

Gauge-equivariant multigrid neural networks

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Machine learning for lattice field theory and beyond



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Introduction

Preconditioning

- In lattice QCD, wall-clock time is typically dominated by solution of Dirac equation

$$Du = b$$

- Usually done by an iterative solver (here, GMRES)
- Time to solution is determined by condition number of Dirac matrix
 - Condition number increases dramatically in continuum limit and for physical quark mass
 - Thus number of iterations also increases dramatically (“Critical slowing down”)
- Way out: **Preconditioning**
 - Find a preconditioner M such that $M \approx D^{-1}$
 - Define $v = M^{-1}u$ and use

$$DMM^{-1}u = (DM)v = b$$

to solve for v with preconditioned matrix DM (smaller condition number)

- Then $u = Mv$

$$\text{Iteration count gain} = \frac{\text{Iteration count without preconditioner}}{\text{Iteration count with preconditioner}}$$

- Iteration count refers to outer solver (here, GMRES)

Low and high modes

- Consider the eigendecomposition of D^{-1}

$$D^{-1} = \sum_n \lambda_n^{-1} |n\rangle \langle n|$$

- Preconditioner should approximate **low-mode** and **high-mode** components of D^{-1}
- Iterative solution of $Du = b$

$$u_{k+1} = f(D, b, u_k) \quad \text{with} \quad u_k \rightarrow u \quad (\text{true solution})$$

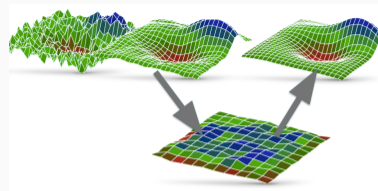
- Residual

$$r_k = b - Du_k \quad \text{with} \quad r_k \rightarrow 0$$

- Residual r_k can formally be expanded in the eigenmodes $|n\rangle$ of D
→ Preconditioner should reduce low- and high-mode contributions to r_k
- State-of-the-art algorithms (**multigrid**) are designed to do this
- We follow this paradigm, but here we **learn** the preconditioner

Multigrid in a nutshell

- Multigrid has two components
 - **Smoother**: Reduces error from high modes
 - **Coarse-grid correction**: Reduces error from low modes
 - “Restriction” to a coarse grid
 - Approximate solution of Dirac equation on coarse grid
 - “Prolongation” of solution vector from coarse to fine grid
- Can be done on multiple levels



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- Multigrid setup
 - The art of multigrid: How to construct suitable restriction and prolongation operators?
 - Observation: Low eigenmodes are “**locally coherent**” [Lüscher, arXiv:0706.2298 \[hep-lat\]](#) (i.e., they are locally well approximated by a relatively small number of vectors)
 - Construct vectors that approximately span the near-null space
 - Block these vectors to define the restriction operator (and use $P = R^\dagger$)
 - Setup is expensive but needs to be done only once per gauge-field configuration (can then be reused for multiple RHS)

1. Multigrid algorithms in lattice QCD

- Brannick, Brower, Clark, Osborn, Rebbi
- R. Babich et al.
- Frommer et al.
- Boyle
- Brannick et al.
- Brower, Clark, Strelchenko, Weinberg
- Brower, Clark, Howarth, Weinberg

[arXiv:0707.4018 \[hep-lat\]](#)
[arXiv:1005.3043 \[hep-lat\]](#)
[arXiv:1303.1377 \[hep-lat\]](#)
[arXiv:1402.2585 \[hep-lat\]](#)
[arXiv:1410.7170 \[hep-lat\]](#)
[arXiv:1801.07823 \[hep-lat\]](#)
[arXiv:2004.07732 \[hep-lat\]](#)

2. Neural networks for multigrid (but not for gauge theories), e.g.,

- Katrutsa, Daulbaev, Oseledets
- He & Xu
- Greenfeld, Galun, Basri, Yavneh, Kimmel
- Eliasof, Ephrath, Ruthotto, Treister
- Huang, Li, Xi

[arXiv:1711.03825 \[math.NA\]](#)
[arXiv:1901.10415 \[cs.CV\]](#)
[arXiv:1902.10248 \[cs.LG\]](#)
[arXiv:2011.09128 \[cs.CV\]](#)
[arXiv:2102.12071 \[math.NA\]](#)

3. Gauge-equivariant neural networks (but not for solving Dirac equation), e.g.,

- Cohen, Weiler, Kicanaoglu, Welling [arXiv:1902.04615](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.04615) [cs.LG]
- Finzi, Stanton, Izmailov, Wilson [arXiv:2002.12880](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.12880) [stat.ML]
- Luo, Carleo, Clark, Stokes [arXiv:2012.05232](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.05232) [cond-mat.str-el]
- Kanwar et al. [arXiv:2003.06413](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.06413) [hep-lat]
- Boyda et al. [arXiv:2008.05456](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.05456) [hep-lat]
- Favoni, Ipp, Müller, Schuh [arXiv:2012.12901](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.12901) [hep-lat]
- Abbott et al. [arXiv:2207.08945](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.08945) [hep-lat]
- Bacchio, Kessel, Schäfer, Vaitl [arXiv:2212.08469](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.08469) [hep-lat]
- Aronsson, Müller, Schuh [arXiv:2303.11448](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.11448) [hep-lat]

4. Neural-network preconditioners for Schwinger model

- Calì et al. [arXiv:2208.02728](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.02728) [hep-lat]

5. Gauge-equivariant multigrid setup and coarse gauge fields (late 1980s/early 1990s)
 - Amsterdam group (Hulsebos, Smit, Vink)
e.g., [Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. 9, 512 \(1989\)](#), [Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. 20, 94 \(1991\)](#),
[Nucl. Phys. B 368, 379 \(1992\)](#)
 - Israel group (Ben-Av et al.)
e.g., [Nucl. Phys. B 329, 193 \(1990\)](#), [Phys. Lett. B 253, 185 \(1991\)](#), [Nucl. Phys. B 405, 623 \(1993\)](#)
 - Boston group (Brower et al.)
e.g., [Phys. Rev. D 43, 1965 \(1991\)](#), [Phys. Rev. D 43, 1974 \(1991\)](#), [Phys. Rev. Lett. 66, 1263 \(1991\)](#)
 - Hamburg group (Kalkreuter et al.)
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Parallel-transport convolution layers

Parallel transport

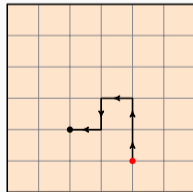
- Consider a field $\varphi(x)$ with $x \in S$ (space-time lattice, $\dim = d$) and $\varphi \in V_I = V_G \otimes V_{\bar{G}}$ (gauge space: $V_G = \mathbb{C}^N$, non-gauge space: $V_{\bar{G}} = \mathbb{C}^{\bar{N}}$)
- Also consider an $SU(N)$ gauge field $U_\mu(x)$ acting on V_G
- Define the **parallel-transport operator** for a path $p = p_1, \dots, p_{n_p}$ with $p_i \in \{\pm 1, \dots, \pm d\}$

$$T_p = H_{p_{n_p}} \cdots H_{p_2} H_{p_1}$$

with

$$H_\mu \varphi(x) = U_\mu^\dagger(x - \hat{\mu}) \varphi(x - \hat{\mu})$$

- H_μ transports information by a single hop in direction $\hat{\mu}$
- H_μ acts on field; new field $H_\mu \varphi$ is evaluated at x
- Example: $T_p = H_{-1} H_{-2} H_{-1} H_2 H_2$



Gauge equivariance

- A gauge transformation by $\Omega(x) \in SU(N)$ acts in the usual way

$$\varphi(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x)\varphi(x)$$

$$U_\mu(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x)U_\mu(x)\Omega^\dagger(x + \hat{\mu})$$

- Such gauge transformations commute with T_p for any path p

$$T_p\varphi(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x)T_p\varphi(x)$$

- This is an example of **gauge equivariance** (a.k.a. gauge covariance):

An object (here: φ) and the transformed object (here: $T_p\varphi$) transform in the same way under a gauge transformation.

- Building gauge equivariance into the model implies that the model does not have to learn the gauge symmetry → **Same expressivity with fewer weights**

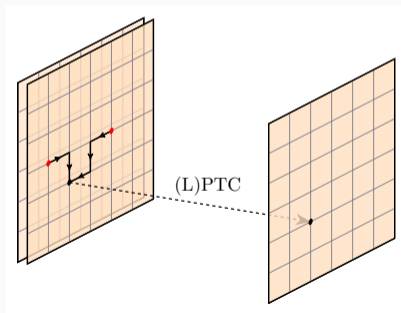
Parallel-transport convolutions

- Parallel-transport convolution layer and local parallel-transport convolution layer

$$\psi_a(x) \stackrel{\text{PTC}}{=} \sum_b \sum_{p \in P} W_{ab}^p T_p \varphi_b(x)$$

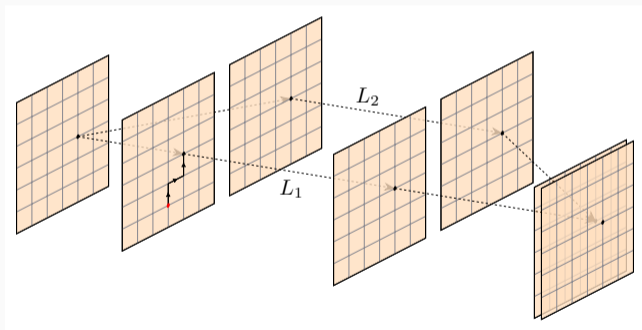
- a = output feature index
- b = input feature index
- P = set of paths
- W_{ab}^p acts on $V_{\hat{G}}$ (here: 4×4 spin matrix)
- Elements of W : trainable **layer weights**
- Layers are gauge-equivariant
- No activation function since we want to learn a **linear** preconditioner
- Graphical conventions
 - Feature = Plane
 - Layer = Paths + Arrow

$$\psi_a(x) \stackrel{\text{LPTC}}{=} \sum_b \sum_{p \in P} W_{ab}^p(x) T_p \varphi_b(x)$$



Parallel and identity layers

- Parallel layers act on the same input feature in parallel
- Identity layer (dashed arrow w/o paths): simple copy operation, i.e., output = input
- Example: (All layers except L_1 are identity layers)



- On machines with many nodes, subvolumes are assigned to different MPI processes
- We also consider models where no information is communicated between subvolumes (by setting the links $U_\mu(x)$ connecting subvolumes to zero)
- We find that the performance of these models (in terms of iteration count gain) is only slightly worse compared to those with communication
→ Overall wall-clock time could be lower since no time is spent on communication

Wilson-clover Dirac operator

Dirac operator

- The **Wilson Dirac operator** can be written in terms of single hops:

$$D_W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^4 \gamma_{\mu} (H_{-\mu} - H_{+\mu}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^4 (H_{-\mu} + H_{+\mu} - 2) + m$$

- For **Wilson-clover**, consider closed paths with four hops and define

$$Q_{\mu\nu} = H_{-\mu} H_{-\nu} H_{+\mu} H_{+\nu} + H_{-\nu} H_{+\mu} H_{+\nu} H_{-\mu} + H_{+\nu} H_{-\mu} H_{-\nu} H_{+\mu} + H_{+\mu} H_{+\nu} H_{-\mu} H_{-\nu}$$

Then

$$D_{WC} = D_W - \frac{c_{sw}}{4} \sum_{\mu, \nu=1}^4 \sigma_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

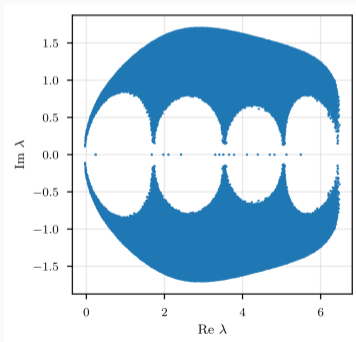
with

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{8} (Q_{\mu\nu} - Q_{\nu\mu}) \qquad \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{\nu} - \gamma_{\nu} \gamma_{\mu})$$

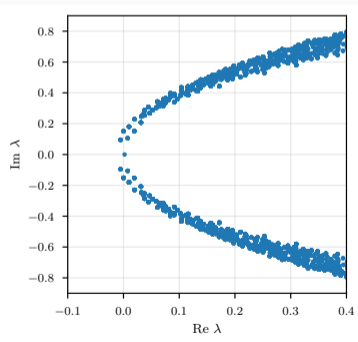
Numerical details and eigenvalue spectrum

- $V = 8^3 \times 16$, $\beta = 6.0$ (pure gauge), $c_{SW} = 1$, periodic boundary conditions for all fields
- Quark mass m is tuned so that D_{WC} is near criticality (i.e., real part of smallest nonzero eigenvalue ≈ 0)
→ Solution of $Du = b$ is challenging problem

$Q = 0$ ($m = -0.6$)



$Q = 1$ ($m = -0.5645$)



High-mode preconditioners

Model setup and training strategy

- **High-mode part** of Dirac spectrum is related to **short-distance behavior**
→ Expect one or two layers with small number of hops to show gain in iteration count
- Consider a linear model M mapping a vector x to Mx
- Supervised learning approach with training step as follows:
 - Pick random vector v from Gaussian distribution (mean zero, standard deviation 1)
 - Compute training tuple $(D_{WC}v, v)$ and optimize **cost function**

$$C = |MD_{WC}v - v|^2$$

→ Model learns to map $D_{WC}v$ to v (and hence $M \approx D_{WC}^{-1}$)

- Optimizer is Adam [Kingma & Ba, arXiv:1412.6980 \[cs.LG\]](#)
- Derivatives w.r.t. model weights computed using backpropagation
- Training data set is unbounded in size → **No need to add a regulator**
- Cost function is dominated by high modes

Models chosen for high-mode preconditioner

- **One layer, one hop** (i.e., 9 paths)

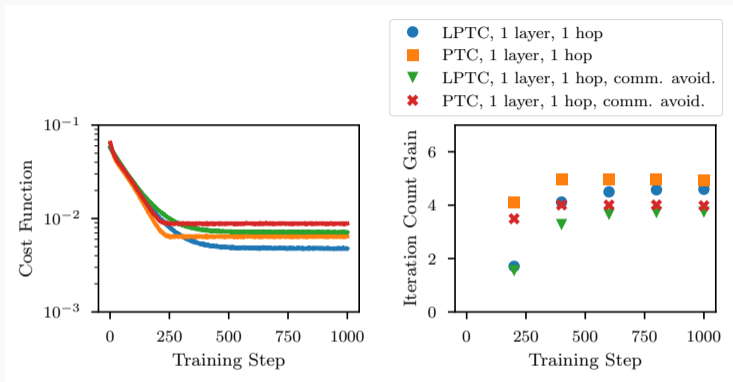
$$T_0 = \mathbb{1}, T_1 = H_1, T_2 = H_2, T_3 = H_3, T_4 = H_4, T_5 = H_{-1}, T_6 = H_{-2}, T_7 = H_{-3}, T_8 = H_{-4}$$

- **One layer, two hops:** extend the above by 56 two-hop paths

$$H_a H_b \quad \text{with} \quad a, b \in \{-4, -3, -2, -1, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad (a \neq -b)$$

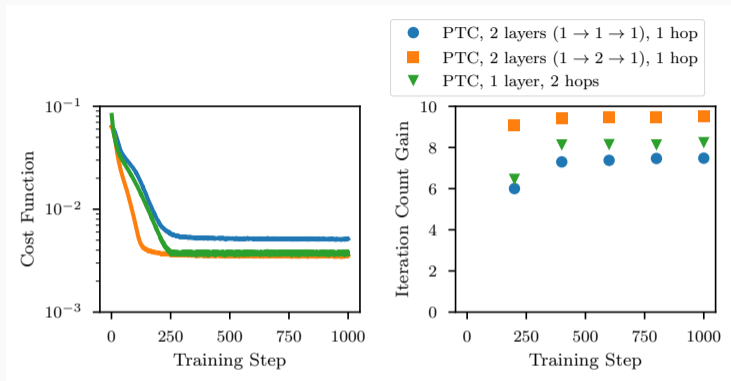
- **“Deep” network of two one-hop layers:**
 - $1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1$: Two successive layers with one hop each
 - $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$: Two output features in first layer, two input features in second layer
- **PTC** (layer weights constant) and **LPTC** (layer weights depend on x)
- **Communication avoidance:** $U_\mu(x) \equiv 0$ between subvolumes of size $4^3 \times 8$

Results for high-mode preconditioner (one layer, one hop)

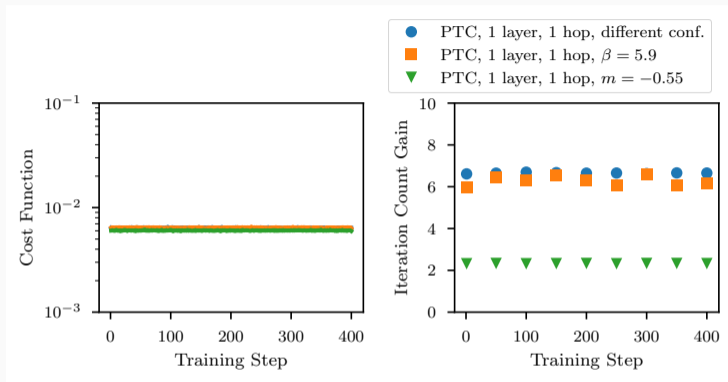


- No gain from LPTC (and they require more training)
- Communication-avoiding version only slightly worse (could be amortized)

Results for high-mode preconditioner (“deep” network or multiple hops)



- $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$ model performs best (and gives \sim twice the gain of 1 layer/1 hop model)
- Since layers are linear, deep models are not more expressive than shallow models with same number of hops (but easier to train b/o smaller number of weights)
 - 2-hop model should reach similar performance with improved training procedure



- **No retraining required** for (i) different configuration from same ensemble, (ii) configuration with different β , (iii) different mass
- $m = -0.55$ is not tuned to criticality \rightarrow Easier initial problem \rightarrow Smaller gain
- Performance varies slightly between configurations

Low-mode preconditioners

- **Low-mode part** of Dirac spectrum is related to **long-distance behavior**
→ Need deep network of (L)PTC layers to propagate information over long distances
- Alternative: Use multigrid paradigm
 - Define coarse version of the lattice
 - Define restriction and prolongation operations (= layers)
 - Preserve low-mode part of Dirac spectrum

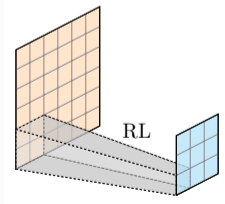
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Standard construction

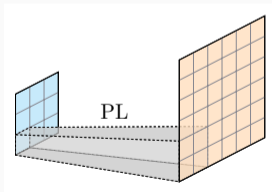
Standard approach: No gauge degrees of freedom on the coarse grid

- Define a coarse grid \tilde{S} with fields $\tilde{\varphi}(y)$, where $y \in \tilde{S}$ and $\tilde{\varphi} \in \tilde{V}_I$
- \tilde{V}_I has no gauge degrees of freedom \rightarrow No gauge transformations on \tilde{V}_I
- $B =$ block map from \tilde{S} to S (i.e., sites $B(y)$ on fine grid correspond to y on coarse grid)
- Restriction and prolongation layer (with $R = P^\dagger$)

$$\tilde{\psi}(y) \stackrel{\text{RL}}{=} \sum_{x \in B(y)} W(y, x) \varphi(x)$$



$$\psi(x) \stackrel{\text{PL}}{=} W(y, x)^\dagger \tilde{\varphi}(y)$$



Restriction and prolongation layers

- Find s vectors in the **near-null space** of D

$$Du_i \approx 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, s)$$

- Apply GMRES for D with source vector = 0 and random initial guess (solve to 10^{-8})
- This removes high-mode components and leaves linear combination of low modes
- Block the u_i
 - One site $y \in \tilde{S}$ corresponds to a set of sites (or block) $B(y) \in S$
 - Blocked vector u_i^y lives on the sites of $B(y)$
- Orthonormalize the u_i^y within each block $\rightarrow \tilde{u}_i^y$
- Then the prolongation map is defined by

$$W(y, x)^\dagger = \sum_{i=1}^s \tilde{u}_i^y(x) \hat{e}_i^\dagger \quad \text{no trainable weights}$$

with $x \in B(y)$ and \hat{e}_i the canonical unit vectors of \tilde{V}_I

Model setup and training strategy

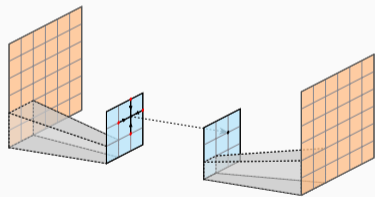
- Coarse-grid operator is defined as

$$\tilde{D} = RD_{\text{WC}}P$$

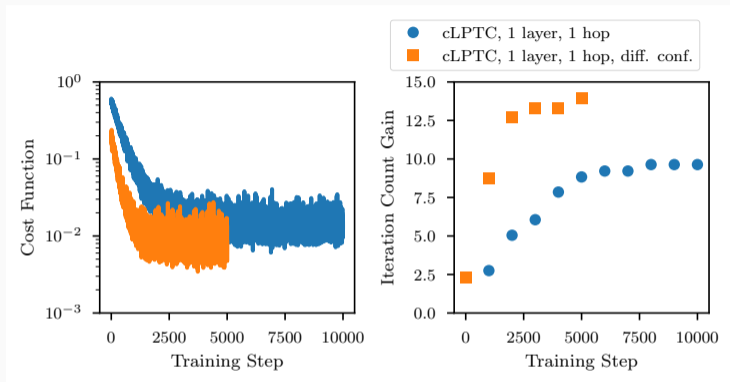
with R and P defined by restriction and prolongation layers

- Now need approximate solution of Dirac equation involving \tilde{D}
- Coarse-grid model for preconditioner \tilde{M} contains **single LPTC layer with zero- and one-hop paths** and gauge fields replaced by $\mathbb{1}$ (layer is denoted by cLPTC)
- Same training strategy as before, with cost function

$$C = |\tilde{M}\tilde{D}v - v|^2$$



Results for low-mode preconditioner (cLPTC layer)



- Iteration count gain refers to inversion of \tilde{D} (we use $\tilde{S} = 2^3 \times 4$ and $s = 12$)
- Longer training period compared to high-mode preconditioner
- Transfer learning works with moderate retraining

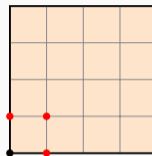
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Gauge-equivariant construction

Now: Explicit gauge degrees of freedom on the coarse grid

- Same coarse grid \tilde{S} as before, but now $\tilde{\varphi}(y) \in V_G \otimes \tilde{V}_{\tilde{G}}$
(V_G = same local gauge space as on fine grid)
- Define a reference site $B_r(y) \subset B(y)$ on the fine grid
- Goal: Find restriction and prolongation layers such that $\tilde{\varphi}(y) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}(y)\tilde{\varphi}(y)$ under gauge transformations Ω , where

$$\tilde{\Omega}(y) = \Omega(B_r(y))$$



$$B(y) = \{\bullet, \bullet\}$$

$$B_r(y) = \bullet$$

Restriction and prolongation layers



- Define RL/PL by pooling and subsampling layers

$$\text{RL} = \text{SubSample} \circ \text{Pool}$$

$$\text{PL} = \text{Pool}^\dagger \circ \text{SubSample}^\dagger$$

- Pooling layer

$$\text{Pool } \varphi(x) = \sum_{q \in Q} W_q(x) T_q \varphi(x)$$

gauge-invariant weights
(now trainable)

with $q = (p, \bar{U})$, path p , gauge field \bar{U} , $T_q = T_p(\bar{U})$, and $W_q(x) \in \text{End}(V_{\bar{G}})$ (spin matrices)
(in practice, we use a variety of differently smeared links \bar{U})

- Subsampling layer

$$\text{SubSample } \varphi(y) = \varphi(B_r(y))$$

Training setup: How to train RL/PL?

- Obvious idea: Train $PL \circ RL$ as an autoencoder that preserves the low modes
 - Use cost function $C = |PL \circ RL v_\ell - v_\ell|^2$ with fine-grid vectors v_ℓ from near-null space
 - Result: Did not perform well in multigrid preconditioner!
- What was missing?
 - $PL \circ RL$ should also project high eigenmodes to zero
 - Also encourage $RL \circ PL = \mathbb{1}$ (so that $P = PL \circ RL$ is proper projection operator with $P^2 = P$)
- Combined cost function

$$C = |PL \circ RL v_\ell - v_\ell|^2 + |PL \circ RL v_h - P_\ell v_h|^2 + |RL \circ PL v_c - v_c|^2$$

- v_h and v_c are random vectors on fine and coarse grid, respectively
- P_ℓ is blocked low-mode projector

$$P_\ell = W^\dagger W \quad \text{with} \quad W(y, x)^\dagger = \sum_{i=1}^s \bar{u}_i^y(x) \hat{e}_i^\dagger$$

- Still costly since we need near-null space vectors, but see Outlook

For gauge-equivariant coarse layers we need coarse gauge field

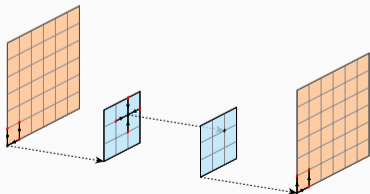
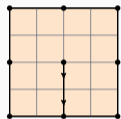
- Option 1: **Plain** coarse-gauge-field construction
 - Let y and y' be neighboring points on the coarse grid with $B_r(y') - B_r(y) = b\hat{\mu}$
 - The corresponding coarse-grid gauge field is then

$$\tilde{U}_\mu(y) = U_\mu(B_r(y)) \cdots U_\mu(B_r(y) + (b-1)\hat{\mu})$$

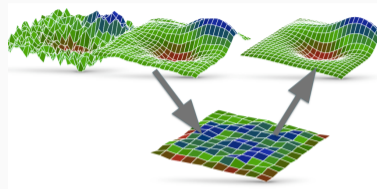
- Option 2: **Galerkin** coarse-gauge-field construction

$$\tilde{U}_\mu(y) = \tilde{D}(y, y + \mu) \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{D} = \text{RL} \circ D_{\text{WC}} \circ \text{PL}$$

- Both options transform correctly under gauge transformations (on coarse grid)
- Coarse-grid model for preconditioner \tilde{M} similar to standard version but with coarse gauge fields (instead of $\mathbb{1}$)



Multigrid preconditioners



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- **Combine the high- and low-mode models** to learn a model M that approximates the short- and long-distance features of D^{-1}
- First create a short-distance model that accepts a second input feature (initial guess)
 - Model plays role of **smoother** in multigrid method
 - Initial guess from long-distance model acting on coarse grid

- Recall: Iterative solver finds a sequence of u_k that approximately solve $Du = b$ (exact solution for large k)
- Assume we have a high-mode model M_h that approximates D^{-1}
- Smoother maps the tuple (u_k, b) to u_{k+1}

$$\begin{aligned}u_{k+1} &= (\mathbb{1} - M_h D)u_k + M_h b \\ &= u_k + M_h(b - Du_k)\end{aligned}$$

(“iterative relaxation approach” or “defect correction” with defect $b - Du$)

Smoother model setup and training strategy

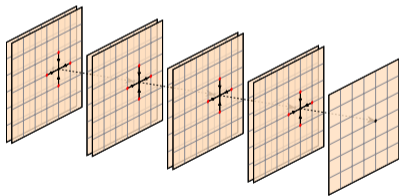
- In smoother iteration

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + M_h(b - Du_k) \quad (*)$$

both D and high-mode model M_h can be represented by (L)PTC layers

→ Train a model M_s to map (u_k, b) to a u_{k+r} (with $r \in \mathbb{N}^+$)

- Model must have two input features and one output feature
- Every smoother iteration (*) corresponds to two (L)PTC layers
→ Construct M_s using $2r$ successive layers (here with up to one hop each)
- We use $r = 2$ since it performed better than $r = 1$ in full multigrid model

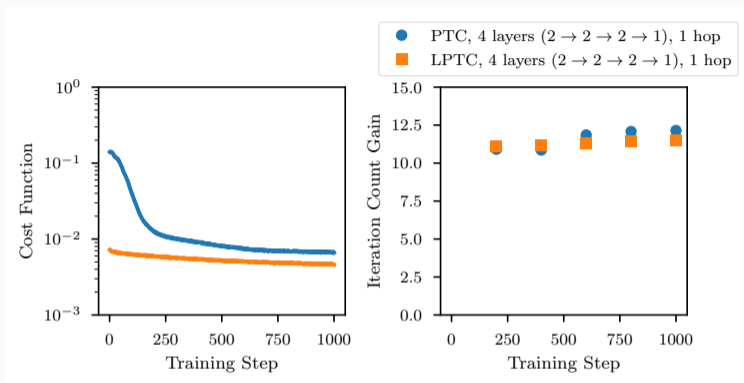


- Cost function

$$C = |M_s(u_k, b) - u_{k+r}|^2$$

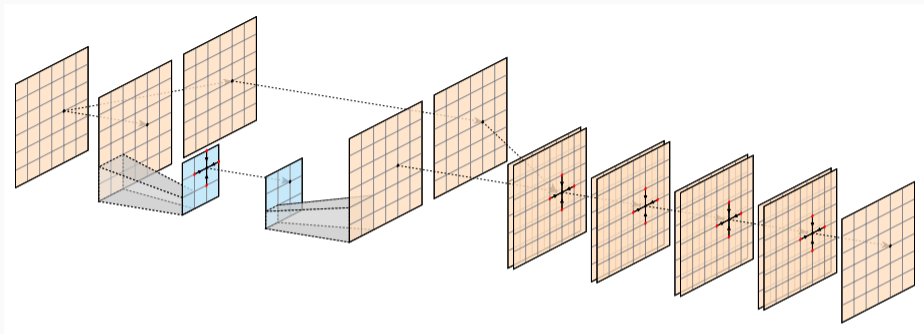
For training, use random vectors u_k, b and u_{k+r} given by (*)

Results for smoother



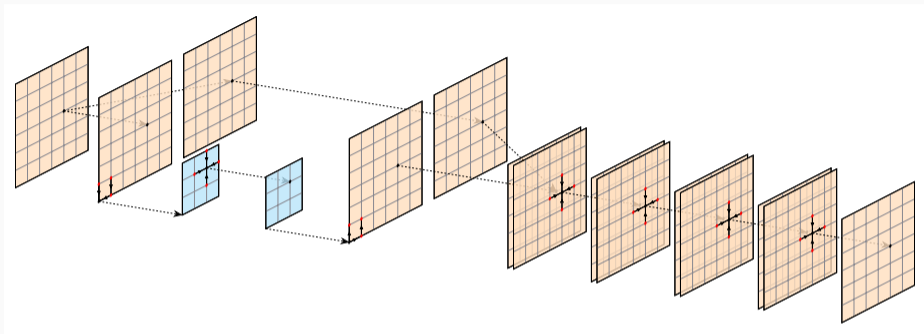
- Iteration count gain from using M_s as preconditioner for $Du = b$ with initial guess zero
- Performance is \sim twice that of M_h with 1 layer/1 hop (since $r = 2$)
- Trained PTC model is used as initial weights for LPTC model (but no benefit from LPTC)

Combined two-level multigrid model (standard version)



- Duplicate the input feature and preserve one copy for smoother
- Restrict other copy to coarse grid and apply our coarse-grid model
- Prolongate result to fine grid
- Combine copy of initial feature and result of coarse-grid model to two input features for smoother (= last four layers)
- Additional multigrid levels: Recursively replace coarse-grid layer by entire model

Combined two-level multigrid model (gauge-equivariant version)



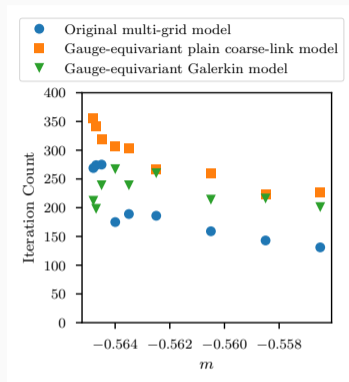
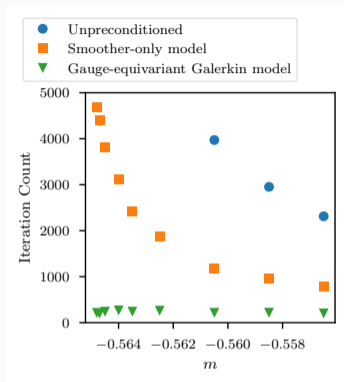
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- First train layer weights of individual models
- Performance can be further improved by **continued training** with cost function

$$C = |Mb_h - u_h|^2 + |Mb_\ell - u_\ell|^2$$

- $b_h = D_{WC}v_1$, $u_h = v_1$, $b_\ell = v_2$, $u_\ell = D_{WC}^{-1}v_2$
- v_1 and v_2 are random vectors with $|b_h| = |b_\ell| = 1$

Results: Critical slowing down (CSD) for $Q = 1$



- Iteration count of GMRES to 10^{-8} precision with and without preconditioner
- CSD eliminated by standard multigrid model and model with Galerkin gauge fields
- Small remnants of CSD with plain coarse gauge fields

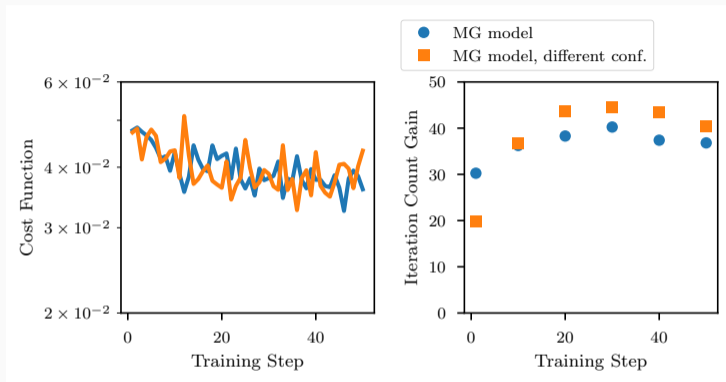
Summary and outlook

- We reformulate the problem of constructing a (multigrid) preconditioner in the language of gauge-equivariant neural networks.
- We find that such **networks can learn the general paradigms of multigrid**, significantly reduce the iteration count of the outer solver, and **eliminate critical slowing down**.
 - Both for standard and gauge-equivariant construction of restriction/prolongation.
- **Transfer learning**: If we change the gauge-field configuration or system parameters like κ and β , only very little or no extra training is needed.
- We can implement **communication avoidance** naturally.
- We provide a flexible implementation interface (**GPT**) for experimentation and further studies.

- Setup (determination of spin matrices for restriction/prolongation layers) currently still costly because near-null space is needed
 - Future: Remove this cost by gauge-invariant models with these spin matrices as output
 - Use energy density, topological-charge density, Wilson loops
 - Useful for ensemble generation (where setup cost cannot be amortized)
- Apply our methods to Dirac operators whose spectrum encircles the origin (e.g., DWF)
- Directly approximate complex hadronic correlation functions without constructing them from intermediate approximations of propagators
- Benchmarking on large lattices and comparison to state-of-the-art multigrid (larger volumes should lead to larger iteration count gain)

Backup slides

Results for full multigrid model (standard version)



- Performance greatly improved over individual high-/low-mode models
- Continued training converges very quickly
- Transfer learning works again after brief retraining

More details on the pooling layer



- Gauge field \bar{U} in $T_p(\bar{U})$ needs to satisfy

$$\bar{U}_\mu(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x)\bar{U}_\mu(x)\Omega^\dagger(x + \hat{\mu})$$

In practice, we use a variety of differently smeared links

- Complete set of paths P transports every element of $B(y)$ exactly once to $B_r(y)$
 $\rightarrow |P| = |B(y)|$
- $\tilde{\varphi} = \text{RL } \varphi$ yields $\tilde{\varphi}(y) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}(y)\tilde{\varphi}(y)$ under gauge transformations $\varphi(x) \rightarrow \Omega(x)\varphi(x)$

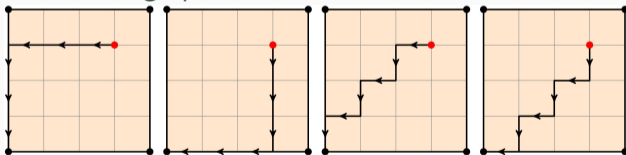
More details

- Need prescription for q in

$$\text{Pool } \varphi(x) = \sum_{q \in Q} W_q(x) T_q \varphi(x)$$

with $q = (p, \bar{U})$, path p , gauge field \bar{U} , $T_q = T_p(\bar{U})$

- For fixed i , we define paths $p^{(ij)}$ that connect all elements of $B(y)$, enumerated by $j = 1, \dots, |B(y)|$, to the reference site $B_r(y)$. For different i we use different prescriptions for the paths $p^{(ij)}$, and then use the couples $q_{ij} = (p^{(ij)}, \bar{U}^{(i)})$.
- We define four different prescriptions $\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_4$ (depth first, breadth first, lexicographic, reverse lexicographic)



and set $p^{(ij)} = p_{i \bmod 4}^{(j)}$

More details

- Concretely, we use 9 different gauge fields $\bar{U}^{(i)}$ with $i = 1, \dots, 9$. We construct the $\bar{U}^{(i)}$ by applying $i(i-1)/2$ steps of $\rho = 0.1$ stout smearing to the unsmearred gauge fields U . Smearing radius proportional to $\sqrt{i(i-1)}$.
- Hence we have 9 different spin-matrix fields $W_1(x), \dots, W_9(x)$.
- In practice, it is sufficient to use the same weights in PL and RL so that $PL = RL^\dagger$. Found no benefits from general case.
- Coarse-grid size $2^3 \times 4$