

1 We would like to thank all the reviewers for your helpful comments and suggestions. We appreciate your positive  
 2 comments on our work: “nice structure and readability”, “well-written” and “reasonable design”. Hereafter, we first  
 3 provide two responses to the common concerns raised by the reviewers, and then reply each reviewer, respectively.

4 **Common Response 1: Complexity analysis of our SCAN model.** As shown in Appendix A.3, the layer-wise  
 5 propagation rule for both the encoder and decoder networks is the main time cost of our algorithm, while the two-layer  
 6 GCN network has the highest computational complexity in the computational propagation flow. The time complexity  
 7 of the two-layer GCN network for one epoch boils down to 2 sparse-dense-matrix multiplications for a cost of  
 8  $O(|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^+|(H + D + M + N))$ , where  $|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^+|$  denotes the number of nonzero entries in the Laplacian matrix,  $H$  is the  
 9 dimension of the first hidden layer,  $D$  is the dimension of latent embeddings,  $M + N$  is the dimension of node features.  
 10 Empirically, our SCAN costs around 57s and 290s per 10 epochs on the Flickr and Pubmed datasets, respectively, for  
 11 training on an Inter i7 3.60GHz CPU computer.

12 **Common Response 2: Representation updates on Section 3.2.** Considering the comments of Reviewer #2 and  
 13 Reviewer #3, we now revise  $\mathcal{O} = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{R})$  to be  $\mathcal{O} = ((\mathcal{X}^g, \mathcal{Y}^g) \times (\mathcal{X}^h, \mathcal{Y}^h) \times \mathcal{R}^{gh}), g, h \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ , which  
 14 is the generalized heterogeneous data in our paper, where the relationship type  $\mathcal{R}^{gh}$  is depend on the entity types  
 15  $g$  and  $h$ . In our task, we have two entity types and two relationship types, which can be represented as  $\mathcal{O}_{AN} =$   
 16  $((\mathcal{X}^1, \mathcal{Y}^1) \times (\mathcal{X}^1, \mathcal{Y}^1) \times \mathcal{R}^{11}, (\mathcal{X}^1, \mathcal{Y}^1) \times (\mathcal{X}^2, \mathcal{Y}^2) \times \mathcal{R}^{12})$ . We will revise the corresponding representations in Section 3.2  
 17 based on this formulation and focus more on the specific heterogeneous data type in our task (i.e.  $\mathcal{O}_{AN}$ ). For instance,  
 18 Eq (4) will be revised to  $p_\theta(\mathcal{O}_{ij}, \mathcal{Z}_{ij}) = p_\theta(r_{ij}^{gh} | \mathcal{Z}_{ij}, \mathbf{Y}^l) p(\mathbf{Y}^l) \prod_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}_{ij}} p(\mathbf{z})$ . We will further provide a Section to  
 19 discuss the potential extension of our model to handle other types of heterogeneous data, such as bipartite graph in  
 20 recommender system, multi-relationship in knowledge graph and multi-type of entities; and clarify the difference on the  
 21 variation and the capability of our model when handling these type of heterogeneous data.

22 **Response to Reviewer #1**

- 23 - Thank you for reviewing our paper and noticing the typos and improper notations in our paper. We have double  
 24 checked the whole paper and corrected all the typos we can find.
- 25 - Regarding the performance on varying training set sizes, we have conducted experiments. Here we only show the  
 26 accuracy result on the BlogCatalog dataset, and detailed analysis will be provided in the Appendix of our final version.

27 % training	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%
SCVA_DIS	.845	.838	.833	.828	.810	.792	.780	.778

- 28 - Regarding the complexity analysis of our model, please see the response in **Common Response 1**.

29 **Response to Reviewer #2**

- 30 - Thank you for reviewing our paper and noticing the typos and confusing definition in our paper. We have double  
 31 checked the whole paper, corrected all the typos we can find and enlarged Figure 4 to make it more legible.
- 32 - Thank you for the suggestions on Section 3.2. Please see the response in **Common Response 2**.
- 33 - Eq (4) is a generalized form of the factorization of the joint probability with two entities, their labels and their relations,  
 34 where we assume that the labels of two entities are not explicitly given in current form. We now modified Eq (4) to make  
 35 it more clear (See **Common Response 2**), where the full derivation will be in final version. The specific factorization  
 36 forms on different cases can be found in the Appendix (Please see Eq (12), Eq (16), Eq (20), Eq (24) and Eq (28)).
- 37 - We now provide the complexity analysis of our model; please see the response in **Common Response 1**. We will  
 38 also provide the statistics information of the 3 datasets and report the the runtime of SCAN with each setting in the  
 39 Appendix of our final version.
- 40 - We tuned the latent dimension  $D$  in  $\{16, 32, 64, 128\}$ , and chosen  $D$  with a best performance on the validate sets in  
 41 these tasks. In our paper,  $D = 64$  was a default setting, with which the best performance is achieved in all the datasets.
- 42 - In the attribute inference task, our SCAN did make use of the label information to obtain their embeddings. We indeed  
 43 have made comparison with state-of-the-art unsupervised methods (such as CAN) in terms of node classification task,  
 44 and our model shows better performance. For fair comparison we only report the result on semi-supervised task.
- 45 - Thanks for the good suggestions. We will move the performance result over different label ratio to the main text, and  
 46 seek to evaluate our proposed model on more topologically diverse real datasets and report result in the final version.

47 **Response to Reviewer #3**

- 48 - Thank for the good comment on “little over-claimed”. Please see the response in **Common Response 2**.
- 49 - The title of Section 3.2 will be revised to “Semi-supervised Learning for Heterogeneous Data”.
- 50 - Thank you for noticing the typos. In Eq (5),  $\mathbf{Y}^l$  in  $q_\phi$  should be omitted, and log should be added to  $p(z)p(y)$ .
- 51 - There is no sum on  $p_\theta$ , since  $\mathcal{O}_{ij}$  is an atomic data point. Please see the revised form of Eq (4) in **Common Response**  
 52 **2**, where the full factorization will given in the appendix of the final version.  $q_\phi$  can be factorized in different forms  
 53 according to different cases (Please see Eq (13), Eq (17), Eq (21), Eq (25) and Eq (29) in the appendix of the paper).