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An Introduction to Equivariant Convolutional

Neural Networks for Continuous Groups

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Example 2.7 (Quotient space $\mathbb{R}^d = SE(d)/SO(d)$). Let $H = (\{0\} \times SO(d)$ the subgroup of rotations in SE(d), with 0 the identity element of the translationg roup $(\mathbb{R}^d, +)$. The the cosets gH are given by

> $gH = \{g \cdot (\mathbf{0}, \tilde{\mathbf{R}}) \mid \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \in SO(d)\}$ $= \{ (\mathbf{Re} + \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{R}}) | h \in SO(d) \}$ $= \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{R}}) | \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \in SO(d)\}$ $= \{(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{R}}) | \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \in SO(d)\},\$

with $g = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R})$. So, the cosets are given by all possible rotations for a fixed translation vector \mathbf{x} , the vector \mathbf{x} thus indexes these sets. We can therefore make the identification

 $\mathbb{R}^{d} \equiv SE(d)/SO(d)$.

We already saw in Exercise 2.1 that \mathbb{R}^d is a homogeneous space of SE(d), this is a consequence of Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.1 shows that a quotient space G/H of a group G with H is a homogeneous space. We can also approach this in the other direction and state that any homogeneous space of G is equivalent to a quotient space G/H for some H. This is stated in the following Lemma, for which we first need to introduce the notion of a stabilizer.

Definition 2.13 (Stabilizer). Let G act on X via the action \odot . For every $x \in X$, the stabilizer subgroup of G with respect to the point x is denoted with $Stab_G(x)$ is the set of all elements in G that fix x:

> $\operatorname{Stab}_G(x) = \{g \in G \mid g \odot x = x\}.$ (30)

Lemma 2.2. Let X be a homogeneous space of G. Then X can be identified with G/H with $H = \operatorname{Stab}_G(x_0)$ for any $x_0 \in X$.

Affine groups Finally when it comes to types of groups and homogeneous spaces we note that often we are interested in groups that act on \mathbb{R}^d , as most often one deal with data on \mathbb{R}^d . It is therefore useful to introduce the following class of groups.

Definition 2.14 (Affine groups). Affine groups $G = \mathbb{R}^d \rtimes H$ are a class of groups that are the semidirect product of a group $H \subseteq GL(\mathbb{R}^d)$ acting on \mathbb{R}^d , with $GL(\mathbb{R}^d$ the group of general linear transformations acting on \mathbb{R}^d .

The transformations in $H \subseteq GL(\mathbb{R}^d)$ are commonly represented as invertible matrices A which act on R^d via matrix-vector multiplication, by which the group

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- Valuable net capacity is spend on learning invariance
- Redundancy in feature repr.

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Importance of equivariance:

- No information is lost when the input is transformed
- Guaranteed stability to (local + global) transformations

Group convolutions:

- Equivariance beyond translations
- Geometric guarantees
- Increased weight sharing

G-CNNs are not only relevant for invariant problems but for any type of structured data!

Motivation: Recognition by components In a group theoretical setting

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Groups

A group (G, \cdot) is a set of elements G equipped with a group product \cdot , a binary operator, that satisfies the following four axioms:

- **Closure**: Given two elements g and h of G, the product $g \cdot h$ is also in G.
- Associativity: For $g, h, i \in G$ the product \cdot is associative, i.e., $g \cdot (h \cdot i) = (g \cdot h) \cdot i$.

Identity element: There exists an identity element $e \in G$ such that $e \cdot g = g \cdot e = g$ for any $g \in G$.

• Inverse element: For each $g \in G$ there exists an inverse element $g^{-1} \in G$ s.t. $g^{-1} \cdot g = g \cdot g^{-1} = e$.

The translation group consists of all possible translations in \mathbb{R}^2 and is equipped with the group product and group inverse:

with $g = (\mathbf{x}), g' = (\mathbf{x}')$ and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

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2D **S**pecial **E**uclidean motion group

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with $g \cdot g^{-1} = e = (0, 1)$ matrix repr: $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_s & \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{O}_T & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$

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The scale-translation group of space $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^+$ of translations vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 and scale/dilation

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Transforms via group representations





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Left-regular representations

Example:

$$f \in \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

- a 2D image

G = SE(2)- the roto-translation group



$\mathscr{L}_{g}(f)(\mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{R}_{\theta}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}))$ - a roto-translation of the image

The left-regular representation of G transforms functions by acting on the domain on which they are defined via





"group action" equals group product when X = G





Group actions

Group product (the action on G)

 $g \cdot g'$

Left regular representation (the action on $\mathbb{L}_2(X)$)

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Equivariance

 $\mathscr{L}_g^Y \circ \Phi = \Phi \circ \mathscr{L}_g^X$



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$\Phi: X \to Y$ \mathscr{L}^X and \mathscr{L}^Y actions of G on X and Y







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 $\star_{\mathbb{R}^2}$





fin 2D feature map

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Representation of the translation group!

fout 2D feature map (after ReLU)





Convolutions/cross-correlations are translation equivariant



 $\mathscr{L}^{(\mathbb{R}^2,+)\to\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)}_{(\mathbf{X})}$

Representation of the translation group







Convolutions are generally not equivariant to roto-translations



 $\mathscr{L}^{\mathcal{S}U(2)}_{\theta} \to \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

Representation of the rotation group







Representation of the roto-translation group!

Lifting correlations: $(k \stackrel{\sim}{\star} f)(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathscr{L}_{g}^{SE(2) \to \mathbb{L}_{2}(\mathbb{R}^{2})} k, f)_{\mathbb{L}_{2}(\mathbb{R}^{2})}$



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translation rotation



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fln 2D feature map

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fOUl 3D (SE(2)) feature map (after ReLU)



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2D cross-correlation (translation equivariant)



SE(2) lifting correlations (roto-translation equivariant)



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Lifting layer





 $2\mathbf{D}$ feature map




2D feature map



Using a set of transformed by $2D \ conv \ kernels$

Lifting layer

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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G feature map (activation for oriented structures at each position and rotation)



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"normal" (0) VS "mitotic" (1)

























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From rotation to scale equivariant CNNs

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B-SPLINE CNNS ON LIE GROUPS

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Abstract

Group convolutional neural networks (G-CNNs) can be used to improve classical CNNs by equipping them with the geometric structure of groups. Central in the success of G-CNNs is the lifting of feature maps to higher dimensional disentangled representations in which data characteristics are effectively learned, geometric data-augmentations are made obsolete, and predictable behavior under geometric transformations (equivariance) is guaranteed via group theory. Currently, however, the practical implementations of G-CNNs are limited to either discrete groups (that leave the grid intact) or continuous compact groups such as rotations (that enable the use of Fourier theory). In this paper we lift these limitations and propose a modular framework for the design and implementation of G-CNNs for arbitrary Lie groups. In our approach the differential structure of Lie groups is used to expand convolution kernels in a generic basis of B-splines that is defined on the Lie algebra. This leads to a flexible framework that enables localized, atrous, and deformable convolutions in G-CNNs by means of respectively localized, sparse and non-uniform B-spline expansions. The impact and potential of our approach is studied on two benchmark datasets: cancer detection in histopathology slides in which rotation equivariance plays a key role and facial landmark localization in which scale equivariance is important. In both cases, G-CNN architectures outperform their classical 2D counterparts and the added value of atrous and localized group convolutions is studied in detail.







Translation + scale equivariant G-CNNs







G-CNNs rule!

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Oriented Response Networks

1. Introduction

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A brief history of G-CNNs



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Classical artificial NNs in the continuous world

Working with vectors $x \in \mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^{N^x}$



Iteratively transform the **vector** in \mathbb{R}^{N^x} via

$$\underline{y} = \varphi(K\underline{x} + \underline{b}^l)$$

Linear map: matrix-vector multiplication with $K \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{y} \times N^{x}}$

$$y_j = \sum_{i} K_{i,j} x_i$$

Working with feature maps $f \in \mathcal{X} = \mathbb{L}_2(X)$



Iteratively transform the **feature map** in $\mathbb{L}_2(X)$

$$f^{out} = \varphi(Kf^{in} + b^l)$$

Linear map: kernel operator with kernel in $\mathbb{L}_1(Y, X)$

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Iteratively transform the **vector** in \mathbb{R}^{N^x} via

We want K to be equivariant!

Linear map: matrix-vector multiplication with $K \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{y} \times N^{x}}$

$$y_j = \sum_i K_{i,j} x_i$$

Working with feature maps $f \in \mathcal{X} = \mathbb{L}_2(X)$



Iteratively transform the **feature map** in $\mathbb{L}_2(X)$

$$f^{out} = \varphi(Kf^{in} + b^l)$$

Linear map: kernel operator with kernel in $\mathbb{L}_1(Y, X)$

$$(Kf)(y) = \int_X k(y, x) f(x) dx$$





Neural Networks for Signal Data



The linear map has to be an integral transform with a two-argument kernel (Dunford-Pettis theorem)

 $\mathscr{K}: \mathbb{L}_2(X)^{N_l} \to \mathbb{L}_2(Y)^{N_{l+1}}$

Let's build neural networks for signal data via the layers of the form:

$$\underline{f}^{l+1} = \sigma(\mathscr{K}\underline{f}^l + \mathbf{b}^l)$$

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 $(g' \odot x) = (gg') \odot x$



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Group theory: Quotient spaces

of the space G/H are cosets.



Quotient space G/H: The space of unique cosets $gH = \{gh \mid h \in H\}$. Elements







Group theory: Stabilizer **Stabilizer:** Stab_G(x_0) is a subset of G that leaves x_0 unchanged. I.e., $Stab_G(x_0) = \{ g \, | \, gx_0 = x_0 \}$

The 3D rotation group





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Types of layers

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(X = G, Y = G/H)**Projection layer**. Mean pooling over *H*.

 $(X = G, Y = \emptyset)$ **Global pooling** over

Isotropic/Constraint convolutions on spaces of lower dimension than G, $\forall_{h \in H}$: k(hx) = k(x)

Lifting convolution. No constraints on k.

Group convolutions. No constraints on k.



2D cross-correlation (translation equivariant) - $K : \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow$



SE(2) lifting correlations - $K : \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2) \to \mathbb{L}_2(SE(2))$



SE(2) G-correlations – $K : \mathbb{L}_2(SE(2)) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_2(SE(2))$



$$\rightarrow \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathscr{L}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)} k, f)_{\mathbb{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$
$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} k(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}'$$

SE(2) equivariance iff

$$(\mathscr{L}_{\theta}^{SO(2) \to \mathbb{L}_{2}(\mathbb{R}^{2})} k)(\mathbf{x}) = I$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$k(\mathbf{R}_{\theta}^{-1}\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x})$$
since $Y = \mathbb{R}^{2} \equiv SE(2)/S$

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The most expressive group equivariant architectures are obtained by lifting the feature maps to the group



General group equivariant architecture







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Only SE(3) equivariant when k is isotropic

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or...






Graph Neural Networks: Message Passing

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Use group convolutions!

$$\mathbf{f}'_{i}(\mathbf{R}) = \phi_{f}(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} k(\mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_{j} - \mathbf{x}_{i}))\mathbf{f}_{j})$$





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Why steerable G-CNNs

Steerable methods are designed for groups that involve the action of SO(d): • Are based on a Fourier convolution theorem on SO(d)

- Avoids discretization of SO(d):
 - Numerically more precise than regular group convolutions
 - Exact equivariance
 - Flexible to non-gridded data
- Provide a roadmap to local equivariance on arbitrary manifolds through Gauge theory







Group theory: Irreducible Representations

Matrix representations: $\mathbf{D}(g) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is a matrix parametrized by group elements $g \in G$ such that $\forall_{g,g'\in G}$: $\mathbf{D}(g)\mathbf{D}(g)$

 $\mathbf{D}'(g) = \mathbf{O}^{-1}\mathbf{D}(g)\mathbf{O}$

Reducible/irreducible matrix representations: A matrix representation is called reducible if it can be written as:

 $\mathbf{D}(g) = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{D}_1(g) \oplus \mathbf{D}_2(g))$

$$(g') = \mathbf{D}(g \cdot g').$$

Equivalence of matrix representations: Matrix representations D(g), D'(g) are equivalent if they relate via a similarity transform (Q performs change of basis):

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_1(g) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}_2(g) \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}$$



Group theory: Wigner-D Matrices

SO(3), are of dimension $(2l + 1) \times (2l + 1)$, and denoted with $\mathbf{D}^{(l)}(g)$

Wigner-D matrices generalize the notion of a rotation matrix for the rotation of (2l + 1)-dimensional vectors

Wigner-D functions: each of the $(2l + 1) \times (2l + 1)$ components of the Wigner-D matrices will be referred to as type-*l* Wigner-D functions, denoted with $D_{mn}^{(l)}$, m and n resp. row and column index.

Wigner-D matrices of type-l are the irreducible matrix representations of



Group theory: Wigner-D Matrices

Every representation $\mathbf{D}(g)$ of SO(3) is block diagonalizable to a representation with Wigner-D matrices along the diagonal:

$$\mathbf{D}(g) = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}(\mathbf{D}^{(l_1)}(g) \oplus \mathbf{D}^{(l_2)}(g) \oplus \dots)\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}^{(l_1)}(g) & & \\ & \mathbf{D}^{(l_2)}(g) & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}$$

Steerable vectors: The (2l + 1)-dimensional vector space on which a Wigner-D matrix of type l acts will be called a type l steerable vector space denoted with V_l , its elements will be called steerable vectors.



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Group theory: Spherical Harmonics Form Steerable Vectors











Group theory: Spherical Harmonics

- •Functions on the sphere
- •Solutions to Laplace's equation on S^2
- •The S^2 equivalent of the circular harmonics (1D Fourier basis)
- •Form orthonormal basis for $\mathbb{L}_2(S^2)$
- •Are Wigner-D functions:

Spherical harmonics $Y_m^{(l)}: S^2 \to \mathbb{R}$



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General tensor product between two vectors:







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Rotation of the output via some D(g)







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steerable vector:

$$\operatorname{vec}\left(\left(\mathbf{D}^{(l_{1})}(g)\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{1}\right)\left(\mathbf{D}^{(l_{2})}(g)\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{2}\right)^{T}\right) = \operatorname{vec}\left(\mathbf{D}^{(l_{1})}(g)\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{1}\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{2}^{T}\mathbf{D}^{(l_{2})T}(g)\right)$$
$$=\left(\mathbf{D}^{(l_{2})}(g)\otimes\mathbf{D}^{(l_{1})}(g)\right)\operatorname{vec}\left(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{1}\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{2}^{T}\right)$$

obtained in direct sum of steerable vector spaces

The tensor product between two steerable vectors results again in a

The resulting representation $\mathbf{D}(g) = \mathbf{D}^{(l_2)}(g) \otimes \mathbf{D}^{(l_1)}$ is reducible.

The CG-product \bigotimes_{cg} is defined in such a way that the output is directly $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_1 \otimes_{cg} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_2 \in V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus \dots$



Definition 4.8 (Clebsch-Gordan tensor product). Let $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(l)} \in V_l = \mathbb{R}^{2l+1}$ denote a steerable vector of type l and $h_m^{(l)}$ its components with $m = -l, -l + 1, \ldots, l$. Then the Clebsch-Gordan tensor product is defined is a tensor product such tat the *m*-th component of the type *l* sub-vector of the output of the tensor product between two steerable vectors of type l_1 and l_2 is given by

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(l_1)} \otimes_{cg} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(l_2)})_m^{(l)} = \sum_{m_1 = -l_1}^{l_1} \sum_{m_2 = -l_2}^{l_2} C^{(l,m)}_{(l_1,m_1)(l_2,m_2)} h^{(l_1)}_{m_1} h^{(l_2)}_{m_2} , \qquad (73)$$

vector $(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(l_1)} \otimes_{c_q} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(l_2)})^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{2l+1}$ is a type-*l* steerable vector.

in which $C_{(l_1,m_1)(l_2,m_2)}^{(l,m_1)}$ are the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients. The *l*-th output



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Steerable (anisotropic) G-CNNs

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$$\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{j} \bigotimes_{cg}^{\mathbf{W}(\|\mathbf{x}_{j} - \mathbf{x}_{i}\|)} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{ij}$$













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Task: Trajectory prediction N-body problem



Method Linear SE(3)-Tr. (Fuchs et al., 20 G-CNNs TFN (Thomas et al., 2018 NMP (Gilmer et al., 2017 Radial Field (Köhler et al EGNN (Satorras et al., 20 Isotropic "non-linear CNNs" $\begin{array}{l} {\rm SE}_{\rm linear} \; (l_f = 2, l_a = 2) \\ {\rm SE}_{\rm non-linear} \; (l_f = 1, l_a = 1) \\ {\rm SEGNN}_{\rm G} \; (l_f = 1, l_a = 1) \\ {\rm SEGNN}_{\rm G+P} \; (l_f = 1, l_a = 1) \end{array}$ "non-linear G-CNNs"

G-CNNs outperform CNNs with isotropic kernels

"Non-linear convolutions" outperform linear convolutions

*Figure from Kipf et al 2018

Interaction graph

| | MSE | Time [s] |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| | .0819 | .0001 |
| 020) | .0244 | .0742 |
| 8) | .0155 | .0182 |
| 7) | .0107 | .0017 |
| I., 2019) | .0104 | .0019 |
| 021) | $.0070 \pm .00022$ | .0029 |
| | $.0116 \pm .00021$ | .064 |
| 1) | $.0060 \pm .00019$ | .031 |
| 1) | $.0056 \pm .00025$ | .025 |
| = 1) | $.0043 \pm .00015$ | .026 |
| | | |



Task: Molecular property prediction



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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|----------|
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| am | Method Name | Energy MAE (eV) ^{\$} ID | EwT ID 🔶 | Energy MAE (eV) + OOD Ads | EwT OOD ^{\$} Ads | Energy MAE (eV) 🔶 OOD Cat | EwT OOD ^{\$} Cat | Energy MAE (eV) 🔶 OOD Both | EwT OOD Both | 2 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|----|
| _ab | Steerable GNN | 0.533 | 0.0537 | 0.692 | 0.0246 | 0.537 | 0.0492 | 0.679 | 0.0263 | 2(|
| E | SphereNet | 0.563 | 0.0447 | 0.703 | 0.0229 | 0.571 | 0.0409 | 0.638 | 0.0241 | 20 |
| n alyst ect | DimeNet++-1.8M- All | 0.562 | 0.0425 | 0.725 | 0.0207 | 0.576 | 0.041 | 0.661 | 0.0241 | 20 |
| I | DimeNet++- atomlayer-All | 0.552 | 0.0489 | 0.747 | 0.0259 | 0.557 | 0.0459 | 0.688 | 0.0233 | 20 |
| n alyst ect | SchNet-1.2M-All | 0.639 | 0.0296 | 0.734 | 0.0233 | 0.662 | 0.0294 | 0.704 | 0.0221 | 20 |
| n alyst ect | CGCNN-5M-All | 0.615 | 0.034 | 0.915 | 0.0193 | 0.622 | 0.031 | 0.851 | 0.02 | 20 |





Conclusion



But first... A final note on representing functions with NN

FLEXCONV: CONTINUOUS KERNEL CONVOLUTIONS WITH DIFFERENTIABLE KERNEL SIZES

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Abstract

When designing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), one must select the size of the convolutional kernels before training. Recent works show CNNs benefit from different kernel sizes at different layers, but exploring all possible combinations is unfeasible in practice. A more efficient approach is to learn the kernel size during training. However, existing works that learn the kernel size have a limited bandwidth. These approaches scale kernels by dilation, and thus the detail they can describe is limited. In this work, we propose FlexConv, a novel convolutional operation with which high bandwidth convolutional kernels of learnable kernel size can be learned at a fixed parameter cost. FlexNets model long-term dependencies without the use of pooling, achieve state-of-the-art performance on several sequential datasets, outperform recent works with learned kernel sizes, and are competitive with much deeper ResNets on image benchmark datasets. Additionally, FlexNets can be deployed at higher resolutions than those seen during training. To avoid aliasing, we propose a novel kernel parameterization with which the frequency of the kernels can be analytically controlled. Our novel kernel parameterization shows higher descriptive power and faster convergence speed than existing parameterizations. This leads to important improvements in classification accuracy. Multiplicative Filter Networks (MFNs). Recently, Fathony et al. (2021) proposed to construct implicit neural representations as the linear combination of exponentially many basis functions g:

$$\mathbf{h}^{(1)} = \mathbf{g}([x, y]; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(1)}) \qquad \mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{hid}}}$$

$$\mathbf{h}^{(l)} = (\mathbf{W}^{(l)} \mathbf{h}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)}) \cdot \mathbf{g}([x, y]; \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(l)}) \qquad \mathbf{W}^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{hid}} \times N_{\text{hid}}}, \mathbf{b}^{(l)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_{\text{hid}}}$$

$$\psi(x, y) = \mathbf{W}^{(\text{L})} \mathbf{h}^{(\text{L}-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(\text{L})} \qquad \mathbf{W}^{(\text{L})} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N_{\text{hid}}}, \mathbf{b}^{(\text{L})} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}$$

Maximum frequency of MAGNets. The maximum frequency component of a MAGNet is given by:

$$f_{\text{MAGNet}}^{+} = \sum_{l=1}^{\text{L}} \max_{i_l} \left(\left(\max_{j} \frac{\mathbf{W}_{\text{g},i_l,j}^{(l)}}{2\pi} \right) + \frac{\sigma_{\text{cut}} \min\{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\text{X},i_l}^{(l)}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{\text{Y},i_l}^{(l)}\}}{2\pi} \right),$$

where L corresponds to the number of layers, $\mathbf{W}_{g}^{(l)}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{X}^{(l)}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{Y}^{(l)}$ to the MAGNet parameters as defined in Eq. 8, and $\sigma_{cut}=2 \cdot stdev$ to the cut-off frequency of the Gaussian envelopes in the Gabor filters. A formal treatment as well as the derivations can be found in Appx. A.1.

Aliasing regularization of FlexConv kernels. With the analytic derivation of f^+_{FlexConv} we penalize the generated kernels to have frequencies smaller or equal to their Nyquist frequency $f_{\text{Nyq}}(k)$ via:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{HF}} = \|\max\{f_{\mathrm{FlexConv}}^+, f_{\mathrm{Nyq}}(k)\} - f_{\mathrm{Nyq}}(k)\|^2, \text{ with } f_{\mathrm{Nyq}}(k) = \frac{k-1}{4}$$







Conclusion

- G-CNNs naturally arise from NNs under equivariance constraints
- G-CNNs improve upon classic CNNs by
 - Making data augmentation w.r.t. the group obsolete
 - No valuable network capacity needs to be spend on dealing w geometry
 - The added geometric structure allows to deal with context (recognition by components, relative poses)
 - The added geometric structure enables to reach performances that cannot be achieved with data augmentation alone
 - Have guaranteed geometric stability
 - Can be applied to many types of signal data (not covered today: equivariance to Lie groups and gauge equivariant methods





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