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I'll try to explain this to you. This sentence is from a paper about 3D Attention UNet, which is a neural network model for 3D image segmentation . The paper introduces a component called 3D Skip Attention Unit, which consists of two parallel branches: the spatial attention branch and the channel attention branch. These branches perform feature recalibration by learning and applying attention maps to the input tensor. The paper claims that by fusing skip-connection, which is adding the input tensor to the output tensor, they can reduce sparsity and singularity caused by these parallel excitations.

Sparsity and singularity are two problems that can affect the quality and efficiency of neural networks. Sparsity means that many elements of a tensor are zero or close to zero, which can reduce the information content and the computational speed of the network. Singularity means that the tensor becomes ill-conditioned, which means that its inverse does not exist or is very sensitive to small changes. This can cause numerical instability and poor convergence of the network.

Parallel excitations are the operations that the spatial attention branch and the channel attention branch perform on the input tensor. They are called parallel because they run independently and simultaneously on different dimensions of the input tensor. The spatial attention branch aggregates the spatial feature correlations into a single channel, and the channel attention branch captures the global context information from the average pooled features. These operations can cause sparsity and singularity in the output tensor, because they reduce the number of channels and the spatial dimensions, and they apply sigmoid functions that can saturate the values.

By fusing skip-connection, the paper argues that they can mitigate the sparsity and singularity problems, because they preserve the original information of the input tensor and add it to the recalibrated tensor. This way, the output tensor has more non-zero values and more diversity of values, which can improve the representation and generalization ability of the network.

I hope this explanation helps you understand the sentence and the concepts. 😊

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