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# GEOMETRIC DEEP LEARNING

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Simplicial complexes

### Definition 1.1.1. *Abstract simplicial complex (finite)*

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of sets we then define an abstract simplicial complex  $\mathcal{A}$  to be

$$\mathcal{A} := \{\sigma = \{A_i\}_{i \in I_\sigma} \subset \mathcal{F} : \tau \subset \sigma \Rightarrow \tau \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

where  $I_\sigma$  is a finite set of indexes, we shall call  $\sigma$  abstract simplexes of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### Definition 1.1.2. *Dimension of an abstract simplicial complex*

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abstract simplicial complex we define its dimension to be

$$\dim \mathcal{A} := \max_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}} \dim(\sigma),$$

where  $\dim(\sigma) := |\sigma| - 1$ .

### Definition 1.1.3. *Abstract graph*

An abstract graph  $\mathcal{G}$  is a 1-dimensional abstract simplicial complex whose vertexes and edges are respectively

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{V} &:= \{\sigma \in \mathcal{G} : \dim(\sigma) = 0\} \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{E} &:= \{\sigma \in \mathcal{G} : \dim(\sigma) = 1\}.\end{aligned}$$

In Definition 1.1.1. we tacitly assumed the definition of the abstract simplex  $\sigma$  invariant with respect to permutations of the indexes  $I_\sigma$ , this assumption establishes the difference between directed and undirected graphs.

### Definition 1.1.4. *Convex envelop of points in $\mathbb{R}^n$*

Let  $I$  be a finite set of indexes, we define the convex envelope of  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  to be

$$\langle x_i \rangle_{i \in I} := \{a = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i x_i : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_i > 0, \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i = 1\},$$

which is the smallest convex set containing  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ .

### Definition 1.1.5. *Affine independency of points in $\mathbb{R}^n$*

Let  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  we define  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  to be affinely independent if and only if

$$\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i x_i = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i x_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_i = \mu_i \quad \forall i \in I,$$

where  $\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i = 1$ .

### Definition 1.1.6. *Geometric $k$ -simplexes*

We define a geometric  $k$ -simplex to be a convex envelop  $\langle x_i \rangle_{i \in I}$  where  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  are affinely independent and  $|I| = k + 1$ .

### Definition 1.1.7. *Faces and cofaces of geometric $k$ -simplexes*

Let  $\sigma$  be a geometric  $k$ -simplex, we say that another  $t$ -simplex  $\tau$  is a face of  $\sigma$  or equivalently that  $\sigma$  is a coface of  $\tau$ , by our notation  $\tau \leq \sigma$ , if and only if  $\tau \subset \sigma$ , where  $t \leq k$ .

### Definition 1.1.8. *Geometric Simplicial Complex*

We define a geometric simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}$  to be a collection of geometric simplexes such that

- (i)  $\tau \leq \sigma \in \mathcal{K} \Rightarrow \tau \in \mathcal{K}$ ,
- (ii)  $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{K} \Rightarrow \sigma \cup \tau \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Definition 1.1.9. Geometric realization of an abstract simplicial complex**

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a geometric simplicial complex, and let  $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{K}) := \{\sigma \in \mathcal{K} : \dim(\sigma) = 0\}$ , we call the abstract simplicial complex  $\mathcal{A} := \{\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \text{Vert}(\mathcal{K}) : \langle x_i \rangle_{i \in I} \in \mathcal{K}\}$  a vertex scheme for  $\mathcal{K}$  or equivalently we might say that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a geometric realization of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $d$ -dimensional abstract simplicial complex, it admits a geometric realization in  $\mathbb{R}^{2d+1}$ .

Kuratowski theorem proves the previous statement to be also sharp.

**1.2 Forms and integration on abstract simplicial complexes****Definition 1.2.1. Linear space of simplicial  $p$ -chains**

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abstract simplicial complex, and let  $\mathcal{A}_p := \{\sigma \in \mathcal{A} : \dim(\sigma) = p\}$ , we define the linear space  $C_p = C_p(\mathcal{A})$  of simplicial  $p$ -chain on  $\mathcal{A}$  to be

$$C_p = \left\{ \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \lambda^\sigma \sigma, \quad \lambda^\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \right\},$$

where the formal operations of the linear space are given by the definition itself.  
(Possible extension from  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , naming  $C_p$  by the dual notation  $\Lambda_p$ )

The set  $\mathcal{A}^p$  is a canonical base of  $p$ -simplexes for  $C_p$ .

**Definition 1.2.2. Boundary operator on  $C_{p+1}$** 

Let  $\sigma$  be an element of the canonical base of  $C_{p+1}$  we define  $\partial : C_{p+1} \rightarrow C_p$  such that

$$\partial \sigma = \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \sigma_i,$$

where if  $\sigma = \{x_0, \dots, x_{p+1}\} \in C_{p+1}$  we define  $\sigma_i := \{x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{p+1}\} \in C_p$ .  
Furthermore we extend this operator linearly on the whole space  $C_{p+1}$

$$\partial \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \lambda^\sigma \sigma \right) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \lambda^\sigma \partial \sigma.$$

**Lemma 1.2.1.** Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_{p+2}$ ,  $p \geq 0$  then  $\partial^2 \sigma = 0$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial^2 \sigma)_x &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} (-1)^i (\partial \sigma)_i \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} (-1)^i \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (-1)^j \sigma_{ij} + \sum_{j=i+1}^{p+2} (-1)^{j-1} \sigma_{ij} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma_{ij} - \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} \sum_{j=i+1}^{p+2} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma_{ij} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 1.2.3.  $p$ -forms on abstract simplicial complexes**

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abstract simplicial complex we define the linear space of  $p$ -forms  $\Lambda^p = \Lambda^p(\mathcal{A})$  to be

$$\Lambda^p := \{\omega : C_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}, \text{ such that}$$

$$\omega \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \lambda^\sigma \sigma \right) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \lambda^\sigma \omega(\sigma) \quad \forall \omega \in \Lambda^p, \lambda_\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_2,$$

with linear space operations defined as

$$+ : \Lambda^p \times \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^p \quad (\omega + \eta)(\sigma) = \omega(\sigma) + \eta(\sigma) \quad \sigma \in C_p, \omega, \eta \in \Lambda^p,$$

$$\cdot : \mathbb{R} \times \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^p \quad (\lambda\omega)(\sigma) = \lambda\omega(\sigma) \quad \sigma \in C_p, \omega \in \Lambda^p, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Proposition 1.2.1.** A canonical base of elementary forms for  $\Lambda^p$  is

$$\{\sigma^* \in \Lambda^p : \sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p, \sigma^*(\tau) = \delta_{\sigma\tau} \quad \tau \in \mathcal{A}_p\},$$

therefore giving us an expression for every other  $p$ -form

$$\omega = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \omega_\sigma \sigma^*, \quad \omega_\sigma \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Definition 1.2.4. Exterior derivative of a  $p$ -form**

Let  $\omega \in \Lambda^p$  we define  $d : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1}$  on its coordinates to be

$$(d\omega)_\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} (-1)^i \omega_{\sigma_i}.$$

**Lemma 1.2.2.** Let  $\omega \in \Lambda^p, p \geq 0$  then  $d^2\omega = 0$ .

*Proof.* We have for  $\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_{p+2}$

$$\begin{aligned} (d^2\omega)_\sigma &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} (-1)^i (d\omega)_{\sigma_i} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} (-1)^i \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (-1)^j \omega_{\sigma_{ij}} + \sum_{j=i+1}^{p+2} (-1)^{j-1} \omega_{\sigma_{ij}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\sigma_{ij}} - \sum_{i=0}^{p+2} \sum_{j=i+1}^{p+2} (-1)^{i+j} \omega_{\sigma_{ij}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 1.2.5. Integration of  $p$ -forms on  $p$ -chains**

Let  $\omega \in \Lambda^p$  and  $\tau \in C_p$  we define the integral of  $\omega$  on  $\tau$  to be a bilinear form  $\Lambda^p \times C_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(\omega, \tau)_p := \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \omega_\sigma \tau^\sigma,$$

where  $\omega = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \omega_\sigma \sigma^*$  and  $\tau = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \tau^\sigma \sigma$ .

(This might be extended by adding a non trivial permutation invariant measure on  $\mathcal{A}_p$ )

**Theorem 1.2.1.** *Let  $\omega = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_p} \omega_\sigma \sigma^*$  and  $\tau = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_{p+1}} \tau^\sigma \sigma$  the following identity holds*

$$(d\omega, \tau)_{p+1} = (\omega, \partial\tau)_p,$$

*i.e. the operators  $d : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1}$  and  $\partial : C_{p+1} \rightarrow C_p$  are dual.*

*Proof.* We have

$$(d\omega, \tau)_{p+1} = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_{p+1}} \tau^\sigma (d\omega, \sigma)_{p+1} \quad , \quad (d\omega, \sigma)_{p+1} = (d\omega)_\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \omega_{\sigma_i},$$

while

$$(\omega, \partial\tau)_p = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{A}_{p+1}} \tau^\sigma (\omega, \partial\sigma)_p \quad , \quad (\omega, \partial\sigma)_p = \left( \omega, \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \sigma_i \right)_p = \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \omega_{\sigma_i} \quad .$$

□

This theorem can be seen as the generalized Stokes' theorem on abstract simplicial complexes.

### 1.3 Smooth real manifolds and abstract graphs

### 1.4 Convolutional neural networks on euclidean domains