# 2D structure of a molecule Isomorphism and canonical indexing



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  - Molecular graphs: Isomorphism and canonical indexing
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  - representation using Cartesian and internal coordinates, data formats, geometry comparison





#### 2D structure as a molecular graph

# Definition of molecular graph:

 $G = (V, E, L, \varphi, \beta)$ 

- V-set of nodes (atoms)
- E multiset of edges (bonds)
- L multiset of loops (free electron pairs)
- $\phi$  function for naming of nodes by element symbols
- $\beta$  set of element symbols

#### **Molecule:**



#### **Description of its mol. graph:**

 $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$   $E = \{\{v_1, v_3\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4\}, \{v_3, v_4\}, \{v_3, v_4\}\}$   $L = \{\{v_4, v_4\}, \{v_4, v_4\}\}$   $\phi(v_1) = H, \phi(v_2) = H, \phi(v_3) = C, \phi(v_4) = O$  $\beta = \{C, O, H\}$ 

#### **Figure of the molecular graph:**





#### 2D structure as a matrix

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 $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ 

Molecule of formaldehyde:

Neighbourhood matrix of formaldehyde:

 $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ 



$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & V_{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & V_{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & V_{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & V_{4} \\ V_{1} & V_{2} & V_{3} & V_{4} \end{vmatrix}$$



#### Isomorfism of molecular graphs

- Two molecular graphs are isomorphic if they represent the same molecule.
- Two molecular graphs are isomorphic if they differ only in the indexing of the nodes.
- Two molecular graphs are isomorphic if:
  - Every node Ni of the graph G can be mapped to a node N'i of the graph G'.
  - Neighboring nodes of a node Ni can be mapped to neighboring nodes of a node N'i.



#### Isomorfism of molecular graphs

Graphs G = (V, E, L,  $\varphi$ ,  $\beta$ ) and G' = (V', E', L',  $\varphi'$ ,  $\beta$ ) are isomorphic, if exist a bijective projection (permutation) f: V  $\rightarrow$ V' with the following properties:

- if nodes  $u,\,v\in V$  have n edges {u, v} of graph G, then nodes f(u),  $f(v)\in V'$  have also n edges {f(u), f(v)} in a graph G'
- if node  $u\in V$  have n loops {u, u} of graph G, then node  $f(u)\in V'$  have n loops {f(u), f(u)} graph G'
- the projection f maintain naming of the edges:  $\phi(u)$  =  $\phi$  '(f(u)) for each  $u \in V$



#### Isomorphism and adjacency matrix

Molecular graphs determined by the neighborhood matrix:  $G = (V, A, \phi, \beta) a G' = (V', A', \phi', \beta)$ 

Isomorphismus (=permutation) f:  $V \rightarrow V'$ 

For a permutation of f, one can construct a permutation matrix P. Note: The permutation matrix is formed from the unit matrix by permuting their row.

Then:  $A = P^T A' P$ 



# Time complexity

A problem is **NP-complete** if an algorithm with worst polynomial time complexity cannot be constructed for it.

Examples:

- Algorithms solvable in polynomial time belong, for example, to the complexity classes: O(n), O(n log n), O(n<sup>2</sup>), O(n<sup>3</sup>), etc.
- NP-complete algorithms belong, for example, to the complexity classes: O(2<sup>n</sup>), O(n!), O(n<sup>n</sup>), etc.



#### Isomorphism - time complexity

- The problem of isomorphism of general graphs is probably (not proven, but all indications are :-) among **NP-complete problems**.
- How we can solve it?:
  - Brute force
  - Improvements:
    - backtracking
    - Classes of edges
  - Limited classes of graphs:
    - planar graphs



# Algorithms: brute force

#### • Description:

For each permutation f:  $V \rightarrow V^\prime$ 

test if it is an isomorfismus.

#### • Complexity:

Sets V and V' have the same number of nodes (n).

=> it exist n! permutations f: V  $\rightarrow$  V'

=> the algorithm has complexity in the class O(n!)



#### Algorithm: backtracking

- Streamlining the brute force method
- It does not deal with all views. Adds an additional vertex only to partial views that satisfy the isomorphism condition.
- In the worst case, this method also has factorial complexity, but for common cases the computation is much shorter than using brute force.





#### Algorithm: Division of nodes into classes

Classing criteria:

- atom rating
- degree of peak

Principle:

- Vertices of a graph G belonging to a certain class are mapped only to vertices of the graph G' belonging to the same class.
- Note: A finer class partitioning can also be used:
  - In addition to the rank and degree of an atom, we take into account the rank and degree of its neighbors in the partitioning.
  - Divide the nodes according to the number of single, double and triple bonds that a given bond forms.



#### **Example:** Division of nodes into classes



**Molecular graph G':** 

**Classes:** 

 $T_3 = \{v_1, v_2\}$  (name Y, degree 3)

 $T_1 = \{v_4\}$  (name X, degree 2)  $T'_1 = \{v'_2\}$  (name X, degree 2)  $T_2 = \{v_3\}$  (name X, degree 4)  $T'_2 = \{v'_1\}$  (name X, degree 4)  $T'_{3} = \{v'_{3}, v'_{4}\}$  (name Y, degree 3)

#### **Principle:**

We can project members of  $T_i$  only to members of  $T'_i$ 

It exists only 2 possible projections:

 $\underbrace{v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}, v_{4} \rightarrow v_{3}, v_{4}, v_{1}, v_{2}}_{v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}, v_{4} \rightarrow v_{4}, v_{3}, v_{1}, v_{2}}$ 

# Algorithm: planar graphs

- **Definition:** A graph is called planar if it is possible to create a planar drawing of it.
- A graph drawing is a procedure that assigns to each vertex of the graph a point of the plane and assigns to each edge {u, v} a continuous simple arc that connects the points assigned to vertices u and v.
- **Planar drawing** = A drawing that is made such that two arcs have at most 1 point in common. And only if this common point corresponds to the vertex from which both edges originate.





Planar graph G:



Planar drawing of graph G:



Graph G':







Planar graph G:



Planar drawing of graph G:



Graph G':



For G' does not exist any planar drawing

=>

G' is not planar



#### Algorithm: planar graphs

The class of planar graphs is a subclass of general graphs.In chemistry, a large fraction of molecules have planar graphs.Exceptions: zeolites, fullerenes, some bioorganic substances (alkaloids, hormones, ...), more complex polymers and biopolymers.

Determine whether the graph is planar:

- An algorithm to find its planar drawing; O(n)
- Isomorphism of planar graphs:
  - Hopcroft and Tarjan's algorithm; O(n log n)
- => Isomorphism of planar graphs is not an NP-complete problem :-)



#### Isomorphismus: application in chemistry

Isomorphic graphs represent the same molecules.

- Can be applied for finding of identical molecules in databases
- **Input:** molecule graph
- **Output:** information about the input molecule (or report that the molecule was not found
- **Procedure:** search for isomorphism between the input molecule and database elements

**Disadvantage:** High time complexity. Finding a molecule of size N in a database with M molecules: O(M.N!)



#### **Automorphism**

= isomorphism of the graph on itself

= symmetry operations on molecular graphs that preserve the graph topology (= do not change the adjacency matrix)

Topological equivalence:

A pair of vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_i$  is topologically equivalent if there exists an automorphism  $\omega$  such that one vertex maps to the other:  $\omega(v_i) = v_j$ 



# Authomorphism: examples

Molecule of formaldehyde has 2 authomorphisms:



Description of automorphisms (symetry operations):

- $\omega_1$  identity
- $\omega_2$  axis symmetry (the axis passes through the nodes  $v_3$  and  $v_4$ )

Nodes  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are **topologically equivalen**.



#### Automorphism and neighborhood matrix

Molecular graph determined by the neighborhood matrix:

 $\mathsf{G} = (\mathsf{V}, \mathsf{A}, \varphi, \beta)$ 

Automorphism (=permutation)  $\omega: V \rightarrow V$ 

The permutation  $\omega$  is described by a matrix P.

Then holds:

 $A = P^T A P$ 



#### Automorphism as a group

Set of all automorphisms:

Aut = { $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$ }, where  $\omega: V \to V$ Operation of composition of projections:

o:  $(\omega, \omega) \rightarrow \omega$ 

Grup of automorphisms:

$$G_{aut} = (Aut, o)$$

A group of automorphisms can be isomorphic to some point group of spatial symmetry.

For formaldehyde:

$$G_{aut} = (\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}, o)$$



#### Indexing of molecular graph nodes

Molecular graph:  $G = (V, E, L, \phi, \beta)$ Indexing the nodes of the molecular graph G: bijection  $\tau: V \rightarrow I$ 

I is an index set: 
$$I = \{1, 2, ..., |V|\}$$

Thus, each node is assigned a natural number (index).



#### Canonical indexing of molecular graph nodes

Canonical indexing = indexing that fulfills the following conditions:

For a molecular graph MG, indexing I can be generated algorithmically (using some alg\_CI algorithm)

Consider arbitrary indexings  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . For the canonical indexings  $CI_1 = alg\_CI(MG, I_1)$  and  $CI_2 = alg\_CI(MG, I_2)$  must hold:  $i(CI_1) = i(CI_2)$   $\Leftrightarrow$ atom having index  $i(CI_1)$  is topologically equivalent with atom having index  $i(CI_2)$ 



#### Number of possible indexing

A molecular graph has n nodes => there are n! different ways of indexing this graph.

If |Aut| > 1 (there exist an automorphism other than identity), then exit only n! / |Aut| possible indexing

Example - formaldehyde: number of atoms: 4 number of authomorphisms: 2 number of indexing: 4! / 2 = 12



#### Canonical indexing and neighborhood matrix

For two canonically indexed molecular graphs  $G = (V, A, \phi, \beta)$  and  $G' = (V', A', \phi', \beta)$  hold:

A = A' <=>

graphs represent the same molecule <=> graphs are isomorphic



# **Canonical indexing - application**

#### **Searching databases of molecules**

Database: contains canonically indexed molecules

**Input:** canonically indexed molecule

- **Procedure:** compares the adjacency matrices of the input molecule and the molecules in the database
  - (Comparing matrices of size N has complexity O(N<sup>2</sup>).)
- **Advantage:** Significantly less time complexity than if we search for isomorphism for each pair (input molecule, database molecule)

Finding a molecule of size N in a database with M molecules:

- Using isomorphism: O(M.N!)
- Using canonical indexing: O(M.N<sup>2</sup>)

### **Canonical indexing - algorithms**

The "brute force" solution:

- a large number of such algorithms can be created
- For example: for each indexing, determine the numerical value that the linear notation of the neighborhood matrix takes.
- Then choose the indexing with the highest numerical value.
- advantage: no error cases
- disadvantage: complexity O(n!) => not used in practice



# Canonical indexing - Morgan's algorithm

- First algorithm for canonical indexing (1965)
- Most of the others work on a similar principle
- Notes:
  - Morgan's algorithm is based only on the topology of the molecule, ignoring multiple bonds, loops, and the evaluation of vertices with chemical tags.
  - This is not real limitation:
    - We can determine these data from the topology.
    - For example: degree of node (atom) + atom bonding => number of multiple edges



- Grade each node by its degree
- Determine the number of distinct values





- Grade the node by the sum of the scores of the neighbouring nodes
- Determine the number of different values
- Repeat the above two points until the number of distinct values changes





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- Most nodes have a different score
- Mark as 1 the node with the highest score
- Mark its neighbours in order of their scores





The remaining neighbours of node 2 have the same score

- choose the one that is connected by multiple edges (C=C is green)
- it is also possible to consider the mass of the atoms (for different ones)
- when the atoms are equivalent, choose any

Continue until all atoms are marked





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After finishing of the algorithm:

Canonically indexed graph.





#### Morgan's algorithm - evaluation

Advantages of the algorithm:

• Low complexity of the algorithm:  $O(n^2)$ .

Disadvantages of the algorithm:

• The algorithm may in some cases index incorrectly (assign the same index to atoms that are not chemically equivalent)



#### Canonical indexing – example of other algorithms

Shelley-Munk algorithm:

- An extension of Morgan's original idea
- takes into account the properties of the neighbors of the atom being evaluated
- complexity: O(n2)



#### Thank you for your attention

