



# Robust Preference-Guided Denoising for Graph based Social Recommendation

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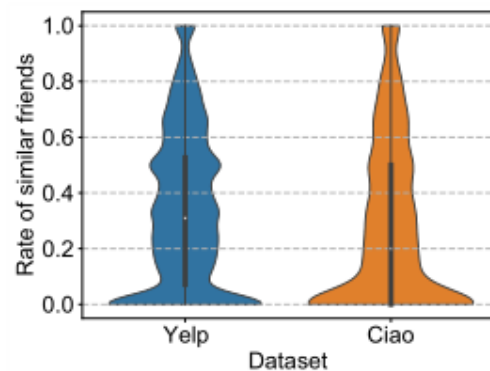
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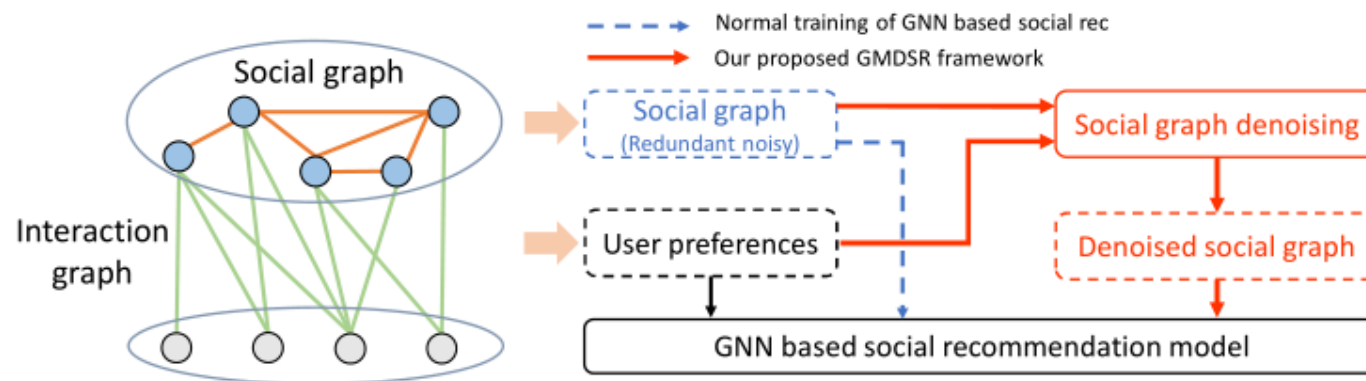
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# Introduction



(a) Empirical data statistics



(b) Proposed framework

**Figure 1: (a) Distribution plot w.r.t. ratio of friends having co-interactions. (b) Our proposed denoising enhanced social recommendation framework.**

# Approach

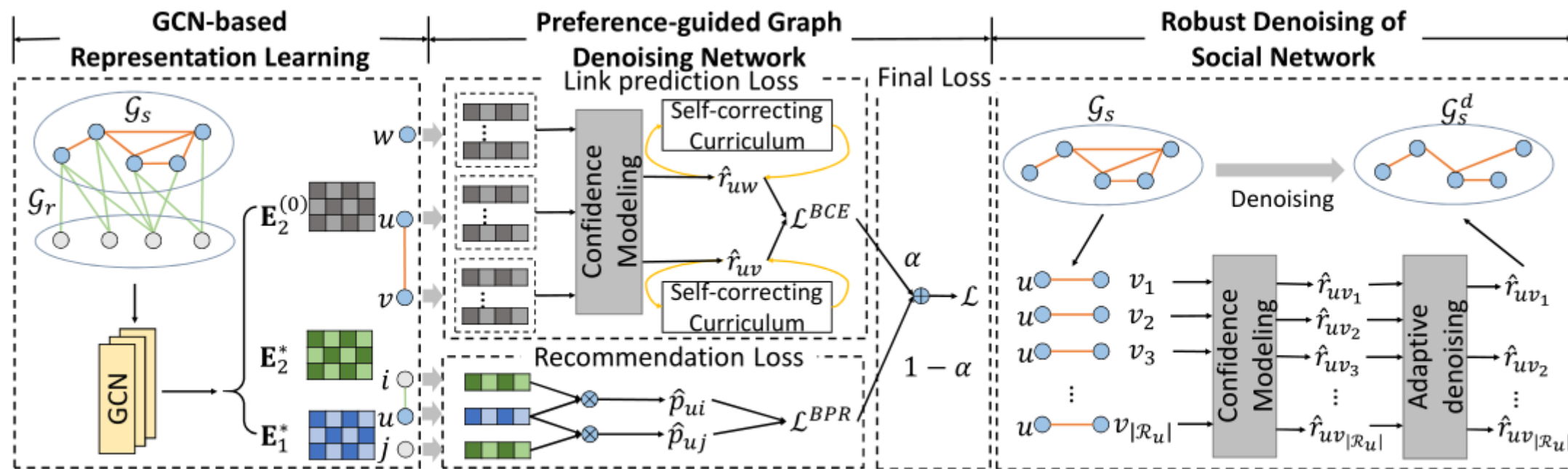


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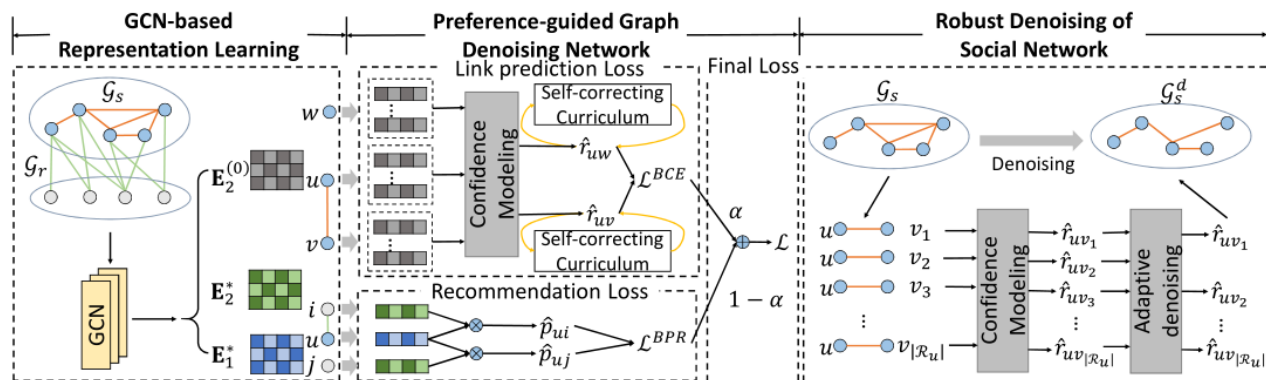


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$$\mathbf{E}_{1,s}^{(K)}(u) = \text{GNN} \left( \mathbf{E}_1^{(K-1)}(u), \left\{ \mathbf{E}_1^{(K-1)}(v) \mid \forall v \in \mathcal{R}_u \right\} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{1,r}^{(K)}(u) = \text{GNN} \left( \mathbf{E}_1^{(K-1)}(u), \left\{ \mathbf{E}_2^{(K-1)}(i) \mid \forall i \in \mathcal{P}_u \right\} \right), \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_1^{(K)}(u) = \text{Combine} \left( \mathbf{E}_{1,s}^{(K)}(u), \mathbf{E}_{1,r}^{(K)}(u) \right), \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2^{(K)}(i) = \text{GNN} \left( \mathbf{E}_2^{(K-1)}(i), \left\{ \mathbf{E}_1^{(K-1)}(u) \mid \forall u \in \mathcal{P}_i \right\} \right), \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{p}_{ui} = \mathbf{E}_1^*(u) \cdot \mathbf{E}_2^*(i),$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{E}_1^*(u) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^K \mathbf{E}_1^{(k)}(u)}{K+1}, \mathbf{E}_2^*(i) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^K \mathbf{E}_2^{(k)}(i)}{K+1}. \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{BPR} = \sum_{(u,i,j) \in \bar{\mathcal{P}}} -\ln \sigma(\hat{p}_{ui} - \hat{p}_{uj}), \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_s(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E})$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \{u\} \text{ and } \mathcal{R} = \{(u, v) \mid r_{uv} = 1, \forall u, v \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_r(\{\mathcal{U} \cup \mathcal{I}\}, \mathcal{P})$$

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D} \text{ and } \mathbf{E}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times D}$$

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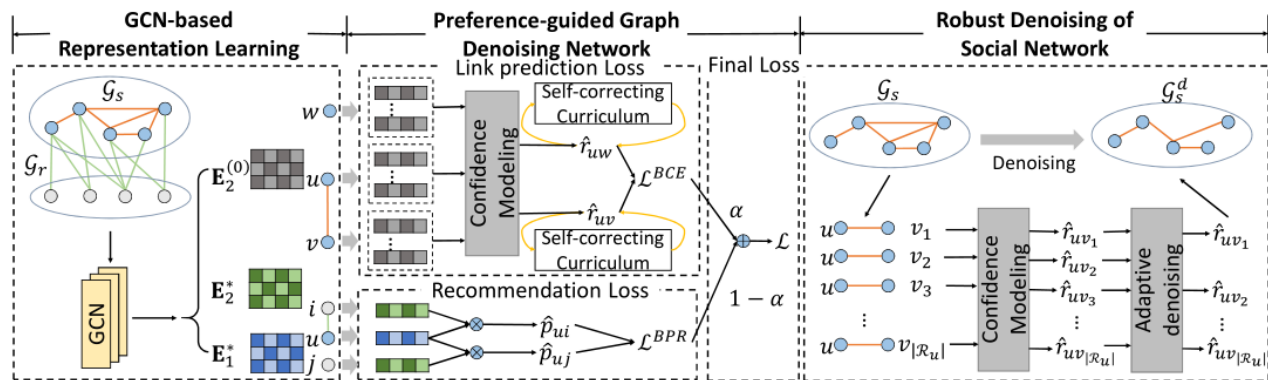


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$$\mathcal{L}^{BCE} = -\sum_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{R}} \log(\sigma(\hat{r}_{uv})) - \sum_{(u,w) \notin \mathcal{R}} \log(1 - \sigma(\hat{r}_{uw})). \quad (7)$$

$$\hat{r}_{uv} = \phi \left( \{ \mathbf{E}_1^{(k)}(u) \}_{k=0}^K, \{ \mathbf{E}_1^{(k)}(v) \}_{k=0}^K \right), \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{r}_{uv} = \text{Trf} \left( S_L \left( \{ \mathbf{E}_2^{(0)}(i) | \forall i \in \mathcal{P}_u \} \right) \oplus S_L \left( \{ \mathbf{E}_2^{(0)}(j) | \forall j \in \mathcal{P}_v \} \right) \right), \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \alpha \mathcal{L}^{BCE} + (1 - \alpha) \mathcal{L}^{BPR}, \quad (10)$$

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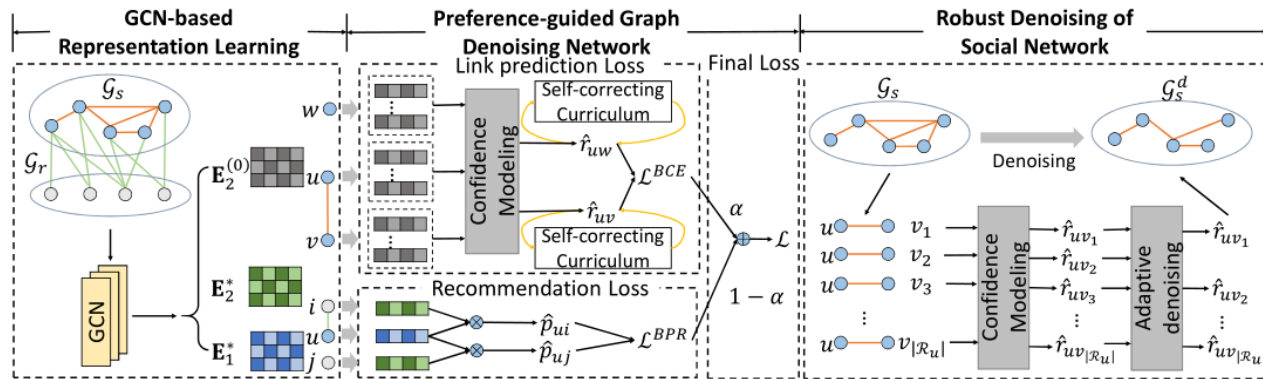


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$$\hat{r}_{uv}(t = kD) = \beta \cdot \hat{r}_{uv}(t = (k - 1)D) + (1 - \beta) \cdot \hat{r}_{uv}(t = kD), \quad (11)$$

$$\eta_u = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } |\mathcal{R}_u| < \epsilon, \\ \llbracket \log_{10}(|\mathcal{R}_u|) \rrbracket^Y \times R, & \text{else,} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$



# Experiments

**Table 1: Basic information of datasets.**

Dataset	#Users	#Items	#Interactions	#Relations	Interaction Density	Relation Density
Ciao	7,355	17,867	140,628	111,679	0.11%	0.21%
Yelp	32,827	59,972	598,121	964,510	0.03%	0.09%
Douban	2,669	15,940	535,210	32,705	1.26%	0.46%



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**Table 2: Overall performance of our proposed method on different recommendation methods.**

Basemodel	Dataset	Ciao			Yelp			Douban		
	Method	R@1	R@3	N@3	R@1	R@3	N@3	R@1	R@3	N@3
LightGCN	-	0.2298	0.0785	0.2071	0.5861	0.2774	0.5804	0.4321	0.1696	0.4156
Diffnet++	w/o denoising	0.2742	0.1109	0.2639	0.6031	0.3072	0.5897	0.5165	0.2156	0.4988
	Rule based	0.2860	0.1123	0.2677	0.6230	0.3228	0.5996	0.5358	<u>0.2489</u>	0.5172
	NeuralSparse	<u>0.2869</u>	0.1153	0.2734	<u>0.6383</u>	<u>0.3289</u>	<u>0.6054</u>	<u>0.5470</u>	0.2226	0.5102
	ESRF	0.2864	<u>0.1197</u>	<u>0.2736</u>	0.6184	0.3124	0.5958	0.5374	0.2393	<u>0.5194</u>
	GDMSR	<b>0.3020</b>	<b>0.1244</b>	<b>0.2821</b>	<b>0.6449</b>	<b>0.3291</b>	<b>0.6102</b>	<b>0.5614</b>	<b>0.2540</b>	<b>0.5297</b>
	$\Delta$		5.26%	3.93%	3.11%	1.03%	0.06%	0.79%	2.63%	2.05%
MHCCN	w/o denoising	0.2330	0.0884	0.2297	0.6991	0.3252	<u>0.6364</u>	0.6198	0.3167	0.5933
	Rule based	0.2301	0.0916	0.2311	0.6966	0.3234	0.6347	0.6082	<u>0.3372</u>	0.5980
	NeuralSparse	0.2461	<u>0.1034</u>	0.2540	<u>0.7012</u>	0.3288	0.6352	<u>0.6206</u>	0.3349	<u>0.6011</u>
	ESRF	<u>0.2495</u>	0.1028	<u>0.2568</u>	0.6927	<u>0.3298</u>	0.6344	0.6194	0.3244	0.5995
	GDMSR	<b>0.2618</b>	<b>0.1138</b>	<b>0.2632</b>	<b>0.7036</b>	<b>0.3405</b>	<b>0.6434</b>	<b>0.6396</b>	<b>0.3496</b>	<b>0.6137</b>
	$\Delta$		4.93%	10.06%	2.50%	0.34%	3.24%	1.10%	3.06%	3.68%

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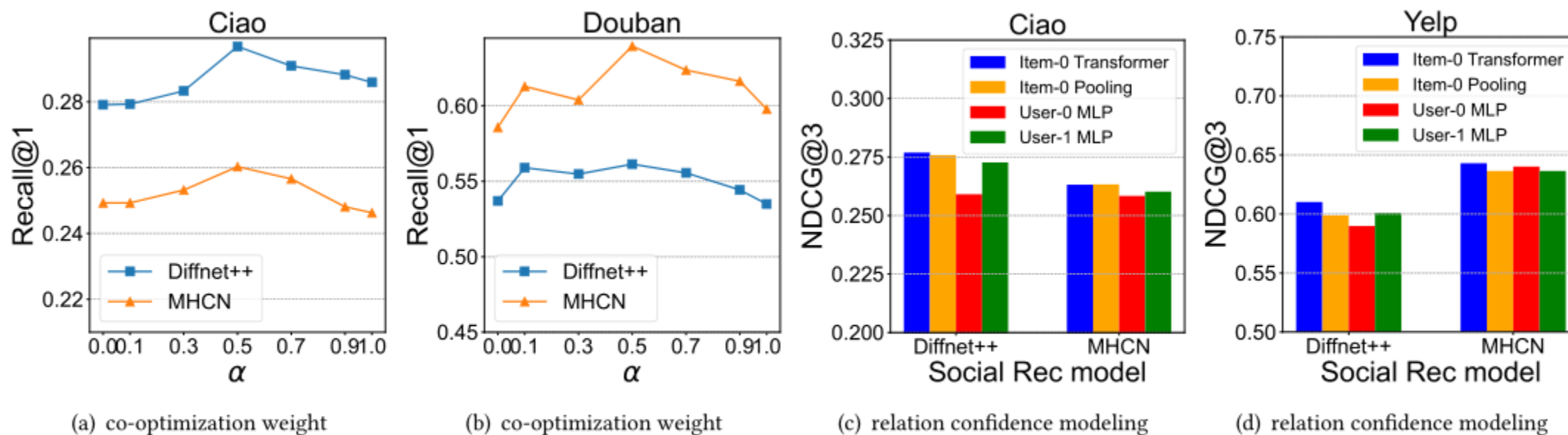


Figure 3: (a)-(b) Performance on different  $\alpha$  for co-optimization. (c)-(d) Performance comparison among different relation confidence modeling structures.

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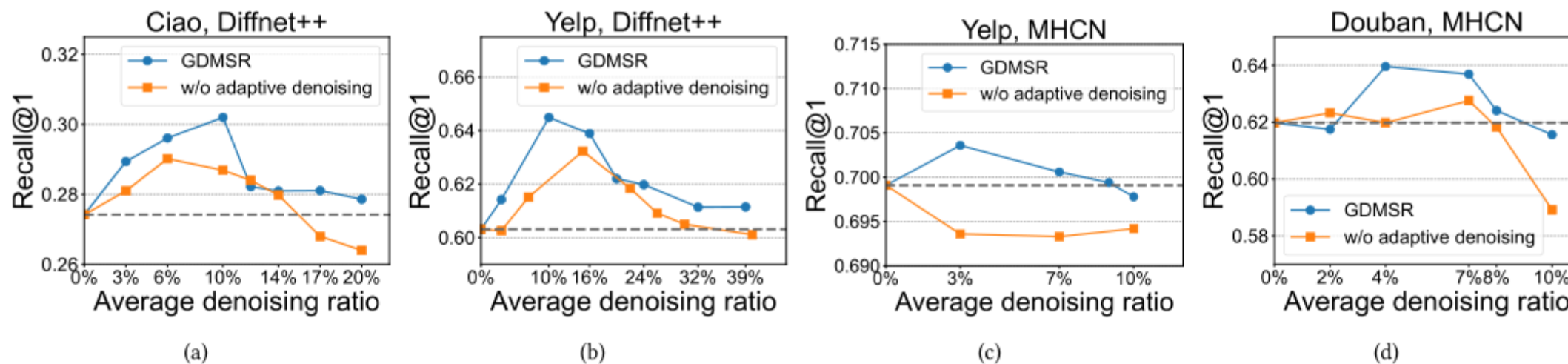
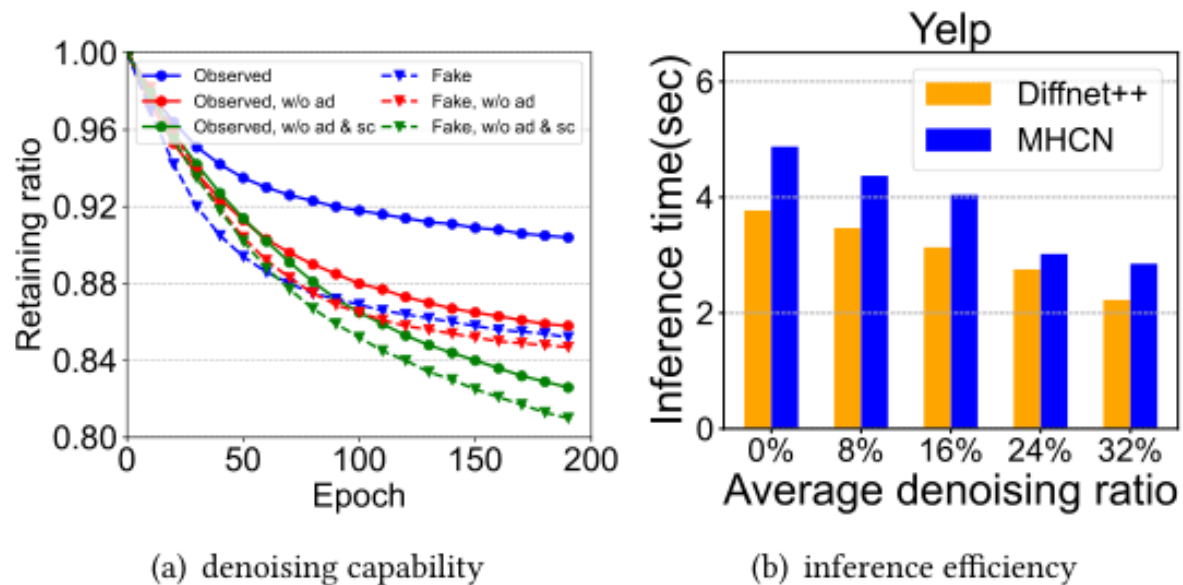


Figure 4: Analysis of denoising robustness with respect to recommendation accuracy under different denoising ratio.

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**Figure 5: (a) Retaining ratio of social relations adopting different denoising strategies (synthetic). (b) Efficiency comparison *w.r.t.* social graph related inference time (Yelp).**

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**Table 3: Overall performance of GDMSR based on 30% of interaction data.**

Dataset		Ciao			Yelp			Douban		
Basemodel	Method	R@1	R@3	N@3	R@1	R@3	N@3	R@1	R@3	N@3
Diffnet++	w/o denoising	0.2742	0.1109	0.2639	0.6031	0.3072	0.5897	0.5165	0.2156	0.4988
	GDMSR	<b>0.2899</b>	<b>0.1175</b>	<b>0.2755</b>	<b>0.6305</b>	<b>0.3189</b>	<b>0.6021</b>	<b>0.5490</b>	<b>0.2497</b>	<b>0.5295</b>
	$\Delta$	5.73%	5.95%	4.40%	4.54%	3.81%	2.10%	6.29%	15.82%	6.15%
MHCN	w/o denoising	0.2330	0.0884	0.2297	0.6991	0.3252	0.6364	<b>0.6198</b>	0.3167	0.5933
	GDMSR	<b>0.2616</b>	<b>0.1093</b>	<b>0.2638</b>	<b>0.7005</b>	<b>0.3438</b>	<b>0.6445</b>	0.6148	<b>0.3360</b>	<b>0.6012</b>
	$\Delta$	12.27%	23.64%	14.85%	0.20%	5.72%	1.27%	-0.81%	6.09%	1.33%

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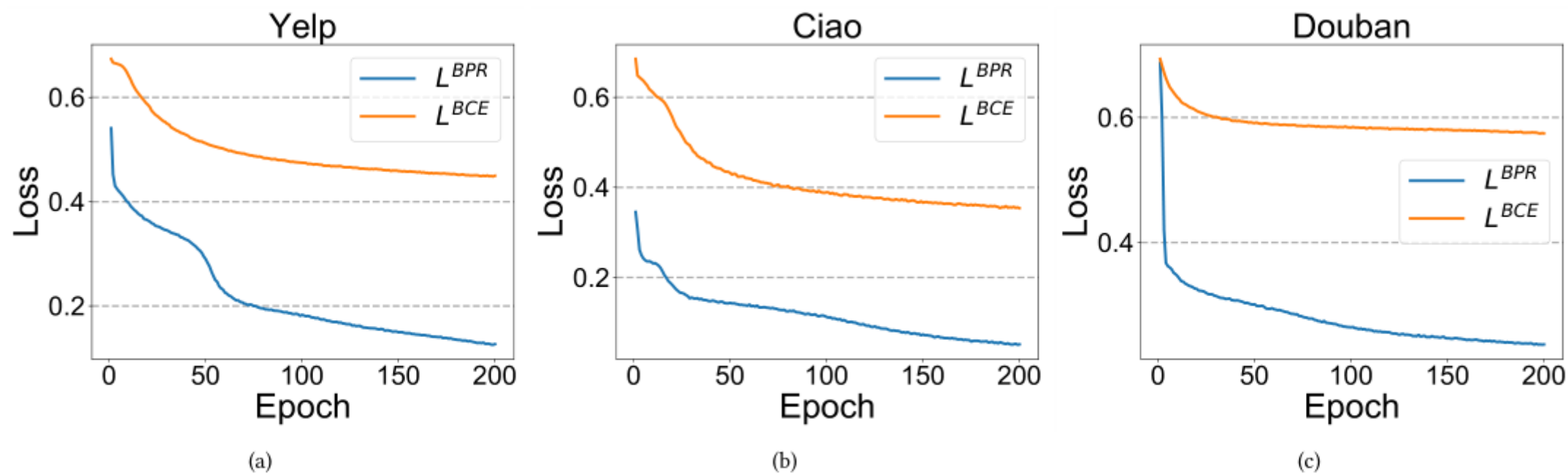


Figure 6: Loss curve of denoising training

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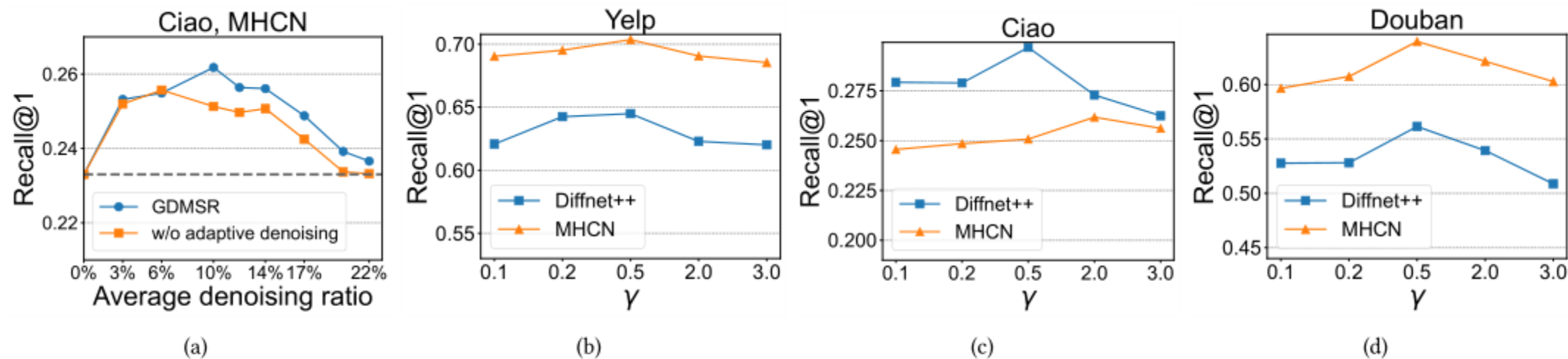


Figure 7: (a) Performance comparison between different denoising strategy. (b) Performance on different  $\gamma$  for adaptive denoising

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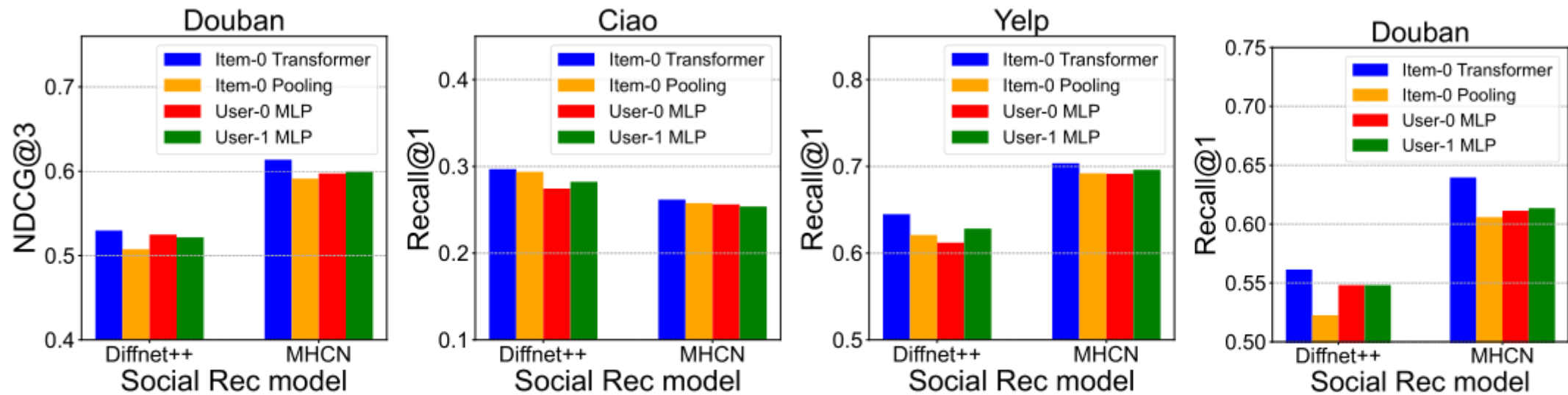


Figure 8: Performance comparison among different relation confidence modeling structures.





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