# COMP760 Week 10 - Equivariant Networks Part II

#### Group Actions

- 1. We have a set  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $f \colon \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{C}$
- 2. Group G acts on  $\mathscr X$

$$T_g: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{X} \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$\forall g1,g2 \in G, T_{g2g1} : T_{g2} \circ T_{g1}$$

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is a (finite) Vector Space then  $T_g \in GL(n)$ 

3. Extending the action to functions

$$\mathbb{T}_g: f \to f' \qquad f'(T_g(x)) = f(x)$$

#### Groups

- 1.  $e \in G$  Identity
- $2.(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$ Associativity
- 3.  $\forall a \in G \ \exists b \in G$   $a \circ b = e$

Unique Inverses

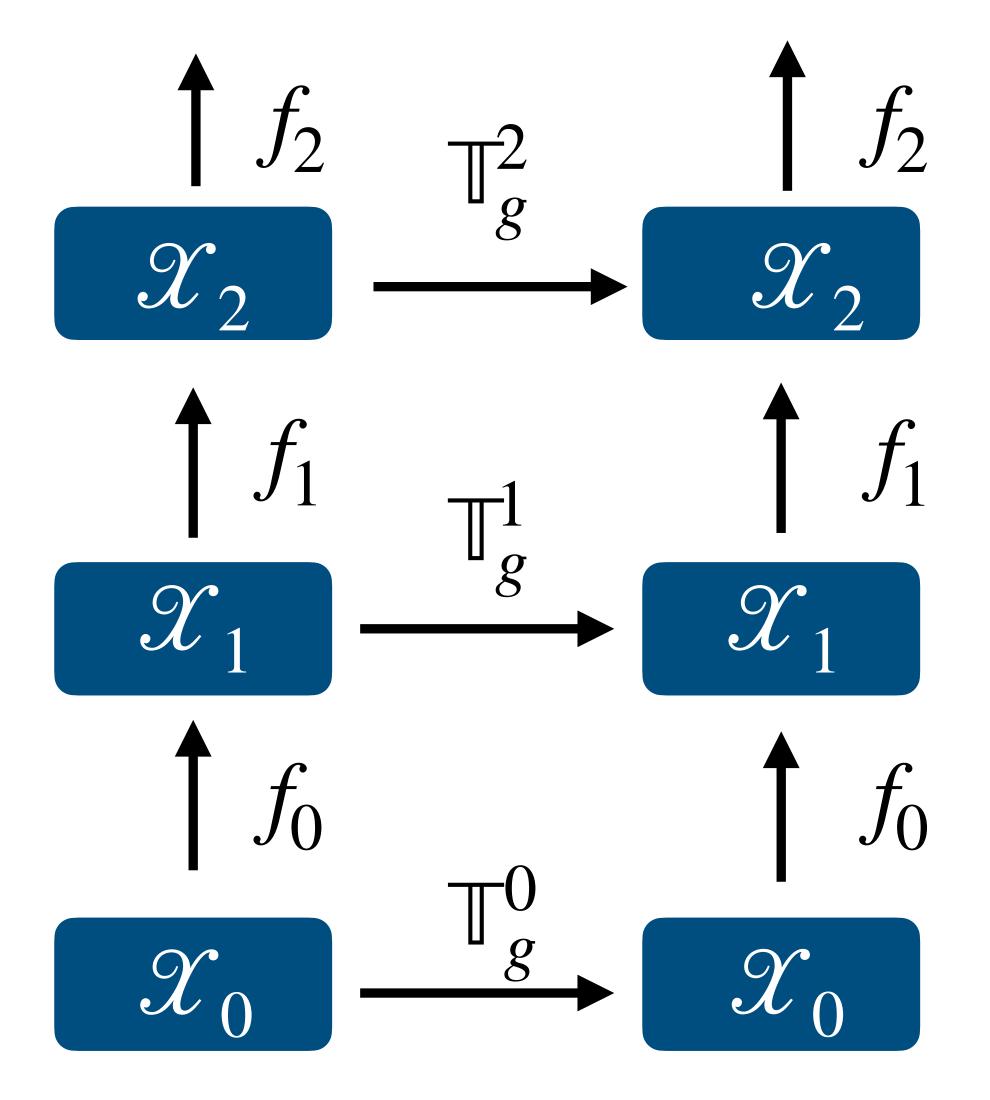
### Equivariance

$$L_{(V_1)}(\mathcal{X}_1) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}_g} L_{(V_1)}(\mathcal{X}_1)$$

$$\phi \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \phi$$

$$L_{(V_2)}(\mathcal{X}_2) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}_g'} L_{(V_2)}(\mathcal{X}_2)$$

### Equivariance Networks Recipe

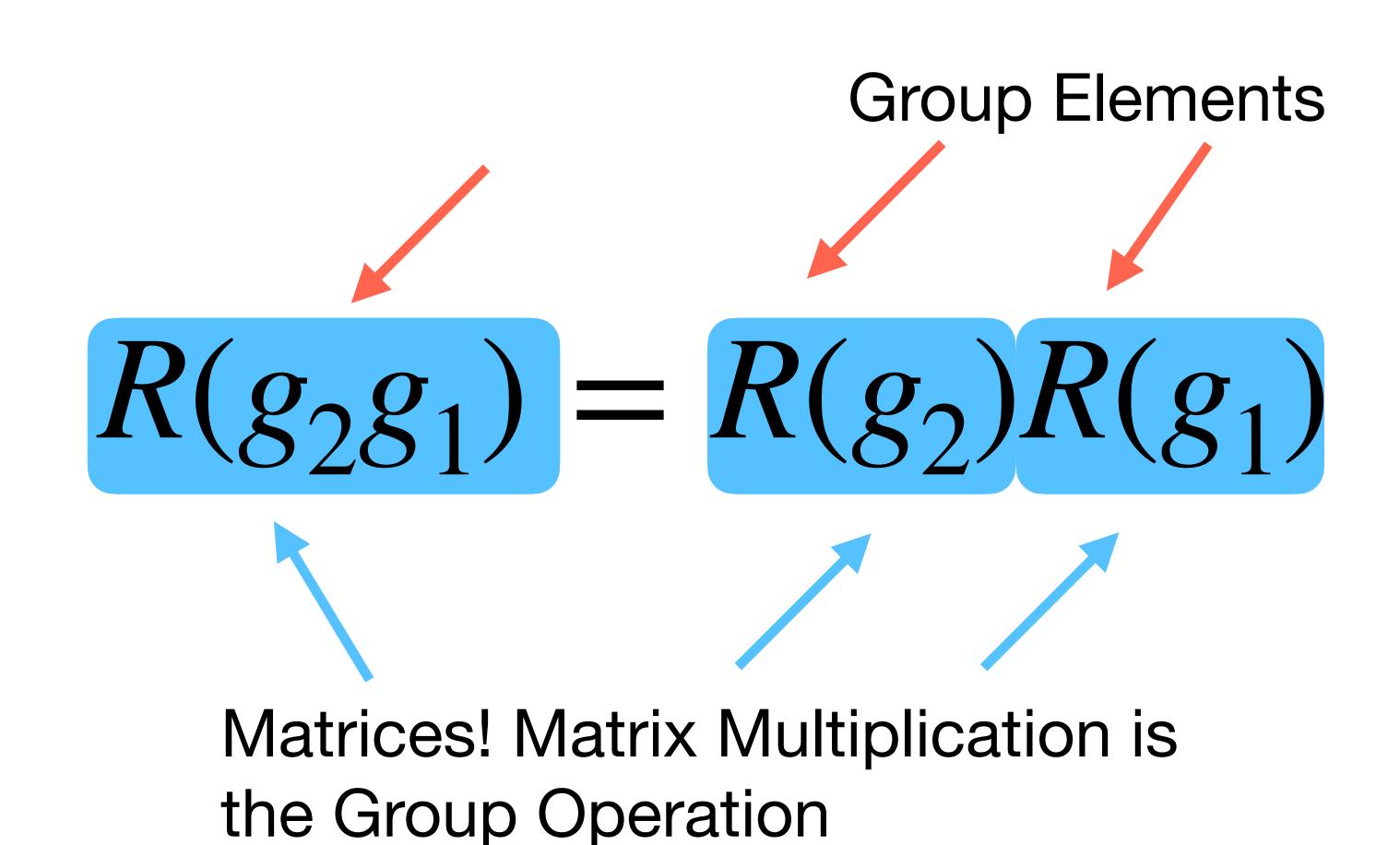


#### Equivariance from Invariance:

**Lemma:** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  be invariant with respect to G and assume that  $R_g$  is orthogonal for  $g \in G$ . Then  $\nabla_u f(u)$  is equivariant with respect to G

Proof: Read Equivariance Section in Normalizing Flow Review Paper by Papamakarios et. Al 2019

#### Representation Theory Perspective



#### Linear Actions

- **1.** G acts on a set S by  $x \mapsto R_g(x)$
- **2.**  $f: S \to \mathbb{R}$  is a function on S and we want to learn  $f \mapsto h(f)$
- **3.** The induced action  $\mathbb{T}^{ind}$  on the function space  $f\mapsto f'$  where  $f'(x)=f(T_g^{-1}(x))$
- **4.** The induced action is  $\mathbb{T}^{ind}:L(S)\to L(S)$  is automatically linear

#### Basic facts on Representations

1. Two representation R and R' are said to be equivalent if

$$R'(g) = UR(g)U^{\dagger}$$
 for some Unitary Matrix  $U$ 

2. A representation R is said to be (completely) reducible if

$$R(g) = U\left(\begin{array}{c|c} R_1(g) & \\ \hline R_2(g) \end{array}\right) U^{\dagger}$$

#### Complete Reducibility

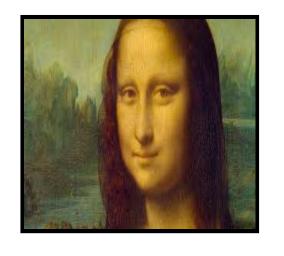
**Theorem.** Let R be a representation of a compact group G on a vector space V. If R fixes the subspace W, then it also fixes  $W^{\perp}$ .

$$R(g) = U\left(\begin{array}{c|c} R_1(g) & B(g) \\ \hline & R_2(g) \end{array}\right) U^{\dagger} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad B(g) = 0$$

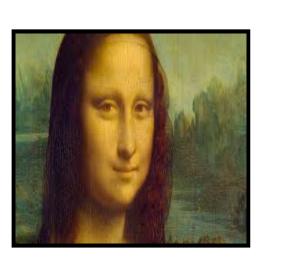
**Corollary.** Any representation of a compact group is reducible into a direct sum of irreducible representations. This is Maschke's Theorem if the group is finite, and Peter-Weyl (part 2) for continuous.

## Example: The dihedral group $D_4$

e



S

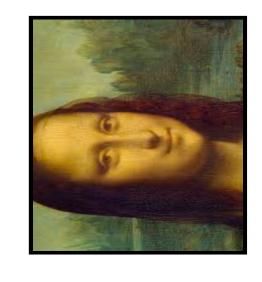


 $r^4 = e$ 

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rs



 $s^2 = e$ 

 $r^2$ 



 $r^2s$ 

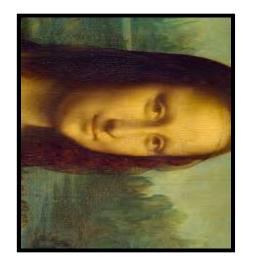


 $srs = r^{-1}$ 

r<sup>3</sup>



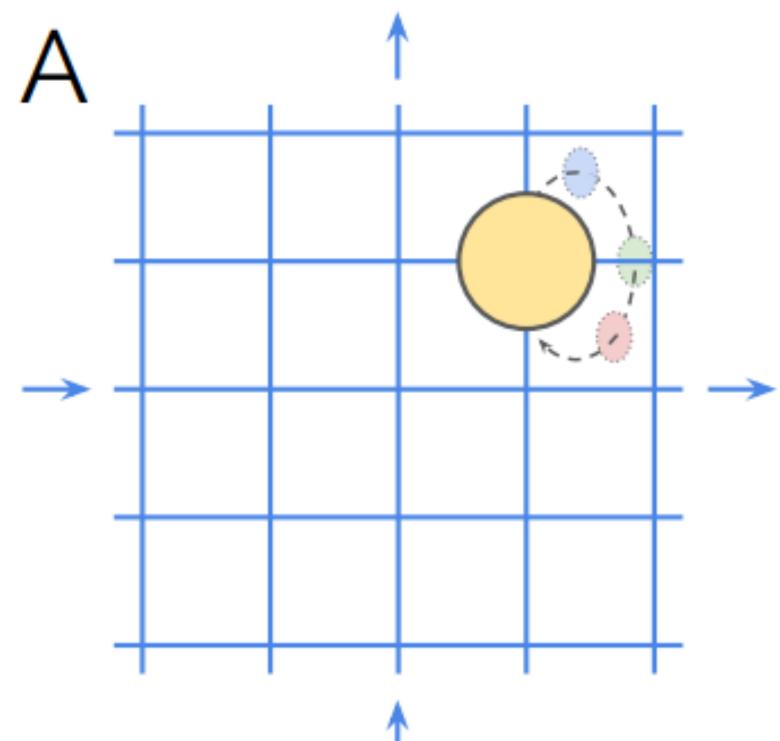
 $r^3s$ 



	$R_0$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$
e	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
	(1)	(1)	(-1)	(-1)	$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$
r <sup>2</sup>	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
1.3	(1)	(1)	(-1)	(-1)	$\begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$
S	(1)	(-1)	(1)	(-1)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
rs established	(1)	(-1)	(-1)	(1)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$r^2s$	(1)	(-1)	(1)	(-1)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$r^3s$	(1)	(-1)	(-1)	(1)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

#### Application to ML: Disentanglement

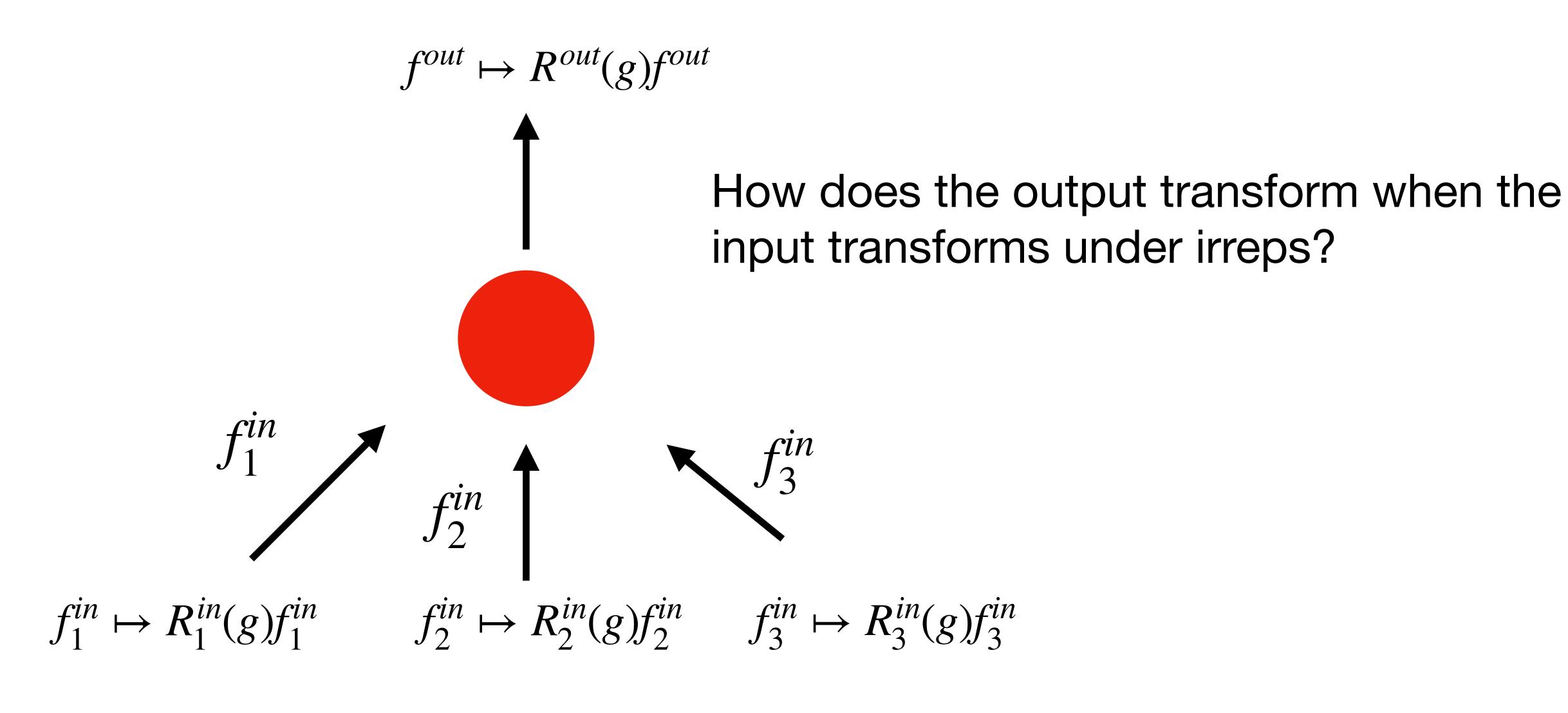
**Definition (Informal Higgins et. Al 2018):** A vector representation is called a disentangled representation to a particular decomposition of a symmetry group into subgroups, if it decomposes into independent subspaces, where each subspace is affected by the action of a single subgroup and the action of all other subgroups leave the subspace unaffected.



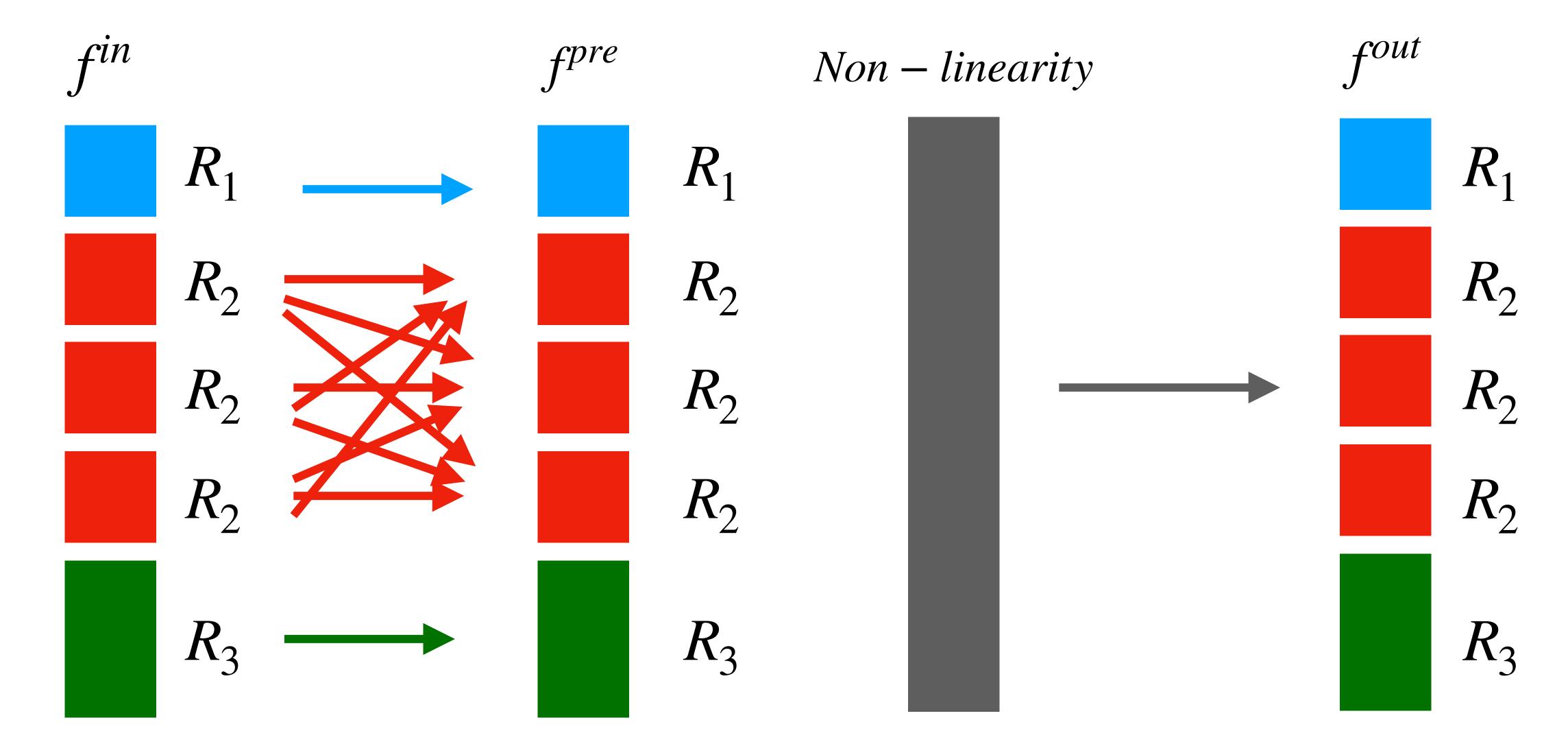
#### Schur's Lemma

**Theorem:** Let  $\phi: v \mapsto h$  be a linear map and assume that v transforms according to irrep R of a compact group G while w transforms according to irrep R'. Then either R = R' and  $\phi$  is a multiple of the identity map or  $\phi = 0$ .

#### Designing an Equivariant Neuron



# Designing an Equivariant Neuron



#### Equivariant Linear Part:

**Theorem.** For each irrep  $R_i$  we may concatenate the parts of the incoming activations transforming according to  $R_i$  into a matrix  $F_i^{in}$ . Then the preactivation in a neutron is equivariant iff it is of the form

$$F_i^{pre} = F_i^{in} W_i$$

For learnable weight matrices  $W_0, W_1, \cdots$ 

#### **Equivariant Non-Linearity**

**1.** Express the pre-activations as a function G and apply a point wise non-linearity and transform back.

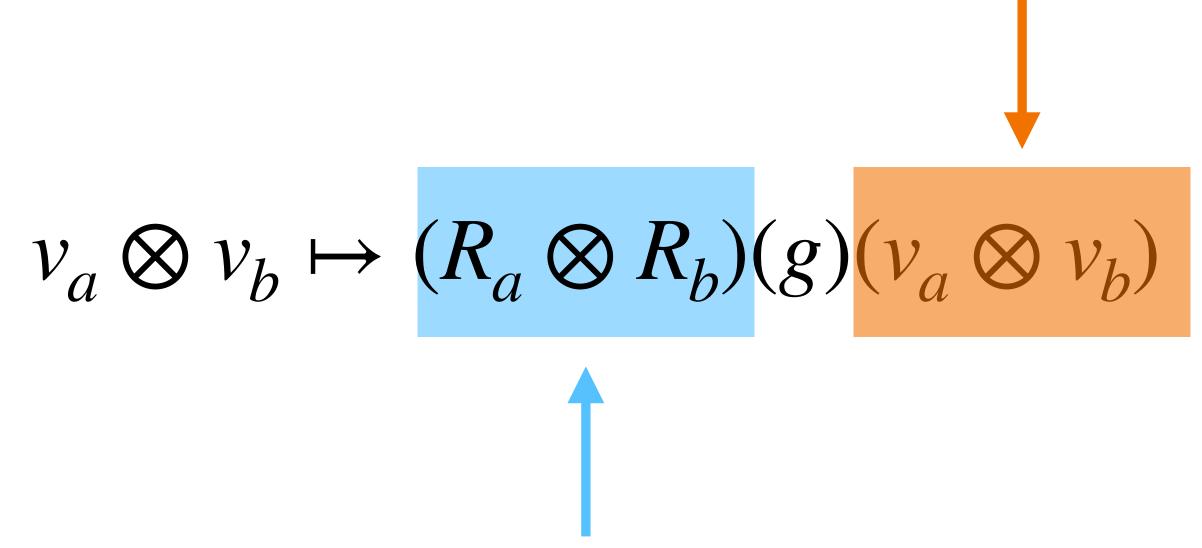
2. Derive a new non-linear transformation directly expressed using the irreducible parts of the pre-activation.

#### Tensor product Non-Linearity

$$v_a \mapsto R_a(g)v_a$$

$$v_b \mapsto R_a(g)v_b$$

Must be decomposed into an irrep



Representation, but not an irrep