

Team meeting presentation

Development of hybrid finite element/neural network methods to help create digital surgical twins

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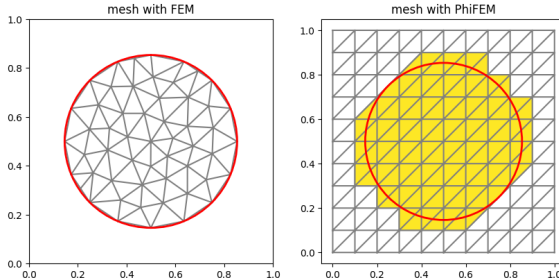
Introduction

Scientific context

Context : Create real-time digital twins of an organ (such as the liver).

ϕ -FEM Method : New fictitious domain finite element method.

- domain given by a level-set function \Rightarrow don't require a mesh fitting the boundary
- allow to work on complex geometries
- ensure geometric quality



Practical case: Real-time simulation, shape optimization...

Objectives

Internship objective : Correct and certify the prediction of a Fourier Neural Operator (FNO), trained with ϕ -FEM solution.

PhD Objective : Develop hybrid finite element / neural network methods.

OFFLINE

- Learn several geometry representations
- Generate ϕ -FEM solutions as training data on several geometry
- Train a Neural Operator (to map the geometry and the function on the solution)

ONLINE

Data : 1 geometry + 1 function

- Compute representation of 1 geometry and 1 function
- Compute predictions from the Neural Operator
- Use ϕ -FEM to correct the prediction

Evolution :

- Geometry : 2D, simple, fixed (as circle, ellipse..) \rightarrow 3D / complex / variable
- PDE : simple, static (Poisson problem) \rightarrow complex / dynamic (elasticity, hyper-elasticity)
- Neural Network : simple and defined everywhere (PINNs) \rightarrow Neural Operator

PDE considered

Poisson problem with Dirichlet conditions :

Find $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d (d = 1, 2, 3)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = g, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{P})$$

with Δ the Laplace operator, Ω a smooth bounded open set and Γ its boundary. We will define by

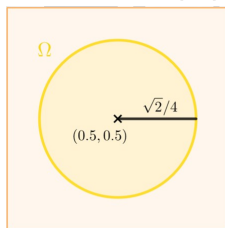
$$\|u_{ex} - u_{method}\|_{0,\Omega}^{(rel)} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} (u_{ex} - u_{method})^2}{\int_{\Omega} u_{ex}^2}$$

the relative error between

- u_{ex} : the exact solution
- u_{method} : the solution obtained by a method
(can be : FEM or ϕ -FEM, a correction solver or the prediction of an neural network).

Problem - Unknown solution on a Circle

$$\mathcal{O} = [0, 1]^2$$



→ **Level-set function :**

$$\phi(x, y) = -1/8 + (x - 1/2)^2 + (y - 1/2)^2$$

→ **FNO solution :**

$$f(x, y) = \exp \left(-\frac{(x - \mu_0)^2 + (y - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{with } \sigma \sim \mathcal{U}([0.1, 0.6])$$

$$\mu_0, \mu_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([X_0 - r, X_0 + r])$$

→ **Theoretical experiment solution :**

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = 5 \sin \left(8\pi f \left((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2 \right) + \varphi \right) \quad (2)$$

Remark : $\varphi = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$ on Γ

→ **PINNs solution**

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = \phi(x, y) \sin(x) \exp(y) \quad (3)$$

Finite Element Methods

Standard FEM method

ϕ -FEM method

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Presentation of standard FEM method

Variational Problem : Find $u \in V \mid a(u, v) = l(v), \forall v \in V$
with V - Hilbert space, a - bilinear form, l - linear form.

Approach Problem : Find $u_h \in V_h \mid a(u_h, v_h) = l(v_h), \forall v_h \in V_h$
with • $u_h \in V_h$ an approximate solution of u ,
• $V_h \subset V$, $\dim V_h = N_h < \infty$, ($\forall h > 0$)
 \Rightarrow Construct a piecewise continuous functions space

$$V_h := P_{C,h}^k = \{v_h \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, v_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_k\}$$

where \mathbb{P}_k is the vector space of polynomials of total degree $\leq k$.

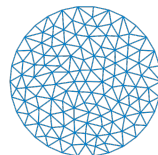
Finding an approximation of the PDE solution \Rightarrow solving the following linear system:

$$AU = b$$

with

$$A = (a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N_h}, \quad U = (u_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N_h} \quad \text{and} \quad b = (l(\varphi_j))_{1 \leq j \leq N_h}$$

where $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{N_h})$ is a basis of V_h .



$$\mathcal{T}_h = \{K_1, \dots, K_{N_e}\}$$

(N_e : number of elements)

Finite Element Methods

Standard FEM method

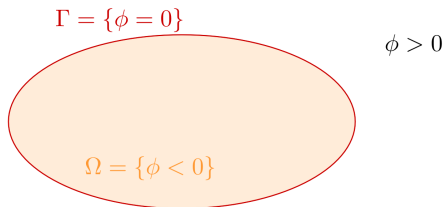
ϕ -FEM method

Problem

Let $u = \phi w + g$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = g, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

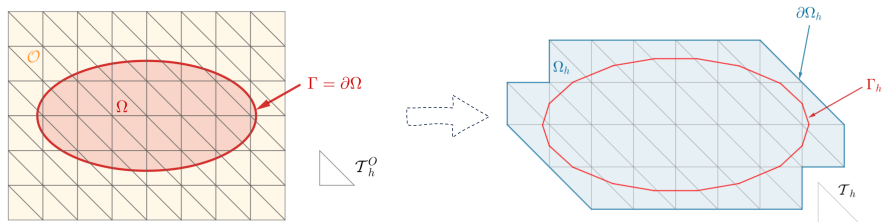
where ϕ is the level-set function and Ω and Γ are given by :



The level-set function ϕ is supposed to be known on \mathbb{R}^d and sufficiently smooth. For instance, the signed distance to Γ is a good candidate.

Remark : Thanks to ϕ and g , the conditions on the boundary are respected.

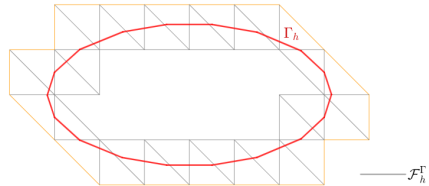
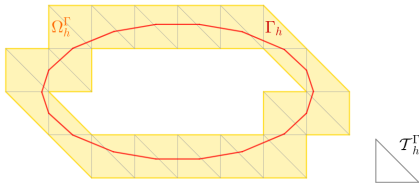
Fictitious domain



- ϕ_h : approximation of ϕ
- $\Gamma_h = \{\phi_h = 0\}$: approximate boundary of Γ
- Ω_h : computational mesh
- $\partial\Omega_h$: boundary of Ω_h ($\partial\Omega_h \neq \Gamma_h$)

Remark : n_{vert} will denote the number of vertices in each direction for \mathcal{O}

Facets and Cells sets



- \mathcal{T}_h^Γ : mesh elements cut by Γ_h
- \mathcal{F}_h^Γ : collects the interior facets of \mathcal{T}_h^Γ
(either cut by Γ_h or belonging to a cut mesh element)

ϕ -FEM Method - Poisson problem

Approach Problem : Find $w_h \in V_h^{(k)}$ such that

$$a_h(w_h, v_h) = I_h(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^{(k)}$$

where

$$a_h(w, v) = \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla(\phi_h w) \cdot \nabla(\phi_h v) - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial}{\partial n}(\phi_h w) \phi_h v + G_h(w, v),$$

$$I_h(v) = \int_{\Omega_h} f \phi_h v + G_h^{rhs}(v)$$

and

$$V_h^{(k)} = \{v_h \in H^1(\Omega_h) : v_h|_T \in \mathbb{P}_k(T), \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}.$$

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by supposing that g is currently given over the entire Ω_h .

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Stabilization terms

Independent parameter of h Jump on the interface E

$$G_h(w, v) = \underbrace{\sigma h \sum_{E \in \mathcal{F}_h^\Gamma} \int_E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial n}(\phi_h w) \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial n}(\phi_h v) \right]}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ order term}} + \underbrace{\sigma h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T \Delta(\phi_h w) \Delta(\phi_h v)}_{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order term}}$$

$$G_h^{rhs}(v) = \underbrace{-\sigma h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T f \Delta(\phi_h v)}_{-} \underbrace{\sigma h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T (\Delta(\phi_h w) + f) \Delta(\phi_h v)}_{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order term}}$$

1st term : ensure continuity of the solution by penalizing gradient jumps.

→ Ghost penalty [Burman, 2010]

2nd term : require the solution to verify the strong form on Ω_h^Γ .

Purpose :

- reduce the errors created by the "fictitious" boundary
- ensure the correct condition number of the finite element matrix
- restore the coercivity of the bilinear scheme

Internship results

Correction Methods

Results - with FNO

Other results

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Correction Methods

We are given u_θ the FNO prediction (for the problem under consideration).

By multiplying :

By adding :

We will consider

$$\tilde{u} = u_\theta + \tilde{C} \approx 0$$

We want $\tilde{C} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \tilde{C} = \tilde{f}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \tilde{C} = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{C}_+)$$

with $\tilde{f} = f + \Delta u_\theta$ and $\tilde{C} = \phi C$ for the ϕ -FEM method.

Remark : In practice, it may be useful to integrate by parts the term containing Δu_θ .

We will consider

$$\tilde{u} = u_\theta + C \approx 1$$

We want $C : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

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By multiplying - elevated problem :

Find $\hat{u} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \hat{u} = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \hat{u} = g + m, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}})$$

with $\hat{u} = u + m$ (m a constant).

We will consider

$$\tilde{u} = \hat{u}_\theta C$$

with $\hat{u}_\theta = u_\theta + m$.

We want $C : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta(\hat{u}_\theta C) = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ C = 1, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{C}_\times^{\mathcal{M}})$$

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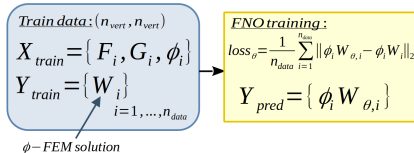
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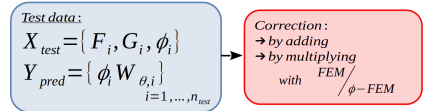
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Explanation

Train a FNO :



Correct the predictions of the FNO :



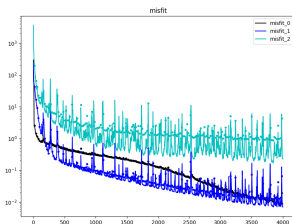
Some important points on the FNO :

- widely used in PDE solving and constitute an active field of research
- FNO are Neural Operator networks : Unlike standard neural networks, which learn using inputs and outputs of fixed dimensions, neural operators **learn operators, which are mappings between spaces of functions.**
- **Mesh resolution independent** : can be evaluated at almost any data resolution without the need for retraining

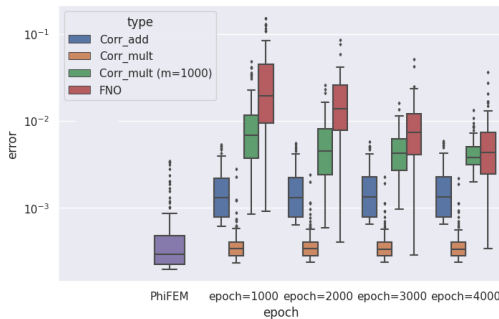
Correction on a FNO prediction - ϕ -FEM

We consider an unknown solution on the circle with f Gaussian (1), $n_{vert} = 63$, $n_{data} = 1000$ (including validation sample) and $n_{test} = 100$.

Training on 4000 epochs
(bs=64,lr=0.01) :



Correction with the different methods :



Remark : We should try to reduce the resolution for correction, maybe we will gain in the time-to-error ratio.

Internship results

Correction Methods

Results - with FNO

Other results

Precision of the prediction - FEM

We consider the trigonometric solution on the circle (2) with

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = S \sin \left(8\pi f \left((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2 \right) + \varphi \right)$$

with $S = 0.5$ and $\varphi = 0$.

Exact solution : Testing different correction methods for different frequencies.

$$u_\theta = u_{ex} \in \mathbb{P}^{10} \rightarrow \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

Correction with FEM ($n_{vert} = 100$):

	fem	Corr_add	Corr_add_IPP	Corr_mult
f = 1	2.10e-03	2.44e-10	1.29e-13	2.97e-13
f = 2	6.62e-03	1.53e-10	1.28e-13	2.80e-13
f = 3	1.41e-02	8.86e-11	1.27e-13	2.68e-13
f = 4	2.42e-02	9.52e-11	1.26e-13	2.61e-13

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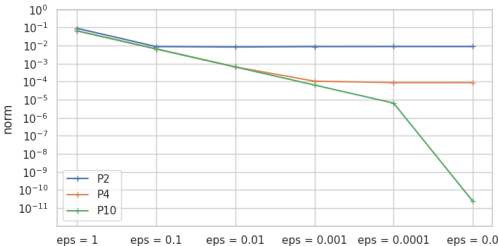
We consider $(S, f, \varphi) = (0.5, 1, 0)$.

Disturbed solution : Testing different ϵ and different degree k .

$$u_\theta = u_{ex} + \epsilon P \in \mathbb{P}^k \rightarrow \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$

with ϵ a real number and P a perturbation.

Correction (\mathcal{C}_+) with FEM ($n_{vert} = 32$) :



Results for $k = 10$:

eps	corr_add
1.00e+00	6.57e-02
1.00e-01	6.57e-03
1.00e-02	6.57e-04
1.00e-03	6.57e-05
1.00e-04	6.57e-06
0.00e+00	2.44e-11

Remark : $P(x, y) = S_p \sin \left(8\pi f_p \left((x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2 \right) + \varphi_p \right)$ with $(S_p, f_p, \varphi_p) = (0.5, 2, 0)$

Theoretical results - FEM

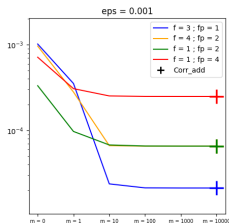
Correction by multiplication on the elevated problem : We consider

- $\hat{u}_{ex} = u_{ex} + m$: the exact solution of $(\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}})$
- $\hat{u}_{\theta} = u_{\theta} + m$: a disturbed solution of $(\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{M}})$.
- $\tilde{u}_h = \hat{u}_{\theta} C_h$: the approximate solution of $(\mathcal{C}_{\times}^{\mathcal{M}})$

1. When m tends to infinity :

solution of $(\mathcal{C}_{\times}^{\mathcal{M}}) \rightarrow$ solution of (\mathcal{C}_{+})

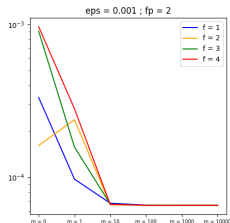
Results : $n_{vert} = 32, \epsilon = 0.001$



2. For m sufficiently large : $C_{ex} = \hat{u}_{ex} / \hat{u}_{\theta}$

$$\|C_{ex} - C_h\|_{0,\Omega} \leq ch^{k+1} \epsilon \|P''\|_{0,\Omega}$$

Results : $n_{vert} = 32, \epsilon = 0.001, f_p = 2$



PhD results

Explanation

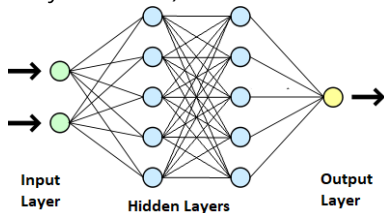
Context : Need $u_\theta \in \mathbb{P}^k$ with k of high degree

FNO
(on a regular grid) \rightarrow

NN which can predict
solution at any point

Solutions :

1. MLP - Multi-Layer Perceptron
(= Fully connected)



Problem : As the prediction is injected into an FEM solver, the accuracy of the derivatives is very important.

2. PINNs - MLP with a physical loss

$$\text{loss} = \text{mse}(\Delta(\phi(x_i, y_i)w_{\theta, i}) + f_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inputs} &= \{(x_i, y_i)\} \\ \text{outputs} &= \{u_i\} \end{aligned}$$

$$u_i = \phi(x_i, y_i)w_{\theta}(x_i, y_i)$$

with $(x_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{O}$.

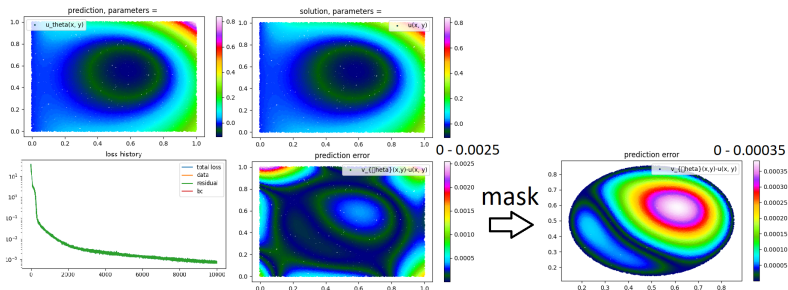
Remark : We impose exact boundary conditions.

PINNs Training

We consider the solution on the circle defined in (3) and defined by

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = \phi(x, y) \sin(x) \exp(y)$$

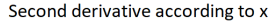
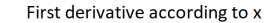
We train a PINNs with 4 layers of 20 neurons over 10000 epochs (with $n_{pts} = 2000$ points selected uniformly over \mathcal{O}).



⚠ We consider a single problem (f fixed) on a single geometry (ϕ fixed).

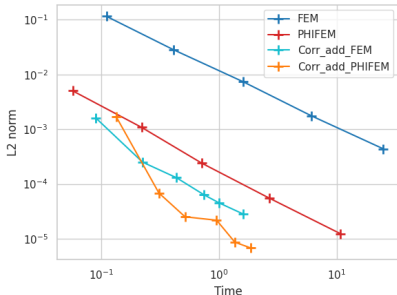
$$\|u_{ex} - u_{\theta}\|_{0, \Omega}^{(rel)} \approx 2.81e - 3$$

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Correction by addition

$$u_\theta \in \mathbb{P}^{10} \rightarrow \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{P}^1$$



Calculation time (to reach an error of 1e-4)

	mesh	u_PINNs	assemble	solve	TOTAL
FEM	0,08832		29,55516	0,07272	29,71621
PhiFEM	0,33222		1,86924	0,00391	2,20537
Corr_add_FEM	0,00183	0,11187	0,46195	0,00061	0,57626
Corr_add_PhiFEM	0,03213	0,05351	0,22006	0,00040	0,30609

- **mesh** - FEM : construct the mesh
(ϕ -FEM : construct cell/facet sets)
- **u_PINNs** - get u_θ in \mathbb{P}^{10} freedom degrees
- **assemble** - assemble the FE matrix
- **solve** - resolve the linear system

FEM / ϕ -FEM : $n_{vert} \in \{8, 16, 32, 64, 128\}$

Corr : $n_{vert} \in \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30\}$

Remark : The stabilisation parameter σ of the ϕ -FEM method has a major impact on the error obtained.

Conclusion

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Observations :

1. Correction by addition seems to be the best choice (based on theoretical results obtained with FEM)
2. We need a high degree prediction ($u_\theta \in \mathbb{P}^{10}$)
 \Rightarrow no longer use FNO (needs NN defined at any point)
3. We need to approximate the derivatives of the solution precisely
 \Rightarrow no longer use simple MLP, replaced by a PINNs

What's next ?

1. Consider multiple problems (varying f)
2. Consider multiple and more complex geometry (varying ϕ)
3. Replace PINNs with a Neural Operator

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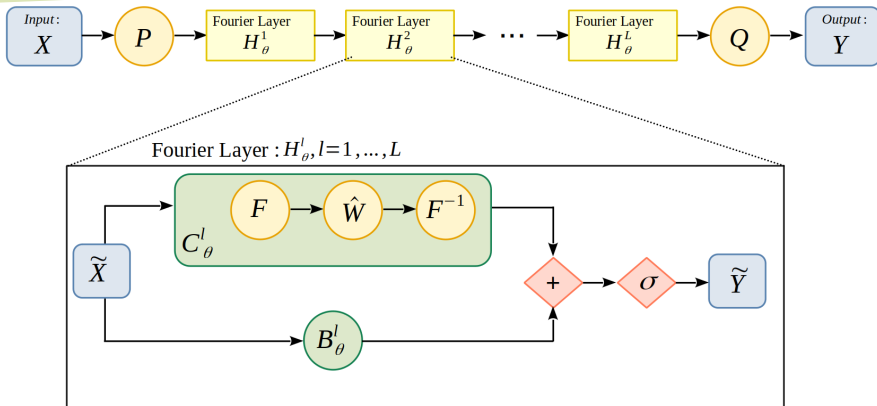
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Architecture of the FNO

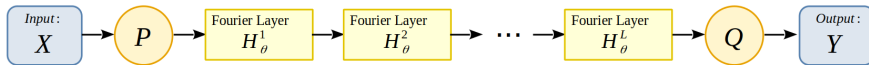


Input X of shape (bs, ni, nj, nk)

Output Y of shape $(bs, ni, nj, 1)$

with bs the batch size, ni and nj the grid resolution and nk the number of channels.

Description of the FNO architecture



- perform a P transformation, to move to a space with more channels (to build a sufficiently rich representation of the data)
- apply L Fourier layers defined by

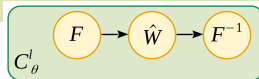
$$\mathcal{H}_{\theta}^l(\tilde{X}) = \sigma \left(\mathcal{C}_{\theta}^l(\tilde{X}) + \mathcal{B}_{\theta}^l(\tilde{X}) \right), \quad l = 1, \dots, L$$

with \tilde{X} the input of the current layer and

- σ an activation function (ReLU or GELU)
 - \mathcal{C}_{θ}^l : convolution sublayer (convolution performed by Fast Fourier Transform)
 - \mathcal{B}_{θ}^l : "bias-sublayer"
- return to the target dimension by performing a Q transformation (in our case, the number of output channels is 1)

Fourier Layer Structure

Convolution sublayer : $\mathcal{C}_{\theta}^l(X) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(X) \cdot \hat{W})$



→ \hat{W} : a trainable kernel

→ \mathcal{F} : 2D Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) defined by

$$\mathcal{F}(X)_{ijk} = \frac{1}{ni} \frac{1}{nj} \sum_{i'=0}^{ni-1} \sum_{j'=0}^{nj-1} X_{i'j'k} e^{-2\sqrt{-1}\pi \left(\frac{i'j}{ni} + \frac{j'j}{nj} \right)}$$

\mathcal{F}^{-1} : its inverse.

→ $(Y \cdot \hat{W})_{ijk} = \sum_{k'} Y_{ijk'} \hat{W}_{ijk'} \Rightarrow$ applied channel by channel

Bias-sublayer : $\mathcal{B}_{\theta}^l(X)_{ijk} = \sum_{k'} X_{ijk'} W_{k'k} + B_k$

$$B_{\theta}^l$$

→ 2D convolution with a kernel of size 1

→ allowing channels to be mixed via a kernel without allowing interaction between pixels.

Dual method - Poisson Problem

Problem : Find u on Ω_h and p on Ω_h^Γ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla u \nabla v - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v + \frac{\gamma}{h^2} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma} \int_T \left(u - \frac{1}{h} \phi p \right) \left(v - \frac{1}{h} \phi q \right) \\ + G_h(u, v) = \int_{\Omega_h} f v + G_h^{rhs}(v), \quad \forall v \text{ on } \Omega_h, \quad q \text{ on } \Omega_h^\Gamma \end{aligned}$$

with γ an other positive stabilization parameter and G_h and G_h^{rhs} the stabilization terms defined previously.

For the non homogeneous case, we replace

$$\int_T \left(u - \frac{1}{h} \phi p \right) \left(v - \frac{1}{h} \phi q \right) \rightarrow \int_T \left(u - \frac{1}{h} \phi p - g \right) \left(v - \frac{1}{h} \phi q \right)$$

by assuming g is defined on Ω_h^Γ