

# Multi-document summarization using Graph Neural Networks

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The current research offers limited exploration in terms of novel architecture. innovations tailored to enhance the performance of extractive summarization models. This research is expected to substantially elevate the effectiveness of extractive summarization techniques, thus contributing to the broader goal of refining automated text summarization system

# Research objectives

- Introduce a benchmark algorithm to exceed the baseline accuracies of existing MDS datasets from [5].
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# Literature Survey

## Graph based approaches

- Hetersum
- Heterlongsum
- Hetertreesum

(Elaborate with architectural diagrams)

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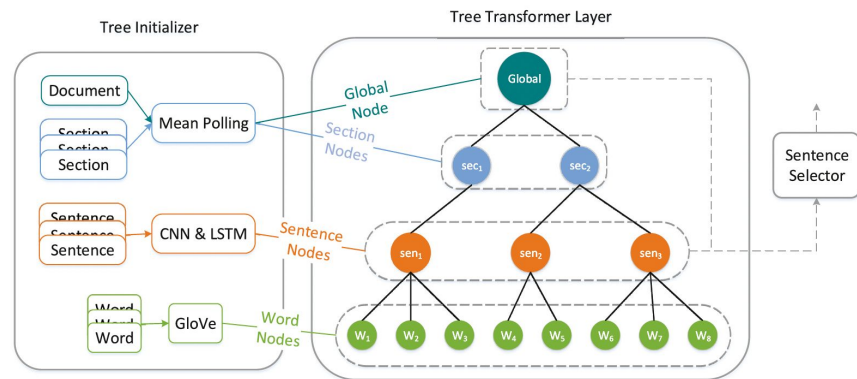


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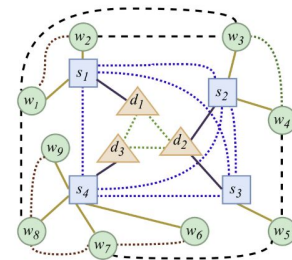


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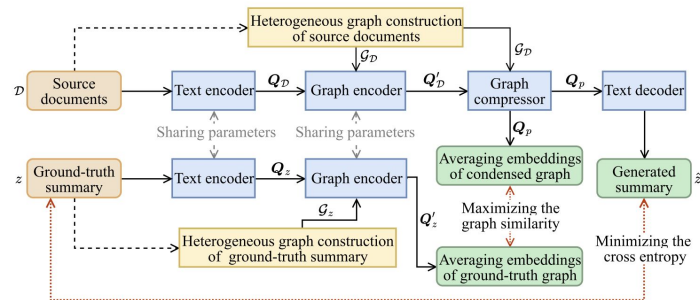


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(Explain the combination approach)

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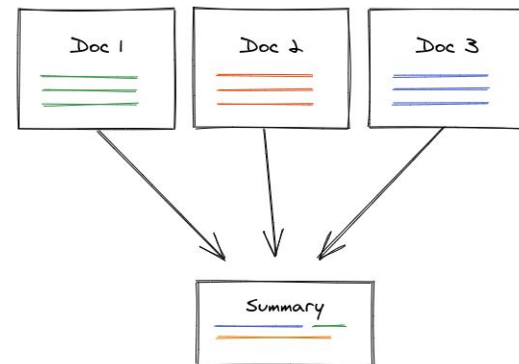


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Challenges in Traditional Approaches:

- Difficulty capturing complex relationships.
- Limited representation of diverse semantic units.

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

- Graph Representation: Documents as interconnected nodes.
- Contextual Understanding: GNNs excel in capturing contextual dependencies.

For multi-document summarization, there are only few research done using Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) so far [7], [21]

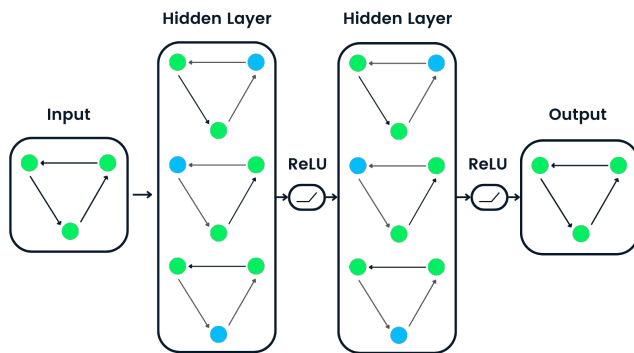
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# Heterogeneous Graph Neural Network for Extractive Summarisation

- A novel approach to extractive summarization using a heterogeneous graph-based neural network [20].
- This model introduces finer semantic units into the summarization graph, enabling complex relationships between sentences to be captured more effectively.
- This structure can be extended for multi-documents by adding another layer to the graph.

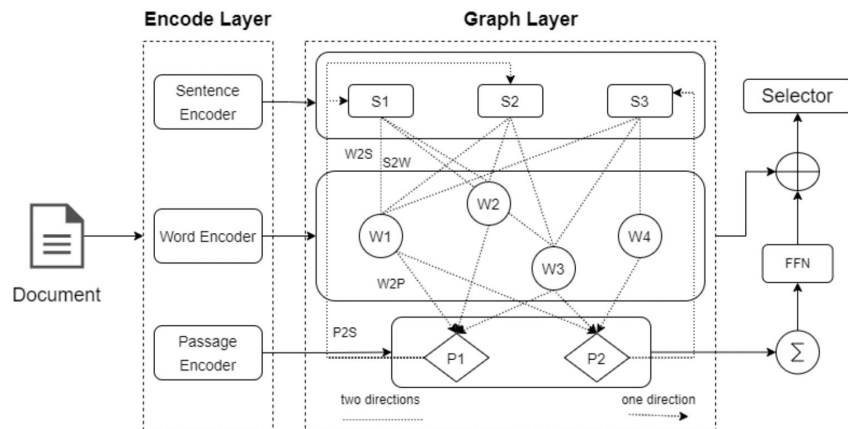


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Key components [7]

- **Heterogenous nodes:** The model creates a graph that includes words, sentences, and passages to understand the document better.
- **Node Interaction:** Words help to understand sentences, and sentences help to understand passages, showing how different parts of the text are connected.
- **Passage Summarization:** It focuses on summarizing each passage
- **Selecting Summary Sentences:** Uses information from passages to pick the most important sentences for the summary.

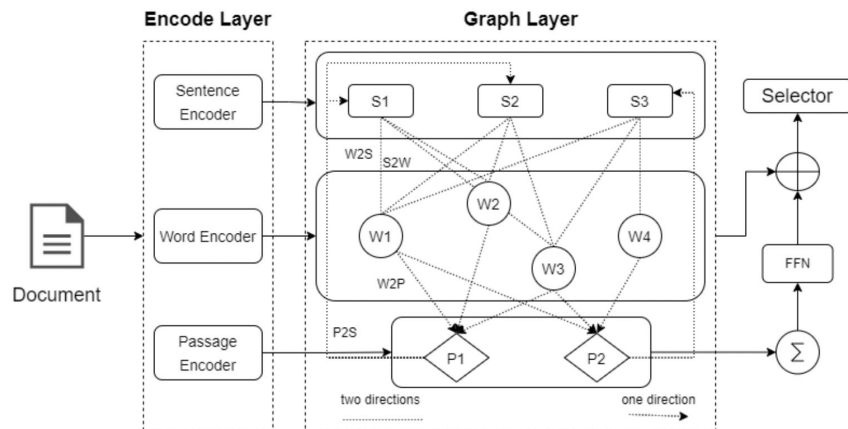


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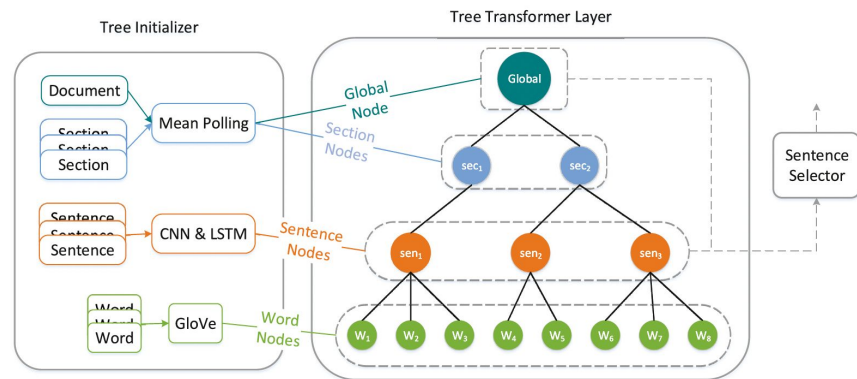


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This architecture comprises three primary components [8]:

1. **Tree Initializer:** Builds a tree structure for the document, setting up nodes for words, sentences, sections, and the entire document.
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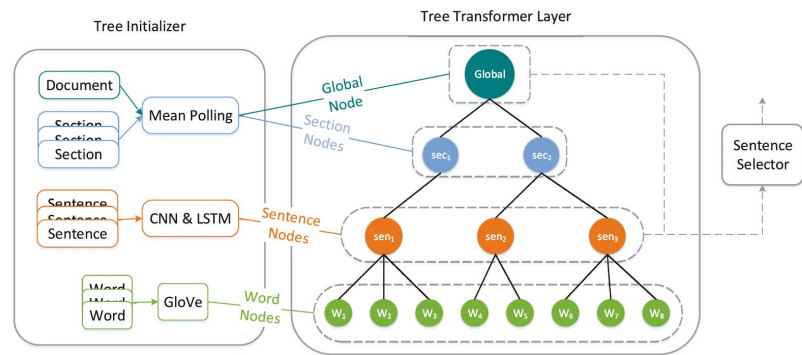


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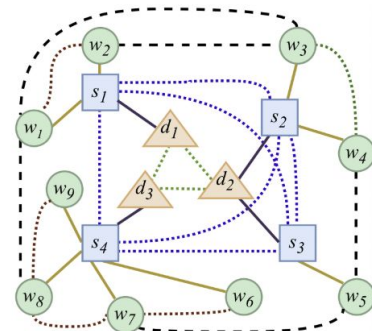


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Four main component [6]

1. **Text Encoder:** Initializes using PRIMERA weights. It processes the input text to create contextual embeddings.
2. **Graph Encoder:** Utilizes these embeddings to generate graph encodings for the source documents and the ground-truth summary.
3. **Graph Compressor:** Focuses on compressing the graph encoding of the source documents, selecting salient nodes and edges for summarization.
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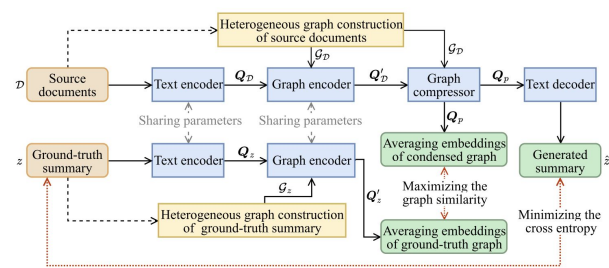


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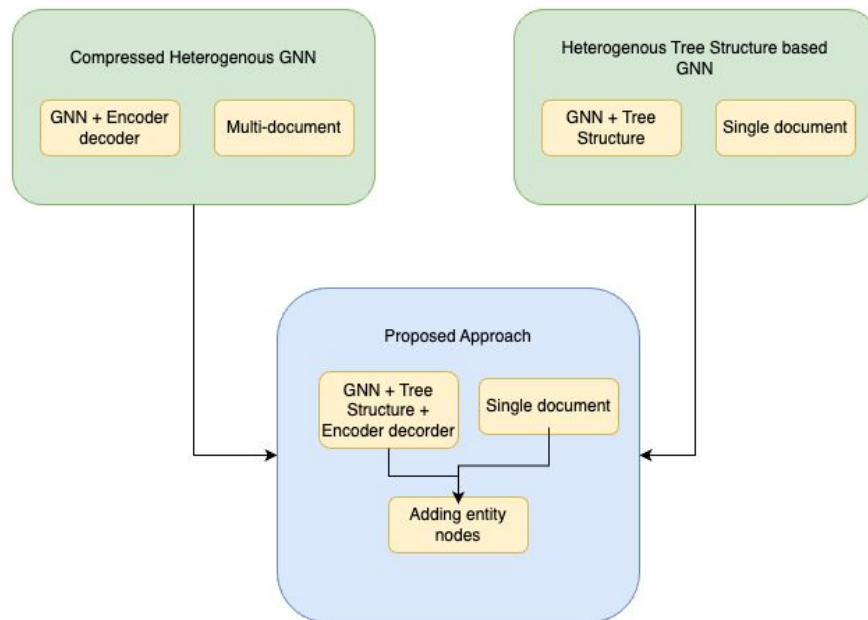
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- A novel architecture combining the benefits of Tree based Architecture [8] and Compressed encoder-decoder architecture [6].
- Second phase is to add entity nodes to the above architecture.



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