Using PINN's to simulate beam behaviour

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Why we use PINNs?

Main goal: Prediction of complex engineering problems

Key advantages:

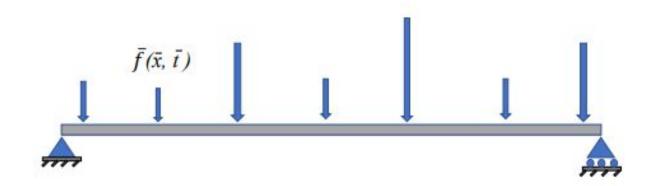
- Data-driven learning
- Reduced computational costs

Challenges:

- Incorporating physics
- Loss function design
- Training stability

Problems

- Euler-Bernoulli forward problem
 - -> Build PINN to accurately predict deflection
 - -> Check accuracy of velocity, acceleration and bending moment
- Timoshenko forward problem
 - -> Build and train PINN to predict θ and w
- Timoshenko inverse problem
 - -> Build and train PINN to predict f alongside θ and w using observations



Euler-Bernoulli beam

- Non-dimensionalized
- Partial Differential Equation (PDE)
- 4 boundary and 2 initial conditions
- Dynamic forcing term
- Goals:
 - O Part 1.1 and 1.2: Predict deflection and obtain high accuracy
 - O Part 1.3: Bending moment, velocity, acceleration

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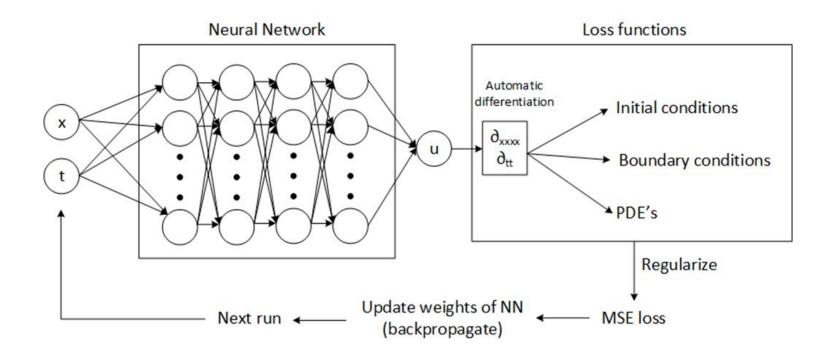
$$u(x,0) = \sin(x), \quad u_t(x,0) = 0$$

$$u(0,t) = u(\pi,t) = u_{xx}(0,t) = u_{xx}(\pi,t) = 0$$

$$f(x,t) = (1 - 16\pi^2)\sin(x)\cos(4\pi t)$$

Method

- MLP
- tanh activation function
- 4 hidden layers
- 25 neurons per layer
- Xavier initialisation
- LBFGS optimiser
- Loss = λ_1^* initial + λ_2^* boundary + λ_3^* physics



Training input

• Initial points: 500

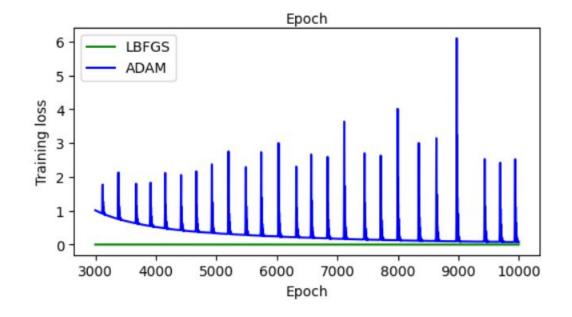
Left boundary points: 500

Right boundary points: 500

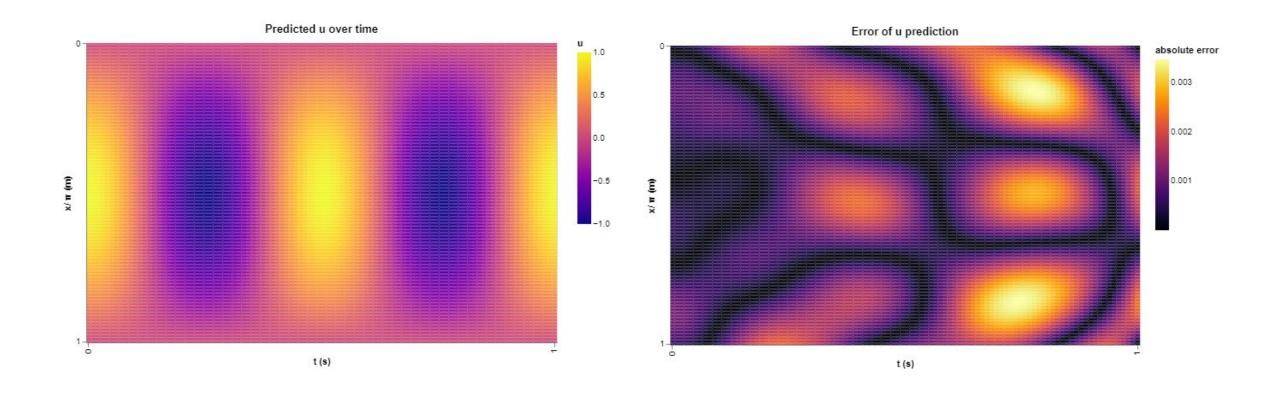
Residual points: 2000

Hyperparameters

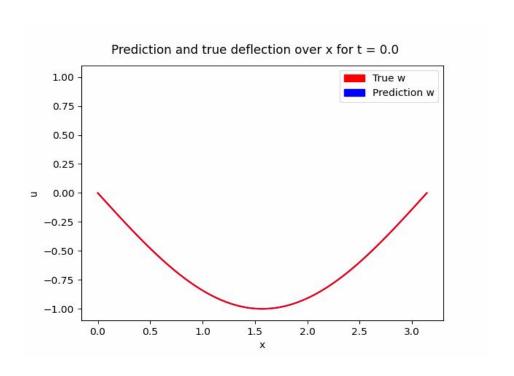
- Activation function
- Optimiser
- Epochs 14000
- Learning rate 0.1
- $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 1$, $\lambda_3 = 0.1$



Results



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Differentiated values

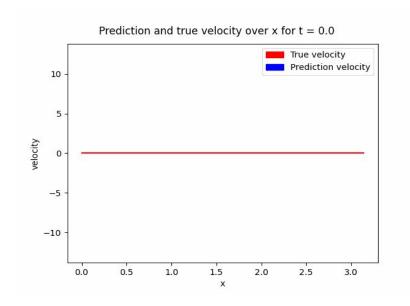
- Bending moment (u_{xx})
- Velocity (u₊)
- Acceleration (u_{tt})
- Relative error

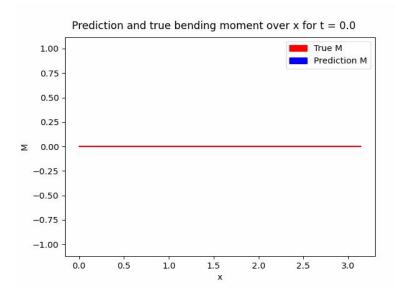
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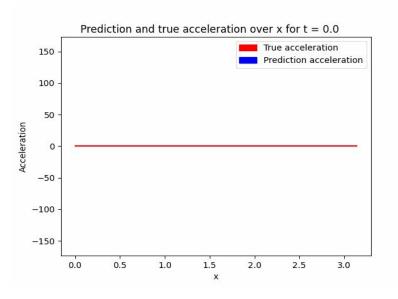
$$u_{xx}(x,t) = -\sin(x)\cos(4\pi t)$$

	Relative error
Deflection	0.00015%
Bending moment	0.02649%
Velocity	0.00011%
Acceleration	0.00009%

Results







Limitation of PINNs

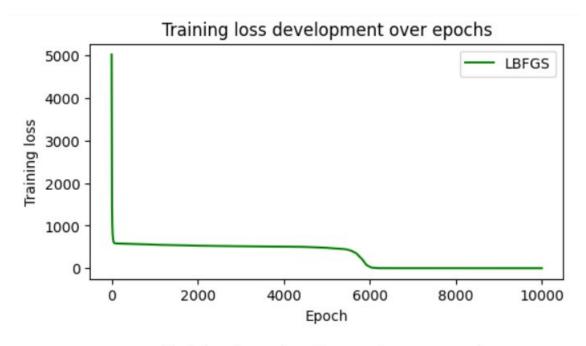
- Spectral bias of NN
- Problems with high frequencies

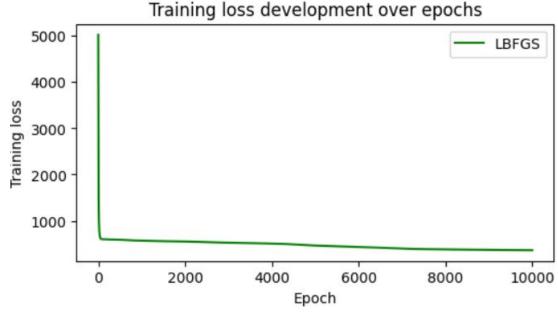
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$$f(x,t) = (1 - 16\pi^2)\sin(x)\cos(10\pi t)$$

Loss after 10000 epochs: 365

$$f(x,t) = (1 - 16\pi^2)\sin(x)\cos(16\pi t)$$



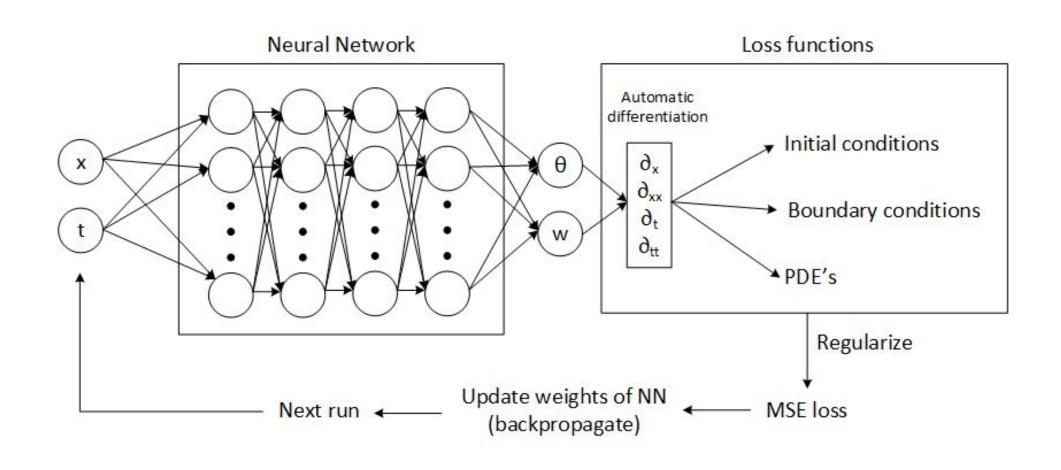


Timoshenko beam

- Part 1 (forward problem):
 - Predict exact solutions for rotation and deflection

- Part 2 (inverse problem):
 - Use previously trained PINN to generate "sensor observations" for rotation and deflection
 - Inversely predict forcing on the beam, using these observations
 - Optimise the amount of sensors and their locations

Method (forward problem)



Method (forward problem)

- Two coupled Partial Differential Equations (PDE's)
- Non-dimensionalized
- Eight boundary and initial conditions
- Dynamic forcing term

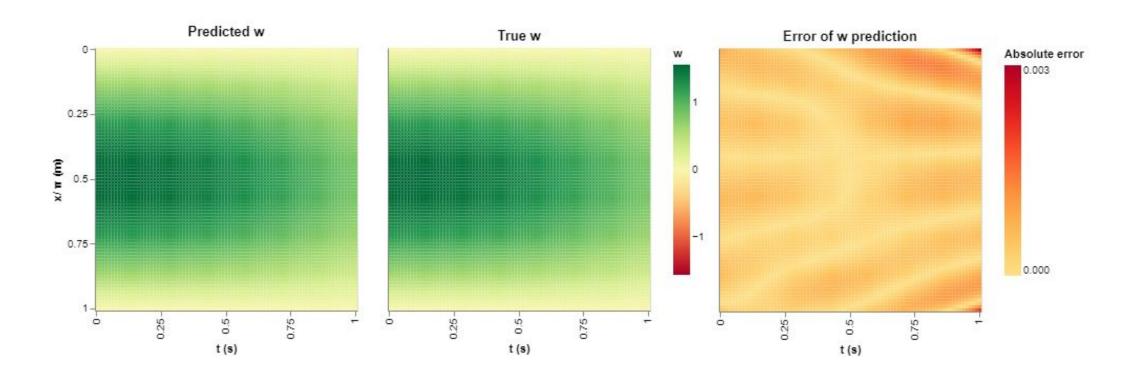
$$\rho I\theta_{\rm tt} - EI\theta_{\rm xx} - kAG(w_x - \theta) = 0$$
$$\rho Aw_{\rm tt} - kAG(w_{\rm xx} - \theta_{\rm x}) = g(x, t),$$

Hyperparameters

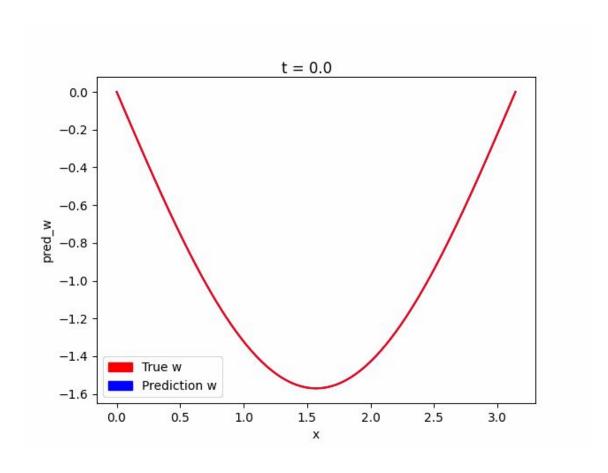
- MLP (4 layers, 20 features)
- Activation function: Hyperbolic tangent
- Optimiser: LBFGS
- Epochs 10000
- Learning rate 0.1
- $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 1$, $\lambda_3 = 0.1$

$$Loss = \lambda_1 * Loss_{BC} + \lambda_2 * Loss_{IC} + \lambda_3 * Loss_{physics}$$

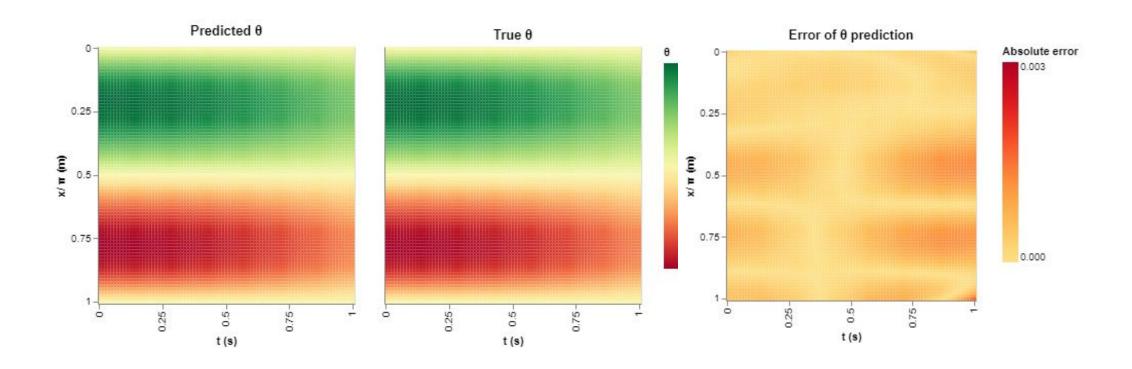
Results Timoshenko forward



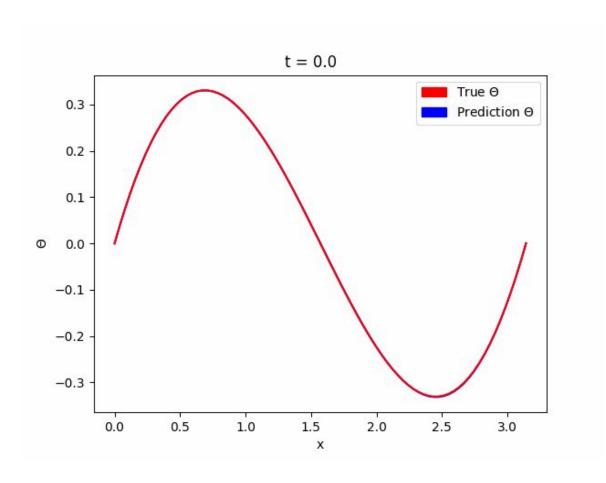
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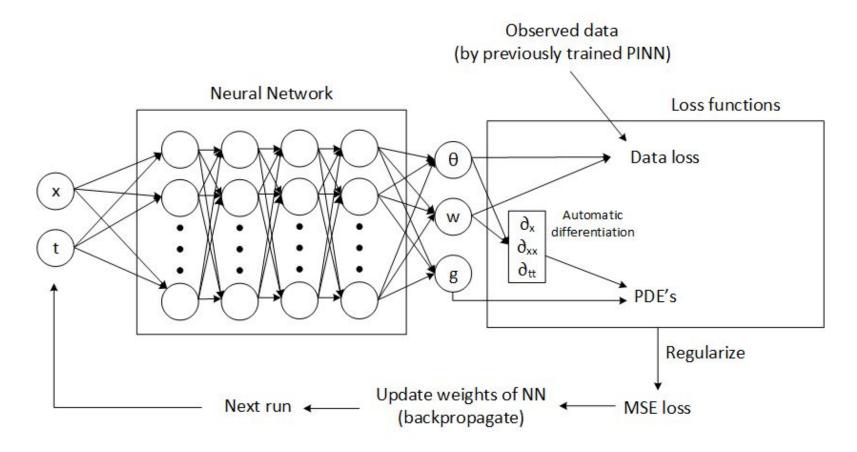


Results



Method (inverse problem)

- Two coupled Partial Differential Equations (PDE's)
- Predict dynamic forcing term alongside theta and w
- Loss is a function of observations and physics -> $Loss = \lambda_1 * Loss_{Data} + \lambda_2 * Loss_{Physics}$



Hyperparameters

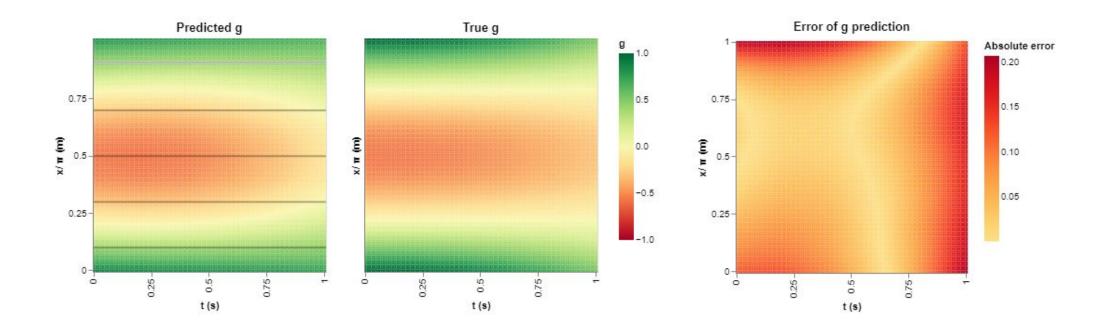
Obtained from empirical testing and literature

- MLP (4 layers, 20 features)
- Activation function: Hyperbolic tangent
- Optimiser: LBFGS
- Epochs 15000
- Learning rate 0.1
- $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 0.05$

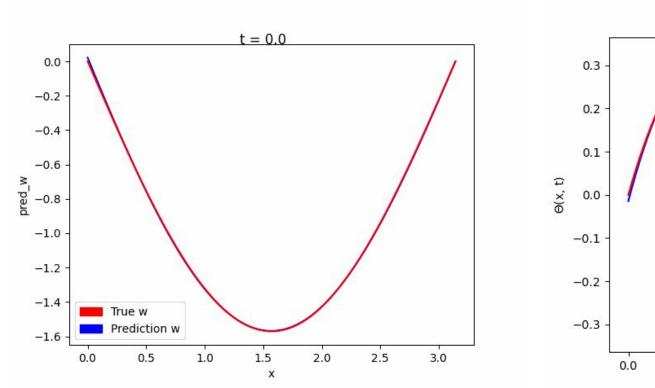
Assumptions for optimisation

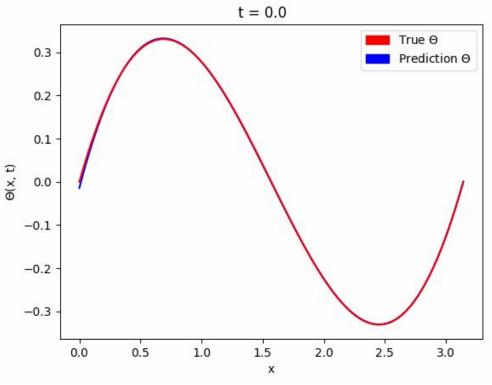
- Assumed sensor sampling rate of 1000 /s
- Sensors fixed at their locations -> to be optimised

Results before sensor optimisation



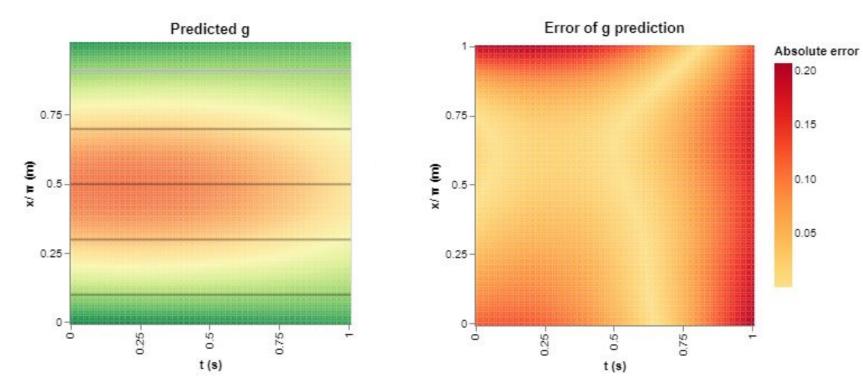
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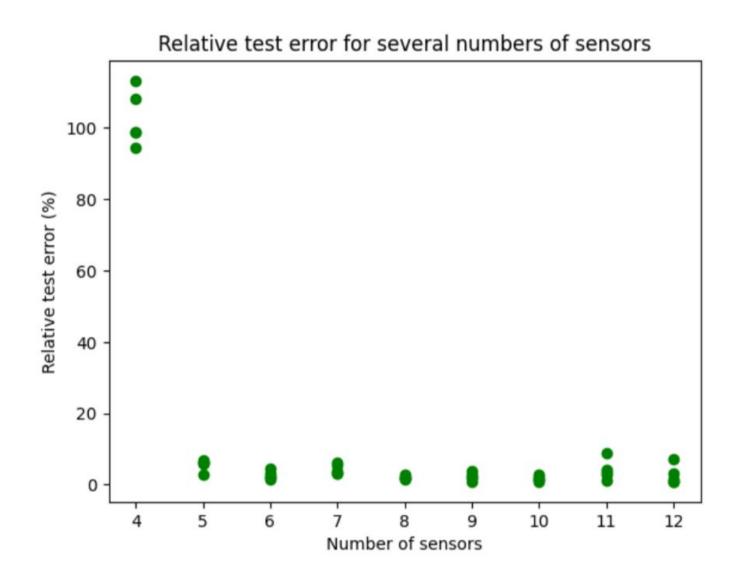


Optimisation sensor placement algorithm

- Run model with linear spaced multiple times with N = 2 to N=15
- Calculate relative error for every model
- Get the model with least amount of sensors for which error < 10%
- Optimise location of this model empirically by looking at error

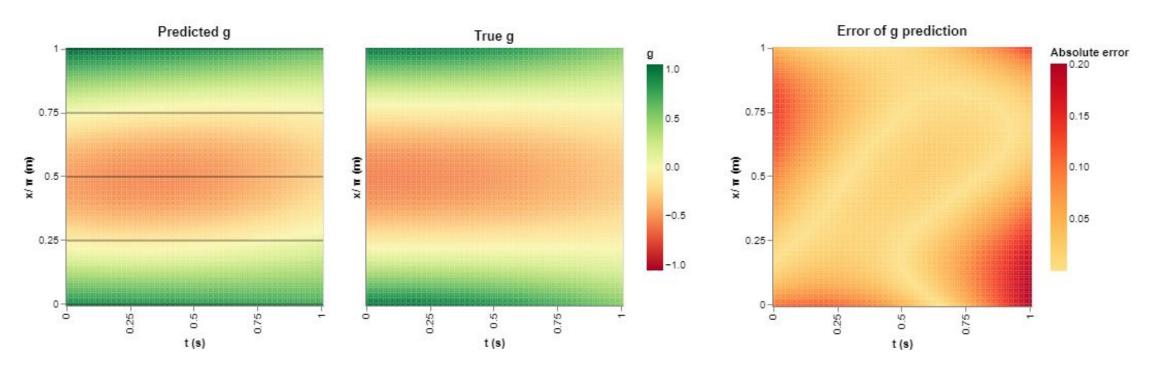


Optimisation amount of sensors



Results optimisation

- Amount of sensors = 5
- Placed on boundaries and linearly spaced in between
- Other placings of sensors are tried but no benefit is found



Relative error of the optimised model = 1.75683181732893 %

Results final estimate of g(x,t)

- Not as accurate as w and θ
- G is less represented in the loss function as θ and w

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