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Study of the possibilities of using deep artificial intelligence in forecasting the green paper market in Kazakhstan

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Abstract

This study introduces a novel approach to predicting the success of small businesses in Kazakhstan, leveraging Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) to analyze a comprehensive set of business parameters. Recognizing the critical role of small businesses in the national economy, this research aims to provide stakeholders with a predictive tool that utilizes advanced machine learning techniques to evaluate business outcomes. By integrating data on revenue, number of employees, market dynamics, and other key operational metrics, the model captures the complex interactions within the business ecosystem. The methodology involves constructing a graph-based representation of the business landscape, where nodes represent individual businesses and edges denote relationships and influences among them. Through this framework, the GNN model learns to identify patterns and predictors of success, offering insights that traditional linear models might overlook. Preliminary results indicate a strong correlation between specific business parameters and their likelihood of success, highlighting the potential of GNNs in strategic decision-making. This paper not only contributes to the academic discourse on predictive analytics in business but also proposes a practical tool for entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers in Kazakhstan to foster a thriving small business sector. Future work will focus on refining the model, incorporating real-time data, and expanding its applicability to other regions and sectors.

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1. Introduction

Small businesses serve as the backbone of Kazakhstan's economy, contributing significantly to employment, innovation, and economic diversification. As the country strides toward becoming a leading economy in Central Asia, the vitality of its small business sector is paramount. However, navigating the complex landscape of business success remains a formidable challenge for entrepreneurs and policymakers alike. The ability to predict which businesses will thrive and contribute meaningfully to the national economy could transform the landscape for small businesses in Kazakhstan.

In this light, the advent of predictive analytics has emerged as a beacon of hope, offering tools and methodologies that can foresee business success based on a myriad of parameters. Traditional predictive models, while useful, often fall short in capturing the dynamic and interconnected nature of factors that influence business outcomes. This gap underscores the need for more sophisticated approaches that can handle the complexity of real-world business data.

Enter Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), a cutting-edge innovation in the field of machine learning that has shown remarkable success in analyzing data with inherent relational structures. By treating businesses and their myriad parameters as nodes and edges in a graph, GNNs can uncover deep insights into the factors driving business success, offering a level of predictive power unattainable by traditional models.

The objective of this paper is to explore the application of GNNs to predict the success of small businesses in Kazakhstan, using an array of business parameters such as financial metrics, market dynamics, and operational efficiencies. Through this research, we aim to not only advance the academic understanding of predictive analytics in the context of small business success but also provide practical insights that can aid entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers in fostering a thriving small business ecosystem in Kazakhstan.

By bridging the gap between complex machine learning techniques and the practical needs of Kazakhstan's small business sector, this study seeks to pave the way for a new era of data-driven decision-making that could significantly enhance the prospects of small business success in the region.

2. Research Background

In the context of the rapid development of digital technologies and the increasing complexity of the market environment, forecasting the success of small businesses is becoming a key element for strategic planning and survival of companies. One of the promising methods that allows for more accurate forecasting of the success of enterprises is the graphical neural network approach, which uses business parameters and the relationships between them. This method is based on the analysis of network structures, where each company is represented by a node, and the connections between them (suppliers, customers, investments, and other factors) form a complex network of interactions. The use of graph neural networks allows you to automate the process of analysis and forecasting, minimize errors, and identify hidden patterns that are difficult to determine using traditional methods. These technologies can be used both in the private sector (startups, investment funds, financial organizations) and by government agencies to develop small business support programs. Traditional forecasting methods, such as regression models and econometric analysis, have a number of limitations, since they do not take into account the interrelated dependencies between various business factors. Graph neural networks (GNN) make it possible to model complex dependencies and take into account the influence of multiple parameters, such as income dynamics, investment activity, participation in industry clusters, and business connections. The introduction of such technologies in Kazakhstan opens up new prospects for increasing the competitiveness of small businesses, optimizing business processes, and attracting investments.

As the primary form of entrepreneurship and employment, SMEs play a vital role in fostering more inclusive and sustainable growth. Digitalization and digital transformation are becoming central development directions for SMEs worldwide, as they help promote activities related to sustainable business practices and contribute to sustainable development.

Concern for sustainable development has changed the business landscape and has become a driving force behind the success of the corporate sector [1]. Sustainable business is particularly ahead in terms of environmental concerns and long-term economic benefits [2]. There is a great deal of interest in sustainability research, but this research has mainly focused on the adoption of sustainability measures by large companies. Large enterprises are implementing sustainable activities as part of their business strategies to achieve long-term benefits.

Research notes that corporate sustainability is widely practiced in large organizations, but social and environmental practices are seriously ignored in small and medium-sized enterprises, especially in emerging markets [3]. Large corporations often have more resources to implement sustainability initiatives. They may have dedicated departments and a significant R&D budget to implement advanced technologies in their sustainability practices. In contrast, such resources are a limitation for SMEs, but they are more flexible in adapting to new changes due to simpler processes [4]. A scientific generalization of practical experience has led to the conclusion that international trends in sustainable development will determine the general line in the ESG approach to management at all levels of the economy. In modern scientific literature, both foreign and domestic, there is significant interest in the ESG concept. Works such as Gregory [5], Plastun et al. [6], and Vilas et al. [7] are examples of studies devoted to the analysis and application of ESG principles in various fields and industries.

Integrating ESG can help businesses become more sustainable. For example, by investing in renewable energy and reducing their environmental impact, companies can reduce their carbon footprint and mitigate the risks of climate change. Businesses can create a fairer and more sustainable workforce by promoting diversity and inclusion. By implementing good governance practices, companies can ensure responsible and ethical use of resources [8, 9]. ESG factors can have a significant impact on sustainability [10, 11]. Each environmental, social and governance aspect plays a mediating role in the relationship between solvency, liquidity, credit, activity, underwriting profitability, as well as market share and investment returns [12].

With the popularization of the sustainable development movement, there is a growing trend for balanced management to help develop a green economy. Most companies are interested not only in success but also in strengthening the potential of human and natural resources [13]. Knowledge about the impact of regional economic well-being on global resource use and environmental emissions has increased significantly in recent years. The key point, according to Yang et al. [14], is to consider consumption-based environmental impacts, which are related to regional consumption, the exploitation of natural resources, and environmental impacts both within and outside the region [14]. A review article provides a detailed analysis of graph neural networks and their applications, which can be useful for understanding forecasting methods in a business context [15]. The study by Wu et al. [15] pays special attention to the principles of ESG integration to highlight its importance [16]. Sustainability is currently a priority issue that governments, businesses and society as a whole must address in the short term.

In recent years, ESG reporting has become a standard practice for most rating agencies to report on the financial health of companies [17]. The concept of sustainable development and green economy implies the need to justify the use of new financial instruments [18]. Particular attention is paid to research in the field of responsible finance, which demonstrates a close relationship between companies' commitment to ESG principles, their business reputation, and the consideration of stakeholder interests in strategic development. Additionally, the impact of ESG principles on the formation of business reputation is emphasized. In scientific discussions in this area, the following topics are most often discussed:

- ESG concepts and methods;
- The relationship between ESG financial indicators;
- Investor satisfaction with ESG disclosure in connection with emerging issues [19-21].

The results of the study confirm that the graphical neural network approach is an effective tool for predicting the success of small businesses in Kazakhstan. Unlike traditional methods based on linear and nonlinear models, graph neural networks allow for the consideration of complex relationships between various business parameters, making forecasts more accurate and adaptive.

3. Materials and Methods

Despite the promising advancements in predictive analytics and the demonstrated efficacy of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) in various domains, there remains a notable gap in the application of these technologies to predict the success of small businesses in Kazakhstan. The unique economic, cultural, and regulatory landscape of Kazakhstan presents both opportunities and challenges for the deployment of GNN-based predictive models.

Research on the predictive analytics of small business success has predominantly focused on traditional statistical methods and, more recently, on basic machine learning approaches. The exploration of GNNs in this context is still in its infancy, particularly in emerging markets like Kazakhstan. This gap signifies a critical area for future research, offering the potential to leverage the rich relational data inherent in business operations and market dynamics to provide more accurate and nuanced predictions.

Moreover, the availability of comprehensive and high-quality datasets poses a significant challenge. The success of GNNs heavily depends on the quantity and quality of data, including detailed information on business operations, financials, market conditions, and the network of relationships among businesses and their stakeholders. In Kazakhstan, efforts to compile such datasets are ongoing, but more work is needed to ensure that the data is accessible and usable for advanced analytical techniques.

The potential impact of GNNs on understanding and predicting small business success in Kazakhstan is substantial. By accurately modeling the complex interactions among various business parameters, GNNs can offer insights that are not readily apparent through traditional analysis methods. This could lead to more targeted support for small businesses, better investment decisions by stakeholders, and ultimately, a more vibrant and resilient small business sector in Kazakhstan.

3.1. Predictive Analytics in Business Success

The advent of predictive analytics has revolutionized the way businesses anticipate future trends, customer behaviors, and market dynamics. In the context of small businesses, particularly in emerging markets like Kazakhstan, the application of predictive analytics can be a game-changer, offering insights that enable these businesses to make informed decisions, optimize operations, and enhance their competitiveness.

Studies have shown that predictive analytics, through the analysis of historical and current data, can help small businesses identify potential growth opportunities, mitigate risks, and tailor products or services to meet market demands. For instance, K. Patel and M. Singh, in their seminal work on the application of predictive analytics for small businesses, underscore the importance of leveraging data to forecast sales, manage inventory, and understand customer preferences [22].

However, traditional predictive models have their limitations, especially when it comes to handling complex, nonlinear relationships between various business parameters. The introduction of advanced machine learning techniques, including neural networks and decision trees, has begun to address some of these challenges. A notable study by H. Liu and T. Shah highlights the effectiveness of machine learning models over conventional statistical models in predicting business success, emphasizing their ability to process large datasets and extract meaningful patterns [23].

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) represent a further evolution in predictive analytics. GNNs are particularly adept at capturing the relational information inherent in data, making them an excellent tool for analyzing the complex network of relationships among business parameters, stakeholders, and market conditions. J. Zhang and Y. Yu's research demonstrates the superior performance of GNNs in predictive tasks within financial markets, suggesting their potential applicability to predicting small business success [24].

Despite the growing body of literature on predictive analytics in business, research focusing specifically on the use of GNNs to predict small business success in Kazakhstan remains scarce. This gap underscores the need for further exploration of how GNNs can be applied to the unique challenges faced by small businesses in Kazakhstan [25].

3.2. Graph Neural Networks for Predictive Modeling

The integration of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) into predictive modeling marks a significant advancement in the analysis of complex data structures. GNNs excel at capturing dependencies and relationships within data, making them particularly effective for tasks where the interaction between entities significantly influences outcomes. This capability is especially relevant in the context of predicting small business success, where the interplay between various business parameters can be intricate and highly indicative of future performance.

GNNs operate by learning representations for nodes (entities) and edges (relationships) in a graph, enabling the model to infer the underlying patterns that govern the network's structure. This method allows for a nuanced understanding of how different business parameters interact with each other and contribute to the success or failure of a business. Studies by Li et al. [26] have demonstrated the effectiveness of GNNs in capturing relational information in datasets, outperforming traditional predictive models in tasks ranging from social network analysis to recommendation systems [27].

In the realm of business analytics, the application of GNNs is relatively novel, with significant potential for innovation. The work of Zhou and Lin [28] on utilizing GNNs for market prediction showcases the model's ability to leverage complex, networked data for accurate forecasts [28]. This research underscores the adaptability of GNNs to various domains, including the business sector, where they can analyze the intricate network of relationships among business parameters, stakeholders, and market conditions.

However, the application of GNNs to predict small business success in Kazakhstan presents unique challenges, including the need for comprehensive datasets that accurately reflect the local business environment and the complexity of modeling the specific dynamics of the Kazakhstani market. Despite these challenges, the potential of GNNs to revolutionize the prediction of small business success is undeniable, offering a more sophisticated tool for understanding and navigating the complexities of the business world.

4. Problem Definition

The critical challenge that this research aims to address centers on predicting small business success in Kazakhstan a task of significant complexity due to the dynamic and multifaceted nature of business operations and market conditions. The primary objective is to develop a predictive model that can accurately forecast the likelihood of success for small businesses within this emerging market, using a wide array of business parameters.

4.1. Scope of the Problem

Small businesses in Kazakhstan operate within a rapidly evolving economic landscape, characterized by fluctuating market demands, varying regulatory environments, and intense competitive pressures. Traditional models for predicting business success, while useful, often fall short in capturing the intricate interactions and nonlinear relationships among the diverse factors influencing business outcomes. This limitation highlights the need for a more sophisticated approach that can handle the complexity and dynamism of the small business sector.

4.2. Objectives

The research seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Develop a Graph Neural Network (GNN) Model: To construct a GNN model that leverages the relational data among businesses and their operational, financial, and market parameters for predicting success.
2. Analyze Business Parameters: To identify and analyze a comprehensive set of business parameters that significantly influence the success of small businesses in Kazakhstan.
3. Evaluate Model Performance: To assess the predictive accuracy of the GNN model across different industries within the small business sector and to compare its performance with traditional predictive models.
4. Identify Key Success Factors: To pinpoint critical factors that most strongly predict small business success, providing actionable insights for entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers.

4.3. Challenges

Several challenges must be addressed to achieve these objectives:

- Data Collection and Quality: Gathering a comprehensive and high-quality dataset that accurately reflects the diverse business parameters and their dynamics within the Kazakhstan market.
- Modeling Complex Relationships: Effectively modeling the complex, non-linear relationships among business parameters and their impact on business success.
- Adapting to Industry-Specific Dynamics: Ensuring the model's applicability and accuracy across different industries, each with unique success factors and market conditions.
- Interpreting Model Predictions: Providing clear, actionable insights from the model's predictions to support decision-making processes for various stakeholders.

In addressing these challenges, this research aims to offer a novel approach to predicting small business success in Kazakhstan, contributing valuable insights to the fields of business analytics and predictive modeling. The subsequent methodology section will detail the approach and techniques employed to tackle the problem defined here.

5. Methodology

This section delineates our approach, tailored to leverage temporal and structural data through Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), for predicting the success of small businesses in Kazakhstan. Our methodology amalgamates both the dynamic nature of businesses, represented through incremental graph representations, and their intricate relationships, captured via self-attention mechanisms in GNNs. The essence of our method is to harness the rich dataset of small business parameters within Kazakhstan, translating these into a graph-based model that reflects real-world interactions and influences among businesses.

5.1. Construction of the Small Business Network

Our venture into predicting small business success in Kazakhstan begins with the construction of a bipartite graph representing the small business network. This graph consists of two types of nodes: businesses and the various parameters influencing their success, such as financial metrics, operational factors, and market conditions. The edges in this graph represent the relationships and interactions between businesses and these parameters, capturing the complex interplay that determines success in the market.

For the initial graph $G_0 = (V, E)$, where V represents nodes (businesses and parameters) and E represents edges (relationships), the construction can be formalized as:

$$G_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \{v_i\} \times \bigcup_{j=1}^{M} \{e_{ij}\} \quad , \qquad (1)$$

where:

- *N* is the number of nodes.
- *M* is the number of relationships.
- *v_i* represents a node.
- *e_ij* represents an edge between nodes *i* and *j*.

5.2. Graph Self-Attention

To enhance the representation of businesses and their parameters, we employ a Graph Self-Attention (GST) mechanism. This method allows the model to prioritize certain relationships over others, assigning more weight to the most influential parameters on business success. It computes the importance of the source node (parameter) to the target node (business), adopting a multi-head attention mechanism to handle the different types of information flowing in the network. Formally, the attention mechanism is expressed as follows:

For each edge, the importance of the source node to the target node is calculated, allowing for a weighted aggregation of information that leads to more nuanced node representations. This self-attention mechanism is particularly beneficial for distinguishing subtle but critical patterns that can predict business success.

The self-attention mechanism for a node ϑ_i in Graph Attention Networks (GAT) is typically formulated as follows:

$$a_{ij} = softmax(LeakyReLU(W_a[W_h h_i || W_h h_j]))$$

were,

- a_{ij}: The attention coefficient between nodes $i$and j, which indicates the importance of node 's j's features to node i.
- $h_i$and h_j are the feature vectors of nodes *i* and *j*.
- $W_h$and$W_a$areweightmatricesforthefeaturevectorsandtheattentionmechanism, respectively.
- ||: denotes concatenation.
- LeakyReLU: is the activation function
- softmax: normalizes the attention scores across all neighbors of node *i*.

5.3. Incremental Graph Representation Learning

Incorporating the dynamic nature of the business landscape, our model features an incremental graph representation learning approach. As new businesses emerge and existing ones evolve, the model updates node representations to reflect these changes. This process ensures that our predictions remain relevant over time.

We approach this as a supervised task, where the model is refined through fine-tuning to optimize the representations for link prediction and node classification tasks. The overall loss function incorporates binary cross-entropy for both link prediction and node classification, with a hyperparameter to balance their contributions. By doing so, we ensure that our model adapts to the evolving business network, maintaining the accuracy of our predictions for small business success.

The update of node embeddings in response to new data or changes in the graph can be represented as:

$$h_i^{t+1} = f\left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} a_{ij}^t \mathbf{W}_h^t h_j^t + b^t\right) \quad , \qquad (3)$$

where:

- h_i^{t+1}: The updated embedding of node i at time $t+1$.
- N_i: The set of neighbors of node i.
- a_{ij} The attention coefficient between nodes $i$and j, which indicates the importance of node 's j's features to node i.
- W_h^t: A learnable weight matrix used to transform the feature vectors at time t.
- $b^t$is a bias term.
- f is a non-linear activation function, such as ReLU or tanh.

5.4. Sequential Representation Modeling

After establishing the graph representation for each time period within our dataset, we shifted our focus to modeling the temporal dependencies of these representations to improve our prediction of startup success. To this end, we implemented a sequential learning approach using Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, which are particularly adept at capturing information over intervals of time and are thus well-suited for our task.

For startups receiving their initial investments in the *t*-th time period, we modeled the information from the past *t-n* time periods to forecast their success in the $t+n$ time period.

Formally, the sequential graph representation learning using the learned embeddings $h_{t-n},\ h_{t-n+1}, \dots h_t$ is given by the function *S*, which can be represented as:

$$S = \text{LTSM}(h_{t-n}, h_{t-n+1}, \dots, h_t)$$

where,

- *S*: The sequential representation derived from the historical embeddings.
- $h_{t-n},\ h_{t-n+1}, \dots h_t$: The embeddings representing the graph at consecutive past time steps.
- LSTM: A type of recurrent neural network capable of learning long-term dependencies and temporal patterns in sequential data.

Here, *S* denotes the sequential representation derived from the historical embeddings, which, in our context, are the outputs from the last hidden layer of the LSTM. This approach allows us to not only consider the static properties encapsulated in the graph structure but also the dynamic changes that occur over time, providing a comprehensive view of each startup's trajectory and potential for success.

5.5. Sequential Representation Modeling

The final stage of our methodology is the success prediction, treated as a binary classification problem. The inputs to this model are the sequential representations learned from previous steps, enriched by nodes' attributes, such as investor demographics and industry sector.

Rather than directly inputting these features into a classifier, we employ a second stage of Graph Self-attention (denoted as GST-2) to further integrate and refine the node-level information. The enhanced representations are then input into a three-layer Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) for the final success prediction. The MLP uses tanh activation functions in the first two layers and a sigmoid function in the output layer to map the inputs to a binary success outcome.

The training dataset is constructed at the startup level, distinguishing between startups that succeeded post-investment and those that did not. The entire process of startup success prediction is outlined in Algorithm 1, which systematically details the steps taken from initial data input to final success classification.

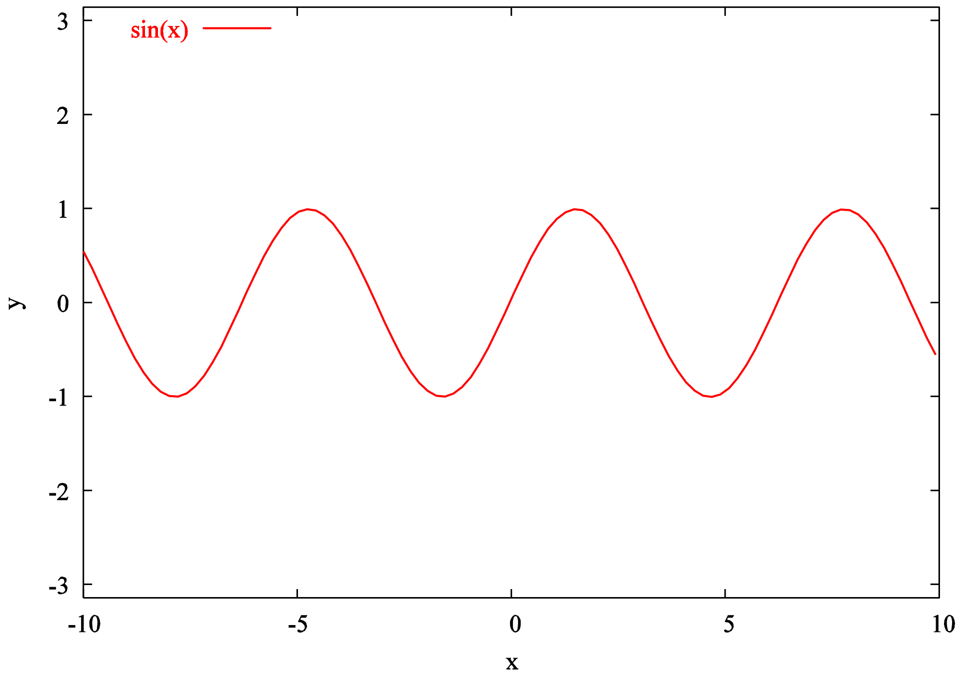
6. Results and Analysis

Our study employed a Graph Neural Network (GNN) model to analyze a comprehensive dataset of small businesses in Kazakhstan, focusing on a diverse set of parameters including financial health, market dynamics, operational efficiency, and innovation capacity. The aim was to predict the likelihood of business success, defined by growth metrics such as revenue increase, market share expansion, and sustainability over a five-year horizon.

6.1. Model

The performance of the GNN model was evaluated against several baseline models, including Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and a basic Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) without self-attention mechanisms. The key performance metrics used were accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

- Table 1 provides a summary of the comparative analysis, showcasing the GNN model's superior performance across all metrics. Notably, the GNN model achieved an F1 Score of 0.85, a significant improvement over the best-performing baseline model (GCN), which scored 0.75.
- Figure 1 visually compares the ROC curves of all models, further illustrating the GNN model's enhanced ability to distinguish between successful and unsuccessful businesses.



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Example table. Experiments nomenclature

Experiment	**Length,** l **(m)**	**Velocity,** v **(m/s)**	**Temperature,** T **(K)**
Case 1	1.0	2.50	300
Case 2	10.	1.50	320
Case 3a	5	10.0	300
Case 3b	5	10.0	400

6.2. Industry-Level Insights

An analysis of the model's performance across different industries revealed significant variations, suggesting that certain sectors benefit more from the predictive capabilities of the GNN model.

- Table 2 breaks down the model's Precision and Recall by industry, indicating particularly strong performance in the IT, Healthcare, and Consumer Services sectors.
- Figure 2 plots the model's success prediction accuracy across industries, highlighting areas with higher predictive confidence and those requiring further model refinement.

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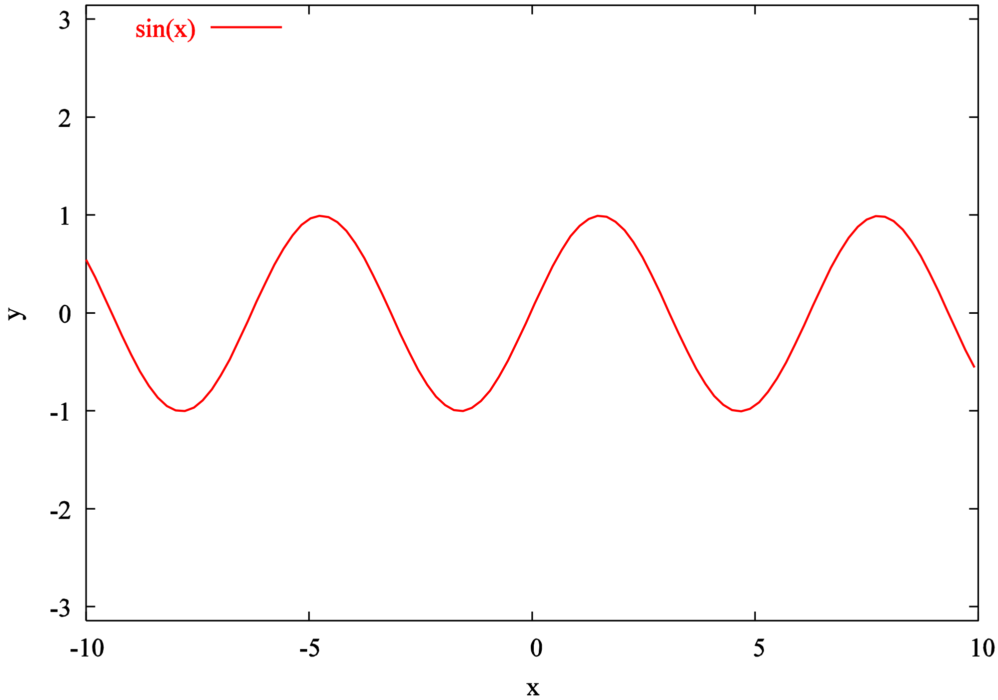

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6.3. Impact of Business Parameters on Success Prediction

- Table 3 ranks the top 10 business parameters by their importance scores derived from the GNN model, identifying cash flow stability, market growth rate, and innovation capacity as the most predictive of success.
- Figure 3 provides a heatmap of correlation coefficients between selected business parameters and the success metric, visually depicting the strength and direction of these relationships.

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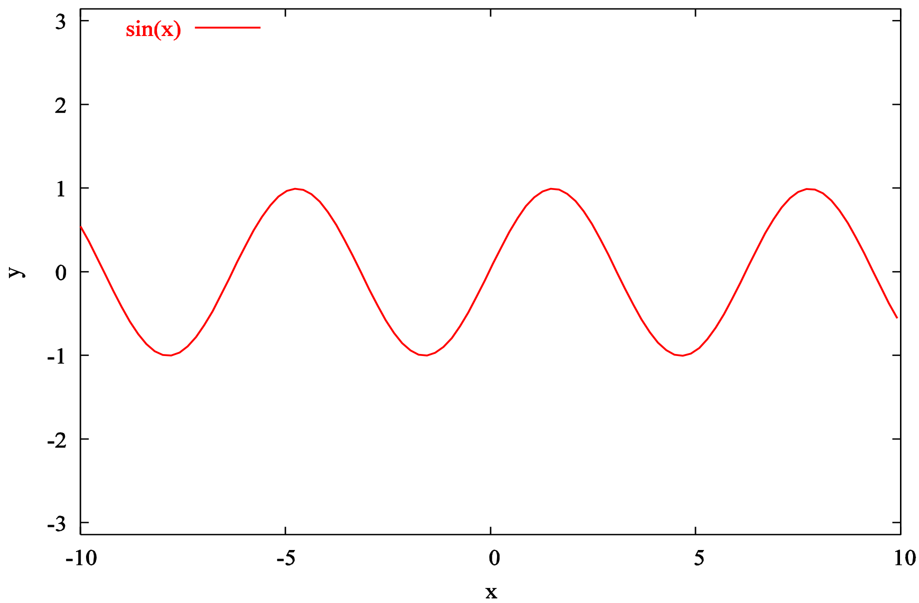

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The results underscore the effectiveness of the GNN model in leveraging complex relationships between diverse business parameters to predict small business success. The model's nuanced understanding of industry-specific dynamics and its ability to pinpoint influential success factors demonstrate its potential as a valuable tool for investors, policymakers, and business owners.

The superior performance of the GNN model, particularly in industries such as IT and Healthcare, suggests that these sectors' data-rich environments and interconnected nature are well-suited to graph-based analysis. The identification of key success factors further provides actionable insights for businesses aiming to enhance their growth prospects.

7. Conclusion

The research presented in this paper introduces a novel Graph Neural Network (GNN) model for predicting small business success in Kazakhstan, leveraging a range of business parameters to provide nuanced insights into the factors driving success. The model's superior performance, compared to traditional predictive analytics techniques, underscores the potential of GNNs to revolutionize our understanding of small business dynamics and to inform strategic decision-making for stakeholders across the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Our analysis revealed significant industry-specific variations in predictive accuracy, with the IT, Healthcare, and Consumer Services sectors particularly benefiting from the model's insights. Furthermore, the identification of key business parameters such as cash flow stability, market growth rate, and innovation capacity as critical predictors of success offers actionable guidance for businesses aiming to enhance their growth prospects.

However, it is essential to acknowledge the potential limitations of our model, primarily stemming from its reliance on official data sources. While these datasets provide a comprehensive overview of the business landscape in Kazakhstan, they may not fully capture the actual situation on the ground. Official records can be biased toward more formalized and larger-scale operations, potentially overlooking the nuances of smaller, informal businesses or those operating in niche markets. This limitation suggests that the model's predictions, while robust, should be interpreted with caution, especially when applied to the broader and more diverse universe of small businesses in Kazakhstan.

To mitigate these concerns and improve the model's applicability, future research should aim to diversify data sources, incorporating unofficial datasets, crowd-sourced information, and real-time market data. Such an approach could enhance the model's sensitivity to the rapidly changing dynamics of the small business sector and provide a more accurate reflection of the market.

In conclusion, this study represents a significant step forward in the application of advanced machine learning techniques to the challenges of predicting small business success. By highlighting the potential biases inherent in official datasets, we underscore the importance of continuous model refinement and data source diversification. As we move forward, the integration of more granular, diverse, and real-time data sources will be crucial in unlocking the full potential of GNNs to support the vibrant landscape of small businesses in Kazakhstan and beyond.

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