

Learning Group Representations in Neural Networks

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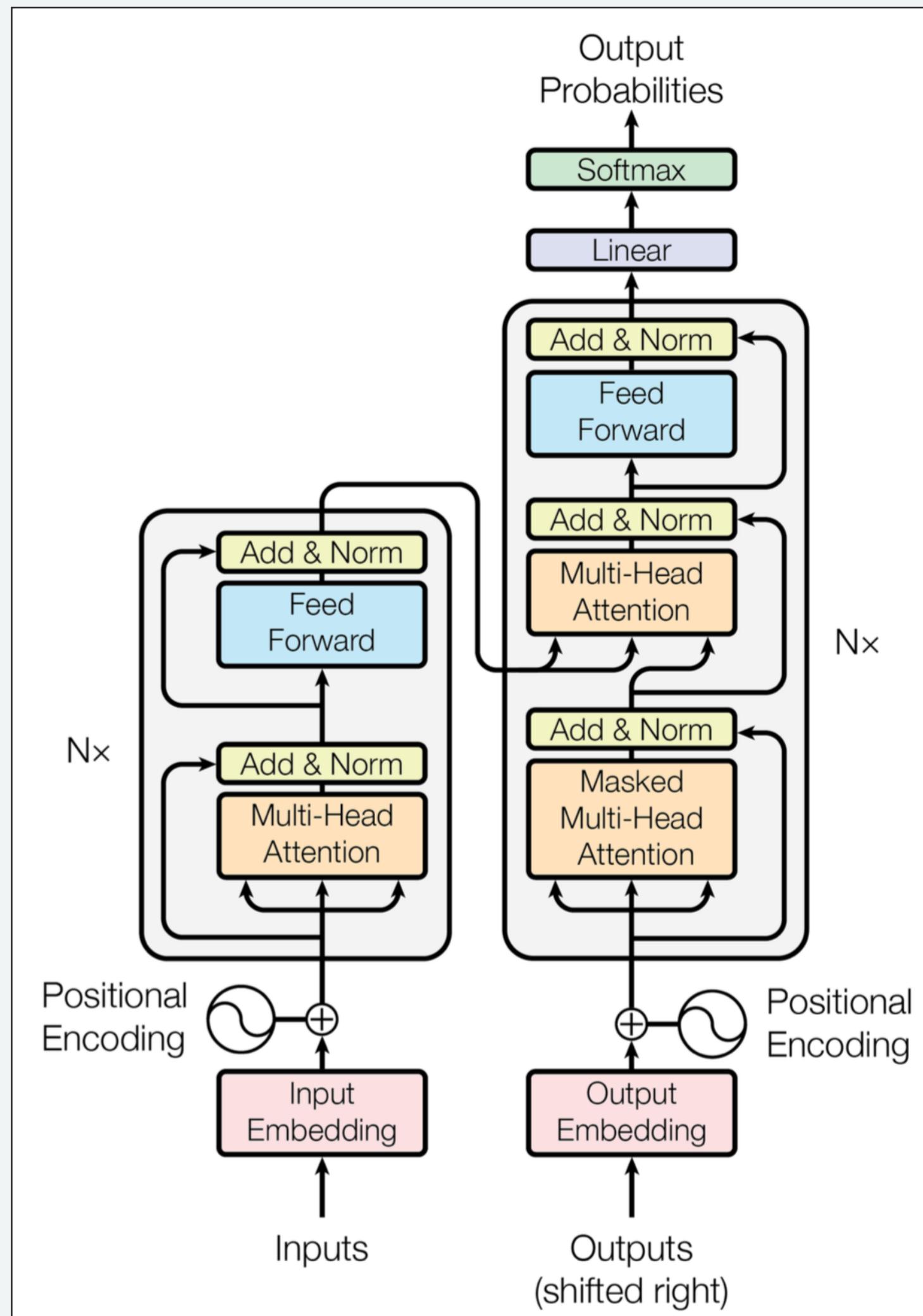
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Deep learning is empirical...



Transformer

Problems

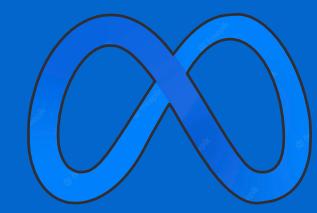
- How to design?
- Functional understanding?
- Interpretability?

... and not very efficient



- GPT-1 : 117M
- GPT-2 : 1.5B
- GPT-3 : 175B
- **GPT-4: 170T**

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- LLaMA-2 7B : 7B
- LLaMA-2 13B : 13B
- **LLaMA-2 70B: 70B**

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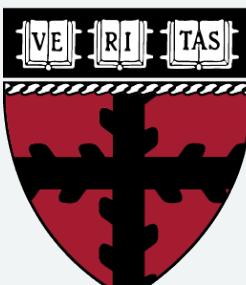
- LaMDA: 137B
- **PaLM : 540B**

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- **Claude 2: 175B**

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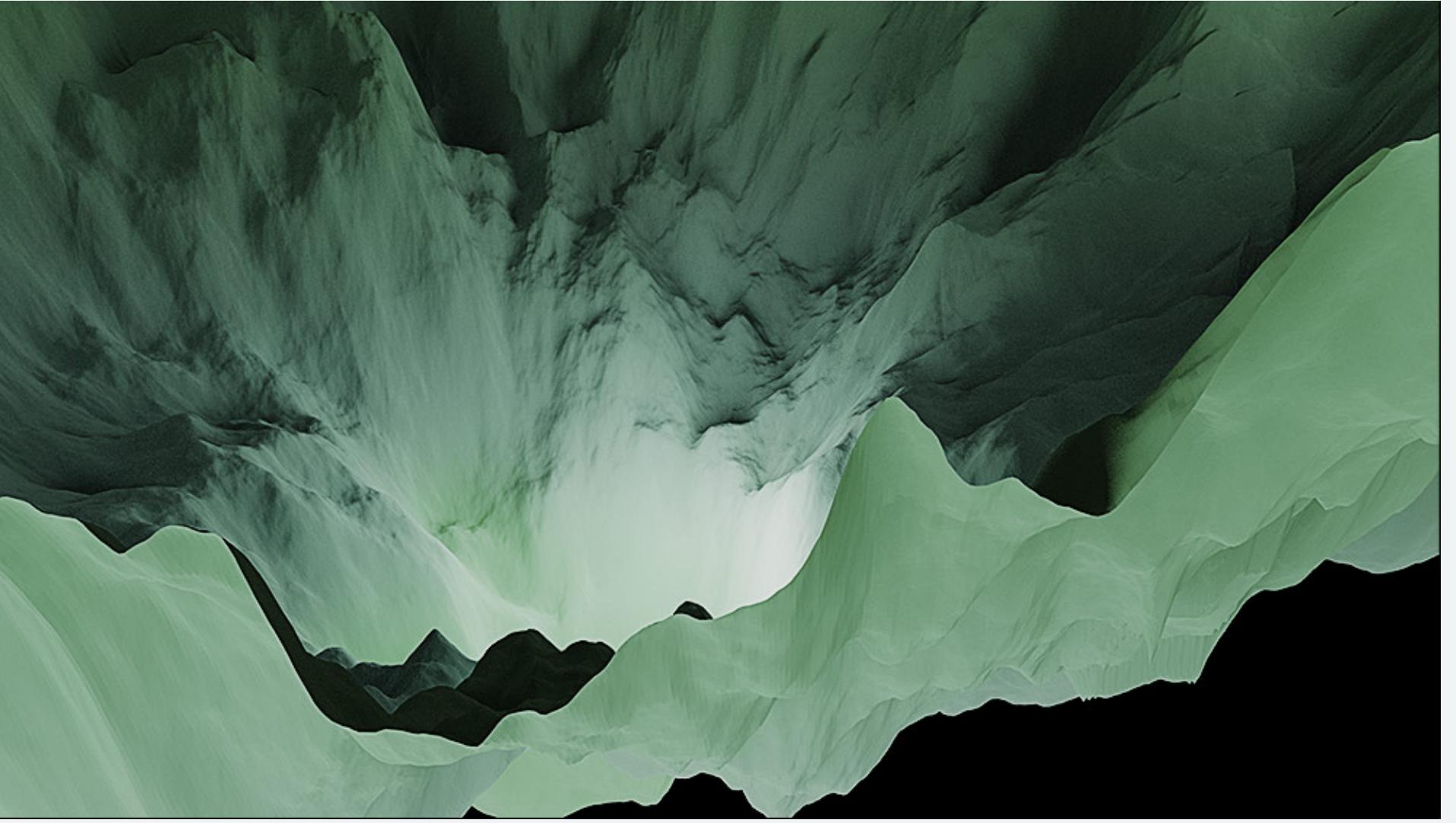


So?

Overparametrized models

- more parameters than data
- neurons memorize data points
- the rest interpolate

result: hope for the best.



Use domain knowledge

- in a systematic way
- constrain the parameter space

result: similar (or better!) performance and more efficient.

Enter equivariance

Classification has invariants

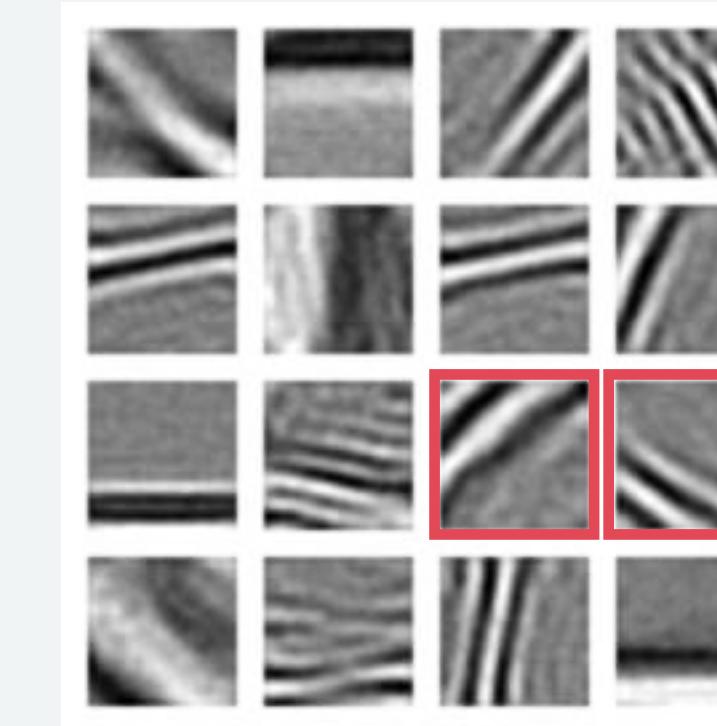


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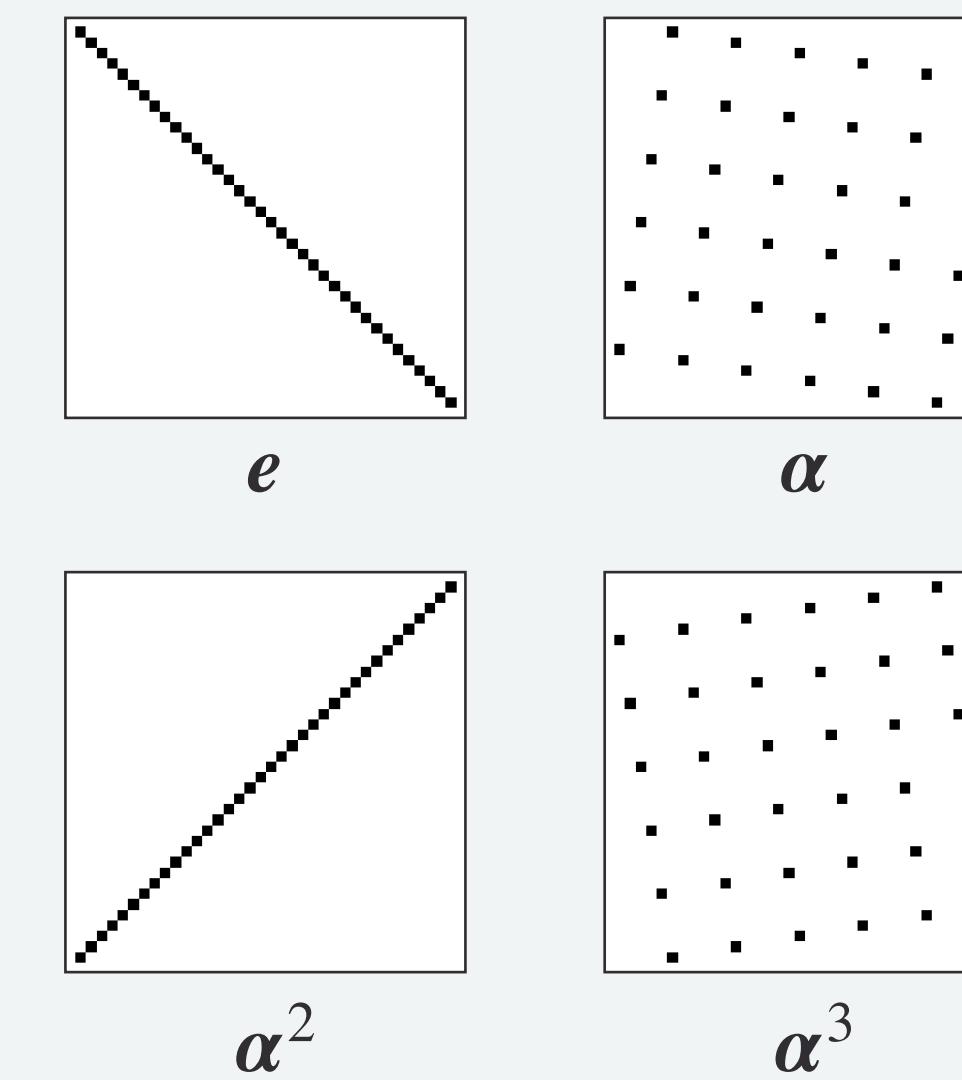
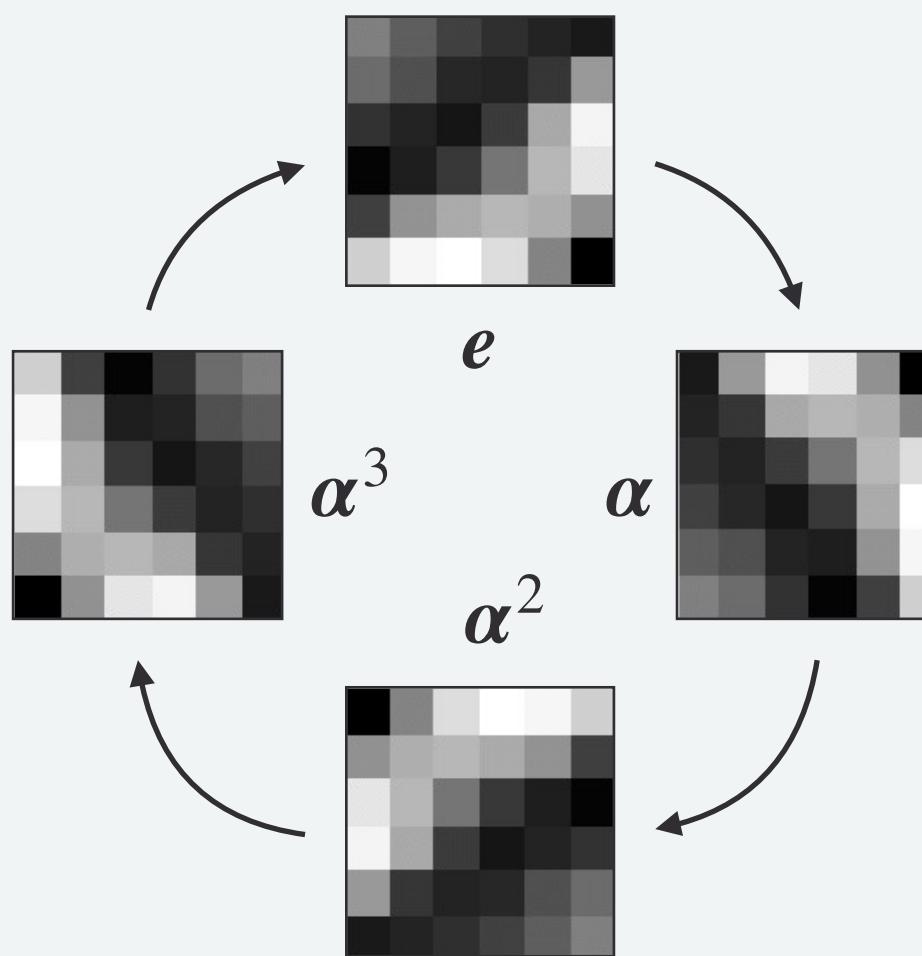
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Filters have symmetries



different orientations

Group equivariant CNNs



How do we generalize?

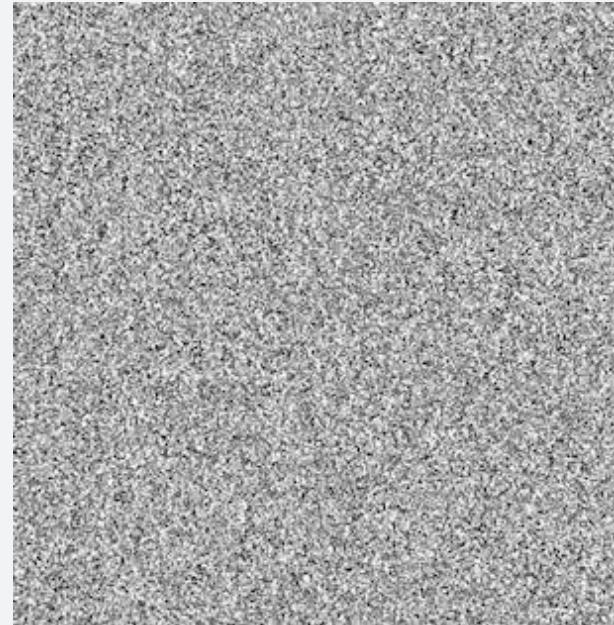
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2      print(i)  
3  
4
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2      rem = i % 10  
3      print(rem)  
4
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code



privacy

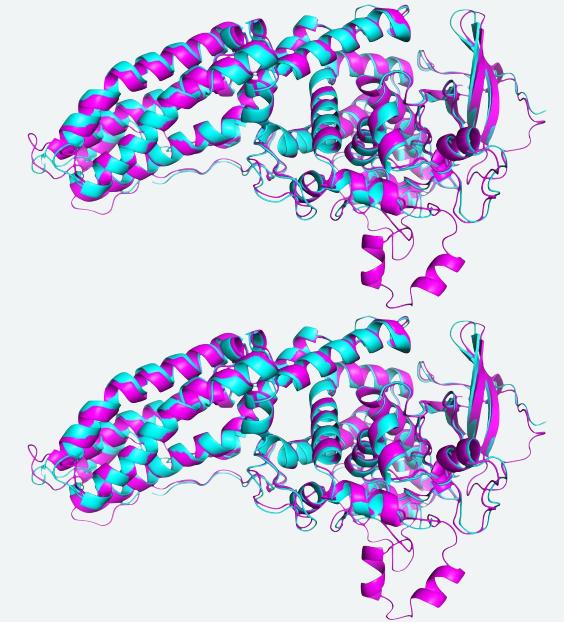


GCT
GCG

Alanine

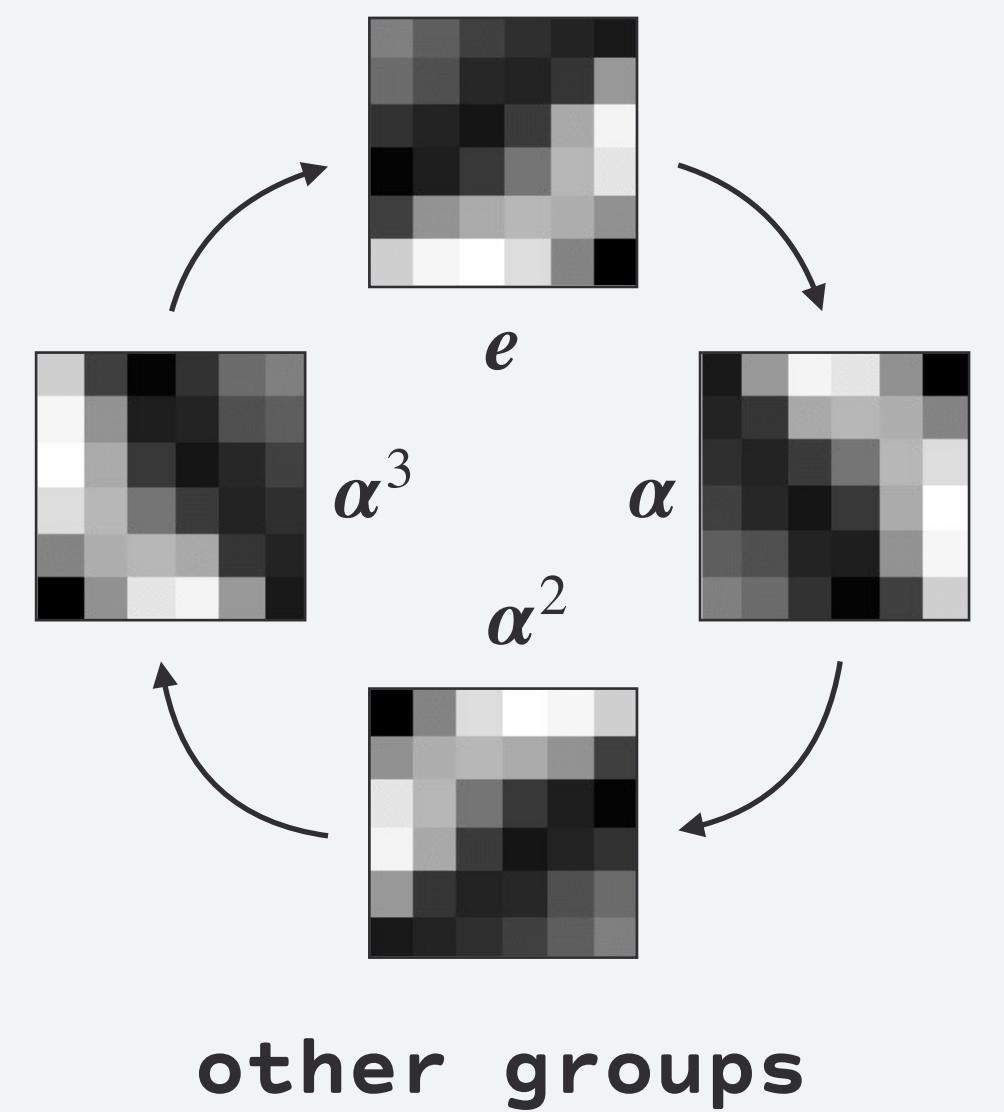
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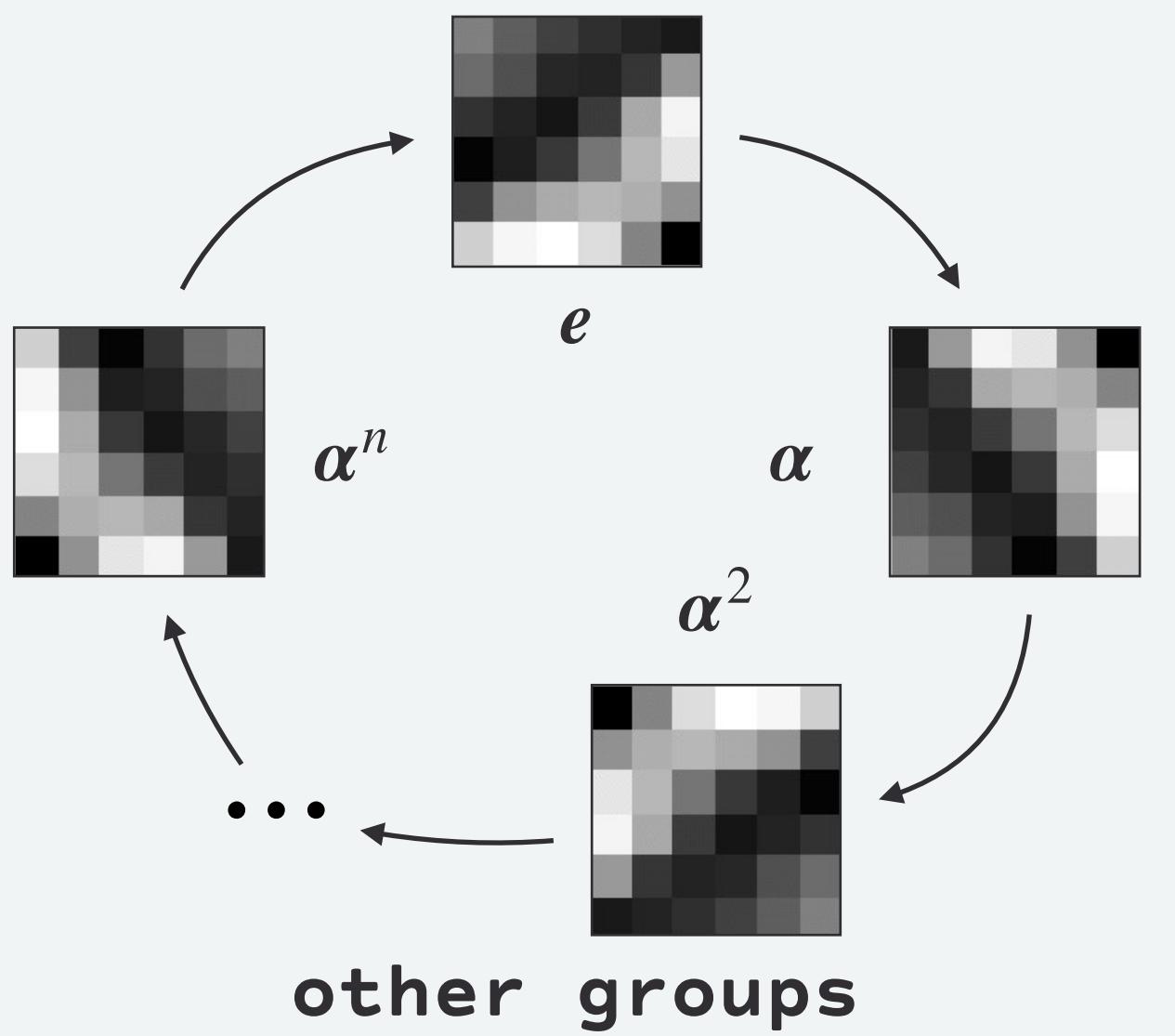


biology

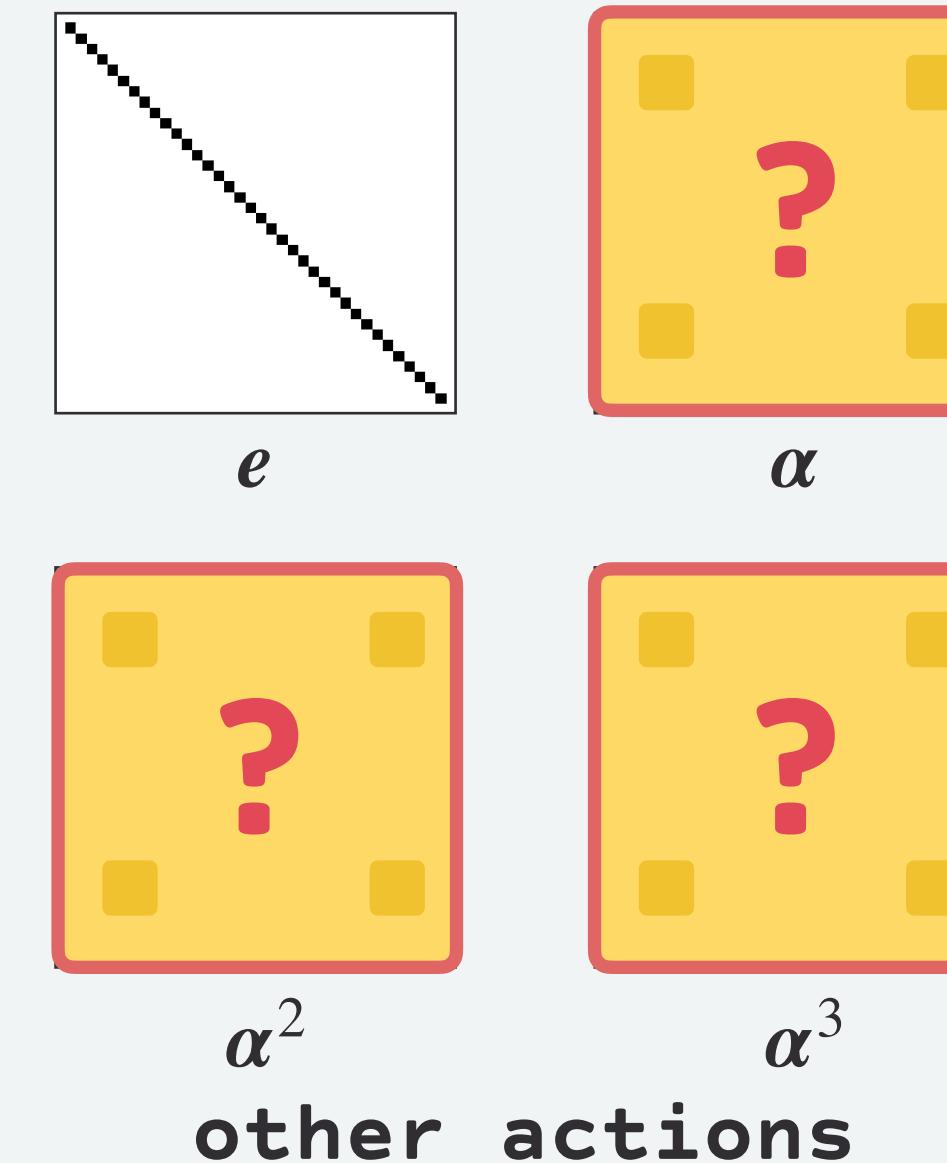
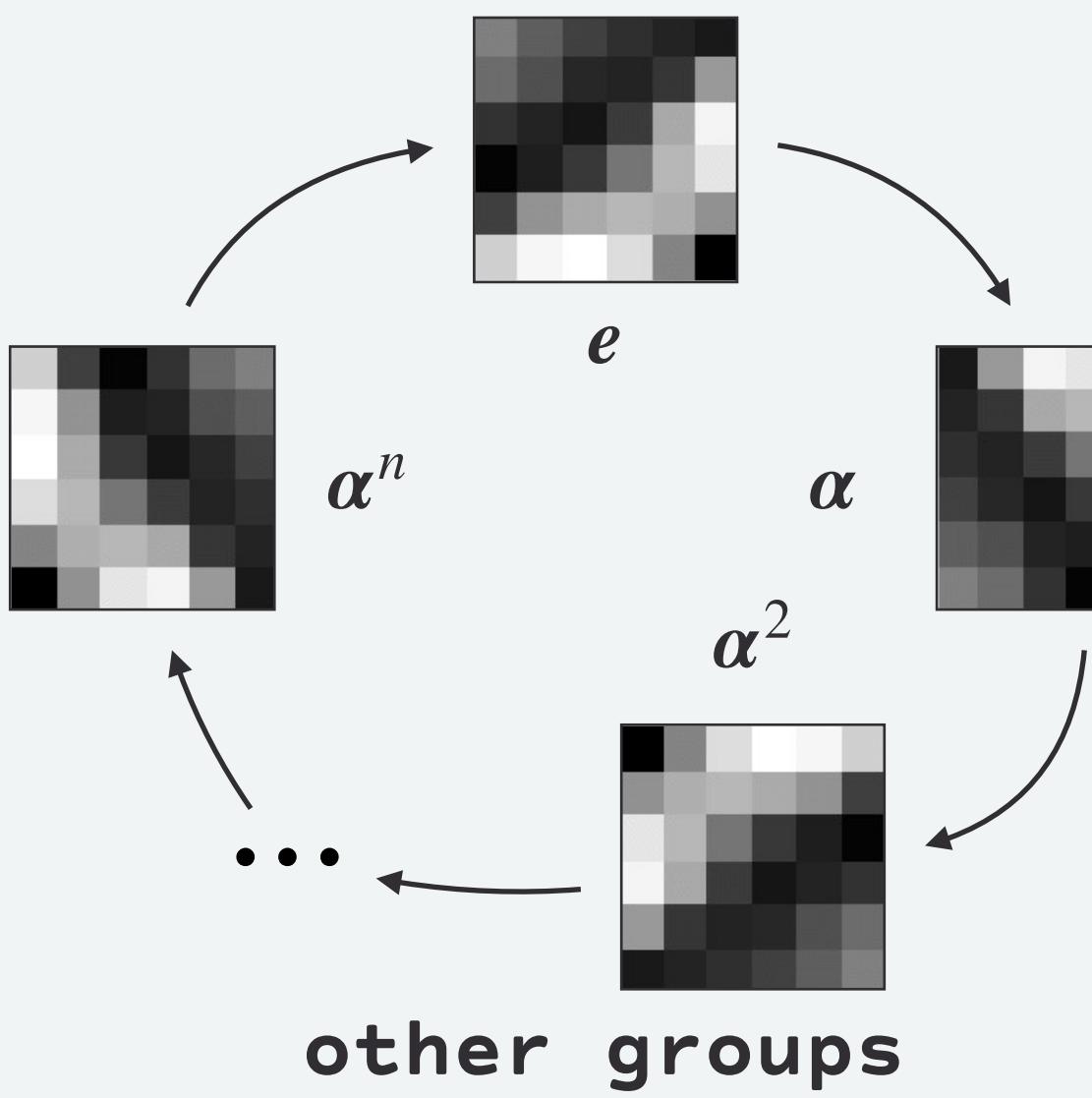
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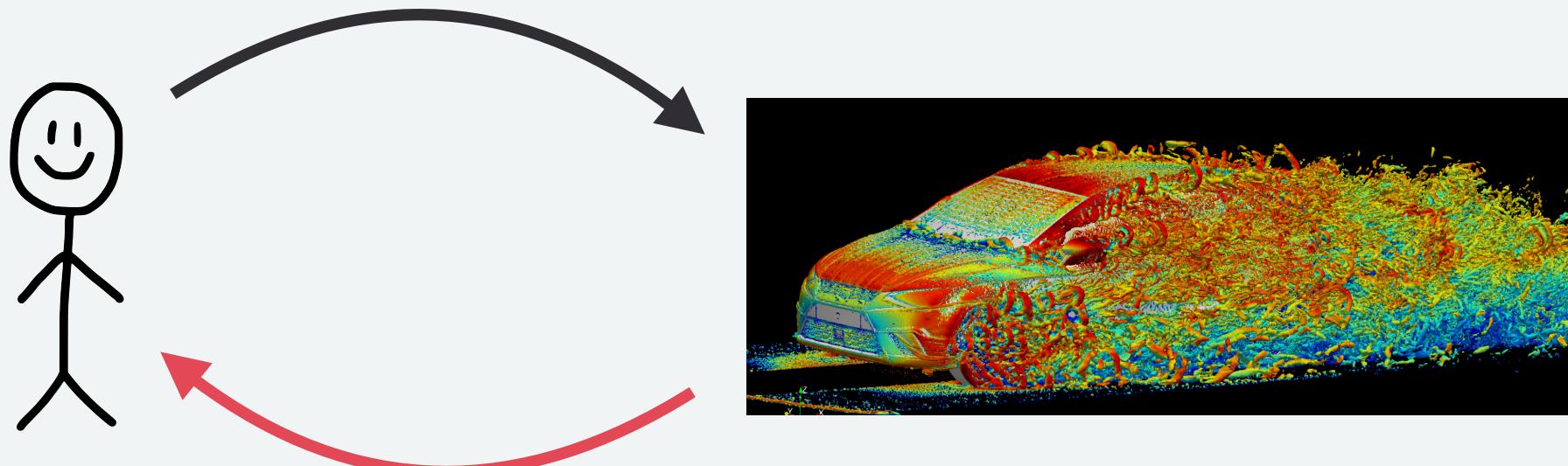
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Benefits



bidirectional information flow

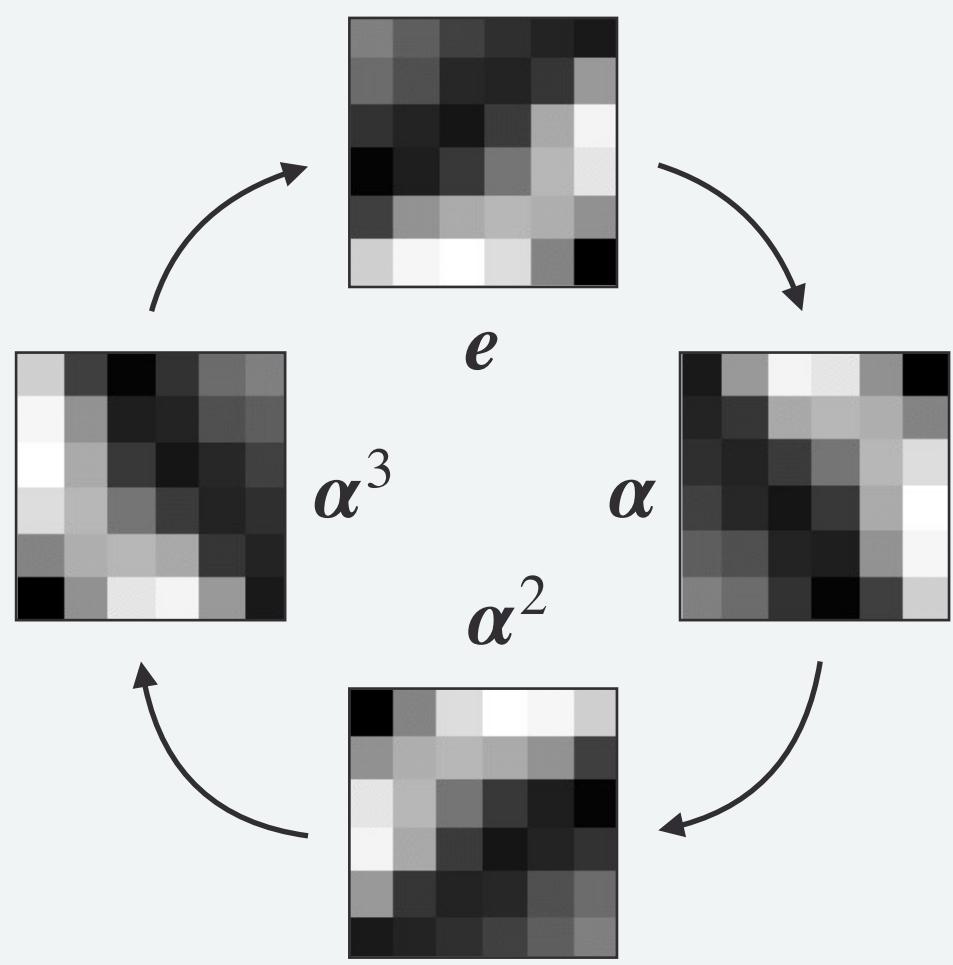


efficient models



Approach

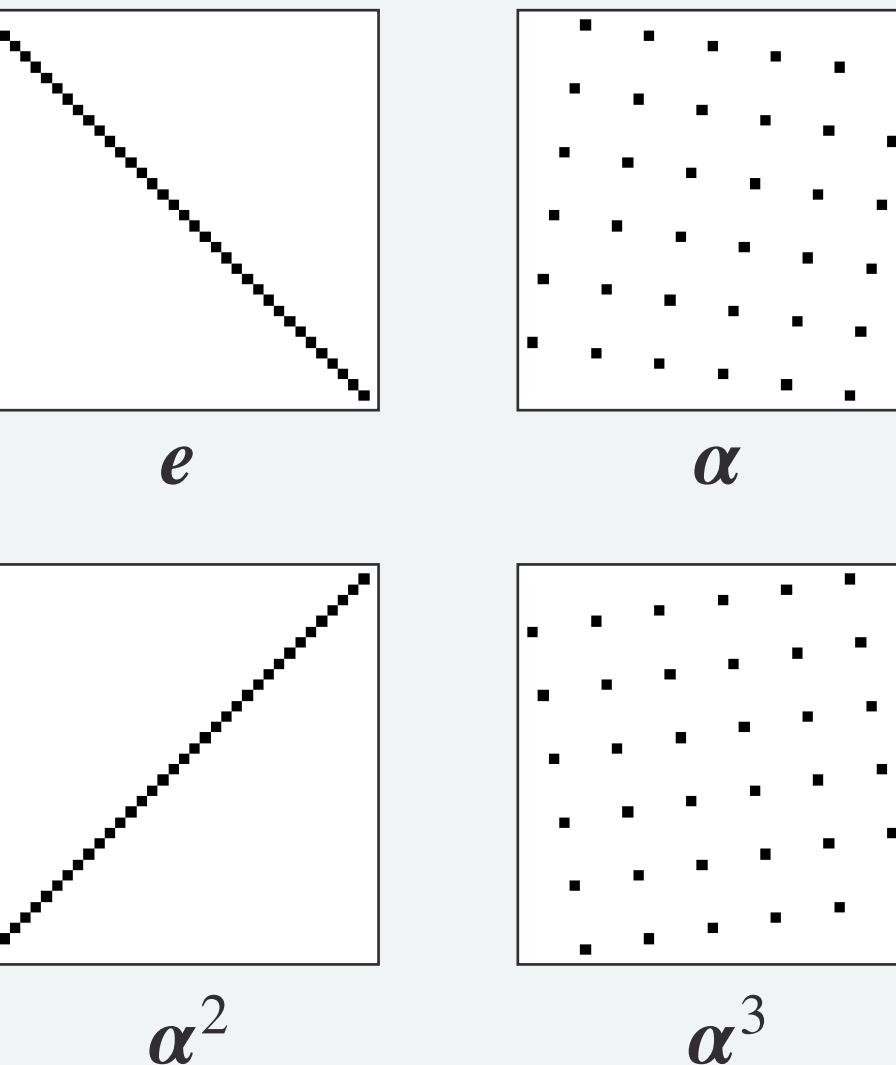
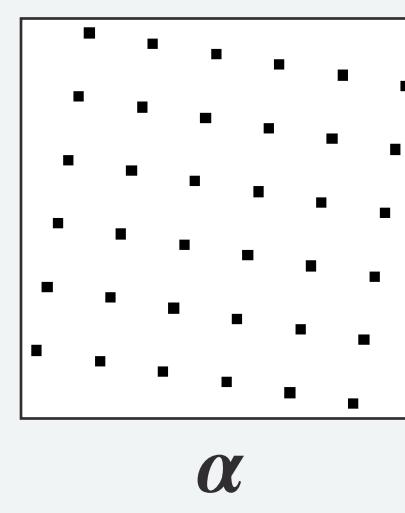
Elements of group theory



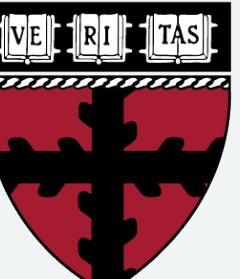
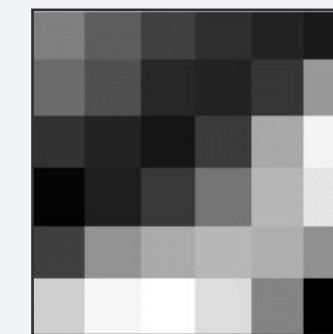
Abstract group
High level interactions

$$\{e, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3\}$$

Group representation
“Implementation” matrices



Data space
Where the group acts



Elements of group theory

Cyclic groups

What are they?

$$C_4 = \{e, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3\}$$

Why do we care?

- **short:** computation
- **long:** finite*, abelian, generator

$$T_{g_1}(\blacksquare) \ T_{g_2}(\blacksquare) \ \dots$$

$$\alpha^k \cdot \alpha^l = \alpha^l \cdot \alpha^k$$

$$T_g(\blacksquare) \ T_{g^2}(\blacksquare) \ \dots$$

Equivariance

What does it mean?

$$f(\curvearrowright \circ \blacksquare) = \curvearrowright \circ f(\blacksquare)$$

(A bit more formally $f(T(x)) = T'(f(x))$.)

Example:

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{vs}$$

$$f(\alpha \cdot x) = \alpha^2 \cdot x^2$$

Here $T(u) = \alpha \cdot u$ and $T'(u) = \alpha^2 \cdot u$.

So where do groups come in?

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T' = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

Represent the “same” transformation!

Main idea

Idea: Group equivariant neural networks represent filters as rotations of one another. What about other representations?

For C_4

Convolution with the rotated set

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Image 1} & \text{Image 2} & \text{Image 3} & \text{Image 4} \end{array} \right]$$

What about C_n ?

Cardinality and action change

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} \text{[Image]} & g(\text{[Image]}) & \cdots & g^{n-1}(\text{[Image]}) \end{array} \right]$$

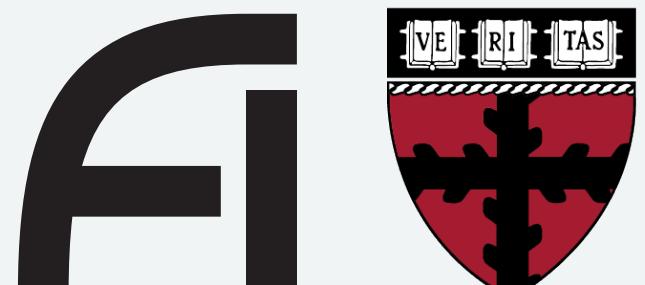
How to represent g ?

Use invertible matrices

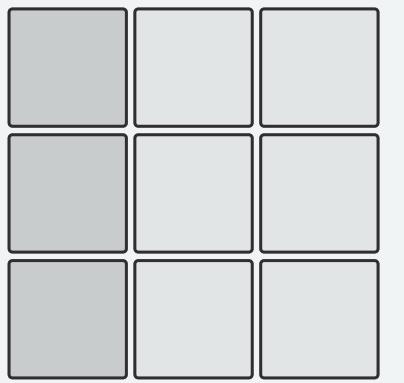
$$\rho : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{R})$$

$$g = A =$$

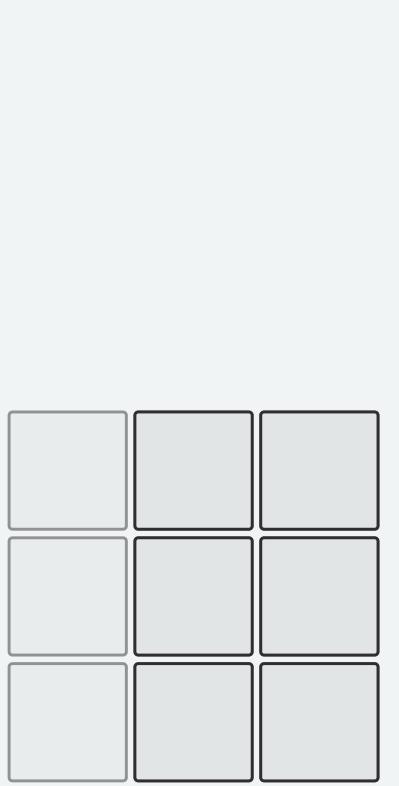
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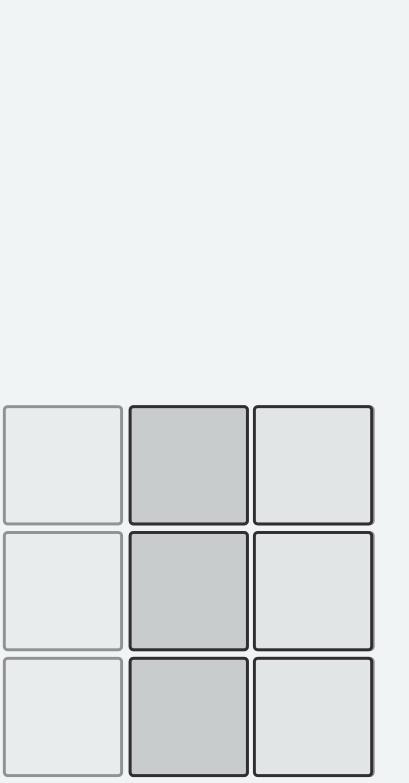
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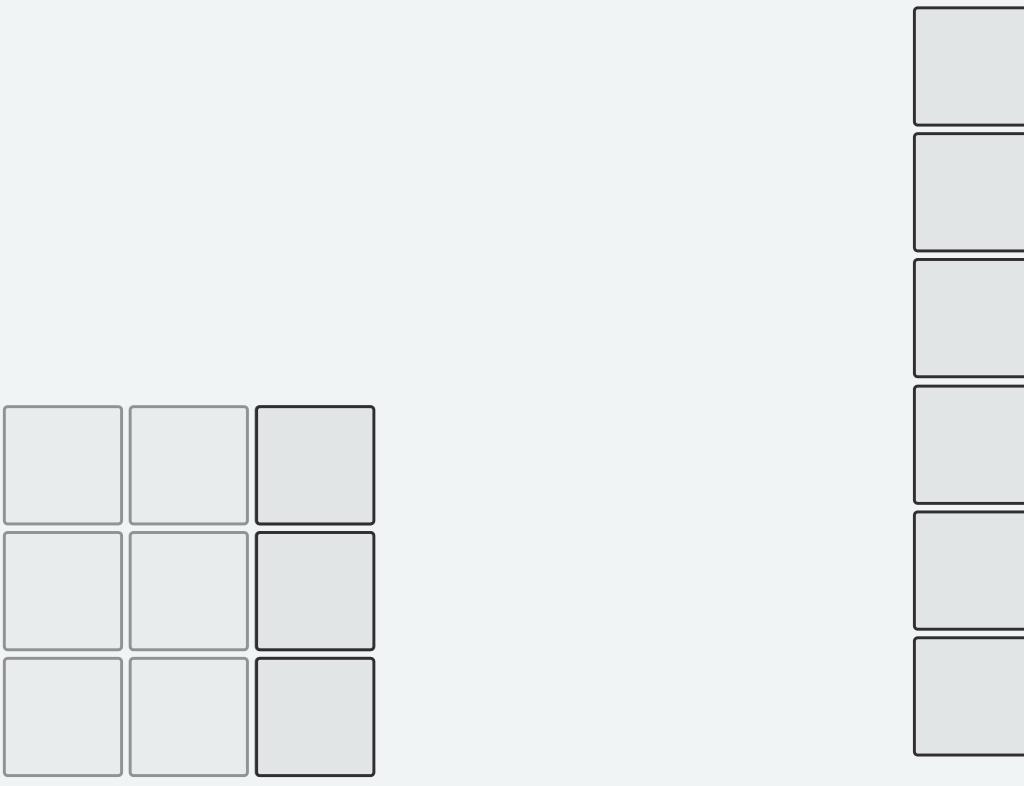
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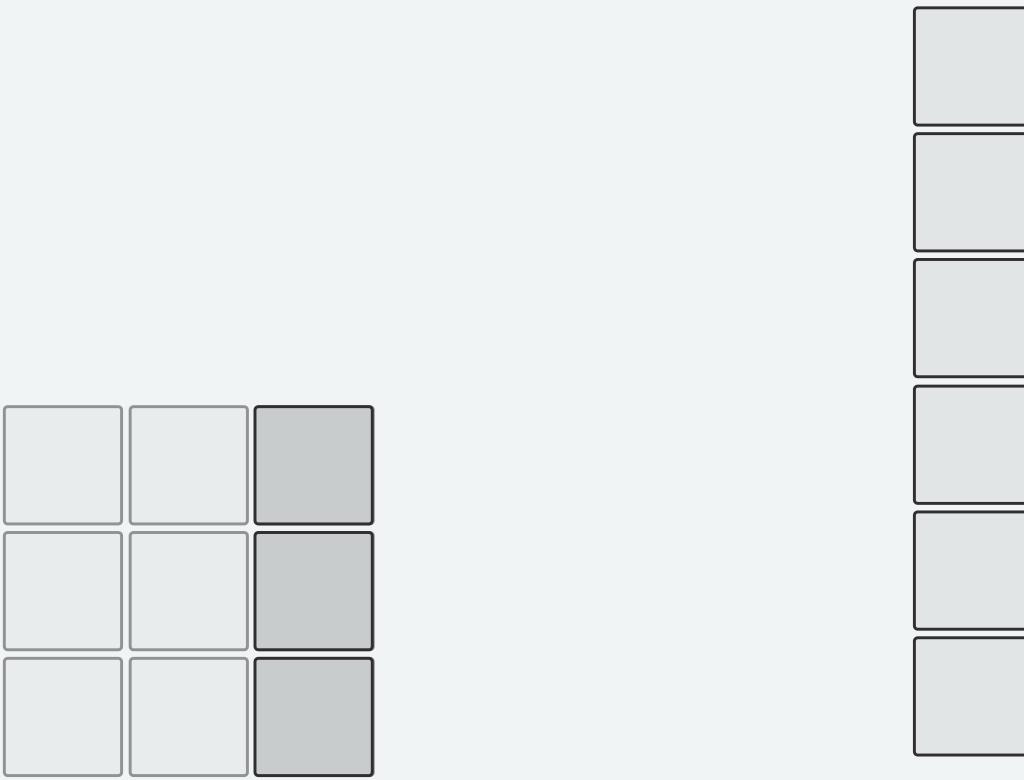
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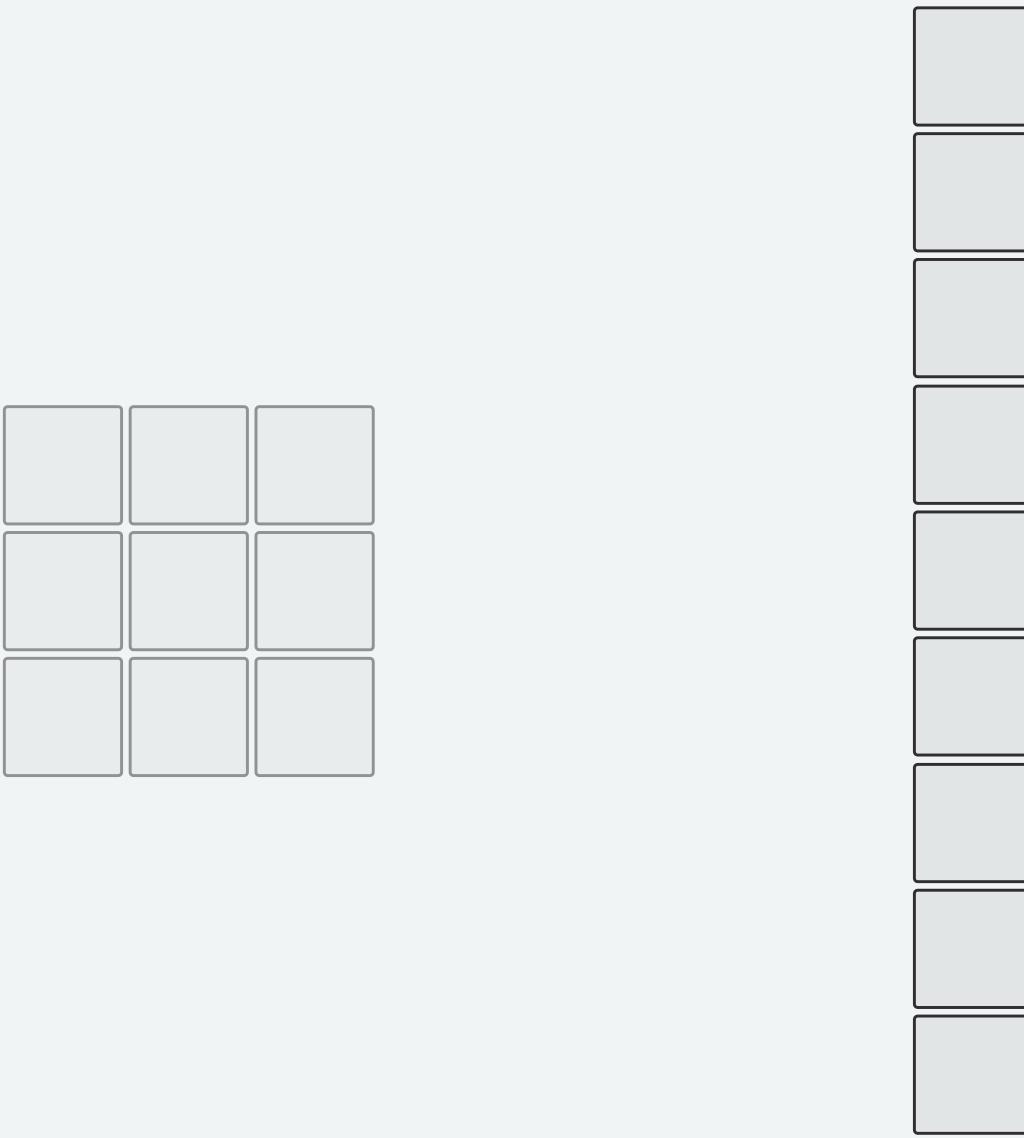
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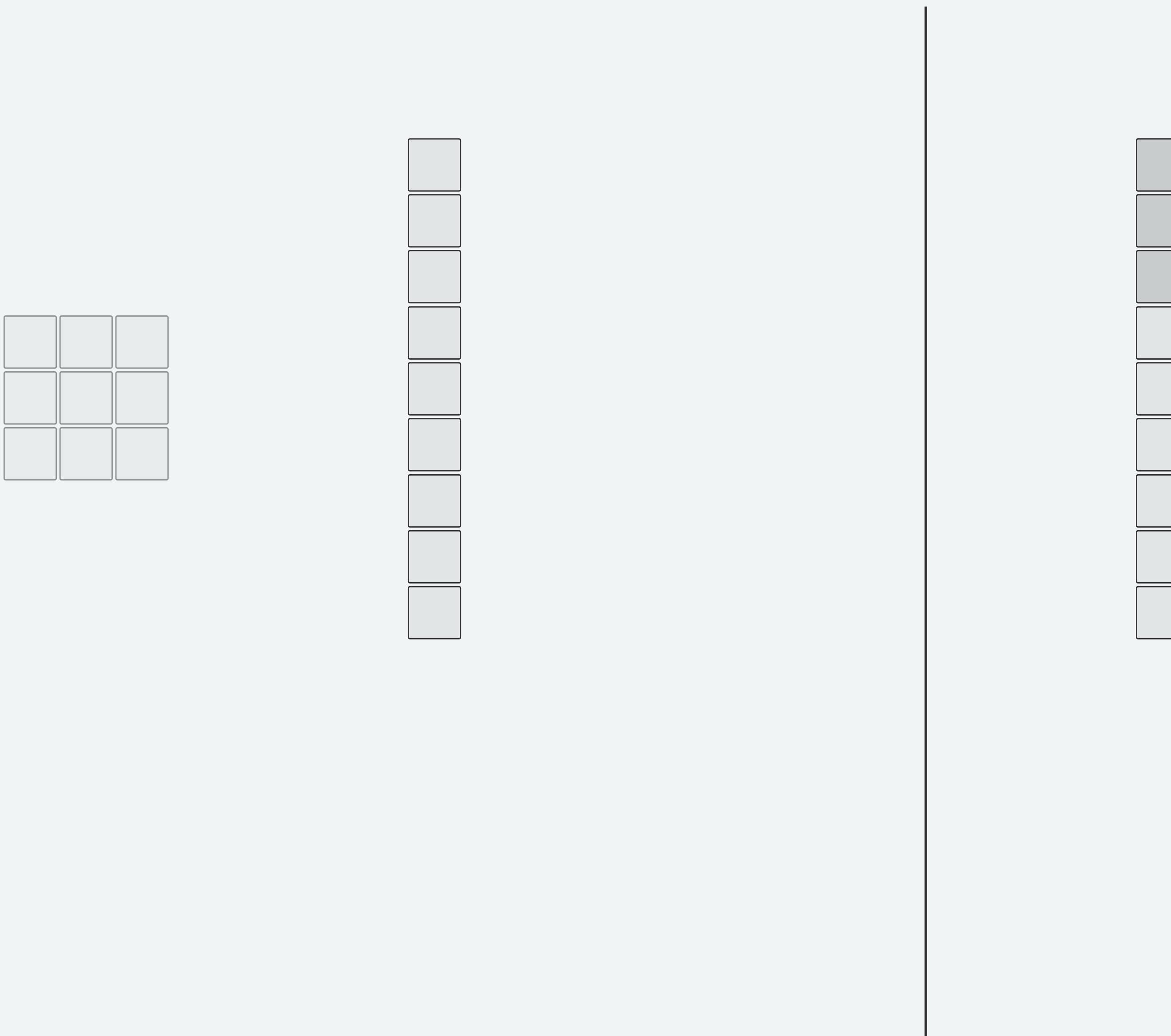
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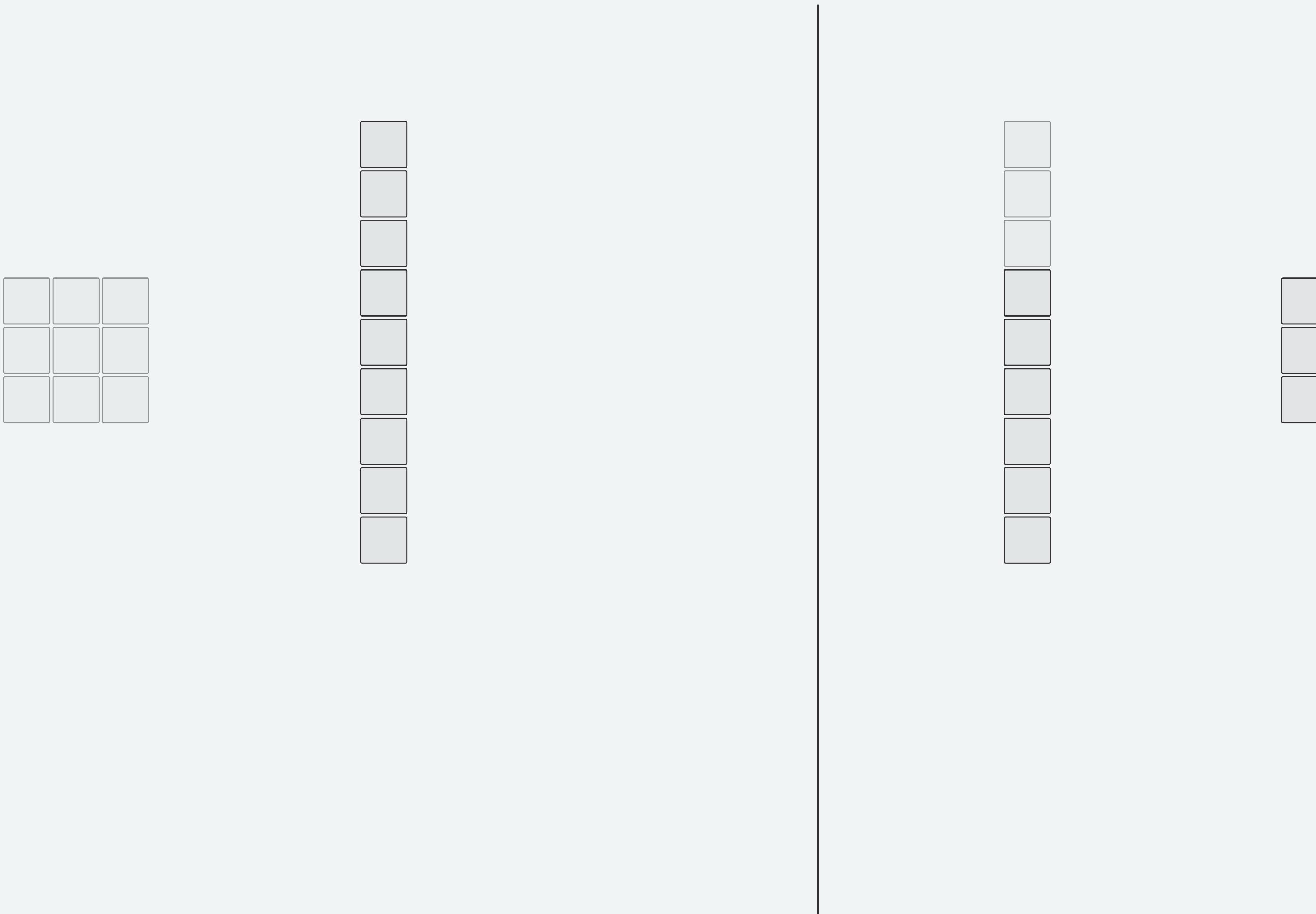
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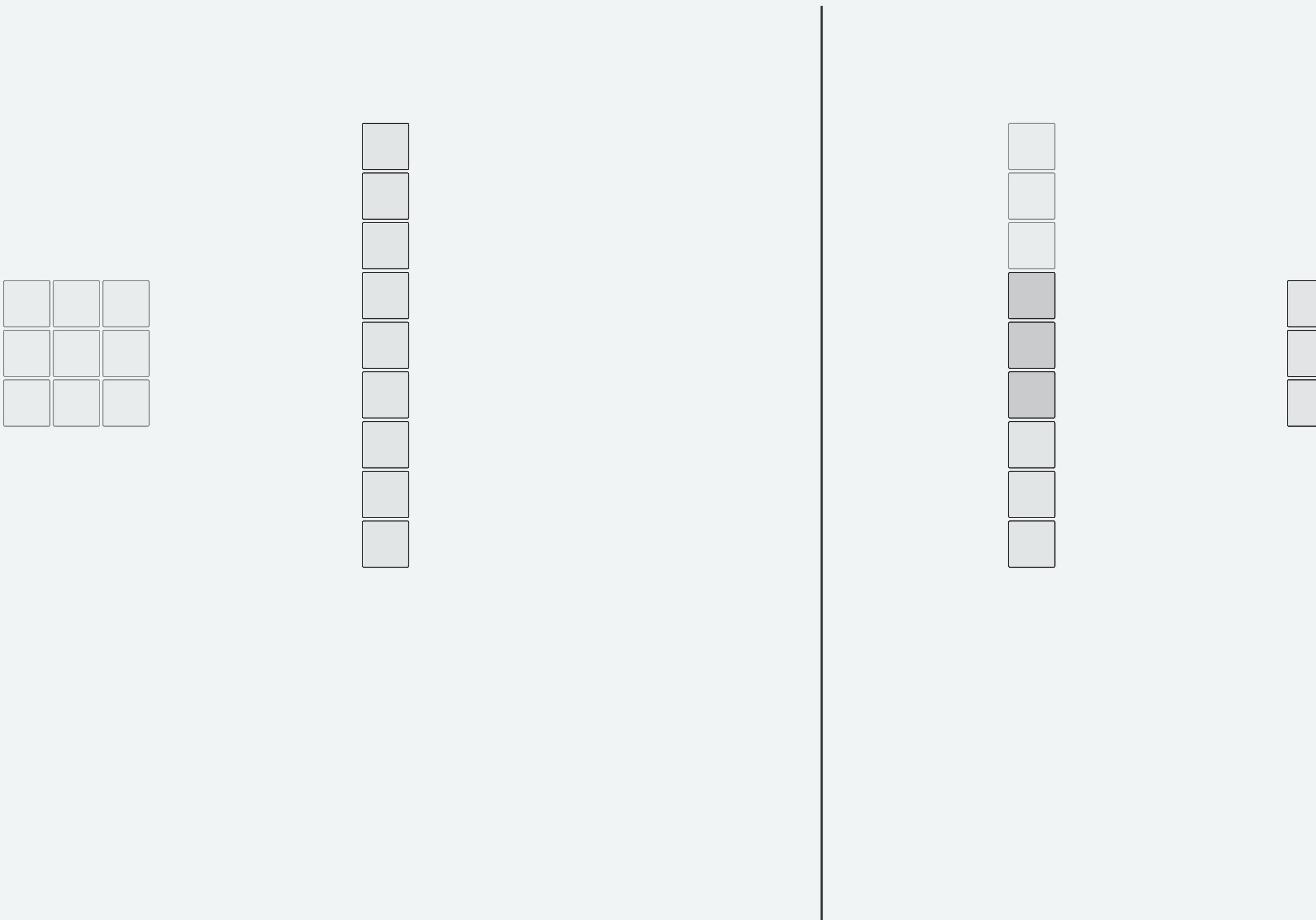
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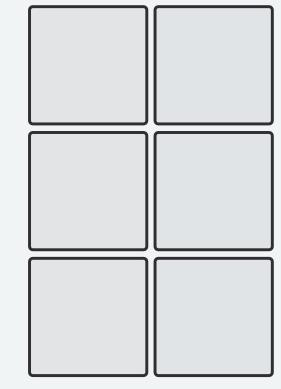
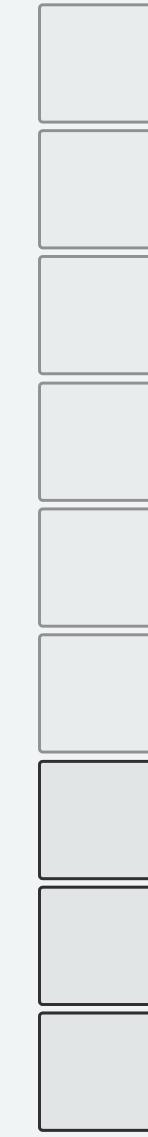
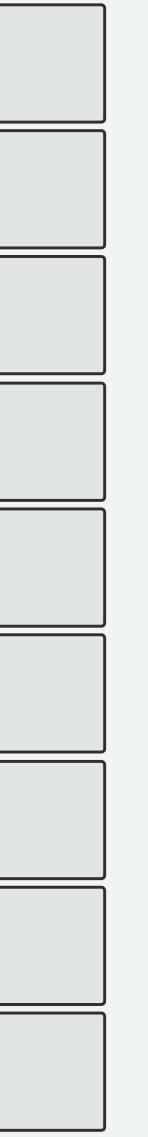
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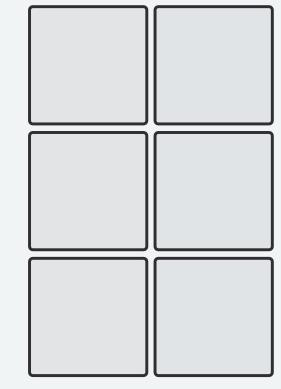
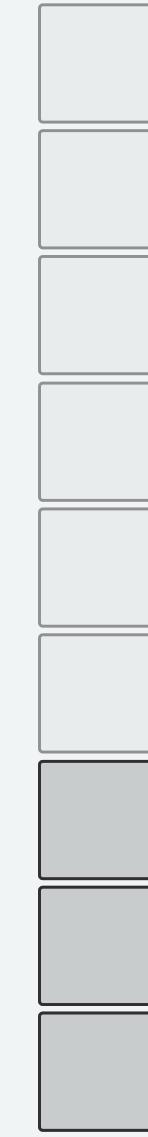
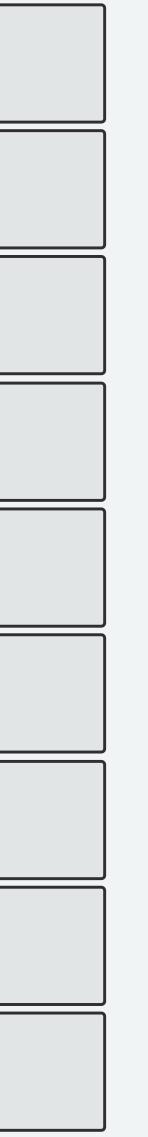
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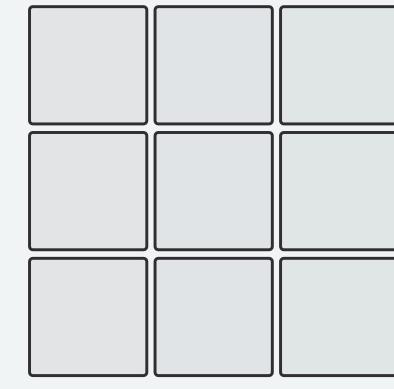
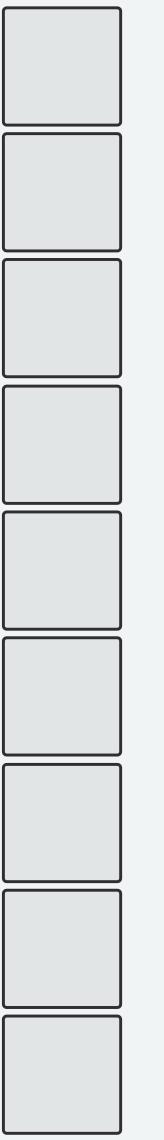
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Final model

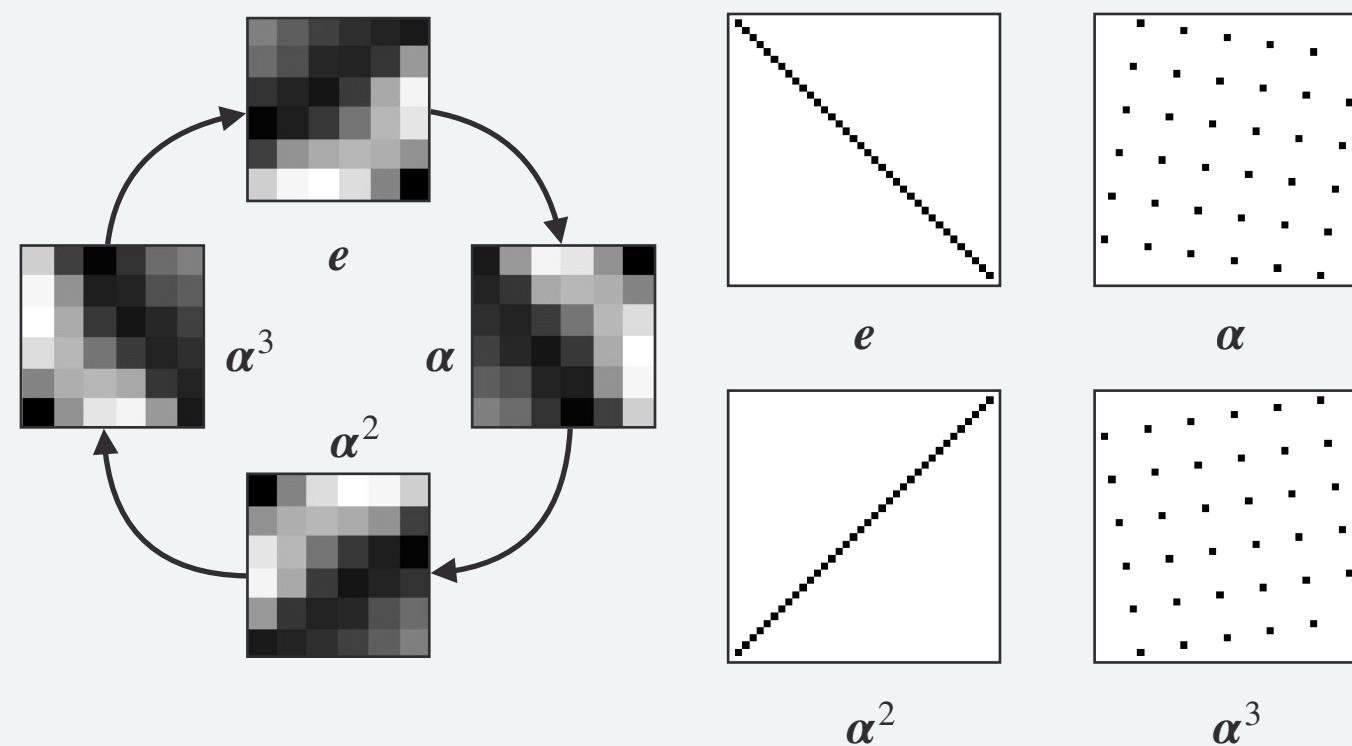
Filters

$$[\quad \phi_A(\square) \quad \dots \quad \phi_A^{n-1}(\square)]$$

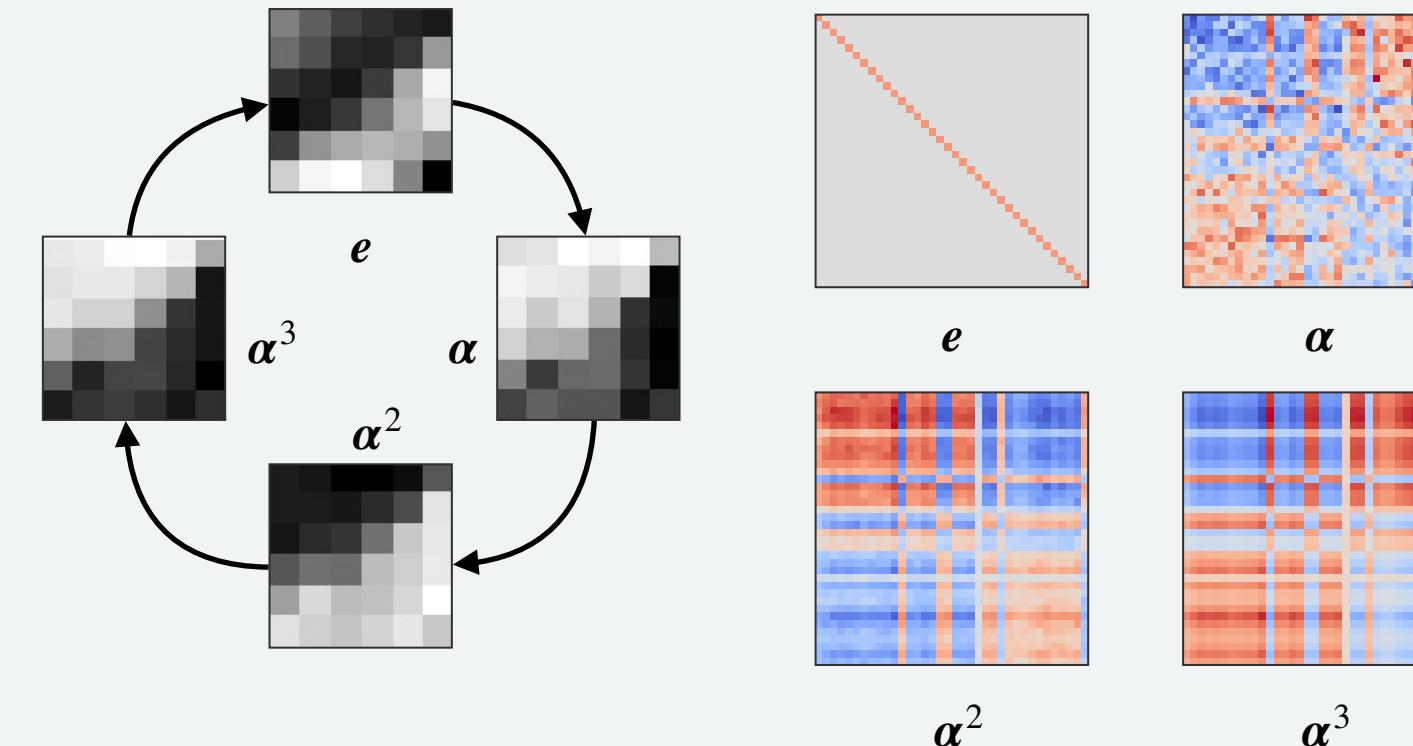
learn with backprop

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_A : \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \\ X &\mapsto \text{vec}^{-1}(A \text{ vec}(X))\end{aligned}$$

Now we go from this...



... to this!



Invertibility loss

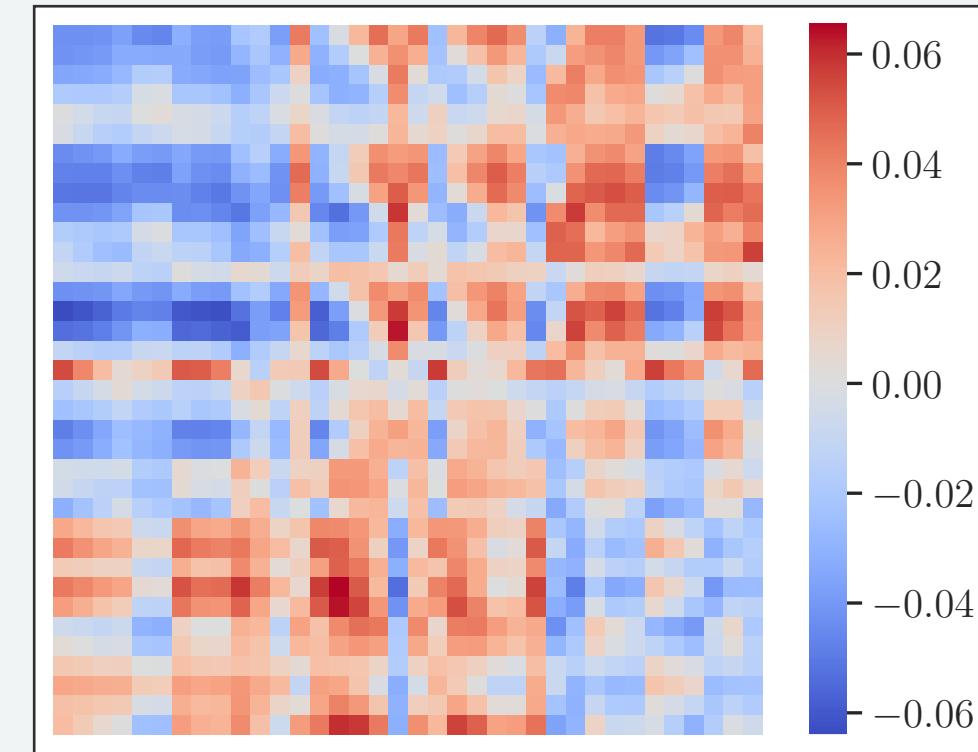
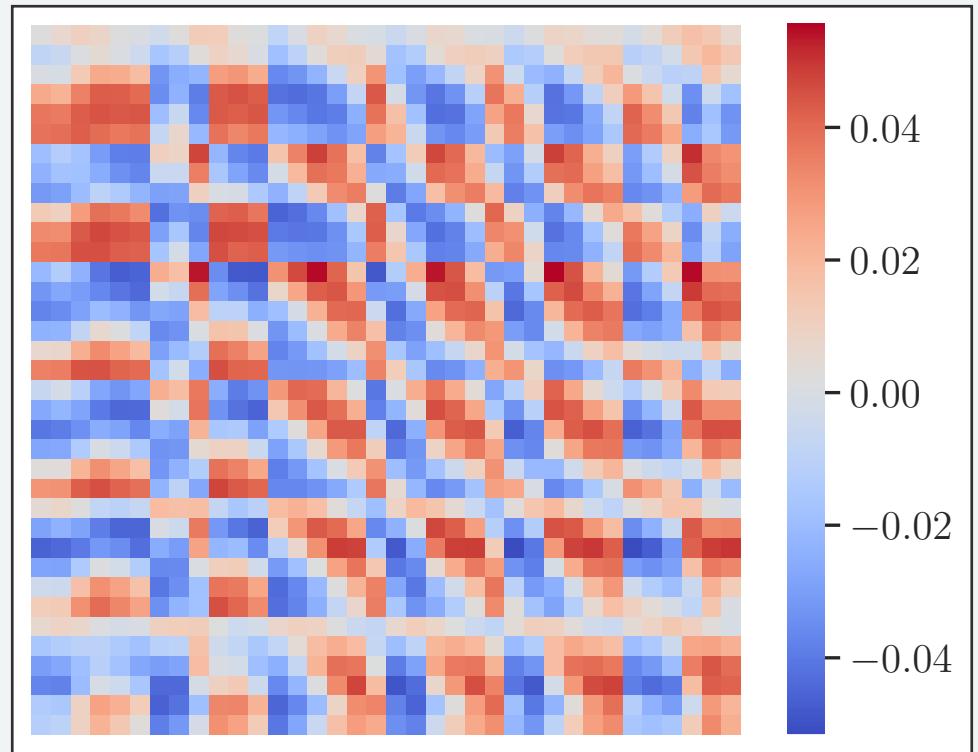
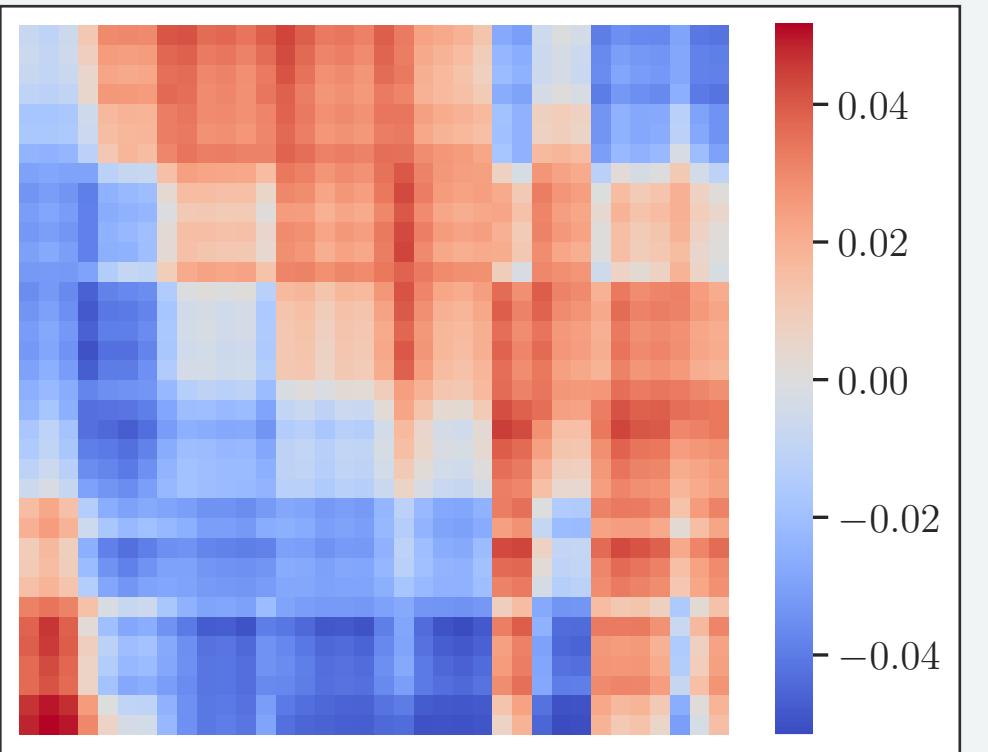
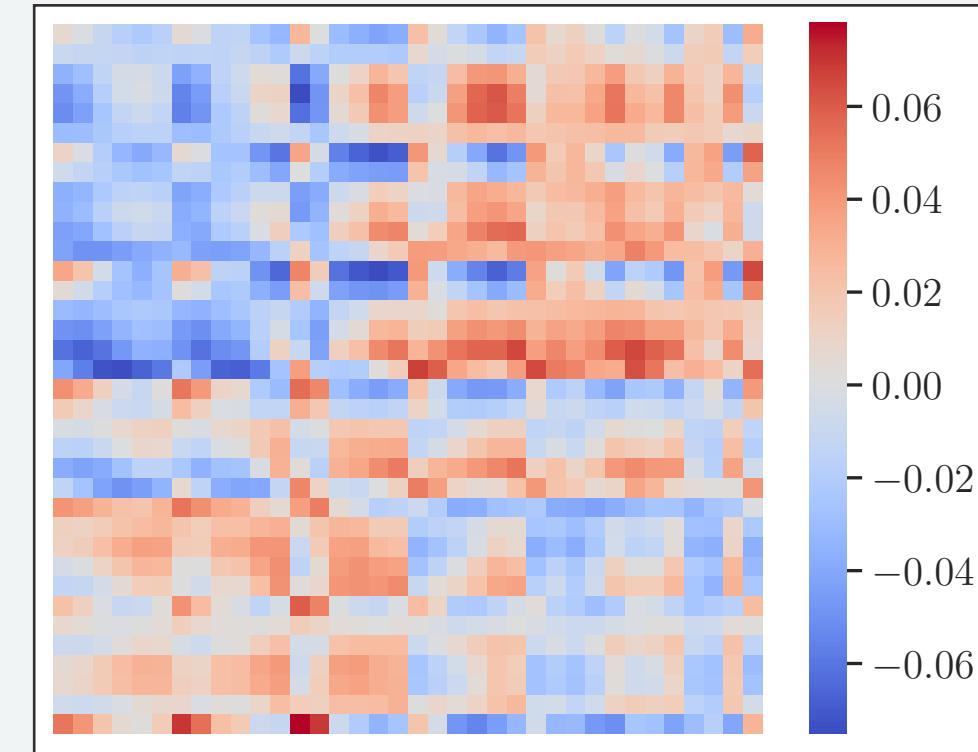
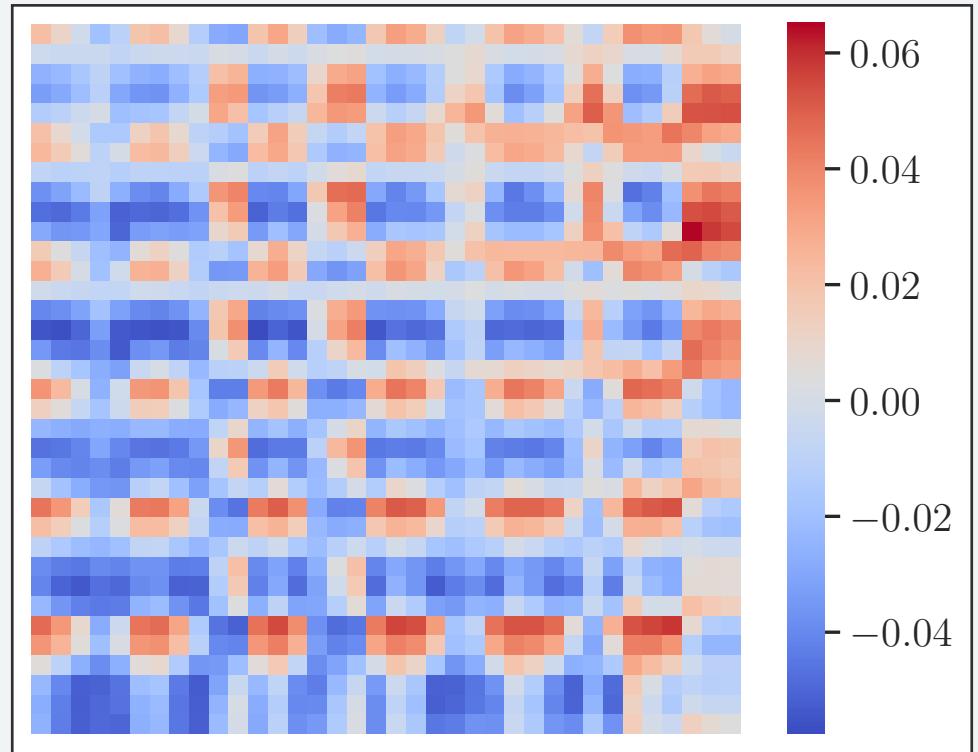
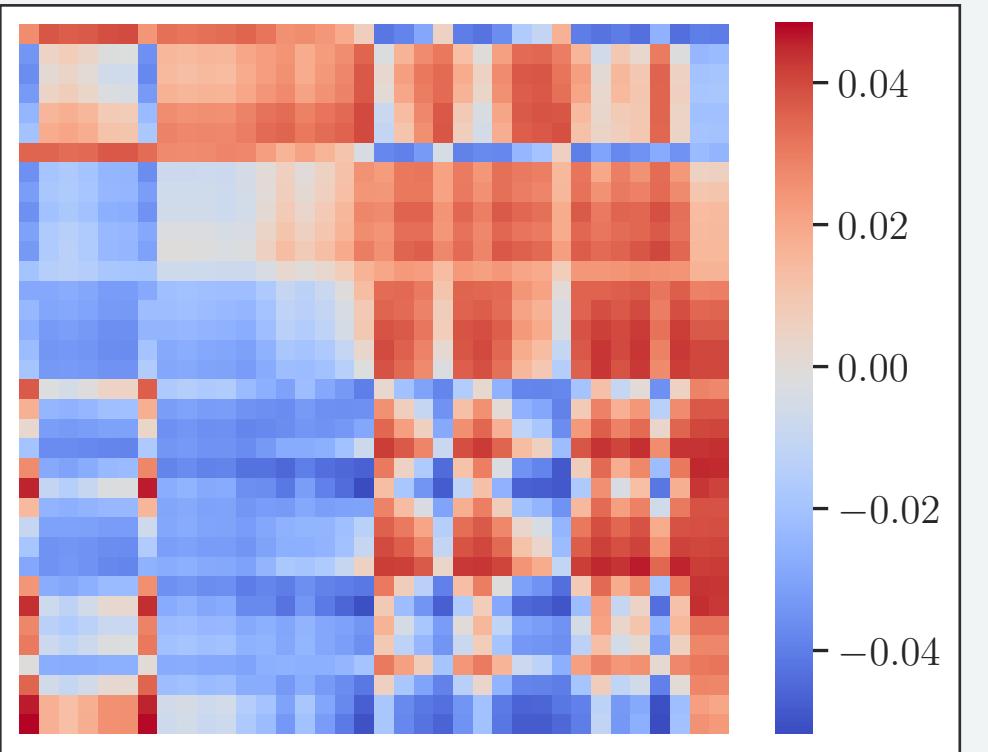
A needs to be invertible

$$L = \mu \|A\tilde{A} - I\|_F$$



Experiments

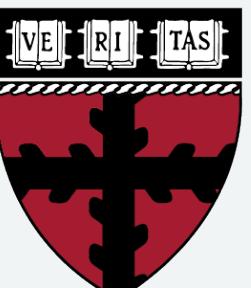
Group structures



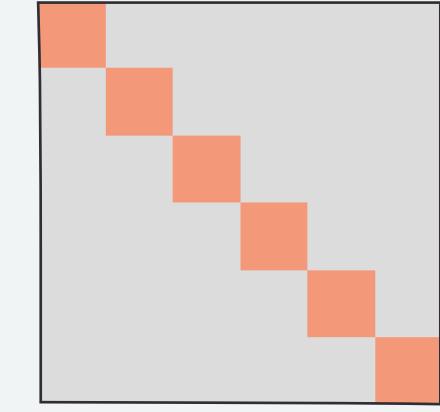
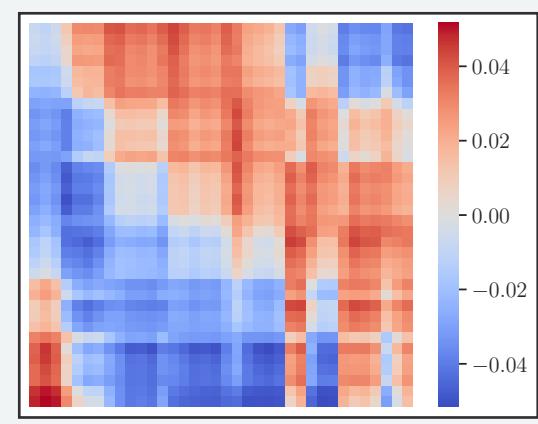
Skew-symmetric

Toeplitz

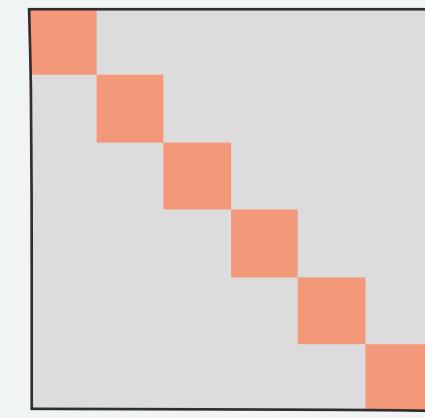
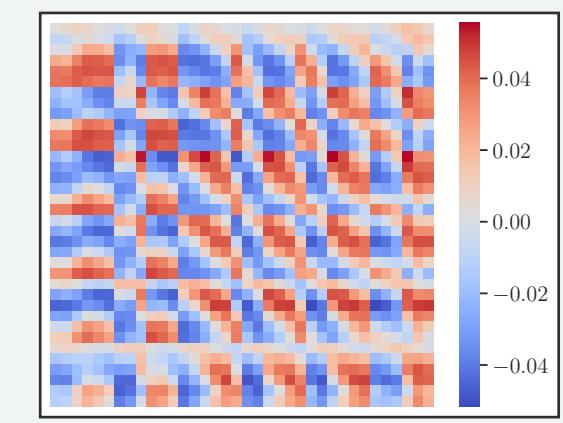
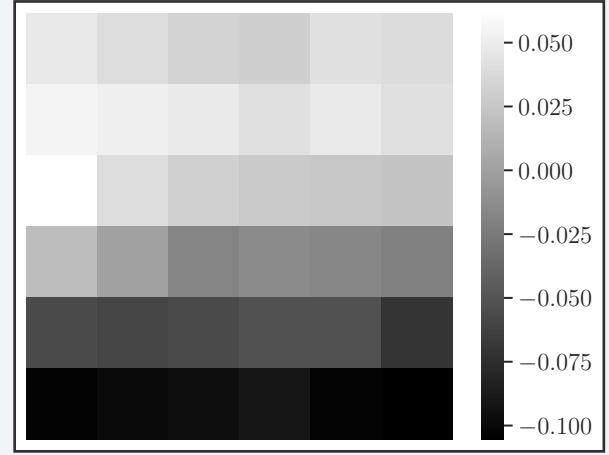
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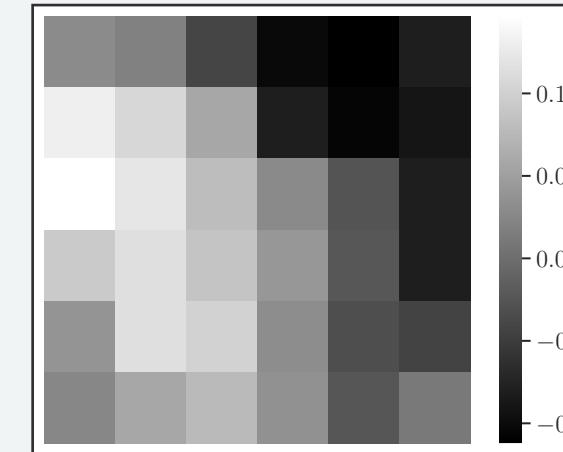
Interpreting the structures



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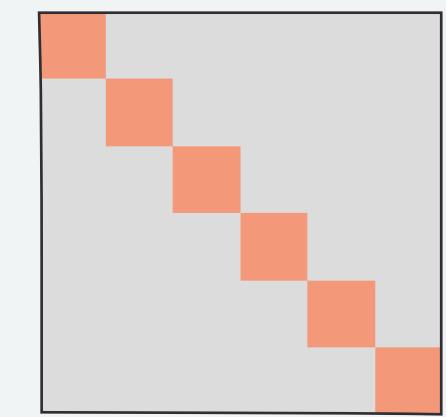
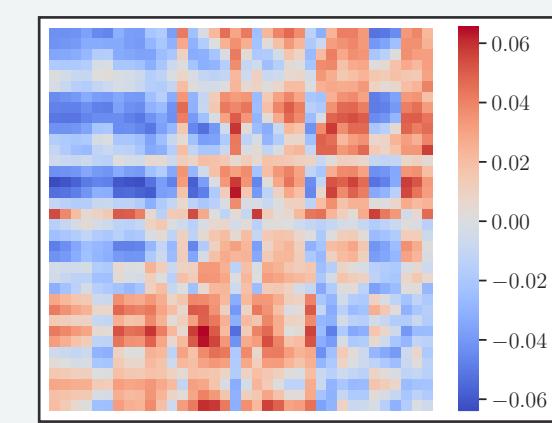
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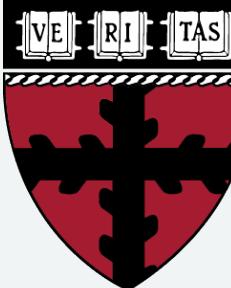
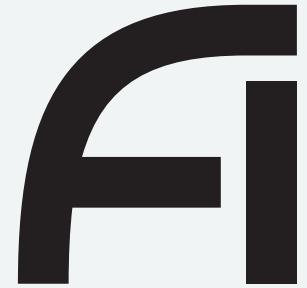
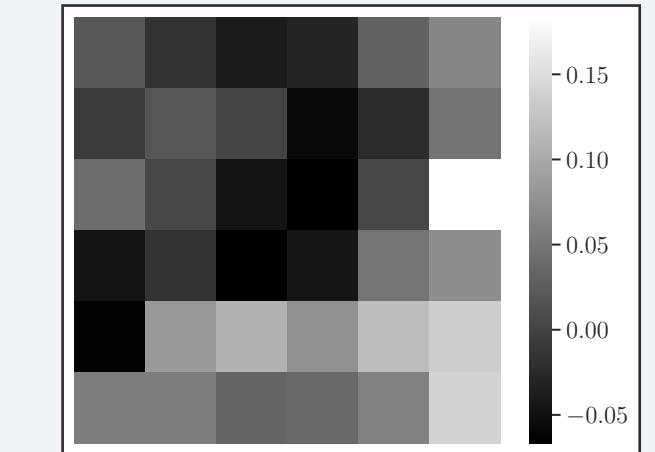
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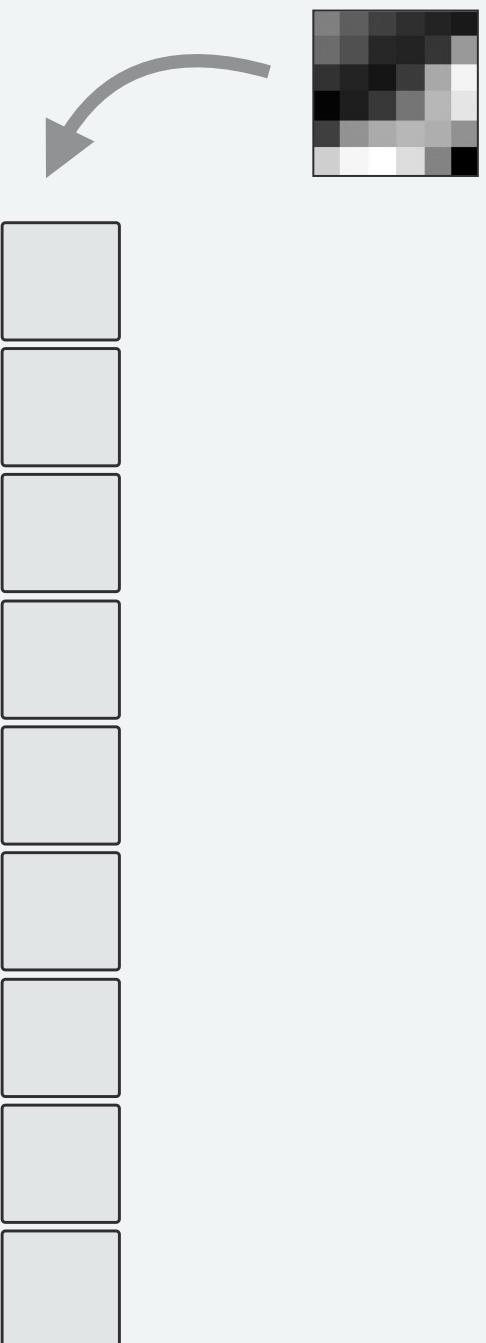
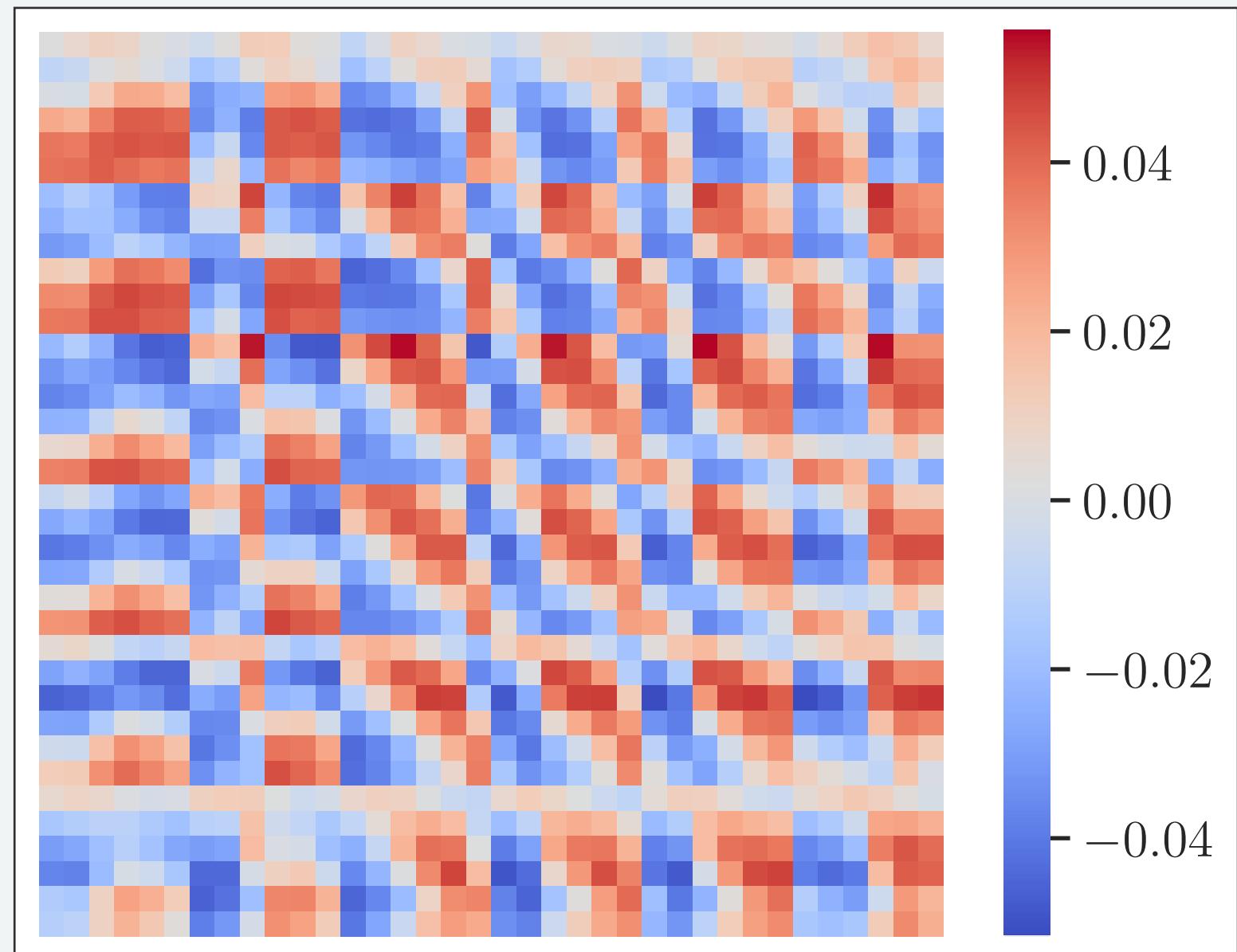
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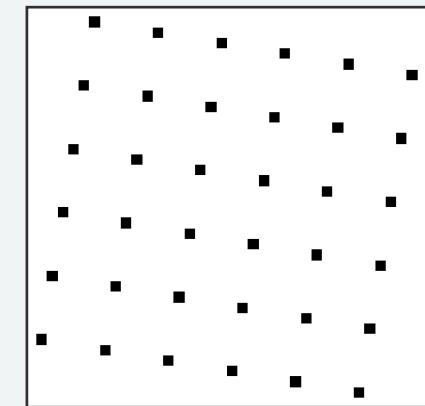
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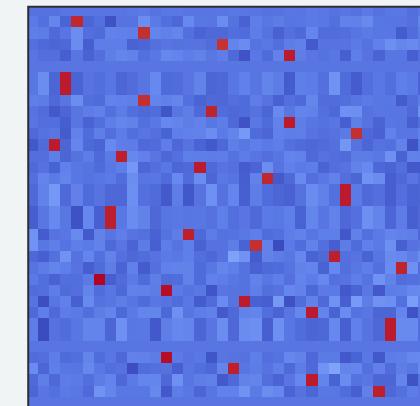
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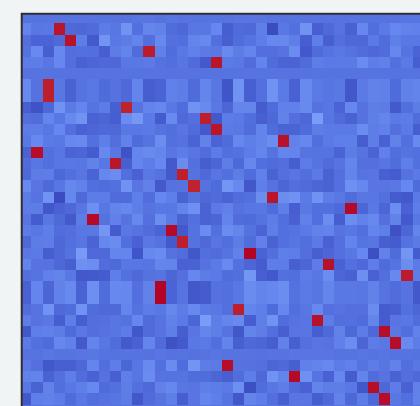
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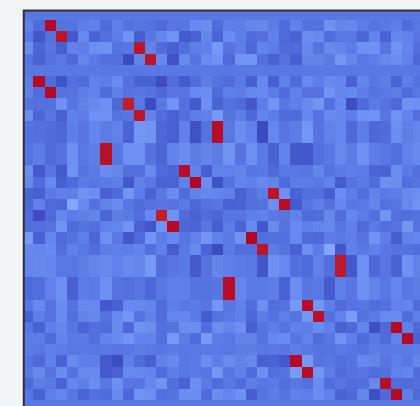
$\theta = 90^\circ$



$\theta = 60^\circ$

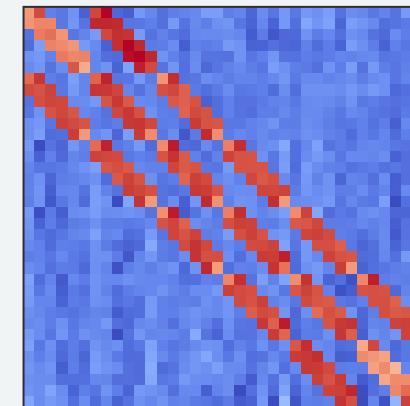


$\theta = 45^\circ$

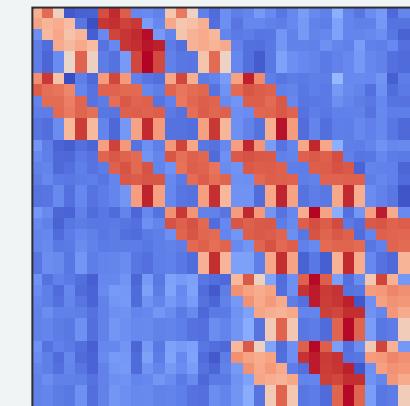


$\theta = 30^\circ$

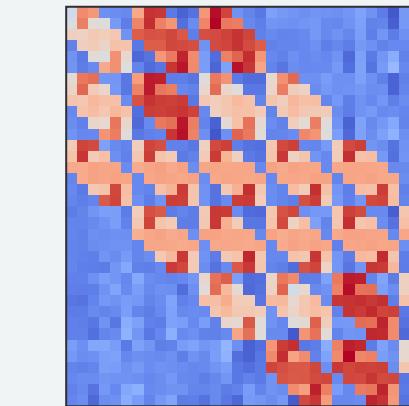
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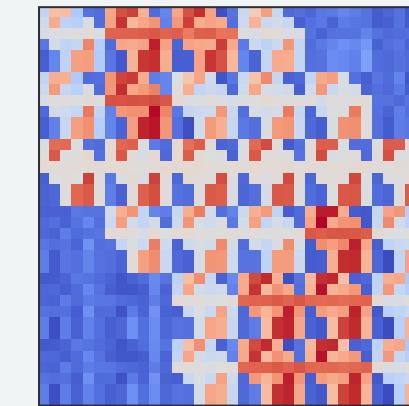
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$r = 4$

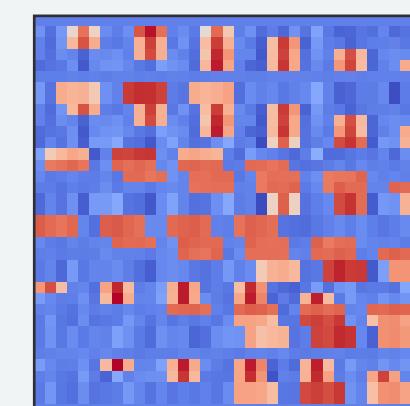


$r = 5$



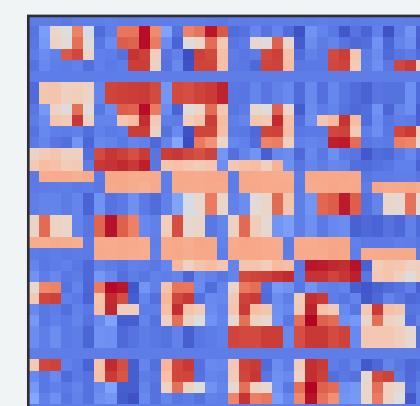
$r = 6$

... both!

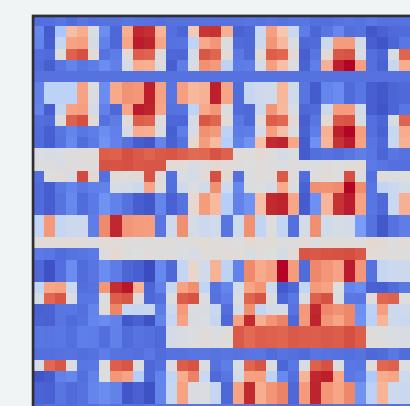


$\theta = 60^\circ$

$r = 4$



$r = 5$



$r = 6$

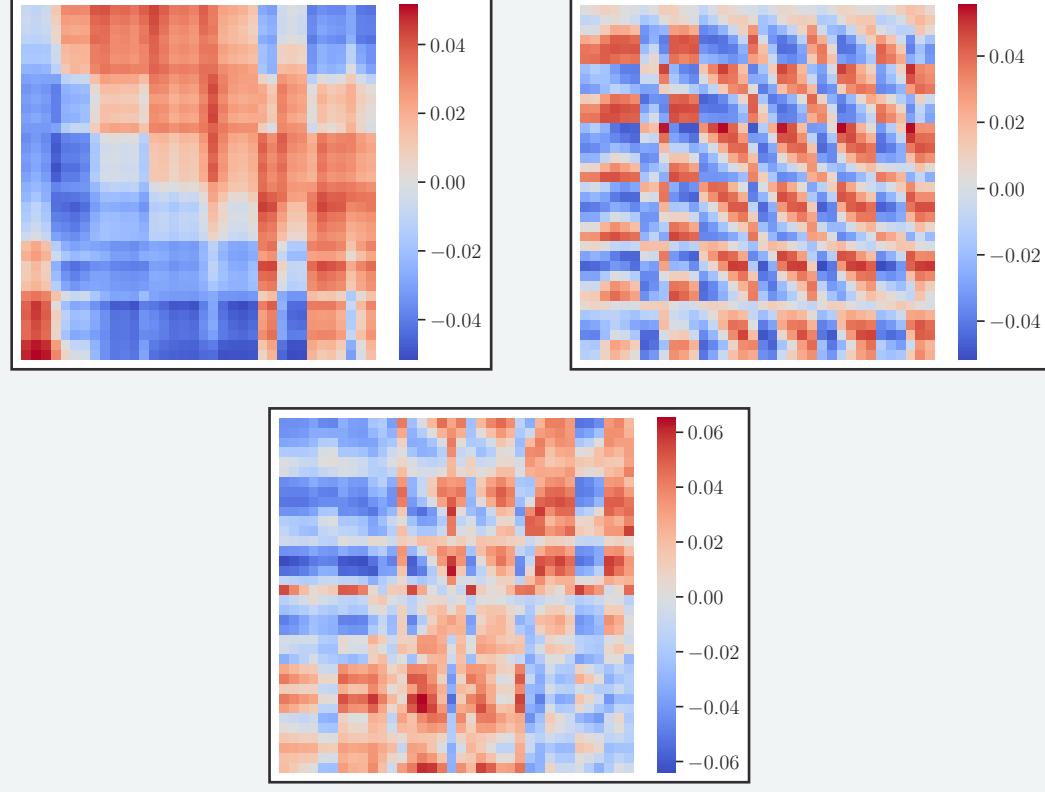
Observations

- aligned on grid
- acts on many pixels

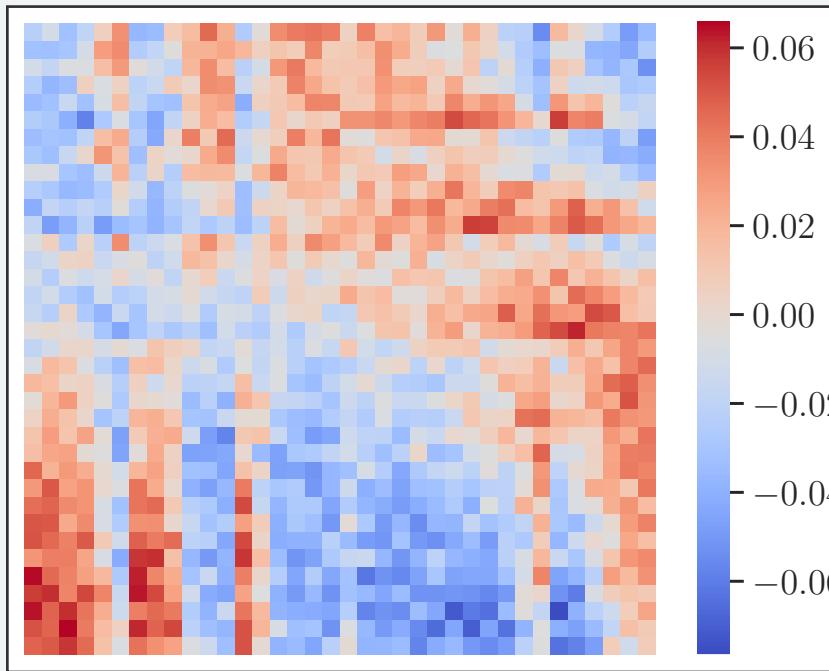


More experiments

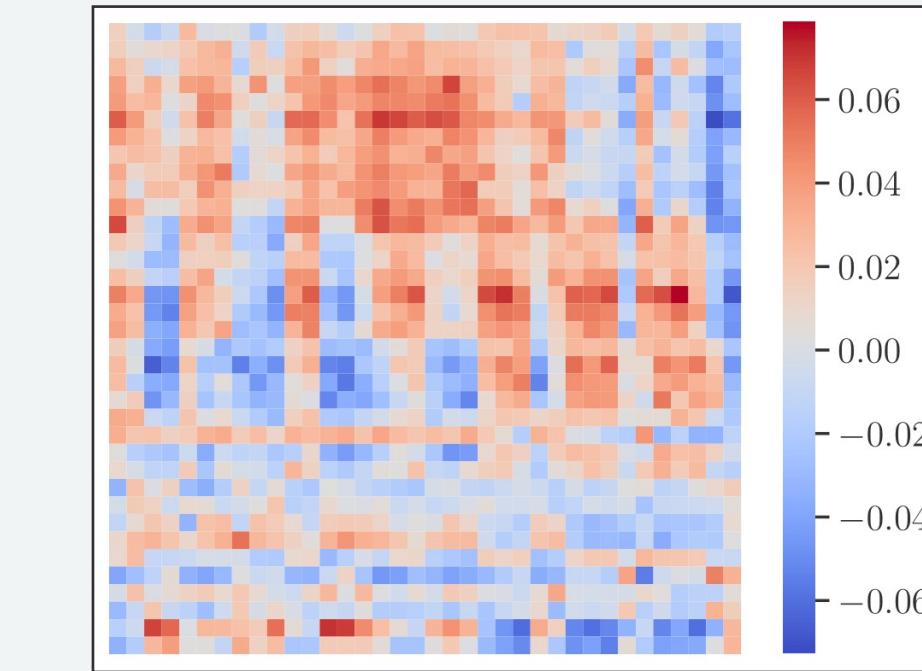
Actions are consistent



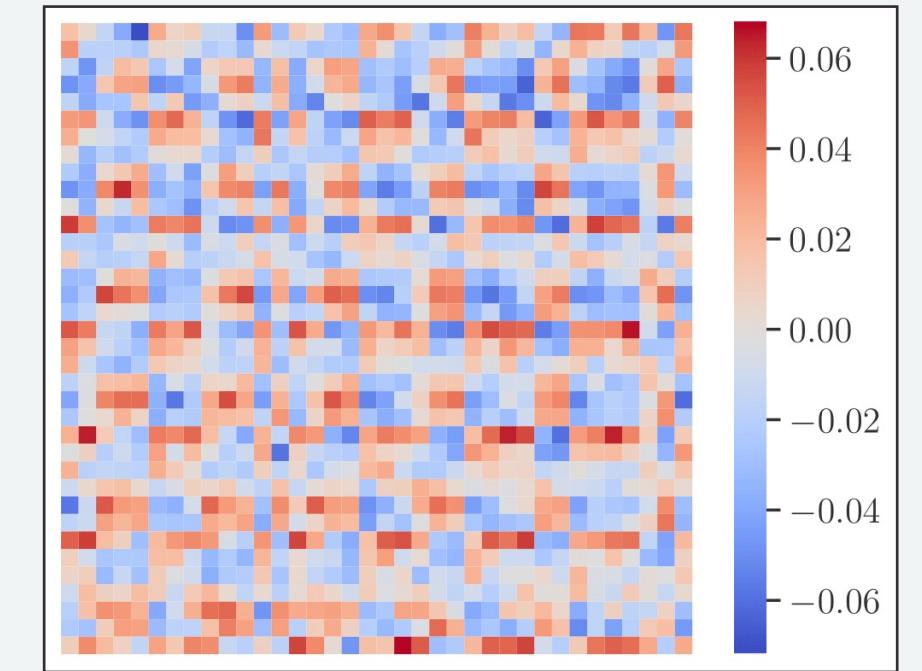
CIFAR10



MNIST

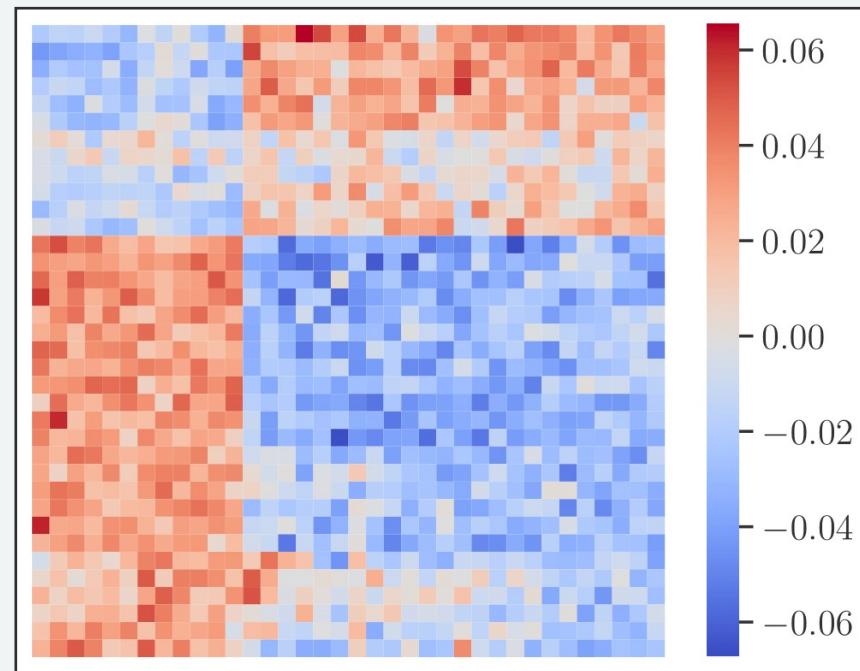


rotMNIST

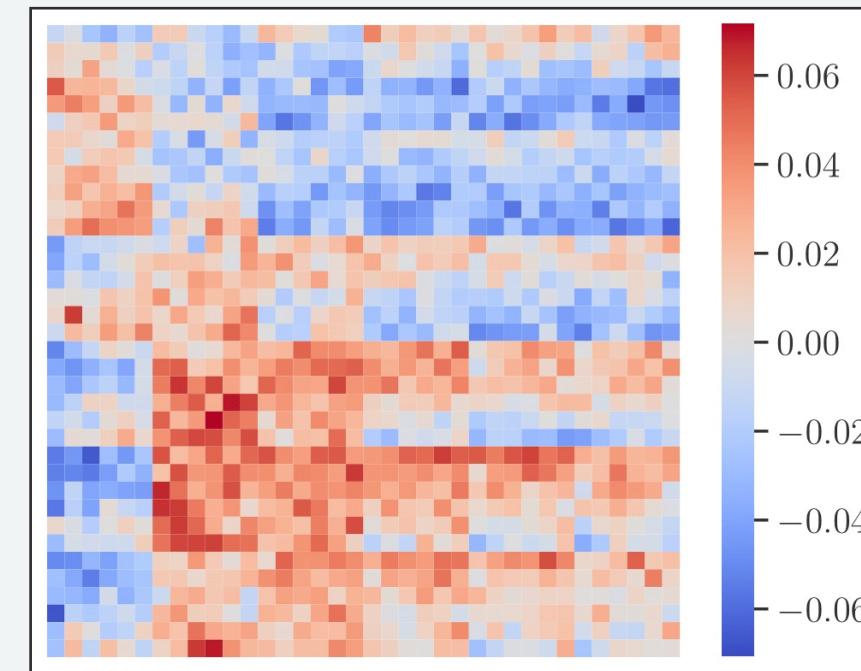


FashionMNIST

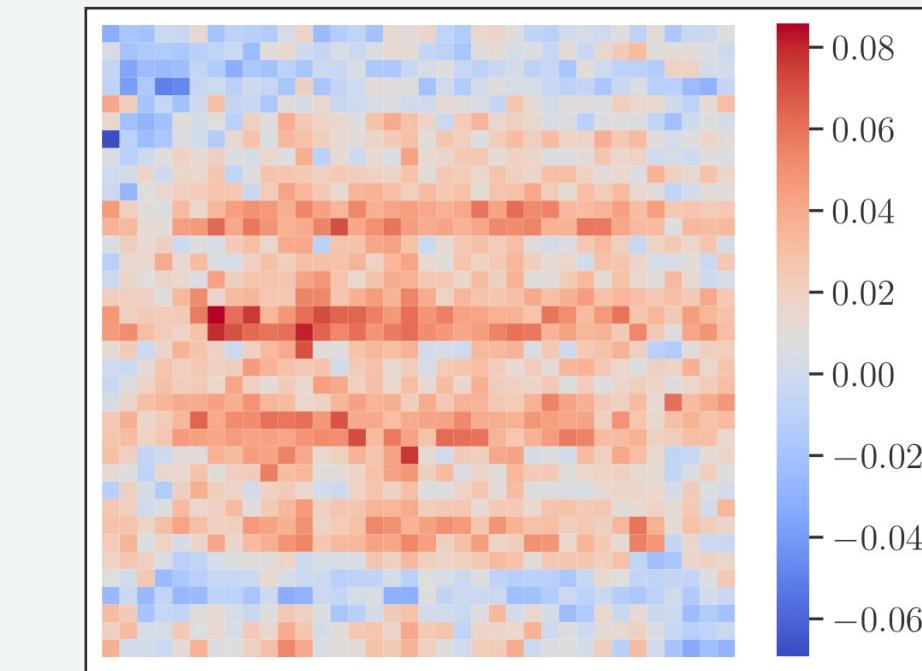
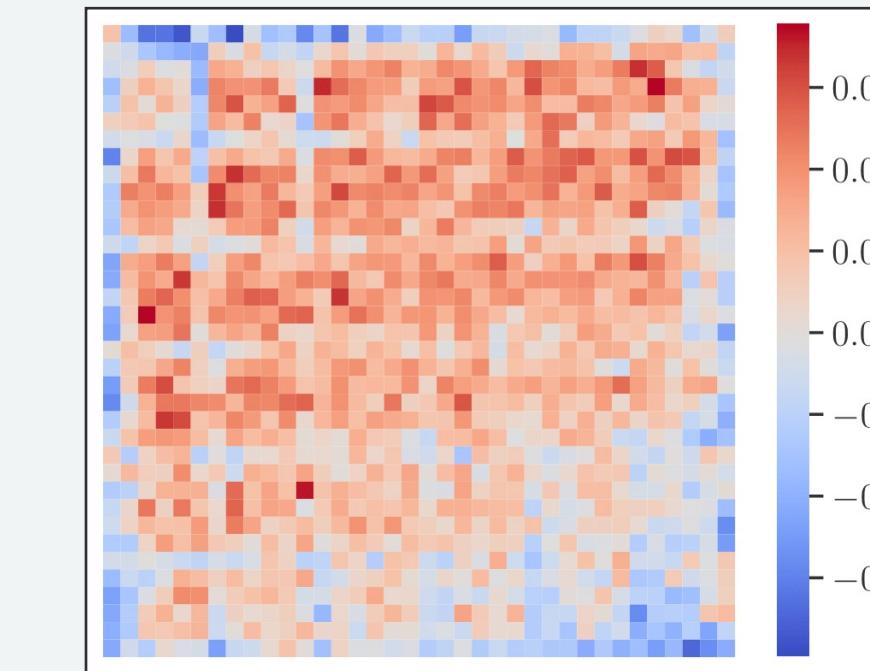
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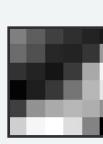
half (CIFAR10)



sim (MNIST)



Even more experiments

[ $\phi_A(\text{[Input]}) \cdots \phi_A^{n-1}(\text{[Input]})$] vs [] vs [  \cdots ]

Knowledge transfer

MNIST	LGN	P4CNN	Single channel	Same channels
Accuracy	98.86	98.68	98.52	97.42

Fashion MNIST	LGN	P4CNN	Single channel	Same channels
Accuracy	89.23	88.57	85.79	89.27

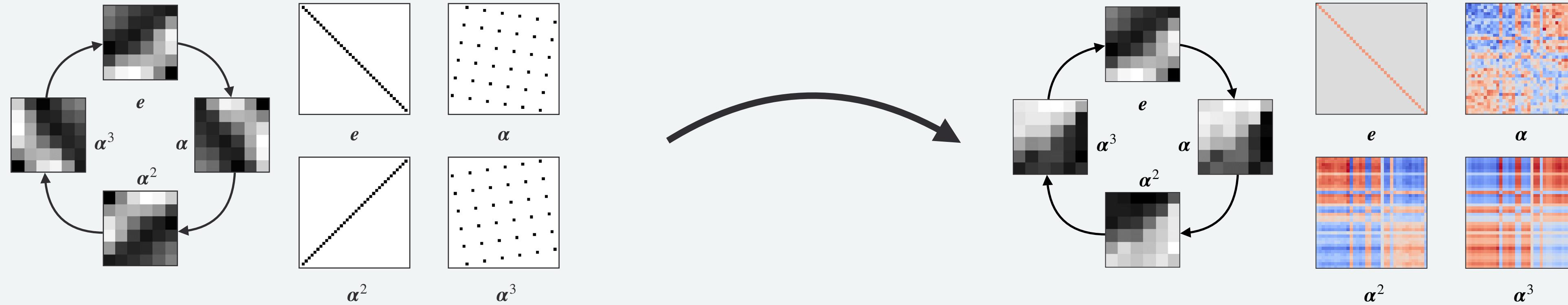
CNN comparison

	MNIST	rotMNIST	FashionMNIST	CIFAR10
LGCNN	99.27	93.75	91.46	79.03
P4CNN	99.35	92.96	91.44	75.26

(Based on ALL-CNN)

Concluding

Key takeaway



What the future holds

- non-cyclic groups
- apply to other domains
- systematic interpretation

THANK YOU

