

Machine Learning with Group Theory

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Symmetry is everywhere

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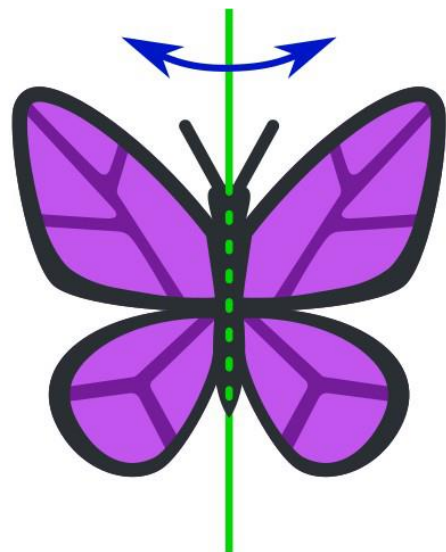


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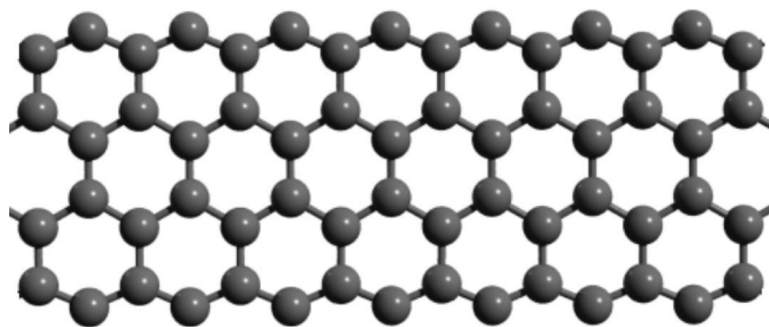


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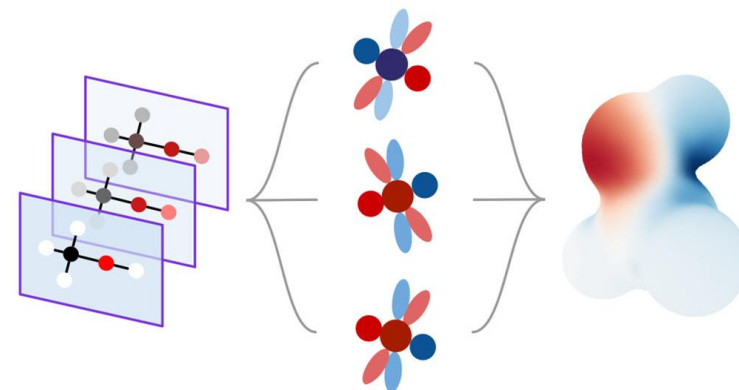
In Nature



Reflection



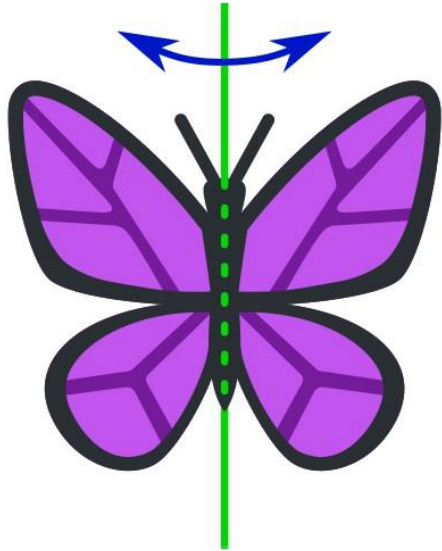
Crystal lattice



[Thürlemann et al. *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 2022]

Atomic configuration/static potential

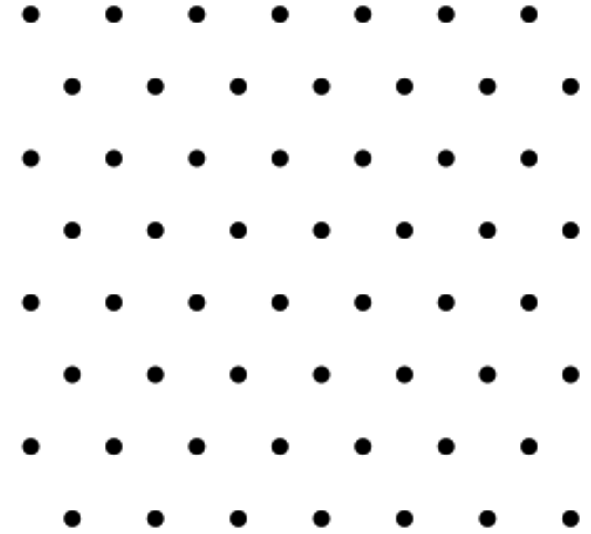
Transformations for symmetry



Reflection/flip



Rotation



Shift

Symmetry and Geometry

- Symmetry or the associated transforms is mathematically formulated as a “group” or “symmetry group” as a part of algebra.

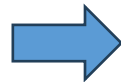
- Core of geometry

- Geometry

- Euclidean geometry

- Non-Euclidean geometry

- Projective geometry



1872 Klein’s Erlangen program

A unified characterization of geometries based on group transformations.

→ Strong impact on geometry as well as researches of mathematics

Symmetry and Machine Learning

- Symmetry in the geometry of data



Shifts and rotations

Invariant classification

- ML methods should make use of symmetry/groups

Approaches

- Data augmentation: training with transformed data
- Embed the symmetry in the architecture → Convolutional Neural Networks

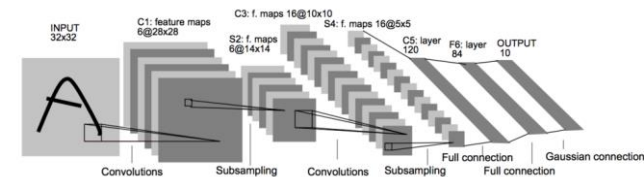
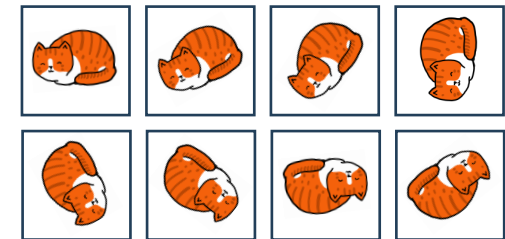



Fig. 2. Architecture of LeNet-5, a Convolutional Neural Network, here for digits recognition. Each plane is a feature map, i.e. a set of units whose weights are constrained to be identical.

Aims of this lecture

- Selected topics on ML methods to handle the symmetry in data through group theory.
(Not a comprehensive review of the existing researches.)
 - Basics of group theory as the foundation.
 - NN architecture to use symmetry: Group equivariant convolutional neural networks.
 - Representation learning through group theory.

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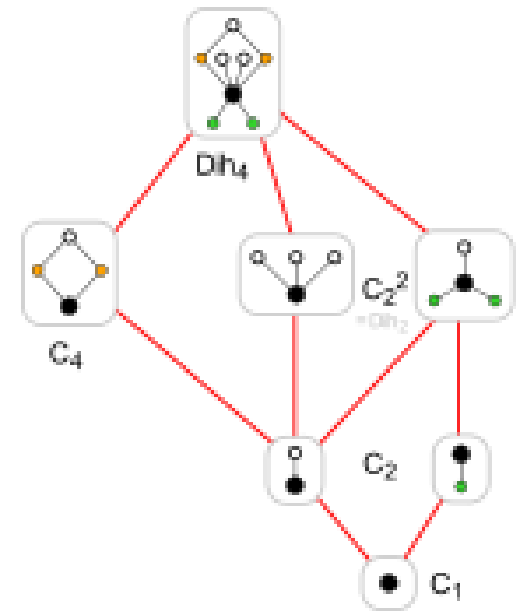
Group

- Symmetry/Symmetry transformations are formulated by “group” mathematically.
- Def. **Group**

A non-empty set G with a binary operation (denoted by \cdot) is a group if the following three properties hold:

- (1) (Associativity) $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for any $a, b, c \in G$.
- (2) (Identity) There is $e \in G$ such that $a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a$ for any $a \in G$.
- (3) (Inverse) For any $a \in G$, there is $b \in G$ such that $a \cdot b = b \cdot a = e$.
Such b is denoted by a^{-1} .

* ‘ \cdot ’ is often omitted, and ab is used.



- Example 1. The non-zero real numbers $\mathbb{R}^\times = \{a \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \neq 0\}$ is a group under multiplication. This is a commutative group, i.e. $ab = ba$.

A commutative group is also called an Abelian group.

- Example 2. The integers with addition $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$, the product $(\mathbb{Z}^n, +)$, Euclidian space $(\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ are all Abelian groups.

$$a + b = b + a.$$

If the operation is addition (and thus commutative), the group is called an additive group.

The identity and inverse are denoted by 0 and $-a$, respectively, for additive groups.

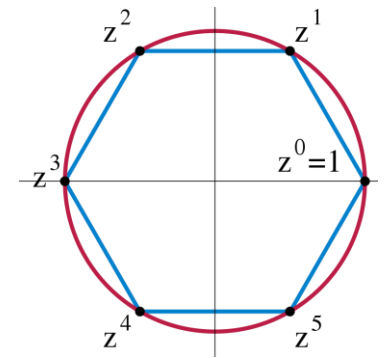
- Example 3. Cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}_n := \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ (integers mod n with additive operation).

$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$ (n elements). Additive Abelian group.

$$\bar{1} \in \mathbb{Z}_n. \quad \bar{1} + \bar{1} = \bar{2}, \bar{2} + \bar{1} = \bar{3}, \bar{3} + \bar{1} = \bar{4}, \dots, \overline{n-1} + \bar{1} = \bar{0}$$

- \mathbb{Z}_n is also denoted by C_n , which is often considered as a multiplicative group: $C_n = \{1, \zeta, \zeta^2, \dots, \zeta^{n-1}\}$

$$\zeta := e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}}$$



- Example 4. The $n \times n$ nonsingular matrices is a group under multiplication. This is called the general linear group and denoted by $GL(n)$.

- $GL(n)$ is non-commutative, if $n \geq 2$.

For two matrices A and B , generally $AB \neq BA$.

Some basic definitions on groups

- Subgroup

Let G be a group. A subset H in G is a subgroup if H is also a group under the binary operation of G . Denoted by $H < G$.

- Example 1: $m\mathbb{Z}$ (the multiples of m) is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} .

- Example 2: If $m\ell = n$, $\mathbb{Z}_m < \mathbb{Z}_n$.

$$\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}, \quad H := \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}\} < \mathbb{Z}_6. \quad H \cong \mathbb{Z}_2, \quad \bar{3} + \bar{3} = \bar{0}.$$

- Example 3: $O(n)$ (orthogonal group) and $SO(n)$ are subgroups of $GL(n)$.

- Direct product

The direct product $G_1 \times G_2$ of groups G_1 and G_2 is $\{(g_1, g_2) \mid g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2\}$ with the operation

$$(g_1, g_2) \cdot (h_1, h_2) = (g_1 \cdot h_1, g_2 \cdot h_2).$$

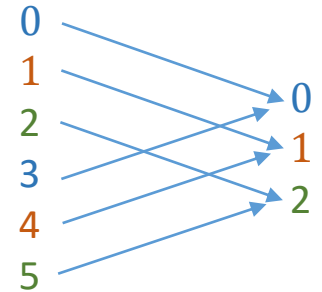
- Homomorphism

Let G_1 and G_2 be groups. A map $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a homomorphism if

$$\varphi(g \cdot h) = \varphi(g) \cdot \varphi(h)$$

for any $g, h \in G$.

Example. $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3, m \pmod{6} \mapsto m \pmod{3}$



- Isomorphism

A group homomorphism $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is an isomorphism if it is bijective.

If there is an isomorphism $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$, we write $G_1 \cong G_2$. They are essentially the same group.

Example.

$$\mathbb{Z}_6 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, n \pmod{6} \mapsto (n \pmod{2}, n \pmod{3})$$

Excercise: Confirm this.

Symmetric group



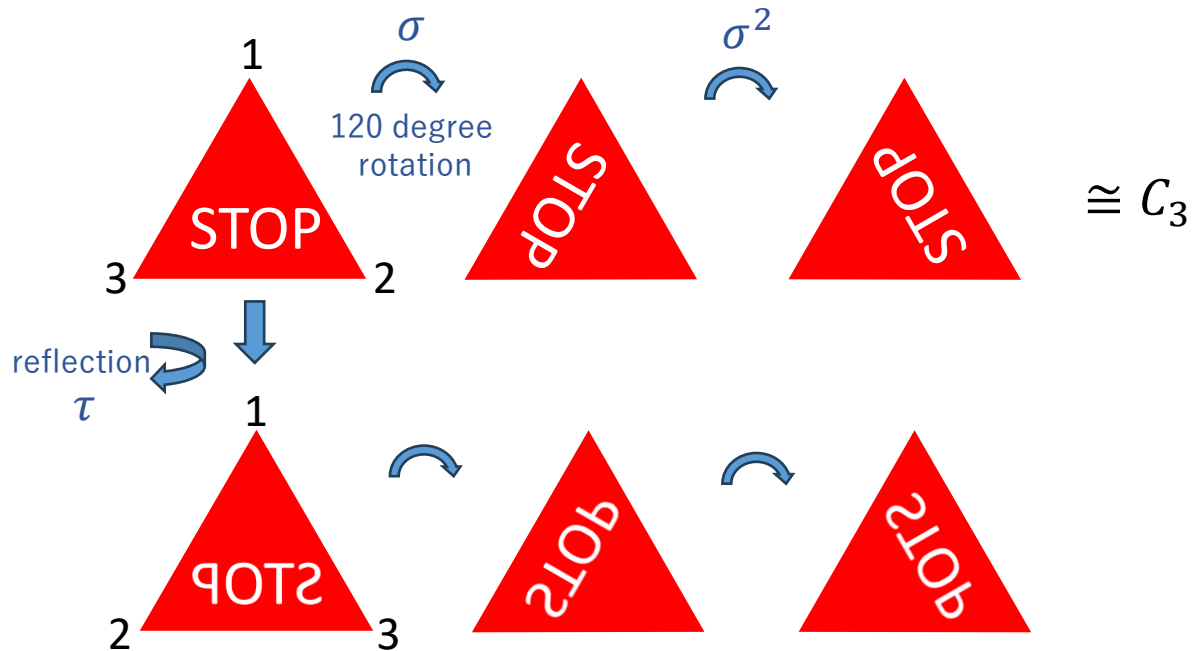
Symmetric group \mathfrak{S}_n is the group of the permutations on n items.

- \mathfrak{S}_n is non-commutative if $n \geq 3$, and $|\mathfrak{S}_n| = n!$
- Example. \mathfrak{S}_3

\mathfrak{S}_3 contains C_3 or \mathbb{Z}_3
(cyclic group of order 3)
as a subgroup.

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

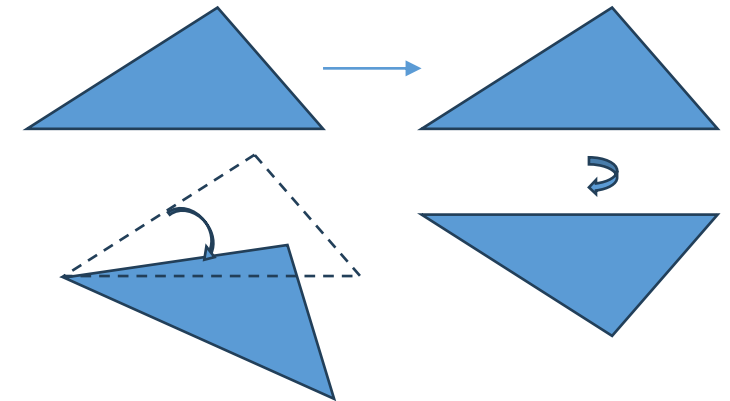
$$\tau\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



Euclidean motions

Euclidean group $E(n)$: the isometries of a Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n .

- consists of the composition of rotations, translations, and reflections.
- can be written by a pair (R, a) , where $R \in O(n)$ (rotation and reflections) and shift $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$.



Special Euclidean group $SE(n)$:

$SE(n)$ consists of the rigid motions in \mathbb{R}^n .

An element is given by an arbitrary composition of translations and rotations (but not reflections).

- $SE(2)$

Rotation: $R_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \in SO(2)$

Shift: $a \in \mathbb{R}^2$

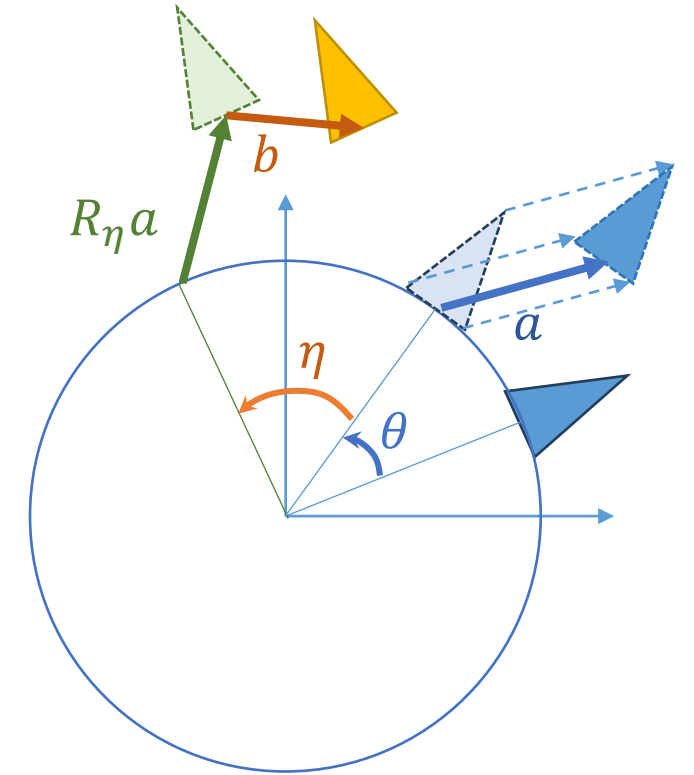
$$(R_\eta, b) \cdot (R_\theta, a) = (R_{\eta+\theta}, R_\eta a + b)$$

- $E(n)$ ($n \geq 2$) is **non-commutative**.
(Note: $SO(2)$ is commutative)

- $E(n)$ is realized by $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ matrices

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : A \in O(n), b \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} B & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} BA & Ba + b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Matrix multiplication is compatible with the group operation.

Normal subgroup

A subgroup N of G is called normal if $ghg^{-1} \in N$ for any $h \in N$ and $g \in G$. Often denoted by $N \triangleleft G$.

- Conjugate operation gNg^{-1} does not change N .
- G/N (cosets) has a natural group structure. (See Appendix)
- Any subgroup in a commutative group is normal.

• Example:

$\mathbb{R}^n \triangleleft E(n)$ (normal subgroup).

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_n & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_n & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & Ab \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $E(n)/\mathbb{R}^n \cong O(n)$
- $E(n) \neq \mathbb{R}^n \times O(n)$ In the direct product $G_1 \times G_2$, G_1 and G_2 must be commutative.
- $E(n) \cong \mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n)$ (Semidirect product) \rightarrow Explained in the next slide.

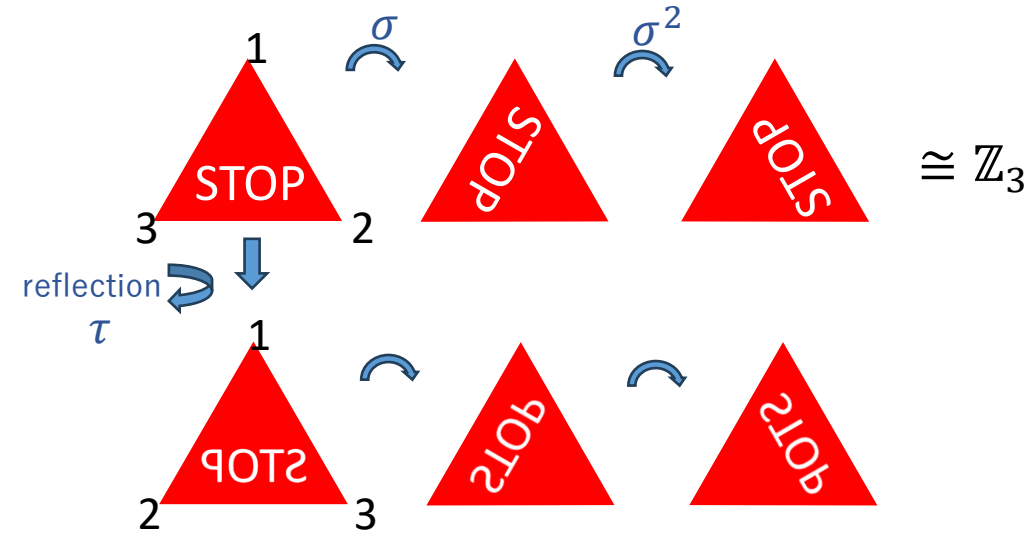
Semidirect Product (Intuition)

- Example 1: $\mathfrak{S}_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$

$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ generates \mathbb{Z}_3 ; $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ generates \mathbb{Z}_2

$\mathfrak{S}_3 = \{1, \sigma, \sigma^2, \tau, \sigma\tau, \sigma^2\tau\}$ $\sigma^\ell \tau^m$ ($\ell = 0, 1, 2; m = 0, 1$)

$$\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Change in } \mathbb{Z}_3$$



- Example 2: $SE(2) \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes SO(2)$

$SE(2) = \{(a, R_\theta) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}^2, R_\theta \in SO(2)\}$

$$(0, R_\theta)(a, I_2)(0, R_\theta)^{-1} = (R_\theta a, I_2) \quad \leftarrow \text{Change in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Semidirect product: $G = N \rtimes K$

For $N \triangleleft G$ (normal) and $K < G$ (subgroup), specify $\phi_k: H \ni h \mapsto khk^{-1} \in H$. Then, we have a unique expression hk or (h, k) ($h \in N, k \in K$).

(See Appendix for more rigorous definition.)

A little bit coming back to ML or geometry...

Group action

Def.

G : group, X : set. An action of G on X is a mapping $\alpha: G \times X \rightarrow X$ such that

i) $\alpha(e, x) = x$

ii) $\alpha(hg, x) = \alpha(h, \alpha(g, x))$

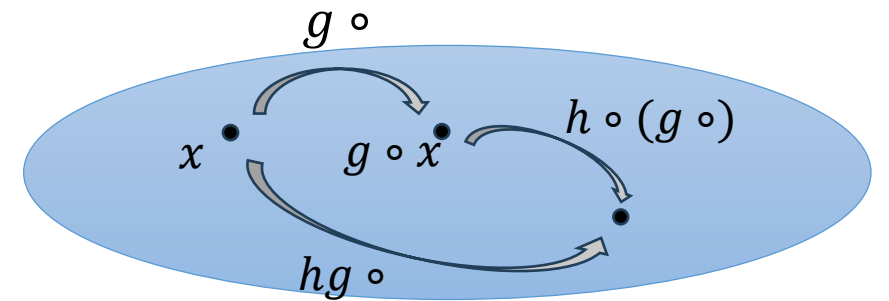
for any $x \in X$ and $g, h \in G$.

- We often use the notation $g \circ x := \alpha(g, x)$.

i') $e \circ x = x$

ii') $h \circ (g \circ x) = (hg) \circ x$

- A group representation $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ defines a linear group action:
 $V = X$ and $g \circ x = \rho(g)x$.



Invariance and Equivariance

Def. Invariance and Equivariance

A group G acts on two sets X and Y . $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$.

- φ is invariant to the group action if

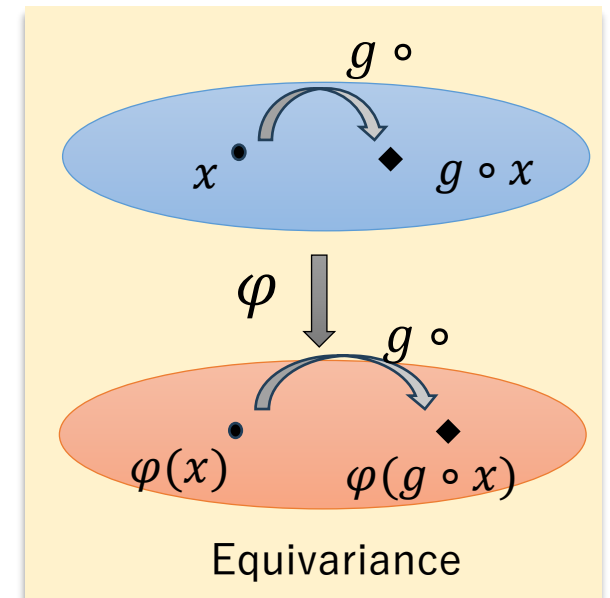
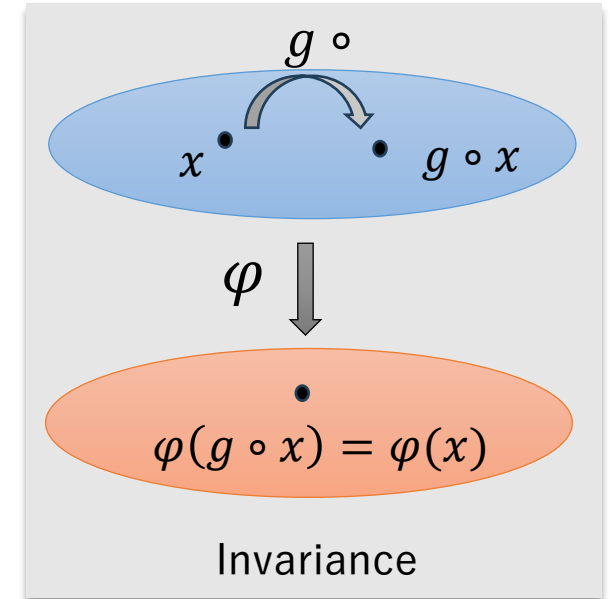
$$\varphi(g \circ x) = \varphi(x)$$

for any $g \in G$ and $x \in X$.

- φ is equivariant to the group action if

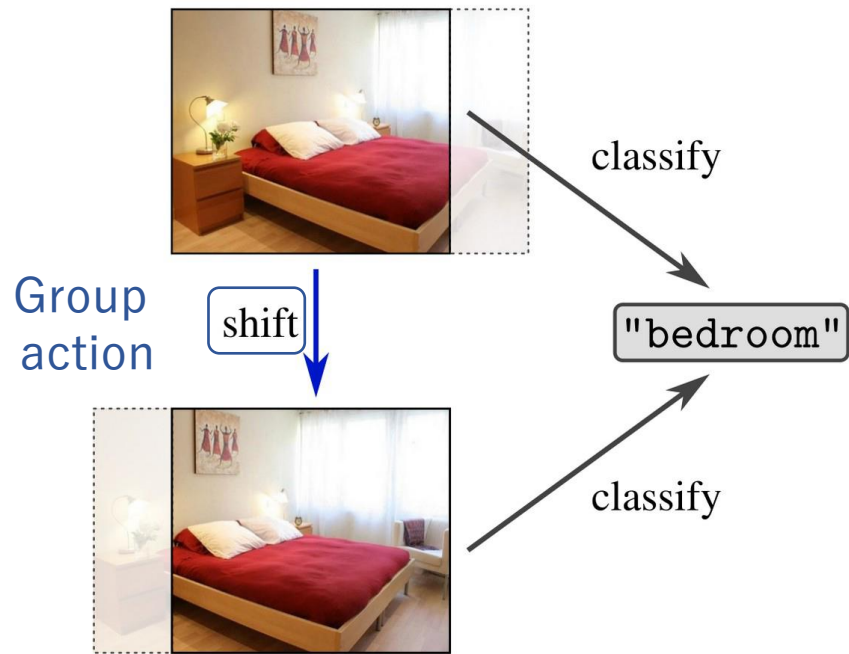
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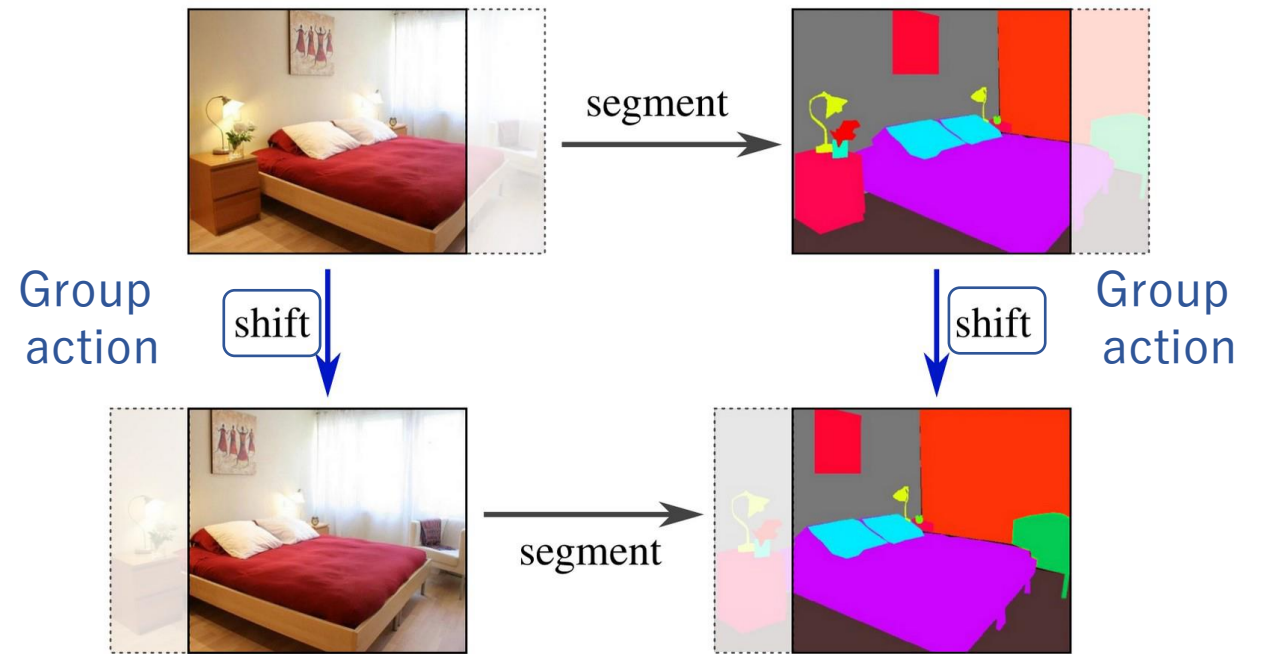


Invariance and equivariance in ML

Invariant
object classification



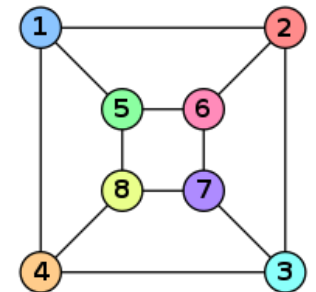
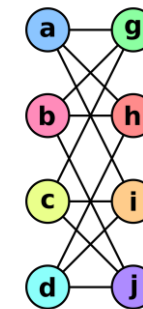
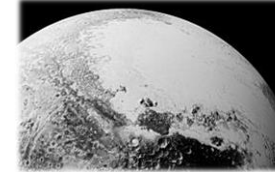
Equivariant
segmentation



From "Groups, Representations & Equivariant maps" by Maurice Weiler (University of Amsterdam)

- What are the advantages?

- Various data has symmetry and group actions.
 - Image: shifts, $SO(2)$ -rotation, ...
 - Spherical data: $SO(3)$ -rotations
 - Graphs: permutation/graph isomorphism
- Incorporating such group actions should be useful for the compact representation:
 - Data: Low dimensional expression
 - Model: Smaller models, efficient learning



- Approaches to invariance/equivariance ML
 - Data augmentation:
 - For invariant/equivariant learning, transform the training data with the known group actions.
 - Easily extendable to non-group cases.
 - Needs many training data.
 - Architecture:
 - Equivariant Neural Networks (CNN, G-CNN, etc)
 - Impose the symmetry in the architecture of the networks.
 - Representation learning:
 - Learn the symmetry in the latent representation automatically
 - Group representation/Fourier transform

Invariance vs Equivariance

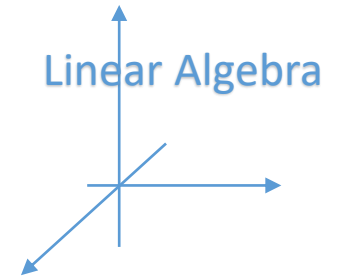
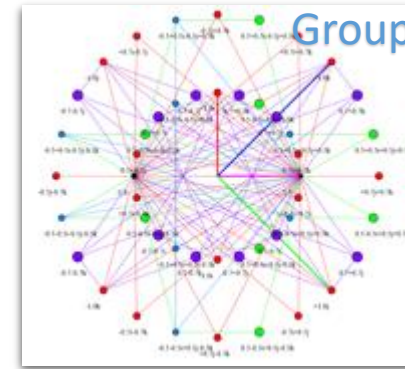
- Equivariance is usually more focused.
 - Invariance can be added only at the end.
If Ψ_ℓ 's are all **equivariant**, adding an **invariant** layer Φ in final layer
$$\Phi \circ \Psi_L \circ \cdots \circ \Psi_1(x)$$
makes an **invariant** mapping.

$$\therefore \Phi \circ \Psi(gx) = \Phi(g\Psi(x)) = \Phi \circ \Psi(x)$$

- Invariance is a special type of equivariance.
 $\Phi: X \rightarrow Y$ G acts on X and Y , but action on Y is trivial: $g \circ y = y$ $g \in G$ and $y \in Y$.
Then, equivariance means invariance: $\Phi(g \circ x) = \Phi(x)$.

Group representation

Linear group action



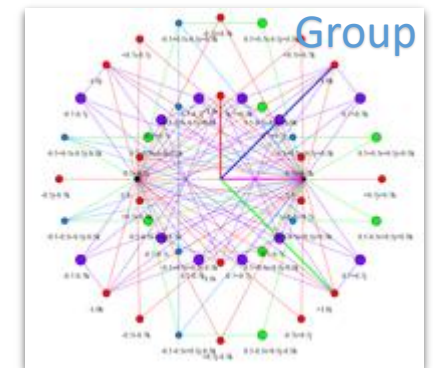
- Group representation: overview
 - The group representation is a mathematical tool to describe a group in terms of **linear transformations** of a vector space.
 - It reduces various group-theoretic problems to linear algebra/matrix theory.
- Typical cases
 - Finite groups: Uses finite dimensional linear algebra, so developed most.
 - Abelian groups: This corresponds to the Fourier analysis.
 - Compact group: Extension of Fourier analysis is possible.
 - Lie groups: Used often in physics and chemistry (not covered in this lecture).

- Representation

- Def. G : group. V : vector space. $GL(V)$: invertible linear transformations of V .

$\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ is a representation of G on V if ρ is a group homomorphism, i.e., $\rho(ab) = \rho(a)\rho(b)$ for any $a, b \in G$.

- We often write (ρ, V) to specify a representation.
- When $\dim V$ is finite, V can be \mathbb{R}^n and $GL(V)$ is $GL(n; \mathbb{R})$.
- $\dim V$ is called dimensionality or degree of the representation.
- V may be a vector space over \mathbb{C} . It may cause a simpler expression.



$a \cdot b$

ρ ↓

$$\left(\rho(a) \right) \left(\rho(b) \right)$$

Matrices

- Example: \mathfrak{S}_3

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (123) \quad \text{cycle of order 3}$$

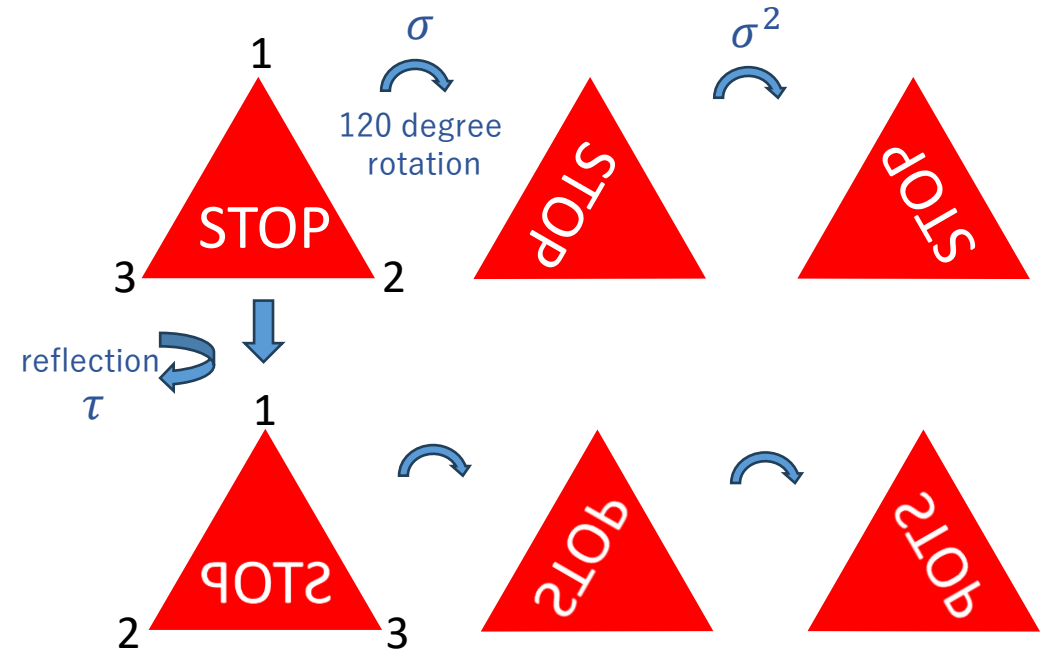
$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (23) \quad \text{reflection of order 2}$$

- σ and τ generate \mathfrak{S}_3

$$\mathfrak{S}_3 = \{e, \sigma, \sigma^2, \tau, \tau\sigma, \tau\sigma^2\}$$

- A representation ρ of dim 2 is defined by

$$\begin{cases} \rho(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(-2/3\pi) & -\sin(-2/3\pi) \\ \sin(-2/3\pi) & \cos(-2/3\pi) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$



Regular representation

Simply, shift of functions. A building-block of CNN.

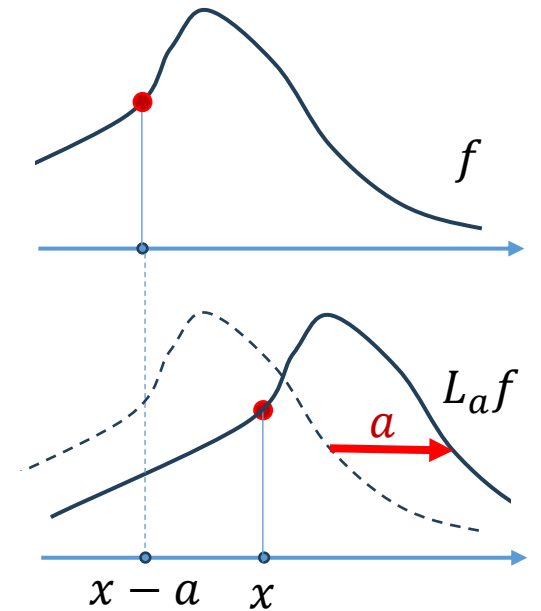
Def. G : group. $V := \{f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ functions on G .

$$L_g: V \rightarrow V, f \mapsto f(g^{-1} \cdot)$$

L_g is a representation, i.e. linear and $L_{gh} = L_g \circ L_h$.

This group representation is called regular representation.

$$\therefore (L_{gh}f)(x) = f((gh)^{-1}x) = f(h^{-1}g^{-1}x) = (L_hf)(g^{-1}x) = L_g(L_hf)(x).$$

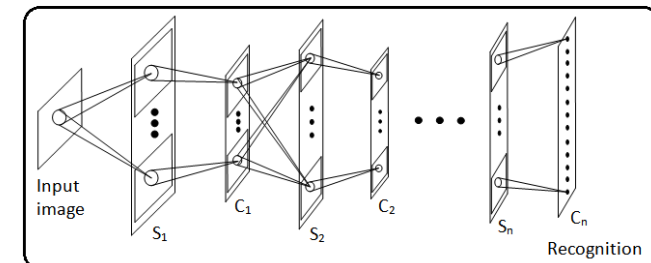
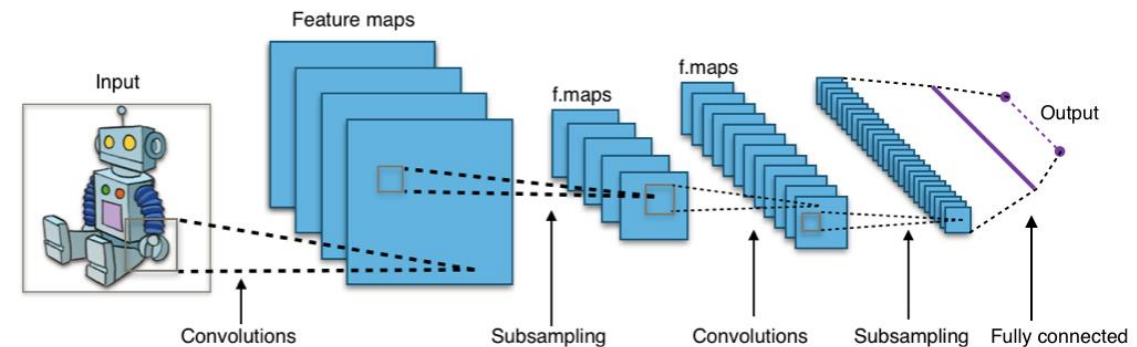


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Convolutional Neural Networks

- **CNN** (Wei Zhang et al 1988; Yann LeCun 1989)
 - The earliest NN model to realize translation-equivariance.
 - Convolution layer + Pooling layer trained by back-propagation.
 - Inspired by the biological neural networks of early visual cortex.
 - Origin: Neocognitron (Fukushima 1980)
Backprop was not used.



Kunihiko Fukushima 1979

Signal is expressed by a function $f[i, j]$ on the pixels

- Convolutional layer

- 2D gray-scale images ($W \times H$) (for simplicity).

A spatial filter of small size (3×3 or 5×5) $\psi_{[a,b]}$ is used.

$$h_{[i,j]}^{Out} = \sum_{i-a \in \{0, \pm 1\}} \sum_{j-b \in \{0, \pm 1\}} \psi_{[i-a, j-b]} f_{[a,b]}^{In}$$

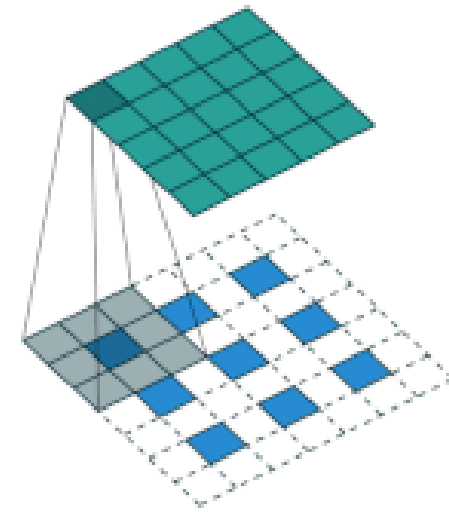
$$f_{[i,j]}^{Out} = \phi(h_{[i,j]}^{Out} + \theta) \quad \phi: \text{activation function}$$

- 2D Color images, “channel” dimension is added.

In the first layer, RGB makes 3 channels.

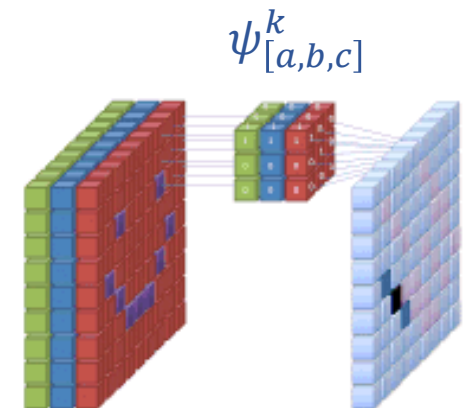
Each output channel k uses its own filter $\psi_{[a,b,c]}^k$

$$h_{[i,j,k]}^{Out} = \sum_a \sum_b \sum_{c=1}^{m_C} \psi_{[i-a, j-b, c]}^k f_{[a,b,c]}^{In}$$

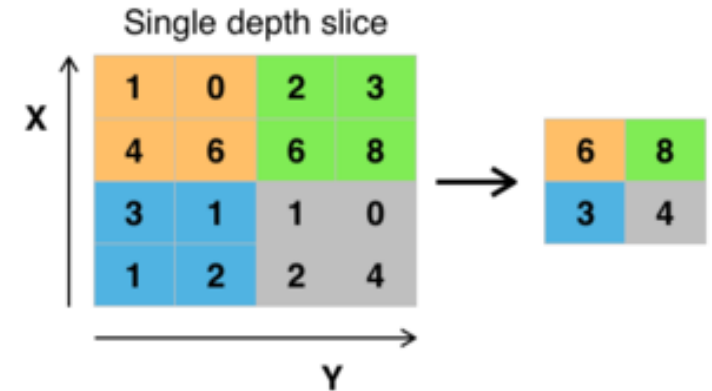


Often, 0 is padded beyond the boundary.

$\sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ is okay.



- Pooling layer (Subsampling/down-sampling)
 - Spatial size is reduced.
 - Take a representative value in a small neighbor.
 - Max pooling is the most popular
 - Average pooling, ℓ_2 -norm pooling, etc.
 - Usually done for each channel
(#channels unchanged)



- Fully connected layer
 - After several convolutional and pooling layers, a fully connected layer is used in the last layer.
 - Invariance/equivariance can be achieved

Translation Equivariance of CNN

- Convolutional layer

- Ψf : mapping of f with convolution kernel ψ
- Shift by $s = [s_W, s_H]$. $(L_s f)_{[i,j]} := f(i - s_W, j - s_H)$.

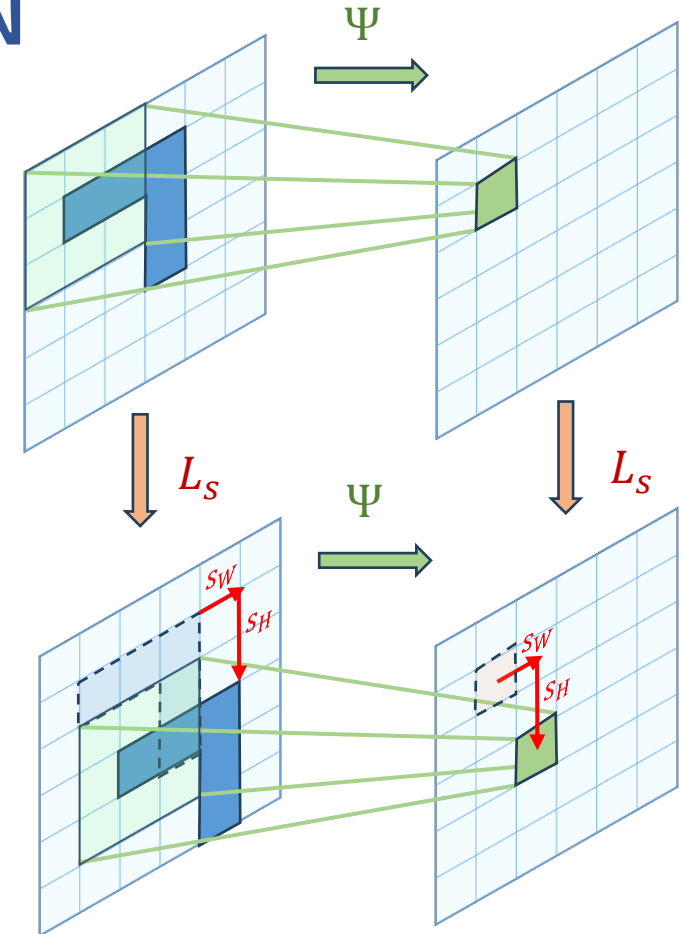
Prop. $L_s(\Psi f) = \Psi(L_s f)$

- **Equivariance:** Convolution and translation are commutative.

(Proof) Shown for the case of single channel (gray-scale).

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_s(\Psi f)[i,j] &= (\Psi f)(i - s_W, j - s_H) \\
 &= \sum_a \sum_b \psi_{[i-s_W-a, j-s_W-b]} f_{[a,b]} \\
 &= \sum_{a'} \sum_{b'} \psi_{[i-a', j-b']} f_{[a'-s_W, b'-s_H]} \\
 &= \sum_{a'} \sum_{b'} \psi_{[i-a', j-b']} (L_s f)[a', b'] = \Psi(L_s f)[i,j]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a' := a + s_W, b' := b + s_H$$



- Activation

Prop. $\phi(L_s f) = L_s \phi(f)$. [Equivariant]

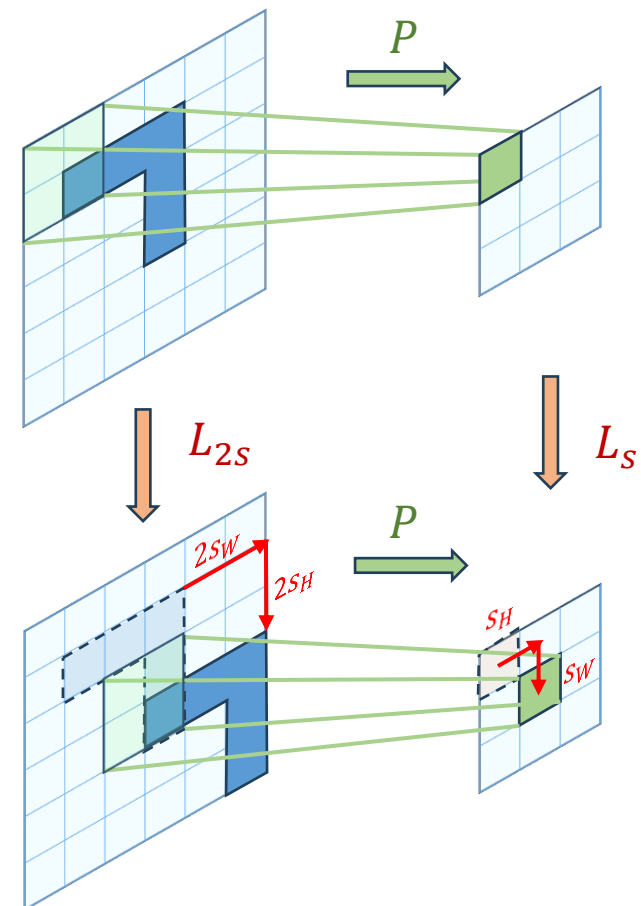
- Applying activation ϕ is just a change of the value, so it is obvious.

- Pooling layer

- Pf : Pooling of f .
- After pooling on 2×2 regions, the translation for Pf should be the half for f :

$$P(L_s^{(2)} f) = L_s(Pf)$$

$L_s^{(2)}$: shift of $2 \times [s_W, s_H]$.



Group equivariant Convolutional Networks

(Cohen & Welling ICML 2016)

- G-CNN: Generalization of CNN to general group action.

- CNN (recap)

- An image can be looked at a function

$$f: \mathbb{Z}^2(\text{pixels}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(\text{RGB}).$$

- Equivariant to the group operation (shift) of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

$$\Psi_{\text{Conv}}(f(\cdot - s)) = (\Psi_{\text{Conv}}f)(\cdot - s).$$

- G-CNN

- Considers more general groups for the signal.

$$f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^K.$$

- Equivariant to G .

$$\Psi_{\text{Conv}}(L_g f) = L_g(\Psi_{\text{Conv}}f).$$

G-CNN: Motivation

- Symmetries

- Many image properties are invariant to Euclidean motions ($E(2)$, $SE(2)$).

- Medical images: orientation or translation is not relevant.

c.f., Orientation may be meaningful in natural images (rooms, road, etc), characters (alphabets, numbers, etc).

- 3D data/360-degree images ($SO(3)$, $E(3)$)

- 3D scanner, rendering, estimated.

- 360-degree camera.

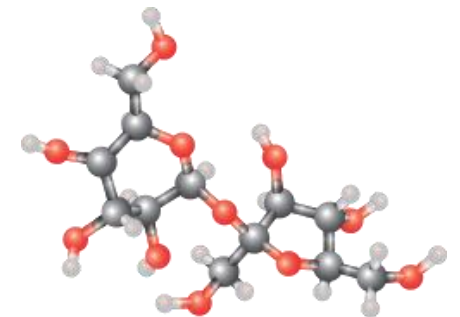


<https://github.com/QUVA-Lab/e2cnn?tab=readme-ov-file>

- Graphs (not covered in this lecture)

- Permutation invariance

- Graphs in 3D space, e.g., molecules ($SE(3)$)

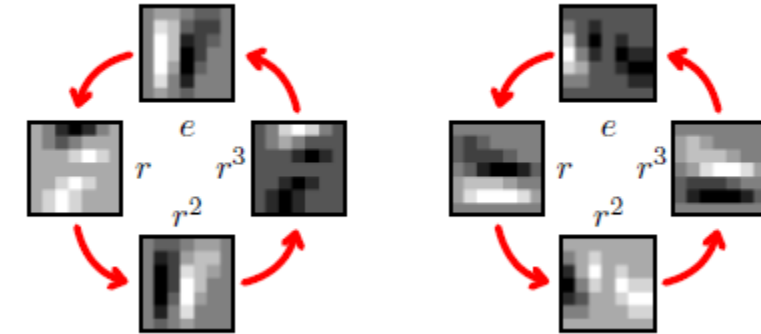


G-CNN: Model

- Examples of group G

- $p4$: 90° rotations and translations ($\subset SE(2)$)

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{r\pi}{2} & -\sin \frac{r\pi}{2} & s_x \\ \sin \frac{r\pi}{2} & \cos \frac{r\pi}{2} & s_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \middle| r \in \{0,1,2,3\}; s_x, s_y \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

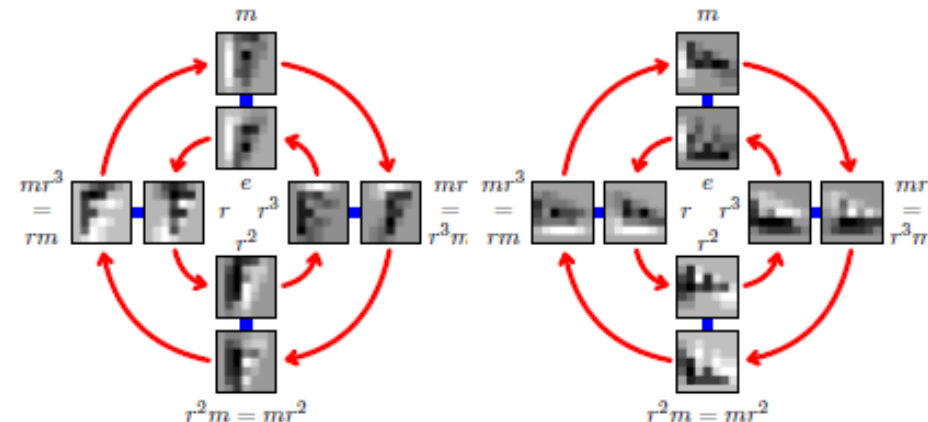


$$p4 \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \rtimes SO(2,4)$$

$SO(2, N)$: N -discretization of $SO(2)$.

- $p4m$: $p4$ + reflection.

$$p4m \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 \rtimes O(2,4)$$



- Convolution layer in G-CNN

- General ℓ -th layer: $G \rightarrow G$ equivariant

$f \in \mathcal{F}_\ell := \{f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K^{(\ell)}}\}$ signal at the ℓ -th layer

$\Psi_{\text{Gconv}}: \mathcal{F}_\ell \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\ell+1} := \{\tilde{f}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K^{(\ell+1)}}\}$

$$(\Psi_{\text{Gconv}}f)_{k'}(g) = \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{k=1}^{K^{(\ell)}} \psi_{k'k}(g^{-1}h) f_k(h) = \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{k=1}^{K^{(\ell)}} (L_g \psi_{k'k})(h) f_k(h) \quad (k' = 1, \dots, \ell + 1)$$

- Input layer: $\mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow G$ equivariant

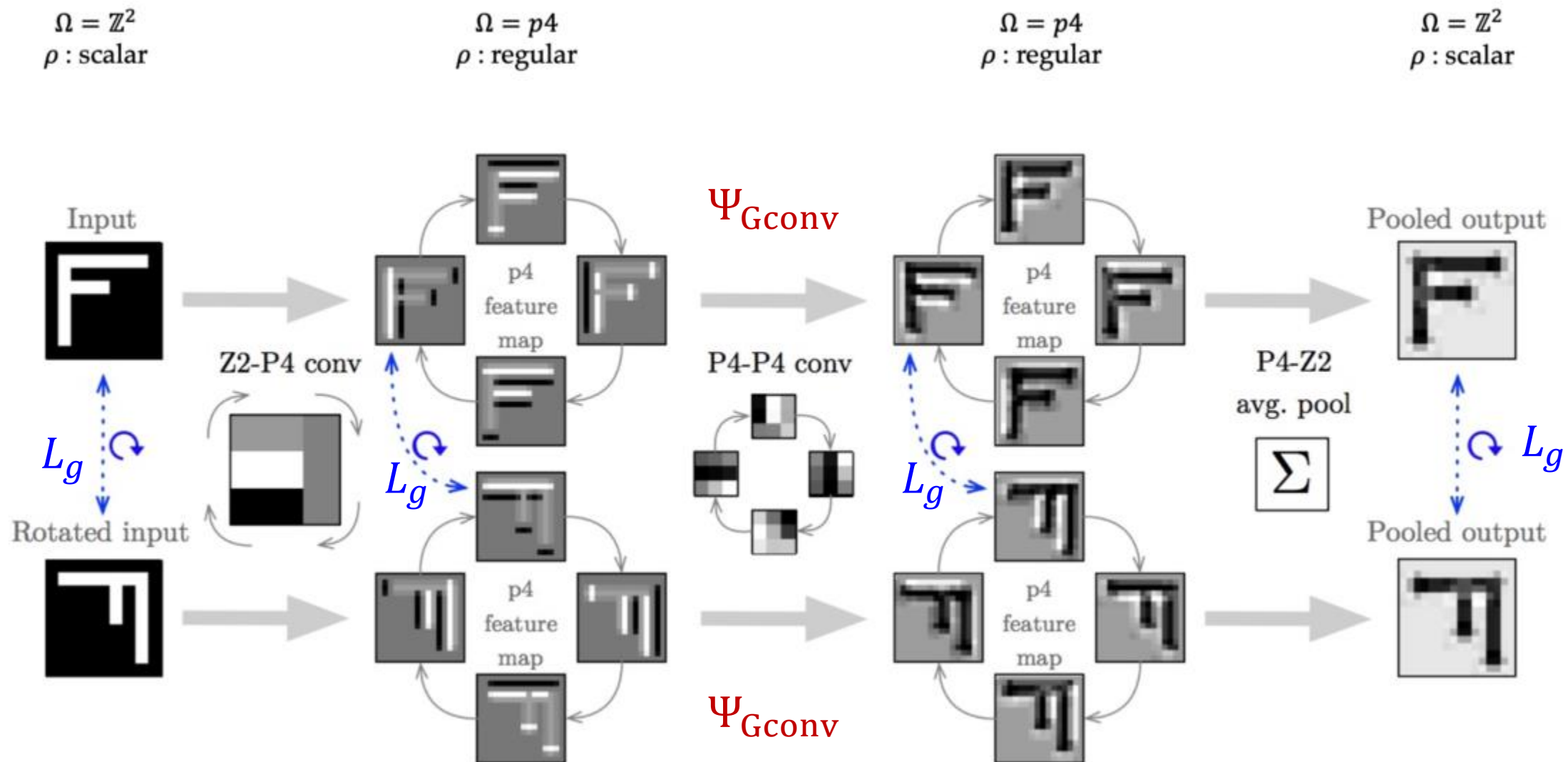
signal $f: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ (Assume $G \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2$), filter $\psi: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K' \times K}$

$$(\Psi_{\text{inf}})_{k'}(g) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \sum_{k=1}^K \psi_{k'k}(g^{-1} \circ x) f_k(x)$$

- Final layer : $G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$ equivariant

Output $f: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^K$ (Assume $G \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2$), filter $\psi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K' \times K}$

$$(\Psi_{\text{fin}})_{k'}(x) = \sum_{g \in G} \sum_{k=1}^K \psi_{k'k}(g'^{-1} g_x) f_k(g')$$



Veeling et al. Rotation Equivariant CNNs for Digital Pathology, MICCAI 2018

- Equivariance of G-conv layer

$$\text{Prop. } L_g(\Psi_{G\text{conv}}f) = \Psi_{G\text{conv}}(L_gf)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recall } (\Psi f)_{k'}(g) &= \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{k=1}^K (L_g \psi_{k'k})(h) f_k(h) \\ &= \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{k=1}^K \psi_{k'k}(g^{-1}h) f_k(h) \end{aligned}$$

Proof)

Define

$$(f, \varphi) := \sum_{h \in G} f(h) \varphi(h).$$

Then, we have $\Psi_{G\text{conv}}(f)(u) = (L_u \psi, f)$,
and

$$\Psi_{G\text{conv}}(L_gf)(u) = (L_u \psi, L_gf).$$

From Lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} (L_u \psi, L_gf) &= (L_{g^{-1}u} \psi, f) = (L_{g^{-1}u} \psi, f) \\ &= \Psi_{G\text{conv}}(f)(g^{-1}u) = L_g(\Psi_{G\text{conv}}(f))(u). \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

Lemma

$$(\varphi, L_gf) = (L_{g^{-1}}\varphi, f).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (\varphi, L_gf) &= \sum_h \varphi(h) f(g^{-1}h) \\ &= \sum_{h'} \varphi(gh') f(h') \quad h' := g^{-1}h \\ &= \sum_{h'} (L_{g^{-1}}\varphi)(h') f(h') \\ &= (L_{g^{-1}}\varphi, f). \end{aligned}$$

Applications of G-CNN

- Rotation MNIST

Random rotated MNIST images.

Network	Test Error (%)
Larochelle et al. (2007)	10.38 ± 0.27
Sohn & Lee (2012)	4.2
Schmidt & Roth (2012)	3.98
Z2CNN	5.03 ± 0.0020
P4CNNRotationPooling	3.21 ± 0.0012
P4CNN	2.28 ± 0.0004

Cohen & Welling ICML 2016



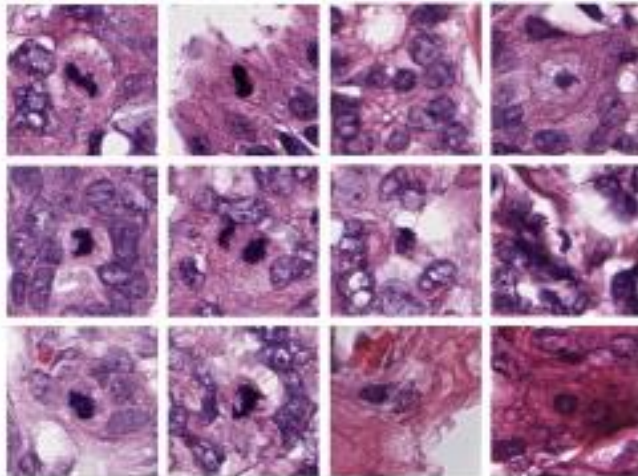
From “Exploring Strategies for Training Deep Neural Networks”,
Larochelle et al JMLR 2009

• Medical images

Lafarge et al.: Roto-translation equivariant convolutional networks: Application to histopathology image analysis. *Medical Image Analysis* (2021)

Application of SE(2)-equivariant CNN to medical image analysis.

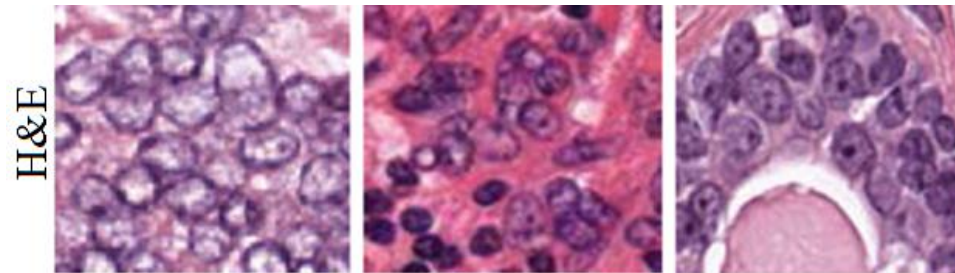
Mitosis detection



AMIDA13. Veta et al, Medical Image Analysis 2015

Eight cases (458 mitotic figures) were used to train the models and four cases (92 mitoses) for validation. Evaluation is performed on a test set of 11 independent cases (533 mitoses), 23 cancer cases

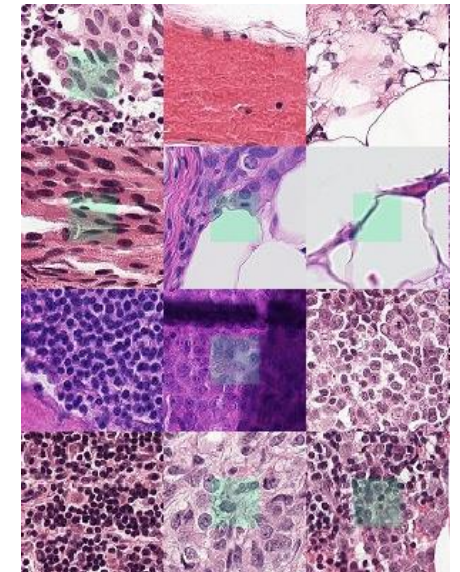
Multi-organ nuclei segmentation



Kumar et al (2017) IEEE Trans MI.

4 × 3 HPF images for training (7337 nuclei), 4 × 1 HPF images for validation (1474 nuclei) and 4 × 2 HPF images for testing (4130 nuclei).

Patch-based tumor detection



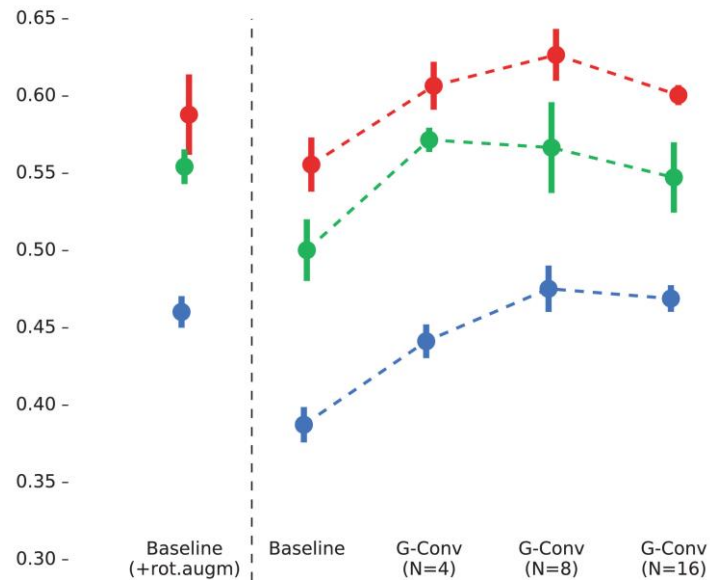
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327,680 image patches,
benign/malignant 43

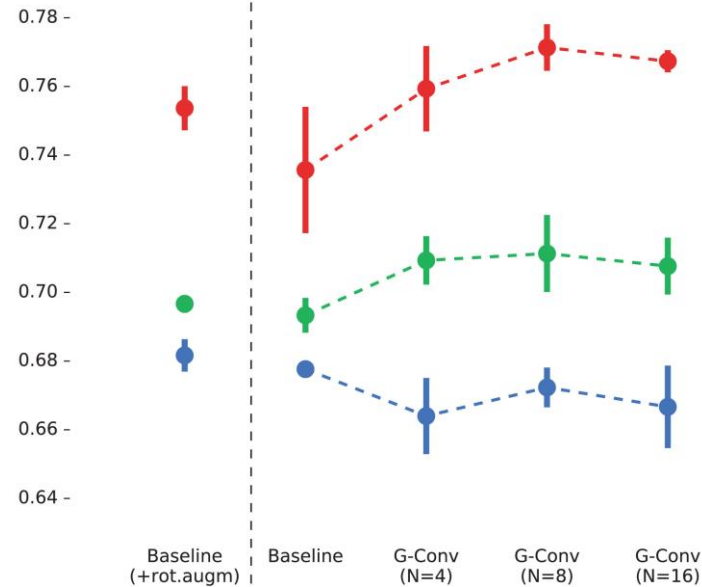
$SE(2, N) := \mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes SO(2, N)$, where $SO(2, N)$ is N discretization of $SO(2)$

$$|G| = O(N), \quad \#weights = O(N^2)$$

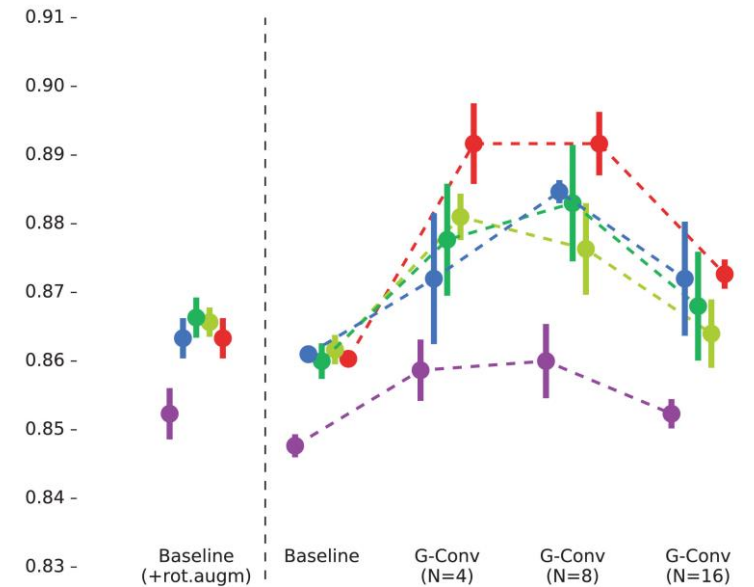
Mitosis detection



Nuclei segmentation

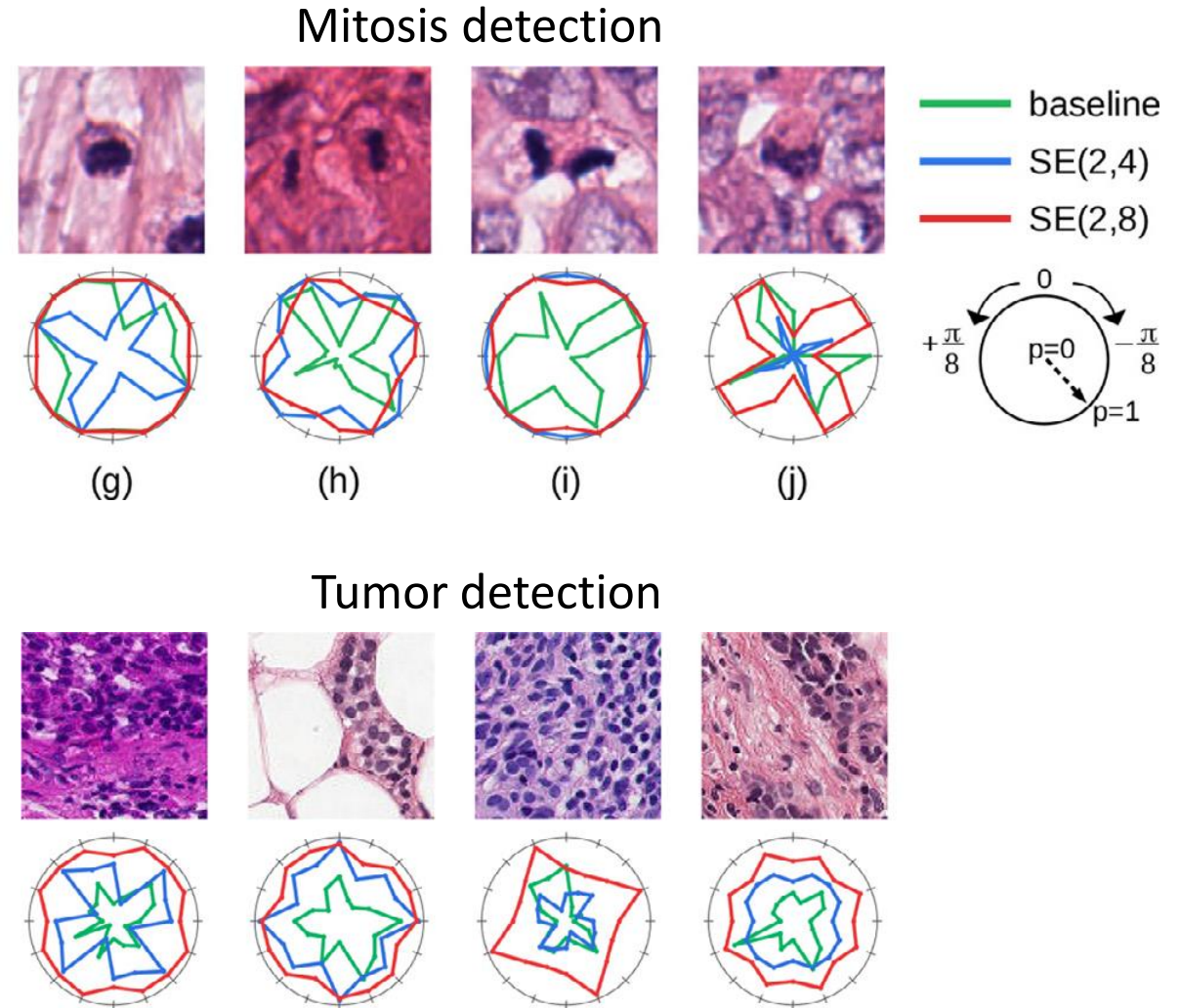


Tumor detection



Baseline (+rot.augm) (leftmost): data augmentation by rotations
 Baseline: CNN (translation)
 Different colors correspond to variations of training data.

- Invariance to rotations
 - Test images (positive) are rotated and the prediction outputs by NN are shown.
 - $SE(2, N)$ -CNN achieves much better rotation invariance in the prediction.



Steerable CNN

(Cohen & Welling ICLR 2017; Weiler&Cesa NeurIPS 2019; Weiler et al NeurIPS 2018)

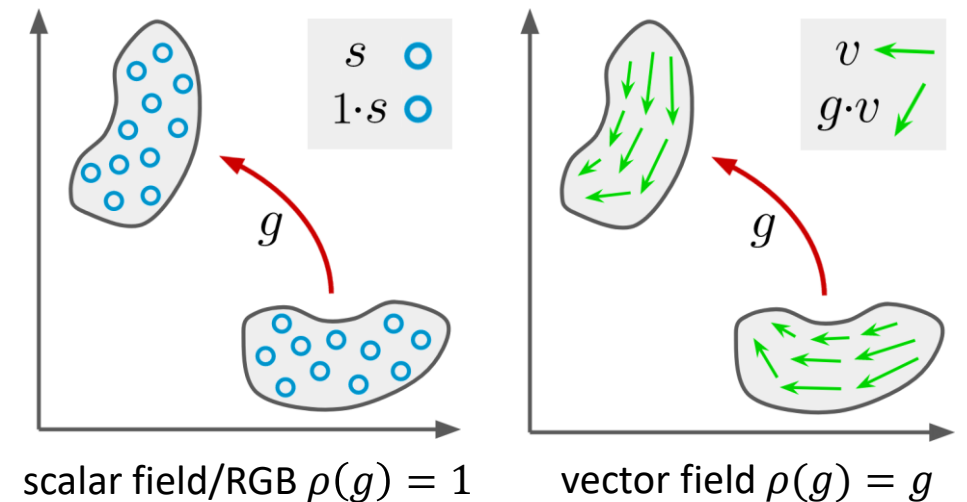
- Further symmetry!
 - In G-CNN, the channels do not consider any symmetry so far.
 - In some cases, symmetry in the channels should be considered.

Example.

Vector field and Euclid motions.

Input signal: $v: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^K$ ($K = 2$)

It is natural that when $x \mapsto R(\theta)x$ is applied, the vector field $v(x)$ is also rotated by $R(\theta)$.



Weiler & Cesa. General E(2)-Equivariant Steerable CNNs, NeurIPS 2021

- Steerable convolution layer

$$E(2) = (\mathbb{R}^2, +) \rtimes O(2), \quad g = (s, R) \in E(2), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}^2, R \in O(2),$$

- *c.f.* Standard G-CNN

$$(\Psi f)_{k'}(g) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{k=1}^K (L_g \psi_{k'k})(x) (f_k)(x) = \sum_x \sum_k \psi_{k'k}(R^{-1}(x - s)) f_k(x)$$

- Steerable convolution

$$(\Psi_{\text{Steer}} f)_{k'}(g) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{k=1}^K \psi_{k'k}(R^{-1}(x - s)) \sum_{c=1}^K \rho_{kc}(R) f_c(x)$$

$$\rho: O(2) \rightarrow GL(\mathbb{R}^K) \quad \text{some representation of } O(2)$$

- Condition of ψ for equivariance:

$$\Psi_{\text{Steer}}(L_g f) = L_g(\Psi_{\text{Steer}} f) \quad (\text{Equivariance})$$

if and only if

$$\psi(gx) = \rho_{\text{out}}(g) \psi(x) \rho_{\text{in}}(g^{-1}) \quad \forall g \in E(2), x \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

- Applications of $SE(2, N)$ -Steerable CNN

Weiler, Hamprecht, Storath, "Learning Steerable Filters for Rotation Equivariant CNNs" CVPR 2018

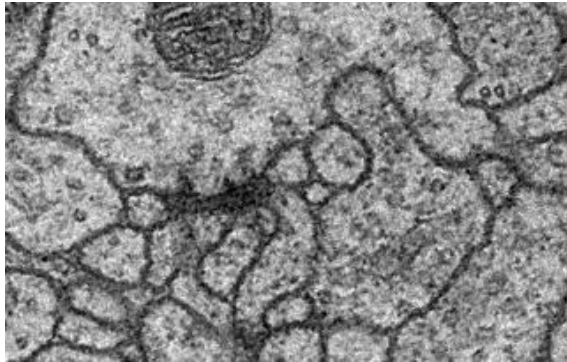
1) rot MNIST

Method	Test Error (%)
Ours – CoeffInit, train time augmentation	0.714 ± 0.022
Ours – CoeffInit	0.880 ± 0.029
Ours – HeInit	0.957 ± 0.025
Marcos et al. [23] – test time augmentation	1.01
Marcos et al. [23]	1.09
Laptev et al. [21]	1.2
Worrall et al. [24]	1.69
Cohen and Welling [2] - G-CNN	2.28 ± 0.0004
Schmidt and Roth [29]	4.0
Sohn and Lee [11]	4.2
Cohen and Welling [2] - conventional CNN	5.03 ± 0.0020
Larochelle et al. [30]	10.4 ± 0.27

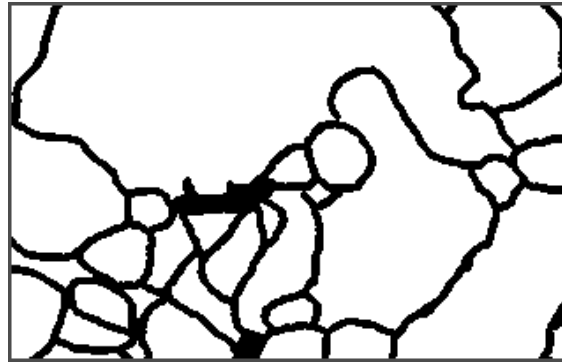
Table 1: Test errors on the rotated MNIST dataset. We distinguish He initialization (HeInit) from the proposed initialization scheme (CoeffInit).

2) ISBI 2012 electron microscopy segmentation challenge

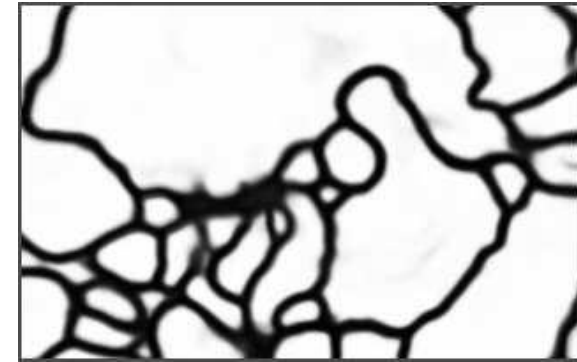
- Prediction of the locations of the cell boundaries in the Drosophila ventral nerve cord from EM images.
- 30 train and test slices of size 512×512 px with a binary segmentation ground truth



Raw EM image



Ground truth segmentation



Probability map by
the proposed network

Accuracy. Top 6 of more than 100 entries of the leaderboard, as of Nov 13, 2017.

Method	V^{Rand}	V^{Info}
IAL MC/LMC	0.98792	0.99183
CASIA_MIRA	0.98788	0.99072
Ours	0.98680	0.99144
Quan et al. [26]	0.98365	0.99130
Beier et al. [27]	0.98224	0.98845
Drozdzal et al. [28]	0.98058	0.98816

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Mapping of Group Representations

- Def.

G : group. $(\rho, V), (\rho', V')$: representations of G .

A linear map $T: V \rightarrow V'$ is a G -linear map (or G -map) if the following diagram

commutes for any $g \in G$;

i.e. $\rho'(g)(Tv) = T(\rho(g)v)$ for any $g \in G$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\rho(g)} & V \\ T \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow T \\ V' & \xrightarrow{\rho'(g)} & V' \end{array}$$

- Some representations are essentially the same

Def. A G -map T is an isomorphism if it is invertible.

Def. Two representations are isomorphic if there is an isomorphism.

Decomposition of representation

- In some cases, a group representation can be decomposed into a direct sum of “irreducible representations”.
- In matrices, it corresponds to the **simultaneous (w.r.t. g) block-diagonalization** of the representation matrix.

- Def. If a subspace $W \subset V$ of a representation (ρ, V) satisfies $\rho(g)W \subset W$ for any $g \in G$, then the restriction $\rho|_W$ defines a representation $(\rho|_W, W)$. This is called a **subrepresentation** of (ρ, V) .

$$\begin{pmatrix} A(g) & B(g) \\ \mathbf{0} & D(g) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A(g)w \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Def. A representation (ρ, V) is **reducible** if there is a non-trivial subrepresentation (i.e., there is $W \subset V$ such that $\rho(g)W \subset W$ and $W \neq 0, V$).
 - If a representation is *not* reducible, then it is called **irreducible**.

- Def.

The direct product of representations (ρ_1, V_1) and (ρ_2, V_2) is defined by

$$\rho_1 \oplus \rho_2: G \rightarrow V_1 \oplus V_2, \quad g \mapsto \rho_1(g) \oplus \rho_2(g).$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_1(g) & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_2(g) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1(g)v_1 \\ \rho_2(g)v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Maschke's theorem

Let (ρ, V) be a finite-dimensional representation of a *finite* group G . Let $(\rho|_W, W)$ ($W \subset V$) be any subrepresentation. Then there exists a subspace $U \subset V$ such that $V = W \oplus U$ and $\rho = \rho|_W \oplus \rho|_U$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho|_W(g) & B(g) \\ 0 & D(g) \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \rho|_W(g) & 0 \\ 0 & \rho|_U(g) \end{pmatrix}$$

- For a finite group, if we have a subrepresentation, we can always find a complimentary subrepresentation to give a decomposition as a direct sum.

- A representation is called completely reducible (or semisimple) if it is isomorphic to a direct sum of irreducible representations.

$$\rho \cong \rho_1 \oplus \rho_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \rho_k$$

- In terms of matrices, we can make it **simultaneously block-diagonal** so that each block corresponds to an irreducible representation:

$$\rho(g) = P \begin{pmatrix} A_1(g) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2(g) & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & \cdots & A_k(g) \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$$

Basis matrix P does not depend on g

- For the following three classes, any finite dimensional representation is completely reducible:
 - Finite group (Maschke's theorem)
 - Locally compact Abelian group ($SO(2)$, etc)
 - Compact Lie groups ($O(n)$, etc).

- Example: irreducible representations of \mathfrak{S}_3

1) Standard representation (2 dim)

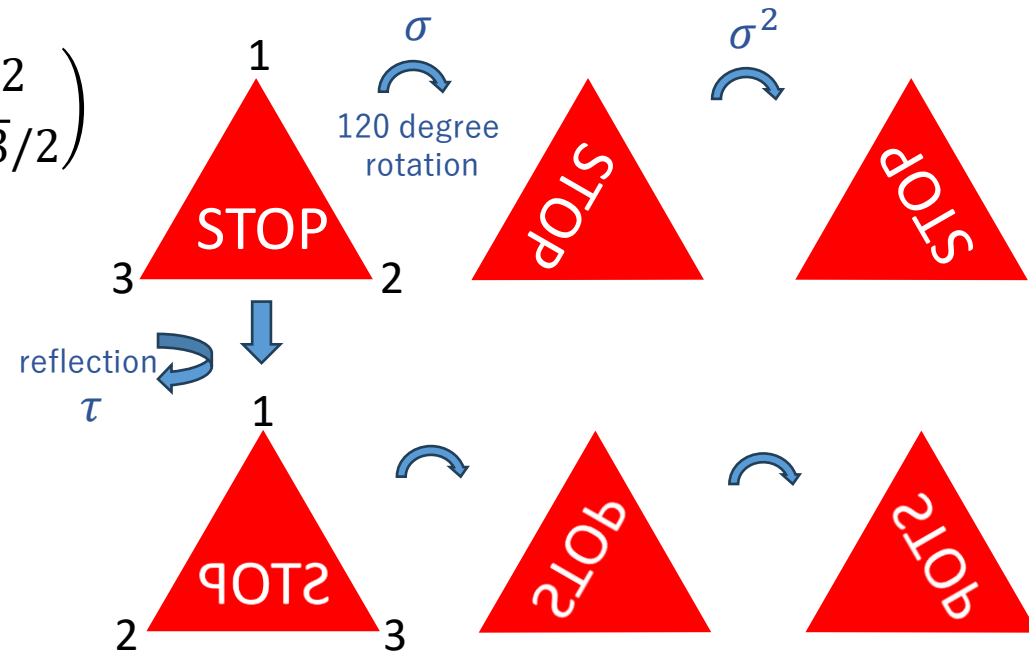
$$\begin{cases} \rho_{st}(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(-2/3\pi) & -\sin(-2/3\pi) \\ \sin(-2/3\pi) & \cos(-2/3\pi) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho_{st}(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

2) Alternating representation (1 dim)

$$\rho_{alt}(g) = \text{sgn}(g)$$

3) trivial (1 dim)

$$\rho_e(g) = 1$$



It is known that the above three are all the irreducible representations of \mathfrak{S}_3 . (See, e.g., Fulton Harris)

Fourier transform and group

- Recall: Classical Discrete Fourier transform on function $\{0, \frac{1}{N}, \dots, \frac{N-1}{N}\} \subset \mathbb{S}^1$.

Fourier Transform:
$$\hat{f}_n = \Phi(f)(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi \frac{nk}{N}} f\left(\frac{k}{N}\right),$$

Inversion:
$$f\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{i2\pi \frac{nk}{N}} \hat{f}_n.$$

- $\{0, \frac{1}{N}, \dots, \frac{N-1}{N}\} \subset \mathbb{S}^1$ is a group $\cong \mathbb{Z}_N$!
- Equivariance by shift (well-known):

$$\Phi\left(f\left(\cdot - \frac{a}{N}\right)\right) = \left(e^{i2\pi \frac{a}{N}n} \hat{f}_n\right)_{n=0}^N$$

or

$$\Phi(L_{a/N}f) = \tilde{L}_{a/N}\Phi(f).$$

Equivariance!

\mathbb{Z}_N acts on \mathbb{C}^N (\hat{f}_n) by

$$\left(\frac{a}{N}\right) \circ \begin{pmatrix} \hat{f}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{f}_{N-1} \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & e^{2\pi i \frac{a}{N}(N-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{f}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{f}_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Fourier Transform on Group

- Fourier transform is generalized to locally compact Abelian groups (See e.g. Rudin)

What serves as the frequencies? -- The irreducible representations.

Theorem. Any irreducible representation of an Abelian group on \mathbb{C} -vector space is 1 dimensional.

$\hat{G} := \{\rho_n: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}$: irreducible representations of G .

$\rho_n\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) = e^{i2\pi\frac{nk}{N}}$
($n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$) are the irreducible representation of \mathbb{Z}_N

Fourier transform $\hat{f}_n = \Phi(f)_n := \sum_{g \in G} \overline{\rho_n(g)} f(g)$

Fourier inversion formula $f(g) = \sum_n \rho_n(g) \hat{f}_n$

Fourier Transform is equivariant

Prop. $\Phi(L_g f)_n = \rho_n(g)\Phi(f)_n$

So, if we define an action \tilde{L}_g of G on (\hat{f}_n) by $\hat{f}_n \mapsto \rho_n(g)\hat{f}_n$,

$$\Phi(L_g f) = \tilde{L}_g \Phi(f). \quad \text{Equivariance}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(G) & \xrightarrow{\text{FT } \Phi} & \mathcal{F}(\hat{G}) \\ L_g \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \tilde{L}_g \\ \mathcal{F}(G) & \xrightarrow{\text{FT } \Phi} & \mathcal{F}(\hat{G}) \end{array}$$

More generally, we define the convolution of f and g by

$$(f * \varphi)(g) = \sum_{h \in G} f(h)\varphi(h^{-1}g).$$

Prop. $\Phi(f * \varphi) = \Phi(f)\Phi(\varphi) = (\hat{f}_n \hat{\varphi}_n)_n$

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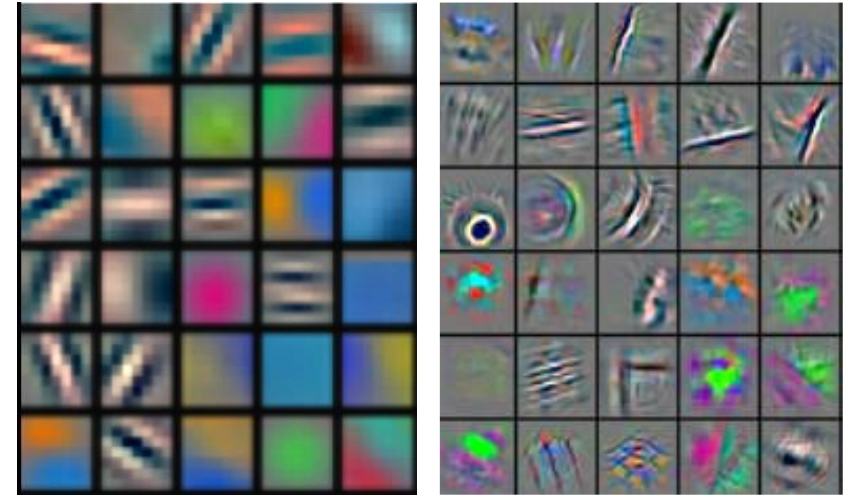
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Representation Learning through Group Action

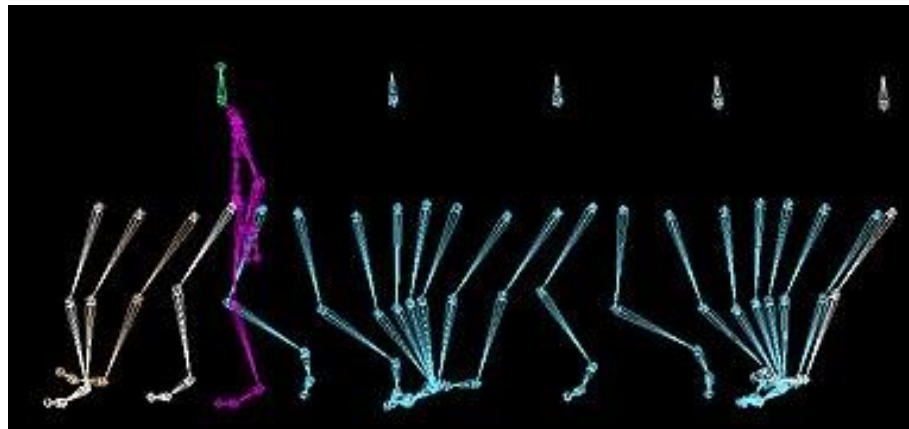
Miyato, Koyama, Fukumizu. NeurIPS 2022;
Koyama, Fukumizu., Hayashi, Miyato. ICLR 2024

Representation Learning

- Deep learning is expected to provide a good representation, which is effective to various downstream tasks.
- Group actions cause structured motions, which should be useful in extracting representations.



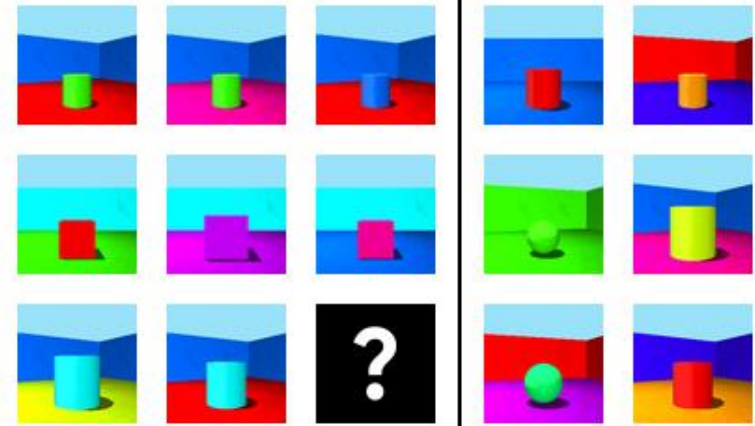
Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]



Driven by implicit group action.

Decomposed representation

- Decomposed/disentangled representations
 - Easier interpretation
 - Control of each factor
- Aim: Learning representations from group action data
 $(x_1, g_1 \circ x_1), (x_2, g_2 \circ x_2), \dots$



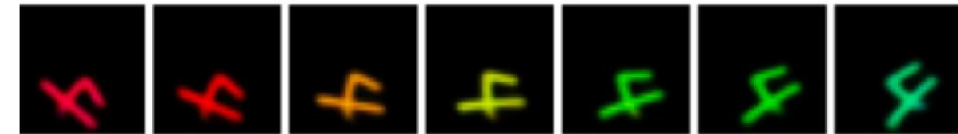
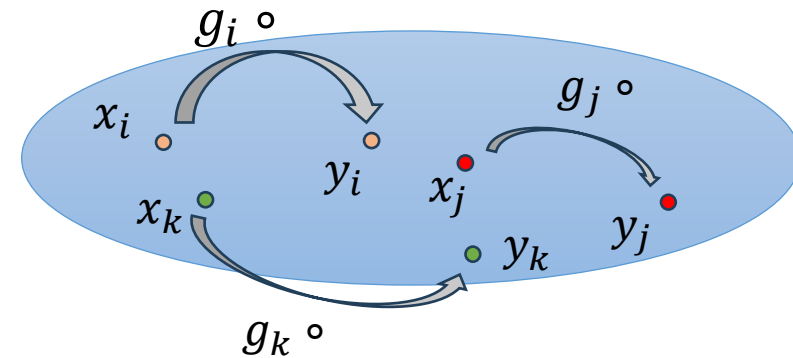
Locatello et al ICML2020

- “Group representation” gives decomposed representation.
- Related to Fourier transformation: learning-based Fourier transform

Equivariant Representation Learning

(Miyato, Koyama, F. NeurIPS 2022; Koyama, F., Hayashi, Miyato ICLR 2024)

- General Problem setting
 - Some group G acts on data space \mathcal{X} .
 - Observation: many examples of group action
 - Paired data: $(x_i, g_i \circ x_i)$ $x_i \in \mathcal{X}, g_i \in G$
 - Sequences: $(x_i, g_i \circ x_i, g_i^2 \circ x_i, g_i^3 \circ x_i, \dots)$
 - Triplet: $(x_i, g_i \circ x_i, g_i^2 \circ x_i)$
 - Various knowledge level on G or g
 - G and g_i may be known or may be **unknown**.
→ different types of settings.



Existing approaches to equivariant learning

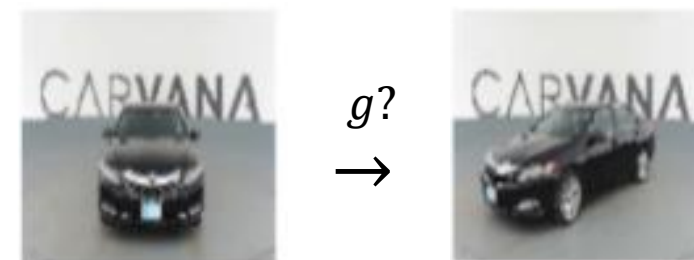
- Group G and its action are explicitly known and applied to data space
 - (Group) CNN: architecture adapted to a specific group
 - Data augmentation : augmentation using the group action

This work

- Group action does exist, but is not known explicitly
 - Not acting on the data space
 - May be observed with unknown nonlinearity



- Approach:
Learn the **group representation** from data by **equivariance constraint**.



Rotation in the *latent* space



Nonlinear observation (fisheye lens)

Hardest setting: Unsupervised Learning of Equivariant Structure from Sequences (Miyato et al. NeurIPS 2022. <https://github.com/takerum>)

- Unsupervised learning: Neither G or $g \in G$ is known

- Data: many sequences $\{\mathbf{s}^{(i)}\}$

$$s_t^{(i)} = (g^{(i)})^t \circ s_0^{(i)}$$

- Generative model: sequences driven by group actions

G : group (**unknown**) acting on \mathcal{X} .

Sequence: $\mathbf{s} = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_T)$.

$$s_t = g^t \circ s_0. \quad s_t \in \mathcal{X}$$

Each seq $\mathbf{s}^{(i)}$ has its own $g^{(i)} \in G$, but unknown.

Stationarity:

$g^{(i)} \in G$ is the same in a sequence.

$$\mathbf{s}^{(1)} = \mathbf{s}(g^{(1)}, s_0^{(1)}) \quad \text{e.g. } g^{(1)} = (15^\circ \text{ rot, } (-2,1)\text{shift, } \Delta\text{RGB})$$



$$\mathbf{s}^{(2)} = \mathbf{s}(g^{(2)}, s_0^{(2)})$$



Rotation, Shifts, Color rotation

A sequence \mathbf{s} is generated given an initial image s_0 and a group element $g \in G$.

Meta Sequential Prediction (MSP)

- Learning with Autoencoder

Enc. $\Phi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times a}$, any NN

Dec. $\Psi: \mathbb{R}^{m \times a} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$

- Learning group representation**

Linear transform in the latent space

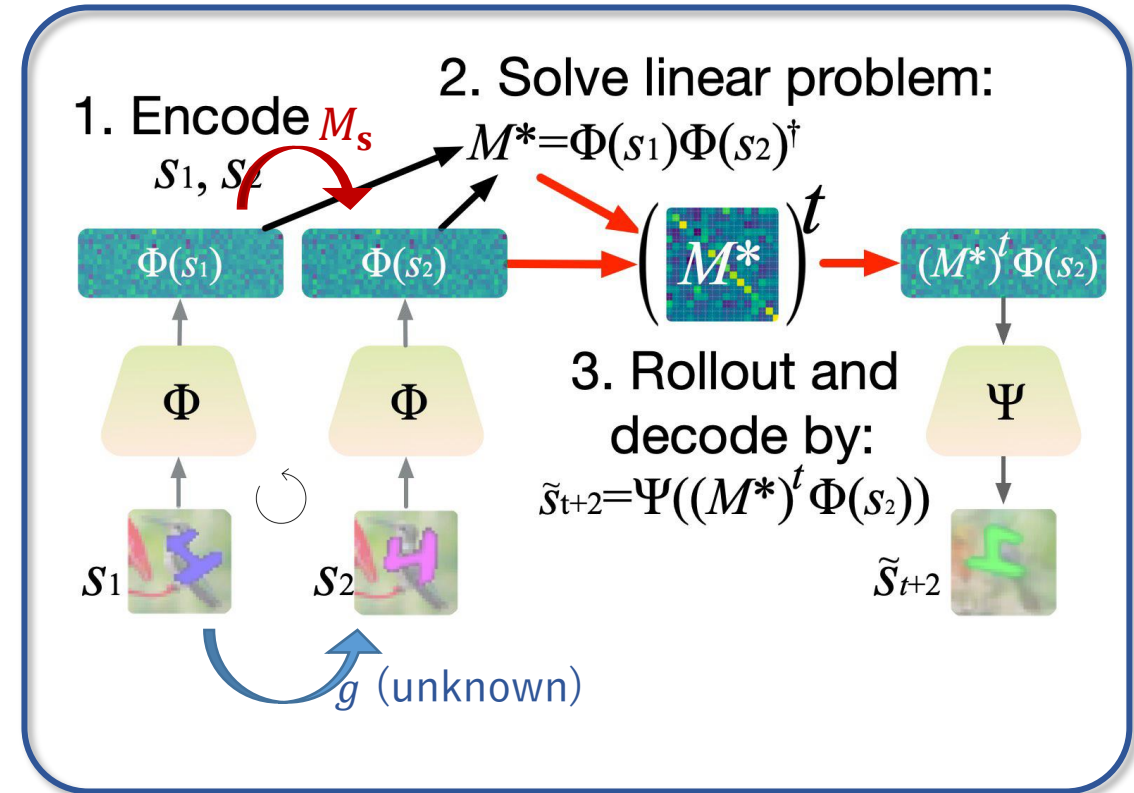
$$\Phi(s_{t+1}^{(i)}) = M^{(i)} \Phi(s_t^{(i)})$$

$M^{(i)}$: sequence-dependent matrix.

- Least square learning of M_s, Φ, Ψ

$$E \|M_s \Phi(s_t) - \Phi(s_{t+1})\|^2 \quad [\text{Equivariance constraint}]$$

$$E \left\| \Psi \left(M_s^\ell \Phi(s_t) \right) - s_{t+\ell} \right\|^2 \quad [\text{Pred./Reconst.}]$$



MSP Model

Disentanglement by Irreducible Decomposition

- Transition matrix M_s can depend on s (on $g \in G$, $M(g)$)

$$G \ni g \mapsto M(g) \in GL(\mathbf{R}^a) \quad \text{Group representation } G$$

(under some conditions)

- Irreducible decomposition \rightarrow Simultaneous block-diagonalization of $\{M_s\}_s$

Common change of bases

Each block is an irreducible representation.

$$[U] \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} M_{s_1} & M_{s_2} & M_{s_3} & M_{s_4} \\ \text{[Heatmaps]} \end{array} \right\} [U^{-1}] = \begin{array}{cccc} UM_{s_1}U^{-1} & UM_{s_2}U^{-1} & UM_{s_3}U^{-1} & UM_{s_4}U^{-1} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \text{[Block]} & & & 0 \\ & \text{[Block]} & & \\ & & \text{[Block]} & \\ 0 & & & \text{[Block]} \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \text{[Block]} & & & 0 \\ & \text{[Block]} & & \\ & & \text{[Block]} & \\ 0 & & & \text{[Block]} \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \text{[Block]} & & & 0 \\ & \text{[Block]} & & \\ & & \text{[Block]} & \\ 0 & & & \text{[Block]} \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \text{[Block]} & & & 0 \\ & \text{[Block]} & & \\ & & \text{[Block]} & \\ 0 & & & \text{[Block]} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

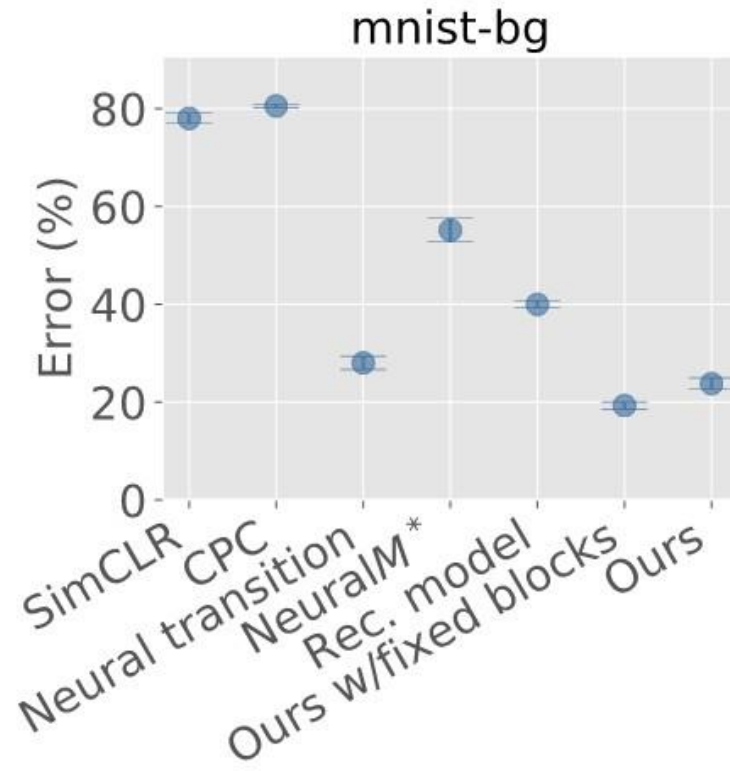
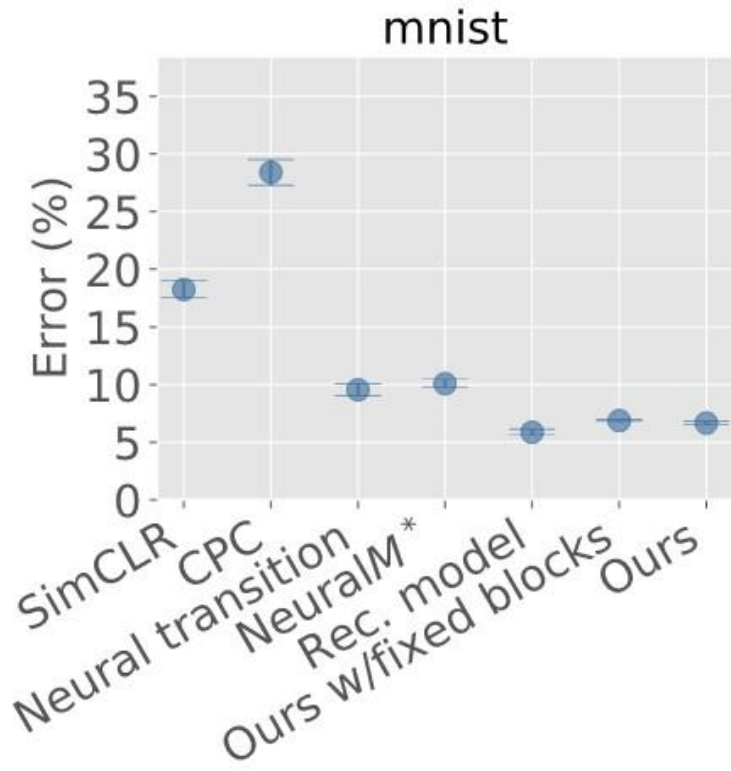
Common matrix U

Disentanglement by irreducible repr.

* Spectral clustering method is applied to SBD.

Experiment 1: Effective representation

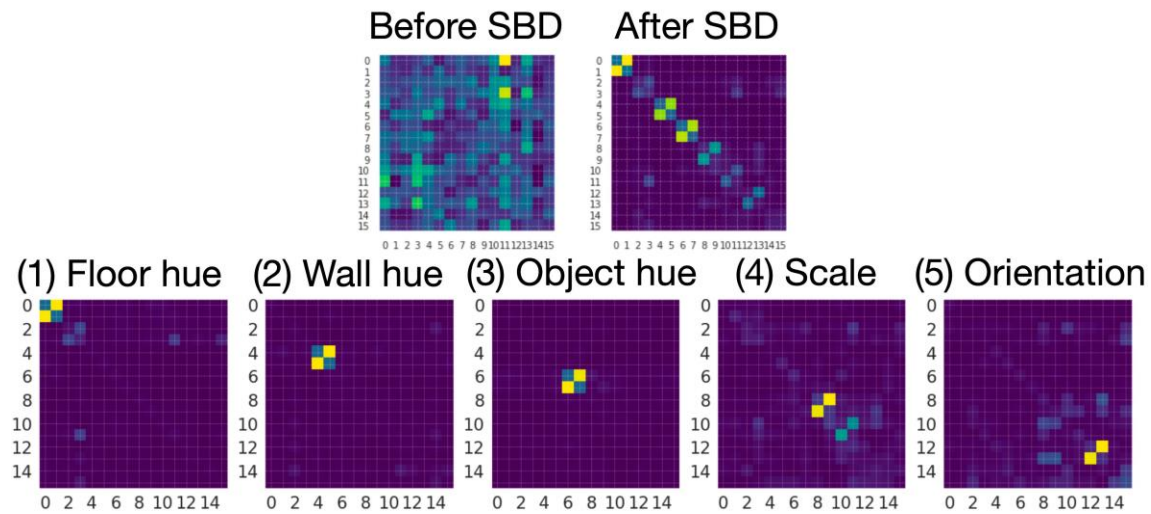
- Linear classification with learned $\Phi(x)$
Trained with only “4” \rightarrow 10 class classification for “0”, \dots ,”9”.



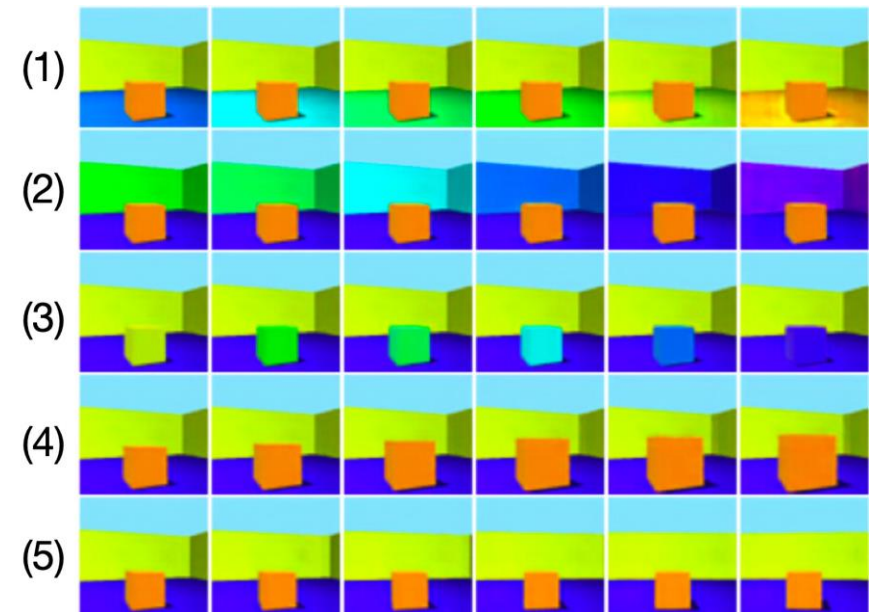
* SimCLR, CPC: standard methods of self-supervised learning

Experiment 2: disentanglement

Rendered image sequences:
Product group of 5 types of changes



Blocks obtained by simultaneous block diagonalization



Reconstruction by each block

$$\hat{s}_t := \Psi \left(M_b^t \Phi(s_0) \right)$$

Neural Fourier Transform (Koyama et al ICLR 2024)

- Proposed method: a nonlinear extension of Fourier transform
 - Learning by the equivariance constraint.

$$L_g x \approx \Psi \circ M(g) \circ \Phi(x) = \underbrace{\Psi \circ P^{-1}}_{\text{Inv. Fourier Transform}} \circ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \rho_1(g) & & 0 \\ & \rho_2(g) & \\ 0 & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Irreducible representations}} \circ \underbrace{P \circ \Phi(x)}_{\text{Fourier Transform}}.$$

- c.f.* Classical Fourier transform on function $\{0, \frac{1}{N}, \dots, \frac{N-1}{N}\} \subset \mathbb{S}^1$.

$$\hat{f}_n = \Phi(f)(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi \frac{k}{N} n} f\left(\frac{k}{N}\right)$$

- Equivariance: $\Phi(f(\cdot - a/N)) = e^{i2\pi \frac{a}{N} n} \hat{f}_n$
 or $L_{a/N} f = \Phi^{-1} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & e^{i2\pi a \frac{N-1}{N}} \end{pmatrix} \circ \Phi(f)$

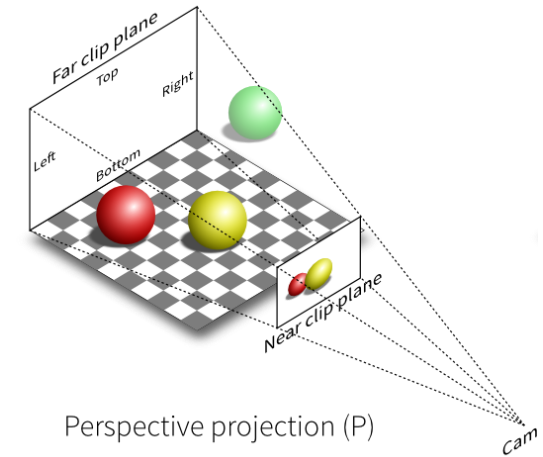
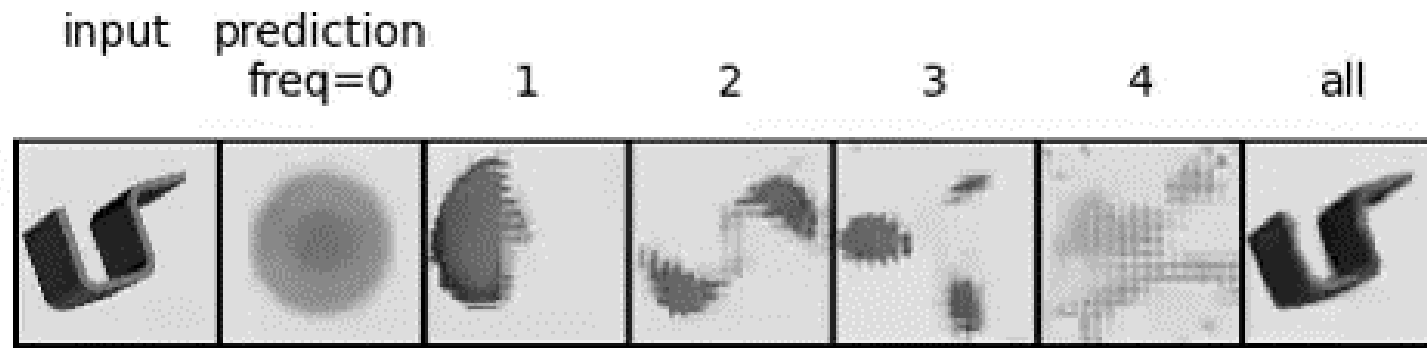
- **Neural Fourier Transform:**

Trained Φ and Ψ can be interpreted as nonlinear FT and Inv FT.

- NFT works for “data”, while standard FT works for functions.
- NFT learns the transforms through data (examples of actions) without knowing the group or group actions.
- It uses only necessary frequencies based on data.

- g -NFT : 3D image synthesis from 2D training images

- Data: Paired 2D images and 3D rotation (S, S', R) . $R \in SO(3)$, S, S' : 2D images, $S' = RS$
- $M(g)$ Spherical harmonics. Only encoder Φ and decoder Ψ are trained.
- Testing: Provide a 2D image X_0 (not in the training data) and apply arbitrary 3D rotation g by $\hat{\Psi}(M(g)\hat{\Phi}(X_0))$.



Wrap-up

- Group theory
 - Extract symmetry in nature
 - Well developed mathematics
 - Group representation: approach with linear algebra
- Machine learning with group actions
 - Three approaches
 - Data augmentation
 - Built-in architecture: (Group) convolutional neural networks
 - Representation learning with group representation,

- Group CNN: Realize equivariant mapping
 - Guaranteed equivariance (*c.f.* data augmentation)
 - Compact representation
 - Data: Low dimensional expression
 - Model: Smaller models, efficient learning

- Equivariant representation learning
 - Implicit group action
 - Group or group action may not be known
 - Paired or sequential data are required.
 - Learning through equivariance constraint
 - Achieves nonlinear extension of Fourier transform
 - Data-based Fourier transform
 - Extract necessary frequencies

End

Enjoy Okinawa!



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Appendix

Semidirect Product of Groups

- Def. G : group. $N \triangleleft G$ (normal subgroup), $K < G$ (subgroup).
 G is a **semidirect product** of N and K (denoted by $G = N \rtimes K$) if $NK = G$ and $N \cap K = \{e\}$.
- There are several other equivalent definitions.
- $g \in G$ is uniquely written as $g = hk$, where $h \in N$, $k \in K$.
- Take $g_1 = h_1k_1$, $g_2 = h_2k_2$. $g_1g_2 = h_1k_1h_2k_2 = h_1k_1h_2k_1^{-1}k_1k_2$.
From $N \triangleleft G$, there is $\tilde{h} \in N$ such that $k_1h_2k_1^{-1} = \tilde{h}$.
Semidirect product specifies the conjugate $\phi(k): N \rightarrow N$, $h \mapsto khk^{-1}$.
For 'direct' product $khk^{-1} = h$.

Coset and Quotient Group

- Coset

G : group. $H < G$: subgroup.

$gH := \{gh \in G \mid h \in H\}$ for any $g \in G$. (left **coset**)

- Fact: $gH = g'H$ if and only if $g^{-1}g' \in H$.

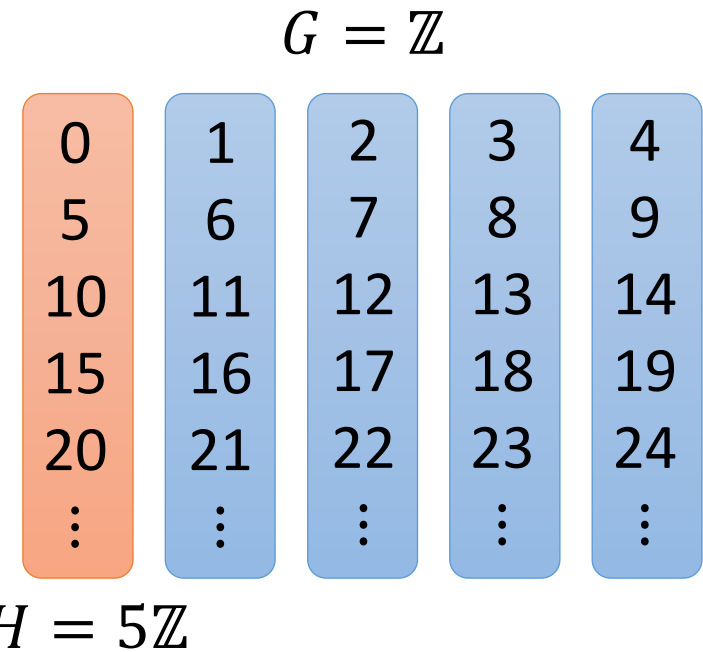
[Exercise: Check this.]

- The cosets $\{gH \mid g \in G\}$ gives a partition of G .

Aka **residue class**.

- Example. $G = \mathbb{Z}$, $H = 5\mathbb{Z}$.

The cosets are $H, 1 + H, 2 + H, 3 + H, 4 + H$. Partitioned by the residues.



- Normal subgroup

A subgroup N of G is called normal if $ghg^{-1} \in N$ for any $h \in N$ and $g \in G$. Often denoted by $N \triangleleft G$.

- Quotient group

- For a subgroup $H < G$, the cosets $\{gH \mid g \in G\}$ may not form a group.

Proposition. For a normal subgroup N of G , the cosets $\{gN \mid g \in G\}$ is a group with the operation $g_1N \cdot g_2N = g_1g_2N$.

This is called a **quotient group** and denoted by G/N .

Example: $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

(Proof Sketch) Because N is normal, for any $h_1 \in N$, there is $h' \in N$ such that $g_2^{-1}h_1g_2 = h'$. Then, for any $h_2 \in H$, $g_1h_1g_2h_2 = g_1g_2h'h_2 \in g_1g_2H$. The multiplication is thus well defined. N is the identity and $g^{-1}N$ is the inverse of gH .

- Example

$E(n)$ has a subgroup \mathbb{R}^n (translations).

- $\mathbb{R}^n \triangleleft E(n)$ (normal subgroup).

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_n & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_n & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & -A^{-1}a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & Ab \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $E(n)/\mathbb{R}^n \cong O(n)$

- $E(n) \neq \mathbb{R}^n \times O(n)$

In the direct product $G_1 \times G_2$, G_1 and G_2 must be commutative.

- $E(n) \cong \mathbb{R}^n \rtimes O(n)$ (Semidirect product) \rightarrow Explained in the next slide.

Finite Abelian groups

A group G is a finite group if it has finite elements.

The number of elements is called the order of G and denoted by $|G|$.

- Recall. Cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}_n := \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$. $|\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$
 $\mathbb{Z}_6 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$.

- Theorem. A **finite Abelian** group G is isomorphic to a direct product of cyclic groups of the form

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1}^{a_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k}^{a_k}$$

where p_i 's are prime numbers. $n = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_k^{a_k}$.

Note: For $|G| = 4$, there are two cases:
 \mathbb{Z}_4 and $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$, which are not isomorphic.