

Equivariant Prediction of Tensorial Properties and Transfer Learning

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Overview

- J_z basis $\rightarrow Y_{\ell=1}^m$ unit vectors
- Clebsch-Gordon expansion for symmetric tensor spaces
- Constructing symmetric, $SO(3)$ invariant, tensor subspaces
- Equivariant networks and harmonics
- Test results: pretraining and prediction

J_z Basis

Recall $\ell = 1$ spherical harmonics (with Racah normalization):

$$Y_1^{+1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x + iy) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \phi e^{i\theta}$$

$$Y_1^0 = z = \cos \phi$$

$$Y_1^{-1} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x - iy) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \phi e^{-i\theta}$$

So, define J_z basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_+ \\ a_0 \\ a_- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & +\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so that } \hat{n} = a_+ Y_1^1 + a_0 Y_1^0 + a_- Y_1^{-1}$$

Clebsch-Gordon Expansion

Build larger spherical harmonic tensors with CG expansion:

$$Y_{\ell_1}^{m_1} \otimes Y_{\ell_2}^{m_2} = \sum_{L=-|\ell_1-\ell_2|}^{\ell_1+\ell_2} \sum_{M=-L}^L c_{\ell_1 0 \ell_2 0}^{L0} c_{\ell_1 m_1 \ell_2 m_2}^{LM} Y_L^M$$

where Y_L represents a $2L + 1$ dimensional symmetric tensor space of rank L .

We use this as a relation between symmetric tensor's J_z basis components and higher order spherical harmonic tensors.

$$T^{(n)} = \underbrace{a_{\alpha\beta\dots}}_n (Y_1^\alpha \otimes Y_1^\beta \otimes \dots) \Rightarrow y_\ell^m Y_L^M$$

But, what about asymmetric tensors?

$SO(3)$ Invariant Tensor Subspaces

We can always reduce an arbitrary tensor T that transforms under a transformation as:

$$T_{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n} \rightarrow T'_{x'_1 x'_2 \dots x'_n} = R_{x'_1}^{x_1} R_{x'_2}^{x_2} R_{x'_3}^{x_3} T_{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n},$$

into a set of irreducible (but not necessarily unique) symmetric, $SO(3)$ invariant subtensors:

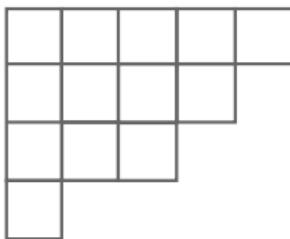
$$\{h^{(\ell)}\} \rightarrow \{h'^{(\ell)}\} = \{\mathcal{D}^\ell(R)h^{(\ell)}\}$$

This decomposition can be constructed by consecutive decomposition with respect to GL and then O and SL

$$SO = SL \cap O \subset GL$$

GL Decomposition

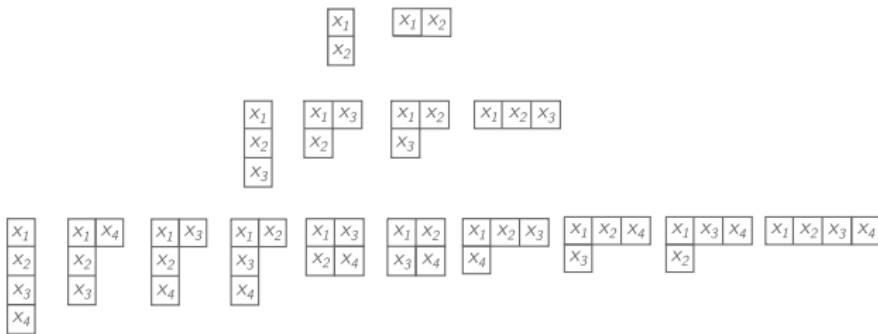
- Decompositions under general linear group GL are simultaneous with decompositions under symmetric group S (*Schur-Weyl Duality*)
- Irreducible representations of symmetric group are diagrammatically described by Young diagrams.



Young diagrams are said to be of some shape
 $\lambda : (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$, where λ_i refers to the depth of row i and
 $\lambda_{i+1} \leq \lambda_i \leq \lambda_{i-1}$. Above: $(5, 4, 3, 1)$

GL Decomposition cont.

We can then form a set of Young tableaux from diagrams by filling in the boxes from a set of ordered indices $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ corresponding to tensor components $T^{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k}$.



A standard tableau is one filled with indices x_i (without repeats) with entries increasing in index i down each column and across (to the right) rows.

GL Decomposition cont.

Each of these standard tableaux correspond to an invariant subspace under S_k .

These invariant subspaces may be constructed by corresponding products of symmetrizers s and antisymmetrizers a :

$$s_\lambda = \prod_{\mathcal{I} \in \text{Cols}(\lambda)} \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{I})$$

$$a_\lambda = \prod_{\mathcal{I} \in \text{Rows}(\lambda)} \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{I})$$

where \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{A} act component-wise as:

$$[\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{I}) T]_{ijk\dots} = \sum_{\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}} T_{\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}(ijk\dots)}$$

$$[\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{I}) T]_{ijk\dots} = \sum_{\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}} \text{sgn}(\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}) T_{\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}(ijk\dots)}$$

O Decomposition

Orthogonal group O , preserves inner product between vectors $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. defined by means of a metric tensor g_{ij} , which transforms as a second rank tensor under some transformation R as:

$$g_{x_1 x_2} \rightarrow g_{x'_1 x'_2} = R_{x'_1}^{x_1} R_{x'_2}^{x_2} g_{x_1 x_2}$$

Contractions of arbitrary tensors T with g_{ij} are invariant under O .

For example, consider the rank-3 covariant T^{ijk} :

$$g_{i'j'} T^{i'j'k'} = S^{k'} = R_i^i R_j^j g_{ij} R_i^{i'} R_j^{j'} R_k^{k'} T^{ijk} = R_k^{k'} S^k$$

so that S acts like an invariant vector subspace under O .

SL Decomposition

Special linear group *SL* of transformations is defined as invertible linear transformations with determinant equal to positive one.

Under *SL*, orientation and volume are preserved, where volume is defined as the contraction of a tensor with the fully antisymmetric tensor ϵ_{ijk} , which transforms under $R \in GL(3)$ as:

$$\epsilon_{x_1 x_2 x_3} \rightarrow \epsilon'_{x'_1 x'_2 x'_3} = \det(R) R^{x_1}_{x'_1} R^{x_2}_{x'_2} R^{x_3}_{x'_3} \epsilon_{x_1 x_2 x_3}$$

Similar to the case of g_{ij} in *O*, contractions with ϵ_{ijk} of arbitrary tensors yield *SL* invariant subspaces.

$SO(3)$ Decompositions

In $SO(3)$, we may use all of the above (Young, g_{ij} , ϵ_{ijk}):

- Young symmetrizers return a set of tensors of known symmetries (under index permutation).
- Contractions with g_{ij} along antisymmetric pairs of indices vanish.
- Contractions with ϵ_{ij} along symmetric sets of indices vanish.

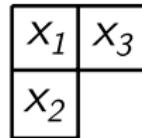
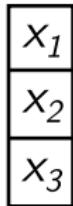
These may all be used together to decompose an arbitrary tensor into a set of symmetric, $SO(3)$ invariant, symmetric tensor subspaces. These then may be related to harmonic coefficients by way of the CG expansion from the J_z basis given before.

Example: Piezoelectric Tensors

The piezoelectric strain components d_{ijk} are symmetric under i, j so that:

$$d_{ijk} = d_{jik}$$

according to this symmetry, we see all Young tableaux but the following must disappear:



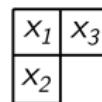
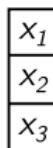
defined component-wise (using the defining symmetry):

$$S_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3}(d_{ijk} + d_{jki} + d_{ikj})$$

$$A_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3}(2d_{ijk} - d_{jki} - d_{ikj})$$

Example: Piezoelectric Tensors

This may be derived as (adopting the convention of symmetrization before antisymmetrization):



$$\mathcal{S}(ijk) \quad \mathcal{A}(ij)\mathcal{S}(ik)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(ijk)d_{ijk} &= d_{ijk} + d_{ikj} + d_{kji} + d_{jki} + d_{kij} + d_{kji} \\ &= 2(d_{ijk} + d_{ikj} + d_{kji}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(ik)\mathcal{S}(ij)d_{ijk} &= \mathcal{A}(ij)(d_{ijk} + d_{jik}) \\ &= d_{ijk} - d_{kji} + d_{jik} - d_{jki} \\ &= 2d_{ijk} - d_{kji} - d_{jki} \end{aligned}$$

Where the respective normalization coefficients (neglected here) may be derived from the diagram's shape via the

Example: Piezoelectric Tensors

Further decompose A into the trace vector v_i :

$$v^i = g_{jk} A^{ijk}$$

and the traceless, symmetric tensor b_{ij} :

$$b_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_i^{mk} A_{mkj} + \epsilon_j^{mk} A_{mki})$$

Equivariance

A function $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ between vector spaces is considered equivariant with respect to some group G if for all elements $g \in G$ the following diagram commutes:

for linear representations D acting on the function's domain and codomain.

$SO(3)$ Equivariant Networks

An $SO(3)$ equivariant network is a neural network satisfying:

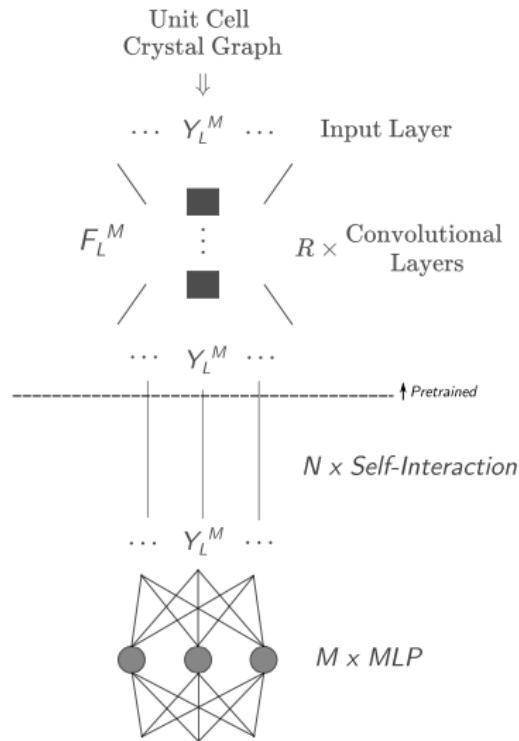
$$f(\{\mathcal{D}^{\ell_1}(R)h_{(\ell_1)}\}) = \{\mathcal{D}^{\ell_2}(R)h'_{(\ell_2)}\} \quad \forall R \in SO(3)$$

This can be accomplished by associating hidden features V and filters F with spherical harmonics defining convolution as their tensor product [3]:

$$\mathcal{L}_{acm_o}^{\ell_o}(\vec{r}_a, V_{acm_i}^{\ell_i}) = \sum_{m_f, m_i} c_{\ell_i; m_i; \ell_f m_f}^{\ell_o m_o} \sum_b F_{cm_f}^{\ell_f \ell_i}(r_{ab}) V_{bcm_i}^{\ell_i}$$

The important thing to note here is that these networks naturally yield coefficients of spherical harmonic tensors.

General Model Architecture



Training Progressions

Pretraining consisted of a funnel-down approach where the first graph layers were first trained on the largest set, then trained on the second largest, etc.

Here, this corresponds to the progression:

Band Gap → Elasticity → Dielectric → Piezoelectric

This progression is compared to blind training on each dataset individually

Results

Model	Elasticity (10,829) MAE ($\log(\text{GPA})$)	Dielectric MAE	Piezoelectric MAE (GPA^{-1})
Blind	7.387	4.818	0.170
Pretrain	7.274	4.525	0.170

The low impact of pretraining may be due to several factors:

- Lack of shared domain-relevance in graph layers
- Lack of overlap in datasets (unlikely)
- Lack of overlap in filters for different ℓ order targets

Dielectric Tensor

The dielectric permittivity tensor ϵ of some material is a linear model of it's electric displacement \vec{D} in response to an external electric field \vec{E} :

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

The dielectric tensor ϵ is symmetric under permutation of it's indices, such that:

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \epsilon_{ji}.$$

The piezoelectric strain components d_{ijk} are symmetric under i, j due to the symmetry of the strain tensor ϵ_{ij} .

Piezoelectric Tensor

The piezoelectric strain constants $(d_{ijk})_T$ are defined by:

$$(d_{ijk})_T = \left(\frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial E_k} \right)_{\sigma, T}$$

where here ϵ is the strain tensor, and the partial derivative is taken at constant stress σ and temperature T .

These strain constants d_{ijk} are related to the piezoelectric stress constants e_{ijk} via the elastic tensor C_{ijkl} according to:

$$(e_{ijk})_T = (d_{ilm})(C_{ijkl})_{E, T}$$

with e_{ijk} defined as:

$$(e_{ijk})_T = \left(\frac{\partial D_i}{\partial \epsilon_{jk}} \right)_{\sigma, T}$$

and where D is the resulting electric displacement vector in the material.

Elastic Tensors

The elasticity (or simply, elastic) tensor C of a material relates its Cauchy strain ϵ to some infinitesimal stress τ . This may be described, component-wise, as the linear relation below:

$$\tau_{ij} = C_{ijkl}\epsilon_{kl}$$

For all material systems, C must satisfy the so-called 'minor symmetries' below:

$$C_{ijkl} = C_{jikl}$$

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For conservative systems, C has the additional 'major symmetry':

$$C_{ijkl} = C_{klji}$$

Materials Project Database

The Materials Project [5] provides calculated scalar and tensorial properties for a large set of 150,000 materials. After pruning, we are left with 7,273 dielectric tensors, 3,292 piezoelectric tensors, and 10,286 elastic tensors.

Model Architecture

Tensor Decompositions

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Prediction Results

Elastic Tensor [GPa]

Piezoelectric Tensor [C/m^2]

Dielectric Tensor

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