# Non-Perturbative Non-Lagrangian Neural Network Field Theories





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# **Punchlines**

- Ensembles of Neural Network outputs behave as Euclidean Field Theories.
- Neural Network Gaussian Processes (NNGP) corresponds to Free Field Theories. Deviations from NNGP turn on interaction terms.
- Small & large deviations leads to weakly coupled & non-perturbative Neural Network Field Theories, respectively.
- NNs also have a dual "parameters + architecture" description.
- Symmetries, correlators, partition function of NN Field Theories can be studied in this dual framework; knowledge of action isn't necessary.

# **References & Related Works**

#### Based on:

- 1. arXiv:2008.08601 -
- 2. arXiv:2106.00694 🖛
- 3. arXiv:220x.xxxxx (to appear soon) ←

#### **Related Works:**

[Halverson 2021],
[Erbin, Lahoche, Dine 2021],
[Grosvenor, Jefferson 2021],
[Lee, Bahri, Novak, Schoenholz, Pennington, Sohl-Dickstein 2017],
[Yang 2019],
[Roberts, Yaida, Hanin 2021],
[Yaida 2019].



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## What are Neural Networks?

Backbones of Deep Learning.

Outputs are functions of inputs, with continuous learnable parameters  $\theta$  and discrete hyperparameter N.

#### **Fully Connected NN :**



 $f_{\theta,N}: \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathrm{in}}} \to \mathbb{R}^{d_{out}}$ 

Generate NN outputs multiple times, outputs get drawn from same distribution.

Statistical perspective: Field Theories are defined by distributions on field / function space (via Feynman path integral).

Action  $S[\phi]$  is the 'log-likelihood'

$$Z = \int D\phi \, e^{-S[\phi]}$$

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# Outline

# **Free Field Theories in Neural Networks**

## **Free Neural Network Field Theories**

Limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ : NN output is a sum over infinite independently and identically distributed (iid) random variables, drawn from a Gaussian distribution.

#### **Neural Network Gaussian Process**

distribution: 
$$P[f] \sim \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\int d^{d_{\text{in}}}x \, d^{d_{\text{in}}}x'f(x)\Xi(x,x')f(x')\right]$$
  
$$\int d^{d_{\text{in}}}x' K(x,x')\Xi(x',x'') = \delta^{(d_{\text{in}})}(x-x'')$$
  
log-likelihood:  $S = \frac{1}{2}\int d^{d_{\text{in}}}x \, d^{d_{\text{in}}}x' \, f(x)\Xi(x,x')f(x')$   
correlators:  $G^{(n)}(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \frac{\int df \, f(x_1)\ldots f(x_n) \, e^{-S}}{Z}$ 

NNGP references (ML): [Neal], [Williams] 1990's , [Lee et al., 2017], [Matthews et al., 2018] , [Yang, 2019], [Yang, 2020]

#### Free Field Theory:

"free" := Gaussian distributions on field space, given by Feynman path integral:

$$Z = \int D\phi \, e^{-S[\phi]}$$

e.g., free scalar field theory.

$$S[\phi] = \int d^d x \, \phi(x) (\Box + m^2) \phi(x)$$

## **Free Neural Network Field Theories**

GP / asymptotic NN	Free QFT
${\rm input}\ x$	external space or momentum space point
kernel $K(x_1, x_2)$	Feynman propagator
asymptotic NN $f(x)$	free field
log-likelihood	free action $S_{\rm GP}$

$$G_{\rm GP}^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = K(x_1, x_2)$$
$$= \underbrace{x_1 \quad x_2}_{\longleftarrow}$$

Physics analogy: NN Gaussian Process  $\iff$  Free Field Theory, on Euclidean metric (without particle interactions).

Feynman diagrams for NN correlators.

$$\Delta G^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = G^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) - G^{(n)}_{\rm GP}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\Delta G^{(4)} = \frac{1}{n_{\text{nets}}} \sum_{\alpha}^{n_{\text{nets}}} f_{\alpha}(x_1) f_{\alpha}(x_2) f_{\alpha}(x_3) f_{\alpha}(x_4) - \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & x_3 & x_1 & x_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_2 & x_4 & \vdots & x_2 & x_4 \end{array} \right]$$

Test on 3 different architectures at various widths; 100 expt, each with 10<sup>5</sup> Nets.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Erf-net: } \sigma(z) = \operatorname{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z dt \, e^{-t^2} \\ & \text{Gauss-net: } \sigma(x) = \frac{\exp\left(W \, x + b\right)}{\sqrt{\exp\left[2(\sigma_b^2 + \frac{\sigma_{W}^2}{d_{\mathrm{in}}} x^2)\right]}} \\ & \text{ReLU-net: } \sigma(z) = \begin{cases} 0 \quad z < 0 \\ z \quad z \ge 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

### **Some Results**



 $m_n = \Delta G^{(n)} / G^{(n)}_{\rm GP}$ 

For n>2 , experimentally determined scaling

 $\Delta G^{(n)} \propto N^{-1}$ 

NN distributions must receive 1/N suppressed non-Gaussian corrections, close to NNGP.

# Weakly Coupled Field Theories in Neural Networks

### **Weakly Coupled Neural Network Field theories**

NGP / finite NN	Interacting QFT
input $x$	external space or momentum space point
kernel $K(x_1, x_2)$	free or exact propagator
network output $f(x)$	interacting field
non-Gaussianities	interactions
non-Gaussian coefficients	coupling strengths
log probability	effective action $S$

Close to the GP, introduce EFT interaction terms to describe NN Field Theory action.

$$S = S_{\rm GP} + \Delta S$$
$$\Delta S = \int d^{d_{\rm in}} x \left[ g f(x)^3 + \lambda f(x)^4 + \alpha f(x)^5 + \kappa f(x)^6 + \dots \right]$$

Mean-free NN distributions:  $S = S_{\rm GP} + \int d^{d_{\rm in}} x \left[ \lambda f(x)^4 + \kappa f(x)^6 \right]$ 

More NN parameters  $\rightarrow$  simpler NN Field Theory actions.

Closeness to NNGP  $\rightarrow$  "irrelevance" of non-Gaussian terms in Field Theory.

Field Theory:  $\kappa$  more irrelevant than  $\lambda$ , can be ignored. Further,  $\kappa$  is 1/N suppressed relative to  $\lambda$ .

$$G^{(n)}(x_1,...,x_n) = \frac{\int df \ f(x_1)...f(x_n) e^{-S}}{Z_0}$$

 $= \frac{\int df \ f(x_1) \dots f(x_n) \left[1 - \int d^{d_{\text{in}}x} \ g_k f(x)^k + O(g_k^2)\right] e^{-S_{\text{GP}}}/Z_{\text{GP},0}}{\int df \ \left[1 - \int d^{d_{\text{in}}x} \ g_k f(x)^k + O(g_k^2)\right] e^{-S_{\text{GP}}}/Z_{\text{GP},0}}$ 

Predict NN correlators by Feynman diagram.

### Weakly Coupled Neural Network Field Theories

#### Estimate $\lambda$ from 4-pt function expts

Fully connected feedforward NNs have an exact 2-pt function at all non-Gaussianities.

$$G^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = \bullet \longrightarrow -\lambda \left[ 12 \underbrace{x_1}_{x_1} \underbrace{y}_{x_2}_{x_2} \right] - \kappa \left[ 90 \underbrace{x_1}_{x_1} \underbrace{z}_{x_2} \underbrace{x_2}_{x_2} \right]$$
$$= \bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$$
$$= K(x_1, x_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4} \end{pmatrix} &= 3 \longrightarrow -\lambda \left[ 72 \underbrace{y}_{y} + 24 \underbrace{y}_{z} \right] \\ &- \kappa \left[ 540 \underbrace{0}_{z} + 360 \underbrace{y}_{z} \right] \\ &= 3 \underbrace{0}_{z} - 24 \lambda \underbrace{0}_{y} \underbrace{0}_{z} - 360 \kappa \underbrace{0}_{z} \underbrace{0}_{z} \right] \\ &= K(x_{1}, x_{2})K(x_{3}, x_{4}) + K(x_{1}, x_{3})K(x_{2}, x_{4}) + K(x_{1}, x_{4})K(x_{2}, x_{3}) \\ &- 24 \int d^{d_{\text{in}}} y \lambda K(x_{1}, y)K(x_{2}, y)K(x_{3}, y)K(x_{4}, y) \\ &- 360 \int d^{d_{\text{in}}} z \kappa K(x_{1}, z)K(x_{2}, z)K(x_{3}, z)K(x_{4}, z)K(z, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{K(x_1, x_2)K(x_3, x_4) + K(x_1, x_3)K(x_2, x_4) + K(x_1, x_4)K(x_2, x_3) - G^{(4)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)}{24\int d^{d_{\text{in}}}y \, K(x_1, y)K(x_2, y)K(x_3, y)K(x_4, y)} \qquad \lambda \text{ is a rank-4 tensor, we average over all its elements}$$

 $G^{(4)}(x_1,$ 

#### **Weakly Coupled Neural Network Field Theories**



 $= \left[ K_{12}K_{34}K_{56} + K_{12}K_{35}K_{46} + K_{12}K_{36}K_{45} + K_{13}K_{24}K_{56} + K_{13}K_{25}K_{46} + K_{13}K_{26}K_{45} + K_{14}K_{23}K_{56} + K_{14}K_{25}K_{36} + K_{14}K_{26}K_{35} + K_{15}K_{23}K_{46} + K_{15}K_{24}K_{36} + K_{15}K_{26}K_{34} + K_{16}K_{23}K_{45} + K_{16}K_{24}K_{35} + K_{16}K_{25}K_{34} \right] - 24 \int d^{d_{in}}y \lambda \left[ K_{1y}K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{56} + K_{1y}K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{5y}K_{46} + K_{1y}K_{2y}K_{4y}K_{5y}K_{36} + K_{1y}K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{5y}K_{26} + K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{5y}K_{16} + K_{1y}K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{6y}K_{45} + K_{1y}K_{2y}K_{4y}K_{6y}K_{35} + K_{1y}K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{6y}K_{25} + K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{6y}K_{15} + K_{1y}K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{6y}K_{45} + K_{1y}K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{6y}K_{24} + K_{2y}K_{3y}K_{5y}K_{6y}K_{14} + K_{1y}K_{4y}K_{5y}K_{6y}K_{23} + K_{2y}K_{4y}K_{5y}K_{6y}K_{13} + K_{3y}K_{4y}K_{5y}K_{6y}K_{12} \right] - 720 \int d^{d_{in}}z \kappa K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z} - 360 \int d^{d_{in}}z \kappa \left[ K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z} - 360 \int d^{d_{in}}z \kappa \left[ K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z} - 360 \int d^{d_{in}}z \kappa \left[ K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z} - 360 \int d^{d_{in}}z \kappa \left[ K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{6} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{13} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{14} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{2} + K_{zz}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{6z}K_{6z}K_{15} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{2} + K_{zz}K_{2z}K_{3z}K_{6z}K_{6z}K_{12} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{6z}K_{6z}K_{2} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{14} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{2z}K_{6z}K_{6z}K_{2} + K_{zz}K_{2z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{12} + K_{zz}K_{1z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{13} + K_{zz}K_{2z}K_{4z}K_{5z}K_{6z}K_{12} \right],$ 

#### Use $\lambda$ to predict 6-pt function.

Expt. 6-pt - GP predictions = NGP correction

$$\delta'(x_1, \dots, x_6) := G^{(6)}(x_1, \dots, x_6) - \sum_{15 \text{ combinations}} \left[ K(x_i, x_j) K(x_k, x_l) K(x_m, x_n) - 24 \int d^{d_{\text{in}}} y \lambda K(x_i, y) K(x_j, y) K(x_k, y) K(x_l, y) K(x_m, x_n) \right]$$



# Non-Perturbative Neural Network Field Theories

#### **Non-Perturbative Neural Network Field Theories**

Small width and/or large parameter correlations violate i.i.d. assumption and CLT by large extent.

Large non-Gaussianities lead to non-perturbative NN field theories, with the action often unknown.

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} h_i(x)$$

NN processes can be studied using parameter distributions, too.

**Field Space** 

$$G^{(n)}(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = \frac{1}{Z} \int D\phi \ e^{-S[\phi]} \phi(x_1) \cdots \phi(x_n)$$

**Parameter Space** 

$$G^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{N^{n/2}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \int Dh \ P(h) \ h_{i_1}(x_1) \cdots h_{i_n}(x_n)$$

Same observables can be studied without knowledge of actions.

Deduce symmetries, cumulants, PDF etc.

# Symmetry, Cumulants, Partition Function via Duality

### **Symmetry via Duality**

NNGP: symmetries of 2-pt function determine symmetries of NN distribution.

$$G_{i_1i_2}^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) = \delta_{i_1i_2}K(x_1, x_2)$$

Mean-free SO(D) invariant parameter distributions lead to SO(D) invariant NNGP action. D := output dim.

$$G_{i_1,\dots,i_{2n}}^{(2n)}(x_1,\dots,x_{2n}) = \sum_{P \in \text{Wick}(2n)} \delta_{i_{a_1}i_{b_1}}\dots\delta_{i_{a_n}i_{b_n}} K(x_{a_1},x_{b_1})\dots K(x_{a_n},x_{b_n})$$

 $R \in SO(D)$ , output transforms as  $f_i \mapsto R_{ij}f_j$ .  $\delta_{ik} \mapsto R_{ij}R_{kl}\delta_{jl} = (R R^T)_{ik} = \delta_{ik}$  Break i.i.d. assumptions: n>2 correlators receive Field Theoretic non-Gaussian corrections.

NN action unknown: symmetries can't be deduced in field space.

Study NN correlators in parameter space.

NN action is invariant

 $D[\Phi f] e^{-S[\Phi f]} = Df e^{-S[f]}$ 

if transformations  $f'(x) = \Phi(f(x'))$  leave correlators invariant.

### **Symmetry via Duality**

Absorb transformations of correlators into transformations of parameters  $\theta_{\rm T} \subset \theta$ .

Invariance of  $P_{\theta_T}$  leads to invariance of NN action S[f].

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x_1)\dots f(x_n)] = \frac{1}{Z_f} \int Df \ e^{-S[f]} f(x_1)\dots f(x_n)$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{Z_f} \int Df' \ e^{-S[f']} f'(x_1)\dots f'(x_n) = \frac{1}{Z_f} \int D[\Phi f] \ e^{-S[\Phi f]} \Phi(f(x_1'))\dots \Phi(f(x_n'))$   
=  $\frac{1}{Z_f} \int Df \ e^{-S[f]} \Phi(f(x_1'))\dots \Phi(f(x_n')) = \mathbb{E}[\Phi(f(x_1'))\dots \Phi(f(x_n'))]$ 

Symmetries of NN input and output layers  $\rightarrow$  symmetries of space-time and internal symmetries of fields respectively.

#### **Examples:**

(a) SO(D) Output Symmetry: Final linear layer parameters drawn from mean-free SO(D) invariant distributions.

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= W_{ij}g_j(x) + b_i \\ P_W &= P_{R^{-1}\tilde{W}} = P_{\tilde{W}} \\ R &\in SO(D) \\ f_i &\mapsto R_{ij}f_j \end{aligned}$$

(a) SO(d) Input Symmetry: First linear layer parameters drawn from mean-free SO(d) invariant distributions.

$$f_i(x) = g_{ij}(W_{jk}x_k)$$
  
 $R \in SO(d)$   $x_i \mapsto x'_i = R_{ij}x_j$ 

### **Cumulants via Duality**

**Cumulant Generating Functional (CGF)** of NN field theory in terms of cumulants of neurons in parameter space.

NN output as a field or as a sum over neuron contributions.

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} h_i(x)$$

Correlated parameter distributions.

$$P(h|\vec{a}=\vec{0}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} P_i(h_i) \qquad \vec{\alpha} = \{\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_q\}$$

$$W[J] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{r} \int dx_i \right) \frac{G_{\operatorname{con},\phi}^{(r)}(x_1, \cdots, x_r) J(x_1) \cdots J(x_r)}{r!}$$
$$= \log \left[ \int Dh P(h|\vec{\alpha}) e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \int dx h_i(x) J(x)} \right]$$

Finite width, no parameter correlations:

$$G_{\mathrm{con},\phi}^{(r)}(x_1,\cdots,x_r) = \frac{G_{\mathrm{con},h_i}^{(r)}(x_1,\cdots,x_r)}{N^{r/2}}$$

**Finite width, parameters correlated:** NN field theory cumulants receive contributions from multiple cumulants of all neurons.

### **Partition Function via Duality**

**Edgeworth Expansion:** Inverse Fourier transform of NN Field Theory CGF to obtain the PDF, and the partition function.

$$Z_{\phi}[J] = \int D\phi P_{\phi} e^{i \int dx J(x)\phi(x)}$$
$$W_{\phi}[J] = \log Z_{\phi}[J]$$

PDF of Non-Perturbative NNFT  $\rightarrow$  perturbative expansions around PDF of Free NNFT.

$$P_{\phi} = \int DJ \exp\Big(\sum_{r=3}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^r}{r!} \int \prod_{i=1}^r d^d x_i G_{\operatorname{con},\phi}^{(r)}(x_1,\cdots,x_r) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi(x_1)} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi(x_r)} \Big) \times \exp\Big(-i \int dx J(x)\phi(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int dx_1 dx_2 J(x_1) G_{\operatorname{con},\phi}^{(2)}(x_1,x_2) J(x_2) \Big).$$

Cumulants are expressed via parameter space.

$$\begin{split} N &\to \infty, \vec{\alpha} \to \vec{0} \quad : \text{Free NNFT PDF} \\ P_{\phi} &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\int dx_1 dx_2 \,\phi(x_1) \Xi(x_1, x_2) \phi(x_2)\right) \\ &\int dx' \, \Xi(x_1, x') G^{(2)}_{\operatorname{con}, \phi}(x', x_2) = \delta(x_1 - x_2) \end{split}$$

Partition Function for NN Field Theory.

$$Z_{\phi,\alpha}[J=0] = Z_{\phi,\vec{\alpha}=0}[J=0] + \prod_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j_{1},\cdots,j_{r}=1}^{q} \frac{\alpha_{j_{1}}\cdots\alpha_{j_{r}}}{r!} \times \int D\phi \, Dt \, e^{i\int dx \, t(x)\phi(x)} \mathbb{E}_{p_{i}(h_{i})} \bigg[ \mathcal{P}_{r,\{j_{1},\cdots,j_{r}\}} \Big|_{\vec{\alpha}=0} e^{-\frac{i}{\sqrt{N}}\int dx \, t(x)h_{i}(x)} \bigg]$$

where 
$$\mathcal{P}_{r,\{s_1,\cdots,s_r\}} := \frac{1}{P(h|\vec{\alpha})} \partial_{\alpha_{s_1}} \cdots \partial_{\alpha_{s_r}} P(h|\vec{\alpha})$$

### Conclusions

- NN output distributions have a field space and a parameter space description.
- □ Field space description leads to Free Field theories, Weakly Coupled Field Theories and Non-Perturbative Non-Lagrangian Field Theories respectively for NNGP, small and large violations of CLT.
- When NN output correlators satisfy Osterwalder-Schrader axioms, NNs define Quantum Field Theories.
- More parameters in NN towards GP limit, lesser non-Gaussian coefficients in NN Field Theory.
- Less parameters, or parameter correlations in NN, non-perturbative field theory with unknown action, but observables can be studied in parameter space to deduce properties of NN Field Theory action.
- Learning symmetries, cumulants, and expression for partition function for non-perturbative non-Lagrangian NN Field Theories can be helpful for Physics.

# Thank You!

**Questions?** 

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