Model-based Reconstruction meets Neural Networks: Non-linear Operators in BART

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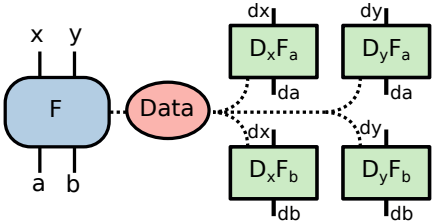
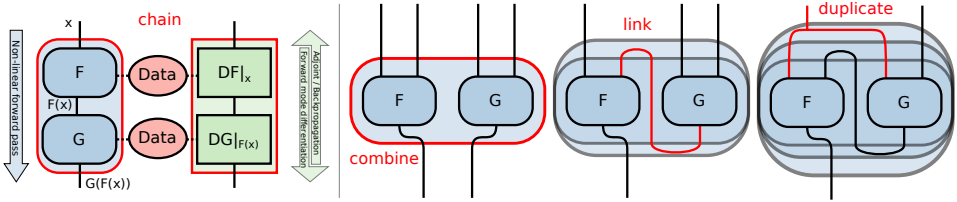
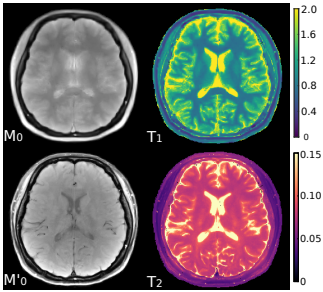
Non-linear Operators in BART



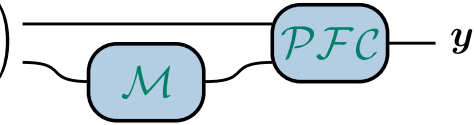
- Automatic differentiation
- Compose complex operators from basic ones



PART I: Non-linear Operators for Model-based Reconstruction



$$\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ x_p \end{pmatrix}$$

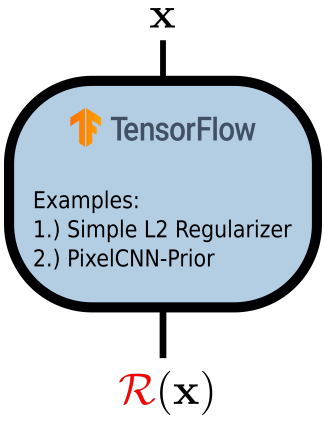


Reconstruction

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \|\mathcal{PFC}(x_c, \mathcal{M}(x_p)) - \boldsymbol{y}\|^2 + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

PART II: TensorFlow-Regularizer + BART Reconstruction

1.) Train a regularizer with TensorFlow



2.) Use BART for reconstruction

BART command

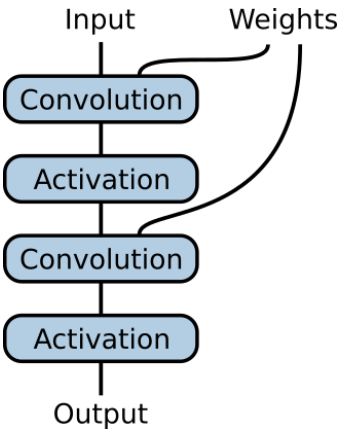
```
$ bart pics                                \
    -R TF:{<graph_path>}:...               \
    <kspace> <coils> <reco>
```

Reconstruction

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \|\mathcal{P}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{C}\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y}\|^2 + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

Luo (MRM, 2020); Program: #1756

PART III: Neural Networks in BART



Train and apply neural networks with BART

1. Simple MNIST-Example
2. Variational Network[1] and MoDL[2]

BART command

```
$ bart reconet --network=varnet --apply \
  <kspace> <coils> <weights> <out>
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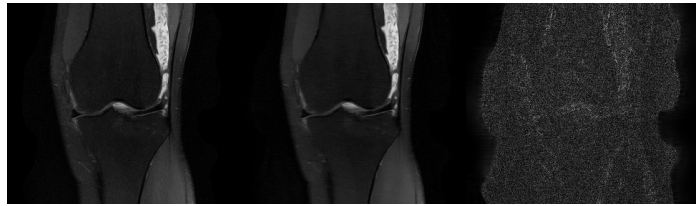

[1]Hammernick (MRM, 2018); [2]Aggarwal (IEEE Trans. Med. Imaging, 2019); Program: #1754

Summary

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   Moritz Blumenthal
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See you at the BART software demo: **Sunday, May 16, 7pm** UTC
`https://www.ismrm.org/21/program-files/T-13.htm`