

Emerging Directions in Deep Learning

Examples of ML techniques on particular manifolds

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Introduction

Learning techniques on Lie groups

Applications of symmetric positive definite matrices

Once again: CNN in the 2D-framework

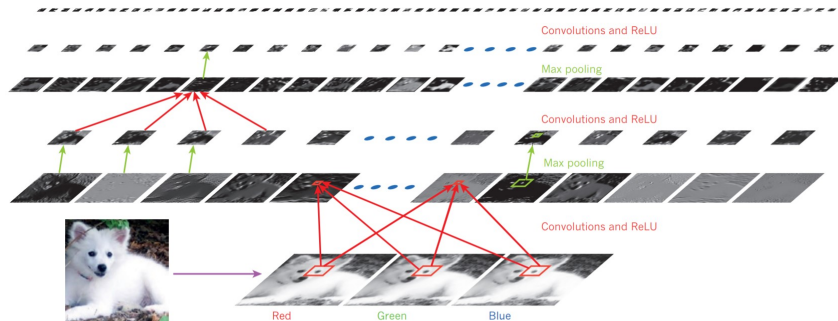


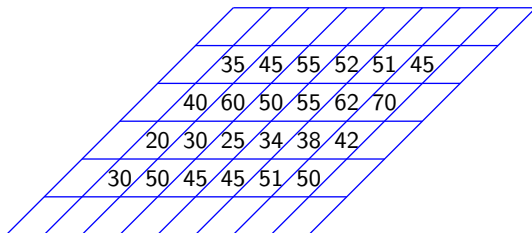
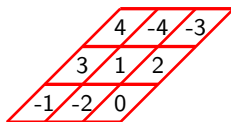
Figure 2 | Inside a convolutional network. The outputs (not the filters) of each layer (horizontally) of a typical convolutional network architecture applied to the image of a Samoyed dog (bottom left; and RGB (red, green, blue) inputs, bottom right). Each rectangular image is a feature map

corresponding to the output for one of the learned features, detected at each of the image positions. Information flows bottom up, with lower-level features acting as oriented edge detectors, and a score is computed for each image class in output. ReLU, rectified linear unit.

[LeCun et al., 2015]

Seek for generalizations...

- ▶ **Aim:** To extend to other categories of geometric objects techniques that work in the 2D-framework.
- ▶ Main operations for a CNN: the grid (regular) structure, the convolution operation).



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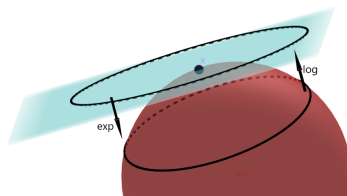
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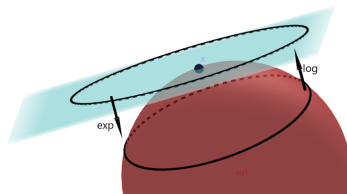
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This lecture...

Two examples of manifolds used in ML pipelines. They have a particular structure, which enables specific computations. Both of them are implemented in Geomstats.

- (1) Lie groups
- (2) Symmetric-positive-definite (SPD) matrices

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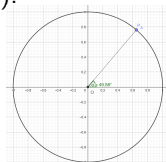
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The point $P_A = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$ on the circle S^1 corresponds to the matrix A .

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- For $n = 1$ the group reduces to a point, for $n = 2$ one has $\mathrm{SO}(2) \simeq S^1$ (the circle group, the group of 2D rotations). The group $\mathrm{SO}(3)$ is the group of 3D rotations.

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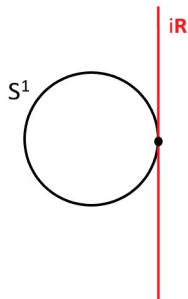
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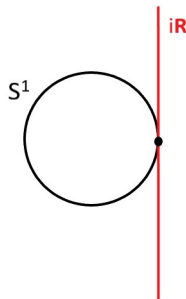
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Application: Lie Group representation for skeletal data

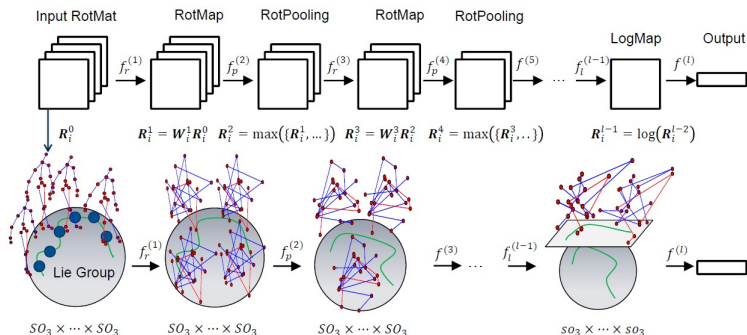


Figure 1. Conceptual illustration of the proposed Lie group Network (LieNet) architecture. In the network structure, the data space of each RotMap/RotPooling layer corresponds to a Lie group, while the weight spaces of the RotMap layers are Lie groups as well.

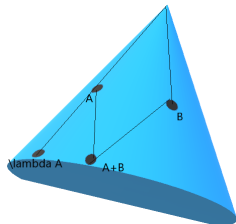
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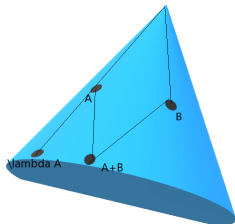
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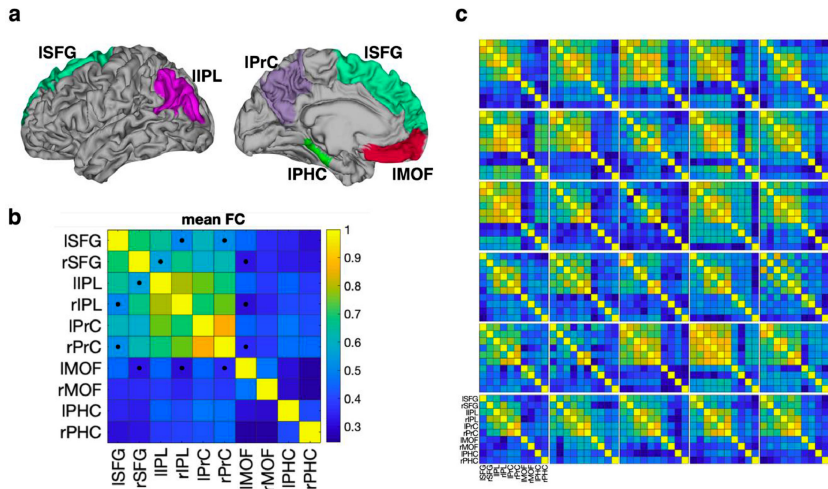
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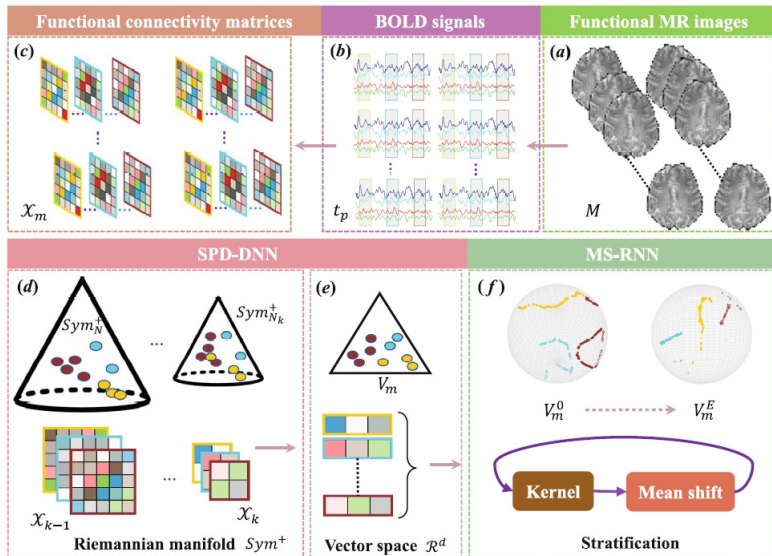
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SPD-matrices: brain connectomes

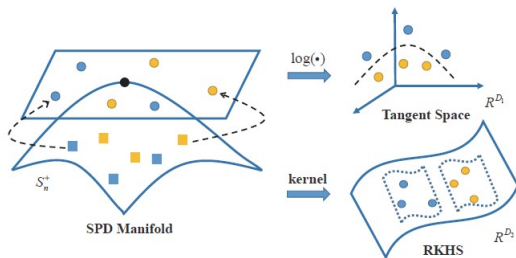


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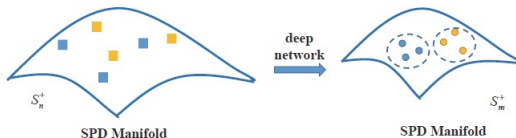
SPD-matrices: detection of brain state changes



SPD-matrices: application to face recognition



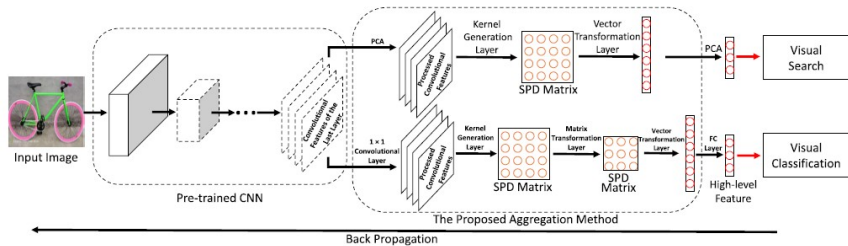
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SPD-matrices: CV tasks



Source [Gao et al., 2019](#), see also [Gao et al., 2017](#)

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