

Kolmogorov Arnold Networks

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Introduction

- We explore a new neural network design proposed by [1] which is inspired by the Kolmogorov-Arnold Representation Theorem.
- Core concept: Replace traditional edge weights and fixed activation functions on nodes with learnable edge functions and simple summation on nodes.
- Benefits:
 - Improved accuracy: Models complex functions with smaller networks.
 - o **Better interpretability:** Clearer understanding of model behavior.

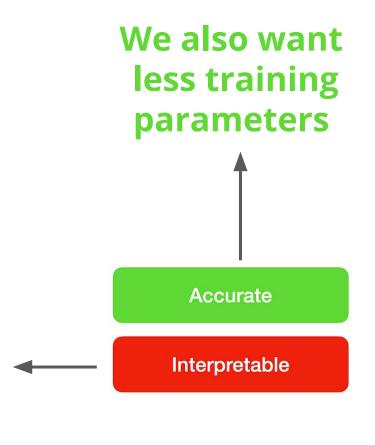
Gaps in NN Design and Why KAN can fill it?

Challenges with Multi-layer perceptron(MLP) based Neural Networks(NNs):

- MLP-NNs → Blackbox: we don't know how model made decision
- MLP–NNs → Huge Number of Parameters for deep models

So, Gaps in NN design: less interpretability and more training parameters

We need answer:	We need Al to be:
Why AI made certain medical decisions?	Trustable and Transparent Al
Does AI have racial/gender bias?	Ethical and Fair Al
Why did the Al approve/reject credit applications?	Regulation Compliant Al
How did the AI make the investment decision?	Reliable Al
Why did the AI driven autonomous-car brake?	Safe Al



Objectives of our work

- 1. Study and analyse KANs
- 2. Study KAN variations like KAN-CNN
- 3. Build simple KAN models from pykan library

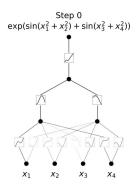
4. Case Study on application of CNN-KAN on MedMnist Dataset(PathMNIST)

KAN vs MLP Architecture

Model	Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)	Kolmogorov-Arnold Network (KAN)
Theorem	Universal Approximation Theorem	Kolmogorov-Arnold Representation Theorem
Formula (Shallow)	$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N(\epsilon)} a_i \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_i)$	$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{q=1}^{2n+1} \Phi_q \left(\sum_{p=1}^n \phi_{q,p}(x_p) \right)$
Model (Shallow)	fixed activation functions on nodes learnable weights on edges	learnable activation functions on edges sum operation on nodes
Formula (Deep)	$\mathrm{MLP}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{W}_3 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \mathbf{W}_2 \circ \sigma_1 \circ \mathbf{W}_1)(\mathbf{x})$	$KAN(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{\Phi}_3 \circ \mathbf{\Phi}_2 \circ \mathbf{\Phi}_1)(\mathbf{x})$
Model (Deep)	(c)	(d) Φ_3 \bullet

Key concepts

- Function Approximation Theorems
- 2. Bezier Curves
- 3. B-Splines
- 4. Training KANs



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Universal Approximation Theorem for MLPs

In simple words, it states that a neural network with just one hidden layer containing a finite number of neurons can approximate **ANY** continuous function to a reasonable accuracy on a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n , given suitable activation functions.

Mathematically speaking, for any continuous function f and $\epsilon>0$, there always exists a neural network \hat{f} such that:

$$|f(x) - \hat{f}(x)| < \epsilon$$

Kolmogorov Arnold Representation Theorem for KANs

More formally, the Kolmogorov-Arnold representation theorem asserts that any multivariate continuous function can be represented as the composition of a **finite** number of continuous functions of a single variable.

$$y=F(x_1,x_2,x_3,\cdots,x_n)$$

Univariate functions

$$\phi_1(x_1) + \phi_2(x_2) + \phi_3(x_3) + \cdots + \phi_n(x_n)$$

$$\psi(\sum_{i=1}^{n}\phi_{i}(x_{i}))$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \psi_j(\sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{ij}(x_i))$$

Multivariate continuous univariate functions

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3, \cdots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \psi_j (\sum_{i=1}^n \phi_{ij}(x_i))$$

Composition of

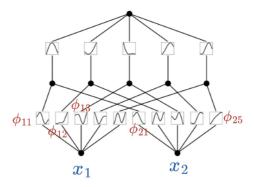
Composition of Multivariate continuous univariate functions function $F(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = \psi_1(\phi_{11}(x_1) + \phi_{21}(x_2) + \dots + \phi_{n1}(x_n))$ $+\psi_2(\phi_{12}(x_1)+\phi_{22}(x_2)+\cdots+\phi_{n2}(x_n))$ $+ \psi_m(\phi_{1m}(x_1) + \phi_{2m}(x_2) + \cdots + \phi_{nm}(x_n))$

Here's a simple toy example:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Multivariate continuous} & \text{Composition of} \\ & \text{Function} & \text{univariate functions} \\ F(x,y) = xy & F(x,y) = \underbrace{exp}_{\psi} \underbrace{\left(\underbrace{log(x)}_{\psi} + \underbrace{log(y)}_{\psi} \right)}_{\psi} \end{array}$$

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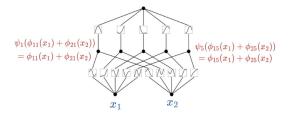
At first:



- The input x_1 is passed through univariate functions $(\phi_{11}, \phi_{12}, \cdots, \phi_{15})$ to get $(\phi_{11}(x_1), \phi_{12}(x_1), \cdots, \phi_{15}(x_1))$.
- The input x_2 is passed through univariate functions $(\phi_{21},\phi_{22},\cdots,\phi_{25})$ to get $(\phi_{21}(x_2),\phi_{22}(x_2),\cdots,\phi_{25}(x_2))$.

Next, the two corresponding outputs are aggregated (summed), so the ψ function in this case is just the identity operation $(\psi(z)=z)$:

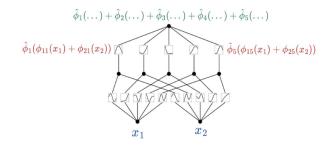
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This forms one KAN layer.

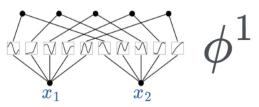
Next, we pass the above output through one more KAN layer.

So the above output is first passed through the ϕ function of the next layer and summed to get the final output:



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All we are doing in a single KAN layer is taking the input (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) and applying a transformation ϕ to it.



 ϕ^1 denotes the transformation in the first layer

Thus, the transformation matrix ϕ^1 (corresponding to the first layer) can be represented as follows:

$$\phi^1 = egin{bmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} & \dots & \phi_{1n} \ \phi_{21} & \phi_{12} & \dots & \phi_{2n} \ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \ \phi_{m1} & \phi_{m2} & \dots & \phi_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

In the above matrix:

- n denotes the number of inputs.
- m denotes the number of output nodes in that layer.
- [IMPORTANT] The individual entries are not numbers, they are univariate functions. For instance:

$$\phi_{11}$$
 could be $2x^2-3x+4$.

$$\phi_{12}$$
 could be $4x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 2$.

o and so on...

So to generate a transformation, all we have to do is take the input vector and pass it through the corresponding functions in the above transformation matrix:

$$z^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} & \dots & \phi_{1n} \\ \phi_{21} & \phi_{12} & \dots & \phi_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{m1} & \phi_{m2} & \dots & \phi_{mn} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

This will result in the following vector:

$$z^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{11}(x_1) + \varphi_{12}(x_2) + \cdots + \varphi_{1n}(x_n) \\ \varphi_{21}(x_1) + \varphi_{22}(x_2) + \cdots + \varphi_{2n}(x_n) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{m1}(x_1) + \varphi_{m2}(x_2) + \cdots + \varphi_{mn}(x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

The above is the output of the first layer, which is then passed through the next layer for another function transformation.

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Thus, the entire KAN network can be condensed into one formula as follows:

$$KAN(x) = \phi^L \left(\phi^{L-1} \left(\ldots \left(\phi^2 \left(\phi^1(x) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

Where:

- ullet x denotes the input vector
- ϕ^k denotes the function transformation matrix of layer k.
- KAN(x) is the output of the KAN network.

The above formulation can appear quite similar to what we do in neural networks:

$$NN(x) = \theta^L \left(\sigma(\theta^{L-1} \left(\ldots \left(\sigma(\theta^2 \left(\sigma(\theta^1(x)) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

The only difference is that the parameters θ^i are linear transformations, and σ denotes the activation function used for non-linearity, and it is the same activation function across all layers.

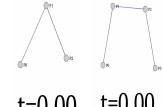
In the case of KANs, the matrices ϕ^k themselves are non-linear transformation matrices, and each univariate function can be quite different.

$$\phi^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} & \dots & \phi_{1n} \\ \phi_{21} & \phi_{12} & \dots & \phi_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{m1} & \phi_{m2} & \dots & \phi_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Bezier curves and B-Splines



The final equation for the position of point P is given by:



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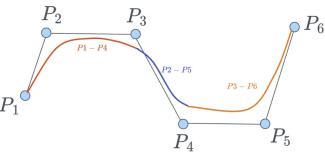
 P_1 P_3 P_4 P_5

Given that we have 6 points, we can generate a bezier curve of degree 5. That's always an option. However, as discussed above, this is still computationally expensive and not desired.

Instead, we can create curves of smaller degrees (say, 3), and then connecthem.

For instance, a full B-spline can be created as follows:

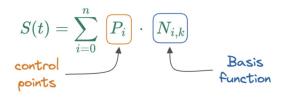
- Some part of it can come from a curve of degree 3 from points (P_1,P_2,P_3,P_4)
- Some part of it can come from a curve of degree 3 from points (P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5)
- Some part of it can come from a curve of degree 3 from points (P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6)



Note: In this diagram, the individual Bezier curves don't appear to be connected that well, but in reality, the final curve is smooth.

When we have n control pints (6 in the diagram above), and we create k degree polynomial Bezier curves, we get (n-k) Bezier curves in the final Bsplines.

Similar to what we saw in Bezier curves, the final B-spline curve is represented as a linear combination of the points P_i :



- P_i : Control points that define the shape of the curve.
- N_{i,k}(t): B-spline basis functions of degree k associated with each
 control point P_i, and they are similar to what we saw earlier in the
 case of Bezier curves and are fixed.

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Training KANs

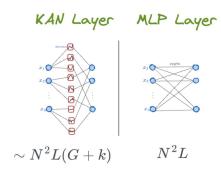
So here's the core idea of KANs:

Let's make the positions of control points learnable in the activation function so that the model is free to learn any arbitrary shape activation function that fits the data best.

KAN vs MLP: Parameter Count, Performance, Interpretability, Run-time and drawbacks

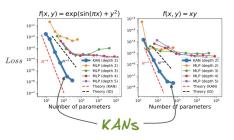
Parameter Count

• The final parameter count comes out to be as follows (including all layers):



While MLPs appear to be more efficient than KANs, a point to note is that based on their experiments, KANs usually don't require as much large N as MLPs do. This saves parameters while also achieving better generalization.

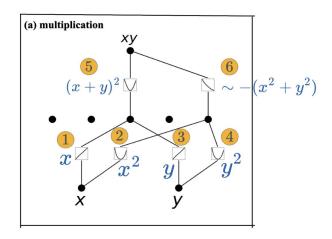
Performance



- In both plots,
 - KANs consistently outperform MLPs, achieving significantly lower test loss across a range of parameter, and at much lower network depth (number of layers).
 - KANs demonstrate superior efficiency, with steeper declines in loss, particularly noticeable with fewer parameters.
 - MLP's performance almost stagnates with increasing the number of parameters.
- The theoretical lines, N^{-4} for KAN and N^{-2} for ideal models (ID), show that KANs closely follow their expected theoretical performance.

Interpretability

For instance, consider the KAN network below, which learns f(x,y)=xy.



Biggest Drawback of KANs



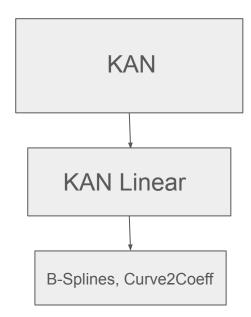
Long and slow training

KAN Code

```
class KAN(torch.nn.Module):
   def init (
        self,
        layers hidden.
        grid size=20, #was 5
        spline order=5, #Was 3
        scale noise=0.1,
        scale base=1.0,
        scale spline=1.0,
        base_activation=torch.nn.SiLU,
        grid eps=0.03,
        grid range=[-4, 4], #Was -1,1
        super(KAN, self). init ()
        self.grid size = grid size
        self.spline order = spline order
        self.layers = torch.nn.ModuleList()
        for in features, out features in zip(layers hidden, layers hidden[1:]):
            self.layers.append(
                KANLinear(
                    in features.
                    out features,
                    grid size=grid size,
                    spline order=spline order,
                    scale noise=scale noise.
                    scale base=scale base,
                    scale spline=scale spline,
                   base activation=base activation,
                    grid eps=grid eps,
                    grid range=grid range,
   def forward(self, x: torch.Tensor, update_grid=False):
        for layer in self.layers:
            if update grid:
                layer.update grid(x)
            x = layer(x)
        return x
    def regularization_loss(self, regularize_activation=1.0, regularize_entropy=1.0):
        return sum
            layer.regularization loss(regularize activation, regularize entropy)
            for layer in self.layers
```

```
in features,
   out_features,
   grid size=5.
   spline order=3,
   scale noise-0.1
   scale base=1.0.
   enable standalone scale spline-True,
   base_activation=torch.nn.SiLU,
    super(KANLinear, self).__init__()
   self.in features = in features
   self.out features = out features
   self.grid_size = grid_size
   self.spline order = spline order
   h = (grid range[1] - grid range[0]) / grid size
           torch.arange(-spline order, grid size + spline order + 1) * h
           + grid_range[0]
        .contiguous(
   self.base_weight = torch.nn.Parameter(torch.Tensor(out_features, in_features))
    self.spline_weight = torch.nn.Parameter(
       torch.Tensor(out features, in features, grid size + spline order)
   if enable standalone scale spline:
       self.spline_scaler = torch.nn.Parameter(
           torch. Tensor (out features, in features
   self.scale noise = scale noise
   self.scale base = scale base
   self.scale_spline = scale_spline
   self.enable_standalone_scale_spline = enable_standalone_scale_spline
   self.base_activation = base_activation()
   self.grid eps - grid eps
   self.reset parameters()
def reset_parameters(self):
   torch.nn.init.kaiming uniform (self.base weight, a=math.sqrt(5) * self.scale base)
   with torch.no_grad():
               torch.rand(self.grid size + 1, self.in features, self.out features
           * self.scale noise
           / self.grid size
        self.spline weight.data.copy (
            (self.scale_spline if not self.enable_standalone_scale_spline else 1.0)
               self.grid.T[self.spline order : -self.spline order],
       if self.enable_standalone_scale_spline:
           torch.nn.init.kaiming uniform (self.spline_scaler, a=math.sqrt(5) * self.scale_spline)
def b_splines(self, x: torch.Tensor):
   assert x.dim() -- 2 and x.size(1) -- self.in_features
   grid: torch.Tensor = (
```

KAN Code

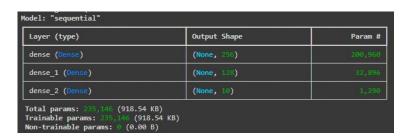


Create a module list of KANLinear layers For each input data:

- For each KANLinear layer:
 - If update_grid is True, update grid positions
 - Calculate linear part:
 - Apply activation function to input
 - Multiply by base weight
 - Calculate spline part:
 - Calculate B-spline basis functions for input
 - Multiply by scaled spline weight
 - Add linear and spline parts
- Calculate regularization loss

Return final output and regularization loss

MLP:



Some Important Hyper-parameters:

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        scale noise=0.1,
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        scale spline=1.0,
        base activation=torch.nn.SiLU,
        grid eps=0.03,
        grid range=[-4, 4], #Was -1,1
    ):
```

```
# Define hyperparameters
batch_size = 64 #Was 64
epochs = 6 # It was 10
lr = 0.001 # It was 0.001
```

```
# Define loss function and optimizer

criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()

optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=lr)
```

```
# Initialize KAN model
model = KAN([784, 256, 128, 10]).to(device)
```

Introduction to MedMNIST

What is MedMNIST?

- A collection of standardized biomedical image datasets for machine learning research.
- Designed for tasks like classification, regression, and segmentation in the medical domain.

Key Features:

- Over 10 preprocessed datasets for various medical tasks.
- Balanced, small-sized, and low-resolution (28x28 or 32x32 pixels) for accessibility.
- Ideal for lightweight ML models and quick prototyping.

Applications:

Medical image analysis for pathology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and more.

MedMNIST Subsets Used

Table 1: Overview of Selected Datasets in MedMNIST2D

Dataset	Data Modality	${\bf Tasks~(Classes/Labels)}$	# Samples	Training / Validation / Test
PathMNIST	Colon Pathology	Multi-Class (9)	107,180	89,996 / 10,004 / 7,180
PneumoniaMNIST	Chest X-Ray	Binary-Class (2)	5,856	4,708 / 524 / 624
RetinaMNIST	Fundus Camera	Ordinal Regression (5)	1,600	1,080 / 120 / 400
BreastMNIST	Breast Ultrasound	Binary-Class (2)	780	546 / 78 / 156
BloodMNIST	Blood Cell Microscope	Multi-Class (8)	17,092	11,959 / 1,712 / 3,421
OrganCMNIST	Abdominal CT	Multi-Class (11)	23,583	12,975 / 2,392 / 8,216

CNN Structure used:

Layer 1: nn.Conv2d(1, 16, kernel_size=3)

- Kernel size: 3x3
- 16 Feature maps made
- After this layer, 16 f-maps and the feature map size is 26x26.

Layer 2: nn.Conv2d(16, 16, kernel_size=3) + nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2)

• After this layer, 16 f-maps and the feature map size is 12x12.

Layer 3: nn.Conv2d(16, 64, kernel_size=3)

• After this layer, 64 f-maps the feature map size is 10×10 .

Layer 4: nn.Conv2d(64, 64, kernel_size=3)

• After this layer, 64 f-maps and the feature map size is 8x8.

Layer 5: nn.Conv2d(64, 64, kernel_size=3, padding=1) + nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2)

• After this layer, 64 maps and the feature map size is 4x4.

```
# CNN model for MedMNIST with KANLinear
class CNNKAN(nn.Module):
   def init (self):
        super(CNNKAN, self). init ()
        self.layer1 = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(1, 16, kernel size=3),
           nn.BatchNorm2d(16),
           nn.ReLU())
        self.layer2 = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(16, 16, kernel size=3),
           nn.BatchNorm2d(16).
           nn.ReLU().
            nn.MaxPool2d(kernel size=2, stride=2))
        self.layer3 = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(16, 64, kernel size=3),
           nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
           nn.ReLU())
        self.layer4 = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(64, 64, kernel size=3),
           nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
           nn.ReLU())
        self.layer5 = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(64, 64, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
           nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
           nn.ReLU().
            nn.MaxPool2d(kernel size=2, stride=2))
        self.fc = nn.Sequential(
           KANLinear(64 * 4 * 4, 128),
           nn.ReLU(),
           KANLinear(128, 128),
            nn.ReLU(),
           KANLinear(128, 9))
   def forward(self, x):
        x = self.layer1(x)
        x = self.layer2(x)
        x = self.layer3(x)
        x = self.layer4(x)
        x = self.layer5(x)
        x = x.view(x.size(0), -1)
        x = self.fc(x)
        return x
```

Fully Connected Dense Network used:

3 Layered dense network

Layer 1:

- 64*4*4 in-features
- 128 out features

Layer 2:

- 128 in-features
- 128 out-features

Layer 3:

- 128 in-features
- 9 out-features (classes) (varies with different MedMNIST datasets based on number of output classes)

```
self.fc = nn.Sequential(
    KANLinear(64 * 4 * 4, 128),
    nn.ReLU(),
    KANLinear(128, 128),
    nn.ReLU(),
    KANLinear(128, 9))
```

Metrics Used:

F1 SCORE:

The F1 score is the harmonic mean of Precision and Recall. It combines these two metrics into single number that balances both concerns:

$$F1 = 2 imes rac{ ext{Precision} imes ext{Recall}}{ ext{Precision} + ext{Recall}}$$

$$Precision = \frac{True\ Positives\ (TP)}{True\ Positives\ (TP) + False\ Positives\ (FP)}$$

$$Recall = \frac{True \ Positives \ (TP)}{True \ Positives \ (TP) + False \ Negatives \ (FN)}$$

AUC ROC:

The AUC is the area under the ROC curve. It summarizes the ROC curve into a single value, ranging from 0 to 1.

The higher the AUC, the better the model's performance at distinguishing between positive and negative classes.

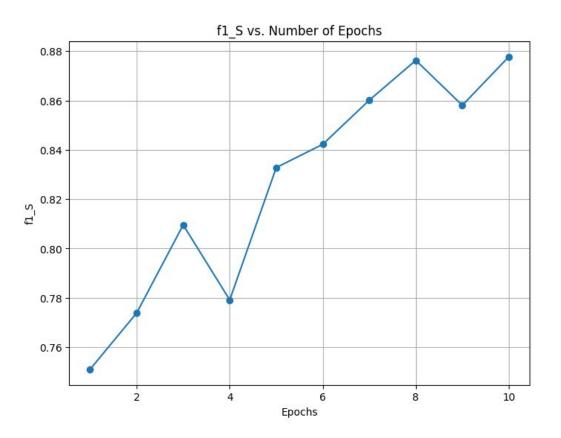
Range: The value of AUC ranges from 0 to 1:

- 1: Perfect model.
- 0.5: Random gues
- < 0.5: Worse than random (often due to a problem with the model).

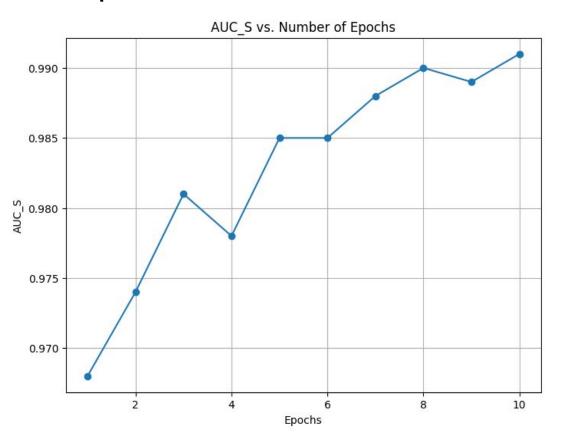
Accuracy:

$$Accuracy = \frac{Number\ of\ Correct\ Predictions}{Total\ Number\ of\ Predictions} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

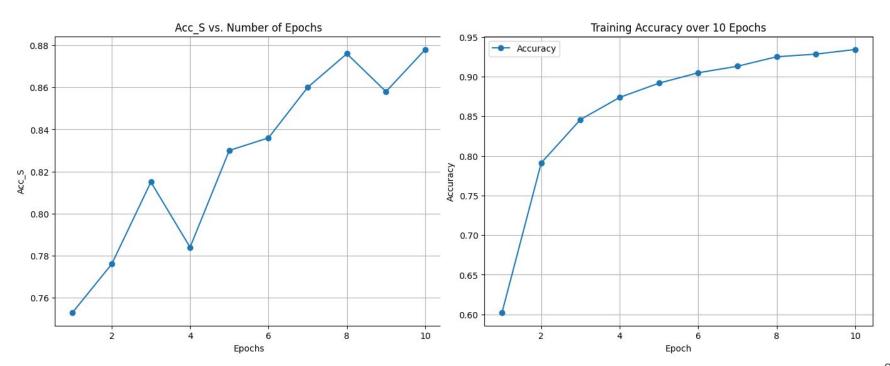
F-1 Score vs Epochs



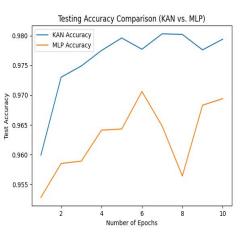
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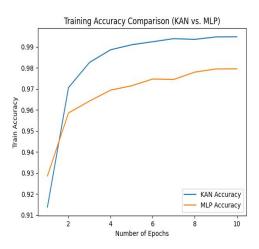


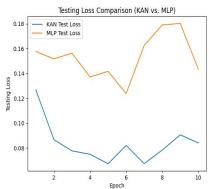
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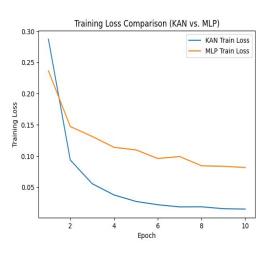


RESULTS(on MNIST DATASET)









RESULTS(on MedMNIST: PathMNIST)

Methods	PathMNIST		
	AUC	ACC	
ResNet-18 (28) ¹⁰	0.983	0.907	
ResNet-18 (224) ¹⁰	0.989	0.909	
ResNet-50 (28) ¹⁰	0.990	0.911	
ResNet-50 (224) ¹⁰	0.989	0.892	
auto-sklearn ¹¹	0.934	0.716	
AutoKeras ¹²	0.959	0.834	
Google AutoML Vision	0.944	0.728	

		PathMNIST	
	Epochs	AUC	ACC
	3	0.94	0.627
(Grid Size, Spline Order, Epochs = 3)			
3,3		0.966	0.724
5,3		0.96	0.735
3,5		0.929	9.666
5,5		0.951	0.671

RESULTS(on MedMNIST: PneumoniaMNIST)

Methods	PneumoniaMNIST		
	AUC	ACC	
ResNet-18 (28) ¹⁰	0.944	0.854	
ResNet-18 (224) ¹⁰	0.956	0.864	
ResNet-50 (28) ¹⁰	0.948	0.854	
ResNet-50 (224) ¹⁰	0.962	0.884	
auto-sklearn ¹¹	0.942	0.855	
AutoKeras ¹²	0.947	0.878	
Google AutoML Vision	0.991	0.946	

		PneumoniaMNIST	
	Epochs	AUC	ACC
	3	0.945	0.772
(Grid Size, Spline Order, Epochs = 3)			
3,3		0.938	0.838
5,3		0.945	0.811
3,5		0.939	0.822
5,5		0.936	0.83

RESULTS(on MedMNIST: RetinaMNIST)

Methods	RetinaMNIST		
	AUC	ACC	
ResNet-18 (28) ¹⁰	0.717	0.524	
ResNet-18 (224) ¹⁰	0.710	0.493	
ResNet-50 (28) ¹⁰	0.726	0.528	
ResNet-50 (224) ¹⁰	0.716	0.511	
auto-sklearn ¹¹	0.690	0.515	
AutoKeras ¹²	0.719	0.503	
Google AutoML Vision	0.750	0.531	

	F	RetinaMNIST	
	Epochs	AUC	ACC
	3	0.522	0.395
(Grid Size, Spline Order, Epochs = 3)			
3,3		0.509	0.155
5,3		0.53	0.435
3,5		0.534	0.435
5,5		0.472	0.435

RESULTS(on MedMNIST: BreastMNIST)

Methods	BreastMNIST		
	AUC	ACC	
ResNet-18 (28) ¹⁰	0.901	0.863	
ResNet-18 (224) ¹⁰	0.891	0.833	
ResNet-50 (28) ¹⁰	0.857	0.812	
ResNet-50 (224) ¹⁰	0.866	0.842	
auto-sklearn ¹¹	0.836	0.803	
AutoKeras ¹²	0.871	0.831	
Google AutoML Vision	0.919	0.861	

	BreastMNIST	
Epochs	AUC	ACC
3	0.462	0.619
	0.628	0.269
	0.458	0.731
	0.351	0.269
	0.436	0.731
	3	Bpochs 3 0.462 0.628 0.458 0.351

RESULTS(on MedMNIST: BloodMNIST)

Methods	BloodMNIST		
	AUC	ACC	
ResNet-18 (28) ¹⁰	0.998	0.958	
ResNet-18 (224) ¹⁰	0.998	0.963	
ResNet-50 (28) ¹⁰	0.997	0.956	
ResNet-50 (224) ¹⁰	0.997	0.950	
auto-sklearn ¹¹	0.984	0.878	
AutoKeras ¹²	0.998	0.961	
Google AutoML Vision	0.998	0.966	

		BloodMNIST	
	Epochs	AUC	ACC
	3	0.94	0.707
(Grid Size, Spline Order, Epochs = 3)			
3,3		0.935	0.702
5,3		0.949	0.736
3,5		0.933	0.673
5,5		0.945	0.736

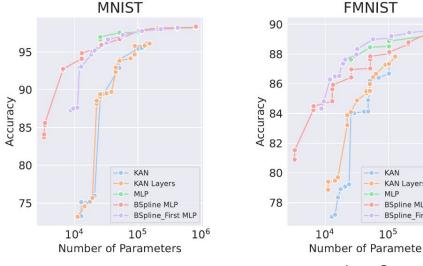
RESULTS(on MedMNIST: OrganCMNIST)

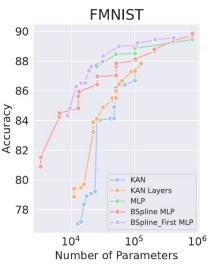
	OrganCMNIST		
Methods	AUC	ACC	
ResNet-18 (28) ¹⁰	0.992	0.900	
ResNet-18 (224) ¹⁰	0.994	0.920	
ResNet-50 (28) ¹⁰	0.992	0.905	
ResNet-50 (224) ¹⁰	0.993	0.911	
auto-sklearn ¹¹	0.976	0.829	
AutoKeras ¹²	0.990	0.879	
Google AutoML Vision	0.988	0.877	

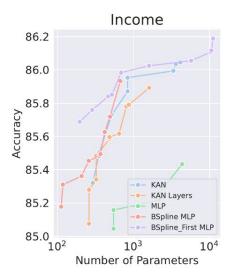
		OrganCMNIST	
	Epochs	AUC	ACC
	3	0.877	0.943
(Grid Size, Spline Order, Epochs = 3)			
3,3		0.867	0.43
5,3		0.882	0.362
3,5		0.871	0.483
5,5		0.882	0.396

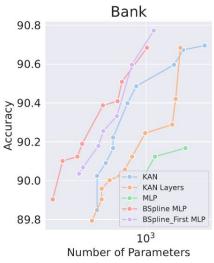
Observations and Outcomes

By ablating the network architecture of KAN and MLP, the primary advantage of KAN lies in the use of B-Spline functions. Replacing the activation functions in MLP with B-Spline allows MLP to outperform KAN on datasets where KANN previously had the upper hand.









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Future Work

- 1. Temporal KANs
- 2. Adversarial KANs