

Mean Field Games:
Numerical Methods and
Applications in Machine Learning
Part 6: Deep Learning for MFG PDEs

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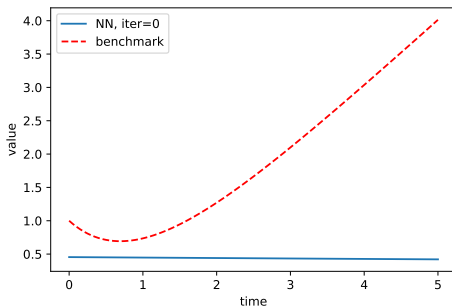
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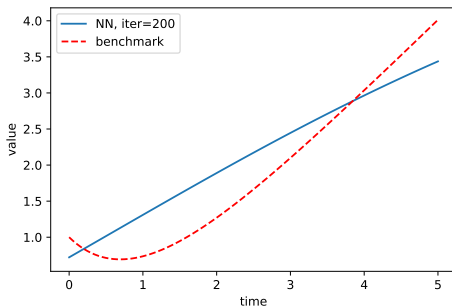
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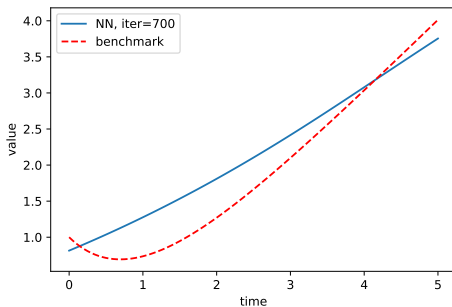
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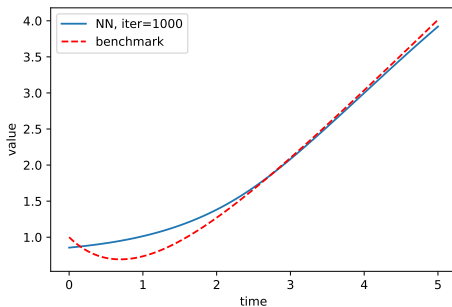
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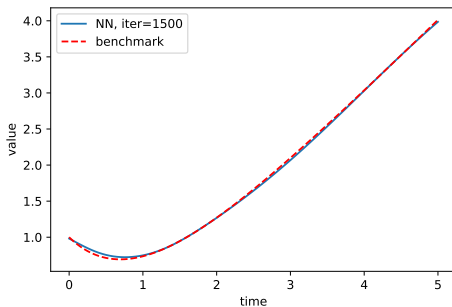
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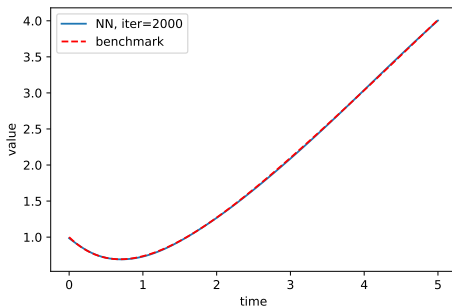
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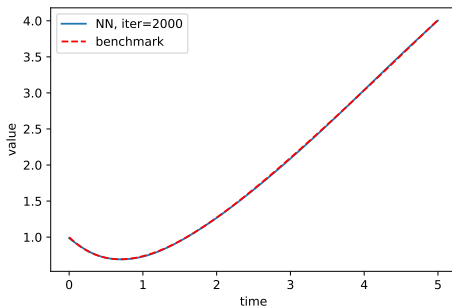
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- Let $\vec{x} = (t, x)$ be the input
- Architecture: $L + 1$ hidden layers (\odot denotes element-wise multiplication):

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- The parameters are

$$\theta = \left\{ W^1, b^1, \left(U^{\alpha,\ell}, W^{\alpha,\ell}, b^{\alpha,\ell} \right)_{\ell=1,\dots,L, \alpha \in \{z,g,r,h\}}, W, b \right\}.$$

- The number of units in each layer is M and $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ is an element-wise nonlinearity:

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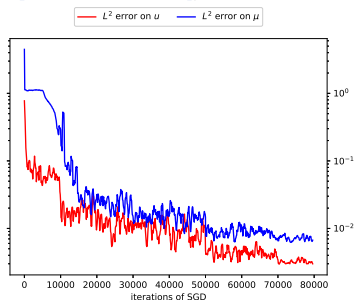
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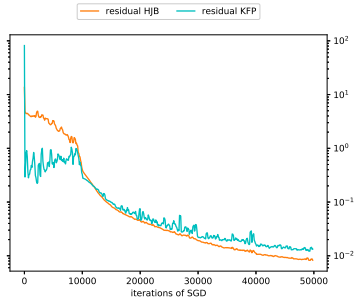
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Mean field term: at equilibrium

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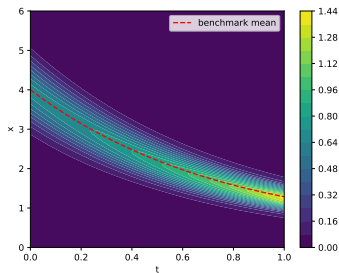
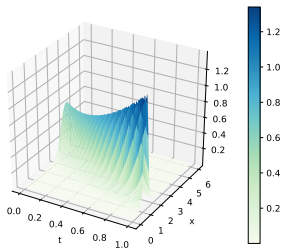
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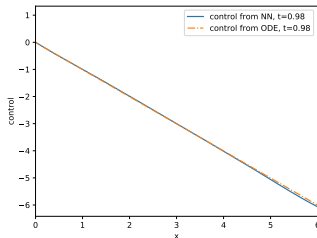
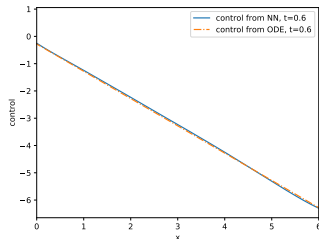
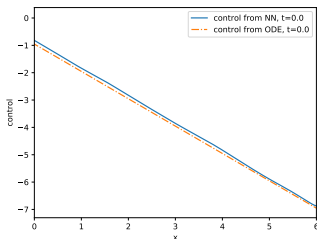
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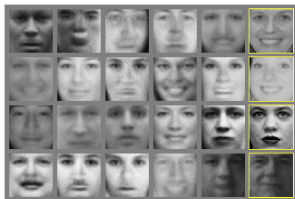
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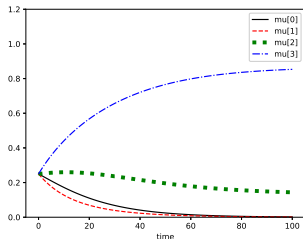
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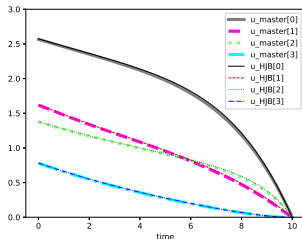
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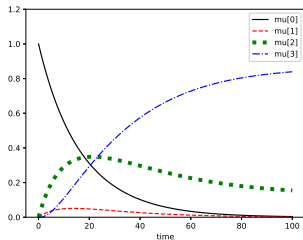
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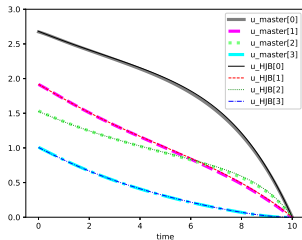
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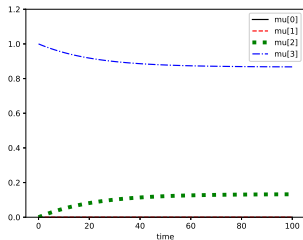
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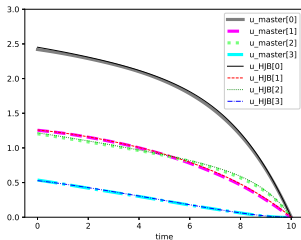
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- ▶ DeepSets², PointNet³, ...

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Deep Learning for MFC based on DPP and Symmetric NN ([Germain et al.'21]⁴)

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- **D-Symmetric NN:** sym. except in one space variable:

$$\mathcal{Z}(x^1, \dots, x^N, x^i) \leftrightarrow \partial_{x^i} \mathcal{V}(x^1, \dots, x^N) = \frac{1}{N} \partial_{\mu} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_j x^j \right) (x^i)$$

Output: $(\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n, \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_n)_{n=0, \dots, N_T}$ s.t. $\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n(\underline{x}) \approx V(t_n, \mu_{\underline{x}}^N)$, $\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_n(\underline{x}, x^i) \approx \frac{1}{N} \partial_{\mu} V(t_n, \mu_{\underline{x}}^N)(x^i)$

- 1 Set $\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_{N_T}(\cdot) = G(\cdot)$
- 2 **for** $n = N_T - 1, N_T - 2, \dots, 1, 0$ **do**
- 3 Compute $(\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n, \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_n)$ as a minimizer of:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{V}_n, \mathcal{Z}_n) \mapsto & \mathbb{E} \left| \widehat{\mathcal{V}}_{n+1}(\mathbf{X}_{n+1}) - \mathcal{V}_n(\mathbf{X}_n) + H(t_n, \mathbf{X}_n, \mathcal{V}_n(\mathbf{X}_n), \mathbf{Z}_n(\mathbf{X}_n)) \Delta t \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=0}^N (\mathcal{Z}_n(\mathbf{X}_n, X_n^i))^{\top} \sigma_{ij} \Delta W_n^j \right|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n$ is a sym. NN, $\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_n$ is a D-sym. NN, H = sym. version of h

- 4 **return** $(\widehat{\mathcal{V}}_n, \widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_n)_{n=0, \dots, N_T}$
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⁴ Germain, M., Laurière, M., Pham, H., & Warin, X. (2021). DeepSets and their derivative networks for solving symmetric PDEs. arXiv preprint arXiv:2103.00838.

