

Gauge Equivariant Mesh CNNs: Anisotropic Convolutions On Geometric Graphs

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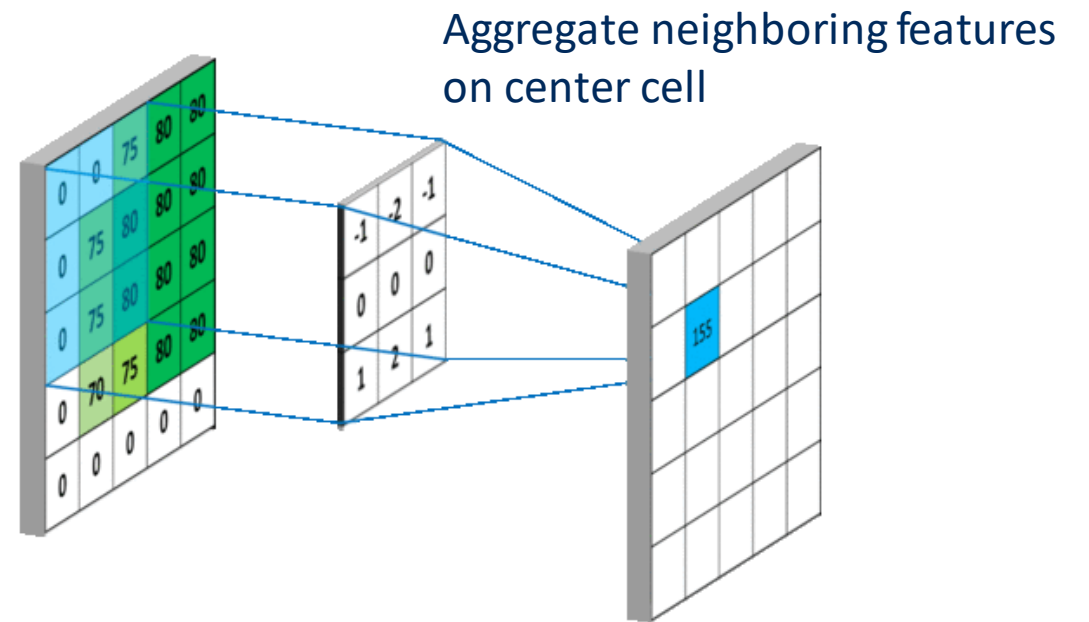
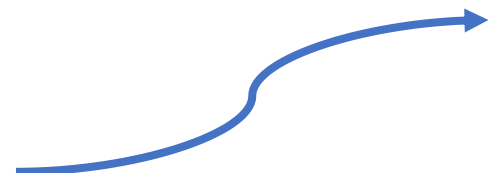
Motivation and Main Problem

Convolutions are great in 2D for pattern recognition!

Convolutional Kernel

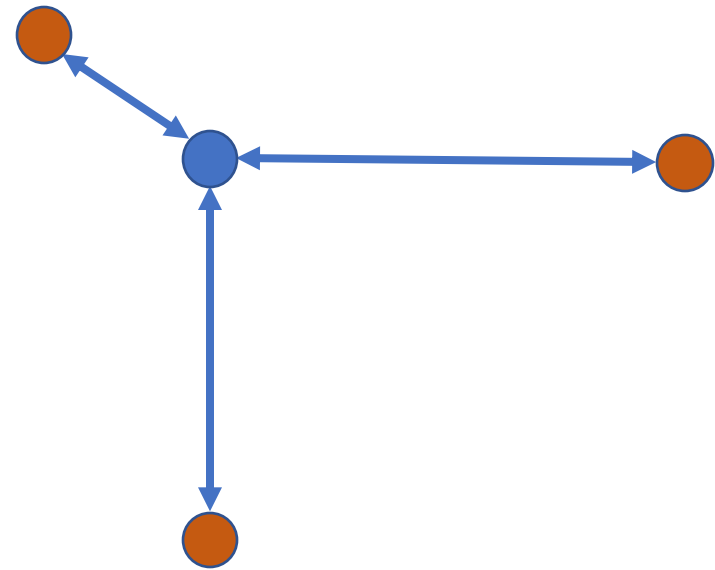
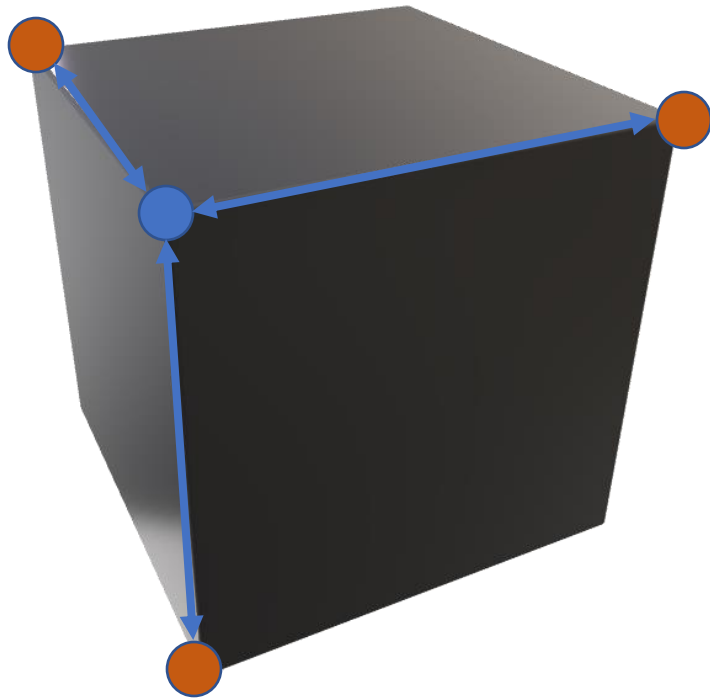
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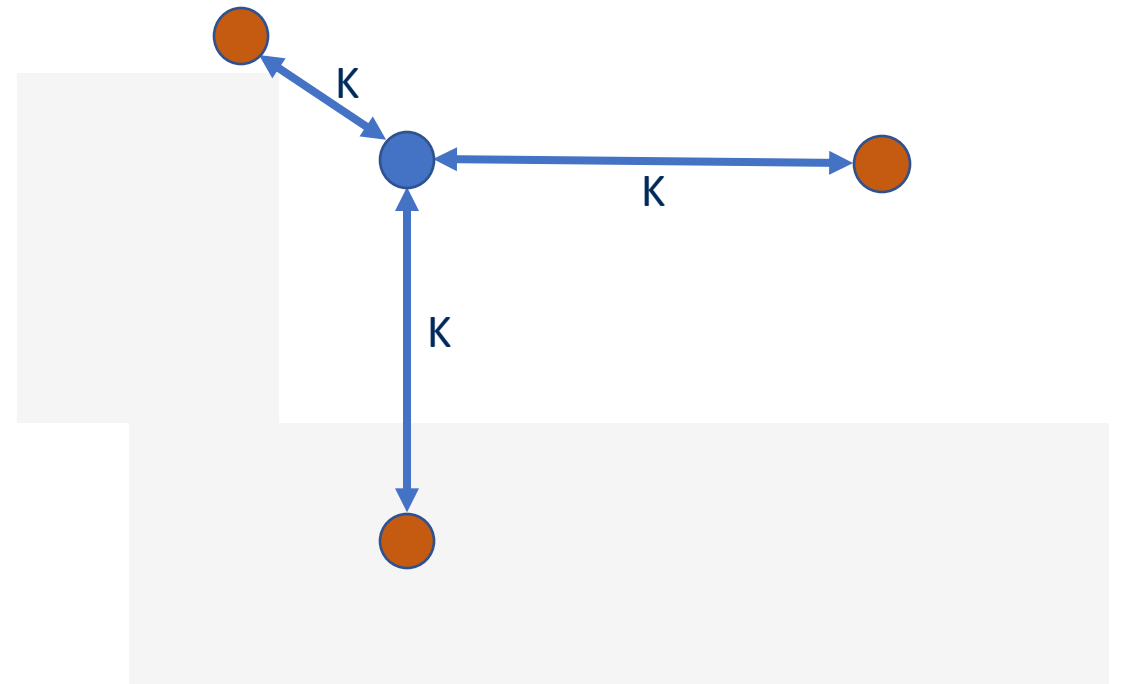
Convolutions on Meshes:



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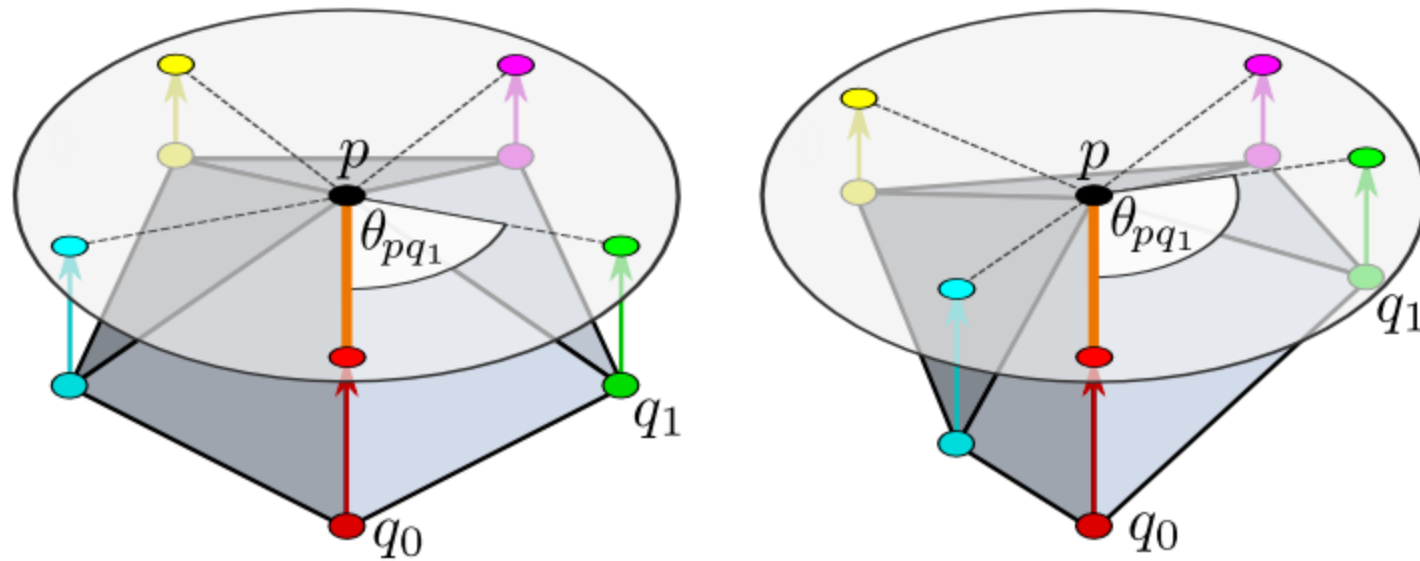
Scale features on neighbor vertices by the **same** kernel as each other

$$(K \star f)_p = \sum_{q \in \mathcal{N}_p} K_{\text{neigh}} f_q$$



Motivation and Main Problem

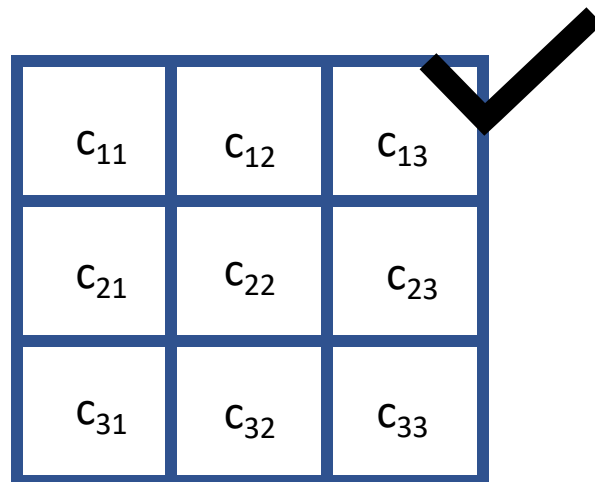
Convolutions on Meshes are not very expressive because they are **isotropic**



Motivation and Main Problem

If we designed **anisotropic** graph convolutional kernels, we could learn features more **efficiently**.

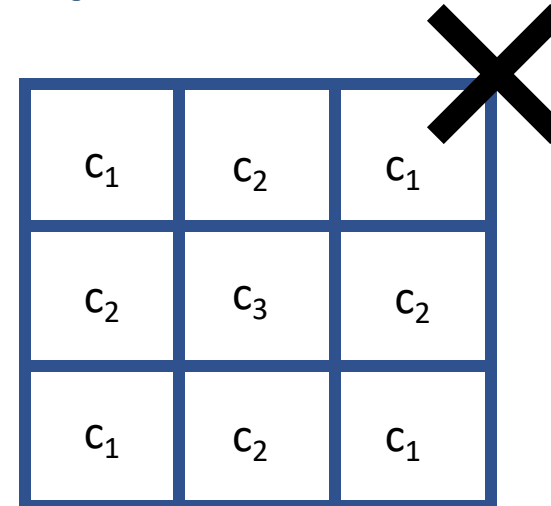
2D CNNs almost exclusively use **anisotropic** kernels.



A 3x3 grid representing an anisotropic kernel. The cells contain the following labels:

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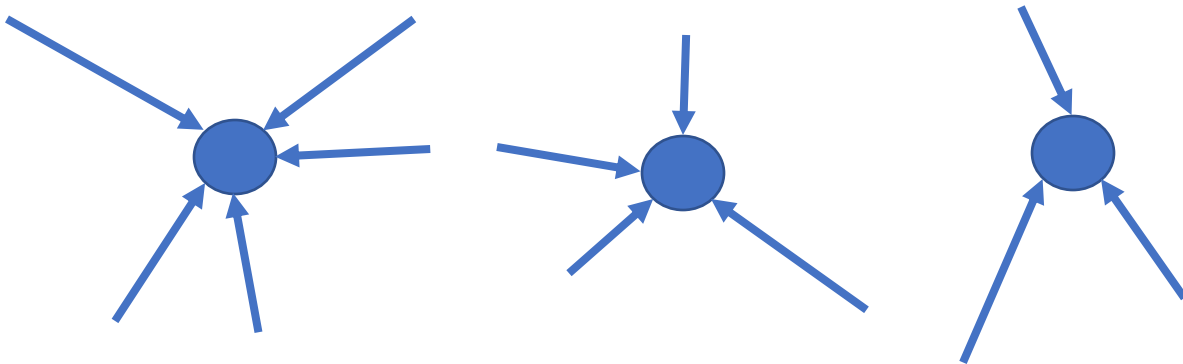
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A large black X mark is positioned to the right of the grid, indicating that this is not an anisotropic kernel.

Motivation and Main Problem

Anisotropic kernels on meshes are difficult because:

- Arbitrary number edges incident on each vertex
- Edges are not ordered in any particular set order
- These edges can come from any arbitrary direction



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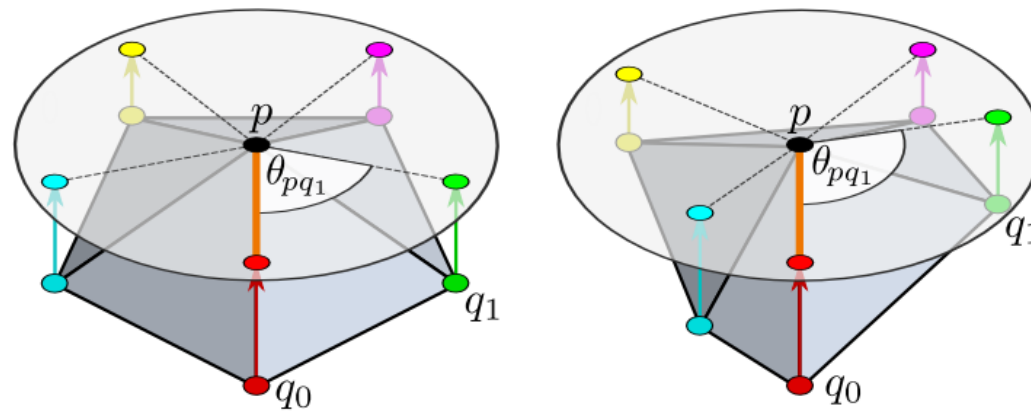
Contributions

- Make convolutional kernels more expressive via anisotropy.
 - Allows for better learning of geometric features.
 - Difficulty in irregular/sparse structure of 3D geometry.
 - Prior work on anisotropic convs. only operate on flat/regular domains.
- Can embed anisotropy in a convolutional kernel by building a local reference frame on each vertex.
- Shows that anisotropy can more efficiently achieve SOTA performance on Shape Correspondence than other techniques.

Problem Setting

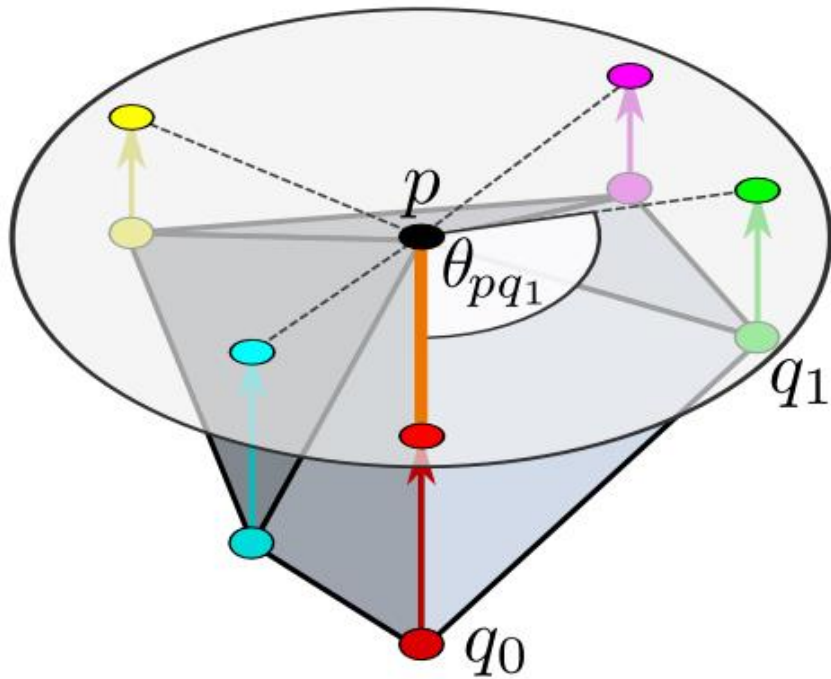
We are looking for a convolution that looks like this, but that can distinguish the two neighborhoods.

$$\overset{N \times 1}{(K \star f)_p} = \sum_{q \in \mathcal{N}_p} \underset{N \times M}{K_{\text{neigh}}} \overset{M \times 1}{f_q}$$



Approach

Set up a **gauge** at each vertex by picking a **reference edge**



Each edge's kernel value now depends on angle w.r.t **gauge**.

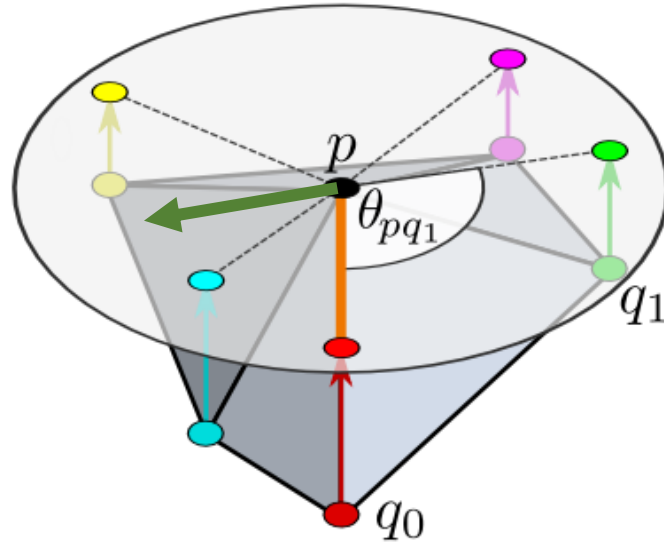
Angle measured on projection in **tangent space**

$$(K \star f)_p = \sum_{q \in \mathcal{N}_p} K_{\text{neigh}}(\theta_{pq}) \rho(g_{q \rightarrow p}) f_q$$

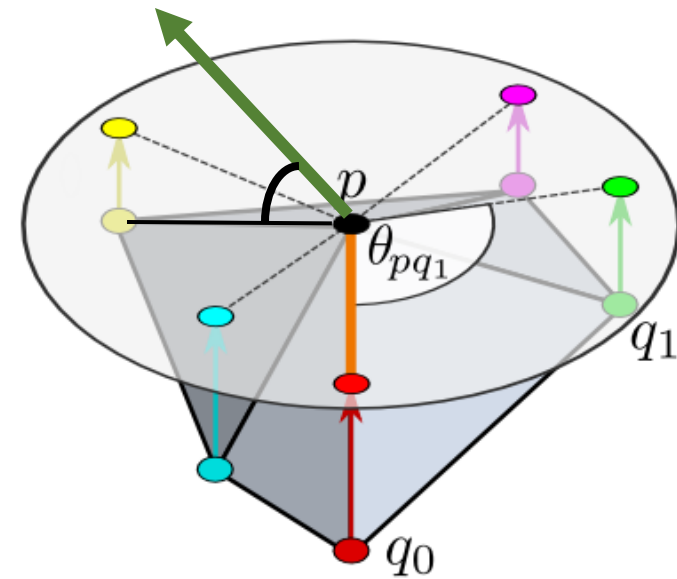
Features Living in Local Frame

Useful to think of m -d features living in a local frame defined by the **gauge** at each vertex.

2D feature vector

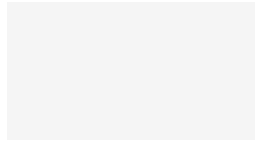
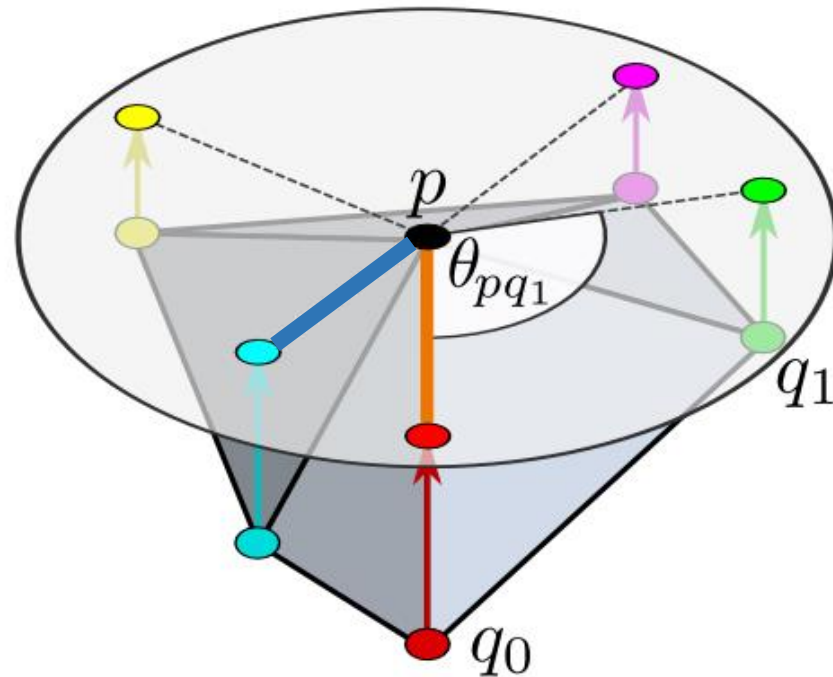


3D feature vector



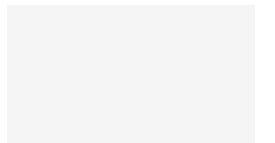
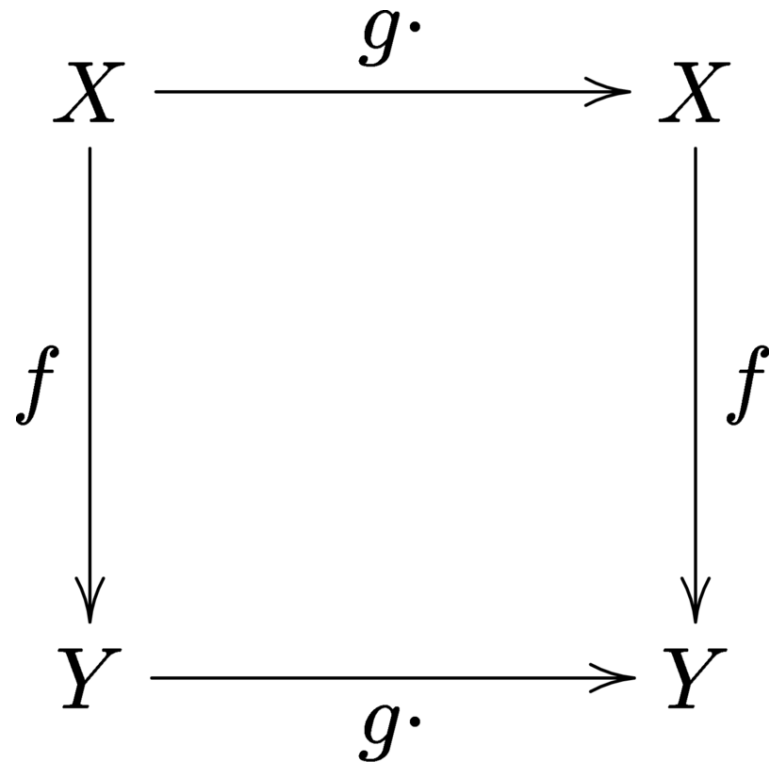
Big Problem

If you change the gauge, you change the output!



Equivariance

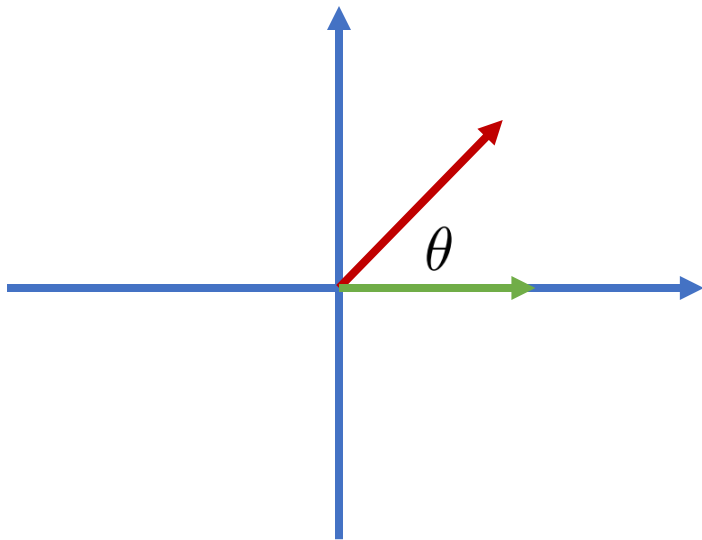
$$f(g \cdot x) = g \cdot f(x)$$



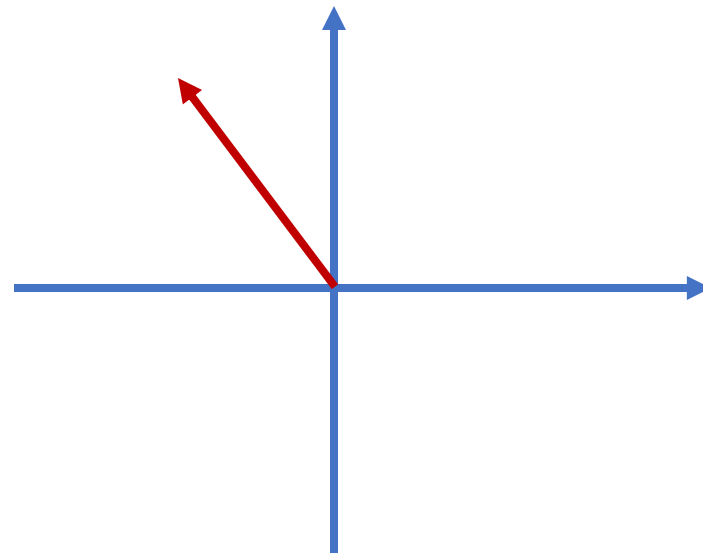
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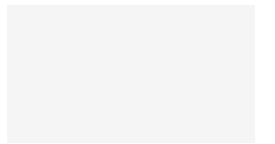
$$K_{\text{neigh}}(\theta - g) = R(-g)K_{\text{neigh}}(\theta)$$



Mesh Angle



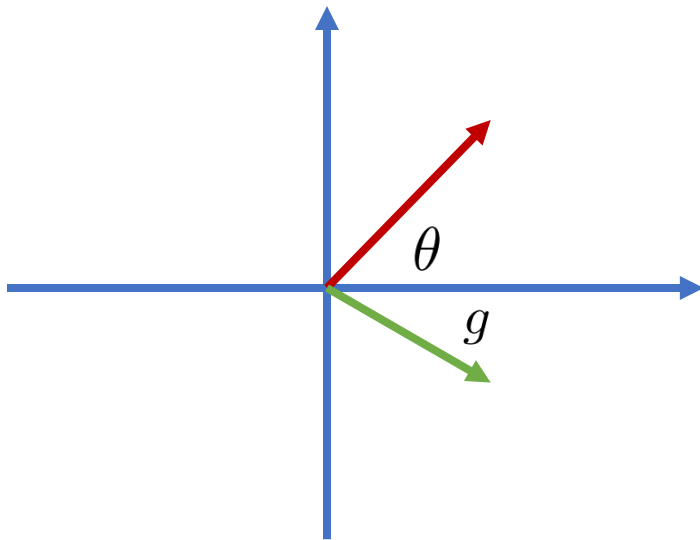
Output feature



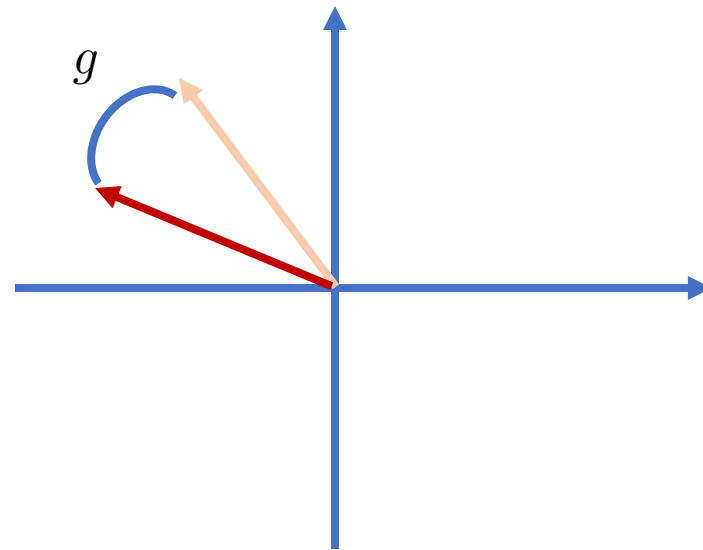
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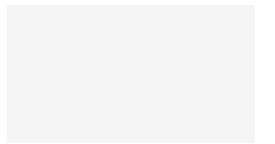
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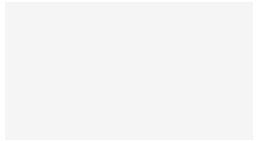
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General Gauge Equivariance

When given m-d input, with n-d output, must solve:

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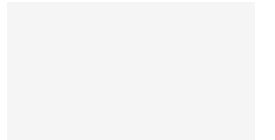


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How do we solve this?!

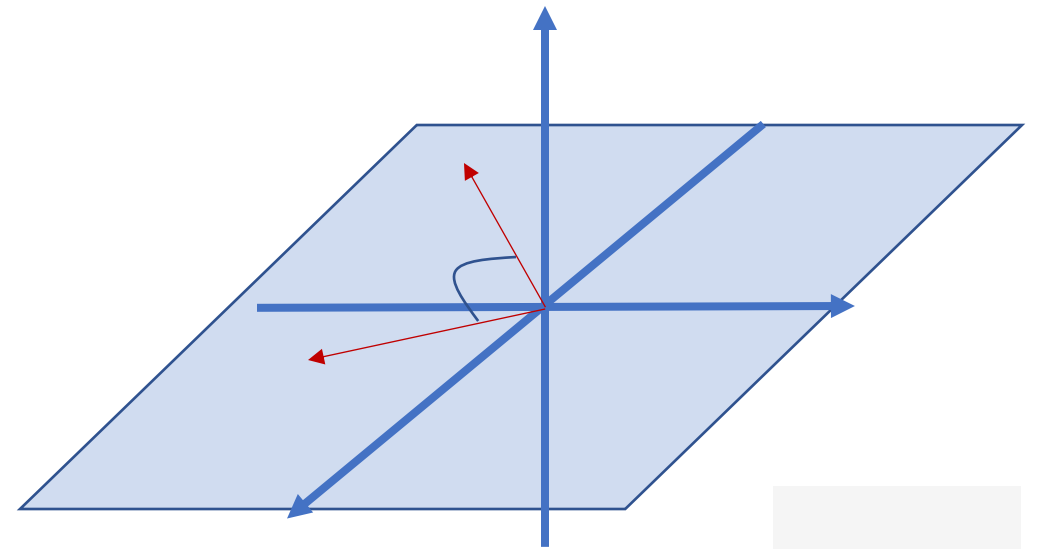


Group Representations of SO(2)

$N \times N$ SO(2) matrices rotate a vector in a plane.

Have a block diagonal structure.

$$\rho(g) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \cos g & -\sin g & \\ & \sin g & \cos g & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

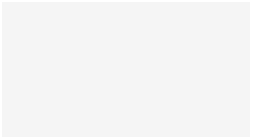


Rotations on 2D plane defined by **gauge**

Group Representations of $SO(2)$

$\rho_{\text{out}}, \rho_{\text{in}}$ can be built by block-wise concatenation of smaller, irreducible representations of $SO(2)$

Irreducible Representations of $SO(2)$:

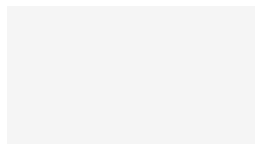
$$\rho_0(g) = 1, \quad \rho_n(g) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos ng & -\sin ng \\ \sin ng & \cos ng \end{pmatrix}$$


Group Representations of SO(2)

Forming a representation from two irreducible representations

$$\rho = \rho_0 \oplus \rho_1 \quad \rho_0(g) = 1, \quad \rho_n(g) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos ng & -\sin ng \\ \sin ng & \cos ng \end{pmatrix}$$

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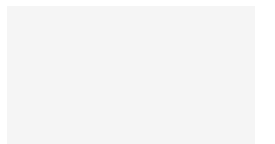


What Do The Guts Look Like?

$$K_{\text{neigh}}(\theta - g) = \rho_{\text{out}}(-g) K_{\text{neigh}}(\theta) \rho_{\text{in}}(g)$$

N x N block diagonal matrix, made of **your** choice of irreps

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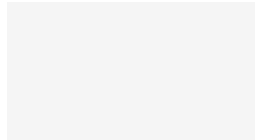
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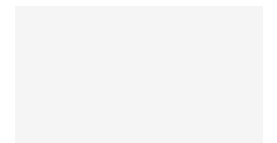
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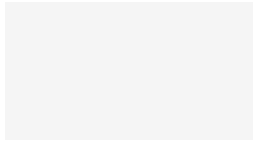
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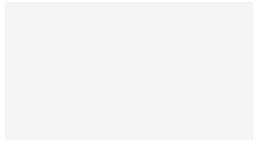
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Looking for a 2x1 solution to $K_{10}(\theta)$



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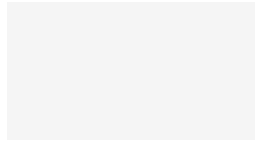
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Solution has basis:

With $m=1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos m\theta \\ \sin m\theta \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sin m\theta \\ -\cos m\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



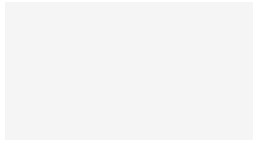
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Solution has form

$$K_{10}(\theta) = w_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix} + w_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\theta) \\ -\cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$



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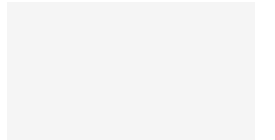
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$\rho_n \rightarrow \rho_m$	$\begin{pmatrix} c_- & -s_- \\ s_- & c_- \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} s_- & c_- \\ -c_- & s_- \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c_+ & s_+ \\ s_+ & -c_+ \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -s_+ & c_+ \\ c_+ & s_+ \end{pmatrix}$



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Basis formed by the following matrices

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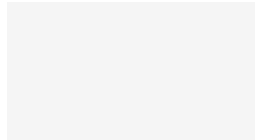
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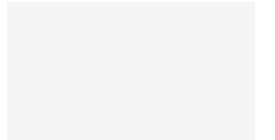
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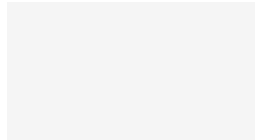
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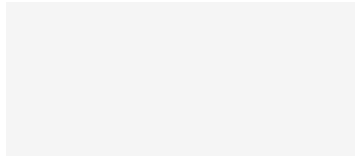
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Aggregate features from each neighbor, weighed by **the kernel basis function** and **the learned weight** variable.

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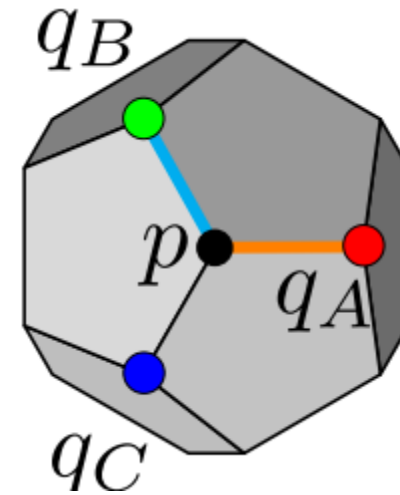
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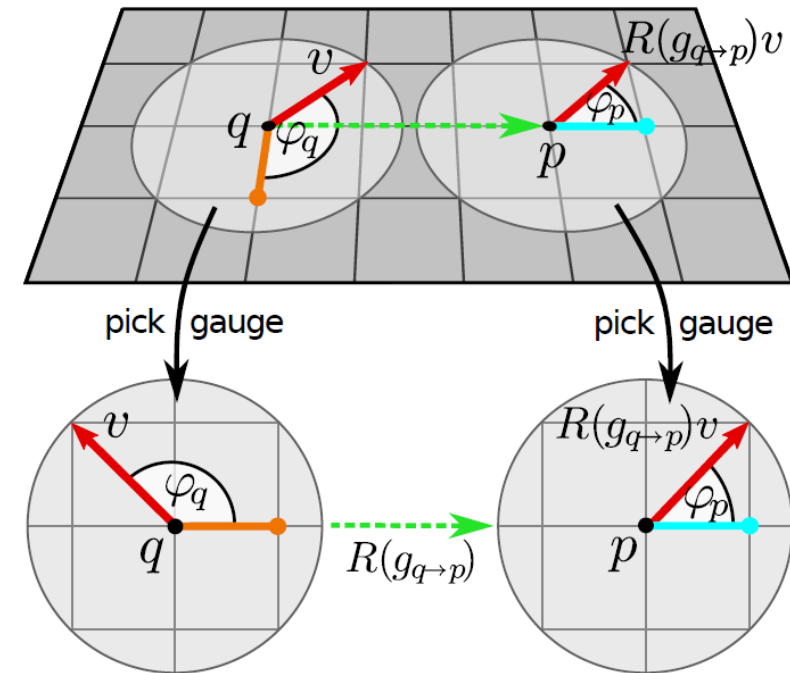


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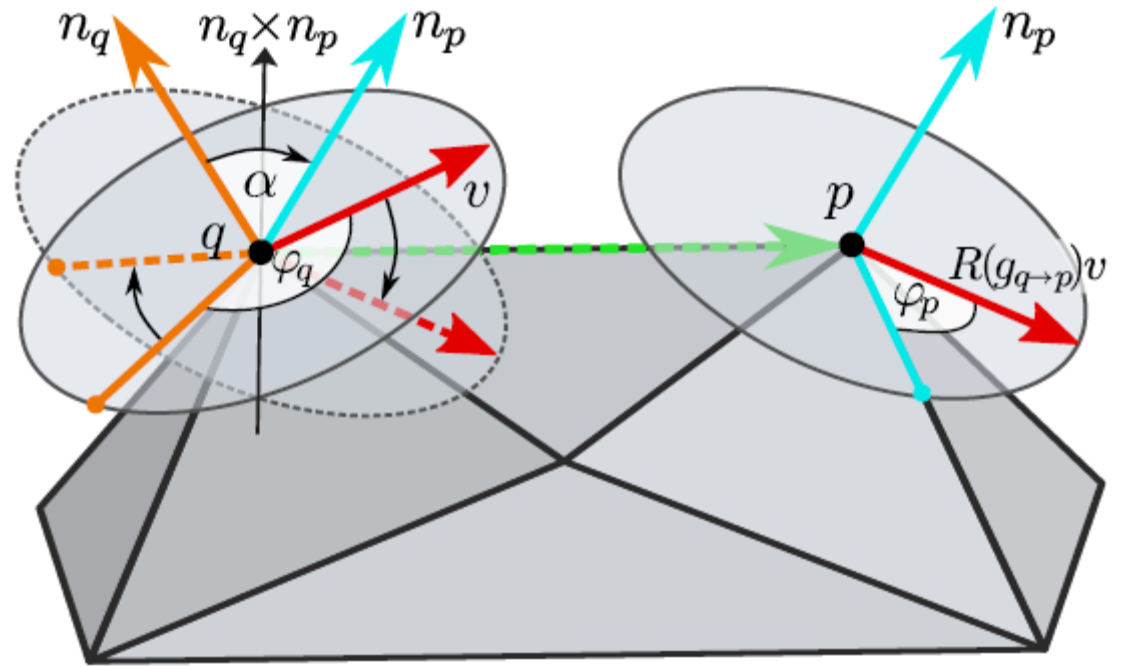
We need to account for this by aligning their frames.



Aligning Frames : Parallel Transport

If mesh is **not** flat, additionally need to **align tangent spaces**, then translate:

- Get axis of rotation by cross product of normals
- Get angle of rotation by dot product of normals
- Form $SO(3)$ rotation matrix.
- Can project all of the steps above into a single 2D gauge transformation.



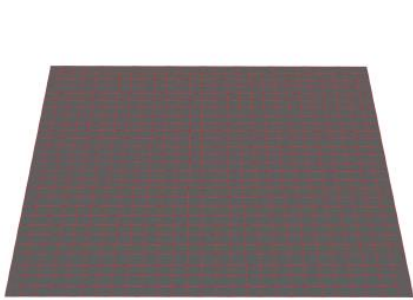
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Made a rectangle mesh from MNIST images.

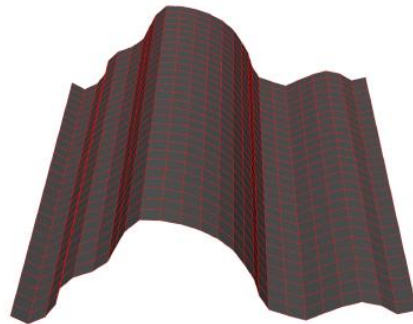
Added random noise to planar mesh. Trained different networks on different mesh roughness.



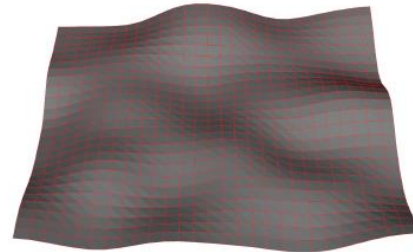
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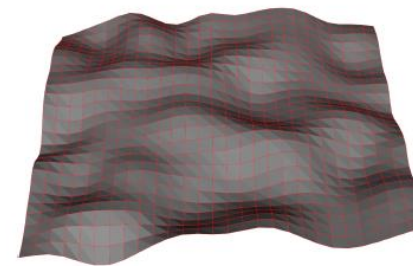
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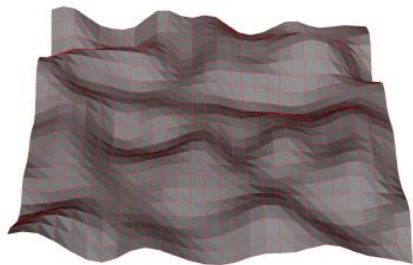
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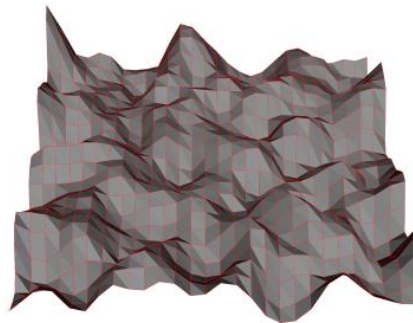
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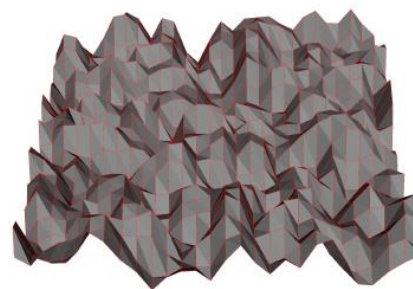
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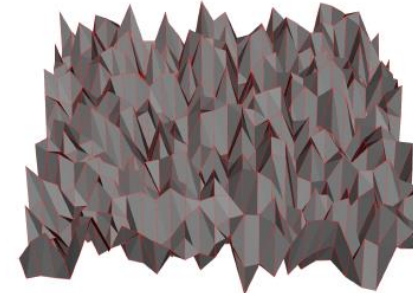
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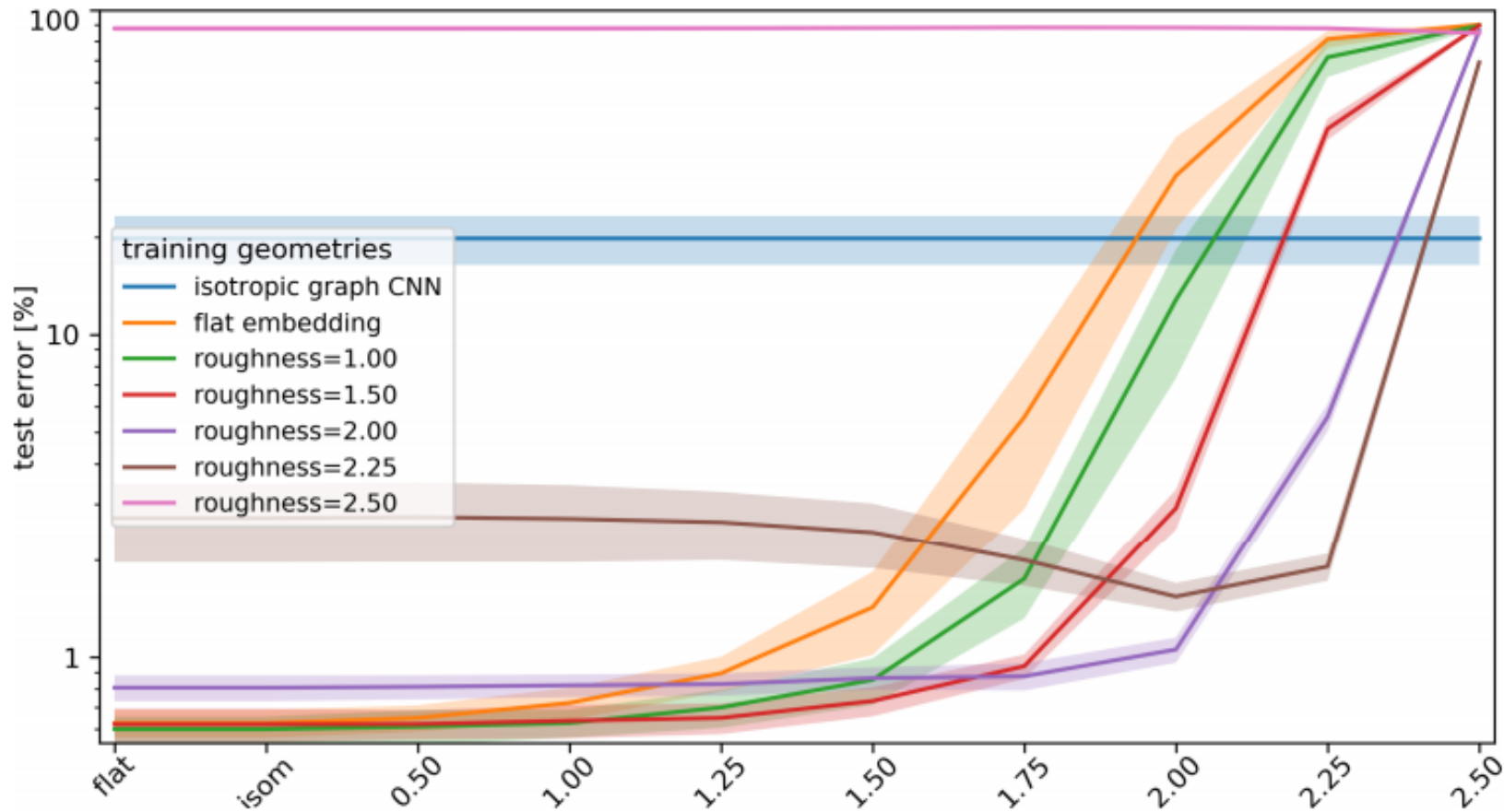


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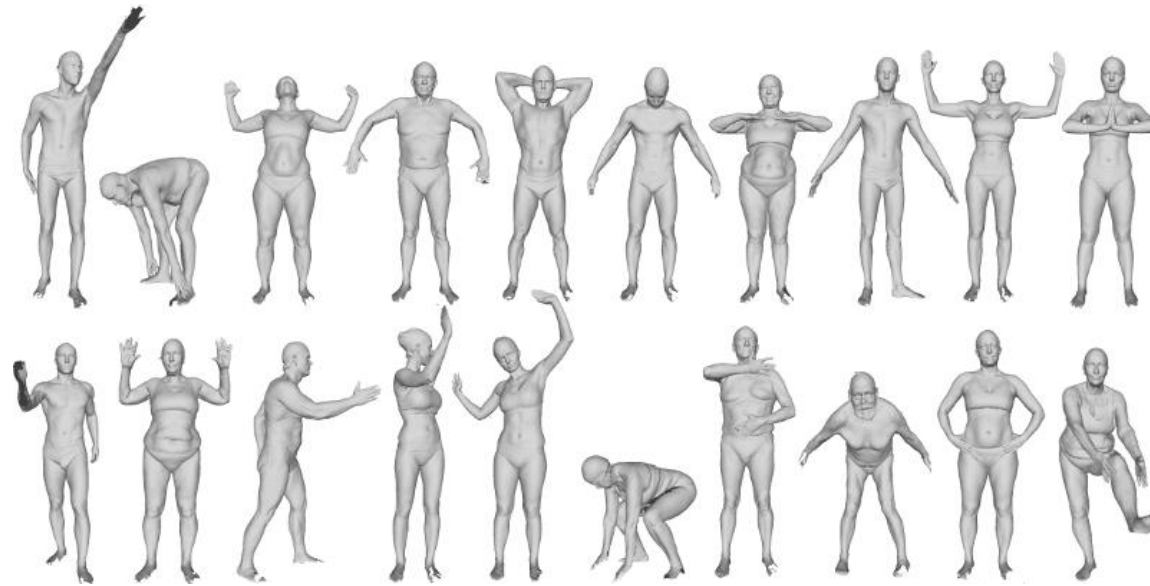
(h) Curved, roughness = 2.5

Experimental Results: Embedded MNIST



Experimental Results: Shape Correspondance

Given vertex in one human body-mesh, identify corresponding vertex in deformed human body mesh (different pose).



Experimental Results: Shape Correspondance

Model	Features	Accuracy (%)
ACNN (Boscaini et al., 2016)	SHOT	62.4
Geodesic CNN (Masci et al., 2015)	SHOT	65.4
MoNet (Monti et al., 2016)	SHOT	73.8
FeaStNet (Verma et al., 2018)	XYZ	98.7
ZerNet (Sun et al., 2018)	XYZ	96.9
SpiralNet++ (Gong et al., 2019)	XYZ	99.8
Graph CNN	XYZ	1.40±0.5
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Non-equiv. CNN (SHOT frames)	XYZ	73.00±4.0
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Discussion of results

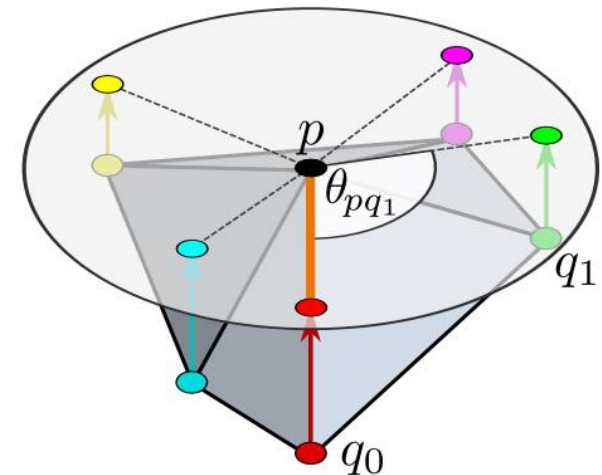
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