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# Geometric Deep Learning Beyond Euclidean Domains

## 1 Geometric Priors

**Definition 1.1.** Our compact euclidean domain  $\Omega$

$$\Omega := \prod_{i \in I} [0, 1].$$

**Definition 1.2.** Classification

Let  $x \in L^2 := L^2(\Omega)$  then  $f : L^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  surjective is said to be a classification of  $L^2$  on the set  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Training set

Let  $f$  be a classification of  $L^2$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset L^2$  then the set  $\{(x_i, f(x_i))\}_{i \in I}$  is called a training set for  $f$ .

**Proposition 1.1.** The classification  $f$  is not injective

Let  $f$  be a classification of  $L^2$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  then, given the inevitable noise acting on data, there exists a real positive  $\varepsilon$  such that  $\forall (x, x_\varepsilon) \in L^2 \times L^2 : \int_\Omega |x - x_\varepsilon|^2 < \varepsilon$  we have that  $f(x) = f(x_\varepsilon)$ .

Given ideal data classification we can define two functions  $f$ -equivalent if and only if their images via the classification  $f$  are equal according to an equivalence on  $\mathcal{C}$  which so far can be any set.

**Proposition 1.2.** The relation  $\simeq$  is an equivalence relation

Let  $x, y, z \in L^2$  we define  $x \simeq y \iff f(x) = f(y)$  where  $f$  is a classification of  $L^2$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , then:

(i)  $x \simeq x$

(ii)  $x \simeq y \iff y \simeq x$

(iii)  $x \simeq y, y \simeq z \implies x \simeq z$

*Proof.* (i),(ii) and (iii) follow from the the equivalence on  $\mathcal{C}$  by which they are defined. □

**Definition 1.4.** Translation operator

Let  $x \in L^2$  and  $v \in \Omega$  then  $T_v : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  such that  $x(\xi) \mapsto x(\xi - v)$  is said to be a translation operator.

**Definition 1.5.** Local deformation operator

Let  $x \in L^2$  and  $\tau \in C^\infty(\Omega, \Omega)$  then  $L_\tau : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  such that  $x(\xi) \mapsto x(\xi - \tau(\xi))$  is said to be a local deformation operator according to the smooth vector field  $\tau$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Invariance

A classification  $f$  of  $L^2$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be  $A$ -invariant, where  $A : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$ , if and only if  $f(A(x)) = f(x) \forall x \in L^2$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Equivariance

A classification  $f$  of  $L^2$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be  $A$ -equivariant, where  $A : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$ , if and only if  $f(A(x)) = A(f(x)) \forall x \in L^2$ . This is well defined only if  $A$  is defined to act on  $\mathcal{C}$

**Proposition 1.3.** If  $f$  is translation invariant then it is stable under local deformations

Let  $f$  be a translation invariant classification of  $L^2$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $|f(L_\tau(x)) - f(x)| \approx |J_\tau|$  where  $(J_\tau)_{ij} = (\frac{\partial \tau_i}{\partial \xi_j})$  under some misterious norm.

*Proof.* To be found... □

## 2 Graphs and Manifolds

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a graph where  $\mathcal{V}$  are its vertexes and  $\mathcal{E}$  are its edges, let  $f, g \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$  and  $F, G \in L^2(\mathcal{E})$  be real valued functions, we define  $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{V})} := \sum_{\mathcal{V}} a_i f_i g_i$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\langle F, G \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})} := \sum_{\mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij} G_{ij}$ ,  $w_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $M$  be a manifold and  $TM$  its tangent bundle with a metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{TM} : TM^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $f, g \in L^2(M)$  and  $F, G \in L^2(TM) := F : M \rightarrow TM$ , given two scalar products  $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(M)} := \int_M dx f g$  and  $\langle F, G \rangle_{L^2(TM)} := \int_M dx \langle F, G \rangle_{TM}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Graph gradient and divergence

Let  $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$  and  $F \in L^2(\mathcal{E})$  we define  $\text{grad} : L^2(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{E})$  and  $\text{div} : L^2(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{V})$ , such that  $(\text{grad} f)_{ij} = f_i - f_j$  and  $(\text{div} F)_i = \frac{1}{a_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$  and  $F \in L^2(\mathcal{E}) : F_{ij} = -F_{ji}$  then  $\langle f, \text{div} F \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{V})} = \langle \text{grad} f, F \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{E})}$ , i.e.  $\text{div}^\dagger = \text{grad}$ .

*Proof.*  $\sum_{\mathcal{V}} a_i f_i (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{\mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij} (f_i - f_j) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij} f_i$  thus  $a_i (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} F_{ij}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.3.** Manifold gradient and divergence

Let  $f \in L^2(M)$  and  $F \in L^2(TM)$  we define  $(\text{grad} f)_i := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  and  $\text{div} F := \sum_i \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_i}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $f \in L^2(M)$  and  $F \in L^2(TM)$  then  $\langle f, -\text{div} F \rangle_{L^2(M)} = \langle \text{grad} f, F \rangle_{L^2(TM)}$ , i.e.  $\text{div}^\dagger = \text{grad}$ .

*Proof.*  $\int_M dx \langle \text{grad} f, F \rangle_{L^2(TM)} = \int_M dx (\text{div}(fF) - f \text{div} F) = \int_{\partial M} f F + \int_M dx f (-\text{div} F)$ , where some condition must be added to make the first integral vanish.  $\square$

**Definition 2.4.** Path on a graph

We define a curve parametrization on a graph be some injective function  $\gamma : I \subset \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , we shall call  $\gamma$  a curve meaning its image  $\gamma(I)$ , to satisfy the connectedness condition we want the simplicial complex  $\{\gamma, [\gamma(n), \gamma(n+1)]_{n \in I}\}$  to have a 1 dimensional 0-homology group. We define path over a graph the sequence  $\{[\gamma(n), \gamma(n+1)]_{n \in I} \subset \mathcal{E}$ , we might as well call that  $\gamma$  because we are bad people.

**Theorem 2.3.** Gradient theorem on graphs

Let  $\gamma$  be a connected path on a graph, and  $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$ , than we have  $\sum_{\gamma} (\text{grad} f) = D f_{\partial_0 \gamma}$ , where we define  $D f_{(i,j)} = f_i - f_j$ , and by  $\partial_0$  we mean the boundary operator.

*Proof.* Left to the reader...  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Gauss theorem on graphs

Let  $F \in L^2(\mathcal{E}) : F_{ij} = -F_{ji}$ , let  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  then if  $a_i = w_{ij} = 1$  we have  $\sum_{\mathcal{A}} (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{\partial^0 \mathcal{A}} F_{ij}$ .

*Proof.* First of all we recall  $\partial^0 \mathcal{A} = \{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}, i \in \mathcal{A}, j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{A}\}$ , then we see that  $\sum_{\mathcal{A}} (\text{div} F)_i = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} F_{ij} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{A} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} F_{ij} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} F_{ij} = \sum_{\partial^0 \mathcal{A}} F_{ij} + \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}^2} \text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} F_{ij}$  where since  $\text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} = \text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ji}$  we have by renaming dummy indexes  $\text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} F_{ij} = -\text{adj}(\mathcal{A})_{ij} F_{ij} = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** The use of the coboundary operator makes sense only with antisymmetric functions on the edges, the antisymmetry of those function is somehow related to the orientation of surfaces.

*Proof.*  $\sum_{\partial^0 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} i} F_{ij} = \sum_{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \partial^0 i} F_{ij}$  if an edge is in the coboundary of two different vertexes of  $\mathcal{A}$  it will be count twice, that means zero times in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , similarly for that same edge we would sum  $F_{ij} + F_{ji} = 0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.5.** Graph laplacian

Let  $f \in L^2(\mathcal{V})$  we have that  $\langle \text{grad} f, \text{grad} f \rangle = \langle \text{div}(\text{grad} f), f \rangle =: \langle \Delta f, f \rangle = \langle f, \Delta f \rangle$ , where  $\Delta : L^2(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{V})$  is the Laplacian.

**Proposition 2.6.** The laplacian represents the difference between the function and a local average of the function

(i) Graphs

Let  $w_{ii} = 0$ , and  $\sum_j w_{ij} = a_i$ , i.e. normalized laplacian, we have that  $(\Delta f)_i = f_i \frac{\sum_j w_{ij}}{a_i} - \sum_j \frac{w_{ij}}{a_i} f_j$  which is a weighted average.

(ii) Manifolds (Let's just see it on an euclidean domain)

Let  $f_0 \int_{\partial B} dx - \int_{\partial B} dx f(x) \simeq \int_{\partial B} dx \langle \text{grad} f, x \rangle = \int_B dx \Delta f$ , where  $B$  is a ball centered in 0 (or at least has a boundary), we have that  $f(0) - \frac{\int_{\partial B} dx f(x) f}{\int_{\partial B} dx} \simeq \frac{\int_B dx \Delta f}{\int_{\partial B} dx}$ . Gauss theorem could be used since the incremental vector  $x$  on a ball is parallel to  $2x$  with is the gradient of the implicit function defining the ball.

### 3 Spectrum of the laplacian

**Proposition 3.1.** Variational problems related to the laplacian

Let  $f \in L^2(M)$  the variational problem minimizing the Dirichlet energy functional  $\int_M dx (grad f)^2$ , admit as solution the kernel of the laplacian. Otherwise if we wish to have normalized functions only to avoid uniformly vanishing functions i.e.  $\int_M dx f^2 = 1$  we get as solution the eigenfunction of the laplacian relative to its lowest eigenvalue. After this the same process can be applied to graphs.

*Proof.* The proof is split in two different problems:

- $\int f \Delta f = \int (grad f)^2$ , the problem  $\delta \int (grad f)^2 = 0$  is solved with the Euler-Lagrange equations  $div \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (grad f)} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial f}$ , which give  $\Delta f = 0$ .
- This time we have  $\delta [\int (grad f)^2 - \lambda (\int f^2 - 1)] = 0$ , which using the same equations leads to  $\Delta f = \lambda f$ , and since for those functions  $\int f \Delta f = \lambda$ , we want to find the minimum eigenvalue of the laplacian.

□

**Proposition 3.2.** Discrete "variational" problems related to the laplacian

Let  $\phi$  be an  $k \times k$  matrix, the variational problem minimizing the Dirichlet energy  $Tr(\phi^T \Delta \phi)$  is equivalent to the problem  $\Delta \phi = 0$ , while if we normalize the functions we get  $\Delta \phi = \Lambda \phi$ , where  $\Lambda = diag(\lambda)$  with the  $k$  lowest eigenvalues.

*Proof.* As follows:

- Let  $min_{\phi} Tr(\phi^T \Delta \phi) = \phi_{li} \Delta_{lk} \phi_{ki} = \sum_i \phi_i^T \Delta \phi_i$  (Einstein notation) be our optimization problem, since  $\Delta > 0$  we can simply solve for all  $\phi_i$  and minimize  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial \phi_j} = \frac{\partial \phi_i^T \Delta \phi_i}{\partial \phi_j} = 2 \Delta \phi_i = 0$ .
- Let  $min_{\phi} Tr(\phi^T \Delta \phi) = \phi_{li} \Delta_{lk} \phi_{ki} = \sum_i \phi_i^T \Delta \phi_i$  (Einstein notation) be our optimization problem, under the constraint  $\phi^T \phi = I$  (orthonormal) since  $\Delta > 0$  we can simply solve for all  $\phi_i$  and minimize  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_i}{\partial \phi_j} = \frac{\partial (\phi_i^T \Delta \phi_i - \lambda_i (\phi_i^T \phi_i - 1))}{\partial \phi_j}$  (non sostituisco l'1 perché non posso sostituire il vincolo nel vincolo)  $= 2 \Delta \phi_i - 2 \lambda_i \phi_i = 0$ . And since the initial trace is equal to the sum of our  $k$  positive eigenvalues we shall take the  $k$  lowest eigenvalues. The problem can be shown to be  $\Delta \phi = \Lambda \phi$ .

□

**Proposition 3.3.** Continuous spectrum of the laplacian in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Let  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ , in particular in a Schwartz space where the Fourier Transform is invertible and selfadjoint, then we have that  $\Delta \phi_p = p^2 \phi_p$ , where  $\forall f \in L^2$  we can write  $f = \int_{\Omega} dp c_p \phi_p$  and  $\int_{\Omega} dx \phi_p \phi_{p'} = \delta(p - p')$ , that is generalized Hilbert Base up to normalization.

*Proof.* :

So if the Fourier transform is invertible we have that  $f(x') = \int_{\Omega} dp e^{i\langle x', p \rangle} \int_{\Omega} dx e^{-i\langle x, p \rangle} f(x)$ , then by the definition of the shift functional we can represent it with its integral kernel  $\int_{\Omega} dp e^{i\langle x' - x, p \rangle}$ , which is equal to  $\delta(x - x') = \delta(x' - x)$ . Trivially we have that our laplacian eigenfunctions are  $\phi_p = e^{i\langle x, p \rangle}$  of eigenvalue  $p^2$ , since  $f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{\dagger} \mathcal{F} f = \int_{\Omega} dp (\mathcal{F} f)(p) e^{i\langle x, p \rangle}$  we define our coefficients  $c_p$ . We just have to show that  $\int dx e^{i\langle x, p' - p \rangle} = \delta(p' - p)$  that is true by definition.

□