### The Mathematics of Deep Learning

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# The Dawn of Deep Learning in Public Life



## Spectacular Success in Science

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### 'It will change everything': DeepMind's AI makes gigantic leap in solving protein structures

Google's deep-learning program for determining the 3D shapes of proteins stands to transform biology, say scientists.



Nature 588, 203-204 (2020)

#### **STRUCTURE SOLVER**

DeepMind's AlphaFold 2 algorithm significantly outperformed other teams at the CASP14 proteinfolding contest — and its previous version's performance at the last CASP.





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- Numerical Analysis of Partial Differential Equations (2017–)
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  Black-Scholes PDE
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  Allen-Cahn PDE
  - → Parametric PDEs

 $\sim \cdots$ 







### Deep Learning = Alchemy?



Al researchers allege that machine learning is alchemy

By Matthew Hutson | May. 3, 2018 , 11:15 AM



Ali Rahimi, a researcher in artificial intelligence (Al) at Google in San Francisco, California, took a swipe at his field last December-and received a 40-second ovation for it. Speaking at an Al conference, Rahimi charged that machine learning algorithms, in which computers learn through trial and error, have become a form of "alchemy." Researchers, he said, do not know why some algorithms work and others don't, nor do they have rigorous criteria for choosing one AI architecture over another. Now, in a paper presented on 30 April at the International Conference on Learning Representations in Vancouver, Canada, Rahimi and his collaborators document examples of what they see as the alchemy problem and offer prescriptions for bolstering Al's rigor.



### Problem with Trustworthiness



By Linde Goddes 5th December 2018



Computers can be made to see a sea turtle as a gun or hear a concerto as someone's voice, which is raising concerns about using artificial intelligence in the real world.

MACHINE MINDS | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE





#### SIAM NEWS MAY 2017



Research | May 01, 2017

### Deep, Deep Trouble

Deep Learning's Impact on Image Processing, Mathematics, and Humanity

#### By Michael Elad

I am really confused. I keep changing my opinion on a daily basis, and I cannot seem to settle on one solid view of this puzzle. No, I am not talking about world politics or the current U.S. president, but rather something far more critical to humankind, and more specifically to our existence and work as engineers and researchers. I am talking about...deep learning.



## Role of Mathematics

► ...

#### Two Key Challenges for Mathematics:

#### Mathematics for Deep Learning!

- Can we derive a deep mathematical understanding of deep learning?
- How can we make deep learning more robust?

#### Deep Learning for Mathematics!

- ▶ How can we use deep learning to improve imaging science?
- Can we develop superior PDE solvers via deep learning?





Delving Deeper into Deep Neural Networks...



## First Appearance of Neural Networks

### Key Task of McCulloch and Pitts (1943):

- Develop an algorithmic approach to learning.
- Mimicking the functionality of the human brain.

### Goal: Artifical Intelligence!















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#### **Examples of Activation Functions:**

- Heaviside function  $\rho(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0, \\ 0, & x \le 0. \end{cases}$
- Sigmoid function  $\rho(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ .
- Rectifiable Linear Unit (ReLU)  $\rho(x) = \max\{0, x\}$ .



**Remark:** Concatenating artificial neurons leads to *compositions of affine linear maps and activation functions*.

Example: The following part of a neural network is given by

$$\Phi: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \Phi(x) = W^{(2)} \rho(W^{(1)}x + b^{(1)}) + b^{(2)}.$$



→ Sparse matrices lead to *sparse connectivity*!



### **Definition:**

Assume the following notions:

- ▶  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ : Dimension of input layer.
- L: Number of layers.



ρ: ℝ → ℝ: (Non-linear) function called *activation function*.
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Goal:  $\Phi_{(W^{(\ell)}, b^{(\ell)})_{\ell}} \approx f$ 



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## Explainability

#### Main Goal: We aim to understand decisions of "black-box" predictors!

map for digit 3

map for digit 8





### **Selected Questions:**

- What exactly is relevance in a mathematical sense?
- Can we develop a theory for optimal relevance maps?
- How to extend to challenging modalities?



Source: Rate-Distortion Explanation (RDE) (Macdonald, Wäldchen, Hauch, K; 2020) (Heiß, Levie, Resnick, K, Bruna; 2021)

#### Vision:

Explanation of a decision indistinguishable from a human being! → Requires interdisciplinary approach and novel mathematics!

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Are deep neural networks at least as good as all previous mathematical methods?



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Let  $(\psi_{\lambda})_{\lambda} \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Allowing only polynomial depth search, we have the following *optimal behavior* for  $f \in \mathcal{E}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ :

$$\|f-f_N\|_2 \asymp N^{-1}$$
 as  $N \to \infty$ .



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#### Non-Exhaustive List of Approaches:

- Ridgelets (Candès and Donoho; 1999)
- Curvelets (Candès and Donoho; 2002)
- Contourlets (Do and Vetterli; 2002)
- Bandlets (LePennec and Mallat; 2003)
- Shearlets (K and Labate; 2006)





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$$\{\phi(\cdot - m) : m \in \mathbb{Z}^2\},$$

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### 2D&3D (parallelized) Fast Shearlet Transform (www.ShearLab.org):

- Matlab (K, Lim, Reisenhofer; 2013)
- ▶ Julia (Loarca; 2017)
- Python (Look; 2018)
- Tensorflow (K, Loarca; 2019)



#### Welcome to shearlab.org

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Universality of Deep Neural Networks: An Analysis of Their Expressivity



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#### Key Challenge:

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## One Size Fits All?

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**Some Typical Deep Learning Approaches to Inverse Problems:** Iterative solvers, e.g., ADMM, contain a ...

 denoising step, which can be replaced by a neural network.
 ~ Plug-and-play with CNN-denoising [Venkatakrishnan,Bouman,Wohlberg,'13], [Romano,Elad,Milanfar,'16], [Meinhardt et al.,'17], [Reehorst,Schniter,'19] ...

proximal steps, which can be learnt using a deep learning-based approach. ~ Learned Iterative Schemes [Gregor,LeCun,'10], [Yang et al.,'16].

[Hammernick et al.,'16] [Adler,Öktem,'17], [Hammernick et al.,'18], [Hauptmann et al.,'18] ...



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#### Model-Based Approaches Fail (60° Missing Angle):



Original Image



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Sparse Regularization with Shearlets



 $\phi = 15^{\circ}$ , filtered backprojection (FBP)





 $\phi = 30^{\circ}$ , filtered backprojection (FBP)





 $\phi = 45^{\circ}$ , filtered backprojection (FBP)





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 $\phi = 75^{\circ}$ , filtered backprojection (FBP)



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### Illustration of Theorem [Quinto, 1993]:





*visible*": singularities tangent to sampled lines

*"invisible"*: singularities not tangent to sampled lines



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## Our Approach "Learn the Invisible (LtI)" (Bubba, K, Lassas, März, Samek, Siltanen, Srinivan; 2019)

### **Step 1:** Reconstruct the visible

$$f^* \coloneqq \operatorname*{argmin}_{f \geq 0} \| \, \mathcal{R}_\phi \, f - g \|_2^2 + \| \, \mathsf{SH}_\psi(f) \|_{1,w}$$

Best available classical solution (little artifacts, denoised)

Access "wavefront set" via sparsity prior on shearlets:

▶ For 
$$(j, k, l) \in \mathcal{I}_{inv}$$
: SH <sub>$\psi$</sub>  $(f^*)_{(j,k,l)} \approx 0$   
▶ For  $(j, k, l) \in \mathcal{I}_{vis}$ : SH <sub>$\psi$</sub>  $(f^*)_{(j,k,l)}$  reliable and near perfect

### Step 2: Learn the invisible

### Step 3: Combine

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Deep neural networks can outperform classical methods by far!

## Deep Network Shearlet Edge Extractor (DeNSE) (Andrade-Loarca, K, Öktem, Petersen; 2019)



Original



Human Annotation



SEAL [Yu et al; 2018]



CoShREM [Reisenhofer et al.; 2015]





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A Final Glimpse into the Effectivness of Deep Neural Networks for Solving PDEs!



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**Parametric PDEs:** *Parameter dependent families of PDEs* arise in basically any branch of science and engineering:

- Complex design problems
- Optimization tasks
- Uncertainty quantification



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▶ ...

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i y \mapsto u_y \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(u_y, y) = f_y$ .

Curse of Dimensionality: Computational cost too high!



## What can Deep Neural Networks do?

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- Flexible, universal approach.

**Questions:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .

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 for all  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ ?

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Numerical Results (Geist, Petersen, Raslan, Schneider, K; 2021)

- Parametric diffusion equation with various parametrizations
- Fixed neural network architecture: 11 layers and 0.2-LReLU
- Training set: 20000 i.i.d. parameter samples





This performance does also not suffer from the curse of dimensionality!

## Some Final Thoughts...



## Conclusions

### Deep Learning:

- Impressive performance in real-world applications!
- A theoretical foundation of is largely missing!

(New) Mathematics is crucially needed (...which concerns almost all areas)!

### Mathematics for Deep Learning:

- Expressivity: Optimal architectures?
- Learning: Controllable, efficient algorithms?
- Generalization: Performance on test data sets?
- Explainability: Explaining network decisions?

### Deep Learning for Mathematics:

- Significantly better solvers of *inverse problems*.
- Beating the curse of dimensionality for partial differential equations.





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### Exciting Future Perspectives for Mathematics!







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