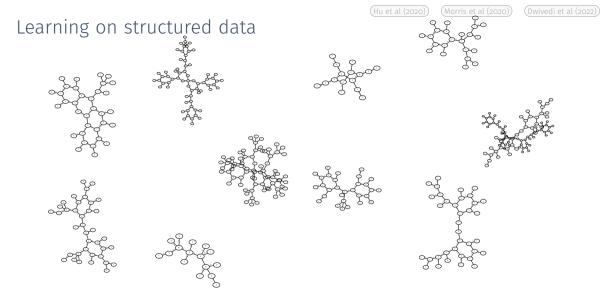
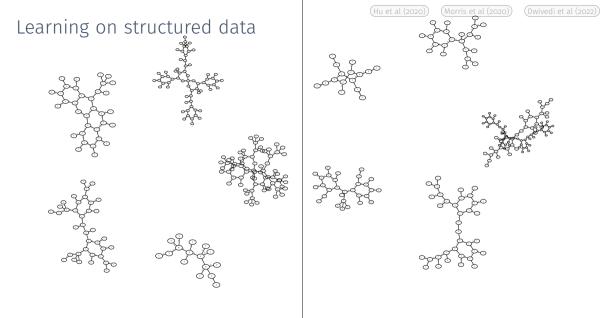


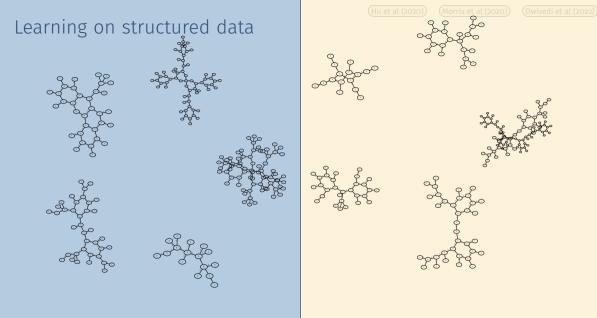
Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

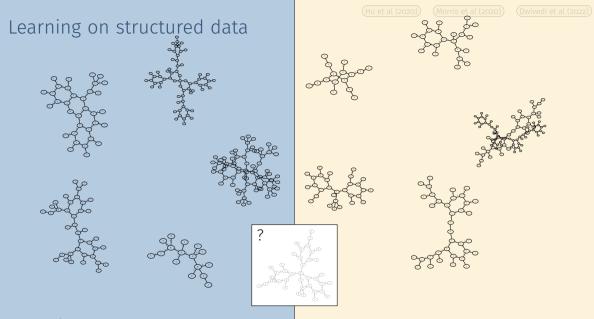
Pascal Welke CAIML Seminar on 25. November 2024





Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts





Learning on structured data



chemistry prof.

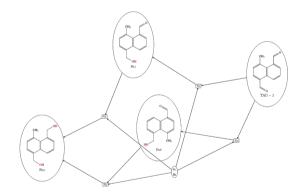






Learning on structured data





Neural methods achieve remarkable results in graph learning

Neural methods achieve remarkable results in graph learning

- molecule synthesis and prediction
- modeling of human social behavior

- ...

Neural methods achieve remarkable results in graph learning

- molecule synthesis and prediction
- modeling of human social behavior

- ...

but come with

Neural methods achieve remarkable results in graph learning

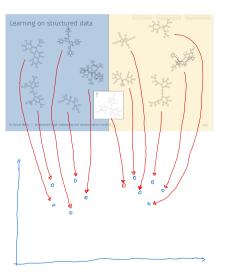
- molecule synthesis and prediction
- modeling of human social behavior
- ...

but come with

- significant resource demands
- too much complexity to be interpretable
- which hinders application in many scenarios

The goal

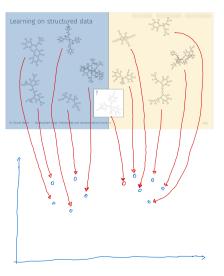
Vectorial graph representations that

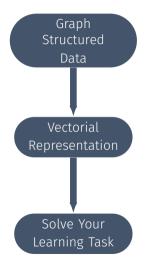


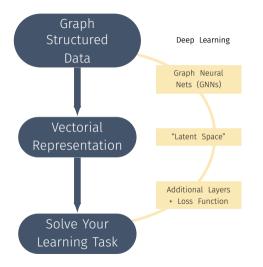
The goal

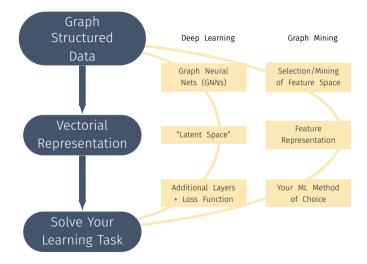
Vectorial graph representations that

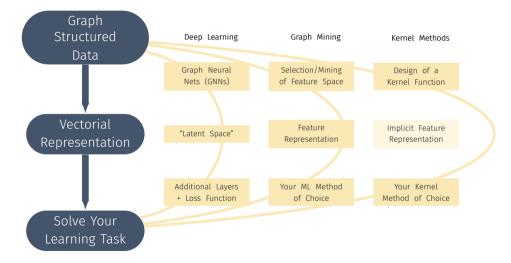
- yield semantically and structurally meaningful distances
- are interpretable
- are adaptable to given data





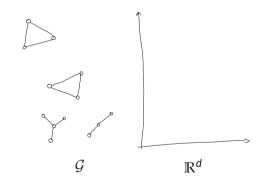






The problem with vectorial graph representations

We want our graph representation function ϕ to be



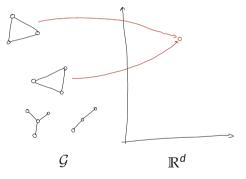
The problem with vectorial graph representations

We want our graph representation function ϕ to be

• permutation-invariant

for all isomorphic graphs

$$G \simeq H: \phi(G) = \phi(H)$$



The problem with vectorial graph representations

We want our graph representation function ϕ to be

• permutation-invariant

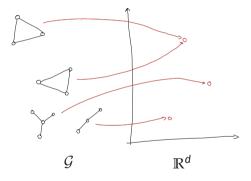
for all isomorphic graphs

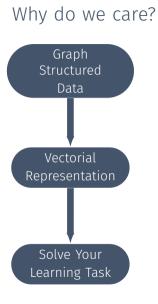
$$G \simeq H: \phi(G) = \phi(H)$$

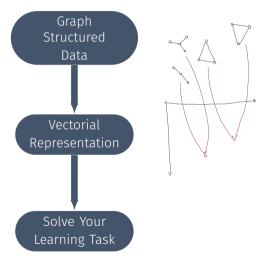
• complete

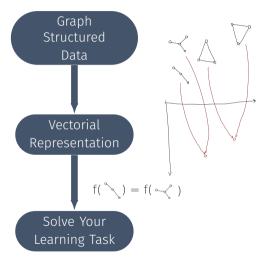
for all non-isomorphic graphs

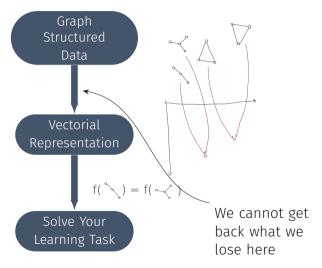
$$G \not\simeq H: \phi(G) \neq \phi(H)$$

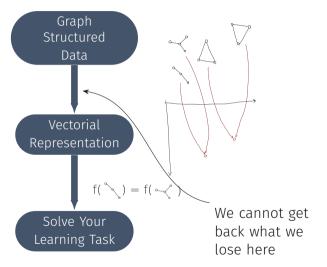




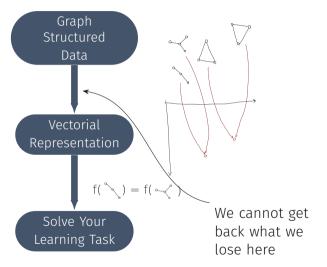








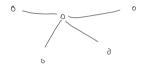
 Unfortunately computing any permutation invariant and complete embedding (or kernel) is as hard as deciding graph isomorphism



- Unfortunately computing any permutation invariant and complete embedding (or kernel) is as hard as deciding graph isomorphism
- Typical solution: drop completeness for efficiency
 - most practical graph kernels, GNNs, Weisfeiler Leman test, ...

Message Passing and the Weisfeiler Leman Algorithm

• Let's assume that we have some feature representation $r_o:V(G)\to \mathbb{R}^d$ for the vertices in our graph



- Let's assume that we have some feature representation $r_o:V(G)\to \mathbb{R}^d$ for the vertices in our graph
- It is reasonable that in many situations neighboring vertices influence each other



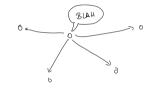
- Let's assume that we have some feature representation $r_{o}:V(G)\to \mathbb{R}^{d}$ for the vertices in our graph
- It is reasonable that in many situations neighboring vertices influence each other
- Consider a social network where users spread their content along connections to their affiliates



- Let's assume that we have some feature representation $r_o:V(G)\to \mathbb{R}^d$ for the vertices in our graph
- It is reasonable that in many situations neighboring vertices influence each other
- Consider a social network where users spread their content along connections to their affiliates
- In turn, neighbors might be influenced by that and hence spread (a variant of) that information (aka. "retweet")



- Let's assume that we have some feature representation $r_o:V(G)\to \mathbb{R}^d$ for the vertices in our graph
- It is reasonable that in many situations neighboring vertices influence each other
- Consider a social network where users spread their content along connections to their affiliates
- In turn, neighbors might be influenced by that and hence spread (a variant of) that information (aka. "retweet")
- Message passing models this kind of behavior as a simultaneous round based process



The message passing framework

$$\textit{r}_{\textit{k+1}}(\textit{v}) = \textsf{upd}_{\textit{k}}\left(\textit{r}_{\textit{k}}(\textit{v}), \; \textsf{agg}_{\textit{k}}\left(\left\{\left\{\textit{r}_{\textit{k}}(\textit{w}) \mid \textit{w} \in \textit{N}\left(\textit{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

where

The message passing framework

$$r_{k+1}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathsf{upd}_k\left(r_k(\mathbf{v}), \ \mathsf{agg}_k\left(\{\{r_k(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\}\}\right)\right)$$

where

• $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex

$$r_{k+1}(v) = \mathsf{upd}_k\left(r_k(v), \mathsf{agg}_k\left(\{\{r_k(w) \mid w \in N(v)\}\}\right)\right)$$

- *v* ∈ *V*(*G*) is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0

$$\mathbf{r_{k+1}}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathsf{upd}_{\mathbf{k}}\left(\mathbf{r_k}(\mathbf{v}), \ \mathsf{agg}_{\mathbf{k}}\left(\left\{\left\{\mathbf{r_k}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

- $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0
- $r_{k+1}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ for all $k \ge 0$

$$r_{k+1}(v) = \mathsf{upd}_k\left(r_k(v), \mathsf{agg}_k\left(\left\{\left\{r_k(w) \mid w \in N(v)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

- $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0
- $r_{k+1}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ for all $k \ge 0$
- $r_o: V(G) \to \mathcal{X}_o$ is assumed to be given

$$r_{k+1}(v) = \mathsf{upd}_k\left(r_k(v), \ \mathsf{agg}_k\left(\left\{\left\{r_k(w) \mid w \in \mathsf{N}\left(v\right)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

- $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0
- $r_{k+1}: V(G)
 ightarrow \mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ for all $k \ge 0$
- $r_o: V(G) \to \mathcal{X}_o$ is assumed to be given
- $\{\{r_k(w) \mid w \in N(v)\}\}\$ is the multiset of (old) representations of the neighbors of $v \in V(G)$

$$r_{k+1}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathsf{upd}_k\left(r_k(\mathbf{v}), \ \mathsf{agg}_k\left(\left\{\left\{r_k(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

where

- $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0
- $r_{k+1}:V(G)
 ightarrow \mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ for all $k \geq 0$
- $r_o: V(G) \to \mathcal{X}_o$ is assumed to be given
- {{r_k(w) | w ∈ N(v)}} is the multiset of (old) representations of the neighbors of v ∈ V(G)

agg_k : N^{X_k} → X'_k aggregates a set of (old) representations to some value

$$r_{k+1}(\mathbf{v}) = \operatorname{upd}_{k}\left(r_{k}(\mathbf{v}), \operatorname{agg}_{k}\left(\left\{\left\{r_{k}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

- $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0
- $r_{k+1}:V(G)
 ightarrow\mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ for all $k\geq 0$
- $r_o: V(G) \to \mathcal{X}_o$ is assumed to be given
- {{r_k(w) | w ∈ N(v)}} is the multiset of (old) representations of the neighbors of v ∈ V(G)

- agg_k : N^{X_k} → X'_k aggregates a set of (old) representations to some value
- upd_k: X_k × X'_k → X_{k+1} updates the representation of v given its old representation and the aggregate of the neighbors

$$r_{k+1}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathsf{upd}_k\left(r_k(\mathbf{v}), \mathsf{agg}_k\left(\left\{\left\{r_k(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)\right)$$

where

- $v \in V(G)$ is a vertex
- *k* ≥ 0
- $r_{k+1}:V(G)
 ightarrow \mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ for all $k \geq 0$
- $r_o: V(G) \to \mathcal{X}_o$ is assumed to be given
- {{r_k(w) | w ∈ N(v)}} is the multiset of (old) representations of the neighbors of v ∈ V(G)

- agg_k : N^{X_k} → X'_k aggregates a set of (old) representations to some value
- upd_k: X_k × X'_k → X_{k+1} updates the representation of v given its old representation and the aggregate of the neighbors

We will omit k in the notation of upd_k and agg_k when $upd_0 = upd_1 = ...$

$$r_{k+1}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

$$r_{k+1}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{WL}(w) \mid w \in \mathbf{N}(v)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

Where

$$r_{k+1}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

Where

• $r_{o}^{WL}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{o}$ maps to a discrete space

$$r_{k+1}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_{k}\left(r_{k}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_{k}^{WL}(w) \mid w \in N(v)\right\}\right\}\right\}$$

Where

- $r_o^{WL}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_o$ maps to a discrete space
- $\#_k : \mathcal{X}_k \times \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{X}_k} \to \mathcal{X}_{k+1}$ is a perfect hash function

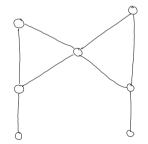
$$r_{k+1}^{\mathsf{WL}}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(w) \mid w \in \mathsf{N}\left(v\right)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

$$r_{k+1}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

Let's think of the hash values as colors of vertices

$$r_{k+1}^{WL}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{WL}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

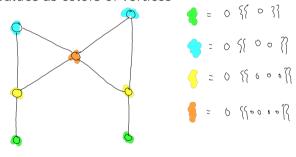
Let's think of the hash values as colors of vertices

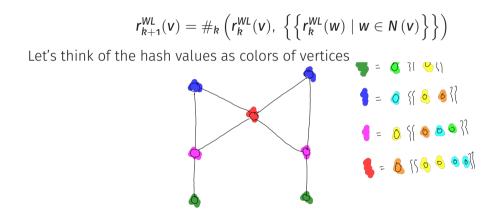


$$r_{k+1}^{\mathsf{WL}}(\mathbf{v}) = \#_k\left(r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(\mathbf{v}), \left\{\left\{r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(\mathbf{w}) \mid \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{N}\left(\mathbf{v}\right)\right\}\right\}\right)$$

K = 1

Let's think of the hash values as colors of vertices





$$r_{k+1}^{MPNN}(v) = \mathsf{MLP}_{k}^{\mathsf{UPD}}\left(r_{k}^{MPNN}(v), \ \mathsf{MLP}_{k}\left(\sum_{w \in N(v)} r_{k}^{MPNN}(w)\right)\right)$$

$$r_{k+1}^{MPNN}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathsf{MLP}_{k}^{\mathsf{UPD}}\left(r_{k}^{MPNN}(\mathbf{v}), \ \mathsf{MLP}_{k}\left(\sum_{\mathbf{w}\in N(\mathbf{v})}r_{k}^{MPNN}(\mathbf{w})\right)\right)$$

Where

$$r_{k+1}^{MPNN}(v) = \mathsf{MLP}_{k}^{\mathsf{UPD}}\left(r_{k}^{MPNN}(v), \ \mathsf{MLP}_{k}\left(\sum_{w \in N(v)} r_{k}^{MPNN}(w)\right)\right)$$

Where

•
$$r_{o}^{MPNN}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d}$$

$$r_{k+1}^{MPNN}(v) = \mathsf{MLP}_{k}^{\mathsf{UPD}}\left(r_{k}^{MPNN}(v), \ \mathsf{MLP}_{k}\left(\sum_{w \in N(v)} r_{k}^{MPNN}(w)\right)\right)$$

Where

•
$$r_{o}^{MPNN}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d}$$

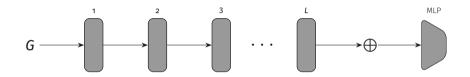
• $MLP_k^{AGG} : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is a multilayer perceptron

$$r_{k+1}^{MPNN}(v) = \mathsf{MLP}_{k}^{\mathsf{UPD}}\left(r_{k}^{MPNN}(v), \ \mathsf{MLP}_{k}\left(\sum_{w \in N(v)} r_{k}^{MPNN}(w)\right)\right)$$

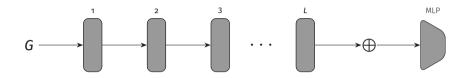
Where

•
$$r_{o}^{MPNN}: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d}$$

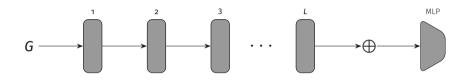
- $\operatorname{MLP}^{\operatorname{AGG}}_k: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is a multilayer perceptron
- $\mathsf{MLP}_k^{\mathsf{UPD}} : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}_d$ is a multilayer perceptron



• MPNN layers are stacked on top of each other



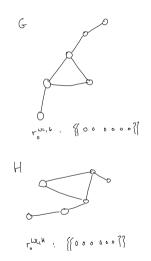
- MPNN layers are stacked on top of each other
- Graph level tasks are solved by summing together all node representations, then a final MLP



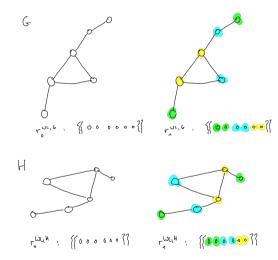
- MPNN layers are stacked on top of each other
- Graph level tasks are solved by summing together all node representations, then a final MLP
- Training can be done with gradient descent

Message Passing and the Weisfeiler Leman Algorithm | Issues

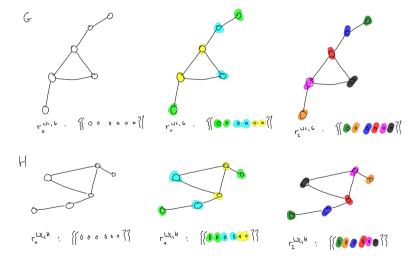
Isomorphic Graphs have Identical WL Label Histograms



Isomorphic Graphs have Identical WL Label Histograms

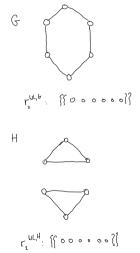


Isomorphic Graphs have Identical WL Label Histograms

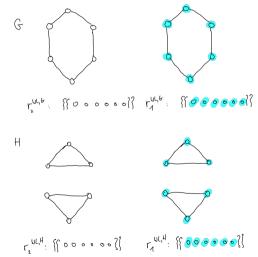




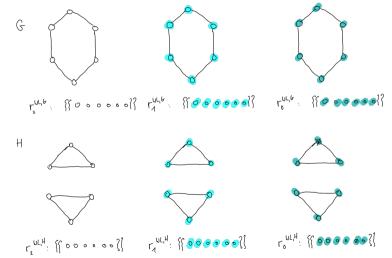
Nonisomorphic Graphs Can Have Identical Label Histograms



Nonisomorphic Graphs Can Have Identical Label Histograms



Nonisomorphic Graphs Can Have Identical Label Histograms



$$r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(H) \Longrightarrow r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(H)$$

$$r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(H) \Longrightarrow r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(H)$$

• Whenever WL cannot distinguish two graphs, *any* MPNN cannot compute different representations

$$r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(H) \Longrightarrow r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(H)$$

- Whenever WL cannot distinguish two graphs, *any* MPNN cannot compute different representations
- MPNNs are incomplete

$$r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{WL}}(H) \Longrightarrow r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(G) = r_k^{\mathsf{MPNN}}(H)$$

- Whenever WL cannot distinguish two graphs, *any* MPNN cannot compute different representations
- MPNNs are incomplete
- Their incompleteness can be bounded by the incompleteness of the WL algorithm

Homomorphism Counts as Graph Representations

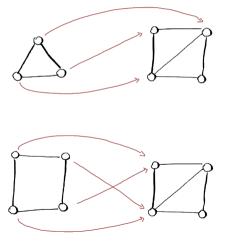
Homomorphism

A *homomorphism* from **H** to **G** is a function

$$h: V(H) \rightarrow V(G)$$

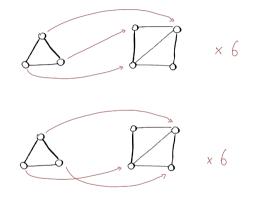
such that

 $(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{w})\in \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{H})\Longrightarrow (\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v}),\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{w}))\in \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{G})$



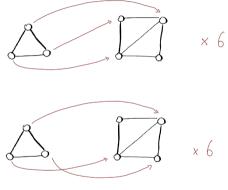
Counting Homomorphisms

Given *H* and *G*, we can ask *how many* homomorphisms exist from *H* to *G*?

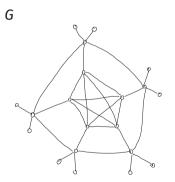


Counting Homomorphisms

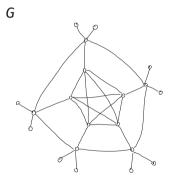
Given *H* and *G*, we can ask *how many* homomorphisms exist from *H* to *G*?

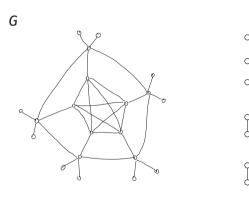


There are **twelve** homomorphisms from *H* to *G*!



 $\varphi_n(G)$





 $\varphi_n(G)$

C

20

60 260 60

÷

340

.

•

120 : **Theorem [Lovász 1967].** Two graphs **G** and **H** are isomorphic iff $\varphi_n(G) = \varphi_n(H)$

We can count homomorphisms (for some graphs) in practice!

• Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable

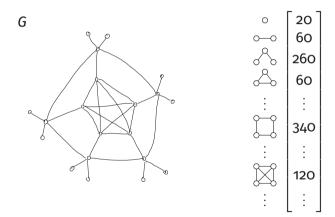
We can count homomorphisms (for some graphs) in practice!

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- The parameter is called tree-width

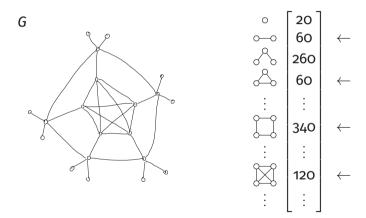
We can count homomorphisms (for some graphs) in practice!

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- The parameter is called tree-width
- If the pattern H has tree-width k, the homomorphisms from H to any G can be counted in $O(|V(G)|^k)$

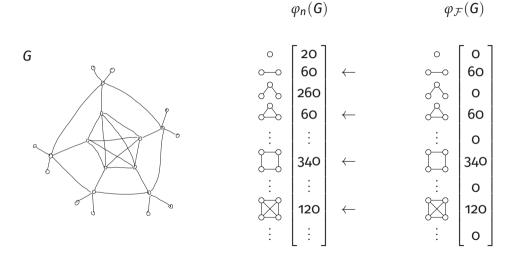
 $\varphi_n(G)$



 $\varphi_n(G)$



Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts



How to select the patterns?

• Some patterns are more expensive than others

How to select the patterns?

- Some patterns are more expensive than others
- Some patterns might be more useful for the task at hand than others

How to select the patterns?

- Some patterns are more expensive than others
- Some patterns might be more useful for the task at hand than others

We will now see two variants how to select patterns

Graph Homomorphism Convolution (GHC)

 Introduce homomorphism counts as feature vectors of graphs

Graph Homomorphism Convolution

Hoang NT¹² Takanori Maehara

Abstract

In this paper, we study the graph classification problem from the graph homomorphism perspective. We consider the homomorphisms from F to G, where G is a graph of interest (e.g. molecules or social networks) and F belongs to some family of graphs (e.g. paths or non-isomorphic trees). We show that graph homomorphism numbers provide a natural invariant (isomorphism invariant and F-invariant) embedding maps which can be used for graph classification. Viewing the expressive power of a graph classifier by the Findistinguishable concept, we prove the universality property of graph homomorphism vectors in approximating F-invariant functions. In practice, by choosing \mathcal{F} whose elements have bounded treewidth, we show that the homomorphism method is efficient compared with other methods.

1 Introduction

1.1. Background

In many fields of science, objects of interest often exhibit irregular structures. For example, in biology or chemistry. Problem 1 has been studied both theoretically and empirimolecules and protein interactions are often modeled as

Geometric (deep) learning (Bronstein et al. 2017) is an important extension of machine learning as it generalizes learning methods from Euclidean data to non-Euclidean data. This branch of machine learning not only deals with learning irregular data but also provides a proper means to combine meta-data with their underlying structure. Therefore, reometric learning methods have enabled the application of machine learning to real-world problems: From categorizing complex social interactions to generating new chemical molecules. Among these methods, graph-learning models for the classification task have been the most important subject of study.

Let X be the space of features (e.g., $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ for some positive integer d). \mathcal{V} be the space of outcomes (e.g., $\mathcal{V} =$ $\{0, 1\}$, and G = (V(G), E(G)) be a graph with a vertex set V(G) and edge set $E(G) \subseteq V(G) \times V(G)$. The graph classification problem is stated follow¹.

Problem 1 (Graph Classification Problem), We are given a set of tunles $l(G_i, x, w) : i = 1$ N) of graphs $G_i = (V(G_i) | E(G_i))$, vertex features $\pi_i : V(G_i) \rightarrow X$. and outcomes u. C.Y. The task is to learn a hypothesis h such that $h((G_i, x_i)) \approx u_i$.

cally. Theoretical graph classification models often discuss

Graph Homomorphism Convolution (GHC)

- Introduce homomorphism counts as feature vectors of graphs
- Propose to select 'suitable. small' pattern set \mathcal{F}

Pascal Welke Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

Graph Homomorphism Convolution

Hoang NT¹² Takanori Maehara

Abstract

In this paper, we study the graph classification problem from the graph homomorphism perspective. We consider the homomorphisms from F to G, where G is a graph of interest (e.g. molecules or social networks) and F belongs to some family of graphs (e.g. paths or non-isomorphic trees). We show that graph homomorphism numbers provide a natural invariant (isomorphism invariant and F-invariant) embedding maps which can be used for graph classification. Viewing the expressive power of a graph classifier by the Findistinguishable concept, we prove the universality property of graph homomorphism vectors in approximating F-invariant functions. In practice, by choosing \mathcal{F} whose elements have bounded treewidth, we show that the homomorphism method is efficient compared with other methods.

1 Introduction

1.1. Background

In many fields of science, objects of interest often exhibit irregular structures. For example, in biology or chemistry. Problem 1 has been studied both theoretically and empirimolecules and protein interactions are often modeled as

Geometric (deep) learning (Bronstein et al. 2017) is an important extension of machine learning as it generalizes learning methods from Euclidean data to non-Euclidean data. This branch of machine learning not only deals with learning irregular data but also provides a proper means to combine meta-data with their underlying structure. Therefore, reometric learning methods have enabled the application of machine learning to real-world problems: From categorizing complex social interactions to generating new chemical molecules. Among these methods, graph-learning models for the classification task have been the most important subject of study.

Let X be the space of features (e.g., $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ for some positive integer d). \mathcal{V} be the space of outcomes (e.g., $\mathcal{V} =$ $\{0, 1\}$, and G = (V(G), E(G)) be a graph with a vertex set V(G) and edge set $E(G) \subseteq V(G) \times V(G)$. The graph classification problem is stated follow¹.

Problem 1 (Graph Classification Problem), We are given a set of tunles $l(G_i, x, w) : i = 1$ N) of graphs $G_i = (V(G_i) | E(G_i))$, vertex features $\pi_i : V(G_i) \rightarrow X$. and outcomes u. C.Y. The task is to learn a hypothesis h such that $h((G_i, x_i)) \approx u_i$.

cally. Theoretical graph classification models often discuss

Graph Homomorphism Convolution (GHC)

- Introduce homomorphism counts as feature vectors of graphs
- Propose to select 'suitable. small' pattern set \mathcal{F}
 - The first 13 trees

Graph Homomorphism Convolution

Hoang NT¹² Takanori Maehara

Abstract

In this paper, we study the graph classification problem from the graph homomorphism perspective. We consider the homomorphisms from F to G, where G is a graph of interest (e.g. molecules or social networks) and F belongs to some family of graphs (e.g. paths or non-isomorphic trees). We show that graph homomorphism numbers provide a natural invariant (isomorphism invariant and F-invariant) embedding maps which can be used for graph classification. Viewing the expressive power of a graph classifier by the Findistinguishable concept, we prove the universality property of graph homomorphism vectors in approximating F-invariant functions. In practice, by choosing \mathcal{F} whose elements have bounded treewidth, we show that the homomorphism method is efficient compared with other methods.

1 Introduction

1.1. Background

In many fields of science, objects of interest often exhibit irregular structures. For example, in biology or chemistry. Problem 1 has been studied both theoretically and empirimolecules and protein interactions are often modeled as

Geometric (deep) learning (Bronstein et al. 2017) is an important extension of machine learning as it generalizes learning methods from Euclidean data to non-Euclidean data. This branch of machine learning not only deals with learning irregular data but also provides a proper means to combine meta-data with their underlying structure. Therefore, reometric learning methods have enabled the application of machine learning to real-world problems: From categorizing complex social interactions to generating new chemical molecules. Among these methods, graph-learning models for the classification task have been the most important subject of study.

Let X be the space of features (e.g., $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ for some positive integer d). \mathcal{V} be the space of outcomes (e.g., $\mathcal{V} =$ $\{0, 1\}$, and G = (V(G), E(G)) be a graph with a vertex set V(G) and edge set $E(G) \subseteq V(G) \times V(G)$. The graph classification problem is stated follow¹.

Problem 1 (Graph Classification Problem), We are given a set of tunles $l(G_i, x, w) : i = 1$ N) of graphs $G_i = (V(G_i) | E(G_i))$, vertex features $\pi_i : V(G_i) \rightarrow X$. and outcomes u. C.Y. The task is to learn a hypothesis h such that $h((G_i, x_i)) \approx u_i$.

cally. Theoretical graph classification models often discuss

29/60

- Cycles up to length 7

 Introduce homomorphism counts as feature vectors of

Propose to select 'suitable. small' pattern set \mathcal{F}

- The first 13 trees

graphs

Graph Homomorphism Convolution

Hoang NT¹² Takanori Maehara

Abstract

In this paper, we study the graph classification problem from the graph homomorphism perspective. We consider the homomorphisms from F to G, where G is a graph of interest (e.g. molecules or social networks) and F belongs to some family of graphs (e.g. paths or non-isomorphic trees). We show that graph homomorphism numbers provide a natural invariant (isomorphism invariant and F-invariant) embedding maps which can be used for graph classification. Viewing the expressive power of a graph classifier by the Findistinguishable concept, we prove the universality property of graph homomorphism vectors in approximating F-invariant functions. In practice, by choosing \mathcal{F} whose elements have bounded treewidth, we show that the homomorphism method is efficient compared with other methods.

1 Introduction

1.1. Background

In many fields of science, objects of interest often exhibit irregular structures. For example, in biology or chemistry. Problem 1 has been studied both theoretically and empirimolecules and protein interactions are often modeled as

Geometric (deep) learning (Bronstein et al. 2017) is an important extension of machine learning as it generalizes learning methods from Euclidean data to non-Euclidean data. This branch of machine learning not only deals with learning irregular data but also provides a proper means to combine meta-data with their underlying structure. Therefore, reometric learning methods have enabled the application of machine learning to real-world problems: From categorizing complex social interactions to generating new chemical molecules. Among these methods, graph-learning models for the classification task have been the most important subject of study.

Let X be the space of features (e.g., $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ for some positive integer d). \mathcal{V} be the space of outcomes (e.g., $\mathcal{V} =$ $\{0, 1\}$, and G = (V(G), E(G)) be a graph with a vertex set V(G) and edge set $E(G) \subseteq V(G) \times V(G)$. The graph classification problem is stated follow¹.

Problem 1 (Graph Classification Problem), We are given a set of tunles $l(G_i, x, w) : i = 1$ N) of graphs $G_i = (V(G_i) | E(G_i))$, vertex features $\pi_i : V(G_i) \rightarrow X$. and outcomes u. C.Y. The task is to learn a hypothesis h such that $h((G_i, x_i)) \approx u_i$.

cally. Theoretical graph classification models often discuss

Pascal Welke Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

Graph Homomorphism Convolution (GHC)

- Introduce homomorphism counts as feature vectors of graphs
- Propose to select 'suitable. small' pattern set \mathcal{F}
 - The first 13 trees
 - Cvcles up to length 7
- Use an SVM with these features

Graph Homomorphism Convolution

Hoang NT¹² Takanori Maehara

Abstract

In this paper, we study the graph classification problem from the graph homomorphism perspective. We consider the homomorphisms from F to G, where G is a graph of interest (e.g. molecules or social networks) and F belongs to some family of graphs (e.g. paths or non-isomorphic trees). We show that graph homomorphism numbers provide a natural invariant (isomorphism invariant and F-invariant) embedding maps which can be used for graph classification. Viewing the expressive power of a graph classifier by the Findistinguishable concept, we prove the universality property of graph homomorphism vectors in approximating F-invariant functions. In practice, by choosing \mathcal{F} whose elements have bounded treewidth, we show that the homomorphism method is efficient compared with other methods.

1 Introduction

1.1. Background

In many fields of science, objects of interest often exhibit irregular structures. For example, in biology or chemistry. Problem 1 has been studied both theoretically and empirimolecules and protein interactions are often modeled as

Geometric (deep) learning (Bronstein et al. 2017) is an important extension of machine learning as it generalizes learning methods from Euclidean data to non-Euclidean data. This branch of machine learning not only deals with learning irregular data but also provides a proper means to combine meta-data with their underlying structure. Therefore, reometric learning methods have enabled the application of machine learning to real-world problems: From categorizing complex social interactions to generating new chemical molecules. Among these methods, graph-learning models for the classification task have been the most important subject of study.

Let X be the space of features (e.g., $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ for some positive integer d). \mathcal{V} be the space of outcomes (e.g., $\mathcal{V} =$ $\{0, 1\}$, and G = (V(G), E(G)) be a graph with a vertex set V(G) and edge set $E(G) \subseteq V(G) \times V(G)$. The graph classification problem is stated follow¹.

Problem 1 (Graph Classification Problem), We are given a set of tunles $l(G_i, x, w) : i = 1$ N) of graphs $G_i = (V(G_i) | E(G_i))$, vertex features $\pi_i : V(G_i) \rightarrow X$. and outcomes u. C.Y. The task is to learn a hypothesis h such that $h((G_i, x_i)) \approx u_i$.

cally. Theoretical graph classification models often discuss

GHC: Experimental results

Table 2.	Classification accuracy over 10 experiments	
	(a) Synthetic datasets	

METHODS	CSL	BIPARTITE	PAULUS25
Practical mo	dels		
GIN	10.00 ± 0.00	55.75 ± 7.91	7.14 ± 0.00
GNTK	10.00 ± 0.00	58.03 ± 6.84	7.14 ± 0.00
Theory mode	ls		
Ring-GNN	$10{\sim}80 \pm 15.7$	55.72 ± 6.95	7.15 ± 0.00
GHC-Tree	10.00 ± 0.00	52.68 ± 7.15	7.14 ± 0.00
GHC-Cycle	$\textbf{100.0} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	$\textbf{100.0} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	7.14 ± 0.00

(b) Benchmark datasets

Methods	MUTAG	IMDB-BIN	IMDB-MUL
Practical model.	5		
GNTK	89.46 ± 7.03	75.61 ± 3.98	51.91 ± 3.56
GIN	89.40 ± 5.60	70.70 ± 1.10	43.20 ± 2.00
PATCHY-SAN	89.92 ± 4.50	71.00 ± 2.20	45.20 ± 2.80
WL kernel	90.40 ± 5.70	73.80 ± 3.90	50.90 ± 3.80
Theory models			
Ring-GNN	78.07 ± 5.61	73.00 ± 5.40	48.20 ± 2.70
GHC-Tree	89.28 ± 8.26	72.10 ± 2.62	48.60 ± 4.40
GHC-Cycles	87.81 ± 7.46	70.93 ± 4.54	47.41 ± 3.67

GHC: Experimental results

Table 2.	Classification accuracy over 10 experiments
	(a) Synthetic datasets

METHODS	CSL	BIPARTITE	PAULUS25
Practical mo	dels		
GIN	10.00 ± 0.00	55.75 ± 7.91	7.14 ± 0.00
GNTK	10.00 ± 0.00	58.03 ± 6.84	7.14 ± 0.00
Theory mode	ls		
Ring-GNN	$10{\sim}80 \pm 15.7$	55.72 ± 6.95	7.15 ± 0.00
GHC-Tree	10.00 ± 0.00	52.68 ± 7.15	7.14 ± 0.00
GHC-Cycle	$\textbf{100.0} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	$\textbf{100.0} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	7.14 ± 0.00

(b) Benchmark datasets

Methods	MUTAG	IMDB-BIN	IMDB-MUL
Practical model.	5		
GNTK	89.46 ± 7.03	75.61 ± 3.98	51.91 ± 3.56
GIN	89.40 ± 5.60	70.70 ± 1.10	43.20 ± 2.00
PATCHY-SAN	89.92 ± 4.50	71.00 ± 2.20	45.20 ± 2.80
WL kernel	90.40 ± 5.70	73.80 ± 3.90	50.90 ± 3.80
Theory models			
Ring-GNN	78.07 ± 5.61	73.00 ± 5.40	48.20 ± 2.70
GHC-Tree	89.28 ± 8.26	72.10 ± 2.62	48.60 ± 4.40
GHC-Cycles	87.81 ± 7.46	70.93 ± 4.54	47.41 ± 3.67

 Good results on some synthetic datasets

GHC: Experimental results

Table 2.	Classification accuracy over 10 experiments	
	(a) Synthetic datasets	

METHODS	CSL	BIPARTITE	PAULUS25			
Practical mo	Practical models					
GIN	10.00 ± 0.00	55.75 ± 7.91	7.14 ± 0.00			
GNTK	10.00 ± 0.00	58.03 ± 6.84	7.14 ± 0.00			
Theory mode	ls					
Ring-GNN	$10{\sim}80 \pm 15.7$	55.72 ± 6.95	7.15 ± 0.00			
GHC-Tree	10.00 ± 0.00	52.68 ± 7.15	7.14 ± 0.00			
GHC-Cycle	$\textbf{100.0} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	$\textbf{100.0} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	7.14 ± 0.00			

(b) Benchmark datasets

Methods	MUTAG	IMDB-BIN	IMDB-MUL
Practical models	5		
GNTK	89.46 ± 7.03	75.61 ± 3.98	51.91 ± 3.56
GIN	89.40 ± 5.60	70.70 ± 1.10	43.20 ± 2.00
PATCHY-SAN	89.92 ± 4.50	71.00 ± 2.20	45.20 ± 2.80
WL kernel	90.40 ± 5.70	73.80 ± 3.90	50.90 ± 3.80
Theory models			
Ring-GNN	78.07 ± 5.61	73.00 ± 5.40	48.20 ± 2.70
GHC-Tree	89.28 ± 8.26	72.10 ± 2.62	48.60 ± 4.40
GHC-Cycles	87.81 ± 7.46	70.93 ± 4.54	47.41 ± 3.67

- Good results on some synthetic datasets
- Competitive results on (smaller) benchmark datasets

GHC is incomplete

 GHC in practice requires a fixed, user defined choice of the pattern set *F*

GHC is incomplete

- GHC in practice requires a fixed, user defined choice of the pattern set *F*
- This allows to bound the expressivity of GHC by an extension of the WL algorithm:

k-WL (Neuen (2024))

Expectation-Complete Graph Representations with Homomorphisms



ICML 2023

Pascal Welke*, Maximilian Thiessen*, Fabian Jogl, and Thomas Gärtner



TU Wien Vienna | Austria Research Unit Machine Learning



• Expressiveness bounded by **k**-WL



- Expressiveness bounded by **k**-WL
- ⇒ choice of architecture implies a fixed limit on what graphs can be distinguished



- Expressiveness bounded by *k*-WL
- ⇒ choice of architecture implies a fixed limit on what graphs can be distinguished
 - What can we do if we don't know anything about our datset?



- Expressiveness bounded by *k*-WL
- ⇒ choice of architecture implies a fixed limit on what graphs can be distinguished
 - What can we do if we don't know anything about our datset?



 We present an architecture which has no upper expressivity bound



- Expressiveness bounded by **k**-WL
- ⇒ choice of architecture implies a fixed limit on what graphs can be distinguished
 - What can we do if we don't know anything about our datset?



- We present an architecture which has no upper expressivity bound
- Asymptotically, our graph representation is complete.



- Expressiveness bounded by **k**-WL
- ⇒ choice of architecture implies a fixed limit on what graphs can be distinguished
 - What can we do if we don't know anything about our datset?



- We present an architecture which has no upper expressivity bound
- Asymptotically, our graph representation is complete.
- ⇒ allows to adapt to challenging learning tasks without domain knowledge



- Expressiveness bounded by **k**-WL
- ⇒ choice of architecture implies a fixed limit on what graphs can be distinguished
 - What can we do if we don't know anything about our datset?



- We present an architecture which has no upper expressivity bound
- Asymptotically, our graph representation is complete.
- ⇒ allows to adapt to challenging learning tasks without domain knowledge
- \Rightarrow works well in practice

What if we keep completeness ...

... in expectation?

Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

Expectation complete graph embeddings

Let $\phi_X : \mathcal{G} \to V$ depend on a random variable X drawn from a distr. \mathcal{D} over a set \mathcal{X}

Expectation complete graph embeddings

Let $\phi_X : \mathcal{G} \to V$ depend on a random variable X drawn from a distr. \mathcal{D} over a set \mathcal{X} We call ϕ_X complete in expectation if the expectation

$$\mathop{\mathbb{E}}_{X\sim\mathcal{D}}[\phi_X(\cdot)] = \sum_{t\in\mathcal{X}} \Pr(X=t)\phi_t(\cdot)$$

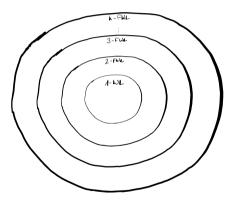
is a complete graph embedding

Sampling X₁, X₂, X₃, ... will eventually make the joint embedding

 $(\phi_{X_1}(G), \phi_{X_2}(G), \phi_{X_3}(G), \dots)$

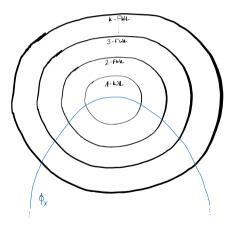
Sampling X_1, X_2, X_3, \ldots will eventually make the joint embedding

 $(\phi_{X_1}(G), \phi_{X_2}(G), \phi_{X_3}(G), \dots)$



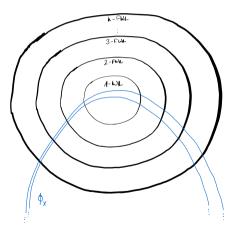
Sampling X_1, X_2, X_3, \ldots will eventually make the joint embedding

 $(\phi_{X_1}(G), \phi_{X_2}(G), \phi_{X_3}(G), \dots)$



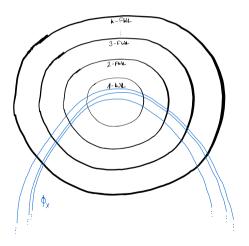
Sampling X₁, X₂, X₃, ... will eventually make the joint embedding

 $(\phi_{X_1}(G), \phi_{X_2}(G), \phi_{X_3}(G), \dots)$



Sampling X₁, X₂, X₃, ... will eventually make the joint embedding

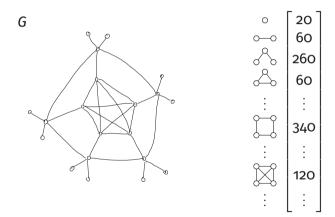
 $(\phi_{X_1}(G), \phi_{X_2}(G), \phi_{X_3}(G), \dots)$



What if we keep completeness in expectation ... efficiently

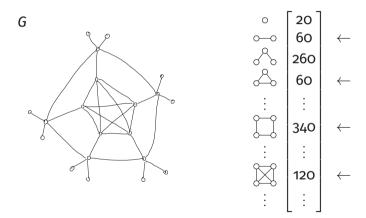
An intractable complete graph embedding

 $\varphi_n(G)$

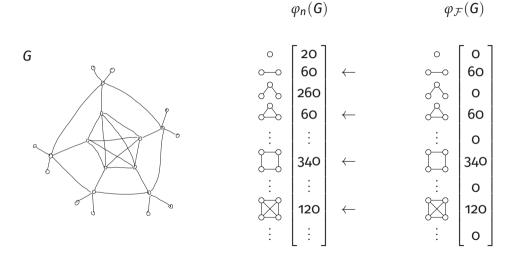


An intractable complete graph embedding

 $\varphi_n(G)$



An intractable complete graph embedding



Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

• Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- We design a distribution ${\cal D}$ that weights down expensive patterns

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- We design a distribution ${\cal D}$ that weights down expensive patterns

Computing the expectation-complete graph embedding $\phi_X(G)$ with $X \sim \mathcal{D}$ takes polynomial time in V(G) in expectation for all $G \in \mathcal{G}_n$.

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- We design a distribution ${\cal D}$ that weights down expensive patterns

Theorem ((ICML 2023)

Computing the expectation-complete graph embedding $\phi_X(G)$ with $X \sim \mathcal{D}$ takes polynomial time in V(G) in expectation for all $G \in \mathcal{G}_n$.

• We also showed

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- We design a distribution ${\cal D}$ that weights down expensive patterns

Theorem ((ICML 2023))

Computing the expectation-complete graph embedding $\phi_X(G)$ with $X \sim \mathcal{D}$ takes polynomial time in V(G) in expectation for all $G \in \mathcal{G}_n$.

- We also showed
 - convergence results

- Homomorphism counting is fixed parameter tractable
- We design a distribution ${\cal D}$ that weights down expensive patterns

Theorem ((ICML 2023))

Computing the expectation-complete graph embedding $\phi_X(G)$ with $X \sim \mathcal{D}$ takes polynomial time in V(G) in expectation for all $G \in \mathcal{G}_n$.

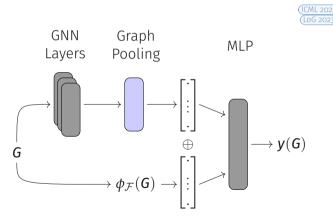
- We also showed
 - convergence results
 - universal approximation results

Efficient and expectation-complete GNNs

We can make any (message passing) GNN expectation-complete

Efficient and expectation-complete GNNs

We can make any (message passing) GNN expectation-complete



Empirical results

Table 1. Performance of different GNNs on 9 OGB benchmarks and ZINC. Baseline of a GNN with homorphism counts is the same GNN without homomorphism counts. Results for GNNs with homorphism counts are averaged over 9 different random samples of pattern graphs.

	Top 1 / 2 / 3	Beats baseline
GIN	0%/0%/0%	-
GIN+hom	0% / 10% / 10%	100%
GCN	0%/0%/0%	-
GCN+hom	10% / 10% / 20%	90%
GIN+F	0% / 10% / 50%	-
GIN+hom +F	20% / 40% / 70%	90%
GCN+F	0% / 50% / 60%	-
GCN+hom+F	70% / 80% / 90%	90%

Empirical results

Table 1. Performance of different GNNs on 9 OGB benchmarks and ZINC. Baseline of a GNN with homorphism counts is the same GNN without homomorphism counts. Results for GNNs with homorphism counts are averaged over 9 different random samples of pattern graphs.

	Top 1 / 2 / 3	Beats baseline
GIN	0%/0%/0%	-
GIN+hom	0% / 10% / 10%	100%
GCN	0%/0%/0%	-
GCN+hom	10% / 10% / 20%	90%
GIN+F	0% / 10% / 50%	-
GIN+hom +F	20% / 40% / 70%	90%
GCN+F	0% / 50% / 60%	-
GCN+hom+F	70% / 80% / 90%	90%

Table 2. Accuracy on synthetic data

Method	CSL	PAULUS25
GIN	10.00 ± 0.00	7.14 ± 0.00
GNTK	10.00 ± 0.00	7.14 ± 0.00
GHC-Tree	10.00 ± 0.00	7.14 ± 0.00
GHC-Cycle	100.0 ± 0.00	7.14 ± 0.00
WL	10.00 ± 0.00	7.14 ± 0.00
Ours	37.67 ± 9.11	100.0 ± 0.00

• Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but

- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)

- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)
- How can we speedup the runtime while maintaining the theoretical properties?

- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)
- How can we speedup the runtime while maintaining the theoretical properties?

Estimating homomorphism counts instead of exact computation might work well

- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)
- How can we speedup the runtime while maintaining the theoretical properties?

Estimating homomorphism counts instead of exact computation might work well



- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)
- How can we speedup the runtime while maintaining the theoretical properties?

Estimating homomorphism counts instead of exact computation might work well

• (Beaujean et al (2021))

BSc thesis 2023

- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)
- How can we speedup the runtime while maintaining the theoretical properties?

Estimating homomorphism counts instead of exact computation might work well

- (Beaujean et al (2021))
- BSc thesis 2023
- (KDD 2020)

- Our runtime is polynomial in expectation, but
 - We can realistically sample 20-100 patterns
 - (that suffices in practice)
- How can we speedup the runtime while maintaining the theoretical properties?

Estimating homomorphism counts instead of exact computation might work well

- (Beaujean et al (2021))
- BSc thesis 2023
- (KDD 2020)
- fast and precise in practice

Homomorphism Counts as Node Representations

Connecting homomorphism counting and message passing

• So far, message passing and homomorphism counting have touched, but not really interacted

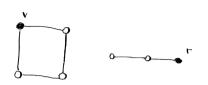
Connecting homomorphism counting and message passing

- So far, message passing and homomorphism counting have touched, but not really interacted
- Homomorphism counts can also be included in the message passing

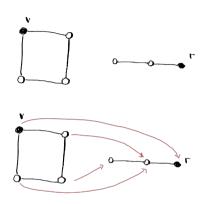
A rooted graph (G, v) is a graph G with a special root $v \in V(G)$

A rooted graph (G, v) is a graph G with a special root $v \in V(G)$ A rooted homomorphism h from (H, r) to (G, v) is a homomorphism h with h(r) = v

A rooted graph (G, v) is a graph G with a special root $v \in V(G)$ A rooted homomorphism h from (H, r) to (G, v) is a homomorphism h with h(r) = v



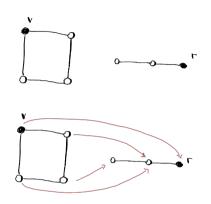
A rooted graph (G, v) is a graph G with a special root $v \in V(G)$ A rooted homomorphism h from (H, r) to (G, v) is a homomorphism h with h(r) = v



A rooted graph (G, v) is a graph G with a special root $v \in V(G)$ A rooted homomorphism h from

(H, r) to (G, v) is a homomorphism h with h(r) = v

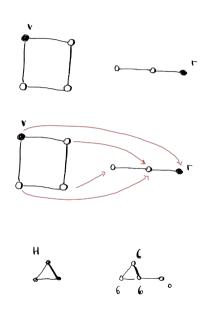
 We can now count rooted homomorphisms for any node v in G



A rooted graph (G, v) is a graph G with a special root $v \in V(G)$ A rooted homomorphism h from

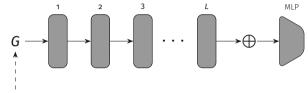
(H, r) to (G, v) is a homomorphism h with h(r) = v

 We can now count rooted homomorphisms for any node v in G



Graph Homomorphism Convolution (\mathcal{F} -MPNNs)





add hom-counts here

• This architecture is more expressive than WL

Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

Graph Neural Networks with Local Graph Parameters

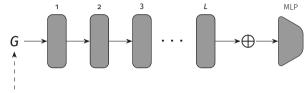
Pablo Barcelo^{1,2}, Floris Geerte³, Juan Reutter^{1,2}, Maksimilian Ryschkov³ ¹ Department of Computer Science, PUC, Chile ² Millennium Invitute for Foundational Research on Data, Chile ³ Department of Computer Science, University of Antwerp, Belgium [phared.o.; jenvertse] liet, piece. [, Iloria:, generat, makinili.in: aryschkor) disantwerpen.be

Abstract

Various recent proposals increase the distinguishing power of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) by propagating features between k-tuples of vertices. The distinguishing power of these "higher-order" GNNs is known to be bounded by the k-dimensional Weisfeiler-Leman (WL) test, vet their O(nk) memory requirements limit their applicability. Other proposals infuse GNNs with local higher-order graph structural information from the start, hereby inheriting the desirable O(n) memory requirement from GNNs at the cost of a one-time, possibly non-linear, preprocessing step. We propose local graph parameter enabled GNNs as a framework for studying the latter kind of approaches. We precisely characterize their distinguishing power, in terms of a variant of the WL test, and in terms of the graph structural properties that they can take into account. Local graph parameters can be added to any GNN architecture, and are cheap to compute. In terms of expressive power, our proposal lies in the middle of GNNs and their higher-order counterparts. Further we propose several techniques to aid in choosing the right local graph parameters. Our results connect GNNs with deep results in finite model theory and finite variable logics. Our experimental evaluation shows that adding local graph parameters often has a positive effect on a variety of GNNs, datasets and graph learning tasks

Graph Homomorphism Convolution (\mathcal{F} -MPNNs)





add hom-counts here

- This architecture is more expressive than WL
- It is incomparable to 2-WL

Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

Graph Neural Networks with Local Graph Parameters

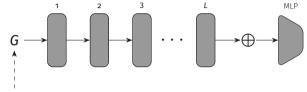
Pablo Barcelo^{1,2}, Floris Geerte³, Juan Reutter^{1,2}, Maksimilian Ryschkov³ ¹ Department of Computer Science, PUC, Chile ² Millennium Invitute for Foundational Research on Data, Chile ³ Department of Computer Science, University of Antwerp, Belgium [phared.o.; jenvertse] liet, piece. [, Iloria:, generat, makinili.in: aryschkor) disantwerpen.be

Abstract

Various recent proposals increase the distinguishing power of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) by propagating features between k-tuples of vertices. The distinguishing power of these "higher-order" GNNs is known to be bounded by the k-dimensional Weisfeiler-Leman (WL) test, vet their O(nk) memory requirements limit their applicability. Other proposals infuse GNNs with local higher-order graph structural information from the start, hereby inheriting the desirable O(n) memory requirement from GNNs at the cost of a one-time, possibly non-linear, preprocessing step. We propose local graph parameter enabled GNNs as a framework for studying the latter kind of approaches. We precisely characterize their distinguishing power, in terms of a variant of the WL test, and in terms of the graph structural properties that they can take into account. Local graph parameters can be added to any GNN architecture, and are cheap to compute. In terms of expressive power, our proposal lies in the middle of GNNs and their higher-order counterparts. Further we propose several techniques to aid in choosing the right local graph parameters. Our results connect GNNs with deep results in finite model theory and finite variable logics. Our experimental evaluation shows that adding local graph parameters often has a positive effect on a variety of GNNs, datasets and graph learning tasks

Graph Homomorphism Convolution (\mathcal{F} -MPNNs)





add hom-counts here

- This architecture is more expressive than WL
- It is incomparable to 2-WL
- Can be bounded by \mathcal{F} -WL (!)

Graph Neural Networks with Local Graph Parameters

Pablo Barcelo^{1,2}, Floris Geerte³, Juan Reutter^{1,2}, Maksimilian Ryschkov³ ¹ Department of Computer Science, PUC, Chile ² Millennium Invitute for Foundational Research on Data, Chile ³ Department of Computer Science, University of Antwerp, Belgium [phared.o.; jenvertse] liet, piece. [, Iloria:, generat, makinili.in: aryschkor) disantwerpen.be

Abstract

Various recent proposals increase the distinguishing power of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) by propagating features between k-tuples of vertices. The distinguishing power of these "higher-order" GNNs is known to be bounded by the k-dimensional Weisfeiler-Leman (WL) test, vet their O(nk) memory requirements limit their applicability. Other proposals infuse GNNs with local higher-order graph structural information from the start, hereby inheriting the desirable O(n) memory requirement from GNNs at the cost of a one-time, possibly non-linear, preprocessing step. We propose local graph parameter enabled GNNs as a framework for studying the latter kind of approaches. We precisely characterize their distinguishing power, in terms of a variant of the WL test, and in terms of the graph structural properties that they can take into account. Local graph parameters can be added to any GNN architecture, and are cheap to compute. In terms of expressive power, our proposal lies in the middle of GNNs and their higher-order counterparts. Further we propose several techniques to aid in choosing the right local graph parameters. Our results connect GNNs with deep results in finite model theory and finite variable logics. Our experimental evaluation shows that adding local graph parameters often has a positive effect on a variety of GNNs, datasets and graph learning tasks

Experimental Results

(a) Results for the ZINC dataset show that homomorphism (hom) counts of cycles improve every model. We compare the mean absolute error (MAE) of each model without any homomorphism count (baseline), against the model augmented with the hom count, and with subgraph isomorphism (iso) counts of C₃-C₁₀.

(b) The effect of different cycles for the GAT model over the ZINC dataset, using mean absolute error.

				Set (F)
MODEL	MAE (BASE)	МАЕ (ном)	MAE (180)	NONE
GAT	0.47 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.01	0.24 ± 0.01	${C_3 \\ C_4}$
GCN	0.35 ± 0.01	0.20 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.01	$\{C_6\}$
GraphSage	0.44 ± 0.01	$0.24 {\pm} 0.01$	0.24 ± 0.01	$\{C_5, C_6\}$
MoNet	0.25 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.01	$0.16 {\pm} 0.01$	$\{C_3, \ldots, C_6\}$
GatedGCN	$0.34{\pm}0.05$	$0.1353{\pm}0.01$	$0.1357 {\pm} 0.01$	$\{C_3, \dots, C_{10}\}$

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \textbf{SET}\left(\mathcal{F}\right) & \textbf{MAE} \\ \hline \textbf{NONE} & 0.47\pm0.02 \\ \{C_3\} & 0.45\pm0.01 \\ \{C_4\} & 0.34\pm0.02 \\ \{C_6\} & 0.3\pm0.01 \\ \{C_5, C_6\} & 0.2\pm0.01 \\ \{C_5, ..., C_6\} & 0.2\pm0.01 \\ \{C_6, ..., C_6\} & 0$

Table 2: Results for the PATTERN dataset show that homomorphism counts improve all models except GatedGCN. We compare weighted accuracy of each model without any homomorphism count (base) line) against the model augmented with the counts of the set \mathcal{F} hat showed best performance (best \mathcal{F}).

Model + best F	ACCURACY BASELINE	ACCURACY BEST
$GAT \{K_3, K_4, K_5\}$	78.83 ± 0.60	85.50 ± 0.23
$GCN\{K_3, K_4, K_5\}$	71.42 ± 1.38	82.49 ± 0.48
GraphSage $\{K_3, K_4, K_5\}$	70.78 ± 0.19	$85,85 \pm 0.15$
MoNet $\{K_3, K_4, K_5\}$	85.90 ± 0.03	$\textbf{86.63} \pm \textbf{0.03}$
GatedGCN {0}	86.15 ± 0.08	86.15 ± 0.08

Table 3: All models improve the Hits@50 metric over the COLLAB dataset. We compare each model without any homomorphism count (baseline) against the model augmented with the counts of the set of patterns that showed best performance (best \mathcal{F}).

Model + best F	HITS@50 BASELINE	HITS@50 BEST
GAT $\{K_3\}$	50.32±0.55	52.87±0.87
$GCN \{K_3, K_4, K_5\}$	51.35 ± 1.30	54.60 ± 1.01
GraphSage {K ₅ }	50.33 ± 0.68	51.39 ± 1.23
MoNet $\{K_4\}$	49.81±1.56	51.76 ± 1.38
GatedGCN $\{K_3\}$	51.00 ± 2.54	51.57 ± 0.68



• By adding homcounts to the node labels before message passing, we get an architecture that is at least as expressive as message passing

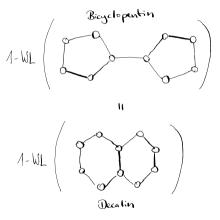


- By adding homcounts to the node labels before message passing, we get an architecture that is at least as expressive as message passing
- Cycle counting seems to be important ;)

GNNs can Count Homomorphisms – Implicitly

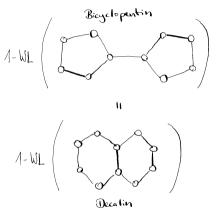
Practical problem

• 1-WL is sometimes not expressive enough



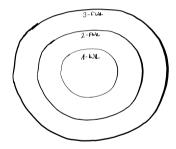
Practical problem

- 1-WL is sometimes not expressive enough
- In particular, it is insensitive to the number of cycles



Practical problem

- 1-WL is sometimes not expressive enough
- In particular, it is insensitive to the number of cycles
- 2-FWL is already impractical



Weisfeiler and Leman Go Loopy: A New Hierarchy for Graph Representational Learning



NeurIPS 2024 (oral)

Raffaele Paolino*, Sohir Maskey*, Pascal Welke, and Gitta Kutyniok





• Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs



- Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs
- Number and type of cycles in molecules is important



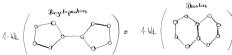
- Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs
- Number and type of cycles in molecules is important
- But

1-WL





- Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs
- Number and type of cycles in molecules is important
- But

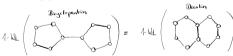




 we propose a generalized message passing architecture



- Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs
- Number and type of cycles in molecules is important
- But



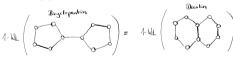


- we propose a generalized message passing architecture
- it can distinguish graphs with different *r*-cycle counts



- Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs
- Number and type of cycles in molecules is important

• But



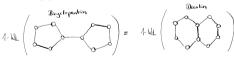


- we propose a generalized message passing architecture
- it can distinguish graphs with different *r*-cycle counts
- it can homomorphism-count all *r*-cactus graphs (strictly more expressive than 1-WL)



- Property prediction for small molecules is one main application area of GNNs
- Number and type of cycles in molecules is important

• But



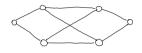


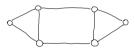
- we propose a generalized message passing architecture
- it can distinguish graphs with different *r*-cycle counts
- it can homomorphism-count all *r*-cactus graphs (strictly more expressive than 1-WL)
- fast in practice, s.o.t.a. results

A novel GNN architecture that is parametrized by cycle length **r** that

A novel GNN architecture that is parametrized by cycle length **r** that

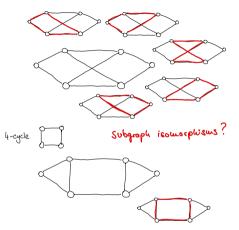
• is efficient on sparse graphs





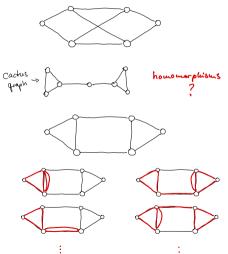
A novel GNN architecture that is parametrized by cycle length **r** that

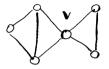
- is efficient on sparse graphs
- can subgraph count all cycles of length up to *r*

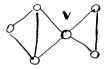


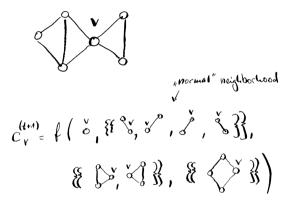
A novel GNN architecture that is parametrized by cycle length **r** that

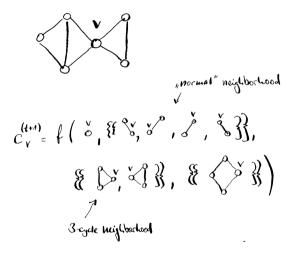
- is efficient on sparse graphs
- can subgraph count all cycles of length up to *r*
- can homomorphism count all *r*-cactus graphs

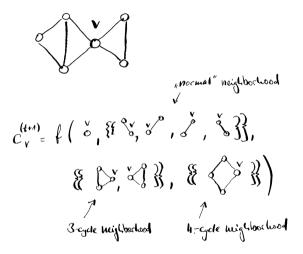






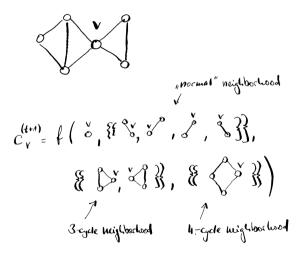






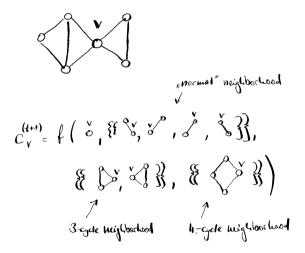
 Generalized message passing over multiple sets of local "neighborhoods"

Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

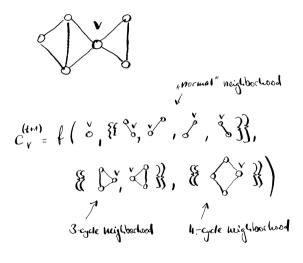


- Generalized message passing over multiple sets of local "neighborhoods"
- Cycles can be enumerated quickly on many sparse graphs

Horváth et al (2004))



- Generalized message passing over multiple sets of local "neighborhoods"
- Cycles can be enumerated quickly on many sparse graphs (Horváth et al (2004))
- Cycle representations can be computed with GINs



- Generalized message passing over multiple sets of local "neighborhoods"
- Cycles can be enumerated quickly on many sparse graphs (Horváth et al (2004))
- Cycle representations can be computed with GINs

A complete representation for cycles :

 $\mathcal{E}^{\{t+n\}}\left(\overset{\sim}{\swarrow}\overset{\vee}{\searrow}\right) = GIN\left(\overset{\sim}{\swarrow}\overset{\vee}{\nearrow}\right) + GIN\left(\overset{\sim}{\swarrow}\overset{\vee}{\bigtriangledown}\right)$

Empirical results

Table 4: Normalized test MAE (\downarrow) on graph regression, QM9 dataset. Top three models as $\mathbb{I}^{\texttt{M}}$, $2^{\texttt{nd}}$, $3^{\texttt{rd}}$.

Model	μ	α	$\varepsilon_{\rm homo}$
1-GNN	0.493	0.78	0.00321
1-2-3-GNN	0.476	0.27	0.00337
DTNN	0.244	0.95	0.00388
Deep LRP	0.364	0.298	0.00254
PPGN	0.231	0.382	0.00276
NestedGNN	0.428	0.290	0.00265
I2-GNN	0.428	0.230	0.00261
DRFWL GNN	0.346	0.222	0.00226
5-/GIN	0.350	0.217	0.00205
5-2011	± 0.011	± 0.025	± 0.00005

Empirical results

Table 4: Normalized test MAE (\downarrow) on graph regression, QM9 dataset. Top three models as $\mathbb{I}^{\underline{M}}$, $\underline{2^{nd}}$, $\underline{3^{rd}}$.

Model	μ	α	$\varepsilon_{\rm homo}$
1-GNN	0.493	0.78	0.00321
1-2-3-GNN	0.476	0.27	0.00337
DTNN	0.244	0.95	0.00388
Deep LRP	0.364	0.298	0.00254
PPGN	0.231	0.382	0.00276
NestedGNN	0.428	0.290	0.00265
I2-GNN	0.428	0.230	0.00261
DRFWL GNN	0.346	0.222	0.00226
5-lGIN	0.350	0.217	0.00205
5-2011V	± 0.011	± 0.025	± 0.00005

Table 3: Test MAE (\downarrow) on graph regression, ZINC dataset. Top three models as 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Model	ZINC12K	ZINC250K
GIN	0.163 ± 0.004	0.088 ± 0.002
GCN	0.321 ± 0.009	-
GAT	0.384 ± 0.007	-
GSN	0.115 ± 0.012	-
CIN	$\underline{0.079 \pm 0.006}$	0.022 ± 0.002
NestedGNN	0.111 ± 0.003	0.029 ± 0.001
SUN	0.083 ± 0.003	-
GNNAK+	0.080 ± 0.001	-
I2-GNN	0.083 ± 0.001	0.023 ± 0.001
DRFWL GNN	0.077 ± 0.002	0.025 ± 0.003
SignNet	0.084 ± 0.004	$\underline{0.024 \pm 0.003}$
HIMP	0.151 ± 0.006	0.036 ± 0.002
PathNN	0.090 ± 0.004	-
5-ℓGIN	0.072 ± 0.002	0.022 ± 0.001

We have seen different hierarchies of expressiveness

We have seen different hierarchies of expressiveness

- increasing the size of \mathcal{F} in (NT and Maehara (2020))

We have seen different hierarchies of expressiveness

- increasing the size of ${\mathcal F}$ in $({
 m NT} ext{ and } {
 m Maehara} ext{ (2020)})$
- (Barceló et al (2021)) s *F*-WL hierarchy

We have seen different hierarchies of expressiveness

- increasing the size of ${\mathcal F}$ in $({\sf NT} {\sf and} {\sf Maehara} (2020))$
- (Barceló et al (2021)) s *F*-WL hierarchy
- the *r*-loopy WL test of (NeurIPS 2024)

Open questions

We have seen different hierarchies of expressiveness

- increasing the size of ${\mathcal F}$ in $({\sf NT} {\sf and} {\sf Maehara} (2020))$
- (Barceló et al (2021)) s *F*-WL hierarchy
- the *r*-loopy WL test of (NeurIPS 2024)

How are they connected?

Open questions

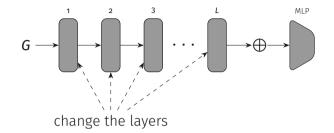
We have seen different hierarchies of expressiveness

- increasing the size of ${\mathcal F}$ in $({
 m NT} ext{ and } {
 m Maehara} ext{ (2020)})$
- (Barceló et al (2021)) s *F*-WL hierarchy
- the *r*-loopy WL test of (NeurIPS 2024)

How are they connected?

Can we collect most of our results in one architecture?

Deep Homomorphism Networks



 Message passing can be generalized to homomorphism counting

Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

Deep Homomorphism Networks

Takanori Maehara^{*} Roka, Inc. Cambridge, UK tmaehara@roka.com Hoang NT University of Tokyo Tokyo, Japan hoangnt@g.ecc.u-tokyo.ac.jp

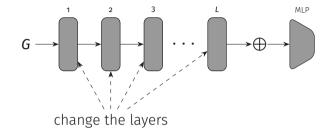
Abstract

May real-overlip graphs are large and here some characteristic subgraph atterns, some strangelse in soverlip entropic, slagen is soverlip end, and cycles in molecular on the strangelse in soverlip entropic, slagen is soverlip end, and cycles in molecular distribution of the strangelse in the strangelse strategies are effective factorial rate or large graphs social networks (CRNs) that can able extension are effective and the prediction of the strangelse in the strategies of the the expected power of the DIN is completely dimensionly strategies as a static framework in the strategies interactive strategies of the strategies of the model that models at the predictive strategies of the strategies of the model that models at the predictive strategies of the strategies of the model that models at the predictive strategies of the strategies of the model that models at the predictive strategies of the model that models at the predictive strategies of the str

1 Introduction

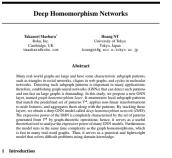
1.1 Background

Deep Homomorphism Networks



- Message passing can be generalized to homomorphism counting
- We have to use a node-weighted variant of homomorphisms, though

Pascal Welke | Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts



1.1 Background

Deep Homomorphism Network Architecture

• Homomorphism counts can be weighted by the node weights

$$hou \left(\begin{pmatrix} F_{i,p} \end{pmatrix}_{i} \begin{pmatrix} b, x \end{pmatrix} \right) = \underbrace{\prod}_{T \in Hou} \begin{pmatrix} F_{i,p}^{*} \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\prod}_{p \in V(F)} \bigwedge_{p} \begin{pmatrix} x_{n_{ps}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Deep Homomorphism Network Architecture

- Homomorphism counts can be weighted by the node weights
- Node weights can be computed by learnable functions

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{Res}}\left(\left(F_{1}^{*}\mu\right)_{+}\left(F_{1}^{*}x\right)\right) = \sum_{\mathcal{T} \in H_{\text{Res}}\left(F_{1}^{*}a^{*}\right)} \frac{\mathcal{T}_{1}}{\mathcal{P}^{\text{ev}\left(F_{1}^{*}\right)}} \mu_{p}\left(x_{\mathcal{R}_{p}}\right)$$

Deep Homomorphism Network Architecture

- Homomorphism counts can be weighted by the node weights
- Node weights can be computed by learnable functions
- Suitable pattern sets *P* allow to obtain architectures as powerful as our previous examples

$$a_{\mu}\left(\left(F_{i,\mu}^{*}\right),\left(F_{i,\kappa}^{*}\right)\right) = \underbrace{\prod}_{T \in H_{2M}}\left(F_{i,\kappa}^{*}\right) \xrightarrow{T}_{P \in V(T)} \mu_{P}\left(x_{\overline{n}_{P}s}\right)$$

• Homomorphism-based methods work well in theory and practice

ML 2023) (NeurIPS 2024) (ECML/PKDD 2018

• Homomorphism-based methods work well in theory and practice

2023) (NeurIPS 2024) (ECML/PKDD 2018)

• Randomization yields expressive graph representations

ICML 2023) (KDD 2020) (PhD thesis 2019

• Homomorphism-based methods work well in theory and practice

L 2023) (NeurIPS 2024) (ECML/PKDD 2018)

• Randomization yields expressive graph representations

ML 2023) (KDD 2020) (PhD thesis 2019)

• There is much more...

Homomorphism-based methods work well in theory and practice

Randomization vields expressive graph representations

- There is much more...
 - Generalization bounds of GNNs using homomorphism counts (Li et al (2024))



Homomorphism-based methods work well in theory and practice

• Randomization yields expressive graph representations

- There is much more
 - Generalization bounds of GNNs using homomorphism counts (Li et al (2024))



Intricate results linking homomorphism counting and the k-WL test (Neuen (2024)) _

Pascal Welke Expressive Graph Embeddings via Homomorphism Counts

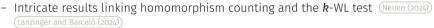
• Homomorphism-based methods work well in theory and practice

ICML 2023) (NeurIPS 2024) (ECML/PKDD 2018

• Randomization yields expressive graph representations

ML 2023) (KDD 2020) (PhD thesis 2019)

- There is much more...
 - Generalization bounds of GNNs using homomorphism counts (Li et al (2024))



- Homomorphism bases (aka spasms) of patterns allow to compute and learn(!) very powerful graph invariants (in et al (2024)) (Dell et al (2018)) (Curticapean et al (2017))

References

Pablo Barceló, Floris Geerts, Juan L Reutter, Maksimilian Ryschkov (2021) Graph neural networks with local graph parameters. In: Marc'Aurelio Ranzato, Alina Beygelzimer, Yann N Dauphin, Percy Liang, Jennifer Wortman Yaughan (eds) Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 34: Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2021, NeurIPS 2021, December 6-14, 2021, virtual, pp 25,280–25,293, URL https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper/2021/hash/448d1ac7e00e9105775a6b660dd3cbb-Abstract.html

Paul Beaujean, Florian Sikora, Florian Yger (2021) Graph homomorphism features: Why not sample? In: Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases - International Workshops of ECML PKDD 2021, Virtual Event, September 13-17, 2021, Proceedings, Part I, Springer, Communications in Computer and Information Science, vol 1524, pp 216–222, DOI 10.1007/978-3-030-93736-2_17, URL https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-93736-2_17

Andrei Dragos Brasoveanu, Fabian Jogl, Pascal Welke, Maximilian Thiessen (2023) Extending graph neural networks with global features. In: Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG), URL https://openreview.net/forum?id=aisVQy6R2k

Radu Curticapean, Holger Dell, Dániel Marx (2017) Homomorphisms are a good basis for counting small subgraphs. In: Hamed Hatami, Pierre McKenzie, Valerie King (eds) Proceedings of the 49th Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing, STOC 2017, Montreal, QC, Canada, June 19-23, 2017, ACM, pp 210–223, DOI 10.1145/3055399.3055502, URL https://doi.org/10.1145/3055399.3055502

Holger Dell, Martin Grohe, Gaurav Rattan (2018) Lovász meets weisfeiler and leman. In: Ioannis Chatzigiannakis, Christos Kaklamanis, Dániel Marx, Donald Sannella (eds) 45th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming, ICALP 2018, July 9-13, 2018, Prague, Czech Republic, Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, LIPIcs, vol 107, pp 40:1–40:14, DOI 10.4230/LIPICS.ICALP.2018.40, URL https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2018.40

Vijay Prakash Dwivedi, Ladislav Rampášek, Mikhail Galkin, Ali Parviz, Guy Wolf, Anh Tuan Luu, Dominique Beaini (2022) Long range graph benchmark. In: Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems Datasets and Benchmarks Track, URL https://openreview.net/forum?id=in7XC5RcjEn

References

Tamás Horváth, Thomas Gärtner, Stefan Wrobel (2004) Cyclic pattern kernels for predictive graph mining. In: Won Kim, Ron Kohavi, Johannes Gehrke, William DuMouchel (eds) Proceedings of the Tenth ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, Seattle, Washington, USA, August 22-25, 2004, ACM, pp 158–167, DOI 10.1145/1014052.1014072

Weihua Hu, Matthias Fey, Marinka Zitnik, Yuxiao Dong, Hongyu Ren, Bowen Liu, Michele Catasta, Jure Leskovec (2020) Open graph benchmark: Datasets for machine learning on graphs. In: Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33: Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2020, NeurIPS 2020, December 6-12, 2020, virtual, URL

https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper/2020/hash/fb60d411a5c5b72b2e7d3527cfc84fd0-Abstract.html

Emily Jin, Michael M Bronstein, Ismail Ilkan Ceylan, Matthias Lanzinger (2024) Homomorphism counts for graph neural networks: All about that basis. In: Forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML 2024, Vienna, Austria, July 21-27, 2024, OpenReview.net, URL https://openreview.net/forum?id=zRrzSLwNHQ

Matthias Lanzinger, Pablo Barceló (2024) On the power of the weisfeiler-leman test for graph motif parameters. In: The Twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations, ICLR 2024, Vienna, Austria, May 7-11, 2024, OpenReview.net, URL https://openreview.net/forum?id=PddFx108J3

Shouheng Li, Floris Geerts, Dongwoo Kim, Qing Wang (2024) Towards bridging generalization and expressivity of graph neural networks. URL https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.10051, 2410.10051

Tobias Mette (2023) Hops for homomorphism count estimation. BSc Thesis, University of Bonn

Christopher Morris, Nils M Kriege, Franka Bause, Kristian Kersting, Petra Mutzel, Marion Neumann (2020) Tudataset: A collection of benchmark datasets for learning with graphs. CoRR abs/2007.08663, URL https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.08663, 2007.08663

References

Daniel Neuen (2024) Homomorphism-distinguishing closedness for graphs of bounded tree-width. In: Olaf Beyersdorff, Mamadou Moustapha Kanté, Orna Kupferman, Daniel Lokshtanov (eds) 41st International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science, STACS 2024, March 12-14, 2024, Clermont-Ferrand, France, Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, LIPIcs, vol 289, pp 53:1–53:12, DOI 10. 4230/LIPICS.STACS. 2024.53, URL https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.STACS.2024.53

Hoang NT, Takanori Maehara (2020) Graph homomorphism convolution. In: Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML 2020, 13-18 July 2020, Virtual Event, PMLR, Proceedings of Machine Learning Research, vol 119, pp 7306–7316, URL http://proceedings.mlr.press/v119/nguyen20c.html

Raffaele Paolino*, Sohir Maskey*, Pascal Welke, Gitta Kutyniok (2024) Weisfeiler and leman go loopy: A new hierarchy for graph representational learning. 2403.13749

Till Hendrik Schulz, Tamás Horváth, Pascal Welke, Stefan Wrobel (2018) Mining tree patterns with partially injective homomorphisms. In: Michele Berlingerio, Francesco Bonchi, Thomas Gärtner, Neil Hurley, Georgiana Ifrim (eds) European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECMLPKDD), Springer, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 11052, pp 585–601, DOI 10.1007/978-3-030-10928-8_35, URL https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-10928-8_35

Pascal Welke (2019) Efficient frequent subtree mining beyond forests. Dissertations in Artificial Intelligence 348, URL https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11811/7893

Pascal Welke, Florian Seiffarth, Michael Kamp, Stefan Wrobel (2020) HOPS: probabilistic subtree mining for small and large graphs. In: Rajesh Gupta, Yan Liu, Jiliang Tang, B Aditya Prakash (eds) SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), ACM, pp 1275–1284, DOI 10. 1145/3394486.3403180, URL https://doi.org/10.1145/3394486.3403180

Pascal Welke*, Maximilian Thiessen*, Fabian Jogl, Thomas Gärtner (2023) Expectation-complete graph representations with homomorphisms. In: International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), URL https://proceedings.mlr.press/v202/welke23a.html, 2306.05838