

## A Notation and Preliminaries

We establish some notation and review some elements of representation theory. For a comprehensive review of representation theory, please see [52, 53]. The identity element of any group  $G$  will be denoted as  $e$ . A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  will be denoted as  $H \subseteq G$ . We will always work over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  unless otherwise specified.

### A.0.1 Group Actions

Let  $\Omega$  be a set. A group action  $\Phi$  of  $G$  on  $\Omega$  is a map  $\Phi : G \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Identity: } & \forall \omega \in \Omega, \quad \Phi(e, \omega) = \omega \\ \text{Compositionality: } & \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega, \quad \Phi(g_1 g_2, \omega) = \Phi(g_1, \Phi(g_2, \omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We will often suppress the  $\Phi$  function and write  $\Phi(g, \omega) = g \cdot \omega$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \Omega' \\ \downarrow \Phi(g, \cdot) & & \downarrow \Phi'(g, \cdot) \\ \Omega & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \Omega' \end{array}$$

Figure 7: Commutative Diagram For  $G$ -equivariant function: Let  $\Phi(g, \cdot) : G \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  denote the action of  $G$  on  $\Omega$ . Let  $\Phi'(g, \cdot) : G \times \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega'$  denote the action of  $G$  on  $\Omega'$ . The map  $\Psi : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  is  $G$ -equivariant if and only if the following diagram is commutative for all  $g \in G$ .

Let  $G$  have group action  $\Phi$  on  $\Omega$  and group action  $\Phi'$  on  $\Omega'$ . A mapping  $\Psi : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  is said to be  $G$ -equivariant if and only if

$$\forall g \in G, \forall \omega \in \Omega, \quad \Psi(\Phi(g, \omega)) = \Phi'(g, \Psi(\omega)) \quad (4)$$

Diagrammatically,  $\Psi$  is  $G$ -equivariant if and only if the diagram [A.0.1](#) is commutative.

### A.0.2 Induced and Restricted Representations

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . A *representation*  $(\rho, V)$  of  $G$  is a map  $\rho : G \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V]$  such that

$$\forall g, g' \in G, \quad \forall v \in V \quad \rho(g \cdot g')v = \rho(g) \cdot \rho(g')v$$

**Restricted Representation** Let  $H \subseteq G$ . Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$ . The restricted representation of  $(\rho, V)$  from  $G$  to  $H$  is denoted as  $\text{Res}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$ . Intuitively,  $\text{Res}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$  can be viewed as  $(\rho, V)$  evaluated on the subgroup  $H$ . Specifically,

$$\forall v \in V, \quad \text{Res}_H^G[\rho](h)v = \rho(h)v \quad (5)$$

Note that the restricted representation and the original representation both live on the same vector space  $V$ .

**Induced Representation** The induction representation is a way to construct representations of a larger group  $G$  out of representations of a subgroup  $H \subseteq G$ . Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $H$ . The induced representation of  $(\rho, V)$  from  $H$  to  $G$  is denoted as  $\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$ . Define the space of functions

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ f \mid f : G \rightarrow V, \quad \forall h \in H, \quad f(gh) = \rho(h^{-1})f(g) \}$$

Then the induced representation is defined as  $(\pi, \mathcal{F}) = \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$  where the induced action  $\pi$  acts on the function space  $\mathcal{F}$  via

$$\forall g, g' \in G, \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F} \quad (\pi(g) \cdot f)(g') = f(g^{-1}g')$$

**Induced Representation for Finite Groups** There is also an equivalent definition of the induced representation for finite groups that is slightly more intuitive [54]. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H \subseteq G$ . The set of left cosets of  $G/H$  form a partition of  $G$  so that

$$G = \bigcup_{i=1}^{|G/H|} g_i H$$

where  $\{g_i\}_{i=1}^{|G/H|}$  are a set of representatives of each unique left coset. Note that the choice of left coset representatives is not unique. Now, left multiplication by the element  $g \in G$  is an automorphism of  $G$ . Left multiplication by  $g \in G$  must thus permute left cosets of  $G/H$  so that

$$\forall g \in G, \quad g \cdot g_i = g_{j_g(i)} h_i(g)$$

where  $j_g : \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \in S_m$  is a permutation of left coset representatives. The  $h_i(g) \in H$  is an element of subgroup  $H$ . The map  $j_g(i)$  and group element  $h_i(g) \in H$  satisfy a compositionality property. Specifically, we have that

$$\forall g, g' \in G, \quad j_{g'} \circ j_g = j_{g'g}, \quad h_i(g'g) = h_{j_g(i)}(g') \cdot h_i(g)$$

which can be seen by acting on the left cosets with  $g$  followed by  $g'$  versus acting on the left cosets with  $g'g$ . Note that

$$e \cdot g_i = g_i \cdot e = g_{j_e(i)} h_i(e)$$

holds so  $j_e = e$  and  $h_i(e) = e$  holds. Now, let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of the group  $H$ . Let us define the vector space  $W$  as

$$W = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{|G/H|} g_i V_{(i)}$$

where the (standard albeit somewhat confusing) notation  $g_i V_{(i)}$  denotes an independent copy of the vector space  $V$ . This notation is simply a labeling and all copies of  $g_i V_{(i)}$  are isomorphic to  $V^H$ ,

$$V \cong g_1 V_1 \cong g_2 V_2 \cong \dots \cong g_{|G/H|} V_{|G/H|}$$

so that the space  $W \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{|G/H|} V$  is just  $|G/H|$  independent copies of  $V$ . The induced representation lives on this vector space,  $(\pi, W) = \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$ . The induced action  $\pi = \text{Ind}_H^G \rho$  acts on the vector space  $W$  via

$$\forall g \in G, \quad \forall w = \sum_{i=1}^{|G/H|} g_i v_i \in W, \quad \pi(g) \cdot w = \sum_{i=1}^{|G/H|} \sigma(h_i(g)) v_{j_g(i)} \in W$$

where  $v_i \in V_{(i)}$  is in the  $i$ -th independent copy of the vector space  $V$ . Using the compositionality property of  $j_g$  and  $h_i(g)$ , it is easy to see that this is a valid group action so that  $(\pi, W) = \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$  is a valid representation. Note that the induced action  $\pi$  acts on the vector space  $W$  by permuting and left action by the  $H$ -representation  $\rho(h)$ . There is a natural geometric interpretation of the induced representation which we discuss in a later section [\[K\]](#)

### A.0.3 $G$ -Intertwiners

Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\sigma, W)$  be two  $G$ -representations. The set of all  $G$ -equivariant linear maps between  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\sigma, W)$  will be denoted as

$$\text{Hom}_G[(\rho, V), (\sigma, W)] = \{ \Phi \mid \Phi : V \rightarrow W, \text{ s.t. } \forall g \in G, \quad \Phi(\rho(g)v) = \sigma(g)\Phi(v) \}$$

$\text{Hom}_G$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . A linear map  $\Phi \in \text{Hom}_G[(\rho, V), (\sigma, W)]$  is said to *intertwine* the representations  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\sigma, W)$ . Pictorially, an intertwiner  $\Phi$  is a map that makes the [A.0.3](#) diagram commutative.

Figure 8: Commutative Diagram For  $G$ -intertwiner. The map  $\Psi \in \text{Hom}_G[(\rho, V), (\sigma, W)]$  if and only if the following diagram is commutative for all  $g \in G$ .

Computing a basis for the vector space  $\text{Hom}_G[(\rho, V), (\sigma, W)]$  is one of the triumphs of classical group theory [53, 52]. The weights of Steerable CNNs are intertwiners between representations [9].

#### A.0.4 $(H \subseteq G)$ -Intertwiners

We will also consider another definition of intertwiners between different groups. Let  $H \subseteq G$ . Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a  $H$ -representation. Let  $(\sigma, W)$  be a  $G$ -representation. We define the vector space of intertwiners of  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\sigma, W)$  as

$$\text{Hom}_H[(\rho, V), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W)]] = \{ \Phi \mid \Phi : V \rightarrow W, \text{ s.t. } \forall h \in H, \Phi(\rho(h)v) = \sigma(h)\Phi(v) \}$$

We say that a linear map  $\Phi : V \rightarrow W$  is an  $(H \subseteq G)$ -intertwiner of the  $H$ -representation  $(\rho, V)$  and the  $G$ -representation  $(\sigma, W)$  if  $\Phi \in \text{Hom}_H[(\rho, V), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W)]]$ . The induction and restriction operations are adjoint functors [37]. By the Frobenius reciprocity theorem [37],

$$\text{Hom}_H[(\rho, V), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W)]] \cong \text{Hom}_G[\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)], (\sigma, W)]$$

and so for every  $\Phi : V \rightarrow W$  which intertwines  $(\rho, V)$  and  $\text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W)]$  over  $H$  there is a unique  $\Phi^\uparrow : \text{Ind}_H^G[V] \rightarrow W$  that intertwines  $\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)]$  and  $(\sigma, W)$  over  $G$ . Not every  $H$ -representation can be realized as the restriction of a  $G$ -representation. Thus, the universe of  $(H \subseteq G)$ -intertwiners is a proper subset of the universe of  $H$ -intertwiners. As explained in the main text,  $(\text{SO}(2) \subseteq \text{SO}(3))$ -intertwiners arise naturally when trying to design  $\text{SO}(3)$ -equivariant neural networks for image data.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\rho, V) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & (\sigma, W) \\ \rho(h) \downarrow & & \sigma(h) \downarrow \sigma(g) \\ (\rho, V) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & (\sigma, W) \end{array}$$

Figure 9: Commutative Diagram For  $(H \subseteq G)$ -intertwiner.  $\Phi : V \rightarrow W$ . The map  $\Phi \in \text{Hom}_H[(\rho, V), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W)]] \cong \text{Hom}_G[\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)], (\sigma, W)]$  if and only if the following diagram is commutative for all  $h \in H$ . Note that the group  $G$  also has  $\sigma(g)$  action on the vector space  $W$ .

A map  $\Phi : V \rightarrow W$  is a  $(H \subseteq G)$ -intertwiner if and only if the diagram in [A.0.4](#) is commutative.

## B Additional Experiments

**ModelNet10-SO(3) Results** The first dataset, ModelNet10-SO(3) [33], is composed of rendered images of synthetic, untextured objects from ModelNet10 [55]. The dataset includes 4,899 object instances over 10 categories, with novel camera viewpoints in the test set. Each image is labelled with a single 3D rotation matrix, even though some categories, such as desks and bathtubs, can have an ambiguous pose due to symmetry. For this reason, the dataset presents a challenge to methods that cannot reason about uncertainty over orientation.

### ModelNet10-SO(3) Results

The performance on the ModelNet dataset is reported in Table 4. Our induction layer outputs signals on  $S^2$ , and naturally allows for capturing uncertainty as a distribution over  $\text{SO}(3)$ . Both our method and [12] use equivariant layers to improve generalization but our method slightly under-performs [12] on the ModelNet dataset. ModelNet-10 is a synthetic dataset consisting of totally opaque objects and it seems that the image formation model used in [12] is a good approximation to the true image formation model.

A major concern of many of the reviewers was that the performance of our architecture was worse than [12] on the ModelNet-SO(3) [33]. In some ways, this may be expected as the [12] assumes that the correct image formation model is an orthographic projection, which is the true image formation model used in the data generation of the ModelNet-SO(3) dataset [33]. Our architecture needs to learn the correct image formation model. By including additional biases about the image formation model, we can achieve state of the art results on the ModelNet-SO(3) dataset. We added a ‘residual’ connection to our induction/restriction layer that is an orthographic projection. This reflects the assumption that for the ModelNet-SO(3) model, the true image formation model is close to orthographic projection, which is common for pinhole camera models [2]. With this additional bias, our model achieves SOTA when averaged over each ModelNet-SO(3) category. It should be specifically noted that the induction/restriction layer gives large improvement in the bathtub category, this makes sense as the bathtubs are the most rotationally symmetric object in the dataset.

Table 4: Rotation prediction on ModelNet-SO(3). First column is the average over all categories.

	Median rotation error in degrees ( $\downarrow$ )										
	<i>avg</i>	<i>bathtub</i>	<i>bed</i>	<i>chair</i>	<i>desk</i>	<i>dresser</i>	<i>monitor</i>	<i>stand</i>	<i>sofa</i>	<i>table</i>	<i>toilet</i>
Mohlin et al. [47]	17.1	89.1	4.4	5.2	13.0	6.3	5.8	13.5	4.0	25.8	4.0
Prokudin et al. [35]	49.3	122.8	3.6	9.6	117.2	29.9	6.7	73.0	10.4	115.5	4.1
Deng et al. [34]	32.6	147.8	9.2	8.3	25.0	11.9	9.8	36.9	10.0	58.6	8.5
Liao et al. [33]	36.5	113.3	13.3	13.7	39.2	26.9	16.4	44.2	12.0	74.8	10.9
Brégier [32]	39.9	98.9	17.4	18.0	50.0	31.5	18.7	46.5	17.4	86.7	14.2
Zhou et al. [31]	41.1	<b>103.3</b>	18.1	18.3	51.5	32.2	19.7	48.4	17.0	88.2	13.8
Murphy et al. [14]	21.5	161.0	4.4	5.5	7.1	5.5	5.7	7.5	4.1	9.0	4.8
Klee et al. [12]	16.3	124.7	3.1	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	3.4	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	7.7	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Ours</b>	17.8	123.7	4.6	5.5	6.9	5.2	6.1	6.5	4.5	12.1	4.9
<b>Ours (with residual)</b>	<b>15.1</b>	111.8	<b>3.0</b>	4.5	4.8	<b>3.3</b>	4.6	4.2	3.3	<b>7.6</b>	3.8

### B.1 Post-Mortem Linear Layer:

We include one additional numerical experiment that illustrates the geometric idea presented in our paper. We replaced the induction/restriction layer with a linear layer and trained on the SYMSOL I dataset [14]. We chose the SYMSOL dataset as it is a relatively simple dataset that consists of rotated solids and any model that performs well on SYMSOL should be approximately equivariant. We choose the spherical layer to have fibers transforming in the  $\rho_{\text{sphere}} = \bigoplus_{\ell=0}^6 D^\ell$  representation. Post-training, we then tested the  $\text{SO}(2)$ -equivariance properties of the output spherical layer we found a percentage error of about %18 with output representation approximately  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[\rho_{\text{sphere}}]$ . This simple numerical experiment shows that the trained linear layer approximately satisfies the geometric constraint derived in the main text.

Table 5: Comparison of linear-layer and induction/restriction layer on SYMSOL I. EE denotes the equivariance error in percentage. On each class (i.e. cone,cyl.,tet.,cube,ico.) a higher score is better. Avg is the average of each SYMSOL I class score.

	<i>avg</i>	<i>cone</i>	<i>cyl.</i>	<i>tet.</i>	<i>cube</i>	<i>ico.</i>	<i>EE</i>
Linear-Layer	2.92	2.91	2.86	4.11	2.97	1.75	18.1
Ours	5.11	4.91	4.22	6.10	5.73	4.69	0.0

A similar phenomena was observed in [23], where the 2d images were encoded into a  $\text{SO}(3)$  group latent space.

## C Image to $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2$ for 6DoF-Pose Estimation

The goal in 6DoF-pose estimation is to estimate the location of an object in three-dimensional space and the orientation of said object. Orientation estimation is a sub-problem of pose estimation where the goal is to estimate just the orientation of an object and disregard the objects position in three-dimensional space.

Let us see how induced and restriction representations arise naturally in the design of neural architectures for 6DoF-pose estimation. Let  $V$  and  $V^\uparrow$  be vector spaces.

**Image inputs** We first describe  $\mathcal{F}$  the space of image input signals. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the vector space of all  $V$ -valued signals defined on the plane

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ f \mid f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow V \}.$$

Elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are referred to as  $\text{SE}(2)$ -steerable feature fields [20].

The group  $\text{SE}(2) = \mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes \text{SO}(2)$  of 2D translations and rotations acts on  $\mathcal{F}$  via representation  $\pi$ . Each  $h \in \text{SE}(2)$  has a unique factorization  $h = \bar{h}h_c$  where  $\bar{h} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a translation and  $h_c \in \text{SO}(2)$  is a rotation. Then  $\pi$  is defined

$$r \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, h \in \text{SE}(2), \pi(h) \cdot f(r) = \rho(h_c)f(h^{-1}r)$$

where  $(\rho, V)$  is an  $\text{SO}(2)$ -representation describing the transformation of the fibers of  $f$  and  $(\pi, \mathcal{F}) = \text{Ind}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SE}(2)}[(\rho, V)]$  so that  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  gives a representation of the group  $\text{SE}(2)$  [9].

**6DoF Pose outputs** In pose estimation tasks, the output of our neural network will be functions from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2$  into the vector space  $V^\uparrow$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  be the vector space of all such outputs defined as

$$\mathcal{F}^\uparrow = \{ f \mid f : \mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2 \rightarrow V^\uparrow \}$$

The group  $\text{SE}(3) = \mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes \text{SO}(3)$  acts on the vector space  $\mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  via

$$\forall f^\uparrow \in \mathcal{F}^\uparrow, \forall (p, \hat{n}) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2, \forall g = \bar{g}g_c \in \text{SE}(3), \pi^\uparrow(g) \cdot f^\uparrow(p, \hat{n}) = \rho^\uparrow(g_c) f^\uparrow(g^{-1}p, g_c^{-1}\hat{n})$$

where  $\rho^\uparrow(g_c)$  is a representation of  $\text{SO}(3)$ . Elements of  $\mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  are referred to as  $\text{SE}(3)$ -steerable feature fields [20].

Analogous to the argument presented in the main text. We would like to characterize all maps from  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $\mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  that preserve  $\text{SE}(2)$ -equivariance. Consider the space of linear maps  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  that intertwine  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\pi^\uparrow, \mathcal{F}^\uparrow)$ . The map  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  must satisfy the relation

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \Phi(\pi(h) \cdot f) = \text{Res}_{\text{SE}(2)}^{\text{SE}(3)}[\pi^\uparrow](h) \cdot \Phi(f)$$

where  $\text{Res}_{\text{SE}(2)}^{\text{SE}(3)}[\pi^\uparrow]$  is the restriction of the  $\text{SE}(3)$ -representation  $(\pi^\uparrow, \mathcal{F}^\uparrow)$  to a  $\text{SE}(2)$  subgroup.

### C.0.1 Kernel Constraint for Image to 6DoF Pose

The most general linear map  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\uparrow$  between  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\pi^\uparrow, \mathcal{F}^\uparrow)$  can be written as

$$\forall (p, \hat{n}) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2, [\Phi(f)](p, \hat{n}) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, \hat{n} : r) f(r)$$

where  $\kappa : (\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\uparrow]$ . Let us enforce the  $(H \subseteq G)$ -equivariance condition

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \pi^\uparrow(h) \cdot \Phi(f) = \Phi(\pi(h) \cdot f)$$

This constraint places a restriction on the allowed space of kernels. We have that

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \Phi[\pi(h) \cdot f] = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, r) [\pi(h) \cdot f(r)] = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, \hat{n} : r) \rho(h_c) f(h^{-1}r)$$

Now, making the change of variables  $r \rightarrow hr$  gives

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \Phi[\pi(h) \cdot f] = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, \hat{n} : h \cdot r) \rho(h_c) f(r)$$

Now, by assumption  $\Phi(f) \in (\pi^\uparrow, \mathcal{F}^\uparrow)$  so

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \pi^\uparrow(h) \cdot \Phi(f) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \rho^\uparrow(h_c) \kappa(h^{-1}p, h^{-1}\hat{n} : r) f(r)$$

Thus, the kernel  $\kappa$  satisfies the constraint

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \rho^\uparrow(h_c) \kappa(h^{-1} \cdot p, h^{-1}\hat{n} : r) = \kappa(p, \hat{n} : h \cdot r) \rho(h_c)$$

We can write this in the more compact form as

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \kappa(h \cdot p, h \cdot \hat{n} : h \cdot r) = \rho^\uparrow(h_c) \kappa(p, \hat{n} : r) \rho(h_c^{-1})$$

This constraint is linear and solutions  $\kappa$  form a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . We reduce this constraint to the steerable kernel constraint considered in [7, 21, 9, 8].

First, note that the  $\text{SE}(2)$  action does not mix the  $z$ -component of  $[\Phi(f)](\hat{n}, x, y, z)$ . Thus, the most general linear map can be written as

$$[\Phi(f)](\hat{n}, x, y, z) = \int_{(r_x, r_y) \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr_x dr_y \kappa(\hat{n}, x - r_x, y - r_y, z) f(r_x, r_y)$$

where for each fixed  $z$ , the kernel  $\kappa$  is an intertwiner of  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\uparrow, V^\uparrow)]$  and  $(\rho, V)$  and satisfies

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \kappa(h \cdot \hat{n}, h \cdot r : z) = \rho^\uparrow(h) \kappa(\hat{n}, r : z) \rho(h^{-1})$$

Let simplify this constraint further. The set of spherical harmonics form an orthonormal basis for functions on  $S^2$ . We can expand the kernel  $\kappa$  as

$$\kappa(\hat{n}, r : z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^k(r, z) Y_\ell^k(\hat{n})$$

where  $F_\ell^k(r, z) : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\uparrow]$ . The kernel constraint places additional restrictions on the set of allowed  $F_\ell^k(r, z)$ . We have that,

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \kappa(h \cdot \hat{n}, h \cdot r : z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^k(h \cdot r, z) Y_\ell^k(h \cdot \hat{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^k(h \cdot r, z) D_{kk'}^\ell(h) Y_\ell^{k'}(\hat{n})$$

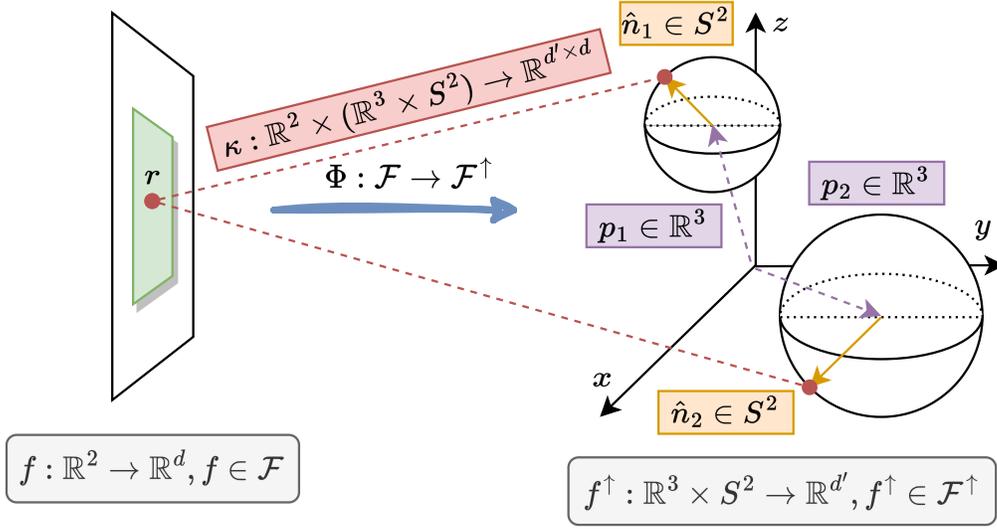


Figure 10: Right: Diagram of an Equivariant Image to Sphere Convolution. At each point  $p = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and each unit vector  $\hat{n} \in S^2$  the kernel  $\kappa(\hat{n}, p : p')$  is dependent on the image point  $p' = (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Equivariant constraints put restrictions on the allowed form of  $\kappa(\hat{n}, p : p')$  **C.0.1**. Similar to a standard convolution, the kernel  $\kappa$  has a user defined receptive field.

and,

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \rho^\uparrow(h)\kappa(\hat{n}, z : r)\rho(h^{-1}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} \rho^\uparrow(h)F_\ell^k(r, z)\rho(h^{-1})Y_\ell^k(\hat{n})$$

Thus, the functions  $F_\ell^k(r, z) : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\uparrow]$  must satisfy,

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \rho^\uparrow(h)F_\ell^k(r, z)\rho(h^{-1}) = \sum_{k'=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^{k'}(h \cdot r, z)D_{k'k}^\ell(h)$$

Now, the Wigner  $D$ -matrices are unitary and the above constraint is equivalent to

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad F_\ell^k(h \cdot r, z) = \rho^\uparrow(h) \sum_{k'=-\ell}^{+\ell} F_\ell^{k'}(r, z)\rho(h^{-1})D_{k'k}^\ell(h^{-1}) = \rho^\uparrow(h) \sum_{k'=-\ell}^{+\ell} F_\ell^{k'}(r, z)[D_{k'k}^\ell(h)\rho(h)]^{-1}$$

Now, let us vectorize the matrix valued functions  $F_\ell^k(r, z)$  as

$$F_\ell(r, z) = [F_\ell^\ell(r, z), F_\ell^{\ell-1}(r, z), \dots, F_\ell^{-\ell+1}(r, z), F_\ell^{-\ell}(r, z)] \in \text{Hom}[V \otimes W^\ell, V^\uparrow]$$

Let us define the tensor product representation of  $(\rho, V)$  and  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$  as

$$(\rho^\ell, V^\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$$

which is a  $\text{SO}(2)$ -representation. Then the functions  $F_\ell(r) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V \otimes W^\ell, V^\uparrow]$  satisfy the constraint

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad F_\ell(h \cdot r, z) = \rho^\uparrow(h)F_\ell(r, z)\rho^\ell(h^{-1})$$

For fixed  $z$ , this is exactly the constraint on an  $\text{SO}(2)$ -steerable kernel with input representation  $(\rho^\ell, V^\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$  and output representation  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[\rho^\uparrow, V^\uparrow]$ . [20, 8] give a complete classification of kernel spaces that satisfy this constraint. Note that by demanding that  $\text{SE}(3)$  has action on the space  $(\pi^\uparrow, \mathcal{F}^\uparrow)$  we have added additional constraints to the set of allowed kernels. Specifically, instead of mapping arbitrary  $\text{SO}(2)$ -input representation to arbitrary  $\text{SO}(2)$ -output representation, the allowed input and output representations must satisfy additional constraints. Specifically, not every representation can be realized as the restriction of an  $\text{SE}(3)$  to  $\text{SE}(2)$  representation. The induction and restriction operations of  $\text{SO}(2) \subset \text{SO}(3)$  on irreducible representations are shown in [2]

In practice, once the multiplicities of the input SO(2)-representation and the output SO(3)-representation are specified, the SO(2)-steerable kernels can be explicitly constructed using numerical programs defined in [20]. To summarize, all equivariant linear maps between a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow V$  and a function  $f^\dagger : \mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2 \rightarrow V^\dagger$  can be written as

$$f^\dagger(\hat{n}, x, y, z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (F_{\ell,z} \star f)(x, y) \cdot Y_\ell(\hat{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \int_{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2} dx' dy' f(x', y') F_{\ell,z}(x - x', y - y') \cdot Y_\ell(\hat{n})$$

where for each fixed  $z$ ,  $F_{\ell,z}(x, y)$  is a SO(2)-steerable kernel that takes input representation  $(\rho^\ell, V^\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$  to output representation  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\dagger, V^\dagger)]$ . Once the coefficients of the spherical harmonics

$$C_\ell(x, y, z) = (F_{\ell,z} \star f)(x, y) = \int_{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2} dx' dy' f(x', y') F_{\ell,z}(x - x', y - y')$$

are computed, the resultant function  $f^\dagger(\hat{n}, x, y, z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} C_\ell^T(x, y, z) Y_\ell(\hat{n})$  is defined on a homogeneous space of SE(3) and we can utilize SE(3)-steerable CNNs to make predictions about 6DoF poses [21, 56, 57].

## D Plane to Space for Object Reconstruction

Another problem of interest in single view geometric construction is monocular density reconstruction (also sometimes called monocular depth estimation). The goal in monocular density reconstruction problems is to build a three-dimensional model of the world given a single two-dimensional images [58, 59]. Monocular depth reconstruction tasks are of specific interest in endoscopy [60] and autonomous driving [61, 62].

**Volume Outputs** In monocular reconstruction tasks, the output of our neural network will be a density map which is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into a vector space  $V^\dagger$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger$  be the vector space of all such outputs,

$$\mathcal{F}^\dagger = \{ f \mid f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow V^\dagger \}$$

The group  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rtimes \text{SO}(3)$  acts on the vector space  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger$  via

$$\forall f^\dagger \in \mathcal{F}^\dagger, \forall g \in \text{SE}(3), \quad \pi^\dagger(g) \cdot f^\dagger(r) = \rho^\dagger(g_c) f^\dagger(g^{-1}r)$$

where  $\rho^\dagger(g_c)$  is a representation of SO(3).  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger$  are often referred to as SE(3)-steerable features. Now, consider the space of linear maps  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\dagger$  that intertwine  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$ . The map  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\dagger$  must satisfy the relation

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \Phi(\pi(h)f) = \pi^\dagger(h)\Phi(f)$$

by definition of the restricted representation this is equivalent to

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \Phi(\pi(h)f) = \text{Res}_H^G[\pi^\dagger](h)\Phi(f)$$

where  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)]$  is the restriction of the SE(3)-representation  $(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$  to a SE(2) subgroup.

### D.1 Kernel Constraint for Object Reconstruction

Similar to [C] the most general linear map between  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$  can be written as

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad (k \cdot f)(p) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, r) f(r)$$

where  $\kappa : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\dagger]$  satisfies the constraint

$$\forall h \in \text{SE}(2), \quad \rho^\dagger(h_c) \kappa(h^{-1} \cdot p, r) = \kappa(p, h \cdot r) \rho(h_c)$$

We can write this in the more compact form

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \kappa(h \cdot p, h \cdot r) = \rho^\dagger(h_c) \kappa(p, r) \rho(h_c)$$

Note that the SO(2) action does not mix the  $z$ -component of  $[\Phi(f)](x, y, z)$ . Thus, the most general linear map can be written as

$$[\Phi(f)](x, y, z) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr_x dr_y \kappa(x - r_x, y - r_y, z) f(r_x, r_y) = (\kappa_z \star f)(x, y)$$

where for each fixed  $z$ , the kernel  $\kappa$  is an intertwiner of  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\dagger, V^\dagger)]$  and  $(\rho, V)$  and satisfies

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \kappa(g \cdot r, z) = \rho^\dagger(h) \kappa(r, z) \rho(h^{-1})$$

To summarize, a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow V$  can be mapped into a function

$$f^\dagger(x, y, z) = \Phi(f)(x, y, z) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(x - x', y - y', z) f(x', y') = [\kappa_z \star f](x, y)$$

where for fixed  $z$ ,  $\kappa_z$  is an  $\text{SO}(2)$ -steerable kernel with input representation  $(\rho, V)$  and output representation  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\dagger, V^\dagger)]$ .

## E Image to $\text{SO}(3)$ for Rotation Estimation

Instead of inducing from signals on the plane to signals on the  $S^2$  as in [4](#), we can induce directly from image to  $\text{SO}(3)$ .

**Rotation Outputs** Let  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger$  be the vector space of all  $\text{SO}(3)$  valued functions

$$\mathcal{F}^\dagger = \{ f \mid f : \text{SO}(3) \rightarrow V^\dagger \}$$

The group  $\text{SO}(3)$  acts on the vector space  $\mathcal{F}^\dagger$  via

$$\forall f^\dagger \in \mathcal{F}^\dagger, \forall g, g' \in \text{SO}(3), \quad \pi^\dagger(g) \cdot f^\dagger(g') = \rho^\dagger(g) f^\dagger(g^{-1}g')$$

where  $\rho^\dagger(g)$  is a representation of  $\text{SO}(3)$ . Now, consider the space of linear maps  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\dagger$  that intertwine  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$ . The map  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\dagger$  must satisfy the relation

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \Phi(\pi(h)f) = \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[\pi^\dagger](h)\Phi(f) = \pi^\dagger(h)\Phi(f)$$

where  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[\pi^\dagger]$  is the restriction of the  $\text{SO}(3)$ -representation  $(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$  to a  $\text{SO}(2)$  subgroup.

### E.1 Kernel Constraint for Image to $\text{SO}(3)$

Using an argument similar to [C](#), the most general linear equivariant map from functions on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to functions on the  $\text{SO}(3)$  is

$$\forall g \in \text{SO}(3), \quad [\Phi(f)](g) = \int_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2} dA \kappa(g, x, y) f(x, y)$$

where the map  $\kappa : \text{SO}(3) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\dagger]$ . The kernel  $\kappa$  satisfies

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \kappa(h^{-1}g, h^{-1}r) = \rho^\dagger(h)\kappa(g, r)\rho(h^{-1})$$

The set of Wigner  $D$ -matrices form an orthonormal basis for functions on  $\text{SO}(3)$  and we can uniquely expand  $\kappa$  as

$$\kappa(g, x, y) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k, k'=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^{kk'}(x, y) D_{kk'}^\ell(g)$$

where  $F_\ell^{kk'}(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\dagger]$  are matrix valued coefficients. The kernel constraint places restrictions on the allowed form of  $F_\ell^{kk'}(x, y)$ . Let us define the  $\text{SO}(2)$ -representations

$$(\rho_\ell, V_\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)], \quad (\rho_\ell^\dagger, V_\ell^\dagger) = \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\dagger, V^\dagger) \otimes (D^\ell, W^\ell)]$$

Then, the kernel constraint holds only if

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \forall r \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad F_{kk'}^\ell(h \cdot r) = \rho^\dagger(h) \left[ \sum_{nn'=-\ell}^{\ell} D_{kn}^\ell(h) F_{nn'}^\ell(r) D_{n'k'}^\ell(h^{-1}) \right] \rho(h^{-1})$$

We can reduce this constraint to a standard  $\text{SO}(2)$ -kernel constraint by considering the  $F_\ell(r)_{kk'} = F_{kk'}^\ell$  as a larger matrix. Then, the matrixed  $F_\ell(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V \otimes W^\ell, V^\dagger \otimes W^\ell]$  are constrained to satisfy

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad F_\ell(h \cdot r) = \rho_\ell^\dagger(h) F_\ell(r) \rho_\ell(h^{-1})$$

so that each  $F_\ell(x, y)$  is an  $\text{SO}(2)$ -steerable kernel with input representation  $(\rho_\ell, V_\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$  and output representation  $(\rho_\ell^\dagger, V_\ell^\dagger) = \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\dagger, V^\dagger) \otimes (D^\ell, W^\ell)]$ . The type of  $F_\ell$  is determined by the Clebsch-Gordon coefficients and the branching/induction rules of  $\text{SO}(2)$  and  $\text{SO}(3)$ .

## E.2 Ablation Study: Image to $S^2$ vs Image to $SO(3)$

We rerun the experiments in the main text using an induction layer that maps images directly to  $SO(3)$ . The direct induction to  $SO(3)$  slightly outperforms the induction to  $S^2$  on the ModelNet dataset.

Table 6: Rotation prediction on ModelNet- $SO(3)$ . First column is the average over all categories.

	Median rotation error in degrees ( $\downarrow$ )										
	<i>avg</i>	<i>bathub</i>	<i>bed</i>	<i>chair</i>	<i>desk</i>	<i>dresser</i>	<i>monitor</i>	<i>stand</i>	<i>sofa</i>	<i>table</i>	<i>toilet</i>
$S^2$ -Method	17.8	123.7	4.6	5.5	6.9	5.2	6.1	6.5	4.5	12.1	4.9
$SO(3)$ -Method	17.3	117.3	4.3	5.6	6.8	5.2	5.8	5.8	6.3	11.8	4.3

On both the SYMSOL and PASCAL3D+ datasets, the induction to  $S^2$  followed by a standard spherical convolution outperform the direction induction to  $SO(3)$  by a slight margin.

Table 7: Average log likelihood (the higher the better  $\uparrow$ ) on SYMSOL I & II. Per [14], a single model is trained on all classes in SYMSOL I and a separate model is trained on each class in SYMSOL II.

	SYMSOL I ( $\uparrow$ )						SYMSOL II ( $\uparrow$ )			
	<i>avg</i>	<i>cone</i>	<i>cyl</i>	<i>tet</i>	<i>cube</i>	<i>ico</i>	<i>avg</i>	<i>sphX</i>	<i>cylO</i>	<i>texX</i>
$S^2$ -Method	5.11	4.91	4.22	6.10	5.73	4.69	6.20	7.10	6.01	5.62
$SO(3)$ -Method	5.09	5.01	4.25	6.20	5.67	4.35	6.19	7.03	6.10	5.49

Table 8: Rotation prediction on PASCAL3D+. First column is the average over all categories. The feature encoder is either ResNet-50 or ResNet-101 head.

	Median rotation error in degrees ( $\downarrow$ )												
	<i>avg</i>	<i>plane</i>	<i>bike</i>	<i>boat</i>	<i>bottle</i>	<i>bus</i>	<i>car</i>	<i>chair</i>	<i>table</i>	<i>mbike</i>	<i>sofa</i>	<i>train</i>	<i>tv</i>
$S^2$ (ResNet-50)	10.2	9.2	13.1	30.6	6.7	3.1	4.8	8.7	5.4	11.6	11.0	5.8	10.6
$SO(3)$ (ResNet-50)	10.5	9.4	13.3	30.8	6.5	3.4	4.7	9.0	5.5	11.7	11.1	6.0	10.4
$S^2$ (ResNet-101)	9.2	9.3	12.6	17.0	8.0	3.0	4.5	9.4	6.7	11.9	12.1	6.9	9.9
$SO(3)$ (ResNet-101)	9.7	8.9	14.8	21.3	9.9	3.0	4.7	9.2	5.9	12.8	8.7	6.3	10.3

## F Solving the Kernel Constraint For Image to Sphere

Let us solve the kernel constraint presented in the main text [1]. The most general linear map  $\Phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\dagger$  between  $(\pi, \mathcal{F})$  and  $(\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$  can be written as

$$\forall \hat{n} \in S^2, \quad [\Phi(f)](\hat{n}) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(\hat{n}, r) f(r)$$

where  $\kappa : S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\dagger]$ . Let us enforce the  $SO(2)$ -equivariance condition derived in [1]. We have that,

$$\forall h \in SE(2), \quad \pi^\dagger(h_c) \cdot \Phi(f) = \Phi(\pi(h) \cdot f)$$

This constraint places a restriction on the allowed space of kernels. We have that,  $\forall h = \bar{h}h_c \in SE(2)$ ,

$$\Phi[\pi(h) \cdot f] = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, r) [\pi(h) \cdot f(r)] = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, \hat{n} : r) \rho(h_c) f(h^{-1}r)$$

Now, making the change of variables  $r \rightarrow hr$  gives

$$\forall h \in SE(2), \quad \Phi[\pi(h) \cdot f] = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \kappa(p, \hat{n} : h \cdot r) \rho(h_c) f(r)$$

Now, by assumption  $\Phi(f) \in (\pi^\dagger, \mathcal{F}^\dagger)$  so

$$\forall h_c \in SO(2), \quad \pi^\dagger(h_c) \cdot \Phi(f) = \int_{r \in \mathbb{R}^2} dr \rho^\dagger(h_c) \kappa(h_c^{-1} \hat{n} : r) f(r)$$

Thus, the kernel  $\kappa$  satisfies the linear constraint

$$\forall h \in SE(2), \quad \rho^\dagger(h_c) \kappa(h_c^{-1} \hat{n} : r) = \kappa(p, \hat{n} : h \cdot r) \rho(h_c)$$

Fiber representations are unitary and left multiplying, we can the kernel constraint in the more compact form

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \kappa(h_c \cdot \hat{n} : h \cdot r) = \rho^\dagger(h_c) \kappa(\hat{n} : r) \rho(h_c^{-1})$$

We can further reduce this to a standard steerable kernel constraint studied in [7, 21, 9]. The set of spherical harmonics  $Y_\ell^k$  form an orthonormal basis for functions on  $S^2$ . We can expand the kernel  $\kappa$  as

$$\kappa(\hat{n}, r) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^k(r) Y_\ell^k(\hat{n})$$

where  $F_\ell^k(r) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\dagger]$ . The kernel constraint places additional restrictions on the set of allowed  $F_\ell^k(r)$ . We have that,

$$\forall h = \bar{h}h_c \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \kappa(h_c \cdot \hat{n}, h \cdot r) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^k(h \cdot r) Y_\ell^k(h_c \cdot \hat{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^k(h \cdot r) D_{kk'}^\ell(h_c) Y_\ell^{k'}(\hat{n})$$

and,

$$\forall h = \bar{h}h_c \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \rho^\dagger(h) \kappa(\hat{n} : r) \rho(h^{-1}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\ell}^{\ell} \rho^\dagger(h) F_\ell^k(r, z) \rho(h^{-1}) Y_\ell^k(\hat{n})$$

Thus, the functions  $F_\ell^k(r) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V, V^\dagger]$  must satisfy,

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad \rho^\dagger(h) F_\ell^k(r) \rho(h^{-1}) = \sum_{k'=-\ell}^{\ell} F_\ell^{k'}(h \cdot r) D_{k'k}^\ell(h)$$

Now, the Wigner  $D$ -matrices are unitary and the above constraint is equivalent to

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad F_\ell^k(h \cdot r) = \rho^\dagger(h) \sum_{k'=-\ell}^{+\ell} F_\ell^{k'}(r) \rho(h^{-1}) D_{k'k}^\ell(h^{-1}) = \rho^\dagger(h) \sum_{k'=-\ell}^{+\ell} F_\ell^{k'}(r) [D_{k'k}^\ell(h) \rho(h)]^{-1}$$

Now, let us vectorize the matrix valued functions  $F_\ell^k(r)$  as

$$F_\ell(r) = [F_\ell^\ell(r), F_\ell^{\ell-1}(r), \dots, F_\ell^{-\ell+1}(r), F_\ell^{-\ell}(r)] \in \text{Hom}[V \otimes W^\ell, V^\dagger]$$

We define the tensor product representation of  $(\rho, V)$  and  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$  as

$$(\rho^\ell, V^\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$$

which is a  $\text{SO}(2)$ -representation. Then the functions  $F_\ell(r) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V \otimes W^\ell, V^\dagger]$  satisfy the constraint

$$\forall h \in \text{SO}(2), \quad F_\ell(h \cdot r) = \rho^\dagger(h) F_\ell(r) \rho^\ell(h^{-1})$$

This is exactly the constraint on an  $\text{SO}(2)$ -steerable kernel with input representation  $(\rho^\ell, V^\ell) = (\rho, V) \otimes \text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(D^\ell, W^\ell)]$  and output representation  $\text{Res}_{\text{SO}(2)}^{\text{SO}(3)}[(\rho^\dagger, V^\dagger)]$ . [20, 8] give a complete classification of kernel spaces that satisfy this constraint. Note that by enforcing that the output transforms in an  $\text{SO}(3)$ -representation, we have added additional constraints to the set of allowed kernels.

## G Including Non-linearities

In section 4.2, we considered the most general linear maps that satisfied the generalized equivariance constraint. After applying the linear layer described in [4] we apply an additional RELU activation to the signal on  $S^2$ . It is also possible to use tensor-product based non-linearities analogous to the results of [18, 6]. In this section, we will consider how to include non-linearities for the general  $H \subseteq G$  case where  $G$  is a compact group. Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\sigma, W)$  be two irreducible  $H$ -representations. The tensor product representation of  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\sigma, W)$  will in general not be irreducible and will break down into irreducibles as

$$(\rho, V) \otimes (\sigma, W) = \bigoplus_{\tau \in \hat{H}} c_{\rho\sigma}^\tau(\tau, V_\tau)$$

where  $c_{\rho\sigma}^\tau$  counts the number of copies of the  $H$ -irreducible  $(\rho, V_\tau)$  in the tensor product representation. Analogous to the Clebsch-Gordon coefficients [8], we can define  $C_{\rho_1\rho_2}^\tau$  to be the coefficients of the representation  $(\tau, V_\tau)$  in the tensor product basis. Specifically, let

$$|\tau i_\tau\rangle = \sum_{j_1=1}^{d_1} \sum_{j_2=1}^{d_2} \underbrace{\langle \rho_1 j_1, \rho_2 j_2 | \tau i_\tau \rangle}_{(C_{\rho_1\rho_2}^\tau)_{i_\tau, j_1 j_2}} |\rho_1 j_1, \rho_2 j_2\rangle$$

with  $C_{\rho_1 \rho_2}^\tau$  we can use the results of [18] to project the tensor product unto a desired output representation. By choosing the output representation  $(\tau, V_\tau)$  to be the restriction of an  $G$  representation, we can use tensor products as non-linearities in the induction layer. One difficulty with this procedure is that it is too computationally expensive for practical use. It may be possible to simplify the complexity of implementation using the results of [63]. Tensor product based non-linearities for the construction in [1] is a promising future direction that we leave for future work.

## H Generalization to Arbitrary Homogeneous Spaces

The results of C.0.1 can be generalized to any  $H \subseteq G$ . Let  $G$  be a compact group and let  $H \subseteq G$ . Let  $H_c \subseteq H$  and let  $X_H = H/H_c$  be a homogeneous space of  $H$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}(X_H)$  be the set of functions on  $X_H$  that transform in representation  $(\rho_H, V_H)$  of  $H$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}(X_H) = \{ f \mid f : X_H \rightarrow V_H, \quad [h \cdot f](x) = f(h^{-1} \cdot x) = \rho_H(h)f(x) \}$$

Similarly, let  $G_c \subseteq G$  and let  $X_G = G/G_c$  be a homogeneous space of  $G$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}(X_G)$  be the set of functions on  $X_G$  that transform in the representation  $(\rho_G, V_G)$  of  $G$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}(X_G) = \{ f \mid f : X_G \rightarrow V_G, \quad [g \cdot f](x) = f(g^{-1} \cdot x) = \rho_G(g)f(x) \}$$

We are interested in characterizing all equivariant maps  $\Phi : \mathcal{F}(X_H) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X_G)$  from  $\mathcal{F}(X_H)$  to  $\mathcal{F}(X_G)$ . Now, generalizing the consistency condition derived in [1] to any  $H \subseteq G$ , the condition we seek to enforce is that

$$\forall h \in H, \quad \Phi(\rho_H(h) \cdot f) = \rho_G(h) \cdot \Phi(f) \quad (6)$$

By definition of the restriction representation, [3] this is equivalent to the condition,

$$\forall h \in H, \quad \Phi(\rho_H(h) \cdot f) = \text{Res}_H^G[\rho_G(h)] \cdot \Phi(f) \quad (7)$$

Now, the most general linear map  $\Phi : \mathcal{F}(X_H) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X_G)$  between the function spaces  $\mathcal{F}(X_H)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(X_G)$  can be written as

$$\Phi(f)(x_g) = \int_{x_h \in X_H} dx_h \kappa(x_g, x_h) f(x_h)$$

where the kernel  $\kappa(x_g, x_h) : X_G \times X_H \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V_H, V_G]$  must satisfy the relation

$$\forall h \in H, \quad k(h \cdot x_g, h \cdot x_h) = \rho_G(h)k(x_g, x_h)\rho_H(h)$$

This is a generalization of the steerable kernel constraint first derived in [9] and solved completely in [8]. Let us simplify this constraint to a more tractable form. Using a result stated in [8], the functions on any homogeneous space of a compact group can always be decomposed into a sum of harmonic functions. Let  $\hat{G}$  be a compact group, and  $X$  a homogeneous space of  $G$ , then for every  $(\rho, V_\rho) \in \hat{G}$ , there exist multiplicities  $0 \leq m_\rho \leq d_\rho$  such that there exist a orthonormal basis  $\{Y_{ij}^\rho\}$  where the indices range over  $\rho \in \hat{G}$  and  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d_\rho\}, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m_\rho\}$  such that

$$\forall j \in 1, 2, \dots, m_\rho, \quad \forall g \in G, \quad \forall x \in X, \quad Y_{ij}^\rho(g^{-1}x) = \sum_{i'=1}^{d_j} \rho_{i'i}(g) Y_{i'j}^\rho(x)$$

Let us denote the harmonic basis functions on the homogeneous space  $X_G$  as  $Y_{ij}^\sigma$ . Using the orthogonality of harmonic functions, we can expand the  $\kappa$  uniquely in terms of harmonics as

$$k(x_g, x_h) = \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} \sum_{i=1}^{d_\sigma} \sum_{j=1}^{m_\sigma} F_{ij}^\sigma(x_h) Y_{ij}^\sigma(x_g)$$

where  $F_{ij}^\sigma : X_H \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V_H, V_G]$  are the matrix valued expansion coefficients of  $\kappa$ . We can simplify this expression for  $\kappa$  by vectorizing,

$$k(x_g, x_h) = \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} [Y^\sigma(x_g)]^T F^\sigma(x_h)$$

where

$$F^\sigma(x_h) : X_H \rightarrow \text{Hom}[V_H, V_G \otimes \underbrace{(V_\sigma \oplus V_\sigma \oplus \dots \oplus V_\sigma)}_{m_\sigma \text{ copies}}]$$

Let us denote  $(m_\sigma \sigma, m_\sigma V_\sigma)$  as  $m_\sigma$  copies of the  $G$ -irreducible  $(\sigma, V_\sigma)$ ,

$$(m_\sigma \sigma, m_\sigma V_\sigma) = \underbrace{(\sigma, V_\sigma) \oplus (\sigma, V_\sigma) \oplus \dots \oplus (\sigma, V_\sigma)}_{m_\sigma \text{ copies}}$$

The kernel constraint places a restriction on the allowed form of the  $F^\sigma(x_h)$ . We have that

$$\forall h \in H, \quad k(h \cdot x_g, h \cdot x_h) = \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} [Y^\sigma(h \cdot x_g)]^T F^\sigma(h \cdot x_h) = \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} [m_\sigma \sigma(h^{-1}) \cdot Y^\sigma(x_g)]^T F^\sigma(h \cdot x_h)$$

Using the identity  $\sigma(h^{-1})^T = \sigma(h)$ , we have that,

$$\forall h \in H, \quad k(h \cdot x_g, h \cdot x_h) = \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} [Y^\sigma(x_g)]^T [m_\sigma \sigma(h) \cdot F^\sigma(h \cdot x_h)]$$

Now, using [6](#)  $k(h \cdot x_g, h \cdot x_h)$  must be equal to  $\rho_G(h)k(x_g, x_h)\rho_H(h)$ . This is only satisfied if and only if

$$\forall h \in H, \quad F^\sigma(h \cdot x_h) = (\rho_G \otimes m_\sigma \sigma)(h) \cdot F^\sigma(x_h) \cdot \rho_H(h)$$

Thus,  $F^\sigma$  is a  $H$ -steerable kernel with input representation  $\rho_H$  and output representation  $\text{Res}_H^G[(\rho_G \otimes m_\sigma \sigma)]$ . Note that the Clebsch-Gordon coefficients, the multiplicities  $m_\sigma$  and the induction/restriction coefficients completely determine the output representation type of the  $H$ -steerable kernels  $F^\sigma$ .

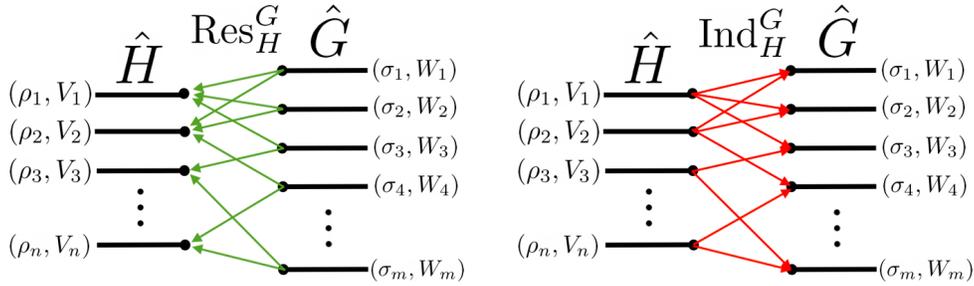


Figure 11: Left: Restricted representation  $\text{Res}_H^G$  from  $G$  to  $H$  of  $G$ -irreducibles  $(\sigma_i, W_i)$  to  $H$ -irreducibles  $(\rho_j, V_j)$ . Not every  $H$ -representation can be realized as the restriction of a  $G$ -representation. Right: Induced representation  $\text{Ind}_H^G$  from  $H$  to  $G$  of  $H$ -irreducibles  $(\rho_j, V_j)$  to  $G$ -irreducibles  $(\sigma_i, W_i)$ . Not every  $H$ -representation can be realized as the induction of a  $H$ -representation. The restriction and induction operations are adjoint functors. In general, the restriction and induction operations are generically *sparse*. This sparsity places restrictions on what irreducibles can appear in  $(H \subseteq G)$ -equivariant maps.

## I A Completeness Property For Induced Representations

Much of the early work on machine learning focused on proving that sufficiently wide and deep neural networks can approximate any function within some accuracy [\[64\]](#). A network that can approximate any function is said to be expressive. The induced representation satisfies a completeness property.

### I.1 Group Valued Functions and Completeness

Can every function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$  be realized as the induced mapping of functions in  $\mathbb{R}^H$ ? We show that this is the case. We have the following compositional property of induced representations [\[54\]](#): Let  $K \subseteq H \subseteq G$ . Let  $(\rho, V)$  be any representation of  $K$ . Then,

$$\text{Ind}_K^G[(\rho, V)] = \text{Ind}_H^G[\text{Ind}_H^K[(\rho, V)]] \quad (8)$$

which states that the induced representation of  $(\rho, V)$  from  $K$  to  $G$  can be constructed by first inducing  $(\rho, V)$  from  $K$  to  $H$  and then inducing from  $H$  to  $G$ .

Now, choose  $K = \{e\}$  to be the identity element of  $G$ . Let  $(\rho, V)$  be the trivial one dimensional representation of  $K = \{e\}$  with

$$\dim V = 1, \quad \rho(e)v = v$$

Consider the set of left cosets of  $H$  in  $K = \{e\}$ . We have that

$$H/K = H/\{e\} = \{he|h \in G\} = H$$

so the set of coset representatives of  $H/K$  is just elements of  $H$ . Using a from [54], the induced representation of  $(\rho, V)$  from  $K = \{e\}$  to  $H$  is the left regular representation of  $H$ . By the same argument, the induced representation of  $(\rho, V)$  from  $K = \{e\}$  to  $G$  is the left regular representation of  $G$ . Thus,

$$\text{Ind}_K^H[(\rho, V)] = (L, \mathbb{C}^H), \quad \text{Ind}_K^G[(\rho, V)] = (L, \mathbb{C}^G)$$

Using the compositionality property of the induced representation [8], we thus have that

$$(L, \mathbb{C}^G) = \text{Ind}_H^G[(L, \mathbb{C}^H)]$$

Thus, the induced representation from  $H$  to  $G$  of the left regular representation of  $H$  is the left regular representation of  $G$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (L, \mathbb{C}^H) & \xrightarrow{\text{Ind}_H^G[(L, \mathbb{C}^H)]} & (L, \mathbb{C}^G) \\ L(h) \downarrow & & \downarrow L(g) \\ (L, \mathbb{C}^H) & \xrightarrow{\text{Ind}_H^G[(L, \mathbb{C}^H)]} & (L, \mathbb{C}^G) \end{array}$$

Figure 12: Commutative Diagram for Completeness Property of Induced Representations.  $L_h$  denotes the left regular action of  $H$  on  $\mathbb{C}^H$ .  $L_g$  denotes the left regular action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{C}^G$ . The induced representation of the left regular representation of  $H$  is the left regular representation of  $G$ ,  $(L, \mathbb{C}^G) = \text{Ind}_H^G[(L, \mathbb{C}^H)]$ . The induced representation makes the diagram commutative. This should be contrasted with the definition of  $G$ -equivariance defined in A.0.1.

Thus, the induction operation maps the space of all group valued functions on  $H$  into the space of all group valued functions on  $G$ .

## J Irreducibility and Induced and Restricted Representations

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of compact group  $G$ . We can use the induced representation to map representations of  $H$  to representations of  $G$  and the restricted representation to map representations of  $G$  to representations of  $H$ . All representations of  $H$  break down into direct sums of irreducible representations of  $H$ . Similarly, all representations of  $G$  break down into direct sums of irreducible representations of  $G$ . Let us denote  $\hat{H}$  as a set of representatives of all irreducible representations of  $H$  and  $\hat{G}$  as a set of representatives of all irreducible representations of  $G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} &= \{ (\rho, V_\rho) \mid \text{Representative irreducibles of } H \} \\ \hat{G} &= \{ (\sigma, W_\sigma) \mid \text{Representative irreducibles of } G \} \end{aligned}$$

We want to understand how the restriction and induction operations transform  $H$ -irreducibles to  $G$ -irreducibles and vice versa. We can completely characterize how irreducibles change under the restriction and induction procedures using *branching rules* and *induction rules*, respectively.

### J.1 Restricted Representation and Branching Rules

Let  $(\sigma, W)$  and  $(\sigma', W')$  be  $G$ -representations. The restriction operation is linear and

$$\text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W) \oplus (\sigma', W')] = \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W)] \oplus \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma', W')]$$

We can study the restriction operation by looking at restrictions of the set of  $G$ -irreducibles  $\hat{G}$ . The restriction of an  $G$ -irreducible is not necessarily irreducible in  $H$  and will decompose as a direct sum of  $H$ -irreducibles. Let  $(\sigma, W_\sigma) \in \hat{G}$ . We can define a set of integers  $B_{\sigma, \rho} : \hat{G} \times \hat{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ ,

$$\text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W_\sigma)] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} B_{\sigma, \rho} (\rho, W_\rho)$$

so that  $B_{\sigma, \rho}$  counts the multiplicities of the  $H$ -irreducible  $(\rho, W_\rho)$  in the restricted representation of the  $G$ -irreducible  $(\sigma, W_\sigma)$ . The  $B_{\sigma, \rho}$  are called *branching rules* and they have been well studied in the context of particle physics [52]. Let  $(\sigma', W')$  be any  $G$ -representation.  $(\sigma', W')$  will decompose into  $G$ -irreducibles as

$$(\sigma', W') = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} m_\sigma (\sigma, W_\sigma)$$

where  $m_\sigma$  counts the number of copies of the  $G$ -irreducible  $(\sigma, W_\sigma)$  in  $(\sigma', W')$ . Then, the restricted representation of  $(\sigma', W')$  decomposes into  $H$ -irreducibles as

$$\text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma', W')] = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} m_\sigma \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma, W_\sigma)] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}} \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} [m_\sigma B_{\sigma, \rho}](\rho, W_\rho)$$

So that the multiplicity of the  $(\rho, W_\rho)$  irreducible in the restriction of  $(\sigma', W')$  is  $\sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} m_\sigma B_{\sigma, \rho}$ . Thus, the branching rules  $B_{\sigma, \rho}$  completely determine how an arbitrary  $G$ -representation restricts to an  $H$ -representation.

## J.2 Induced Representation and Induction Rules

The induction operation acts linearly on representations composed of direct sums of representations. Specifically, if  $(\rho_1, V_1)$  and  $(\rho_2, V_2)$  are representations of  $H$ , then

$$\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_1, V_1) \oplus (\rho_2, V_2)] = \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_1, V_1)] \oplus \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_2, V_2)]$$

The induction operation  $\text{Ind}_H^G$  maps every irreducible representation  $(\rho, V_\rho) \in \hat{H}$  to a  $G$ -representation. The induced representation of an irreducible representation of  $H$  is not necessarily irreducible in  $G$  and will break into irreducibles in  $\hat{G}$  as

$$\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V_\rho)] = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} I_{\rho, \sigma}(\sigma, W_\sigma)$$

where the integers  $I_{\rho, \sigma} : \hat{H} \times \hat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  denotes the number of copies of the irreducible  $(\sigma, W_\sigma) \in \hat{G}$  in the induced representation  $\text{Ind}_H^G(\rho, V_\rho)$  of the irreducible  $(\rho, V_\rho)$ . The  $I_{\rho, \sigma}$  are called *Induction Rules* and completely determine the multiplicities of  $G$ -irreducibles in the induced representation of any  $H$ -representation. Specifically, let  $(\rho', V')$  be any representation of  $H$ . Then,  $(\rho', V')$  breaks into  $H$ -irreducibles as

$$(\rho', V') = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} n_\rho(\rho, V_\rho)$$

The induced representation is linear and maps  $(\rho', V')$  into a representation of  $G$  which will break into  $G$ -irreducibles as

$$\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho', V')] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} n_\rho \text{Ind}_H^G(\rho, V_\rho) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} \left( \sum_{\rho \in \hat{H}} n_\rho I_{\rho, \sigma} \right) (\sigma, W_\sigma)$$

so that the multiplicity of  $(\sigma, W_\sigma) \in \hat{G}$  in the induced representation of  $(\rho, V_\rho) \in \hat{H}$  is given by  $\sum_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_\rho I_{\rho, \sigma}$ . Thus, the induction rules  $I_{\rho, \sigma}$  completely determine the multiplicities of  $G$ -representations in the induced representation of any  $H$ -representation.

## J.3 Irreducibility and Frobenius Reciprocity

The induction rules  $I_{\rho, \sigma} : \hat{H} \times \hat{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  and the branching rules  $B_{\sigma, \rho} : \hat{G} \times \hat{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  are related by the Frobenius reciprocity theorem [37]. Let  $(\rho', V')$  be any  $H$ -representation and let  $(\sigma', W')$  be any  $G$ -representation. Then,

$$\text{Hom}_H[(\rho', V'), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma', W')]] \cong \text{Hom}_G[\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho', V')], (\sigma', W')]$$

Choosing  $(\rho', V') = (\rho, V_\rho) \in \hat{H}$  and  $(\sigma', W') = (\sigma, W_\sigma) \in \hat{G}$  gives  $I_{\rho, \sigma} = B_{\sigma, \rho}$ . So that when viewed as matrices,  $B = I^T$ . All information about how  $H$ -representations are induced to  $G$ -representations and  $G$ -representations are restricted to  $H$ -representations is encoded in both  $B_{\sigma, \rho}$  and  $I_{\rho, \sigma}$ . It should be noted for many cases of interest,  $B_{\sigma, \rho}$  and  $I_{\rho, \sigma}$  are sparse, and have non-zero entries for only a small number of  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  pairs. In the next section, we discuss how the structure of  $B_{\sigma, \rho}$  and  $I_{\rho, \sigma}$  constraint the design of equivariant neural architectures.

## J.4 Induced and Restriction Representation Based Architectures

Heuristically, convolutional neural networks are compositions of linear functions, interleaved with non-linearities. At each layer of the network, we have a set of functions from a homogeneous space of a group into some vector space [6]. Let  $X_i^H$  be a set of homogeneous spaces of the group  $H$  and let  $X_j^G$  be a set homogeneous spaces of the group  $G$ . Let  $V_i^H$  and  $W_j^G$  be a set of vector spaces. Then, consider the function spaces

$$\mathcal{F}_i^H = \{ f \mid f : X_i^H \rightarrow V_i^H \}, \quad \mathcal{F}_j^G = \{ f' \mid f' : X_j^G \rightarrow W_j^G \}$$

The group  $H$  acts on the homogeneous spaces  $X_i^H$  and the group  $G$  acts on the homogeneous spaces  $X_j^G$  so that the function spaces  $\mathcal{F}_i^H$  and  $\mathcal{F}_j^G$  form representations of  $H$  and  $G$ , respectively

Suppose we wish to design a downstream  $G$ -equivariant neural network that accepts as signals functions that live in the vector space  $\mathcal{F}_0^H$  and transform in the  $\rho_0$  representation of  $H$ . Thus,  $(\rho_0, \mathcal{F}_0^H)$  is a  $H$ -representation, but not necessarily a  $G$ -representation. At some point, in the architecture, a layer  $\mathcal{F}_i^H$  must be  $H$  equivariant on the left and both  $H$  and  $G$ -equivariant on the right. Let us call the layer that is both  $H$  and  $G$ -equivariant  $\mathcal{F}_1^G$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) \xrightarrow{\Psi} (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} \dots & \cong & \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\rho_i}} \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)] \xrightarrow{\Psi^\uparrow} (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} \dots \\ \downarrow \rho_i(h) & & \downarrow \rho_i(h) \\ \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) \xrightarrow{\Psi} (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} \dots & & \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\rho_i}} \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)] \xrightarrow{\Psi^\uparrow} (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} \dots \\ \downarrow \sigma_1(g) & & \downarrow \text{Ind}_H^G[\rho_i] \\ \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) \xrightarrow{\Psi} (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} \dots & & \dots \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\rho_i}} \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)] \xrightarrow{\Psi^\uparrow} (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} \dots \\ \downarrow \sigma_1(g) & & \downarrow \sigma_1(g) \end{array}$$

Figure 13: Factorization of Generic Architecture Using Universal Property of Induced Representation [5.1](#)  $\Psi = \Psi^\uparrow \circ \Phi_{\sigma_i}$

Suppose that  $\Psi$  is an intertwiner between  $(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)$  and  $(\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)$ . Using [5.1](#), there is a canonical basis of the space  $\text{Hom}_H[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)]] \cong \text{Hom}_G[\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)], (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)]$  and we may write  $\Psi$  uniquely as  $\Psi = \Psi^\uparrow \circ \Phi_\rho$  where  $\Phi_\rho$  is an  $H$ -equivariant map and  $\Psi^\uparrow$  is a  $G$ -equivariant map.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} (\rho_0, \mathcal{F}_0^H) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_0} & (\rho_1, \mathcal{F}_1^H) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_1} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} & (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) & \xrightarrow{\text{Ind}_H^G} & (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} & (\sigma_2, \mathcal{F}_2^G) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_2} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\Psi_{j-1}^{-1}} & (\sigma_j, \mathcal{F}_j^G) \\ \downarrow \rho_0(h) & & \downarrow \rho_1(h) & & & & \downarrow \rho_i(h) & & \downarrow \sigma_1(g) & & \downarrow \sigma_2(g) & & & & \downarrow \sigma_j(g) \\ (\rho_0, \mathcal{F}_0^H) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_0} & (\rho_1, \mathcal{F}_1^H) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_1} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}^{-1}} & (\rho_0, \mathcal{F}_0^H) & \xrightarrow{\text{Ind}_H^G} & (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} & (\sigma_2, \mathcal{F}_2^G) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_2} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\Psi_{j-1}^{-1}} & (\sigma_j, \mathcal{F}_j^G) \end{array}$$

Figure 14: Most general downstream  $G$ -equivariant architecture that accepts signals of capsule type  $\rho_0$  that live in vector space  $\mathcal{F}_0^H$ . Using the universal property of the induction layer, all downstream  $G$ -equivariant architectures can be written in this form.

Using this decomposition, we may write any  $G$ -equivariant neural architecture that accepts signals in the function space  $\mathcal{F}_0^H$  as [J.4](#). Each layer  $\mathcal{F}_i^H$  transforms in the  $\rho_i$  representation of the group  $H$ . Each layer  $\mathcal{F}_j^G$  transforms in the  $\sigma_j$  representation of the group  $G$ . Each map  $\Phi_i \in \text{Hom}_H[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H), (\rho_{i+1}, \mathcal{F}_{i+1}^H)]$  is an intertwiner of  $H$  representations. Each map  $\Psi_i \in \text{Hom}_G[(\sigma_i, \mathcal{F}_i^G), (\sigma_{i+1}, \mathcal{F}_{i+1}^G)]$  is an intertwiner of  $G$  representations. All layers preceding the induced mapping are  $H$ -equivariant. All layers succeeding the induced mapping are  $G$ -equivariant.

Uniformly  $G$ -equivariant networks are the topic of a significant amount of research. End to end  $G$ -equivariant networks can be essentially fully categorized [\[8\]](#). Each layer is labeled by the number of multiplicity of irreducibles that it falls into and the non-linear activation function. Thus, an architectures of the form [J.4](#) can be completely specified by decomposition of each layer into irreducibles

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_0, \mathcal{F}_0^H) &= \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_{0\rho}(\rho, V_\rho) \\ (\rho_1, \mathcal{F}_1^H) &= \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_{1\rho}(\rho, V_\rho), \quad (\rho_2, \mathcal{F}_2^H) = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_{2\rho}(\rho, V_\rho), \quad \dots, \quad (\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_{i\rho}(\rho, V_\rho) \\ (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} n_{1\sigma}(\sigma, W_\sigma), \quad (\sigma_2, \mathcal{F}_2^G) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} n_{2\sigma}(\sigma, W_\sigma), \quad \dots, \quad (\sigma_j, \mathcal{F}_j^G) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} n_{j\sigma}(\sigma, W_\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_{i,\rho}$  are the multiplicities of the  $H$ -irreducible  $(\rho, V_\rho)$  in the  $i$ -th  $H$ -equivariant layer and  $n_{j,\sigma}$  are the multiplicities of the  $G$ -irreducible  $(\sigma, W_\sigma)$  in the  $j$ -th  $G$ -equivariant layer. [\[6\]](#) introduced the concept of *fragments*, which label how a layer breaks into irreducibles. For networks that are initially  $H$ -equivariant but downstream  $G$ -equivariant, we need to specify the group as well as the fragment type.

A induced representation based network is characterized by the non-linearities and  $(i+1)$   $H$ -fragments and  $j$   $G$ -fragments,

$$H\text{-Equivariant Input Space: } (m_{0,1}, m_{0,2}, \dots, m_{0,|\hat{H}|})$$

$$H\text{-Equivariant Layers: } (m_{1,1}, m_{1,2}, \dots, m_{1,|\hat{H}|}) \dots (m_{i,1}, m_{i,2}, \dots, m_{i,|\hat{H}|})$$

$$G\text{-Equivariant Layers: } (n_{1,1}, n_{1,2}, \dots, n_{1,|\hat{G}|}), (n_{1,1}, n_{1,2}, \dots, n_{1,|\hat{G}|}) \dots (n_{i,1}, n_{i,2}, \dots, n_{i,|\hat{G}|})$$

where each of the  $i$   $H$ -equivariant layers is specified by a fragment  $(m_{x,1}, m_{x,2}, \dots, m_{x,|\hat{H}|})$  which specifies the decomposition of the  $x$ -th layer into  $H$ -irreducibles. Similarly, each of the  $j$   $G$ -equivariant layers is specified by a fragment  $(n_{y,1}, n_{y,2}, \dots, n_{y,|\hat{G}|})$  which specifies the decomposition of the  $y$ -th layer into  $G$ -irreducibles. The fragments  $(m_{i,1}, m_{i,2}, \dots, m_{i,|\hat{H}|})$  and  $(n_{1,1}, n_{1,2}, \dots, n_{1,|\hat{G}|})$  can not be arbitrarily chosen and are related by induced and restriction representations. Specifically, the linear maps between boundary layers must satisfy,

$$\Psi \in \text{Hom}_H[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H), \text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)]] \cong \text{Hom}_G[\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)], (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)]$$

Specifically, if  $(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)$  and  $(\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)$  decompose into irreducibles as

$$(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H) = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_{i\rho}(\rho, V_\rho), \quad (\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} n_{1\sigma}(\sigma, W_\sigma)$$

Then, we can write the induced and restricted representations in terms of the branching and induction rules,

$$\text{Res}_H^G[(\sigma_1, \mathcal{F}_1^G)] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{H}} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} n_{1\sigma} B_{\sigma,\rho} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right] \quad \text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho_i, \mathcal{F}_i^H)] = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}} \left[ \left( \sum_{\rho \in \hat{H}} m_{i\rho} I_{\rho,\sigma} \right) (\sigma, W_\sigma) \right]$$

#### J.4.1 Generalization to Multiple Groups

We have chosen to consider the case where we induce directly from  $H \subset G$  to  $G$ . It should be noted that this induction procedure can also be performed incrementally for any sequence of nested ascending subgroups  $H = G_1 \subset G_2 \dots \subset G_{N-1} \subset G = G_N$ . A network architecture is then completely specified by a set of layers that decompose into  $G_i$ -irreducibles,

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_0^{G_1}, \mathcal{F}_0^{G_1}) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_1} n_{0\sigma}^{G_1}(\sigma, V_\sigma), & (\rho_1^{G_1}, \mathcal{F}_1^{G_1}) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_1} n_{1\sigma}^{G_1}(\sigma, V_\sigma), & \dots & & (\rho_{i_1}^{G_1}, \mathcal{F}_{i_1}^{G_1}) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_1} n_{i_1\sigma}^{G_1}(\sigma, V_\sigma) \\ (\rho_1^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_1^{G_2}) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_2} n_{1\sigma}^{G_2}(\sigma, V_\sigma), & (\rho_2^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_2^{G_2}) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_2} n_{2\sigma}^{G_2}(\sigma, V_\sigma), & \dots & & (\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2}) &= \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_2} n_{i_2\sigma}^{G_2}(\sigma, V_\sigma), \\ & \dots & & & & & & \end{aligned}$$

$$(\rho_1^{G_N}, \mathcal{F}_1^{G_N}) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_N} n_{1\sigma}^{G_N}(\sigma, V_\sigma), \quad (\rho_2^{G_N}, \mathcal{F}_2^{G_N}) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_N} n_{2\sigma}^{G_N}(\sigma, V_\sigma), \quad \dots \quad (\rho_{i_N}^{G_N}, \mathcal{F}_{i_N}^{G_N}) = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_N} n_{i_N\sigma}^{G_N}(\sigma, V_\sigma)$$

Let  $\Psi_i^B$  be the intertwiner at the  $i$ -th boundary layer. The equivariance conditions require that

$$\Psi_1^B \in \text{Hom}_{G_1}[(\rho_{i_1}^{G_1}, \mathcal{F}_{i_1}^{G_1}), \text{Res}_{G_1}^{G_2}[(\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2})]] \cong \text{Hom}_{G_2}[\text{Ind}_{G_1}^{G_2}[(\rho_{i_1}^{G_1}, \mathcal{F}_{i_1}^{G_1})], (\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2})]$$

$$\Psi_2^B \in \text{Hom}_{G_2}[(\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2}), \text{Res}_{G_2}^{G_3}[(\rho_{i_3}^{G_3}, \mathcal{F}_{i_3}^{G_3})]] \cong \text{Hom}_{G_3}[\text{Ind}_{G_2}^{G_3}[(\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2})], (\rho_{i_3}^{G_3}, \mathcal{F}_{i_3}^{G_3})]$$

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$$\Psi_{N-1}^B \in \text{Hom}_{G_{N-1}}[(\rho_{i_{N-1}}^{G_{N-1}}, \mathcal{F}_{i_{N-1}}^{G_{N-1}}), \text{Res}_{G_{N-1}}^{G_N}[(\rho_{i_N}^{G_N}, \mathcal{F}_{i_N}^{G_N})]] \cong \text{Hom}_{G_N}[\text{Ind}_{G_{N-1}}^{G_N}[(\rho_{i_{N-1}}^{G_{N-1}}, \mathcal{F}_{i_{N-1}}^{G_{N-1}})], (\rho_{i_N}^{G_N}, \mathcal{F}_{i_N}^{G_N})]$$

Let  $I^{G_i G_{i+1}} : \hat{G}_i \times \hat{G}_{i+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  and  $B^{G_i G_{i+1}} : \hat{G}_{i+1} \times \hat{G}_i \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  be the induction rules and the branching rules for the groups  $G_i \subset G_{i+1}$ , respectively. Then, we can write the induced and restricted representations at each layer in terms of the branching and induction rules,

$$\text{Res}_{G_1}^{G_2}[(\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2})] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}_1} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_2} n_{1\sigma}^{G_2} B_{\sigma,\rho}^{G_1 G_2} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right], \quad \text{Ind}_{G_1}^{G_2}[(\rho_{i_1}^{G_1}, \mathcal{F}_{i_1}^{G_1})] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}_2} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_1} n_{i_1,\sigma}^{G_1} I_{\sigma,\rho}^{G_1 G_2} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right]$$

$$\text{Res}_{G_2}^{G_3}[(\rho_{i_3}^{G_3}, \mathcal{F}_{i_3}^{G_3})] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}_2} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_3} n_{1\sigma}^{G_3} B_{\sigma,\rho}^{G_2 G_3} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right], \quad \text{Ind}_{G_2}^{G_3}[(\rho_{i_2}^{G_2}, \mathcal{F}_{i_2}^{G_2})] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}_3} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_2} n_{i_2,\sigma}^{G_2} I_{\sigma,\rho}^{G_2 G_3} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right]$$

...

$$\text{Res}_{G_{N-1}}^{G_N}[(\rho_{i_N}^{G_N}, \mathcal{F}_{i_N}^{G_N})] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}_{N-1}} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_N} n_{1\sigma}^{G_N} B_{\sigma,\rho}^{G_{N-1} G_N} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right], \quad \text{Ind}_{G_{N-1}}^{G_N}[(\rho_{i_{N-1}}^{G_{N-1}}, \mathcal{F}_{i_{N-1}}^{G_{N-1}})] = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \hat{G}_N} \left[ \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \hat{G}_{N-1}} n_{i_{N-1},\sigma}^{G_{N-1}} I_{\sigma,\rho}^{G_{N-1} G_N} \right) (\rho, V_\rho) \right]$$

Thus, the induced representation allows for the design of networks that are equivariant with respect a sequence of ascending nested larger groups. It should be noted that it is also possible to move in the

‘other direction’. The restriction representation can be used for *coset pooling* [20] to design networks that are equivariant with respect to a descending sequence of nested subgroups  $G'_1 \supset G'_2 \supset \dots \supset G'_N$ . Thus, the induced representation, combined with coset pooling allow for the design of neural networks that are at different stages equivariant with respect to an arbitrary sequence of groups  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_N$ , so long as each group in the sequence either contains or is contained by the previous group.

## K Toy Example: Tetrahedral Signals

We work out one toy example to help build intuition for induced representations.

Let  $\bar{T}$  denote a tetrahedron in three dimensional space.  $\bar{T}$  is composed of four vertices and four equilateral triangular faces. Let  $T$  be the projection of  $\bar{T}$  in a direction normal to a face of  $\bar{T}$ . As show in [15], the image of a projection in a direction normal to a face is an equilateral triangle which we will call  $T$ . The induced representation has a natural geometric interpretation that relates the symmetry subgroup of the projected platonic solid  $T$  to the full Platonic solid  $\bar{T}$ . The same argument presented here for the dodecehedron  $\bar{D}$  recovers the results of [11].

The group of orientation preserving symmetries of the equilateral triangle  $T$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  which corresponds to rotations through the origin an angle of  $0, \frac{2\pi}{3}$  or  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$ . The group of orientation preserving symmetries of  $\bar{T}$  is  $A_4$ .

Let  $f : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$  be a signal defined on  $T$ . Take  $\{\Phi_k\}_{k=1}^4$  to be four independent filters with  $\Phi_k : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K \times c}$  each transforming in the *same* representation of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . We can then convolve each  $\Phi_k$  with  $f$ ,

$$\forall g \in \mathbb{Z}_3, \quad \Psi_k(g) = (\Phi_k \star f)(g) = \int_{x \in T} \Phi_k(x) f(g^{-1}x)$$

so that each  $\Psi_k : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^K \in (\mathbb{R}^K)^{\mathbb{Z}_3}$ . The group  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  has action on each  $\Psi_k$ . Now, let us vectorize the  $\Psi_k$  group valued functions into one variable  $\Psi$  with  $\Psi : \mathbb{Z}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4K}$ ,

$$g \in \mathbb{Z}_3, \quad \Psi(g) = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1(g) \\ \Psi_2(g) \\ \Psi_3(g) \\ \Psi_4(g) \end{bmatrix}$$

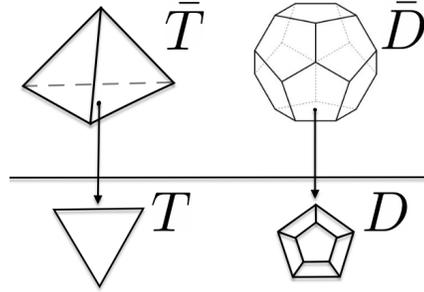


Figure 15: Left: Three dimensional tetrahedron  $\bar{T}$  with symmetry group  $A_4$ . The projection of  $\bar{T}$  into a plane is an equilateral triangle  $T$ . The symmetry group of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . Right: Three dimensional dodecehedron  $\bar{D}$  with symmetry group  $A_5$ . The projection of  $\bar{D}$  into a plane is a pentagon  $D$ . The symmetry group of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

We can now compute the induced action. The computations involved with this map are straightforward but somewhat tedious and are described in [L]. We just state the results in this section. Let  $\Psi^\uparrow$  be the function defined on  $A_4$ , which has  $A_4$  induced action. First, consider  $\Psi^\uparrow$  on elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{e, (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}$ ,

$$\Psi^\uparrow[e] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1[e] \\ \Psi_2[e] \\ \Psi_3[e] \\ \Psi_4[e] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(1, 2, 3)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_4[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_2[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_3[(1, 2, 3)] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(1, 3, 2)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_3[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_4[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_2[(1, 3, 2)] \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that on  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  coset  $\Psi^\uparrow$  acts only via permutations.

Now, consider the  $(1, 2, 4)H$  coset, we have that

$$\Psi^\uparrow[(1, 2, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_2[e] \\ \Psi_4[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_3[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_1[(1, 2, 4)] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(1, 3)(2, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_2[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_1[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_4[e] \\ \Psi_3[e] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(2, 4, 3)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_2[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_3[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_1[e] \\ \Psi_4[(1, 2, 3)] \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, for the  $(2, 3, 4)H$  coset, we have that,

$$\Psi^\uparrow[(2, 3, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_3[e] \\ \Psi_1[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_2[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_4[(1, 3, 2)] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(1, 2)(3, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_3[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_4[e] \\ \Psi_1[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_2[e] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(3, 4, 1)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_3[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_2[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_4[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_1[e] \end{bmatrix}$$

Lastly for the  $(3, 1, 4)H$  coset, we have that

$$\Psi^\uparrow[(3, 1, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_4[e] \\ \Psi_2[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_1[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_3[(1, 3, 2)] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(2, 3)(1, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_4[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_3[e] \\ \Psi_2[e] \\ \Psi_1[(1, 3, 2)] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Psi^\uparrow[(1, 4, 2)] = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_4[(1, 3, 2)] \\ \Psi_1[e] \\ \Psi_3[(1, 2, 3)] \\ \Psi_2[(1, 2, 3)] \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, we have constructed a function  $\Psi^\uparrow : A_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4K}$  from a set of four filters  $\Phi_k : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{K \times c}$  defined on the triangle  $T$ . The important observation is that the group  $A_4$  acts on  $\Psi^\uparrow$  via permutation and action by an element  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \subset A_4$ . This is the same as the induced representation which has  $G$ -action that is a mix of permutation and  $H$ -action [A.0.2](#). It should be noted that unlike the projection trick used in [10](#), this construction requires no padding or projections. Furthermore, it is not even required that the signal  $f$  be lifted from  $\bar{T}$  into  $\bar{T}$ .

### K.0.1 Comparison With Orthographic Projection

In analogy with [12](#), [10](#), [11](#), another way to create a signal on  $\bar{T}$  would be to first lift the signal from  $T$  to  $\bar{T}$  via orthographic projection and then use an  $A_4$ -equivariant neural network to extract features. Note that this approach is a specific instance of our construction in [K](#) and corresponds to setting

$$\Phi_1 = \Phi(x) \quad \Phi_2 = \Phi_3 = \Phi_4 = 0$$

where  $\Phi(x) : T \rightarrow T$  is a feature map defined on the equilateral triangle. With this choice of  $\Phi_k$ , occluded faces of the tetrahedron have no signal defined on them.

## L Group Calculations for Induced Representation of $\mathbb{Z}_3$ to $A_4$

This section details the calculations in computing induced representations of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  on  $A_4$ . Computations were done with symbolic computer program, which is available upon request. Let us take  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \subset A_4$  to be the group

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \langle (1, 2, 3) \rangle = \{e, (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}$$

Let us calculate the representatives of the four left cosets of  $A_4/\mathbb{Z}_3$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} e \cdot \mathbb{Z}_3 &= \{e, (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\} \\ (1, 2, 4) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_3 &= \{(1, 2, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4), (2, 4, 3)\} \\ (2, 3, 4) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_3 &= \{(2, 3, 4), (1, 2)(3, 4), (3, 4, 1)\} \\ (3, 1, 4) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_3 &= \{(1, 4, 3), (2, 3)(1, 4), (1, 4, 2)\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the elements  $g_1 = e, g_2 = (1, 2, 4), g_3 = (2, 3, 4), g_4 = (3, 1, 4)$  are representatives of  $A_4/\mathbb{Z}_3$ . Now, we know that,

$$\forall g \in A_4, \quad \forall g_i \in \{g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4\}, \quad \exists h_i(g) \in \mathbb{Z}_3 \text{ s.t. } g \cdot g_i = g_{j_g(i)} h_i(g)$$

where  $j_g$  is a permutation and  $h_i(g) \in H$ . We thus need to compute the permutations  $j_g \in S_4 : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $h_i(g) \in H$ . The identity element coset has

$$\begin{aligned} j_e &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(1,2,3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(1,3,2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(e) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ e & e & e & e \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(1, 2, 3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 2, 3) & (1, 2, 3) & (1, 2, 3) & (1, 2, 3) \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(1, 3, 2) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now, for the  $g_2 = (1, 2, 4)$  coset,

$$\begin{aligned} j_{(1,2,4)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(1,3)(2,4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(2,4,3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(1, 2, 4) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ e & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 2, 3) \end{bmatrix}, \\ h((1, 3)(2, 4)) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 2, 3) & (1, 3, 2) & e & e \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(2, 4, 3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 3, 2) & (1, 2, 3) & e & (1, 2, 3) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for the  $(2, 3, 4)$  coset,

$$\begin{aligned} j_{(2,3,4)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(1,2)(3,4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(3,4,1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(2, 3, 4) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ e & (1, 2, 3) & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) \end{bmatrix}, \\ h((1, 2)(3, 4)) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 2, 3) & e & (1, 3, 2) & e \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(3, 4, 1) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 3, 2) & (1, 2, 3) & (1, 2, 3) & e \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

And lastly for the  $(1, 4, 3)$  coset,

$$\begin{aligned} j_{(1,4,3)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(2,3)(1,4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad j_{(1,4,2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(1, 4, 3) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ e & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 2, 3) & (1, 3, 2) \end{bmatrix}, \\ h((2, 3)(1, 4)) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 2, 3) & e & e & (1, 3, 2) \end{bmatrix}, \\ h(1, 4, 2) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ (1, 3, 2) & e & (1, 2, 3) & (1, 2, 3) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now that we have explicit formulae for  $j_g$  and  $h(g)$  we can construct the induction of a function from domain  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  to  $A_4$ .

### L.1 Counting Degrees of Freedom

$\mathbb{Z}_3$  has three one dimensional irreducible representations  $(\rho_1, V_1)$ ,  $(\rho_+, V_+)$  and  $(\rho_-, V_-)$ . The actions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} v \in V_1, \quad \rho_1(g)v &= v \\ v \in V_{\pm}, \quad \rho_{\pm}(g)v &= \exp(\pm \frac{2\pi i}{3})v \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\rho_1, V_1)$  is the trivial representation and  $(\rho_+, V_+)$  and  $(\rho_-, V_-)$  are conjugate representations.

We can now find the induced representation of  $(\rho_k, V_k)$  on  $A_4$ . The index is given by  $|A_4 : \mathbb{Z}_3| = 4$ . Let  $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4$  be representatives of the four left cosets in  $A_4/\mathbb{Z}_3$ . So that

$$A_4/\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{g_1\mathbb{Z}_3, g_2\mathbb{Z}_3, g_3\mathbb{Z}_3, g_4\mathbb{Z}_3\} \quad (9)$$

Note that  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is not normal in  $A_4$  so  $A_4/\mathbb{Z}_3$  is not a group. Despite this, the decomposition in (9) holds, via the fact that the set of representatives of cosets partitions  $G$ . The induced representation of the irreducible  $(\rho_k, V_k)$  representation of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  on  $A_4$  acts on the vector space

$$k \in \{1, +, -\}, \quad W_k = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}(V_k) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 g_i V_k^{(i)}$$

were the notation  $g_i V_k^{(i)}$  is a label denoting the  $i$ -th independent copy of the vector space  $V_k$ . Let  $R_k = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}(\rho_k)$  denote the action of  $A_4$  on  $W_k$ . We have that,

$$\forall g \in A_4, \quad R_k(g) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^4 g_i v_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 g_{j_g(i)} \rho_k(h_i(g)) v_i \in W_k$$

where  $\forall g \in A_4, j_g(i) \in S_4 : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is a permutation of the coset representatives and  $h_i(g) \in \mathbb{Z}_3$ . To summarize, irreducible representations of  $\mathbb{Z}_3 = \langle g \rangle$  are given by  $(\rho_k, V_k)$  with

$$v \in V_1, \quad \rho_1(g)v = v$$

$$v \in V_{\pm}, \quad \rho_{\pm}(g)v = \exp\left(\frac{\pm 2\pi i}{3}\right)v$$

The induced representations of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  on  $A_4$  are given by  $(R_k, W_k)$  with

$$k \in \{1, +, -\}, \quad W_k = \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 g_i V_k^{(i)}$$

$$R_k(g) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^4 g_i v_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 g_{j_g(i)} \rho_k(h_i(g)) v_i$$

with  $g \cdot g_i = g_{j_g(i)} \cdot h_i(g)$

Let us explicitly construct the induced representation of each irreducible of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  explicitly.

### L.1.1 Trivial Representation $(\rho_1, V_1)$

Consider first the trivial representation  $(\rho_1, V_1)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . The induced action  $R_1 = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}(\rho_1)$  is then given by

$$R_1[e] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 2, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_4 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 3, 2)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1[(1, 2, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ v_4 \\ v_3 \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 3)(2, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(2, 4, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1[(2, 3, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 2)(3, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(3, 4, 1)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_4 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1[(1, 4, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_4 \\ v_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(2, 3)(1, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_4 \\ v_3 \\ v_2 \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(2, 4, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_4 \\ v_1 \\ v_3 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Working in the standard Euclidean basis, we may write this as

$$R_1[e] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 2, 3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 3, 2)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1[(1, 2, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 3)(2, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(2, 4, 3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1[(2, 3, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(1, 2)(3, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(3, 4, 1)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1[(1, 4, 3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(2, 3)(1, 4)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1[(2, 4, 3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the induced action of a trivial representation acts only via permutation for all groups.

### L.1.2 $(\rho_+, V_+)$ and $(\rho_-, V_-)$ Representations

Now, consider the two complex representations  $(\rho_+, V_+)$  and  $(\rho_-, V_-)$ . These representations are conjugate representations,

$$\overline{(\rho_+, V_+)} = (\rho_-, V_-) \quad \overline{(\rho_-, V_-)} = (\rho_+, V_+)$$

The induced representation of the conjugate is the conjugate of the induced representation,

$$\text{Ind}_H^G[\overline{(\rho, V)}] = \overline{\text{Ind}_H^G[(\rho, V)]}$$

Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} R_\pm[e] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 2, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \omega_\pm \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_4 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 3, 2)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \omega_\mp \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\pm[(1, 2, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_2 \\ \omega_\pm v_4 \\ \omega_\mp v_3 \\ \omega_\mp v_1 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 3)(2, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_\pm v_1 \\ \omega_\mp v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(2, 4, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_\mp v_2 \\ \omega_\pm v_3 \\ v_1 \\ \omega_\pm v_4 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\pm[(2, 3, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_3 \\ \omega_\pm v_1 \\ \omega_\mp v_2 \\ \omega_\mp v_4 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 2)(3, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_\pm v_3 \\ v_4 \\ \omega_\mp v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(3, 4, 1)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_\mp v_3 \\ \omega_\pm v_2 \\ \omega_\pm v_4 \\ v_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\pm[(1, 4, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_4 \\ \omega_\mp v_2 \\ \omega_\pm v_1 \\ \omega_\mp v_3 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(2, 3)(1, 4)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_\pm v_4 \\ v_3 \\ v_2 \\ \omega_\mp v_1 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(2, 4, 3)] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_\mp v_4 \\ v_1 \\ v_3 \\ \omega_\pm v_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Working in the standard Euclidean basis, we may write this as

$$\begin{aligned} R_\pm[e] &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 2, 3)] &= \omega_\pm \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 3, 2)] &= \omega_\mp \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\pm[(1, 2, 4)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_\mp & 0 \\ \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 3)(2, 4)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega_\pm & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(2, 4, 3)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\pm[(2, 3, 4)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \omega_\pm & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_\mp \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(1, 2)(3, 4)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(3, 4, 1)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \omega_\mp & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_\pm & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\pm[(1, 4, 3)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_\pm & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_\mp & 0 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(2, 3)(1, 4)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_\mp & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & R_\pm[(2, 4, 3)] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_\mp \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_\pm & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_\pm & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The group  $A_4$  has four conjugacy classes:  $e$ ,  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(1, 2)(3, 4)$  and  $(1, 3, 2)$ . The four irreducible

	$e$	$(1, 2, 3)$	$(1, 3, 2)$	$(12)(34)$
$\chi_{R_1}$	4	1	1	0
$\chi_{R_+}$	4	$\omega_+$	$\omega_-$	0
$\chi_{R_-}$	4	$\omega_-$	$\omega_+$	0

Table 9: Character Table for induced representations of the irreducibles  $(\rho_1, V_1)$ ,  $(\rho_+, V_+)$  and  $(\rho_-, V_-)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  on  $A_4$ ,  $R_+ = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}(\rho_+)$  and  $R_- = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}(\rho_-)$ .  $\omega_+ = \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{3}) = \bar{\omega}_-$ .

representations of  $A_4$  are: The trivial  $(\sigma_1, W_1)$  representation, two conjugate one-dimensional

	$e$	$(1, 2, 3)$	$(1, 3, 2)$	$(12)(34)$
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1
$\chi_{1,-}$	1	$\omega_+$	$\omega_-$	1
$\chi_{1,+}$	1	$\omega_-$	$\omega_+$	1
$\chi_3$	3	0	0	-1

Table 10: Character Table for  $A_4$ .  $\omega_+ = \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{3}) = \bar{\omega}_-$ .  $(\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+})$  and  $(\sigma_{2,-}, W_{2,-})$  are conjugate representations.

representations  $(\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+})$ ,  $(\sigma_{1,-}, W_{1,-})$  and one three dimensional representation  $(\sigma_3, W_3)$ . We can thus compute the induction coefficients of the induced representation of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  on  $A_4$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\rho_1, V_1)] &= (\sigma_3, W_3) \oplus (\sigma_1, W_1) \\ \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\rho_+, V_+)] &= (\sigma_3, W_3) \oplus (\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+}) \\ \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\rho_-, V_-)] &= (\sigma_3, W_3) \oplus (\sigma_{1,-}, W_{1,-})\end{aligned}$$

Using Frobinous Reciprocity, we can derive the restrictions of  $A_4$  irreducibles. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\sigma_3, W_3)] &= (\rho_1, V_1) \oplus (\rho_+, V_+) \oplus (\rho_-, V_-) \\ \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+})] &= (\rho_+, V_+) \\ \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\sigma_{1,-}, W_{1,-})] &= (\rho_-, V_-) \\ \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\sigma_1, W_1)] &= (\rho_1, V_1)\end{aligned}$$

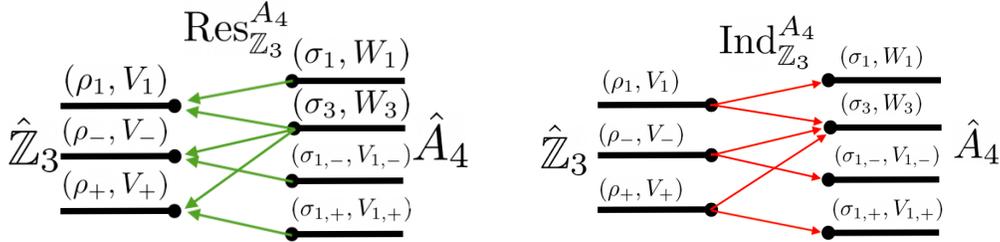


Figure 16: Left: Decomposition of the restricted representation  $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}$  of  $A_4$ -irreducibles  $(\sigma, W_\sigma) \in \hat{A}_4$  into  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -irreducibles  $(\rho, V_\rho) \in \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_3$ . Not every  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -representation can be realized as the restriction of a  $A_4$ -representation. Right: Decomposition of the induced representation  $\text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -irreducibles  $(\rho, V_\rho) \in \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_3$  into  $A_4$ -irreducibles  $(\sigma, W_\sigma) \in \hat{A}_4$ . Not every  $A_4$ -representation can be realized as the induction of a  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -representation.

We are only interested in real representations. The most general real representation of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is given by

$$(\rho, V) = m_1(\rho_1, V_1) \oplus m_c[(\rho_+, V_+) \oplus (\rho_-, V_-)]$$

where  $m_1$  and  $m_c$  are integers. The dimension of the vector space  $V$  is  $\dim V = m_1 + m_c$ . The induced representation of  $(\rho, V)$  is

$$(R, W) = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(\rho, V)] = [m_1 + 2m_c](\sigma_3, W_3) \oplus m_c[(\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+}) \oplus (\sigma_{1,-}, W_{1,-})] \oplus m_1(\sigma_1, W_1)$$

where the vector space  $W$  of the induced representation has dimension  $\dim W = 3(m_1 + 2m_c) + 2m_c + m_1 = 4m_1 + 8m_c = 4(m_1 + 2m_c) = 4 \dim V$  as expected. This result, although simple is extremely satisfying as it shows that any function on  $A_4$  can be lifted from a function on  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . To see this, note the following: By the Peter-Weyl theorem, the left regular representation  $(L, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}_3})$  decomposes as

$$(L, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}_3}) = (\rho_1, V_1) \oplus [(\rho_+, V_+) \oplus (\rho_-, V_-)]$$

Thus, the induced representation of  $(L, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}_3})$  is from  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  to  $A_4$  is thus

$$(R, W) = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}_3}] = 3(\sigma_3, W_3) \oplus [(\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+}) \oplus (\sigma_{1,-}, W_{1,-})] \oplus (\sigma_1, W_1)$$

Now, again by the Peter-Weyl theorem, the left regular representation  $(L, \mathbb{R}^{A_4})$  of  $A_4$  decomposes as

$$(L, \mathbb{R}^{A_4}) = 3(\sigma_3, W_3) \oplus [(\sigma_{1,+}, W_{1,+}) \oplus (\sigma_{1,-}, W_{1,-})] \oplus (\sigma_1, W_1)$$

So the induced representation of the left regular representation of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  has the same decomposition into irreducibles as the left regular representation of  $A_4$ . Representations are completely determined by their decomposition into irreducibles and

$$(L, \mathbb{R}^{A_4}) = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(L, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}_3})] \quad (10)$$

Ergo, the space of functions from  $A_4$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  is identical to the induced representation from  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  to  $A_4$  of the space of functions of  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Using the linearity of the induced representation and taking the  $c$ -fold direct sum of both sides of (10), we have that

$$(L, (\mathbb{R}^c)^{A_4}) = \text{Ind}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^{A_4}[(L, (\mathbb{R}^c)^{\mathbb{Z}_3})]$$

Thus, as expected, the induced representation bijectively maps group valued functions from  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$  into group valued functions from  $A_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4c}$ .