



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

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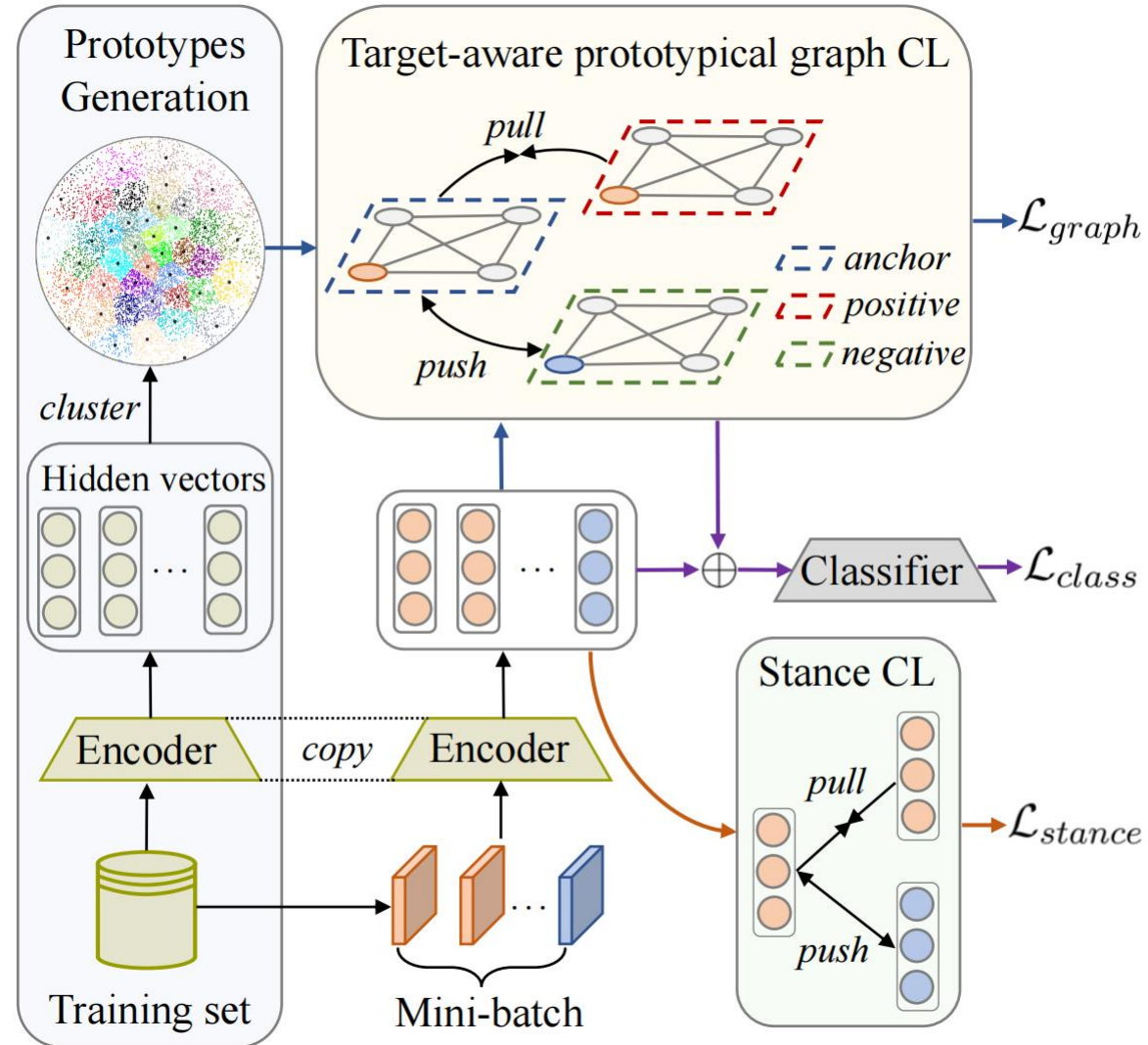
# Introduction

**context-aware** —— Stance Contrastive Learning

**target-aware** —— Target-Aware Prototypical Graph Contrastive Learning

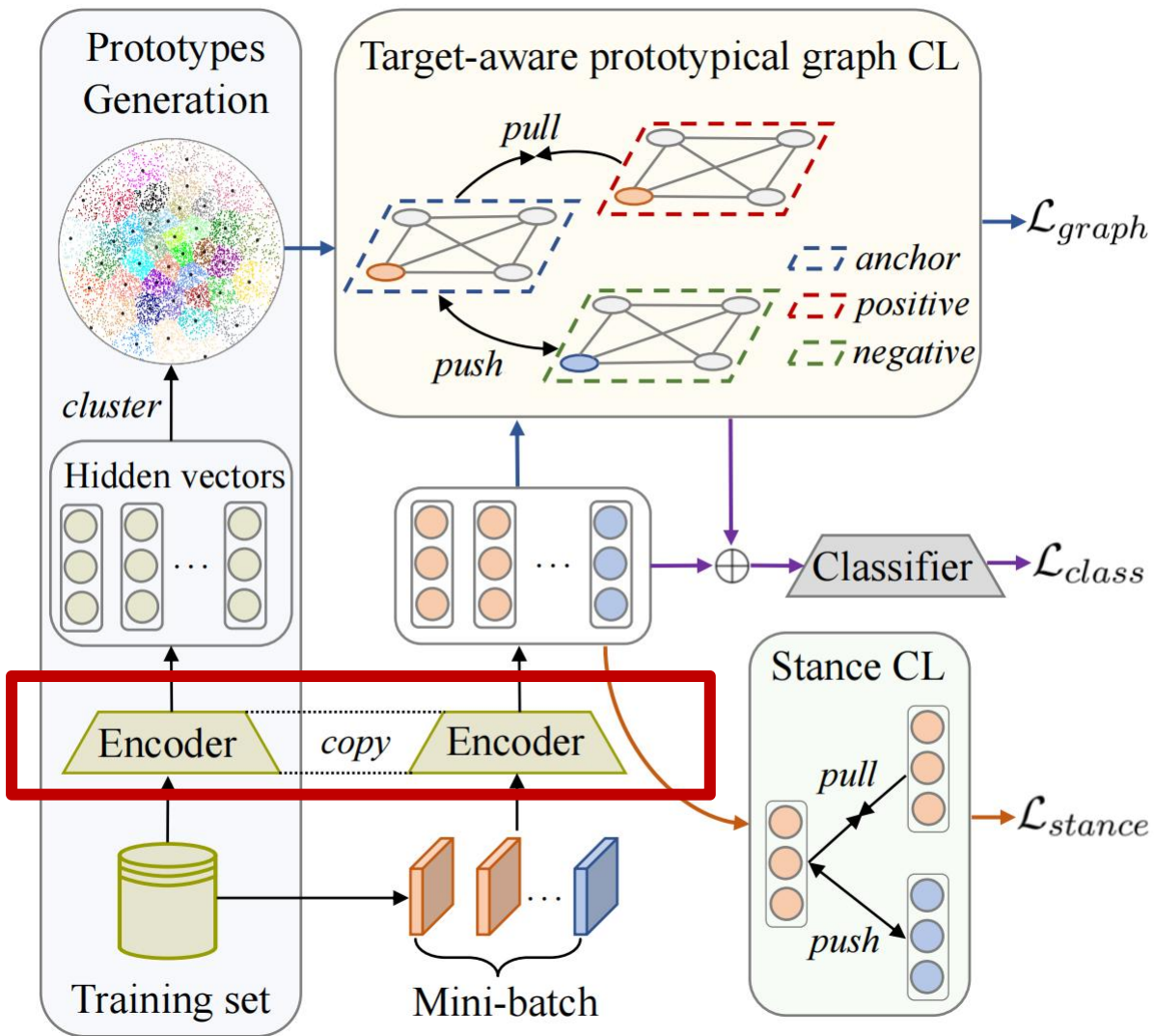


# Method





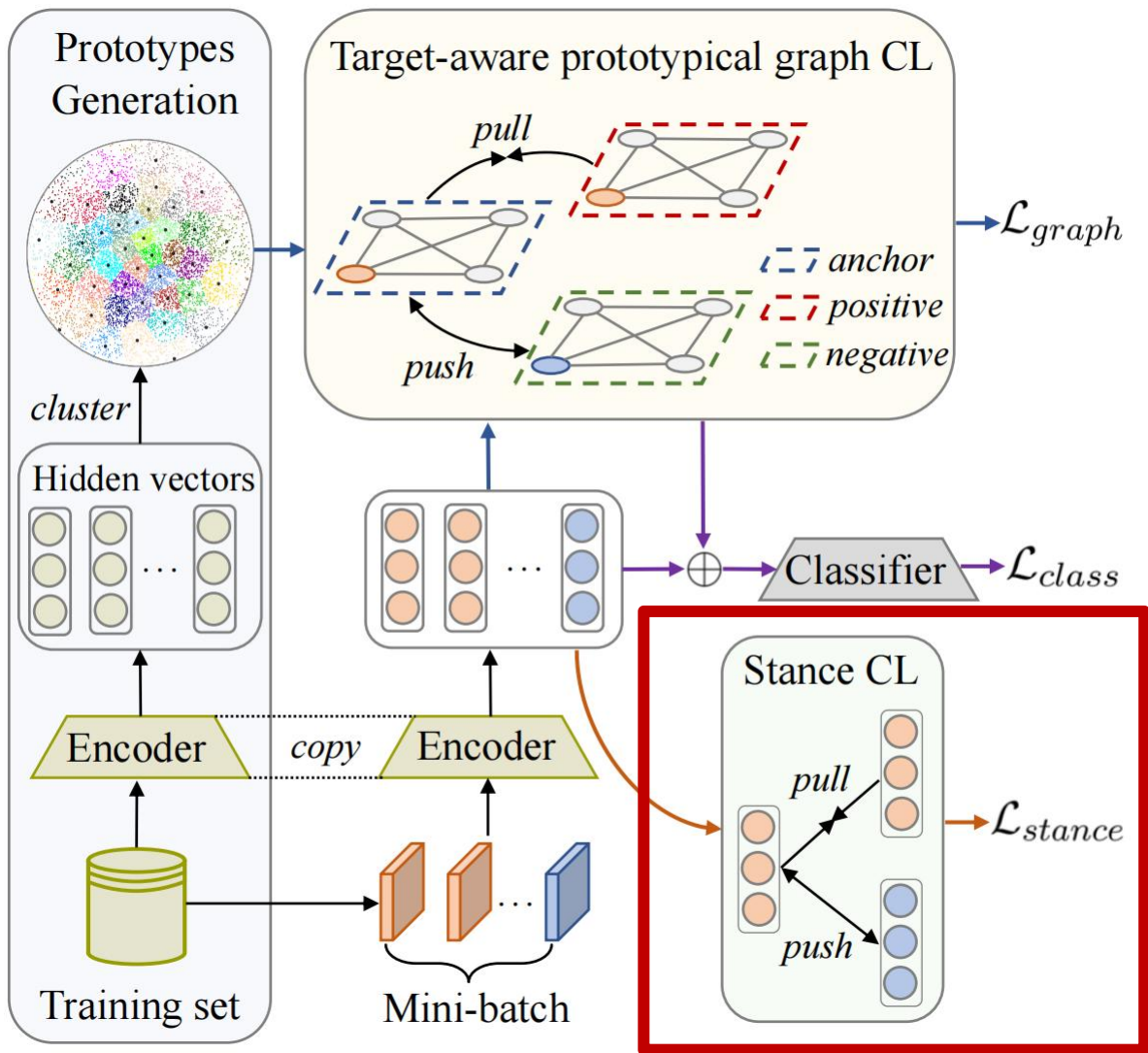
# Method



$$h = \text{BERT}([CLS]r[SEP]t[SEP])[CLS] \quad (1)$$



# Method

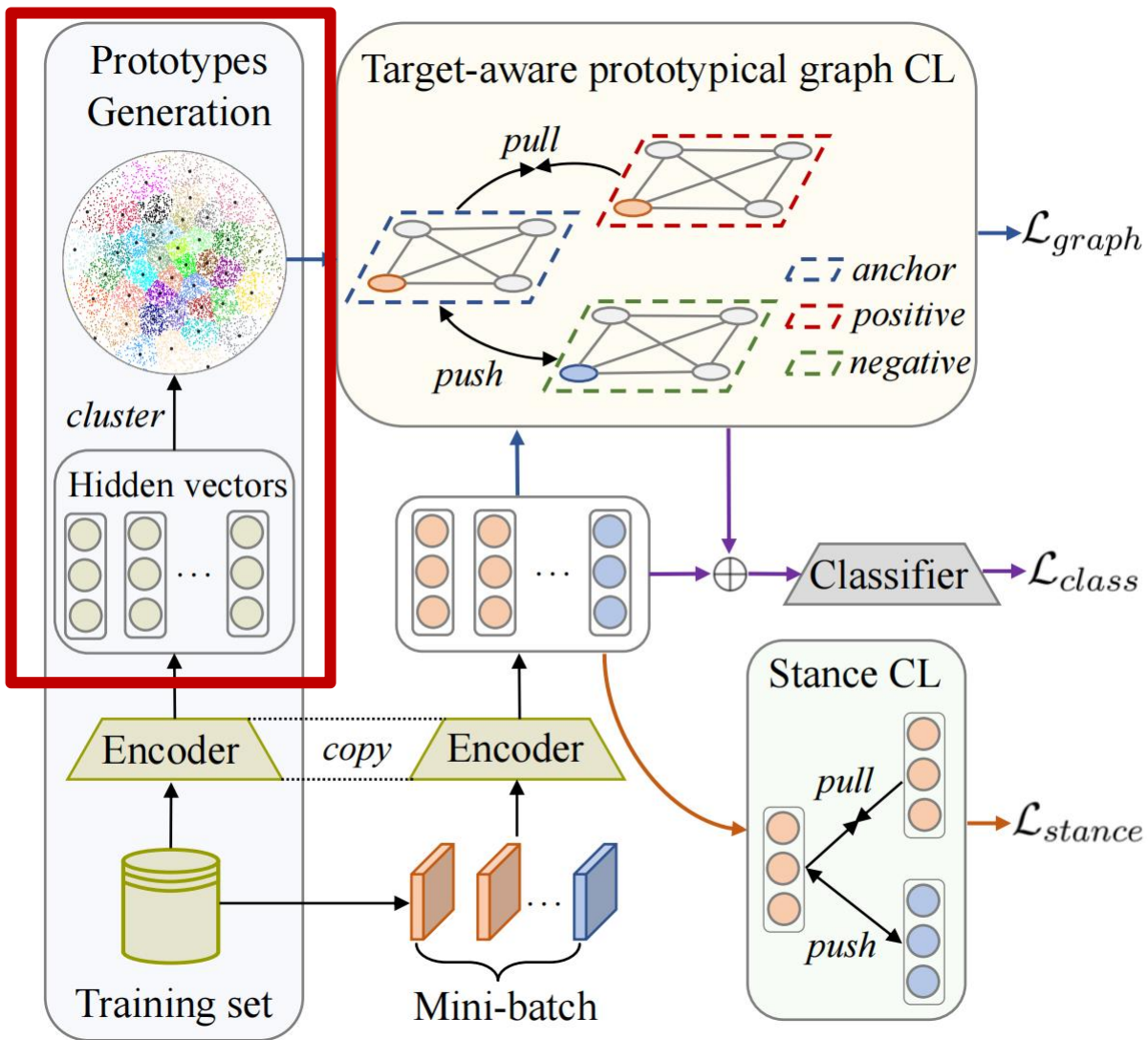


$$\mathcal{L}_{stance} = \frac{-1}{N_b} \sum_{\mathbf{h}_i \in \mathcal{B}} \ell^s(\mathbf{h}_i) \quad (2)$$

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



# Method



$$\mathcal{H} = \{\mathbf{h}_i\}_{i=1}^{N_s}$$

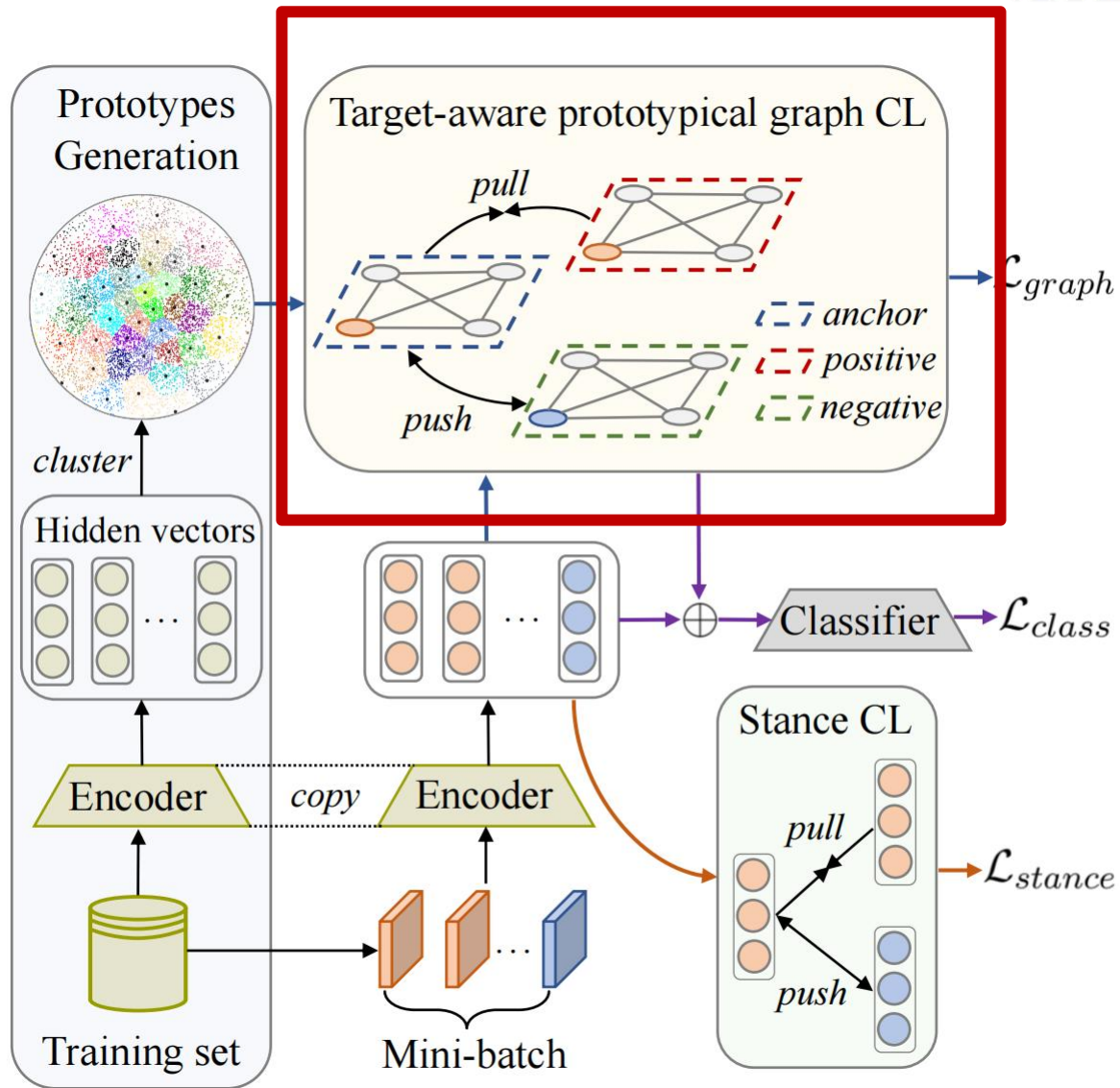
$$\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_i\}_{i=1}^k$$

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_k, \mathbf{h}_i]$$

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



# Method



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

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

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

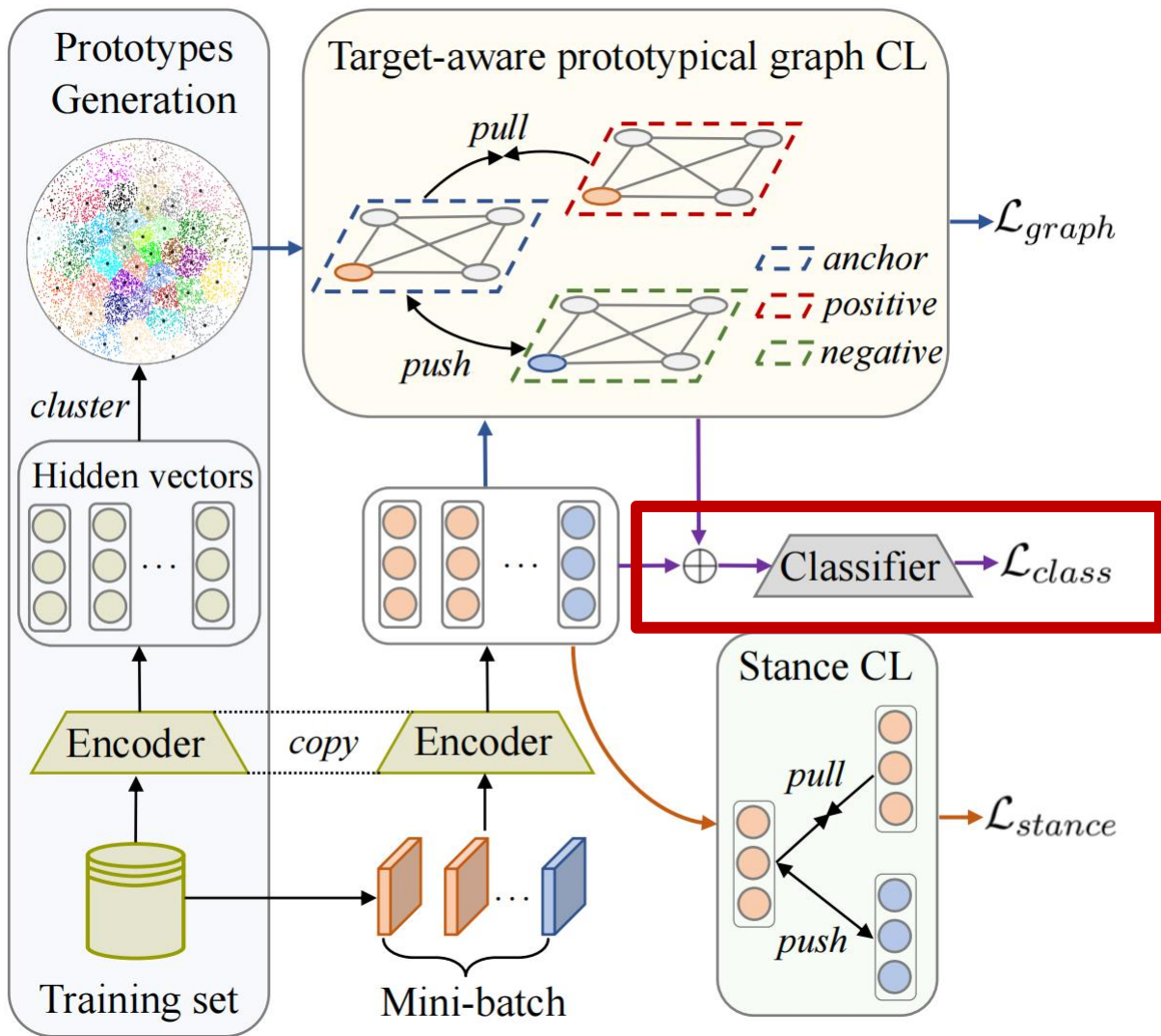
$$\ell^g(\alpha_i) = \log \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \Phi(i, j) \exp(f(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) / \tau_g)}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{B} \setminus i} \exp(f(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) / \tau_g)} \quad (7)$$

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





# Method



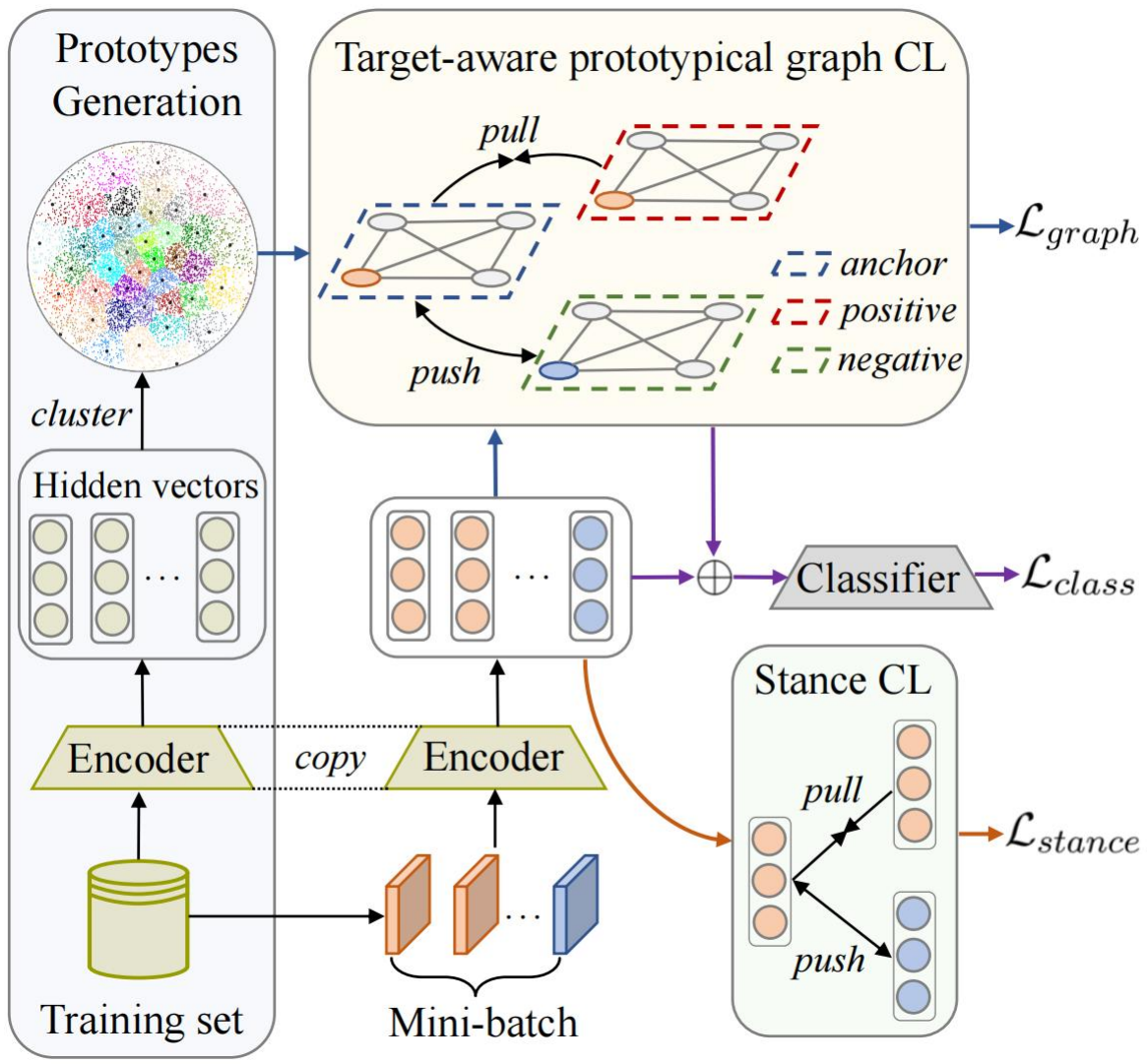
$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{h}_i \oplus \mathbf{z}_i \quad (9)$$

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

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



# Method



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



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

Table 3: Experimental results on three ZSSD datasets. The results with <sup>‡</sup> are retrieved from (Allaway and McKeown, 2020), <sup>†</sup> from (Liu et al., 2021), <sup>‡</sup> from (Allaway et al., 2021), <sup>#</sup> from (Conforti et al., 2020), and <sup>b</sup> from (Liang et al., 2021a). Best scores are in bold. Results with <sup>\*</sup> 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)	<b>64.9</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>75.2</b>
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.

w/o graph:

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

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

w/o edge:

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

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

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

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



# Experiments

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	<b>64.4</b>	62.2	83.5	70.1
JointCL (ours)	63.2	<b>66.7</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>71.5</b>

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

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)	<b>52.8</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>54.5</b>

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).

# Experiments

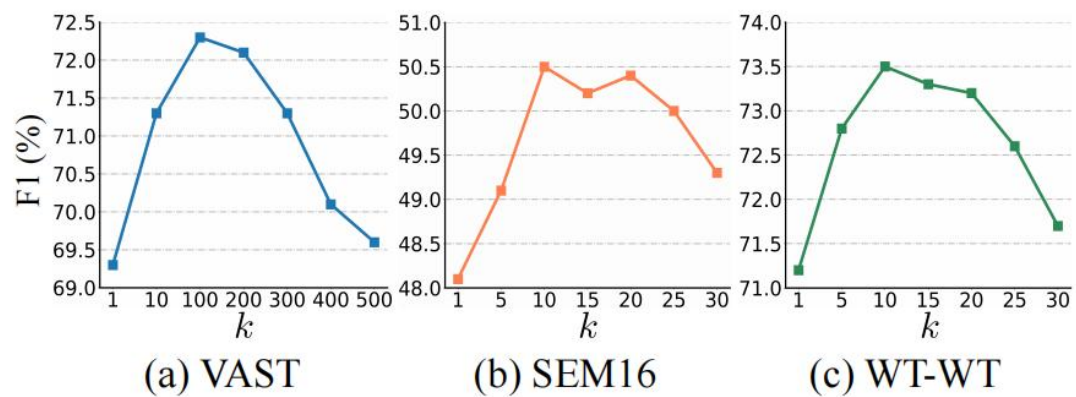


Figure 2: Experimental results of different values of  $k$ .

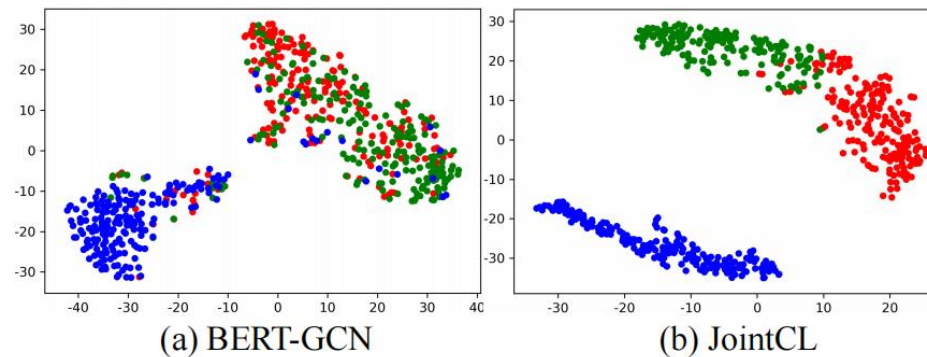


Figure 3: Visualization of intermediate embeddings. Red dots denote *Pro* examples, green dots denote *Con* examples, and blue dots denote *Neutral* examples.



**Thank you!**