

# Discretization Invariant Operator Learning

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# Operator Learning

Learn a map between function spaces.

- Denote  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  as appropriate function spaces.
- E.g.,  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued functions over  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- Suppose that  $\Psi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  denotes a mapping between  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

The objective of operator learning is to learn the underlying mapping  $\Psi$ .

## Example

Consider the Burgers Equation given by

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u(x, t) + \partial_x(u^2(x, t)/2) &= \nu \partial_{xx} u(x, t), & x \in (0, 1), t \in (0, 1] \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x)\end{aligned}$$

with periodic boundary conditions, and  $\nu$  representing the viscosity. An example of operator learning is to learn the mapping  $\Psi : u_0(\cdot, 0) \rightarrow u(\cdot, 1)$ .

# Why Operator Learning

Broad Applications:

- Predictive Modelling.
- Solving parametric PDEs.
- Solving Inverse Problems.
- Image Processing.
- Signal Processing.

# Deep Neural Network

$$y = \Psi^n(x; \theta) = \sigma \circ T \circ h^L \circ h^{L-1} \circ \dots \circ h^1(x)$$

- $h^i(x) = \sigma(W^i{}^T x + b^i)$
- $\sigma$  is an activation function, e.g.,  $\text{ReLU}(x) = \max\{0, x\}$ .
- $T(x) = V^T x$ .
- $\theta = \{W^1, \dots, W^L, b^1, \dots, b^L, V\}$ .

**Approach:** Learn  $\Psi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ .

- Use deep neural network  $\Psi^n(\cdot; \theta)$  to parameterize  $\Psi$ .
- Learn  $\Psi^n$  via supervised learning, given samples  $\{(f_i, g_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ ,  $f_i \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $g_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

# Why Data Driven

## Conventional Methods

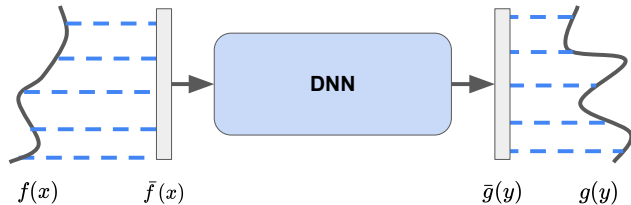
- Years of design needed to develop methods.
- Accurate but maybe slow.

## Data Driven Methods

- Learn to solve from data.
- After model is trained, evaluation is fast.



# Discretization Invariance



NNs were originally proposed to learn mappings between a vector space  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_x}$  to another vector space  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_y}$ .

- $\bar{f} \in X$  and  $\bar{g} \in Y$  comes from the discretization of functions  $f \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
- We cannot apply a NN trained on  $X$  and  $Y$  to other discrete spaces.

# Why Discretization Invariance

- Apply trained model to other resolutions.
- Expensive re-training is required to retrain a new NN for different discretization formats.
- Difficult to obtain training samples from certain discrete formats, e.g., high resolution.

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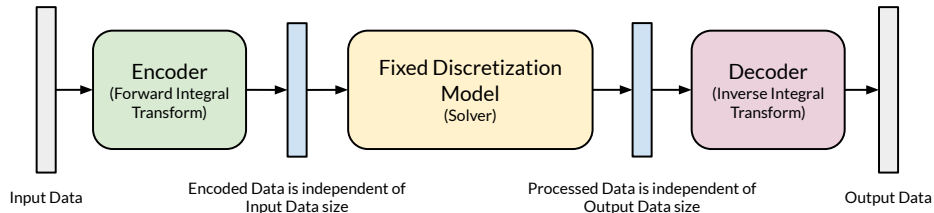
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# Integral Autoencoder (IAE)

(Ong, Shen, Y., 2022)



Map between an Input/Output Data of arbitrary discretization to a representation of a fixed discretization.

- **Data-driven integral transforms**
- Captures intrinsic dimension (sparsity).

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# Integral Transform

(Ong, Shen, Y., 2022)

A non-linear integral transform:

$$(Tf)(z) = \int_{\Omega_x} K(f(x), x, z) f(x) dx, \quad z \in \Omega_z.$$

- $f$  function defined on  $\Omega_x$ .
- $K$  kernel function.
- $Tf$  function on  $\Omega_z$ , independent of  $\Omega_x$ .

**Idea:** Design  $K$  as a NN  $\phi_1(\cdot; \theta_{\phi_1})$ .

$$v(z) = \int_{\Omega_x} \phi_1(f(x), x, z; \theta_{\phi_1}) f(x) dx, \quad z \in \Omega_z.$$

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# Backward Integral Transform

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$$g(y) = \int_{\Omega_z} \phi_2(u(z), x, z; \theta_{\phi_2}) u(z) dz, \quad y \in \Omega_y.$$

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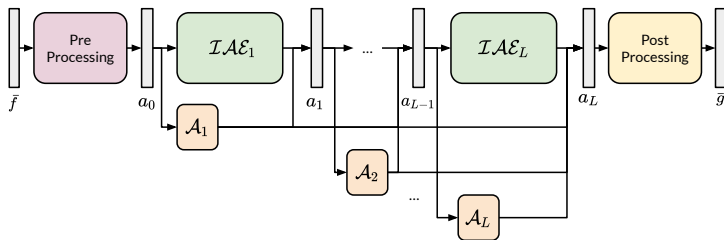
Introduce  $\phi_0$  to map  $v(z)$  to  $u(z)$ .

$$f(x) \xrightarrow{\phi_1} v(z) \xrightarrow{\phi_0} u(z) \xrightarrow{\phi_2} g(y)$$

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# Multi-Layer Structure

(Ong, Shen, Y., 2022)



- Compose consecutive  $\mathcal{IAE}$ -Blocks, each containing an IAE.
- $\mathcal{IAE}_i$  takes as input  $a_0, \dots, a_{i-1}$  from previous  $\mathcal{IAE}$ -Blocks.
- Pre and Post Processing handle dimensions.
- $\mathcal{A}_i$  are pointwise affine transforms performing rescaling.

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# Why Multiple Layers

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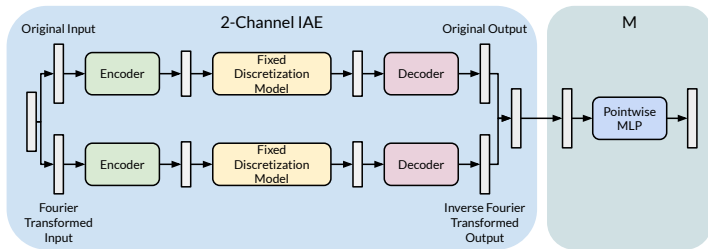
$$\bar{f} \xrightarrow{\text{Pre Process}} a_0 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{IAE}_1} a_1 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{IAE}_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\mathcal{IAE}_L} a_L \xrightarrow{\text{Post Process}} \bar{g}.$$

- Multi-layer structure incorporates multiple encoders.
- Each focus on specific features.
- Use previous approximations  $a_0, \dots, a_{i-1}$  to learn  $a_i$ .

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# Multi-Channel Structure

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- Multiple IAEs are assembled in parallel, using known integral transforms as a guide.
- Different features are captured in different domains.

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# Data Augmentation

(Ong, Shen, Y., 2022)

- IAE-Net uses data-driven integral kernels.
- Does not assume any known structure in the data.

**Question:** How do we guide IAE-Net to learn to encode data from different resolutions?

Data Augmentation!

$$\min_{\theta_{\Psi^n}} \mathbb{E}_{(\bar{f}, \bar{g}) \sim p_{data}} \mathbb{E}_{I_T \sim \mathcal{I}} [L(\Psi^n(\bar{f}; \theta_{\Psi^n}), \bar{g}) + \lambda \mathbf{L}(\Psi^n(\mathbf{I}_T(\bar{f}); \theta_{\Psi^n}), \mathbf{I}_T(\bar{g}))],$$

$I_T \sim \mathcal{I}$  denotes a randomly sampled interpolation operator from a set of interpolator functions  $\mathcal{I}$ .

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# Baseline Models

- UNet (Ronneberger et al., 2015)
- DeepONet (Lu et al., 2019)
- Fourier Neural Operator (FNO) (Li et al., 2020)
- Fourier Transformer (FT), Galerkin Transformer (GT) (S. Cao, 2021)

UNet: O. Ronneberger, P. Fischer, T. Brox. U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation (2015).

DeepONet: L. Lu, P. Jin, G. E. Karniadakis. Deeponet: Learning nonlinear operators by neural networks with arbitrary activation functions and its application to dynamical systems (2019).

Fourier Neural Operator (FNO): Z. Li, N. B. Kovachki, K. Azizzadenesheli, B. Liu, K. Bhattacharya, A. M. Stuart, A. Anandkumar. Fourier neural operator for parametric partial differential equations (2020).

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## Example 1: Burgers Equation

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- Periodic Boundary Condition.
- $\nu$  denotes a given viscosity coefficient.
- **Operator:** Mapping from  $u(x, 0) \rightarrow u(x, 1)$ .

# Predictive Modelling

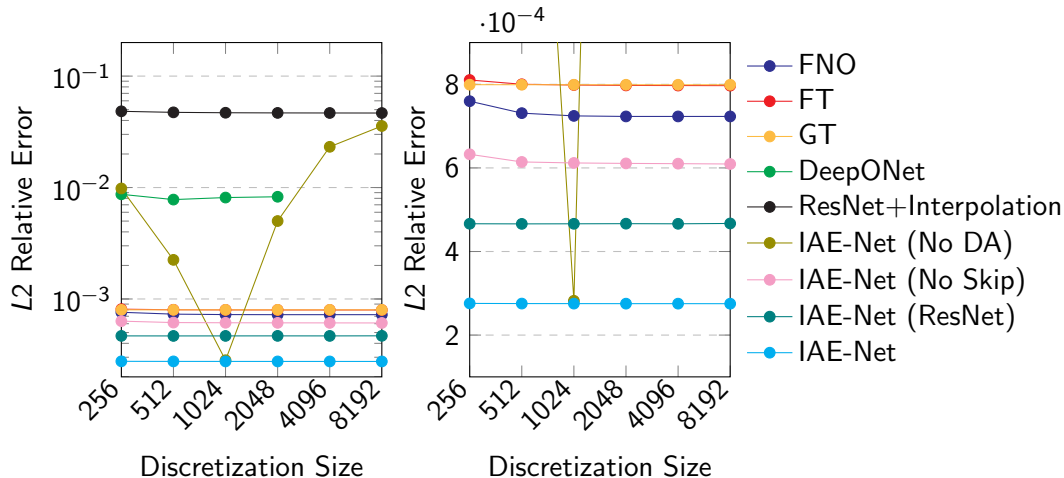


Figure: L2 relative error on the Burgers data set with  $\nu = 1e^{-1}$  (Left) and its closeup (Right). Models are trained with  $s = 1024$  and tested on the other resolutions.

# Forward Problem

## Example 2: Darcy Flow

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a(x) \nabla u(x)) &= f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1)^2 \\ u(x) &= 0, \quad x \in \partial(0, 1)^2, \end{aligned}$$

- $f(x)$  denotes a given forcing function.
- **Operator:** Mapping from  $a(x) \rightarrow u(x)$ .



# Forward Problem

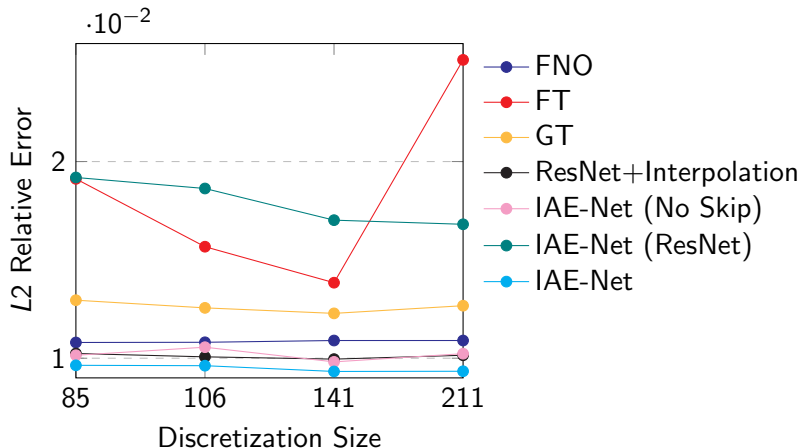


Figure: L2 relative error on the benchmark Darcy data set. Models are trained with  $s = 141$  size training data and tested on the other resolutions.

# Inverse Problem

## **Example 3:** Scattering Problem Helmholtz Equation

$$\left(-\Delta - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(x)}\right)u = 0$$

In most applications, a known background velocity  $c_0(x)$  exists. Introduce

$$\frac{\omega^2}{c(x)^2} = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0(x)^2} + \eta(x) \quad L_0 = -\Delta - \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2(x)}$$

Parametric PDE

$$(L_0 - \eta(x))u(x) = 0$$

- **Operator:** Mapping between  $u(x)$  and  $\eta(x)$ .

# Inverse Problem

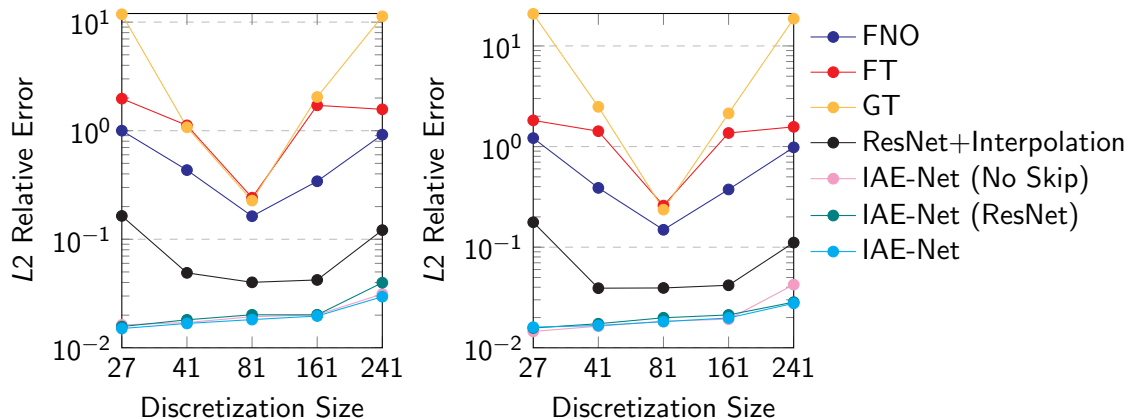


Figure: L2 relative error on the scattering data set for the forward (Left) and inverse (Right) problem. Model is trained with  $s = 81$  and tested on different resolutions.

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## Example 4: ECG Signal Separation

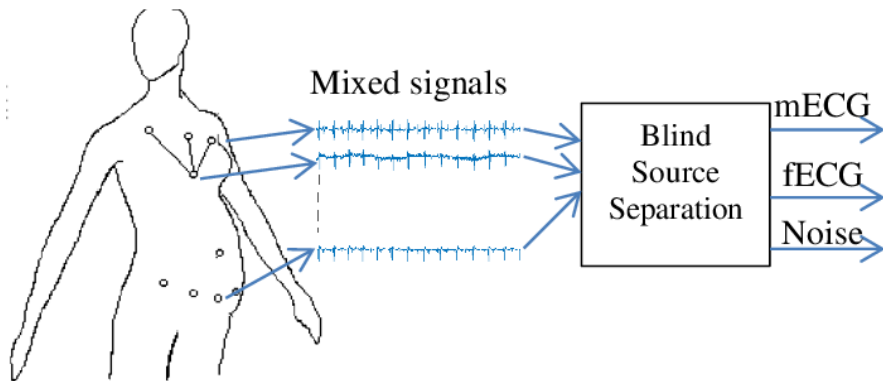
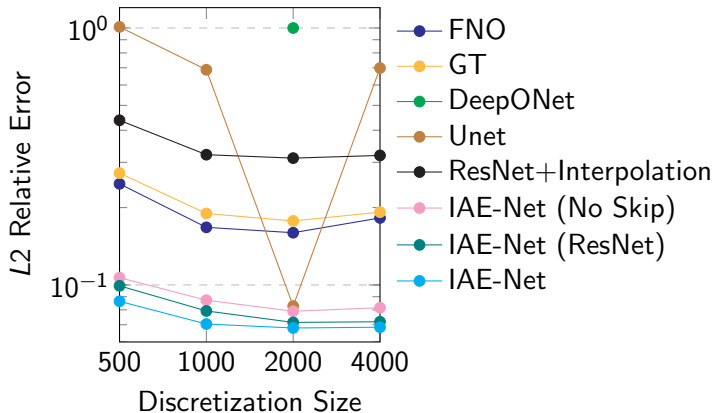


Image From: K. Bensafia, A. Mansour, S. Haddab. Blind Source Subspace Separation and Classification of ECG Signals (2017).

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**Figure:**  $L_2$  relative error on the fecgsynodb data set. Model is trained with  $s=2000$  and tested on different resolutions.

# Summary

Proposed IAE-Net for Discretization Invariant Operator Learning.

- Learn a **data-driven kernel** function using DL and **Data Augmentation** to achieve discretization invariance.
- **Multi-Layer, Multi-Channel** helps improve the learning process.

Numerically, we show that

- Discretization invariance is achievable for mathematically well-posed problems even with simple interpolation techniques, but IAE-Net achieves state-of-the-art accuracy.
- Existing methods fail to achieve discretization invariance for ill-posed and highly oscillatory problems, while IAE-Net succeeds with reasonably good accuracy.

Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.05142>

Code: [https://github.com/IAE-Net/iae\\_net](https://github.com/IAE-Net/iae_net)

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