Size Lowerbounds for Deep Operator Networks

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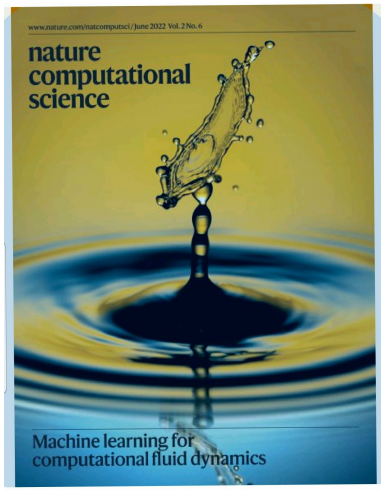

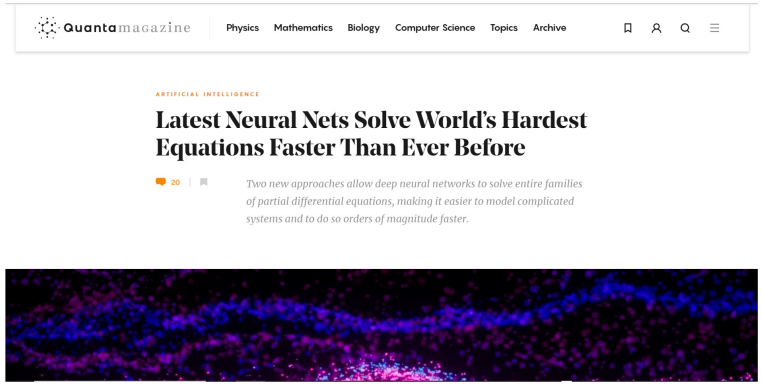

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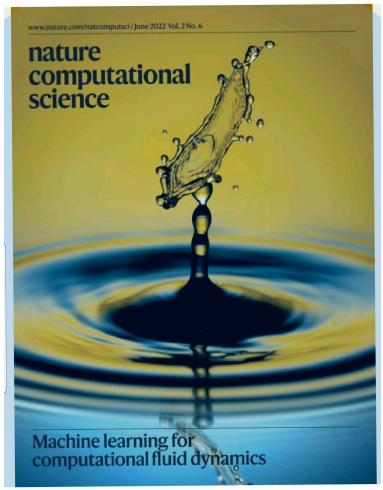

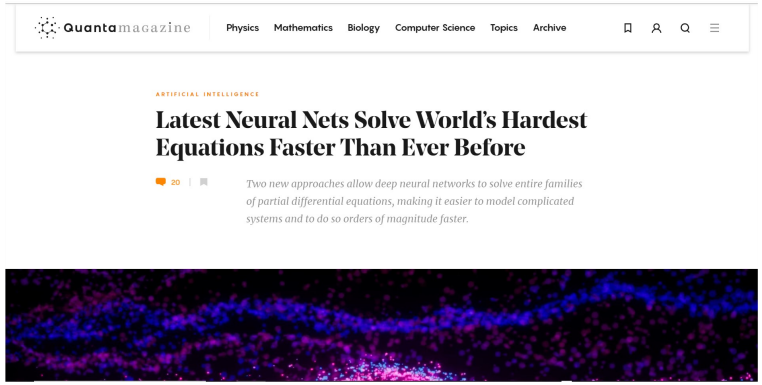

The ability of "Machine Learning" methods to solve differential equations heralds a new era in a plethora of classical fields. And in this talk, we shall study *possibly* one of the most powerful neural methods to solve differential equations - A **DeepONet**

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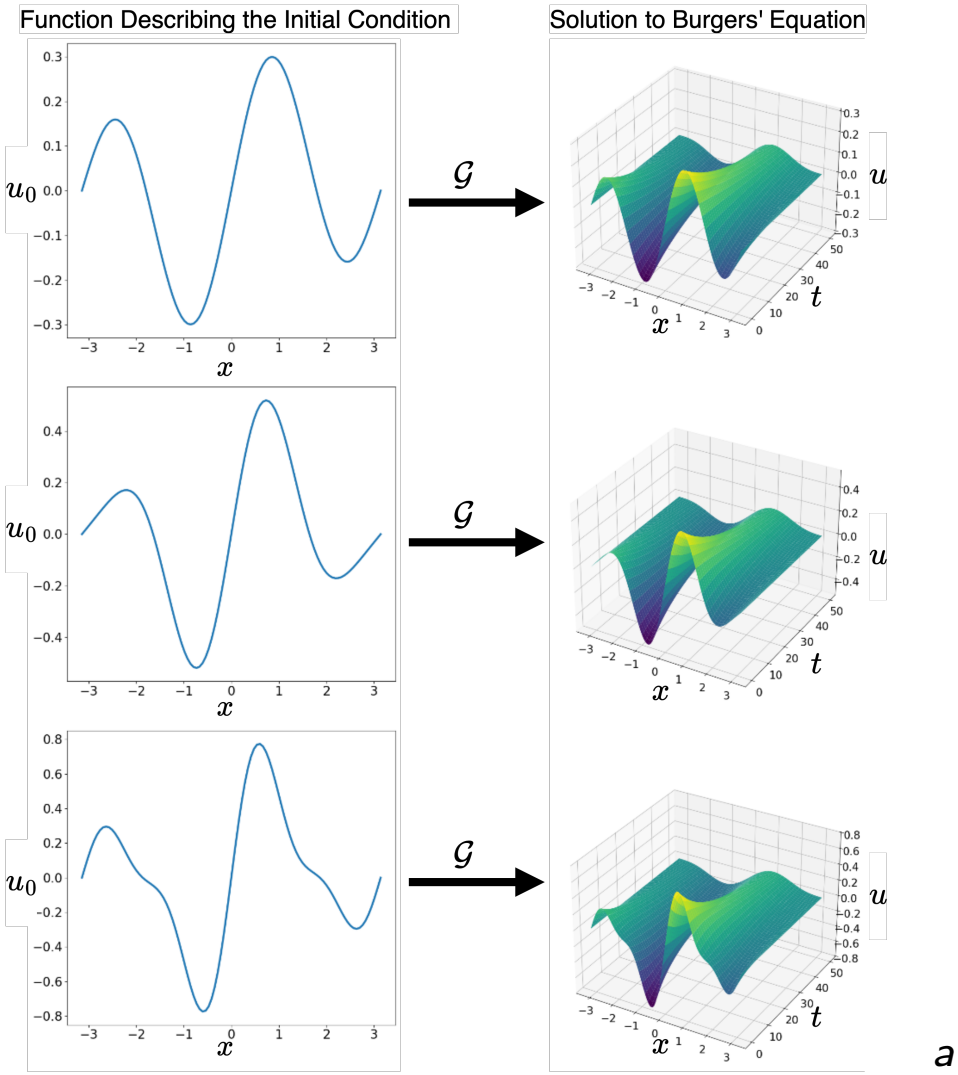

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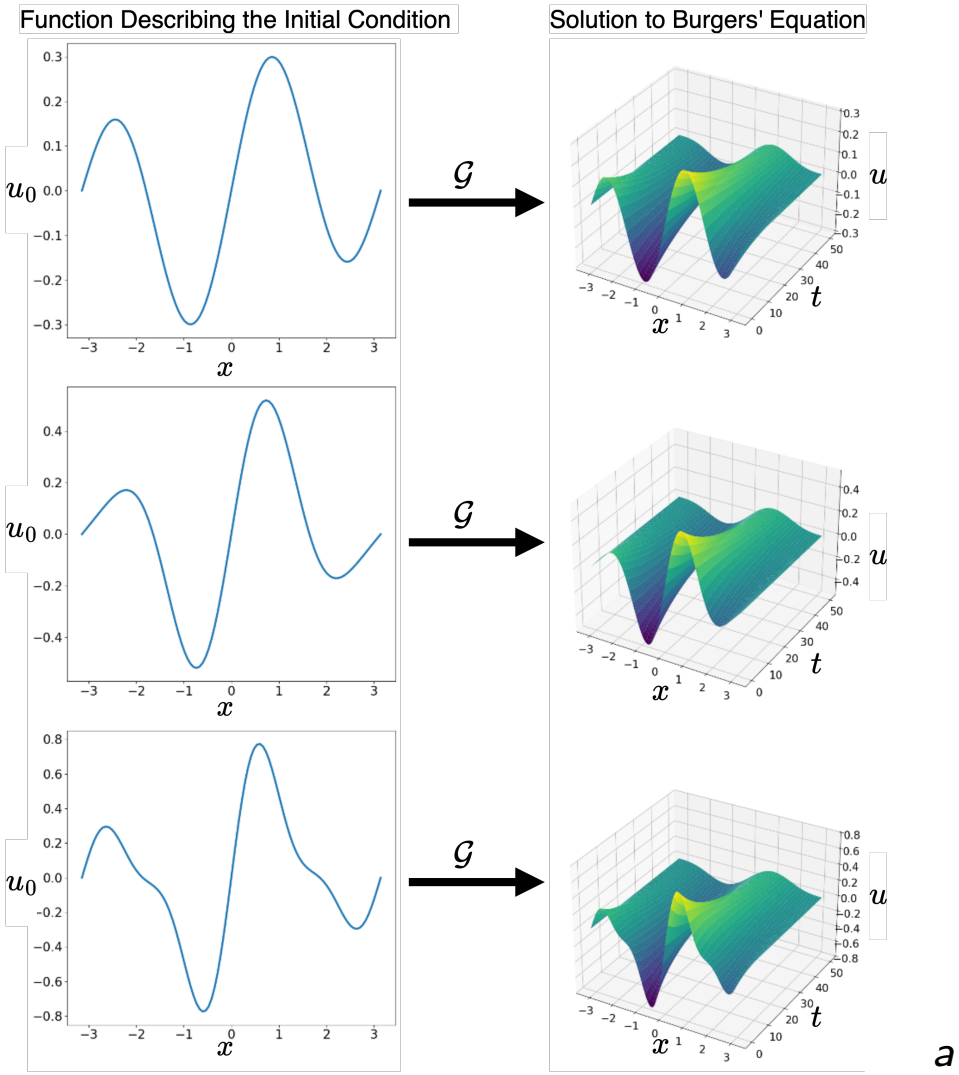

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Defining DeepONets: A Schematic Overview.

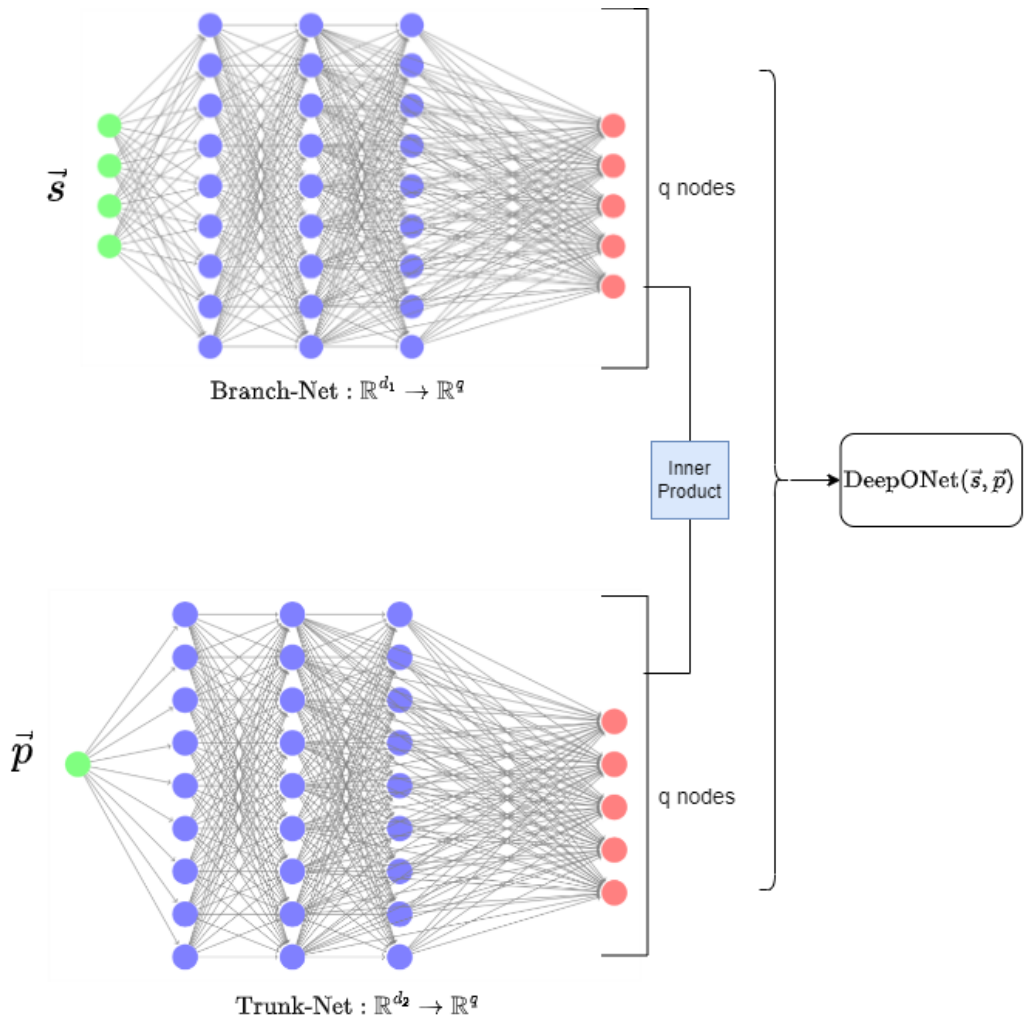

Figure 1: A Sketch of the DeepONet Architecture

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This is a distinguishing feature and promise of "Operator Learning".

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The above gives an **"universal approximation theorem for operators"**

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Hence heuristically, this is joint optimization over 2 objectives:
(a) Finding q good functions in the solution space
(Learning the trunk)
& (b) Finding a good vector in the span of the former.
(Learning the branch).

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A Size Requirement for Deep Operator Nets to be "Good"

Theorem (Informal Statement of Our Main Theorem)

With high probability over sampling a $n-$ noisy training data, if a class of fixed size bounded output DeepONets has to have a predictor that can achieve empirical training error below a label noise dependent threshold, then necessarily q — the common output dimension of the branch and the trunk — must be lower bounded as $q = \Omega\left(\sqrt[4]{n}\right)$

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- **This lower-bound is "universal" i.e it's independent of the specific Partial Differential Equation that a DeepONet aims to solve.**

The Formal Setup for DeepONet Theory

Definition (**Training Dataset Property**)

$(y_i, (\boldsymbol{s}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i))$ be i.i.d. input-output pair, And $y_i \in [-B, B]$ and we define the conditional random variable $g(\boldsymbol{s}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i) = \mathbb{E}[y \mid (\boldsymbol{s}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i)]$

Definition (**Branch Functions & Trunk Functions**)

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The bound of $\mathcal{C}$ in the above definitions abstracts out the model of the branch and the trunk functions being nets having a layer of bounded activation functions in their output layer.

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Note that $\forall \theta > 0$, $\exists$ a "θ-cover" of this function space $\mathcal{H}_\theta$ such that, $\forall h_{\boldsymbol{w}_b,\boldsymbol{w}_t} \in \mathcal{H}$, $\exists h_{(\boldsymbol{w}_{b,\frac{\theta}{2}},\boldsymbol{w}_{t,\frac{\theta}{2}})} \in \mathcal{H}_\theta$, s.t $\left\|\boldsymbol{w}_b - \boldsymbol{w}_{b,\frac{\theta}{2}}\right\| \leq \frac{\theta}{2}$ and $\left\|\boldsymbol{w}_t - \boldsymbol{w}_{t,\frac{\theta}{2}}\right\| \leq \frac{\theta}{2}$ and $\boldsymbol{w}_{b,\frac{\theta}{2}}$ and $\boldsymbol{w}_{t,\frac{\theta}{2}}$ being elements of the $\frac{\theta}{2}$ covering space of the set of branch and trunk weights respectively.

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That such a Lipschitzness property holds for nets has been proven many times, including in iconic papers like, A Universal Law of Robustness via Isoperimetry by Sebastien Bubeck and Mark Sellke — the work which inspires our analysis most closely.

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Lemma (1. A Standard Result About Covering Numbers)

For any space X with Euclidean metric, we denote as $N(\theta, X)$ the covering number of it at scale θ. Further recall that d_B and d_T are the total number of parameters in any branch and trunk function in the chosen sets $\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{T}$, respectively – and let their weight spaces be $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{T}}$.

Let $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{H}} = \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{B}} \times \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{T}}$ denote the sets of allowed weights of $\mathcal{H}$ — the corresponding DeepONet class. Then the following three bounds hold for any $\theta > 0$,

$$N(\theta, \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{B}}) \leq \left(\frac{2W_B\sqrt{d_B}}{\theta} \right)^{d_B} \qquad N(\theta, \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{T}}) \leq \left(\frac{2W_T\sqrt{d_T}}{\theta} \right)^{d_T}$$

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$$\leq \frac{2^{2(d_B+d_T)+1}}{\theta^{(d_B+d_T)}} \cdot \left(W_B \sqrt{d_B}\right)^{d_B} \cdot \left(W_T \sqrt{d_T}\right)^{d_T} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{2n\theta^2}{8^4 \cdot (B \cdot q\mathcal{C}^2)^2}\right)$$

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The RHS above shows that the possibility of a predictor in the cover space with high average correlation with label noise, falls exponentially with the #training data.

Proof Sketch for Lemma [3]

- For each data i and each predictor $h_{(\boldsymbol{w}_{b,\frac{\theta}{2}},\boldsymbol{w}_{t,\frac{\theta}{2}})}$, we further define the random variable,

$$Y_{\theta,i} := \left(\left(h_{(\boldsymbol{w}_{b,\frac{\theta}{2}},\boldsymbol{w}_{t,\frac{\theta}{2}})}(\boldsymbol{s}_i,\boldsymbol{p}_i) - \mathbb{E}[h_{(\boldsymbol{w}_{b,\frac{\theta}{2}},\boldsymbol{w}_{t,\frac{\theta}{2}})}]\right) \underbrace{\left(y_i - g(\boldsymbol{s}_i,\boldsymbol{p}_i)\right)}_{z_i} \right)$$

- One can show $Y_{\theta,i}$ is a centered and a bounded r.v and then one can prove concentration bounds for the data average of it.
- The lemma follows by union bound on the finite class of functions $\mathcal{H}_\theta$

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$$\leq 2\exp\left(-\frac{n\theta^2}{288B^2}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(\exists\ h_{\boldsymbol{w}_b, \boldsymbol{w}_t} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} h\left(\boldsymbol{s}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i\right) z_i \geqslant \frac{\theta}{4}\right)$$

The above lemma reveals an intimate connection between the empirical error of DeepONets and the correlation of its output with label noise.

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Next, we invoke on the RHS above the "Correlation Bounding Lemma",

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$$\cdot\exp\left(-\frac{2n\theta^2}{8^4\cdot(B\cdot q\mathcal{C}^2)^2}\right) + 2\exp\left(-\frac{n\theta^2}{8^3\cdot(B\cdot q\cdot\mathcal{C}^2)^2}\right)$$

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The required necessary condition now follows from demanding that this upperbound be above $1-\delta$, (after a bunch of messy algebra!).

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Let W be a bound on the norms of the weights of the branch and the trunk and s, the total number of trainable parameters.

Then $\forall \delta \in (0,1)$, and any arbitrary positive constant $\epsilon > 0$ if with probability at least $1-\delta$ with respect to the sampling of the data $\{(y_i,(\boldsymbol{s}_i,\boldsymbol{p}_i)) \mid i=1,\ldots,n\}$, $\exists\ h_{\boldsymbol{w}_b,\boldsymbol{w}_t} \in \mathcal{H}$ s.t,

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(y_i - h_{\boldsymbol{w}_b,\boldsymbol{w}_t}(\boldsymbol{s}_i,\boldsymbol{p}_i)\right)^2 \leq \sigma^2 - \epsilon\left(1+J\cdot(B+2)\right)$$

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then,

$$q \geq n^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \left(\frac{\epsilon^2}{288 \cdot B^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\ln\left(2 + e^{-s\cdot\alpha'} \cdot \left(\frac{4\cdot\min\{d_B, d_T\}^2}{\epsilon} \cdot W\sqrt{s}\right)^s\right) + \ln\left(\frac{2}{1-\delta}\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

where $\sigma^2 := \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(y_i - g\left(\boldsymbol{s}_i, \boldsymbol{p}_i\right)\right)^2\right]$ and $g(\boldsymbol{s}, \boldsymbol{p}) = \mathbb{E}\left[y \mid (\boldsymbol{s}, \boldsymbol{p})\right]$ and if the branch net has $\alpha-$fraction of the training parameters then $\alpha' = \frac{\alpha}{2}\ln\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1-\alpha}{2}\ln\frac{1}{1-\alpha}$.

Experimental Set-up

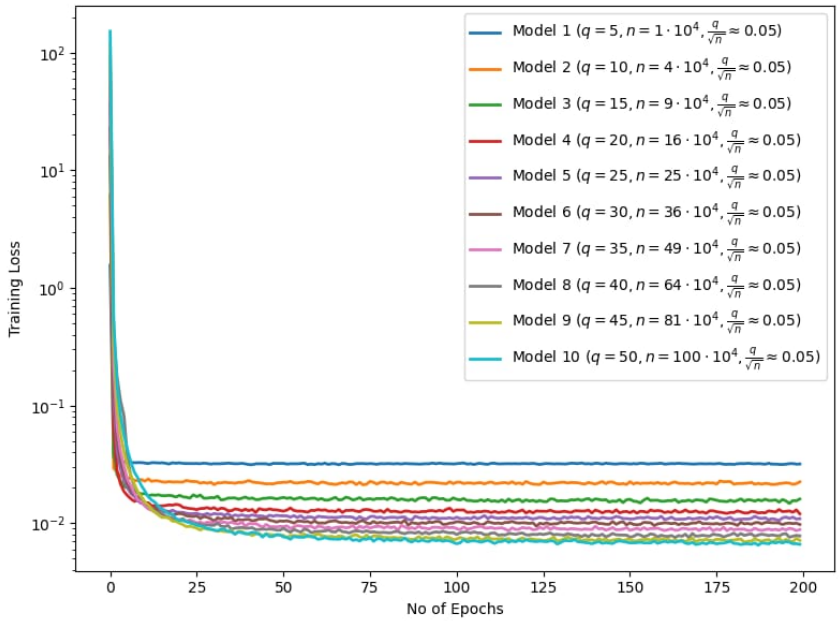
In this experiment, we aim to show that at a fixed number of parameters, increasing the output dimension q and the training data as q^2 results in a monotonic decrease in DeepONet training error. We use the advection-diffusion-reaction (ADR) PDE as a test case, given by:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + ku^2 + f(x), \quad x \in [0,1], t \in [0,1]$$
$$(at\ D = 0.01\ and\ k = 0.01)$$

The DeepONet empirical loss being attempted to be minimized is $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{DeepONet}} := \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(y_i - \mathcal{G}_\theta(f_i)(p_i)\right)^2$, where p_is are points in the (x,t) space and y_is are the value of the PDE solution at p_i when the inhomogeneous term is f_i.

Experiments

We trained 10 DeepONet models with varying widths, keeping total size equal. Performance increased monotonically when $\frac{q}{\sqrt{n}}$ was constant but not when $\frac{q}{n^{2/3}}$ was constant, indicating insufficient data scaling.



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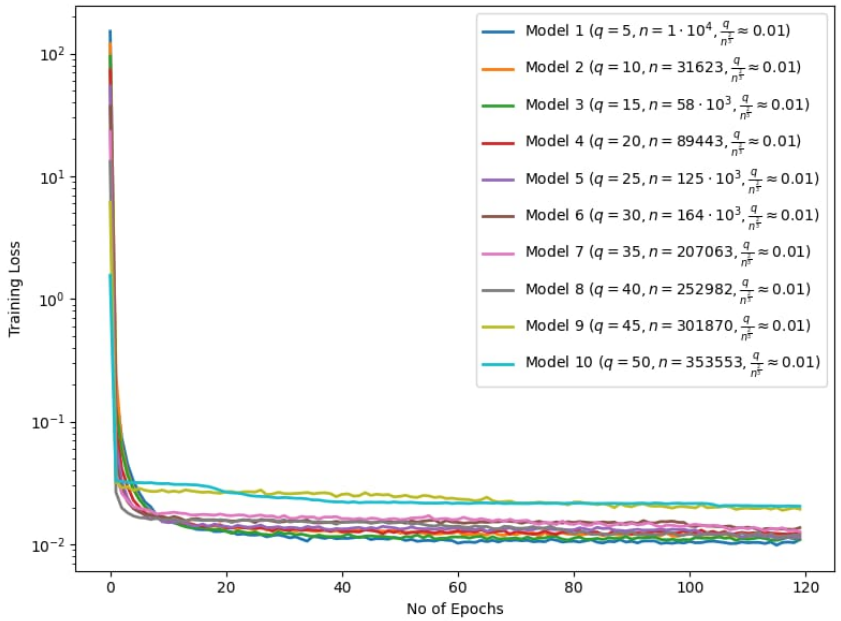

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Putting It All Together

Our theorem shows that a certain data size dependent largeness of q (the common output dimension) is needed if there has to exist a bounded weight DeepONet at that q which can have their empirical error below the label noise threshold.

From our experiments, we have shown that there is some non-trivial range of q along which empirical risk improves with q for a fixed model size
— if *the amount of training data is scaled quadratically with q*.

We envisage that trying to prove this "scaling law" can be a very interesting direction for future exploration in theory.

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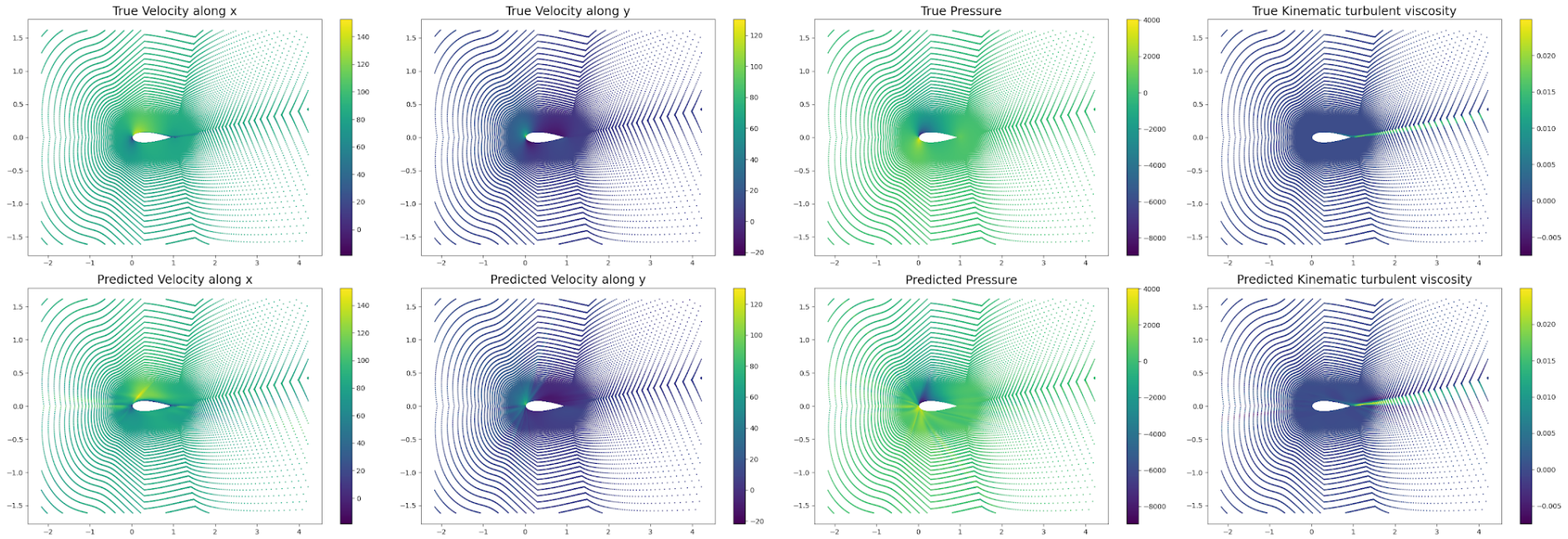

Figure 4: [work with my studennts, Sebastien Andre Sloan and Dibyakanti Kumar] In this example we can see an example of a multi-output DeepONet predicting the wind velocity, pressure and viscosity around (varying) toy plane wing shapes. Such setups are still far outside the grasp of theory.

Questions?