



Circuit Representation Learning with Masked Gate Modeling and Verilog-AIG Alignment

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Introduction

Background



- Circuits can be formulated as DAGs and GNNs can be widely used to learn the characteristics of circuits.
- Self-supervised learning is suitable for circuit representation learning considering that unlabeled circuit data is available and abundant.

Masked Graph AutoEncoder



- **Masked AutoEncoders** are grounded in the masked modeling learning paradigm, which involves masking a portion of the input signals and predicting the obscured content.
- **Graph AutoEncoders** employ an autoencoder architecture to encode nodes into latent representations and reconstruct the graph from these embeddings.
- **Masked Graph AutoEncoder** randomly masks a subset of graph nodes and reconstructs them using information from the unmasked nodes and their structural connections.

Motivations

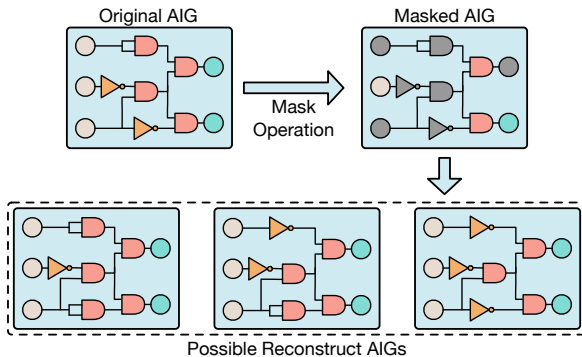


Figure: Possible Reconstruct AIGs for Masked AIG.

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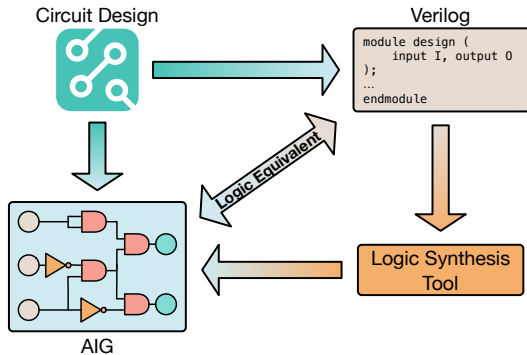


Figure: Logic Equivalence between Verilog Code and AIG.

Method

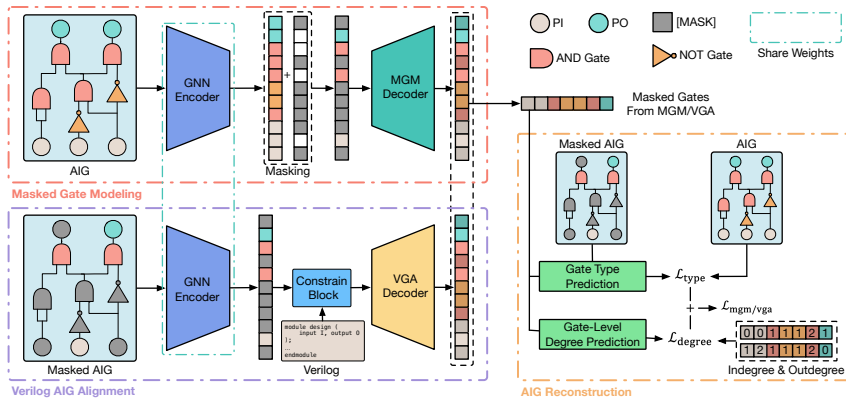


Figure: Overview of the MGVGA for Circuit Representation.

- For both MGM and VGA, the **AIG Reconstruction** is implemented by *Gate Type Prediction* and *Gate-Level Degree Prediction* from Reconstructed Representation.



Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{A})$ represent an AIG, where $\mathcal{V}$ denotes the set of N nodes, $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, categorized into four types: PI, PO, AND, and NOT gates, each labeled by $c_i \in \mathcal{C}, i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. $\mathcal{A} \in \{0, 1\}^{N \times N}$ is the adjacency matrix, where $\mathcal{A}_{i,j} = 1$ represents an existing edge from v_i to v_j .

- For an AIG AutoEncoder, a GNN Encoder, denoted by g_E , encodes $\mathcal{G}$ into a latent space representation $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$, where d represents the dimension of this representation. The encoding process of an AIG can be formulated as:

$$\mathbf{X} = g_E(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{A}). \quad (1)$$

- Concurrently, a GNN Decoder, g_D , endeavors to reconstruct the AIG $\mathcal{G}$ from $\mathbf{X}$ according to:

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \tilde{\mathcal{A}}) = \tilde{\mathcal{G}} = g_D(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{A}), \quad (2)$$

where $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ denotes the reconstructed graph.

Masked Gate Modeling (MGM)



We uniformly sample a subset of gates $\mathcal{V}_{\text{mgm}} \subset \mathcal{V}$ without replacement and replace the remaining nodes with the mask token [MASK], which can be represented by a learnable vector $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Consequently, the masked node representation $\bar{x}_i \in \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{mgm}}$ for each node v_i is given by:

$$\bar{x}_i = \begin{cases} x_i, & \text{if } v_i \in \mathcal{V}_{\text{mgm}}; \\ \mathbf{m}, & \text{if } v_i \notin \mathcal{V}_{\text{mgm}}. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{mgm}}$ is then fed into the decoder g_D to reconstruct the $\mathcal{G}$.



We uniformly sample a subset of gates $\mathcal{V}_{\text{vga}} \subset \mathcal{V}$ without replacement and replace the node types of remaining nodes with c_m , which represents these nodes are masked in the original AIG. Consequently, for $v_i \in \bar{\mathcal{V}}$ of the masked AIG, the node type c_i can be defined as:

$$c_i = \begin{cases} c_i, & \text{if } v_i \in \mathcal{V}_{\text{vga}}; \\ c_m, & \text{if } v_i \notin \mathcal{V}_{\text{vga}}. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

The masked AIG $\bar{\mathcal{G}} = (\bar{\mathcal{V}}, \mathcal{A})$ is fed into the encoder g_E to generate the encoded masked AIG representation $\bar{X}_{\text{vga}}$. The reconstruction of $\mathcal{G}$ from $\bar{X}_{\text{vga}}$ is constrained by equivalent Verilog code to ensure strict logical equivalence.

Verilog-AIG Alignment

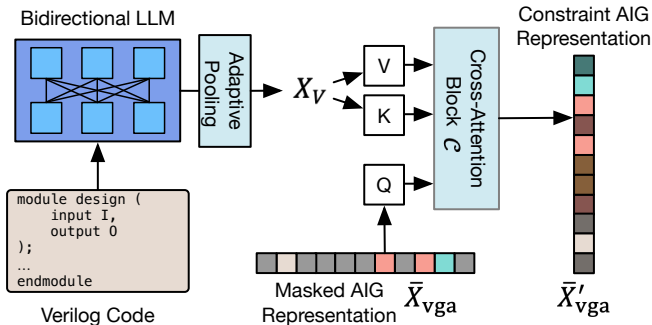


Figure: The Constraint Block for VGA.

We feed the $\bar{X}_{vga}$ and Verilog code representation X_V into a cross-attention block $\mathcal{C}$ to perform alignment between the masked AIG and Verilog code, with $\bar{X}_{vga}$ being projected to query $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$ and X_V being projected to key $K \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times d}$ and value $V \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times d}$.



- For **Gate Type Prediction**, $\tilde{X}$ is transformed by a mapping function $f_{\text{type}} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^C$ into a categorical probability distribution over C classes.
- The **Gate-Level Degree Prediction** involves forecasting the in-degree and out-degree of each masked gate within the AIG. Given the reconstructed node representations $\tilde{X}$, in-degree labels $D^- \in \mathbb{R}^N$, and out-degree labels $D^+ \in \mathbb{R}^N$, we utilize mean squared error as the loss function for degree regression tasks.

Experiments

Experiment Settings

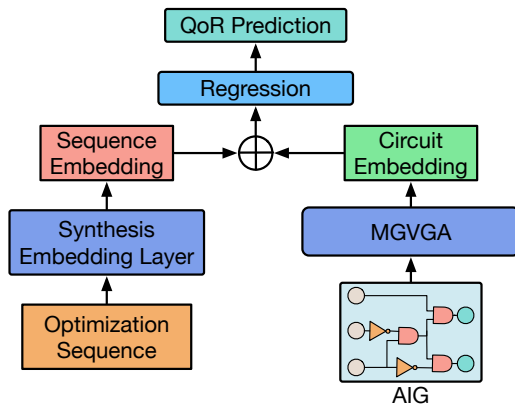


Figure: Application of MGVGA in QoR Prediction.

Result: QoR Prediction



Design	# PI	# PO	# Gates	DeepGate2 ^[1]					MGVGA (Ours)				
				NDCG@k $\uparrow$		Top-k% Commonality $\uparrow$			NDCG@k $\uparrow$		Top-k% Commonality $\uparrow$		
				k=3	k=5	k=3	k=5	k=10	k=3	k=5	k=3	k=5	k=10
bc0	21	11	2784	0.331	0.395	0.244	0.227	0.280	0.444	0.560	0.222	0.213	0.320
apex1	45	45	2661	0.645	0.643	0.222	0.333	0.413	0.706	0.716	0.311	0.400	0.513
div	128	128	101698	-0.063	0.029	0.000	0.027	0.133	-0.060	-0.060	0.000	0.013	0.093
k2	45	45	4075	-0.060	0.040	0.022	0.040	0.080	0.902	0.873	0.267	0.320	0.400
i10	257	224	3618	-0.133	-0.080	0.000	0.000	0.027	0.620	0.607	0.289	0.307	0.353
mainpla	26	49	9441	0.674	0.629	0.267	0.293	0.360	0.594	0.598	0.200	0.187	0.233
or1200_cpu	2343	2072	56570	0.498	0.485	0.178	0.267	0.407	0.617	0.613	0.222	0.253	0.367
picorv32	1631	1601	25143	0.563	0.406	0.111	0.173	0.186	0.440	0.457	0.066	0.160	0.180
Rocket	4413	4187	96507	0.578	0.543	0.111	0.186	0.300	0.557	0.607	0.355	0.413	0.467
sqr1	128	64	40920	0.304	0.153	0.000	0.027	0.080	0.577	0.401	0.000	0.040	0.080
Average				0.334	0.324	0.116	0.157	0.226	0.540	0.537	0.193	0.231	0.301

Table: Performance of DeepGate2 ^[1] and MGVGA on QoR Prediction.

^[1] Zhengyuan Shi et al. (2023). “DeepGate2: Functionality-Aware Circuit Representation Learning”. In: *Proc. ICCAD*.

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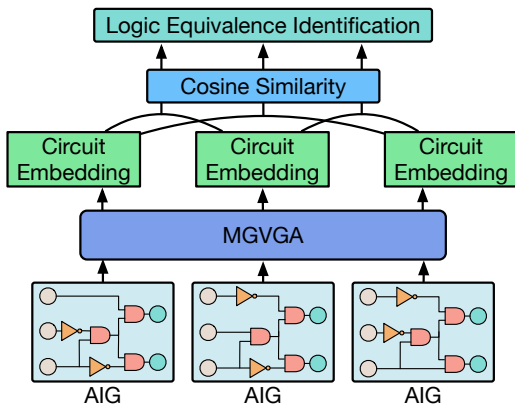


Figure: Application of MGVGA in *Logic Equivalence Identification*.

Result: Logic Equivalence Identification



Design	DeepGate2 ^[1]				MGVGA (Ours)			
	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC
bc0	0.199	0.930	0.327	0.813	0.274	0.715	0.396	0.817
apex1	0.133	0.680	0.223	0.601	0.273	0.710	0.394	0.826
div	0.203	0.980	0.337	0.814	0.197	0.670	0.305	0.725
k2	0.171	0.720	0.276	0.695	0.336	0.920	0.492	0.919
i10	0.414	0.940	0.575	0.918	0.699	0.950	0.805	0.985
mainpla	0.178	0.790	0.290	0.732	0.167	0.900	0.281	0.746
or1200_cpu	0.451	0.790	0.575	0.823	0.356	0.950	0.518	0.929
picorv32	0.448	0.870	0.592	0.918	0.440	0.960	0.604	0.941
Rocket	0.346	0.930	0.504	0.892	0.388	1.000	0.559	0.952
sqrt	0.189	0.740	0.302	0.721	0.199	0.720	0.312	0.770
Average	0.295	0.841	0.424	0.804	0.336	0.848	0.470	0.862

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Result: Analysis of Masking Ratio



Masking Ratio		QoR Prediction					Logic Equivalence Identification			
MGM	VGA	NDCG@ k $\uparrow$		Top- k % Commonality $\uparrow$			Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC
		$k=3$	$k=5$	$k=3$	$k=5$	$k=10$				
0.3	0.3	0.517	0.505	0.158	0.199	0.272	0.300	0.844	0.430	0.846
0.3	0.5	0.540	0.537	0.193	0.231	0.301	0.336	0.848	0.470	0.862
0.3	0.7	0.498	0.514	0.178	0.223	0.299	0.316	0.823	0.441	0.820
0.5	0.3	0.439	0.445	0.149	0.187	0.271	0.274	0.821	0.402	0.821
0.5	0.5	0.438	0.470	0.169	0.204	0.288	0.331	0.829	0.450	0.836
0.5	0.7	0.385	0.415	0.140	0.168	0.247	0.304	0.833	0.433	0.817
0.7	0.3	0.347	0.367	0.127	0.160	0.242	0.292	0.871	0.421	0.828
0.7	0.5	0.400	0.366	0.111	0.175	0.228	0.313	0.823	0.433	0.832
0.7	0.7	0.366	0.359	0.138	0.169	0.226	0.305	0.794	0.425	0.822

Table: Performance of *MGVGA* with *Different Masking Ratios* of MGM and VGA.

Result: Generalization on Various GNNs



GNNs	QoR Prediction					Logic Equivalence Identification			
	NDCG@k $\uparrow$		Top-k% Commonality $\uparrow$			Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC
	k=3	k=5	k=3	k=5	k=10				
DeepGate2 ^[1]	0.334	0.324	0.116	0.157	0.226	0.295	0.841	0.424	0.804
GraphSAGE ^[2]	0.469	0.479	0.153	0.224	0.314	0.329	0.811	0.455	0.841
Graph Transformer ^[3]	0.452	0.470	0.154	0.212	0.311	0.324	0.789	0.450	0.831
DeepGCN (Ours)	0.540	0.537	0.193	0.231	0.301	0.336	0.848	0.470	0.862

Table: Generalization on various GNNs, including GraphSAGE and Graph Transformer.

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