Learning elliptic PDEs with randomized linear algebra

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Small selection of practical work:

[Brunton, Proctor, & Kutz, 16], [Rudy, Brunton, Proctor, & Kutz, 17], [Schaeffer, 17], [Raissi, Perdikaris, & Karniadakis, 17], [Raissi, 18], [Han, Jentzen, and E, 2018], [Khoo, Lu, & Ying, 2018], [Fan, Feliu-Faba, Lin, Ying, Zepeda-Nunez, 2018], [Raissi, Perdikaris, & Karniadakis, 19], [Gin, Shea, Brunton, & Kutz, 21]

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DeepONet



[Quanta Magazine; Lu et al, 2021]

Fourier Neural Operator



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DeepGreen



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Poisson equation

Helmholtz equation

$$-\nabla^2 u = f$$
$$u(0) = u(1) = 0$$



$$\nabla^2 u + k^2 u = f$$
$$u(0) = u(1)$$



Final theoretical result

Symmetric pos. def. matrix with bounded coefficients

Self-adjoint elliptic PDEs in ID, 2D, or 3D of the form:

$$\mathcal{L}u := -\nabla \cdot (A(x)\nabla u) = f \quad \longrightarrow \quad u(x) = \int_{\Omega} G(x, y) f(y) \, \mathrm{d}y$$

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<u>Proof</u>

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Randomized SVD for Green's functions [Boulle & T., 21] We can learn kernel in a self-adjoint HS integral operator $f \mapsto \int_{\Omega} G(x, y) f(y) dy$: **Randomized SVD for HS operators:**

















Smoothness implies low-rank

Suppose $X_{ij} = G(x_i, y_j)$, where $G : [-1, 1]^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function.

 $G(\cdot, y)$ is ν -times diff. with bounded variation: $\sigma_k(G) = \mathcal{O}(k^{-\nu})$ $G(\cdot, y)$ is bounded analytic in neighborhood of [-1, 1]: $\sigma_k(G) = \mathcal{O}(\rho^{-k})$ [Reade, 83], [Little & Reade, 84], [Ibragimov & Rjasanow, 09], [Khoromskij, 10], [Trefethen, 13]



Aside: Covariance quality factor

Theorem

We can construct an approximation G_k of G from k+5 random input functions f such that

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\|G - G_k\|_{L^2} \le \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{k^2/\gamma_k}\right)\epsilon_k\right] \ge 0.999$$

Definition:

$$k_k = k/(\lambda_1 \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{C}^{-1}))$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{ij} = \int_{D \times D} v_i(x) K(x, y) v_j(y) \, \mathrm{d}x \, \mathrm{d}y$$

where v_i is the ith right singular vectors of *G*.

 $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, K)$

where K(x, y) is the covariance kernel

- $0 < \gamma_k \leq 1$
- We can impose prior knowledge on the covariance kernel
- Explicit bounds for the covariance quality factor are available

Regularity of Green's functions

One dimension



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Off-diagonal decay

Green's function of the Laplace operator:

$$-\nabla^2 u = f$$



Green's functions are smooth and decay off the diagonal. [Grüter, Widman, 1982]

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Learning Green's functions in practice

Deep learning method [Boullé, Earls, T., 2021]



Schrödinger equation, double well potential



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Advection-diffusion equation



Recovering PDE properties from its Green's function



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Question for the audience:

What PDE properties can we recover from a noisy /inaccurate Green's function?

Summary

1. Theory for learning Green's functions

$$\mathcal{L}u = -\nabla \cdot (A(x)\nabla u)$$





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2. Generalization of the randomized SVD





Python package

pip install greenlearning

https://github.com/NBoulle/greenlearning

