Devising an explicit algorithm based on simple rules is difficult! L1 reg:  $\ell = err(y, \hat{y}) + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N} |w_i|$  favours few non-0 coefs, L2 favours small coefs under-fitting  $\rightarrow$  high bias (high training, high test error)  $\rightarrow$  add features, decrease regularization term  $\lambda$ , increase degree of polynomial) over-fitting  $\rightarrow$  high variance (low training, high test error)  $\rightarrow$  get more data, remove features, increase regularization term  $\lambda$ , decrease degree of polynom)

# Challenges in Semantic Segmentation (every pixel in an image belongs to a class) <u>noise</u> – high-frequency pixel variability (not relevant/may obscure target)

- <u>partial volume</u> quantized version of object (pixels may contain mix of two objects and both contribute to pixel value) and object may be elevated (unclear where to begin/end object)
- intensity inhomogeneities varying contrast and intensity differences across the image plain
- <u>anisotropic resolution</u> (not isotropic, where voxels are cubes) causes ↓ clarity in coarse dims
- imaging artifacts implants may interfere with imaging modality
   imited contrasts different tissues may have similar physical properties and leak boundaries
   morphological variability variability in physiological conditions or imaging modalities

### Pitfalls in Segmentation Evaluation

- Structure Size equal differences between small and big structures change spatial overlap lots
- Structure Shape spatial overlap metrics are unaware of complex shapes
   Spatial alignment HD & DSC & IoU don't capture object centre point alignment
   Holes Boundary-based metrics ignore overlap between structures
   Noise Affects HD as it is spiked by a far away FP

- Empty Label-Maps scores of 0 or NaN for each method with combo of empty ref. or predict.
   Resolution same prediction shapes at different resolutions give different results
- Over vs Under-segmentation for equal HD, DSC may be better for over than undersegment.

### Segmentation Methods

- Intensity Segmentation: (hist) × regions must be homogenous, leakages, threshold loc. Hard
- Region Based: (start from seed) × requires user points, leakages, assumed homogeneity
   Atlas Based: (averaged templates) Registration: mutate multiple atlases into target and fuse labels (majority voting) (this saves pdf indicating contention between sources).  $\sqrt{}$  robust, accurate, automatic  $\times$  comput, expensive, poor for abnormalities, not for tumour segmentation.
- Random Forests: different modalities of 1 image, construct a tree to classify a pixel based on rules. Ensemble it by averaging answer of many trees.  $\times$  no hierarchal features  $\sqrt{\parallel}$  & accurate

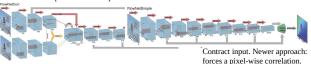
• (up)pooling and max (un)pooling with stored spatial location 
• Transposed Convolution:  $(M-1) \times S - 2P + D \times (K-1) + P_{output} + 1$ • Convolution:  $\frac{M+2P-D*(K-1)-1}{S} + 1$ 

· Atrous spatial pyramid pooling: repeated max-pooling and striding reduces spatial resolution of the resulting feature map

Padding during upsampling may introduce artifacts



FlowNet: tries to predict dense displacement field between two video trames



forces a pixel-wise correlation.

Then upsample for p.w. displacement. Train w/ flying rendered chairs (you know Ground Truth). Next evolution of FlowNet2.0 passes image through once, applies the translation, and passes it into the next layer for further fine-tuning. In parallel, there is detailed matching, then concat all. Optical Flow with Semantic Segmentation and Localized Layers: segment 'Things', 'Planes' & 'Stuff'. Then perform flow estimation on segmented objects for a sharper answer. Non-rigid Image Registration Using Multi-scale 3D CNNs: randomly deform an image, then train a model to predict your known deformation. To use this network, you need to slide this

network across the image and generate for each pixel a displacement vector.

Spatial Transformer Networks: takes feature map (original or pre-processed) and predicts transformation and transform the image according to this transform map. There is a localisation net which trains  $\theta$  to then deform the grid.

**Unsupervised Deformable Image Registration:** Two images are fed into an NN to predict deformation. Then feed into spatial transformer, this transforms input and calculates sim. metric. Voxel Morph: u-net architecture which produces a dense displacement field. Then it uses the spacial transformer to warp the image to the fixed image then minimise the loss to the network

Generative-based learning: teaching the network to reconstruct an image from a corrupted version.

 <u>Vision Transformers</u>: as above, non-overlapping patches learn representation for patches.
 <u>Masked Auto-encoders are scalable vision learners</u>: divide the image in multiple sub-patches and randomly mask some of the patches. Feed it through the vision transformer. The encoder gets a representation f.e. patch and then fills in the blanks with a mask token you learn during training. The decoder predicts each patch (this is smaller since encoder does most of the work) Loss:  $MSE = \sum (\hat{x}_i - x_i)^2$ , where i is the pixel index. Masking ratio of >75% is best.

**Joint-Embedding Prediction (i-Jepa)**: a mix of both. Here, we pass available patches onto the encoder. In  $\parallel$ , sample several other regions and pass it through the same encoder. The task here, is to predict the encoded representation (instead of the 

**Inverse Problem:** recover original image e.g. Inpainting, De-blurring/noising, Super-resolution. y = Ax + n, Classical Approach: least squares: (D data-consistency term)  $\arg\min_x \mathcal{D}(Ax,y)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(Ax,y) = \frac{1}{2}||Ax-y||_2^2$  for which the solution is  $\hat{x} = (A^\top A)^{-1}A^\top y$ . Ill-posed Problem: slight differences to the image may yield drastically different results.  $\arg\min_x \mathcal{D}(Ax,y) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(x)$  with  $\mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{1}{2}||x||_2^2 (R$  prior knowledge on x – regularization term, with reg. Param  $\lambda$ ). Therefore  $\hat{x} = (A^TA + \lambda I)^{-1}A^Ty$  which makes it better conditioned and noise suppression.

- $\hat{x} = (A^{\top}A + \lambda I)^{-1}A^{\top}y$  which makes it better contained.

   Tikhonov Regulizer:  $\mathcal{R}(x) = ||\nabla x||_2^2 (L-2 \text{ norm of gradient})$
- Total Variation Regularization:  $\mathcal{R}(x) = ||\nabla x||_{2,1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \sqrt{\sum_d (|x|_i^{(d)})^2}$  (L-1 norm of grad)
- Wavelet Regularization:  $\mathcal{R}(x) = ||\Psi x||_1$  (apply a sparsifying transformation and min that)
- Dictionary Learning: patches then encode each patch by a sparse combination of (e.g.) wavelet denoising and combine these to reconstruct the original image

Instead of choosing  $\mathcal R$  a-priori based on a simple model of the image, learn  $\mathcal R$  from training data Model Agnoistic: (don't use anything about the forward transformation) Partly-model agr upsample with a classical algorithm like linear interpolation which estimates the known transformation then train a model to remove difference between upsample on original. **Decoupled Approach:** Deep-Proximal Gradient: estimate with Gradient Descent: set  $\hat{x}^{(1)}$  and stepsize  $\eta$ , compute  $z^k = \hat{x}^{(k)} + \eta A^T(y - A\hat{x}^{(k)}), \hat{x}^{(k+1)} = \arg\min_x ||z^k - x||_2^2 + \eta \lambda \mathcal{R}(x)$  we can replace the second term with a NN with a GAN: which returns 0 for realistic images (on the provided by this descent and the provided by the second term with a NN with a GAN:

the manifold) with generator and discriminator. Assume you know A  $\min_{\mathcal{G}} \max_{\mathcal{D}} V(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{D}) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{data}(x)}[\log \mathcal{D}(x)]}_{+ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{z}(x)}[\log(1 - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}(z))]}$ . We then redefine

the problem w.r.t  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ :  $R(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in range(\mathcal{G}) \\ \infty & otherwise \end{cases}$ . Here, we restrict the space to the image

 $\text{manifold so } \hat{x} = \arg\min_{x \in range(\mathcal{G})} ||\hat{y} - Ax||_2^2 = \mathcal{G}(z) \text{ and } \hat{z} = \arg\min_z ||y - A\mathcal{G}(z)||_2^2$ 

**Unrolled Optimization:** assuming  $\mathcal{R}(x)$  is differentiable: the first term is GD for data consistency, & second is GD for regularization.  $\hat{x}^{(k+1)} = \hat{x}^{(k)} + \eta A^{\top}(y - A\hat{x}^{(k)}) - \eta \nabla \mathcal{R}(\hat{x}^{(k)})$ Then replace GD for reg. with an NN.

Image Reconstruction: x-ray scan captures information by measuring the x-ray energy on the opposite side of emitter. The rotated scanner produces a Sinogram (ez to go from CT  $\rightarrow$  Sinogram (forward) but inverse is not). (Same goes for K-Space 4MRI). The problem becomes "Recover an image  $x \in \mathbb{K}^{N_x}$  from a set of observations  $y \in \mathbb{K}^{N_y}$  which are corrupted by a noise  $n \in \mathbb{K}^{N_{v}}$ , Reconstruction approach: *Image domain*: use as much physics knowledge as possible (forier transformation) and use nn to remove artifacts, or k-space domain for nn to create new frequency space then inverse forier transform to upsample

Output size = , # of param  $C \times K \times K$ 

Expert Gold Standard: × training, tedious, intra (same dude) + inter (diff dude) observability variability,

- dude) + inter (diff dude) observability variability,  $\sqrt{}$  multiple segmentations, agreement can be quantified specificity =  $\frac{TN}{N} = \frac{TN}{TN+FP}$   $F_\beta = (1+\beta^2) \frac{Precision.Recoil}{(\mathcal{B}^2.Precision)+Recoil}$  Jaccard Index  $|OU| = \frac{|S_\beta \cap S_\beta|}{|S_\beta \cap S_\beta|} = \frac{DSC}{2-DSC}$  Dice Sim. Coeff. =  $2 \frac{DSC}{|S_\beta|+|S_\beta|} = F_1$  Volume  $Sim = 1 \frac{|S_\beta|-|S_\beta|}{|S_\beta|+|S_\beta|} = 1 \frac{|FN-FP|}{2TP+FP+FN}$
- surface distance measure · Hausdorff Distance
- $\max(h(A, B), h(B, A)), h(A, B) = \max_{a \in A} \min_{b \in B} ||a b||$
- Average Surface Distance (create map and swap)  $\frac{d(A,B)+d(B,A)}{2},d(A,B)=\frac{1}{N}\sum_{a\in A}\min_{b\in B}||a-b||$

Multi-scale processing: 4 layers of 53 kernels followed by 13 kernel for classification. Multiple pathways for different sized snippets of the image. Then we concat. Feature maps from both pathways

Vision transformers: split image into patches, encode location, get hidden feature after convolutions, linear layer and pass through attention network similar to nlp.

Upsample in U-net fashion with connections. Intra-Subject Registration: create an atlas and transform Objective:  $C(T) = D(I \circ T, J)$  (Transformation, Dissimilarity measure, (J) Fixed image,  $(I \circ T)$  Moving Image Optimization:  $T = \arg \min_T C(T)$ 

Mono-modal Registration: Image intensities are related by a (simple) function. Assumption: the identity relationship etween intensity distributions. Not good when brightness changes and subtraction is no longer the best metric.

• Sum of squared differences:  $D_{SSD}(I \circ T, J) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (I(T(x_i)) - J(x_i))^2$ • Sum of absolute differences:  $D_{SAD}(I \circ T, J) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |I(T(x_i)) - J(x_i)|$ 

Linear Transformations

If there is more than one world, then:

shearing =

Non-linear Transformations

direction vectors  $\sin \theta$  $\sin \theta$  $\cos \theta$ 

 $\begin{pmatrix} x_A \\ y_A \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{T}_{WtI}^A T_{BtA} T_{ItW}^B \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ y_B \end{pmatrix}$ 

In 3D, there are identity (0 dof) rigid (translation and rotation, 3+3

0

Embed image onto grid, prescribe motion at each grid point (red)

and underlying blue grid is as a result of linear interpolation.

Medical Applications: Cardiac Motion and Respiration Motion

tracking, Multi-modal Image Fusion, Pre- and Post-op comparison

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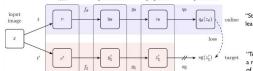
dof), similar (scaling, 3+3+1 dof), affine (shear 12). In affine, if two lines are || , after affine T, its still true. cosω

• Correlation Coefficient: 
$$D_{CC}(I \circ T, J) = -\frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (I(T(x_i)) - \mu_I)(J(x_i) - \mu_I)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (I(T(x_i)) - \mu_I)^2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (J(x_i) - \mu_J)^2}}$$

**Multi-modal Registration:** Image intensities are related by a complex function or statistical relationship. Measures "When are these two images the most statistically aligned". To avoid <u>local minimas:</u> increase dof, or gaussian smoothing. May require linear interpolation

- Intensity Histograms: plot intensities of both images on x and y, discretize histogram with bins. A Registered image will
- have more clustered regions (identity will be line x=y)  $\circ \ p(i,j) = \frac{h(i,j)}{N} \text{ at a point, in one image i and other image j counts in the histogram. } p(i) = \sum_j p(i,j) \sin$  for p(j)
  - Shannon Entropy:  $H(I) = -\sum_i p(i) \log p(i)$  low value if every pixel has the same value, or high if randomness Joint Entropy:  $H(I,J) = -\sum_i \sum_j p(i,j) \log p(i,j)$  measures how clustered a space is, and minimising that
  - entropy is a good criterium Mutual Information: MI(I, J) = H(I) + H(J) - H(I, J) describes how well one image can be explained by
  - another image.  $MI(I,J) = \sum_i \sum_j p(i,j) \log \frac{p(i,j)}{p(i)p(j)}$  with dissimilarity:  $D_{MI}(I \circ T,J) = -MI(I \circ T,J)$   $\circ$  Normalized Mutual Information:  $NMI(I,J) = \frac{H(I) + H(J)}{H(I,J)}$  with dissimilarity similar to above

Contrastive-based learning (SIMCLR): teaching the network to recognise meaningful pairs of images. Idea: create multiple versions of the same image and teach the network to recognise the correct pair. An encoder outputs hidden state h and the small MLP gets a smaller representation (in high dimensional space, comparing similarities is harder, and not necessarily robust). Augmentation Pipeline: Needs to reflect what information the model should disregard and what it increasing roots). <u>Negligital natural repairs</u> refers to the control of the should focus on. Needs to be difficult, otherwise, trivial features may be learnt. <u>Normalised temperature contrastive loss:</u>  $sim(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \frac{|\vec{u}^{\top}\vec{v}|}{|\vec{u}||\cdot||\vec{v}||}$  with  $\underline{Loss} \ell_{i,j} = -\log \frac{svp(sim(\vec{z}, \vec{z}_j)/\tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} |t_k \neq j|} exp(sim(\vec{z}, \vec{z}_j)/\tau)$ ,  $\tau$  temperature controls how much to penalise hard negatives (lower temp penalises more)  $\mathbf{1}_{[k \neq j]}$  evaluates to 1 iff  $k \neq i$ . <u>Triplet Loss</u>: where x is the image,  $x^+$  is the positive image, and  $x^-$  is a random negative  $\mathcal{L}_{triplet}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}^+, \vec{x}^-) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \overline{\max(0, ||f(x) - f(x^+)||_2^2 - ||f(x) - f(x^-)||_2^2}$ You evaluate the model with *Fine-tuning* (all params) or *linear probing* (freeze encoder). Batch size should be high (4096). Since large batch size is expensive: <u>BYOL</u>: (more robust to small batch-size) removes the need to use negative pairs in the loss function, instead optimize similarity on positive pairs. Needs new architecture (trivial solution where all inputs go to 0)



online "Student network" weights learned by gradient descent.

'Teacher network" weights are a moving average of the weights of the student network.

Prediction head in the student asserts "output of the student after the pred = output of target network without the pred.". It matches the output of online and target. <u>DINO</u> uses visual transformers as encoders and use the attention to visualise the attention map of the network when they create the self-supervised encoding; creates self-supervised segmentation maps.

Post-upsampling super-resolution: directly upsampled LR image into SR; requires learnable upsampling layers,  $\sqrt{\text{fast}}$ Prescripsampling super-resolution: infective upsampling pipeline, network typically limited to a specific up-sampling factor.

Pre-upsampling super-resolution: use traditional upsampling (linear iterp.), refine upsampled using a CNN. / upsampling operation is performed using interpolation, the correct smaller details, can be applied to a range of upscaling factors and image sizes \* operates on SR image, thus requires more comp & mem. Progressive upsampling super-resolution: use a cascade of CNNs to progressively reconstruct higher-resolution images, at each stage, upsample to higher resolution.  $\sqrt{\text{decomposes task into simpler ones}}$ , reasonable efficiency  $\times$  difficult to train deep models. **Iterative up-and-down** sampling super-resolution: alternate between upsampling and downsampling operations, mutually connected up-and down-sampling stages  $\sqrt{}$  has shown superior performance as it allows error feedback, easier training of deep networks. Pixel-wise loss function (either L1 (non diff) or L2):  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |x_i - \hat{x}_i|^p$  or Huber loss function:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta(x_i - \hat{x}_i), \delta(a) = \begin{cases} 0.5a^2 & \text{for } |a| \leq 1. \text{However, compute the } \frac{\text{Perceptual loss;}}{|a| - 0.5} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

intermediate layer l of a pre-trained network since the network has been pre-trianed on a task to classify objects e.g. then activations describe the image in more perceptual terms.  $L = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} (\theta_i^{(i)}(x) - \theta_i^{(i)}(\hat{x}))^2$ 

Total Variation:  $L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sqrt{\sum_{d} (|x|_{i}^{(d)}|^{2})}$  assumes absolute value of gradient of independent of gradient  $\min_{G} \max_{D} \mathbb{E}_{I_{1} R_{2} \sim Prevain}(x) [\log \mathcal{D}(I_{HR})] + \mathbb{E}_{I_{LR} \sim Pg(I_{LR})} [\log (1 - \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}(I_{LR}))] \text{ with aim to discern real high resolution and artificially upsampled. The discriminator output is loss function: <math>\mathcal{L} = -\log \mathcal{D}(G(I_{LR}))$ . <u>Deep Image Prior:</u> represent an image not by its pixel values, but by the weights of a vector (like latent encoding): start

with random-initialized network, given image x, its parmaeters w are recovered by solving  $\min_w ||x - \Psi(z_0; w)||^2$ . It is shown that generating noise is hard, and generating real images is easy. For in-painting, we note proconstruct visible pixels and implicitly infer the pixels masked out:  $\min_w ||m \bigodot (x - \Psi(z_0; w))||^2$  We can then reconstruct the iamge by fitting a noise vector into the image, and reconstruct the image

> <u>Loss function:</u> e.g. MSE, and learn:  $\theta^{(k+1)} = \theta^{(k)} - \tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta, x)}{\partial \theta}|_{\theta = \theta^{(k)}}$ , for **low sample size**, denoize through convolutions, then match with forier transform into signal domain to check the data is consistent (repeat blocks 5 times). For **Coarse Voxels** acquire thick slices through the organ (e.g. z-dimension) construct a simulation from a high quality image for forward process and generate pairs of H and L resolution data and train nn to absorb all images to high resolution (original). A residual network works well for this.







variable.

this you would experience correlation between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ 

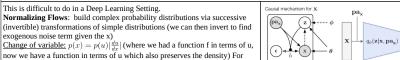
Causality: is the relationship between cause and effect. Causal  $X \to Y$  (predict the

Confounder is a variable that influences both the dependent and independent

effect (Y) from the cause (X) ) and **Anti-Causal**  $Y \to X$  (predict the cause (Y) from the effect (X)). Factors are **endogenous** when it is caused by a variable in the model, **exogenous** when caused by external factors to the model or independent to the model

• Collider a variable that is causally influenced by two or more variables. By varying

- . Mediator is when an independent variable impacts a dependent variable through the causal pathway of an effect



**VAE**: Abduction is non-deterministic:  $x:=f_{\theta}(pa_x,u_x)$ =  $h(\epsilon;g_{\theta}(z,pa_x))=\mu(z,pa_x)+\sigma(z,pa_x)\odot\epsilon,\epsilon\sim\mathcal{N}(0,\mathbf{I})$ . Here, h invertible but  $g_{\theta}$  is not. X:image, pa: age, etc. g: encoder that predicts

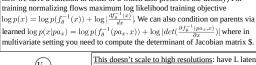
### nean and std, and h: how we sample from the distribution. Cactorized exogenous noise:

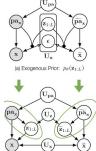
 $\overline{(u_x|x,pa_x)} \approx q_{\phi}(z|x,pa_x)\delta(\epsilon - h^{-1}(x;g_{\theta}(z,pa_x))$ xample: Abduct  $z \sim q_\phi(z|x,pa_x)$  and  $= h^{-1}(x;g_\theta(z,pa_x)) = \frac{x - \mu(z,pa_x)}{\sigma(z,pa_x)}.$  Action:  $do(pa_x := \tilde{pa}_x)$  Predict:  $= h(\epsilon;g_\theta(z,\tilde{pa}_x)) = \mu(z,\tilde{pa}_x) + \sigma(z,\tilde{pa}_x) \odot \epsilon$ 

Soundness theorem: states that the properties of these are necessary:

- . Composition: intervening on a variable to have the value it would otherwise have without the intervention will not affect other variables
- Intervening on a variable to have a specific value will cause the variable to take on that
- · Reversibility Axiom: precludes multiple solutions due to feedback loops. If setting variable X to a value x results in a value y for a variable Y, and setting Y to a value y results in value x for X, then X and Y will naturally take on the values X and Y there is a trade-off between composition and

effectiveness.





(b) Latent Mediator:  $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_{1:L} \mid \mathbf{pa}_{\mathbf{z}})$ 

dimensions. You can include an exogenous prior or conditional prior  $p_{\theta}(z_{1:L}|pa_x)$  with residual blocks

 $z_{1:L}$  is no longer exogenous. Nonetheless, the underlying SCM has Markovian interpretation:  $= p(U_x)(\prod_{k=1}^K p(U_{pa_k}))(\prod_{i=1}^L p(U_{z_i}))$ This allows you to perform <u>Casual Mediation</u> <u>Analysis</u>: The study of how a treatment effect is nediated by another variable, to help explain why or how an individual may respond to certain stimulus.

(IE) and Total (TE) causal effects

$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{DE}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbb{E}\left[g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{z}_{1:L}) - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{z}_{1:L})\right] \\ &\operatorname{IE}_{\mathbf{x}}(\widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) = \mathbb{E}\left[g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}},\widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{z}_{1:L})\right] \\ &\operatorname{E}_{\mathbf{x}}(\widetilde{\mathbf{p}}\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{x}},\widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) = \mathbb{E}\left[g_{\theta}(\widetilde{\mathbf{p}}\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{x}},\widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}},\mathbf{z}_{1:L})\right] \end{split}$$

Interpretability: trees are only interpretable until a point, fairness, accountability, trust and causality doesn't necessarily mply interpretability.

Ablation Test: train without certain features and study the impact, difficult and expensive **Fit function**: do sensitivity analysis on saliency maps. Take two samples and the gradient difference between the two indicates how drastically if you change a feature value how the classification changes. However, a value nearby may be totally different – diff interpretations.

Interpretation strategies: visualization and attribution (identify input features responsible for model decisions) <u>visualize filters</u> (easy to implement, limited practical value) <u>instead, visualize</u> activations generated by kernels (easy to interpret esp. for early values) occlusion If masked out region causes a significant drop in confidence, the masked-out region is important.

Saliency Maps (DeconvNet): inverts the process of the forward pass (take an image up until a layer, then try to reverse it, no training, just backprob, record information, e.g. for maxpool the locations, then insert values where maxs were on the forward pass). Saliency maps are computed w.r.t derivate of input pixels (not weights). In classification, take the prediction and do backprob. **Guided Backpropagation**: positive grad = feature neuron is interested in, negative otherwise. Therefore, set all

negative gradients to 0.

ReLU activation: 
$$f_i^{t+1} = ReLU(f_i^t) = \max(f_i^t, 0)$$

backprop:  $R_i^t = (f_i^t > 0) \cdot R_i^{t+1}$ , where  $R_i^{t+1} = \frac{\partial f^{out}}{\partial f_i^{t+1}}$ 

<u>deconvolt.</u>  $R_i - (J_i > 0) \cdot R_i$ , where  $R_i = \frac{1}{\partial f_i^{i+1}}$  <u>deconvolt.</u>  $R_i^l = (R_i^{l+1} > 0) \cdot R_i^{l+1}$  <u>guided:</u>  $R_i^l = (f_i^l > 0) \cdot (R_i^{l+1} > 0) \cdot R_i^{l+1}$  **Cam and Grad-Cam:** allows you to query what specific channels do in terms of activation **Deep Dream:** find an image xsuch that the activation  $\phi_n(x)$  at layer n is high:  $\max_x \phi_n(x) - \lambda \mathcal{R}(x)$  where R is a regulizer. 1) forward propagate to layer n, non minimisation of loss, instead maximise L2 norm of activations and backpropagate to input layer. Resulting image will show learned features.

This doesn't scale to high resolutions: have L latent

The conditional prior induces a latent mediator, as

→ Enables estimation of Direct (DE), Indirect

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{DE}_{\mathbf{x}}(\widetilde{\mathbf{p}}\widetilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{x}}) &= \mathbb{E}\left[g_{\theta}(\widetilde{\mathbf{p}}\widetilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z}_{1:L}) - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z}_{1:L})\right] \\ \mathrm{IE}_{\mathbf{x}}(\widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) &= \mathbb{E}\left[g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{p}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z}_{1:L})\right] \end{aligned}$$

 $\mathrm{TE}_{\mathbf{x}}(\widetilde{\mathbf{pa}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) = \mathbb{E}\left[g_{\theta}(\widetilde{\mathbf{pa}}_{\mathbf{x}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{z}}_{1:L}) - g_{\theta}(\mathbf{pa}_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{z}_{1:L})\right]$ 

Adversarial Attacks: assuming a linear layer  $\theta^{\top}x$  we can think of an adversarial example that contains a non perceivable pertubation  $\eta: \hat{x} = x + \eta$ . Then the logits become  $\theta^\top x + \theta^\top \eta$  we thus maximise the value of  $\theta^\top \eta$  such that  $|\eta||_{\infty} \leq \epsilon$  (the max element of eta is less than epsilon) and assume a pertubation

 $= \epsilon \cdot \operatorname{sign}(\theta) \iff \theta^{\top} \eta = \epsilon \cdot \theta^{\top} \operatorname{sign}(\theta) = \epsilon ||\theta||_1 =$ Here the average magnitude of an element of  $\theta$  is given by m. The change in activation given by the perturbation increases linearly with respect to n where for images, n is # of pixels. Fast Gradient Sign Model: Perform gradient descent in order to maximize the loss. Consider the input image x to be a trainable parameter and compute the gradient with respect to the nput image to create a perturbation.  $\eta = \epsilon \cdot \text{sign}(\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(\theta, x, y))$ where the example can be created as  $\tilde{x} = x + \epsilon \cdot \operatorname{sign}(\nabla_x \mathcal{L}(\theta, x, y))$ 

## Structural Causality Models:

Set of observations  $X=\{x_1,\dots,x_N\}$  , set of unobserved conditions  $U=\{u_1,\dots,u_N\}$ , set of causal mechanisms  $F=\{f_1,\dots,f_N\}$ where the value of each variable s a function of its parents (direct causes)  $x_k := f_k(pa_k, u_k), k = 1, ..., N.$ 

Ladder of Causation:

 Association: (seeing observing) How would seeing X change my belief in Y? NNs good at this belief in Y? Niss good at this SCMs with jointly independent exogenous noises are Markovian:  $P(u_1, \dots, u_N) = \prod_{k=1}^N P(u_k)$  where Markovian SCMs induce unique join <u>observational distribution</u> over the endogenous variables  $P_M(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \prod_{k=1}^N P_M(x_k|pa_k)$  so Each variable is independent of its non-descendants given its direct causes.

• **Intervention**: (*Doing*, *interventing*) What will Y be if I do X? SCMs predict the causal effects of actions via interventions.

- Intervene with structural assignment  $do(x_k:=c)$  which induces a submodel  $M_c$  and its entailed distribution is known as the intervention distribution  $P_{Mc}(X|do(c))$ • Counterfactual: (Imagining, Retrospection, Understanding)
- What if X had not occurred? inference involves 3 steps:
- 1) Abduction: Update P(U) given observed evidence, i.e. infer posterior P(U|X)
- Action: Perform an intervention e.g. do(x̄<sub>k</sub> := c) and obtain M<sub>c</sub> 3) Prediction: Use modified model  $\langle M_c, P(U|X) \rangle$  to compute

**Data** quality: weighted loss depending on trust. <u>Optimal privacy preservation requires implementations that are private by design</u>. **Federated Learning**: train an ML model across decentralized clients with local data by sending the model to the cite, without exchanging data; only the result (encrypted local model output) is ever sent then aggregated across cites.  $\mathcal{L}(\Theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{n_k}{n_k} \mathcal{L}_k(\Theta)$  with  $\mathcal{L}_k(\Theta) = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i \in P_k} \mathcal{L}(x_i, y_i, \Theta)$  gradient descent  $\Theta^{j+1} := \Theta^j - \tau \nabla \mathcal{L}(\Theta)$  with SGD steps  $\nabla \mathcal{L}(\Theta) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{m} \nabla \mathcal{L}(x_i, y_i, \Theta)$ . Careful:  $\mathbb{E}_{P_k}[\mathcal{L}_k] = \mathcal{L}$  if iid, otherwise if data is homogeneous this is not the case. Federated SGD: instead of sending back the individual gradients, allow clients to do their own SGD and send back model parameters where each client computes  $\Theta_k^{j+1} := \Theta_k^j - \tau \nabla \mathcal{L}_k(\Theta)$  and the server computes  $\Theta_k^{j+1} := \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{n_k}{N} \Theta_k^{j+1}$ . Differences

 $\overline{ ext{Algorithm 1}}$  FederatedAveraging. The K clients are indexed by k; B is the local minibatch size, E is the number of local epochs, and  $\eta$  is the learning rate.

counterfactuals

### Server executes:

 $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{pa_x})$ 

for each round  $t = 1, 2, \dots$  do  $m \leftarrow \max(C \cdot K, 1)$  $S_t \leftarrow \text{(random set of } m \text{ clients)}$ for each client  $k \in S_t$  in parallel do  $w_{t+1}^k \leftarrow \text{ClientUpdate}(k, w_t) \\ w_{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{n_k}{n} w_{t+1}^k$ 

ClientUpdate(k, w): // Run on client  $k \in \mathcal{B} \leftarrow (\text{split } \mathcal{P}_k \text{ into batches of size } B)$ for each local epoch i from 1 to E do for batch  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  do  $w \leftarrow w - \eta \nabla \ell(w;b)$ return w to server

it doesn't make sense to do GD on local set because of noisy gradient. If you send the adient, you get more reliable gradient, you be.
GD but with constant communication. However, in federated, after 10 iterations client shares updated params, so there is better comms. Challenges: non-iid data: local dataset is not representative of whole population, <u>unbalanced</u> <u>data</u>: varying, <u>massively</u> distributed data: a cite may only have one type for each class, communication costs: overhead depends on the # of clients and Hz of updates

**Homomorphic Encryption**: for some operation  $\odot$ ,  $[x \odot y] \equiv [x] \odot [y]$ ; finds an encryption scheme, such that the encrypted data can be manipulated in the encrypted domain as though it had been decrypted. This is computationally expensive 100x slower in DL and hard to find encryption for certain ⊙; restricted to certain operations. BUT can perform inference on encrypted data and doesn't require interaction between data and model owners. Secure Multi-Party Computation: create a splitting scheme and let clients computation and return answer. Shared governance: can only retrieve data if all agree, confidentiality; noone knows the true value.

K-anonymity: prevents record linkage attacks which reverse engineer by ensuring that for any persons data, there are at least k-1 other records which are indistinguishable. Only really feasible for smaller big datasets with small number of fields for each record.

Model Inversion: Attacker uses internal representations of the joint model to reconstruct individual training samples or their sensitive attributes. Membership inference: Attacker obtains a data record and determines if it was used to train a particular model. Attribute Inference: Attacker uses model access and auxiliary information about the victim to obtain the sensitive values of their data.

Algorithm 1 Differentially private SGD (Outline) Input: Examples  $\{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  loss function  $L(\theta)$  = about the single individual is  $\frac{1}{N}\sum_t \mathcal{L}(\theta, x_t)$ . Parameters: learning rate  $\eta_t$ , noise scale reduced while retaining the  $\sigma$ , group size L, gradient norm bound C. Capability of learning. Initialize  $\theta_0$  randomly for  $t \in [T]$  do Take a random sample  $L_t$  with sampling probability L/N Randomized responses: draw statistical conclusions from the conclusions of the conclusions

L/N Compute gradient For each  $i \in L_t$ , compute  $\mathbf{g}_t(x_i) \leftarrow \nabla_{\theta_t} \mathcal{L}(\theta_t, x_i)$ Clip gradient  $\mathbf{g}_t(x_i) \leftarrow \mathbf{g}_t(x_i) / \max\left(1, \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_t(x_i)\|_2}{C}\right)$ Add noise  $\mathbf{g}_t \leftarrow \frac{1}{L} \sum_i (\mathbf{g}_t(x_i) + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 C^2 \mathbf{I}))$ Descent  $\theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_t - n n \mathbf{\tilde{g}}_t$ 

Descent times less protection. (epsilon differential privacy) Addition Output  $\theta_T$  and compute the overall privacy cost  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  algorithm: An algorithm is using a privacy accounting method.

example iff excluding one person doesn't change result of model.

Differential Privacy: perturb the data so that information statistical conclusions from the dataset without revealing information about individual person is surveyed multiple times less protection. (epsilon

data points by adding a controlled amount of noise. If a wising a privacy accounting method. made approximately invariant

Per sample – clip gradients so their norm is controlled to inclusion of simple data