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Operator Learning and DeepONets

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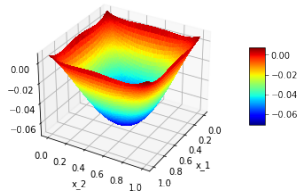


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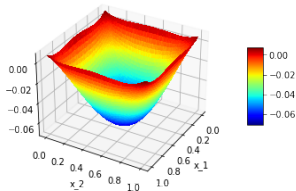


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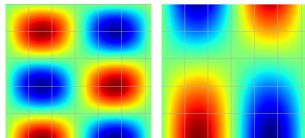
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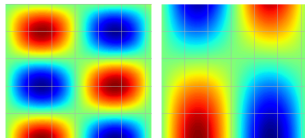
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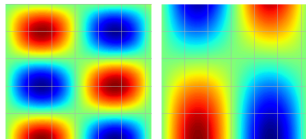
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→ PINNs not applicable

Operator Learning

Why Operator Learning?

Classical Parameter-Identification

Given: Solution u of PDE

Task: Find underlying parameters f

- Iterative algorithms: Solve many similar PDEs
- Classical PDE solver like FDM or FEM: Time-consuming
- Replace by trained NN
- Less time-consuming

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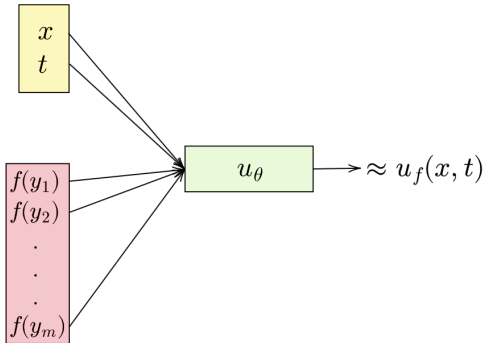
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💡 Sample f at y_1, \dots, y_m

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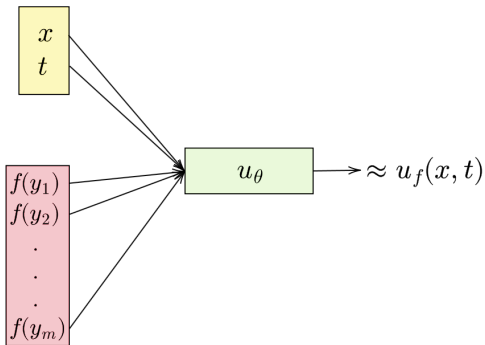
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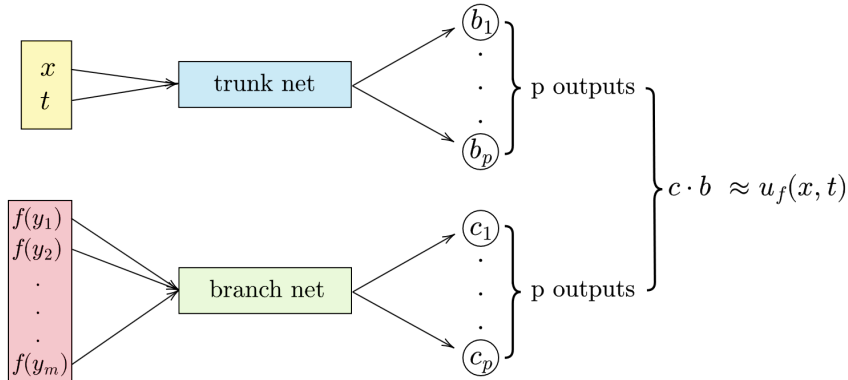
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Problematic:

- Many $f(y_i)$ -inputs versus (x, t)
→ Imbalance

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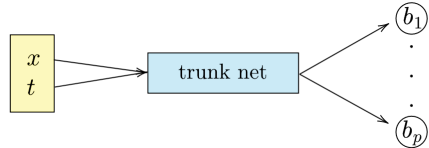
DeepONets¹ - Divide and Conquer



¹Lu, Jin, Karniadakis, *Learning Nonlinear Operators (...)*, 2019

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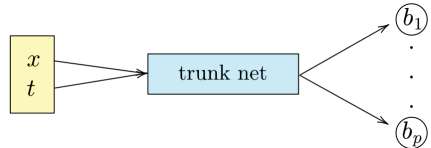
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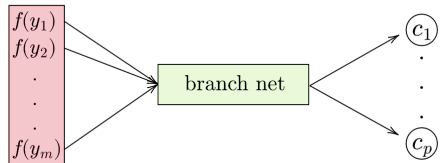
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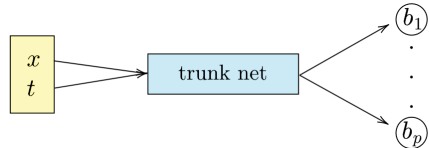


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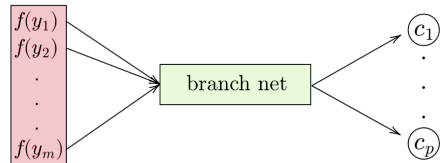
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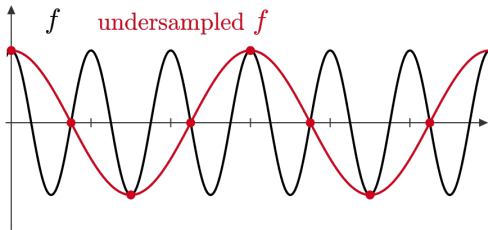
- Receives finite info about parameter function f
- Learns coefficients of u_f w.r.t. trunk net basis b_k



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Enough Info for Branch Net

- Sufficiently many sampling points y_1, \dots, y_m in domain of f



- E.g. band-limited functions f
→ Sample with Shannon-Nyquist rate² $(2 \cdot \text{bandwidth})^{-1}$

²Shannon, *Communication in the Presence of Noise*, 1949

Inspired by Universal Approximation Theorem³

Simplified version

Theorem

Let $K \subset C([0, 1]^d, \mathbb{R})$ be compact. Consider a continuous operator

$$G : [0, 1]^n \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

For all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist sampling points $y_1, \dots, y_m \in [0, 1]^d$ and a

- branch net $\varphi_b : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$
- trunk net $\varphi_t : [0, 1]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ such that

$$|G(x, f) - \langle \varphi_b(f(y_1), \dots, f(y_m)), \varphi_t(x) \rangle| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } f \in K, x \in [0, 1]^n.$$

³ T. Chen, H. Chen, *Universal Approximation to Nonlinear Operators (...)*, 1995

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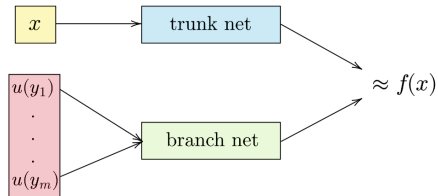
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TORCHPHYSICS: Provides both + combination

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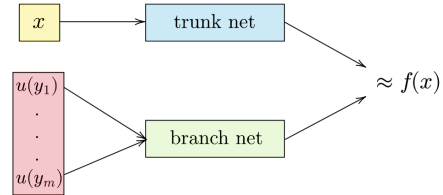
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Tikhonov scheme

- Learn forward operator, mapping (x, t, f) to $u_f(x, t)$
- Use in classical Tikhonov scheme:

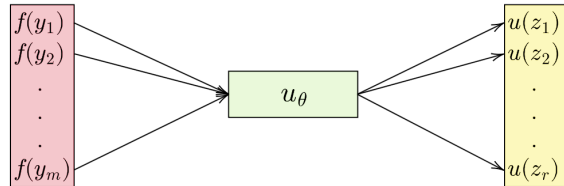
$$\min_{f \in F} \frac{1}{2} \|u_\theta(\cdot, \cdot, f) - u^\delta\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|f\|_{L^2}^2$$

- More robust to noise

Alternative Operator Learning Approaches

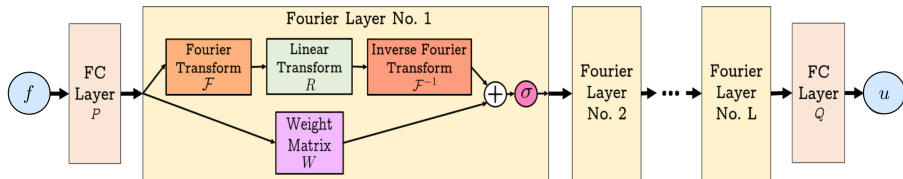
General Approach

- Sampling points y_1, \dots, y_m for functions f
- Sampling points z_1, \dots, z_r for u
- Map sampled f to sampled u



Fourier Neural Operators (FNO)⁴

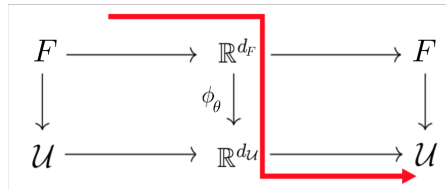
- Needs a fixed grid for both f and u
- Inspired by the convolution theorem: $(\kappa * g)(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\kappa) \cdot \mathcal{F}(g))(x)$
- Exploits strength of Fourier transformation



⁴ Li et al, *Neural operator: Graph kernel network for partial differential equations*, 2020

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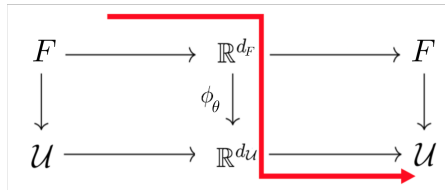
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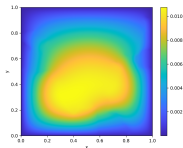
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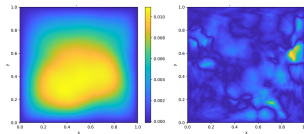
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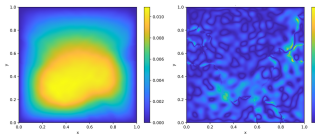


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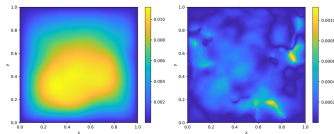
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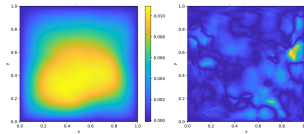
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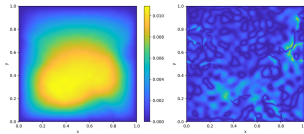
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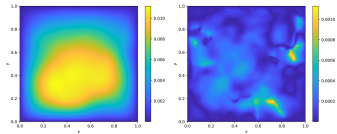
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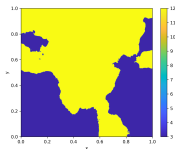
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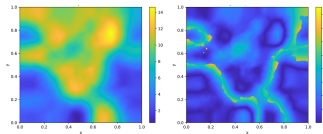
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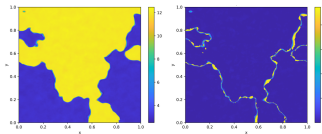


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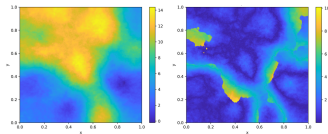
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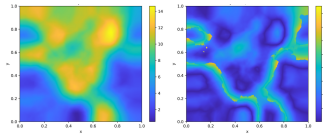
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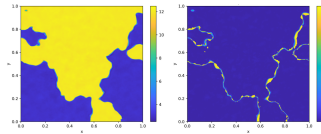
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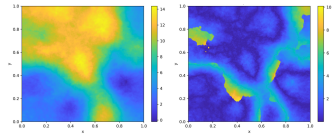
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2) NVIDIA MODULUS

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- Available on GitHub

⁷ Lu et al., *DeepXDE: A Deep Learning Library for Solving Differential Equations*, 2021

Comparison

General information

- TORCHPHYSICS, MODULUS based on PyTorch
- DEEPXDE mainly on TensorFlow, also supports PyTorch, JAX, PaddlePaddle
- pip-installable
- Share similar structure/building blocks, like Domain, Conditions, etc. (different names)

Comparison

Domains and sampling

	TORCHPHYSICS	DEEPXDE	MODULUS
Domain operations \cup, \cap, \setminus	✓ Cartesian product	✓	✓
Time-dependent domains	✓	✗	✗
STL geometry	✓	✗	✓
Grid sampling	✓	✓	✗
Random sampling	✓	✓	✓
Adaptive sampling (e.g. loss-dependent)	✓	✓	(✓) Manually

Comparison

Pre-Implemented Methods

	TORCHPHYSICS	DEEPXDE	MODULUS
PINN	✓	✓ Extensions	✓
DeepRitz	✓	Manually	Manually
(PI)DeepONet	✓	✓ Extensions	✓
FNO	✗	Fourier- DeepONet	✓
PINO	✗	✗	✓