7683	18.6
NDCG@20	0.2799	0.3020	0.3514	0.2746	0.2838	0.3675	0.4241	0.3844	0.3780	0.4353	31.6

Table 4: Ranking performance on Ciao dataset with varying Top-N values in terms of HR@N and NDCG@N

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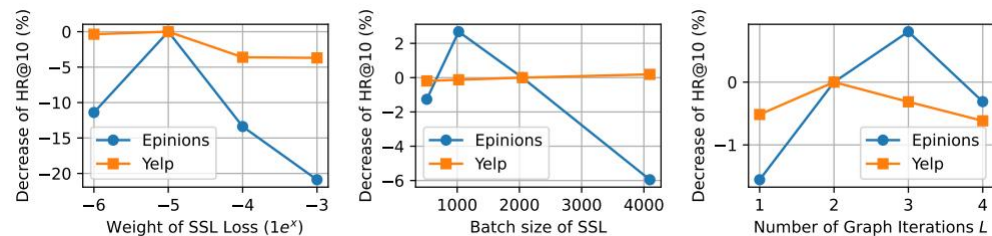


Figure 2: We conduct a hyperparameter study of the DSL with respect to i) SSL loss weight for regularization, ii) batch size for training, and iii) # of propagation layers for message passing.

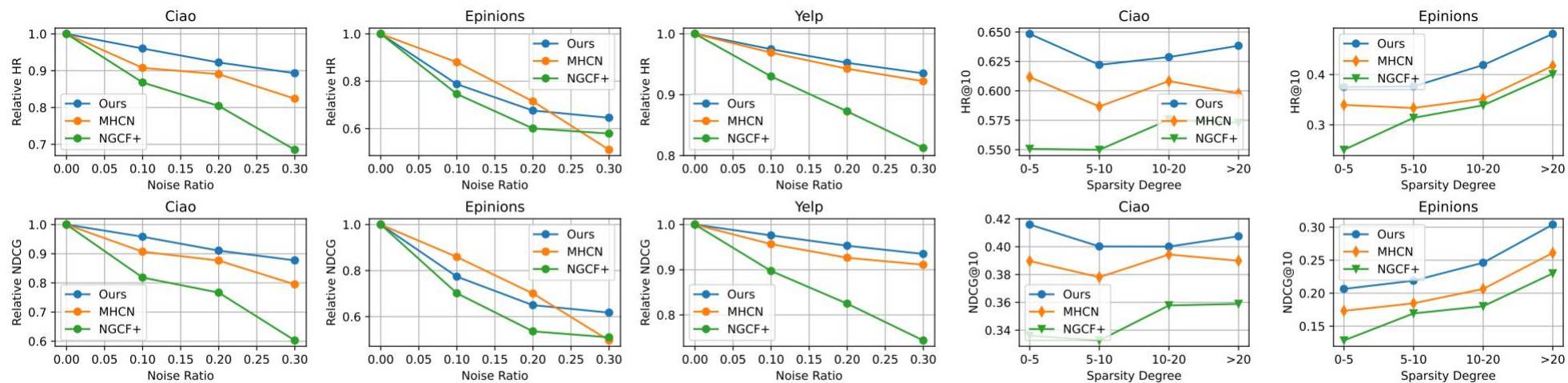
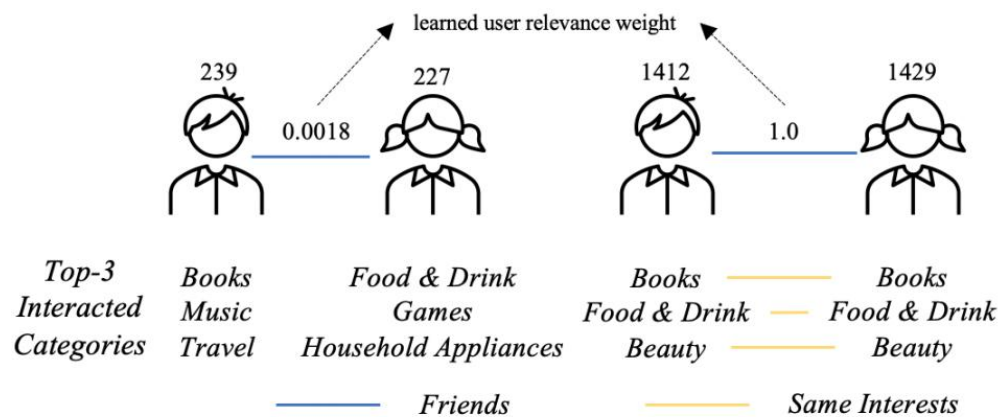


Figure 3: Model robustness study *w.r.t* data noise and data sparsity, in terms of HR@N and NDCG@N.

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Data	DiffNet	NGCF+	MHCN	KCGN	SMIN	Our
Ciao	8.1	8.2	4.92	26.9	7.8	3.2
Epinions	39.1	16.3	9.34	49.4	19.7	6.1
Yelp	692.9	124.6	56.2	132.5	75.3	58.6

Table 5: Model computational cost measured by running time (s).

Figure 4: Case study on denoising social relations for modeling user-item interaction patterns with sampled socially-connected user pairs.



Thank you!