# A Supervised Learning Approach to Predicting Multigrid Convergence

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## Introduction

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#### Poisson Problem

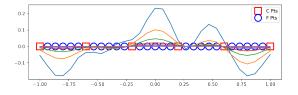
► Look at the 1D variable coefficients case w/ homogeneous Dirichlet conditions

$$-\nabla \cdot (k(\mathbf{x}) \, \nabla \mathbf{y}) = f$$
 
$$\Omega = [-1, 1] \quad \partial \Omega = 0$$

- ▶ Discretized on N=31 internal points using finite differences,  $k(\mathbf{x})$  is discretized on midpoints to preserve symmetry.
- ► For arbitrary C/F splitting, can we predict convergence rate and optimal relaxation weight?

## Training Dataset

- ► For "traditional" machine learning we need a dataset.
- ▶ Idea: Run a *whole lot* of multigrid iterations.
- Run multigrid iterations and record convergence rate and relaxation weight for randomly generated C/F splittings and problem setups.



#### **Dataset Generation**

- Start from "reference" splittings, which are evenly spaced coarse points on a grid.
- Randomly perturb each reference in several trials, according to

$$p = \left\{ 0.01 \quad 0.05 \quad 0.1 \quad 0.25 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.75 \right\}.$$

▶ Generate variable coefficients such that

$$k\left(\mathbf{x}\right) = \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \operatorname{rand}()\left(\alpha+1\right) \\ \alpha\cos\left(\pi x\beta\right) + \gamma \\ \left|\sum_{i=1}^{5} \alpha_{i} x^{i}\right| + 0.01 \end{cases}.$$

#### Convolutional Network

- ► Take the C/F splittings, run in multigrid solver to find convergence rate and relaxation weight that maximizes the former.
- ▶ Use the data to train a 1D convolutional network that predicts convergence, Jacobi relaxation.

Model	Dataset	Value
Jacobi Weight	Training	$1.8331 \times 10^{-3}$
Jacobi Weight	Testing	$1.8396 \times 10^{-3}$
Convergence Factor	Training	$1.4839 \times 10^{-3}$
Convergence Factor	Testing	$1.5171 \times 10^{-3}$

Table: Mean squared error (MSE) between predicted and true Jacobi weight, convergence factor.

#### **CNN** Performance

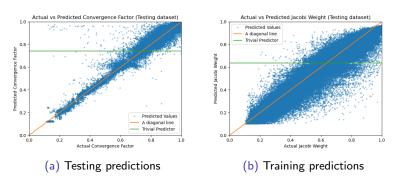


Figure: (a) Predicted convergence values vs. true convergence values, (b) Predicted relaxation weights vs true relaxation weights. Values closer to the diagonal represent more accurate predictions.

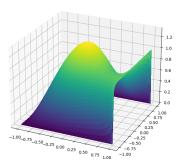
What we learned: Poisson is too easy!
Let's try learning a more difficult problem.

#### Convection-Diffusion Problem

Try out a specific convection-diffusion problem,

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla u - k \nabla^2 u = f,$$

on 2D square,  $\Omega = [-1,1]^2$ , discretized as quadrilateral finite elements. Use k=0.1,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y(1-x^2) & 2x(1-y^2) \end{bmatrix}$ . Apply Dirichlet conditions as one "hot" wall and three "cold" walls.



## Dataset Generation, Convection-Diffusion

- ▶ Discretize on a  $25 \times 25$  structured grid.
- Start from "reference" splittings, all fine, all coarse, AMG output, etc.
- Randomly perturb each reference in several trials, according to

$$p = \{0.01 \quad 0.05 \quad 0.1 \quad 0.25 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.75\}.$$

- Don't generate coefficient values for now.
- ► Take output and run through 50 iteration multigrid solver to find convergence rate.

#### Convection-Diffusion Convolution

▶ 2D structured grid ⇒ train 2D convolutional network to predict convergence.

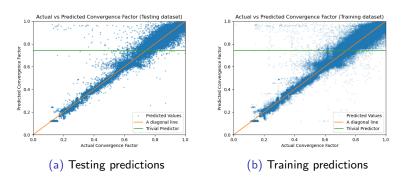


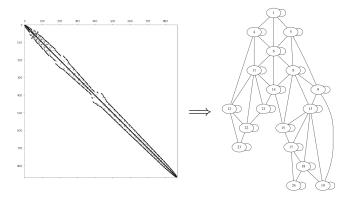
Figure: Predicted convergence values vs. true convergence values on (2a) testing and (2b) training datasets for Poisson equation. Values closer to the diagonal represent more accurate predictions.

#### CNN to GNN

- Classical convolution techniques work okay on structured, grid-like inputs.
- Very restrictive in terms of mesh data we can use for FEM solvers.
- ► Take a look at some network architectures that allow for unstructured data: introduce *graph-nets*.

## **Graphnets Motivation**

Take FEM matrix, convert to graph and try to learn properties about the system.



# Message-Passing Graph Convolutions

- ► Many graph convolution implementations, one such is the *Message-Passing Graph* layer.
- ▶ Nodes learn optimal "messages" to pass via edges. Each node passes this message to other nodes in its neighborhood.
- Update given by:

$$\left(\mathbf{H}^{(i)}\right)_{j} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(j)|} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}(j)} F^{(i)}\left(e_{j,k}\right) \left(\mathbf{H}^{(i-1)}\right)_{k} + \mathbf{b}^{(i)}$$

Stacking multiple of these layers approximates traditional grid-based convolution.

## Message-Passing Architecture

- Pass node C/F values,  $\mathbf{X}$ , through 4 MPN layers to get  $\mathbf{H}^{(i)}, \ i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}.$
- ► Stack historical values to both simulate residual-style networks and give more information to aggregator:

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \mathbf{X}^T & \dots \\ \dots & (\mathbf{H}^{(1)})^T & \dots \\ \dots & (\mathbf{H}^{(2)})^T & \dots \\ \dots & (\mathbf{H}^{(3)})^T & \dots \\ \dots & (\mathbf{H}^{(4)})^T & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Run each set of nodal values through linear NN, take average for final convergence rate:

$$y = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} \sigma \left( \left( \mathbf{r}_{j} \mathbf{W}^{(5)} + \mathbf{b}^{(5)} \right) \mathbf{W}^{(6)} + \mathbf{b}^{(6)} \right)$$

# Message-Passing Dataset

- Decoupled the neural network from a fixed input size due to final aggregation step.
- ► Can have variable-sized input. Now generate and train on a variably-sized dataset of four mesh sizes:

$$\{15 \times 15 \quad 25 \times 25 \quad 35 \times 35 \quad 50 \times 50\}$$

# Message-Passing Performance

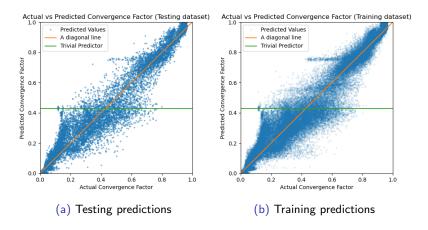
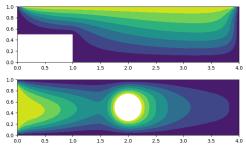


Figure: Predicted convergence rates vs. true convergence rates on (4a) testing and (4b) training datasets for model convection-diffusion problem, using an Edge-Conditioned Convolution network. Values closer to the diagonal represent more accurate predictions.

#### **Future Directions**

► Try out some more interesting problems:



- Pick between different AMG methods with predictions.
- Use predictions in an optimization routine to find most convergent C/F splitting.