Geometry of Linear Neural Networks that are Equivariant / Invariant under Permutation Groups

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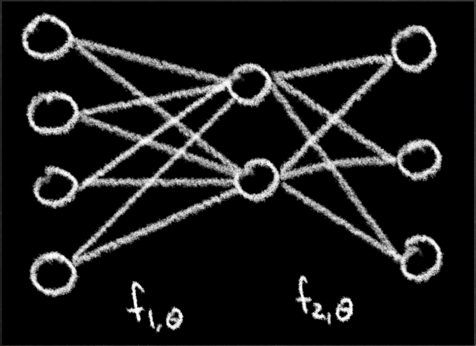

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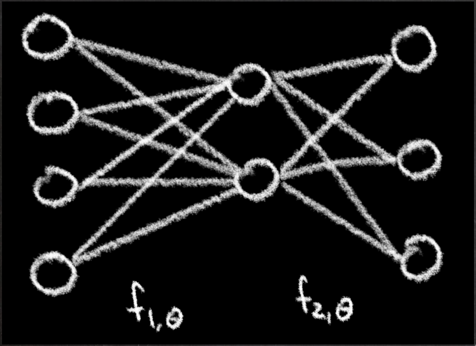

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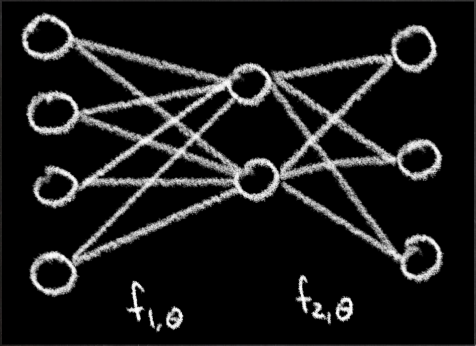

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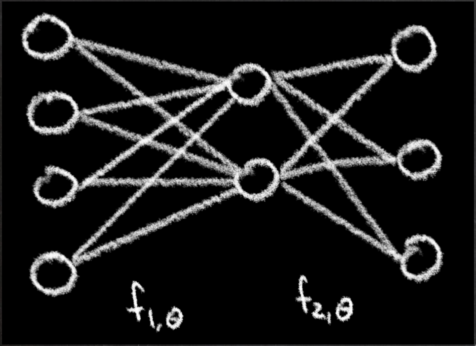

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In general: $\mu : \mathbb{R}^{k_1\times k_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{k_2\times k_1} \times \ldots \times \mathbb{R}^{k_L\times k_{L-1}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k_L\times k_0},$

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running example

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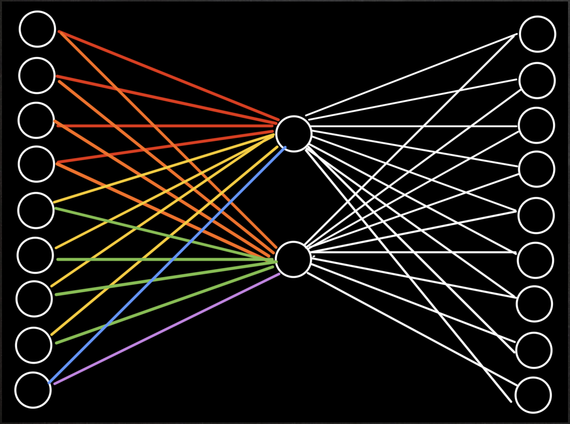

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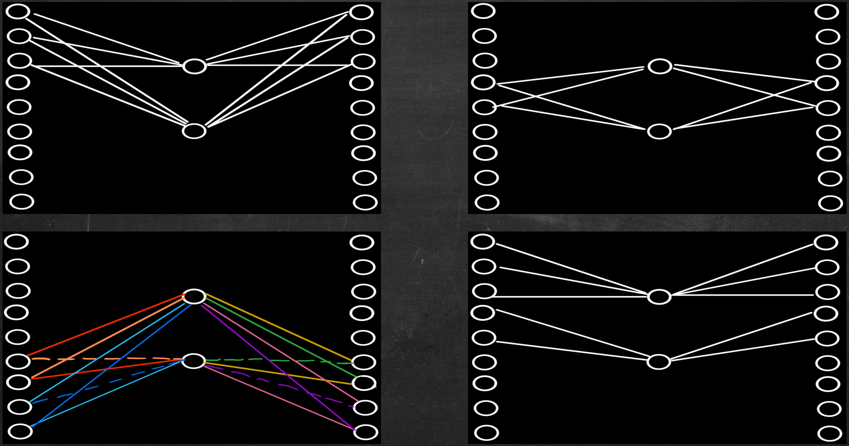

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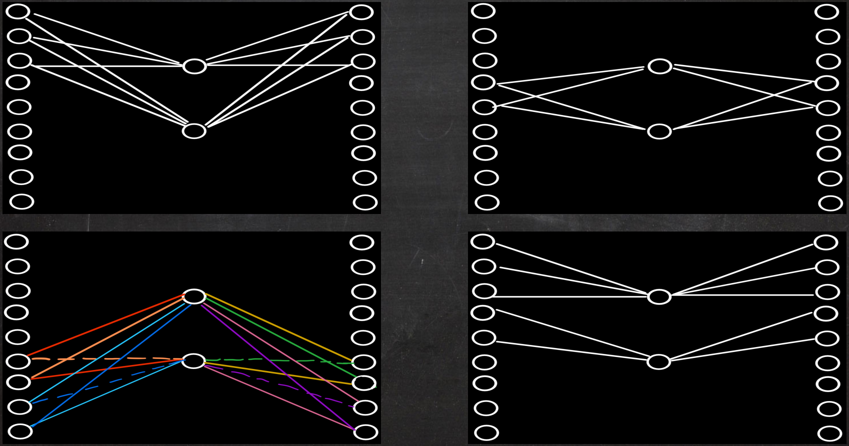

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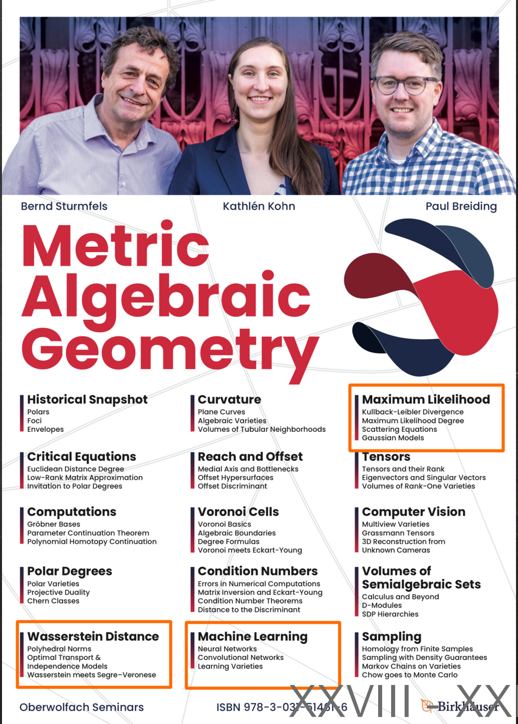

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