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Explicit Construction of Deep Neural Networks

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Definition (DNN)

A **Deep Neural Network (DNN)** is a repeated concatenation of affine mappings and a specific non-linear map, called activation function $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the DNN. Define $\sigma(x) = \max\{0, x\}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ as the rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation function. The DNN consists of a fixed number of hidden layers $L \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and numbers $N_\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ of so called *computation nodes* in layer $\ell \in \{1, \dots, L+1\}$. N_0 is the input dimension of the DNN and N_{L+1} is the output dimension. The map $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^{N_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_{L+1}}$ is said to be realized by (and will therefore be called) a *feedforward* neural network, if for certain weights $A_{i,j}^\ell \in \mathbb{R}$, and biases $b_j^\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ it holds for all $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^{N_0}$, that:

$$w_j^1 := \sigma \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_0} A_{i,j}^1 x_i + b_j^1 \right), \quad j \in \{1, \dots, N_1\}$$

Definition (Contin.)

and

$$w_j^{\ell+1} := \sigma \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_\ell} A_{i,j}^{\ell+1} w_i^\ell + b_j^{\ell+1} \right), \quad \ell \in \{1, \dots, L-1\}, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, N_{\ell+1}\}$$

and finally

$$\Phi(x) = \left(w_j^{L+1} \right)_{j=1}^{N_{L+1}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_L} A_{i,j}^{L+1} w_i^L + b_j^{L+1} \right)_{j=1}^{N_{L+1}}.$$

The number of hidden layers L of a DNN is referred to as its depth, denoted by $\text{depth}(\Phi)$. If $L = 0$, then the previous equation holds with $w_i^0 := x_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, N_0$. Such DNNs of depth 0 realize affine functions.

Definition (Contin.)

Define the total number of nonzero weights and biases as the size of the DNN, i.e.

$$\text{size}(\Phi) := |\{(i, j, \ell) : A_{i,j}^\ell \neq 0\}| + |\{(j, \ell) : b_j^\ell \neq 0\}|.$$

Let $\text{size}_{\text{in}}(\Phi)$ and $\text{size}_{\text{out}}(\Phi)$ be the number of nonzero weights and biases in the input resp. the output layer of Φ , i.e. $\text{size}_{\text{in}}(\Phi) := \left| \{(i, j) : A_{i,j}^1 \neq 0\} \right| + \left| \{j : b_j^1 \neq 0\} \right|$ and $\text{size}_{\text{out}}(\Phi) := \left| \{(i, j) : A_{i,j}^{L+1} \neq 0\} \right| + \left| \{j : b_j^{L+1} \neq 0\} \right|$, where A and b are the weights and biases.

For brevity say that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N_\ell \times N_{\ell-1}}$ are the weights of layer $\ell \in \{1, \dots, L+1\}$ if $A_{ji} = A_{i,j}^\ell$. A DNN of depth o with weights A and bias b will be denoted by $((A, b))$.

Definition (Parallelization of DNNs)

Let Φ_1 be a DNN with input dimension n_1 and output dimension m_1 and Φ_2 be a DNN with input dimension n_2 and output dimension m_2 . Let $L \in \mathbb{N}_0$ be the depth of both DNNs. The DNN $(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)_d$ is called **full parallelization of networks with distinct inputs** of Φ_1 and Φ_2 :

$$(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)_d : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{m_2} : (x, x') \mapsto (\Phi_1(x), \Phi_2(x')).$$

It holds that

$$\text{depth}((\Phi_1, \Phi_2)_d) = L, \quad \text{size}((\Phi_1, \Phi_2)_d) = \text{size}(\Phi_1) + \text{size}(\Phi_2).$$

Definition (Concatenation of DNNs)

Let Φ_1 be a DNN with input dimension d and output dimension n and Φ_2 be a DNN with input dimension m and output dimension d . The **concatenation of Φ_1 and Φ_2** is defined by the map

$$\Phi_1 \circ \Phi_2 : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n : x \mapsto \Phi_1(\Phi_2(x)),$$

which is again a DNN with the properties

$$\text{depth}(\Phi_1 \circ \Phi_2) = \text{depth}(\Phi_1) + \text{depth}(\Phi_2) - 1$$

and

$$\text{size}(\Phi_1 \circ \Phi_2) \leq 2 \text{size}(\Phi_1) + 2 \text{size}(\Phi_2).$$

Definition (Identity Networks)

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $L \in \mathbb{N}_0$ the **identity network** $\Phi_{n,L}^{\text{Id}}$ with

$$\Phi_{n,L}^{\text{Id}} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n : x \mapsto x$$

exists and has the properties

$$\text{depth}(\Phi_{n,L}^{\text{Id}}) = L, \quad \text{size}(\Phi_{n,L}^{\text{Id}}) \leq 2n(L+1).$$

Definition (Chebyshev Polynomials)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Define the univariate n -th **Chebyshev polynomial** of the first kind as T_n , such that

$$T_0(x) = 1, \quad T_1(x) = x, \quad T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x).$$

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For $K \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k = (k_j)_{j=1}^K \in \mathbb{N}_0^K$, denote **tensor product Chebyshev polynomials** by

$$T_k(x) := \prod_{j=1}^K T_{k_j}(x_j),$$

for $x = (x_j)_{j=1}^K \in [-1, 1]^K$.

Notation

- A superscript tilde (e.g. \tilde{f}) denotes a DNN. A superscript breve (e.g. \breve{f}) denotes a corrupted quantity. Typically, \check{f} denotes a numerical approximation of the map f , due to some measurement or due to some discretization error in approximating the map f .
- For finite index sets $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}_0^K$, denote the number of elements by $|\Lambda|$ and the maximum coordinatewise degree by $m_\infty(\Lambda) := \max_{k \in \Lambda} \|k\|_{\ell^\infty}$.

Steps to construct DNNs approximating Chebyshev Polynomials

1. Construct DNNs that can multiply two numbers.
2. Construct DNNs that can multiply n numbers.
3. Construct DNNs that can approximate univariate Chebyshev polynomials using
$$T_{m+n} = 2T_m T_n - T_{|m-n|}.$$
4. Construct DNNs that can approximate tensor product Chebyshev polynomials.

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$$\text{depth}(\tilde{\times}_{\delta, M}) \leq C(1 + \log_2(M/\delta)), \quad \text{size}(\tilde{\times}_{\delta, M}) \leq C(1 + \log_2(M/\delta)).$$

Sketch of Proof

First define the sawtooth function $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ as

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and define the m -fold composition as $g_m = \underbrace{g \circ \cdots \circ g}_{m \text{ times}}$.

Sketch of Proof (Contin.)

Define the continuous, piecewise linear spline interpolation of x^2 on $[0, 1]$ at the $2^m + 1$ uniformly distributed nodes $j2^{-m}$ for $j = 0, \dots, 2^m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ as $f_m : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ recursively with $f_0(x) := x$ and

$$f_m(x) = f_{m-1}(x) - \frac{g_m(x)}{2^{2m}} \quad \forall m \geq 1.$$

It holds that the pointwise error is given by

$$\sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |x^2 - f_m(x)| = 2^{-2m-2}.$$

Sketch of Proof (Contin.)

For any $M > 0$ and $a, b \in [-M, M]$ it holds that

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b)^2 &= a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow ab &= \frac{1}{2} ((a + b)^2 - a^2 - b^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow ab &= \frac{2M^2}{4M^2} (|a + b|^2 - |a|^2 - |b|^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow ab &= 2M^2 \left(\left(\frac{|a + b|}{2M} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{|a|}{2M} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{|b|}{2M} \right)^2 \right).\end{aligned}$$

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Define

$$\tilde{\times}_{\delta, M}(a, b) := 2M^2 \left(f_m \left(\frac{|a + b|}{2M} \right) - f_m \left(\frac{|a|}{2M} \right) - f_m \left(\frac{|b|}{2M} \right) \right).$$

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$$\sup_{(x_i)_{i=1}^n \in [-M, M]^n} \left| \prod_{j=1}^n x_j - \tilde{\Pi}_{\delta, M}^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right| \leq \delta.$$

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There exists a constant C independent of $\delta \in (0, 1)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $M \geq 1$ such that

$$\text{size} \left(\tilde{\Pi}_{\delta, M}^n \right) \leq C (1 + n \log_2 (nM^n / \delta)), \quad \text{depth} \left(\tilde{\Pi}_{\delta, M}^n \right) \leq C (1 + \log_2(n) \log_2 (nM^n / \delta)).$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{depth} \left(\Phi_{\delta}^{\text{Cheb}, n} \right) &\leq C(1 + \log_2(n)) \log_2(1/\delta) + C(1 + \log_2(n))^3, \\ \text{size} \left(\Phi_{\delta}^{\text{Cheb}, n} \right) &\leq Cn \log_2(1/\delta) + Cn(1 + \log_2(n)). \end{aligned}$$

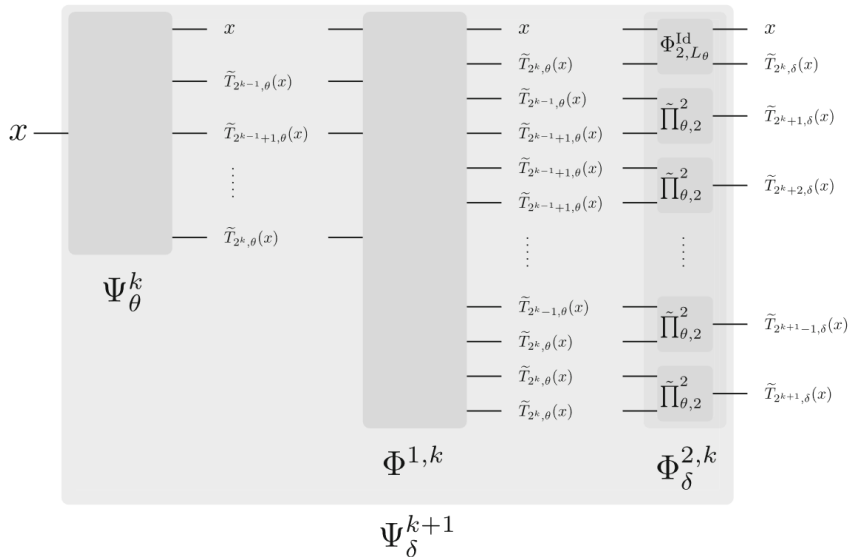
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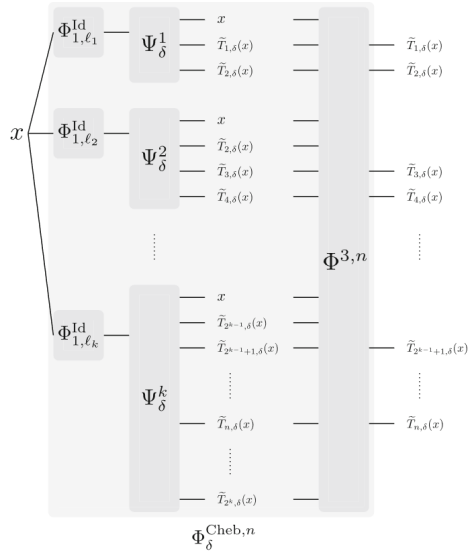
- Inductively construct DNNs Ψ_δ^k , that take x as input and yield x and approximations for Chebyshev polynomials of degree $2^k, \dots, 2^{k+1}$ of x with accuracy δ as output.
- For this use $T_\ell = 2T_{\lceil \ell/2 \rceil} T_{\lfloor \ell/2 \rfloor} - T_{\lceil \ell/2 \rceil - \lfloor \ell/2 \rfloor}$, which directly follows from $T_{m+n} = 2T_m T_n - T_{|m-n|}$.
- When constructing Ψ_δ^{k+1} use Ψ_θ^k with $\theta = 2^{-2k-4}\delta$.
- Parallelize $\Psi_\delta^1, \dots, \Psi_\delta^k$ and filter the needed output.

Sketch of Proof (Contin.)

For $k = 1$ let $\delta \in (0, 1)$ and set $L_1 := \text{depth} \left(\tilde{\Pi}_{\delta/4, 1}^2 \right)$, error bound $\delta/4$ and interval border $M = 1$. Let A_i, b_i for $i = 1, \dots, L_1 + 1$ be the weights and biases of $\tilde{\Pi}_{\delta/4, 1}^2$. Furthermore let $A := [1, 1]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ and $b := -1 \in \mathbb{R}$. Define Φ as the DNN with weights $A_1 A, A_2, \dots, A_{L_1}, 2A_{L_1+1}$ and the biases $b_1, \dots, b_{L_1}, b_{L_1+1} + b$. Now define:

$$\psi_\delta^1 := \left(\Phi_{1, L_1}^{\text{Id}}, \Phi_{1, L_1}^{\text{Id}}, \Phi \right),$$





Approximation of Tensor Product Chebyshev Polynomials

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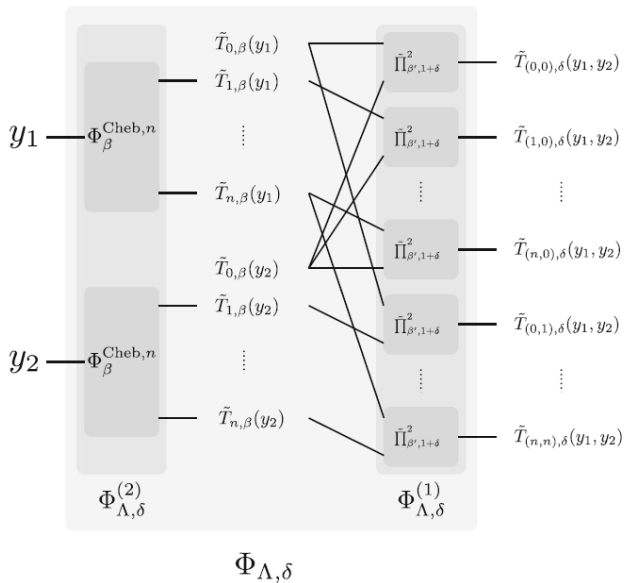
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Lemma

Let $K \in \mathbb{N}$, $f : [-1, 1]^K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a map which admits a holomorphic complex extension to the isotropic Bernstein polyellipse \mathcal{E}_ϱ with $\varrho = (\rho, \dots, \rho) \in (1, \infty)^K$ for some $\rho > 1$. Assume that an approximation \check{f} of f is available and an upper bound on $\|f - \check{f}\|_{L^\infty([-1, 1]^K)}$ exists. Then, for every $\rho' \in (1, \rho)$ and every $s \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a constant $C'(s, \rho, \rho') > 0$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f - \check{p}_{f,n}\|_{L^\infty([-1, 1]^K)} \\ & \leq C(n, K) \left(\frac{2\rho}{\rho - 1} \right)^K \max_{z \in \mathcal{E}_\varrho} |f(z)| \rho^{-n-1} + C(n, K) \|f - \check{f}\|_{L^\infty([-1, 1]^K)}, \\ & \|f - \check{p}_{f,n}\|_{W^{s, \infty}([-1, 1]^K)} \\ & \leq C(n, K) \left(\frac{2C'\rho'}{\rho' - 1} \right)^K \max_{z \in \mathcal{E}_\varrho} |f(z)| \rho'^{-n-1} + C(n, K) \|f - \check{f}\|_{L^\infty([-1, 1]^K)}. \end{aligned}$$

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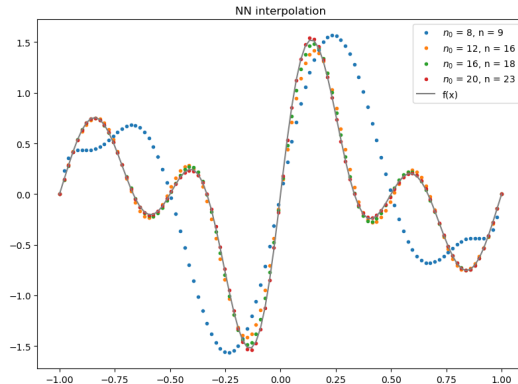
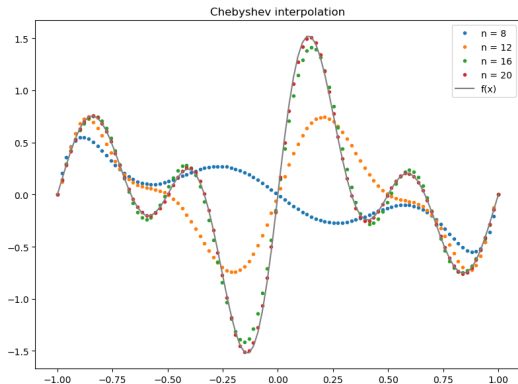
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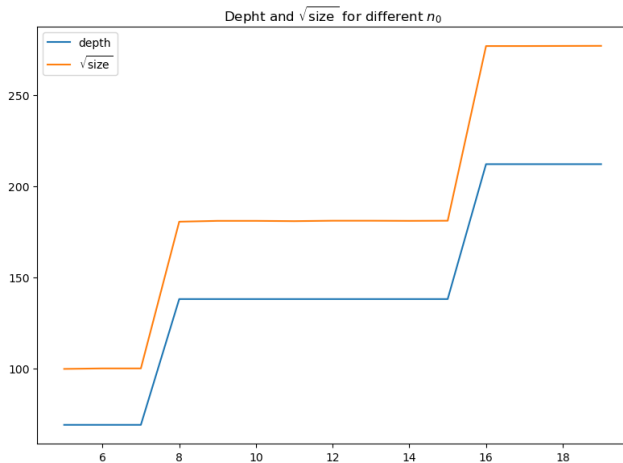
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Approximation of the function

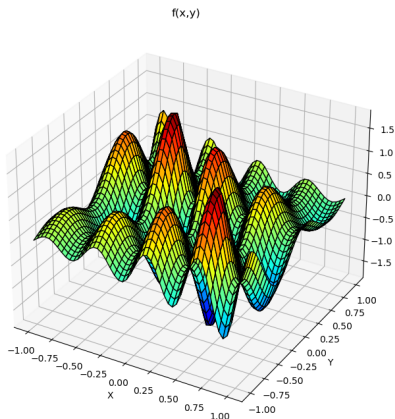
$$f(x) = e^{-|x|}(\sin(4\pi x) + \cos(2\pi(x - 1/4))) \text{ for } x \in [-1, 1]$$



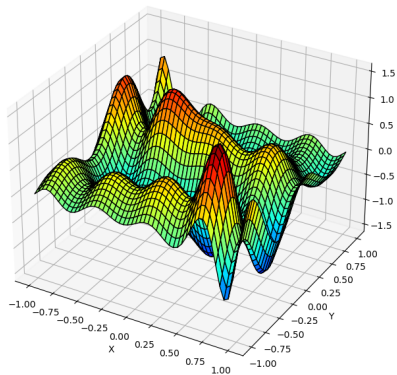


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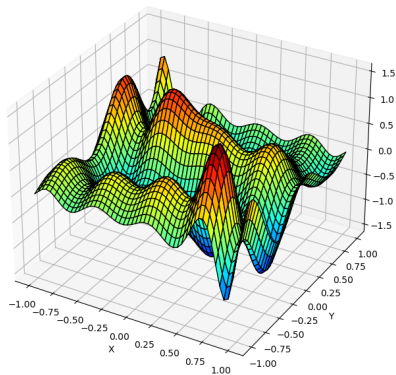
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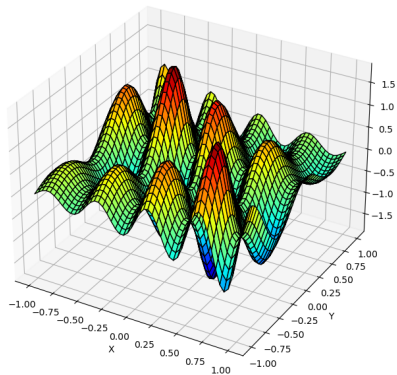
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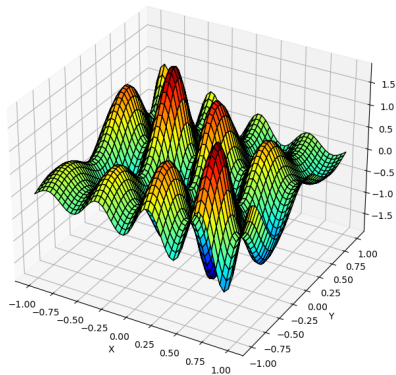
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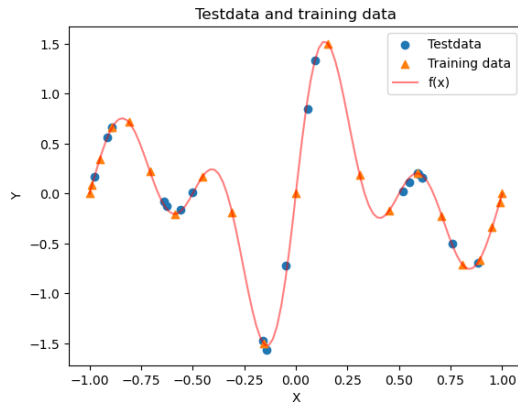
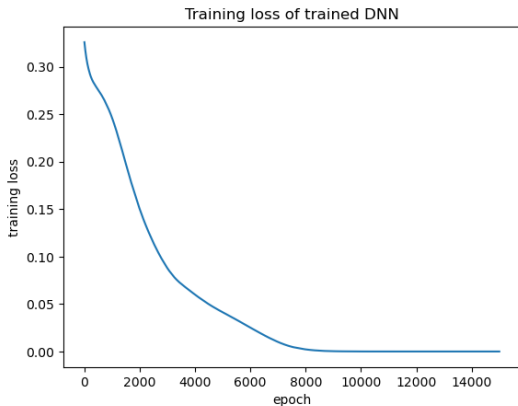
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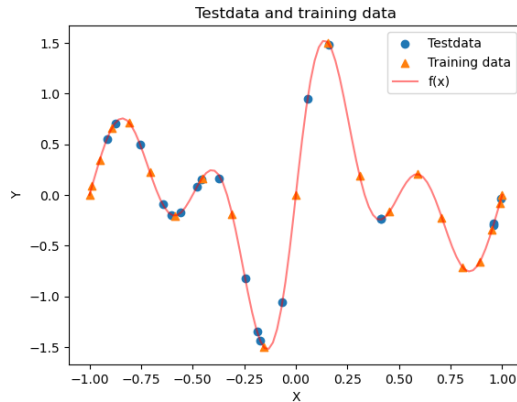
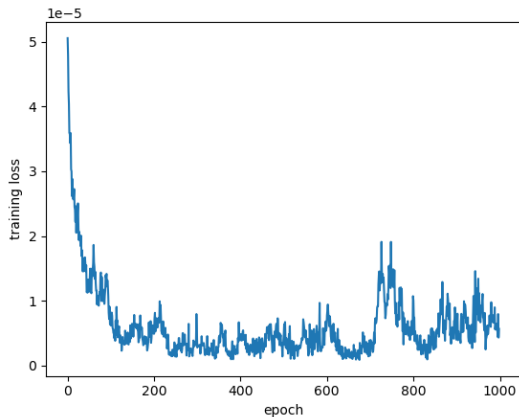
DNN approximation of $f(x,y)$ with $n_0 = 20$



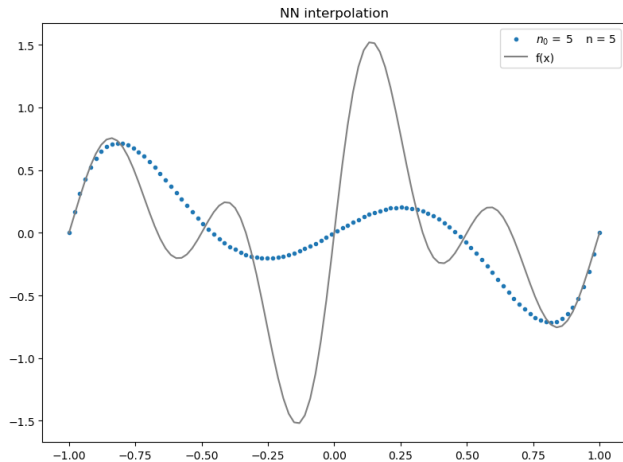
Using trained DNN, 3 Layers, 1024 Nodes per layer



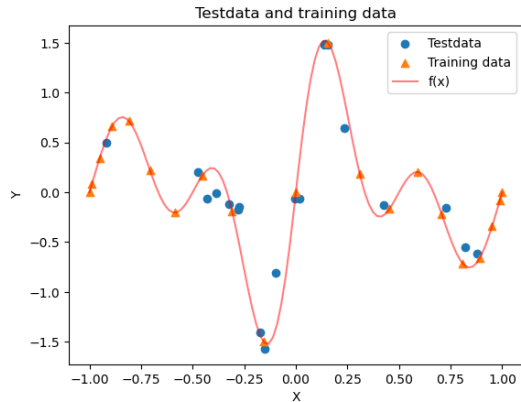
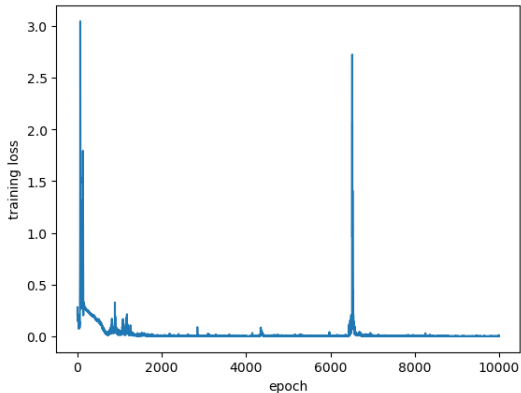
Training constructed DNN with 20 Layers



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Thank you!



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