

Predicting the Time Evolution of Wave Functions with U-Nets



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Problem & Significance

- Goal: δt : small timestep
 $\Psi(\vec{r}_n, t)$: n-dimensional wave function
- $$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\hbar} V(\vec{r}, t) \Psi(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{\hbar}{2m} \Delta \Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$
- Approximate the next step of the wave function with a neural network in the hopes of achieving a good estimate of physics at a much lower computational cost

Classically computing wave function evolution, even with high end modern hardware is very expensive and time consuming. Neural networks serve the purpose of function estimators. The function being estimated in this case is the time dependent Schrödinger equation, a linear partial differential equation.

```
1 def update(self,
2 dt: float,
3 delta: float,
4 device: torch.device) → Field:
5 """
6 Update the field for an n-dimensional space.
7
8 :param self: The input field as an n-dimensional torch tensor.
9 :param device: The torch device on which to perform the calculations.
10 :param delta: The spacing between points in the field.
11 :param dt: Time step for the update.
12 :return: The updated field which contains an n-dimensional torch tensor.
13 """
14
15 # Initialize potential
16 V = torch.zeros_like(self.tensor)
17
18 # Calculate laplacian
19 laplaceField: torch.Tensor = Laplacian(field=self.tensor,
20 delta=delta)
21
22 # Iterate according to the time dependent Schrödinger equation
23 self.tensor.add_(-1j * dt * (-0.5 * laplaceField + V))
24
25 # Apply boundary conditions for n-dimensions
26 for dim in range(self.tensor.dim()):
27     # Set the first and last index along each dimension to 0
28     self.tensor.index_fill_(dim,
29                             torch.tensor([0, self.tensor.size(dim) - 1],
30                             device=device),
31                             0)
32
33 return self
```



```
1 def forward(self, x):
2     x1 = self.inc(x)
3     x2 = self.down1(x1)
4     x3 = self.down2(x2)
5     x4 = self.down3(x3)
6     x5 = self.down4(x4)
7     x = self.up1(x5, x4)
8     x = self.up2(x, x3)
9     x = self.up3(x, x2)
10    x = self.up4(x, x1)
11    logits = self.outc(x)
12    return logits
```

Existing Work

Physics informed machine learning is a massive and quickly growing field.

A large source of information on the subject has been from University of Washington professor Steve Brunton who is releasing an ongoing series on it.

He and his colleagues are also the source of several articles which use much more advanced techniques than I was able to implement, but were still very insightful.

[Machine Learning for Fluid Mechanics](#)

[Steven L. Brunton, Bernd R. Noack, and Petros Koumoutsakos](#)

[Data-driven discovery of partial differential equations](#)

[Samuel H. Rudy, Steven L. Brunton, Joshua L. Proctor, and J. Nathan Kutz](#)



Approach

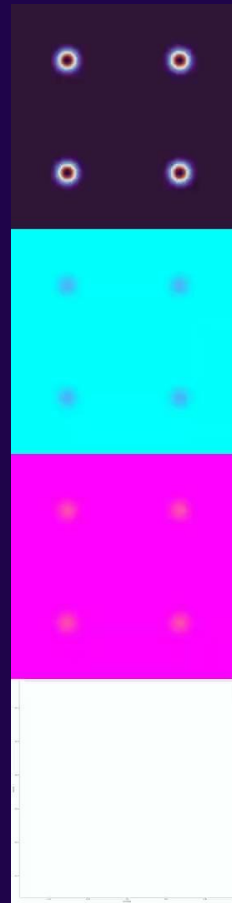
The process started with the development of the the simulation engine Psithon, which is still a work in progress. This is a PyTorch based package built to easily set up and parallelize quantum simulations on wide variety of hardware.

I have just recently made the github page public, but development is not complete.

For my first major training set I ran 10 simulations with 10-25 randomly initialized particles. Emphasizing the need to reduce computational intensity, these simulations took on average 3 hours each to complete consuming roughly 220W on an NVIDIA RTX 4090.

The simulations for this set were ran at a resolution of 1000 x 1000

30 million individual timesteps were computed to maintain computational stability. Only every one in 50,000 frames is rendered to the output field, yielding a total of 600 frames per simulation which are saved to a single hdf5 file.



compute $\left[\Delta \Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_i^2} \right] \forall \langle r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid 0 \leq r_i \leq \text{resolution} \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \leq i \leq n$

Approach continued

A custom dataset implementation was designed to facilitate training for this project:

```
1 class QuantumFieldDataset(Dataset):
2     def __init__(self, simulations: List[Simulation], fieldName: str):
3         self.simulations = simulations
4         self.fieldName = fieldName
5         self.indexMap = self._createIndexMap()
6
7     def _createIndexMap(self):
8         indexMap = []
9         for simIndex, sim in enumerate(self.simulations):
10             for timestepIndex in range(sim.numTimeSteps(self.fieldName) - 1):
11                 indexMap.append((simIndex, timestepIndex))
12         return indexMap
13
14     def __len__(self):
15         return len(self.indexMap)
16
17     def __getitem__(self, idx):
18         simIndex, timestepIndex = self.indexMap[idx]
19         current_step = self.simulations[simIndex].fields[self.fieldName][timestepIndex]
20         next_step = self.simulations[simIndex].fields[self.fieldName][timestepIndex + 1]
21
22         # Processing steps remain unchanged
23         current_step_real = current_step.real.unsqueeze(0)
24         current_step_imag = current_step.imag.unsqueeze(0)
25         next_step_real = next_step.real.unsqueeze(0)
26         next_step_imag = next_step.imag.unsqueeze(0)
27
28         current_step = torch.cat((current_step_real, current_step_imag), dim=0)
29         next_step = torch.cat((next_step_real, next_step_imag), dim=0)
30
31         return current_step.float(), next_step.float()
```

It allows multiple datasets to be loaded but still ensures that the next step comes from the same simulation, such that the training data is actually coherent

```
1 class UNet(nn.Module):
2     def __init__(self, n_channels, n_classes, bilinear=True):
3         super(UNet, self).__init__()
4         self.n_channels = n_channels
5         self.n_classes = n_classes
6         self.bilinear = bilinear
7
8         self.inc = DoubleConv(n_channels, 64)
9         self.down1 = Down(64, 128)
10        self.down2 = Down(128, 256)
11        self.down3 = Down(256, 512)
12        factor = 2 if bilinear else 1
13        self.down4 = Down(512, 1024 // factor)
14        self.up1 = Up(1024, 512 // factor, bilinear)
15        self.up2 = Up(512, 256 // factor, bilinear)
16        self.up3 = Up(256, 128 // factor, bilinear)
17        self.up4 = Up(128, 64, bilinear)
18        self.outc = OutConv(64, n_classes)
```

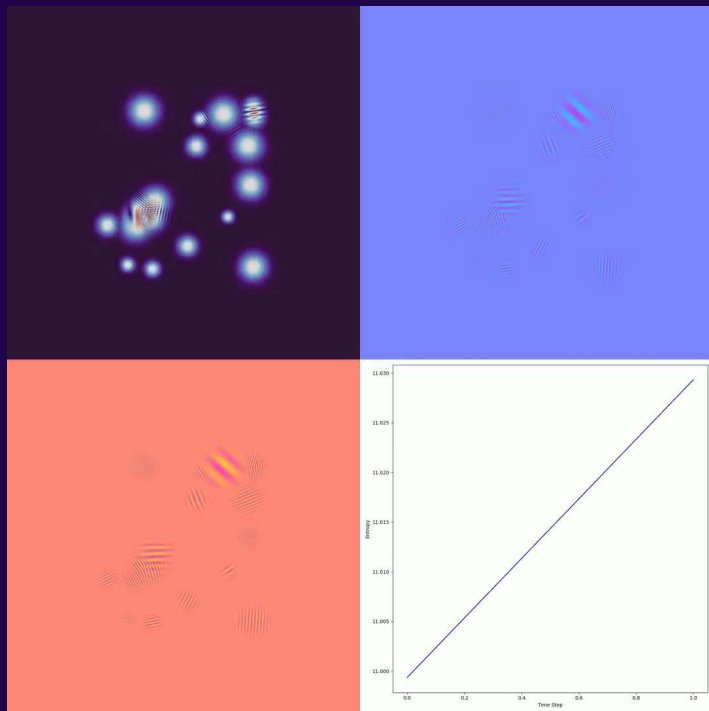
The architecture is a somewhat large, but very structurally standard U-Net

I used the standard torch implementation of MSELoss which will just take the error between the network approximation and actual next frame as the cost function.

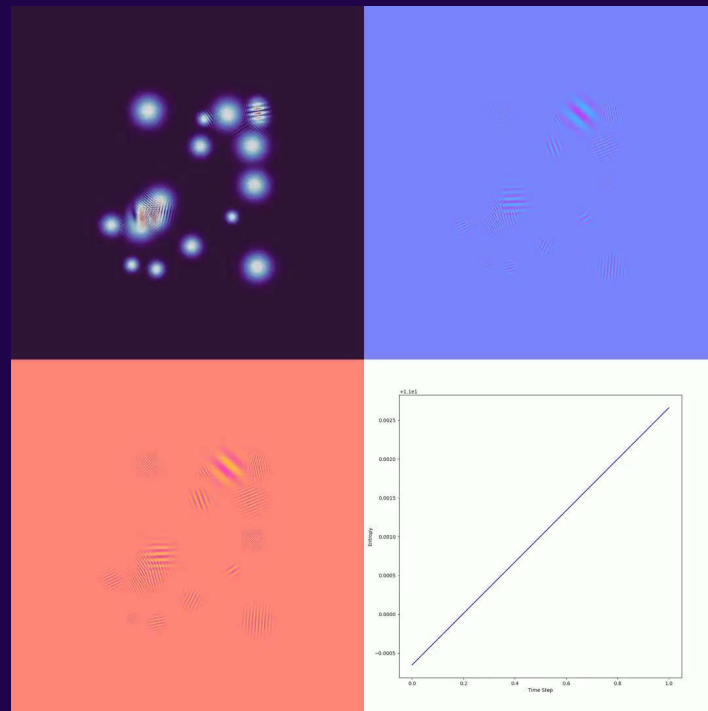
```
1 criterion = torch.nn.MSELoss()
2 optimizer = optim.Adam(unet_model.parameters(), lr=0.001)
3
4
5 def train_model(model, dataloader, optimizer, criterion, epochs=1):
6     for epoch in range(epochs):
7         model.train()
8         running_loss = 0.0
9
10        # Record the start time of the epoch
11        epoch_start_time = time.time()
12
13        for i, (current_step, next_step) in enumerate(dataloader):
14            current_step = current_step.to(device)
15            next_step = next_step.to(device)
16
17            optimizer.zero_grad()
18            output = model(current_step)
19            loss = criterion(output, next_step)
20            loss.backward()
21            optimizer.step()
22
23            running_loss += loss.item()
24
25        # Calculate and print the epoch duration
26        epoch_duration = time.time() - epoch_start_time
27        print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1} completed in {epoch_duration:.2f} seconds')
28
29        # Saving a checkpoint with more than just the model state_dict
30        checkpoint = {
31            'epoch': epoch,
32            'model_state_dict': model.state_dict(),
33            'optimizer_state_dict': optimizer.state_dict(),
34            # Add more components as needed
35        }
36        torch.save(checkpoint, "./UNET_checkpoint.pth")
37        print(f'Epoch {epoch+1}, Loss: {running_loss / len(dataloader)}')
38
39
40 train_model(unet_model, dataloader, optimizer, criterion, epochs=20)
```

Training costs roughly 530W between the CPU and GPU for ≥ 70 seconds per dataset per epoch

Results/Discussion



Classical Method
 $t \sim 3$ hours @ 220W

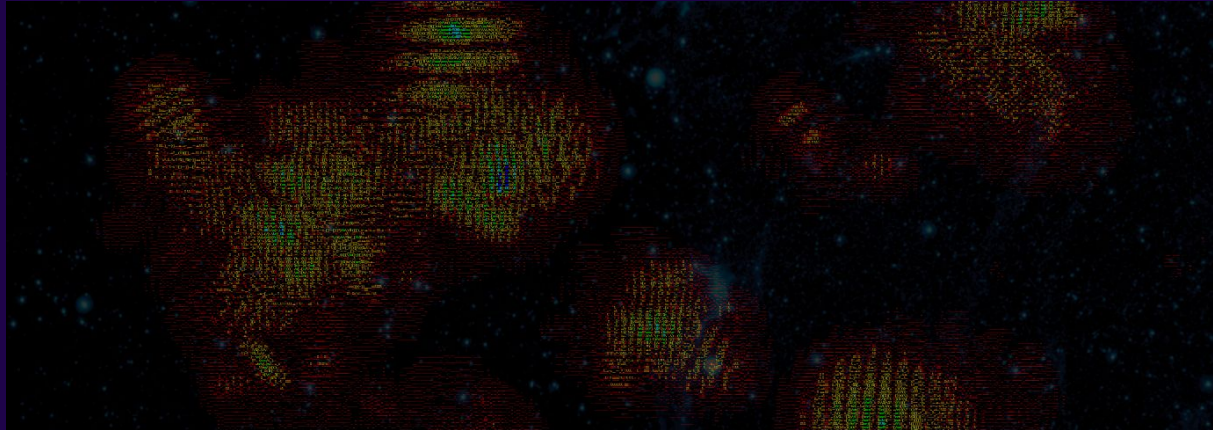


U-Net Simulation
 $t < 25$ seconds @ 315W

Results/Discussion continued

The entropy of the network simulation behaves similarly to what is expected. This is an especially nice result considering it was not incorporated in the loss function of the current model

The U-Net model tends to approach the end state of the system more rapidly than the actual simulation. Wave packets do not stay as coherent for as long as they should. These are undesirable results, but this is with no loss function contributions other than MSE.



Conclusion/Future

I am very satisfied with the results of this initial experiment, especially considering just how generalized the U-Net implementation being used here is.

I have a couple primary paths of investigation:

- Improved loss functions including:
 - entropy, spectral domains, energy conservation, symmetry
- Enforcing conservation and symmetry through architectural choices
 - With clever choices of custom network layers, I am confident there are ways to reinforce desired behaviors such as hermiticity at a very low cost.

Blu.Psithon

<https://github.com/Naitry/Blu>

