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What you learnt so far

- Operator learning: Given Abstract PDE: $\mathcal{D}_a(u) = f$
- ▶ Learn Solution Operator: $\mathcal{G} : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{Y}$ with $\mathcal{G}(a, f) = u$
- Enforce Continuous-Discrete Equivalence via ReNO:



 $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{E}$

- Neither CNN nor FNO are ReNOs.
- SNO/DeepONet can be ReNOs but perform poorly !!
- Challenge: Design a ReNO that works

Advantages of Convolution based models:

- Variety of SOTA models in Vision etc.
- Locality + Computational efficiency
- CNNs closely linked with Finite difference Methods ¹
- Issue: Inconsistency in Function Space
- Plain vanilla CNNs and variants are not ReNOs

Convolutions Strike Back !!

Convolutional Neural Operators (CNOs) of Raonic et al, 2023.



- Operator between Band-Limited Functions
- Building Blocks:
- ► Lifting operator: P
- Projection operator: Q

CNO Key Building Block I



- Use Continuous Convolutions on Bandlimited functions
- Convolution Kernel is still Discrete !!
- Convolution operator is a ReNO.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{B}_w & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{K}_w} & \mathcal{B}_w \\ T_{\Psi_w} \uparrow & & \downarrow T_{\Psi_u}^* \\ \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^2) & \longrightarrow & \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}^2) \end{array}$$

Contrast with CNNs

CNNs rely on Discrete Convolutions with fixed Kernel:

$$\mathcal{K}_{c}[m] = \sum_{i=-s}^{s} k_{i} c[m-i]$$

Pointwise evaluations with Sinc basis



Easy to check that CNNs are Resolution dependent as:

$$\mathfrak{G}' \neq \mathfrak{E}' \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ \mathfrak{G} \circ \mathfrak{E} \circ \mathfrak{R}'$$

CNO Key Building Block II: Activation Function ?



- Apply Activation as $\Sigma : B_w \mapsto B_w$ with $\Sigma = \mathcal{D}_{\bar{w},w} \circ \sigma \circ \mathcal{U}_{w,\bar{w}}$
- Upsampling: $\mathcal{U}_{w,\bar{w}}f = f$ with $w < \bar{w}$
- Downsampling: $\mathcal{D}_{\bar{w},w}f(x) = \left(\frac{\bar{w}}{w}\right)^d \int_D \operatorname{sinc}(2\bar{w}(x-y))f(y)dy$

• Activation is a ReNO if $\bar{w} >> w$:



CNO Architecture in Practice



- CNO instantiated as a modified Operator UNet
- Built for multiscale information processing

CNO properties

- CNO is a ReNO by construction.
- Universal Approximation Theorem:
- CNOs approximate any Continuous + operators $\mathcal{G}: H^r \mapsto H^s$
- ▶ Proof relies on building $\mathfrak{G} \approx \mathfrak{G}^* : \mathcal{B}_w \mapsto \mathcal{B}_{w'}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{B}_{w} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}^{*}} \mathcal{B}_{w'}, \\ \downarrow^{T_{\Psi_{w}}^{*}} \xrightarrow{T_{\Psi_{w'}}} \uparrow \\ \ell^{2}(\mathbb{Z}^{2}) \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{g}_{\Psi_{w},\Psi_{w'}}} \ell^{2}(\mathbb{Z}^{2}) \end{array}$$

- Efficient PyTorch implementation with CUDA kernels.
- Code available on https://github.com/bogdanraonic3/ConvolutionalNeuralOperator.git

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A Synthetic Example: Random Assignment

The underlying Operator:





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Ex 1: Navier-Stokes Eqns.

► Operator:



► Comparison:



Test Errors: Model FFNN UNet DeepONet FNO CNO Error 8.05% 3.54% 11.64% 3.93% 3.01%

Resolution Dependence:



Spectral Behavior: log spectra



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Results for In-Distribution Testing:



Results for Out-of-Distribution Testing:





▶ RunTime: 10⁻¹s on 100² grid for AzeBan vs 10⁻⁴s for CNO

Success is a histogram, not a point !!



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On the Choice of Benchmarks



- Errors: 1.15% for FNO vs. 0.96% for CNO !!
- Spectral Structure is Not Rich Enough:



• Fast approximation with AzeBan: $< 10^{-3}$ sec



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Ex 2: Poisson Eqn

Results for In-Distribution Testing:



Results for Out-of-Distribution Testing:



Test Errors:							
Model	FFNN	UNet	DeepONet	FNO	CNO		
In	5.74%	0.71%	12.92%	4.78%	0.23%		
Out	5.35%	1.27%	9.15%	8.89%	0.27%		

Resolution Dependence:



Spectral Behavior: log spectra



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Results for In-Distribution Testing:





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Results for Out-of-Distribution Testing:



Test Erro	ors:				
Model	FFNN	UNet	DeepONet	FNO	CNO
In	2.51%	1.51%	2.26%	1.10%	0.83%
Out	3.01%	2.03%	2.83%	1.61%	1.48%

Ex 4: Allen-Cahn Eqn

Results for In-Distribution Testing:







Results for Out-of-Distribution Testing:



Test Erro	ors:				
Model	FFNN	UNet	DeepONet	FNO	CNO
In	18.27%	0.82%	13.63%	0.57%	0.83%
Out	46.93%	2.18%	19.86%	2.36%	3.67%

Ex 5: Transport

Results for In-Distribution Testing:



Results for Out-of-Distribution Testing:



Test Errors: Model FFNN UNet DeepONet FNO CNO In 7.09% 0.49% 1.14%0.40% 0.30% 650.57% 13.83% 0.47% Out 1.28% 157.22%



Ex 6: Compressible Euler Eqns

Results for In-Distribution Testing:



Results for Out-of-Distribution Testing:



Test Errors: FFNN DeepONet CNO Model UNet FNO In 0.78% 0.38% 1.93% 0.47% 0.35% 1.34% 0.76% 2.88% 0.85% 0.62% Out

▶ RunTime: 10²s for NuwTun vs 10⁻⁴s for CNO

Similar Performance across the board !!

Extensive Empirical evaluation on RPB benchmarks.

	In/Out	FFNN	GT	UNet	ResNet	DON	FNO	CNO
Poisson	In	5.74%	2.77%	0.71%	0.43%	12.92%	4.98%	0.21%
Equation	Out	5.35%	2.84%	1.27%	1.10%	9.15%	7.05%	0.27%
Wave	In	2.51%	1,44%	1.51%	0.79%	2.26%	1.02%	0.63%
Equation	Out	3.01%	1.79%	2.03%	1.36%	2.83%	1.77%	1.17%
Smooth	In	7.09%	0.98%	0.49%	0.39%	1.14%	0.28%	0.24 <i>%</i>
Transport	Out	650.6%	875.4%	1.28%	0.96%	157.2%	3.90%	0.46 <i>%</i>
Discontinuous	In	13.0%	1.55%	1.31%	1.01%	5.78%	1.15%	1.01%
Transport	Out	257.3%	22691.1%	1.35%	1.16%	117.1%	2.89%	1.09%
Allen-Cahn	In	18.27%	0.77%	0.82%	1.40%	13.63%	0.28%	0.54%
Equation	Out	46.93%	2.90%	2.18%	3.74%	19.86%	1.10%	2.23%
Navier-Stokes	In	8.05%	4.14%	3.54%	3.69%	11.64%	3.57%	2.76%
Equations	Out	16.12%	11.09%	10.93%	9.68%	15.05%	9.58%	7.04%
Darcy	In	2.14%	0.86%	0.54%	0.42%	1.13%	0.80%	0.38%
Flow	Out	2.23%	1.17%	0.64%	0.60%	1.61%	1.11%	0.50%
Compressible	In	0.78%	2.09%	0.38%	1.70%	1.93%	0.44%	0.35%
Euler	Out	1.34%	2.94%	0.76%	2.06%	2.88%	0.69%	0.59%

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Computational Efficiency of CNO



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