Few-shot Learning from Biomedical Network

- with a focus on predicting emerging drugs interactions

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Biomedical Network (BN)



Important Applications





Integration of health data into knowledge graphs to predict patient diagnoses Cell-line specific prediction of interacting drug pairs

Needs Few-shot Learning



- Time-consuming but necessary.
- Hard to obtain clinical data.
- Data sparsity.

• Limited experimental data

- Heterogeneous data
- Lack of supervision data

• Weakly supervised learning from biomedical network.

• Here we focus on drug-drug interaction prediction.

Emerging Drug-Drug Interaction (DDI) Prediction



These problems are even more serious for emerging drugs.

DDI Task



Link prediction on biomedical network (BN)



g drug	 Input: Fingerprint features (f_u) of a given emerging drug u. Drug drug interaction (DDI) network. Biomedical network.
-	 Output: Interaction type between a given emerging drug and a given existing drug.
	(Emerging drug, <mark>?</mark> , Drug)
(BN)	data reconstructed graph $y_i(1), \dots, y_i(n)$ $y_j(1), \dots, y_j(n)$ $y_k(1), \dots, y_k(n)$ $y_\ell(1), \dots, y_\ell(n)$ $y_\ell(1), \dots, y_\ell(n)$
	monitored
	(e.g., Granger) (e.g., clustering)
rning problem	

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Related Works

to representations



Existing deep learning methods do not perform well, as they require large amounts of data to train their over-parameterized models.

interactions

Our contributions

Emerging Drug Interaction Prediction Enabled by Flow-based Graph Neural Network with Biomedical Network. Y. Zhang, Q. Yao, L. Yue, X. Wu, Z. Zhang, Z. Lin, Y. Zheng Nature Computational Science. 2023

- Develop the first effective deep learning method for emerging drugdrug interaction (DDI) prediction.
- Propose a variant of Graph Neural Network (EmerGNN) by integrating the relevant biomedical concepts.
- Extensive experiments with interpretable learned concepts on biomedical network (BN).
- Possible applications for patient care and drug development processes.

Intuition



• Medication instructions

Emerging drugs often share the same entities with existing drugs, like the same targeted genes or diseases.



How to extract relevant information?
Need an effective and efficient method.

Challenges

- However, properly utilizing biomedical networks can be challenging as these networks are not specially developed for emerging drugs.
- The mismatch of objectives can lead the machine learning models to learn distractive knowledge.



Architecture of EmerGNN

Main idea:

- Construct a subgraph to extract knowledge related to emerging drugs.
- Set attention weight for edges to highlight the important paths and design GNN.



Framework



Subgraph extraction



u (emerging drug) and v (existing drug) share some same entities, like genes, side effects and compounds.

Attention weight design



- Weight the different types of relations on the biomedical network. $\mathcal{G}_{\mu,\theta}^{(g_{\mu}^{L},\theta)}$
- The edges with larger weights on the paths are helpful for interpretation.
- Applied to Construct GNN.
- After iterating for L steps, we can obtain the representation $h_{u,v}^{(L)}$.

0/1/2/3-th flow step

Objective and training

• Bi-directional representations:

$$U(u, v) = W_{rel}[h_{u,v}^{(L)}; h_{v,u}^{(L)}]$$

• Two datasets: DrugBank (multi-class) and TWOSIDES (multi-label).

Dataset	Probability of interaction type <i>i</i>	Loss function
DrugBank	$I_i(u, v) = \frac{\exp(l_i(u, v))}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{R}_I} \exp(l_j(u, v))}$	$\mathcal{L}_{DB} = -\Sigma_{(u,i,v) \in \mathcal{N}_{D-train}} y_i(u,v) log I_i(u,v)$
TWOSIDES	$I_{i}(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-l_{i}(u, v))}$	$ \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{TS} \\ &= -\Sigma_{(u,i,v) \in \mathcal{N}_{D-train}} log I_i(u,v) + \Sigma_{(u',v') \in \mathcal{N}_i} log (1 - I_i(u',v')) \end{aligned} $

• Parameters:
$$\theta = \{W_{rel}, \{W^{(l)}, h_r^{(l)}, w_r^{(l)}\}_{l=1,...,L,r \in \mathcal{R}}\}$$

Technical differences

GNN method	Subgraph	Message passing		
GCN	None	$h_i^{(l+1)} = \sigma(b^{(l)} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \frac{1}{c_{ji}} h_j^{(l)} W^{(l)})$		
GAT	Can only aggregate 1-hop neighbors	$h_i^{(l+1)} = \Sigma_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \alpha_{i,j} W^{(l)} h_j^{(l)}$		
GraphSage	None	$h_{i}^{(l+1)} = ReLU(U^{l}Concat\left(h_{i}^{l}, Mean_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)}h_{j}^{(l)}\right))$		
CompGCN	None	$h_i^{(l+1)} = f(\Sigma_{(u,r)\in\mathcal{N}(i)}W_{\lambda_{(r)}}^l\phi(h_u^l,h_r^l))$		
Decagon	None	$h_{i}^{(l+1)} = \phi(\Sigma_{r}\Sigma_{j\in\mathcal{N}_{r}^{i}}c_{r}^{ij}W_{r}^{(l)}h_{j}^{(l)} + c_{r}^{i}h_{i}^{(l)})$		
KGNN	Multiple hops neighbors			
SumGNN	Enclosing subgraph	$h_{i}^{(l)} = ReLU(W_{self}^{l}h_{i}^{(l-1)} + b_{v}^{(l)})$		
EmerGNN	Path-based subgraph	$h_{u,e}^{(l)} = \delta\left(W^{(l)}\Sigma_{e'\in\mathcal{V}_{u,v}^{l-1}}\left(h_{u,e}^{(l-1)} + \phi\left(h_{u,e'}^{(l-1)}, h_{r}^{(l)}\right)\right)\right)$		



Dataset

Early Discovery

Preclinical

Clinical

Approval



- Multi-class
- Interactions
- Pre-IPO
- Relation type: increase or decrease the expression of the metabolite, protein or gene etc..

TWOSIDES

- Multi-label
- Side effects
- Post-market
- Relation type: anaemia, nausea, pain, etc..

Statistics	$ \mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{D}} $	$ \mathcal{R}_{I} $	$ \mathcal{W}_{D-train} $	$ \mathcal{N}_{\text{D-valid}} $	$ \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{D\text{-}test}} $	
Drugbank	1,710	86	134,641	19,224	38,419	
TWOSIDES	604	200	177,568	24,887	49,656	

Compounds

10⁵-10⁶

10³

101-102

<10

<10

<10

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Target identification, initial hits identified

Hit-to-Lead

Lead Optimisation

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Statistics of common DDI datasets used

Baseline

Method	Baseline	
MLP	Learn a multi-layer perception (denoted as MLP) that mapped the fingerprints of drugs to their interaction type.	
GAT	Use attention networks to aggregate neighborhood information in DDI network.	
CSMDDI	Learn a function to map drugs' attributes to representations for DDI prediction in a cold-start setting.	
HIN-DDI	Extract meta-paths on the biomedical network and predicts the interaction type based on the meta-paths	
MSTE	Predict interactions by learning drug embeddings.	
CompGCN	Use GNN to learn high-order embeddings of entities from their neighbors in a knowledge Graph.	
Decagon	Have similar model structure as CompGCN, but only use three types of entities, i.e., drug, protein and disease.	
KGNN	Sample and aggregate neighborhoods for each node from their local receptive via GNN and with external KG, which achieves the state-of-the-art result on binary DDI prediction problem.	
SumGNN	Use GNN to summarize knowledge in the subgraphs covering the drug pairs.	

Experiments

	Datasets		DrugBank			TWOSIDES		
Type	Methods	F1-Score	Accuracy	Kappa	PR-AUC	ROC-AUC	Accuracy	
DF	MLP (Rogers and Hahn, 2010)	21.1 ± 0.8	46.6 ± 2.1	$33.4{\pm}2.5$	$ 81.5\pm1.5$	81.2±1.9	76.0 ± 2.1	
	Similarity (Vilar et al, 2014)	43.0 ± 5.0	51.3 ± 3.5	44.8 ± 3.8	56.2 ± 0.5	55.7 ± 0.6	53.9 ± 0.4	
	CSMDDI (Liu et al, 2022)	45.5 ± 1.8	62.6 ± 2.8	55.0 ± 3.2	73.2 ± 2.6	74.2 ± 2.9	69.9 ± 2.2	
	STNN-DDI (Yu et al, 2022)	39.7 ± 1.8	56.7 ± 2.6	46.5 ± 3.4	68.9 ± 2.0	68.3 ± 2.6	65.3 ± 1.8	
GF	HIN-DDI* (Tanvir et al, 2021)	37.3±2.9	58.9 ± 1.4	47.6 ± 1.8	$ \underline{81.9} \pm 0.6$	83.8±0.9	79.3 ± 1.1	
Emb	MSTE (Yao et al, 2022)	7.0 ± 0.7	51.4 ± 1.8	37.4 ± 2.2	$ 64.1\pm1.1$	62.3 ± 1.1	58.7 ± 0.7	
	KG-DDI [*] (Karim et al, 2019)	26.1 ± 0.9	46.7 ± 1.9	35.2 ± 2.5	79.1 ± 0.9	77.7±1.0	60.2 ± 2.2	
GNN	CompGCN* (Vashishth et al, 2019)	26.8 ± 2.2	48.7 ± 3.0	37.6 ± 2.8	80.3±3.2	79.4 ± 4.0	71.4 ± 3.1	
	Decagon [*] (Zitnik et al, 2018)	24.3 ± 4.5	47.4 ± 4.9	$35.8 {\pm} 5.9$	79.0 ± 2.0	78.5 ± 2.3	69.7 ± 2.4	
	KGNN* (Lin et al, 2020)	23.1 ± 3.4	51.4 ± 1.9	40.3 ± 2.7	78.5 ± 0.5	79.8 ± 0.6	72.3 ± 0.7	
	SumGNN [*] (Yu et al, 2021)	35.0 ± 4.3	48.8 ± 8.2	41.1 ± 4.7	80.3±1.1	81.4 ± 1.0	73.0 ± 1.4	
	DeepLGF* (Ren et al. 2022)	39.7 ± 2.3	60.7 ± 2.4	51.0 ± 2.6	81.4 ± 2.1	82.2 ± 2.6	72.8 ± 2.8	
	EmerGNN*	62.0±2.0	68.6±3.7	62.4±4.3	90.6±0.7	91.5 ±1.0	84.6 ± 0.7	
p-val	ue	8.9E-7	0.02	0.02	1.6E-6	6.0E-8	3.5E-5	

(S1): DDI prediction between emerging drug and existing drug

Metrics

SI setting

- FI-score (macro) (primary)
- Accuracy
- Cohen's Kappa (Cohen, 1960)

(run on a single Nvidia RTX 3090 GPU with 24GB memory)

Overall, EmerGNN significantly outperforms all the compared methods as indicated by the small p-values.

Performance



• EmerGNN outperforms the baselines in all frequencies.

Supplement interactions to emerging drugs.

• EmerGNN has increased performance with more interactions added and is still the best over all the compared methods.

Analyzing the learned paths



• Correlations between interaction i_{pred} and interaction i on the paths in the subgraphs

Observation:

- The diagonal elements are dominant.
- The paths with large attention weights are likely to go through drug u_1 which has $i_1 = i_{pred}$.
- Yellow cycles: strongly correlated pairs of interactions.



• Group I: (*u*, *u*₁)

Group 2: (u, u_2) $(u_2$ is a random drug)



Analyzing the biomedical relation types



Observation:

• Most frequent relation type: CrC (the drug resembling relation)



• Only use full network/ top-1 relation (CrC)/ top-3 relations/ .../10% random edges/ 30% random edges/ ...

Observation:

• EmerGNN can select important and relevant relations in BN.

Interpretable



• Select top ten paths between u and v according to edges' attention weights.

Target: Tapentadol (DB06204) may decrease the analgesic activity of Dolasetron (DB00757).
Path1 (0.6666): Tapentadol $\xrightarrow{\text{binds}}$ CYP2D6 (P450) $\xrightarrow{\text{binds_inv}}$ Dolasetron
Explanation: Tapentadol can binds the P450 enzyme CYP2D6 (Gene::1565), which is vital for the metabolism of many drugs like Dolasetron (Estabrook, 2003). In addition, Binding of drug to plasma proteins is reversible, and changes in the ratio of bound to unbound drug may lead to drug-drug interactions (Kneip et. al. 2008).
Path2 (0.8977): Dolasetron $\xrightarrow{\text{resembles}}$ Hyoscyamine $\xrightarrow{\#39:1 \text{ constipating}}$ Eluxadoline $\xrightarrow{\#39_inv}$ Tapentadol
Explanation: Dolasetron is similar to drug Hyoseyamine (DB00424) Hyoseyamine and

Explanation: Dolasetron is similar to drug Hyoscyamine (DB00424). Hyoscyamine and Tapentadol can get some connection since they will both increase the constipating activity of Eluxadoline (DB09272). As suggested by Liu and Wittbrodt (2022), reversing opioid-induced constipation often causes the unwanted side effect of analgesia reversal.

EmerGNN can find important paths for emerging DDI.

Effectiveness of GNN architecture design



• Performance comparison of different GNN architecture designs.

Conclusion:

- The flow-based GNN architecture is more effective than any other variants of GNN architectures.
- Our design is effective.

Discrimination ability of GNN



- Dot: interaction (u, i, v)
- Different colors: different interaction types
 EmerGNN can separate the different interaction types better.

Complexity analysis



(a)

- EmerGNN can achieve higher accuracy although it takes a long time.
- But compared to clinical development, this is acceptable.

(b)

- EmerGNN is memory and parameter efficient.
- Smaller subgraphs and only relying on biomedical concepts.

Changing the length L



- The value of *L* determines the maximum number of hops of neighboring entities that the GNN-based models can visit.
- *L* = 3 is optimal for EmerGNN considering both the effectiveness and computation efficiency.

Summary of EmerGNN

- Outperforms existing methods in emerging DDI prediction.
- Exploit the rich knowledge in existing large biomedical networks for low-data scenarios.
- Customize small subgraphs and a flow-based GNN architecture to effectively extract essential information.
- May contribute to improving patient care and more efficient drug development processes.

Recent works in our group

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