

# GNN report

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## 1 Data and features

We use the denominator graph edges 7,8,9,10,11 loops as well as their corresponding coefficients to train a GNN on binary classification. The coefficient is either 1 or 0, depending on whether there is a numerator completion of the graph that contributes to the correlator. We input various features (as node features) into the model and see which lead to the best performance. The whole list of features considered follows

1. Columns of the adjacency matrix
2. Columns of identity matrix
3. Laplacian eigenvectors with the 3 biggest eigenvalues
4. degree
5. betweenness
6. clustering
7. pagerank
8. closeness
9. face count

Eventually features 3 – 9 were the most expressive for the GNN.

## 2 Runs and results

### 2.1 GIN

In terms of the architecture we almost exclusively work with a simple GINN (Graph Isomorphism Neural Network). This ensures that the model will treat equally graphs that are isomorphic but with fail to distinguish between graphs that cannot be distinguished by the 1-WL graph isomorphism test. This makes it as expressive as the the 1-WL test. The architecture is expected to be ideal for graph level tasks with few nodes. Based on features 3-9 we trained and tested the model for graphs of various loop orders. Since we deal with binary classification the choice of a threshold determines to a big extend whether a graph will be identified with 0 or 1. Therefore we only present the ROC AUC metric which is threshold independent. The metric can be interpreted as follows: It gives the probability of a classifier to rank a randomly chosen denominator graph that contributes (coefficient=1) higher than one that does not contribute (coefficient=0).<sup>1</sup>

Next follows a table with our findings. We use a 80-20 split for training and testing and run over 100 epochs. Moreover, the single loop runs are performed with 3 layers of 64 hidden channels. Then for testing on 10 loops we used 256 hidden channels and finally for testing on 11 loops we chose 512 hidden channels. Finally, the following choices have been made: learning rate: 0.0003 ,weight decay: 0.00003, dropout: 0.3.

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<sup>1</sup>In our application we are interested in reducing the ansatz for the correlator, therefore including extra graphs in the ansatz that eventually do not contribute (recall on 0) is not as bad removing graphs that eventually contribute to the ansatz (recall on 1). Therefore, instead of using ROC AUC we can optimize the threshold to maximize the recall on 1's.

Table 1: Experimental Results GIN

ROC AUC (%)	$8 \rightarrow 8$	$9 \rightarrow 9$	$7,8,9 \rightarrow 10$	$7,8,9,10 \rightarrow 11$
<b>train</b>	96.0	96.0	99.0	99.9
<b>test</b>	87.3	94.6	92.6	97.0

## 2.2 PlanE

Additionally we studied the performance of the model described in <https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.01180> on our dataset. This is representation learning model on planar graphs. It takes as input the graph structure and possible node or edge features. Based on these, it determines a representation through certain decompositions on the planar graph (BLOCKCUT, SPQR). The authros claim that any pair of graphs with  $V_1, V_2$  number of vertices can be distinguished by a variant of their model with at most  $\log_2(\max\{|V_1|, |V_2|\}) + 1$  layers.

Training for 50 epochs on a 80/10/10 split for training test and validation using 4 layers of 64 dimensions produced :

Table 2: Experimental Results PlanE

ROC AUC (%)	$7 \rightarrow 7$	$8 \rightarrow 8$	$9 \rightarrow 9$
<b>train</b>	96.0	94.0	99.0
<b>test</b>	87.3	78.8	85.5
<b>valid</b>	87.3	79.4	85.3

It turns out that for our dataset PlanE does not perform significantly better at least for single loop cases. Given the much higher training time required for this model compared to our GIN we did not test on further cases.