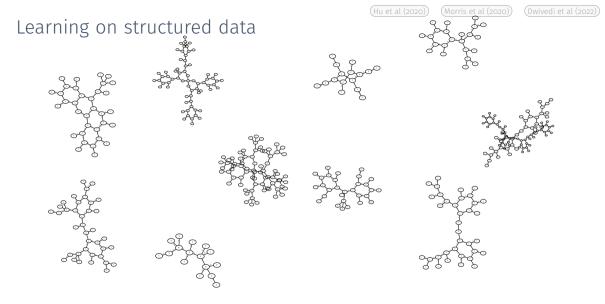
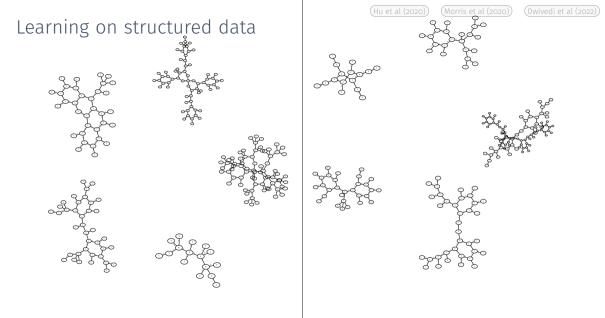


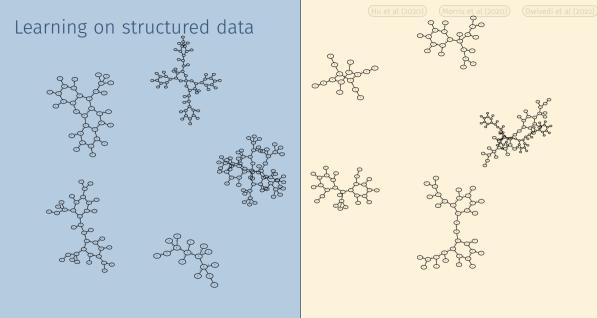
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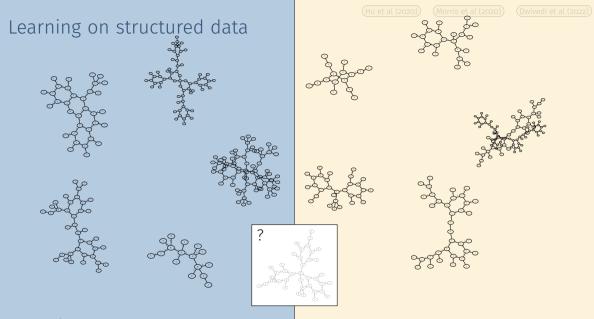
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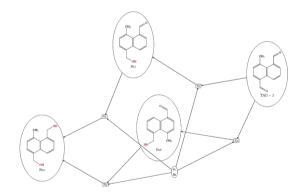






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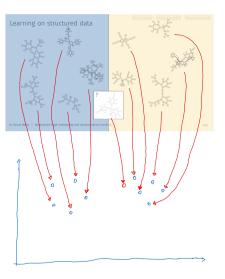
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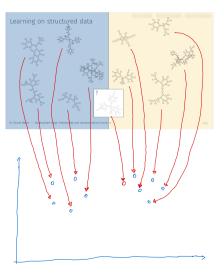
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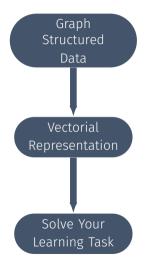


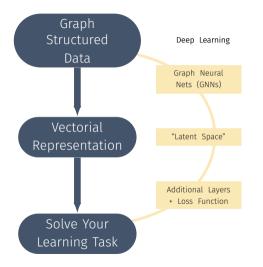
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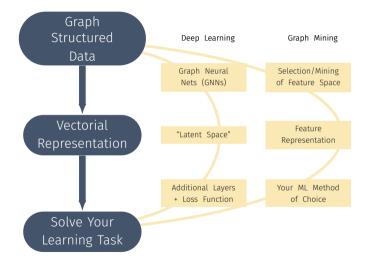
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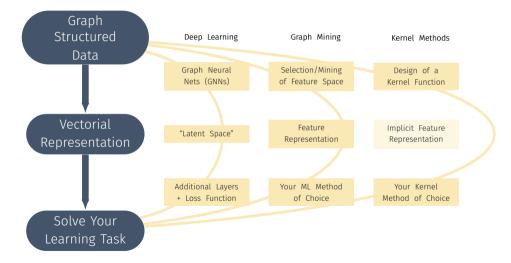
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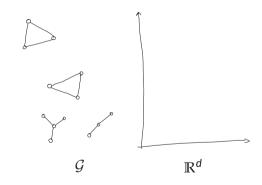






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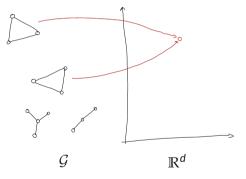
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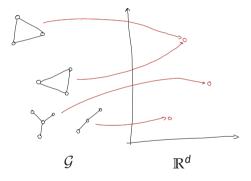
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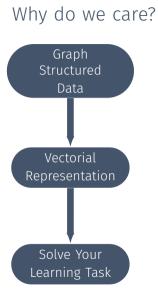
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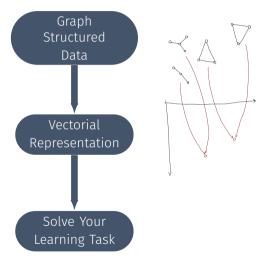
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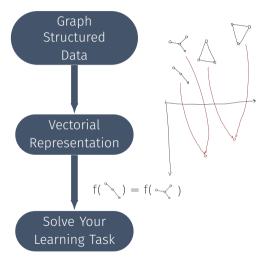
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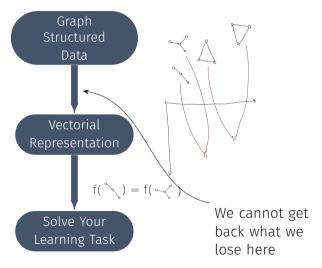
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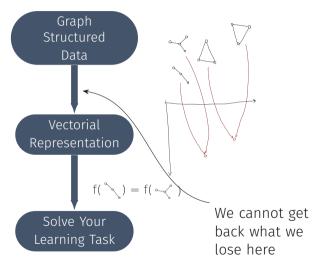




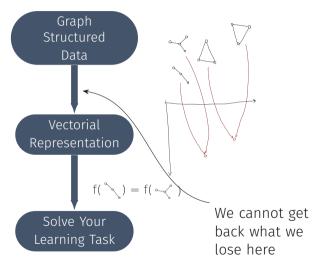








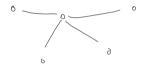
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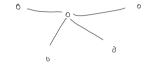
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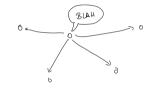
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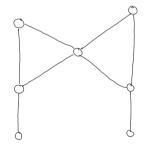
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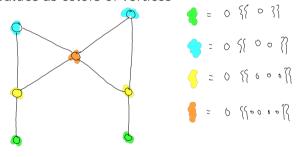
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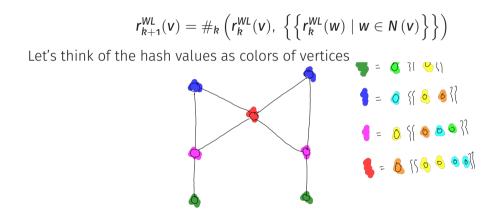


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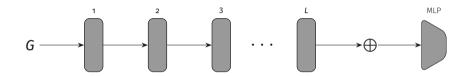
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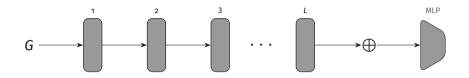
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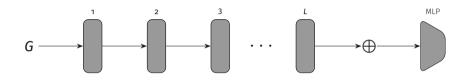
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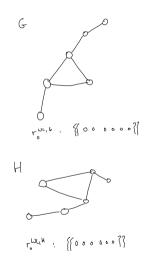
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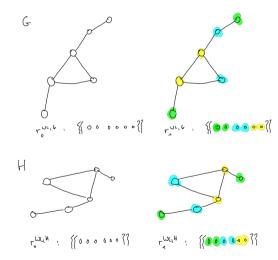
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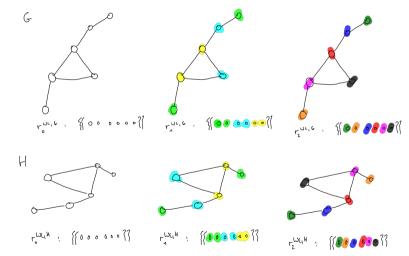
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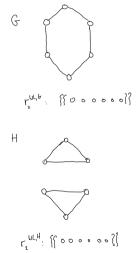


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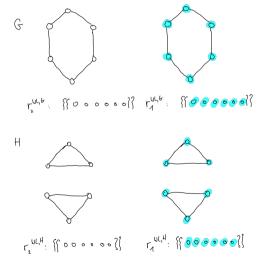




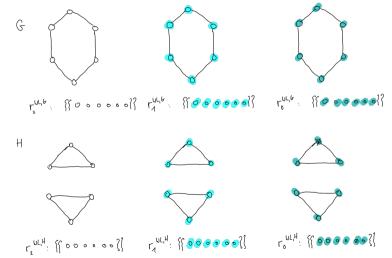
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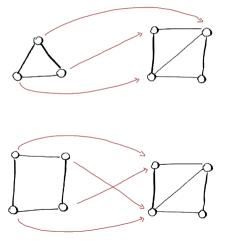
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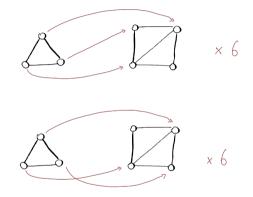
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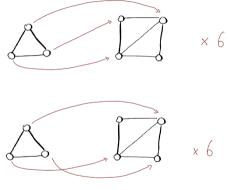
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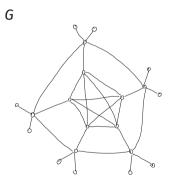


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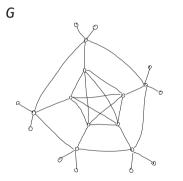
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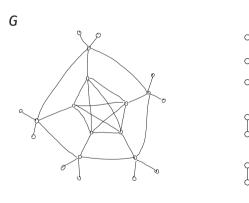


There are **twelve** homomorphisms from *H* to *G*!



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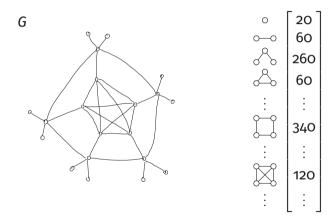
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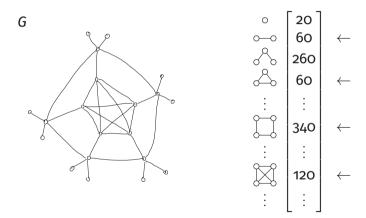
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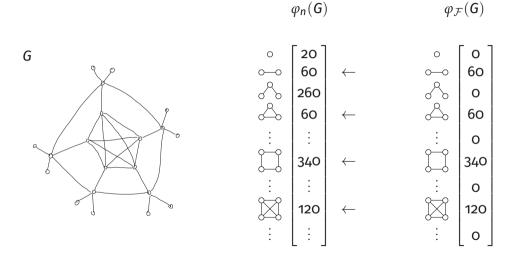
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Graph Homomorphism Convolution (GHC)

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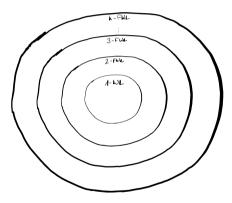
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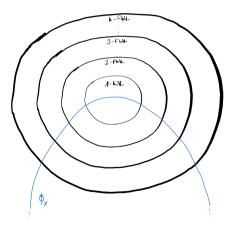
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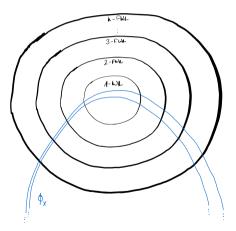
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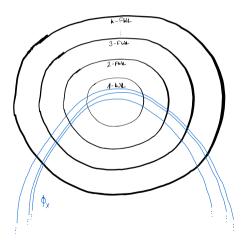
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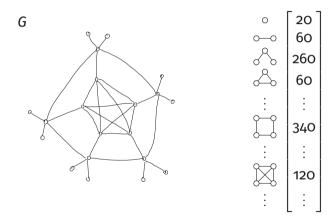
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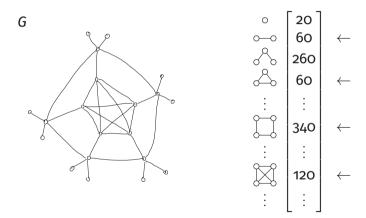
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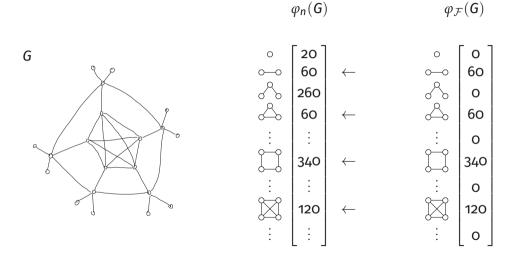


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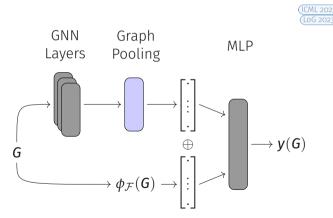
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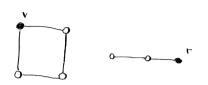
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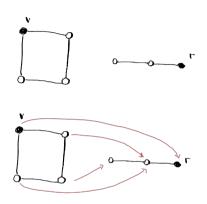
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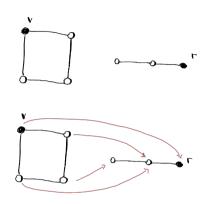
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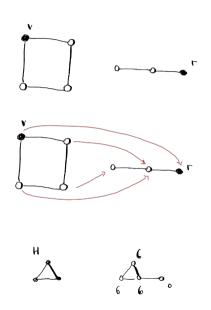
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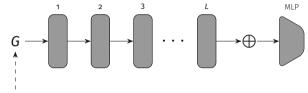
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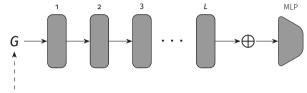
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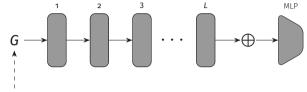
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				Set (F)
MODEL	MAE (BASE)	МАЕ (ном)	MAE (180)	NONE
GAT	0.47 ± 0.02	0.22 ± 0.01	0.24 ± 0.01	${C_3 \\ C_4}$
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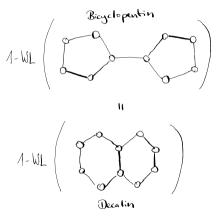


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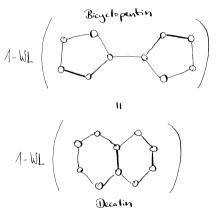
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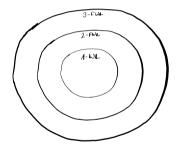
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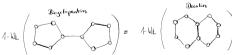
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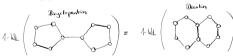




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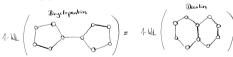


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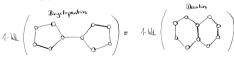


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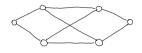


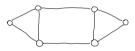
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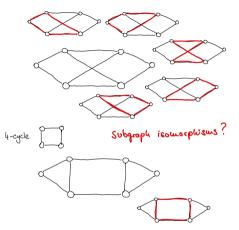
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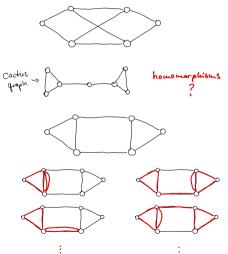
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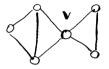
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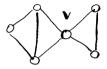


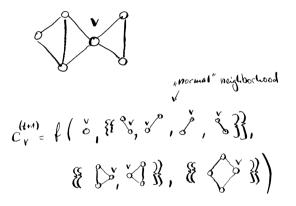
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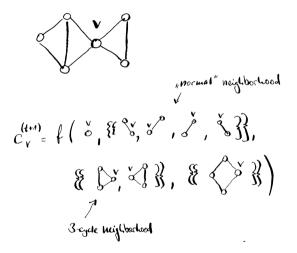
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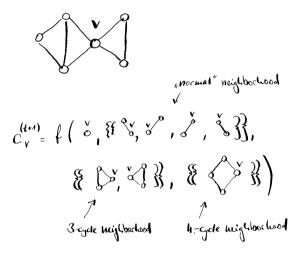






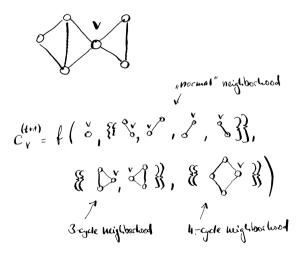






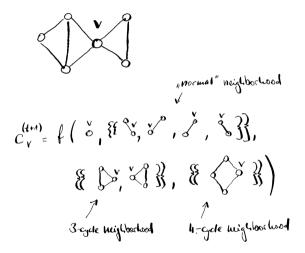
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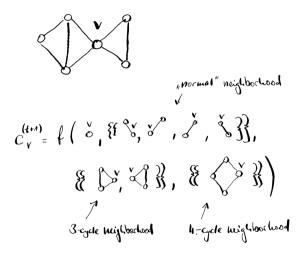


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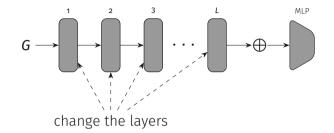
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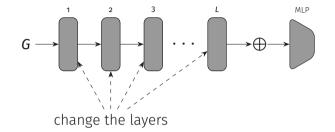
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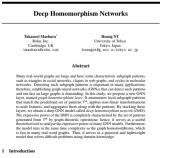
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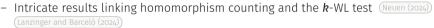
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- Homomorphism bases (aka spasms) of patterns allow to compute and learn(!) very powerful graph invariants (in et al (2024)) (Dell et al (2018)) (Curticapean et al (2017))

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