

Neural Topological Representation Learning

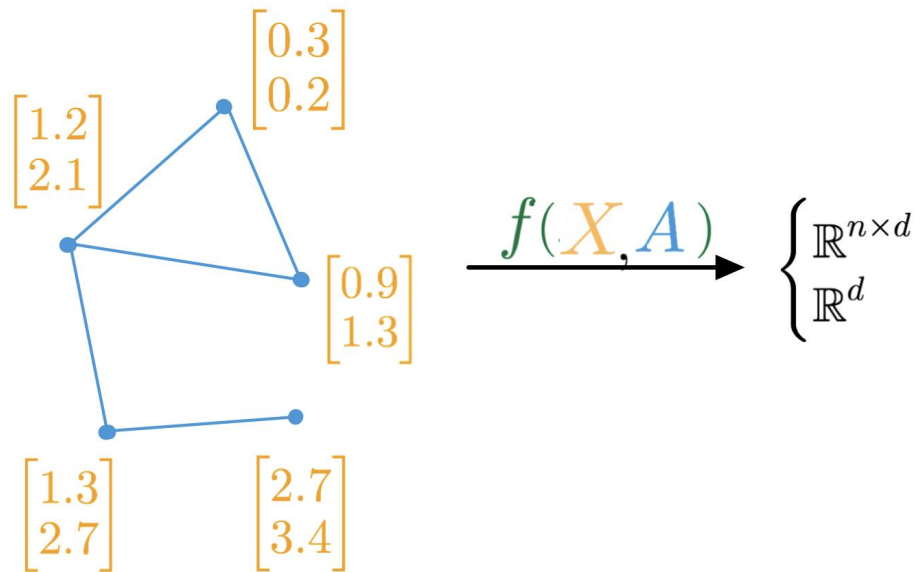
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Graph Representation Learning

The aim is to learn **data-driven representations** of nodes or entire graphs. These can be used for node/graph regression/classification.

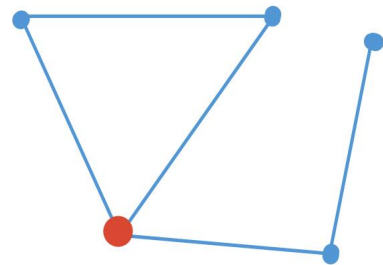
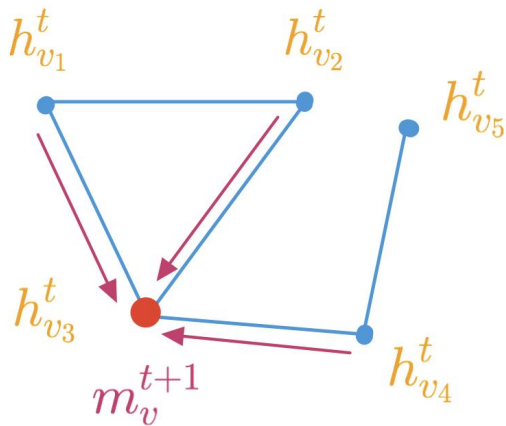


Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)

Message from neighborhood $\longrightarrow m_v^{t+1} = \text{AGG}_{w \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \left(M(h_v^t, h_w^t, h_{e(v,w)}^t) \right)$

Updated node representation $\longrightarrow h_v^{t+1} = U(h_v^t, m_v^{t+1})$

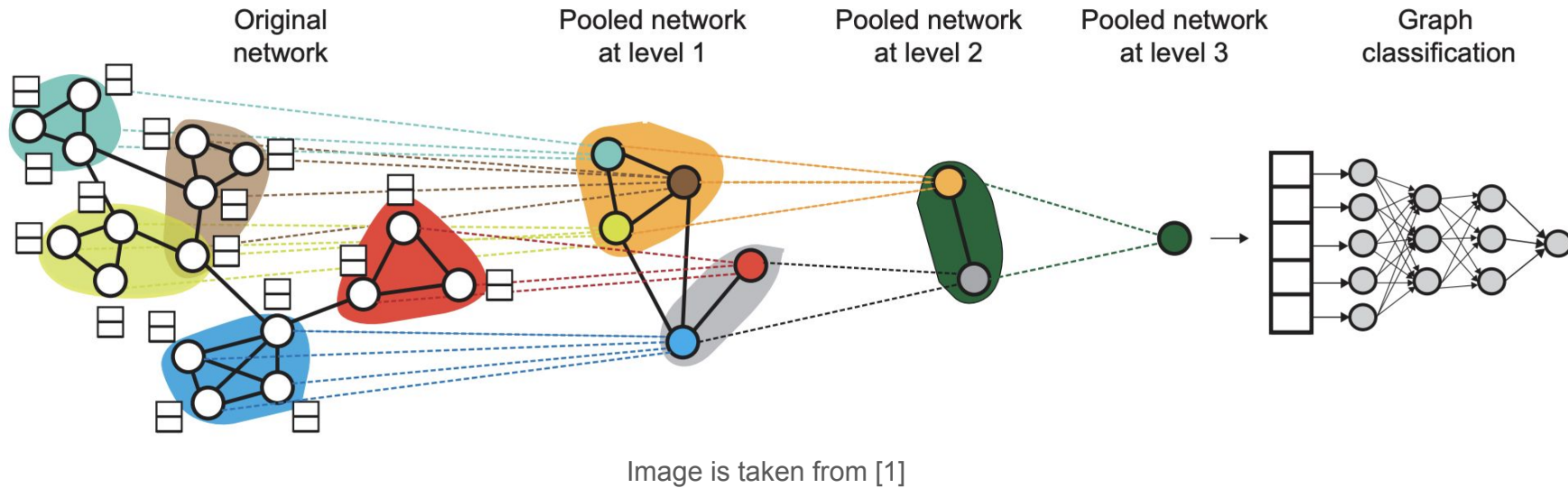
Graph-level representation $\longrightarrow h_G = \text{READOUT}(\{h_v^L | v \in G\})$



$$h_{v_3}^{t+1} := U(h_{v_3}^t, m_v^{t+1})$$

Pooling in GNNs

GNN layers can be interleaved with graph coarsening (i.e. pooling) layers. But what does it mean to perform pooling in a graph?



[1]: Hierarchical Graph Representation Learning with Differentiable Pooling (Ying et al., 2018)

Deep Graph Mapper: Seeing Graphs through the Neural Lens

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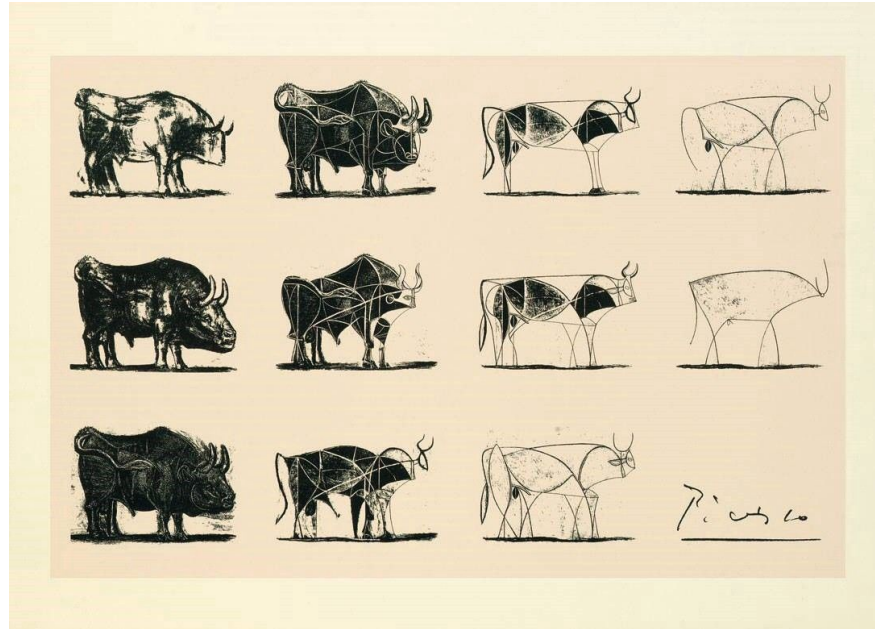
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Desirable properties of pooling

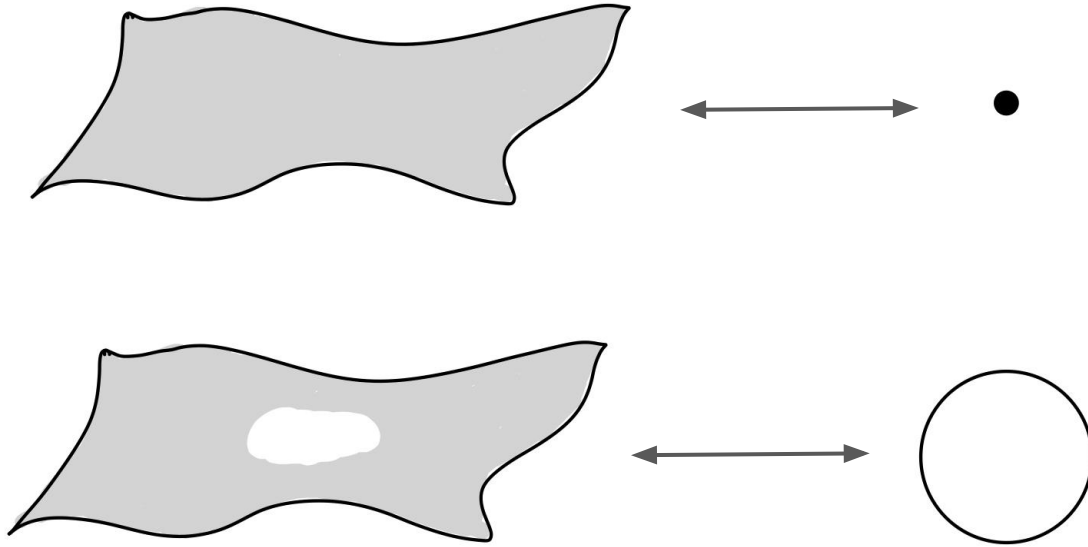
A **simplified** space that maintains some **resemblance** to the original space.



Pablo Picasso, The Bull — 1945

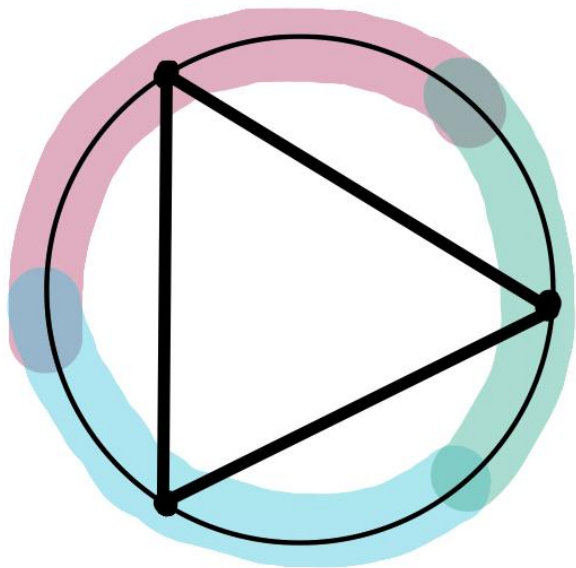
Pooling and Homotopy Equivalence

Spaces that can be transformed into each other by bending, stretching and **contracting**.

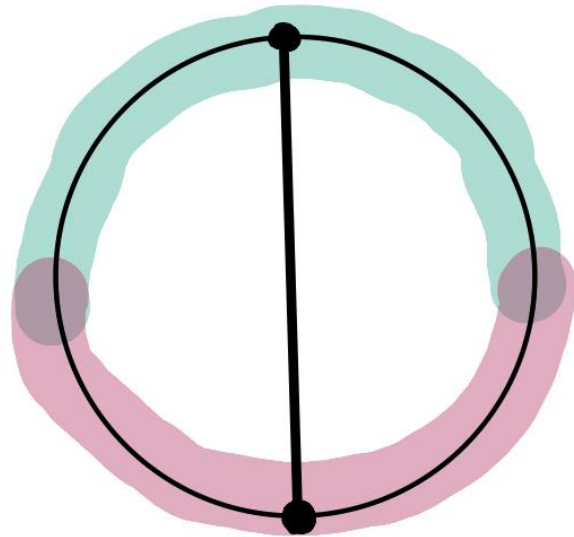


Nerve Theorem (simplified)

If we have a **good cover** of a topological space, then we can construct a simplicial complex based on this cover that is homotopy equivalent to that space.



A good cover



A bad cover

Mapper [1]

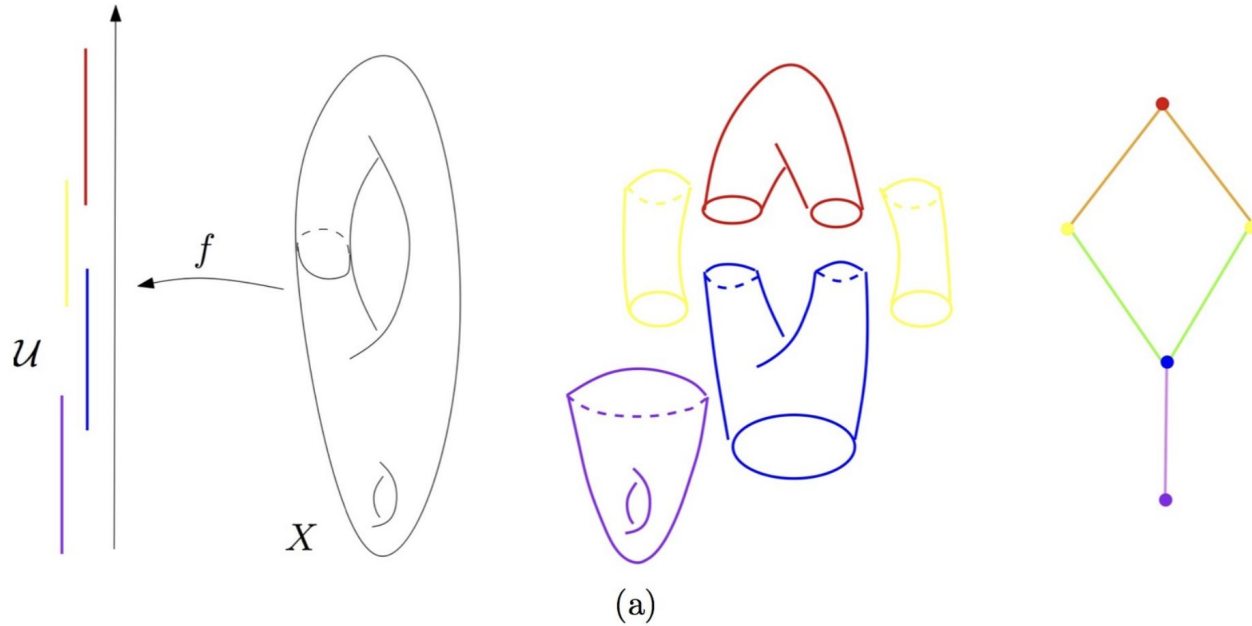


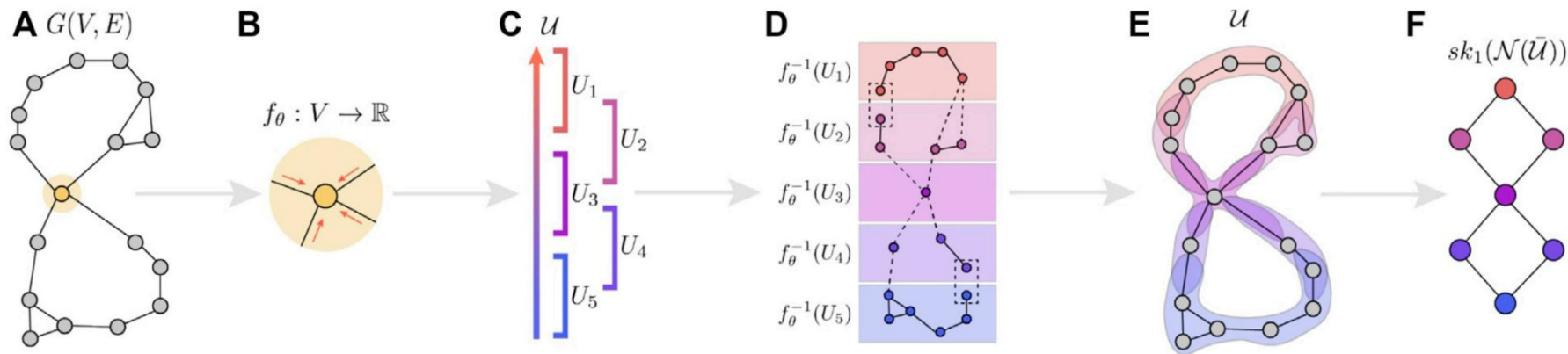
Image is taken from [2]

[1]: Topological methods for the analysis of high dimensional data sets and 3d object recognition (Singh et al., 2007)

[2]: An introduction to Topological Data Analysis: fundamental and practical aspects for data scientists (Chazal et al., 2017)

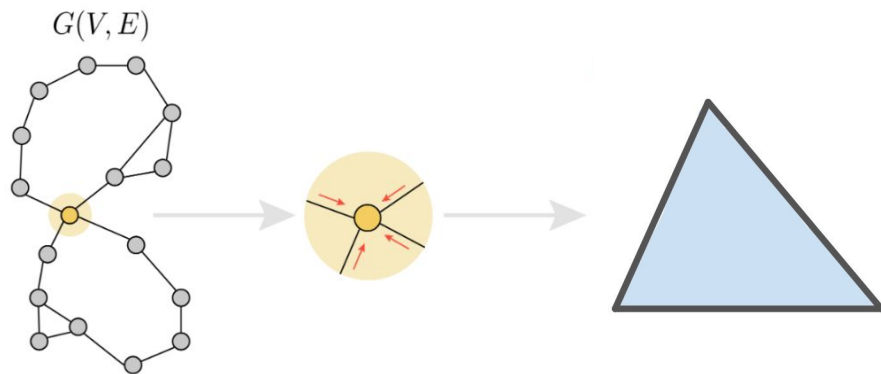
Structural Deep Graph Mapper

We use **GNNs** to compute a **pull-back cover** of the nodes and edges. The output is the **nerve** of the pull-back cover.



A framework for pooling

Proposition. SDGM generalises all approaches based on soft-cluster assignments (e.g. DiffPool [1], minCUT [2]).



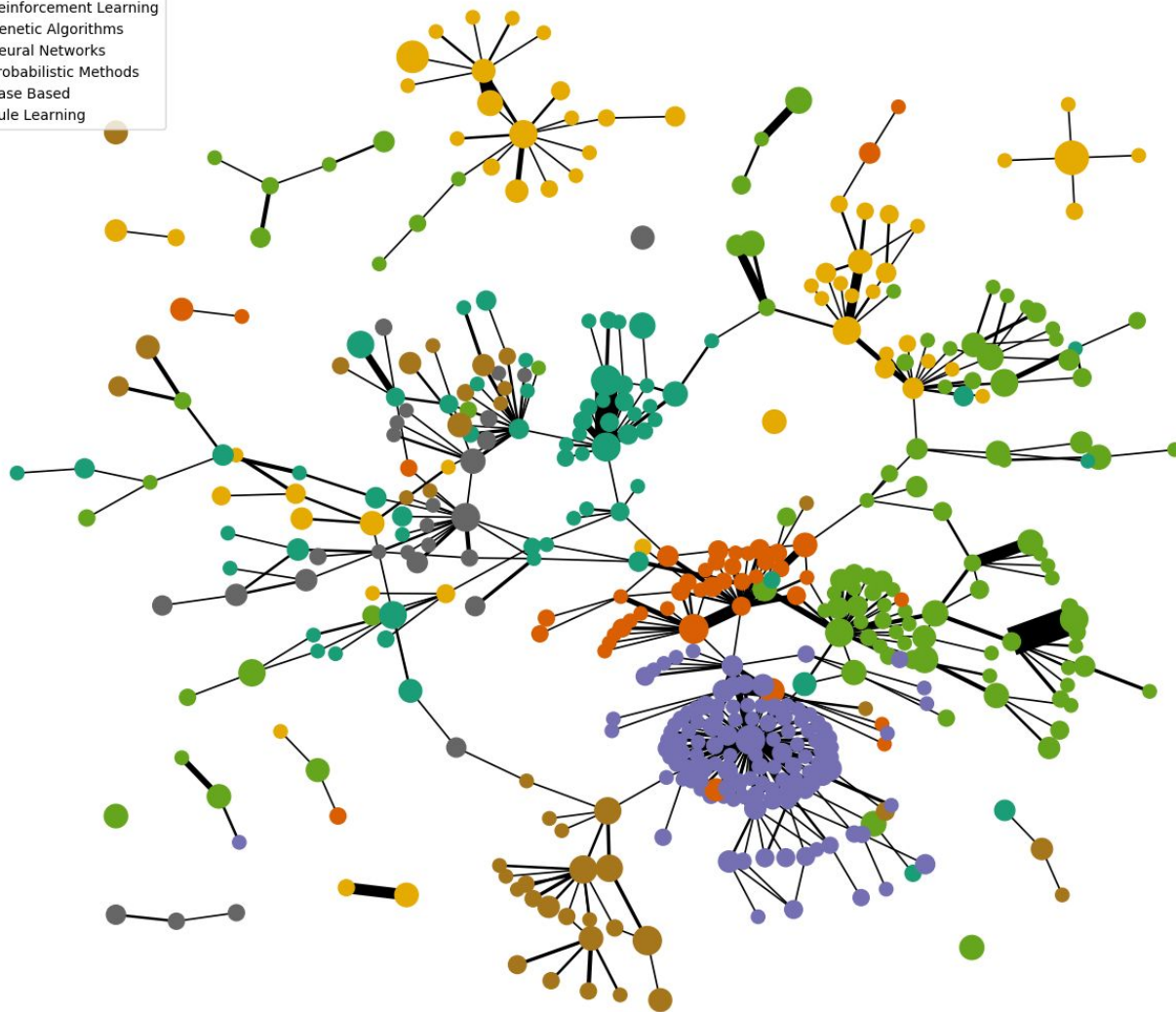
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[2]: Spectral Clustering with Graph Neural Networks for Graph Pooling (Bianchi et al., 2019).

Graph Classification Results

We propose a **differentiable** pooling operator (DMP) and a **fixed** one based on PageRank (MPR).

	Molecular				Social				
Model	D&D	Mutag	NCI1	Proteins	Collab	IMDB-B	IMDB-M	Reddit-B	Reddit-5k
DMP (Ours)	77.3 $\pm$ 3.6	84.0 $\pm$ 8.6	70.4 $\pm$ 4.2	75.3 $\pm$ 3.3	81.4 $\pm$ 1.2	73.8 $\pm$ 4.5	50.9 $\pm$ 2.5	86.2 $\pm$ 6.8	51.9 $\pm$ 2.1
MPR (Ours)	78.2 $\pm$ 3.4	80.3 $\pm$ 6.0	69.8 $\pm$ 1.8	75.2 $\pm$ 2.2	81.5 $\pm$ 1.0	73.4 $\pm$ 2.7	50.6 $\pm$ 2.0	86.3 $\pm$ 4.8	52.3 $\pm$ 1.6
Top-k	75.1 $\pm$ 2.2	82.5 $\pm$ 6.8	67.9 $\pm$ 2.3	74.8 $\pm$ 3.0	75.0 $\pm$ 1.1	69.6 $\pm$ 3.8	45.0 $\pm$ 2.8	79.4 $\pm$ 7.4	48.5 $\pm$ 1.1
minCUT	77.6 $\pm$ 3.1	82.9 $\pm$ 6.0	68.8 $\pm$ 2.1	73.5 $\pm$ 2.9	79.9 $\pm$ 0.8	70.7 $\pm$ 3.5	50.6 $\pm$ 2.1	87.2 $\pm$ 5.0	52.9 $\pm$ 1.3
DiffPool	77.9 $\pm$ 2.4	94.7 $\pm$ 7.1	68.1 $\pm$ 2.1	74.2 $\pm$ 0.3	81.3 $\pm$ 0.1	72.4 $\pm$ 3.1	50.3 $\pm$ 1.8	79.0 $\pm$ 1.1	50.4 $\pm$ 1.7
WL	77.4 $\pm$ 2.6	74.5 $\pm$ 6.5	76.4 $\pm$ 2.7	74.7 $\pm$ 3.2	78.5 $\pm$ 1.1	72.1 $\pm$ 3.1	50.7 $\pm$ 2.9	66.7 $\pm$ 10.4	49.2 $\pm$ 1.4
Flat	69.9 $\pm$ 2.2	71.8 $\pm$ 4.3	65.5 $\pm$ 1.7	70.2 $\pm$ 2.6	80.9 $\pm$ 1.4	73.6 $\pm$ 4.2	48.5 $\pm$ 2.4	70.0 $\pm$ 10.8	49.5 $\pm$ 1.7
avg-MLP	63.7 $\pm$ 1.4	69.1 $\pm$ 5.8	55.7 $\pm$ 2.8	61.8 $\pm$ 1.7	74.8 $\pm$ 1.3	71.5 $\pm$ 2.9	49.5 $\pm$ 2.2	53.6 $\pm$ 6.2	45.9 $\pm$ 1.6



Weisfeiler and Lehman Go Cellular: CW Networks

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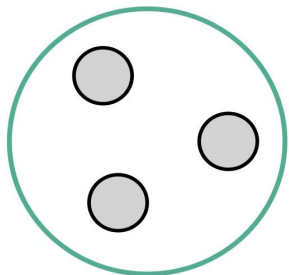
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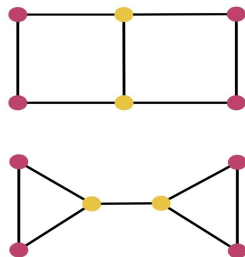


Motivation: Limitations of GNNs

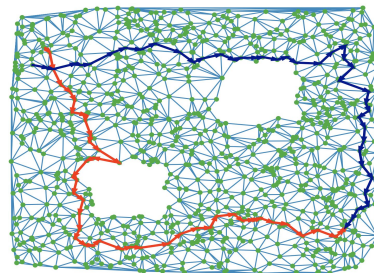
Groupwise interactions



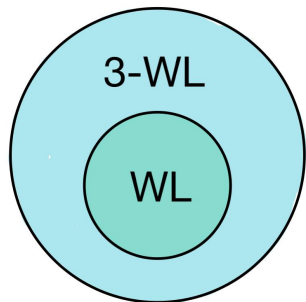
Higher-order structures



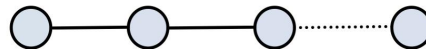
Higher-order signals



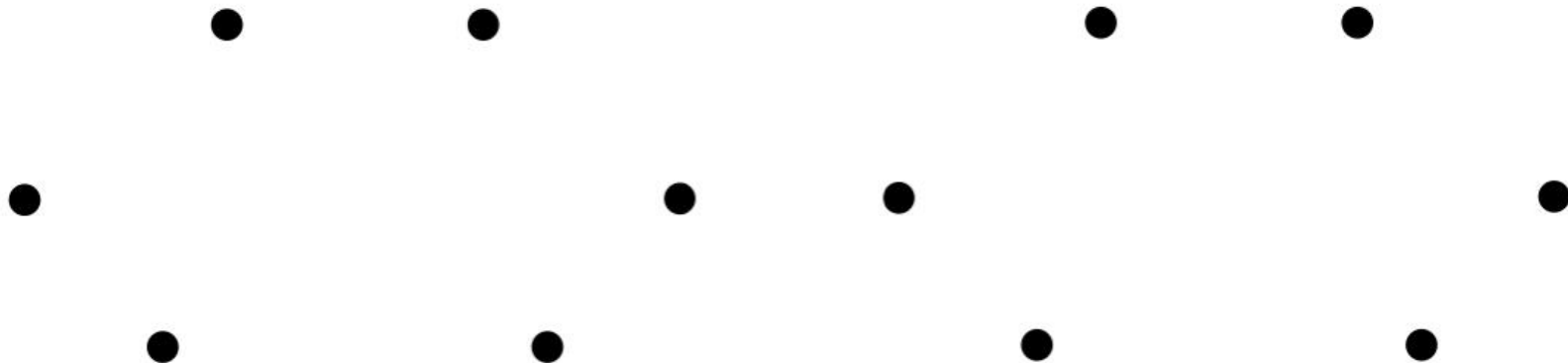
Expressive power



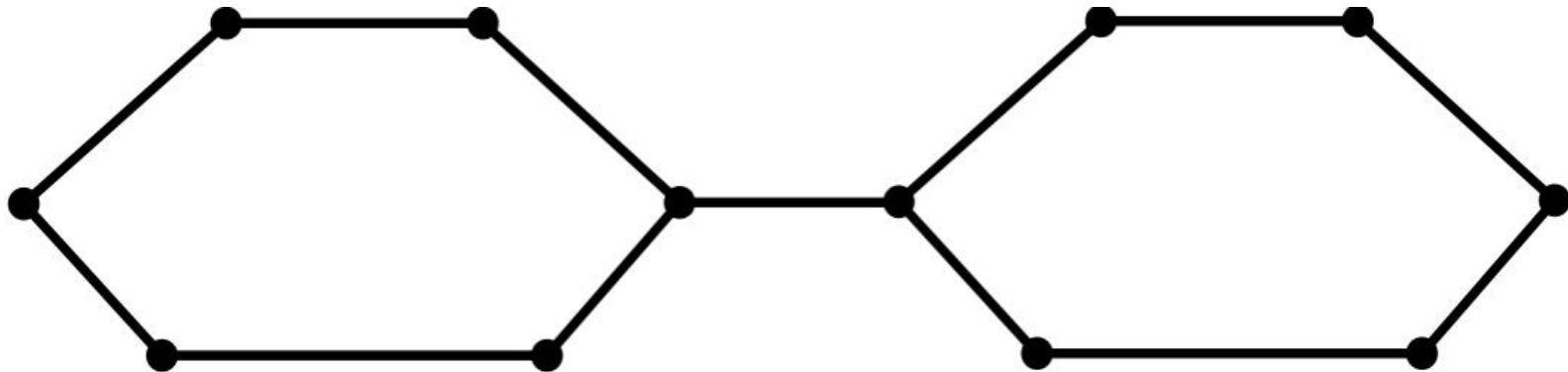
Long-range interactions



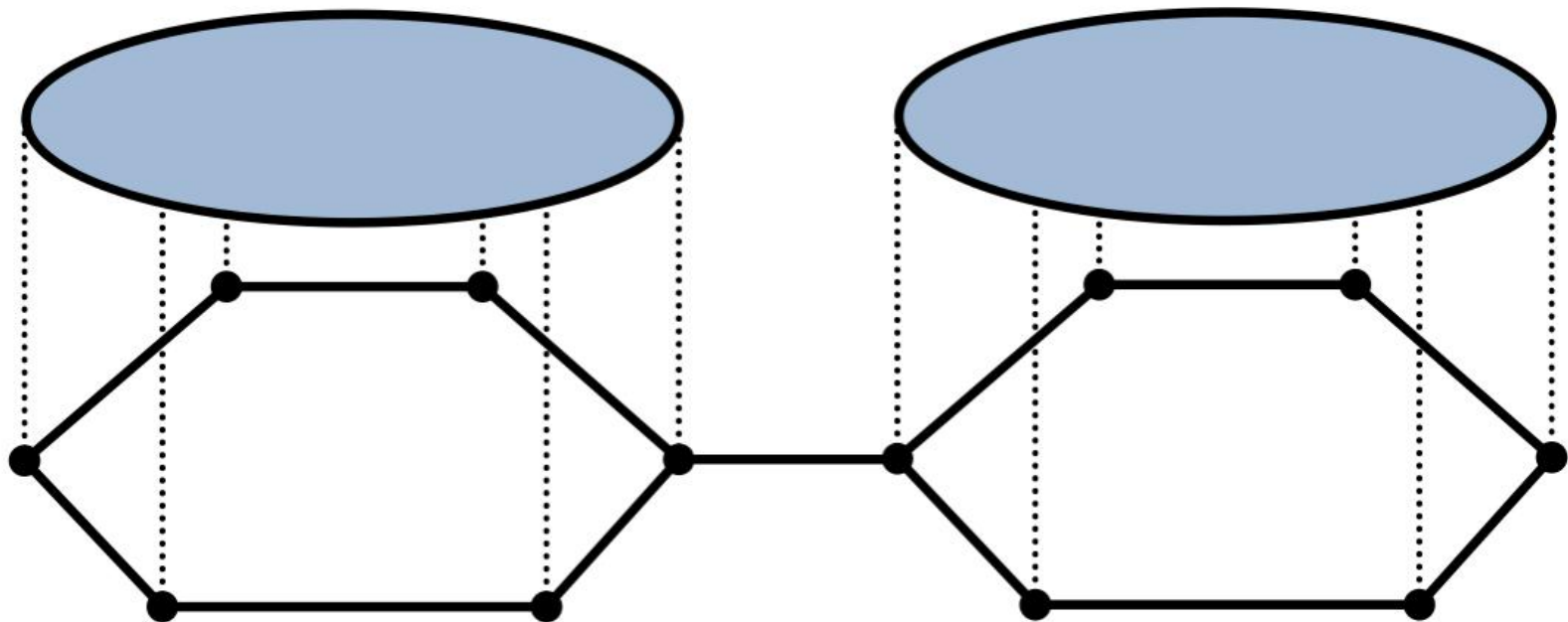
CW Complexes



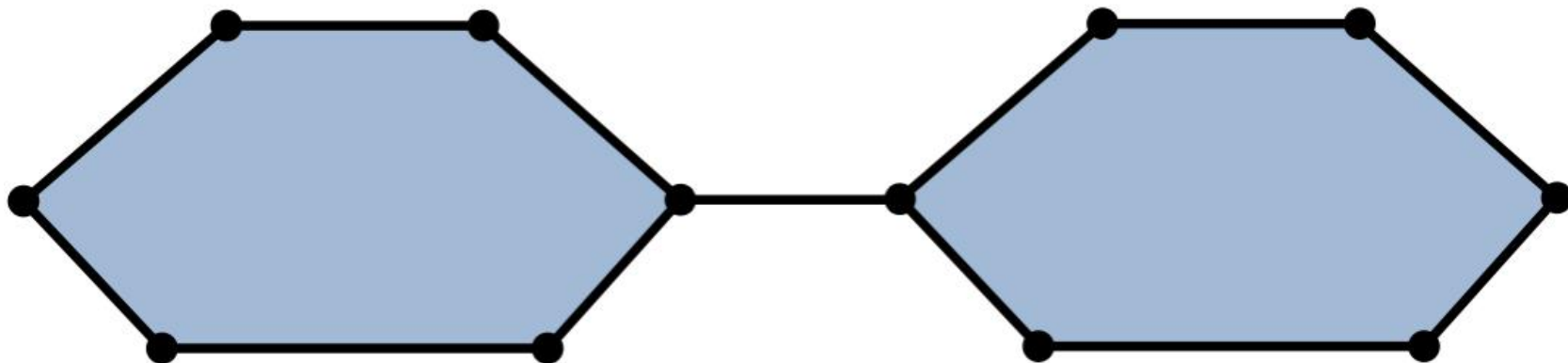
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$$\tau \leq \sigma \iff \text{Cell } \tau \text{ is on the boundary of cell } \sigma$$

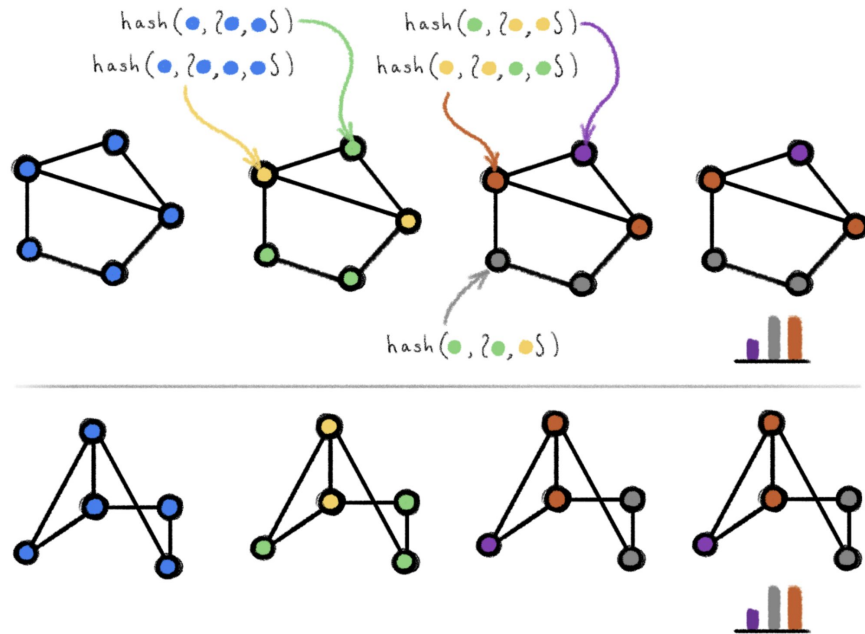
Background: The Weisfeiler-Lehman (WL) algorithm

The WL algorithm tests isomorphism between graphs [1].

It iterates *colour refinements* via hashing of neighboring colours:

$$c_v^{t+1} = \text{HASH}(c_v^t, \{\{c_u^t\}_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)}\})$$

The WL test cannot distinguish all graphs.

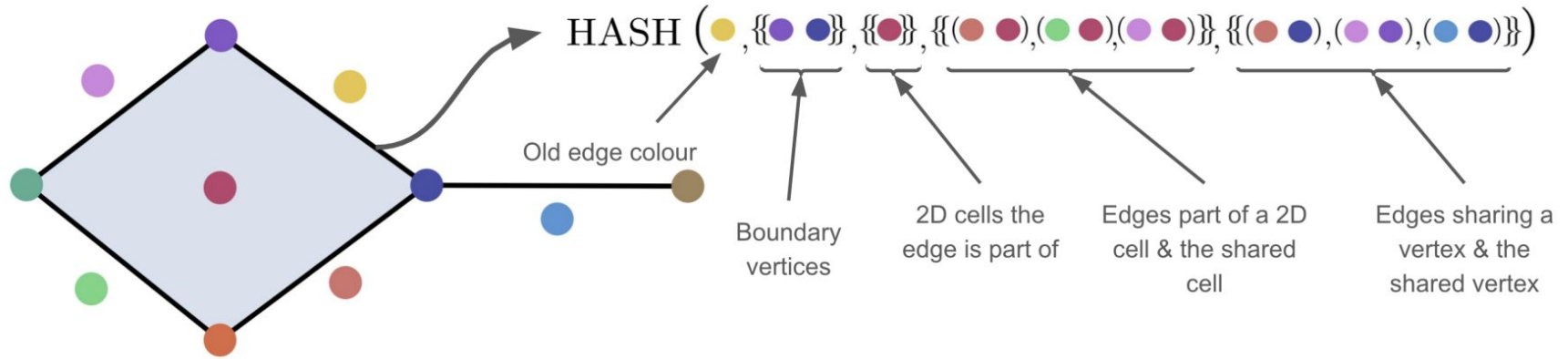


Example of execution of the WL test on two isomorphic graphs [2]

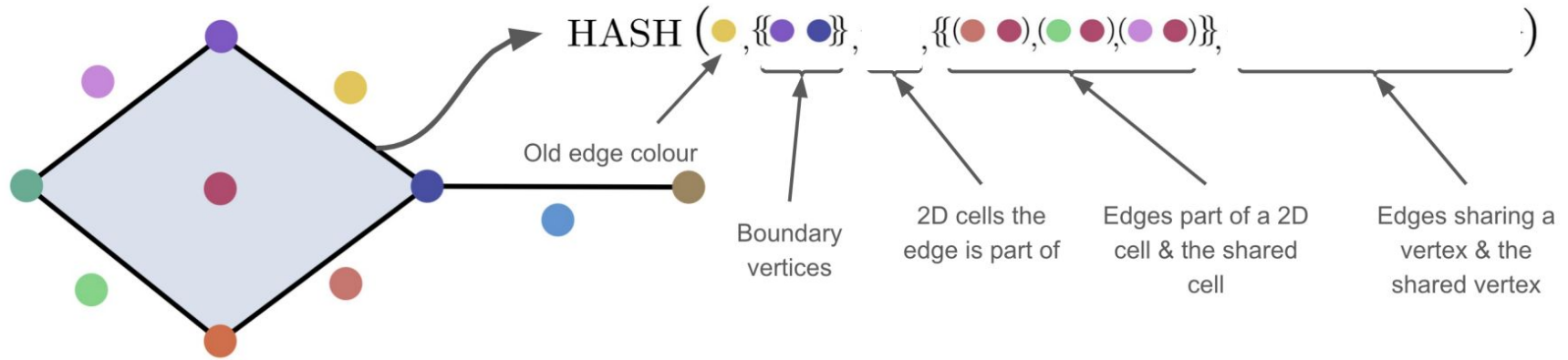
[1]: The reduction of a graph to canonical form and the algebra which appears therein (Weisfeiler and Lehman, NTI Series, 1968)

[2]: [Expressive power of graph neural networks and the Weisfeiler-Lehman test](#), blogpost

Cellular Weisfeiler-Lehman

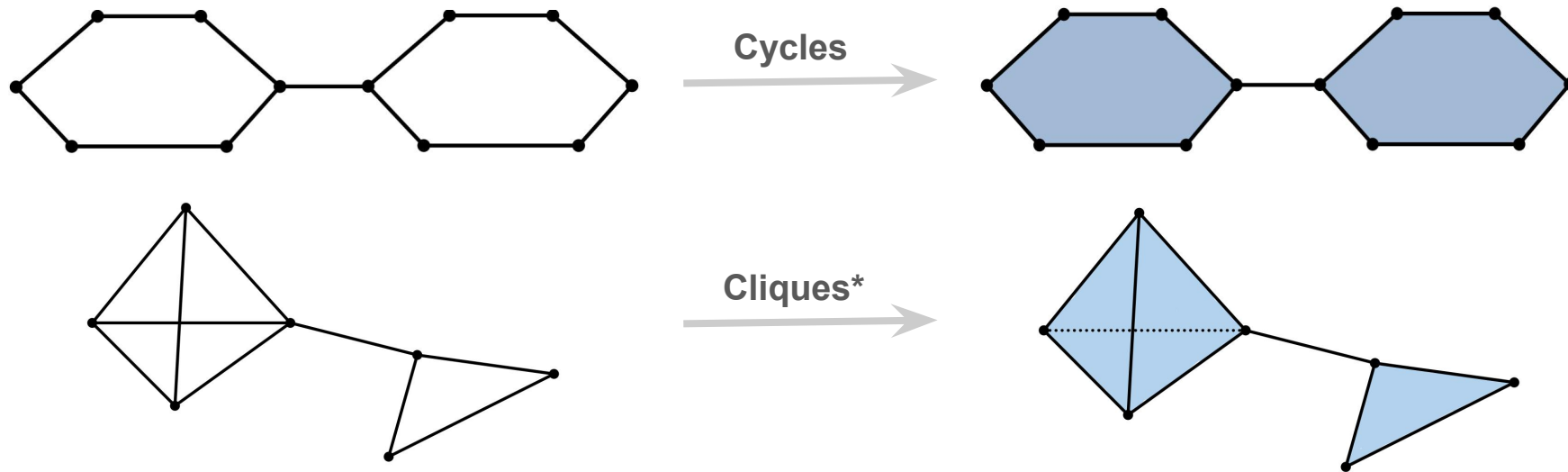


Cellular Weisfeiler-Lehman



Theorem 7. *CWL without coboundary and lower-adjacencies has the same expressive power in distinguishing non-isomorphic cell complexes as CWL with the complete set of adjacencies.*

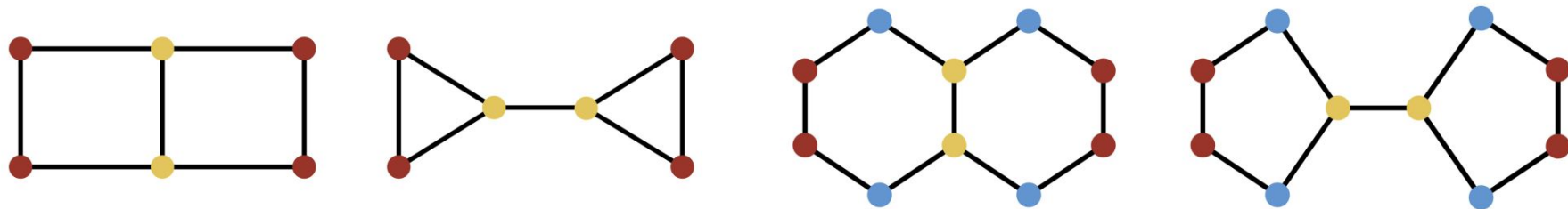
Cellular Lifting Maps



Theorem 13. *Let f be a skeleton-preserving lifting map. Then CWL using lifting f is at least as powerful as WL in distinguishing non-isomorphic graphs.*

Cellular Lifting Maps

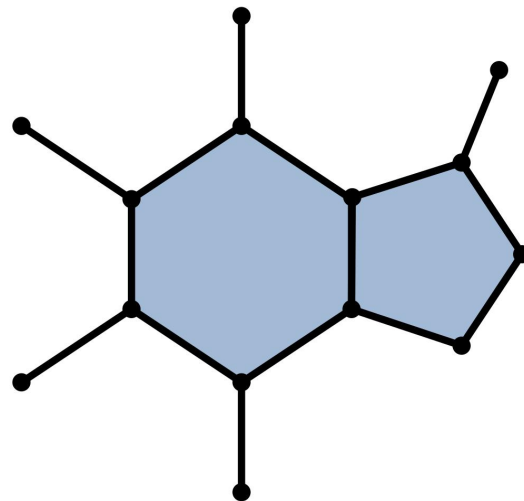
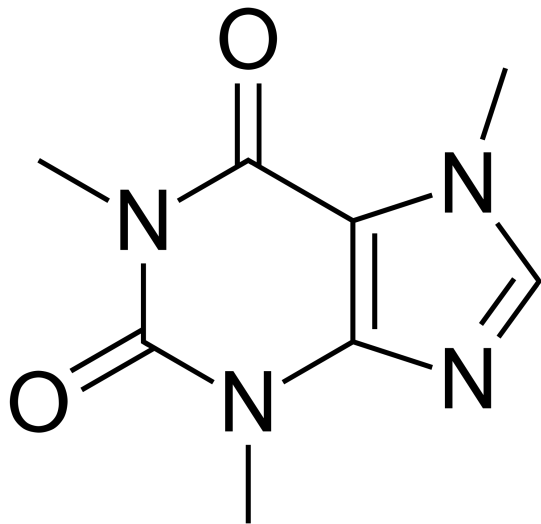
Corollary 14. *For all $k \geq 3$, the following lifting transformations make CWL strictly more powerful than the WL test. (1) The clique complex lifting considering cliques of size at most k . (2) The map that attaches 2-cells to all the simple cycles of size at most k . (3) The map that attaches 2-cells to all the induced cycles of size at most k . (4) The union of all the transformations above.*



Theorem 15. *For some finite k , there exists a pair of graphs indistinguishable by 3-WL but distinguishable by CWL with the lifting maps from Corollary 14. For the clique complex and induced cycle liftings, the statement holds for $k \geq 4$. For the simple cycle based lifting, it holds for $k \geq 8$.*

Molecules as Cell Complexes

Graph representations of molecules date back to the nineteenth century [1]. However, it is not necessarily the best representation. We propose modelling **molecules as cell complexes**.



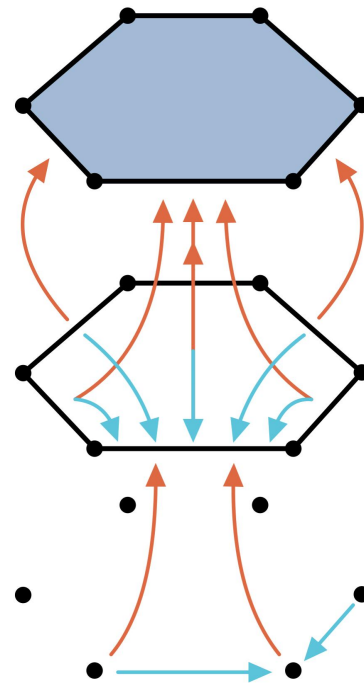
CW Networks and Molecular Message Passing

$$m_{\mathcal{B}}^{t+1}(\sigma) = \text{AGG}_{\tau \in \mathcal{B}(\sigma)} \left(M_{\mathcal{B}}(h_{\sigma}^t, h_{\tau}^t) \right)$$

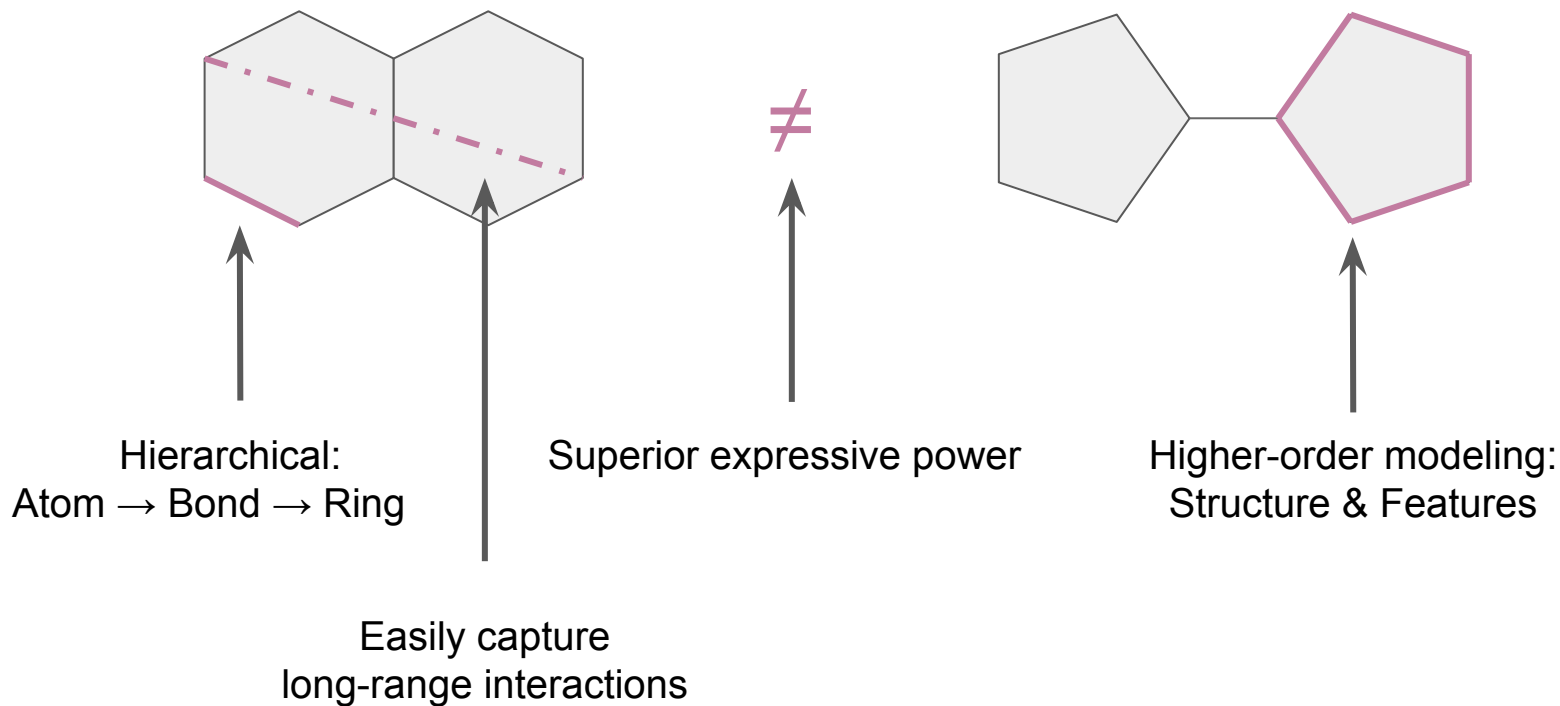
$$m_{\uparrow}^{t+1}(\sigma) = \text{AGG}_{\tau \in \mathcal{N}_{\uparrow}(\sigma), \delta \in \mathcal{C}(\sigma, \tau)} \left(M_{\uparrow}(h_{\sigma}^t, h_{\tau}^t, h_{\delta}^t) \right)$$

$$h_{\sigma}^{t+1} = U \left(h_{\sigma}^t, m_{\mathcal{B}}^t(\sigma), m_{\uparrow}^{t+1}(\sigma) \right)$$

$$h_X = \text{READOUT}(\{ \{ h_{\sigma}^L \} \}_{\dim(\sigma)=0}, \{ \{ h_{\sigma}^L \} \}_{\dim(\sigma)=1}, \{ \{ h_{\sigma}^L \} \}_{\dim(\sigma)=2})$$



Practical Benefits of CWNs



Computational Complexity

(Message passing)

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\underbrace{\sum_{p=1}^d \underbrace{B_p S_p}_{\text{Boundary msgs}}}_{\text{Max boundary size}} + \underbrace{2 * \left(\underbrace{\binom{B_p}{2}}_{\text{Upper msgs}}\right) S_p}_{\text{Number of p-cells}}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{In practice: } B_p, d \text{ fixed (small) constants}} \Theta\left(\sum_{p=1}^d S_p\right)$$

Empirically, GIN is only 19% – 35% faster at inference time (ZINC)

(Lifting)

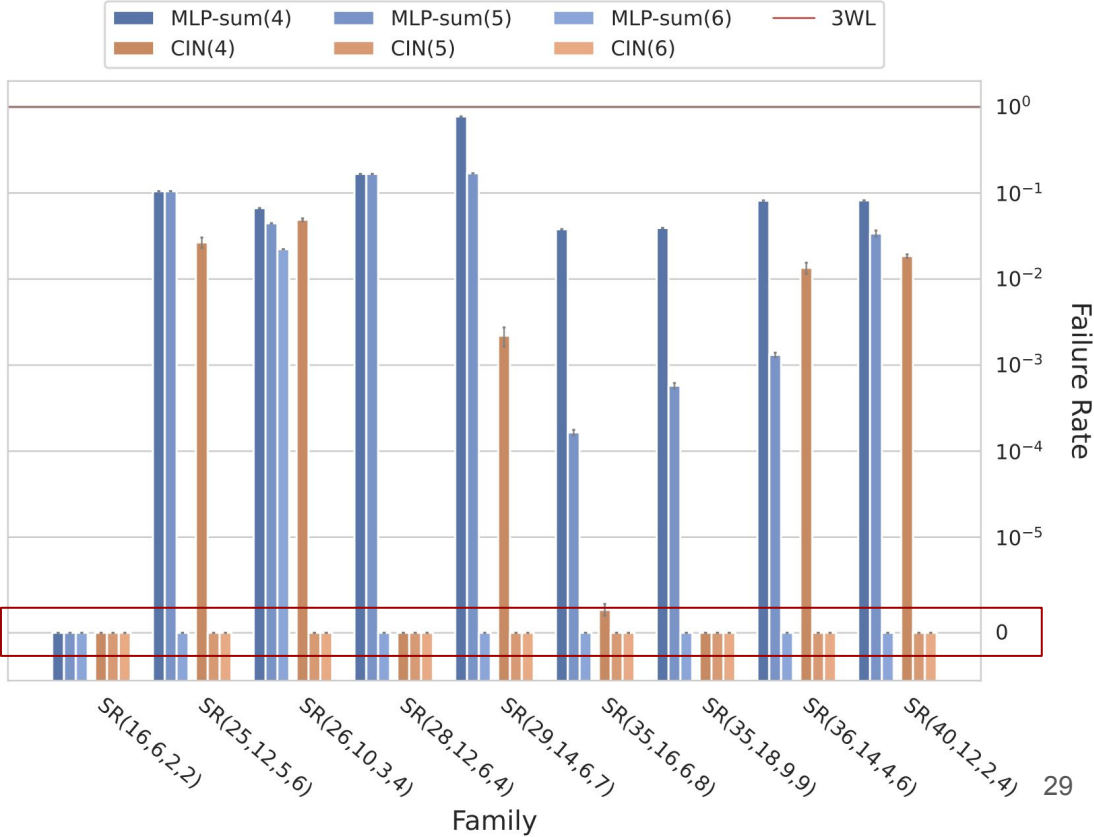
	linear trend $\longrightarrow$					
Dataset $\downarrow$ / Processes $\rightarrow$	Seq.	2	4	8	16	32
ZINC (12k)	320.27 ± 0.54	169.95 ± 0.32	84.90 ± 0.21	43.38 ± 0.07	23.17 ± 0.68	18.59 ± 0.68
Mol-HIV (41k)	1178.98 ± 3.90	635.58 ± 0.83	319.01 ± 0.40	164.26 ± 0.52	86.92 ± 0.77	60.62 ± 2.05
ZINC-FULL (250k)	6805.35 ± 16.50	3549.16 ± 7.73	1782.41 ± 3.84	918.38 ± 3.46	492.77 ± 6.13	383.92 ± 3.30

Synthetic Experiments: Expressive Power

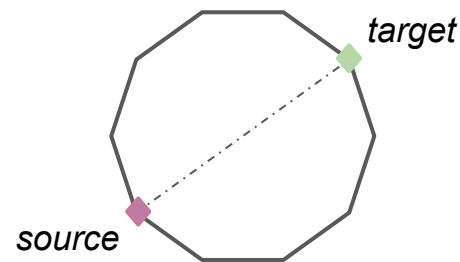
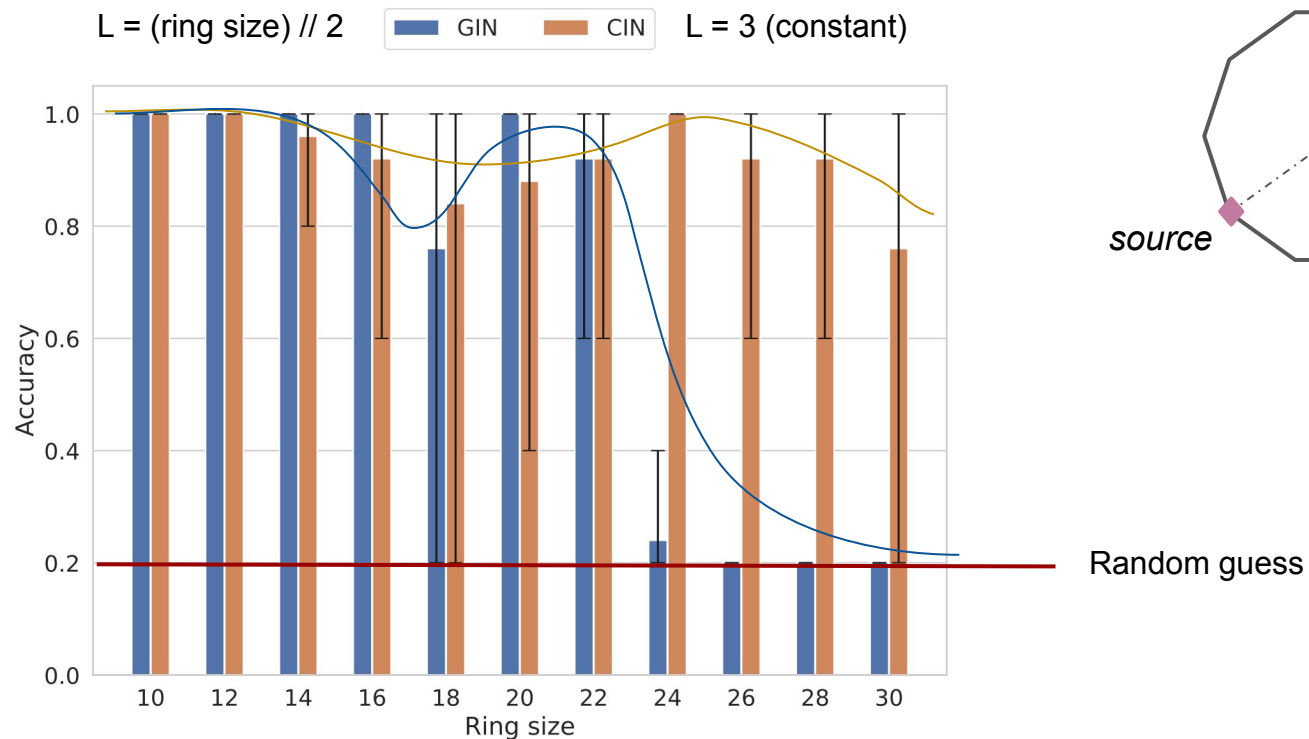
Strongly Regular

Circular Skip Links

Method	Mean	Min	Max
MP-GNNs	10.000±0.000	10.000	10.000
RingGNN	10.000±0.000	10.000	10.000
3WLGNN	97.800±10.916	30.000	100.000
CIN (Ours)	100.000±0.000	100.000	100.000



Synthetic Experiments: RingTransfer



Real-world Experiments: TUDatasets

Dataset	MUTAG	PTC	PROTEINS	NCI1	NCI109	IMDB-B	IMDB-M	RDT-B
RWK [28]	79.2 $\pm$ 2.1	55.9 $\pm$ 0.3	59.6 $\pm$ 0.1	>3 days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GK ($k = 3$) [62]	81.4 $\pm$ 1.7	55.7 $\pm$ 0.5	71.4 $\pm$ 0.31	62.5 $\pm$ 0.3	62.4 $\pm$ 0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
PK [56]	76.0 $\pm$ 2.7	59.5 $\pm$ 2.4	73.7 $\pm$ 0.7	82.5 $\pm$ 0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WL kernel [63]	90.4 $\pm$ 5.7	59.9 $\pm$ 4.3	75.0 $\pm$ 3.1	86.0 $\pm$ 1.8	N/A	73.8 $\pm$ 3.9	50.9 $\pm$ 3.8	81.0 $\pm$ 3.1
DCNN [3]	N/A	N/A	61.3 $\pm$ 1.6	56.6 $\pm$ 1.0	N/A	49.1 $\pm$ 1.4	33.5 $\pm$ 1.4	N/A
DGCNN [74]	85.8 $\pm$ 1.8	58.6 $\pm$ 2.5	75.5 $\pm$ 0.9	74.4 $\pm$ 0.5	N/A	70.0 $\pm$ 0.9	47.8 $\pm$ 0.9	N/A
IGN [50]	83.9 $\pm$ 13.0	58.5 $\pm$ 6.9	76.6 $\pm$ 5.5	74.3 $\pm$ 2.7	72.8 $\pm$ 1.5	72.0 $\pm$ 5.5	48.7 $\pm$ 3.4	N/A
GIN [72]	89.4 $\pm$ 5.6	64.6 $\pm$ 7.0	76.2 $\pm$ 2.8	82.7 $\pm$ 1.7	N/A	75.1 $\pm$ 5.1	52.3 $\pm$ 2.8	92.4 $\pm$ 2.5
PPGNs [51]	90.6 $\pm$ 8.7	66.2 $\pm$ 6.6	77.2 $\pm$ 4.7	83.2 $\pm$ 1.1	82.2 $\pm$ 1.4	73.0 $\pm$ 5.8	50.5 $\pm$ 3.6	N/A
Natural GN [20]	89.4 $\pm$ 1.6	66.8 $\pm$ 1.7	71.7 $\pm$ 1.0	82.4 $\pm$ 1.3	N/A	73.5 $\pm$ 2.0	51.3 $\pm$ 1.5	N/A
GSN [9]	92.2 $\pm$ 7.5	68.2 $\pm$ 7.2	76.6 $\pm$ 5.0	83.5 $\pm$ 2.0	N/A	77.8 $\pm$ 3.3	54.3 $\pm$ 3.3	N/A
SIN [7]	N/A	N/A	76.4 $\pm$ 3.3	82.7 $\pm$ 2.1	N/A	75.6 $\pm$ 3.2	52.4 $\pm$ 2.9	92.2 $\pm$ 1.0
CIN (Ours)	92.7 $\pm$ 6.1	68.2 $\pm$ 5.6	77.0 $\pm$ 4.3	83.6 $\pm$ 1.4	84.0 $\pm$ 1.6	75.6 $\pm$ 3.7	52.7 $\pm$ 3.1	92.4 $\pm$ 2.1

Real-world Experiments: ZINC + MolHIV

Table 3: ZINC (MAE), ZINC-FULL (MAE) and Mol-HIV (ROC-AUC).

Method	ZINC ↓		ZINC-FULL ↓	MOLHIV ↑
	No Edge Feat.	With Edge Feat.	All methods	All methods
GCN [45]	0.469±0.002	N/A	N/A	76.06±0.97
GAT [67]	0.463±0.002	N/A	N/A	N/A
GatedGCN [10]	0.422±0.006	0.363±0.009	N/A	N/A
GIN [72]	0.408±0.008	0.252±0.014	0.088±0.002	77.07±1.49
PNA [19]	0.320±0.032	0.188±0.004	N/A	79.05±1.32
DGN [5]	0.219±0.010	0.168±0.003	N/A	79.70±0.97
• HIMP [26]	N/A	0.151±0.006	0.036±0.002	78.80±0.82
• GSN [9]	0.139±0.007	0.108±0.018	N/A	77.99±1.00
CIN-small (Ours)	0.139±0.008	0.094±0.004	0.044±0.003	80.55±1.04
CIN (Ours)	0.115±0.003	0.079±0.006	0.022±0.002	80.94±0.57

Real-world Experiments: ZINC (ablation study)

Method	MAE	
● GatedGCN [10]	0.363 ± 0.009	
● GIN [72]	0.252 ± 0.014	
● PNA [19]	0.188 ± 0.004	
● DGN [5]	0.168 ± 0.003	
● ● HIMP [26]	0.151 ± 0.006	
● ● GSN [9]	0.108 ± 0.018	
● GIN-E Custom	0.196 ± 0.007	
● CIN No-Rings small	0.174 ± 0.006	
● CIN No-Rings	0.159 ± 0.007	
● ● CIN-small	0.094 ± 0.004	
● ● CIN	0.079 ± 0.006	

● “Standard”
● Updates edges
● Captures rings

Importance of updating edges

Importance of capturing rings

Thanks!

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