SOVEREIGN: How does GraphMETRO's alignment mechanism influence performance on out-of-distribution graph data

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Abstract

Bayesian neural networks (BNNs) promise improved generalization under covariate shift by providing principled probabilistic representations of epistemic uncertainty. However, weight-based BNNs often struggle with high computational complexity of large-scale architectures and datasets. Node-based BNNs have recently been introduced as scalable alternatives, which induce epistemic uncertainty by multiplying each hidden node with latent random variables, while learning a point-estimate of the weights. In this paper, we interpret these latent noise variables as implicit representations of simple an

1 Introduction

Analysis of: Tackling covariate shift with node-based Bayesian neural networks. Research goal: How does GraphMETRO's alignment mechanism influence performance on out-of-distribution graph data.

2 Methodology

Multi-query arXiv search (4 parallel queries, Relevance-sorted). TF-IDF cosine semantic verification (bigrams, threshold=0.15). NIM nv-embedqa-e5-v5 (dim=1024) for semantic indexing. Tribunal v2: 3-role parallel review (SKEPTIC/VALIDATOR/SYNTHESIZER) with revision round if score $<$ 6.5.

3 Results

10 papers retrieved. 6 claims extracted, 6 verified. Tribunal: 7.5/10 $\rightarrow$ APPROVE (revision_round=0). Policy: AUTO_APPROVE.

4 Uncertainties

NIM free tier latency varies. TF-IDF verification is a weak signal. arXiv Relevance ranking is query-dependent. Tribunal consensus is LLM-based and prompt-sensitive.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Bayesian neural networks (BNNs) promise improved generalization under covariate shift by providing principled probabilis	✓	0.44
Weight-based BNNs often struggle with high computational complexity of large-scale architectures and datasets.	✓	0.31
Node-based BNNs have recently been introduced as scalable alternatives, which induce epistemic uncertainty by multiplyin	✓	0.47
The diversity of the implicit corruptions depends on the entropy of the latent variables.	✓	0.30
The proposed method improves uncertainty estimation of node-based BNNs under covariate shift due to input perturbations.	✓	0.36
The method also provides robustness against noisy training labels.	✓	0.22

References

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- `http://arxiv.org/abs/2312.04693v3`
- `http://arxiv.org/abs/2206.02435v2`