Spatio-Temporal Graph Networks and Graph Diffusion Models for Real-Time Traffic Forecasting Efficiency

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the inference efficiency latency trade-off between Spatio-Temporal Graph Convolutional Networks and modern graph diffusion models for real-time traffic forecasting. Long-term traffic prediction is highly challenging due to the complexity of traffic systems and the constantly changing nature of many impacting factors. In this paper, we focus on the spatio-temporal factors, and propose a graph multi-attention network (GMAN) to predict traffic. 7 claims were extracted from source literature; 7 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 9.0/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: GMAN: A Graph Multi-Attention Network for Traffic Prediction. Research question: What is the inference efficiency latency trade-off between Spatio-Temporal Graph Convolutional Networks and modern graph diffusion models for real-time traffic forecasting?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 13 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 9.0/10.

3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 7 claims extracted; 7 independently verified. Quality review score: 9.0/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
GMAN adapts an encoder-decoder architecture.	✓	0.23
Both the encoder and the decoder of GMAN consist of multiple spatio-temporal attention blocks.	✓	0.27
A transform attention layer is applied between the encoder and the decoder in GMAN.	✓	0.23
The transform attention mechanism models the direct relationships between historical and future time steps.	✓	0.31
GMAN was evaluated on two real-world traffic prediction tasks: traffic volume prediction and traffic speed prediction.	✓	0.27
In the 1 hour ahead prediction task, GMAN outperforms state-of-the-art methods by up to 4% improvement in MAE measure.	✓	0.24
The source code for GMAN is available at https://github.com/zhengchuanpan/GMAN.	✓	0.19

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