



Disentangled Graph Contrastive Learning for Review-based Recommendation

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Details:

- However, these methods usually model user-item interactions in a holistic manner and neglect the entanglement of the latent factors behind them, e.g., price, quality, or appearance, resulting in suboptimal representations and reducing interpretability.

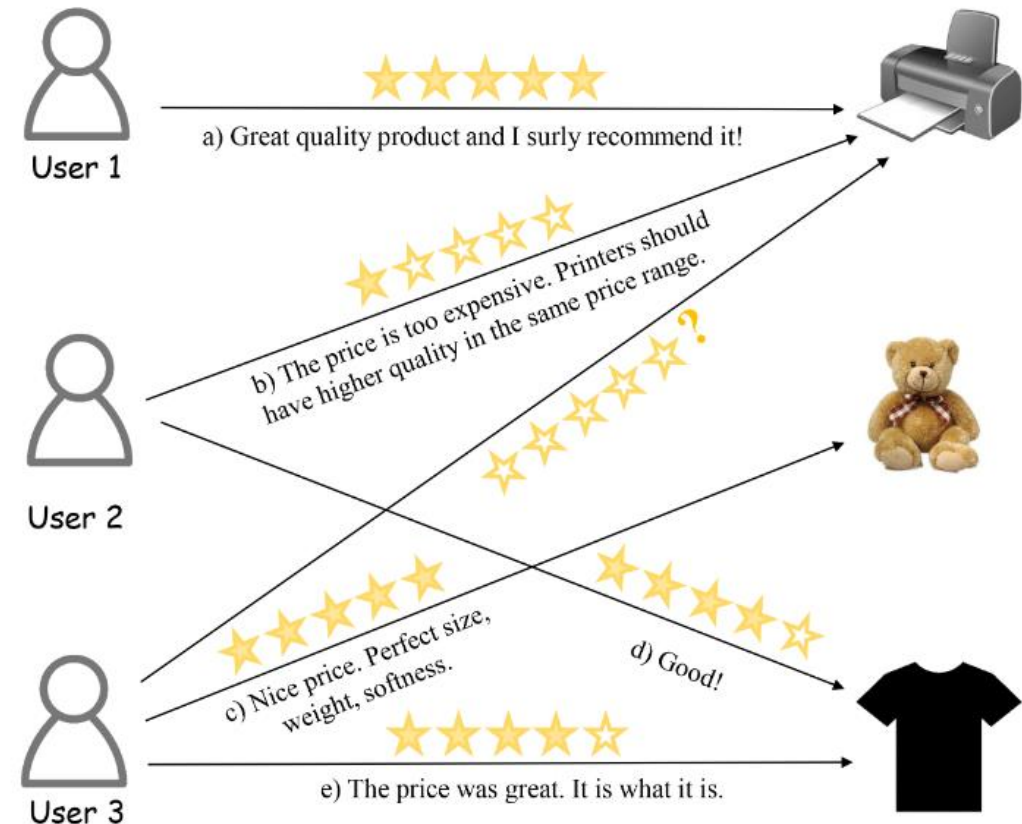


Figure 1: An example of user-item rating graph.

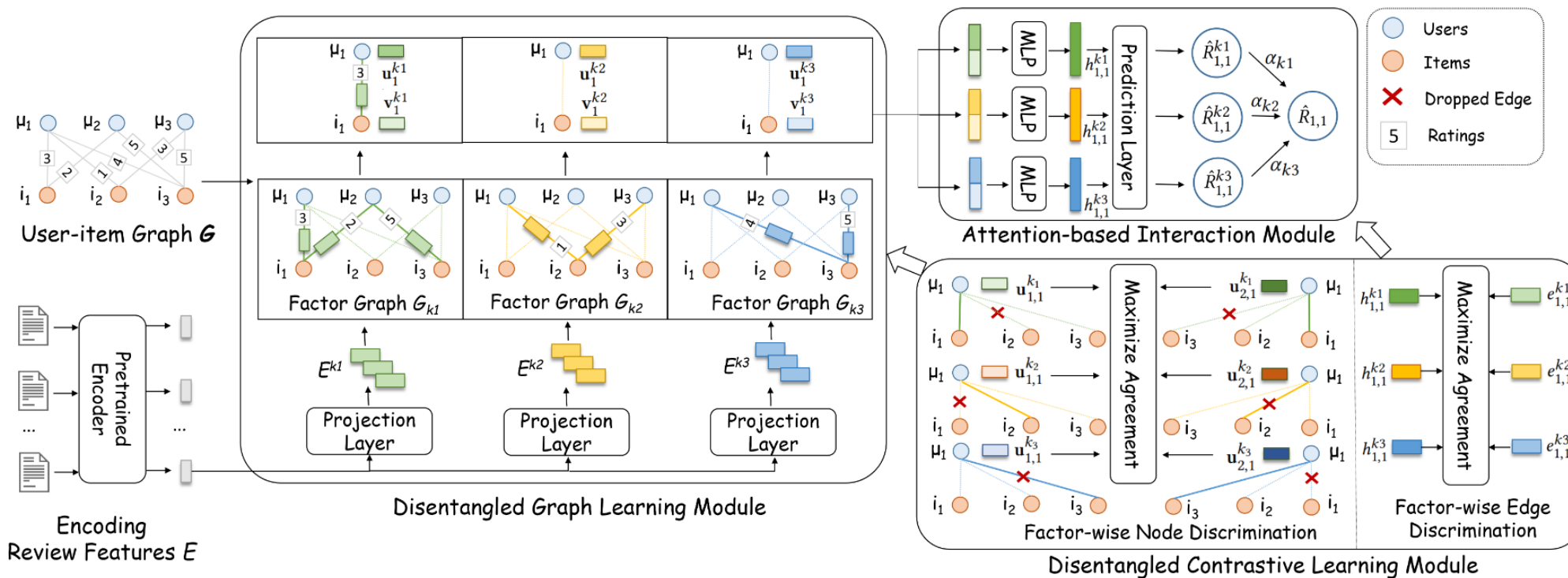


Figure 2: Overview of DGCLR. For clarity, we show the pipeline to generate the rating prediction for one user-item interaction.

$$R \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$$

$$u_i^{(0)} = (u_i^{1,(0)}, u_i^{2,(0)}, \dots, u_i^{K,(0)}) \quad (1) \quad u_i^{k,(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{d}{K}}$$

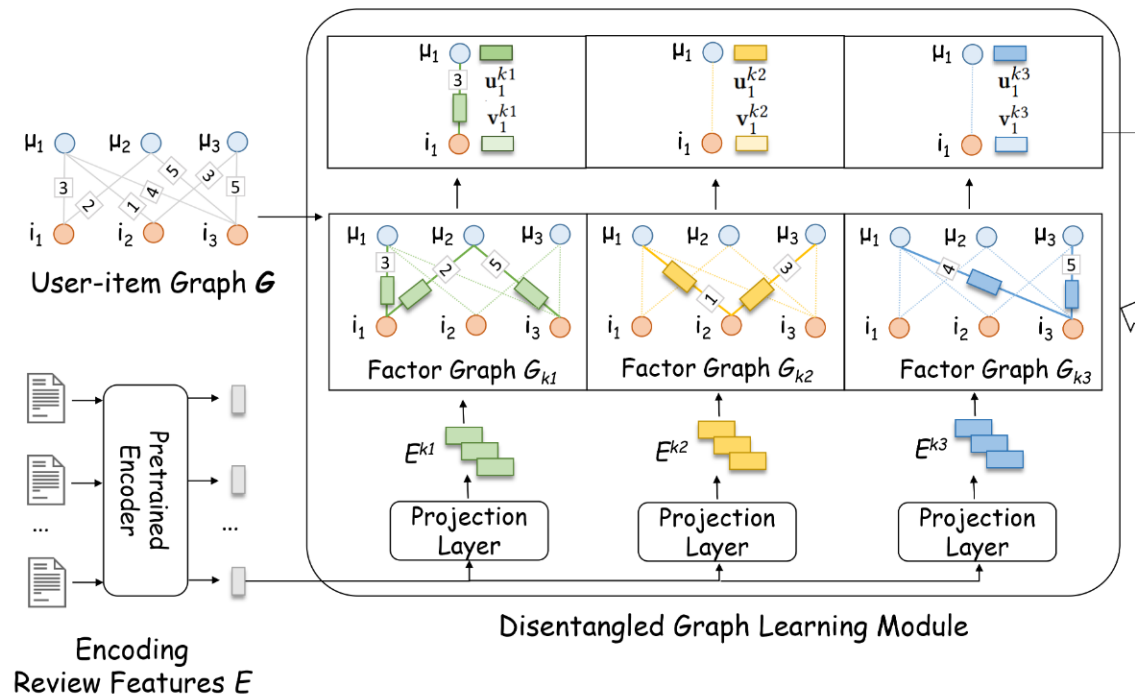
$$E \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N \times d}$$

$$v_j^{(0)} = (v_j^{1,(0)}, v_j^{2,(0)}, \dots, v_j^{K,(0)})$$

$$\mathcal{E} = (R, E)$$

$$e_{i,j}^k = \sigma(W_k^T e_{i,j} + b_k) \quad (2)$$

$$G = (\mathcal{U} \cup \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{E})$$



$$se_{i,j}^k = \frac{\exp(\phi(e_{i,j}^k, c_k) / \tau)}{\sum_{k'=1}^K \exp(\phi(e_{i,j}^{k'}, c_{k'}) / \tau)} \quad (3)$$

$$st_{i,j}^{k,(l)} = \frac{\exp(\phi(u_i^{k,(l-1)}, v_j^{k,(l-1)}) / \tau)}{\sum_{k'=1}^K \exp(\phi(u_i^{k',(l-1)}, v_j^{k',(l-1)}) / \tau)} \quad (4)$$

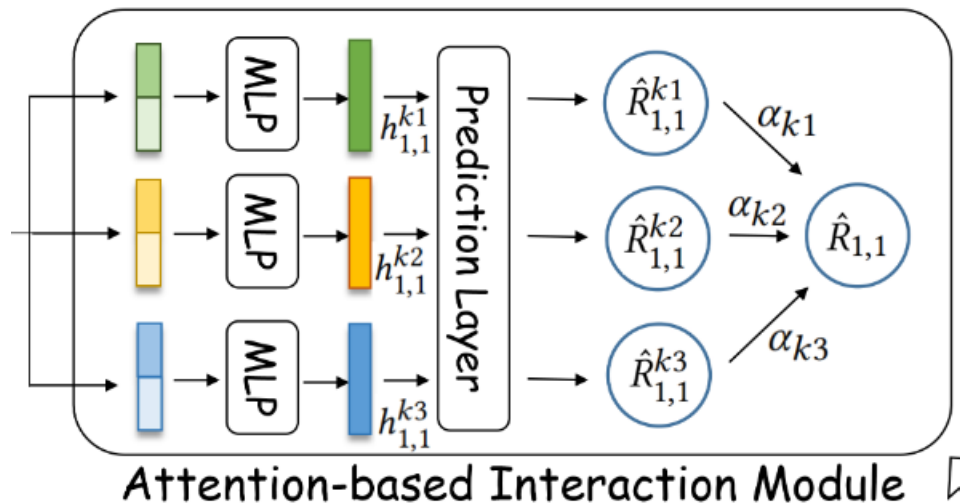
$$s_{i,j}^{k,(l)} = \eta se_{i,j}^k + (1 - \eta) st_{i,j}^{k,(l)} \quad (5)$$

$$x_{r;j \rightarrow i}^{k,(l)} = \frac{s_{i,j}^{k,(l)} (e_{ij}^k \cdot W_r^{k,(l)} + v_j^{k,(l-1)})}{\sqrt{|\mathcal{D}_j^{k,(l)}| |\mathcal{D}_i^{k,(l)}|}} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_i^{k,(l)} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{N}(i)} s_{i,p}^{k,(l)} \quad \mathcal{D}_j^{k,(l)} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{N}(j)} s_{p,j}^{k,(l)}$$

$$u_i^{k,(l)} = W^{(l)} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{N}_{i,r}} x_{r;p \rightarrow i}^{k,(l)} \quad v_j^{k,(l)} = W^{(l)} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{N}_{j,r}} x_{r;p \rightarrow j}^{k,(l)}$$

$$u_i^k = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L u_i^{k,(l)}; \quad v_j^k = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L v_j^{k,(l)} \quad (7)$$



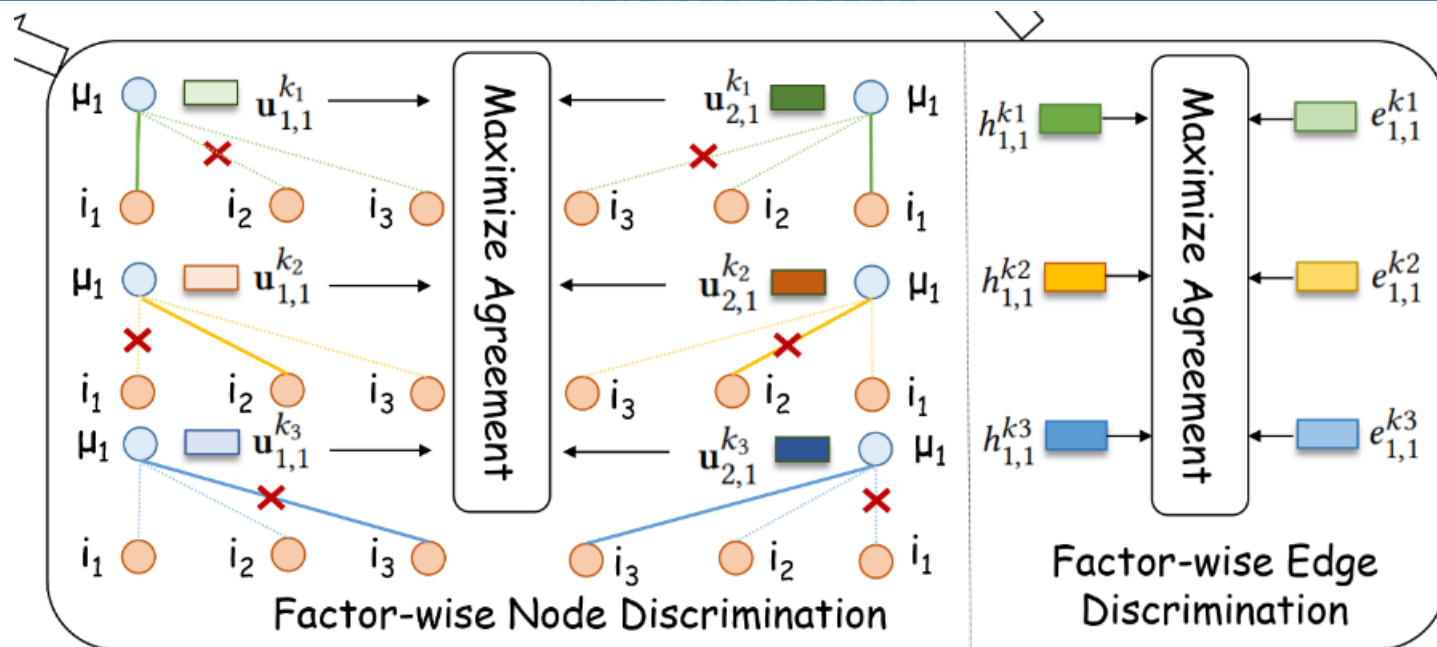
$$h_{ij}^k = \text{MLP} \left(\left[u_i^k, v_j^k \right] \right), \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{r}_{i,j}^k = w^\top h_{i,j}^k \quad (9)$$

$$a_k = \sigma \left(w_r^\top h_{i,j}^k + b_r \right)$$

$$\alpha_k = \frac{\exp(a_k/\tau)}{\sum_{k'=1}^K \exp(a_{k'}/\tau)} \quad (10)$$

$$\hat{r}_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \hat{r}_{i,j}^k$$



Disentangled Contrastive Learning Module

$$\mathcal{L}_{fnd}^{user} = -\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{U}} \left[\log D \left(u_{1,i}^k, u_{2,i}^k \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U}'} \left[\log D \left(u_{1,i}^k, u_{2,i'}^k \right) \right] \quad (11)$$

$$D(a, b) = \sigma(a^\top W b) \quad \mathcal{L}_{fnd} = \mathcal{L}_{fnd}^{user} + \mathcal{L}_{fnd}^{item}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{fed} = -\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{E}} \left[\log D \left(h_{i,j}^k, e_{i,j}^k \right) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}'} \left[\log D \left(h_{i,j}^k, e_{i',j'}^k \right) \right] \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{sup} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{T}} (\hat{r}_{ij} - r_{ij})^2, \quad (13)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{sup} + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{fnd} + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{fed} \quad (14)$$

Table 1: Statistics of datasets.

Datasets	Toys	Clothing	Office	Kitchen	Tools
#Users	19,412	4,905	39,387	66,519	16,638
#Items	11,924	2,420	23,033	28,237	10,217
#Reviews	167,597	53,228	278,677	551,682	134,476
Density	0.072%	0.448%	0.031%	0.029%	0.079%

Table 2: Comparison results on the six datasets in terms of MSE. The best and second-best results are highlighted with boldface and underlined. All the results are reported as the mean value across 5 random runs.

Datasets	SVD	NCF	DeepCoNN	TransNet	DRRNN	NARRE	DAML	DGCF	RMG	RG	RGCL	DGCLR	Improv.
Toys	0.8082	0.8075	0.8026	0.7982	0.7884	0.7961	0.7940	0.7943	0.7901	0.7853	<u>0.7771</u>	0.7717	0.7%
Clothing	1.1161	1.1094	1.1184	1.1141	1.1035	1.1064	1.1065	1.1002	1.1064	1.1024	<u>1.0858</u>	1.0573	2.6%
Office	0.7438	0.7459	0.7426	0.7419	0.7306	0.7408	0.7358	0.7345	0.7348	0.7293	<u>0.7228</u>	0.7146	1.1%
Kitchen	1.1011	1.0946	1.0914	1.0879	1.0769	1.0835	1.0814	1.0798	1.0783	1.0754	<u>1.0732</u>	1.0658	0.7%
Tools	0.9412	0.9385	0.9356	0.9348	0.9249	0.9304	0.9295	0.9301	0.9288	0.9253	<u>0.9241</u>	0.9145	1.0%

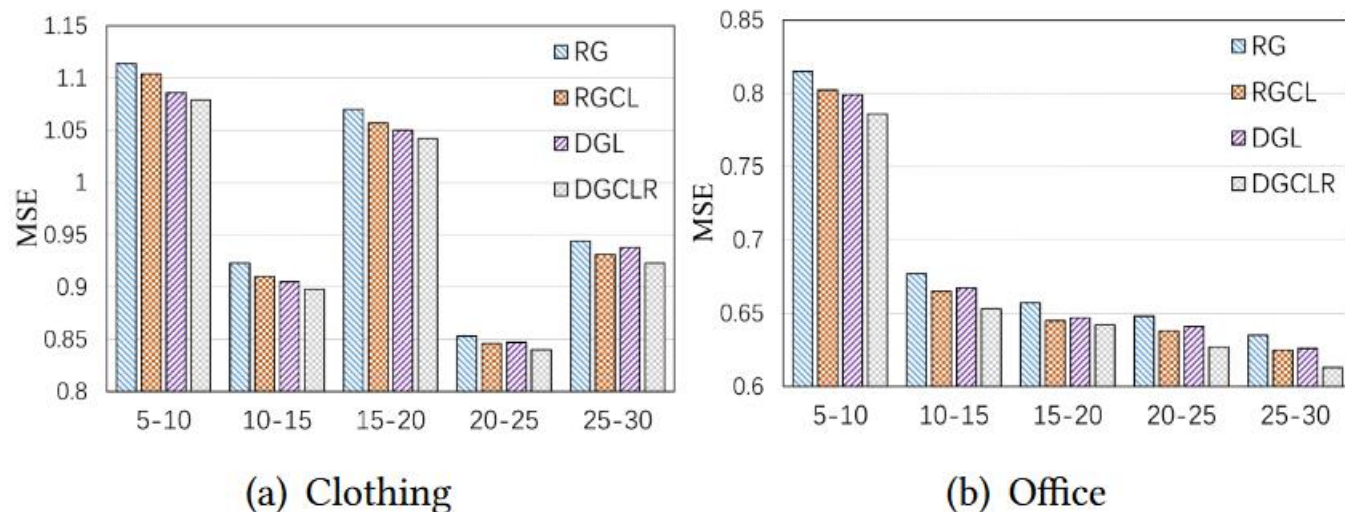


Figure 3: Performance *w.r.t* interaction degrees.

Table 3: Ablation studies on the DGL and AI modules.

Datasets	Toys	Clothing	Office
RG	0.7853	1.1024	0.7293
Variant 1	0.7857	1.0987	0.7287
Variant 2	0.7801	1.0793	0.7231
Variant 3	0.7841	1.0871	0.7266
DGL	0.7793	1.0728	0.7222
DGL+AI	0.7776	1.0691	0.7210

**Table 4: Ablation studies on the DCL module.**

Datasets	Toys	Clothing	Office
DGL+AI+ND	0.7762	1.0634	0.7188
DGL+AI+FND	0.7743	1.0586	0.7165
DGL+AI+ED	0.7755	1.0641	0.7184
DGL+AI+FED	0.7732	1.0588	0.7173
DGCLR	0.7717	1.0573	0.7146

Table 5: Impact of latent factor number on DGCLR.

Datasets	Toys	Clothing	Office
$K = 1$	0.7797	1.0817	0.7231
$K = 2$	0.7723	1.0575	0.7164
$K = 4$	0.7717	1.0595	0.7146
$K = 8$	0.7772	1.0639	0.7217

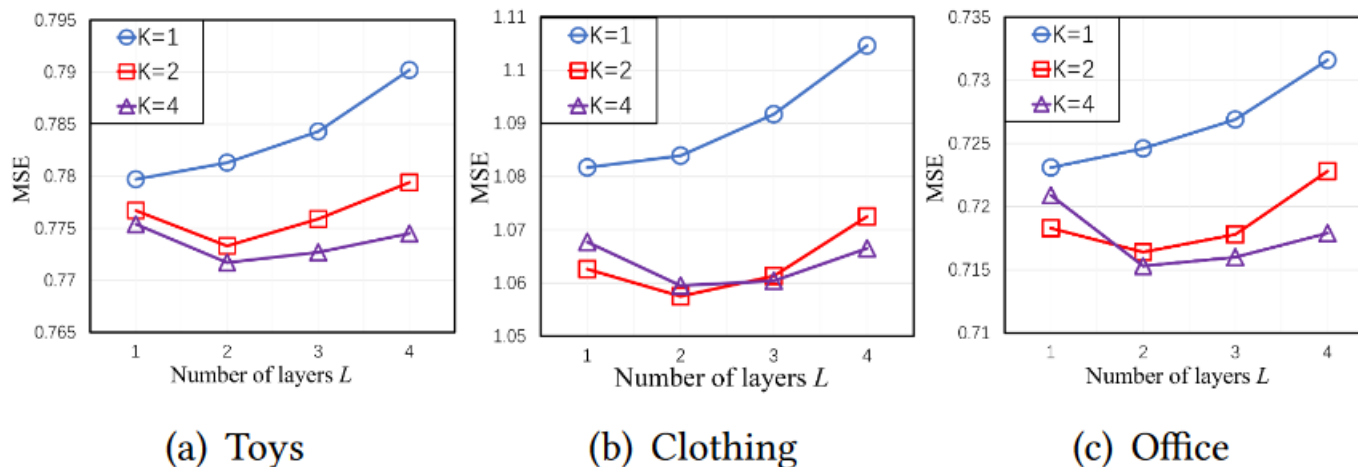


Figure 4: Impact of layer number L on DGCLR.

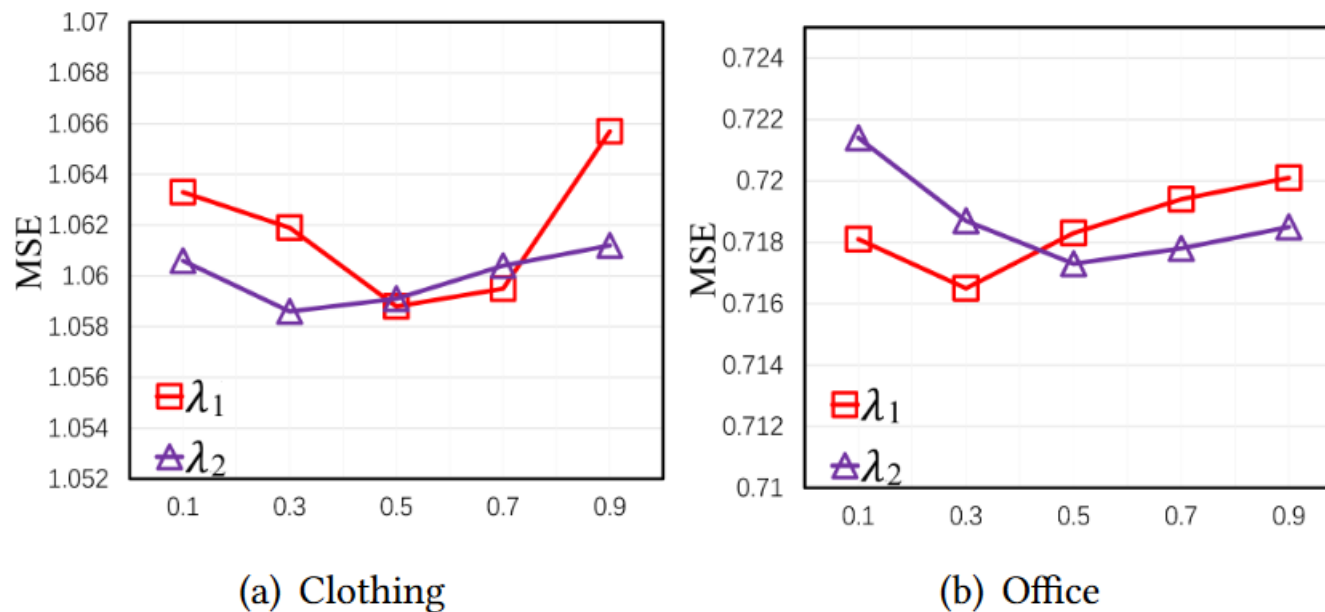


Figure 5: Impact of λ_1 and λ_2 on DGCLR.

Table 6: Examples of reviews corresponding to each latent factor on Office. The key information is highlighted with red.

Factor k_1	$r = 1$	$s_{i,j}^{k_1,L} = 0.547$	Although i love the pastel colors, this item is wasteful . Unfortunately, I'll never use the note tabs .
	$r = 3$	$s_{i,j}^{k_1,L} = 0.538$	This product is okay, but i had a difficult time getting it to stay open. i don't think it would be very beneficial in my business .
	$r = 5$	$s_{i,j}^{k_1,L} = 0.615$	the range is good and the clarity can not be beat in my opinion. the options are just what i needed for my purposes .
Factor k_2	$r = 1$	$s_{i,j}^{k_2,L} = 0.551$	I had previously given this a five star review, but after two months the stapler jammed shut and would not open .
	$r = 3$	$s_{i,j}^{k_2,L} = 0.587$	Print quality seems to be OK , but there's no way to tell the printer whether you are using plain paper of glossy paper. Plain paper prints look washed out, premium paper prints look good.
	$r = 5$	$s_{i,j}^{k_2,L} = 0.513$	It's solidly made and stands up to regular use pretty darn well. The result is crisp laser printing on a home office budget.
Factor k_3	$r = 1$	$s_{i,j}^{k_3,L} = 0.637$	My rating reflects my dissatisfaction with this vendors deceptive advertising .
	$r = 3$	$s_{i,j}^{k_3,L} = 0.526$	This product almost delivers on its promises one . But the individual packets of labels easily detached from the main package.
	$r = 5$	$s_{i,j}^{k_3,L} = 0.581$	Making photo prints uses a lot of ink. This helps address that problem. Same quality prints as standard capacity cartridge .
Factor k_4	$r = 1$	$s_{i,j}^{k_4,L} = 0.579$	The ink is very inexpensive but with the quality of the system so cheaply made the inexpensive ink is hardly worth the cost of having to buy a new system in less than two years.
	$r = 3$	$s_{i,j}^{k_4,L} = 0.612$	For a relatively inexpensive laminator, this does an OK job. But the lack of guides on this unit is a real problem.
	$r = 5$	$s_{i,j}^{k_4,L} = 0.547$	I bought this because of the price and to my surprise it is fantastic. I will buy this again over any other more expensive ones.

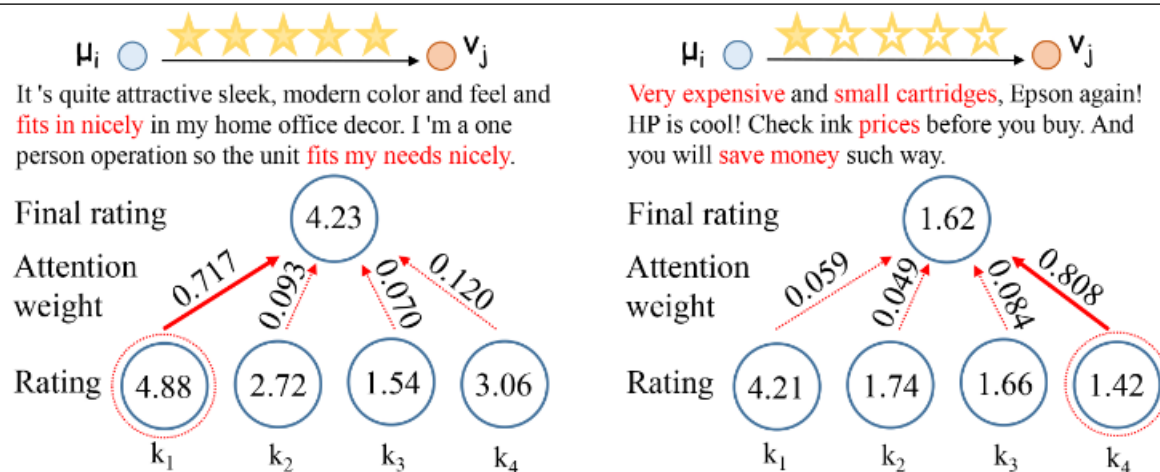


Figure 6: Examples of rating predictions in DGCLR.



Thanks