Besov Function Approximation and Binary Classification on Low-Dimensional Manifolds Using Convolutional Residual Networks

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Introduction

Deep neural networks (NN) have demonstrated impressive performance in

- Computer vision [Krizhevsky et al., 2012]
- Natural language processing [Graves et al., 2013; Young et al., 2018; Wu et al., 2016]
- Health care [Miotto et al., 2018; Jiang et al., 2017]
- Bioinformatics [Alipanahi et al., 2015; Zhou & Troyanskaya, 2015]

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- Feedforward neural networks (FNN) [Cybenko 1989; Hamers & Kohler 2006; Kohler & Mehnert 2011; Lu et al. 2017; Yarotsky 2017; Lee et al. 2017; Suzuki 2019]
- Convolutional neural networks (CNN) [Petersen & Voigtlaender, 2020; Zhou 2020a, 2020b, Oono & Suzuki 2019.]

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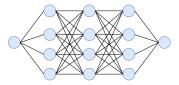
- Are cursed by dimensionality:
 - To approximate a C^s function in \mathbb{R}^D with accuracy ε , the network size is of $O(\varepsilon^{-D/s})$.
- Study Hölder or Sobolev functions.
 - [Suzuki 2019] studied Besov functions $B_{p,q}^{s+\alpha}$

$$W^{s+\alpha,\infty} = \mathcal{H}^{s,\alpha} \subseteq B^{s+\alpha}_{\infty,\infty} \subseteq B^{s+\alpha}_{p,q}$$

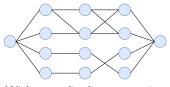
for any $0 < p, q \le \infty, s \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1]$.

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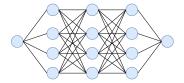
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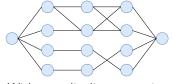


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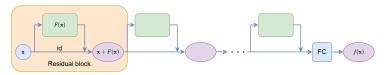


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Training networks with the cardinality constraint needs substantial efforts [Han et al. 2015, 2016; Blalock et al. 2020].

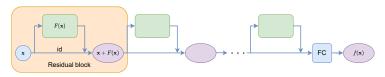
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 Approximation theory of ConvResNets for Hölder functions is developed by [Oono & Suzuki 2019].

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- We analyze the performance of ConvResNets on
 - ☐ Besov function approximation
 - ☐ Binary classification with the logistic loss

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Remarks:

- There is no cardinality constraint.
- The network size is of $O(\varepsilon^{-d/s})$, and only weakly depends on D.

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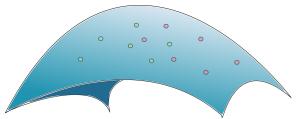
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A low dimension manifold model for inputs:

Assume {x_i}ⁿ_{i=1} are located on a d-dimensional manifold M embedded in R^D.



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Remarks:

- Our result gives a faster rate depending on d instead of D
- ConvResNets are adaptive to the intrinsic dimension of data sets

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