

# Neural Operator methods: p. 1, DeepONets

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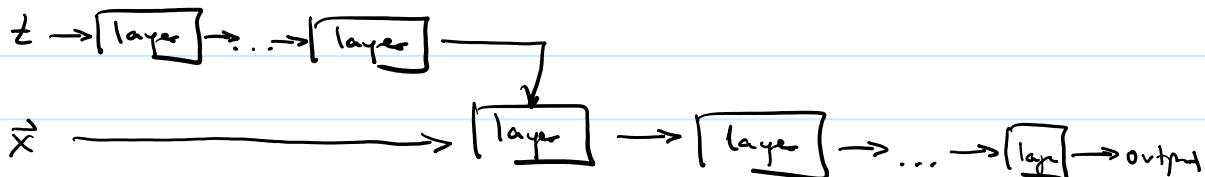
and fortunately use it pretty similarly  
(many competing research groups lay claim to this terminology)

**Background: Hypernetworks** (Han, Dar, Li, arxiv '16, ICLR '17)

to model  $u(t, \vec{x})$  via implicit neural representation (à la SIRENs)

they think of

$t \mapsto$  network weights  
network:  $x \rightarrow$  output



## DeepONets

"Inspired by" universal approximation thm. for operators (and POD / low-rank representations), though no actual guarantees on training or generalization (or even expressiveness wrt concrete hyperparameters).

Applicable for inverse problems:

Stage 1: slow "offline" training to generate

$$\left\{ u_{\theta_k}(y_j) \right\}_{k,j} \text{ of many solutions to PDE}$$

at different parameters  $\theta_k$   $\leftarrow$  all must be same size

Stage 1a: collect training data (slow, use classical forward solvers)

Stage 1b: train neural net  
(also slow, up to 75 hours in paper)

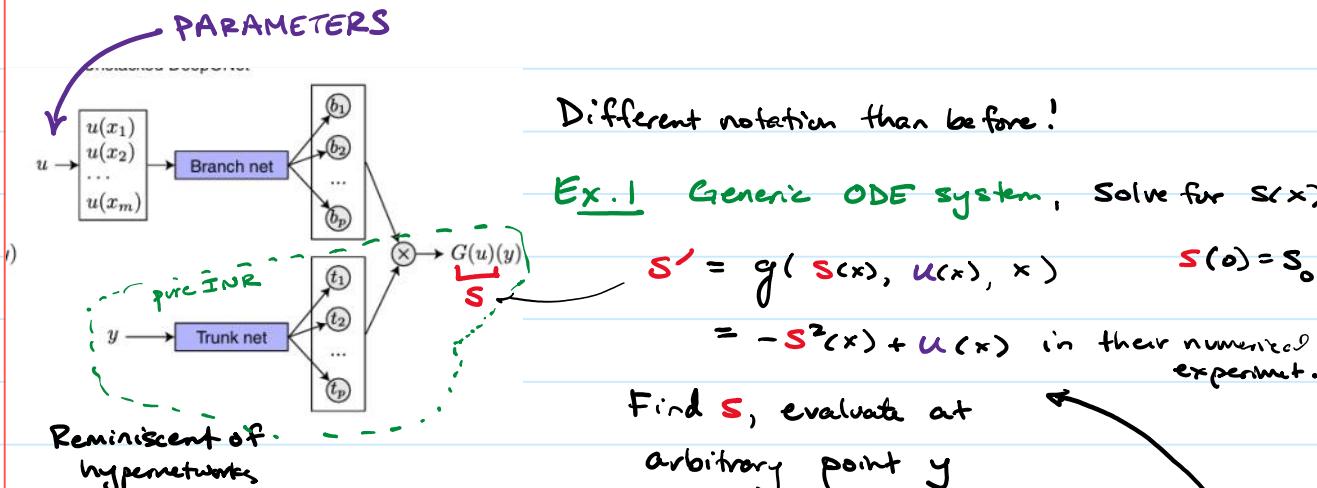
Stage 2: use ML model to predict output for new  $\theta$

cheap (and hopefully accurate)

...So you'd never do this if you just want to solve a new PDE once (for a single  $\theta$ ) ...

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Different notation than before!

Ex. 1 Generic ODE system, Solve for  $s(x)$

$$s' = g(s(x), u(x), x) \quad s(0) = s_0$$

$$= -s^2(x) + u(x) \text{ in their numerical experiment.}$$

Find  $s$ , evaluate at arbitrary point  $y$

We wish to solve a class of problems, e.g. ODE of form for all parameters  $u$

Ex 1 simplified let  $s' = u$  so  $s(y) = s_0 + \int_0^y u(x) dx$   
"Problem 1.A"

Think of it as learning the operator  $G$  (in  $\uparrow$  this case, it's the antiderivative operator)

$\underbrace{G(u)}$   
Output is a function  $s$ , can evaluate it anywhere (at "y")

## Training Data

$$\left\{ (u_i, y_k, \underbrace{G(u_i)(y_k)}_{\substack{\text{computed via} \\ \text{classical forward solver}}}) \right\}_{i=1}^{500 \text{ to } 10,000} \underbrace{k=1}_{1, 20, 100 \text{ or } 2000} \text{ depending on example}$$

(Slow to generate!)

each  $u_i$  is a function

$$(ex: u_{10}(x) = \sin(10 \cdot x))$$

① how to choose good training  $u$ ?

They try drawing Gaussian processes (So smooth), so well-defined distribution, so it's clear how to test (not clear if it's useful / realistic)

② how to discretize  $u$ ?

Choose fixed "sensor" points  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^m$

$m \approx 20$  to  $100$  (use more if less smooth / more oscillatory)

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Sometimes called "POD-DeepONet"

How they think about it

$$(*) \quad G(u)(y) \approx \sum_{l=1}^{\text{rank}} b_l(u) \cdot t_l(y)$$

branch      trunk  
↓            ↓  
 $\underbrace{\phantom{b_l(u) \cdot t_l(y)}}$

Sum of separable terms

after discretizing, a function of  $\vec{u} = (u(x_1), \dots, u(x_m))$

and cite some

universal approx. thm for operators

(see Nelson, Stuart SIREV p.539  
for a long list of refs.)

*good news* Theorem 2 (DeepONet paper)

$X$  a Banach space (eg. functions  $u$ ),  $K_1 \subset X$  compact

$K_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  a domain,  $V$  a compact set of  $C(K_2)$ , compact

assume  $G: V \rightarrow C(K_2)$  is continuous  
(hence uniformly cts!)

then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , if rank is sufficiently large,

(\*) is uniformly accurate in  $u$  and  $y$ , up to  $\varepsilon$

$$\text{ie. } \forall u \in V, \forall y \in K_2, \quad \left| G(u)(y) - \sum_{l=1}^{\text{rank}} b_l(u) t_l(y) \right| < \varepsilon$$

(in the sense that  $\exists b, t$  functions.

To get them as neural nets, "recurse" and use  
standard universal approx. thm)

*bad news*

Quantitatively, even if Lipschitz cts (stranger than uniformly cts),

# of parameters grows **exponentially** with  $\varepsilon^{-1}$  (in the worst case)

see Nelson, Stuart

but we can get lucky!

The DeepONet framework is very broad

- their followup papers claim it subsumes other group's approaches

- ... but it's so general, it's unclear if it counts as a specific algorithm. Lots of hyperparameters

- Output points  $y$  could be anywhere, but input "sensor" points  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^m$  cannot change. So **not fully discretization invariant**

- Output has some structure, other works (vaguely) claim that limits it

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## DeepONet Results

- Between 1 and 100 GPU hours of computing to train!
- Early stopping to prevent overfitting
- Some results discard 1% worst predictions!  
Sometimes it just fails!
- Architectures simple, depths 2 to 4, widths  $\leq 100$ , ReLU

Chapter 6  
Physics-Informed Deep Neural Operator Networks



→ Also describes "physics-informed" hybrid

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Ex: Darcy Flow (adapting notation to original DeepONet paper)

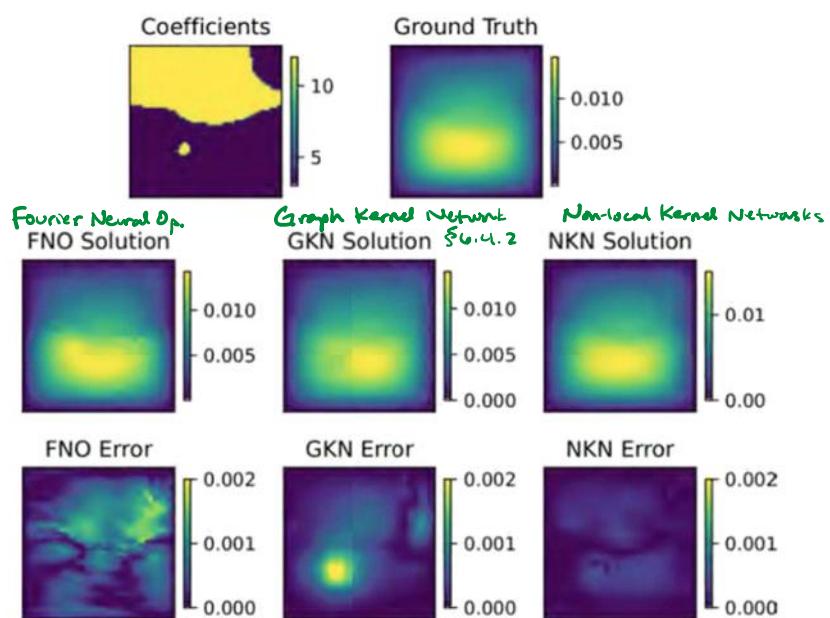
$$-\nabla \cdot (K(x) \cdot \nabla S(x)) = f, \quad S(x) = 0 \text{ on } \partial \Omega, \quad \Omega = [0,1]^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

parameter "u"  
conductivity

"S" is hydraulic head ( $\approx$  pressure)  
f is source

Modes Sub-surface flow of a liquid through a porous medium  
(ground) (water) (dirt)

100 samples of K's, all piecewise constant (via thresholding a spatially correlated random field)  
16-layer deep network



] all "special types" of DeepONets,  
in a sense

Fig. 6.7 2D Darcy flow in a square domain. A visualization of 16-layer FNO, GKN, and NKN performance on an instance of conductivity parameter field  $K(x)$ , when using (normalized) "coarse" training dataset ( $\Delta x = 1/15$ ) and test on the "finer" dataset ( $\Delta x = 1/60$ ). Here, the absolute pointwise error  $|u^{\text{data}}(x) - u^{\text{pred}}(x)|$  is plotted