



# Nonlinear Elliptic Problem

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## Nonlinear Elliptic Problem (NEP)

### 1 Introduction

**Problem definition** Given  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ , given  $\mu = (\mu_0, \mu_1) \in \mathcal{P} = [0.1, 1]^2$ , find  $u(\mu)$  such that

$$-\Delta u(\mu) + \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_1} (e^{\mu_1 u(\mu)} - 1) = g(x; \mu)$$

with homogeneous Dirichlet condition on the boundary. The source term  $g$  is defined as:

1. For NEP1:

$$g(x; \mu) = g_1 = 100 \sin(2\pi x_0) \cos(2\pi x_1), \quad \forall x = (x_0, x_1) \in \Omega.$$

2. For NEP2:

$$g(x; \mu) = g_2 = 100 \sin(2\pi \mu_0 x_0) \cos(2\pi \mu_0 x_1), \quad \forall x = (x_0, x_1) \in \Omega.$$

**Weak formulation and Newton scheme** Integrating on the domain, multiplying by a general function  $v \in V$  and recalling the boundary condition, we get the weak formulation: given  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}$ , find  $u(\mu) \in V$  such that for every  $v \in V$

$$F(u)[v] = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_1} (e^{\mu_1 u} - 1)v \, dx - \int_{\Omega} gv \, dx = 0.$$

To solve  $F(u)[v] = 0$  at each Newton iteration, we solve for  $\delta u$

$$\left( \int_{\Omega} \nabla \delta u \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \mu_0 e^{\mu_1 u_k} \delta u v \, dx \right) \delta u = - \left( \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_k \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_1} (e^{\mu_1 u_k} - 1)v \, dx - \int_{\Omega} gv \, dx \right)$$

and update  $u_{k+1} = u_k + \delta u$ .



# Preliminary Domain Analysis

## 1 Introduction

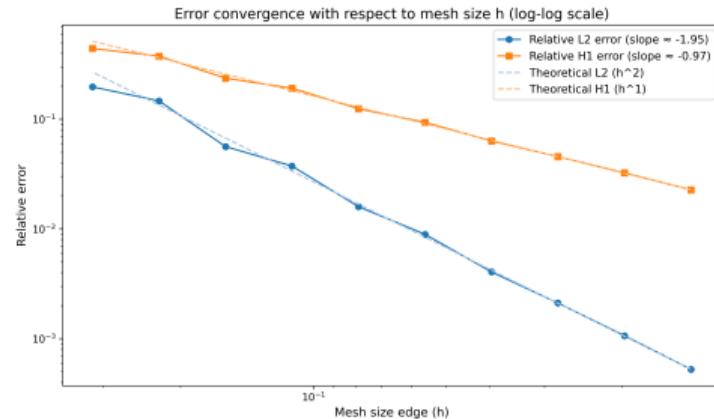
### Check of theoretical results

We know from theory that for mesh size  $h$ :

$$Err_{L^2}(h) = Err_{L^2}(h_0) \left( \frac{h}{h_0} \right)^{s+1},$$

$$Err_{H^1}(h) = Err_{H^1}(h_0) \left( \frac{h}{h_0} \right)^s$$

We check if this expected behavior is observed experimentally.



**Experimental error decay aligns with theoretical predictions**

### Choice of the mesh size

The most suitable mesh sizes are 0.00312 and 0.00019. We evaluate the trade-off between accuracy and cost:

#### Performance metrics for different mesh sizes

Metric	Mesh = 0.00312	Mesh = 0.00019
Avg. snapshot time (s)	0.5948	11.2261
Rel. error ( $L^2$ Norm)	0.0089	0.0005
Rel. error ( $H^1$ Norm)	0.0937	0.0224



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## Methods

2 Methods

1. **POD:** the reduced dimension for NEP1 is  $N = 3$  and  $N = 9$  for NEP2.
2. **PINN:** trained in an unsupervised manner by minimizing the PDE residual, using Adam followed by L-BFGS for fine-tuning, and enforcing Dirichlet conditions exactly through a multiplicative ansatz.

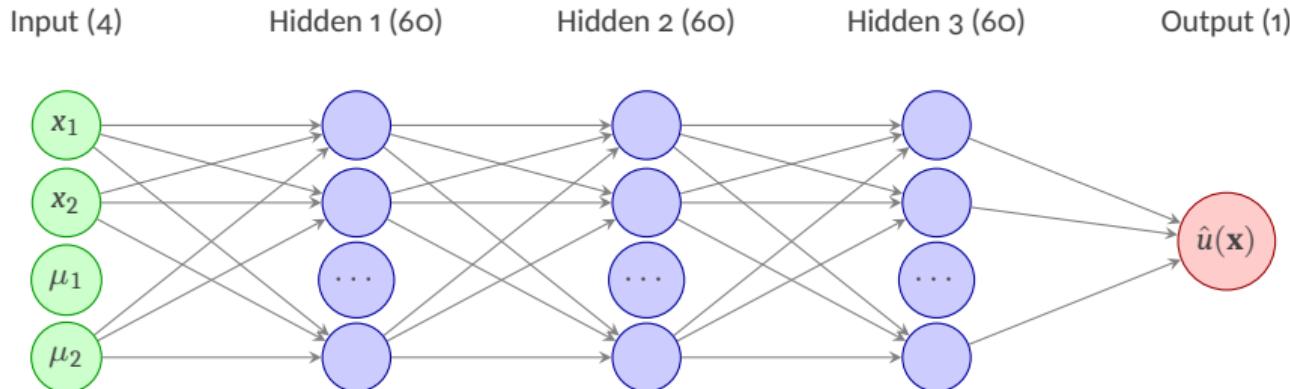


Figure: PINN HardBC Architecture Diagram.

3. **POD-NN:** fully connected network with 4 hidden layers of 40 neurons, tanh activation, Adam optimizer ( $lr=0.001$ ), up to 500,000 epochs, early stopping at  $10^{-6}$ .



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## Comparison of Methods – NEP1

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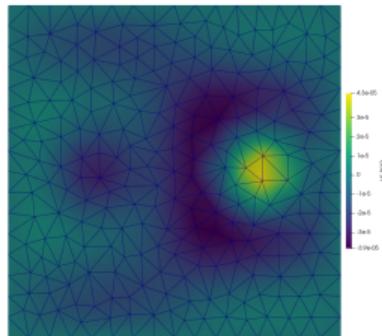
Performance comparison: Accuracy vs computational cost for NEP1

NEP1 Summary		POD (N=3)	PINN	PODNN
Error w.r.t. HF	L2 relative	$2.77 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.19 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.05 \times 10^{-4}$
	H1 relative	$3.07 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.04 \times 10^{-4}$
Execution Time	Avg. eval. time (s)	$8.04 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-4}$
	Avg. speed-up vs HF	15.66	8.42	68.62
Training	Iterations	-	10,689	119,274
	Training time (s)	-	718.11	133.36

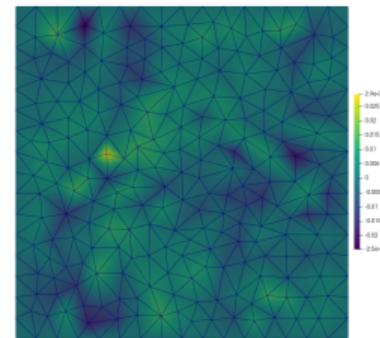


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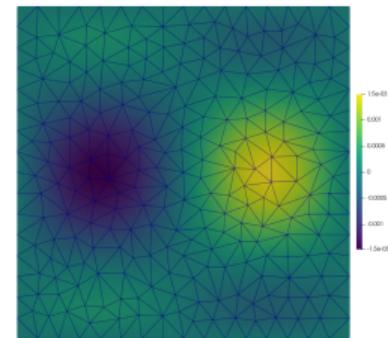
### 3 Comparison of Methods for NEP1



(a) Differences HF and POD solution



(b) Differences HF and PINN solution  
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(c) Differences HF and POD-NN solution  
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Figure: Differences between High Fidelity Solution and (a) POD, (b) PINN, (c) POD-NN for NEP1



## Animated plot

3 Comparison of Methods for NEP1

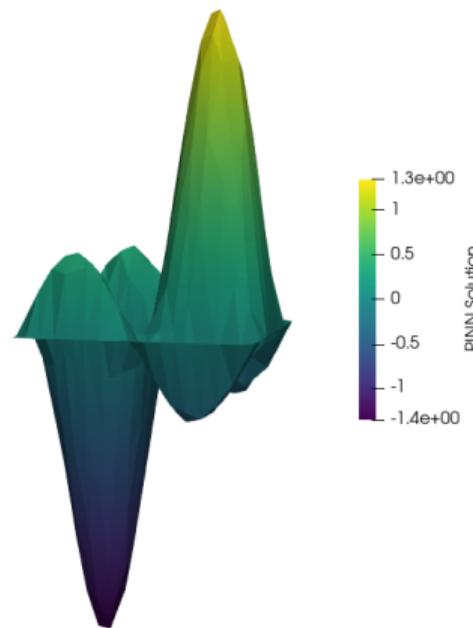


Figure: Comparison of High Fidelity and PINN solutions



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## Comparison of Methods – NEP2

### 4 Comparison of Methods for NEP2

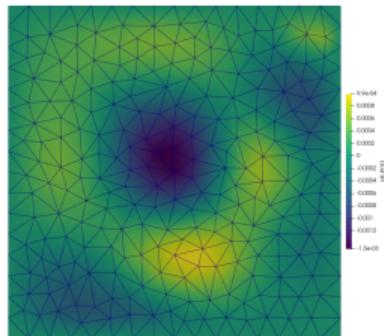
Performance comparison: Accuracy vs computational cost for NEP2

NEP2 Summary		POD (N=9)	PINN	PODNN
Error w.r.t. HF	L2 relative	$5.1432 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.4579 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.8012 \times 10^{-2}$
	H1 relative	$9.8641 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5484 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.5705 \times 10^{-2}$
Execution Time	Avg. eval. time (s)	$5.5382 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.1493 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.8587 \times 10^{-4}$
	Avg. speed-up vs HF	22.327	10.0273	70.8458
Training	Iterations	-	17,415	500,000
	Training time (s)	-	1068.91	570.41

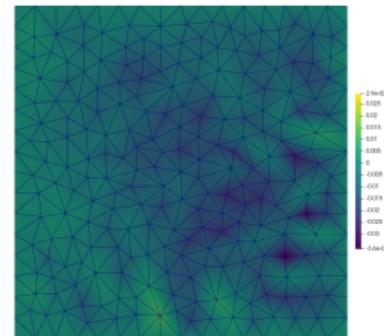


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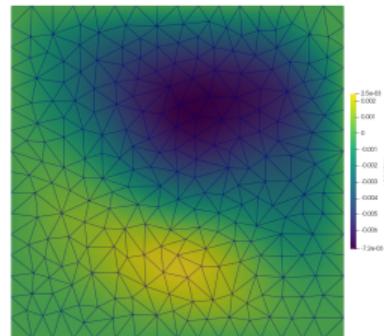
### 4 Comparison of Methods for NEP2



(a) Differences HF and POD solution



(b) Differences HF and PINN solution



(c) Differences HF and POD-NN solution

**Figure:** Differences between High Fidelity Solution and (a) POD, (b) PINN, (c) POD-NN for NEP2



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### 4 Comparison of Methods for NEP2

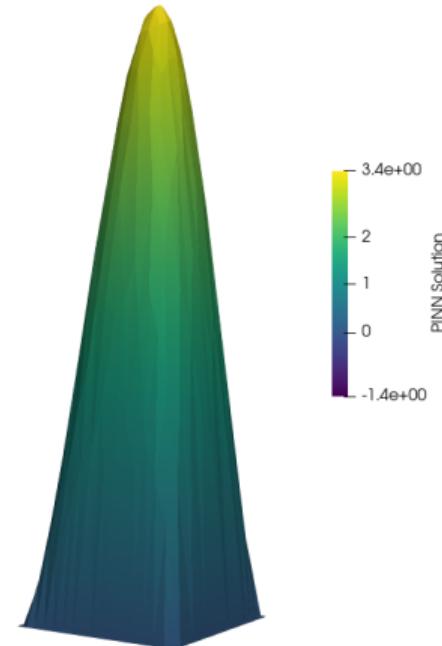


Figure: Comparison of High Fidelity and PINN solutions



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