Combining Finite Element methods and Neural Networks to solve elliptic problem on complex 2D geometries

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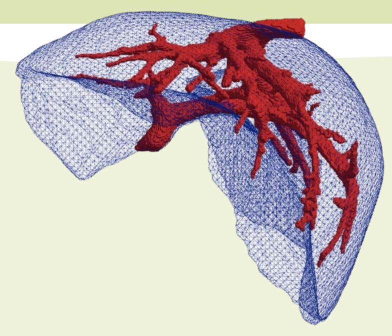

Scientific context

Create real-time digital twins of an organ (e.g. liver)

Current Objective : Develop hybrid **finite element** / **neural network** methods.

accurate **quick + parameterized**

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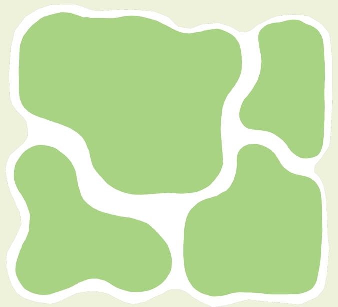
Several Geometries



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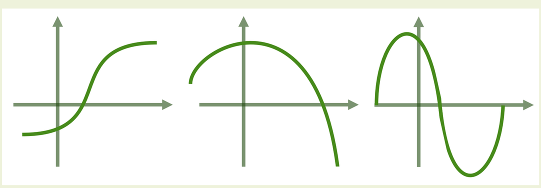
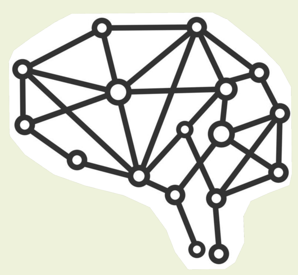
Several Forces



Train a PINNs [RPK19]



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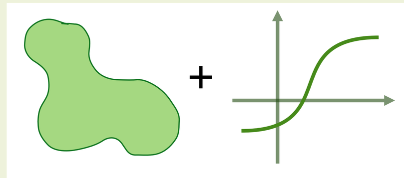
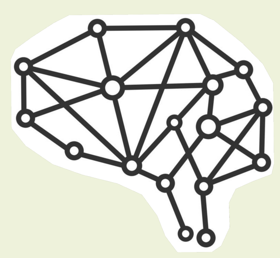
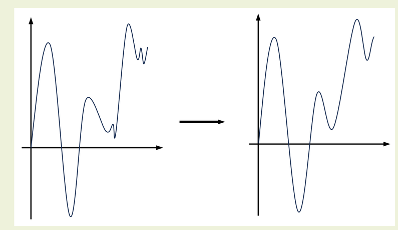
1 Geometry - 1 Force



Get PINNs prediction



Correct prediction with FEM

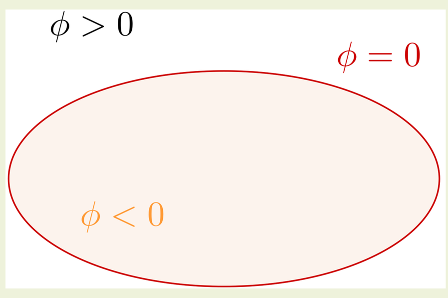


Problem considered : Poisson problem with Dirichlet boundary conditions (BC).

No mesh, so easy to go on complex geometry !

How to deal with complex geometry in PINNs ?

Approach by levelset. [SS22]



Advantages :

➙ Sample is easy in this case.

➙ Allow to impose in hard the BC (no BC loss) :

$$u_\theta(X) = \phi(X)\, w_\theta(X) + g(X)$$

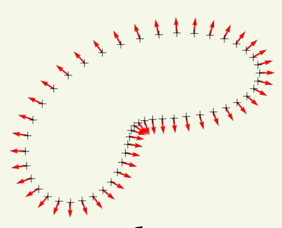
with ϕ a levelset function and w_θ a NN.

Levelset considered. A regularized Signed Distance Function (SDF).

Theorem 1: Eikonal equation.

If we have a boundary domain Γ, the SDF is solution to:

$$\begin{cases} \|\nabla\phi(X)\| = 1, \ X \in \mathcal{O} \\ \phi(X) = 0, \ X \in \Gamma \\ \nabla\phi(X) = n, \ X \in \Gamma \end{cases}$$



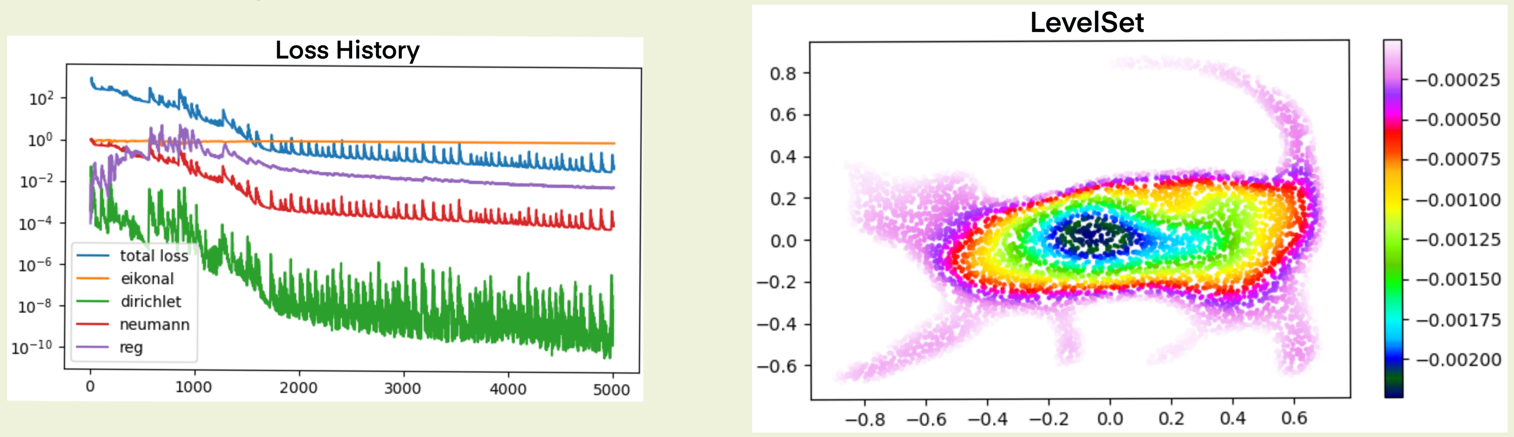
with $\mathcal{O}$ a box which contains Ω completely and n the exterior normal to Γ.

How to do that ? with a PINNs [CD23], by adding the following regularization term

$$J_{\text{reg}} = \int_{\mathcal{O}} |\Delta\phi|^2.$$

Results - Complex geometry

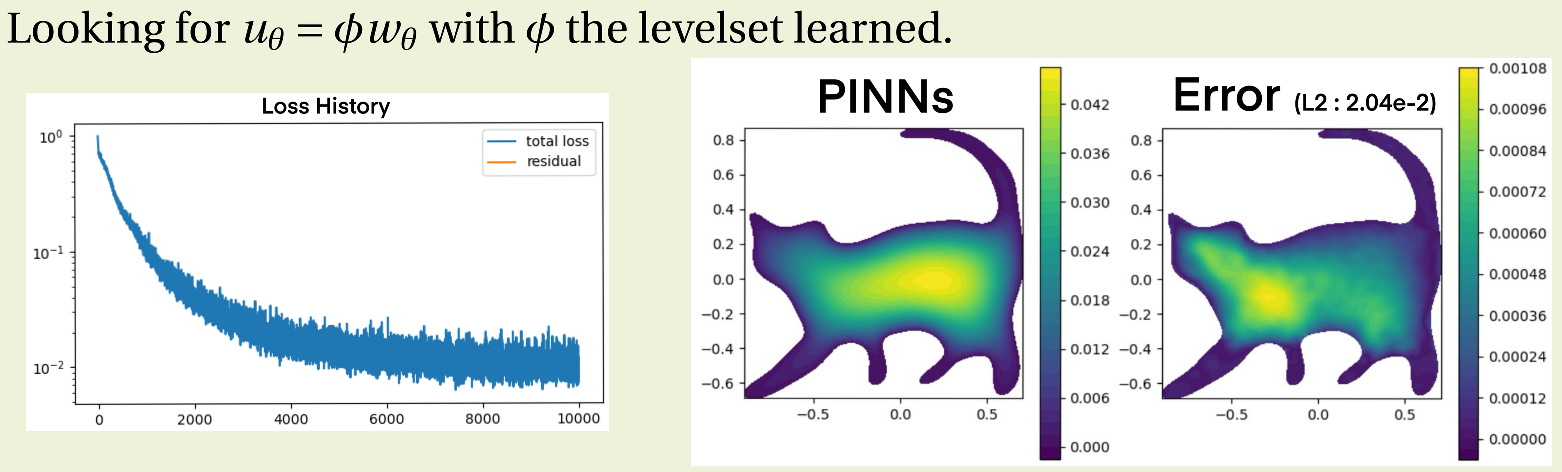
Levelset learning.



Poisson problem on Cat.

➙ Taking $f = 1$ (**non parametric**) and homogeneous Dirichlet BC ($g = 0$).

➙ Looking for $u_\theta = \phi w_\theta$ with ϕ the levelset learned.



How can we improve PINNs prediction ?

Using FEM-type methods

Additive approach. Considering u_θ as the prediction of our PINNs for the Poisson problem, the correction problem consists in writing the solution as

$$\tilde{u} = u_\theta + \underbrace{\boxed{\tilde{C}}}_{\ll 1}$$

and searching $\tilde{C} : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta\tilde{C} = \tilde{f}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \tilde{C} = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \qquad (\mathcal{P}^+)$$

with $\tilde{f} = f + \Delta u_\theta$.

Poisson problem on Square.

➙ Considering homogeneous Dirichlet BC ($g = 0$) and $\Omega = [-0.5\pi, 0.5\pi]^2$.

➙ Analytical levelset function : $\phi(x,y) = (x - 0.5\pi)(x + 0.5\pi)(y - 0.5\pi)(y + 0.5\pi)$

➙ Analytical solution :

$$u_{ex}(x,y) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2 + (y-\mu_2)^2}{2}\right)\sin(2x)\sin(2y)$$

with $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in [-0.5, 0.5]$ (**parametric**).

Theoretical results. Considering u_θ as the prediction of our PINNs.

Theorem 2: [Lec+ss]

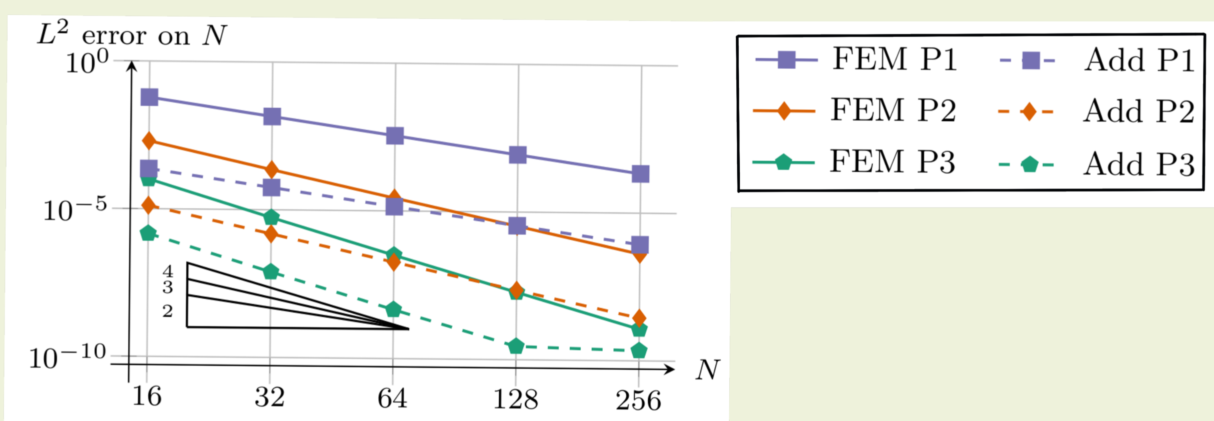
We denote u the solution of the Poisson problem and u_h the discrete solution of the correction problem $(\mathcal{P}^+)$ with V_h a $\mathbb{P}_k$ Lagrange space. Thus

$$\|u - u_h\|_0 \lesssim \underbrace{\boxed{\frac{|u - u_\theta|_{H^{k+1}}}{|u|_{H^{k+1}}}}}_{C_{\text{gain}}} h^{k+1} |u|_{H^{k+1}}$$

Remark : The constant C_{gain} shows that the closer the prior is to the solution, the lower the error constant associated with the method.

Results - Improve prediction

Theoretical results. Taking $\mu_1 = 0.05$, $\mu_2 = 0.22$.



Remark : We note N the number of nodes in each direction of the square (Total : N^2).

Gains on error using additive approach.

Considering a set of $n_p = 50$ parameters : $\left\{(\mu_1^{(1)}, \mu_2^{(1)}), \dots, (\mu_1^{(n_p)}, \mu_2^{(n_p)})\right\}$.

Solution $\mathbb{P}_1$

	Gains on PINNs				Gains on FEM			
N	min	max	mean	std	min	max	mean	std
20	15.7	48.35	33.64	5.57	134.31	377.36	269.4	43.67
40	61.47	195.75	135.41	23.21	131.18	362.09	262.12	41.67

Time/error ratio. Training time for PINNs : $t_{PINNs} \approx 240s$.

➙ **At a given precision, how long does each method take to solve 1 problem ?**

	N		time (s)	
Precision	FEM	Add	FEM	Add
$1e-3$	120	8	43	0.24
$1e-4$	373	25	423.89	1.93
			t_{FEM}	t_{Add}

➙ **How many parameters n_p to make our method faster than FEM ?**

Total time of Additive approach : $Tot_{Add} = t_{PINNs} + n_p t_{Add}$

Total time of FEM : $Tot_{FEM} = n_p t_{FEM}$

Let's suppose we want to achieve an **error of** $1e-3$.

$$Tot_{Add} < Tot_{FEM} \quad \Rightarrow \quad n_p > \frac{t_{PINNs}}{t_{FEM} - t_{Add}} \approx 5.61 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{n_p = 6}$$

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