

Coffee Talk #6

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DeepONet: Learning nonlinear operators for identifying differential equations based on the universal approximation theorem of operators¹

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Why this paper?

- Badly written, but has an interesting problem to tackle!

Preliminary Info

Function

$$f := \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$

Operator

$$G := \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$

\mathcal{V} : Vector Space

\mathcal{F} : Function Space

- $G(u) := s(x)$, where u is a function of x
- At a location y the operator evaluation is given by $G(u)(y) := s(y)$

Universal Approximation Theorems

Universal Approximation Theorem for Function

For every function g in M^r there is a compact subset K of R^r and an $f \in \Sigma^r(\Psi)$ such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we have $\mu(K) < 1 - \varepsilon$ and for every $x \in K$ we have $|f(x) - g(x)| < \varepsilon$, regardless of Ψ , r , or μ . \square ¹

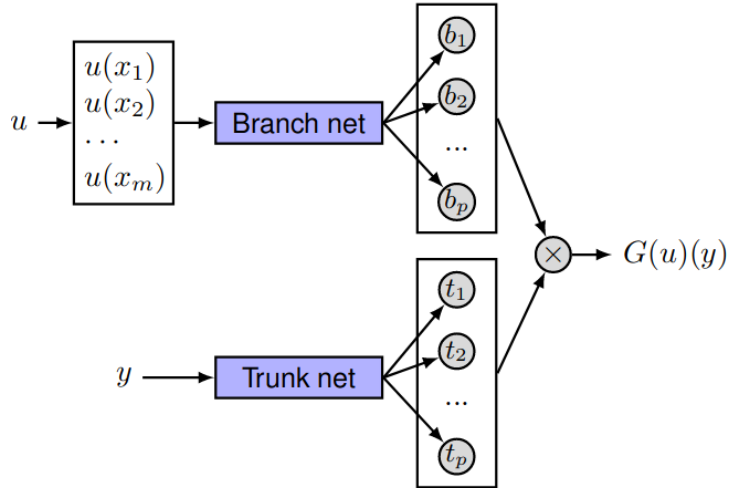
Universal Approximation Theorem for Operator

$$\left| G(u)(y) - \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}^k u(x_j) + \theta_i^k \right) \sigma(w_k \cdot y + \zeta_k) \right| < \epsilon \quad 2$$

¹K. Hornik, M. Stinchcombe, and H. White (Jan. 1989). "Multilayer Feedforward Networks Are Universal Approximators". In: *Neural Networks* 2.5, pp. 359–366. ISSN: 08936080. DOI: 10.1016/0893-6080(89)90020-8

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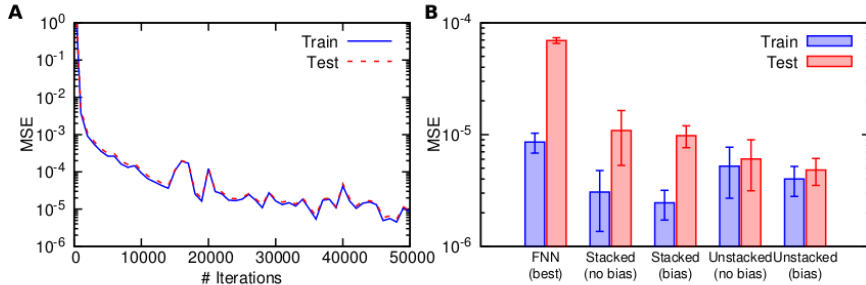
Try to find the following operator:

$$G := u(x) \rightarrow s(x) = \int_0^x u(\tau) d\tau$$

Procedure:

- **Sample $(u_k)_{k=1}^p$ from Gaussian Random Field at locations $(x_i)_{i=1}^m$**
- For every function obtain some of the exact outputs at y of function $G(u)$
- Train with the given structure and selected hyper-parameters

Training Curve



No Results?

Please, check the paper for extensive examples!

Why is this a cool idea?

- Solving ODEs/SODEs can be challenging...
- Previous data usage for fast prediction for dynamical systems
- Combination of pre-trained DeepONets with the PINNs allow faster adaptations for unknown functions...

THANKS!