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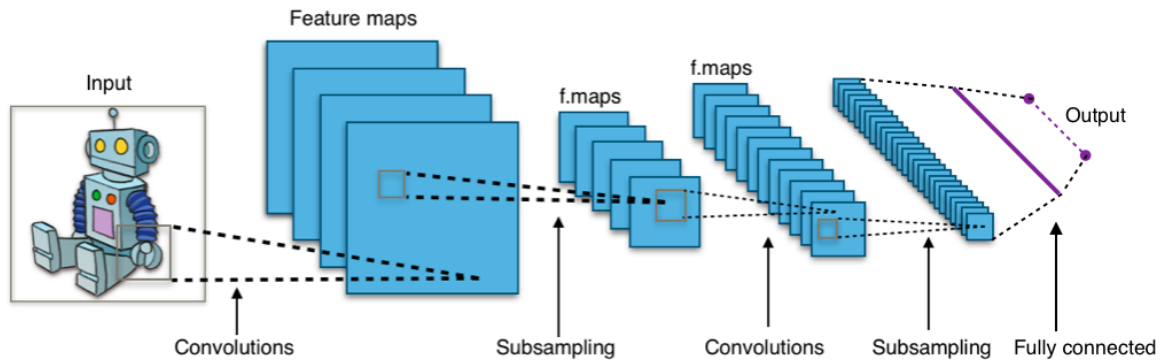
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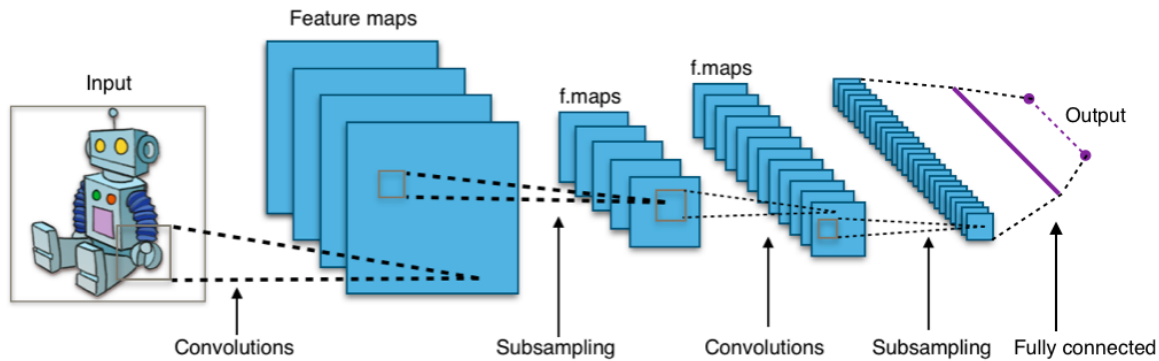


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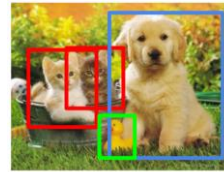
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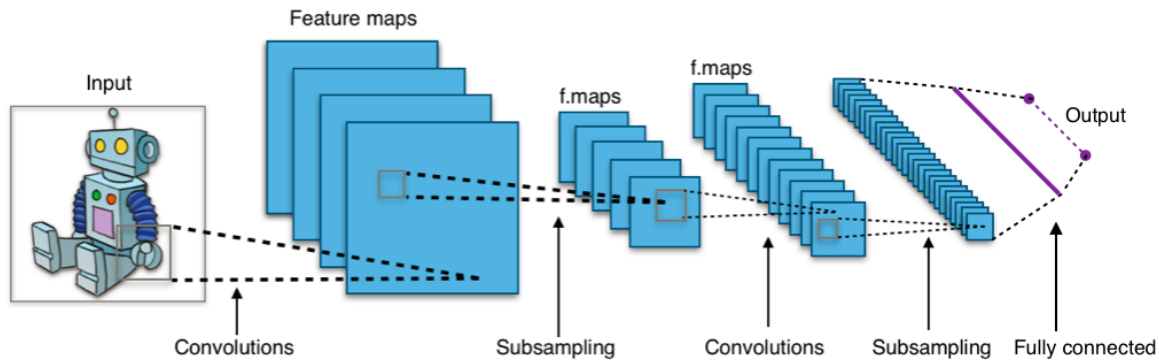
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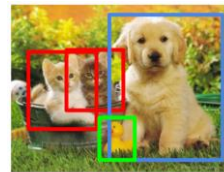
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- Approximation theory
  - **Universal Approximation Theorem** [Hornik 1989, Cybenko 1989, Pinkus 1999...]
  - Approximation rate / smoothness space [Cohen, Kutyniok, Gribonval...]
- Generalisation / Sample complexity [Barnett, Arora, Neyshabur...]
- Optimisation / Regularization [Du, Lee, Bach, Jordan, Montanari...]



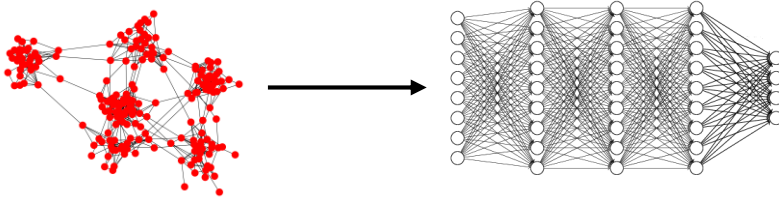
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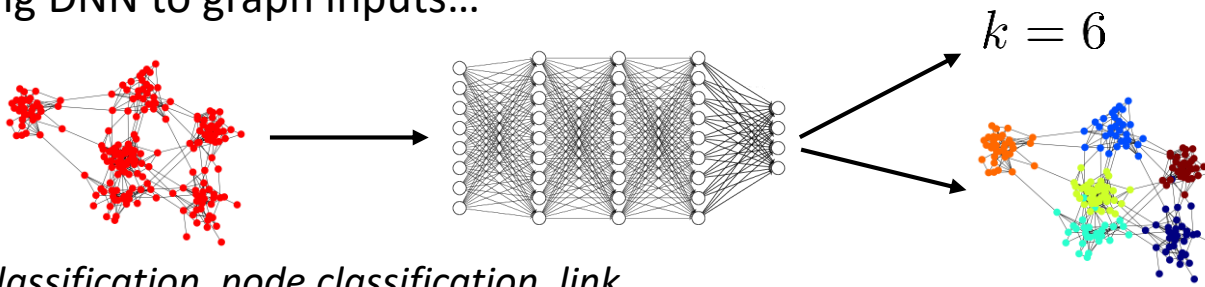
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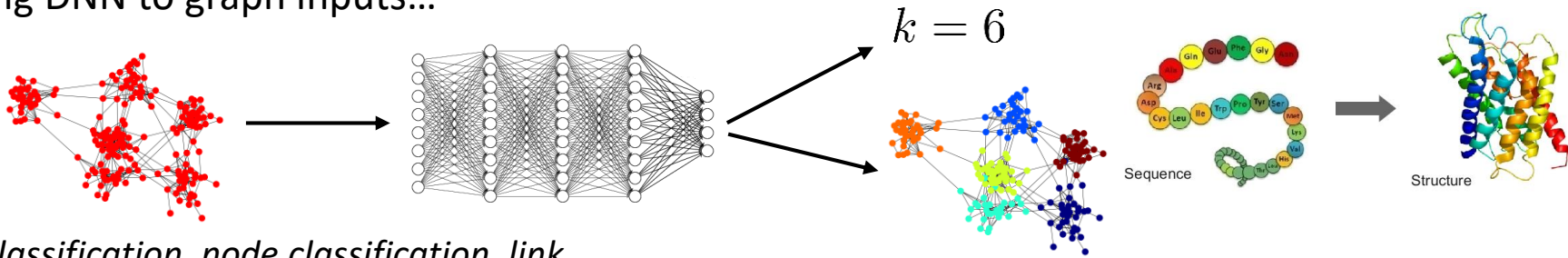
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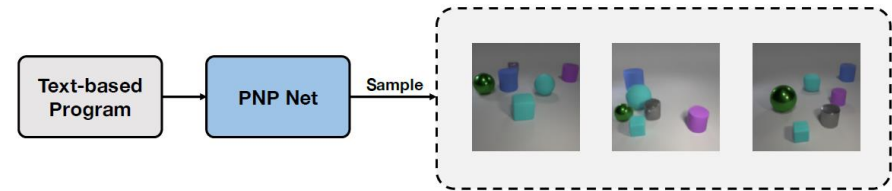
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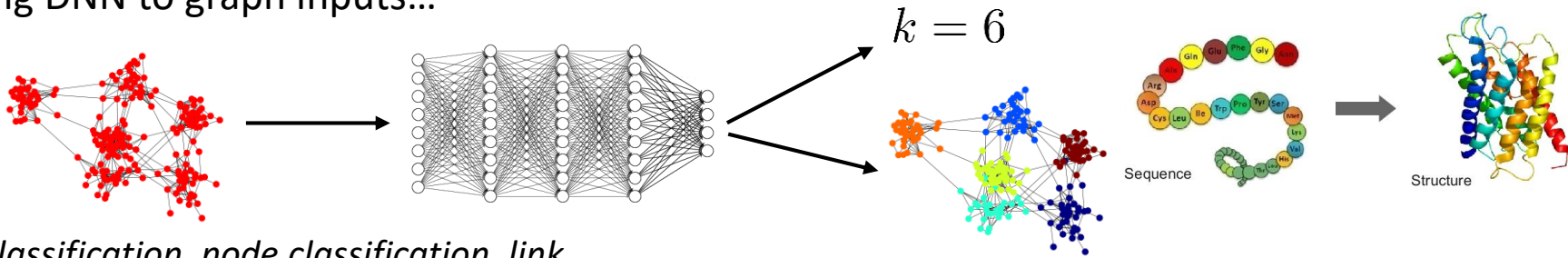
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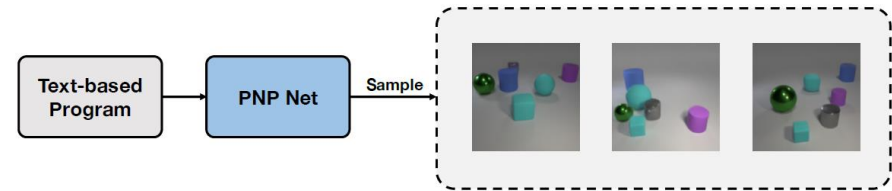
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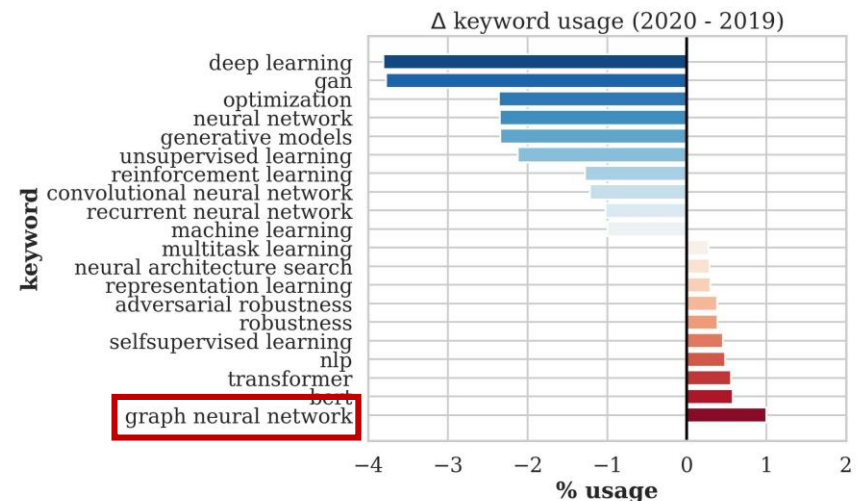
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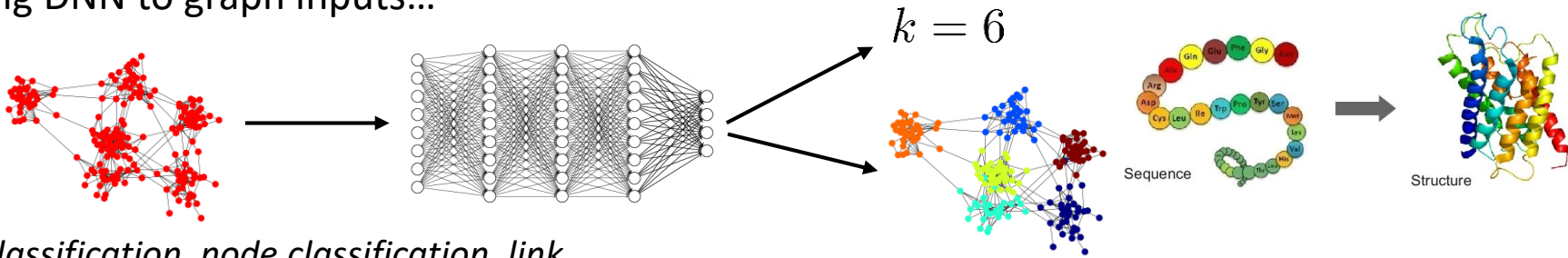
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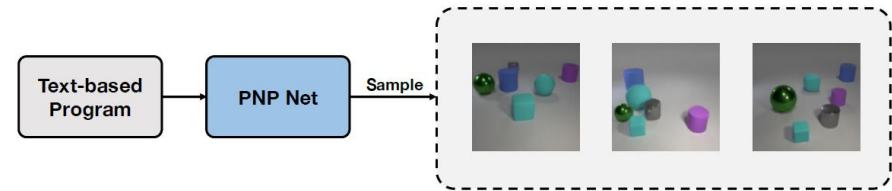
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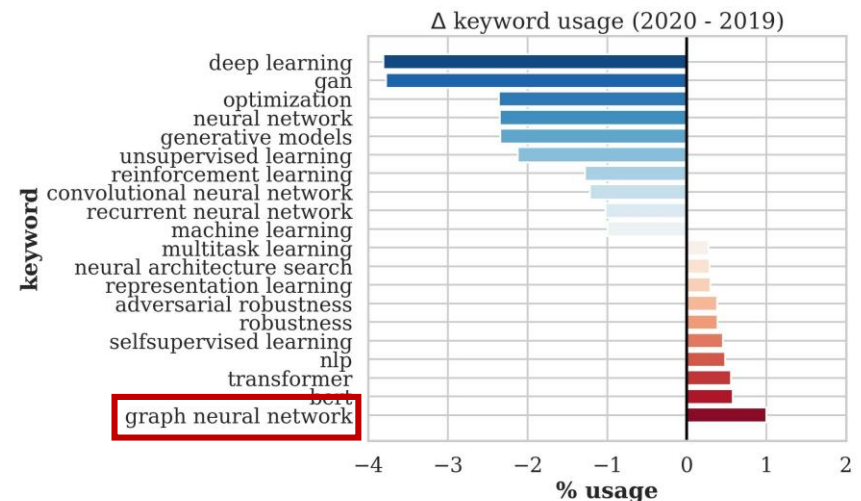
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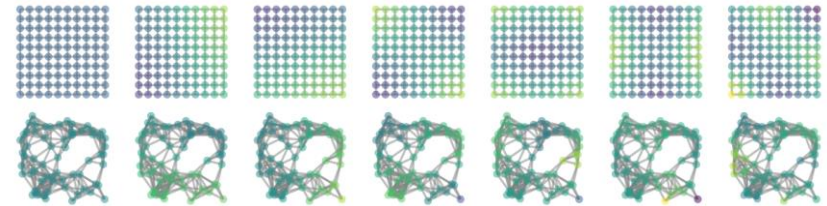
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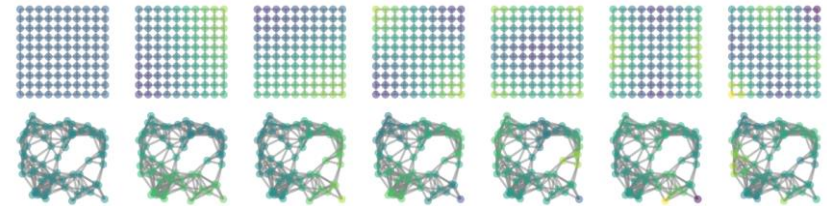
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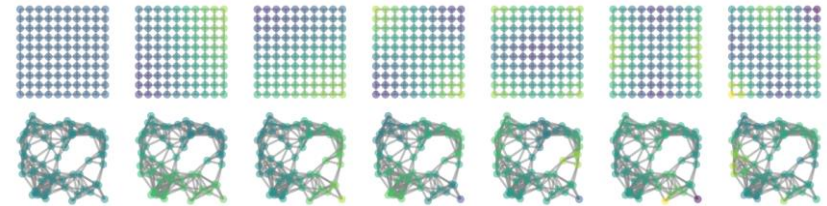
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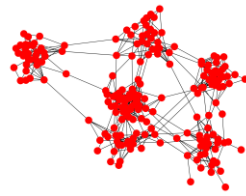
- *Bronstein et al (2017) : Geometric Deep Learning: Going beyond Euclidean data*
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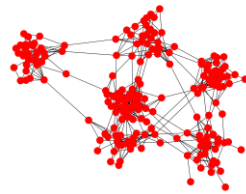
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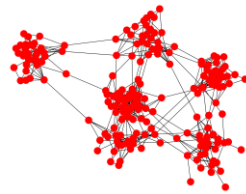
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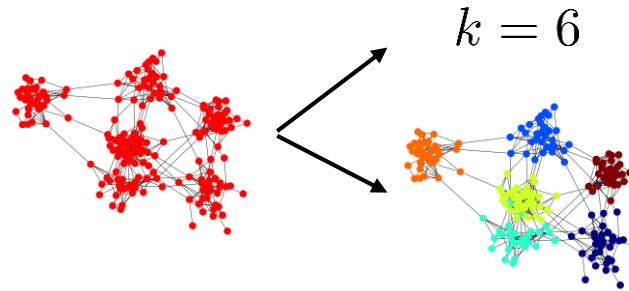
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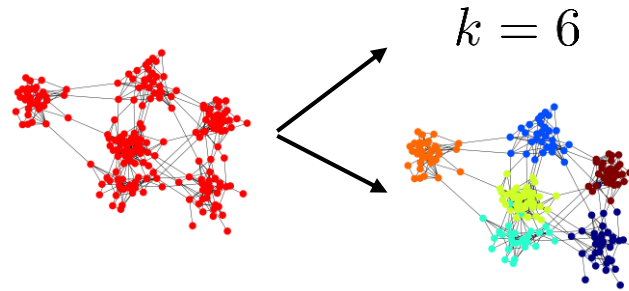
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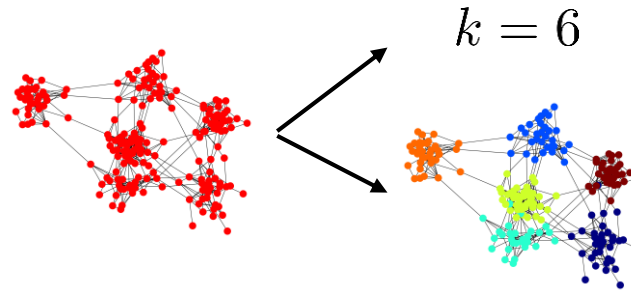
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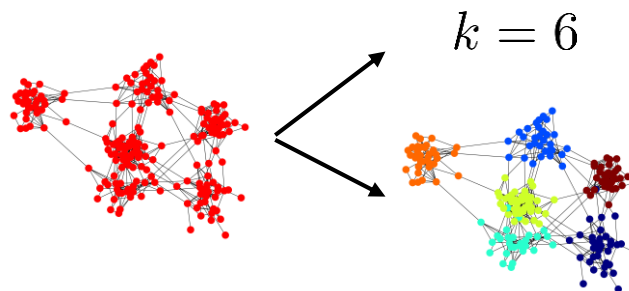
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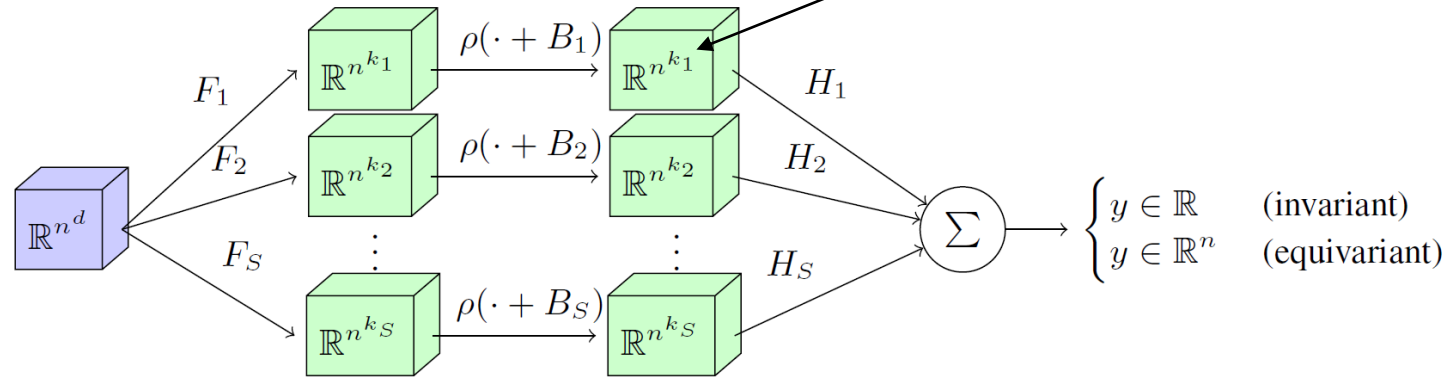
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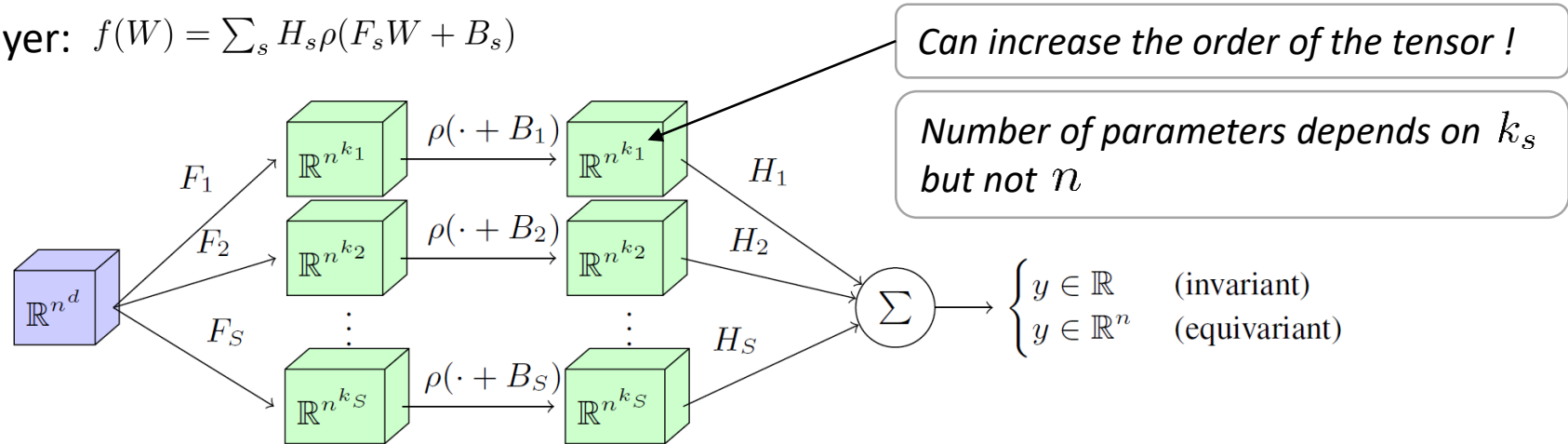
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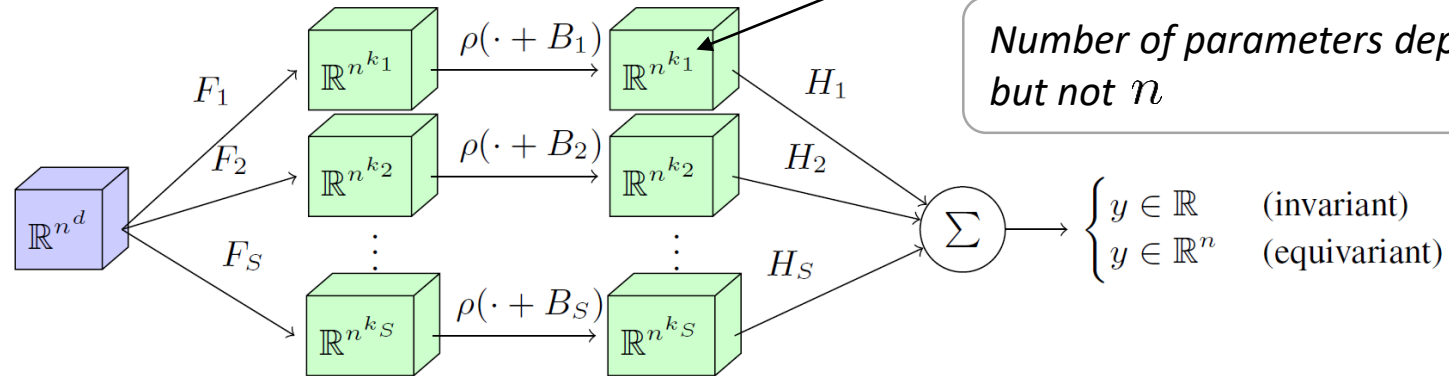
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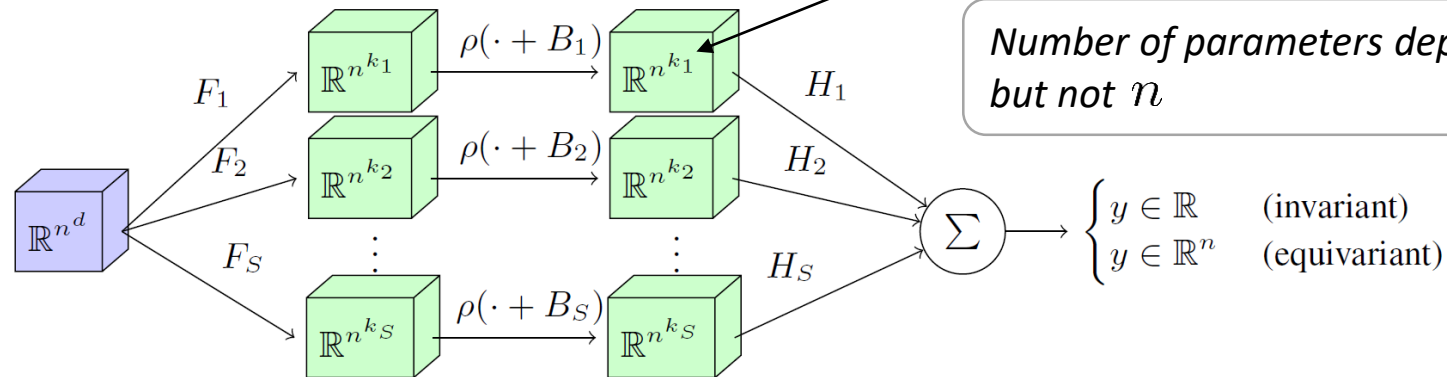
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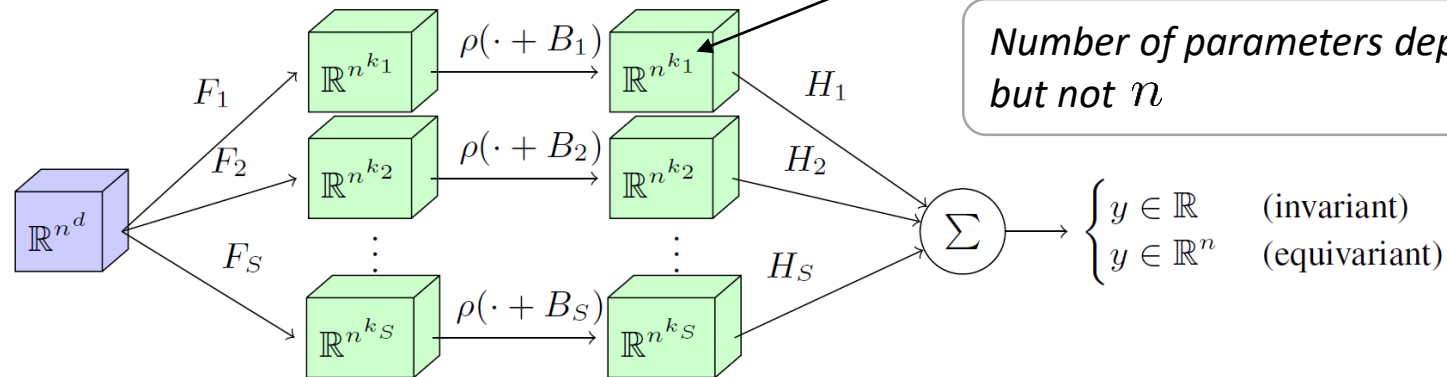
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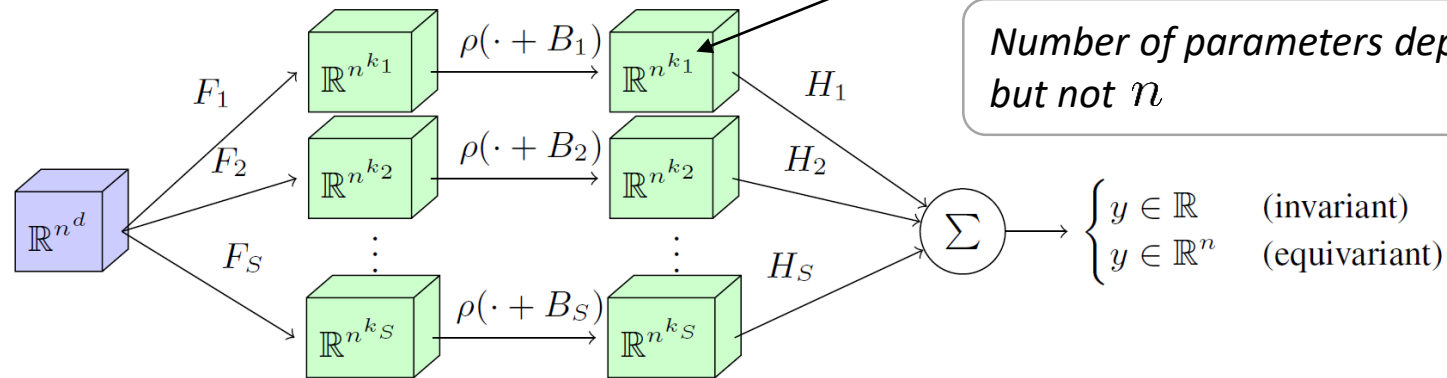
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An **algebra of equivariant functions** (for coordinate-wise product) that **separates points** and **separates coordinates** is dense in the space of equivariant continuous functions.

- **Proof** : non-trivial modif. from Brosowski et al. « An elementary proof of Stone-Weierstrass theorem » (1981)
- Not valid for **output**  $\mathbb{R}^{n^k}$
- Not valid for subgroups of  $\Sigma_n$

« Any two coordinates not related by an automorphism can be separated by a function »

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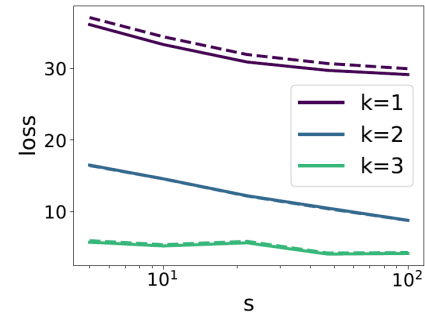
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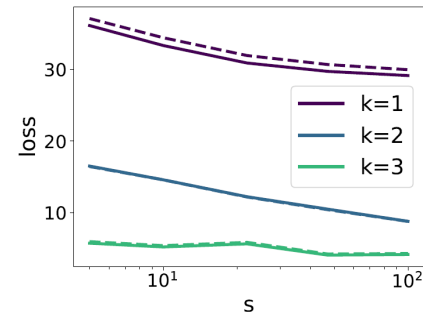
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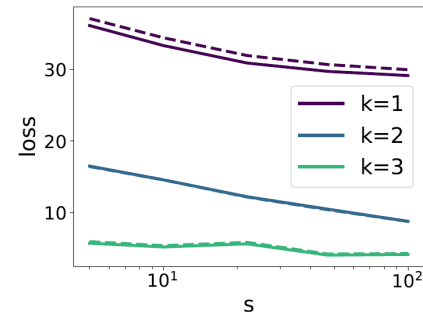
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**Take-home msg:** GNNs are still in their infancy, both theoretically and in practice. Scalability and stability remain challenging. Many opportunities !

# Thank you !

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