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Relational Graph Attention Networks for Syntax Encoding in Zero-shot Cross-lingual Semantic Role Labeling

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Abstract

Recent models in cross-lingual semantic role labeling (SRL) rely heavily on BiLSTMs, a derivation of RNNs, as their main encoders. However, a previous study in dependency parsing has shown that RNN-based crosslingual models are ineffective in distant languages. Therefore, we propose graph neural networks (GNNs) built on dependency trees to replace BiLSTMs' role as the encoder for cross-lingual models. We hypothesize that encoding sentences based on their dependency trees helps cross-lingual SRL models achieve better generalization. Through a simple encoder-decoder architecture, we compare various GNNs, i.e., gated graph convolutional networks (GGCNs), graph attention networks (GATs), two-attention relational GATs (2ATT-GATs), and modified self-attention networks from Transformer (SATs). We focus on a zero-shot setting and evaluate the models in 23 languages available in Universal Proposition Bank. The evaluation shows that 2ATT-GATs outperform other GNNs. Moreover, comparisons against BiLSTM-based models show that 2ATT-GATs are more effective for building cross-lingual SRL models, especially in languages with different word orders.

1 Introduction

Semantic role labeling (SRL) is a task to determine the predicates of a sentence and argument roles for each corresponding predicate, as shown in Figure 1. SRL supports many natural language processing (NLP) tasks, e.g., information extraction (Christensen et al., 2010), abstractive summarization (Khan et al., 2015), and machine translation (Rapp, 2022). However, SRL resource availability is low, hindering the performance of other NLP tasks in diverse languages. Cross-lingual SRL models try to solve this problem by training the models in resource-rich languages and transferring the models to resource-poor languages.

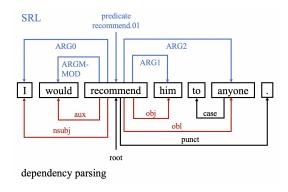


Figure 1: An example of the SRL task (top) and the dependency parsing task (bottom) applied to a sentence taken from UPB. The red color indicates path intersections in both tasks.

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A study in cross-lingual dependency parsing (Ahmad et al., 2019) proves that recurrent neural network (RNN)-based cross-lingual models are sensitive to word orders, making them unable to transfer effectively to distant languages. Despite the developments in cross-lingual SRL, recent models still heavily rely on BiLSTMs, the derivation of RNNs, as their encoders, e.g., Fei et al. (2020), Cai and Lapata (2020), and Conia et al. (2021).

We propose to apply GNNs over universal dependency trees provided by Universal Dependencies (UD) (Nivre et al., 2016b, 2020) as the encoder for cross-lingual models. We hypothesize that encoding sentences based on their dependency trees makes cross-lingual SRL models generalize better. We provide two main reasons: (1) Many predicate-argument paths and argument roles in SRL intersect with dependency paths and dependency relations in dependency parsing (Marcheggiani and Titov, 2017), as shown in Figure 1. (2) Universal dependency tree, representing a sentence's grammatical structure in a language-universal scheme, is a more generalized representation across languages than word sequences.

We experiment on various GNNs as an encoder to extract language-universal information from

dependency trees, including GGCNs (Marcheggiani and Titov, 2017), graph attention networks (GATs) (Veličković et al., 2017), modified relational GATs (Wang et al., 2020) (2ATT-GATs), and modified self-attention networks from Transformer (Shaw et al., 2018) (SATs). We apply GGCNs and 2ATT-GATs since they have been proven useful to encode dependency trees in monolingual SRL (Marcheggiani and Titov, 2017) and sentiment analysis (Wang et al., 2020), respectively. We compare 2ATT-GATs with GATs that treat the dependency tree as unlabeled. In addition, we employ SATs as it is taken from self-attention in the popular Transformer (Vaswani et al., 2017). Furthermore, we compare the best GNN-based model with BiLSTMs-based models to show the effectiveness of the GNN-based model in cross-lingual SRL.

SRL consists of four steps, i.e., predicate detection, predicate sense disambiguation, argument detection, and argument labeling. Following previous work in cross-lingual SRL (Fei et al., 2020), we focus on argument detection and argument labeling in the dependency-based SRL. We conduct experiments in a zero-shot setting to find the most transferable networks across languages.

We train and evaluate the models in seven and 23 languages provided by Universal Proposition Bank (UPB) v1.0 and UPB v2.0, respectively. Throughout the paper, we show that in cross-lingual SRL:

- 1. 2ATT-GATs outperform other GNN-based SRL models, indicating that 2ATT-GATs transfer more effectively across languages than other GNNs.
- 2. 2ATT-GATs perform better than BiLSTM-based SRL models, even when built on inaccurate dependency trees, especially in target languages with different word orders than the source language.

2 Background

2.1 Universal Proposition Bank

Universal Proposition Bank (UPB) is a dataset containing SRL annotations across languages. UPB v1.0 (Akbik et al., 2015, 2016) provides SRL annotations for nine treebanks and eight languages, including English and other seven languages shown at the left side of Table 1. UPB v2.0 (Jindal et al., 2022) provides SRL annotations for 43 treebanks and 23 languages, shown in Table 1. UPB is annotated semi-automatically through filtered annota-

v1.0 and v2.0	v2.0			
Chinese (ZH)	Czech (CS)	Dutch (NL)		
Finnish (FI)	Greek (EL)	Polish (PL)		
Italian (IT)	Korean (KO)	Telugu (TE)		
Spanish (ES)	Romanian (RO)	Indonesian (ID)		
French (FR)	Hindi (HI)	Japanese (JA)		
German (DE)	Marathi (MR)	Russian (RU)		
Portuguese (PT)	Tamil (TA)	Ukrainian (UK)		
	Hungarian (HU)	Vietnamese (VI)		

Table 1: List of target languages available in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0.

tion projection and bootstrap training (Akbik et al., 2015). UPB v2.0 has significantly improved over UPB v1.0 regarding SRL annotation quality, language scope, and availability of span-based SRL annotations (Jindal et al., 2022).

2.2 Universal Dependencies

Universal Dependencies is a dataset that contains consistent syntactic annotations across languages, i.e., part-of-speech (POS) tags, morphological features, and syntactic dependencies. UD v1 (Nivre et al., 2016b) and UD v2 (Nivre et al., 2020) have different annotation schemes¹ in word segmentation, pos tags, morphological features, and syntactic relations. UD v1 and UD v2 have 40 and 37 universal dependencies relations, respectively. UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 that we use throughout the experiments are annotated based on UD v1.4 (Nivre et al., 2016a) and UD v2.9 (Zeman et al., 2021), respectively.

2.3 Dependency-based Semantic Role Labeling

Dependency-based SRL labels the argument heads for each predicate in a sentence based on its dependency tree. For example, in Figure 1, the phrase "to anyone" is the argument "ARG2" of the predicate "recommend". Based on the dependency tree, "anyone" is the head of the phrase "to anyone". Therefore, dependency-based SRL annotates the edge that connects "recommend" and "anyone" with "ARG2" label.

2.4 Related Works

Existing models in cross-lingual SRL rely on BiL-STMs as their main encoders despite the findings in Ahmad et al. (2019), which prove that RNN-based models perform ineffectively in distant languages for dependency parsing task. Fei

¹https://universaldependencies.org/v2/summary.html

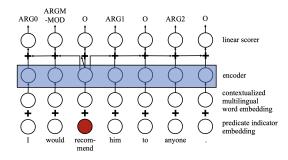


Figure 2: The architecture applied to a sentence with "recommend" as the predicate.

et al. (2020) propose parameter generation network (PGN)-BiLSTMs to build a cross-lingual SRL model. Cai and Lapata (2020) propose BiLSTM-based models as semantic role labeler and compressor in their architecture. Conia et al. (2021) propose BiLSTM-based universal sentence encoder and BiLSTM-based universal predicate-argument encoder to encode predicate-related and predicate-argument information.

GNNs have been used to encode dependency trees in monolingual SRL and aspect-based sentiment analysis (ABSA). In monolingual SRL, Marcheggiani and Titov (2017) employ GGCNs on top of BiLSTMs to incorporate dependency trees as graphs. In ABSA, Wang et al. (2020) and Jiang et al. (2021) employ relational GATs (R-GATs) and attention-based relational GCNs (ARGCNs), respectively. They apply GNNs on top of modified dependency trees to establish direct connections between aspects and their corresponding words.

3 Model

We apply a common encoder-decoder architecture for comparing various GNN-based and BiLSTM-based cross-lingual SRL models. The architecture consists of an input layer (i.e., predicate indicator embedding and contextualized multilingual word embedding), an encoder, and a decoder (i.e., linear scorer), as shown in Figure 2.

3.1 Input Layer

For each word in a sentence, we concatenate predicate indicator embedding, $\overrightarrow{p_i}$, and contextualized multilingual word embedding, $\overrightarrow{c_i}$, to produce the final word representation, $\overrightarrow{h_i}$, as shown in Equation 1.

$$\overrightarrow{h_i} = [\overrightarrow{p_i} || \overrightarrow{c_i}] \tag{1}$$

Predicate indicator embedding is an embedding

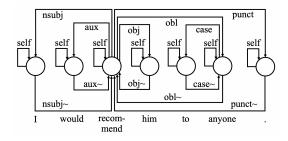


Figure 3: Dependency graph of a sentence converted from its dependency tree.

that represents whether a word is a predicate or not (Fei et al., 2020). We compare contextualized multilingual word embedding from two language models, i.e., multilingual BERT (mBERT) (Devlin et al., 2019) and XLM-RoBERTa (XLM-R) (Conneau et al., 2020). Both mBERT and XLM-R produce embedding at a subword level according to WordPiece tokenization (Wu et al., 2016). We take the left-most subword as the representation for the corresponding word following Wang et al. (2019). To generate the word embedding, $\overrightarrow{c_i}$, we adopt the method proposed by existing cross-lingual SRL. Conia et al. (2021) concatenate the last four hidden layers obtained from corresponding pre-trained language models. Given the result of concatenation, $\overrightarrow{v_i}$, they apply a feed-forward neural network (FNN) and Swish activation function (Ramachandran et al., 2018), as shown in Equation 2. They also apply a dropout after the activation function.

$$\overrightarrow{c_i} = Swish(\mathbf{W}\overrightarrow{v_i} + \mathbf{b}) \tag{2}$$

3.2 Encoder

We experiment with various GNN-based and BiLSTM-based encoders. GNNs that we apply are graph attention networks (GATs), two-attention relational GATs (2ATT-GATs), gated graph convolutional networks (GGCNs), and modified self-attention networks from Transformer (SATs).

In GNN-based models, we encode a sentence by forming a dependency graph based on its dependency tree, which consists of dependency arcs and dependency relations. We follow the method proposed by Marcheggiani and Titov (2017). They convert a dependency tree to a graph by adding edges that flow in the opposite direction of the original dependency arcs and edges that flow from nodes to themselves. Figure 3 displays the dependency graph of the dependency tree at the bottom of Figure 1.

3.2.1 Graph Attention Networks

Given a graph that consists of nodes, i, and edges, e, GATs (Veličković et al., 2017) update each node representation, $\overrightarrow{h_i}$, according to its neighbor node representations, using multi-head attention mechanism that employs K heads. GATs utilize an attention weight, α , to measure the contribution of neighbor node representations when updating the corresponding node representation, h_i . The attention weight, α_{ij} , for the edge that connects node i and node j, is calculated by taking the dot-product between a weight vector, \overrightarrow{a} , with the concatenation of linearly transformed $\overrightarrow{h_i}$ and $\overrightarrow{h_j}$. The result of the dot-product is passed to a LeakyReLU activation function, LR, and softmax function, SM, as shown in Equation 3.

$$\alpha_{ij}^{k} = \mathrm{SM}_{j}(\mathrm{LR}(\overrightarrow{\mathbf{a}}^{k} \cdot [\mathbf{W}^{k} \overrightarrow{h_{i}} | | \mathbf{W}^{k} \overrightarrow{h_{j}}]))$$
 (3)

3.2.2 Two-attention Relational Graph Attention Networks

Since GATs treat a graph as unlabeled (Veličković et al., 2017), Wang et al. (2020) modify GATs to use two attention weights. The first attention weight contains node representations, while the second includes dependency-type representations taken from dependency types that represent dependency arcs and relations in the dependency trees. Instead of using different equations for both attentions as in Wang et al. (2020), we find that applying the FNNs (Veličković et al., 2017) for calculating both attentions works best for our task. Therefore, we explain the modification in this section.

Equation 3 shows how we calculate the first attention weight, α . To calculate the second attention weight, β , we slightly modify Equation 3 to encode dependency-type representation, $\overrightarrow{r_{ij}}$, as shown in Equation 4.

$$\beta_{ij}^{k} = \mathrm{SM}_{j}(\mathrm{LR}(\overrightarrow{\mathbf{a}}^{k} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{k} \overrightarrow{r_{ij}}))$$
 (4)

We obtain node representations from attention weight α and β , as shown in Equation 5 and Equation 6. $\overrightarrow{h_{\alpha,i}}$ indicates the set of neighbor nodes of node i. $\overrightarrow{h_{\alpha,i}^l}$ and $\overrightarrow{h_{\beta,i}^l}$ are the node representations in layer l obtained from attention weight α and β , respectively.

$$\overrightarrow{h_{\alpha,i}^{l}} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \alpha_{ij}^k \mathbf{W}^k \overrightarrow{h_j^{l-1}}$$
 (5)

$$\overrightarrow{h_{\beta,i}^l} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \beta_{ij}^k \mathbf{W}^k \overrightarrow{h_j^{l-1}}$$
 (6)

Finally, we calculate the node representation in layer $l, \ \overrightarrow{h_i^l}$, by applying an FNN to the concatenation of node representation $\overrightarrow{h_{\alpha,i}}$ and $\overrightarrow{h_{\beta,i}}$. We concatenate the node representation from each attention head, k (Equation 7), except in the final layer where we take the average of node representations (Equation 8). L indicates the number of layers, while \mathbf{W} and \mathbf{b} indicate weight matrix and bias in the FNN. We optionally apply an activation function, σ .

$$\overrightarrow{h_i^l} = \sigma(||_{k=1}^K (\mathbf{W}^k [\overrightarrow{h_{\alpha,i}^l}||\overrightarrow{h_{\beta,i}^l}] + \mathbf{b}^k)), l < L \quad (7)$$

$$\overrightarrow{h_i^l} = \sigma(\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K (\mathbf{W}^k [\overrightarrow{h_{\alpha,i}^l} || \overrightarrow{h_{\beta,i}^l}] + \mathbf{b}^k)), l = L$$
 (8)

3.2.3 Gated Graph Convolutional Networks

Marcheggiani and Titov (2017) propose GGCNs to encode syntactic features from dependency trees in monolingual SRL models. Equation 9 shows how to calculate node representation, $\overrightarrow{h_i}$, in layer l. GGCNs separate the weight matrices, \mathbf{W}_{dir} , according to the direction of dependency arcs, i.e., original direction, opposite direction, and self-direction. Meanwhile, \mathbf{b}_{rel} represents the dependency relation. Unlike regular GCNs (Kipf and Welling, 2017), GGCNs employ a scalar gate, g_{ij} , to measure the importance of neighbor node representations when updating the corresponding node representation.

$$\overrightarrow{h_i^l} = \text{ReLU}(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} g_{ij}(\mathbf{W}_{dir_{ij}} \overrightarrow{h_i^{l-1}} + \mathbf{b}_{rel_{ij}})) \quad (9)$$

3.2.4 Modified Self-attention Networks

Self-attention with relative position representations (Shaw et al., 2018) is an extension of the self-attention in Transformer (Vaswani et al., 2017) to include edges that represent relative positions between words. The self-attention can be categorized as GNNs since they receive input as a graph consisting of nodes and edges. Referring to the paper (Shaw et al., 2018), we modify edge representations from representing relative positions to representing dependency types. Instead of a fully connected graph as input, SATs take a graph formed over the sentence's dependency tree, as shown in Figure 3.

3.3 Decoder

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We apply a linear scorer as the decoder. We concatenate node representation for each word, $\overrightarrow{h_i}$, with the predicate node representation, $h_{p,i}$. Predicate node representation is taken from the node representation, $\overrightarrow{h_i}$, of the sentence's predicate. After that, we apply an FNN to produce the final node representation with an embedding size equal to the number of arguments, n. We then apply a softmax function, SM, to produce the probability for each label, z, as shown in Equation 10. We train the model to minimize the cross-entropy loss.

$$P(z) = \mathrm{SM}(\mathbf{W}[\overrightarrow{h_i}||\overrightarrow{h_{p,i}}] + \mathbf{b})_z, z \in [1, n]$$
 (10)

4 Experiment Results

4.1 Datasets

We conduct experiments using datasets from UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0. The dataset distribution can be found in Appendix A.1. In UPB v1.0, UP English-EWT is annotated based on UD v2, while the other languages are annotated based on UD v1.4. Since UP_English-EWT in UPB v1.0 is annotated based on UD v2, we use its SRL annotations to construct a cross-lingual SRL model for target languages in UPB v2.0. To construct a cross-lingual SRL model for UPB v1.0, we convert syntactic annotations of UP_English-EWT (UPB v1.0) to UD v1.4 using the script available at Zhang et al. $(2021)^2$. We merge annotations from English Web Treebank (EWT) (Bies et al., 2012), PropBank v3 (Kingsbury and Palmer, 2002; Palmer et al., 2005; Gildea and Palmer, 2002), and UD v1.4 (Nivre et al., 2016a).

4.2 Settings

We focus on conducting experiments in a zeroshot setting to examine the model's transferability across languages. We train the model in English and evaluate the model in seven languages and 23 languages from UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0, respectively, as shown in Table 1. Furthermore, we compare the performance of the cross-lingual model against the monolingual model to illustrate the generalization achieved by each model.

We use gold and predicted dependency trees for model evaluation. We train dependency parsers from scratch using Stanza (Qi et al., 2020) to produce predicted dependency trees for languages in UPB v1.0. For languages in UPB v2.0, we use pretrained models provided by Stanza³. Appendix B.1 shows each dependency parser's unlabeled attachment score (UAS) and labeled attachment score (LAS).

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Following Conia et al. (2021), we train the model for 30 epochs by increasing the learning rate linearly for 1 epoch and decreasing linearly for 15 epochs. We use AdamW (Loshchilov and Hutter, 2019) as the optimizer. We run the experiments five times and report the average F1 scores and standard errors. We choose the best epoch from each experiment based on the F1 score of the English validation set. Appendix B.2 explains the implementation details and hyperparameters we use throughout the experiments. We choose most hyperparameter values based on previous studies.

4.3 Comparison Among GNN-based SRL Models

We compare the performance of various GNN-based SRL models, i.e., GGCNs, SATs, GATs, and 2ATT-GATs, by substituting the encoder part in the architecture (Figure 2) with these GNNs. We stack three layers of GNNs and freeze mBERT as our contextualized word embedding to solely observe the influence of GNNs.

The left side of Table 2 shows the F1 score of each model evaluated using the test sets in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 with predicted dependency trees. The results with gold dependency trees are available in Appendix C. In the monolingual setting, as indicated by EN, SATs achieve the highest F1 score for both datasets. Meanwhile, in the crosslingual setting, as shown in AVG, GGCNs perform the best in UPB v1.0, while 2ATT-GATs perform the best in UPB v2.0.

Although GGCNs outperform 2ATT-GATs in UPB v1.0, if we extract the F1 scores of languages available in UPB v1.0 from UPB v2.0, i.e., FI, IT, ES, FR, DE, PT, and ZH, 2ATT-GATs still outperform GGCNs in all these languages. As we know, UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 are annotated semi-automatically (Akbik et al., 2015). UPB v2.0 has significantly improved over UPB v1.0 regarding SRL annotations quality (Jindal et al., 2022). Therefore, we believe the evaluation against UPB v2.0 is more crucial.

²https://github.com/zzsfornlp/zmsp

³Except for UP_Japanese-GSDLUW and UP_French-Rhapsodie, where we train from scratch since the models are unavailable.

Lang	GGCNs	SATs	GATs	2ATT-GATs	BiLSTM+ 2ATT-GATs	BiLSTM	3BiLSTMs
UPB v1.0							
EN	80.50 ± 0.09	80.89 ± 0.04	79.77 ± 0.05	80.04±0.05	82.19±0.10	79.72 ± 0.05	80.23 ± 0.08
FI	54.10±0.09	53.95±0.17	48.95 ± 0.32	53.17±0.10	52.83±0.15	39.85±0.19	40.18±0.22
IT	$57.57{\scriptstyle\pm0.13}$	57.33 ± 0.14	54.91 ± 0.26	57.12 ± 0.08	56.45±0.10	47.20 ± 0.19	46.74 ± 0.30
ES	54.32 ± 0.11	$54.88 {\scriptstyle \pm 0.17}$	50.44 ± 0.15	$\overline{54.69}_{\pm 0.12}$	52.41±0.16	41.77 ± 0.15	41.52 ± 0.05
FR	$46.92 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.12}$	46.18 ± 0.12	44.60 ± 0.28	$\overline{46.28\pm0.20}$	45.58±0.23	40.64 ± 0.32	40.70 ± 0.31
DE	$58.75{\scriptstyle\pm0.21}$	$58.65{\scriptstyle\pm0.05}$	57.06 ± 0.10	58.80 ± 0.07	56.18±0.13	41.45 ± 0.24	41.99 ± 0.12
PT	$53.60{\scriptstyle\pm0.04}$	53.12 ± 0.13	52.50 ± 0.13	53.33±0.07	52.86±0.16	44.38 ± 0.24	44.10 ± 0.12
ZH	37.83 ± 0.14	37.54 ± 0.26	37.07 ± 0.11	$\overline{38.42_{\pm 0.16}}$	40.01±0.24	32.87 ± 0.37	32.53 ± 0.23
AVG	51.87±0.05	51.67±0.09	49.36±0.11	51.69±0.07	50.90±0.07	41.17±0.13	41.11±0.11
				UPB v2.0			
EN	80.20 ± 0.08	80.71 ± 0.06	79.63 ± 0.08	79.65±0.02	81.99±0.10	79.51 ± 0.08	80.08 ± 0.08
CS	56.60±0.20	56.86±0.12	55.93 ± 0.06	57.79±0.11	55.19±0.23	47.13±0.06	47.50±0.13
EL	58.39 ± 0.30	$58.56{\scriptstyle\pm0.52}$	59.68 ± 0.27	$\overline{60.69}_{\pm 0.36}$	59.48±0.21	56.05 ± 0.16	55.53 ± 0.27
KO	39.31 ± 0.24	38.26 ± 0.77	41.25 ± 0.25	$\overline{42.20_{\pm 0.45}}$	35.01 ± 0.54	27.75 ± 0.29	27.84 ± 0.99
RO	52.43 ± 0.07	52.65 ± 0.19	53.51 ± 0.20	53.24±0.17	54.41±0.09	48.71 ± 0.30	47.83 ± 0.31
HI	47.26 ± 0.07	47.93 ± 0.08	$44.80{\scriptstyle\pm0.22}$	48.40 ± 0.14	42.69 ± 0.44	27.49 ± 0.84	27.30 ± 0.44
MR	35.43 ± 0.59	37.86 ± 0.86	$39.53{\scriptstyle\pm1.70}$	38.94 ± 1.01	36.17±0.96	27.22 ± 1.89	26.31 ± 1.60
TA	31.64 ± 0.27	33.74 ± 0.54	$34.58 {\scriptstyle\pm0.66}$	34.25 ± 0.40	30.70±0.75	23.64 ± 0.84	22.20 ± 0.88
HU	50.08 ± 0.27	50.90 ± 0.26	48.27 ± 0.14	51.00 ± 0.12	46.65±0.21	39.05 ± 0.29	39.52 ± 0.39
PL	57.73 ± 0.12	57.54 ± 0.08	57.57 ± 0.14	59.85 ± 0.16	57.01±0.33	51.65 ± 0.11	51.19 ± 0.33
TE	46.27 ± 0.64	45.09 ± 0.55	42.66 ± 0.72	47.01 ± 0.82	40.12±0.99	35.97 ± 1.30	32.84 ± 0.55
NL	62.94 ± 0.20	62.81 ± 0.21	63.00 ± 0.19	63.39 ± 0.15	58.39±0.28	51.95 ± 0.36	52.42 ± 0.10
ID	53.35 ± 0.34	53.43 ± 0.23	$58.82 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.25}$	54.24±0.10	56.80±0.32	56.55 ± 0.34	55.00 ± 0.35
JA	36.07 ± 0.15	36.12 ± 0.39	36.30 ± 0.51	36.82 ± 0.11	33.39±1.08	23.76 ± 1.07	21.40 ± 1.07
RU	57.63 ± 0.22	58.69 ± 0.35	$59.43 \!\pm\! 0.27$	58.88 ± 0.23	58.95 ± 0.29	55.49 ± 0.24	55.48 ± 0.23
UK	57.39 ± 0.04	58.45 ± 0.16	57.18 ± 0.26	58.62 ± 0.12	$\overline{57.59}_{\pm 0.27}$	52.80 ± 0.39	52.98 ± 0.17
ZH	42.88 ± 0.33	44.13 ± 0.31	45.55 ± 0.33	44.77 ± 0.16	47.73±0.19	48.54 ± 0.46	47.95 ± 0.34
VI	25.78 ± 0.05	26.11 ± 0.14	27.48 ± 0.03	26.51 ± 0.14	27.32±0.08	29.39 ± 0.29	27.34 ± 0.36
FI	53.54 ± 0.11	54.09 ± 0.13	$52.92{\scriptstyle\pm0.13}$	54.46 ± 0.04	54.37±0.17	51.54 ± 0.13	51.83 ± 0.23
IT	57.31 ± 0.10	57.81 ± 0.15	$58.00{\scriptstyle\pm0.12}$	58.52 ± 0.07	58.14±0.19	55.23 ± 0.16	$54.97{\scriptstyle\pm0.12}$
ES	54.10 ± 0.06	$54.85{\scriptstyle\pm0.10}$	$55.82{\scriptstyle\pm0.06}$	55.68 ± 0.09	55.02±0.21	51.02 ± 0.13	50.51 ± 0.06
FR	61.55 ± 0.14	61.82 ± 0.10	62.05 ± 0.19	62.43 ± 0.04	60.60±0.25	59.81 ± 0.15	$59.88{\scriptstyle\pm0.26}$
DE	58.34 ± 0.06	$58.80{\scriptstyle\pm0.14}$	59.34 ± 0.08	59.39 ± 0.07	53.92±0.31	41.40 ± 0.38	43.10 ± 0.23
PT	$65.55{\scriptstyle\pm0.08}$	$65.82{\scriptstyle\pm0.10}$	$66.37 {\scriptstyle\pm0.07}$	$\overline{66.09 \pm 0.07}$	65.85±0.11	$64.05{\scriptstyle\pm0.17}$	$63.71{\scriptstyle\pm0.10}$
AVG	50.50 ± 0.04	50.97 ± 0.13	51.31 ± 0.08	51.88±0.09	49.81±0.16	44.62 ± 0.11	44.11 ± 0.23

Table 2: F1 scores (%) in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 test sets with predicted dependency trees (frozen mBERT). The bold score in each language indicates the highest F1 score among GNN-based models, i.e., GGCNs, SATs, GATs, and 2ATT-GATs. The underlined score in each language indicates the highest F1 score among 2ATT-GATs, BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs, BiLSTM, and 3BiLSTMs. AVG indicates the average F1 score of each model for all languages except English.

In UPB v2.0, 2ATT-GATs outperform other GNNs, indicating that 2ATT-GATs can generalize better across languages. However, GATs sometimes perform better in languages that have relatively low LAS, i.e., MR, TA, ID, VI, and RU⁴. We conjecture that GATs are more robust to inaccurate dependency relation labels because GATs treat dependency trees as unlabeled. Clearer evidence can be shown in ID, where the F1 scores decrease significantly when we replace gold with predicted dependency trees except for GATs⁵ be-

cause the UAS of predicted dependency trees in ID is relatively high compared to LAS, i.e., 87.31 and 77.33.

4.4 Comparison of 2ATT-GATs Against BiLSTM-based SRL Models

We compare 2ATT-GATs with the widely used network in cross-lingual SRL, i.e., BiLSTMs. We build the first BiLSTM-based SRL model by stacking one BiLSTM layer with two layers of 2ATT-GATs (BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs). We also compare 2ATT-GATs with syntax-agnostic models, i.e., a model with one layer of BiLSTM as the encoder (BiLSTM) and a model with three layers of BiLSTMs as the encoder (3BiLSTMs).

The right side of Table 2 shows the F1 score of each model. The results with gold dependency

⁴UAS/LAS of each language: 79.85/70.63 (MR), 80.89/72.30 (TA), 87.31/77.33 (ID), 77.58/74.16 (VI), 84.42/81.41 (RU Taiga), and 90.44/87.2 (RU GSD).

 $^{^5}$ F1 scores of ID using gold trees: 57.18 ± 0.26 (GGCNs), 57.05 ± 0.20 (SATs), 59.05 ± 0.21 (GATs), and 58.06 ± 0.13 (2ATT-GATs).

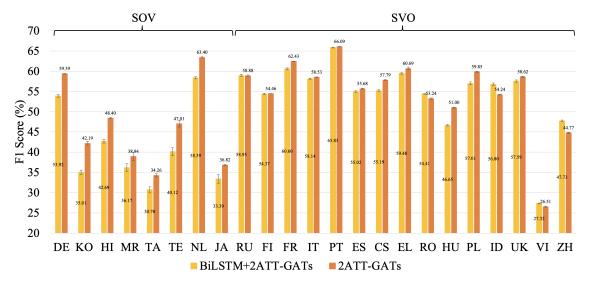


Figure 4: F1 scores (%) in UPB v2.0 test set using predicted dependency trees. Each language has two bars, i.e., the left bar indicates the F1 score for BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs, and the right bar indicates the F1 score for 2ATT-GATs.

trees are available in Appendix C. From EN, we can see that BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs perform best in the monolingual setting. BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs also perform better than syntax-agnostic models, i.e., BiLSTM and 3BiLSTMs, in the cross-lingual setting. This indicates that the help of syntax improves performance in both settings even though the syntax provided is not accurate.

Among the syntax-aware models, 2ATT-GATs perform the best in the cross-lingual setting. The context for each word learned through BiLSTMs, i.e., what words precede and follow each word in a sentence, might be too specific to the language it is trained with. By encoding the sentence over its dependency tree, we let information flow based on the sentence's grammatical structure, which is more universal across languages.

Figure 4 compares the F1 scores of BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs and 2ATT-GATs for each language in UPB v2.0. We know that the models are trained in English that has a subject-verb-object (SVO) word order. If we look deeper, for certain languages with subject-object-verb (SOV) word order, i.e., DE, KO, HI, MR, TA, TE, NL, and JA, 2ATT-GATs show significant improvements over BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs. This proves that 2ATT-GATs have better transferability to languages with diverse word orders than the BiLSTM-based models.

BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs sometimes perform better than 2ATT-GATs in languages with the same word order as English, i.e., SVO word order, including RU, RO, ID, VI, and ZH. We confirm that in

RU, the predicted dependency trees decrease the F1 score a little more significantly for 2ATT-GATs⁶. For the other languages, the quality of the dependency trees (especially the dependency relations), which is relatively low in the original dataset, might be why 2ATT-GATs perform worst.

4.5 Obtaining the Best Model

We conduct thorough experiments with the number of layers and contextualized multilingual word embedding that we use. Using frozen mBERT as contextualized multilingual word embedding, we compare the result of stacking one layer, two layers, and three layers of 2ATT-GATs as the encoder. We find that two layers of 2ATT-GATs and three layers of 2ATT-GATs give the best F1 score in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0, respectively.

We further experiment with two and three layers of 2ATT-GATs using mBERT and XLM-R as the contextualized multilingual word embeddings and fine-tune them. We provide the evaluation results in Appendix C. In UPB v1.0, a combination of frozen mBERT and two layers of 2ATT-GATs gives the best F1 score. Meanwhile, in UPB v2.0, fine-tuned XLM-R with two layers of 2ATT-GATs gives the best F1 score.

We further analyze why two layers of 2ATT-GATs perform better than three layers of 2ATT-GATs. In Figure 5, we group the F1 score difference between two 2ATT-GATs and three 2ATT-GATs for each dependency range, i.e., the number

 $^{^6}F1$ scores of RU using gold trees: 59.93 ± 0.18 (2ATT-GATs) and 59.59 ± 0.36 (BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs).

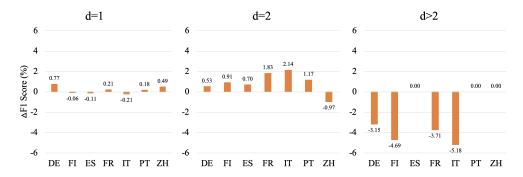


Figure 5: F1 score differences (%) between 2layers+mBERT and 3layers+mBERT in UPB v1.0 dev set (predicted).

of edges lies between the predicate and its argument. The evaluation shows that 2ATT-GATs perform better than three 2ATT-GATs because they perform better in d=1 and d=2, and the dependency range (d) in languages mostly lies in 1-2.

4.6 Comparison of the Best Model Against Existing Works

We compare the best model on UPB v1.0 with existing works, i.e., Fei et al. (2020) and Zhang et al. (2021), as shown in Table 3. Fei et al. (2020) translate and project the SRL annotations from the source language to the target language to be included as part of the training set. Zhang et al. (2021) employ multi-task learning consisting of dependency parsing task and SRL task and include the dependency parsing task of the source and target language as part of the training process. Since both previous works have not been evaluated using UPB v2.0, we compare the F1 score in UPB v1.0. The evaluation results of our best model in UPB v2.0 can be seen in Appendix C.

It can be seen in Table 3 that 2ATT-GATs underperform previous models. Since our goal is to find the most transferable networks to build the crosslingual model, unlike the other models, we do not include any knowledge of sentences from the target language in the training process. Our work can complement these previous works and provide important insights regarding the architecture design for building future cross-lingual SRL models.

5 Conclusions and Future Works

Through a simple encoder-decoder architecture, we show that GNNs are better than BiLSTMs for building cross-lingual SRL models, especially in distant languages. Encoding sentences based on their dependency trees helps create a more generalized cross-lingual SRL model rather than using word

Lang	2layers+ mBERT (gold)	2layers+ mBERT (predicted)	Fei	Zhang
FI	57.47±0.24	53.82 ± 0.21	54.5	59.9
FR	48.80±0.28	46.27 ± 0.25	64.8	56.6
DE	62.50±0.24	58.78 ± 0.13	65.0	60.2
IT	60.96±0.10	57.73 ± 0.13	58.7	60.6
PT	57.21±0.04	53.41 ± 0.12	56.0	59.5
ES	57.74±0.10	54.47 ± 0.07	62.5	57.3
ZH	43.03±0.10	$38.87 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.11}$	-	-

Table 3: F1 scores (%) in UPB v1.0 test set.

sequences. Furthermore, through empirical experiments comparing four types of GNNs using 23 languages available in UPB, we conclude that two-attention relational GATs are the most effective GNNs.

In the future, we can extend our model to incorporate language-specific information to distinguish characteristics between languages. This can be useful for training the model in a few-shot setting where we include the target sentences in the training set. Furthermore, in the experiments, we compare two-attention relational GATs with modified self-attention networks from Transformer. We can further analyze the effect of incorporating two-attention relational GATs to replace self-attention in Transformer in the cross-lingual SRL domain.

Limitations

The limitation of this work is that we focus on argument detection and argument labeling in cross-lingual SRL, assuming that the sentences' gold predicates are easy to obtain. Furthermore, we focus on conducting experiments in a zero-shot setting. The availability of target sentences in the training set might affect the models' behavior, which should be investigated further.

Ethics Statement

We believe there is no ethical issue raised in this work. SRL is a low-level task to support other advanced NLP applications. Therefore, increasing the coverage of SRL models in various languages is beneficial for developing NLP tools that can help solve the problems in this diverse society.

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Lang	Train	Dev	Test					
UPB v1.0								
English (EN)	12,542	1,974	2,060					
Finnish (FI)	12,217	716	648					
Italian (IT)	12,837	489	489					
Spanish (ES)	28,492	3,206	1,995					
French (FR)	14,553	1,596	298					
German (DE)	14,118	799	977					
Portuguese (PT)	7,494	938	936					
Chinese (ZH)	3,997	500	500					
	UPB v2.0							
English (EN)	12,542	1,974	2,062					
Czech (CS)	102,993	11,311	12,203					
Greek (EL)	1,662	403	456					
Korean (KO)	27,410	3,016	3,276					
Romanian (RO)	35,911	2,247	2,272					
Hindi (HI)	13,304	1,659	1,684					
Marathi (MR)	373	46	47					
Tamil (TA)	400	80	120					
Hungarian (HU)	910	441	449					
Polish (PL)	31,496	3,960	3,942					
Telugu (TE)	1,051	131	146					
Dutch (NL)	18,078	1,394	1,472					
Indonesian (ID)	4,482	559	557					
Japanese (JA)	14,100	1,014	1,086					
Russian (RU)	19,894	1,525	1,482					
Ukrainian (UK)	5,496	672	892					
Chinese (ZH)	3,997	500	500					
Vietnamese (VI)	1,400	800	800					
Finnish (FI)	27,198	3,239	3,422					
Italian (IT)	29,685	2,277	2,518					
Spanish (ES)	28,474	3,054	2,147					
French (FR)	17,968	2,970	1,712					
German (DE)	166,849	19,233	19,436					
Portuguese (PT)	16,633	2,376	2,367					

Table 4: Number of sentences available for each language in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0.

A Artifacts

A.1 Dataset Distribution

Table 4 shows the dataset distribution in Universal Proposition Bank (UPB). Since we run our experiments in a zero-shot setting, we only use the dev set and test set for languages other than English.

A.2 Licenses

Complete UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 contain annotations from Universal Dependencies (UD) v1.4 and UD v2.9. Therefore, we provide the license for each UD treebank in Table 5. Despite UD's inherited license, UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 also have a CDLA-Sharing-1.0 license. We also retrieve annotations from PropBank v3, English Web Treebank, and UD v1.4 to form English SRL annotations based on UD v1.4. Therefore, we provide the license for PropBank v3, i.e., CC BY-SA 4.0, and English Web Treebank, i.e., LDC User Agreement for Non-Members.

We refer to publicly available codes to help pre-

Treebank	License
	v1.4
UD_English	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Chinese	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD_Finnish	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Spanish	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 US
UD_Spanish-AnCora	GNU GPL 3.0
UD_French	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 US CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 US
UD_German	
UD_Italian	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD_Portuguese-Bosque	CC BY-SA 4.0 v2.9
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UD_English-EWT	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Chinese-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Czech-CAC	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Czech-CLTT	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Czech-FicTree	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD_Czech-PDT	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD_Dutch-Alpino	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Dutch-LassySmall	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Finnish-FTB	CC BY 4.0
UD_Finnish-TDT	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_French-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_French-Rhapsodie	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_French-Sequoia	LGPL-LR
UD_German-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD German-HDT	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD Greek-GDT	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD Hindi-HDTB	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD_Hungarian-Szeged	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD_Indonesian-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD Italian-ISDT	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD_Italian-ParTUT	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD Italian-PoSTWITA	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD Italian-TWITTIRO	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Italian-VIT	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD_Japanese-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Japanese-GSDLUW	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD Korean-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Korean-Kaist	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Marathi-UFAL	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Polish-LFG	GNU GPL 3.0
UD_Polish-PDB	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD_Portuguese-Bosque	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Portuguese-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Romanian-Nonstandard	
UD_Romanian-RRT	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Romanian-SiMoNERo	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Russian-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Russian-Taiga	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Spanish-AnCora	CC BY 4.0
UD_Spanish-GSD	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Tamil-TTB	CC BY-NC-SA 3.0
UD_Telugu-MTG	CC BY-SA 4.0
UD_Ukrainian-IU	CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
UD_Vietnamese-VTB	CC BY-SA 4.0
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Table 5: License for each treebank in UD v1.4 and UD2.9 that we use in the experiments.

process the data and build the model. We provide the list of repositories with their corresponding licenses, i.e., Zhang et al. (2021)⁷ (GPL-3.0), https://github.com/UniversalPropositions/tools (Apache-2.0), Gordić (2020)⁸ (MIT), and Marcheggiani and Titov (2017)⁹ (Apache-2.0).

We access all the resources we mentioned above solely for academic research. We make sure that we obey the intended use for each artifact.

B Training

B.1 Dependency Parsers

We train the dependency parsers using Stanza with a 0.0005 learning rate, 70,000 max steps, and 10,000 max steps before stopping. Table 6 shows

⁷https://github.com/zzsfornlp/zmsp

⁸https://github.com/gordicaleksa/pytorch-GAT

⁹https://github.com/diegma/neural-dep-srl

Treebank	De	v	Т	est
Treebunk		UAS LAS		LAS
	UPB v1.0	23.20	UAS	13.10
UP_English-EWT	92.18	90.27	91.39	89.48
UP Chinese	87.28	85.11	88.31	86.13
UP Finnish	92.15	90.82	90.28	89.04
UP_Spanish	91.68	89.75	91.15	88.95
UP_Spanish-AnCora	94.06	92.81	93.80	92.39
UP French	92.50	91.08	89.89	87.61
UP German	92.70	91.13	89.45	87.31
UP Italian	94.12	92.75	93.70	92.36
UP_Portuguese-Bosque	93.20	92.02	92.45	91.05
	UPB v2.0		7	
UP_English-EWT	92.46	90.86	91.42	89.82
UP_Chinese-GSD	85.11	83.19	87.06	85.13
UP_Czech-CAC	92.97	91.62	93.43	91.68
UP_Czech-CLTT	89.13	86.98	88.32	86.09
UP_Czech-FicTree	94.68	93.11	94.61	92.76
UP_Czech-PDT	93.74	92.24	93.50	91.87
UP_Dutch-Alpino	94.53	92.24	92.87	90.42
UP_Dutch-LassySmall	90.77	87.62	92.12	89.11
UP_Finnish-FTB	93.77	92.29	94.03	92.41
UP_Finnish-TDT	91.97	90.41	92.24	90.74
UP_French-GSD	95.66	94.45	93.47	91.87
UP_French-Rhapsodie	87.75	83.25	86.42	81.88
UP_French-Sequoia	93.54	92.23	93.10	91.70
UP_German-GSD	91.78	88.61	89.65	85.62
UP_German-HDT	95.18	93.64	95.30	93.72
UP_Greek-GDT	91.77	90.43	92.93	91.19
UP_Hindi-HDTB	96.62	94.49	96.68	94.43
UP_Hungarian-Szeged	87.64	84.10	86.72	83.25
UP_Indonesian-GSD	86.49	76.25	87.31	77.33
UP_Italian-ISDT	94.41	92.84	94.37	93.16
UP_Italian-ParTUT	92.76	90.52	93.10	91.40
UP_Italian-PoSTWITA	87.21	83.20	88.33	84.41
UP_Italian-TWITTIRO	87.25	81.64	84.85	79.77
UP_Italian-VIT	90.63	88.82	91.54	89.05
UP_Japanese-GSD	96.09	95.47	95.11	94.21
UP_Japanese-GSDLUW	96.12	95.82	95.35	95.12
UP_Korean-GSD	88.22	85.41	89.65	87.07
UP_Korean-Kaist	91.35	90.39	90.41	89.45
UP_Marathi-UFAL	74.55	64.32	79.85	70.63
UP_Polish-LFG	97.56	96.73	97.80	96.92
UP_Polish-PDB	94.17	92.69	94.58	93.16
UP_Portuguese-Bosque	94.25	92.51	94.85	93.54
UP_Portuguese-GSD	94.44	93.34	94.21	93.23
UP_Romanian-Nonstandard	93.18	90.04	91.43	87.75
UP_Romanian-RRT	91.96	88.60	91.93	88.45
UP_Romanian-SiMoNERo	93.38	91.21	93.78	91.86
UP_Russian-GSD	90.55	87.80	90.44	87.21
UP_Russian-Taiga	83.94	79.32	84.42	81.41
UP_Spanish-AnCora	93.83	92.16	93.82	92.00
UP_Spanish-GSD	91.91	89.79	91.93	89.58
UP_Tamil-TTB	81.24	73.48	80.89	72.30
UP_Telugu-MTG	92.90	86.25	93.07	85.58
UP_Ukrainian-IU	91.14	89.34	90.10	88.24
UP_Vietnamese-VTB	78.92	74.99	77.58	74.16

Table 6: UAS and LAS of each treebank's dependency parser.

UAS and LAS for each treebank in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0.

B.2 SRL Models

We build the code for training and evaluation using PyTorch library¹⁰. We use the transformers library provided by Hugging Face¹¹ to produce contextualized multilingual word embedding from mBERT (i.e., bert-base-multilingual-cased) and XLM-R (i.e., xlm-roberta-base).

We refer to Gordić (2020) to implement GATs. Following the implementation, we use ELU (Clevert et al., 2016) as the activation function in each layer, σ , except in the final layer where we use Swish, the same activation function that we use in the input layer. We tried to use the same activation

Hyperparameter	Value
learning rate	10^{-3}
minimum learning rate	10^{-5}
weight decay	10^{-4}
word embedding learning rate	10^{-5}
word embedding minimum	10^{-6}
learning rate	
word embedding weight decay	10^{-4}
batch size	32
epochs	30
warmup epochs	1
cooldown epochs	15
number of attention heads, K	8
predicate indicator embedding size, $\overrightarrow{p_i}$	64
multilingual word embedding size, $\overrightarrow{c_i}$	512
edge embedding size, $\overrightarrow{r_{ij}}$	64
LSTM hidden size	512
GATs, SATs, and 2ATT-GATs	64
hidden size	01
GATs, SATs, and 2ATT-GATs	same as input
output size	(576)
GGCNs hidden size	same as input
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GGCNs output size	same as input
•	(576)
dropout in input layer	0.2
dropout before decoder	0.3
GATs best node and edge dropout	0.2
SATs best node and edge dropout	0.2
2ATT-GATs best node	0.3
and edge dropout	0.5
GGCNs best dropout	0.0

Table 7: Hyperparameter values for cross-lingual and monolingual SRL models.

function for every layer, but this setting works best in this task. We use the same skeleton as GATs for implementing 2ATT-GATs and SATs, where node and edge dropouts are placed at the beginning of every layer. In SATs, we experiment with two settings for the edge representations, i.e., a_{ij} . First, we used the same edge representation for each attention head, k. Then, we used different edge representations for each attention head. The results show that using the same edge representation in each attention head works best for this task. Therefore, we use this setting when comparing SATs with other GNNs.

For the implementation of GGCNs, we refer to the original implementation, i.e., Marcheggiani and Titov $(2017)^{12}$, and its reimplementation in PyTorch¹³. Following the reimplementation in PyTorch, we use LeakyReLU as the activation function for GGCNs in each layer, except in the final layer where we use Swish. We place the dropout at the end of every layer.

¹⁰https://pytorch.org/

¹¹https://huggingface.co/

¹²https://github.com/diegma/neural-dep-srl

¹³https://github.com/kdrivas/Graph-convolutional

Lang	Gold	Predicted
CS	61.44±0.08	61.42 ± 0.07
EL	68.80 ± 0.09	$67.90{\scriptstyle\pm0.16}$
KO	46.76±0.19	47.06 ± 0.20
RO	55.55±0.05	55.36 ± 0.04
HI	48.73±0.15	$48.97{\scriptstyle\pm0.16}$
MR	41.78±0.41	42.19 ± 0.80
TA	40.73±0.34	37.79 ± 0.52
HU	54.86±0.07	53.94 ± 0.10
PL	62.85±0.10	63.01 ± 0.11
TE	56.51±0.47	56.19 ± 0.46
NL	65.36±0.14	64.69 ± 0.11
ID	63.83±0.13	63.22 ± 0.07
JA	37.82 ± 0.75	38.22 ± 0.80
RU	62.40±0.19	62.02 ± 0.16
UK	60.85 ± 0.17	60.63 ± 0.15
ZH	42.33 ± 0.72	41.68 ± 0.75
VI	28.80±0.14	29.30 ± 0.15
FI	58.28±0.10	57.95 ± 0.11
IT	60.82 ± 0.10	60.53 ± 0.07
ES	57.97±0.09	58.29 ± 0.07
FR	64.38±0.10	$63.65{\scriptstyle\pm0.11}$
DE	61.35±0.11	$60.86{\scriptstyle\pm0.09}$
PT	67.75±0.07	67.31 ± 0.07

Table 8: F1 scores (%) in UPB v2.0 test set with gold dependency trees (left) and predicted dependency trees (right) (2layers+XLM-R+fine-tuned).

We provide the hyperparameter values we use to train the SRL models in Table 7. For GNN-based models, we search for the best dropout in 0.1-0.5 with a 0.1 increment.

We use Tesla P100 to train the models. Training time for GNN-based models ranges from 3-4 hours. Training time for BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs and BiLSTM ranges from 4-5 hours. Meanwhile, for 3BiLSTMs, it takes around 10 hours to train a model. We run the experiment 5 times and produce two models for each setting, i.e., a model trained on UPB v1.0 and a model trained on UPB v2.0. The estimation of total GPU hours is 2,000.

C Supporting Results

Table 9 shows the F1 scores for GNN-based and BiLSTM-based cross-lingual and monolingual SRL models using gold dependency trees.

Table 10 shows the average F1 scores of target languages in dev sets using different numbers of layers, i.e., two layers and three layers, and different contextualized multilingual word embeddings, i.e., mBERT and XLM-R.

Table 8 shows the F1 scores of the best model (2layers+XLM-R+fine-tuned) for each language in the UPB v2.0 test set.

Lang	GGCNs	SATs	GATs	2ATT-GATs	BiLSTM+ 2ATT-GATs	BiLSTM	3BiLSTMs	
UPB v1.0								
EN	83.82±0.06	84.19±0.05	82.77 ± 0.04	83.21±0.07	85.35±0.14	79.72 ± 0.05	80.23 ± 0.08	
FI	58.02±0.09	57.77±0.19	52.07 ± 0.28	56.82±0.08	56.18±0.24	39.85±0.19	40.18±0.22	
IT	61.09 ± 0.12	60.77 ± 0.23	57.18 ± 0.29	$\overline{60.52\pm0.09}$	59.00±0.10	47.20 ± 0.19	46.74 ± 0.30	
ES	57.39±0.12	$58.12 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.17}$	52.70 ± 0.18	$\overline{57.97}_{\pm 0.16}$	55.02±0.20	41.77 ± 0.15	41.52 ± 0.05	
FR	49.42±0.14	48.99 ± 0.20	46.04 ± 0.19	48.68±0.17	47.87±0.15	40.64 ± 0.32	40.70 ± 0.31	
DE	62.78 ± 0.27	62.38 ± 0.05	60.31 ± 0.15	62.63 ± 0.09	59.55±0.22	41.45 ± 0.24	41.99 ± 0.12	
PT	57.60±0.05	56.90 ± 0.15	55.26 ± 0.17	$\overline{57.18\pm0.08}$	56.35±0.24	44.38 ± 0.24	44.10 ± 0.12	
ZH	42.12±0.20	42.00 ± 0.20	39.63 ± 0.14	$\overline{42.60_{\pm 0.16}}$	43.51±0.14	32.87 ± 0.37	32.53 ± 0.23	
AVG	55.49±0.06	55.28±0.13	51.88±0.13	55.20±0.08	53.93±0.14	41.17±0.13	41.11±0.11	
				UPB v2.0				
EN	83.93±0.08	84.39±0.06	82.82 ± 0.09	83.26±0.07	85.37±0.10	79.51 ± 0.08	80.08 ± 0.08	
CS	56.42±0.19	56.75±0.11	55.83±0.07	57.70±0.10	55.16±0.24	47.13±0.06	47.50±0.13	
EL	59.57±0.33	59.64 ± 0.57	60.84 ± 0.26	$\overline{61.80}_{\pm 0.35}$	60.66±0.21	56.05 ± 0.16	55.53 ± 0.27	
KO	39.07 ± 0.22	38.20 ± 0.80	40.83 ± 0.26	$\overline{42.14\pm_{0.48}}$	34.94±0.59	27.75 ± 0.29	27.84 ± 0.99	
RO	52.64±0.09	52.83 ± 0.19	$53.82{\scriptstyle\pm0.20}$	$\overline{53.37\pm0.17}$	54.47±0.14	48.71 ± 0.30	47.83 ± 0.31	
HI	46.77 ± 0.08	47.41 ± 0.08	44.63 ± 0.23	47.93±0.12	42.45 ± 0.46	27.49 ± 0.84	27.30 ± 0.44	
MR	34.57±0.99	37.08 ± 0.68	37.43 ± 1.66	$\overline{39.16\pm_{1.02}}$	36.73±1.44	27.22 ± 1.89	26.31 ± 1.60	
TA	34.83±0.34	36.51 ± 0.36	$38.25{\scriptstyle\pm0.57}$	$\overline{37.74\pm0.63}$	33.76±0.79	23.64 ± 0.84	22.20 ± 0.88	
HU	52.33±0.29	$53.14{\scriptstyle\pm0.17}$	49.34 ± 0.14	52.81 ± 0.11	48.44±0.25	39.05 ± 0.29	39.52 ± 0.39	
PL	57.56±0.17	57.26 ± 0.08	57.50 ± 0.13	$\overline{59.75_{\pm 0.15}}$	56.80±0.34	51.65 ± 0.11	51.19 ± 0.33	
TE	44.50 ± 0.72	42.94 ± 0.62	40.91 ± 0.68	44.44 ± 0.51	39.21±1.22	35.97 ± 1.30	32.84 ± 0.55	
NL	63.81±0.26	63.95 ± 0.21	63.38 ± 0.14	64.34±0.19	59.15±0.23	51.95 ± 0.36	52.42 ± 0.10	
ID	57.18±0.26	57.05 ± 0.20	$59.05 \!\pm\! 0.21$	58.06±0.13	60.49 ± 0.23	56.55 ± 0.34	55.00 ± 0.35	
JA	35.70±0.13	35.87 ± 0.43	35.96 ± 0.54	36.35±0.09	33.15±1.13	23.76 ± 1.07	21.40 ± 1.07	
RU	58.84±0.23	59.82 ± 0.25	59.59 ± 0.24	59.93 ± 0.18	59.59±0.36	55.49 ± 0.24	55.48 ± 0.23	
UK	57.89±0.08	$58.88{\scriptstyle\pm0.18}$	57.53 ± 0.21	59.14±0.15	58.18±0.25	52.80 ± 0.39	52.98 ± 0.17	
ZH	44.22±0.27	45.51 ± 0.20	45.89 ± 0.31	45.99 ± 0.22	48.68±0.20	48.54 ± 0.46	47.95 ± 0.34	
VI	25.14 ± 0.04	25.32 ± 0.15	27.95 ± 0.04	26.04±0.07	27.07±0.11	29.39 ± 0.29	27.34 ± 0.36	
FI	53.89±0.11	54.37 ± 0.14	53.12 ± 0.11	54.84 ± 0.03	54.74±0.19	51.54 ± 0.13	51.83 ± 0.23	
IT	57.80±0.05	$58.29{\scriptstyle\pm0.18}$	58.24 ± 0.08	58.91±0.09	58.73±0.20	55.23 ± 0.16	$54.97{\scriptstyle\pm0.12}$	
ES	53.59 ± 0.07	54.37 ± 0.08	$55.47{\scriptstyle\pm0.07}$	55.27 ± 0.11	54.75±0.20	51.02 ± 0.13	50.51 ± 0.06	
FR	63.03±0.11	63.13 ± 0.13	62.67 ± 0.19	63.79 ± 0.06	61.52±0.18	59.81 ± 0.15	$59.88{\scriptstyle\pm0.26}$	
DE	58.89 ± 0.05	59.31 ± 0.15	$59.80{\scriptstyle\pm0.06}$	59.89 ± 0.07	54.44±0.31	41.40 ± 0.38	43.10 ± 0.23	
PT	66.14 ± 0.06	66.31 ± 0.13	$66.74 \scriptstyle{\pm 0.09}$	66.51 ± 0.03	66.30±0.13	$64.05{\scriptstyle\pm0.17}$	63.71 ± 0.10	
AVG	51.06±0.07	51.48±0.13	51.51±0.07	52.43±0.07	50.41±0.19	44.62±0.11	44.11±0.23	

Table 9: F1 scores (%) on UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 test sets with gold dependency trees (frozen mBERT). The bold score in each language indicates the highest F1 score among GNN-based models, i.e., GGCNs, SATs, GATs, and 2ATT-GATs. The underlined score in each language indicates the highest F1 score among 2ATT-GATs, BiLSTM+2ATT-GATs, BiLSTM, and 3BiLSTMs. AVG indicates the average F1 score of each model for all languages except English.

	2layers+ mBERT	2layers+ mBERT+ fine-tuned	2layers+ XLM-R	2layers+ XLM-R+ fine-tuned	3layers+ mBERT	3layers+ mBERT+ fine-tuned	3layers+ XLM-R	3layers+ XLM-R+ fine-tuned
				UPB v1.0				
AVG (gold)	56.45±0.05	55.00±0.05	55.87±0.15	54.33±0.10	56.15 ± 0.11	55.05 ± 0.08	56.00±0.13	54.45±0.13
AVG (pred)	53.34±0.05	52.41 ± 0.033	52.93 ± 0.13	51.95 ± 0.11	52.99 ± 0.11	52.43 ± 0.08	52.96 ± 0.09	$51.95{\scriptstyle\pm0.11}$
	UPB v2.0							
AVG (gold)	52.41±0.10	54.63±0.11	54.05 ± 0.082	55.34±0.06	52.67 ± 0.08	54.30±0.09	53.71±0.08	55.26±0.08
AVG (pred)	51.64±0.12	53.95 ± 0.10	53.25 ± 0.12	54.93 ± 0.09	51.93 ± 0.07	53.62 ± 0.07	52.89 ± 0.09	54.72 ± 0.08

Table 10: Average F1 scores (%) of target languages in UPB v1.0 and UPB v2.0 dev sets using gold and predicted dependency trees.