



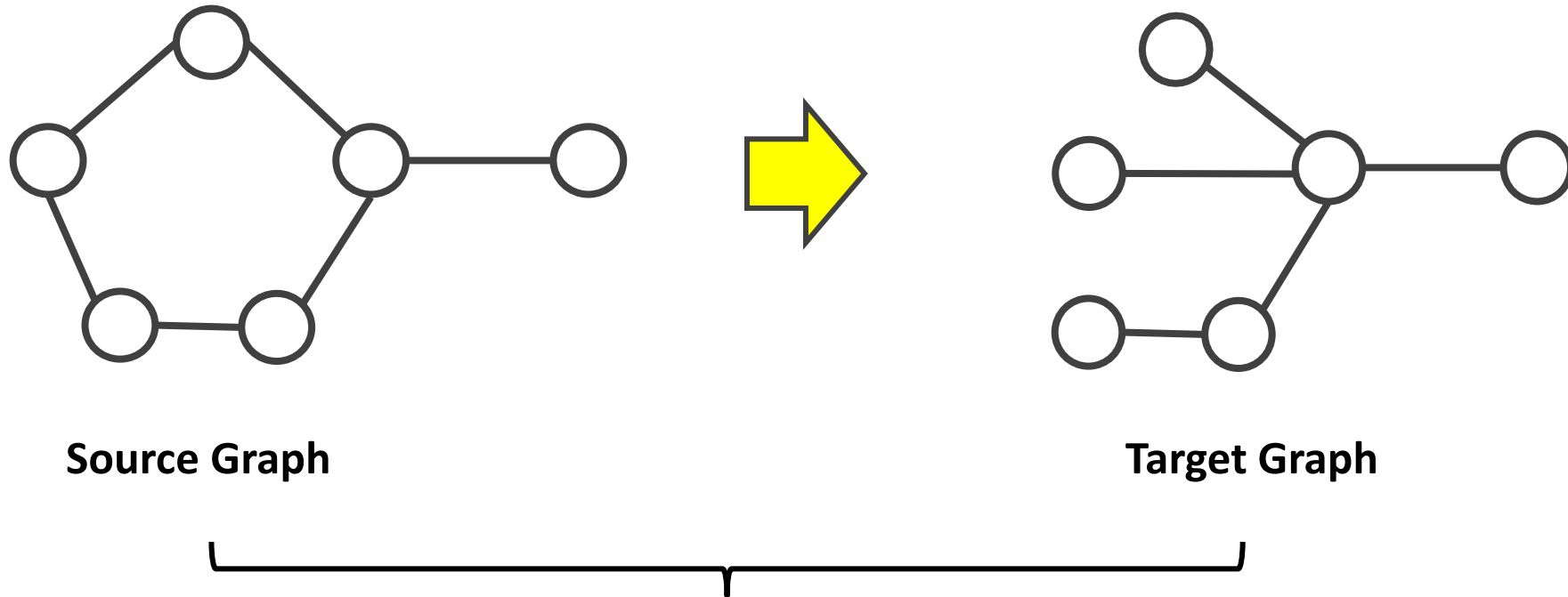
# Slow Learning and Fast Inference: Efficient Graph Similarity Computation via Knowledge Distillation

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# Problem Introduction

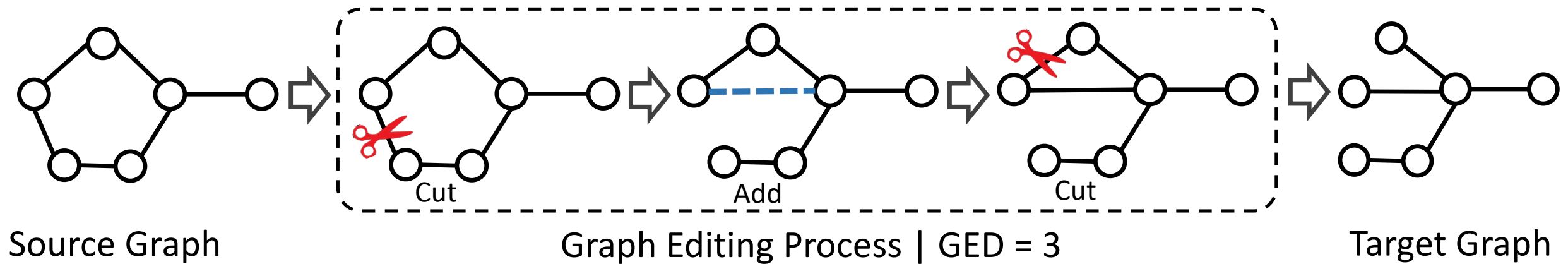
**Topic:** Graph Similarity Computation



*How to Measure Their Similarity?*

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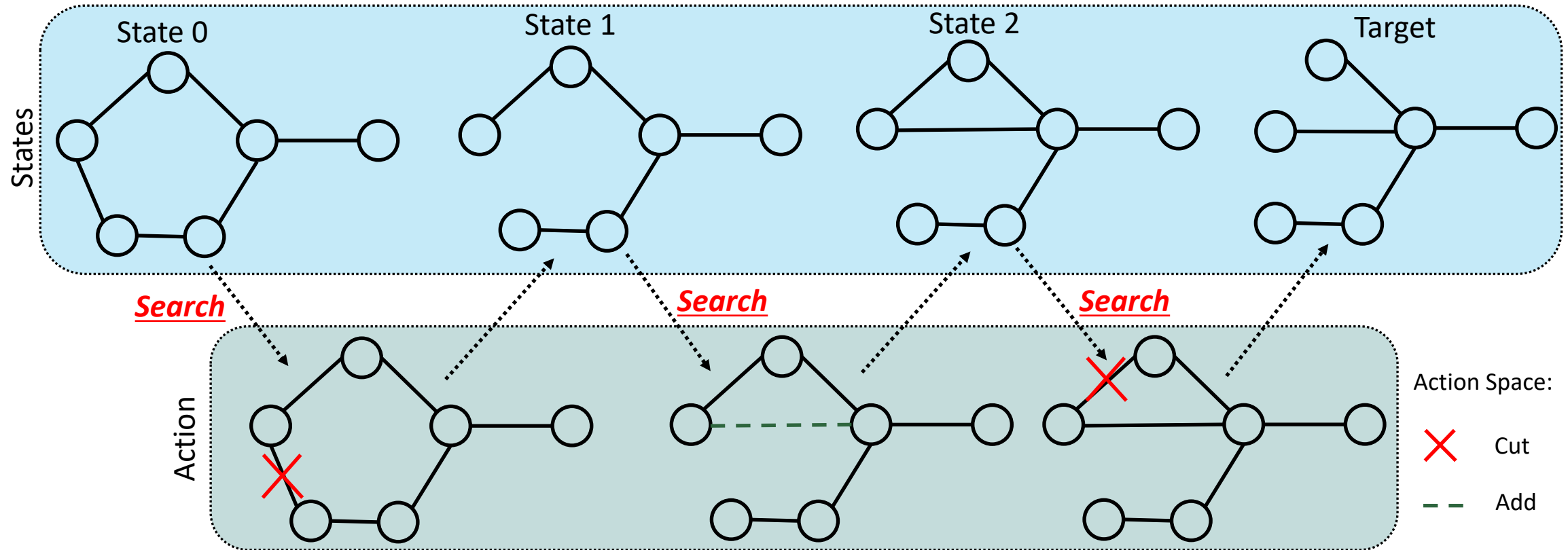
**Topic:** Graph Similarity Computation - GED



Concept of Graph Editing Distance (GED)

# Challenges of Exact GED Solvers

**Topic:** NP-Hard



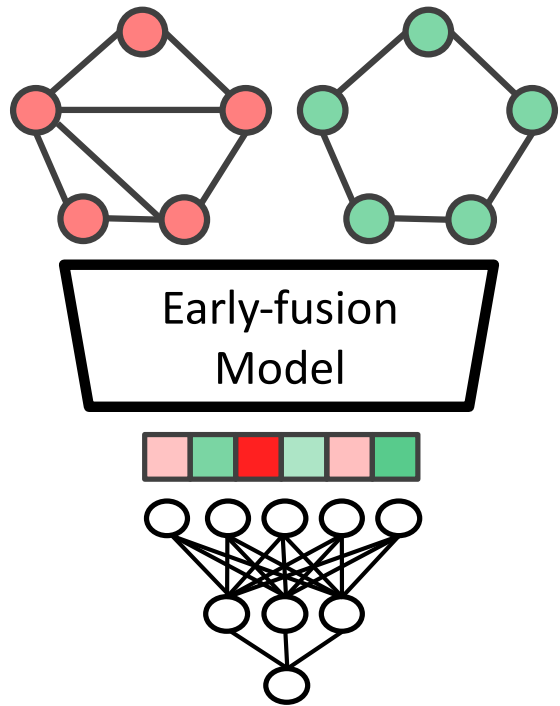
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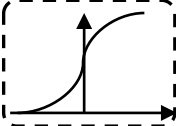
## ◆ Challenge:

- Exact computation of GED is an **NP-Hard** problem, which is unable to scale up due to the complexity.

# Soft/Approximate GED Solution

**Topic:** Co-attention Model

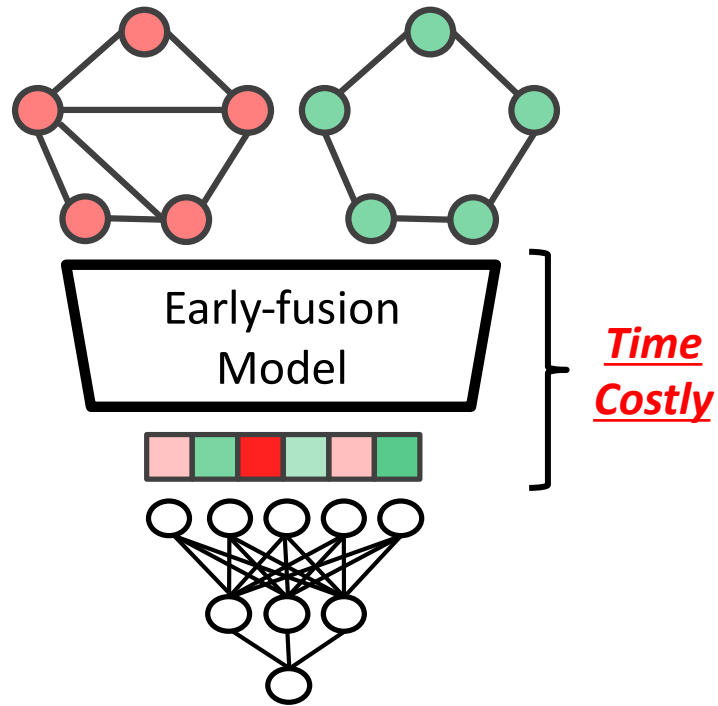


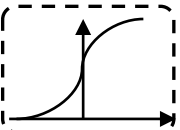
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Deep Regression

# Limitations of Co-attention Models

**Topic:** Low Efficiency of Co-attention Models

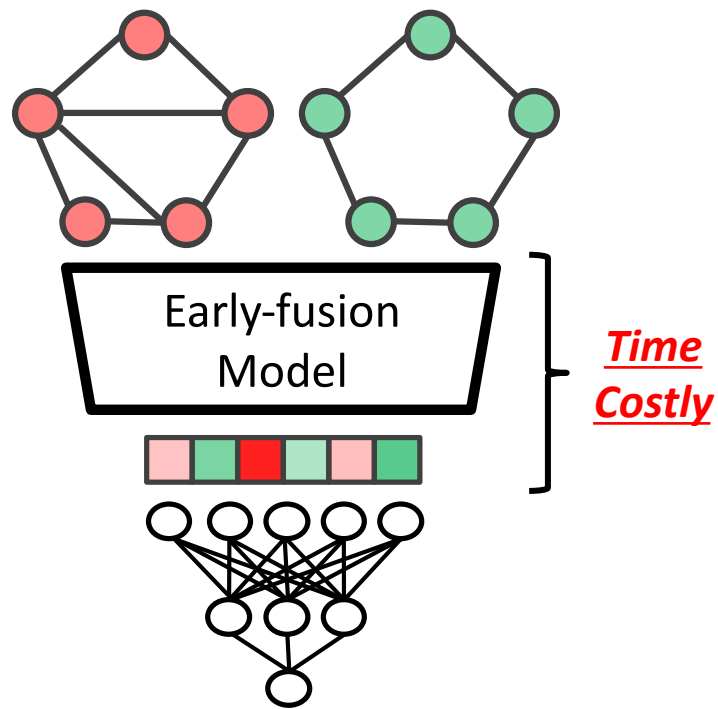


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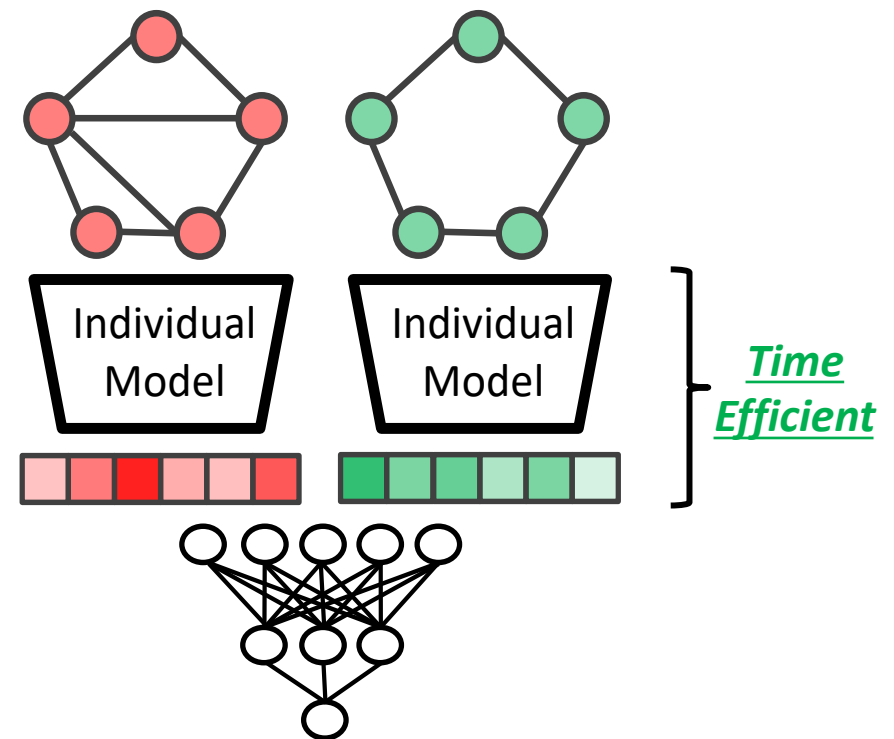
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# Our Motivation

**Topic:** Distill Co-attention Model to Siamese Models



Knowledge Distillation



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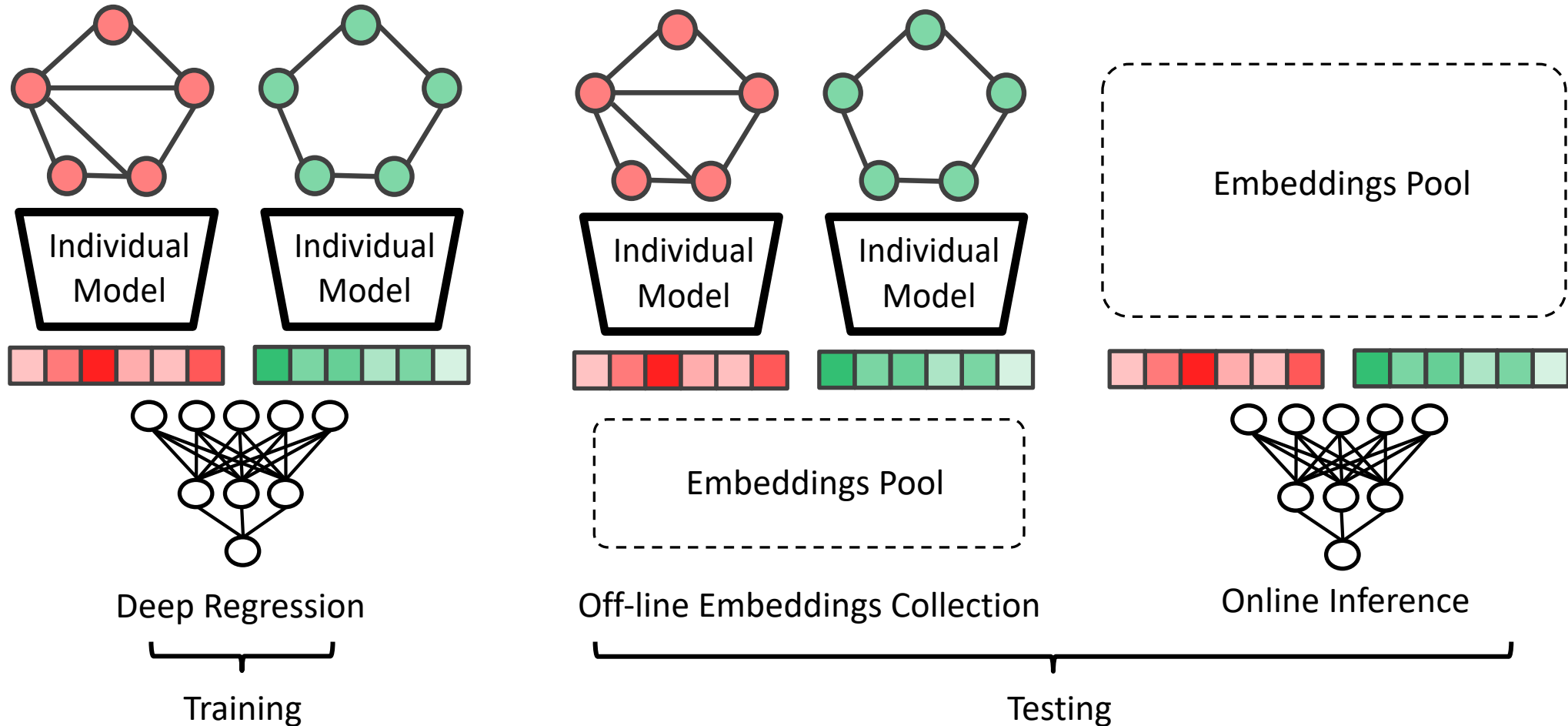
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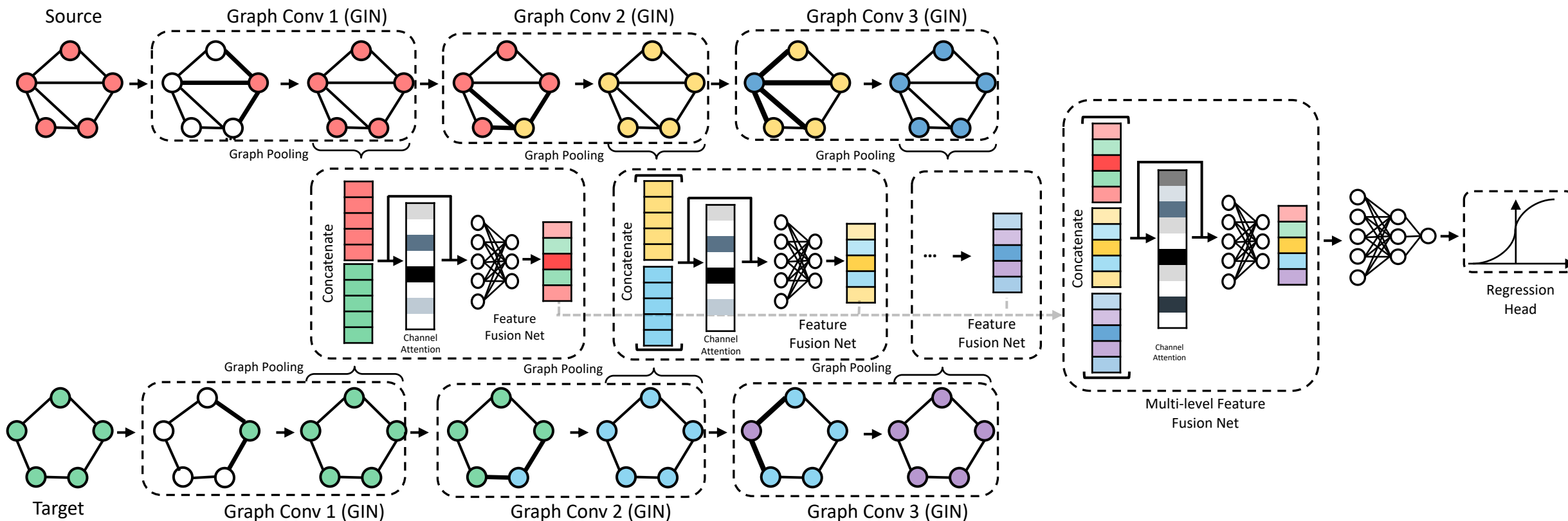
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# Proposed Approach: Teacher Network

**Topic:** Proposed Early-fusion/Co-attention Network

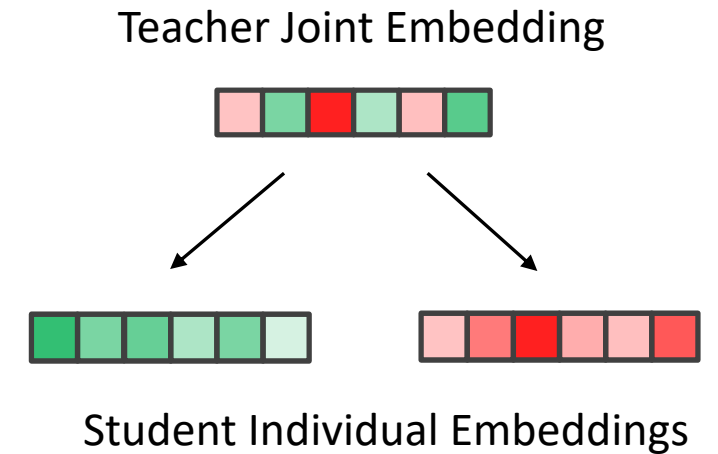
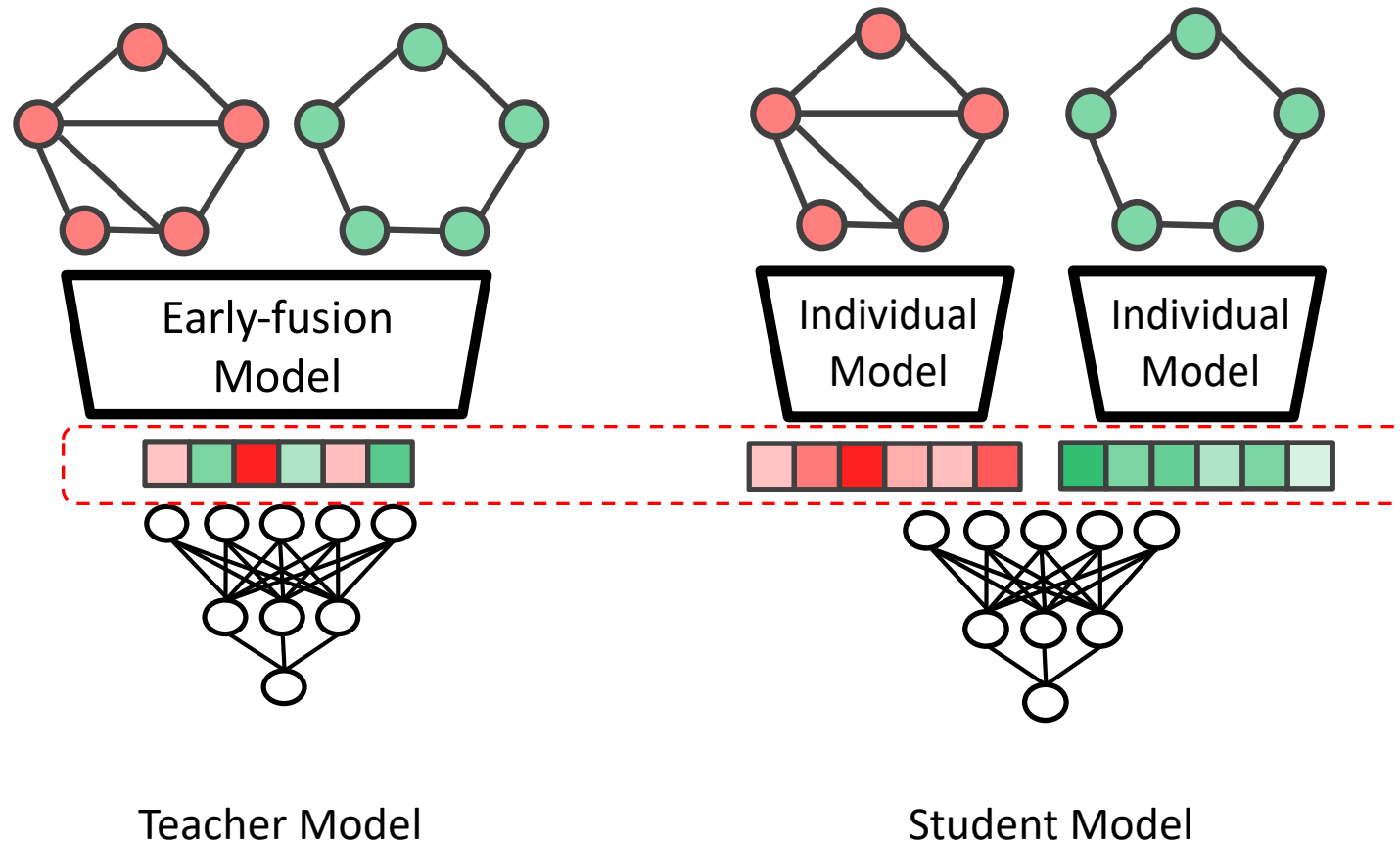


**Data Flow**



# Challenge: 1-to-2 Knowledge Distillation

**Topic:** How to distill individual embeddings from joint embedding?

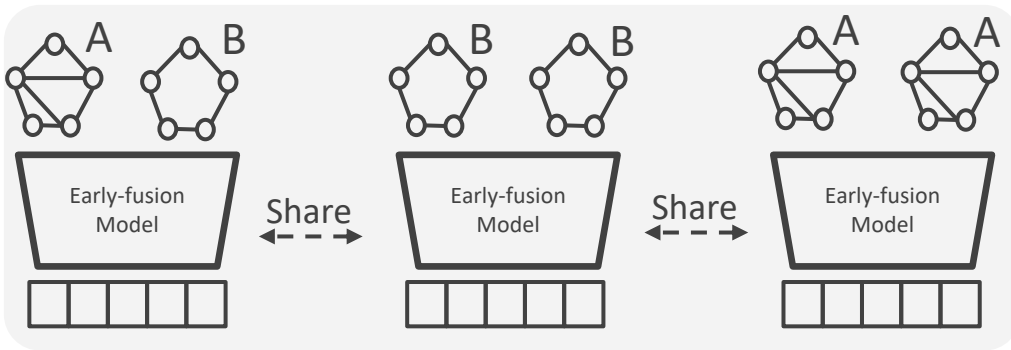


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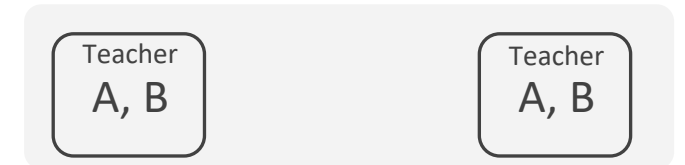
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**Teacher Network**

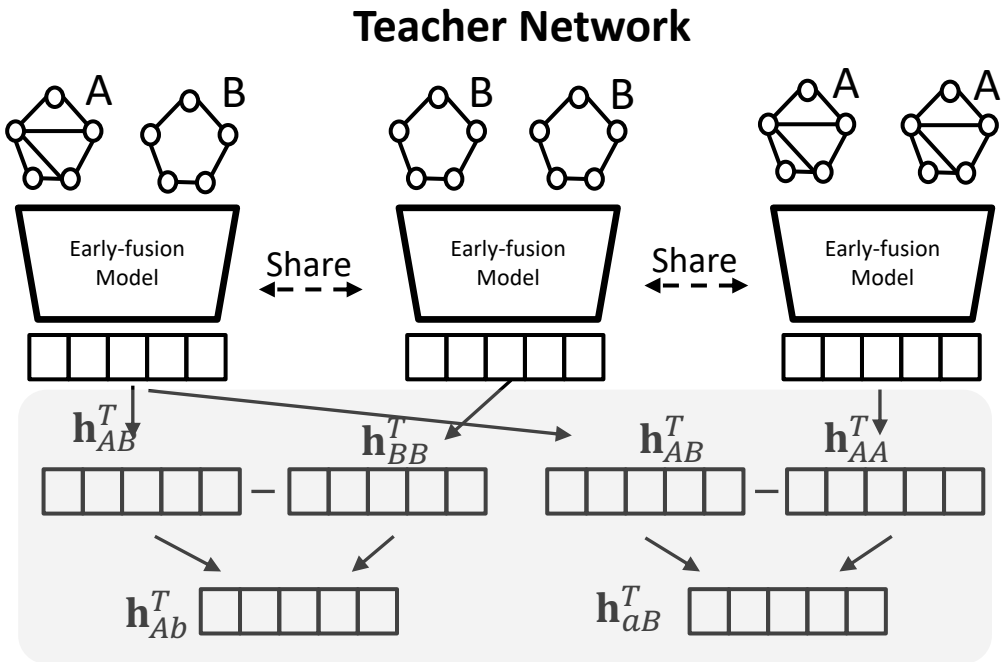


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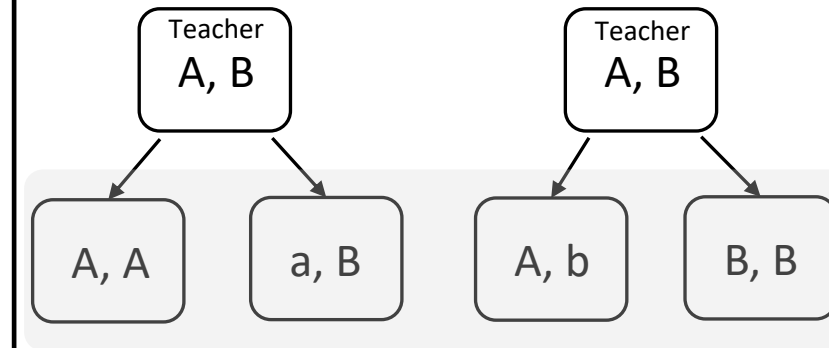


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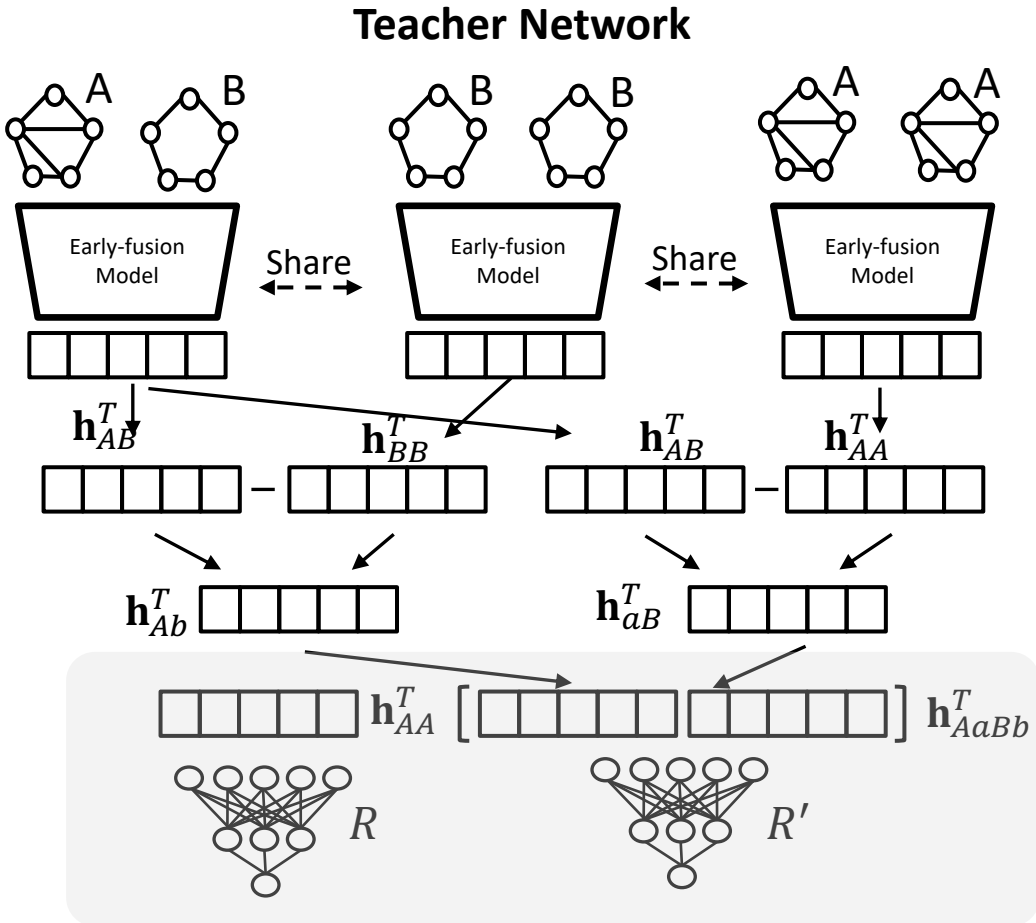


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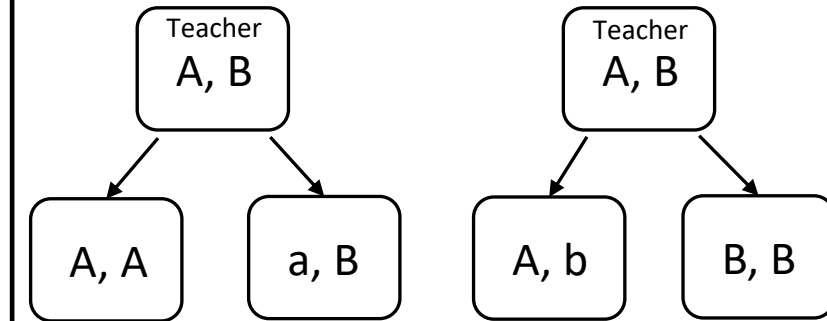


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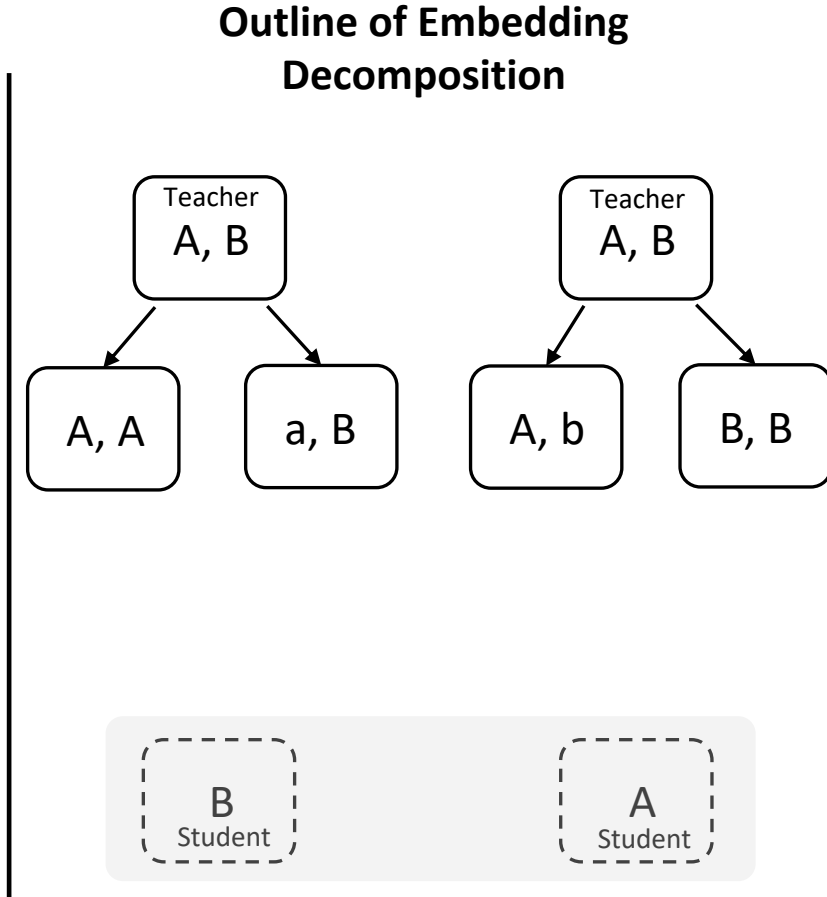
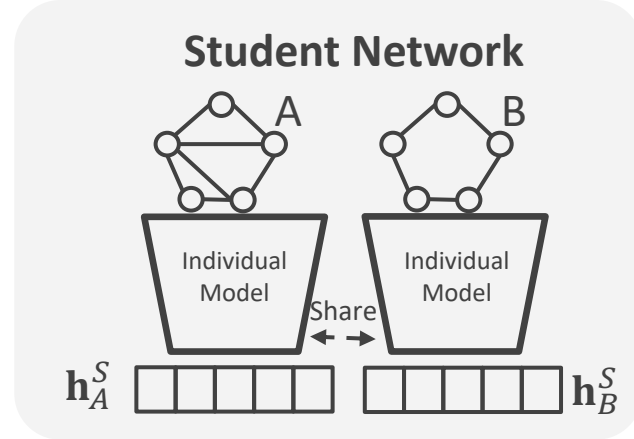
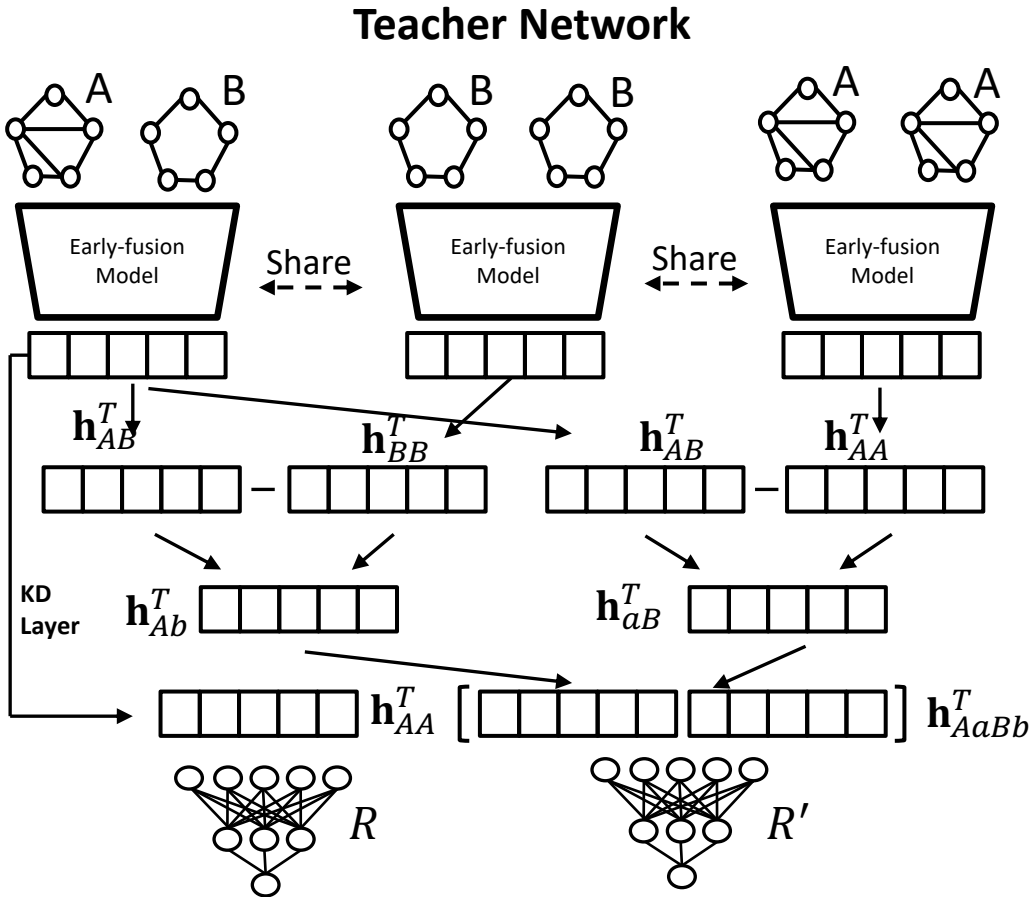


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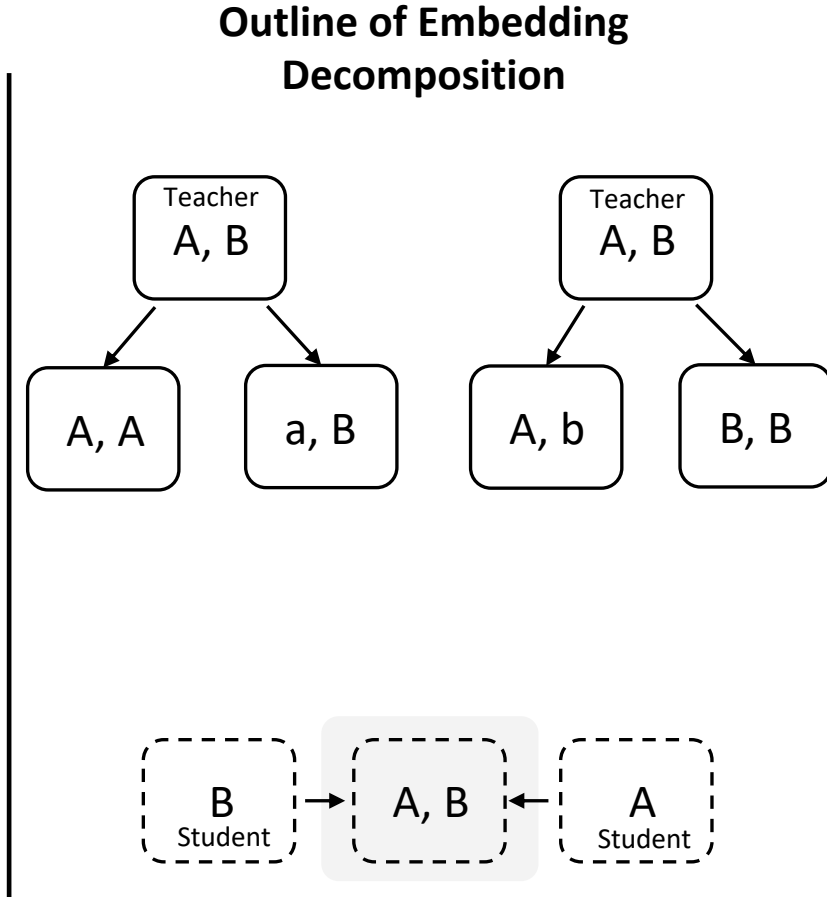
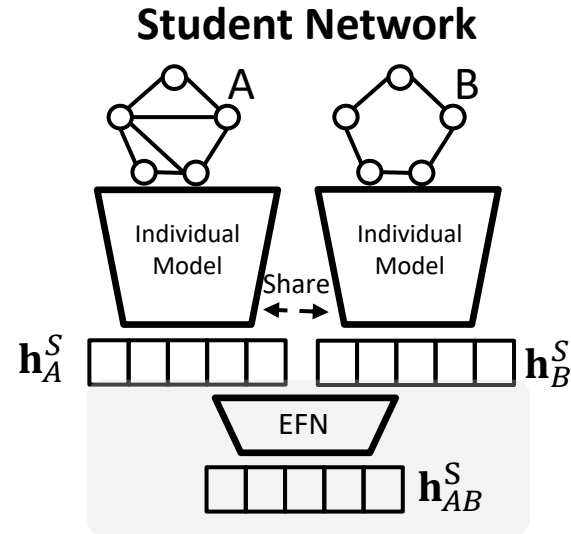
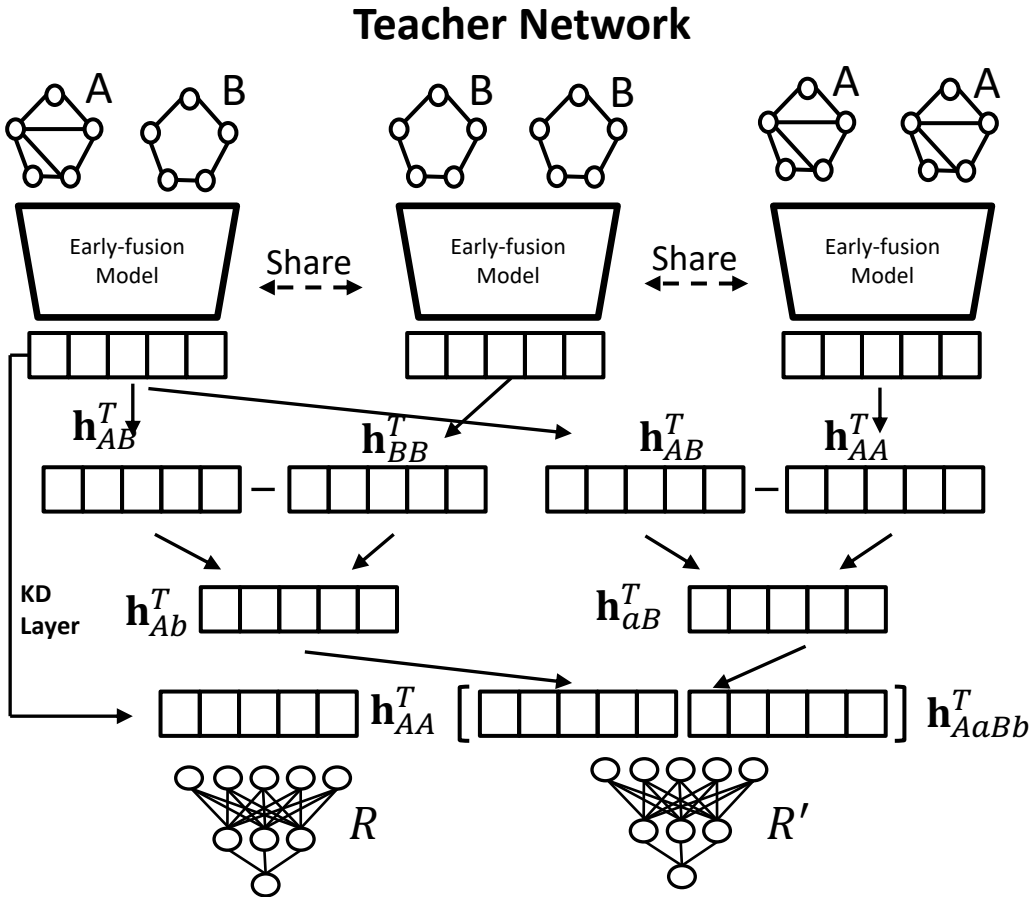
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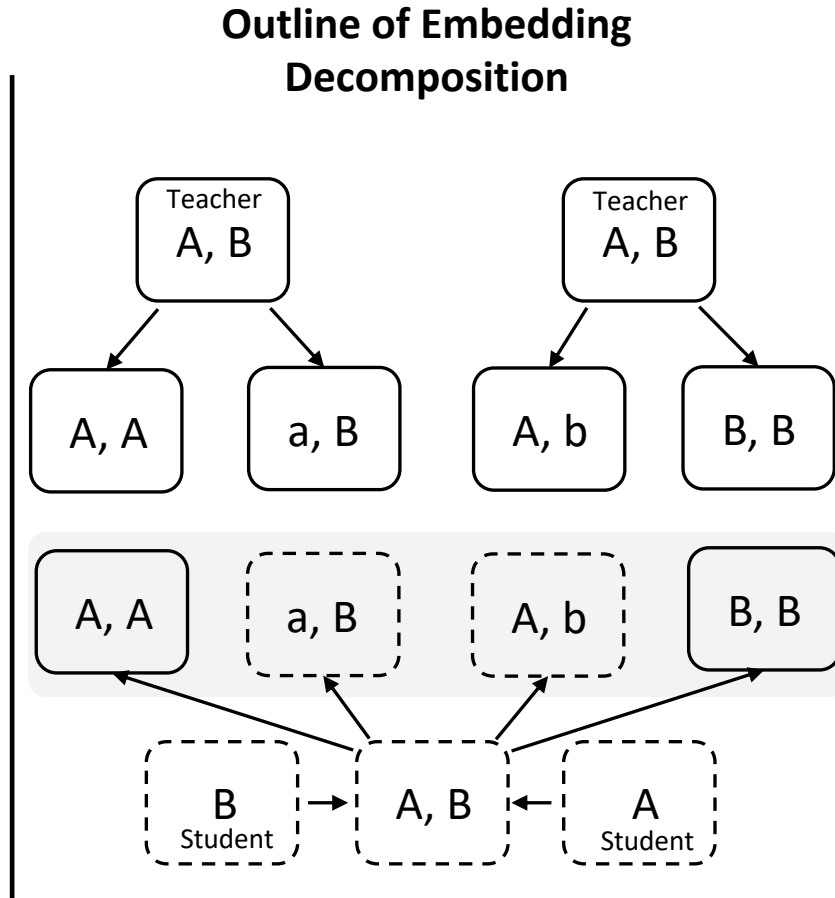
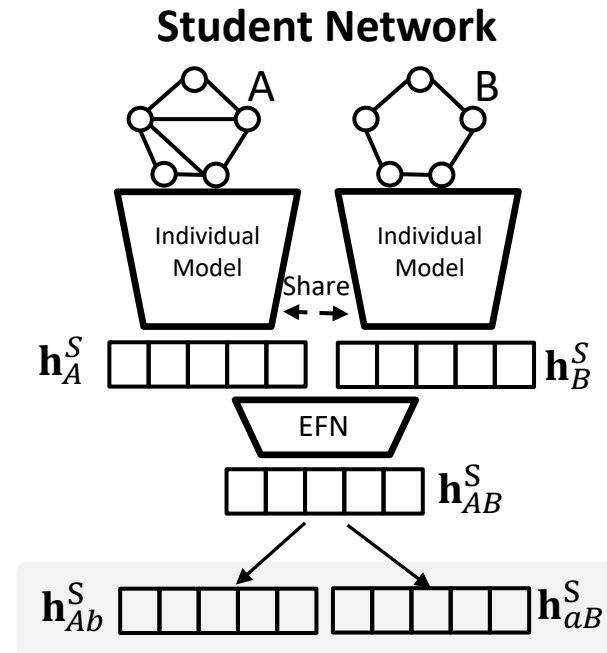
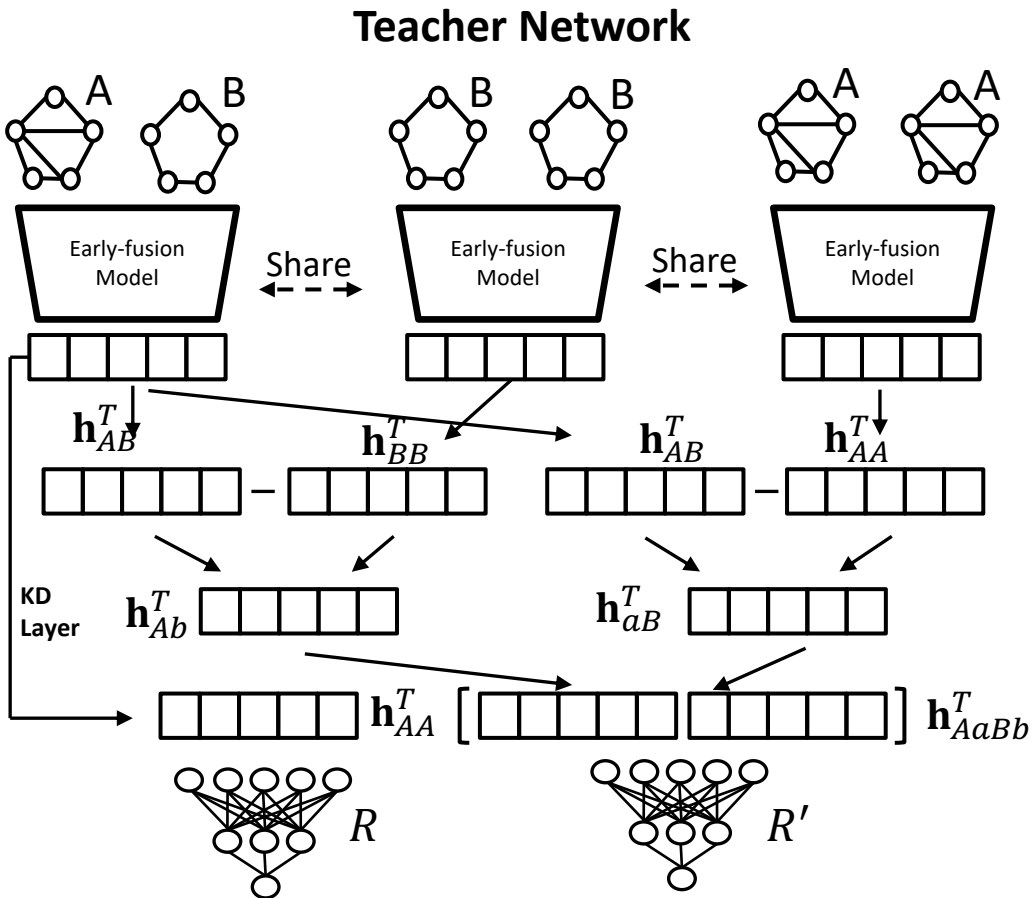
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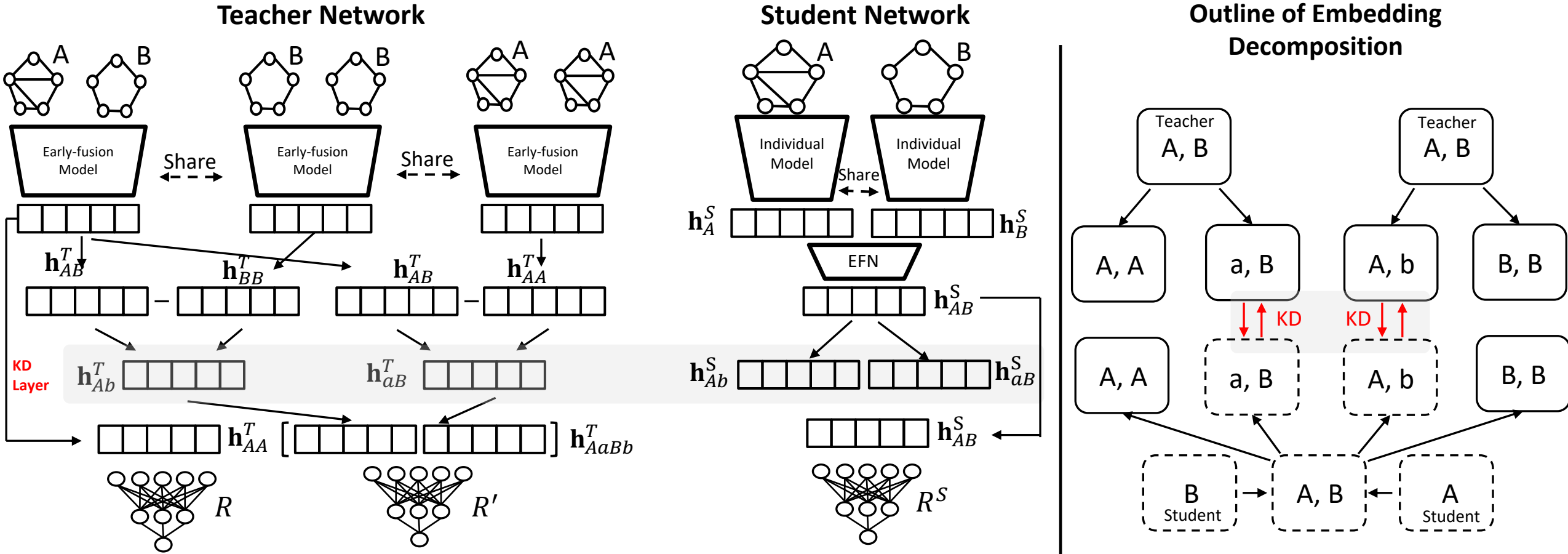
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# Experiments

## Topic: Setup

- **Benchmarks:**

- AIDS
- LINUX
- IMDB
- ALKANE

- **Baselines:**

- Beam, Hungarian, VJ
- SimGNN, Extended-SimGNN
- GMN
- GENN-A\*

- **Matrices**

- Mean Squared Error (mse)
- Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient
- Kendall's Rank Correlation Coefficient
- Precision at k ( $p@k$ ), e.g.,  $p@10$ ,  $p@20$

- **Framework**

- PyG

# Experiments

## Topic: Quantitative Results

Table 1: Quantitative GED results of baselines and our method over AIDS, LINUX, IMDB and ALKANE.

Methods	AIDS					LINUX				
	mse ↓	$\rho$ ↑	$\tau$ ↑	p@10 ↑	p@20 ↑	mse ↓	$\rho$ ↑	$\tau$ ↑	p@10 ↑	p@20 ↑
Beam	12.09	0.609	0.463	0.481	0.493	9.268	0.827	0.714	0.973	0.924
Hungarian	25.30	0.510	0.378	0.360	0.392	29.81	0.638	0.517	0.913	0.836
VJ	29.16	0.517	0.383	0.310	0.345	63.86	0.581	0.450	0.287	0.251
GENN-A*	<b>0.635</b>	<b>0.959</b>	-	<b>0.871</b>	-	0.324	<b>0.991</b>	-	0.962	-
SimGNN	1.189	0.843	0.690	0.421	0.514	1.509	0.939	0.830	0.942	0.933
E-SimGNN	2.096	0.869	0.699	0.534	0.641	0.469	0.982	0.892	0.971	0.968
GMN	1.886	0.751	-	0.401	-	1.027	0.933	-	0.833	-
GraphSim	0.787	0.874	-	0.534	-	<b>0.058</b>	0.981	-	0.992	-
Teacher	1.601	0.901	<b>0.739</b>	0.658	<b>0.729</b>	0.163	0.988	<b>0.908</b>	<b>0.994</b>	<b>0.998</b>
Student	1.546	0.898	0.736	0.649	0.724	0.293	0.984	0.898	0.978	0.983

Methods	IMDB					ALKANE				
	mse	$\rho$	$\tau$	p@10	p@20	mse	$\rho$	$\tau$	p@10	p@20
SimGNN	1.264	0.878	0.770	0.759	0.777	2.446	0.859	0.686	0.87	0.782
E-SimGNN	1.148	0.864	0.75	0.806	0.807	1.622	0.886	0.722	0.982	0.955
GMN	4.422	0.725	-	0.604	-	-	-	-	-	-
GraphSim	0.743	0.926	-	0.828	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teacher	<b>0.553</b>	<b>0.938</b>	<b>0.829</b>	<b>0.872</b>	<b>0.878</b>	<b>0.533</b>	<b>0.930</b>	<b>0.787</b>	<b>0.998</b>	<b>0.991</b>
Student	0.581	0.935	0.826	0.857	0.869	1.198	0.899	0.741	0.993	0.978

# Experiments

## Topic: Ablation Study

Table 2: Ablation study results over the AIDS and IMDB datasets. **KD** represents the knowledge distillation.

Methods	KD	AIDS					IMDB				
		mse	$\rho$	$\tau$	p@10	p@20	mse	$\rho$	$\tau$	p@10	p@20
w/o Attn	✗	1.762	0.899	0.737	0.651	0.724	0.752	0.933	0.823	0.856	0.868
w/o GIN	✗	2.158	0.863	0.691	0.535	0.637	0.594	0.926	0.803	0.862	0.866
Single Level	✗	1.824	0.875	0.706	0.576	0.658	0.690	0.930	0.815	0.850	0.865
Student	✗	1.770	0.882	0.717	0.601	0.683	0.763	0.928	0.813	0.829	0.851
Teacher	✗	<b>1.601</b>	<b>0.901</b>	<b>0.739</b>	<b>0.658</b>	<b>0.729</b>	<b>0.553</b>	<b>0.938</b>	<b>0.829</b>	<b>0.872</b>	<b>0.878</b>
Joint Feat	✓	2.258	0.874	0.703	0.588	0.679	1.032	0.872	0.761	0.814	0.829
1st Order	✓	1.604	0.894	0.731	0.614	0.715	<b>0.548</b>	0.934	0.824	0.856	0.865
2nd Order	✓	1.647	0.893	0.731	0.631	0.715	0.692	0.929	0.814	0.847	0.866
w/o $\mathcal{L}'_{reg}$	✓	1.711	0.890	0.726	0.612	0.710	0.694	0.926	0.811	0.842	0.860
Student	✓	<b>1.546</b>	<b>0.898</b>	<b>0.736</b>	<b>0.649</b>	<b>0.724</b>	0.581	<b>0.935</b>	<b>0.826</b>	<b>0.857</b>	<b>0.869</b>

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## Topic: Time Cost and Case Study

Table 3: Inference time to solve GED computation on AIDS. Student-R means the student model with raw input graphs. Student-F denotes that the embeddings are stored offline, which can be online loaded for inference.

Model	GENN-A*	SimGNN	E-SimGNN	E-SimGNN-F	Teacher	Student-R	Student-F
Time	290.1h	11.139s	9.672s	3.464s	11.139s	10.149s	<b>0.148s</b>

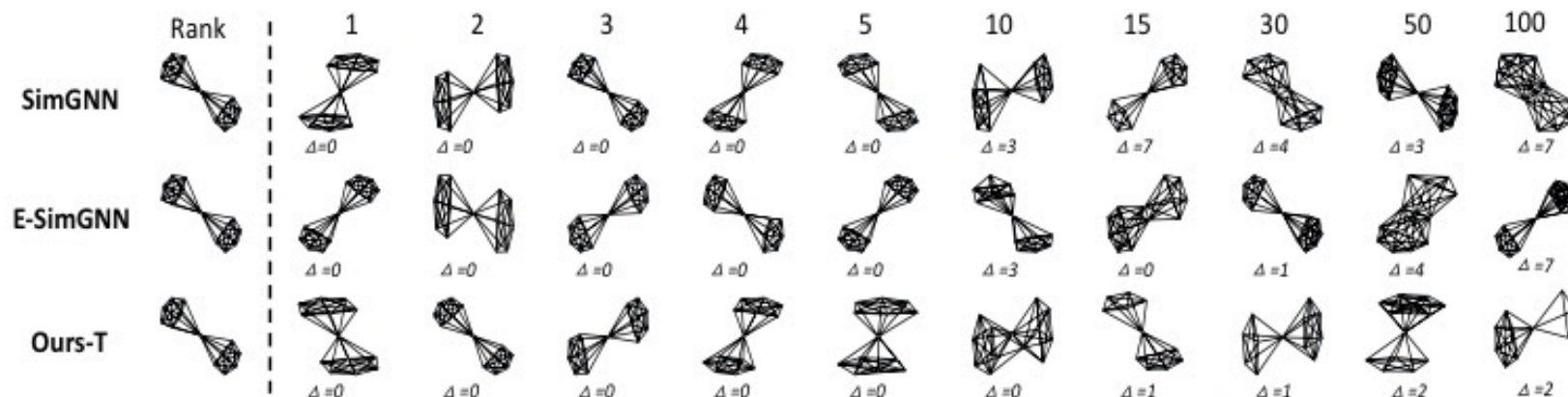


Figure 7: Ranking results of SimGNN, E-SimGNN and our teacher model on IMDB.  $\Delta$  represents the absolute difference between the ground truth GED and the GED of predicted result.



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