



# Graph Neural Networks: introduction

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# Inspirations

Machine Learning with Graphs course from Stanford: [webpage](#)

Geometric Deep Learning: The Erlangen Programme of ML: [video](#)

Group Equivariant Deep Learning: [yt series](#)

Machine Learning in Drug Discovery: UJ lectures and [labs](#)

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# What are graphs?

# Definition of a graph

$$G = (V, E)$$

$$V = \{v_i : i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}\}$$

$$E \subseteq \{(v_i, v_j) : v_i, v_j \in V\}$$

# Many Types of Graphs



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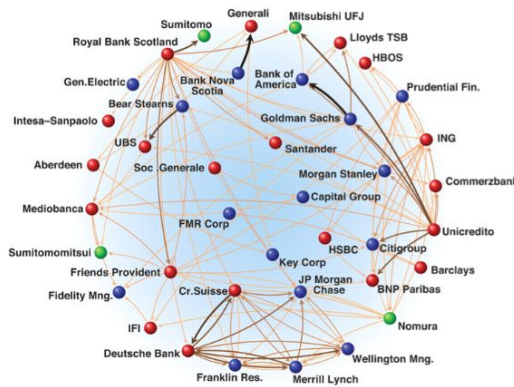


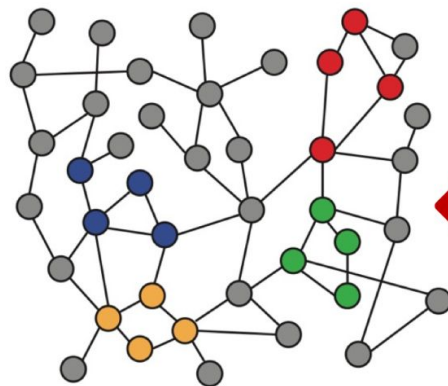
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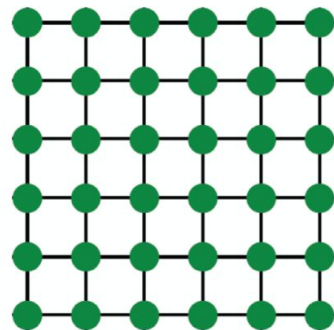


# Graphs are complex!



**Networks**

**VS.**



**Images**

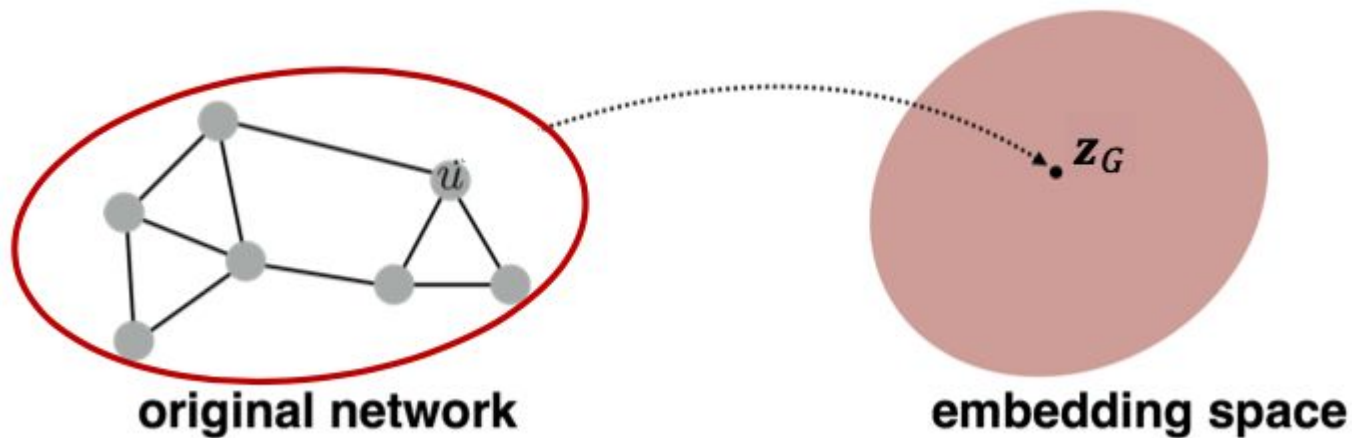


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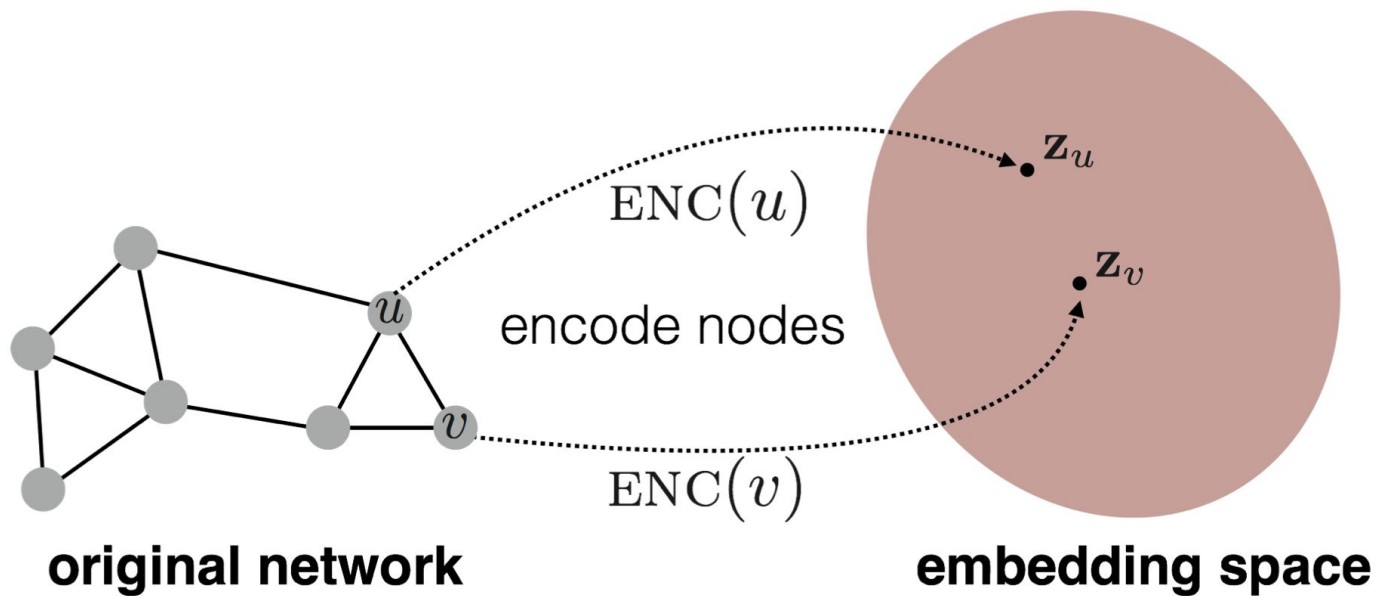


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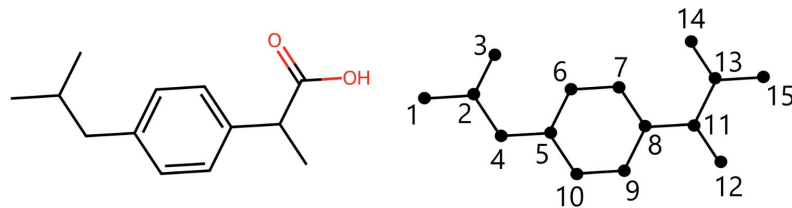
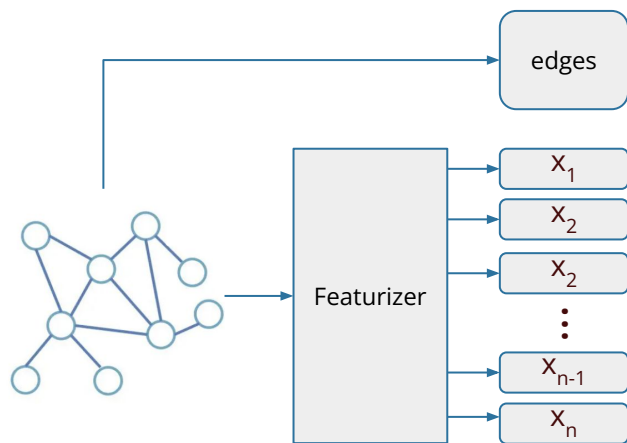
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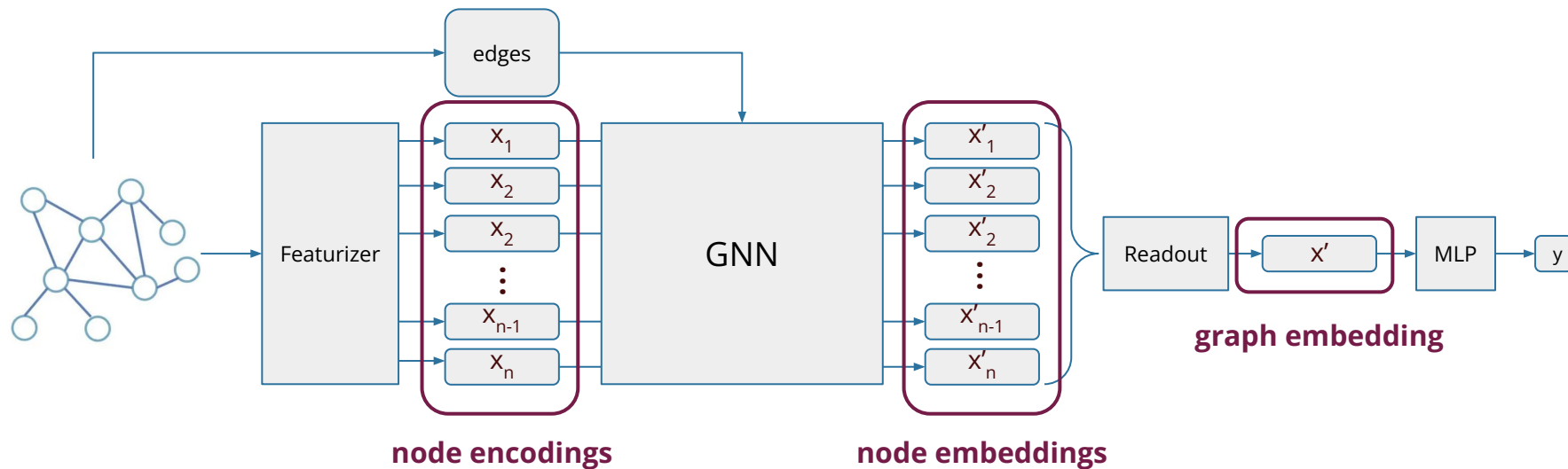
# Node Encodings



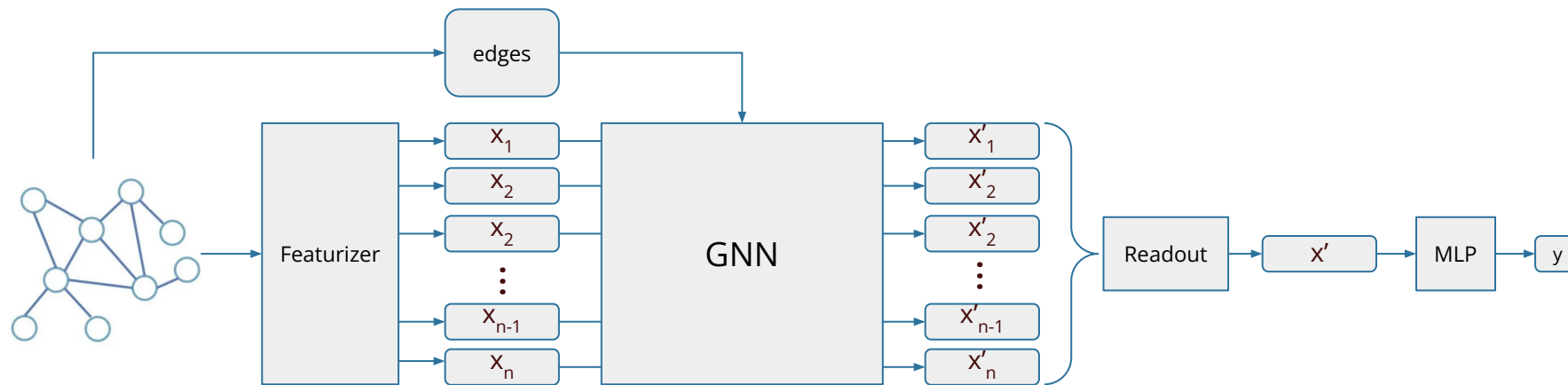
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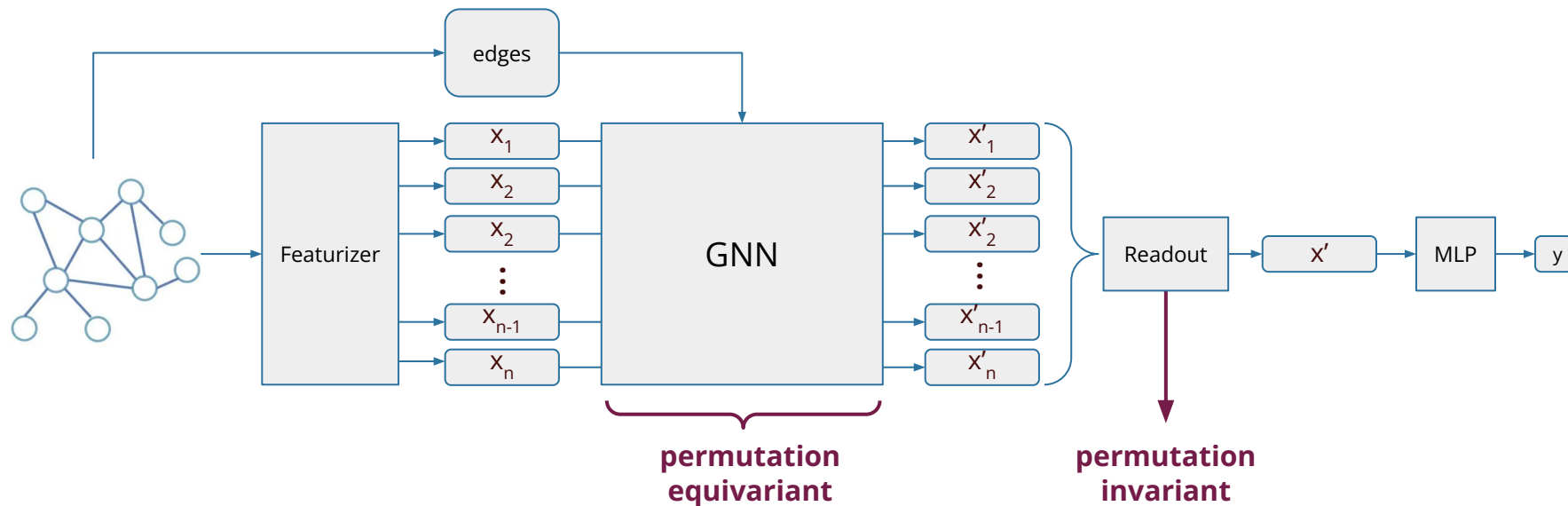
# Graph Neural Network



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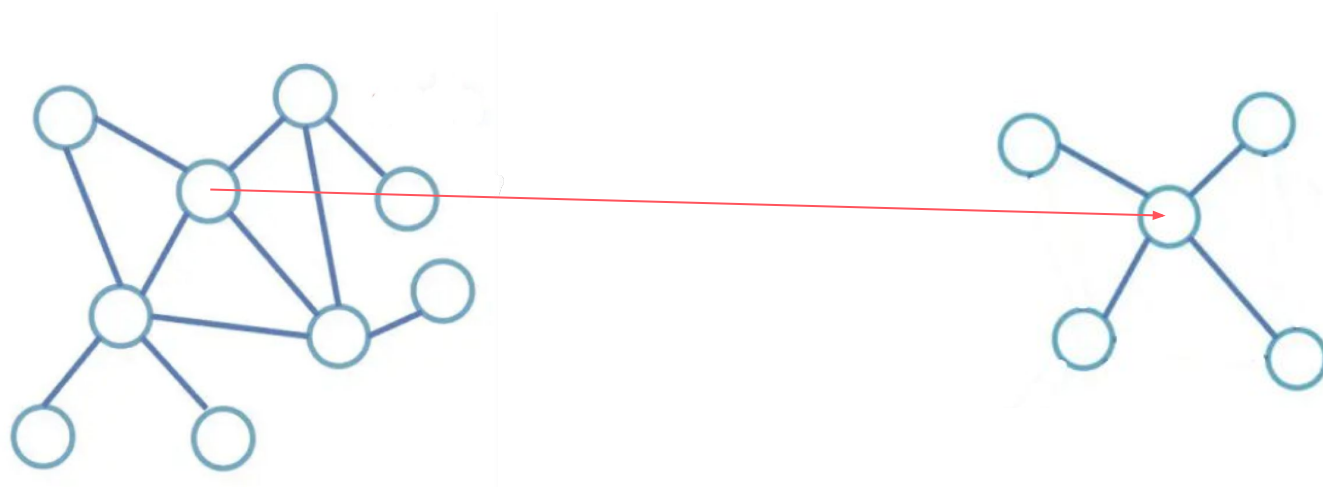


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# Message Passing Neural Networks



# Message Passing



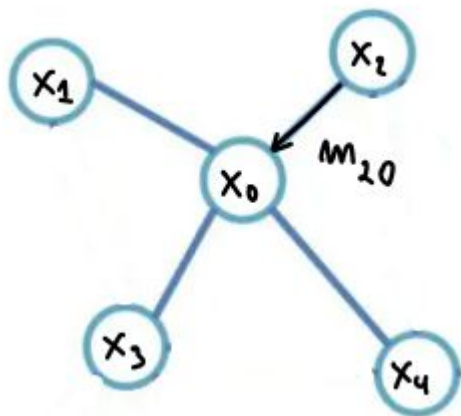
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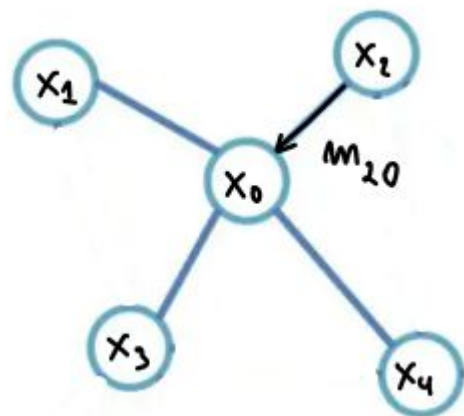
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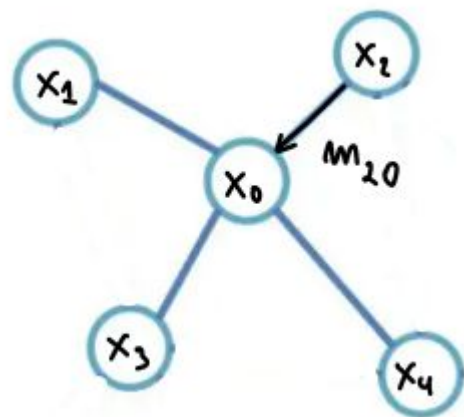
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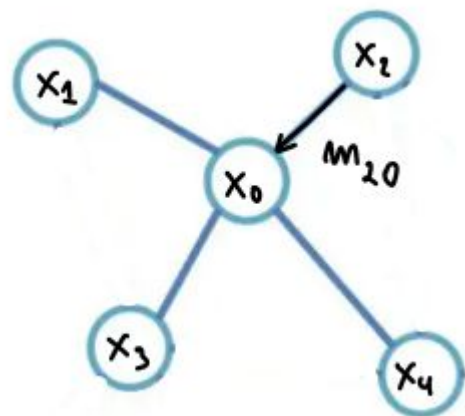
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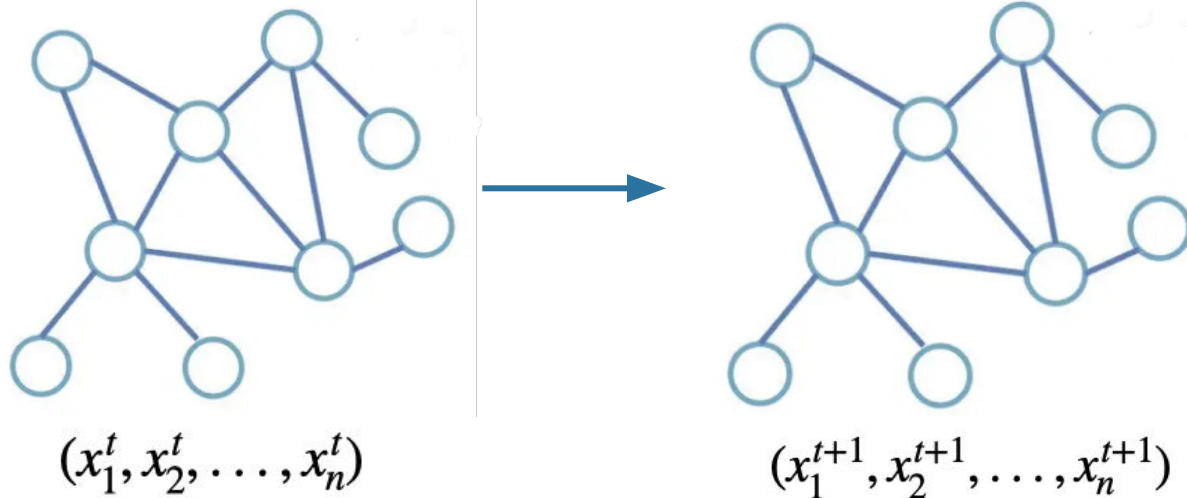
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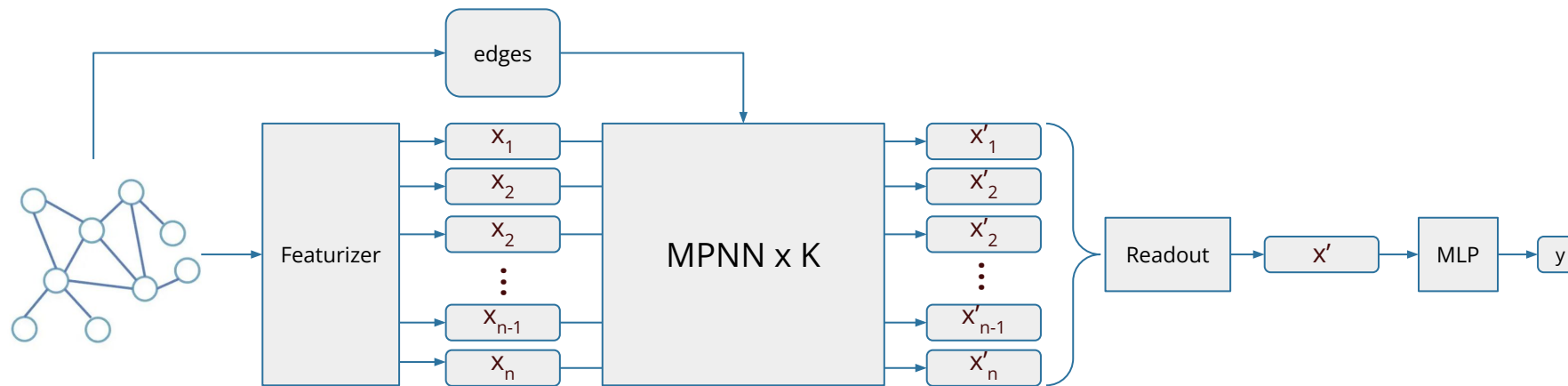
## Information Propagation



$$x_i^{t+1} = \rho(x_i^t, \bigoplus_{j \in N(i)} \psi(x_j^t, x_i^t))$$

# Message Passing

Is it a proper GNN?



1. MPNN is permutation-equivariant.
2. MPNN deals with the graph structure given by edges.

# Message Passing

## Examples

GIN:

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = h_{\Theta} \left( (1 + \epsilon) \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \mathbf{x}_j \right)$$

GCN:

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \Theta^{\top} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i) \cup \{i\}} \frac{e_{j,i}}{\sqrt{\hat{d}_j \hat{d}_i}} \mathbf{x}_j$$

GraphSAGE:

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{W}_2 \cdot \text{mean}_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \mathbf{x}_j$$

GAT:

$$\mathbf{x}'_i = \alpha_{i,i} \Theta_s \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \alpha_{i,j} \Theta_t \mathbf{x}_j,$$



# Message Passing

## Issues

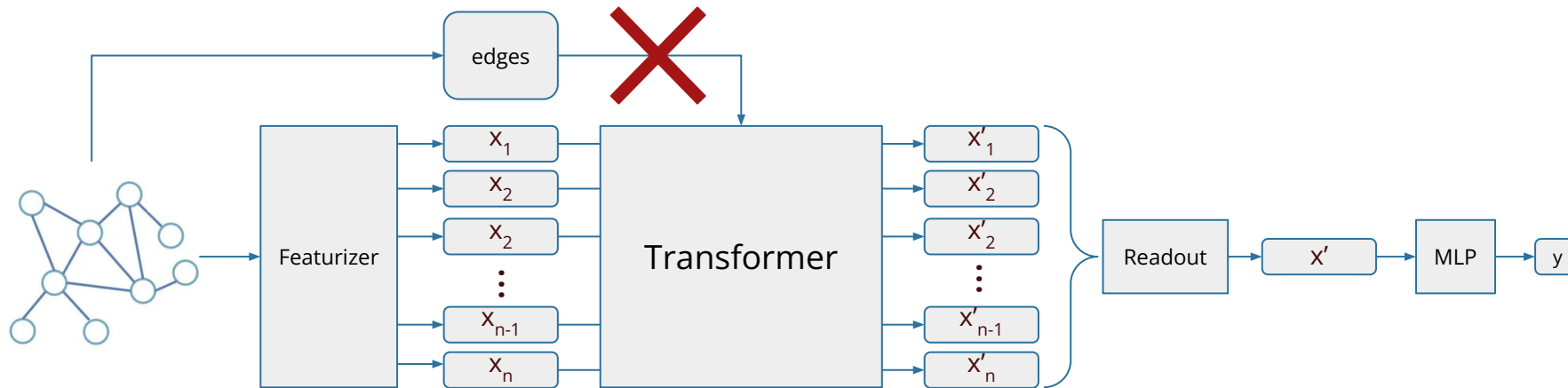
What are the issues?

- Long-range dependencies.
- Oversquashing
- Oversmoothing
- Expressivity: some graphs cannot be differentiated with MPNN!

# Transformers as GNNs

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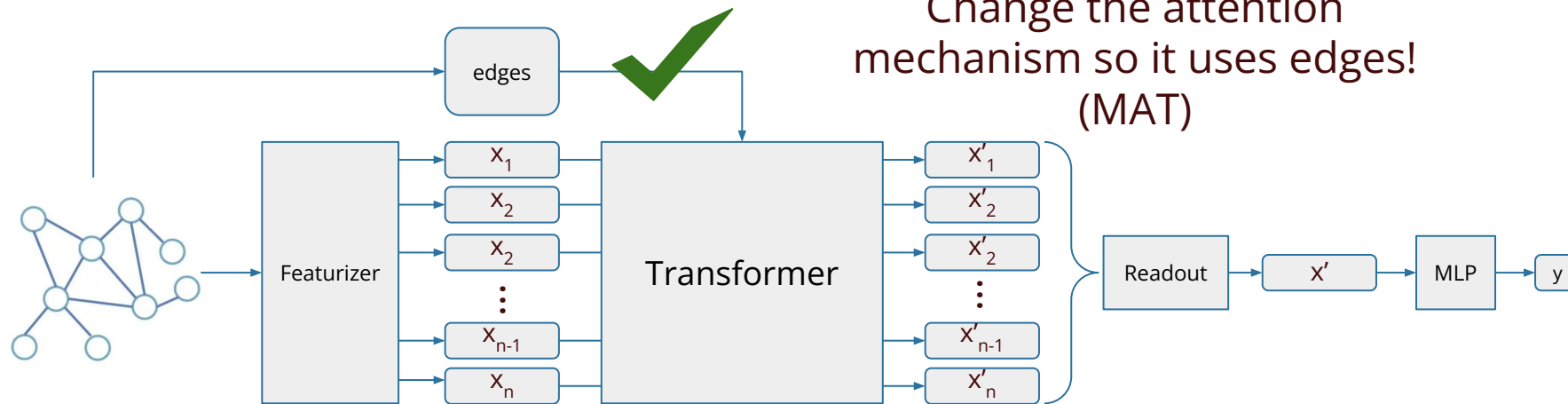
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1. Transformer is permutation-equivariant.
2. Transformer cannot deal with the graph structure given by edges by default :<

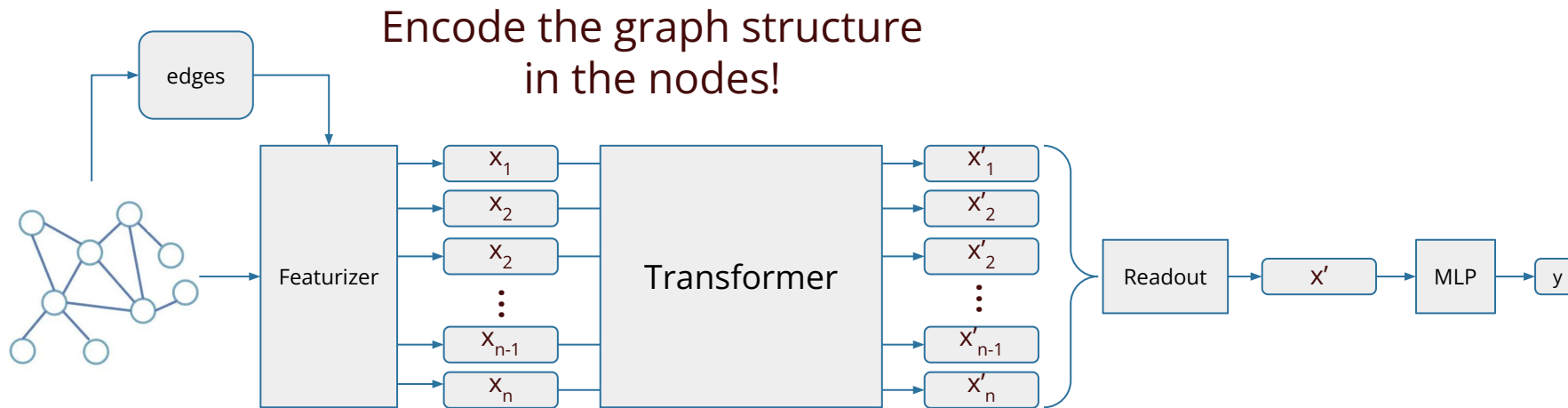
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1. It can be done with structural/positional encodings (e.g. Random Walk).
2. Or it can be than with MPNN! (GraphGPS)

# Transformers

## Issues

Transformers deal with long-range dependencies and oversquashing.

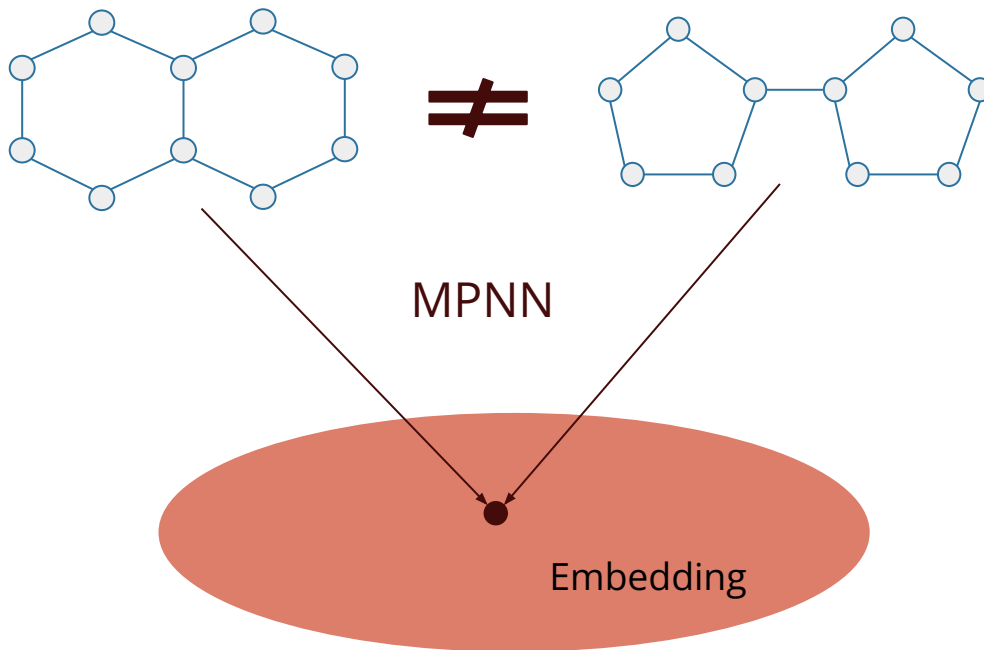
# Expressivity of Message Passing

# Can MPNN distinguish all graphs?



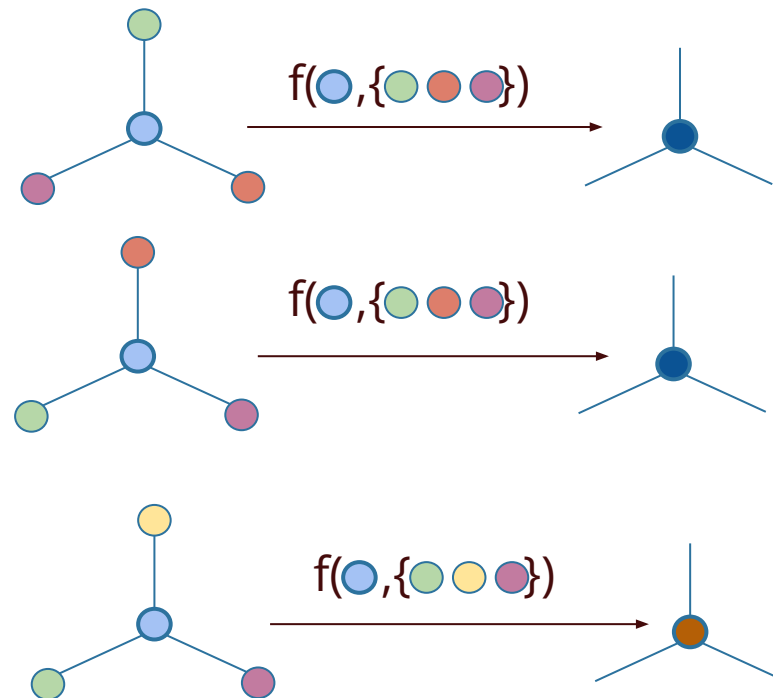


# MPNN cannot distinguish all graphs!

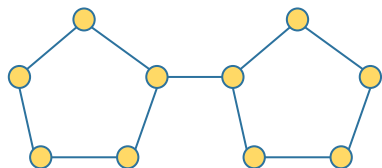
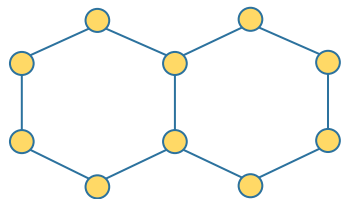


# The most powerful MPNN

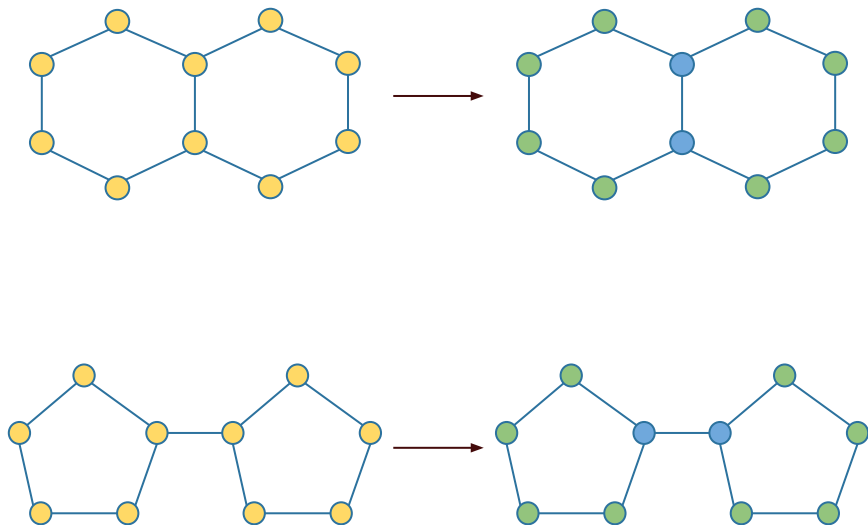
- Let us assume that all nodes in a graph have the same initial encodings.
- Let us denote node embeddings as colors. Different color  $\rightarrow$  different embedding.
- MPNN can only return different colors for nodes with different neighborhood.
- Our coloring MPNN always returns different color for nodes with different neighbors.



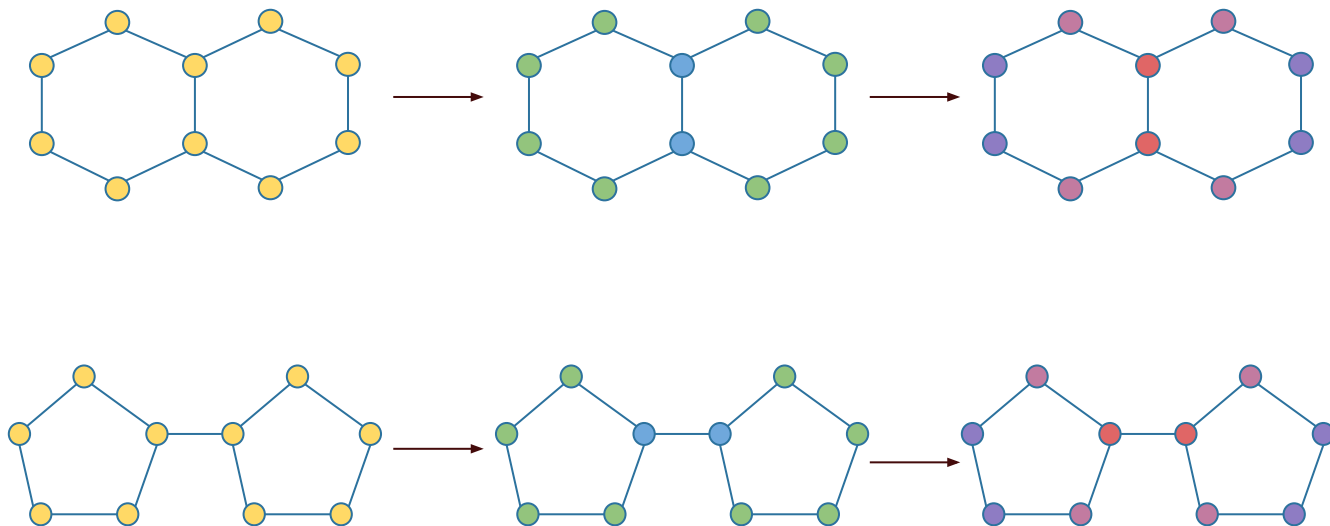
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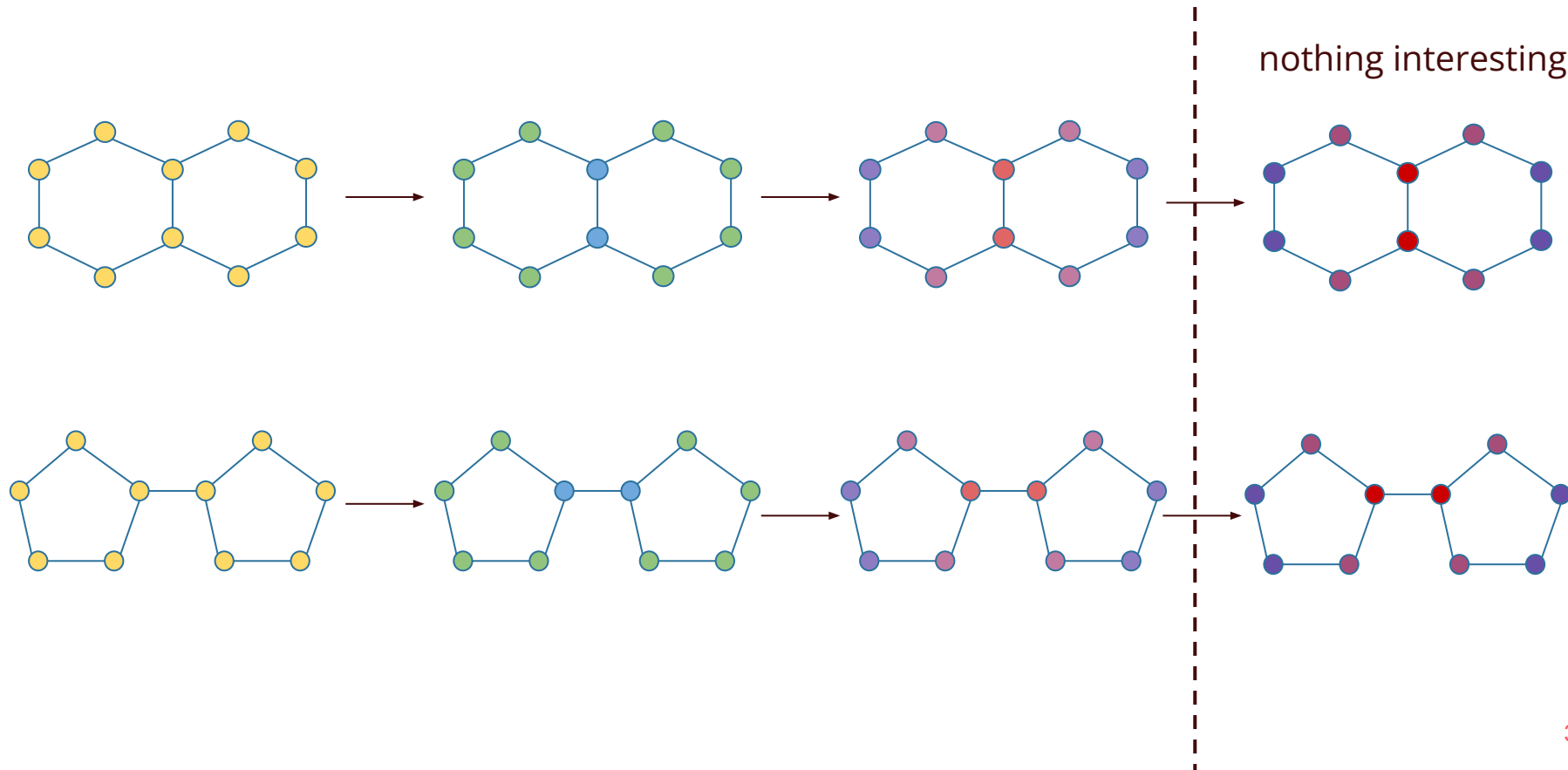
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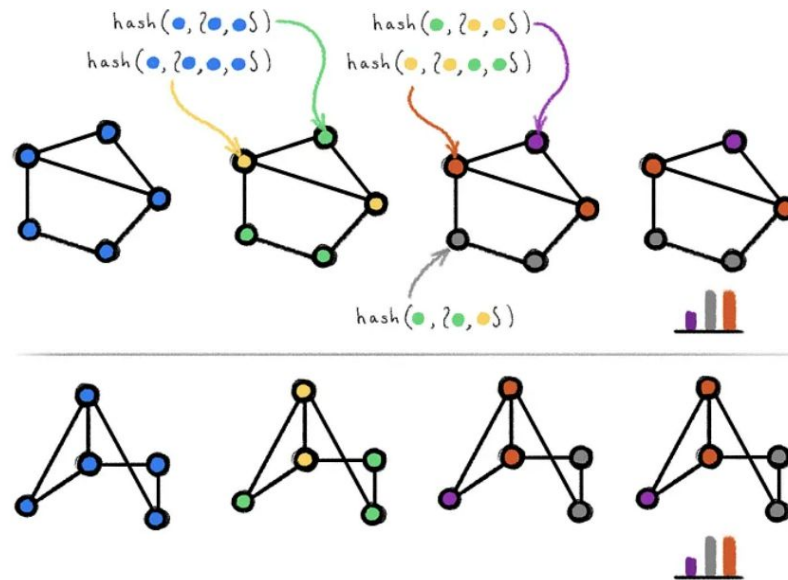


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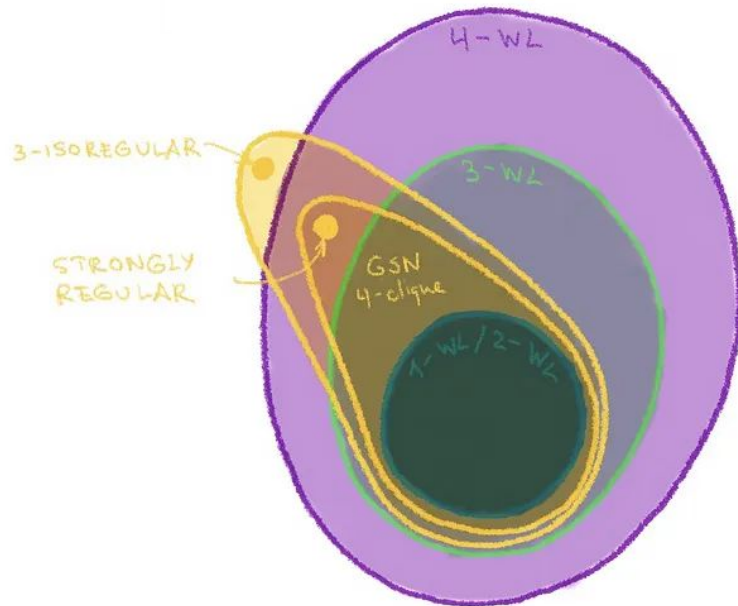
# WL test

- Our coloring MPNN works very similar to Weisfeiler-Lehman graph isomorphism test.
- No MPNN is more powerful than WL test.



# k-WL test

- We can easily generalize the WL test and obtain k-WL test. (k+1)-WL test is strictly more powerful than k-WL test (for  $k > 1$ ).
- There is k-GNN model which mimics the k-WL test and is  $O(n^k)$ .
- There is an IGN model as powerful as 3-WL and  $O(n^2)$ .
- But we can escape the k-WL classification...



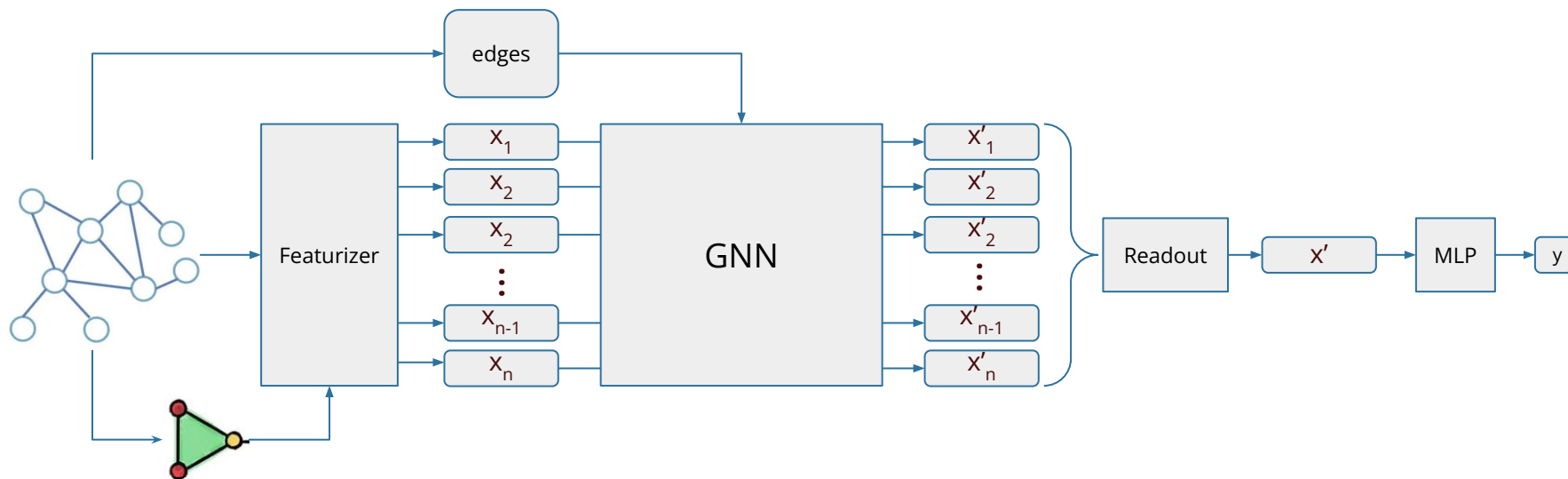


# Beyond k-WL classification



Examples of non-isomorphic graphs that cannot be distinguished by 1-WL but can be distinguished by 3-WL due to its capability of counting triangles.

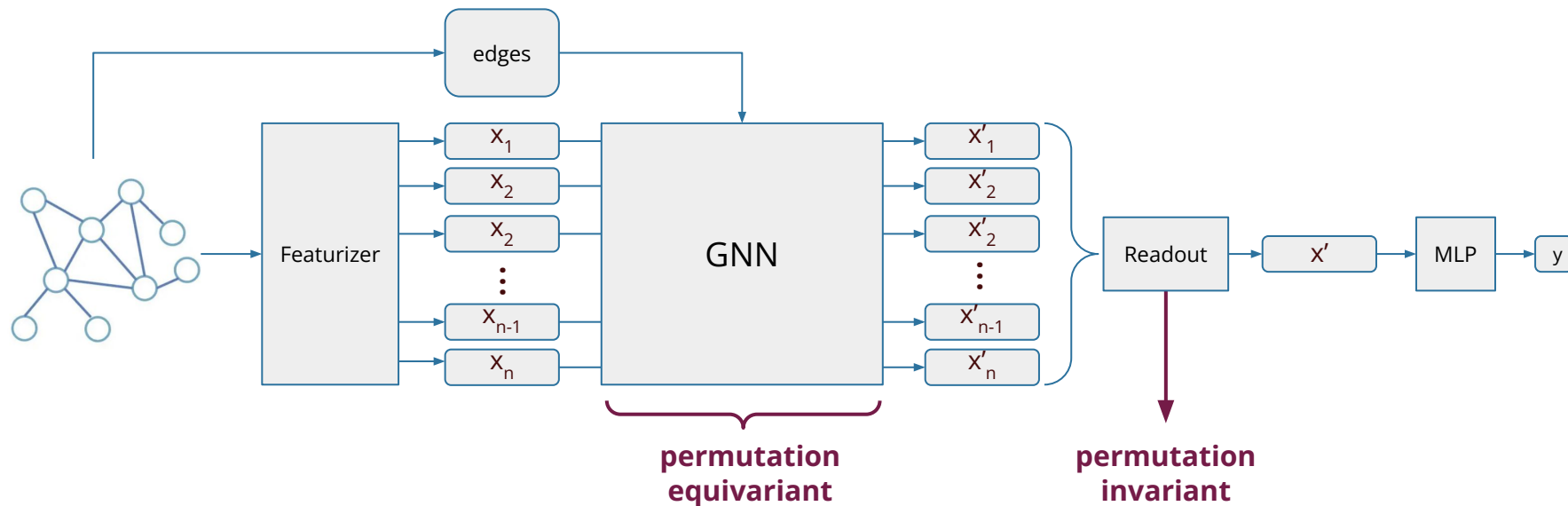
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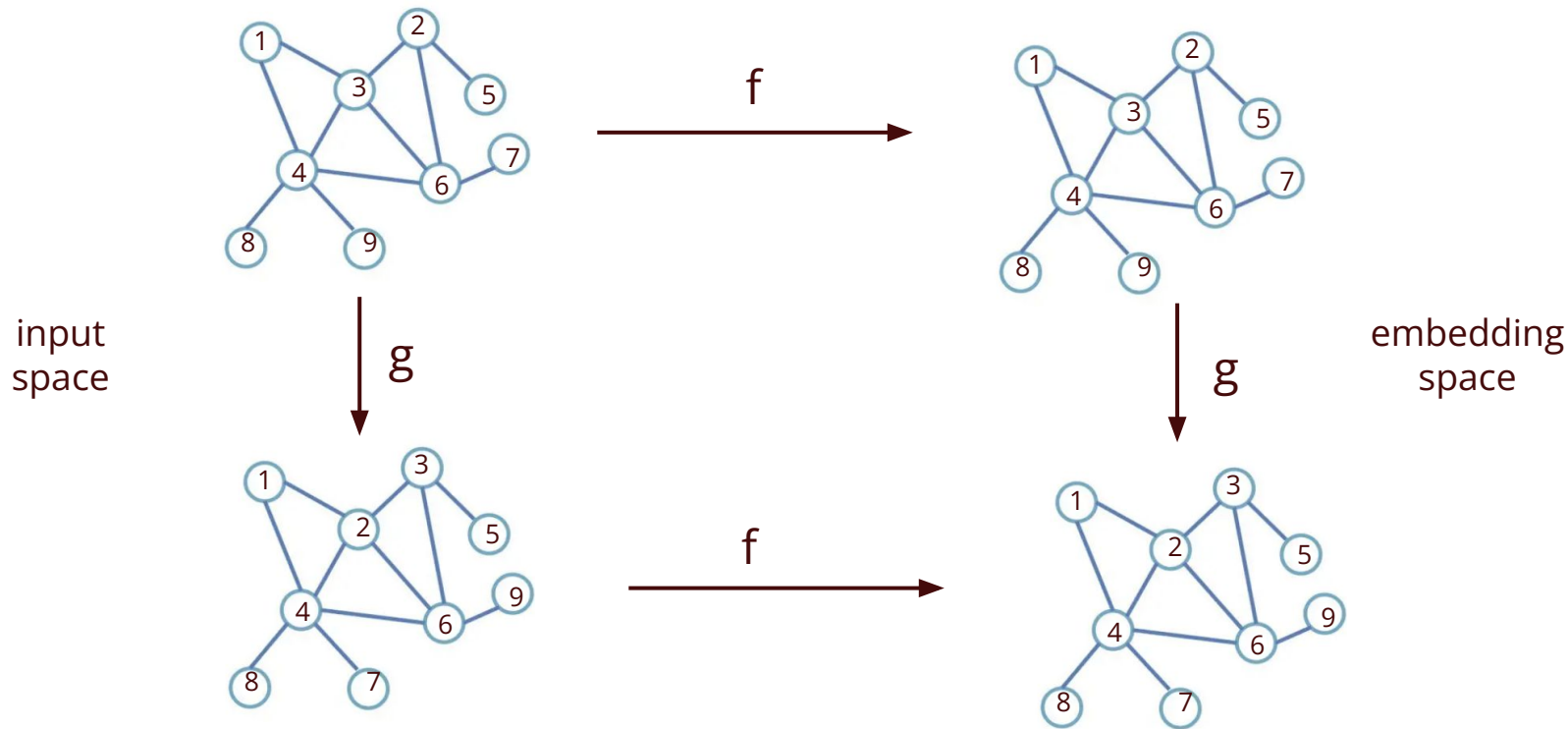
We can simply count triangles and  
enrich the node encodings!

# Symmetries: Equivariant Deep Learning

# Permutation Equivariance



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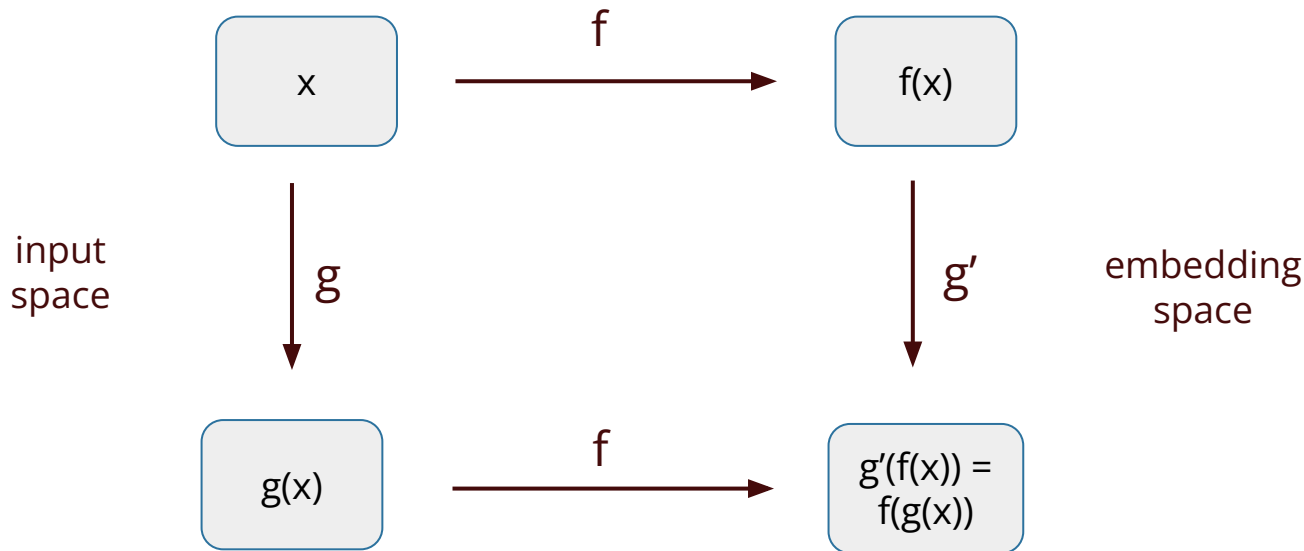


# Equivariance

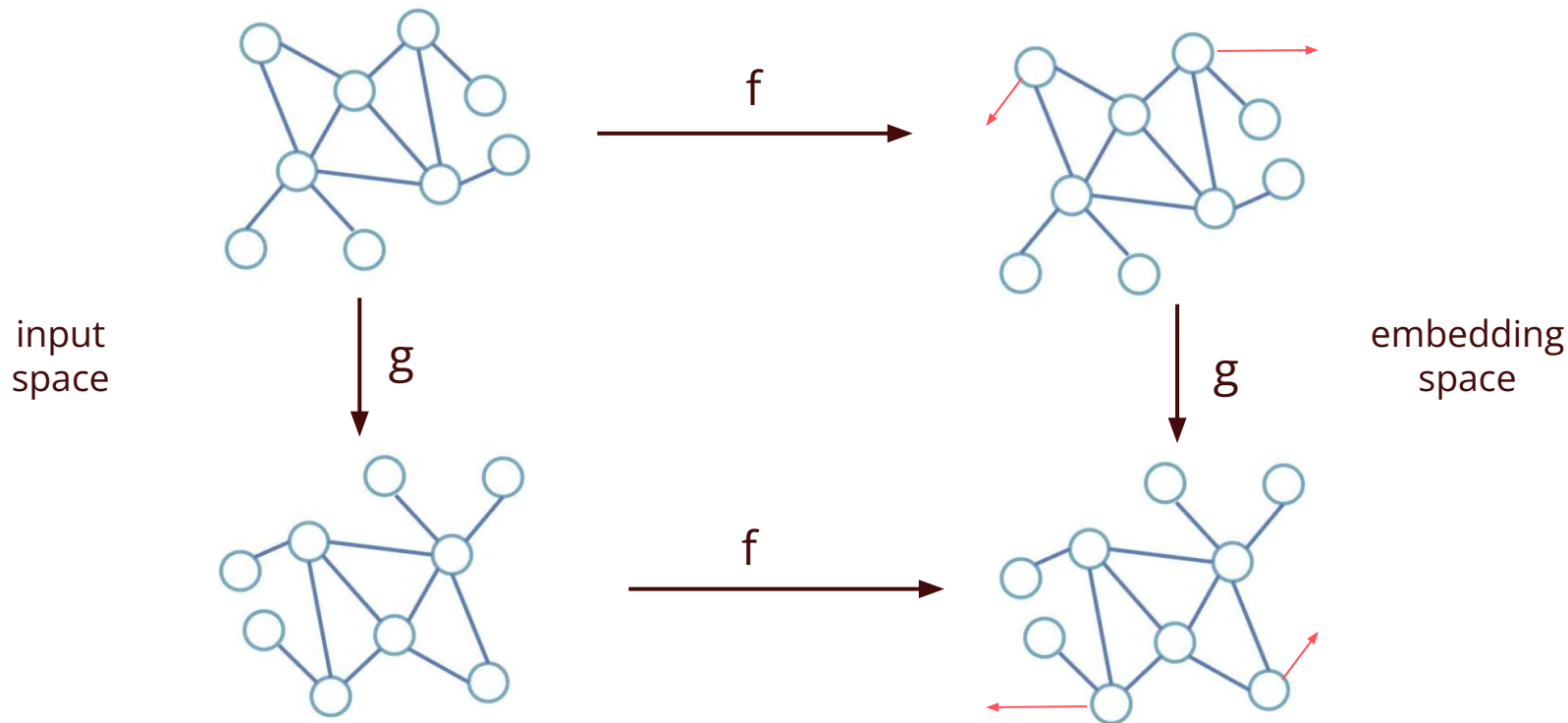
$f$  -  $G$ -equivariant function

$g$  - operation from group  $G$  defined in input space

$g'$  - operation from group  $G'$  defined in embedding space corresponding to  $G$



# Rotation Equivariance



# Deep Equivariant Learning

- Some node-level prediction tasks requires equivariance with respect to e.g. rotations.
- Equivariance can be used to incorporate invariance.
- Deep Equivariant Learning is a fast growing field. It definitely requires its own course.



GNNs are great!

# Deep Equivariant Learning

Machine Learning in Drug Discovery  
by Sabina Smusz and Tomasz Danel

# Worth reading

- MPNNs:
  - GAT: Graph Attention Networks
  - GraphSAGE: Inductive Representation Learning on Large Graphs
  - GIN: How Powerful are Graph Neural Networks?
- Transformers:
  - MAT: Molecule Attention Transformer (GMUM)
  - GraphGPS: Recipe for a General, Powerful, Scalable Graph Transformer
  - SAN: Rethinking Graph Transformers with Spectral Attention
- k-WL GNNs:
  - k-GNN: Weisfeiler and Leman go neural: Higher-order graph neural networks
  - IGN: Convergence of Invariant Graph Networks

# Worth reading

- Geometric GNNs:
  - SGCN: Spatial Graph Convolutional Networks (GMUM)
  - Geometric Transformer: Geometric Transformer for End-to-End Molecule Properties Prediction
- Equivariant GNNs:
  - EGNN: E(n) Equivariant Graph Neural Networks
  - SE(3)-Transformers: 3D Roto-Translation Equivariant Attention Networks
- Symmetry-breaking GNNs:
  - ChiRo: Learning 3D Representations of Molecular Chirality with Invariance to Bond Rotations
  - ChiENN: Embracing Molecular Chirality with Graph Neural Networks (GMUM)
- Random:
  - Understanding convolution on graphs via energies



Thanks for your attention!