Faithful uncertainties in Machine Learning

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 $\alpha_{s}(m_{z})$ distribution at NNLO

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Single value per weight \longrightarrow distribution

Approximate $p(\theta | x)$ then learned during training

Variational approximation:

$$p(\theta \,|\, x) \approx q_{\phi}(x) = \prod_{i} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{i}, \sigma_{i}^{2})$$

Evaluation: sample from $p(\theta | x)$ and estimate uncertainties

Pros:

- active learning
- fast posterior sampling
- uncertainties estimation from NN
- built-in regularization

Yarin Gal thesis and related work





- twice the training time
- twice # parameters
- local in loss landscape











Perfect regression example

Leading example: **NNPDF**



Closure test of the fit:

Test fitting procedure on data with known statistical properties

Future test, validate uncertainties in subsets of data

- extrapolation (pre-HERA and pre-LHC)
- interpolation (NNPDF3.1 4.0)



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NNPDF collaboration, arXiv:2109.02653

Neural Networks



PDF fits

pre-HERA	pre-LHC
$\chi^2_{exp} (\chi^2_{exp})$	(p+pdf)
27.20 (1.23)	1.22
5.52 (1.02)	0.99
18.91 (1.31)	2.63~(1.58)
20.01 (1.06)	1.30 (0.87)
2.69 (0.98)	2.12 (1.10)
19.48 (1.16)	2.10 (1.15)

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Classification



Extract summary statistic from input observables

optimal summary statistic for 2-mixture models:

• likelihood ratio $p_s(x)/p_b(x)$



dependence on Nuisance Parameters (NPs), uncertainty aware, and resilience are pivotal concepts

Landscape of Top taggers, arXiv:1902.09914

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Classifier output will depend on NPs, how to reduce this effect?

Introduce NPs information during training:

- Augment data with NPs
- Penalizing loss function
- Adversarial loss

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 $\mathscr{L} = L - \lambda L_{Adv}$

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Simulation for each value of *z*

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Uncertainty-aware classifier

- Introduce z as a network parameter: $f_{\theta}(x_1, x_2, ..., z)$
- NP can be varied during evaluation
- Tested on an analytic likelihood example
- Classifier is aware of possible values of z
- Final evaluation on Profiled Likelihood



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Uncertainty-aware classifier





Study resilience vs performance, training on simulations

Model: Bayesian classifier

Introduce a reweighing parameter r:

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$$r = 0 \longrightarrow$$
 Herwig $r = 1 \longrightarrow$ Pythia
 $\mathscr{L} = -\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} w(x_i)^r \log p(y_i | x_i, \omega) + KL$

Study uncertainties and performance as a function of *r*:

- Optimal value of r on the calibration dataset (sherpa), estimate uncertainties
- Check calibration of the interpolated training



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Generation



"A Physics conference in the Alps in cartoon style" - stability.ai



"The" problem in ML

The power of ML has been shown outside Physics in the last years

ML community effort:

Natural Language Processing (NLP)



Implications in Particle Physics:

- event generation
- detector simulation
- unfolding
- anomaly detection



Images generation





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Path to % precision in learning probability distributions?

Learn a bijective transformation parametrized by a NN:

$$p_X(x) = p_Z(f_{\theta}^{-1}(x)) \left| \det \frac{\partial f_{\theta}^{-1}(x)}{\partial x} \right|$$

e^+ calorimeter simulation



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Favaro L., Plehn T., Krause C., Shih D., arXiv:23??.SOON CATHODE, arXiv:2109:00546



Generative networks

Task: learning $p_{data}(x)$ with (complex) NN models

Questions:

- Are there missing features?
- Is the density correctly estimated?
- $p_{true} \neq p_{data}$ are we overtraining?
- Do we gain statistics in generation?

\longrightarrow natural objective: minimize $\mathscr{L} = -\log p_{\theta}(x)$

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Learning from the model

Well known trick in Physics (and only in Physics): reweigthing Idea of a GAN: train a discriminator to classify samples define weights from classifier output: $w(x) = \frac{D(x)}{1 - D(x)}$

- Reweight according to w(x): works... but end up with **weighted samples**
- Add this information to training \longrightarrow improve NN generator cool idea... not fully understood (yet)

Example: Events generation, $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu + jets$ DiscFlow (CLS + NF) training

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- Effect of nuisance parameters
- Preserving optimality
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Fast moving field with a lot of new ideas... Stay tuned!

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Backup

ML uncertainties lingo

Uncertainties

- aleatoric systematic: additional noise in the single measurement
- aleatoric stochastic: stochastic noise in the dataset
- epistemic (systematic): how much the model is uncertain of its prediction (fidelity)



aleatoric stochastic



systematic



aleatoric systematic

epistemic



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Cannot de-correlate if NPs are aligned with features

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Learning to Pivot, arXiv:1611.01046 DisCo Fever, arXiv:2001.05310



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U-aware classifier, $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

Physics example: Higgs decay to $\tau\tau$



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Looking for the optimal metric







Unbinned Profiled Unfolding

Train two reweighting functions:

 w_0 reweights from unfolded distribution to simulation

 $w_1 = \frac{p_{\theta}(R \mid T)}{p_{\theta_0}(R \mid T)}$ takes into account experimental NPs



Recent paper on un-binned profiled unfolding





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validation in a controlled environment

MLE with Neural Networks for POIs estimation

given reliable and unbiased data

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Controlling generative networks is not easy open problem: optimal metric get an error on the density estimate use weights to improve generator

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