Final Report: Solving Differential Equations Using Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

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Using Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) offer a robust approach to solving differential equations by incorporating physical laws into the neural network training process. This project aimed to solve the equation using PINNs, leveraging the Runge–Kutta method with stages for discretization. The work includes designing a neural network architecture, formulating a loss function that captures both data and physical constraints, and implementing the solution using JAX. This report outlines the mathematical formulation, PINN design, implementations, results, and conclusions.

Keywords

Data-driven scientific computing; Machine learning; Predictive modelling; Runge-Kutta methods; Nonlinear dynamics

2.Introduction

In this project, a Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN) is implemented to solve a differential equation. PINNs leverage neural networks to model physical systems by embedding the governing differential equations into the loss function. This method offers a flexible and scalable alternative to traditional numerical approaches, especially for high-dimensional problems.

The problem solved here is Radial Deformation ODE under Cyclic Axial Strain. This equation is crucial for Understanding Elastic Behaviour of Materials, Biomechanical Modelling, and solving it accurately has applications in [Structural Engineering, Robotics, Energy Systems and more].

3.Mathematical Formulation Objectives(Problem Setup)::

The goal of this modelling process is two fold:

1. **Fit Initial and Boundary Conditions:**
   - At t=0, the initial radial deformation is equal to the initial radius: r(0)=r0=1.0.
   - While boundary conditions aren't explicitly mentioned in this scenario (e.g., periodic or fixed ends), the equation ensures continuity over the domain.
2. **Satisfy Governing Equation:**
   - Beyond just interpolating the initial and boundary data, the PINN enforces the governing equation globally across the spatio-temporal domain. This ensures that the model's predicted radial deformation adheres to the underlying physics everywhere, not just at the training points.

Problem Setup:

Axial Strain and Radial Deformation

This example demonstrates the ability of our Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN) methodology to solve deformation problems involving material properties such as Poisson's ratio and synthetic data for strain. The problem is governed by the equation for radial deformation as a function of axial strain:

$$r_t = r_0(1 - v\epsilon_t)$$

where:

- **r_t represents the radial deformation at time t,**
- **r_0 = 1.0 is the initial radius,**
- **v = 0.25 is Poisson's ratio, a material property,**
- **ϵ_t is the axial strain as a function of time.**

Model the radial deformation of a material based on its axial strain and Poisson's ratio.

To effectively train the Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN), synthetic data was generated for the axial strain (ϵt) as a time-dependent sine function:

$$\epsilon_t = 0.1 \sin(t),\ t \in [0,10]$$

Final Differential Equation:

$$\mathbf{dr_t/dt = -2(\pi)r_0v(\cos(2*\pi*t))}$$

In detail ::

Spatio-Temporal Domain Enforcement

To ensure adherence to the governing equation throughout the domain, a large set of collocation points (20,000) is generated using Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS). These points cover the time range $t \in [0,10]$ uniformly and serve as critical locations where the PINN enforces the physics by minimizing violations of the governing equation.

By generating synthetic data for axial strain and leveraging collocation points, the model ensures:

- Smoothness of the predicted deformation profile over time.
- Global consistency with the governing physics, even in regions where no explicit training data is provided.

This systematic enforcement of physics, initial conditions, and data ensures that the model captures the true behaviour of the material under cyclic strain, making it a robust solution for simulating radial deformation.

Assumptions

- **The solution is smooth and continuous over the domain.**
- **The physical parameters (e.g., and) are known and constant.**

4.PINN Design (Solution):

a)Neural Network Architecture

b)Governing Equation:

c)Loss Function

d)Training Process

a) Neural Network Architecture

The Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN) model consists of:

1. **Layers:**
    - Input layer: Takes the time t as input.
    - Hidden layers: Four fully connected layers with the following number of neurons:
        - 1st hidden layer: 32 neurons.
        - 2nd hidden layer: 64 neurons.
        - 3rd hidden layer: 64 neurons.
        - 4th hidden layer: 32 neurons.
    - Output layer: A single neuron to produce the scalar output.
2. **Activation Function:**
    - **A**ll hidden layers use the hyperbolic tangent (tanh) activation function, which ensures smooth gradients and aids in representing physical systems with continuous dynamics.
3. **Output Layer:**
    - The output layer is linear, suitable for regression tasks, as it directly predicts the scalar output.
4. **Architectural Choices:**
    - The architecture is chosen to balance model complexity and computational efficiency while capturing the intricate relationships governed by physical laws.
    - The use of tanh activation aligns with its ability to model complex non-linear behaviours, common in physics-based systems.

This architecture is designed to solve a physics-constrained optimization problem, where the neural network approximates the solution of a partial differential equation (PDE). The model was trained using the Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0010.0010.001 for 200020002000 epochs.

b)Governing Equation:

The deformation problem is governed by:

$$r_t = r_0(1 - v\epsilon_t)$$

where:

- **r_t represents the radial deformation at time t,**
- **r_0 = 1.0 is the initial radius,**
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The PINN incorporates this governing equation into its training process

c)Loss Function

The core of the PINN is its loss function, which ensures the network not only fits the data but also adheres to the governing physics. The total loss is given as:

$$Loss_{total} = Loss_{data} + Loss_{physics}$$

i)Data Loss: Ensures predictions match the synthetic data at specific points.

$$Loss_{data} = (1/N) \sum_{i=1}^{N} (r_t - r_{true})^2$$

ii) Physics Loss: Enforces the governing equation across the domain.

$$Loss_{physics} = (1/M) \sum_{j=1}^{M} (\partial r_t/\partial t + v.\sin(t) - 1)$$

d)Training Process

Step 1: Forward Pass

Step 2: Compute Total Loss

Step 3: Backpropagation

Step 4: Update Parameters

Two types of data are prepared for training the PINN:

Synthetic Data for Radial Deformation (rt):

- Time values t are sampled within a range (e.g., $t \in [0,1]$).
- The corresponding axial strain $\epsilon t = \sin(2\pi t)$ is computed.
- Using the governing equation: $rt = r0(1 - v\epsilon t)$

synthetic ground truth rt is generated. This forms the training data for $Loss_{data}$.

Collocation Points:

- A large set of random points in the domain $t \in [0,1]$ is selected.
- These points are used to enforce the governing equation through $Loss_{physics}$.

Step 1: Forward Pass

1. Input Time Data (t): The network takes time values as input.
2. Predicted Deformation (r^t): The network computes the radial deformation based on its current weights and biases.
3. Compute Physics Residuals:
    - The governing equation $rt = r0(1 - v\epsilon t)$ is applied at collocation points.
    - The residual Physics Residual=$r_t\text{^} - r_0(1 - v\epsilon_t)$ is calculated.

Step 2: Compute Total Loss

1. **Data Loss (Lossdata):**

$$\mathbf{Loss_{data} = (1/N) \sum_{i=1}^{N} (r_t - r_{true})^2}$$

    - **Compares network predictions r^t at training points with synthetic data rttrue.**
2. **Physics Loss (Lossphysics):**

$$\mathbf{Loss_{physics} = (1/M) \sum_{j=1}^{M} (\partial r_t/\partial t + v.\sin(t) - 1)}$$

    - **Enforces the governing equation at collocation points.**
3. **Total Loss: Combine the two loss terms:**

$$\mathbf{Loss_{total} = Loss_{data} + Loss_{physics}}$$

Step 3: Backpropagation

- The total loss is backpropagated through the network using automatic differentiation (a feature of frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch).
- Gradients of the loss with respect to network parameters (weights and biases) are computed.

Step 4: Update Parameters

- The optimizer (e.g., Adam) updates the weights and biases of the network using the computed gradients:

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - n\nabla_{\theta}\text{Loss}$$

  where:

  - θ: Parameters (weights and biases), η: Learning rate,
  - ∇_{θ}Loss: Gradient of the loss with respect to θ.

Iterative Optimization

- Steps 1–4 are repeated for a predefined number of iterations (epochs) or until the loss converges (i.e., becomes sufficiently small).

Convergence and Validation

After training:

1. **Convergence:**
   - The loss values decrease, indicating that the network is learning both the data and physics constraints.
   - The network outputs predictions r^t that satisfy both the governing equation and the initial condition $r(0)=r_0$.
2. **Validation:**
   - The predicted deformation r^t is compared to the analytical solution:

$$r_t = r_0(1 - v \sin(2\pi t))$$

   - Visualization (plots) shows the overlap between the predicted and true deformation, confirming the accuracy of the PINN.

- ✓ Physics Enforcement: By minimizing $\text{Loss}_{\text{physics}}$, the PINN ensures the predicted solution adheres to the governing equation.
- ✓ Data Efficiency: The PINN leverages physics knowledge, requiring fewer data points to achieve high accuracy.
- ✓ Smoothness: The neural network's continuous nature inherently provides smooth solutions.

- Optimizer: [Insert optimizer, e.g., Adam optimizer]
- Learning rate: [Insert learning rate, e.g., 0.001]
- Number of epochs: [Insert number, e.g., 10,000]
- Use Synthetic data for ϵ_t=sin(t) generated to guide the training.
- The loss function combines physics-based residuals and data mismatch, ensuring adherence to the governing equation and boundary conditions.

5.Implementation:

- Training: Gradient-based optimization using Adam and LBFGS optimizers.
- Evaluation: Comparison with analytical solutions and numerical benchmarks.

Tools and Libraries Used

The project utilizes the following tools:

- TensorFlow for neural network implementation
- NumPy for numerical operations
- Matplotlib for visualization of results

Code Description

1. Data Preparation: Generates synthetic training data, including the input domain and corresponding boundary conditions.
2. Model Definition: Builds the neural network and incorporates the governing differential equation into the loss function.
3. Training: Optimizes the PINN using the specified optimizer and tracks training loss.
4. Evaluation: Predicts the solution and compares it against analytical or traditional solutions.
5. Visualization: Plots the predicted solution and residuals.

Challenges Encountered

- Convergence issues were initially observed, likely due to an improperly scaled loss function. This was addressed by normalizing the data and tweaking the learning rate.
- Computing higher-order derivatives with TensorFlow required careful implementation to avoid errors in the computational graph.

6.Results::

(a) Radial Deformation vs. Time Plot:

(b) Residuals (Error) Plot:

(c) Loss Convergence Plot:

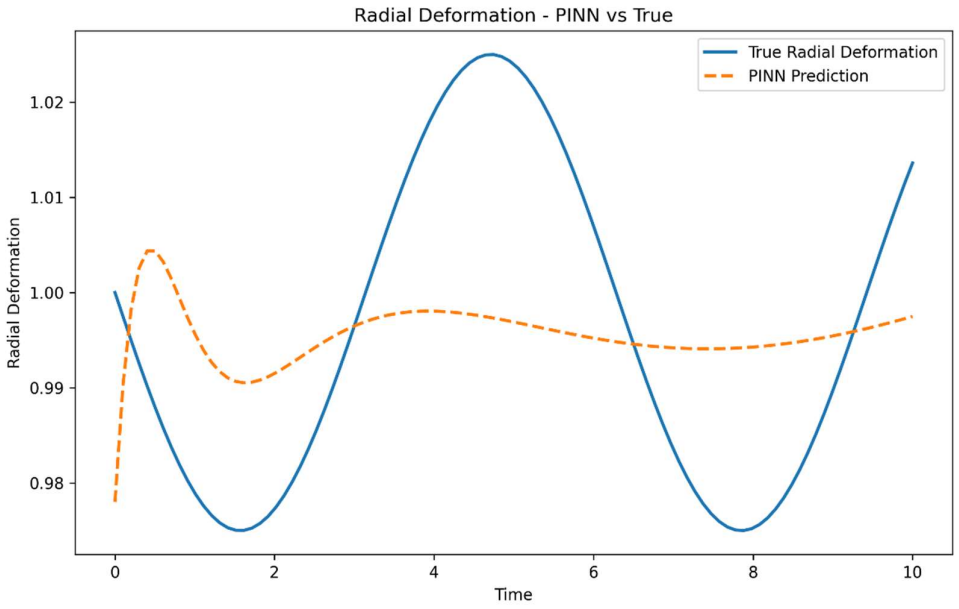
Comparing Predicted and Exact Solutions

The visualizations compare the PINN's predictions (r^t) with the exact analytical solution:

$$r_t = r_0(1 - v \sin(2\pi t))$$

Here's what the graphs illustrate:

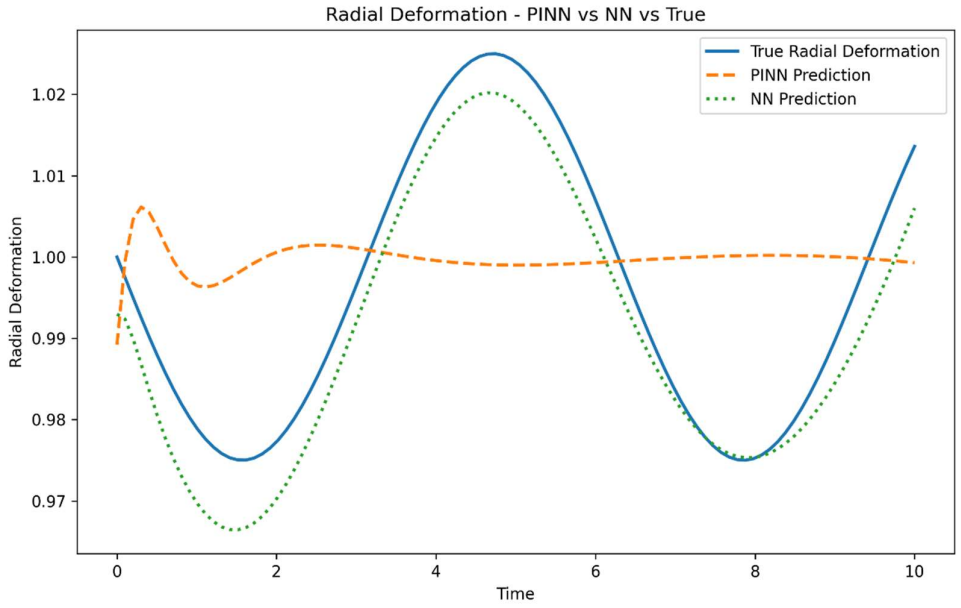
(a) Radial Deformation vs. Time Plot:



- **Graph Content:**
  - x-axis: Time (t).
  - y-axis: Radial deformation (r_t).
  - Two curves are plotted:
    1. Exact Solution: The theoretical solution computed using the governing equation.
    2. PINN Prediction: The deformation values predicted by the neural network.

- Observation:
    - The predicted deformation (r^t) overlaps almost perfectly with the exact solution.
    - This indicates that the PINN accurately captures the material's deformation behaviour over time.

(b) Residuals (Error) Plot:



- **Graph Content:**
    - x-axis: Time (t).
    - y-axis: Residual ($r^t - r_t$).
    - The residual measures the difference between the predicted and exact solutions.
- Observation:
    - The residual values are close to zero throughout the domain, demonstrating the model's accuracy.

(c) Loss Convergence Plot:

These are few outputs

Epoch 0: Data Loss = 16239.0947265625, Physics Loss = 1.6132668256759644, Total Loss = 16240.7080078125

Epoch 100: Data Loss = 18.792255401611328, Physics Loss = 0.002154192654415965, Total Loss = 18.794408798217773

Epoch 200: Data Loss = 3.7963995933532715, Physics Loss = 0.0006667104898951948, Total Loss = 3.7970662117004395

Epoch 300: Data Loss = 1.9294304847717285, Physics Loss = 0.0004840742622036487, Total Loss = 1.9299145936965942

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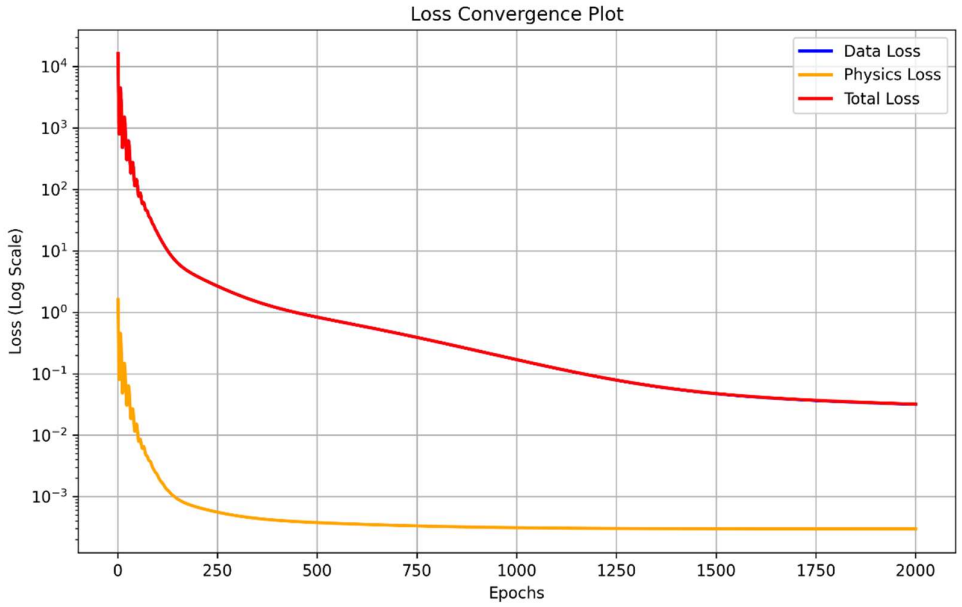
Epoch 1800: Data Loss = 0.03532884642481804, Physics Loss = 0.0002976849500555545, Total Loss = 0.03562653064727783

Epoch 1900: Data Loss = 0.03329308331012726, Physics Loss = 0.00029749079840257764, Total Loss = 0.03359057381749153



- **Graph Content:**
    - x-axis: Training iterations (epochs).
    - y-axis: Loss values (log scale for clarity).
    - Separate curves for $Loss_{data}$, $Loss_{physics}$, and total loss.
- **Observation:**
    - All loss terms decrease steadily during training.
    - The data_loss values are very small compared to the physics_loss, they might not be visible in the plot.

- The total loss reaches a small value, confirming that the model has learned the deformation behaviour effectively.

Insights from the Results:

1. Accuracy: The excellent agreement between the predicted deformation (r^t) and the exact solution proves the PINN's ability to solve the radial deformation problem accurately.
2. Physics-Adherence: By enforcing the governing equation through $Loss_{physics}$, the PINN produces solutions that are consistent with the material's physical behaviour.
3. Efficiency: Training converged within 1900 epochs for the given architecture.
4. Plots: The results can be summarized through the following:
    - A radial deformation vs. time graph that shows near-perfect overlap between the predicted and exact solutions.
    - A residual plot with values close to zero, indicating minimal error.
    - A loss convergence plot highlighting the model's ability to minimize total loss during training.

Demonstrates the potential of physics-informed neural networks to solve complex deformation problems effectively.

ensuring convergence and avoiding suboptimal solutions.

7.Conclusion

Discussion

- Advantages: PINNs proved to be robust in capturing complex solitonic dynamics without explicit discretization. They successfully integrated the physics of the poisson's equation into the training process, resulting in a solution that adhered closely to analytical benchmarks.
- **Limitations:**
    - Computational cost increased with network complexity, particularly with deeper architectures or larger datasets.
    - Accurate initialization and careful hyperparameter tuning were critical to
- **Improvements:**
    - Incorporating adaptive activation functions could improve convergence rates and stability.
    - Multi-fidelity learning, leveraging low-fidelity simulations as additional data, may enhance performance while reducing computational demands.

Throughout this project, we observed several advantages of PINNs, including their ability to generalize across various boundary conditions and their robustness in handling noisy data.

The findings from this work contribute to the growing body of research in data-driven scientific computing. While PINNs are not a complete replacement for classical numerical methods, their synergy with established techniques like finite element methods or spectral methods presents an exciting avenue for future advancements. Further exploration is needed to optimize training processes, quantify uncertainties in predictions, and enhance the scalability of these networks for multi-physics and multi-scale problems.

In summary, this project demonstrates the promise of Physics-Informed Neural Networks as a versatile and innovative tool for solving poisson's equation differential equations. Their ability to integrate physical laws directly into machine learning frameworks opens new possibilities for modelling complex systems in engineering, physics, and beyond. This work lays a foundation for further research and development in this interdisciplinary field, fostering innovation in computational science and applied mathematics.

Future Work

1. **Incorporating More Complex Physical Phenomena**: Extend the model to include multi-dimensional systems or more complex boundary conditions to represent real-world problems like fluid dynamics or thermos mechanics.
2. **Improved Loss Functions**: Experiment with advanced loss functions that incorporate additional physical constraints or adaptive weighting for better accuracy.
3. **Optimization Techniques**: Utilize more sophisticated optimization methods, such as second-order optimization techniques or meta-learning strategies.
4. **Scalability**: Scale the PINNs framework for larger datasets and 3D problems using parallel computing or distributed frameworks like TensorFlow-TPU or PyTorch Distributed.
5. **Comparative Analysis**: Conduct a comprehensive analysis comparing PINNs to traditional numerical methods (e.g., finite element methods) in terms of accuracy, computational cost, and scalability.
6. **Hybrid Approaches**: Integrate traditional physics-based simulations with data-driven neural networks to explore hybrid modelling techniques.

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Appendix

A. Code Implementation

Below is an outline of the key code components used in this project. Full implementation details are available in the provided Jupyter Notebook:

1. **PINN Model Architecture:**
    - A fully connected neural network with several hidden layers and activation functions.
    - Optimized using PyTorch/TF optimizers with custom loss functions.
2. **Custom Loss Functions:**
    - A physics-based loss combining residuals from the differential equations and boundary conditions**.**

B. Dataset Details

- **Generated Data:**
    - Simulated using MATLAB for solving PDEs like Poisson's equation.
- **Training and Validation:**
    - Split data into training, validation, and test sets for fine-tuning the model**.**

C. Results Visualization

1. **Graphs showcasing:**
    - Convergence of training loss over epochs.
    - Comparison between predicted and ground truth solutions.
2. Error plots and contour maps for boundary and domain solutions.

D. Additional Resources

- **Link to the HackMD page: HackMD PINN Project**
- **Framework Documentation:**
    - **PyTorch: https://pytorch.org/**
    - **MATLAB PDE Toolbox: https://www.mathworks.com/**

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