

# Graph Neural Networks go grammatical

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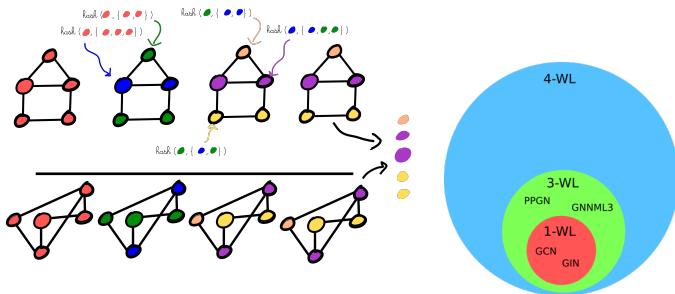
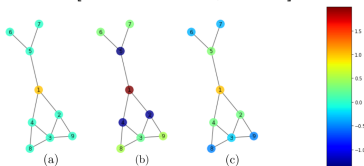
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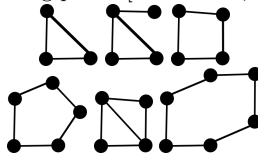


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## Weisfeiler-Lehman hierarchy [Xu et al., 2019]

Spectral response  
[Balcilar et al., 2021b]

## Counting power [Chen et al., 2020]



# Contributions

New GNN design strategy based on Context Free Grammar (CFG).

Example of 1-WL CFG.

Grammatical Graph Neural Network ( $G^2N^2$ ) a 3-WL GNN.

$G^2N^2$  spectral response and counting power.

In [Brijder et al., 2019] they introduced MATLANG a matrix language.

### Matlang

ML ( $\mathcal{L}$ ) is a matrix language with an allowed operation set  $\mathcal{L} = \{op_1, \dots, op_n\}$ , where  $op_i \in \{\cdot, +, \mathbf{T}, \text{diag}, \text{Tr}, 1, \odot, \times, f\}$ .

### Sentence

$e(X) \in \mathbb{R}$  is a sentence in ML ( $\mathcal{L}$ ) if it consists of any possible consecutive operations in  $\mathcal{L}$ , operating on a given matrix  $X$  and resulting in a scalar value.

As an exemple,  $1^{\mathbf{T}} (X \odot \text{diag}(1)) 1$  is a sentence in ML ( $\mathbf{T}, 1, \odot, \cdot, \text{diag}$ ) that computes trace of square matrix  $X$ .

### ML( $\mathcal{L}$ )-equivalent for matrices

Two matrices  $A$  and  $B$  in  $\mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$  are said to be ML( $\mathcal{L}$ )-equivalent, denoted by  $A \equiv_{\text{ML}(\mathcal{L})} B$ , if and only if  $e(A) = e(B)$  for all sentences in ML( $\mathcal{L}$ ).

### ML( $\mathcal{L}$ )-equivalent for graphs

Two graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  of the same order are said to be ML( $\mathcal{L}$ )-equivalent, denoted by  $\mathcal{G} \equiv_{\text{ML}(\mathcal{L})} \mathcal{H}$ , if and only if their adjacency matrices are ML( $\mathcal{L}$ )-equivalent.

In [Geerts and Reutter, 2021], they proved the following theorems for the sets of operations  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{\cdot, \mathbf{T}, 1, \text{diag}\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_3 = \{\cdot, \mathbf{T}, 1, \text{diag}, \odot\}$ .

### 1-WL equivalence

Two adjacency matrices are indistinguishable by the 1-WL test if and only if  $e(A_G) = e(A_H)$  for all  $e \in \mathcal{L}_1$ . Hence, all possible sentences in  $\mathcal{L}_1$  are the same for 1-WL-equivalent adjacency matrices. Thus,

$$A_G \equiv_{1\text{-WL}} A_H \iff A_G \equiv_{\text{ML}(\mathcal{L}_1)} A_H$$

### 3-WL equivalence

Two adjacency matrices are indistinguishable by the 3-WL test if and only if  $e(A_G) = e(A_H)$  for all  $e \in \mathcal{L}_3$ . Hence, all possible sentences in  $\mathcal{L}_3$  are the same for 3-WL-equivalent adjacency matrices. Thus,

$$A_G \equiv_{3\text{-WL}} A_H \iff A_G \equiv_{\text{ML}(\mathcal{L}_3)} A_H$$

For  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{\cdot, \mathbf{T}, 1, \text{diag}\}$ , define  
 $G_{\mathcal{L}_1} = (V, \Sigma, R, S_t)$ .

$$V = \{M, V_c, V_l, S\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{A, \text{diag}, 1, \mathbf{T}, (, )\}$$

$$S_t = S$$

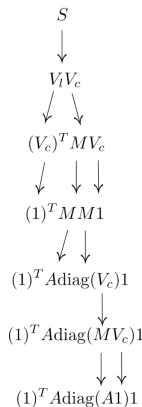
where the rules in  $R$  are

$$S \rightarrow (V_l)(V_c) \mid \text{diag}(S) \mid SS$$

$$M \rightarrow MM \mid (M)^{\mathbf{T}} \mid \text{diag}(V_c) \mid (V_c)(V_l) \mid A$$

$$V_c \rightarrow MV_c \mid (V_l)^{\mathbf{T}} \mid V_c S \mid 1$$

$$V_l \rightarrow V_l M \mid (V_c)^{\mathbf{T}} \mid SV_l$$



Rules applied

$$S \rightarrow V_l V_c$$

$$V_l \rightarrow (V_c)^T, \quad V_c \rightarrow M V_c$$

$$V_c \rightarrow 1, \quad M \rightarrow M M, \quad V_c \rightarrow 1$$

$$M \rightarrow A, \quad M \rightarrow \text{diag}(V_c)$$

$$V_c \rightarrow M V_c$$

$$M \rightarrow A, \quad V_c \rightarrow 1$$

Theorem (ML ( $\mathcal{L}_1$ ) Reduced CFG)

The following CFG denoted by  $r-G_{\mathcal{L}_1}$  is as expressive as 1-WL.

$$V_c \rightarrow \text{diag}(V_c) V_c \mid AV_c \mid 1$$

## Corollary (GNNML1 CFG)

The following CFG, as expressive than ML ( $\mathcal{L}_1$ ) represents GNNML1 [Balcilar et al., 2021a].

$$V_c \rightarrow V_c \odot V_c \mid AV_c \mid 1$$

GNNML1 node update:

$$\begin{aligned} H^{(l+1)} = & \sigma(H^{(l)} \cdot W^{(l,1)} + A \cdot H^{(l)} \cdot W^{(l,2)} \\ & + H^{(l)} \cdot W^{(l,3)} \odot H^{(l)} \cdot W^{(l,4)}) \end{aligned}$$



### Proposition (GCN CFG)

The following CFG is strictly less expressive than  $ML(\mathcal{L}_1)$ .

$$V_c \rightarrow C_1 V_c \mid \dots \mid C_k V_c \mid 1$$

When  $C_s$  is include in  $ML(\mathcal{L}_1)$ .

As an example, the following CFG, strictly less expressive than  $ML(\mathcal{L}_1)$  represents GCN [Kipf and Welling, 2017].

$$V_c \rightarrow C V_c \mid 1$$

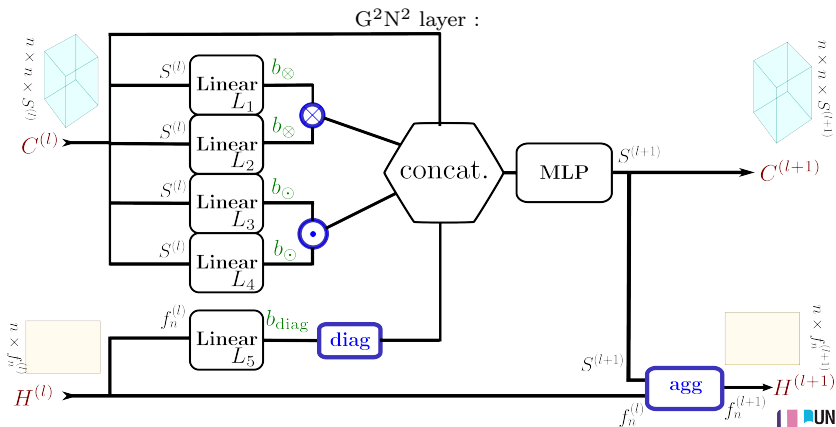
Where  $C = \text{diag}((A + I)1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (A + I) \text{diag}((A + I)1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

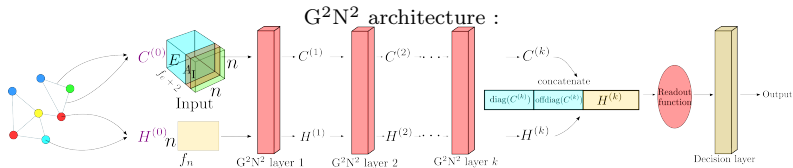
Theorem (ML ( $\mathcal{L}_3$ ) Reduced CFG)

The following CFG denoted by  $r\text{-}G_{\mathcal{L}_3}$  is as expressive as 3-WL.

$$V_c \rightarrow MV_c \mid 1$$

$$M \rightarrow (M \odot M) \mid MM \mid \text{diag}(V_c) \mid A$$





### $G^2N^2$ update equation

$$C^{(l+1)} = \text{mlp}(C^{(l)} | L_1(C^{(l)}) \odot L_2(C^{(l)}) | L_3(C^{(l)}) \cdot L_4(C^{(l)}) | \text{diag}(L_5(H^{(l)}))),$$

$$H^{(l+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{S^{(l+1)}} C_i^{(l+1)} H^{(l)} W^{(l,i)}.$$

Theorem (G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> in the WL hierarchy)

*G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> is as expressive as 3-WL.*

**Table:** The accuracy on EXP and SR25 datasets denotes the ratio of pairs of non isomorphic respectively 1-WL equivalent and 3-WL equivalent graphs that are separate by the model.

Method	EXP	SR25
1-WL-bounded GNN	0%	0%
CHEBNET	87%	0%
3-WL-bounded GNN	<b>100%</b>	0%
PPGN	<b>100%</b>	0%
G <sup>2</sup> N <sup>2</sup>	<b>100%</b>	0%
I <sup>2</sup> -GNN	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Theorem (G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> counting power)

*G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> can count chordal cycle and cycle up to length 6 at edge level.*

Table: G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> normalised MAE on counting substructures at edge level.

triangle	4-cycle	5-cycle	6-cycle	chordal cycle
3.99e-04	4.55e-04	2.93e-03	3.58e-03	1.56e-04

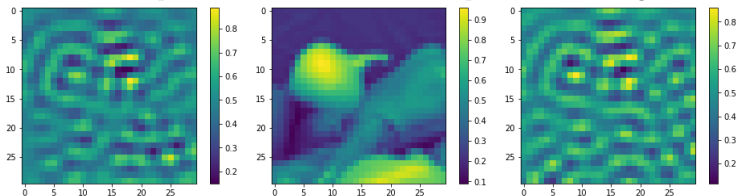
Theorem (G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> spectral response)

*G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> can approximate low-pass, high-pass and band-pass filter in the spectral domain.*

**Table:**  $R^2$  score on spectral filtering node regression problems. Results are median of 10 different runs.

Method	Low-pass	High-pass	Band-pass
MLP	0.9749	0.0167	0.0027
GCN	0.9858	0.0863	0.0051
GAT	0.9811	0.0879	0.0044
GIN	0.9824	0.2934	0.0629
CHEBNET	<b>0.9995</b>	0.9901	<b>0.8217</b>
PPGN	0.9991	<b>0.9925</b>	0.1041
GNNML1	0.9994	0.9833	0.3802
GNNML3	<b>0.9995</b>	<b>0.9909</b>	<b>0.8189</b>
G <sup>2</sup> N <sup>2</sup>	<b>0.9996</b>	<b>0.9994</b>	<b>0.8206</b>

On the left G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup>'s prediction, on the center the input and on the right, the target



**Table:** Results on QM9 dataset focusing on the best methods. The metric is MAE, the lower, the better.

Target	I <sup>2</sup> GNN	PPGN(12)	PPGN(1)	G <sup>2</sup> N <sup>2</sup> (12)
$\mu$	0.428	0.231	0.0934	<b>0.0973</b>
$\alpha$	0.230	0.382	0.318	<b>0.183</b>
$\epsilon_{\text{homo}}$	0.00261	0.00276	0.00174	<b>0.0022</b>
$\epsilon_{\text{lumo}}$	0.00267	0.00287	0.0021	<b>0.00215</b>
$\Delta\epsilon$	0.0038	0.00406	0.0029	<b>0.00296</b>
$R^2$	18.64	16.07	3.78	<b>1.12</b>
ZPVE	0.00014	0.00064	0.000399	<b>0.000166</b>
$U_0$	0.211	0.234	0.022	<b>0.0513</b>
$U$	0.206	0.234	0.0504	<b>0.0513</b>
$H$	0.269	0.229	0.0294	<b>0.0513</b>
$G$	0.261	0.238	0.024	<b>0.0513</b>
$C_v$	0.0730	0.184	0.144	<b>0.0702</b>

**Table:** Results of G<sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup> on TUD dataset compared to the best competitor. The metric is accuracy, the higher, the better.

Dataset	G <sup>2</sup> N <sup>2</sup>	rank	Best GNN competitor
MUTAG	92.0±4.3	2	92.2±7.5
PTC	71.8±6.7	1	68.2±7.2
Proteins	77.8±3.2	1	77.4±4.9
NCI1	80.2±2.1	8	83.5±2.0
IMDB-B	76.8±2.8	2	77.8±3.3
IMDB-M	54.0±2.93	2	54.3±3.3

### $G^2N^2$ assets

3-WL equivalent

**Large** spectral response

Counting power at **edge level**

Direct from CFG

### $G^2N^2$ drawbacks

Time complexity  $O(n^3)$

Memory complexity  $O(n^2)$





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