

## 467 A Related Works

468 **Hawkes Process** Hawkes process has long been used to model event sequences (Hawkes, 1971),  
 469 such as earthquake aftershock sequences (Ogata, 1999), financial transactions (Bauwens and Hautsch,  
 470 2009), and events on social networks (Fox et al., 2016; Farajtabar et al., 2017). Its variant, mixture  
 471 of Hawkes processes model, has also been proved effective in many area (Yang and Zha, 2013; Li  
 472 and Zha, 2013; Xu and Zha, 2017). In most cases, the learning methodology is variational inference  
 473 or maximum likelihood estimation (Rasmussen, 2013; Zhou et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2015). Other  
 474 possible methods includes least-squares-based method (Eichler et al., 2017), Wiener-Hopf-based  
 475 methods (Bacry et al., 2012), and cumulants-based methods (Achab et al., 2017).

476 Instead of predefine an impact function here, some non-parametric methods use discretization or  
 477 kernel-estimation when learning models (Reynaud-Bouret et al., 2010; Zhou et al., 2013; Hansen  
 478 et al., 2015). Those methods usually target small datasets, and do not need a good scalability.  
 479 Recently, some attempts have been made to further enhance the flexibility of Hawkes processes.  
 480 The time-dependent Hawkes process (TiDeH) in Kobayashi and Lambiotte (2016) and the neural  
 481 network-based Hawkes process in Mei and Eisner (2017) learn very flexible Hawkes processes with  
 482 complicated intensity functions. Those methods usually target very long and multi-dimensional  
 483 sequences, instead of short sequences.

484 Existing works targeting short sequences is usually in specific cases (Xu et al., 2017a,b), such as the  
 485 data is censored. However, there is no work targeting general short sequences as we do here.

486 There are lines of research that involves both point processes and graphs. One is using point process to  
 487 find the latent graph (Blundell et al., 2012; Linderman and Adams, 2014; Tran et al., 2015). Another  
 488 one is considering the interaction of the nodes as point process and use it to construct a dynamic  
 489 graph, instead of the event happens on nodes as we consider here (Farajtabar et al., 2016; Zarezade  
 490 et al., 2017; Trivedi et al., 2018). These works have vary different aims from our work.

491 **Meta Learning** Meta learning has been studied since last century (Bengio et al., 1990; Chalmers,  
 492 1991). Some works focus on learning the hyperparameters, such as learning rates or initial conditions  
 493 (Maclaurin et al., 2015). Some works aim to learn a metric so that a simple K nearest neighbors can  
 494 perform well under such a metric (Koch et al., 2015; Vinyals et al., 2016; Sung et al., 2018; Snell  
 495 et al., 2017). Some works design specific deep neural networks so that the information of different  
 496 tasks are memorized and thus the model can easily generalize to new tasks (Santoro et al., 2016;  
 497 Munkhdalai and Yu, 2017; Ravi and Larochelle, 2016).

498 Model-Agnostic Meta Learning (MAML) method (Finn et al., 2017) opens another line of research,  
 499 i.e., it designs an optimization scheme so that the model can fast adapt to new tasks. Reptile (Nichol  
 500 and Schulman, 2018), a variant of MAML, is proposed to simplify the computation of MAML. None  
 501 of those works, however, considers the relational information between tasks like our method, which  
 502 is critical in modeling short sequences.

503 One interesting line of follow-up works of MAML is connecting MAML with Bayesian inference  
 504 (Finn et al., 2018; Ravi and Beatson, 2018; Grant et al., 2018). Since HARMLESS combines a  
 505 Bayesian model with MAML, it has the potential to be rewritten into a pure Bayesian model that has  
 506 better quantification of uncertainty. We left this for future work.

## 507 B Definition of Operator $\mathcal{D}$

508 As we mentioned earlier,

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \Gamma} \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(\tilde{\theta}_i) = \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \Gamma} \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(\theta - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \theta))$$

509 is the loss function for MAML, FOMAML, and Reptile algorithm with different definition of the  
 510 operator  $\mathcal{D}$ .

511 For simplicity, here we define the operator of one gradient step. The cases of few gradient steps can  
 512 be defined analogously.

513 For MAML,  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \theta)$  is defined as  $\nabla_{\theta}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(\theta))$ .

514 For First Order MAML (FOMAML),  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \theta)$  is also defined as  $\nabla_{\theta}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(\theta))$ . The difference is  
 515 that the output of the operator just a value, not a function of  $\theta$ , i.e., when we solve the gradient of  
 516  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}(\theta - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \theta))$ , the gradient does not back-propagate into  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \theta)$ .  
 517 For Reptile, the algorithm of reptile is as follows [\[Nichol and Schulman \(2018\)\]](#).

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**Algorithm 1** Reptile

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**while** not converged **do**  
   Sample task  $\mathcal{T}$  with loss  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ;  
    $W \leftarrow \text{SGD}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}, \theta, k)$ , where  $k$  is the number of SGD steps;  
   Do the update  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta(\theta - W)$ ;  
**end while**

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518 From the algorithm we can see, operator  $\mathcal{D}$  is defined as  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}, \theta) = \text{SGD}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}, \theta, 1)$ . Similar as  
 519 FOMAML, computing the gradient also does not back-propagate into  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_i}, \theta)$ .

## 520 C Derivation of Variational EM

521 **Preparation** After adding latent variable  $\mathbf{z}$ , the joint distribution is

$$p(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow})p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi})p(\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi})p(\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi})p(\boldsymbol{\pi}).$$

522 where

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{z}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K (\mathcal{L}_i(\theta_k - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}_i, \theta_k)))^{z_{i,k}}, \\ p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^N (z_{i \rightarrow j}^T \mathbf{B} z_{i \leftarrow j})^{Y_{ij}} (1 - z_{i \rightarrow j}^T \mathbf{B} z_{i \leftarrow j})^{1-Y_{ij}} \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{i,k}^{z_{i,k}}, \\ p(\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{i,k}^{z_{i \rightarrow j,k}}, \\ p(\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{j,k}^{z_{i \leftarrow j,k}}, \\ p(\boldsymbol{\pi}) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \text{Dirichlet}(\pi_i|\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^N C(\alpha) \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_{i,k}^{\alpha-1}. \end{aligned}$$

523 Note that in this section we represent  $z_i, z_{i \rightarrow j}, z_{i \leftarrow j}$  as one-hot vector, while in the main paper we  
 524 use scalar  $z_i = k$  representing the identities.

525 The posterior distribution is defined as

$$p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}|\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y}, \alpha, \boldsymbol{\theta}, B).$$

526 We aim to find a distribution  $q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \in \mathcal{Q}$ , such that the Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence  
 527 between the above posterior distribution and  $q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi})$  is minimized. This can be achieved by  
 528 maximize the Evidence Lower BOund (ELBO),

$$\mathcal{B}(q) = \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y})] - \mathbb{E}_q[\log q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi})].$$

529 **Variational family** We adopt the mean-field variational family, i.e.,

$$q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}) = q_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}) \prod_i q_2(z_i) \prod_j q_3(z_{i \rightarrow j}) q_4(z_{i \leftarrow j}).$$

530 We pick  $q_1(\pi_i)$  as PDF of  $\text{Dirichlet}(\beta)$ ,  $q_2(z_i)$  as PDF of  $\text{Categorical}(\gamma_i)$ ,  $q_3(z_{i \rightarrow j})$  as PDF of  
 531  $\text{Categorical}(\phi_{ij})$ ,  $q_4(z_{i \leftarrow j})$  as PDF of  $\text{Categorical}(\psi_{ij})$ .

532 **Update for  $q_1$**  Again, our goal is to maximize

$$\mathcal{B}(q) = \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y})] - \mathbb{E}_q[\log q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi})].$$

533 Now we focus on  $q_1$ , and treat  $q_2, q_3$  and  $q_4$  as given. We want to maximize

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}(q_1) &= \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y})] - \mathbb{E}_q[\log q(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \boldsymbol{\pi})] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{z}) + \log p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}, \mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\boldsymbol{\pi})] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E}_{q_1}[\log q_1(\boldsymbol{\pi})] + \text{const} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\boldsymbol{\pi})] - \mathbb{E}_{q_1}[\log q_1(\boldsymbol{\pi})] + \text{const} \\ &= \int q_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}) (\mathbb{E}_{q_2}[\log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\boldsymbol{\pi})] - \log q_1(\boldsymbol{\pi})) d\boldsymbol{\pi} + \text{const}. \end{aligned}$$

534 Take the derivative,

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}(q_1)}{\delta q_1} = \mathbb{E}_{q_2}[\log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\leftarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}_{\rightarrow}|\boldsymbol{\pi}) + \log p(\boldsymbol{\pi})] - \log q_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}) - 1 = 0.$$

535 Substitute the expressions of the distributions, after some derivation we get the update for  $\beta$  as

$$\beta_{i,k} \leftarrow \alpha_k + \gamma_{i,k} + \sum_{j=1}^N \phi_{ij,k} + \sum_{j=1}^N \psi_{ij,k}. \quad (15)$$

536 **Update for  $q_2$**  Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{z}}(q_2) &= \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{T}|\mathbf{z}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi})] - \mathbb{E}_{q_2}[\log q_2(\mathbf{z})] + \text{const} \\ &= \int q_2(\mathbf{z}) (\mathbb{E}_{q_1}[\log p(\mathbf{T}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{z}) + \log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi})] - \log q_2(\mathbf{z})) d\mathbf{z} + \text{const}. \end{aligned}$$

537 Take the derivative,

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{z}}(q_2)}{\delta q_2} = \log p(\mathbf{T}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{z}) + \mathbb{E}_{q_1}[\log p(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\pi})] - \log q_2(\mathbf{z}) - 1 = 0.$$

538 After some derivation, we have

$$\gamma_{i,k} \leftarrow \mathcal{L}_i(\theta_k - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}_i, \theta_k)) \exp \left( f_{\text{dg}}(\beta_{i,k}) - f_{\text{dg}}(\sum_{\ell} \beta_{i,\ell}) \right), \quad (16)$$

$$\gamma_{i,k} \leftarrow \frac{\gamma_{i,k}}{\sum_{\ell} \gamma_{i,\ell}}, \quad (17)$$

539 where  $f_{\text{dg}}$  is the digamma function.

540 **Update for  $q_3$  and  $q_4$**  The derivation of update for  $q_3$  and  $q_4$  is very similar to the update for  $q_2$ , so  
 541 we will not elaborate on that. Readers who are interested might also refer to [Airolidi et al. \(2008\)](#).  
 542 The updates are

$$\phi_{ij,k} \leftarrow e^{\mathbb{E}_q[\log \pi_{i,k}]} \prod_{\ell=1}^K \left( B_{k\ell}^{Y_{ij}} (1 - B_{k\ell})^{1-Y_{ij}} \right)^{\psi_{ij,\ell}}, \quad \phi_{ij,k} \leftarrow \frac{\phi_{ij,k}}{\sum_{\ell} \phi_{ij,\ell}}, \quad (18)$$

$$\psi_{ij,\ell} \leftarrow e^{\mathbb{E}_q[\log \pi_{j,\ell}]} \prod_{k=1}^K \left( (B_{k\ell})^{Y_{ij}} (1 - B_{k\ell})^{1-Y_{ij}} \right)^{\phi_{ij,k}}, \quad \psi_{ij,k} \leftarrow \frac{\psi_{ij,k}}{\sum_{\ell} \psi_{ij,\ell}}, \quad (19)$$

543 **Update for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$**  We update  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  using gradient ascent. We first pick the terms that is relevant to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \mathbb{E}_q[\log p(\mathbf{T}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{z})] + \text{const} \\ &= \int q_2(\mathbf{z}) [\log p(\mathbf{T}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{z})] d\mathbf{z} + \text{const} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{i,k} \log \mathcal{L}_i(\theta_k - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}_i, \theta_k)) + \text{const}. \end{aligned}$$

544 So the gradient ascent update is,

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} + \eta_1 \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{i,k} \log \mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k)) \right). \quad (20)$$

545 **Update for  $\alpha$  and  $B$**  From [Airoldi et al. \(2008\)](#), we have the update for  $\alpha$  and  $B$  as follows

$$\alpha_k \leftarrow \alpha_k + \eta_{\alpha} \left( N(f_{\text{dg}}(\sum_{\ell} \alpha_{\ell}) - f_{\text{dg}}(\alpha_k)) + \sum_{i=1}^N (f_{\text{dg}}(\beta_{i,k}) - f_{\text{dg}}(\sum_{\ell} \beta_{i,\ell})) \right), \quad (21)$$

$$B_{k\ell} \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{ij} Y_{ij} \phi_{ij,k} \psi_{ij,\ell}}{\sum_{ij} \phi_{ij,k} \psi_{ij,\ell}}, \quad (22)$$

## 546 D Derivation of Evaluation Metric

547 In this section, we give more details on the evaluate metrics. Specifically, we show how to compute  
 548 the NLL of the test set. Given a sequence  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_i = \{\tau_i^{(1)}, \tau_i^{(2)}, \dots, \tau_i^{(M_i)}\}$ , we would like to predict the  
 549 timestamp of  $\tau_i^{(M_i+1)}$ . Here, we use the probability of the arrival at time  $\tau_i^{(M_i+1)}$  and no arrival in  
 550  $[\tau_i^{(M_i)}, \tau_i^{(M_i+1)}]$  given history before  $\tau_i^{(M_i)}$  as evaluation metric.

551 Consider a Hawkes process with parameter  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , the probability density is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \lambda(\tau_i^{(M_i+1)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_i) \exp \left( - \int_{\tau_i^{(M_i)}}^{\tau_i^{(M_i+1)}} \lambda(t; \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_i) dt \right) \\ &= \left( \mu + \sum_{m=1}^{M_i} \delta \omega e^{-\omega(\tau_i^{(M_i+1)} - \tau_i^{(m)})} \right) \exp \left( -\mu(\tau_i^{(M_i+1)} - \tau_i^{(M_i)}) - \delta(1 - e^{-\omega(\tau_i^{(M_i+1)} - \tau_i^{(M_i)})}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

552 In the generative process, for subject  $i$ , we first sample  $z_i$ , then use parameter  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{z_i}^{(i)} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{z_i} - \eta \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{z_i})$ .  
 553 The posterior distribution of  $z_i$  is  $q_2(z_i)$ , i.e.,  $\text{Categorical}(\gamma_i)$ . Therefore we have

$$\mathbb{P}(z_i = k) = \gamma_{i,k}.$$

554 So the likelihood of next arrival  $\tau_i^{(M_i+1)}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i &= \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(z_i = k) \mathbb{P}(\text{next arrival is } \tau_i^{(M_i+1)} | \text{Hawkes model with } \boldsymbol{\theta}_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{i,k} \mathcal{P}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k^{(i)}). \end{aligned}$$

555 And then we sum  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_i$  over every subject.

## 556 E Detailed Settings of the Experiments

557 Note that we can also adopt a non-informative  $\alpha$  instead of updating it in every iteration. After  
 558 some trial experiments, we find setting  $\alpha = \mathbf{1}_K$  is numerically more stable than updating it in every  
 559 iteration. Therefore we adopt  $\alpha = \mathbf{1}_K$  in the following experiments.

560 Besides, we find that  $\nu$  causes nearly no effect to the result when varying from  $10^{-10}$  to  $10^{-1}$ . We  
 561 fix it as  $10^{-2}$ .

### 562 E.1 Synthetic Dataset

563 Both the baselines and our proposed methods are fine tuned. We first perform a coarse grid search to  
 564 find hyper-parameters for all methods. The grid search finds learning rate from  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  to 1 for  
 565 both inner and outer updates. To perform the multi-split procedure, all hyper-parameters are then  
 566 selected in the following range listed in Table 4 and Table 5. For each range, we perform experiment  
 567 on three values: the lower one, the upper one, and the middle one. Method *MTL* adopt  $\nu_{\text{mtl}} = 0.1$ .

Table 4: Learning rates of experiments.

$K_0$		1	3	6	10
DMHP	lr.	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$	$3 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$	$7 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$
Two Step	inner lr.	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$
	outer lr.	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-2}$
HARMLESS (MAML)	inner lr.	$5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-6}$	$2 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$	$7 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$
	outer lr.	$6 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$	$6 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-6}$
HARMLESS (FOMAML)	inner lr.	$5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-6}$
	outer lr.	$6 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \pm .1 \times 10^{-4}$	$6 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-6}$

Table 5: Learning rates of baseline experiments.

Method	Learning Rate
MLE-Sep	$5 \pm .1 \times 10^{-5}$
MLE-Com	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$
MTL	$1 \pm .1 \times 10^{-3}$

## 568 E.2 Real Datasets

569 In this section, we introduce the experimental detail of the real datasets. We run our experiment  
570 with same inner and outer learning rate, denoted by  $\eta$ . For simplicity, we also set  $\eta = \eta_\alpha = \eta_\theta$ ,  
571 and search over  $\{10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-1}\} \otimes \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , where the element-wise product of two  
572 sets is defined as  $A \otimes B = \{ab | a \in A, b \in B\}$ . We search  $K \in \{2, 3, 5\}$  and  $\nu_{\text{mtl}}$  in range  
573  $\{0.1, 0.01, 0.001\}$ . We perform grid search over the hyper-parameters, and obtain the candidate  
574 models. Then we perform multi-split procedure.

575 Because StackOverflow dataset is very large, it is too expensive to perform grid search. To accom-  
576 modate this, we first split a validation set and a test set, then performing hyper-parameter search by  
577 flipping. Each experiment of StackOverflow dataset is run under 5 different settings.

578 In Table 6 we report one of the models that is picked by multi-split procedure. We remark that in  
579 most cases, the procedure picks only one model repeatedly.

Table 6: Settings of experiments.

data type	911-Calls	Linkedin	MathOverflow	StackOverflow
Baseline 1	$\eta = 4 \times 10^{-4}$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-3}$	$\eta = 5 \times 10^{-4}$	$\eta = 5 \times 10^{-4}$
Baseline 2	$\eta = 3 \times 10^{-4}$	$\eta = 5 \times 10^{-3}$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-3}$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-3}$
MTL	$\eta = 3 \times 10^{-5}, \nu_{\text{mtl}} = 0.1$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-2}, \nu_{\text{mtl}} = 0.1$	$\eta = 4 \times 10^{-4}, \nu_{\text{mtl}} = 0.1$	$\eta = 5 \times 10^{-4}, \nu_{\text{mtl}} = 0.1$
DMHP	$\eta = 3 \times 10^{-5}, K = 2$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-3}, K = 3$	$\eta = 4 \times 10^{-3}, K = 3$	$N \setminus A$
MAML	$\eta = 3 \times 10^{-4}, K = 3$	$\eta = 5 \times 10^{-1}, K = 3$	$\eta = 3 \times 10^{-4}, K = 3$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-3}, K = 2$
FOMAML	$\eta = 3 \times 10^{-5}, K = 2$	$\eta = 1 \times 10^{-2}, K = 5$	$\eta = 2 \times 10^{-4}, K = 2$	$\eta = 4 \times 10^{-4}, K = 3$
Reptile	$\eta = 5 \times 10^{-3}, K = 2$	$\eta = 2 \times 10^{-1}, K = 3$	$\eta = 4 \times 10^{-2}, K = 2$	$\eta = 4 \times 10^{-2}, K = 2$

## 580 E.3 Ablation study

581 In this section we introduce the experimental detail of the ablation study. Specifically, the tuning  
582 process of the ablation study is as follows: We start from the same setting as the corresponding real  
583 experiment in previous section. For example, experiment *Remove graph (FOMAML)* corresponds to  
584 HARMLESS (FOMAML). We first use the same learning rate and  $K$  as HARMLESS (FOMAML)  
585 to perform experiment. If the experiment runs well, we adopt the experiment result. If the training  
586 does not converge, we decrease the learning rate and run again.

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Table 7: Learning rates of experiments of ablation study.

data type	LR
Remove inner heterogeneity ( $K = 3$ )	0.1
Remove inner heterogeneity ( $K = 5$ )	0.1
Remove grouping (MAML)	0.1
Remove grouping (FOMAML)	0.01
Remove grouping (Reptile)	0.2
Remove graph (MAML)	0.2
Remove graph (FOMAML)	0.005
Remove graph (Reptile)	0.2

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