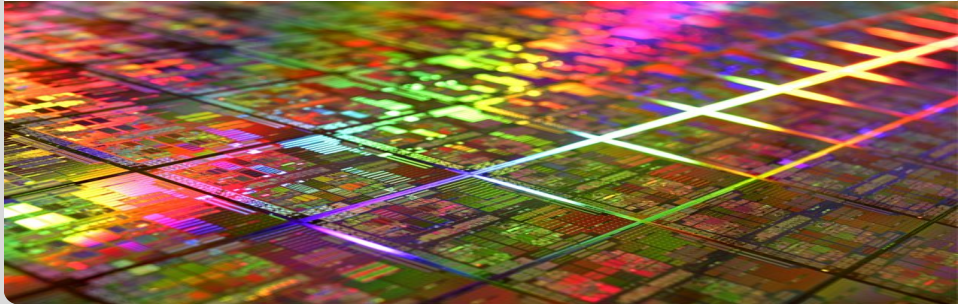


Towards Bringing Together Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equation and Deep Neural Networks

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Partial differential equation (PDEs)

- used in simulations
- solutions have image representation
- hard to solve numerically

Goal: solve PDEs based on their image representation

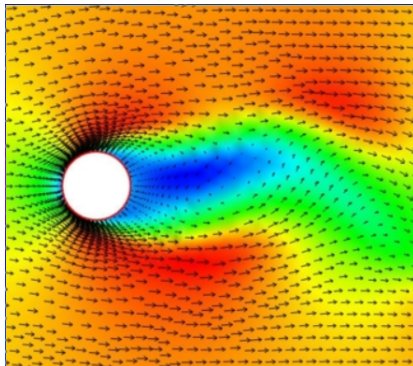


Figure: Flow Simulation¹

¹“Team for Advanced Flow Simulation and Modeling”, Professor Tayfun E. Tezduyar, Sunil Sathe

Problem definition and motivation

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)

- hot topic in recent years
- impressive results in image processing

Idea: Use CNNs for the image representation of PDEs.



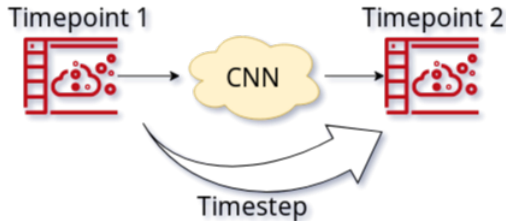


Important Questions

1 CNNs for image-to-image mapping?



2 CNNs for numerical simulations?



We focus on an area where CNNs show good results:

- Image Segmentation
 - pixelwise decision about a class belonging
 - a new image is generated

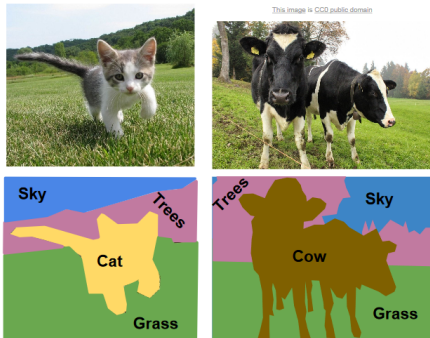


Figure: Image Segmentation²

²“Exploring Computer Vision in Deep Learning: Object Detection and Semantic Segmentation”, Long et al., SAS Institute Inc.

Image segmentation

- “Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation”³
 - Encoder-Decoder Architecture
 - Only convolutional layers

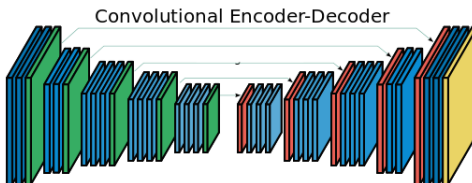


Figure: The encoder-decoder network

³Jonathan Long, Evan Shelhamer, and Trevor Darrell. “Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation”. In: *CoRR* abs/1411.4038 (2014). arXiv: 1411.4038. URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1411.4038>.

Image segmentation

- “Semantic Segmentation using Adversarial Networks”⁴
 - Generative Adversarial Networks⁵
 - The Discriminator Network enforces contagiously segmented regions

⁴Pauline Luc et al. “Semantic Segmentation using Adversarial Networks”. In: *CoRR* abs/1611.08408 (2016). arXiv: 1611.08408. URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1611.08408>.

⁵Ian Goodfellow et al. “Generative Adversarial Nets”. In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 27*. Ed. by Z. Ghahramani et al. Curran Associates, Inc., 2014, pp. 2672–2680. URL: <http://papers.nips.cc/paper/5423-generative-adversarial-nets.pdf>.

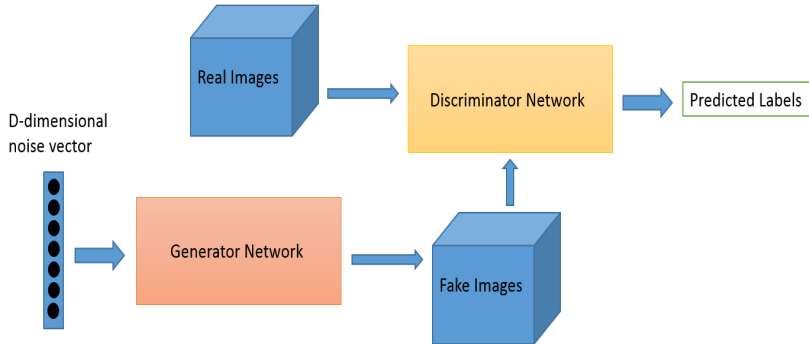


Figure: Generative Adversarial Network⁶

⁶“A Beginner’s Guide to Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)”,
<https://skymind.ai/wiki/generative-adversarial-network-gan>

Semantic Image Synthesis

- “Semantic Image Synthesis with Spatially-Adaptive Normalization”⁷
 - Segmentation in reverse



Figure: Example of “reversed image segmentation”

⁷Taesung Park et al. “Semantic Image Synthesis with Spatially-Adaptive Normalization”. In: *CoRR* abs/1903.07291 (2019). arXiv: 1903.07291. URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1903.07291>.

Long standing interest in bringing together neural networks and formal mathematics.

- It is shown to be possible - “Performing basic mathematics with neurons/nets” (2002)⁸
- Even for PDEs - “Artificial Neural Networks for Solving Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations” (1998)⁹

⁸Richard Neville. “Performing basic mathematics with neurons/nets: Part I”. In: vol. 1. Feb. 2002, pp. 589–594. ISBN: 0-7803-7278-6. DOI: 10.1109/IJCNN.2002.1005538.

⁹I. E. Lagaris, A. Likas, and D. I. Fotiadis. “Artificial neural networks for solving ordinary and partial differential equations”. In: *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks* 9.5 (1998), pp. 987–1000. ISSN: 1045-9227. DOI: 10.1109/72.712178.

Nowadays CNNs are applied to complex physical simulations.

- CNNs for calculating physical properties of objects in simulations
- CNNs in flow simulation

CNNs for numerical applications

- “Learning Soft Tissue Behavior of Organs for Surgical Navigation with Convolutional Neural Networks”¹⁰
 - Prediction for how organs in the human body move during operation
 - Encoder-Decoder Architecture

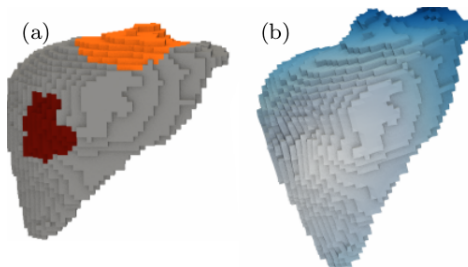
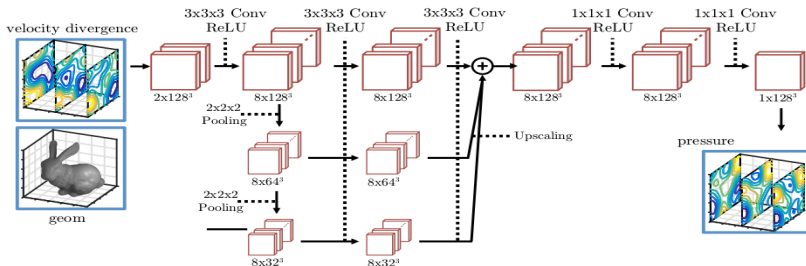


Figure: Given and predicted displacement of an organ

¹⁰Micha Pfeiffer et al. “Learning Soft Tissue Behavior of Organs for Surgical Navigation with Convolutional Neural Networks”. In: *CoRR* abs/1904.00722 (2019). arXiv: 1904.00722. URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1904.00722>.

CNNs for numerical applications

- “Accelerating Eulerian Fluid Simulation With Convolutional Networks”¹¹
 - CNN for predicting fluid-flow
 - Calculate pressure given velocity divergence and geometry



¹¹Jonathan Tompson et al. “Accelerating Eulerian Fluid Simulation With Convolutional Networks”. In: *CoRR* abs/1607.03597 (2016). arXiv: 1607.03597. URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1607.03597>.

To reiterate

- *Problem:* Solve PDEs
- *Approach:* Use CNNs for image-to-image mapping
- *Goal:* Efficiency and acceptable error

The conducted research illustrates:

- A research gap
- Evidence suggesting the proposed method is viable
- Typical CNN architectures that should be considered

Thank you for your attention.

Questions?