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PE6201:Advanced Heat Transfer

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The application of machine learning techniques to heat transfer problems can be dated

back to the 1990s. However, the efforts did not directly take into account the underlying

physics of heat transfer problems. To tackle this problem, only until recently, the frame-

work of physics-informed neural networks (PINNs) has been developed [1–3]. This ap-

proach was first proposed for solving both forward and inverse problems described by a

combination of some data and of partial differential equations (PDEs), and subsequently it

was applied to various fluid mechanics and heat transfer problems.

Try to learn the method and solve one 2-D heat transfer problem by yourself.

1. Elaborate the theory behind the physics-informed neural networks.

2. Clearly describe the heat transfer problem you want to solve with PINN, and write

down the governing equation and its auxiliary conditions.

3. Solve the problem with an analytical method (if possible) or the conventional finite

difference numerical method to obtain the results (which will be used to validate the

PINN results).

4. Solve the problem with PINN and validate your results.

Write a computer-generated report where you describe the problem, state the assumptions,

write the equations used in the analysis, and provide discussions of the results together with

the main conclusions of your work. In addition, upload the code to Canvas together with

your report.

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