

PINN Theories

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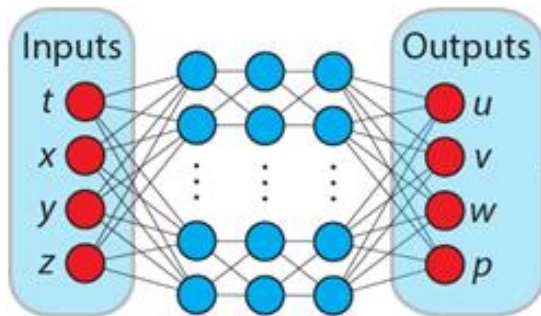
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Basic PINN concepts

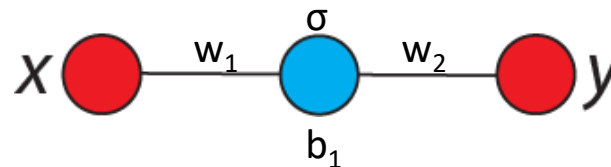
Network Structure



A **neural network (NN)** is inherently a mathematical function $y = f(x)$, which could be **trained** to learn any function f .

There are 3 components in NN:
Input, Output, Network

Example: 1 Layer, 1 Neuron



$$y = w_2 \sigma(w_1 x + b_1)$$

- A network consists of:
weight (w), **bias (b)** and **activation function (σ)**
- **Weight & bias** are coefficients/constants
- **Activation function** (e.g. sigmoid) adds non-linearity to the NN, so that it could model non-linear things.

Network Size

Polynomial Functions

$$y = ax + b$$

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$$



- More complex model (more unknown parameters) lets a polynomial model more complex equations.

Neural network

- Bigger models (More parameters = weights & biases) allows to model more complex relationship
- Bigger model takes longer to calculate



ChatGPT

(v3) = 175×10^9 parameters

(v4) = 1.7×10^{12} parameters

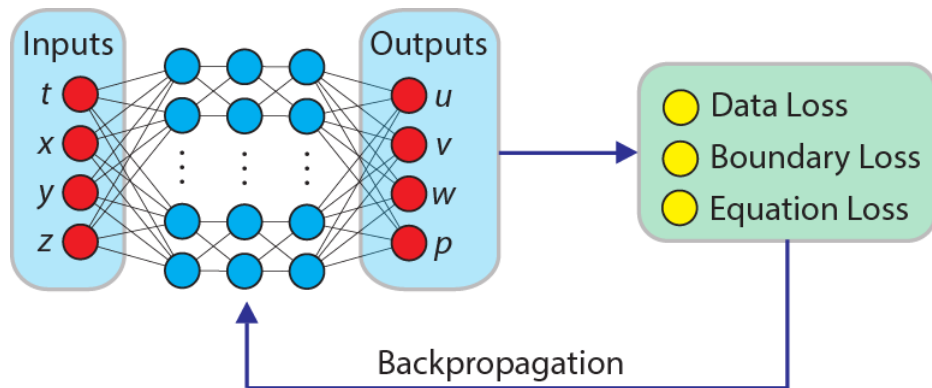


deepseek

(v2) = 236×10^9 parameters

(v3) = 672×10^9 parameters

Losses



What a network learns depends on the loss.

- A **standard neural network** is usually data-driven (follows data), so it uses **data loss**
- For **PINN**, it uses both **boundary loss** and **governing equation (GE) / partial differential equation (PDE) loss**

To define what neural network learns, we use loss function:

- Learn to follow data:

Output = Data

$$L = (u_{PINN} - u_{Ref})^2$$

- Learn to follow governing equation:

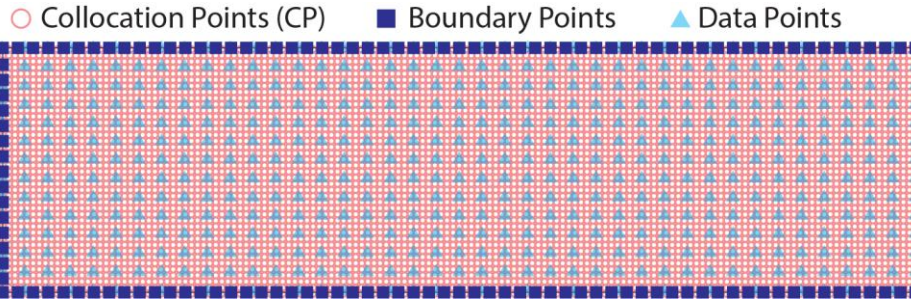
Residual = 0

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad L = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

*Boundary loss is similar to data loss, but instead follows the boundary values

Points

The training of PINN is done by **evaluating each loss** at many points in the domain.



- Data Loss (optional) @ **data points**
- Boundary Loss @ **boundary points**
- Governing Equation Loss @ **collocation points**

- PINN check if the losses are satisfied in the respective points.
- If you only have 1 point, the PINN would **ONLY** satisfy the loss at that **single point**
- The points must be spread out in the domain, so that the physics are satisfied in the whole domain
- **Points ~ Mesh**
More points usually means better result, but longer to train

Physical based loss = Governing equation & boundary

Weights

- A neural network only minimize a total loss


$$\text{Total Loss} = W_D L_D + W_B L_B + W_F L_F$$

* D = Data

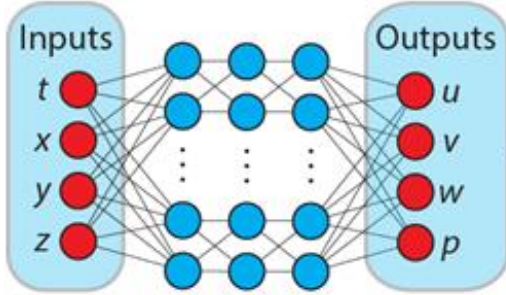
* B = Boundary

* F = Governing equation

- Every Loss has a weight (W).
- If you give a higher weight to a loss, it would try to satisfy that loss more.
- **Example:**

$W_D = 100$,  (mostly) Follow data,
 $W_B = 0.001$ (almost) ignore boundary

Auto differentiation

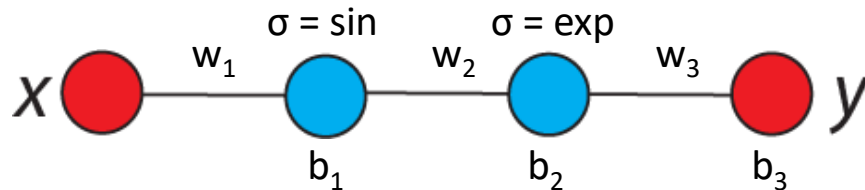


For fluid analysis purpose, we usually want to model:

$$\begin{matrix} u(x, y, z, t), v(x, y, z, t) \\ w(x, y, z, t), p(x, y, z, t) \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Input: } x, y, z, t \\ \text{Output: } u, v, w, p \end{matrix}$$

*The result is a continuous function

As a NN is a math function, we can mathematically calculate derivative using chain rules.



$$y = w_3 \exp(w_2 \sin(w_1 x + b_1) + b_2) + b_3$$

$$y = w_3 \exp(w_2 L_1 + b_2) + b_3$$

$$y = w_3 L_2 + b_3$$

$$dy/dx = dy/dL_2 \times dL_2/dL_1 \times dL_1/dx$$

$$dy/dx = w_3 w_2 \exp(w_2 L_1 + b_2) \times w_1 \cos(w_1 x + b_1)$$

Noise Reduction

Main Reference: <https://pubs.aip.org/aip/pof/article/36/10/103619/3317204/Assessing-physics-informed-neural-network>

Basic concepts

Issues

- Assume that we have a data that is not completely physically accurate (inaccurate data)
- If we follow the data, our result is also not physically accurate

Solution

- Follow the physically accurate part of the data
- Resolve the non-physically accurate part by using physics

Basic concepts

Concepts

- If we just want to follow data, we could use data loss
- If we just want to follow physics, we could use the boundary and governing equation loss
- If we want to follow the data to a certain level then switch to physics we have to use both loss.

How

- Follow the data until the data loss reach a certain threshold
- After it reach this threshold, start ignoring the data and focus on physics
(It doesnt completely ignore the data, just focus on physics more)

Technical Details

Noise Reduction Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Total, NR}} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}1} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}2} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}1} = \omega_{\mathcal{D}1} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}$$

$$\omega_{\mathcal{D}1} = \frac{2}{1 + \exp(-\alpha_1 \log_{10}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}/\beta_1^2) + 0.5\alpha_1)}$$

→ Ignores the data as the data loss gets lower

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}2} = \omega_{\mathcal{D}2} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}}$$

$$\omega_{\mathcal{D}2} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\alpha_2 \log_{10}(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}) + \alpha_2 \beta_2)}$$

→ Forces the physics to work harder
(optional, it is by default used for the noise reduction,
but not used for the error estimation)

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 4.2$$

$$\beta_2 = 3$$

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Threshold

- Threshold is set by β_1
- Higher $\beta_1 \rightarrow$ higher threshold
 - \rightarrow Ignores data more
 - \rightarrow Quickly focus on physics
 - \rightarrow tolerate more inaccuracies
- If β_1 is too low \rightarrow Follow data too much
 - \rightarrow Follow the inaccuracies in the data
- If β_1 is too high \rightarrow Relies on physics too much
 - \rightarrow May not be resolved properly

Error Estimation

Main Reference: (Paper is still under review)

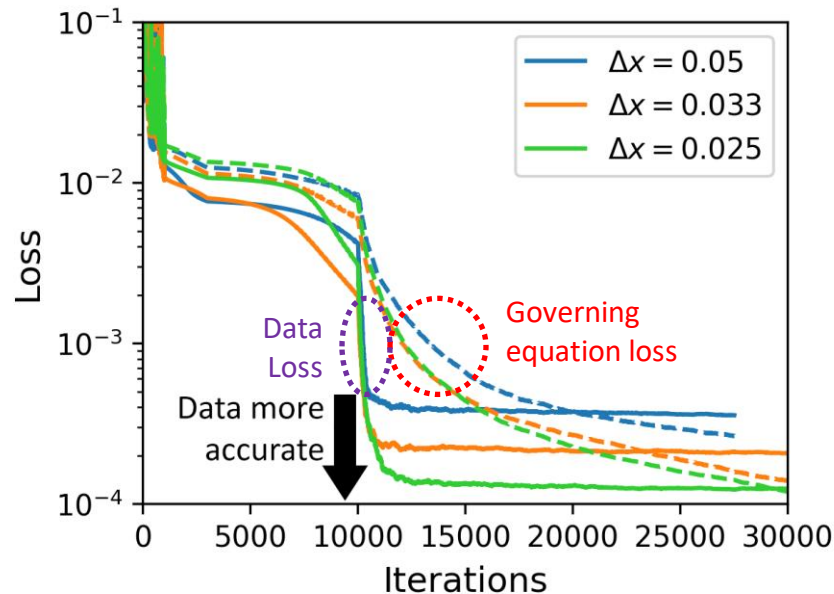
Idea & Goal

Idea

- If PINN follows not completely physically accurate data, the loss would stagnate (cannot go down)
- Better data \rightarrow lower loss
Worse data \rightarrow higher loss

Goal

- Convert loss to indicate the data quality



The loss curve of PINN that follows a cavity flow simulation data at various cell resolution.
(Smaller cell \rightarrow More accurate simulation data)

Methods

*Sorry but this is pure math

Idea

- Assume we have a fully physically accurate (A) PINN. The loss of this PINN is:

$$L^A_{Total} = 0 \quad (\text{Total Loss})$$

$$L^A_B = 0 \quad (\text{Boundary Loss})$$

$$L^A_F = 0 \quad (\text{Governing equation Loss})$$

- Since our data is not physically accurate, the data loss is not zero.
- Since the PINN is physically accurate, it has the same solution as an actual / analytical solution ($u_{PINN} = u_{Actual}$)

- The data loss on a physically accurate PINN is the MSE (mean square error) of the data.

$$L^A_D = (u_{PINN} - u_{Ref})^2$$

$$L^A_D = (u_{Actual} - u_{Ref})^2$$

- If we can obtain a physically accurate PINN, we can easily evaluate the quality of the data.
(MSE of the data = Data loss of PINN)

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Issues

- It is very difficult to obtain a physically accurate PINN, so we cannot easily calculate the data MSE.

Solution

- We do not calculate the exact loss value, but estimate it ($\text{Min Guess} < L_D^A < \text{Max Guess}$)

Min Estimate

- A PINN always prefer the lowest total loss such as:

$$L_{Total} \leq L_{Total}^A$$

- Deriving this relationship:

$$L_D + L_B + L_F \leq L_D^A + L_B^A + L_F^A$$

$$L_D + L_B + L_F \leq L_D^A$$

$$L_D \leq L_D^A$$

(The data loss from PINN is always lower than the MSE of the data)

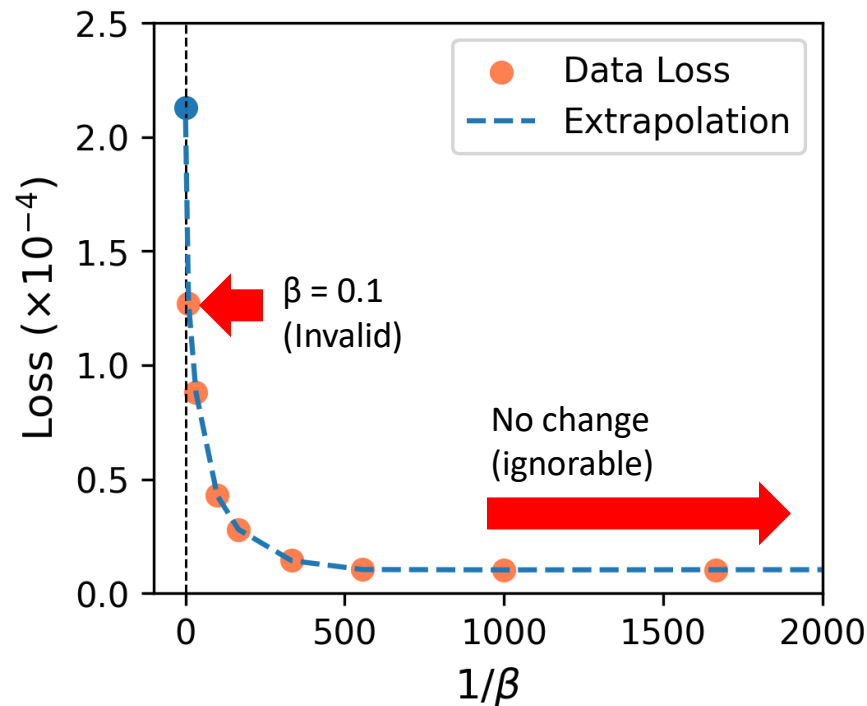
- **Min guess** = L_D

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Max Estimate

- Based on NR-PINN (the one used in the noise reduction), when we use a higher $\beta = \beta_1$, it can ignore the inaccuracies in the data, and make the result more accurate.
*Ignore the second optional term
- Higher $\beta \rightarrow$ More accurate, until the physics is incapable of resolving it correctly.
- To get the Max Guess, we simulate with several β , then extrapolate to get the data loss at $\beta = \text{infinity}$



*See <https://doi.org/10.3390/computation9020010> for the extrapolation method

Methods

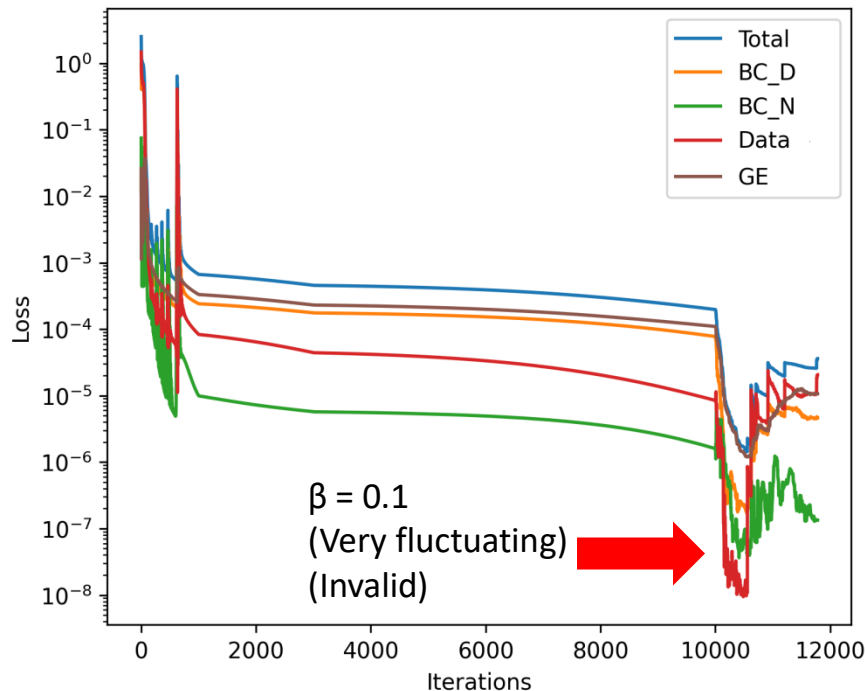
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Min Estimate (Correction)

- It is better to get the minimum guess from the maximum β , before it is unstable.
- This would lead to the most accurate PINN, which leads to the better **Min guess** = L_D

Which estimation is invalid?

- If it highly fluctuates
- If the data loss is 20x lower than the physics
- If the change of β doesn't make any change in the data loss and physics loss.



FAQ

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- **Why the loss quickly dropped after 10000 iterations?**

The code (by default) uses (in order):

- ADAM optimizer for iterations 0 - 1000
with learning rate = 10^{-2}
- ADAM optimizer for iterations 1000 - 3000
with learning rate = 10^{-3}
- ADAM optimizer for iterations 3000 - 10000
with learning rate = 10^{-4}
- LBFGS optimizer for iterations 10000 and
above, until it is CONVERGED

- **What is the difference between Adam and LBFGS?**

Adam is better, faster to converge when starting from a random solution. LBFGS is better to refine a solution.

FAQ

- By default, the network is initialized with random parameters (the weights and biases are random)
- The default activation function in this code is the hyperbolic tangent function
- **If your result looks odd, try:**
 - Try increasing the points
 - Try to use a larger network
 - Modify the weights
 - * You can do (many) other things, but those techniques are too advance

(*Im not expecting a 100% accurate result, if it is accurate enough it is fine. Getting a totally accurate result with PINN is hard (not its strong point).)

- **Tips for setting β :**
 - Try setting a wide range:
1e-3, 1e-2, 1e-1, 1., 10., 100., 1000.
 - See where the most likely / optimal range is (based on the result or loss)
 - Refine β in that range