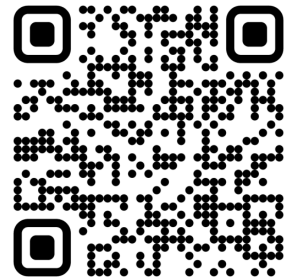


# Context-Aware Adapter Tuning for Few-Shot Relation Learning in Knowledge Graphs

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# Problem setting – Few-shot Relation Learning (FSRL)

## Long-tail Problem (Sparse KG)

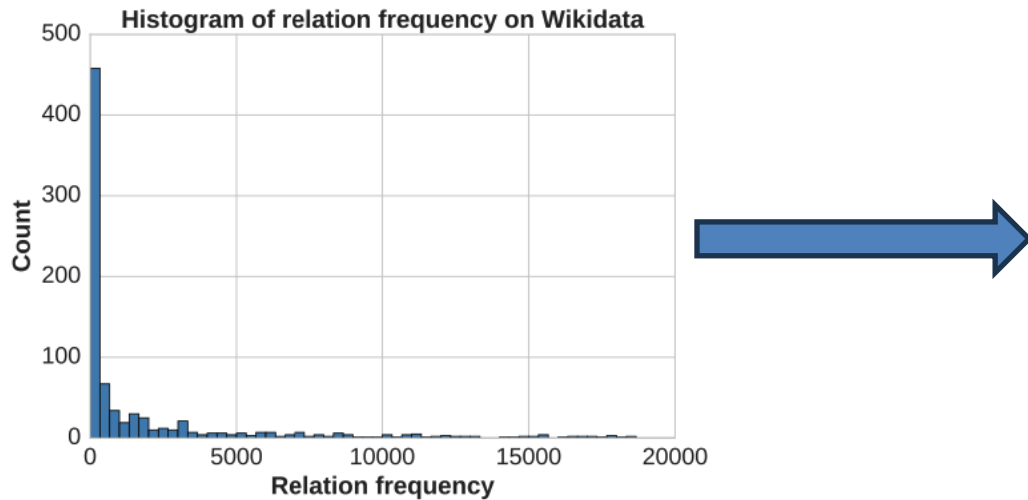


Figure 1: The histogram of relation frequencies in Wikidata. There are a large portion of relations that only have a few triples.

[Xiong, Wenhan and et al. One-shot relational learning for knowledge graphs. EMNLP 2018](#)

Few-shot relation: `capital_of-1`

Support set: `(China, capital_of-1, Beijing)`  
`(UK, capital_of-1, London)`

Query set: `(USA, capital_of-1, ?)`

**a. Few-shot knowledge graph completion (FKGC).**

[Lin hao Luo and et al. Normalizing Flow-based Neural Process for Few-Shot Knowledge Graph Completion. SIGIR 2023](#)

# Meta-Learning Framework : MetaR

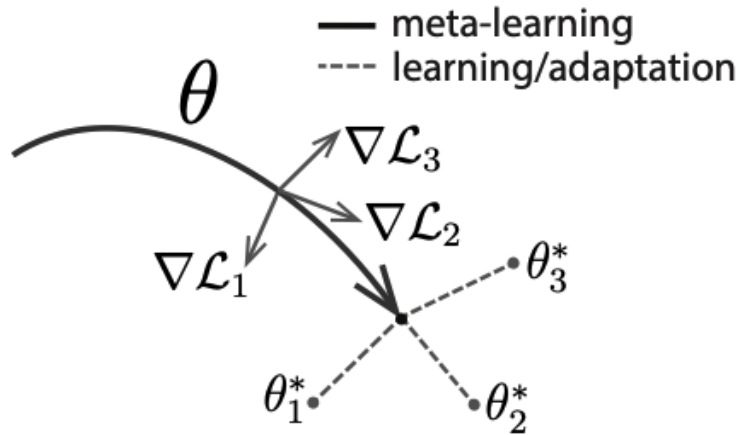


Figure 1. Diagram of our model-agnostic meta-learning algorithm (MAML), which optimizes for a representation  $\theta$  that can quickly adapt to new tasks.

[Chelsea Finn and et al. Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning for Fast Adaptation of Deep Networks. ICML 2017](#)

## MetaR

### Support Step

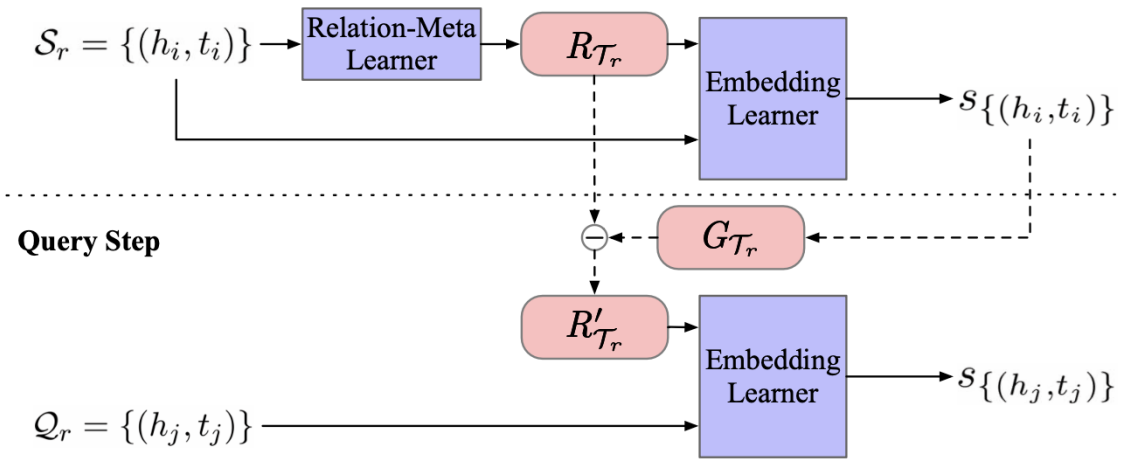


Figure 2: Overview of MetaR.  $\mathcal{T}_r = \{\mathcal{S}_r, \mathcal{Q}_r\}$ ,  $R_{\mathcal{T}_r}$  and  $R'_{\mathcal{T}_r}$  represent relation meta and updated relation meta, and  $G_{\mathcal{T}_r}$  represents gradient meta.

[Chen, Mingyang and et al. Meta Relational Learning for Few-Shot Link Prediction in Knowledge Graphs. EMNLP 2019](#)

**Assumption : independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.)**

# Limitations of Prior Work : Pilot test

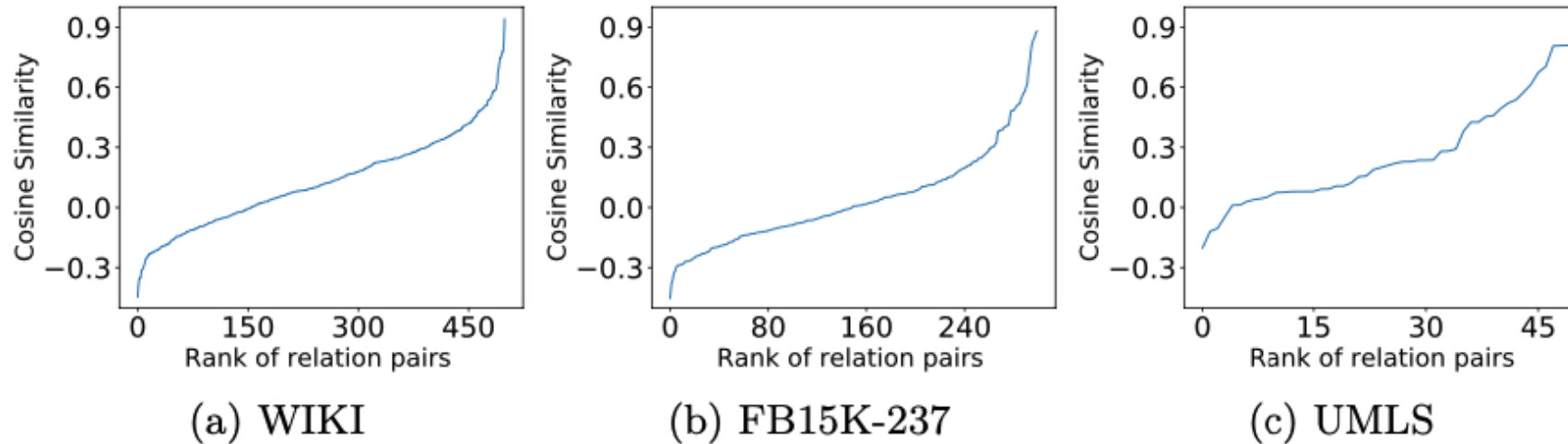


Figure 5: Pairwise cosine similarity of relations.

**Problem** : Performance degradation is anticipated unless the **Distribution Shift** between meta-training and meta-testing relations are addressed.

**Contribution 1** – At model Level, design relation-specific adaptation to suit downstream task.

**Contribution 2** – At data level, augment few-shot relation instances by injecting additional contextual information to enhance adaptation for downstream task.

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# Framework : RelAdapter

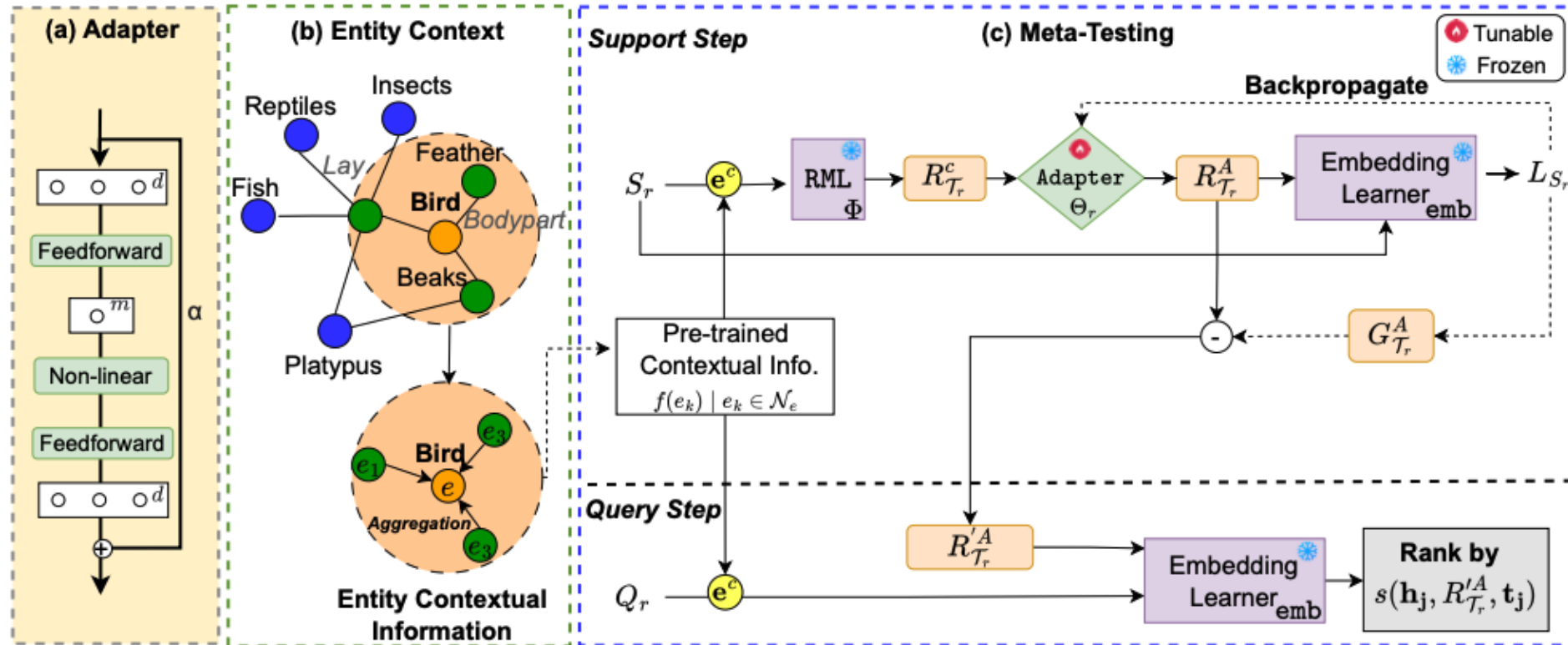
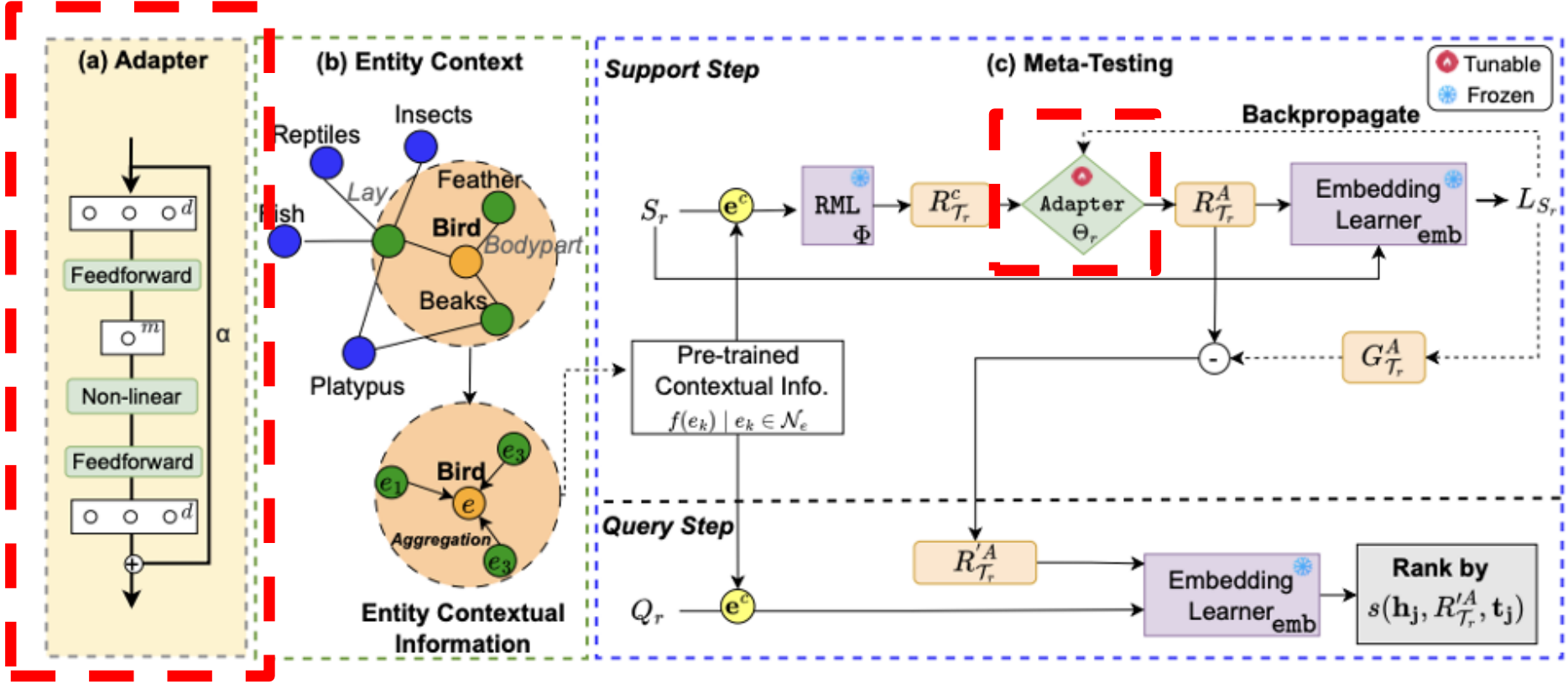


Figure 6: Illustration of key concepts in RELADAPTER, hinging on an entity-aware adapter (a, b) in the meta-testing stage (c). Note that we omit the meta-training stage, which is similar to meta-testing but with backpropagation of the query loss to update the model parameters ( $emb$  and  $\Phi$ ).

# Framework : Adapter Structure



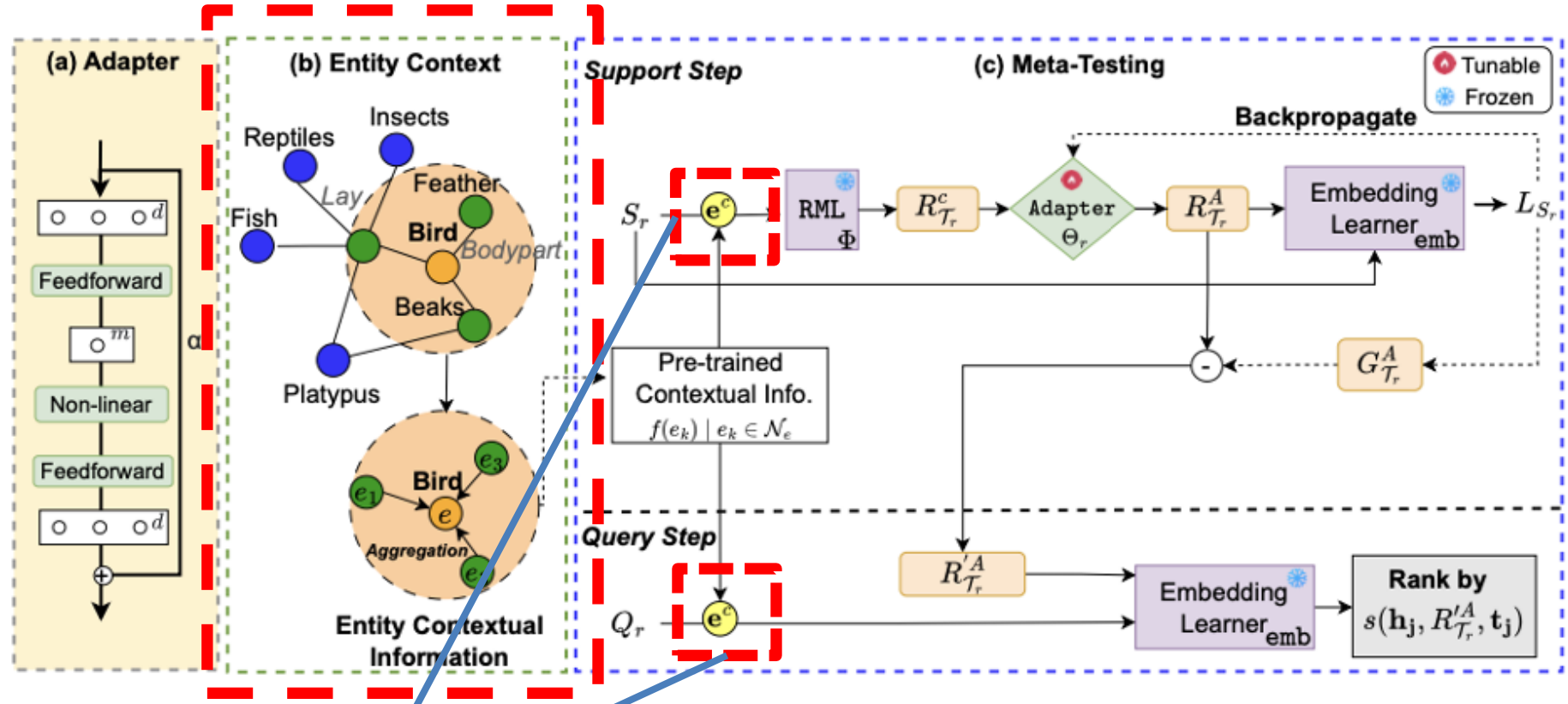
Residual network

$$R_{T_r}^A = \text{Adapter}(R_{T_r}; \Theta_r) = \alpha \cdot \text{FFN}(R_{T_r}; \Theta_r) + (1 - \alpha) \cdot R_{T_r},$$

Lightweight feed-forward Network (FFN)



# Framework : Context-aware adaptation



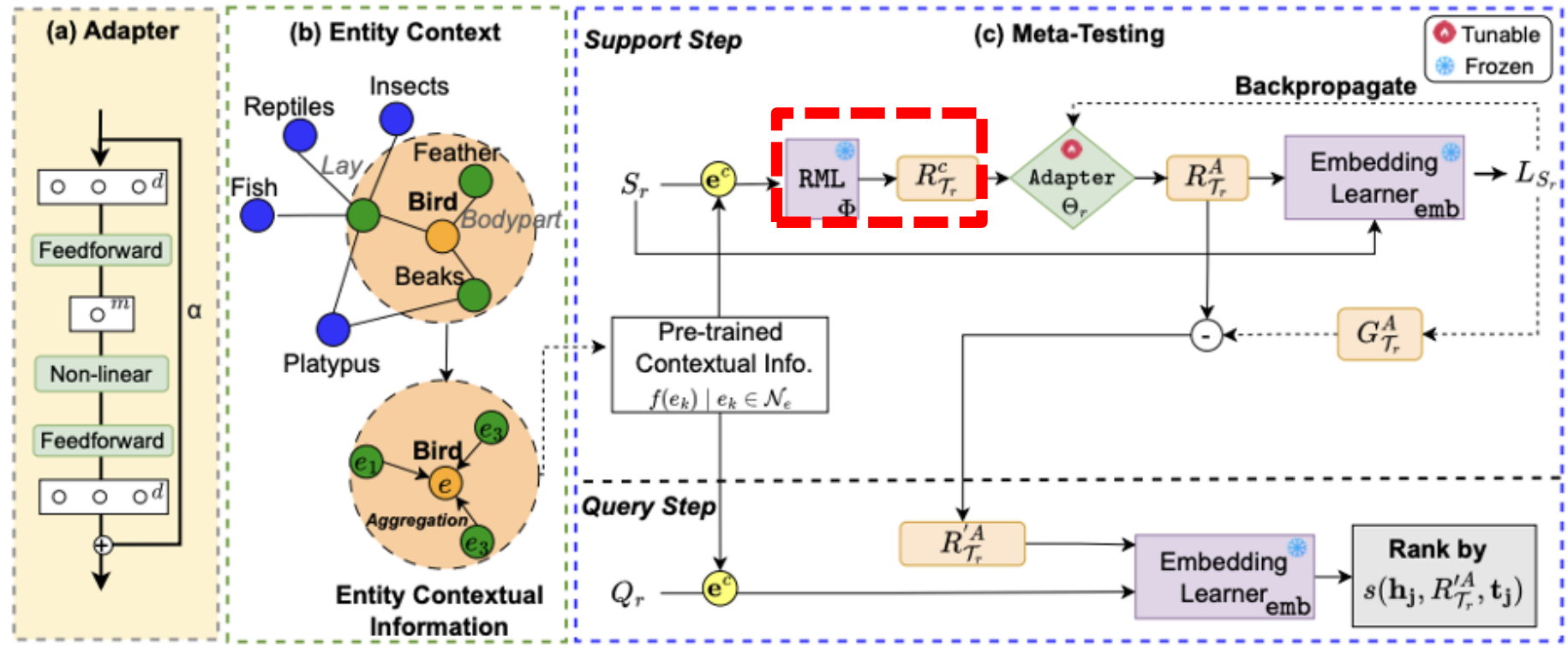
Pre-trained Contextual Info.

Meta-trained embedding

$$e^c = \mu \cdot \text{Mean}(\{f(e_k) \mid e_k \in \mathcal{N}_e\}) + (1 - \mu) \cdot \text{emb}(e),$$

Augmented entity embedding

# Framework : Context-aware relation meta



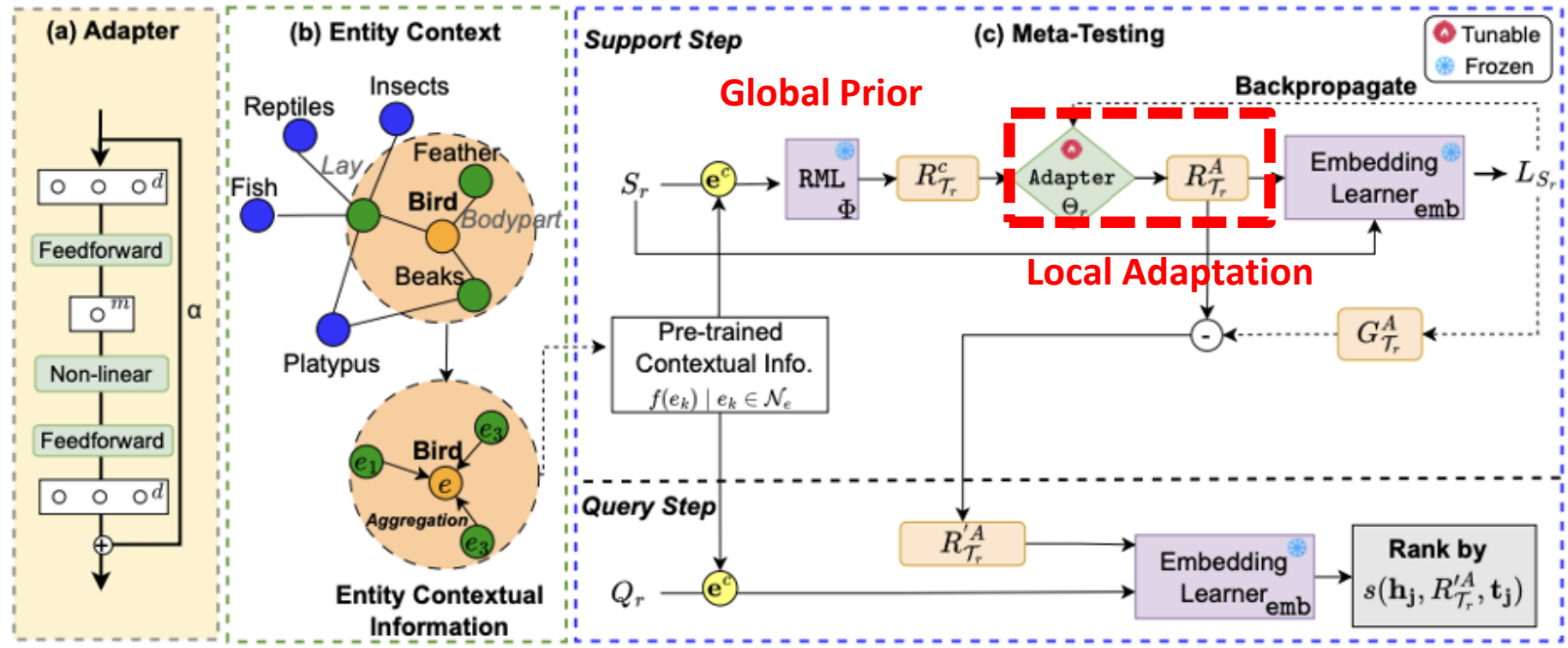
Derive context-aware relation meta

Given context-augmented entity embeddings,  $e^c$

$$R_{T_r}^c = \text{Mean}(\{\text{RML}(\mathbf{h}^c, \mathbf{t}^c; \Phi) \mid (h, r, t) \in \mathcal{S}_r\}).$$

Relation-Meta Learner :  
MLP(MeanPool[h,t])

# Framework : Adaptation

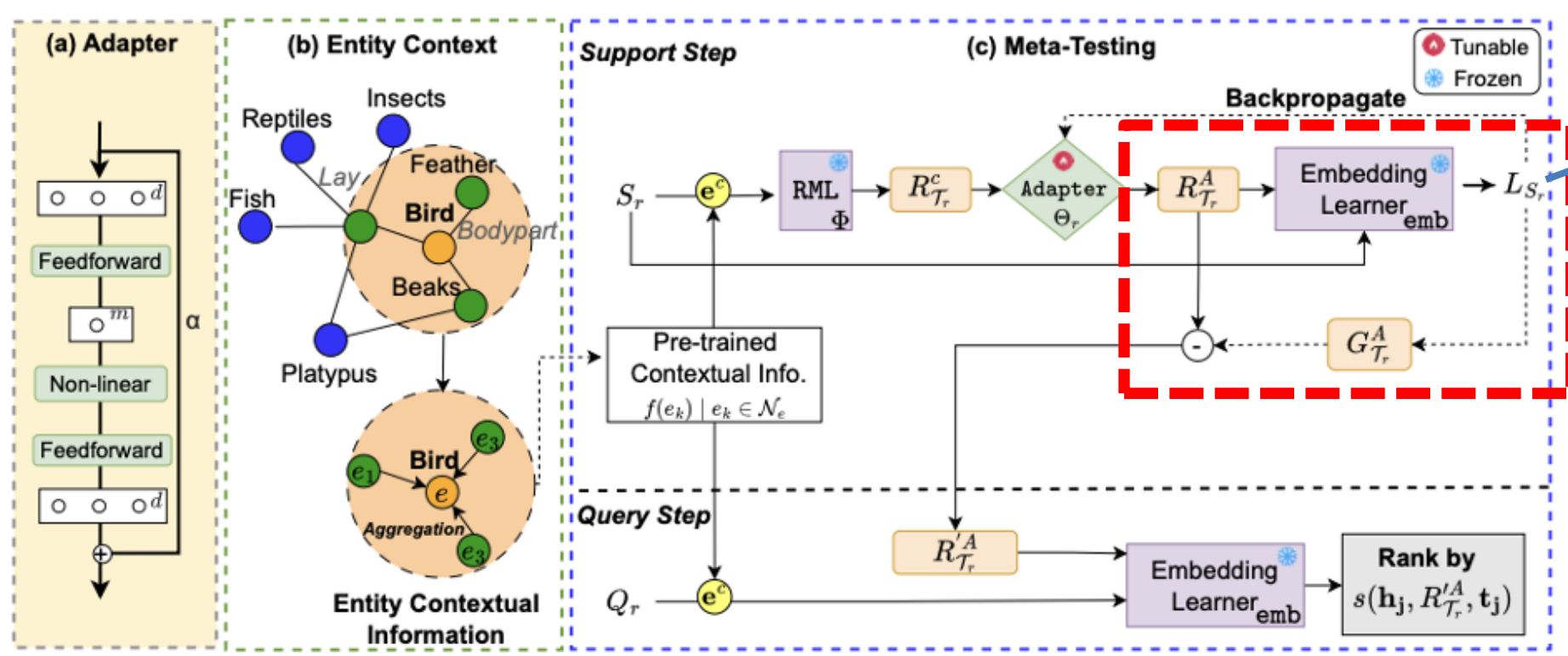


Adapted relation meta

$$R_{T_r}^A = \text{Adapter}(R_{T_r}^c; \Theta_r).$$

Adapter : Transform the context-aware relation meta

# Framework : Gradient Update



Adapter is tuned on the Support Loss

Support Loss

$$L_{S_r} = \sum_{(h,r,t) \in S_r} [\gamma + s(\text{emb}(h), R_{T_r}, \text{emb}(t)) - s(\text{emb}(h), R_{T_r}, \text{emb}(t'))]_+,$$

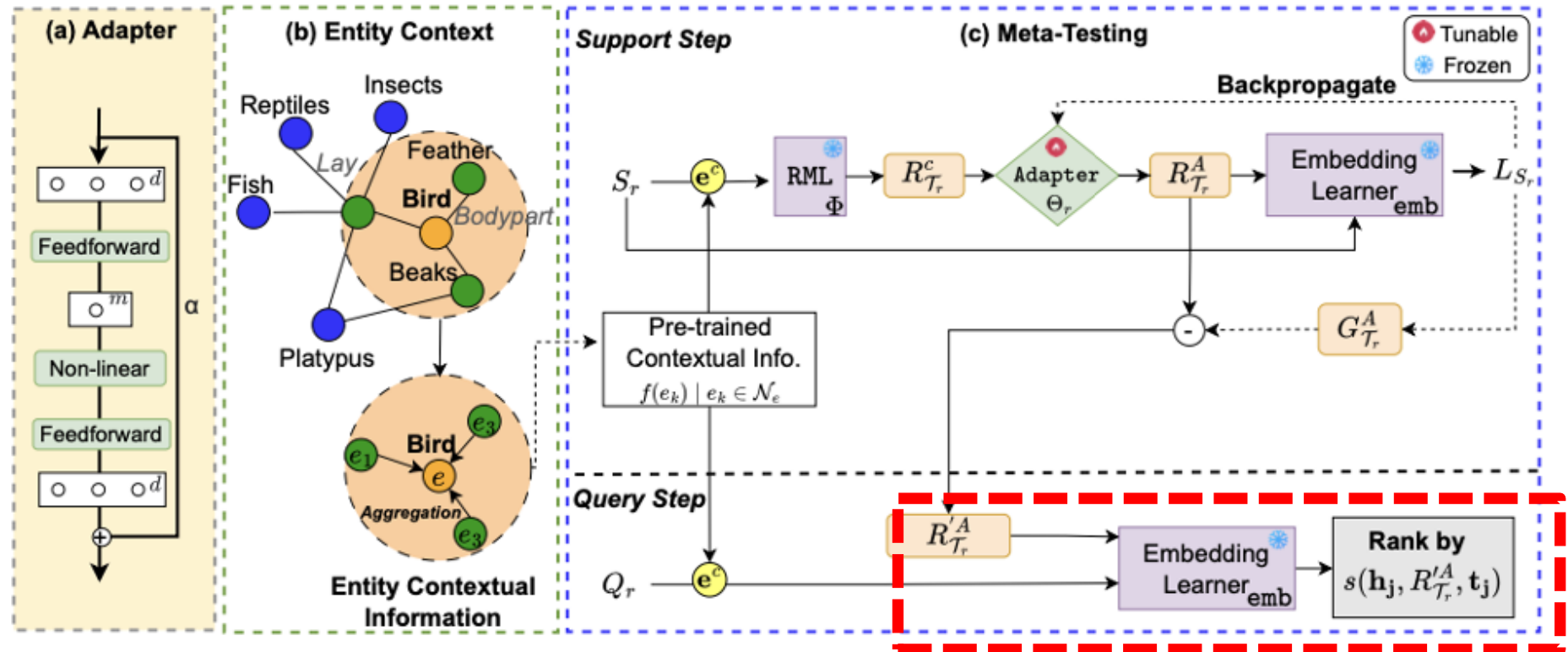
Final adapted relation Meta  
 1. Relation specific  
 2. Context aware

$$G_{T_r}^A = \nabla_{R_{T_r}^A} L_{S_r},$$

$$R_{T_r}'^A = R_{T_r}^A - \beta G_{T_r}^A.$$

Adapted by a quick gradient step

# Framework : Scoring and Ranking



Final adapted relation Meta

$$s(\text{emb}(h), R'_{T_r}, \text{emb}(t)) = \|\text{emb}(h) + R'_{T_r} - \text{emb}(t)\|;$$

Ranking score

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# Performance Comparison

Table 2: Performance comparison against baselines in the 3-shot setting. (Best: bolded, runners-up: underlined).

Supervised Relation Learning

Few-shot Relation Learning

Models	WIKI			FB15K-237			UMLS		
	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@1	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@1	MRR	Hit@10	Hit@1
TransE	.031±.007	.043±.012	.021±.014	.294±.005	.437±.011	.204±.014	.178±.036	.310±.051	.146±.068
DistMult	.047±.003	.082±.009	.031±.011	.234±.008	.364±.007	.208±.010	.231±.035	.337±.049	.214±.067
Complex	.093±.004	.166±.011	.071±.012	.239±.007	.359±.010	.205±.013	.251±.038	.351±.041	.227±.058
RGCN	.217±.012	.363±.023	.188±.031	.332±.011	.495±.013	.241±.031	.409±.059	.549±.072	.389±.089
GMatching	.133±.017	.331±.013	.114±.026	.309±.019	.441±.015	.245±.019	.296±.059	.532±.040	.257±.087
FSKGC	.131±.003	.267±.010	.104±.016	.355±.005	.523±.004	.217±.011	.525±.031	.682±.024	.490±.038
GANA	.291±.014	.384±.012	.272±.015	.388±.004	.553±.008	<b>.301±.017</b>	.541±.045	.721±.076	.502±.047
FAAN	.278±.018	.421±.020	.275±.024	.363±.009	.542±.007	.279±.013	.545±.034	.746±.120	.505±.068
HiRe	.300±.028	.444±.012	.282±.015	.378±.013	.571±.011	.281±.015	.577±.060	.752±.066	.533±.089
MetaR	.314±.013	.420±.016	.274±.028	.368±.007	.536±.005	.251±.012	.435±.075	.601±.095	.417±.103
RelAdapter	<b>.347±.006</b>	<b>.454±.012</b>	<b>.317±.013</b>	<b>.405±.012</b>	<b>.575±.014</b>	.297±.019	<b>.608±.067</b>	<b>.780±.044</b>	<b>.555±.062</b>

Average Improvement  
MRR : 20.1%  
Hit@10 : 15.1%  
Hit@1 : 5.07%

1. Relation specific
2. Context aware

# Additional Experiments – Efficiency Analysis

Table 7: Number of parameters of our adapter w.r.t. MetaR.

	WIKI	FB15K-237	UMLS
MetaR	241,967,556	1,650,206	234,306
Our adapter	5,125	5,125	5,125
% of MetaR	0.002	0.311	2.187

**Negligible parameter overhead for Adapter**

Table 8: Runtime (in seconds) for meta-training and meta-testing.

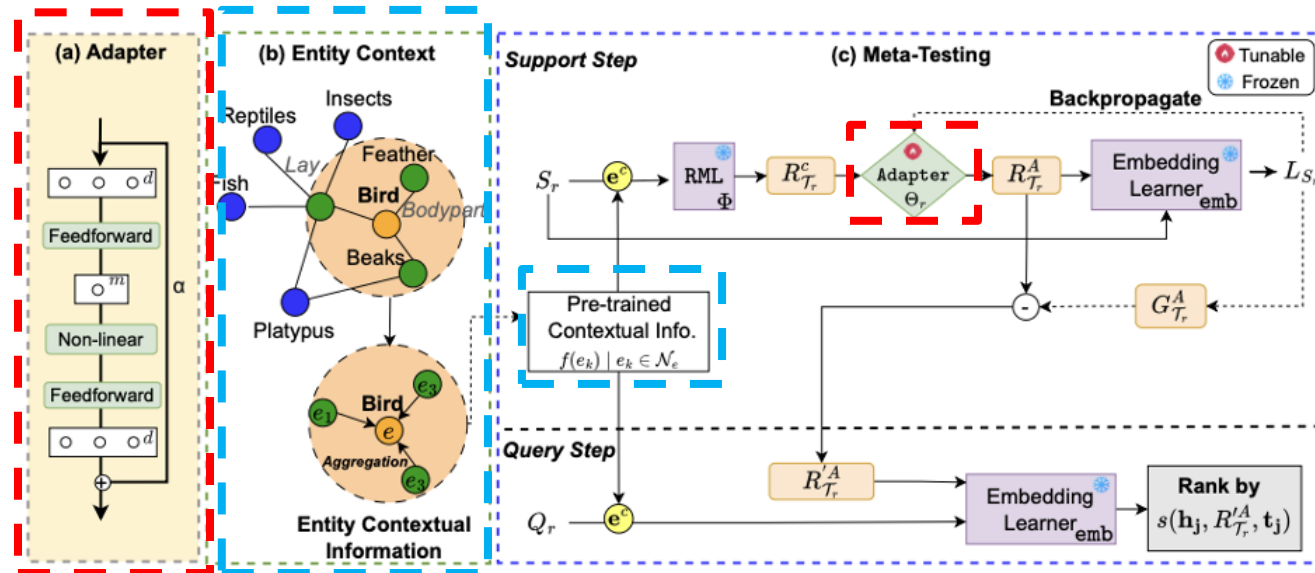
Meta-learning stage	Model	WIKI	FB15K-237	UMLS
Meta-train (total runtime)	MetaR	22,691	16,504	8,802
	RELADAPTER	24,085	17,529	9,656
Meta-test (per prediction)	MetaR	0.012	0.005	0.043
	RELADAPTER	0.045	0.008	0.053



# Conclusion

## Context-aware & Relation-specific adaptation

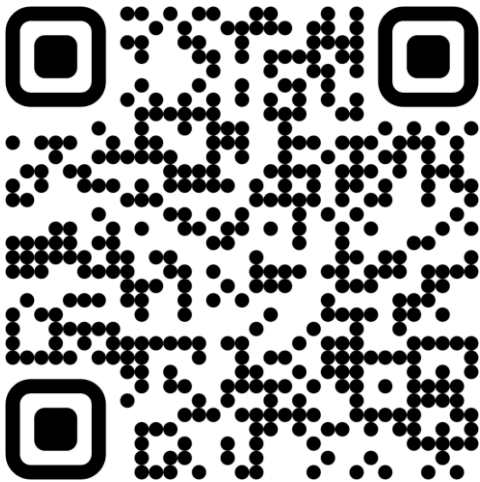
1. At the model level - Integrate a **lightweight adapter module** into the meta-learning framework to enable a relation-specific, **tunable adaptation** of the global prior to suit the local task in the meta-testing stage.
2. At the data level - Inject **additional contextual information** to enrich the few-shot relation instances through **data augmentation that enhances the adaptation** to meta-testing stage.



# Q & A

# Thank you !

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.09123>

Code



<https://github.com/smufang/RelAdapter>

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