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# Graph-geometric Message Passing via a Graph Convolution Transformer for FKP Regression

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## Appendix A Non-Euclidean Rotation Representations

**Definition 1.** One rotation representation belong to a manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ . We define a surjective rotation mapping  $\varphi : \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \varphi(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \in SO(3)$ . A representation mapping  $\Phi : \mathbf{R} \in SO(3) \rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{R}) \in \mathcal{M}, \varphi(\Phi) = \mathbf{R} \in SO(3)$ .

**Definition 2.** The network Euclidean output space  $\mathcal{X}$  to the representation manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ . We define a manifold mapping  $\pi : \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \pi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ .  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \pi(\mathbf{x})$  on the manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ .

We discuss several non-Euclidean rotation representations, as below.

**Quaternion representation.** Quaternions are 4D unit vector rotations,  $\mathbf{q} \in S^3$ , where  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $-\mathbf{q}$  respresent a same rotation. A network's prediction can only be output linearly for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The normalization step is often defined to be the related manifold mapping function,  $\pi_q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}/\|\mathbf{x}\|$ . The rotation mapping  $\varphi : \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , as follows:

$$\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(q_0^2 + q_1^2) - 1 & 2(q_1 q_2 - q_0 q_3) & 2(q_1 q_2 + q_0 q_3) \\ 2(q_1 q_2 + q_0 q_3) & 2(q_0^2 + q_2^2) - 1 & 2(q_2 q_3 - q_0 q_1) \\ 2(q_1 q_3 - q_0 q_2) & 2(q_2 q_3 + q_0 q_1) & 2(q_0^2 + q_3^2) - 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A1})$$

where  $\mathbf{q} = (q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3)$ . When the representation mapping  $\Phi : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{q}$ , as follows:

$$\begin{cases} q_0 = \sqrt{1 + R_{00} + R_{11} + R_{22}}/2 \\ q_1 = R_{21} - R_{12}/(4 * q_0) \\ q_2 = R_{02} - R_{20}/(4 * q_0) \\ q_3 = R_{10} - R_{01}/(4 * q_0) \end{cases} \quad (\text{A2})$$

**6D representation.** 6D representation [1] essentially to Stiefel manifold  $\mathcal{V}_2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  through Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization,  $\pi_{6D}(\mathbf{x})$ . The first two columns of a rotation matrix is two orthogonal unit 3D vectors  $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2)$ . The rotation mapping  $\varphi_{6D}$  is obtained by adding the third column  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3 = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$ .

**9D representation.** SVD orthogonalization [3] as the manifold mapping  $\pi_{9D}$  to map a raw 9D network output  $\mathbf{M}$  to a rotation matrix. More specific representation learning details will be discussed in Section 3.4.

**10D representation.** 10D representation [2] achieve  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$  to  $\mathbf{q} \in S^3$  by manifold mapping  $\pi_{10D}$ , which computing smallest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}(\theta)$ .

$$\pi_{10D} = \min_{\mathbf{q} \in S^3} \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{A}(\theta) \mathbf{q} \quad (\text{A3})$$

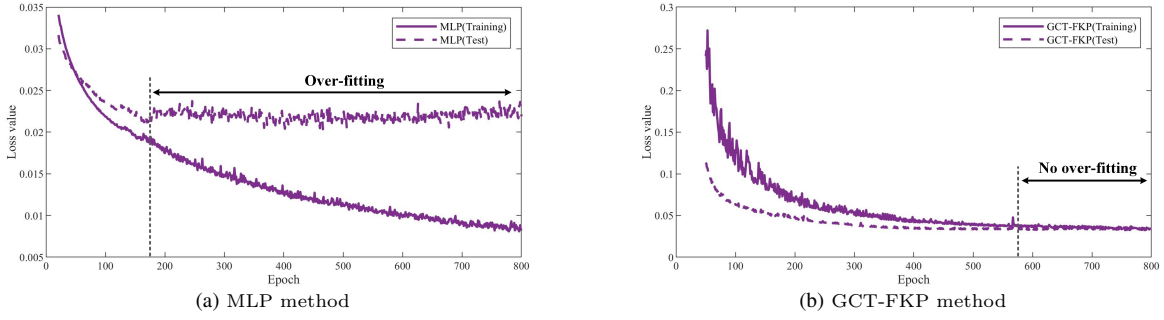
$$\mathbf{A}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \theta_3 & \theta_4 \\ \theta_2 & \theta_5 & \theta_6 & \theta_7 \\ \theta_3 & \theta_6 & \theta_8 & \theta_9 \\ \theta_4 & \theta_7 & \theta_9 & \theta_{10} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A4})$$

since rotation mapping  $\varphi$  and representation mapping  $\Phi$  are same as Eq.(A1) and Eq.(A2).

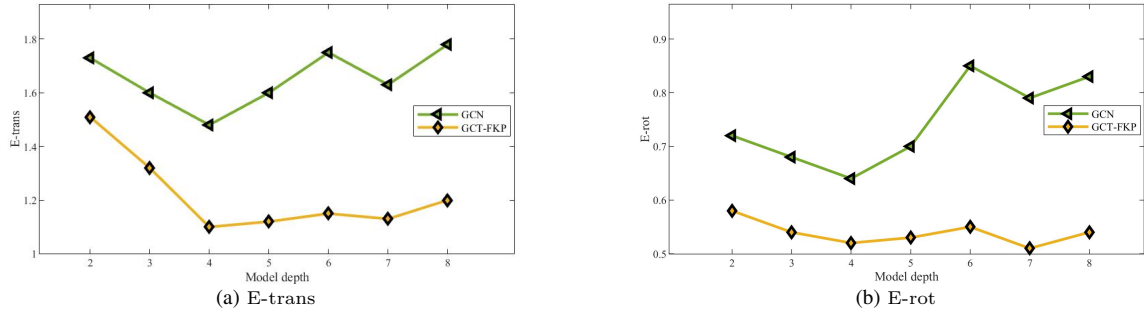
## Appendix B Supplementary Experiment

**Over-fitting and over-smoothing.** Figure B1 compares the training and test loss of GCT-FKP and MLP under similar parameters, whereas Figure B2 compares GCN and GCT-FKP at various model depths. The figures show that GCT-FKP substantially remedies the technical weaknesses of MLP, which is prone to overfitting, and GCN, which is sensitive to oversmoothing.

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**Figure B1** Results of the training and test loss comparison between MLP and GCT-FKP.



**Figure B2** Results of the E-trans and E-rot comparison between vanilla GCN and GCT-FKP w.r.t. model depth.

**Model comparison.** Table B1 provides a comparison of different models under similar conditions (including parameters, rotation representation, and loss functions, *etc.*).

**Table B1** Model comparison for forward kinematics of the Gough-Stewart platform.

Methods	Translation Error (mm)				Rotation Error (deg)			
	Median↓	Mean↓	Acc(0.5mm)↑	Acc(1mm)↑	Median↓	Mean↓	Acc(0.5°)↑	Acc(1°)↑
CNN [4]	1.21	2.35	20.7	42.9	0.73	0.95	41.4	82.3
ResGCN [5]	0.87	1.14	32.3	61.8	0.64	0.82	43.6	84.5
GraFormer [6]	0.49	0.78	49.7	80.5	0.46	0.58	54.1	93.8
GCT-FKP (Ours)	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>96.7</b>

## Appendix C Dataset Generation Algorithm

### Algorithm C1 Randomized generation dataset

**Parameters:**  $l_{\min}, l_{\max}, \theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max}, \Omega$ ;

**Result:** Dataset for the kinematics of Gough-Stewart platform;

- 1:  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{U}(l_{\min}, l_{\max})$ ; ▷ Translation value  $\mathbf{x} = (x \ y \ z)$ ;
- 2:  $\mathbf{q}_{3D} \sim \mathcal{U}(\theta_{\min}, \theta_{\max})$ ; ▷ Rotation value (Euler-angles representation)  $\mathbf{q}_{3D} = (\alpha \ \beta \ \gamma)$ ;
- 3:  $\mathbf{R} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}_x(\alpha)\mathbf{R}_y(\beta)\mathbf{R}_z(\gamma) \in SO(3)$ ;
- 4:  $\bar{\mathbf{l}}_j, \mathbf{l}_{oi} \leftarrow \mathcal{IK}(\Omega, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{R})$  ▷ Platform configuration information  $\Omega = (\mathbf{a}_i \ \mathbf{b}_i)$ , Inverse kinematics solving function  $\mathcal{IK}(\cdot)$ ;
- 5:  $\mathbf{q}_{4D} \leftarrow \Phi(\mathbf{R})$ ; ▷ Rotation value (quaternion representation)  $\mathbf{q}_{4D} = (q_0 \ q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3)$ ;
- 6:  $\mathbf{E} = \text{Edge}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \bar{\mathbf{l}}_j)$ ; ▷ Distance matrix (adjacent matrix with edge-length information)  $\mathbf{E}$ ;
- 7:  $\mathbf{e} = \text{Vec}(\mathbf{E})$ ; ▷ Vectorization operator  $\text{Vec}(\cdot)$ ;
- 8: **return**  $\text{Concat}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}_{4D}, \bar{\mathbf{l}}_j, \mathbf{e})$  or  $\text{Concat}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}_{3D}, \bar{\mathbf{l}}_j, \mathbf{e})$ ; ▷ Get a dataset for the kinematics of the Gough-Stewart platform;

**Dataset generation.** To facilitate readers' understanding of the provided dataset, we offer a detailed explanation through pseudocode, as shown in Algorithm 1. Please note that the randomly generated motion-range space may include singular points.

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