SpeedE: Euclidean Geometric Knowledge Graph Embedding Strikes Back

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Abstract

 Geometric knowledge graph embedding mod- els (gKGEs) have shown great potential for knowledge graph completion (KGC), i.e., au- tomatically predicting missing triples. How- ever, contemporary gKGEs require *high embed- ding dimensionalities* or *complex embedding spaces* for good KGC performance, drastically limiting their space and time efficiency. Fac- ing these challenges, we propose SpeedE, a 010 lightweight Euclidean gKGE that (1) provides 011 strong inference capabilities, (2) is competitive 012 with state-of-the-art gKGEs, even significantly outperforming them on WN18RR, and (3) dra- matically increases their efficiency, in particu- lar, needing solely a fifth of the training time and a fourth of the parameters of the state-of- the-art ExpressivE model on WN18RR to reach the same KGC performance.

019 1 Introduction

 Geometric knowledge graph embedding models (gKGEs) represent entities and relations of a *knowl- edge graph* (KG) as geometric shapes in the seman- tic vector space. gKGEs achieved promising per- formance on *knowledge graph completion* (KGC) and knowledge-driven applications [\(Wang et al.,](#page-9-0) [2017;](#page-9-0) [Broscheit et al.,](#page-8-0) [2020\)](#page-8-0); while allowing for an intuitive *geometric interpretation* of their captured 028 **patterns (Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1).**

 Efficiency Problem. Recently, increasingly *more complex* embedding spaces were explored to boost **the KGC performance of gKGEs [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019;](#page-9-2)** [Zhang et al.,](#page-9-3) [2019;](#page-9-3) [Cao et al.,](#page-8-1) [2021\)](#page-8-1). However, more complex embedding spaces typically require more costly operations, leading to an increased time complexity compared to Euclidean gKGEs **[\(Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). Even more, most gKGEs re-** quire *high-dimensional embeddings* to reach good KGC performance, leading to increased time and space requirements [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020;](#page-8-2) [Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). Thus, the need for (1) complex embedding

spaces and (2) high-dimensional embeddings in- **041** creases the time complexity and storage space of **042** gKGEs, hindering their application in resource- **043** constrained environments, especially in mobile **044** smart devices [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019;](#page-9-2) [Zhang et al.,](#page-9-3) [2019;](#page-9-3) **045 [Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4).** 046

Table 1: This table reports for WN18RR each gKGE's embedding dimensionality, final MRR, convergence time, and number of parameters.

Challenge and Methodology. Although there has **047** been much work on scalable gKGEs, any such work **048** has focused exclusively on either reducing the em- **049** bedding dimensionality [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a;](#page-8-3) **050** [Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020;](#page-8-2) [Bai et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4) or using sim- **051** pler embedding spaces [\(Kazemi and Poole,](#page-9-5) [2018;](#page-9-5) **052 [Zhang et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020;](#page-9-6) Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1),** 053 thus addressing only one side of the efficiency prob- **054** lem. Facing these challenges, this work aims to **055** design a *Euclidean* gKGE that performs well on **056** KGC under *low-dimensional* conditions, reducing **057** its storage space, inference, and training times. To **058** [r](#page-9-1)each this goal, we analyze ExpressivE [\(Pavlovic´](#page-9-1) **059** [and Sallinger,](#page-9-1) [2023\)](#page-9-1), a Euclidean gKGE that has **060** shown promising performance on KGC under high- **061** dimensional conditions. 062

Contribution. Based on ExpressivE, we propose **063** the lightweight SpeedE model that (1) halves Ex- **064** pressivE's inference time and (2) enhances Expres- **065** sivE's distance function, significantly improving 066 its KGC performance. We evaluate SpeedE on **067** the two standard KGC benchmarks, WN18RR and **068** FB15k-237, finding that it (3) is competitive with **069** SotA gKGEs on FB15k-237 and even outperforms 070

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 them significantly on WN18RR. Furthermore, we find that (4) SpeedE preserves ExpressivE's KGC performance on WN18RR with much fewer param- eters, in particular, requiring solely a fourth of the number of parameters of ExpressivE and solely a **fifth of its training time to reach the same KGC** performance (Table [1,](#page-0-0) also c.f. Section [5.3\)](#page-6-0). In total, we propose the SpeedE model, which reaches strong KGC performance using low-dimensional embeddings while maintaining the low space and time requirements of Euclidean gKGEs.

Organization. Our paper is organized as follows: Section [2](#page-1-0) reviews related work to embed SpeedE in the context of contemporary literature. Section [3](#page-2-0) discusses the KGC problem, evaluation methods, and the ExpressivE model. Section [4](#page-3-0) disassembles ExpressivE's components to find a much simpler model that still supports the core inference patterns (c.f. Section [3.1\)](#page-2-1) and continues by building on these results to introduce the lightweight SpeedE model. Section [5](#page-4-0) empirically evaluates SpeedE's KGC per- formance and studies its space and time efficiency. Finally, Section [6](#page-7-0) summarizes our results, and the appendix lists all proofs of theorems and additional experimental details.

⁰⁹⁶ 2 Related Work

 The main focus of our work lies on *gKGEs*, i.e., knowledge graph embedding models (KGEs) that allow for a geometric interpretation of their cap- tured inference patterns. Thus, we have excluded neural KGEs as they are typically less interpretable [\(Dettmers et al.,](#page-8-5) [2018;](#page-8-5) [Socher et al.,](#page-9-7) [2013;](#page-9-7) [Nathani](#page-9-8) [et al.,](#page-9-8) [2019;](#page-9-8) [Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). In the following, we review relevant literature:

 gKGEs can be grouped into families based on their scoring function, including: (1) *functional* and *spa- tial* models such as TransE [\(Bordes et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013\)](#page-8-6), RotatE [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019\)](#page-9-2), MuRP [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a\)](#page-8-3), RotH [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2), HAKE [\(Zhang](#page-9-6) [et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020\)](#page-9-6), ConE [\(Bai et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4), BoxE [\(Ab](#page-8-7)[boud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020\)](#page-8-7), and ExpressivE (Pavlović and [Sallinger,](#page-9-1) [2023\)](#page-9-1); and (2) *factorization-based* mod- els such as RESCAL [\(Nickel et al.,](#page-9-9) [2011\)](#page-9-9), Dist- Mult [\(Yang et al.,](#page-9-10) [2015\)](#page-9-10), ComplEx [\(Trouillon et al.,](#page-9-11) [2016\)](#page-9-11), TuckER [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-8) [2019b\)](#page-8-8), SimplE [\(Kazemi and Poole,](#page-9-5) [2018\)](#page-9-5), QuatE [\(Zhang et al.,](#page-9-3) [2019\)](#page-9-3), and DualQuatE [\(Cao et al.,](#page-8-1) [2021\)](#page-8-1).

118 Embedding Space Problem. Although these **119** families are vastly different, many contemporary

gKGEs typically overcome the limitations of for- **120** mer ones by exploring increasingly *more complex* **121** embedding spaces. For instance, while RESCAL **122** and DistMult use the Euclidean space, ComplEx **123** uses the complex space, QuatE the quaternion **124** space, and DualQuatE even the dual-quaternion **125** space. However, gKGEs based in increasingly **126** more complex embedding spaces typically require **127** increasingly more costly operations, raising their **128** time complexity compared to Euclidean gKGEs **129** [\(Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). **130**

High-Dimensionality Problem. Even more, most **131** gKGEs require *high-dimensional* embeddings to **132** reach good KGC performance [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020;](#page-8-2) **133** [Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). However, the need for high 134 embedding dimensionalities of 200, 500, or even **135** 1000 [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019;](#page-9-2) [Zhang et al.,](#page-9-3) [2019\)](#page-9-3) increases **136** the time complexity and storage space of gKGEs, **137** limiting their efficiency and application to resource- **138** constrained environments, especially mobile smart **139** devices [\(Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). **140**

Hyperbolic gKGEs such as RotH and AttH **141** [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2) achieved promising KGC per- **142** formance using low-dimensional embeddings, ad- **143** [d](#page-8-3)ressing the high-dimensionality problem [\(Balaze-](#page-8-3) **144** [vic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a;](#page-8-3) [Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). Moreover, **145** hyperbolic gKGEs allow for high-fidelity and par- **146** simonious representations of *hierarchical relations* **147** [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a;](#page-8-3) [Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2), i.e., **148** relations that describe hierarchies between entities, **149** such as *part_of*. Most hyperbolic gKGEs were 150 limited to expressing a single global entity hierar- **151** chy per relation. ConE [\(Bai et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4) solves **152** this problem by embedding entities as hyperbolic **153** cones and relations as transformations between **154** these cones. However, any hyperbolic gKGE typi- **155** cally relies on far more costly operations — such as **156** Möbius Addition and Möbius Matrix-Vector Mul- **157** tiplication — than their Euclidean counterparts. **158** Thus, they fail to address the embedding space **159** problem, which results in high time requirements **160** for hyperbolic gKGEs [\(Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4). **161**

Euclidean gKGEs have recently shown strong rep- **162** resentation, inference, and KGC capabilities under **163** high-dimensional conditions. On the one hand, 164 HAKE [\(Zhang et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020\)](#page-9-6) achieved promising **165** results for representing hierarchical relations on **166** which hyperbolic gKGEs are typically most effec- 167 tive. On the other hand, BoxE [\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020\)](#page-8-7) **168** managed to capture a large portion of the core in- **169** ference patterns (c.f. Section [3\)](#page-2-0). Moreover, Expres- **170**

171 sivE (Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1) enhances BoxE by improving BoxE's inference capabilities while halving its space complexity. Although Euclidean gKGEs address the embedding space problem, their reported KGC results under low dimensionalities are dramatically lower than those of hyperbolic gKGEs [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). Thus, they currently fail to address the high-dimensionality problem.

Our work is inspired by (1) the gap of gKGEs ad- dressing both sides of the efficiency problem, i.e., the use of (a) complex embedding spaces and (b) high-dimensional embeddings [\(Wang et al.,](#page-9-4) [2021\)](#page-9-4), and (2) the promising results of Euclidean gKGEs [\(Zhang et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020;](#page-9-6) [Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) [Pavlovic´](#page-9-1) [and Sallinger,](#page-9-1) [2023\)](#page-9-1) under high-dimensional con- ditions. In contrast to prior work, this paper *jointly* focuses on both sides of the efficiency problem to design a highly resource-efficient gKGE.

¹⁸⁹ 3 Background

190 3.1 Knowledge Graph Completion

 This section discusses the KGC problem and its empirical evaluation [\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020\)](#page-8-7). First, we introduce the *triple vocabulary*, consisting of a finite set of *relations* R and *entities* E. We use this vocabulary to define triples, i.e., expressions of the form $r_j(e_h, e_t)$, where $r_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $e_h, e_t \in \mathbb{E}$, and where we call e_h the triple's *head* and e_t its *tail*. A finite set of triples over the triple vocabulary is called a knowledge graph G. KGC describes the problem of predicting missing triples of G.

 Empirical Evaluation. To experimentally evalu- ate gKGEs, a set of true and corrupted triples is 203 required. True triples $r_i(e_h, e_t) \in G$ are corrupted 204 by substituting either e_h or e_t with any $e_c \in E$ such that the corrupted triple does not occur in G. To estimate a given triple's truth, gKGEs define scores over triples and are optimized to score true triples higher than false ones. The KGC performance of a gKGE is measured with *the mean reciprocal rank* (MRR), the average of inverse ranks (1/*rank*), and Hits@k, the proportion of true triples within the predicted ones whose rank is at maximum k.

 Inference Patterns. A gKGE's theoretical capa- bilities are commonly evaluated by studying the *inference patterns* it captures. An inference pattern **is a logical rule** $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ **, where** ϕ **is called its body [a](#page-8-7)nd** ψ **its head. Following [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019;](#page-9-2) [Ab](#page-8-7)**[boud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1), a gKGE captures an inference pattern $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ if there

is an embedding instance such that the pattern is **220** captured *exactly* and *exclusively* as formalized in **221** the appendix. This means, at an intuitive level, that **222** there needs to be an embedding instance such that **223** (1) if the instance satisfies the pattern's body, then **224** it also satisfies its head, and (2) the instance does **225** not capture any unwanted inference pattern. **226**

In the following, we briefly list a set of impor- **227** tant inference patterns that are commonly stud- **228** ied in the gKGE literature [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019;](#page-9-2) **229** [Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) Pavlović and Sallinger, 230 [2023\)](#page-9-1): (1) symmetry $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_1(Y, X)$, 231 (2) anti-symmetry $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow \neg r_1(Y, X)$, (3) 232 inversion $r_1(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow r_2(Y, X)$, (4) composi- 233 tion $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(Y, Z) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Z)$, (5) hi- 234 erarchy $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$, (6) intersection 235 $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Y)$, and (7) mutual 236 exclusion $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \bot$. We shall 237 call these seven types of patterns *core inference* **238** *patterns* henceforth. **239**

3.2 The ExpressivE Model **240**

[T](#page-9-1)his section reviews ExpressivE [\(Pavlovic and](#page-9-1) 241 [Sallinger,](#page-9-1) [2023\)](#page-9-1), a Euclidean gKGE with strong **242** KGC performance under high dimensionalities. **243**

Representation. ExpressivE embeds entities **244** $e_h \in \mathbf{E}$ via vectors $e_h \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and relations $r_j \in \mathbf{R}$ 245 via hyper-parallelograms in \mathbb{R}^{2d} . The hyper-
246 parallelogram of a relation r_i is parameterized 247 via the following three vectors: (1) a *slope vector* **248** $s_j \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ representing the slopes of its boundaries, 249 (2) a *center vector* $c_j \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ representing its center, 250 and (3) a *width vector* $\mathbf{w}_j \in (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})^{2d}$ representing 251 its width. At an intuitive level, a triple $r_i(e_h, e_t)$ is 252 captured to be *true* by an ExpressivE embedding **253** if the concatenation of its head and tail embedding **254** is within r_j 's hyper-parallelogram. Formally, this 255 means that a triple $r_i(e_h, e_t)$ is true if the following 256 inequality is satisfied: **257**

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(e_{ht}-c_j-s_j\odot e_{th})^{|\cdot|}\preceq w_j \qquad \qquad (1) \qquad \qquad 258
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Where $\boldsymbol{e_{xy}} := (\boldsymbol{e_x} || \boldsymbol{e_y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ with $||$ representing 259 concatenation and $e_x, e_y \in E$. Furthermore, the inequality uses the following operators: the element- **261** wise less or equal operator \preceq , the element-wise 262 absolute value $x^{|\cdot|}$ of a vector x, and the elementwise (i.e., Hadamard) product ⊙. **264**

Scoring. ExpressivE employs the typical distance **265** function $D: E \times \mathbb{R} \times E \to \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ of spatial gKGEs 266 [\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1), ²⁶⁷ which is defined as follows: **268**

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D(h, r_j, t) = \begin{cases} \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \oslash m_j, & \text{if } \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \preceq w_j \\ \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \odot m_j - k_j, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
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 (2)

 Where ⊘ denotes the element-wise division operator, $\tau_{r_j(h,t)}$ $\,:=\, (e_{ht}-e_j-s_j\odot e_{th})^{|\, . |}$ 272 denotes the triple embedding, $m_j := 2 \odot w_j + 1$ represents the distance function's slopes, and **k**_j := **0.5** \odot $(m_j - 1) \odot (m_j - 1 \oslash m_j)$. Based on the distance function, ExpressivE defines the scoring function for quantify-277 ing the plausibility of a triple $r_i(h, t)$ as $s(h, r_j, t) = -||D(h, r_j, t)||_2.$

279 4 The Methodology

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 Our goal is to design a gKGE that addresses the efficiency problems raised by the use of (1) com- plex embedding spaces and (2) high-dimensional embeddings while (3) allowing for a geometric in- terpretation of its embeddings [\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) **Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1). We reach this goal** by designing a KGC model that (1) is based in the Euclidean space, (2) reaches high KGC perfor- mance under low-dimensional conditions while at the same time supports the *core inference patterns* (Section [3.1\)](#page-2-1), and (3) is a gKGE.

 Toward our goal, Section [4.1](#page-3-1) analyzes the SotA ExpressivE model, finding that it uses redundant parameters that negatively affect its inference time. By redundant parameters, we mean parameters that can be removed while preserving the support of the core inference patterns (Section [3.1\)](#page-2-1). Facing this problem, we propose the lightweight Min_SpeedE model that removes these redundancies, halving ExpressivE's inference time (Section [4.1\)](#page-3-1).

 However, Min_SpeedE loses the ability to ad- just its distance function, which is important for representing hierarchical relations (as empirically verified in Section [5\)](#page-4-0). Thus, Section [4.2](#page-4-1) introduces SpeedE, a model that enhances Min_SpeedE by adding carefully designed parameters for flexibly adjusting the distance function while preserving Min_SpeedE's low inference times.

308 4.1 Min_SpeedE

 To design Min_SpeedE, let us first analyze Expres- sivE's parameters, particularly its width vector. Ad-**justing ExpressivE**'s width vector w_i has two com- peting effects: (1) it alters the distance function's slopes (by m_i in Inequality [2\)](#page-3-2), and (2) it changes which entity pairs are inside the relation hyper-**parallelogram (by** w_j **in Inequality [1\)](#page-2-2). To increase**

ExpressivE's time efficiency substantially, we introduce Min_SpeedE, a constrained version of ExpressivE that replaces the relation-wise width vectors $w_j \in (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})^{2d}$ by a constant value $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ - that 319 is shared across all relations $r_j \in \mathbb{R}$. The following paragraphs theoretically analyze Min_SpeedE's **321** inference capabilities and time efficiency. **322**

Inference Capabilities. We find that Min_SpeedE **323** surprisingly still captures the core inference pat-terns (given in Section [3.1\)](#page-2-1) and prove this in The-orem [4.1.](#page-3-3) We give the full proof in the appendix and discuss one of the most interesting parts here, namely, hierarchy patterns. **328**

Theorem 4.1. *Min_SpeedE captures the core in-* **329** *ference patterns, i.e., symmetry, anti-symmetry, in-* **330** *version, composition, hierarchy, intersection, and* **331** *mutual exclusion.* **332**

[H](#page-9-1)ierarchy Patterns. According to Pavlović and [Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), an ExpressivE model captures a hierarchy pattern $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$ iff r_1 's hyper-parallelogram is a proper subset of r_2 's. Thus, one would expect that ExpressivE's ability to **337** capture hierarchy patterns is lost in Min_SpeedE, **338** as the width parameter $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ (responsible for adjusting a hyper-parallelogram's size) is shared across all hyper-parallelograms. However, the actual size of a hyper-parallelogram does not solely **342** depend on its width but also on its slope parameter **343** $s_j \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$, allowing one hyper-parallelogram H_1 344 to properly subsume another H_2 even when they share the same width parameter w . We have visualized two hyper-parallelograms $H_2 \subset H_1$ with the same width parameter w in Figure [1.](#page-4-2)

Intuition. Min_SpeedE can capture $H_2 \subset H_1$ as w (depicted with orange dotted lines) represents the intersection of the bands (depicted **351** with blue and green dotted lines), expanded from the hyper-parallelogram, and the axis of the band's corresponding dimension. Thus, a hyperparallelogram's actual size can be adapted by solely **355** changing its slopes, removing the need for a learn- **356** able width parameter per dimension and relation. **357**

Inference Time. The most costly operations dur- **358** ing inference are operations on vectors. Thus, we can estimate ExpressivE's and Min_SpeedE's infer- **360** ence time by counting the number of vector operations necessary for computing a triple's score: By **362** reducing the width vector to a scalar, many operations reduce from a vector to a scalar operation. In **364** particular, the calculation of m_j and k_j uses solely scalars in Min_SpeedE instead of vectors. Thus, **366**

Figure 1: Representation of the two-dimensional relation hyper-parallelograms H_1 and H_2 , such that H_1 subsumes H_2 and such that they share the same width parameter w in each dimension.

 ExpressivE needs 15, whereas Min_SpeedE needs solely 8 vector operations to compute a triple's score. This corresponds to Min_SpeedE using approximately half the number of vector opera- tions of ExpressivE for computing a triple's score, thus roughly halving ExpressivE's inference time, which aligns with Section [5.3'](#page-6-0)s empirical results.

 Key Insights. Fixing the width to a constant value w stops Min_SpeedE from adjusting the distance function's slopes. As we will empirically see in Section [5,](#page-4-0) the effect of this is a severely degraded KGC performance on hierarchical relations. In- troducing independent parameters for adjusting the distance function's slopes solves this problem. However, these parameters must be designed care- fully to (1) preserve ExpressivE's geometric inter- pretation and (2) retain the reduced inference time provided by Min_SpeedE. Each of these aspects will be covered in detail in the next section.

386 4.2 SpeedE

 SpeedE further enhances Min_SpeedE by adding the following two carefully designed scalar parameters to each relation embedding: (1) **the inside distance slope** $s_j^i \in [0, 1]$ and (2) 391 the outside distance slope s_j^o with $s_j^i \leq s_j^o$. 392 Let $m_j^i := 2s_j^iw + 1$, $m_j^o := 2s_j^ow + 1$, and $k_j := m_j^o(m_j^o - 1)/2 - (m_j^i - 1)/(2m_j^i)$, then SpeedE defines the following distance function:

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D(h, r_j, t) = \begin{cases} \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \oslash m_j^i, & \text{if } \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \preceq w \\ \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \odot m_j^o - k_j, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
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 (3)

Again, the distance function is separated into two **396** piece-wise linear functions: (1) the inside distance **397** $D_i(h, r_j, t) = \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \oslash m_j^i$ for triples that are cap- 398 tured to be true (i.e., $\tau_{r_j(h,t)} \preceq w$) and (2) the outside distance $D_o(h, r_j, t) = \tau_{r_j(h, t)} \odot m_j^o - k_j$ 400 for triples that are captured to be false (i.e., **401** $\tau_{r_i(h,t)} \succ w$). Based on this function, SpeedE de- 402 fines the score as $s(h, r_j, t) = -||D(h, r_j, t)||_2$. 403

Geometric Interpretation. The intuition of s_j^i and 404 s_j^o is that they control the slopes of the respective 405 linear inside and outside distance functions. How- **406** ever, without any constraints on s_j^i and s_j^o , SpeedE 407 would lose ExpressivE's intuitive geometric inter- **408** pretation (Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1) as s_j^i and 409 s_j^o could be chosen in such a way that distances 410 of embeddings within the hyper-parallelogram are **411** larger than those outside. By constraining these 412 parameters to $s_j^i \in [0,1]$ and $s_j^i \leq s_j^o$, we pre- 413 serve lower distances within hyper-parallelograms **414** than outside and, thereby, the intuitive geometric **415** interpretation of our embeddings. **416**

Inference Time. The additional introduction of **417** two scalar distance slope parameters $s_j^i, s_j^o \in \mathbb{R}$ per 418 relation r_i does not change the number of vector 419 operations necessary for computing a triple's score **420** and, thus, does not significantly affect SpeedE's in- **421** ference time. Thus, we expect that SpeedE retains **422** the time efficiency of Min_SpeedE, as empirically **423** validated in Section [5.3.](#page-6-0) **424**

With this, we have finished our introduction and **425** theoretical analysis of SpeedE. What remains to be **426** shown is its empirical performance, which we shall **427** evaluate next. **428**

5 Experiments **⁴²⁹**

This section empirically evaluates SpeedE: Sec- **430** tion [5.1](#page-4-3) describes the experimental setup. Sec- **431** tion [5.2](#page-5-0) studies SpeedE's KGC performance, find- **432** ing that it achieves competitive performance on **433** FB15k-237 to SotA gKGEs and even significantly **434** outperforms them on WN18RR. Section [5.3](#page-6-0) stud- **435** ies SpeedE's space and time efficiency, finding that **436** on WN18RR, SpeedE needs a quarter of Expres- **437** sivE's parameters solely to reach the same KGC 438 performance while training five times faster than it. **439**

5.1 Experimental Setup **440**

Datasets. We empirically evaluate SpeedE on the **441** [t](#page-8-6)wo standard KGC benchmarks, WN18RR [\(Bordes](#page-8-6) **442** [et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013;](#page-8-6) [Dettmers et al.,](#page-8-5) [2018\)](#page-8-5) and FB15k-237 **443** [\(Bordes et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013;](#page-8-6) [Toutanova and Chen,](#page-9-12) [2015\)](#page-9-12). **444**

 WN18RR is extracted from the WordNet database [\(Miller,](#page-9-13) [1995\)](#page-9-13), representing lexical relations be- tween English words, thus naturally containing many hierarchical relations (e.g., hypernym-of) [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). FB15k-237 is a subset of a collaborative database consisting of general knowl- edge (in English) called Freebase [\(Bollacker et al.,](#page-8-9) [2007\)](#page-8-9), which contains both hierarchical relations (e.g., part-of) and non-hierarchical ones (e.g., na- tionality) [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). Table [2](#page-5-1) displays the following characteristics of both benchmarks: 456 their number of entities $|E|$ and relations $|R|$, their 457 curvature C_G (taken from [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) (2020)), and the Krackhardt scores κ (taken from [Bai et al.](#page-8-4) [\(2021\)](#page-8-4)), consisting of the four metrics: (*connect- edness*, *hierarchy*, *efficiency*, *LUBedness*). Both C_G and κ state how tree-like a benchmark is and, thus, how hierarchical its relations are. Following the procedure of [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) [\(2020\)](#page-8-2), we employ the standard augmentation protocol [\(Lacroix et al.,](#page-9-14) [2018\)](#page-9-14), adding inverse relations to the benchmarks.

Table 2: Benchmark dataset characteristics. Curvature C_G is from [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2); the lower, the more hierarchical the data. Krackhardt scores κ are from [\(Bai](#page-8-4) [et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4); the higher, the more hierarchical the data.

Dataset	$\left E\right $	R	C_G	κ
FB15k-237 WN18RR				$14,541$ 237 -0.65 $(1.00, 0.18, 0.36, 0.06)$ 40,943 11 -2.54 (1.00, 0.61, 0.99, 0.50)

Setup. We compare our SpeedE model to (1) [t](#page-9-1)he Euclidean gKGEs ExpressivE [\(Pavlovic and](#page-9-1) ´ [Sallinger,](#page-9-1) [2023\)](#page-9-1), HAKE [\(Zhang et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020\)](#page-9-6), [T](#page-8-3)uckER [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-8) [2019b\)](#page-8-8), MuRE [\(Balaze-](#page-8-3) [vic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a\)](#page-8-3), and RefE, RotE, and AttE [\(Chami](#page-8-2) [et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2), (2) the complex gKGEs ComplEx- N3 [\(Lacroix et al.,](#page-9-14) [2018\)](#page-9-14) and RotatE [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019\)](#page-9-2), and (3) the hyperbolic gKGEs ConE [\(Bai](#page-8-4) [et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4), MuRP [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a\)](#page-8-3), and RefH, RotH, and AttH [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). Fol-**lowing Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), we train** SpeedE and ExpressivE for up to 1000 epochs using gradient descent and the Adam optimizer [\(Kingma and Ba,](#page-9-15) [2015\)](#page-9-15) and stop the training if the validation H@10 score does not increase by mini- mally 0.5% for WN18RR and 1% for FB15k-237 after 100 epochs. We average the experimental re- sults over three runs on each benchmark to handle marginal performance fluctuations. Furthermore, as in [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2), we evaluate SpeedE and ExpressivE in the low-dimensional setting using an embedding dimensionality of 32.

Reproducibility. We list further details on our **488** experimental setup, hardware, hyperparameters, li- **489** braries [\(Ali et al.,](#page-8-10) [2021\)](#page-8-10), and definitions of metrics **490** in the appendix. Furthermore, we include our code **491** and a link to pre-trained gKGEs in the supplemen- **492** tary material to facilitate reproducibility. **493**

5.2 Knowledge Graph Completion **494**

This section evaluates SpeedE's and ExpressivE's **495** KGC performance. Furthermore, we study how **496** well they represent hierarchical relations, on which 497 [h](#page-8-3)yperbolic gKGEs are typically most effective [\(Bal-](#page-8-3) **498** [azevic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a;](#page-8-3) [Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). Finally, **499** we analyze the effect of embedding dimensionality 500 on SpeedE's KGC performance. **501**

Table 3: KGC performance under low dimensionalities $(d = 32)$ of SpeedE, Min SpeedE, ExpressivE, and SotA gKGEs on FB15k-237 and WN18RR split by embedding space. The results of: SpeedE, Min_SpeedE, and ExpressivE were obtained by us; ConE are from [\(Bai et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4), HAKE are from [\(Zheng et al.,](#page-9-16) [2022\)](#page-9-16), and any other gKGE are from [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2).

Low-Dimensional KGC. Following the evalua- **502** tion protocol of [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) [\(2020\)](#page-8-2), we evaluate **503** each gKGE's performance under dimensionality **504** $d = 32$ $d = 32$ $d = 32$. Table 3 presents the results of this eval- 505 uation. Our enhanced SpeedE model is compet- **506** itive with SotA gKGEs on FB15k-237 and even 507 outperforms ExpressivE and any other competing **508** gKGE on WN18RR by a relative difference of 5% **509** on H@10. Furthermore, SpeedE's performance **510** gain over Min_SpeedE on the highly hierarchical **511** dataset WN18RR (see Table [2\)](#page-5-1) provides strong em- **512** pirical evidence for the effectiveness of the distance **513** slope parameters for representing hierarchical rela- **514** tions under low-dimensional conditions. SpeedE's **515** performance on the more hierarchical WN18RR al- **516** ready questions the necessity of hyperbolic gKGEs **517** **518** for representing hierarchical relations, which will **519** be further investigated in the following.

 [H](#page-9-6)ierarchical Relations [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020;](#page-8-2) [Zhang](#page-9-6) [et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020\)](#page-9-6) describe hierarchies between entities, such as *part_of*. Hyperbolic gKGEs have shown great potential for representing hierarchical rela- tions, outperforming Euclidean gKGEs under low- dimensional conditions and thereby justifying the increased model complexity added by the hyper- bolic space [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). To study SpeedE's performance on hierarchical relations, we evaluate SpeedE on the triples of any hierarchical relation of WN18RR following the methodology of [Bai et al.](#page-8-4) [\(2021\)](#page-8-4). Table [4](#page-6-1) presents the results of this study. It reveals that SpeedE significantly improves over Ex- pressivE on most relations and outperforms RotH on five out of the seven hierarchical ones. Most notably, SpeedE improves over RotH by a relative difference of 23% on H@10 on the hierarchical re-**lation** *member of domain usage*, providing em- pirical evidence for SpeedE's promising potential for representing hierarchical relations even under low-dimensional settings. The performance gain on hierarchical relations is likely due to the added distance slope parameters, which allow for inde-pendently adjusting the distance function's slopes.

Table 4: H@10 of ExpressivE, RotH, and SpeedE on hierarchical relations [\(Bai et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4) of WN18RR.

Relation	ExpressivE	RotH	SpeedE
_member_meronym	0.362	0.399	0.379
$_{\text{hypernym}}$	0.276	0.276	0.301
has part	0.308	0.346	0.330
_instance_hypernym	0.509	0.520	0.543
_member_of_domain_region	0.365	0.365	0.397
_member_of_domain_usage	0.545	0.438	0.538
_synset_domain_topic_of	0.468	0.447	0.502

 Dimensionality Study. To analyze the effect of the embedding dimensionality on the KGC per- formance, we evaluate state-of-the-art gKGEs on WN18RR under varied dimensionalities. Figure [2](#page-6-2) visualizes the results of this study, displaying er- ror bars for our SpeedE model with average MRR and standard deviation computed over three runs. The figure reveals that, surprisingly, ExpressivE significantly outperforms RotH, especially under low-dimensional conditions, and that the enhanced SpeedE model achieves an additional performance improvement over ExpressivE. This result provides further evidence for the great potential of Euclidean gKGEs under low-dimensional conditions.

Figure 2: MRR of SotA gKGEs on WN18RR using $d \in \{10, 16, 20, 32, 50, 200, 500\}.$

Figure 3: MRR of different ablations of SpeedE on WN18RR using $d \in \{10, 16, 20, 32, 50, 200, 500\}$

High-Dimensional KGC. The KGC performance **558** of SotA gKGEs under high-dimensional conditions **559** $(i.e., $d \geq 200$) is listed in the appendix. It reveals$ that on FB15k-237, SpeedE achieves highly com- **561** petitive KGC performance compared to gKGEs of **562** its own family while dramatically outperforming **563** any competing gKGE on WN18RR. **564**

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Ablation. Finally, to study the necessity of s_j^i and s_j^o in SpeedE, we introduce two versions of 566 SpeedE: (1) Eq₋SpeedE that forces $s_j^i = s_j^o$ and (2) 567 Diff_SpeedE, where s_j^i and s_j^o can be different. We 568 hypothesize that the flexibility of different s_j^i and 569 s_j^o might be beneficial under lower dimensionali- 570 ties, while under higher dimensionalities, reducing **571** the number of parameters and thus setting $s_j^i = s_j^c$ might be beneficial. Figure [3](#page-6-3) visualizes the result of **573** this analysis, empirically supporting our hypothe- **574** sis, as Diff_SpeedE outperforms Eq_SpeedE under **575** low dimensionalities and vice-versa in high ones. **576**

5.3 Space and Time Efficiency **577**

This section empirically analyzes SpeedE's space **578** and time efficiency compared to SotA gKGEs. Fol- **579** lowing the methodology of [Wang et al.](#page-9-4) [\(2021\)](#page-9-4), 580 we first analyze the training time per epoch of **581**

 SpeedE, Min_SpeedE, and ExpressivE. Next, to allow for a fair comparison of the space and time efficiency of SpeedE and SotA gKGEs, we study each gKGE's model size and convergence time un- der hyper-parameter settings that achieve approxi-mately equal KGC performance.

 Time per Epoch. Following the methodology of [Wang et al.](#page-9-4) [\(2021\)](#page-9-4), Table [5](#page-7-1) displays the training time per epoch of SpeedE, Min_SpeedE, and Ex- pressivE for WN18RR and FB15k-237 with em- bedding dimensionality $d = 32$, negative sampling 593 size $n = 500$, and batch size $b = 500$. The times per epoch were recorded on a GeForce RTX 2080 Ti GPU of our internal cluster. The empirical re- sults of Table [5](#page-7-1) align with the theoretical results of Sections [4.1](#page-3-1) and [4.2,](#page-4-1) stating that SpeedE and Min_SpeedE approximately halve ExpressivE's inference time and, thus, also its time per epoch.

Table 5: Time per epoch of SpeedE, Min_SpeedE, and ExpressivE.

Model	Time per Epoch			
		WN18RR FB15k-237		
SpeedE	7s	22s		
Min_SpeedE	6s	19s		
ExpressivE	15s	46s		

 Next, to provide a fair comparison of each gKGE's space and time efficiency, we measure the conver- gence time of gKGEs with approximately equal KGC performance. Specifically, we observed that SpeedE with dimensionality $d = 50$ achieves com- parable or slightly better KGC performance on WN18RR to ExpressivE with $d = 200$ and the best-published results of RotH, HAKE, and ConE with $d = 500$. In particular, the results are summa-rized in Table [1](#page-0-0) (provided in Section [1\)](#page-0-1).

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 Hypotheses. Since (1) the dimensionality of SpeedE embeddings is much smaller in compari- son to RotH's, HAKE's, ConE's, and ExpressivE's dimensionality, while (2) SpeedE achieves compa- rable or even slightly better KGC performance, we expect a considerable improvement in SpeedE's space and time efficiency at comparable KGC per- formance. Next, based on Table [1'](#page-0-0)s results, we analyze how strongly SpeedE reduces the model size and convergence time of competing gKGEs.

620 **Model Size Analysis.** Since $|R| \ll |E|$ in most 621 graphs, (WN18RR: $|R|/|E| = 0.00012$) and since **622** SpeedE, ExpressivE, ConE, and RotH embed each entity with a single real-valued vector, SpeedE **623** $(d = 50)$ needs solely a quarter of ExpressivE's 624 $(d = 200)$ and a tenth of ConE's and RotH's 625 $(d = 500)$ number of parameters, while preserv- 626 ing their KGC performance on WN18RR (Table [1\)](#page-0-0). **627** As HAKE requires two real-valued vectors per en- **628** tity, SpeedE $(d = 50)$ solely needs a twentieth of 629 HAKE's $(d = 500)$ parameters to achieve a slightly 630 better KGC performance. Table [1](#page-0-0) lists the number **631** of parameters of trained SpeedE and SotA gKGE **632** models, empirically confirming that SpeedE signif- **633** icantly reduces the size of competing gKGEs. **634**

Convergence Time Analysis. To quantify the con- **635** vergence time, we measure for each gKGE the **636** time to reach a validation MRR score of 0.490, **637** i.e., approximately 1% less than the worst reported **638** MRR score of Table [1.](#page-0-0) As outlined in the table, **639** SpeedE converges already after 6*min*. Thus, while 640 keeping strong KGC performance on WN18RR, **641** SpeedE speeds up ExpressivE's convergence time **642** by a factor of 5, HAKE's by a factor of 9, ConE's **643** by a factor of 15, and RotH's by a factor of 20. **644**

Discussion. These results show that SpeedE 645 is not solely competitive with SotA gKGEs on **646** FB15k-237 and significantly outperforms them on **647** WN18RR, but even preserves their KGC perfor- **648** mance on WN18RR with much fewer parameters 649 and a dramatically shorter convergence time, in **650** particular speeding up the convergence time of the **651** SotA ExpressivE model by a factor of 5, while **652** using solely a fourth of its number of parameters. **653**

6 Conclusion **⁶⁵⁴**

Although there has been much work on resource- **655** efficient gKGEs, any such work has focused exclu- **656** sively on reducing the embedding dimensionality **657** [\(Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-3) [2019a;](#page-8-3) [Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020;](#page-8-2) [Bai](#page-8-4) **658** [et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4) or using simpler embedding spaces **659** [\(Kazemi and Poole,](#page-9-5) [2018;](#page-9-5) [Zhang et al.,](#page-9-6) [2020;](#page-9-6) **660** Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1), thus addressing only 661 one side of the efficiency problem. In this work, we **662** address the embedding space and dimensionality **663** side jointly by introducing SpeedE, a lightweight 664 gKGE that (1) provides strong inference capabili- **665** ties, (2) is competitive with SotA gKGEs, even sig- **666** nificantly outperforming them on WN18RR, and **667** (3) dramatically increases the efficiency of current **668** gKGEs, in particular, needing solely a fifth of the **669** training time and a fourth of the number of param- **670** eters of the SotA ExpressivE model on WN18RR **671** to reach the same KGC performance. **672**

⁶⁷³ 7 Limitations and Ethical Impact

674 As mentioned in the call for papers, we use this **675** additional page to discuss our work's limitations **676** and ethical impact.

677 7.1 Limitations

 Since gKGEs naturally provide a geometric inter- pretation of their learned patterns, how to automat- ically and efficiently mine these learned patterns from the embeddings — to make the implicitly learned knowledge explicit and further raise the model's transparency — remains an open challenge and forms an exciting direction for future work.

685 7.2 Ethical Impact

 We designed SpeedE with the goal of finding a highly resource-efficient model for KGC that, at the same time, provides a geometric interpretation of its captured patterns. Therefore, our work aligns with two pressing challenges of the machine learn- ing community in general and the KGC community in particular, namely, (1) raising the resource ef- ficiency of KGC models while (2) offering some degree of explainability via the geometric interpre- tation of captured patterns. Specifically, SpeedE reduces the training time — and thus the total com- pute — of the SotA ExpressivE model on WN18RR to one-fourth while sustaining ExpressivE's KGC performance and geometric interpretation. There- fore, we do not foresee any negative impact but even expect a potential positive *environmental* (see 1) and *social impact* (see 2) of our work by in- troducing a highly resource-efficient model that allows for some degree of explainability.

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A Organization **⁸⁸⁵**

This appendix includes complete proofs, experimental setup details, and additional results. In particular, **886** Section [B](#page-10-0) reports the KGC performance of SpeedE and SotA gKGEs under high-dimensional conditions. **887** Section [C](#page-10-1) briefly summarizes the notation that is used throughout this paper. Section [D](#page-11-0) formally defines **888** vital concepts for SpeedE that we will use in our proofs. Based on the introduced concepts, Section [E](#page-13-0) **889** proves Theorem [4.1.](#page-3-3) Finally, Section [F](#page-17-0) lists details on reproducing our results and on our implementation, **890** training setup, evaluation protocol, and estimated CO2 emissions. **891**

B High-Dimensional Knowledge Graph Completion **⁸⁹²**

This section reports the KGC performance of SotA gKGEs under high-dimensional conditions (i.e., **893** $d \ge 200$). Table [6](#page-10-2) displays these results, where the result for SpeedE was obtained by us, the result 894 [f](#page-8-4)or ExpressivE is from [\(Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1), [2023\)](#page-9-1), the results for ConE and HAKE are from [\(Bai](#page-8-4) 895 [et al.,](#page-8-4) [2021\)](#page-8-4), the results for DistMult, ConvE, and ComplEx are from [\(Dettmers et al.,](#page-8-5) [2018\)](#page-8-5), and the **896** results for any other gKGE are from [\(Chami et al.,](#page-8-2) [2020\)](#page-8-2). Table [6](#page-10-2) reveals that on FB15k-237, SpeedE **897** achieves highly competitive KGC performance compared to gKGEs of its own family while dramatically **898** outperforming any competing gKGE on WN18RR. **899**

Table 6: KGC performance under high dimensionalities of SpeedE and SotA gKGEs on FB15k-237 and WN18RR split by model family.

C Notation **⁹⁰⁰**

In this section, we give a brief overview of the most important notations we use. Note that, for ease of **901** readability and comparability, we use exactly the same language as ExpressivE (Pavlović and Sallinger, 902 [2023\)](#page-9-1). **903**

- v . . . non-bold symbols represent scalars **904**
- v . . . bold symbols represent vectors, sets or tuples **905**
- 0 . . . represents a vector of zeros (the same semantics apply to 0.5, 1, and 2) **906**
- ⊘ . . . represents the element-wise division operator **907**
- ⊙ . . . represents the element-wise (Hadamard) product operator **908**
- \succeq ... represents the element-wise greater or equal operator **909**

- 910 \rightarrow ... represents the element-wise greater operator **911** ⪯ . . . represents the element-wise less or equal operator 912 [→] ... represents the element-wise less operator 913 $\mathbf{x}^{|\cdot|}$... represents the element-wise absolute value
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- **914** || ... represents the concatenation operator

915 D Definition of Capturing

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 In this section, we introduce the formal semantics of SpeedE models. Note that, for ease of readability 917 and comparability, we use exactly the same language as ExpressivE (Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1). In places where SpeedE significantly differs from ExpressivE, we will explicitly note this and compare the two. Specifically, this section introduces the notions of capturing a pattern in a SpeedE model that we informally discussed in Section [3.1.](#page-2-1) Furthermore, it introduces some additional notations, which will help us simplify the upcoming proofs and present them intuitively.

 Knowledge Graph. A tuple (G, E, R) is called a knowledge graph, where R is a finite set of relations, **E** is a finite set of entities, and $G \subseteq E \times R \times E$ is a finite set of triples. W.l.o.g., we assume that any relation is non-empty since removing any virtual entity pair embedding from a hyper-parallelogram would be trivial, just adding unnecessary complexity to the proofs.

926 SpeedE Model. We define a SpeedE model as a tuple $M^+ = (\epsilon, \sigma, w, \rho)$, where $\epsilon \subset 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$ is the set of 927 entity embeddings, $\sigma \subset 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$ is the set of center embeddings, $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ represents the width constant, 928 and $\rho \subset 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$ is the set of slope vectors. Note that this definition is slightly different from an ExpressivE 929 model $M = (\epsilon, \sigma, \delta, \rho)$, where instead of the width constant w, we have $\delta \subset 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$ that represents the set **930** of width embeddings.

931 Linking Embeddings to KGs. A SpeedE model $M^+ = (\epsilon, \sigma, w, \rho)$ and a KG (G, E, R) are linked via **932** the following assignment functions: The entity assignment function $f_e : E \to \epsilon$ assigns to each entity $e_h \in E$ an entity embedding $e_h \in \epsilon$. Based on f_e , the virtual assignment function $f_v : E \times E \to \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ **934** defines for any pair of entities $(e_h, e_t) \in \mathbf{E}$ a virtual entity pair embedding $\mathbf{f_v}(e_h, e_t) = (\mathbf{f_e}(e_h)||\mathbf{f_e}(e_t)),$ 935 where $\|$ represents the concatenation operator. Furthermore, we define SpeedE's relation assignment function f_h^+ $\widehat{h}_{{\bm h}}^{\bm \cdot \bm +}(r_j)$: ${\bm R} \to \, {\mathbb R}^{2d} \times {\mathbb R} \times \widehat{{\mathbb R}}^{2d}$ as $f_{{\bm h}}^{\bm +}$ 936 **function** $f_h^+(r_j)$: $R \to \mathbb{R}^{2d} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ as $f_h^+(r_j) = (c_j^{ht}, w, s_j^{th})$, where $c_j^{ht} = (c_j^{h} || c_j^{t})$ with 937 $c_j^h, c_j^t \in \sigma$ and where $s_j^{th} = (s_j^t || s_j^h)$ with $s_j^t, s_j^h \in \rho$. Note that this is different from ExpressivE's 938 relation assignment function $f_h(r_j) : \mathbf{R} \to \mathbb{R}^{2d} \times \mathbb{R}^{2d} \times \mathbb{R}^{2d}$, where $f_h(r_j) = (c_j^{ht}, w_j^{ht}, s_j^{th})$ with 939 $w_j^{ht} = (w_j^h || w_j^t)$ being two concatenated width embeddings.

Virtual Triple Space. To be able to assign a geometric interpretation to f_h^+ 940 **Virtual Triple Space.** To be able to assign a geometric interpretation to $f_h^+(r_j)$, we briefly recap the 941 definition of the virtual triple space \mathbb{R}^{2d} introduced by Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1). Specifically, the **942** virtual triple space is constructed by concatenating the head and tail entity embeddings. In detail, this 943 means that any pair of entities $(e_h, e_t) \in E \times E$ defines a point in the virtual triple space by concatenating 944 their entity embeddings $e_h, e_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$, i.e., $(e_h || e_t) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$. We will henceforth call the first d dimensions **945** of the virtual triple space the *head dimensions* and the second d dimensions the *tail dimensions*. A set **946** of important sub-spaces of the virtual triple space are the 2-dimensional spaces created from the k-th 947 dimension of the head and tail dimensions — i.e., the k-th and $(d + k)$ -th virtual triple space dimensions. **948** We call them *correlation subspaces* as they visualize the captured relation-specific dependencies of head 949 and tail entity embeddings. Moreover, we call the correlation subspace spanned by the k -th and $(d + k)$ -th virtual triple space dimension the k-th correlation subspace. Now, the geometric interpretation of f_h^+ 950 virtual triple space dimension the k-th correlation subspace. Now, the geometric interpretation of $f_h^+(r_j)$ **951** within the virtual triple space is a hyper-parallelogram whose edges are solely crooked in each correlation **952** subspace, representing the relationship between head and tail entity embeddings.

953 **Model Configuration.** We call a SpeedE model M^+ together with a concrete relation assignment function f_h^+ m_h^+ a relation configuration $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ 954 function f_h^+ a relation configuration $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$. If m_h^+ additionally has a virtual assignment function f_v , we call it a complete model configuration $m^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ 955 function f_v , we call it a complete model configuration $m^+ = (M^+, f_h^+, f_v)$. Note that an ExpressivE **956** relation configuration $m_h = (M, f_h)$ and a complete ExpressivE model configuration $m = (M, f_h, f_v)$ 957 are defined differently by replacing M^+ and f_h^+ with their ExpressivE equivalents, i.e., M and f_h .

Definition of Truth. A triple $r_i(e_h, e_t)$ is captured to be true in some m^+ , with $r_i \in \mathbf{R}$ and $e_h, e_t \in \mathbf{E}$ iff 958 Inequality [4](#page-12-0) holds for the assigned embeddings of h, t, and r. This means more precisely that Inequality [4](#page-12-0) **959** needs to hold for $\bm{f_v}(e_h, e_t) = (\bm{f_e}(e_h) || \bm{f_e}(e_t)) = (\bm{e_h}, \bm{e_t})$ and $\bm{f_h^+}$ $h_t^+(r_j) = (c_j^{ht}, w, s_j^{th})$. Note that, for **960** ExpressivE, the definition of a triple's truth is slightly different, as w in Inequality [4](#page-12-0) would be exchanged 961 by the respective width embedding w_j^{ht} . **962**

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(e_{\mathbf{h}t} - c_j^{\mathbf{h}t} - s_j^{\mathbf{t}h} \odot e_{\mathbf{t}h})^{|\cdot|} \preceq w, \tag{4}
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Intuition. At an intuitive level, a triple $r_i(e_h, e_t)$ is captured to be true by some complete SpeedE 964 model configuration m^+ iff the virtual pair embedding $f_v(e_h, e_t)$ of entities e_h and e_t lies within the **965** hyper-parallelogram of relation r_j defined by f_h^+ h (r_j) . 966

Simplifying Notations. Therefore, to simplify the upcoming proofs, we denote with $f_v(e_h, e_t) \in f_h^+$ $\frac{e^{2}}{h}(r_{j})$ 967 that the virtual pair embedding $f_v(e_h, e_t)$ of an entity pair $(e_h, e_t) \in E \times E$ lies within the hyperparallelogram f_h^+ $h^+(r_j)$ of some relation $r_j \in \mathbb{R}$ in the virtual triple space. Accordingly, for sets of virtual 969 pair embeddings $\boldsymbol{P} := \{ f_v(e_{h_1}, e_{t_1}), \dots, f_v(e_{h_n}, e_{t_n}) \}$, we denote with $\boldsymbol{P} \subseteq f_h^+$ $\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{h}}^{+}(r_j)$ that all virtual 970 pair embeddings of P lie within the hyper-parallelogram of the relation r_j . Furthermore, we denote with 971 $\bm{f_v}(e_h, e_t) \not\in \bm{f_h^+}$ $h^+(r_j)$ that a virtual pair embedding $f_v(e_h, e_t)$ does not lie within the hyper-parallelogram **972** of a relation r_j and with $\boldsymbol{P} \not\subseteq \boldsymbol{f_h^+}$ $h_h^+(r_j)$ we denote that an entire set of virtual pair embeddings P does not **973** lie within the hyper-parallelogram of a relation r_j .

Capturing Inference Patterns. Based on the previous definitions, we define capturing patterns formally: **975** A relation configuration m_h^+ captures a pattern ψ *exactly* if for any ground pattern $\phi_{B_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \phi_{B_m} \Rightarrow \phi_H$ 976 within the deductive closure of ψ and for any instantiation of f_e and f_v the following conditions are **977** satisfied: 978

- if ϕ_H is a triple and if m_h^+ captures the body triples to be true i.e., $f_v(\text{args}(\phi_{B_1}))$ \in 979 f_h^+ $\bm{f_h^+(rel(\phi_{B_1})), \ldots, f_v(\textit{args}(\phi_{B_m})) \in f_h^+}$ $m_h^+(rel(\phi_{B_m}))$ — then m_h^+ also captures the head triple **980** to be true — i.e., $f_v(\text{args}(\phi_H)) \in f_h^+$ $h^+(rel(\phi_H)).$ 981
- if $\phi_H = \perp$, then m_h^+ captures at least one of the body triples to be false i.e., there is some **982** $j \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$ such that $\bm{f_v}(\textit{args}(\phi_{B_j})) \not\in \bm{f_h^+}$ $h^+(rel(\phi_{B_j})).$ 983

where $args()$ is the function that returns the arguments of a triple, and $rel()$ is the function that returns **984** the relation of the triple. Furthermore, a relation configuration m_h^+ captures a pattern ψ *exactly* and 985 *exclusively* if (1) m_h^+ exactly captures ψ and (2) m_h^+ does not capture any *positive* pattern ϕ (i.e., 986 $\phi \in \{symmetry, inversion, hierarchy, intersection, composition\}$ such that $\psi \not\models \phi$ except where **987** the body of ϕ is not satisfied over m_h^+ . **988**

Discussion. The following provides some intuition of the above definition of capturing a pattern. Capturing 989 a pattern *exactly* is defined straightforwardly by adhering to the semantics of logical implication $\phi :=$ 990 $\phi_B \Rightarrow \phi_H$, i.e., a relation configuration m_h^+ needs to be found such that for any complete model 991 configuration m^+ over m^+_h if the body ϕ_B of the pattern is satisfied, then its head ϕ_H can be inferred.

Capturing a pattern *exactly* and *exclusively* imposes additional constraints. Here, the aim is not solely **993** to capture a pattern but additionally to showcase that a pattern can be captured independently from any **994** [o](#page-8-7)ther pattern. Therefore, some notion of minimality/exclusiveness of a pattern is needed. As in [Abboud](#page-8-7) **995** [et al.](#page-8-7) [\(2020\)](#page-8-7); Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), we define minimality by means of *solely* capturing those **996** positive patterns ϕ that directly follow from the deductive closure of the pattern ψ , except for those ϕ that **997** are captured trivially, i.e., except for those ϕ where their body is not satisfied over the constructed m_h^+

The authors of [\(Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1), [2023\)](#page-9-1) have shown that any core inference patterns (given 999 in Section [3.1\)](#page-2-1) can be expressed by means of spatial relations of the corresponding relation hyper- **1000** parallelograms in the virtual triple space. Therefore, *exclusiveness* is formulated intuitively as the ability **1001** to limit the intersection of hyper-parallelograms to only those intersections that directly follow from the **1002**

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1003 captured pattern ψ for any known relation $r_j \in \mathbb{R}$, which is in accordance with the notion of exclusiveness 1004 of the literature [\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1).

 Note that the definition of capturing patterns solely depends on relation configurations. This is vital for SpeedE to capture patterns in a *lifted* manner, i.e., SpeedE shall be able to capture patterns without grounding them first. Furthermore, being able to capture patterns in a lifted way is not only efficient but also natural, as the aim is to capture patterns between relations. Thus, it would be unnatural if constraints on entity embeddings were necessary to capture such relation-specific patterns.

 As outlined in the previous paragraphs, the definition of capturing patterns is in accordance with the 1011 literature [\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) [Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1), [2023\)](#page-9-1), focuses on efficiently capturing patterns, and gives us a formal foundation for the upcoming proofs, which will show that SpeedE can capture the core inference patterns.

E Proof of Theorem [4.1](#page-3-3)

 In Section [3.1,](#page-2-1) we have already briefly introduced inference patterns. To prove that SpeedE captures the core inference patterns exactly and exclusively (Theorem [4.1\)](#page-3-3), let us now first recall the full, formal definition of these patterns.

 Definition E.1. *[\(Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020;](#page-8-7) [Pavlovi´c and Sallinger,](#page-9-1) [2023\)](#page-9-1) Let the inference patterns be defined as follows:*

- 1020 *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_1(Y, X)$ *with* $r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ *are called* symmetry patterns.
- 1021 *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow \neg r_1(Y, X)$ *with* $r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ *are called* anti-symmetry patterns.
- **1022** *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow r_2(Y, X)$ *with* $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ *and* $r_1 \neq r_2$ *are called* inversion patterns*.*
- **1024** *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(Y, Z) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Z)$ *with* $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ *and* $r_1 \neq r_2 \neq r_3$ *are called (general)* composition patterns*.*
- **1026** *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$ *with* $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ *and* $r_1 \neq r_2$ *are called* hierarchy patterns*.*
- **1028** *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Y)$ *with* $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ *and* $r_1 \neq r_2 \neq r_3$ *are called* intersection patterns*.*
- **1030** *Patterns of the form* $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \bot$ *with* $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ *and* $r_1 \neq r_2$ *are called* mutual exclusion patterns*.*

 Based on these definitions, we will prove that SpeedE captures the core inference patterns exactly and exclusively, thereby proving Theorem [4.1.](#page-3-3) To prove Theorem [4.1,](#page-3-3) we give the relevant propositions 1034 obtained from and proved by Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1) and adapt them to SpeedE. For each of them, 1035 we give proofs, which in some situations follow from the ones in [Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), and in other situations are entirely new constructions.

 The key change of SpeedE that will be of our concern in the following proofs is fixing the width to a constant value, as this will require new proofs for some of the properties. Observe that SpeedE additionally changes the distance function of ExpressivE. However, this does not affect ExpressivE's inference capabilities, i.e., which inference patterns can be captured. Careful inspection of the proofs of 1041 inference capabilities given in (Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1) shows that the only property required of the distance function is that scores within the hyper-parallelogram are larger than those outside. As the newly defined distance function of SpeedE keeps this property, the change of distance function between the two 1044 models does not affect the proofs of the inference capabilities given in (Pavlović and Sallinger, [2023\)](#page-9-1). Hence, the same proof argument can be applied.

The other observation that we will make in general before giving the specific proofs is that the "exactly" **1046** part, proved in (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Propositions F.1-F.7), of "exactly and exclusively" capturing 1047 patterns is not affected by the changes in the model. These proofs are all based on embedding pairs of **1048** entities as points in the virtual triple space and relations as hyper-parallelograms, which is still the case in **1049** SpeedE. Thus, we now proceed to proving that SpeedE captures the core inference patterns exactly and **1050** exclusively. **1051**

Proposition E.2 (Inversion (Exactly and Exclusively)). *Let* $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ $\binom{n}{h}$ *be a relation configu-* 1052 *ration and* $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ *be relations where* $r_1(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow r_2(Y, X)$ *holds for any entities* $X, Y \in \mathbf{E}$. Then 1053 m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow r_2(Y, X)$ exactly and exclusively. **1054**

Proof. The proof of this property in Expressive (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.3) is based 1055 on a key assumption, namely that there is an m_h such that $f_h(r_1)$ is the mirror image of $f_h(r_2)$ with 1056 $f_h(r_1) \neq f_h(r_2)$. This is straightforward in ExpressivE but more complex in SpeedE. We will show 1057 **this next.** 1058

Let us first observe that in SpeedE, it is not trivially given that there is an $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ $\binom{n+1}{h}$ such that **1059** f_h^+ $h_h^+(r_1)$ is the mirror image of f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\neq f_h^+$ $f_h^+(r_2)$, as $f_h(r_j)$'s width embedding w_j^{ht} has been replaced by a shared width constant w in f_h^+ $h^+(r_j)$ with $j \in \{1,2\}$. Thus, what needs to be **1061** shown is that there is a relation configuration m_h^+ such that f_h^+ $h_h^+(r_1)$ is the mirror image of f_h^+ $\frac{r^{+}_{h}(r_{2})$ 1062 with f_h^+ $g_h^+(r_1)\,\neq\,f_h^+$ $h⁺(r₂)$, as then the original proof of ExpressivE can be directly applied to prove 1063 Proposition [E.2'](#page-14-0)s claim, i.e., that m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow r_2(Y, X)$ exactly and exclusively. Now, it 1064 is interesting to see that fixing the width parameter in SpeedE as opposed to ExpressivE not only changes 1065 the model but actually allows a quite elegant construction witnessing this property.

Let us now give this construction, thereby showing the claim. Specifically, let f_h^+ $\boldsymbol{e}_h^{*\,+}(\boldsymbol{r}_1) = (\boldsymbol{c}_1^{ht}, w, \boldsymbol{s}_1^{th})$) **1067** with $c_1^{ht} = (c_1^h||c_1^t) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$, $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, and $s_1^{th} = (s_1^t||s_1^h) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$. Furthermore, let f_h^+ $\binom{n+1}{h}(r_2) = 1068$ (c_2^{ht}, w, s_2^{th}) with $c_2^{ht} = (c_1^t || c_1^h) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$, $w \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, and $s_2^{th} = (s_1^h || s_1^h) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$. We will, in the following, show that the constructed $f_h(r_2)$ is the mirror image of $f_h(r_1)$ to prove our claim. Let 1070 $X, Y \in E$ be arbitrary entities and let f_v be an arbitrary virtual assignment function defined over (X, Y) 1071 and (Y, X) with $f_v(X, Y) = e_{xy}$ and $f_v(Y, X) = e_{yx}$. Then by Inequality [4,](#page-12-0) a triple $r_1(X, Y)$ is 1072 captured to be true by $m^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ h^+, f_v) if Inequality [5](#page-14-1) is satisfied. **1073**

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(\boldsymbol{e}_{\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{y}} - \boldsymbol{c}_1^{\boldsymbol{h}\boldsymbol{t}} - \boldsymbol{s}_1^{\boldsymbol{t}\boldsymbol{h}} \odot \boldsymbol{e}_{\boldsymbol{y}\boldsymbol{x}})^{|\cdot|} \preceq w \tag{5}
$$

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$$
(\boldsymbol{e_{yx}} - \boldsymbol{c_1^{th}} - \boldsymbol{s_1^{ht}} \odot \boldsymbol{e_{xy}})^{|\cdot|} \preceq w \tag{6}
$$

$$
(\boldsymbol{e_{yx}} - \boldsymbol{c_2^{ht}} - \boldsymbol{s_2^{th}} \odot \boldsymbol{e_{xy}})^{|\cdot|} \preceq w \tag{7}
$$

Since Inequality [5](#page-14-1) is element-wise, one can equivalently reformulate it by arbitrarily exchanging its **1077** dimensions. Using this insight, we can replace the head and tail dimensions for each embedding, thereby 1078 obtaining Inequality [6.](#page-14-2) Finally, by our construction of f_h^+ $c_1^{t+}(r_2)$, we have that $c_2^{ht} = c_1^{th}$ and $s_2^{th} = s_1^{ht}$. **1079** We substitute these equations into Inequality [6,](#page-14-2) thereby obtaining Inequality [7.](#page-14-3) Now, Inequality [7](#page-14-3) states by 1080 the definition of a triple's truth (i.e., Inequality [4\)](#page-12-0) that $r_2(Y, X)$ is captured by m_h^+ . Since Inequalities [5-](#page-14-1)[7](#page-14-3) 1081 are all equivalent, we have shown that f_h^+ $h^+(r_1)$ is the mirror image of f_h^+ $h^+(r_2)$. Since, it is now easy to see 1082 that an m_h^+ exists such that f_h^+ $h_h^+(r_1)$ is the mirror image of f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $g_h^+(r_1)\neq f_h^+$ $h_h^{+}(r_2)$, the proof 1083 of (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.4) can be directly applied to SpeedE. Thus, we have 1084 proven Proposition [E.2,](#page-14-0) i.e., that m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow r_2(Y, X)$ exactly and exclusively. \square 1085

Table 7: Relation embeddings of a relation configuration m_h^+ that captures hierarchy (i.e., $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$) exactly and exclusively using width $w = 1$.

	c^h	s^t	$\boldsymbol{c^t}$	$ \;_{s^h}\>$
r_1	-2.5	$0.5\,$	$\vert 1.5$	θ
r_2		-2	4.5	$\overline{2}$

Proposition E.3 (Hierarchy (Exactly and Exclusively)). *Let* $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ **b Proposition E.3 (Hierarchy (Exactly and Exclusively)). Let** $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ **be a relation configu-** *ration and* $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ **be relations where** $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$ *holds for any entities* $X, Y \in \mathbb{E}$ *. Then* **a** *m*_h^{$+$} *can capture* $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$ *exactly and exclusively.*

1089 *Proof.* The proof of this property in Expressive [\(Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.4) is based **1090** on a key assumption, namely that there is an m_h such that $f_h(r_1) \subset f_h(r_2)$ with $f_h(r_1) \neq f_h(r_2)$. **1091** This is straightforward in ExpressivE but much more complex in SpeedE. We will show this next.

Let us first observe that in SpeedE, it is not trivially given that there is an $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ 1092 Let us first observe that in SpeedE, it is not trivially given that there is an $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ such that f_h^+ $g_h^+(r_1)\subset f_h^+$ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\neq f_h^+$ 1093 $f_h^+(r_1) \subset f_h^+(r_2)$ with $f_h^+(r_1) \neq f_h^+(r_2)$, as $f_h(r_j)$'s width embedding w_j^{ht} has been replaced by a shared width constant w in f_h^+ **1094** by a shared width constant w in $f_h^+(r_j)$ with $j \in \{1, 2\}$. Thus, what needs to be shown is that there is a relation configuration m_h^+ such that f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\,\subset\, f_h^+$ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\,\neq\,f_h^+$ 1095 is a relation configuration m_h^+ such that $f_h^+(r_1) \subset f_h^+(r_2)$ with $f_h^+(r_1) \neq f_h^+(r_2)$, as then the 1096 criginal proof of ExpressivE can be directly applied to prove Proposition [E.3'](#page-15-0)s claim, i.e., that m_h^+ can 1097 capture $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_2(X, Y)$ exactly and exclusively. In the following, we construct such a relation configuration $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ $h⁺$), where $f⁺$ _h $f_h^+(r_1)\,\subset\, f_h^+$ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\neq f_h^+$ 1098 configuration $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$, where $f_h^+(r_1) \subset f_h^+(r_2)$ with $f_h^+(r_1) \neq f_h^+(r_2)$ to prove the **1099** claim of Proposition [E.3:](#page-15-0)

Figure [1](#page-4-2) (given on Page 5 of the main body) visualizes the relation configuration $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ Figure 1 (given on Page 5 of the main body) visualizes the relation configuration $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ provided in Table [7.](#page-15-1) As can be easily seen in Figure [1,](#page-4-2) m_h^+ captures f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\subset f_h^+$ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ 1101 **b** provided in Table 7. As can be easily seen in Figure 1, m_h^+ captures $f_h^+(r_1) \subset f_h^+(r_2)$ with $f_h^+(r_1) \neq$ f_h^+ 1102 $f_h^+(r_2)$. Thus, we have proven Proposition [E.3,](#page-15-0) as (1) we have shown the existence of an m_h^+ that captures f_h^+ $g_h^+(r_1)\subset f_h^+$ $f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $g_h^+(r_1)\neq f_h^+$ 1103 captures $f_h^+(r_1) \subset f_h^+(r_2)$ with $f_h^+(r_1) \neq f_h^+(r_2)$ and (2) the proof of (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.4) can be directly applied to SpeedE since an m_h^+ exists such that f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)\subset f_h^+$ **1104** Proposition G.4) can be directly applied to SpeedE since an m_h^+ exists such that $f_h^+(r_1) \subset f_h^+(r_2)$ with f_h^+ $g_h^+(r_1)\neq f_h^+$ **1105** with $f_h^+(r_1) \neq f_h^+(r_2)$.

Figure 4: Relation embeddings of a relation configuration m_h that captures intersection (i.e., $r_1(X, Y) \wedge$ $r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Y)$ exactly and exclusively using width $w = 1$.

Table 8: Relation embeddings of a relation configuration m_h^+ that captures intersection (i.e., $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow$ $r_3(X, Y)$) exactly and exclusively using width $w = 1$.

	c^h	s^t	c^t	s^h
r_1	-3.75	0.5		0
r_2		-2	5	2
r_3	-3.5	0.5	0.5	

Proposition E.4 (Intersection (Exactly and Exclusively)). Let $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ $\binom{a}{b}$ *be a relation config-* 1106 *uration and* $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbf{R}$ *be relations where* $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Y)$ *holds for any entities* 1107 $X, Y \in \mathbf{E}$. Then $\mathbf{m}_\mathbf{h}^+$ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Y)$ exactly and exclusively.

Proof Sketch. This is similar in construction to the previous proof. Hence, we only give a proof sketch for 1109 ease of readability. To prove Proposition [E.4,](#page-16-0) observe that in [\(Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition 1110 G.5) an ExpressivE relation configuration m_h with several different width embeddings is constructed. 1111 However, the key observation we will make is that choosing the width embeddings differently is not 1112 necessary. In fact, an interested reader inspecting the original proof can obtain a proof applicable to **1113** SpeedE by following the proof of (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.5) analogously for the 1114 SpeedE relation configuration m_h^+ described in Table [8](#page-16-1) and visualized by Figure [4.](#page-15-2) Thus, the proof 1115 for Proposition [E.4](#page-16-0) is straightforward given m_h^+ defined in Table [8](#page-16-1) and (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), 1116 **Proposition G.5).** 1117

Table 9: Relation embeddings of a relation configuration m_h^+ that captures composition (i.e., $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(Y, Z) \Rightarrow$ $r_3(X, Z)$) exactly and exclusively using width $w = 1$.

Figure 5: Relation embeddings of a relation configuration m_h that captures composition (i.e., $r_1(X, Y) \wedge$ $r_2(Y, Z) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Z)$ exactly and exclusively using width $w = 1$.

 Proposition E.5 (Composition (Exactly and Exclusively)). Let $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ be relations and let $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ \hat{h}_h^{+}) be a relation configuration, where f_h^{+} **in** $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ be a relation configuration, where f_h^+ is defined over r_1, r_2 , and r_3 . Furthermore *let* r_3 *be the composite relation of* r_1 *and* r_2 , *i.e.*, $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(Y, Z) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Z)$ *holds for all entities* $X, Y, Z \in \mathbf{E}$. Then m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(Y, Z) \Rightarrow r_3(X, Z)$ exactly and exclusively.

1122 *Proof Sketch.* This is similar in construction to the proof of Proposition [E.3.](#page-15-0) Hence, we only give a proof 1123 sketch for ease of readability. To prove Proposition [E.5,](#page-17-1) observe that in (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), **1124** Proposition G.6), an ExpressivE relation configuration m_h with several different width embeddings is **1125** constructed. However, choosing the width embeddings differently is not necessary. In fact, an interested **1126** reader inspecting the original proof can obtain a proof applicable to SpeedE by following the proof of (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.6) analogously for the SpeedE relation configuration m_h^+ **1127 1128** described in Table [9](#page-16-2) and visualized by Figure [5.](#page-16-3) Thus, the proof for Proposition [E.5](#page-17-1) is straightforward 112[9](#page-16-2) given m_h^+ defined in Table 9 and (Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.6). \Box

Proposition E.6 (Symmetry (Exactly and Exclusively)). *Let* $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ **b Proposition E.6 (Symmetry (Exactly and Exclusively)). Let** $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ **be a relation configu-** *ration and* $r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ *be a symmetric relation, i.e.,* $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_1(Y, X)$ *holds for any entities* $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}$ *. <i>Then* m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow r_1(Y, X)$ *exactly and exclusively.*

Proposition E.7 (Anti-Symmetry (Exactly and Exclusively)). Let $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ **be a relation E.7 (Anti-Symmetry (Exactly and Exclusively)).** Let $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ be a relation *configuration and* $r_1 \in \mathbf{R}$ *be an anti-symmetric relation, i.e.,* $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow \neg r_1(Y, X)$ *holds for any entities* $X, Y \in \mathbf{E}$. Then m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \Rightarrow \neg r_1(Y, X)$ exactly and exclusively.

 [T](#page-9-1)he proofs for Proposition [E.6](#page-17-2)[-E.7](#page-17-3) are straightforward and work analogously to the proofs of [\(Pavlovic and](#page-9-1) ´ [Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), Proposition G.1-G.2). This is the case, as (1) any of these patterns contain at most one relation, (2) thus we solely need to show that no unwanted patterns over at most one relation are captured, as any considered pattern over more than one relation (precisely inversion, hierarchy, intersection, and composition) requires by Definition [E.1](#page-13-1) at least two or three *distinct* relations and thus is not applicable, and (3) it is easy to see that, for instance, a relation hyper-parallelogram can be symmetric without being anti-symmetric, or vice versa (i.e., without capturing any unwanted pattern).

Proposition E.8 (Mutual Exclusion (Exactly and Exclusively)). *Let* $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ **be a relation E.8 (Mutual Exclusion (Exactly and Exclusively)).** Let $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ be a relation *configuration and* $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ *be mutually exclusive relations, i.e.,* $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \perp$ *holds for any entities* $X, Y \in \mathbf{E}$. Then m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \bot$ *exactly and exclusively.*

The proof for Proposition [E.8](#page-17-4) is trivial, as it is straight-forward to see that (1) there is an $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ 1146 **1146** The proof for Proposition E.8 is trivial, as it is straight-forward to see that (1) there is an $m_h^+ = (M^+, f_h^+)$ such that f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1) \cap f_h^+$ 1147 such that $f_h^+(r_1) \cap f_h^+(r_2) = \emptyset$, thereby m_h^+ captures $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \bot$ exactly, (2) neither f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)$ nor f_h^+ $h^+(r_2)$ need to be symmetric, thereby no unwanted symmetry pattern is captured, (3) f^+_h 1148 $f_h^+(r_1)$ nor $f_h^+(r_2)$ need to be symmetric, thereby no unwanted symmetry pattern is captured, (3) $f_h^+(r_1)$ does not need to be the mirror image of f_h^+ 1149 does not need to be the mirror image of $f_h^+(r_2)$, thus no unwanted inversion pattern is captured, and finally (4) since f_h^+ $f_h^+(r_1)$ and f_h^+ $h^+(r_2)$ are disjoint, neither f^+_h $f_h^+(r_1)$ can subsume f_h^+ 1150 finally (4) since $f_h^+(r_1)$ and $f_h^+(r_2)$ are disjoint, neither $f_h^+(r_1)$ can subsume $f_h^+(r_2)$ nor vice versa, thus no unwanted hierarchy pattern is captured. Thus by Points 1-4, we have shown that m_h^+ captures 1152 $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \bot$ exactly and that it does not capture any unwanted positive pattern that is **1153** applicable, i.e., requires at most two different relations (symmetry, inversion, and hierarchy). Thus, we have shown Proposition [E.8,](#page-17-4) i.e., that m_h^+ can capture $r_1(X, Y) \wedge r_2(X, Y) \Rightarrow \bot$ exactly and exclusively.

1155 Finally, by Propositions [E.2-](#page-14-0)[E.8,](#page-17-4) we have shown Theorem [4.1,](#page-3-3) i.e., that SpeedE captures the core inference **1156** patterns exactly and exclusively.

¹¹⁵⁷ F Experimental Details

 The details of our experiment's setup, benchmarks, and evaluation protocol are covered in this section. Specifically, details on SpeedE's implementation and about reproducing our results are covered in Section [F.1.](#page-18-0) Each benchmark's properties are discussed in Section [F.2.](#page-18-1) Our experimental setup is described in Section [F.3,](#page-18-2) including details about the chosen learning setup, hardware, and hyperparameters. The evaluation protocol and the used metrics are discussed in Section [F.4.](#page-19-0) Finally, the size of CO2 emissions resulting from our experiments is estimated in Section [F.5.](#page-19-1)

F.1 Implementation Details & Reproducibility 1164 1164

Following [Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), we have implemented our gKGE using PyKEEN 1.7 [\(Ali et al.,](#page-8-10) 1165 [2021\)](#page-8-10), a Python library that runs under the MIT license and offers support for numerous benchmarks **1166** and gKGEs. In doing so, we facilitate the comfortable reuse of SpeedE for upcoming benchmarks and **1167** experiments. To ease reproducing our findings, we have included our code in the supplementary material, **1168** and, in addition, we have included a ReadMe.md file stating library dependencies, running instructions, **1169** and a link to pre-trained SpeedE models. Upon our paper's acceptance, we will make SpeedE's source **1170** code available in a public GitHub repository. **1171 1171**

F.2 Benchmarks and Licenses 1172

[T](#page-9-12)he details of the two standard benchmarks, WN18RR [\(Dettmers et al.,](#page-8-5) [2018\)](#page-8-5) and FB15k-237 [\(Toutanova](#page-9-12) **1173** [and Chen,](#page-9-12) [2015\)](#page-9-12), used in our experiments are discussed in this section. Specifically, Table [2](#page-5-1) (given on **1174** Page 6 of the main body) has already stated important characteristics of the benchmarks, including their 1175 number of entities, relations, and metrics describing how hierarchical the relations within the benchmark **1176** are. WN18RR and FB15k-237 already provide a split into a training, validation, and testing set, which we **1177** directly adopted in any reported experiments. Table [10](#page-18-3) lists characteristics of these splits, specifically the **1178** number of training, validation, and testing triples. Furthermore, the table lists the number of entities and **1179** relations of each benchmark. Finally, concerning licensing, we did not find a license for WN18RR nor its **1180** superset WN18 [\(Bordes et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013\)](#page-8-6). Also, we did not find a license for FB15k-237, but we found that its 1181 superset FB15k [\(Bordes et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013\)](#page-8-6) uses the CC BY 2.5 license. **1182**

Table 10: Benchmark split characteristics: Number of entities, relations, and training, validation, and testing triples.

F.3 Training Setup 1183

Training Details. We have trained each model on one of four GeForce RTX 2080 Ti GPUs of our internal **1184** cluster. In particular, during the training phase, we optimize the self-adversarial negative sampling loss **1185** [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019\)](#page-9-2) using the Adam optimizer [\(Kingma and Ba,](#page-9-15) [2015\)](#page-9-15). We use gradient descent to optimize **1186** SpeedE's parameters, stopping the training after 1000 epochs early if the H@10 score did not rise by 1187 at least 0.5% for WN18RR and 1% for FB15k-237. Any experiment was run three times to average **1188** over light performance variations. We will discuss the optimization of hyperparameters in the following **1189** paragraph. **1190**

Hyperparameter Optimization. Following similar optimization principles as [Balazevic et al.](#page-8-3) [\(2019a\)](#page-8-3); **1191** [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) [\(2020\)](#page-8-2); Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), we manually tuned the following hyperparameters 1192 within the listed ranges: (1) the learning rate $\lambda \in \{b * 10^{-c} \mid b \in \{1,2,5\} \land c \in \{2,3,4,5,6\}\}\,$, 1193 (2) the negative sample size $n \in \{100, 150, 200, 250\}$, (3) the loss margin $\gamma \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$, (4) 1194 the adversarial temperature $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, (5) the batch size $b \in \{100, 250, 500, 1000\}$, and (6) 1195 constraining the distance slope parameters to be equal — i.e., $s_j^i = s_j^o$ for each relation $r_j \in \mathbf{R}$ — or **1196** not $EqDS \in \{true, false\}$. In accordance with [Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), we chose self-adversarial 1197 negative sampling [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019\)](#page-9-2) for generating negative triples. We list the best hyperparameters for **1198** SpeedE split by benchmark and embedding dimensionality in Table [11.](#page-19-2) Following [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) [\(2020\)](#page-8-2), we 1199 used one parameter set for any low-dimensional experiment (i.e., $d \leq 50$) and one parameter set for any **1200** high-dimensional experiment (i.e., $d > 50$). Furthermore, for ExpressivE, we used the hyperparameters 1201 of [Pavlovic and Sallinger](#page-9-1) [\(2023\)](#page-9-1) under high-dimensional conditions, as they report the best-published 1202 results for ExpressivE. For low-dimensional conditions, ExpressivE's best hyperparameter setting was **1203** unknown. Thus, we optimized ExpressivE's hyperparameters manually, finding the hyperparameters of **1204** Table [12](#page-19-3) to produce the best KGC results for ExpressivE under low dimensionalities. For RotH, we used **1205**

1206 the hyperparameters of [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) [\(2020\)](#page-8-2), as they report the best-published results for RotH. Finally, we **1207** used the same hyperparameters for each of SpeedE's model variants to directly compare SpeedE to them, **1208** i.e., Min_SpeedE, Diff_SpeedE, and Eq_SpeedE.

> Table 11: Hyperparameters of SpeedE models that achieve the best performance on WN18RR and FB15k-237 split by low-dimensional (i.e., $d \le 50$) and high-dimensional setting (i.e., $d > 50$).

Dataset	Embedding Dimensionality	Margin	Learning Rate	Adversarial Temperature	Negative Sample Size	Batch Size	EqDS
WN18RR WN18RR	$d \leq 50$ d > 50		$5 * 10^{-3}$ $1 * 10^{-3}$		200 200	250 250	false true
FB15k-237 FB15k-237	$d \leq 50$ d > 50	4	$5 * 10^{-4}$ $1 * 10^{-4}$	4	250 150	100 1000	false false

Table 12: Hyperparameters of ExpressivE that achieve the best performance on WN18RR and FB15k-237 under low-dimensional conditions (i.e., $d \leq 50$).

1209 F.4 Evaluation Protocol

 Following the standard KGC evaluation protocol as described by [Sun et al.](#page-9-2) [\(2019\)](#page-9-2); [Balazevic et al.](#page-8-8) [\(2019b\)](#page-8-8); [Chami et al.](#page-8-2) [\(2020\)](#page-8-2); Pavlović and Sallinger [\(2023\)](#page-9-1), we have evaluated ExpressivE by measuring the ranking quality of each test set triple $r_i(e_h, e_t)$ over all possible heads e'_h and tails e'_t : $r_i(e'_h, e_t)$ for 1213 all $e'_h \in \mathbf{E}$ and $r_i(e_h, e'_t)$ for all $e'_t \in \mathbf{E}$. The typical metrics for evaluating the KGC performance are the mean reciprocal rank (MRR) and Hits@k [\(Bordes et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013\)](#page-8-6). In particular, we have presented the filtered metrics [\(Bordes et al.,](#page-8-6) [2013\)](#page-8-6), i.e., all triples occurring in the training, validation, and testing set are deleted from the ranking (apart from the test triple that must be ranked), as scoring these triples highly does not indicate a wrong inference. The most used metrics for assessing gKGEs are the filtered MRR, Hits@1, and Hits@10 [\(Sun et al.,](#page-9-2) [2019;](#page-9-2) [Trouillon et al.,](#page-9-11) [2016;](#page-9-11) [Balazevic et al.,](#page-8-8) [2019b;](#page-8-8) [Abboud et al.,](#page-8-7) [2020\)](#page-8-7). Finally, we will briefly review how these metrics are defined: The proportion of true triples among the predicted triples whose rank is at maximum k is represented by Hits@k, whereas the MRR reflects the average of inverse ranks (1/*rank*).

1222 F.5 CO2 Emissions

 The sum of all reported experiments took less than 150 GPU hours. This corresponds to an estimate of 1224 approximately $16.20kg CO₂ - eq$, based on the OECD's 2014 carbon efficiency average of $0.432kg/kWh$ and the usage of an RTX 2080 Ti on private infrastructure. We computed these estimates using the [MachineLearning Impact calculator](https://mlco2.github.io/impact#compute) [\(Lacoste et al.,](#page-9-17) [2019\)](#page-9-17).

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