



JointCL: A Joint Contrastive Learning Framework for Zero-Shot Stance Detection

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Introduction

to generalize the stance features to the unseen targets

context-aware: *Stance Contrastive Learning* strategy, which effectively improves the quality of stance features by leveraging the similarity of training instances in a stance class while pushing away instances from other stance classes.

target-aware: *Target-Aware Prototypical Graph Contrastive Learning*. Specifically, a novel edge-oriented graph contrastive loss is deployed to make the graph structures similar for similar target-based representations, and different for dissimilar ones.

Approach

$[c_i \cdot c_k h_i]$

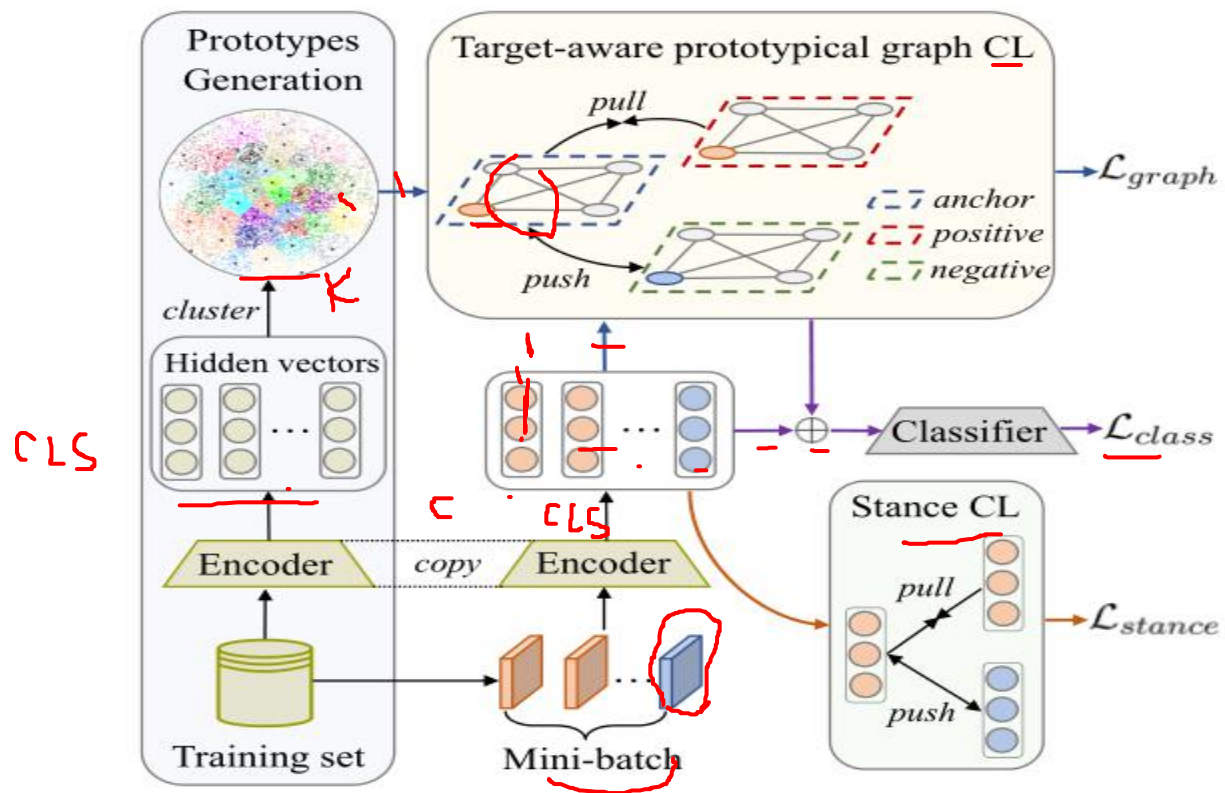
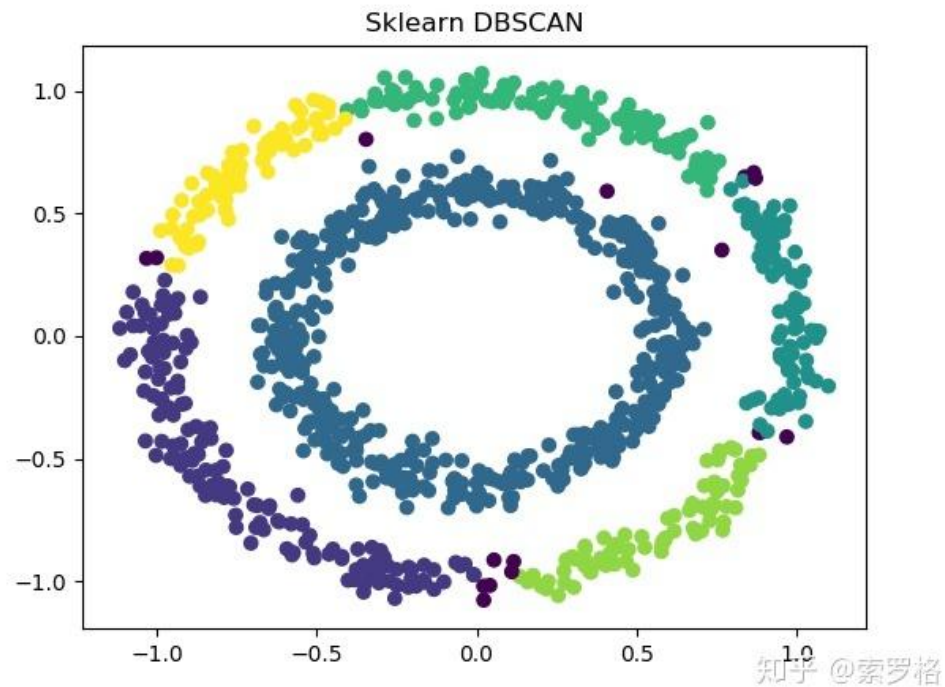
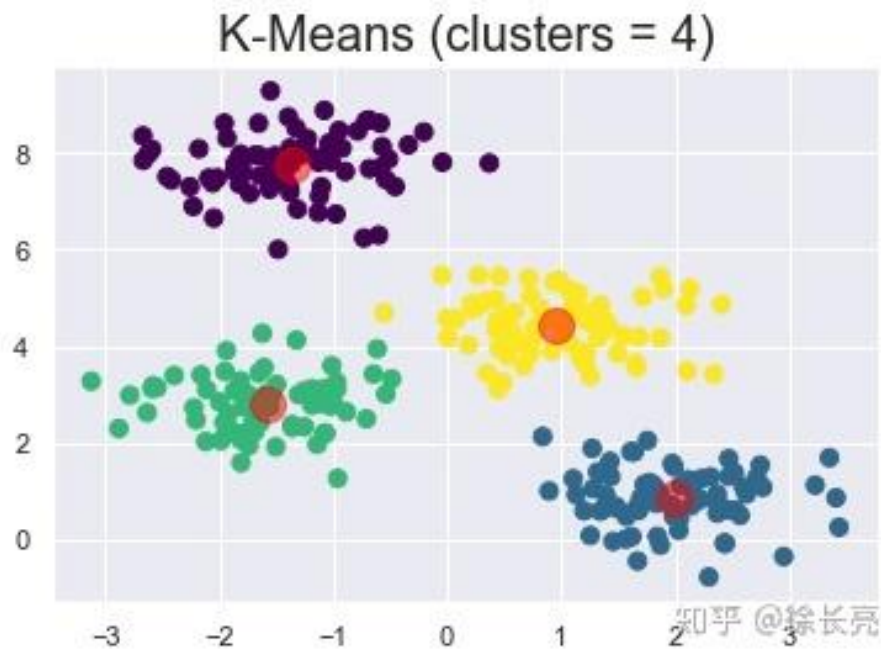


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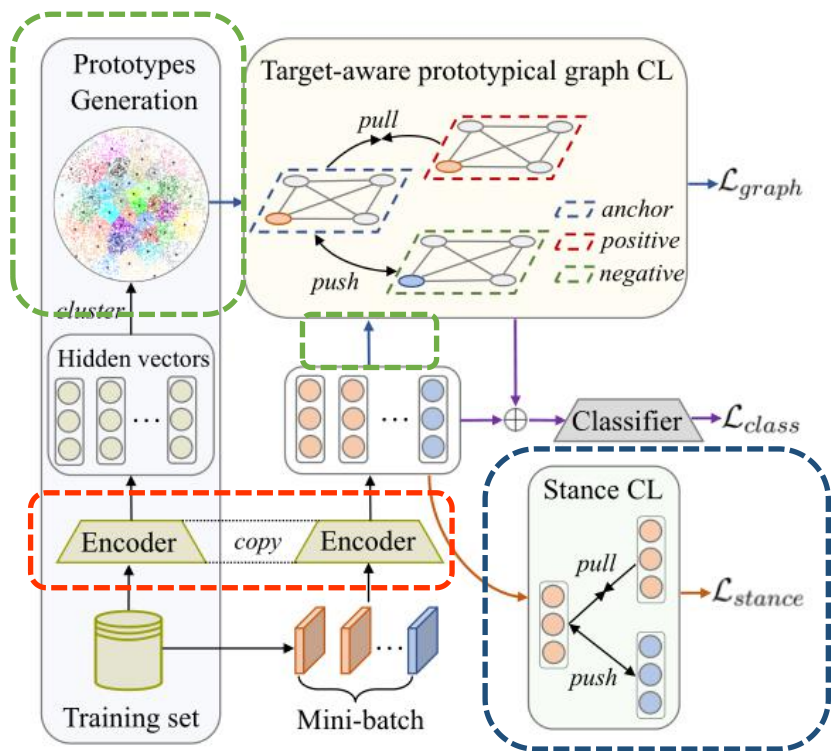


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$$h = \text{BERT}([\text{CLS}]r[\text{SEP}]t[\text{SEP}][\text{CLS}]) \quad (1) \quad \mathcal{H} = \{h_i\}_{i=1}^{N_s}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{stance} = \frac{-1}{N_b} \sum_{h_i \in \mathcal{B}} \ell^s(h_i) \quad (2)$$

$$\ell^s(h_i) = \log \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \mathbb{1}_{[y^i=y^j]} \exp(f(h_i, h_j)/\tau_s)}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \exp(f(h_i, h_j)/\tau_s)} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\underline{c_i}\}_{i=1}^k$$

$$\mathbf{X} = [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k, h_i]$$

$$\mathcal{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{i,j} = \mathcal{G}_{j,i} = 1.$$

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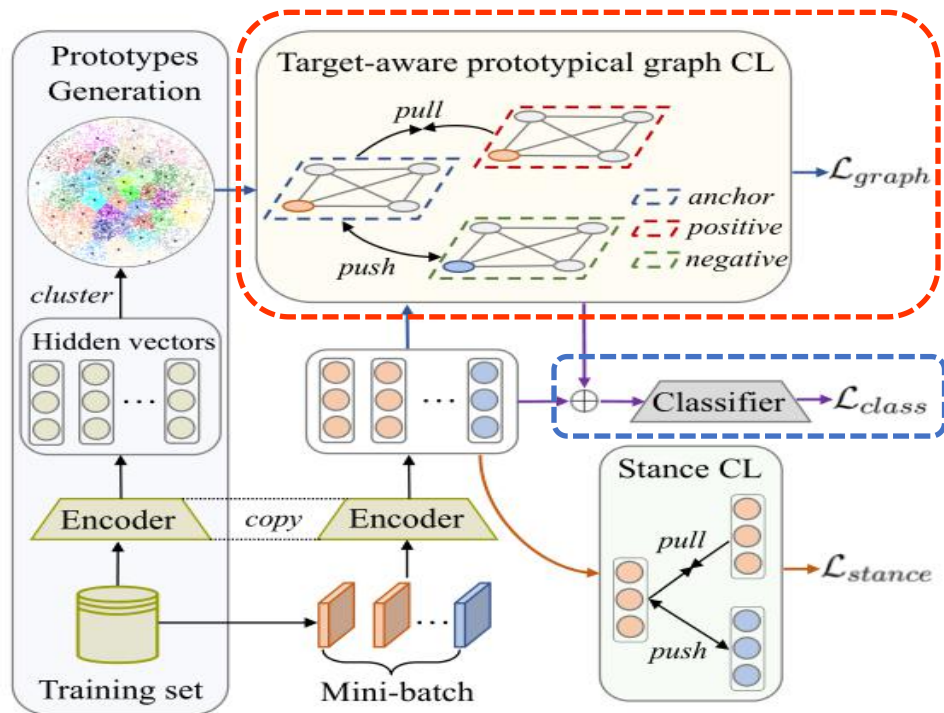


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$$\alpha_i = a(\text{GAT}(\mathbf{X}; \mathcal{G})) \quad (4)$$

$$z_i = f(\text{GAT}(\mathbf{X}; \mathcal{G})) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{graph} = \frac{-1}{N_b} \sum_{\alpha_i \in \mathcal{B}} \ell^g(\alpha_i) \quad (6)$$

$$\ell^g(\alpha_i) = \log \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \Phi(i, j) \exp(f(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) / \tau_g)}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \exp(f(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) / \tau_g)} \quad (7)$$

$$\Phi(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y^i = y^j \text{ and } p^i = p^j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{h}_i \oplus \mathbf{z}_i \quad (9)$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{W} \mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{b}) \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{class} = - \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} \sum_{j=1}^{d_y} y_i^j \log \hat{y}_i^j \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \gamma_c \mathcal{L}_{class} + \gamma_s \mathcal{L}_{stance} + \gamma_g \mathcal{L}_{graph} + \lambda \|\Theta\|^2 \quad (12)$$

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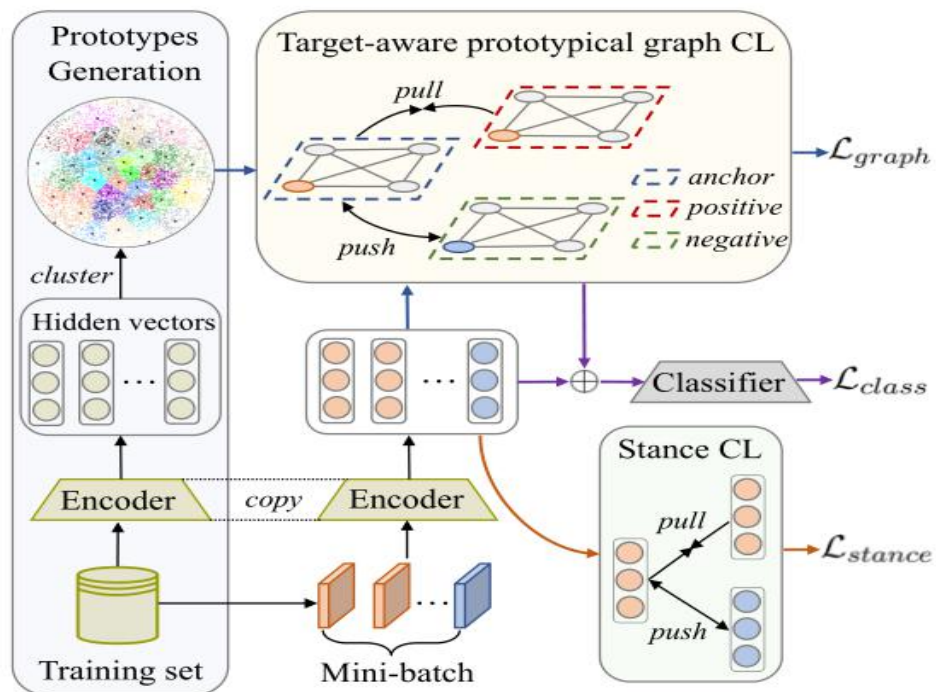


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$$\mathcal{L}_{graph} = \frac{-1}{N_b} \sum_{h_i \in \mathcal{B}} \ell^g(h_i) \quad (13)$$

$$\ell^g(h_i) = \log \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \mathbb{1}_{[t^i=t^j]} \exp(f(h_i, h_j)/\tau)}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \exp(f(h_i, h_j)/\tau)} \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{graph} = \frac{-1}{N_b} \sum_{z_i \in \mathcal{B}} \ell^g(z_i) \quad (15)$$

$$\ell^g(z_i) = \log \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \mathbb{1}_{[p^i=p^j]} \exp(f(z_i, z_j)/\tau)}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \exp(f(z_i, z_j)/\tau)} \quad (16)$$



Experiments

	Train	Dev	Test
# Examples	13477	2062	3006
# Unique Comments	1845	682	786
# Zero-shot Topics	4003	383	600
# Few-shot Topics	638	114	159

Table 1: Statistics of VAST dataset.

Dataset	Target	Favor	Against	Neutral	Unrelated
SEM16	DT	148	299	260	-
	HC	163	565	256	-
	FM	268	511	170	-
	LA	167	544	222	-
	A	124	464	145	-
	CC	335	26	203	-
WT-WT	CA	2469	518	5520	3115
	CE	773	253	947	554
	AC	970	1969	3098	5007
	AH	1038	1106	2804	2949

Table 2: Statistics of SEM16 and WT-WT datasets.

Experiments

Model	VAST (%)				SEM16 (%)						WT-WT (%)			
	Pro	Con	Neu	All	DT	HC	FM	LA	A	CC	CA	CE	AC	AH
BiCond	44.6 [‡]	47.4 [‡]	34.9 [†]	42.8 [‡]	30.5 [‡]	32.7 [‡]	40.6 [‡]	34.4 [‡]	31.0 [‡]	15.0 [‡]	56.5 [‡]	52.5 [‡]	64.9 [‡]	63.0 [‡]
CrossNet	46.2 [‡]	43.4 [‡]	40.4 [†]	43.4 [‡]	35.6	38.3	41.7	38.5	39.7	22.8	59.1 [‡]	54.5 [‡]	65.1 [‡]	62.3 [‡]
SiamNet	47.5	43.3	39.6	43.5	36.9	37.5	44.3	41.6	41.2	25.6	58.3 [‡]	54.4 [‡]	68.7 [‡]	67.7 [‡]
SEKT	50.4 [†]	44.2 [†]	30.8 [†]	41.8 [†]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TPDG	53.7	49.6	52.3	51.9	47.3	50.9	53.6	46.5	48.7	32.3	66.8 [‡]	65.6 [‡]	74.2 [‡]	73.1 [‡]
TOAD	42.6	36.7	43.8	41.0	49.5 [‡]	51.2 [‡]	54.1[‡]	46.2 [‡]	46.1 [‡]	30.9 [‡]	55.3	57.7	58.6	61.7
BERT	54.6 [‡]	58.4 [‡]	85.3 [†]	66.1 [‡]	40.1 [‡]	49.6 [‡]	41.9 [‡]	44.8 [‡]	55.2[‡]	37.3 [‡]	56.0 [‡]	60.5 [‡]	67.1 [‡]	67.3 [‡]
TGA Net	55.4 [‡]	58.5 [‡]	85.8 [†]	66.6 [‡]	40.7	49.3	46.6	45.2	52.7	36.6	65.7	63.5	69.9	68.7
BERT-GCN	58.3 [†]	60.6 [†]	86.9 [†]	68.6 [†]	42.3	50.0	44.3	44.2	53.6	35.5	67.8	64.1	70.7	69.2
CKE-Net	61.2 [†]	61.2 [†]	88.0 [†]	70.2 [†]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JointCL (ours)	64.9[*]	63.2[*]	88.9[*]	72.3[*]	50.5[*]	54.8[*]	53.8	49.5[*]	54.5	39.7[*]	72.4[*]	70.2[*]	76.0[*]	75.2[*]

Table 3: Experimental results on three ZSSD datasets. The results with [‡] are retrieved from (Allaway and McKeown, 2020), [†] from (Liu et al., 2021), [‡] from (Allaway et al., 2021), [‡] from (Conforti et al., 2020), and [‡] from (Liang et al., 2021a). Best scores are in bold. Results with ^{*} denote the significance tests of our JointCL over the baseline models at p -value < 0.05 .



Experiments

Model	VAST (%)				SEM16 (%)						WT-WT (%)			
	Pro	Con	Neu	All	DT	HC	FM	LA	A	CC	CA	CE	AC	AH
JointCL (ours)	64.9	63.2	88.9	72.3	50.5	54.8	53.8	49.5	54.5	39.7	72.4	70.2	76.0	75.2
w/o \mathcal{L}_{stance}	61.6	60.7	87.2	69.8	46.2	51.4	51.2	45.3	52.5	36.3	69.4	67.8	72.1	71.4
w/o \mathcal{L}_{graph}	62.5	62.1	87.8	70.7	48.8	52.7	51.5	48.2	53.2	38.1	70.5	68.3	74.7	73.6
w/o graph	60.8	62.3	87.7	70.3	46.5	50.3	49.7	45.6	52.3	37.4	69.8	68.7	73.2	71.7
w/o cluster	59.6	62.2	86.8	69.5	47.4	53.1	52.3	48.6	53.7	38.8	70.9	69.2	74.9	72.6
w/o edge	63.3	62.5	88.4	71.4	49.2	53.4	53.1	48.9	53.5	39.2	71.2	69.5	75.2	74.2

Table 4: Experimental results of ablation study.

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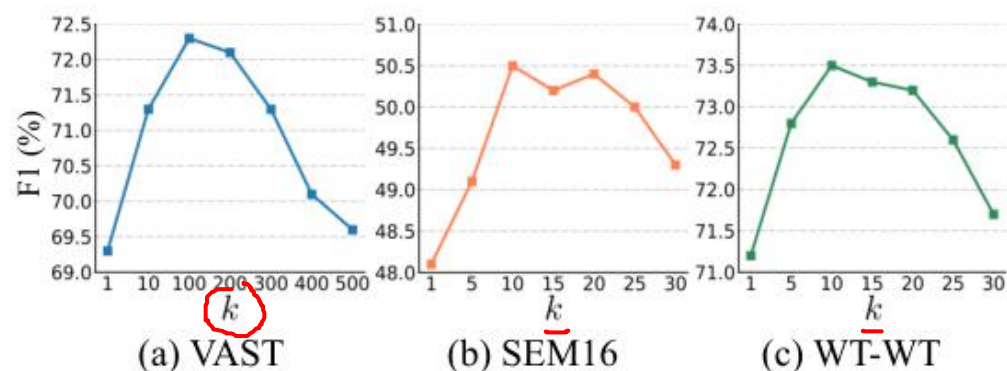


Figure 2: Experimental results of different values of k .

Model	Pro	Con	Neu	All
BiCond	45.4	46.3	25.9	39.2
Cross-Net	50.8	50.5	41.0	47.4
SEKT	51.0	47.9	21.5	47.4
BERT	54.4	59.7	79.6	64.6
TGA Net	58.9	59.5	80.5	66.3
BERT-GCN	62.8	63.4	83.0	69.7
CKE-Net	64.4	62.2	83.5	70.1
JointCL (ours)	63.2	66.7	84.6	71.5

Table 5: Experimental results of few-shot condition. Results of baselines are retrieved from (Liu et al., 2021).

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Model	HC→DT	DT→HC	FM→LA	LA→FM
BiCond	29.7	35.8	45.0	41.6
CrossNet	43.1	36.2	45.4	43.3
BERT	43.6	36.5	47.9	33.9
SEKT	47.7	42.0	53.6	51.3
TPDG	50.4	52.9	58.3	54.1
JointCL (ours)	52.8	54.3	58.8	54.5

Table 6: Experimental results of cross-target condition. “HC→DT” denotes training on HC and testing on DT, etc. Results of baselines are retrieved from (Liang et al., 2021a).

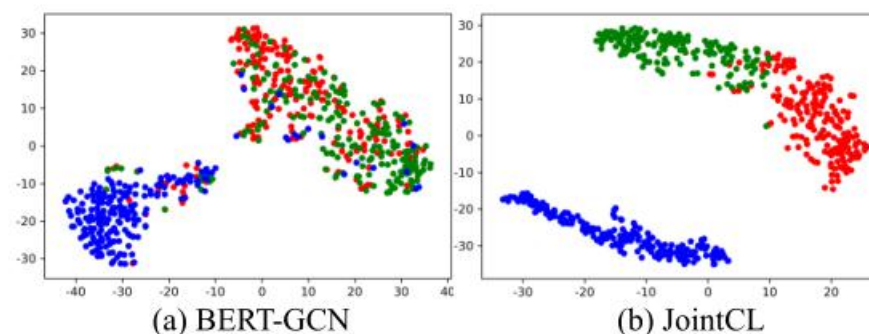


Figure 3: Visualization of intermediate embeddings. Red dots denote *Pro* examples, green dots denote *Con* examples, and blue dots denote *Neutral* examples.



Thank you !