

# Task-guided Pair Embedding in Heterogeneous Network

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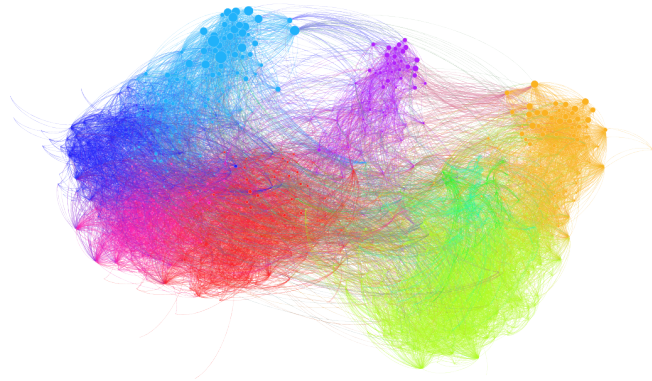
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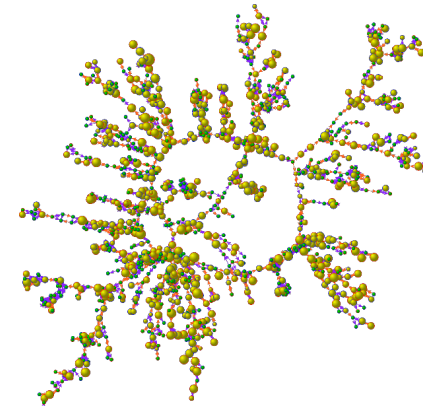


# Network

- A ubiquitous data structure to model the relationships between entities
- Many types of data can be flexibly formulated as networks



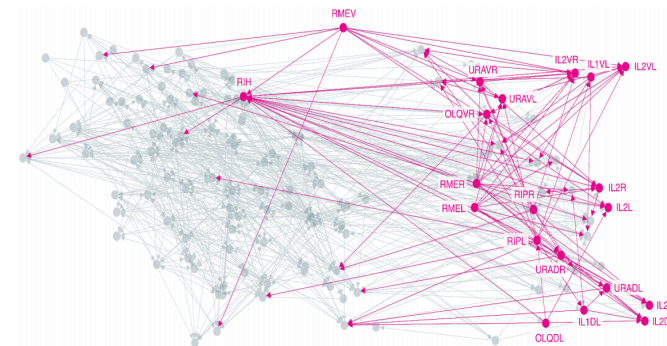
Social Network



Biological Network



Chemical Network

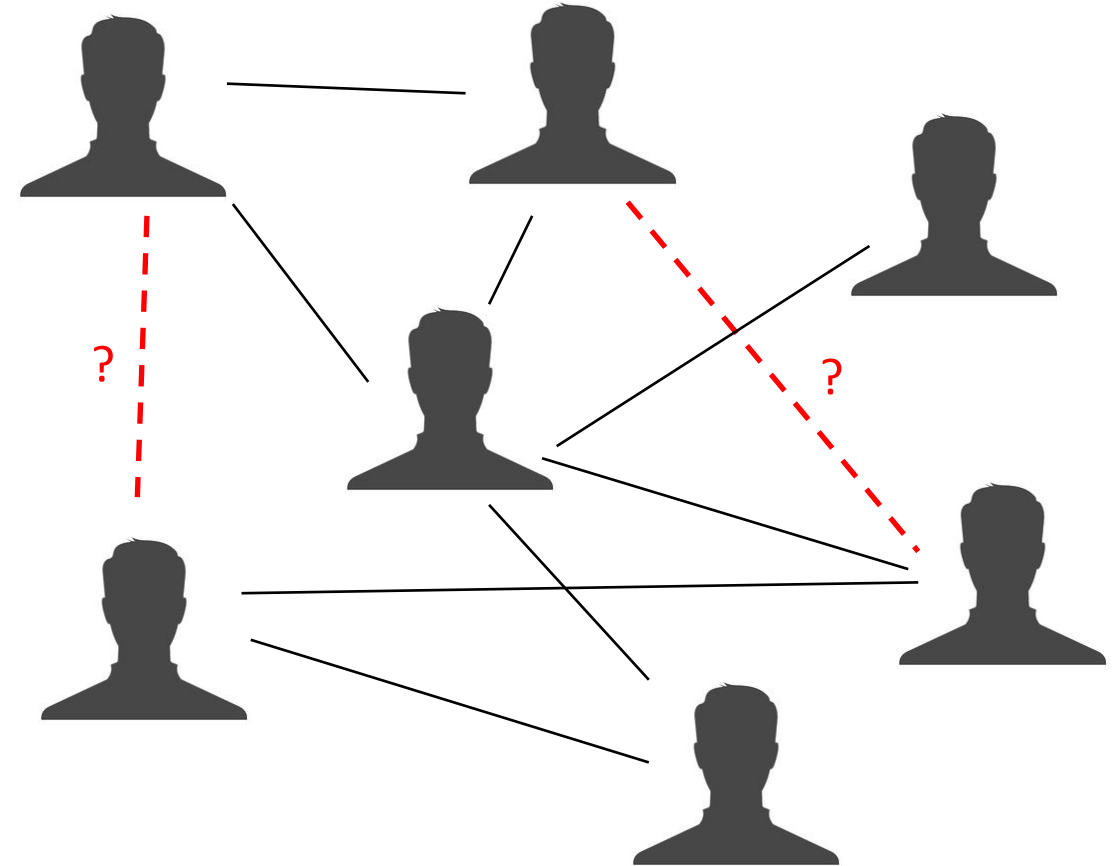


Network of neurons

# Classical Tasks in Networks

- Node classification
  - Predict the type of a given node
- Link prediction
  - Predict whether two nodes are linked
- Community detection
  - Identify densely linked clusters of nodes
- Network similarity
  - How similar are two (sub)networks

Example: Link Prediction (Friend Recommendation)

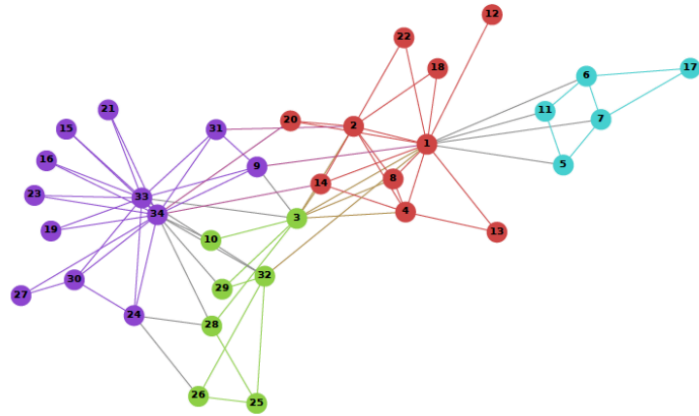


**How do we solve these network-related tasks?**

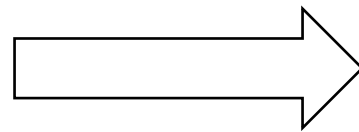
→ **Node embedding-based methods**

# Node Embedding

- Find a **low-dimensional vector representation of each node** in a graph while preserving the network structure
  - **Intuition:** Similar nodes in a graph have similar vector representations

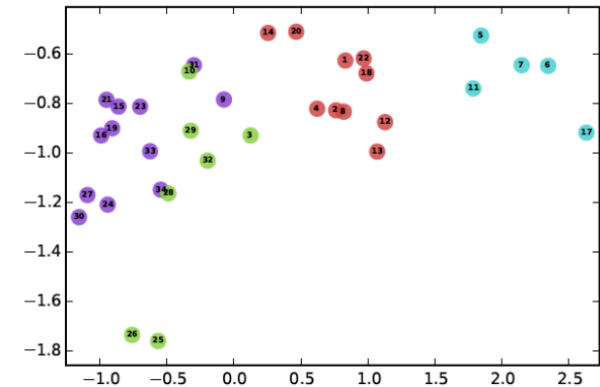


**Input**



Node  
embedding method

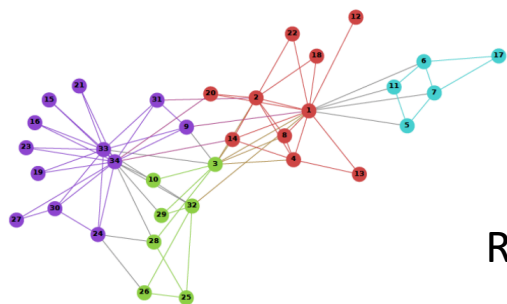
(Deepwalk, node2vec...)



**Output**

# Related Work: Deepwalk (Perozzi et al, 2014)

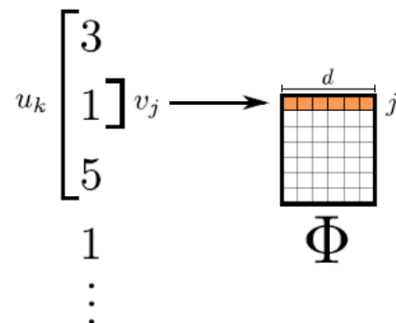
- DeepWalk converts a graph into a collection of node sequences using uniform sampling (truncated random walk)
- **Assuming each sequence as a sentence**, they run the Skip-gram model (Mikolov et al. 2014) to learn representation for each node (like word2vec)



Random walk

$$\mathcal{W}_{v_4} \equiv v_4 \rightarrow v_3 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow v_5 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow v_{46} \rightarrow v_{51} \rightarrow v_{89}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{v_4} = 4$$

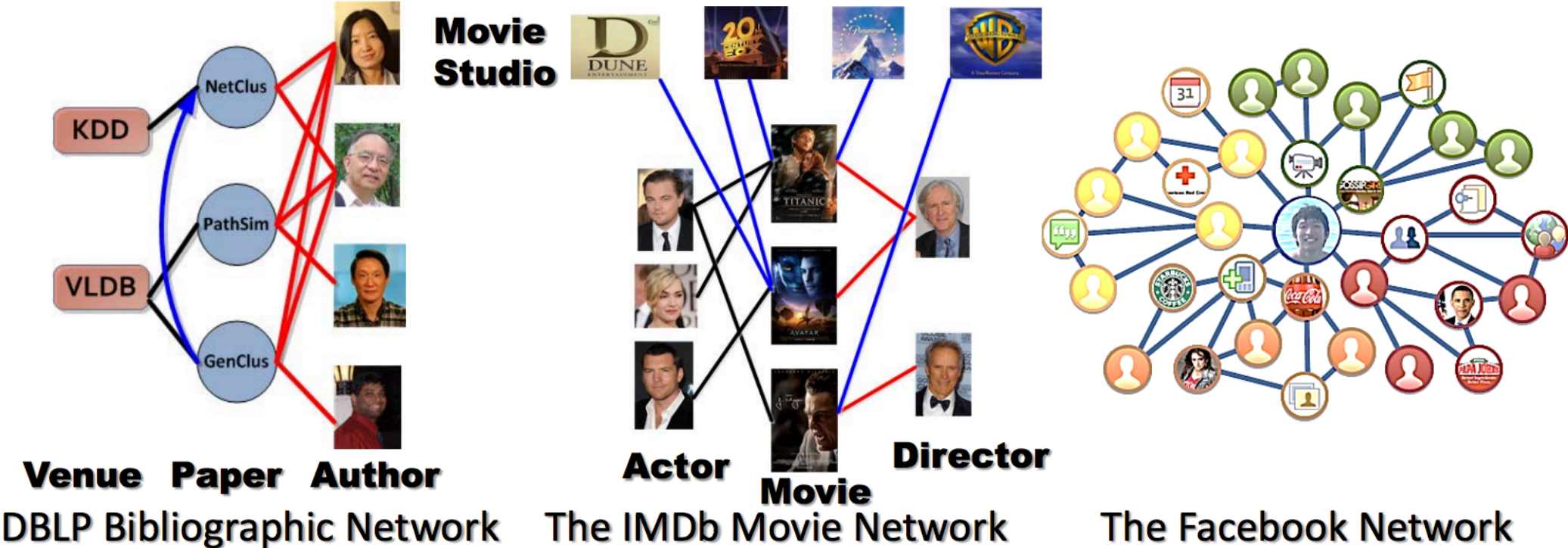


**Maximize:**  $\Pr(v_3 | \Phi(v_1))$   
 $\Pr(v_5 | \Phi(v_1))$

**Can only be applied to a network with a single type of nodes and edges.  
(not to heterogeneous network)**

# Heterogeneous network (HetNet)

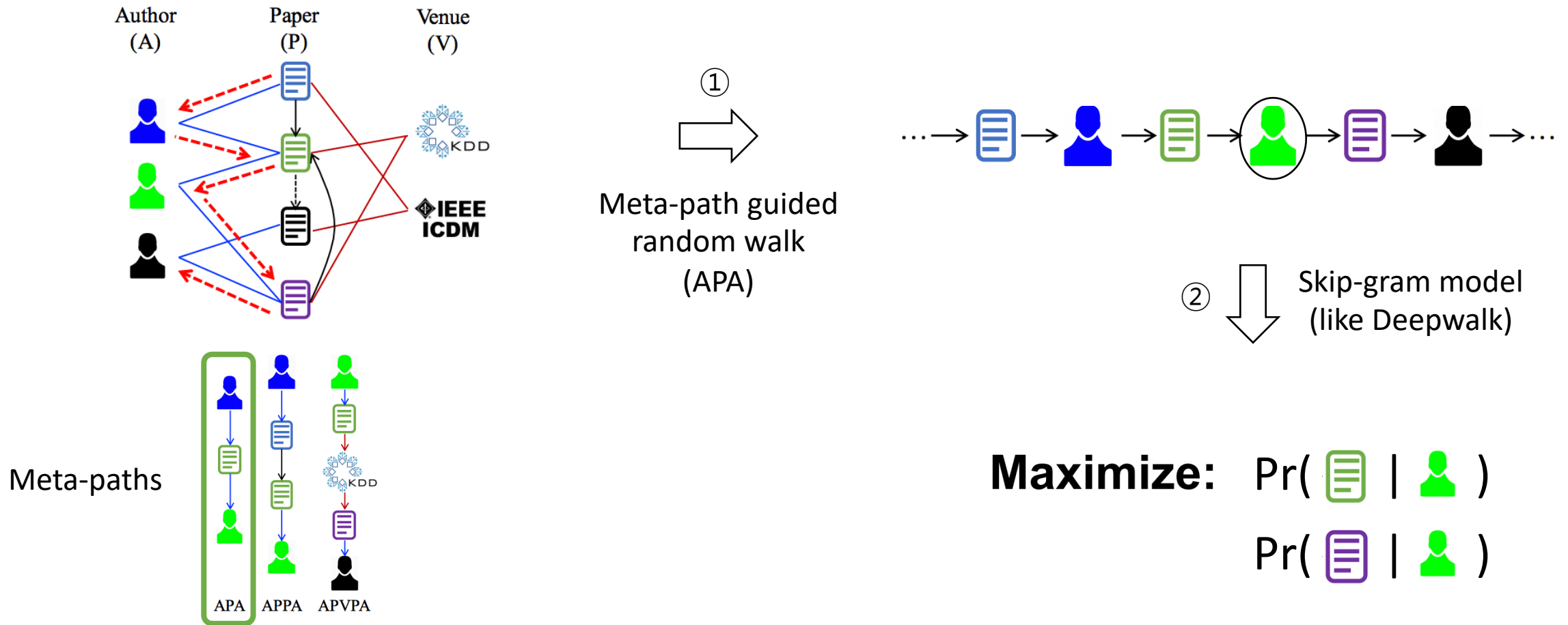
- A network with **multiple types of nodes** and **multiple types of edges**
- A lot of networks in reality are heterogeneous network



**How do we embed nodes in a heterogeneous network?**

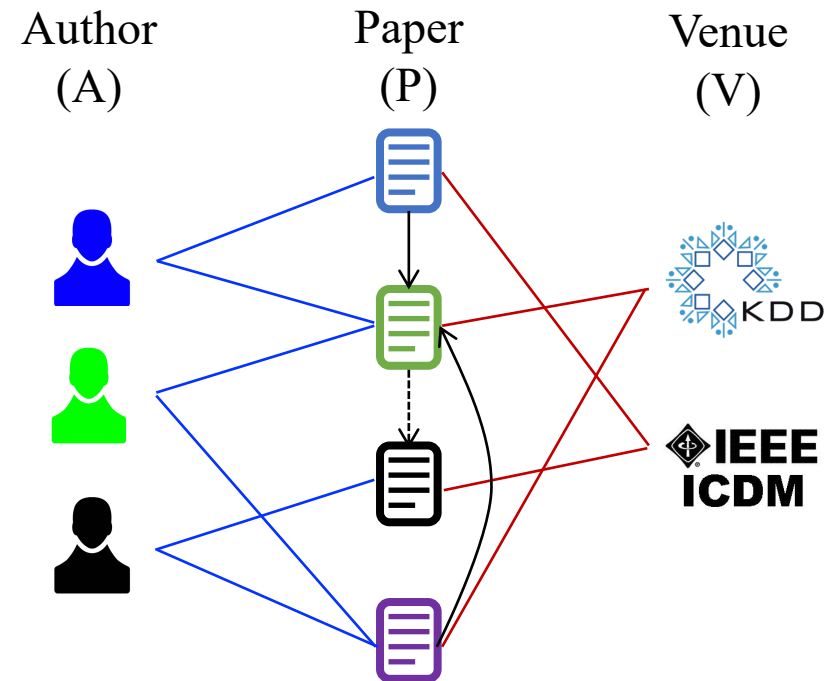
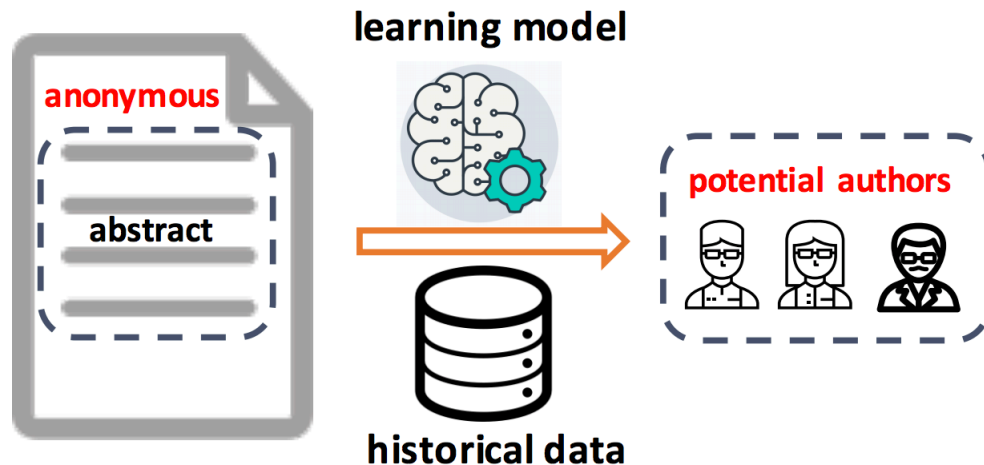
# Node Embedding for Heterogeneous Network: Metapath2vec (Dong et al, 2017)

- Motivation: Deepwalk assumes that each node has a single type → Extend Deepwalk to HetNet!



# Task-guided HetNet embedding

- Instead of learning general node embeddings, what about we focus on a specific task?
- Example: Author Identification
  - Predict the true authors of an anonymized paper given
    - Paper abstract
    - Venue (e.g., KDD, ICDM)
    - References
- Can we predict the true authors? [1,2]



[1] Chen, Ting, and Yizhou Sun. "Task-guided and path-augmented heterogeneous network embedding for author identification." WSDM, 2017.

[2] Zhang, Chuxu, et al. "Camel: Content-Aware and Meta-path Augmented Metric Learning for Author Identification." WWW. 2018.

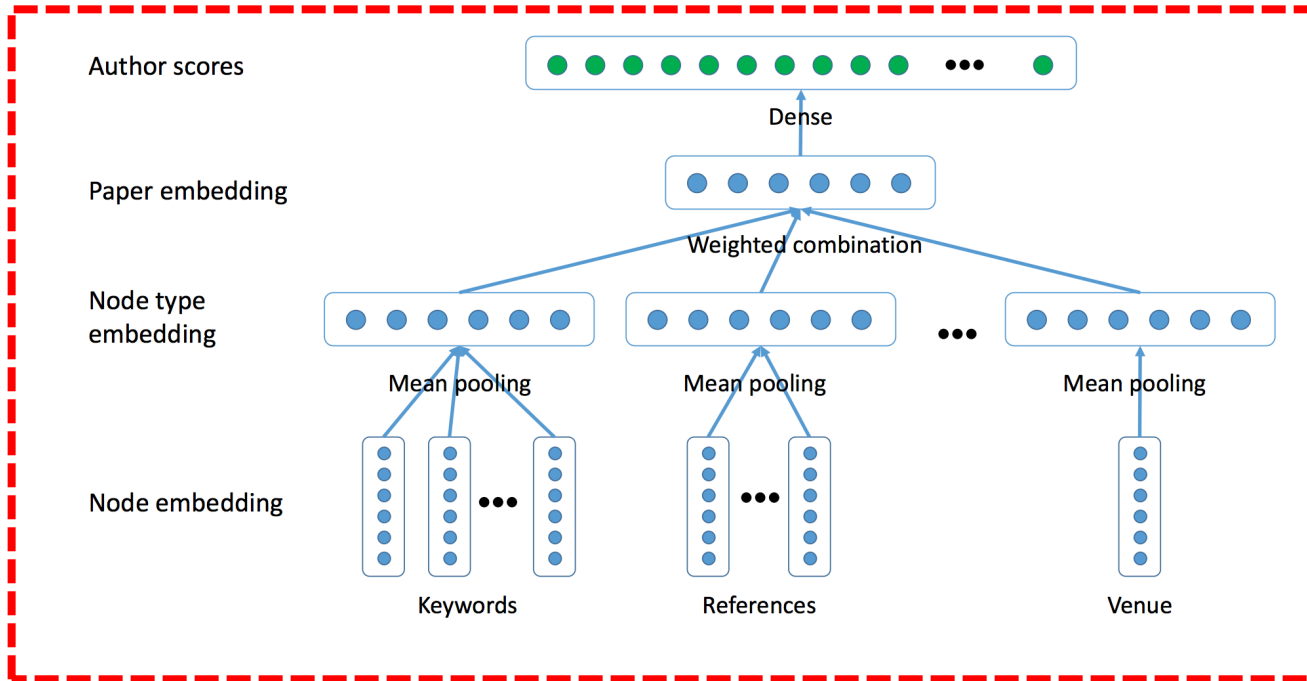


# Previous Research on Task-guided HetNet Embedding

[WSDM17] Task-guided and path-augmented heterogeneous network embedding for author identification

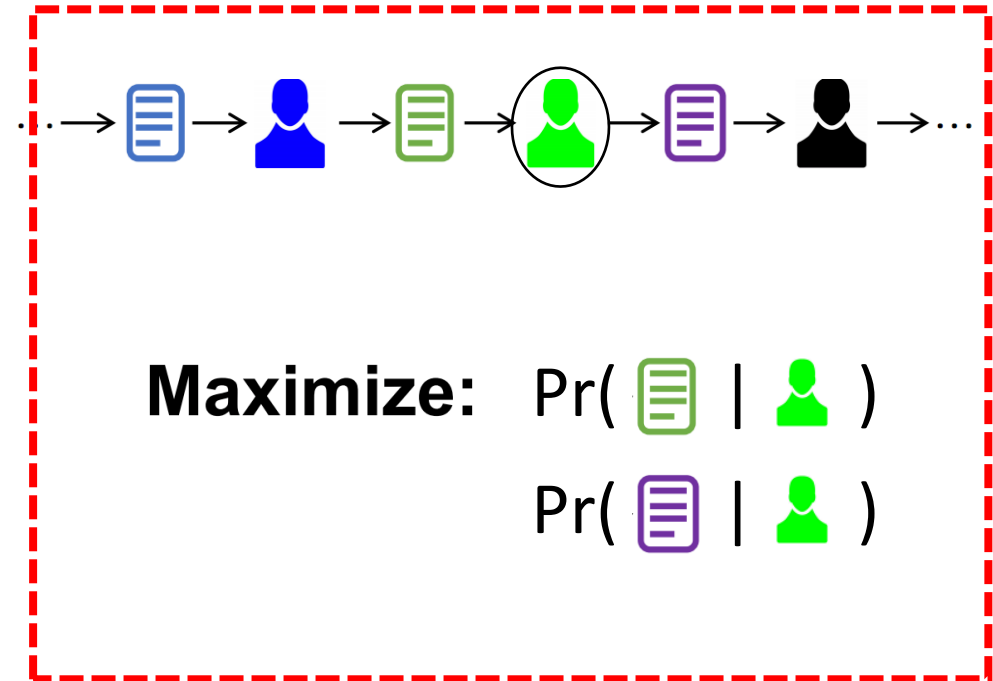
- **Step 1:** Combine keywords, venue and references related to a paper to obtain the paper embedding

- **Step 2:** Perform metapath2vec using embeddings learned in step 1



**Supervised part:**  
**Task-specific part**

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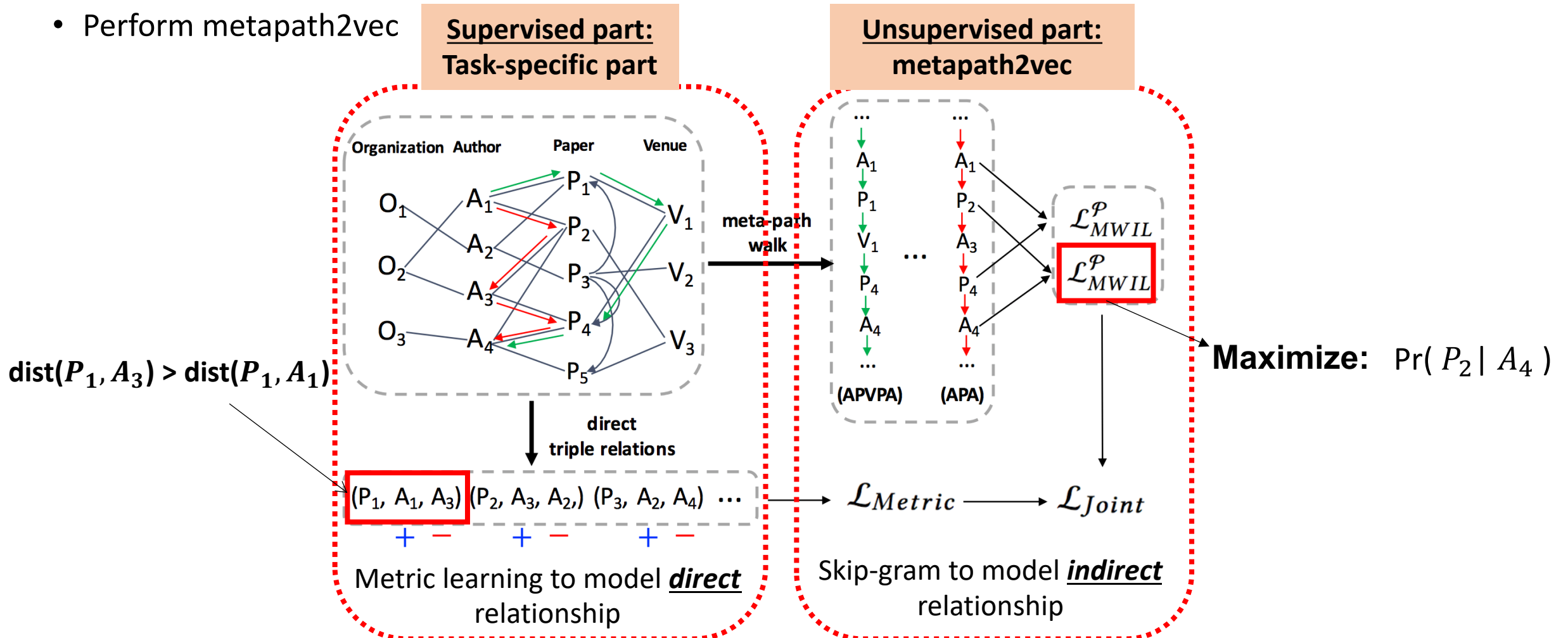


**Unsupervised part:**  
**metapath2vec**

# Previous Research on Task-guided Embedding

[WWW18] Camel: Content-Aware and Meta-path Augmented Metric Learning for Author Identification

- Model the paper abstract using a GRU-based encoder
- Perform metapath2vec



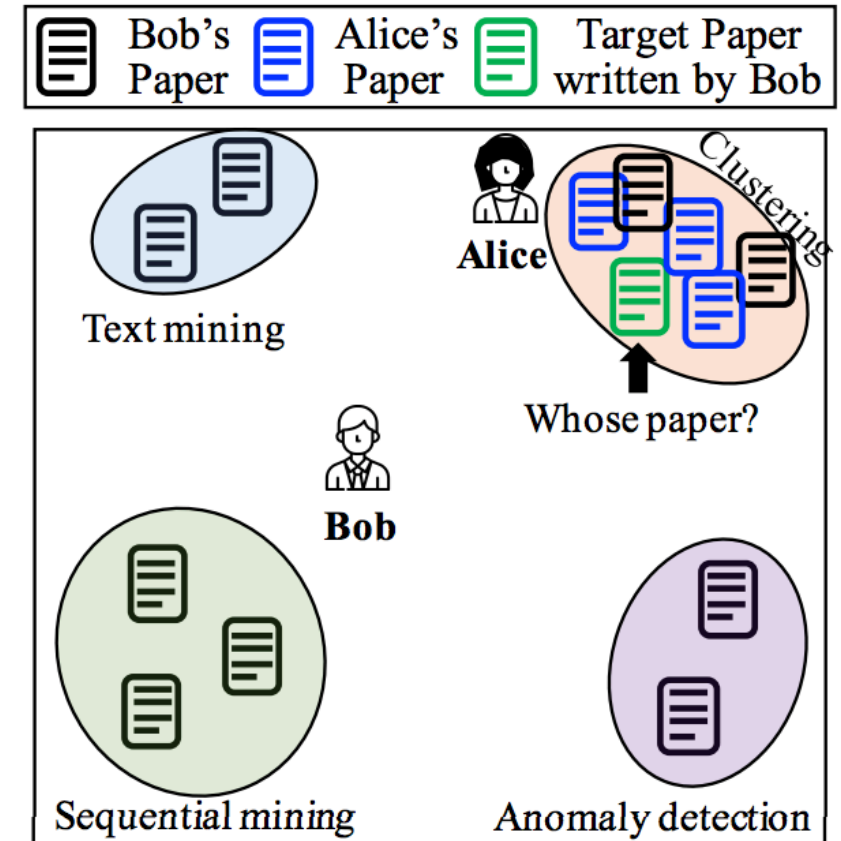
# Our Motivation

- Directly modeling the **pairwise relationship between two nodes** is crucial for task-guided embedding methods
- The ultimate goal is usually to model the likelihood of the pairwise relationship
  - i.e., Link probability between two nodes
- Example
  - Recommendation
    - The goal is to **model the likelihood of a user favoring an item** (i.e., user–item pairwise relationship)
  - Author identification
    - The goal is to **model the likelihood of a paper being written by an author** (i.e., paper– author pairwise relationship)
- However, previous task-guided embedding methods are **node-centric**
  - Step 1. Learn task-guided node embeddings
  - Step 2. Then, simply use inner product between two node embeddings to compute the pairwise likelihood

We devise **pair embedding** to directly model the pairwise relationship

# Toy example: Author identification (Node embedding)

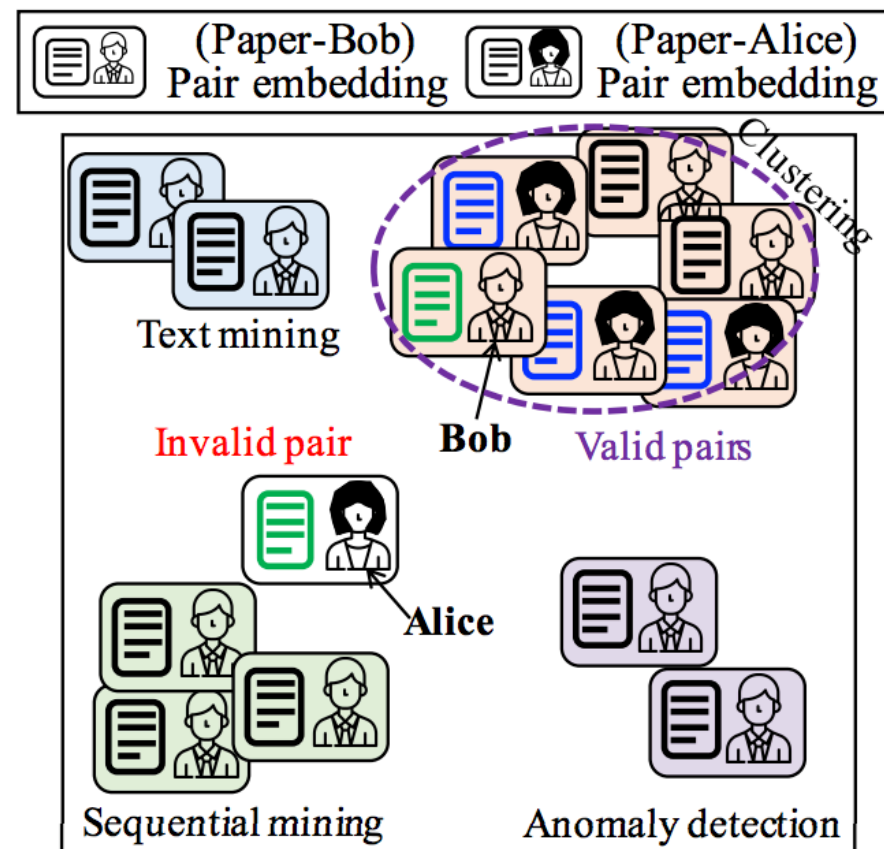
- Assumption
  - Bob has written multiple papers in various research areas
  - Alice only worked on “Clustering” topic
- Case 1) Node embedding
- Should find **a single optimal point** to satisfy all relationship
  - **Bob’s embedding**: Should satisfy his relationship with various research areas
  - **Alice’s embedding**: Should be close to papers whose topics are “clustering”
- **Question**: What about a new paper on “Clustering” written by Bob?
  - It will be embedded together with “Clustering” papers, and therefore close to Alice



(a) Node embedding

# Our approach: Pair Embedding

- Assumption
  - Bob has written multiple papers in various research areas
  - Alice only worked on “Clustering” topic
- **Case 2: Pair embedding**
- Embed each paper–author pair such that each pair embedding independently captures ...
  1. Associated research topic
  2. Pair validity information
    - Whether the pair is valid or not
    - = Whether the paper is written by the author within a pair
- By doing so, we want the **pairs to be embedded close to each other if both of the above two conditions hold**



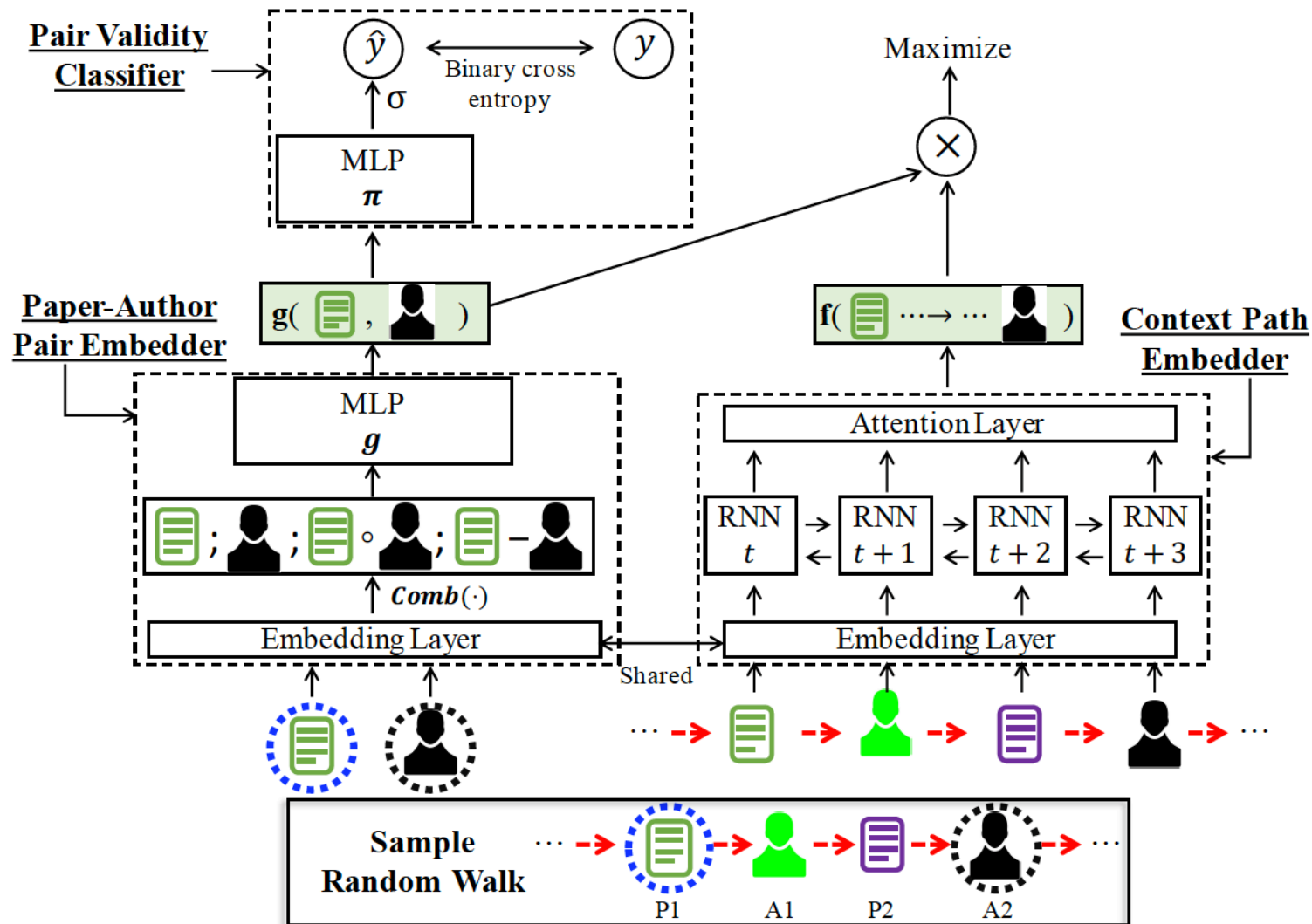
(b) Pair embedding

# Summary: Our goals

1. To model the **semantics** (e.g., research topic) behind the pairwise relationship
2. To model the **validity** of the pair regarding a specific task
  - This work: Author identification
    - Given a paper–author pair, whether the paper in the pair is written by the author in the pair

# Proposed Method: TapEm

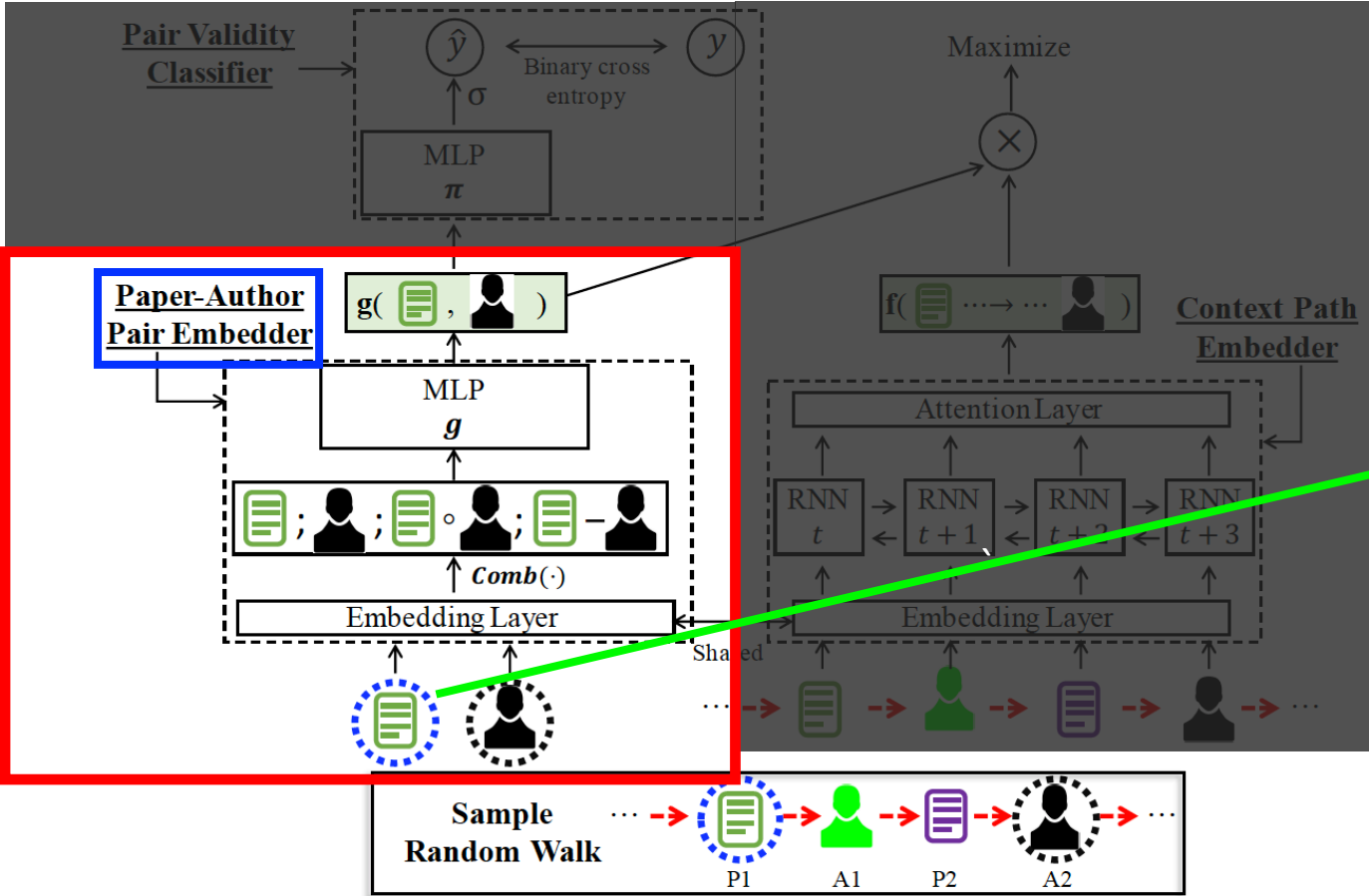
## Overall Architecture



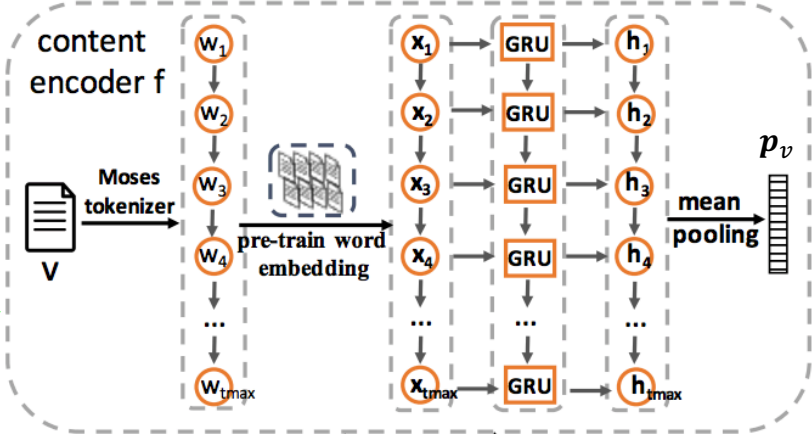
# Proposed Method: TaPEm

- 1) Context Path-aware Pair Embedder**

- Step 1: Pair Embedder (Embedding Paper–Author Pair)



$$p_v = \text{PaperEncoder}(O_v)$$

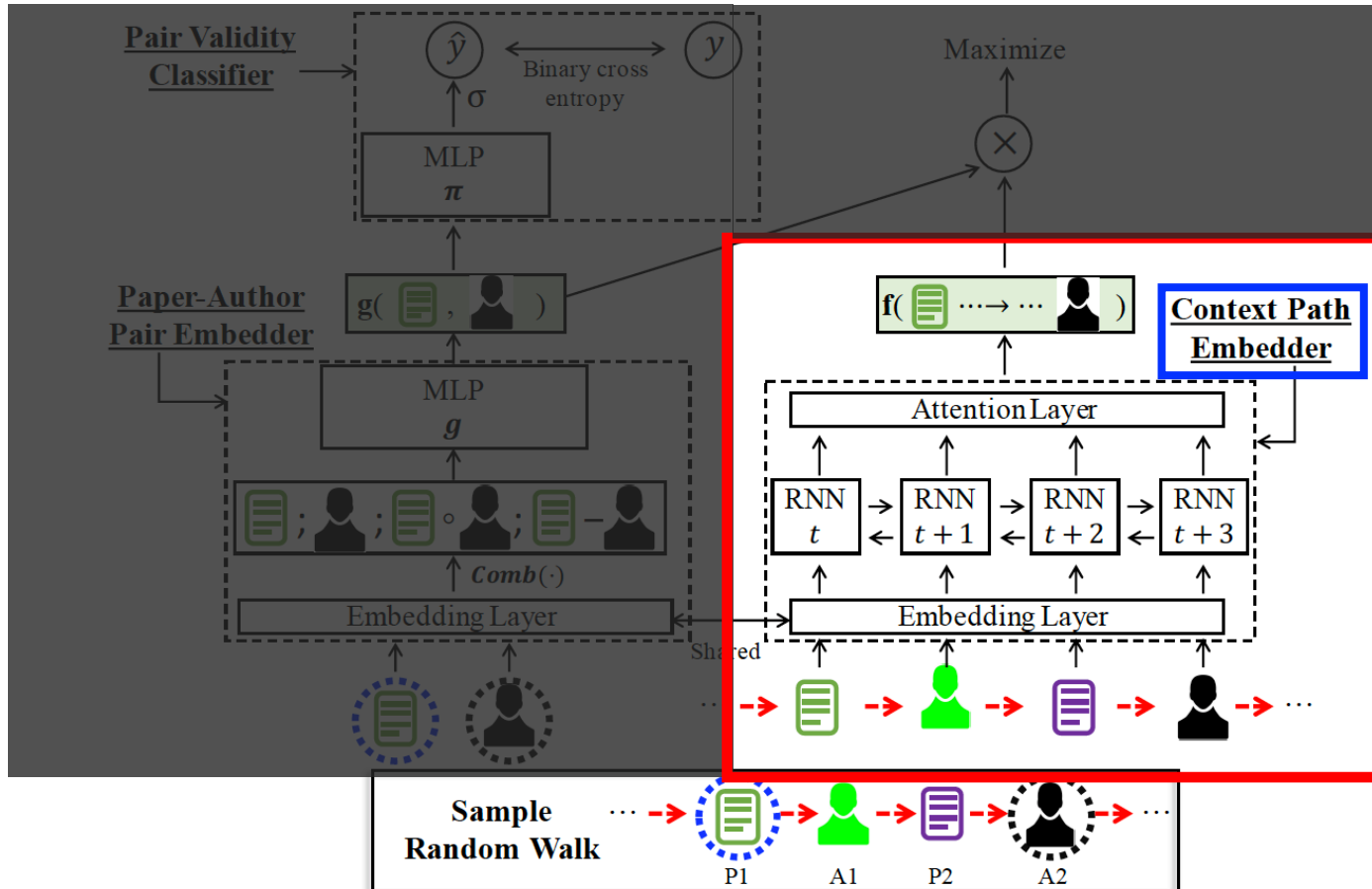




# Proposed Method: TaPEm

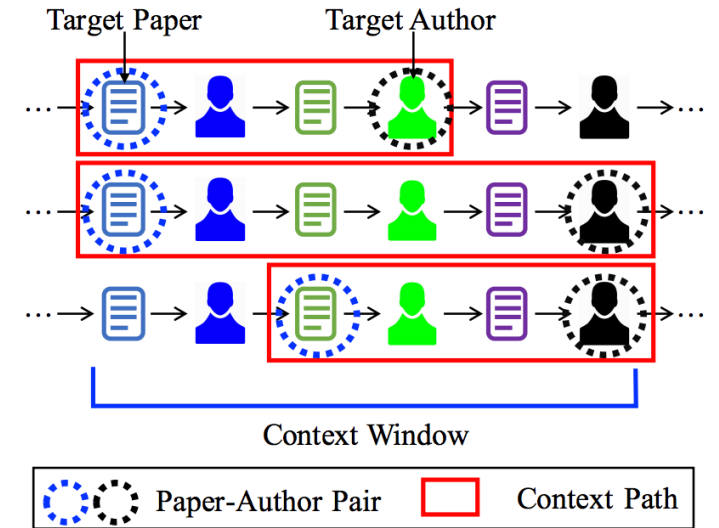
- **1) Context Path-aware Pair Embedder**

- Step 2: Context Path Embedder (Embedding Context Path)



What is a context path?

A sequence of nodes between a target node pair



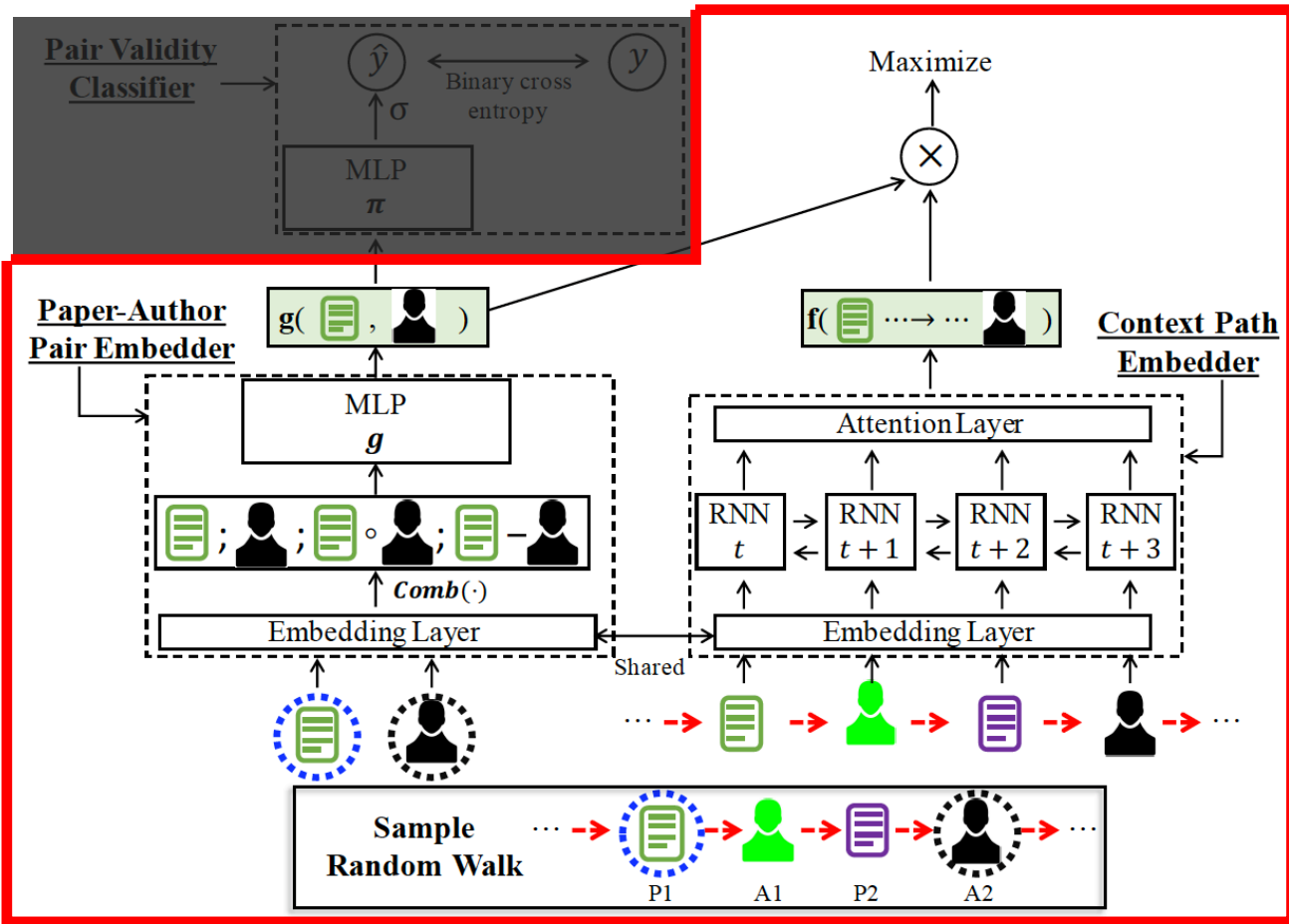
Why do we consider the context path?

We can infer the research topic related to the pair  $(v, u)$  by examining the path between paper  $v$  and author  $u$

# Proposed Method: TaPEm

## 1) Context Path-aware Pair Embedder

- Step 3: Injecting Context Information into Pairs



### Objective (Pair embedding)

Predict pair using its context path

$$P((\text{Paper}, \text{Author}) | \text{Paper} \rightarrow \text{Author} \rightarrow \text{Paper} \rightarrow \text{Author})$$

### Skip~~X~~Gram

$$P(\text{Paper} | \text{Author}), P(\text{Paper} | \text{Author})$$

$$P(\text{Author} | \text{Paper}), P(\text{Author} | \text{Paper})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ctx}}(v, u) = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}_{v \rightarrow u}^{\mathcal{P}}} -\log p((v, u) | c, \mathcal{P})$$

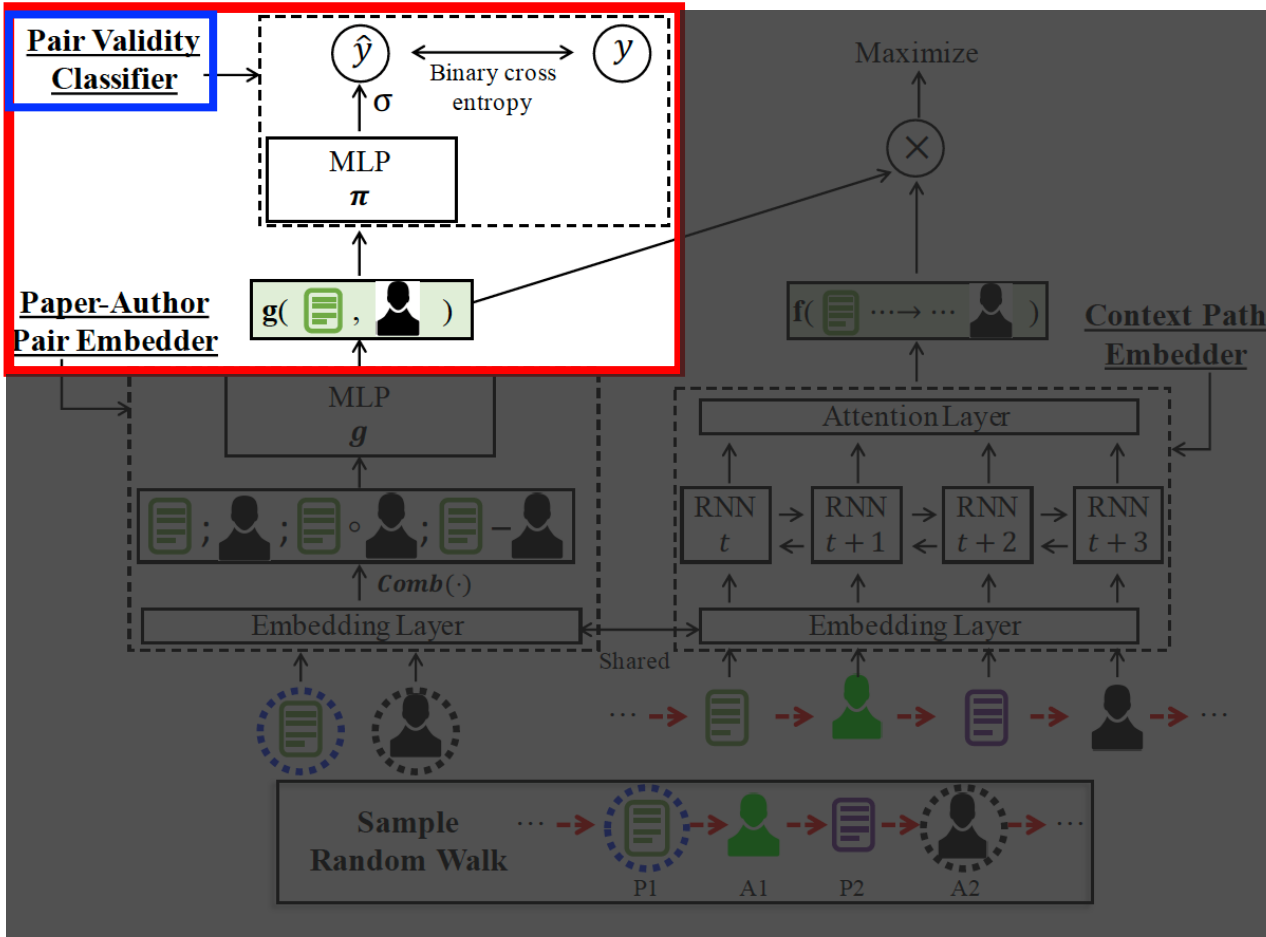
$$p((v, u) | c, \mathcal{P}) = \frac{\exp[(g(v, u) \cdot f(c))]}{\sum_{c' \in \mathcal{C}_*^{\mathcal{P}}} \exp[(g(v, u) \cdot f(c'))]}$$

**Benefit**

Pair embedding  $\approx$  Embeddings of frequent context paths  
 $\rightarrow$  Pair embedding encodes its related research topic

# Proposed Method: TaPEm

- **2) Pair Validity Classifier** (Validity of Pair Embedding)



## Objective

- Classify whether the pair is valid or not

$$\mathcal{L}_{pv}(v, u) = y_{v,u} \sigma(\pi(\mathbf{g}(v, u))) + (1 - y_{v,u})(1 - \sigma(\pi(\mathbf{g}(v, u))))$$

$$y_{v,u} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{paper } v \text{ is written by author } u \\ 0, & \text{paper } v \text{ is not written by author } u \end{cases}$$

## Benefit

- Enables to identify **relatively less active authors**
  - The training of the embedding is no longer solely based on the frequency (Limitation of Skip-Gram)
- Two nodes will be embedded close to each other if
  1. Related to a similar research topic
  2. **The pair itself is valid**

# Joint Objective

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P})} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}_p} \sum_{v \in w} \sum_{u \in w[C_v - \tau : C_v + \tau]}$$

Context Path-aware  
Pair Embedder

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ctx}}(v, u)$$

Pair Validity  
Classifier

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pv}}(v, u)$$

- $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P})$ : a set of meta-path scheme
- $\mathcal{W}_p$ : a set of random walks guided by meta-path  $p$
- $\tau$ : window size
- $C_v$ : position of paper  $v$  in walk  $w$

# Experiments

- Dataset: AMiner dataset
  - Extracted 10 years of data (2006 ~ 2015)
  - Removed the papers published in venues with limited publications
  - Two versions
    - AMiner-Top: Selected 18 top conferences from AI, DM, DB, IS, CV, and CL
    - AMiner-Full: All venues

<b>Statistics</b>	<b>AMiner-Top</b>	<b>AMiner-Full</b>
# authors	27,920	536,811
# papers	21,808	447,289
# venues	18	389

**AI:** ICML, AAAI, IJCAI. **DM:** KDD, WSDM, ICDM. **DB:** SIGMOD, VLDB, ICDE.  
**IS:** WWW, SIGIR, CIKM. **CV:** CVPR, ICCV, ECCV. **CL:** ACL, EMNLP, NAACL

# Experiments

- Baselines
  1. **Feature engineering–based** supervised method
  2. **General purpose** heterogeneous network embedding method
    - Metapath2vec [KDD17] (Dong et al, 2017)
  3. **Task-guided** heterogeneous network embedding methods
    - HNE [WSDM17] (Chen et al, 2017)
    - Camel [WWW18] (Zhang et al, 2018)
    - TaPEm<sub>npv</sub> : TaPEm without pair validity classifier

# Experiments: All authors (Active + Inactive)

Dataset		Metric	Sup	MPV	HNE	Camel	TaPEm <sub>npv</sub>	TaPEm	Impr.		Sup	MPV	HNE	Camel	TaPEm <sub>npv</sub>	TaPEm	Impr.
AMiner-Top	T=2013	Rec@5	0.5460	0.5274	0.4874	0.5902	0.6405	<b>0.6807</b>	15.33%		0.6096	0.5990	0.6110	0.5458	0.7049	<b>0.7097</b>	16.15%
		Rec@10	0.6227	0.6746	0.6301	0.7370	0.7677	<b>0.7849</b>	6.50%		0.6409	0.7317	0.7166	0.6811	0.8121	<b>0.8237</b>	12.57%
		Prec@5	0.2285	0.2148	0.2051	0.2439	0.2662	<b>0.2835</b>	16.24%		0.2679	0.2562	0.2679	0.2393	0.3076	<b>0.3087</b>	15.23%
		Prec@10	0.1323	0.1401	0.1334	0.1555	0.1632	<b>0.1664</b>	7.01%		0.1418	0.1595	0.1590	0.1508	0.1795	<b>0.1818</b>	13.98%
		F1@5	0.3222	0.3052	0.2888	0.3452	0.3761	<b>0.4003</b>	15.96%		0.3722	0.3589	0.3724	0.3327	0.4283	<b>0.4303</b>	15.55%
		F1@10	0.2182	0.2320	0.2202	0.2568	0.2691	<b>0.2746</b>	6.93%		0.2322	0.2619	0.2602	0.2470	0.2940	<b>0.2978</b>	13.71%
		AUC	0.7817	0.8887	0.8614	0.9112	0.9164	<b>0.9178</b>	0.72%		0.7641	0.8923	0.8855	0.8768	0.9291	<b>0.9337</b>	4.64%
	T=2014	Rec@5	0.5142	0.5116	0.4665	0.5625	0.6121	<b>0.6577</b>	16.92%		0.6203	0.5768	0.5842	0.5494	0.6742	<b>0.6840</b>	10.27%
		Rec@10	0.5792	0.6661	0.6185	0.7198	0.7471	<b>0.7698</b>	6.95%		0.6570	0.7114	0.6927	0.6835	0.7952	<b>0.7998</b>	12.43%
		Prec@5	0.2508	0.2457	0.2284	0.2706	0.2962	<b>0.3148</b>	16.33%		0.2825	0.2586	0.2689	0.2529	0.3068	<b>0.3109</b>	10.05%
		Prec@10	0.1447	0.1636	0.1538	0.1776	0.1851	<b>0.1898</b>	6.87%		0.1510	0.1623	0.1611	0.1588	0.1840	<b>0.1850</b>	13.99%
		F1@5	0.3371	0.3320	0.3066	0.3654	0.3992	<b>0.4258</b>	16.53%		0.3882	0.3571	0.3683	0.3464	0.4217	<b>0.4275</b>	10.12%
		F1@10	0.2316	0.2627	0.2463	0.2849	0.2967	<b>0.3045</b>	6.88%		0.2455	0.2643	0.2614	0.2577	0.2989	<b>0.3005</b>	13.70%
		AUC	0.7359	0.8904	0.8619	0.9087	0.9112	<b>0.9206</b>	1.31%		0.7829	0.8834	0.8747	0.8770	0.9243	<b>0.9245</b>	4.65%
										AMiner-All							

- **TaPEm >> Rest (especially when N is small)**
  - TapEm captures the fine-grained pairwise relationship between two nodes
    - **Pushes true authors to the top ranks**
- **TaPEm<sub>npv</sub> > Rest**
  - Pair embedding framework > Skip-gram
- **TapEm > TaPEm<sub>npv</sub>**
  - Pair validity classifier encodes pair validity information into the pair embedding

# Experiments: Inactive Authors

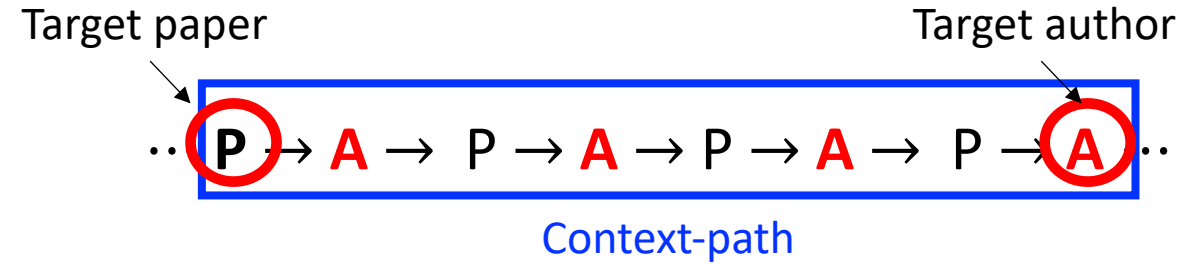
- The skip-gram based model is **biased to active authors**
  - Most authors publish only few papers
    - 92% of authors in AMiner dataset published less than 6 publications
  - Inactive authors: Authors with less than 6 publications

	$T$	Methods	Recall@ $N$				Precision@ $N$				F1@ $N$				AUC
			$N = 1$	$N = 2$	$N = 5$	$N = 10$	$N = 1$	$N = 2$	$N = 5$	$N = 10$	$N = 1$	$N = 2$	$N = 5$	$N = 10$	
AMiner-Top	2013	Camel	0.1808	0.3035	0.5012	0.6646	0.3155	0.2734	0.1887	0.1244	0.2299	0.2877	0.2742	0.2096	0.8854
		TaPEm	<b>0.2677</b>	<b>0.4131</b>	<b>0.6037</b>	<b>0.7220</b>	<b>0.4496</b>	<b>0.3697</b>	<b>0.2251</b>	<b>0.1360</b>	<b>0.3356</b>	<b>0.3902</b>	<b>0.3279</b>	<b>0.2289</b>	<b>0.8935</b>
	Improve.	48.06%	36.11%	20.45%	8.64%	42.50%	35.22%	19.29%	9.32%	45.98%	35.63%	19.58%	9.21%	0.91%	
	2014	Camel	0.1624	0.2739	0.4831	0.6619	0.3372	0.2865	0.2094	0.1440	0.2192	0.2801	0.2922	0.2365	0.8909
TaPEm		<b>0.2312</b>	<b>0.3670</b>	<b>0.5679</b>	<b>0.6900</b>	<b>0.4515</b>	<b>0.3759</b>	<b>0.2433</b>	<b>0.1507</b>	<b>0.3058</b>	<b>0.3714</b>	<b>0.3406</b>	<b>0.2473</b>	<b>0.8934</b>	
		Improve.	42.36%	33.99%	17.55%	4.25%	33.90%	31.20%	16.19%	4.65%	39.51%	32.60%	16.56%	4.57%	0.28%

- TapEm performs much better on inactive authors
  - Benefit of **pair embedding + pair validity classifier**



# Experiments: Case Study



- Case studies to see how TapEm ranks active authors
  - Two author groups exist within a context path
    - 1) True authors, 2) Frequently appearing false authors

## Case 1: True authors contain an active author

Paper: (CIKM'06) Mining compressed commodity workflows from massive RFID datasets

	Author (num. publications)	Rank	
		Camel	TapEm
True authors	<b>Jiawei Han (141)</b>	1	8
	Xiaohui Li (12)	198	1
	Hector Gonzalez (9)	296	81
Frequently appearing false authors	Yizhou Sun (23)	94	418
	Jae-Gil Lee (10)	323	196
	John Paul Sondag (1)	1043	3650

## Case 3: Both author groups contain an active author

Paper: (KDD'06) Generating semantic annotations for frequent patterns with context analysis

	Author (num. publications)	Rank	
		Camel	TapEm
True authors	<b>Jiawei Han (141)</b>	1	14
	Qiaozhu Mei (21)	44	9
	Dong Xin (20)	130	26
Frequently appearing false authors	<b>Philip S. Yu (122)</b>	7	41
	Xiteng Yan (36)	15	19
	Charu C. Aggarwal (30)	16	303

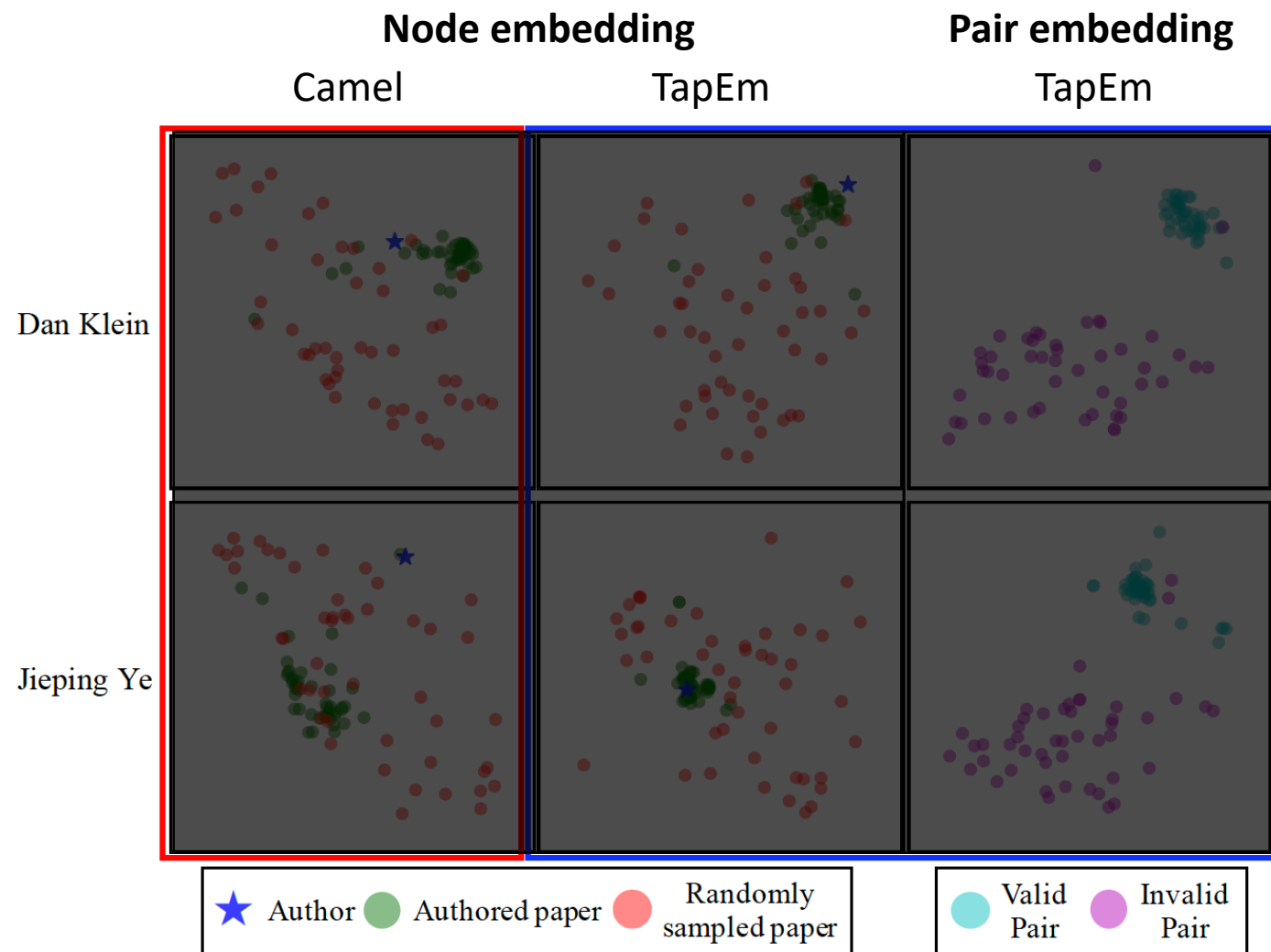
## Case 2: Frequently appearing authors contain an active author

Paper: (KDD'06) A mixture model for contextual text mining

	Author (num. publications)	Rank	
		Camel	TapEm
True authors	Cheng Xiang Zhai (51)	4	3
	Qiaozhu Mei (21)	24	4
Frequently appearing false authors	<b>Jiawei Han (141)</b>	2	122
	Yintao Yu (6)	601	372

- Camel simply ranks active authors to high ranks (due to Skip-gram)
- TapEm is robust to the activeness of authors (due to pair embedding framework)

# Experiments: Visualization of the embeddings



- Node embedding of TapEm
  1. More **tightly grouped together**
  2. The author embedding is closer to the cluster of the authored papers

TaPEm generates **more accurate** embeddings for paper and author

- Pair embedding of TapEm
  - Makes it **even easier to distinguish whether a pair is valid or not**

Pair embedding is useful for task-guided heterogeneous network embedding

# Conclusion

- Proposed the pair embedding framework for heterogeneous network
  - Useful for tasks whose goal is to **predict the likelihood of pairwise relationship between two nodes**
- Directly focused on the **pairwise relationship** between two nodes
  - Learn the **pair embedding** instead of node embedding
- The pair validity classifier is effective in **identifying less active true authors**