# EARLY STOPPING OF UNTRAINED NEURAL NETWORKS

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### NEURAL NETWORKS IN IMAGING SCIENCE



Supervised learning: Network's weights are adjusted through training on paired data all images from **Ulyanov et al. 2018** 



### Untrained Neural Networks

Popular network architecture for image tasks: U-net

Input 
$$z$$
  $d_1$   $d_2$   $\cdots$   $d_N$   $s_1$   $s_2$   $\cdots$   $s_N$  Output  $d_1$   $d_2$   $d_2$   $d_2$   $d_3$   $d_4$   $d_5$   $d_5$ 

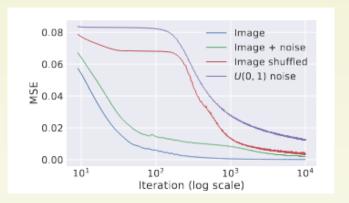
What if no training data available?

Deep image prior (Ulyanov et al. 2018)

Network weight's are tuned to fit a single image from random input



Uljanov et al. use highly over-parametrised U-net. network can fit any output, but natural images substantially faster



"Regularisation by architecture"+ early stopping



#### ILL-POSED INVERSE PROBLEMS

(Discrete) inverse problem:

$$Ax = v^{\delta}$$

- forward model  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,
- noisy data  $y^{\delta} = y^{\dagger} + \delta \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,
- exact solution  $x^{\dagger} = A^{+}y^{\dagger}$ .

Problem: A ill-conditioned  $\Rightarrow$  standard inversion does not work.

Example: Computerised tomography, image deblurring



## **OUR SETTING**

We use

$$G(C) := ReLU(UC)v$$

to approximate  $x^{\dagger}$ .

- ReLU = ReLU(s) = max(s, 0) rectifier linear unit applied componentwise,
- $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (usually a convolution)
- $v \in \mathbb{R}^N$  normalised with entries  $\pm 1$ ,
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}$  weights to be tuned



# TUNING OF WEIGHTS C

Apply gradient descent to

$$\mathcal{L}(C) := \frac{1}{2} \|AG(C) - y^{\delta}\|^2$$

with random Gaussian initilisation  $C_0$ .

Discrepancy principle for stopping of the iteration:

$$k_{\mathrm{dp}}^{\delta} := \min \left\{ k \geq 0 \ : \ \|AG(C_k) - y^{\delta}\| \leq \tau \delta 
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### OPTIMAL CONVERGENCE

Source condition:  $\mathcal{X}_{\nu,\rho}:=\left\{x\in\mathbb{R}^n\ :\ x=(A^TA)^{\nu/2}w,\ \|w\|\leq\rho\right\}$ 

worst-case-error rate:  $err_{WC}(\delta, \rho, \nu)$ 

# THEOREM (J., JIN)

Assume that A and  $\Sigma(U)$  have polynomially decaying singular values and aligned right singular vectors. Then, for  $N=N(\delta,\epsilon)$  large enough and  $\omega=\omega(\delta,\epsilon)$  small enough and a constant C>0, it holds that

$$\inf_{\mathsf{X}^\dagger \in \mathcal{X}_{\rho,\nu}} \mathbb{P}\left( \| \mathsf{G}(C_{k_{\mathrm{dp}}^\delta}) - \mathsf{X}^\dagger \| \le C \operatorname{err}_{\mathsf{WC}}(\delta, \rho, \nu) \right) \ge 1 - \epsilon.$$

"Optimal convergence for large enough network"



 $\mathcal{J}(C_0)$  jacobian at random initialisation  $C_0$ .

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{J}(C_0)\mathcal{J}(C_0)^T\right] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{\pi}\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{(u_i, u_j)}{\|u_i\| \|u_j\|}\right)\right)(u_i, u_j)\right)_{i,j=1}^n$$
$$=: \Sigma(U) = JJ^T$$

J reference jacobian

 $\Longrightarrow$  Jacobian at initialisation approximately only dependent on U



Compare dynamics of nonlinear and linear least squares

$$\mathcal{L}(C) = \frac{1}{2} \|AG(C) - y^{\delta}\|$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{lin}}(C) = \frac{1}{2} ||AG(C_0) + AJ(c - c_0) - y^{\delta}||^2$$

 $(c, c_0)$  are vectorised versions of  $C, C_0$ 

 $\Longrightarrow$  For not too many iterations, linear and nonlinear iterates (and residuals) stay close



#### **ERROR DECOMPOSITION**

- $C_k$  nonlinear iterates,  $C_k^{\text{lin}}$  linear iterates,
- $G^{\text{lin}}(\cdot) = G(C_0) + J(\cdot c_0)$  linearised network,

$$||G(C_k) - x^{\dagger}|| \le ||G(C_k) - G^{lin}(C_k^{lin})|| + ||G^{lin}(C_k^{lin}) - x^{\dagger}||$$

First term:

$$\begin{split} \|G(C_k) - G^{\text{lin}}(C_k^{\text{lin}})\| &\leq \|G(C_k) - G^{\text{lin}}(C_k)\| + \|G^{\text{lin}}(C_k) - G^{\text{lin}}(C_k^{\text{lin}})\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\xi \in \text{conv}(C_k, C_0)} \|J(\xi) - J\| \|C_k - C_0\| + \|J(C_k^{\text{lin}} - C_k)\| \\ &< \text{small} \end{split}$$

for k not too large (dependent on N and  $\omega$ ).



For remainder  $\|\mathcal{G}^{\mathrm{lin}}(C^{\mathrm{lin}}_{k_{\mathrm{dn}}^{\delta}})-x^{\dagger}\|$  mainly classical analysis.

## Two issues:

- representation of x through linearised network
- random initialisation

 $\implies$  Optimal rates for suitable aligned sinuglar vectors of A and  $\Sigma(U)$  and polynomially decaying singular values.



# **CONCLUSION**

- untrained neural networks provably can be used to solve inverse problems
- early-stopping essential
- discrepancy principle realises early stopping



OUTLOOK

Problem: N "extremely"large (e.g.,  $N > n \log(\epsilon^{-1}) \delta^{-21}$ )

**One approach**: Pretraining on simpler data sets, in order to identify relevant subspaces.

Example: Radon transform

- application: x-ray tomography for medical diagnosis
- pretraining on synthetic data (ellipsoids,...)

