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PDO-s3DCNNs: Partial Differential Operator Based Steerable 3D CNNs

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Introduction

- An extension work of our previous two works: PDO-eConvs¹ and PDO-eS2CNNs².
- As far as we know, PDO-s3DCNNs are the most general and flexible steerable 3D CNNs.

¹Shen et al. PDO-eConvs: Partial Differential Operator Based Equivariant Convolutions. ICML, 2020.

²Shen et al. PDO-eS2CNNs: Partial Differential Operator Based Equivariant Spherical CNNs. AAAI, 2021.

Steerable CNNs

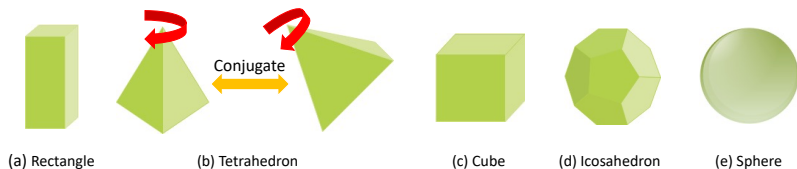
For a 3D steerable CNN Ψ , it should satisfy that:

$$\forall g \in \mathcal{G}, \quad \pi'(g) [\Psi[f]] = \Psi[\pi(g)[f]],$$

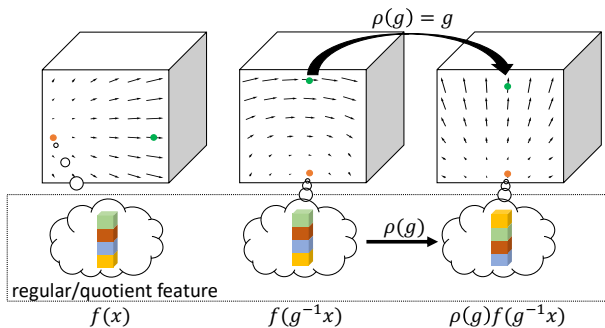
where

$$[\pi(g)f](x) = \rho(g)f(g^{-1}x),$$

As a result, the most general steerable CNNs should address arbitrary rotation group \mathcal{G} and their feature field determined by $\rho(g)$.



Common 3D rotation groups contain the continuous group $SO(3)$ and its discrete subgroups, including the dihedral group D_N , the tetrahedral group \mathcal{T} , the cubic group \mathcal{C} and the icosahedral group \mathcal{I} .



Common feature fields include regular features, quotient features and irreducible features.

Table: The comparison between PDO-s3DCNNs and other 3D steerable models.

	\mathcal{G}			Feature field			Data type
	$\mathcal{G} \leq \mathcal{O}$	\mathcal{I}	$SO(3)$	Regular	Quotient	Irreducible	
N-Body			✓			✓	graphs
TFN			✓			✓	point clouds
CubeNets	✓			✓			voxels
SE3CNNs			✓			✓	voxels
SE(3)-Transformer			✓			✓	point clouds/graphs
PDO-s3DCNN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	voxels

PDO-s3DCNNs can accommodate all common subgroups of $SO(3)$ and feature fields, while others can only address specific groups and feature fields.

Main theoretical results

We employ a combination of PDOs to define a 3D filter on the input function $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^K)$:

$$\Psi[f] = \left(A_0 + A_1 \partial_{x_1} + A_2 \partial_{x_2} + A_3 \partial_{x_3} + A_{11} \partial_{x_1^2} + A_{12} \partial_{x_1 x_2} \right. \\ \left. + A_{13} \partial_{x_1 x_3} + A_{22} \partial_{x_2^2} + A_{23} \partial_{x_2 x_3} + A_{33} \partial_{x_3^2} \right) [f].$$

Ψ is equivariant over \mathcal{G} , if and only if its coefficients satisfy the following linear constraints: $\forall g \in \mathcal{G}$,

$$\begin{cases} r\rho'(g)B_0 = B_0\rho(g), \\ \rho'(g)B_1 = B_1(g \otimes \rho(g)), \\ \rho'(g)B_2 = B_2(P(g \otimes g)P^\dagger \otimes \rho(g)), \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (I_K \otimes \rho'(g) - \rho(g)^T \otimes I_{K'}) \text{vec}(B_0) = 0, \\ (I_{3K} \otimes \rho'(g) - (g \otimes \rho(g))^T \otimes I_{K'}) \text{vec}(B_1) = 0, \\ (I_{6K} \otimes \rho'(g) - (P(g \otimes g)P^\dagger \otimes \rho(g))^T \otimes I_{K'}) \text{vec}(B_2) = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_0 = A_0, \\ B_1 = [A_1, A_2, A_3], \\ B_2 = [A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{13}, A_{22}, A_{23}, A_{33}], \end{array} \right.$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

- The linear constraints can be solved efficiently using SVD.
- For discrete groups, we should only solve the constraints for group generators.
- For continuous group $SO(3)$, we should only solve the constraints for approximate group generators.

Experimental results

Rotated Tetris:

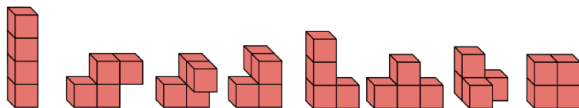


Table: The test accuracy of the \mathcal{O} - and $SO(3)$ - steerable CNNs discretized by FD on 3D Tetris with cubic rotations.

Group	Feature field	Test acc. (%)	# Params	Time
\mathcal{O}	Regular	100.0 ± 0.0	31k	14.3s
\mathcal{O}	\mathcal{V} -quotient	100.0 ± 0.0	5.5k	2.3s
\mathcal{O}	\mathcal{T} -quotient	100.0 ± 0.0	2.2k	1.3s
$SO(3)$	Irreducible	100.0 ± 0.0	22.8k	66.7s

SHREC'17 Retrieval:



Table: The retrieval performance of \mathcal{V} -, \mathcal{T} -, \mathcal{O} -, \mathcal{I} - and $SO(3)$ -steerable CNNs, tested on SHREC'17.

Group	Discretization	Feature field	Score
\mathcal{V}	FD	Regular	52.7
\mathcal{T}	FD	Regular	57.6
\mathcal{O}	FD	Regular	58.6
\mathcal{I}	Gaussian	Regular	55.5
$SO(3)$	FD	Irreducible	57.4
$SO(3)$	Gaussian	Irreducible	58.3

Table: The comparison with other equivariant methods on SHREC' 17.

Methods	Score	micro			macro			Param	Input
		P@N	R@N	mAP	P@N	R@N	mAP		
RI-GCN	56.2	69.1	68.0	64.5	47.4	57.0	47.8	4.4M	point clouds
Li et al.	56.5	69.4	69.4	65.8	48.1	56.0	47.2	2.9M	point clouds
S2CNN	-	70.1	71.1	67.6	-	-	-	1.4M	spherical
FFS2CNN	-	70.7	72.2	68.3	-	-	-	-	spherical
VolterraNet	-	71.0	70.0	67.0	-	-	-	0.4M	spherical
Esteves et al.	56.5	71.7	73.7	68.5	45.0	55.0	44.4	0.5M	spherical
Cobb et al.	-	71.9	71.0	67.9	-	-	-	0.25M	spherical
SE3CNN	55.5	70.4	70.6	66.1	49.0	54.9	44.9	0.14M	spherical
Ours ($SO(3)$)	58.3	73.1	73.4	69.3	52.5	55.4	47.3	0.15M	spherical
Ours (\mathcal{C} , regular)	58.6	72.9	73.0	68.8	51.9	57.7	48.3	0.15M	spherical
Ours (\mathcal{C} , \mathcal{V} -quotient)	55.5	69.2	69.6	65.0	48.0	56.3	46.0	0.15M	spherical
Ours (\mathcal{C} , mixed)	59.1	73.2	73.3	69.3	51.7	57.8	48.8	0.15M	spherical

ISBI 2012 segmentation

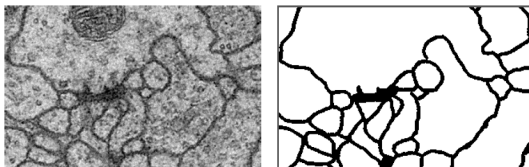


Table: ISBI 2012 segmentation results.

	V_{rand}	V_{info}
U-Net	0.97276	0.98662
FusionNet	0.97804	0.98995
CubeNet	0.98018	0.98202
SFCNN	0.98680	0.99144
PDO-s3DCNN (\mathcal{V} -steerable)	0.98415	0.99031
PDO-s3DCNN (\mathcal{C} -steerable)	0.98727	0.99089

Thank you for your time!