

Geometric Deep Learning

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Part V: Invariance through group smoothing

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\Rightarrow Rotation-invariance reduced dimensionality by a factor of 3

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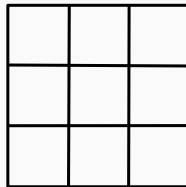
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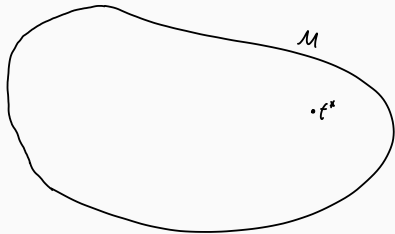
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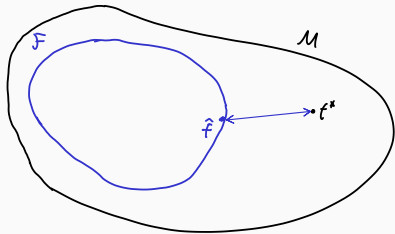


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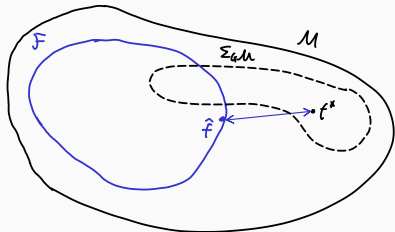


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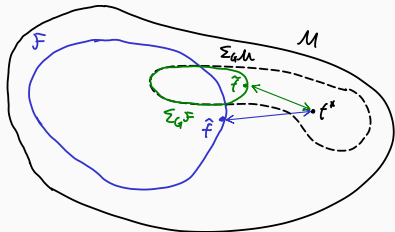


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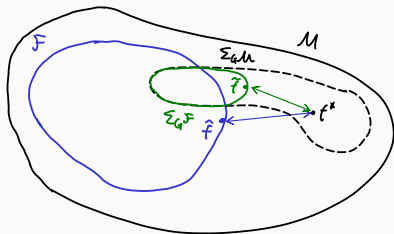
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A non-continuous function

$$\Sigma_G f(1, 1) = 0, \Sigma_G f(1, 1 + \epsilon) = 1$$

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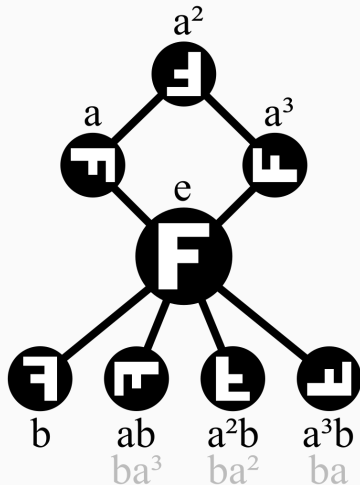
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- For D_4 : rotation by 90° a , horizontal flip b
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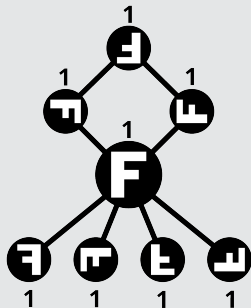
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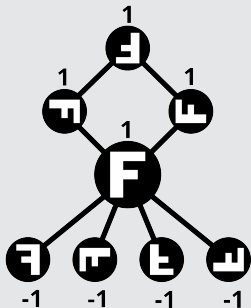
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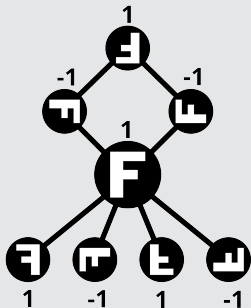
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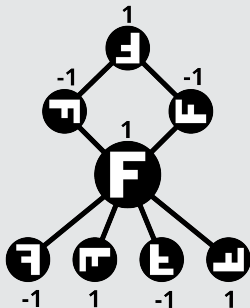
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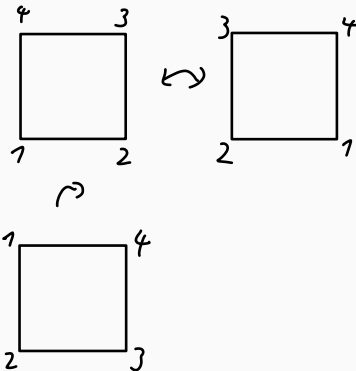
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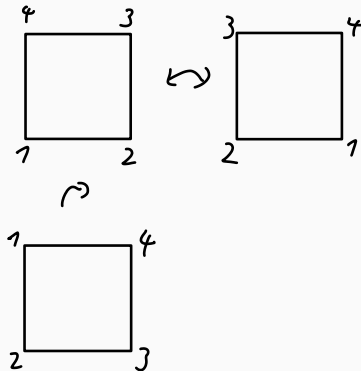
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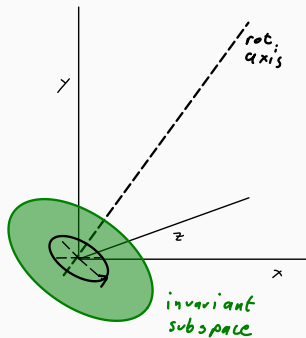
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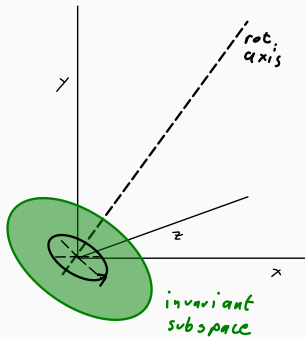
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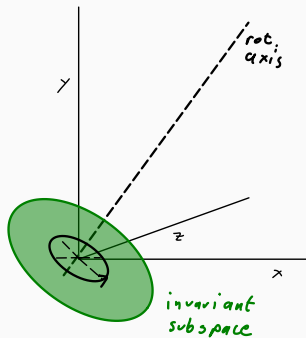
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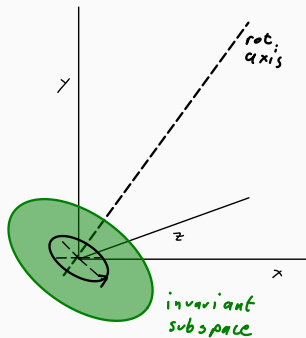
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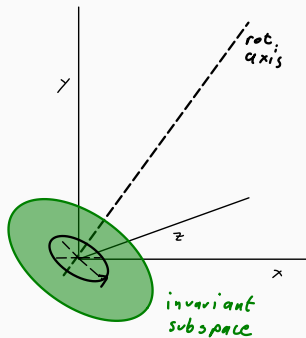
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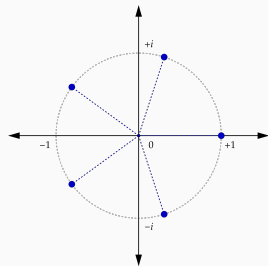
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There are n 1-dimensional irreps. in \mathbb{C}

Roots of unit $\sqrt[n]{1}$

$$R(g) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Summary

- Representations are linear group actions $g.v = R(g)v$, $R(g) \in \text{GL}(d)$
- Can be built up from *irreducible representations*
- *Regular representation* acts on the group itself

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