# Non-perturbative renormalization for the neural network-QFT correspondence 

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## Outline: 1. Motivations

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NN-QFT correspondence

Renormalization group in NN-QFT

Conclusion

## Talk highlights

- neural networks and uses in physics in a nutshell
- NN-QFT correspondence between:
- statistical ensemble of neural networks
- (Euclidean) quantum field theory
- describe the correspondence
- infinite-width neural network $=$ Gaussian process $=$ free QFT (i.e. infinite number of neurons)
- finite-width $=$ interactions
- data-space and theory space
- renormalization group
- numerical results
- goal: effective theory of learning
- improve efficiency
- improve architecture design


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Typical problems

- big data: large-dimensional and noisy data to be related to theoretical models (particle colliders, gravitational waves, galaxy surveys. . .)
- exploration: landscape of possible models too large or not well understood (BSM phenomenology, NN-QFT... )
- computational: interaction structure prevents writing the model explicitly or making analytic computations (strong coupling, many-body physics... )


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- neural network (NN) $f(x)=$ sequence of:
- matrix multiplication + translations (learnable parameters)
- element-wise non-linear functions (fixed)
- supervised learning: given a set of pairs $\left\{x_{a}, y_{a}=F\left(x_{a}\right)\right\}$, tune parameters with gradient descent such that $\forall a: f\left(x_{a}\right) \approx F\left(x_{a}\right)$
- motivations
- generically outperform all other machine learning algorithms
- can outperform human experts
- transfer learning (train for one task, apply to other tasks)


## What is a neural network?

$$
\begin{gathered}
x_{i_{0}}^{(0)}:=x_{i_{0}} \\
x_{i_{1}}^{(1)}=g^{(1)}\left(W_{i_{1} i_{0}}^{(1)} x_{i_{0}}^{(0)}\right) \\
f_{i_{2}}\left(x_{i_{0}}\right):=x_{i_{2}}^{(2)}=g^{(2)}\left(W_{i_{2} i_{1}}^{(2)} x_{i_{1}}^{(1)}\right) \\
i_{0}=1,2,3 ; i_{1}=1, \ldots, 4 ; i_{2}=1,2 \\
K=1 ; d_{\text {in }}=3 ; N^{(1)}=4 ; \quad d_{\text {out }}=2
\end{gathered}
$$



- input $x^{(0)}:=x \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text {in }}}$
- $K \geq 1$ hidden layers, $n \in\{1, \ldots, K\}$
- layer $n$ : $N^{(n)}$ neurons (units) $x^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{(n)}}$
- learnable weights $W^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{(n)} \times N^{(n-1)}}$
- learnable biases $b^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{(n)}}$ (not displayed)
- fixed activation functions $g^{(n)}$ (element-wise)
- output $x^{(K+1)}:=f(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text {out }}}$


## Problems with neural networks

- black box: hard to understand the meaning of computations
- loss landscape: loss function non-convex and very rough, hard to find (global) minimum (related to spin glass) [1412.0233, Choromanska et al.; 1712.09913, Li et al.]
- complicated training: expensive computationally, convergence issues. . .
[syncedreview.com/cost-of-training-sota-ai-models]
- hyperparameter tuning: mostly trial and errors or random/Bayesian/bandit optimization
- expressibility: which functions can be approximated, under which conditions?
[1606.05336, Raghu et al.]


## Why physics?

- effective description (no need to know fundamental theory)
- efficient representation of statistical models (path integral, Feynman diagrams)
- collective dynamics of degrees of freedom and organization by scales (renormalization, phase transitions)
$\rightarrow$ develop tools to improve analytical understanding of neural network building and training
[1608.08225, Lin-Tegmark-Rolnick; 1903.10563, Carleo et al.; Zdeborová '21]


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In this talk [2108.01403, HE-Lahoche-Samary]:

- describe the NN-QFT correspondence
- discuss the theory space
- establish RG flow for the QFT
- provide numerical results


## Main "experimental" result

Varying the standard deviation of the weight distribution induces an RG flow in the space of neural networks.

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## Neural network

- fully connected neural network (one hidden layer)

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f_{\theta, N}: \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text {in }}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text {out }}} \\
f_{\theta, N}(x)=W_{1}\left(g\left(W_{0} x+b_{0}\right)\right)+b_{1}
\end{gathered}
$$

- width $N$, activation function $g$
- parameters (weights and biases): Gaussian distributions

$$
\begin{gathered}
\theta=\left(W_{0}, b_{0}, W_{1}, b_{1}\right) \\
W_{0} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma_{W}^{2} / d_{\text {in }}\right), \quad W_{1} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma_{W}^{2} / N\right) \\
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- training $=$ change parameter dist. $=$ flow in function space

Note: no training in this talk

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This looks like a free QFT.

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- effective (IR) 2-point function exactly known ( $G^{(2)} N$-indep.)

$$
G^{(2)}(x, y)=K(x, y)=G_{0}^{(2)}(x, y)
$$

- work with 1 PI effective action

$$
\Gamma[f]=S_{0}[f]+\Gamma_{\text {int }}[f]
$$

## Summary of NN-QFT correspondence

|  | QFT | NN / GP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x$ | spacetime points | data-space inputs |
| $p$ | momentum space | dual data-space |
| $f$ | field | neural network |
| $K(x, y)$ | propagator | Gaussian kernel |
| $S$ | action | log probability |
| $S_{0}$ | free action | Gaussian log probability |
| $S_{\text {int }}$ | interactions | non-Gaussian corrections |

Why is it interesting?

- correlation functions between outputs (= Green functions) give measure of learning
- e.g. 1-point function $\langle f(x)\rangle=$ average prediction for input $x$ (relation with symmetry breaking)


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1. assumptions dictated by numerical evidences
2. write model to match observations
3. use model to check theoretical facts (dualities...)
ex.: local interactions sufficient for simple models [2008.08601, HMS], study of input/output symmetries [2106.00694, HMS]

## Examples of interactions

- local interactions

$$
S_{\text {int }}=\sum_{n} g_{n} \int \mathrm{~d}^{d_{\text {in }}} x f(x)^{n}
$$

- non-local interactions and coupling functions

$$
S_{\text {int }}=\int \mathrm{d}^{d_{\text {in }}} x_{1} \cdots \mathrm{~d}^{d_{\text {in }}} x_{n} g\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) f\left(x_{1}\right) \cdots f\left(x_{n}\right)
$$

- delocalized fields [2111.03672, HE-Fırat-Zwiebach]

$$
\tilde{f}(x):=\int \mathrm{d}^{d_{\mathrm{in}}} y \kappa(x, y) f(y)
$$

- tensor models: break permutation invariance [Gurau '16]

$$
S_{\text {int }}=g \int \mathrm{~d}^{3} x \mathrm{~d}^{3} y f\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right) f\left(x_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}\right) f\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}\right) f\left(y_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)
$$

$f(x)=3$-tensor field with continuous indices, pairwise contractions

## GaussNet

Setup in this talk and [2108.01403, HE-Lahoche-Samary]:

- take $d_{\text {out }}=1$
- translation-invariant activation function

$$
g\left(W_{0} x+b_{0}\right)=\frac{\exp \left(W_{0} x+b_{0}\right)}{\sqrt{\exp \left[2\left(\sigma_{b}^{2}+\frac{\sigma_{w}^{2}}{d_{\text {in }}} x^{2}\right)\right]}}
$$

(stricly speaking, activation func. + normalization)

- GP kernel [2008.08601, HMS]

$$
K(x, y):=\sigma_{b}^{2}+K_{W}(x, y), \quad K_{W}(x, y)=\sigma_{W}^{2} \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{\sigma_{W}^{2}}{22 d_{\mathrm{in}}}|x-y|^{2}}
$$

- note: [2008.08601, HMS] also considers ReLU and Erf functions


## Numerical setup

[2008.08601, HMS; 2108.01403, HE-Lahoche-Samary]
$\rightarrow d_{\mathrm{in}}=1, \sigma_{b}=1, N \in\{2,3,4,5,10,20,50,100,500,1000\}$

- $n_{\text {bags }}$ distinct statistical ensembles of $n_{\text {nets }}$ networks each
- "experimental" Green functions

$$
\begin{gathered}
\bar{G}_{\text {exp }}^{(n)}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right):=\left.\frac{1}{n_{\text {bags }}} \sum_{A=1}^{n_{\text {bags }}} G_{\text {exp }}^{(n)}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)\right|_{\text {bag } A} \\
G_{\exp }^{(n)}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right):=\frac{1}{n_{\text {nets }}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{\text {nets }}} f_{\alpha}\left(x_{1}\right) \cdots f_{\alpha}\left(x_{n}\right) \\
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\end{gathered}
$$

- $x^{(1)}, \ldots, x^{(6)} \in\{-0.01,-0.006,-0.002,0.002,0.006,0.01\}$ $\rightarrow$ evaluate Green functions for all inequivalent combinations


## Effective action

- numerical results

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- compute 1 Pl action with quartic and sextic interactions:

$$
\Gamma=S_{0}+\frac{u_{4}}{4!} \int \mathrm{d}^{d_{\mathrm{in}}} \times f(x)^{4}+\frac{u_{6}}{6!} \int \mathrm{d}^{d_{\mathrm{in}}} \times f(x)^{6}
$$

## Green function deviations: histogram





$$
\begin{gathered}
\sigma_{W}=1 \\
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## Green function deviations: mean values





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- result: $u_{4} \approx$ constant $<0$
$\rightarrow$ need $u_{6}>0$ for path integral stability
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- renormalization group (RG) flow:
- organize theory according to length scales
- integrate degrees of freedom (dof) step by step
$\rightarrow$ flow in the theory space
- connect UV to IR
- review: [cond-mat/0702365, Delamotte]


## Wilson RG: momentum-shell integration

- split field in slow and fast modes with respect to scale $k$

$$
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- Wilsonian effective action for $\phi_{<}$

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\begin{aligned}
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\mathrm{e}^{-S_{\text {eff, int }}\left[\phi_{<}\right]} & :=\int \mathrm{d} \phi_{>} \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{2} \phi_{>} \cdot K_{>}^{-1} \cdot \phi_{>}-S_{\text {int }}\left[\phi_{<}+\phi_{>}\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\phi_{<}$background, $\phi_{>}$fluctuations

## Wilson-Polchinski RG

- hard cutoff not convenient, use smooth regulator

$$
K_{k}(p):=R_{k}(p) K(p), \quad R_{k}(p) \rightarrow \begin{cases}1 & p \ll k \\ 0 & p \gg k\end{cases}
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- measure factorization $\Rightarrow$ field decomposition

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\end{gathered}
$$

- effective action at scale $k$ (UV cut-off for $\chi$ )

$$
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## Wilson-Polchinski RG

- hard cutoff not convenient, use smooth regulator

$$
K_{k}(p):=R_{k}(p) K(p), \quad R_{k}(p) \rightarrow \begin{cases}1 & p \ll k \\ 0 & p \gg k\end{cases}
$$

- measure factorization $\Rightarrow$ field decomposition

$$
\begin{gathered}
\phi(p)=\chi(p)+\Phi(p) \\
\int \mathrm{d} \phi \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{2} \phi \cdot K^{-1} \cdot \phi}=\left(\int \mathrm{d} \chi \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{2} \chi \cdot K_{k}^{-1} \cdot \chi}\right) \times\left(\int \mathrm{d} \Phi \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{2} \Phi \cdot\left(K-K_{k}\right)^{-1} \cdot \Phi}\right)
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\varphi(x):=\frac{\delta W_{k}}{\delta j}, \quad \Gamma_{k}[\varphi]:=j \cdot \varphi-W_{k}[j]-\frac{1}{2} \varphi \cdot R_{k} \cdot \varphi
$$

- Legendre transform requires correction to satisfy:

$$
\Gamma_{k=0}[\varphi]=\Gamma[\varphi], \quad \Gamma_{k=\infty}[\varphi]=S[\varphi]
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$$
\frac{\mathrm{d} \Gamma_{k}}{\mathrm{~d} k}=\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathrm{~d} R_{k}}{\mathrm{~d} k} \operatorname{tr}\left(\Gamma_{k}^{\prime \prime}+R_{k}\right)^{-1}
$$

$\Gamma_{k}^{\prime \prime}$ second derivatives of $\Gamma$ w.r.t. $\varphi$

- solving requires approximation
- restrict theory space to finite-dimensional subspace
- derivative / local potential expansion
- non-perturbative formalism, finite coupling constants
- large $N$ expansion: keeping up to $\phi^{2 n} \leftrightarrow O\left(1 / N^{n-1}\right)$ effects


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- opposite as usual, need to reverse flow
- since information is lost, no 1-to-1 map UV / IR
- but any microscopic theory in IR universality class is fine

(Note: [2008.08601, Halverson-Maiti-Stoner] defines RG flow w.r.t. IR cutoff)


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$$
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$$

## Passive / active RG

$\rightarrow$ passive RG: keep $m_{0}=\xi^{-1}$ fixed, vary $k=a^{-1} \leq a_{0}^{-1}$
(keep neural network fixed, vary data)


- active RG: keep $a_{0}$ fixed, vary $k=m \geq m_{0}$ (keep data fixed, vary neural network)



## Passive RG: deep IR

- 2-derivative approximation

$$
\Gamma_{k, 0}=\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\mathrm{~d}^{d_{\mathrm{in}}} p}{(2 \pi)^{d_{\mathrm{in}}}} \varphi(-p)\left(p^{2}+m(k)^{2}\right) \varphi(p)
$$

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$$
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\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{gathered}
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K_{d_{\text {in }}}:=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{d_{\text {in }}}} \frac{\pi^{d_{\mathrm{in}} / 2}}{\Gamma\left(d_{\mathrm{in}} / 2+1\right)}
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- can also study deep UV (need momentum-dependent vertices)


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## Results: active RG



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theory: $\log _{10}\left|u_{4}\right|=-3.00 \log _{10} \sigma_{w}-0.83$


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sigma_{W} \in\{1.0,1.5, \ldots, 10,20\} \\
& n_{\text {bags }}=30, \quad n_{\text {nets }}=30000
\end{aligned}
$$

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- field redefinitions for non-local theories [2111.03672, HE-Fırat-Zwiebach]
- study evolution of QFT under training

