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# Deep Neural Networks as Gaussian Processes

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## 0. Abstract

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when  $H \rightarrow \infty$  : single layer NN with a prior = GP (Neal, 1994)

contribution: "show infinitely wide deep networks = GP "

- 1) trained NN accuracy approaches that of the corresponding GP
- 2) GP uncertainty is strongly correlated with trained network prediction error

## 1. Introduction

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DNN & GP

- DNN = flexible parametric models nowadays
- GP = traditional non-parametric tool
- ( limit of  $\infty$  width ) the CLT implies that the function computed by NN = function drawn from GP ( Neal, 1994 )
- this substitution enables exact Bayesian inference for regression using NN ( Williams, 1997 )

### 1.1 Related Work

GP context

- infinite network = GP (Neal, 1994)
- GP prior for exact Bayesian Inference in Regression (Williams, 1997)
- building deep GP & observe degenerate form of kernels (Duvenaud et al, 2014)
- constructing kernels equivalent to infinitely wide DNN (Hazan & Jaakola, 2015)

outside GP context

- derives compositional kernels for polynomial rectified nonlinearities (Cho & Saul, 2009)
- extends the construction of compositional kernels to NN (Daniely et al, 2016)

## 1.2 Summary of Contributions

begin by specifying the form of GP ( which corresponds to deep, infinitely wide NN ) = NNGP in terms of recursive, deterministic computation of the kernel function

Then, develop computationally efficient method to compute covariance function

## 2. Deep, Infinitely Wide NN are drawn from GPs

### 2.1 Notation

$L$  : # of hidden layer

$N_L$  : width of layer  $L$

$\phi$  : pointwise non-linearity

$x \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{in}}$  : input

$x_i^l$  :  $i$ th component of the activations in  $l$ th layer, post-nonlinearity ( = post activation )

$z_i^l$  :  $i$ th component of the activations in  $l$ th layer, post-affine transformation ( = pre activation )

$z^L \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{out}}$  : output ( = post-affine transformation )

$W_{ij}^l, b_i^l$  : weight and bias ( zero mean, and covariance with  $\sigma_w^2/N_l$  and  $\sigma_b^2$  each)

$\mathcal{GP}(\mu, K)$  : GP with mean, covariance  $\mu(\cdot), K(\cdot, \cdot)$ , respectively.

### 2.2 Review of GP and 1-layer NN

The  $i$  th component of the network output,  $z_i^1$ , is computed as,

$$z_i^1(x) = b_i^1 + \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} W_{ij}^1 x_j^1(x), \quad x_j^1(x) = \phi \left( b_j^0 + \sum_{k=1}^{d_{in}} W_{jk}^0 x_k \right)$$

- $x_k$  : pre-activation
- $x_i^l(x)$  : post-activation
- $z_i^l(x)$  : pre-activation

by CLT, as  $N_1 \rightarrow \infty$

- $z_i^1(x)$  is Gaussian distributed
- any finite collection of  $\{z_i^1(x^{\alpha=1}), \dots, z_i^1(x^{\alpha=k})\}$  will have a joint MVN ( = GP )

$\therefore z_i^1 \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu^1, K^1)$

- mean :  $\mu^1(x) = \mathbb{E}[z_i^1(x)] = 0$
- covariance :  $K^1(x, x') \equiv \mathbb{E}[z_i^1(x)z_i^1(x')] = \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_w^2 \mathbb{E}[x_i^1(x)x_i^1(x')] \equiv \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_w^2 C(x, x')$

## 2.3 GP and DNN

previous sections(works) can be extended to DEEPER layers

(  $N_1 \rightarrow \infty, N_2 \rightarrow \infty, N_3 \rightarrow \infty \dots$  )

Suppose that  $z_j^{l-1}$  is GP. After  $l - 1$  steps..

$$z_i^l(x) = b_i^l + \sum_{j=1}^{N_l} W_{ij}^l x_j^l(x), \quad x_j^l(x) = \phi(z_j^{l-1}(x))$$

- $z_i^l(x)$  is a sum of i.i.d random terms
- Thus, CLT works!  $\{z_i^1(x^{\alpha=1}), \dots, z_i^1(x^{\alpha=k})\}$  follows MVN
- Therefore,  $z_i^l \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, K^l)$

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- mean : 0
- covariance :

$$\begin{aligned} K^l(x, x') &\equiv \mathbb{E}[z_i^l(x)z_i^l(x')] \\ &= \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_w^2 \mathbb{E}_{z_i^{l-1} \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, K^{l-1})} [\phi(z_i^{l-1}(x)) \phi(z_i^{l-1}(x'))] \\ &= \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_w^2 F_\phi(K^{l-1}(x, x'), K^{l-1}(x, x), K^{l-1}(x', x')) \end{aligned}$$

( RECURSIVE relationship between  $K^l$  and  $K^{l-1}$  via deterministic function  $F$ , whose form depends only on the non-linearity  $\phi \rightarrow$  iterative series! )

For the base case  $K^0$ ,

- weight:  $W_{ij}^0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2/d_{in})$  & bias:  $b_j^0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_b^2)$
- $K^0(x, x') = \mathbb{E}[z_j^0(x)z_j^0(x')] = \sigma_b^2 + \sigma_w^2 \left(\frac{x \cdot x'}{d_{in}}\right)$

## 2.4 Bayesian Training for NN, using GP priors

How GP prior over functions can be used to do Bayesian Inference (Rasmussen & Williams, 2006 )

- data :  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^1, t^1), \dots, (x^n, t^n)\}$
- distribution over functions :  $z(x)$   
(  $z \equiv (z^1, \dots, z^n)$  on the training inputs  $x \equiv (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  )
- targets on training set :  $\mathbf{t}$
- goal : make prediction at test point  $x^*$ , using a distribution over functions  $z(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(z^* | \mathcal{D}, x^*) &= \int P(z^* | z, x, x^*) P(z | \mathcal{D}) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{P(\mathbf{t})} \int P(z^*, z | x^*, x) P(\mathbf{t} | z) dz \end{aligned}$$

$$z^*, z \mid x^*, x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{K}), \text{ where } \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}} & K_{x^*, \mathcal{D}}^T \\ K_{x^*, \mathcal{D}} & K_{x^*, x^*} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $K_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$  th element is  $K(x^i, x^j)$  with  $x^i, x^j \in \mathcal{D}$
- the  $i$  th element of  $K_{x^*, \mathcal{D}}$  is  $K(x^*, x^i)$ ,  $x^i \in \mathcal{D}$ .

$$P(z^* \mid \mathcal{D}, x^*) = z^* \mid \mathcal{D}, x^* \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}, \bar{K})$$

- mean :  $\bar{\mu} = K_{x^*, \mathcal{D}} (K_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbb{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{t}$
- covariance :  $\bar{K} = K_{x^*, x^*} - K_{x^*, \mathcal{D}} (K_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbb{I}_n)^{-1} K_{x^*, \mathcal{D}}^T$

form of the covariance function used is determined by the choice of GP prior

( NN : depth, nonlinearity, and weight and bias variances )

## 2.5 Efficient Implementation of the GP Kernel

constructing covariance matrix  $K^L$

= computing Gaussian integral  $\sigma_b^2 + \sigma_w^2 \mathbb{E}_{z_i^{l-1} \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, K^{l-1})} [\phi(z_i^{l-1}(x)) \phi(z_i^{l-1}(x'))]$  for all train & test pairs

( recursively for all layers )

for some nonlinearities..

- RELU : integration can be done "analytically"
- kernel corresponding to arbitrary nonlinearities : must be done "numerically"

Simple way : compute integrals independently for each pair of data points & each layer

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n_g^2 L (n_{\text{train}}^2 + n_{\text{train}} n_{\text{test}}))$$

Pre-process all the inputs to have identical norm

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n_g^2 n_v n_c + L (n_{\text{train}}^2 + n_{\text{train}} n_{\text{test}}))$$

### STEP

[step 1] Generate

- pre-activations  $u = [-u_{\text{max}}, \dots, u_{\text{max}}]$  .....  $n_g$  elements
- variances  $s = [0, \dots, s_{\text{max}}]$  .....  $n_v$  elements
- correlations  $c = (-1, \dots, 1)$  .....  $n_c$  elements

[step 2] Populate a matrix  $F$

- involves numerically approximating Gaussian integral  
( in terms of marginal variances  $s$  and  $c$  )

$$F_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{ab} \phi(u_a)\phi(u_b) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} s_i & s_i c_j \\ s_i c_j & s_i \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \end{bmatrix}\right)}{\sum_{ab} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} s_i & s_i c_j \\ s_i c_j & s_i \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \end{bmatrix}\right)}$$

3. For every pair of datapoints  $x$  and  $x'$  in layer  $l$ , compute  $K^l(x, x')$  using Equation 5. Approximate the function  $F_\phi\left(K^{l-1}(x, x'); K^{l-1}(x, x); K^{l-1}(x', x')\right)$  by bilinear interpolation into the matrix  $F$  from Step 2, where we interpolate into  $s$  using the value of  $K^{l-1}(x, x)$ , and interpolate into  $c$  using  $(K^{l-1}(x, x')/K^{l-1}(x, x))$ . Remember that  $K^{l-1}(x, x) = K^{l-1}(x', x')$ , due to data preprocessing to guarantee constant norm.
4. Repeat the previous step recursively for all layers. Bilinear interpolation has constant cost, so this has cost  $\mathcal{O}(L(n_{\text{train}}^2 + n_{\text{train}}n_{\text{test}}))$ .

This computational recipe allows us to compute the covariance matrix for the NNGP corresponding to any well-behaved nonlinearity  $\phi$