

FNO AND ITS PROVENANCE

Constraining Predictive Models



Motivation



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(see my talk *FNO and Beyond* (FDL 2022) for details about FNO)

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- We never have enough data
- Q: How/Where to encode prior knowledge to become more data efficient?

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- Don't constrain architecture of NN
 - NN is trained for **specific** b.c., i.c., loading/source terms, etc.
 - **No generalization!**
- Minimization problem becomes a *multicriterion optimization*
 - More data efficient
 - **(Very) challenging to train**

What do we want?



$$\text{NN}_\theta(x_i) = y_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{NN}_\theta[\kappa, f](x_i) = y_i$$

- Be explicit about b.c., i.c., etc.
 - More **data efficient** to constrain solution on manifold but still ...
 - **Generalize** (efficiently) to different (κ, f)
- This makes $\text{NN}(\bullet)$ an operator $\text{NN}\bullet$
 - Universal *function* approximation \mapsto universal *operator* approximation
- Ideally, no multicriterion optimization necessary / learn physics from data

Example: DeepONet (arXiv:1910.03193)



$$\mathcal{G}_\theta[\kappa, f](x) = \text{NN}_\theta^{\text{branch}}(\kappa, f) \otimes \text{NN}_\theta^{\text{trunk}}(x)$$

- Universal operator approximation: theorem by Chen & Chen (1995)
- Factorization adds inductive bias that is more efficient than vanilla FNN
 - $\text{NN}_\theta^{\text{branch}}$ learns the basis function
 - $\text{NN}_\theta^{\text{trunk}}$ learns the corresponding weights
- Sample
 - (κ, f) at points ξ_i : $(\kappa(\xi_1), f(\xi_1), \kappa(\xi_2), f(\xi_2), \dots)$
 - x at points x_i : (x_1, x_2, \dots)
- Train with ℓ_2 (and refine with additional ℓ_{physics} ?)

... **still, very generic**

How to scale (efficiently)?



$$h_{j+1}(x) - h_j(x) \sim \int dy (h_j(y) - h_j(x)) \underbrace{k_\theta(x, y, \kappa(x), \kappa(y))}_{\text{Green's function: } G[\kappa](x, y)}$$

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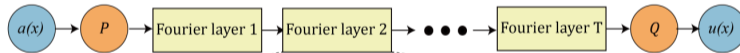
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Fourier Neural Operators (FNOs, arXiv:2010.08895)

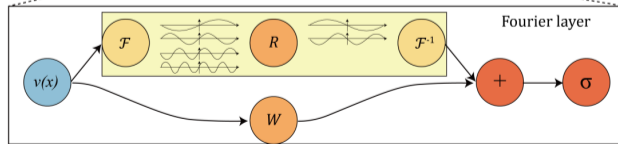


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Good

- Fast
- Resolution independent*

Bad

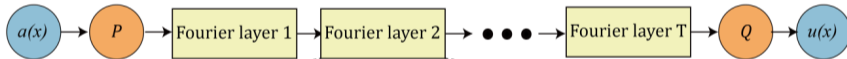
- Unstable
- Only works for uniform meshes
- Implicitly assumes periodicity

*Example: train on 32×32 uniform grid and evaluate on 64×64 uniform grid

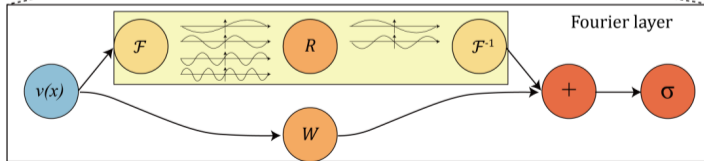
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by integrating out x :

$$\mathcal{F}[f](x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \underbrace{e^{-iwx}}_{\text{orth. basis}} f(x)$$

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... works as long as $|\mathcal{X}| > w_{\max} - w_{\min}$, $x \in \mathcal{X}$

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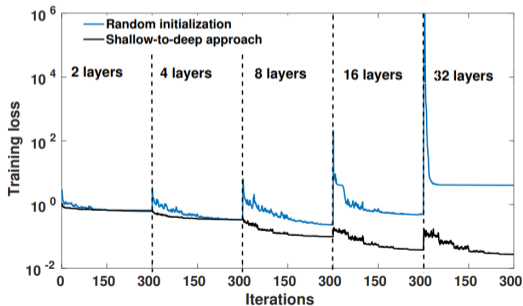
$\mathcal{F}_{\text{tr}}^{-1} \sim$ **physics informed autoencoder** learns an effective theory

Implicit/Incremental Fourier Neural Operators (IFNOs)



$$\frac{h(x, (j + 1) \Delta t) - h(x, j \Delta t)}{\Delta t} \sim \mathcal{F}_{\text{tr}}^{-1} \left[\mathcal{F} [h(\bullet, j \Delta t)] \cdot \mathcal{F} [k_{\theta}] \right] (x)$$

- Stabilize training by weight sharing across layers h
- *Shallow-to-deep* training via ResNet structure



FNO → Geo-FNO:

- Uniform meshes → unstructured meshes*
- by replacing first DFT with NDFT

***Caveats:** (IMO! Talk to me if you are interested)

- NDFT is no longer an orthogonal projection
- Memory efficient implementation of NDFT necessary (*fast NDFT*)
- NDFT approximates a DFT which deteriorates if mesh get *less* uniform

- Constrain kernel beyond $k_\theta(x, y) = k_\theta(|x - y|)$

- Translational **invariance**:

$$\mathcal{G}[\tilde{f}](x + \Delta x) = \mathcal{G}[f](x)$$

where $\tilde{f}(x + \Delta x) = f(x)$

- Translational **equivariance**:

$$\mathcal{G}[\tilde{f}](x + \Delta x) = \mathcal{G}[f](x) + \Delta x$$

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- and similar for rotations