

A Metric Details

In this section we provide details for the metrics reported in Table 2.

A few of the similarity measures (SNN and IntDiv) are based on the *Tanimoto coefficient*. In order to compute the Tanimoto coefficient, the molecules are mapped to a vector of fingerprints where each bit in the vector represents the presence (or absence) of a specific fragment.⁶ For molecules A, B , denote their fingerprints by m_A and m_B respectively, the Tanimoto coefficient is then calculated as the Jaccard index of the two vectors,

$$J(m_A, m_B) = \frac{|m_A \cap m_B|}{|m_A \cup m_B|} = \frac{|m_A \cap m_B|}{|m_A| + |m_B| - |m_A \cap m_B|}. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

We denote the Tanimoto coefficient of molecules A, B by $T(A, B)$.

Unique@K report the fraction of uniquely generated valid SMILES strings amongst the K molecules generated (validity is determined by the RDKit library). We generate 30,000 molecules for each model and report for $K = 1,000$ and $K = 10,000$. High uniqueness values ensure the models do not collapse into repeatedly producing the same set of molecules.

Fréchet ChemNet Distance (FCD) is a metric for evaluating generative models in the chemical context, the method is based on the well established *Fréchet Inception Distance* (FID) metric used to evaluate the performance of generative models in computer vision (Heusel et al., 2017).

Fréchet distance measure the Wasserstein-2 distance (Vaserstein, 1969) from the distributions induced by taking the activations of the last layer of a relevant deep neural net. In the case of FCD, molecule activations are probed from ChemNet (Mayr et al., 2018). Given a set of generated molecules, denote by G the set of vectors as obtained by the activations of ChemNet, one can calculate the mean and covariance μ_G and Σ_G . Similarly, denote μ_R and Σ_R the mean and covariance of the set of molecules in the reference set, the FCD is calculated as follows,

$$FCD(G, R) = \|\mu_G - \mu_R\|^2 + Tr\left(\Sigma_G + \Sigma_R - 2(\Sigma_G \Sigma_R)^{1/2}\right). \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where $Tr(M)$ denotes the trace of the matrix M . Low FCD values indicate that the generated molecules distribute similarly to the reference set.

Similarity to Nearest Neighbor (SNN) is the average of the Tanimoto coefficient of the generated molecule set denoted by G and their respective nearest neighbor in a reference set of molecules denote by R . High SNN indicates the generated molecules have similar structures to those in the reference set. This metric is in the range of $[0, 1]$.

Fragment similarity (Frag) is a fragment similarity measure based on the BRICS fragments (Degen et al., 2008). Denote the set of BRICS fingerprints vectors of the generated molecules by G and similarly R for the reference molecules. The fragment similarity is defined as the cosine similarity of the sum vectors,

$$Frag(G, R) = cosine\left(\sum_{g \in G} g, \sum_{r \in R} r\right) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

The Frag measure is in the range of $[0, 1]$, values closer to 1 indicate that the generated and reference molecule set have a similar distribution of BRICS fragment.

⁶The molecular fingerprints are obtained from RDKit (Landrum, 2006) and are based on the extended-connectivity fingerprints (Rogers & Hahn, 2010).

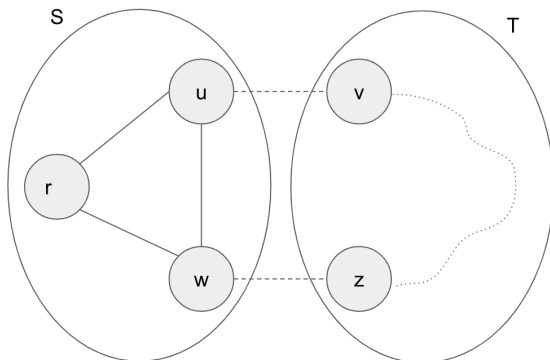


Figure 3: Proof illustration - S has a cycle and two different trajectories starting from u and ending with w (urw and $uw(r)$). Concatenating with the trajectory from z to v we obtain two different DFS trajectories with a shared suffix.

Scaffold similarity (Scaff) is similar to the fragment similarity, instead of the BRICS fragment, Scaff is based on mapping molecules to their Bemis–Murcko scaffolds (Bemis & Murcko, 1996).⁷ The measure also has a range of $[0, 1]$, values closer to 1 indicate that the generated molecule set has a similar distribution of scaffold to the reference set.

Internal diversity (IntDiv) is a measure of the chemical diversity within a generated set of molecules G . This metric indicates

$$IntDiv_p = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{|G|^2} \sum_{A, B \in G} T(A, B)^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

We report the internal diversity for $p = 1, 2$. This measure is in the range $[0, 1]$. Low values indicate a lack of diversity in the generated molecules, i.e. that the model outputs molecules with similar fingerprints.

Filters is the fraction of generated molecules that pass a certain filtering that has been applied to the training data. The metric is in the range of $[0, 1]$, high values indicate that the model has learnt to generate molecules which avoid the structures omitted by the filtering process.

Novelty is the fraction of generated molecules that does not appear in the training set. This measure is in the range of $[0, 1]$ and is an indication of the whether the model overfits the training data.

B Missing Proofs

In this section we show how to construct distinct DFS trajectories with common end vertex for a 2–edge connected graph conditioned that the graph is not a cycle.

Proof. From our assumption that the graph is not a cycle, there exists at least two nodes with degree ≥ 3 . Denote by $C = (S, T)$ a minimal cut of size 2 (such a cut exists from our assumption that the graph is 2-connected). Denote the edges of the minimal cut by $e_1 = (u, v)$ and $e_2 = (w, z)$ such that $u, w \in S$ and $v, z \in T$. Next, we claim that at least one of the partitions contains a cycle, otherwise there is a path connecting S and T since there are nodes in the graph which have a degree of 3 in the original graph with a path between them. Assume without loss of generality that S is the partition with a cycle, therefore there are at least 2 different traversals of S that start with u and end with w . There is also a trajectory between

⁷Bemis–Murcko scaffold is the ring structure of a molecule along with the bonds connecting the rings, i.e. the molecule without the side chains.

z and v . Putting together, there are at least 2 trajectories of the entire graph with a common suffix which is the traversal of T . Figure 3 illustrates the proof concept. \square