Deep Learning meets Parametric Partial Differential Equations

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Why Parametric PDEs?

Parameter dependent families of PDEs arise in basically any branch of science and engineering.

Some Exemplary Problem Classes:

- Complex design problems
- Inverse problems
- Optimization tasks
- Uncertainty quantification
- ...



The number of parameters can be

- finite (physical properties such as domain geometry, ...)
- infinite (modeling of random stochastic diffusion field, ...)

Parametric Map:

$$\mathcal{Y} \ni y \mapsto u_v \in \mathcal{H}$$
 such that $\mathcal{L}(u_v, y) = f_v$.



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We restrict ourselves to the case that

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^{p} y_i g_i$$

for some $p \in \mathbb{N}$ which is potentially very large.



Parametric Partial Differential Equations

Our Setting: We will consider parameter-dependent equations of the form

$$b_y(u_y, v) = f_y(v)$$
, for all $y \in \mathcal{Y}$, $v \in \mathcal{H}$,

where

- (i) $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ (p large) is the compact parameter set,
- (ii) \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space,
- (ii) $b_y \colon \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a symmetric, uniformally coercive, and uniformally continuous bilinear form,
- (iv) $f_y \in \mathcal{H}^*$ is the uniformly bounded, parameter-dependent right-hand side,
- (v) $u_v \in \mathcal{H}$ is the solution.

We assume the solution manifold

$$S(\mathcal{Y}) := \{u_v : y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$$

to be compact in \mathcal{H} .



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Curse of Dimensionality:

Computational cost often much too high!



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$$u_y^h = \sum_{i=1}^D (\mathbf{u}_y^h)_i \varphi_i$$
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Advantages:

- After training, extremely rapid computation of the map.
- Flexible, universal approach.

Questions: Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

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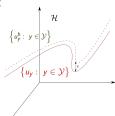
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(2) How does the complexity of Φ depend on p and D?

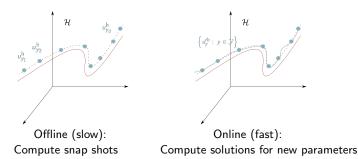


Reduced Basis Method: Key Ideas

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Deep Learning Approaches to Parametric PDEs

Solving Parametric PDEs with Neural Networks:

- K. Lee, K. Carlberg; 2018 Learn a parametrization of $S(\mathcal{Y})$ represented by neural networks.
- J.S. Hesthaven, S. Ubbiali; 2018
 Find reduced basis and then train neural networks to predict coefficients of solution in that basis.
- Schwab, Zech; 2018
 Assume that there is a reduced basis of polynomial chaos functions.
 These and the coefficients can be efficiently represented by neural networks



Our Theoretical Analysis

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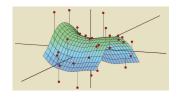
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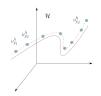
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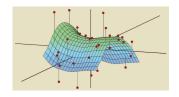
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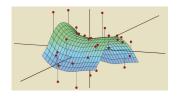
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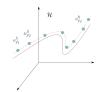
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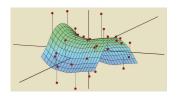
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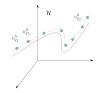
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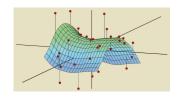
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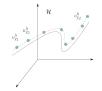
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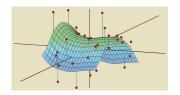
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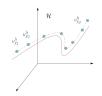
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Our Results: Discrete Version

Theorem (K, Petersen, Raslan, Schneider; 2019):

We assume the following:

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Remark: The hypotheses are fulfilled, for example, by

- Diffusion equations,
- Linear elasticity equations.



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Identifying Suitable Architectures:

- Neural networks of sufficient depth and size are able to yield very efficient approximations.
- → How do they perform for stochastic gradient descent?



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Moreover,

$$xz = 1/4((x+z)^2 - (x-z)^2)$$
 for all $x, z \in \mathbb{R}$.

 \implies Scalar multiplication on $[-1,1]^2$ can be ε -approximated by a neural network of size $\mathcal{O}(\log_2(1/\varepsilon))$.



Step 2 (Multiplication):

A matrix multiplication of two matrices of size $d \times d$ can be performed by d^3 scalar multiplications.

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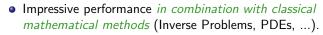
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Conclusions



What to take Home...?

Deep Learning:





• Theoretical foundation of neural networks almost entirely missing: Expressivity, Learning, Generalization, and Explainability.

Parametric PDEs:

- One key problem is the curse of dimensionality.
- The reduced basis method uses the low-dimensionality of the solution manifold.



A Theoretical Analysis:

- We derive upper bounds on the complexity of ReLU neural networks to approximate parametric maps.
- Those neural networks do not suffer from the curse of dimensionality and essentially only depend on the size of the reduced basis.
- We provide a construction for such neural networks.





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