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Green Functions and PDEs on manifolds(i)

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Literature

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Tutorials

- Potential Theory.
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- Dependence of the layer heat potentials upon support perturbations. Matteo Dalla Riva.
- Some properties of layer potentials and boundary integral operators for the wave equation. V´ictor Dom´inguez.



Motivation

Homogenous PDEs (Poisson eq., Helmholtz eq., heat eq. and wave eq. etc.) are determined by its boundary and also can be estimated by **boundary integration**. Benefits are:

- **The dimension of the boundary is lower** and leads to easier computation.
- It **replaces differential operators with integral representation**, which improves the regularity and stability.
- In the unsupervised PINN frame, one needs to determine the ratio between PDE loss and boundary condition loss at advance. And now there is **no such thing called boundary condition loss**.

Remark

Not all PDEs have boundary integral representation.



Preliminary: Potential Theory 1

For simplicity, we only cover the case of Poisson equation(TUTORIAL[1]). See more in TUTORIAL[2,3].

For instance, to solve the electric potential, we care about the termed **Interior/Exterior Dirichlet/Neumann Problem**.

$$\Delta u = 0, x \in \Omega; u = g, x \in \partial\Omega \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta u = 0, x \in \Omega^C; u = g, x \in \partial\Omega^C \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta u = 0, x \in \Omega; \partial_n u = g, x \in \partial\Omega \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta u = 0, x \in \Omega^C; \partial_n u = g, x \in \partial\Omega^C \quad (4)$$

Remark

Single and double layer potential are applied to Dirichlet and Neumann problems, resp.



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Theorem

The fundamental solution of Laplace's equation $\Delta u = 0$ is:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\mathbf{x}|, n = 2; \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{n(n-2)\alpha_n} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^{n-2}}, n > 2 \quad (5)$$

Def.

The single potential $S[h]$ and double potential $D[h]$ w.r.t. **moment** h :

$$S[h] := - \int_{\partial\Omega} h(y) \Phi(\mathbf{x} - y) dS(y) \quad (6)$$

$$D[h] := - \int_{\partial\Omega} h(y) \partial_\nu \Phi(\mathbf{x} - y) dS(y) \quad (7)$$



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Theorem

$S[h], D[h]$ are both well-defined, harmonic over \mathbb{R}^n and continuous in $\text{int}\Omega, \text{int}\Omega^C$, but on the boundary where ν is the outwards normal vector:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \nabla S[h](x_0 + t\nu) \cdot \nu = \frac{1}{2} h(x_0) + S[h]; \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \nabla S[h](x_0 + t\nu) \cdot \nu = -\frac{1}{2} h(x_0) + S[h] \quad (8)$$

$$\lim_{x \in \Omega \rightarrow x_0} D[h] = \frac{1}{2} h(x_0) + D[h](x_0); \lim_{x \in \Omega^C \rightarrow x_0} D[h] = -\frac{1}{2} h(x_0) + D[h](x_0) \quad (9)$$

And whence, to solve the interior Dirichlet problem is to look for h s.t.

$$g = D[h] = \frac{1}{2} h(x_0) - \int_{\partial\Omega} h(y) \partial_\nu \Phi(x_0 - y) dS(y), x \in \Omega \quad (10)$$



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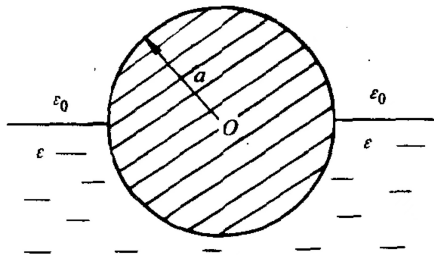


Fig. 1: Physical interpretations of single and double layer potential

See more in <https://web.stanford.edu/class/math220b/handouts/potphys.pdf>



However, notice that it is impossible to find a closed-form or a simple expansion of h in

$$g(x_0) = D[h] = \frac{1}{2}h(x_0) - \int_{\partial\Omega} h(y)\partial_\nu\Phi(x-y)dS(y), x \in \Omega \quad (11)$$

we instead use a neural network h_θ parametrized θ to evaluate h . This reduces the PINN loss to:

$$\mathcal{L} := \sum_{x_0} \left\| \frac{1}{2}h(x_0) - \int_{\partial\Omega} h(y)\partial_\nu\Phi(x_0-y)dS(y) - g \right\|_{\partial\Omega}^2 \quad (12)$$

Other three problems are simply likewise.



BI-Net Framework

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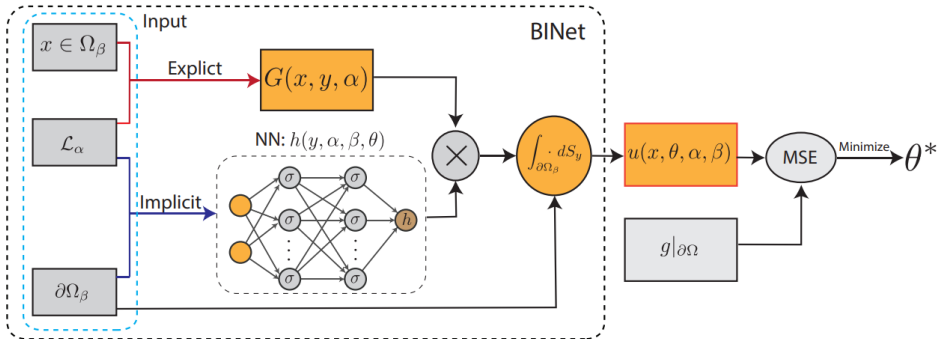


Fig. 2: BI-Net Framework



Drawback

It can only solve homogenous PDEs, which is amended by Green BI-Net.

Generalization

It can be generalized to solve time-involved PDE like heat and wave eq. apart from Poisson and Helmholtz eq.



Def

For example, the Green function G is defined to solve the PDE where L is a linear differential operator:

$$L[G(x, y)] = \delta(x - y), x, y \in \Omega; G(x, y) = 0, x \in \Omega, y \in \partial\Omega \quad (13)$$

With which one can solve any **non-homogenous** Dirichlet problem:

$$u(x) = \int_{\Omega} G(x, y)f(y)dy + \int_{\partial\Omega} G_v(x, y)g(y)dS(y) \quad (14)$$

But how to learn such a $G(x, y)$ efficiently?



Remove Singularities

Usually, $G(x, y)$ doesn't behave well, i.e., it has lots of singularities. Fortunately, for an unbounded problem s.t. $L[G_0(x, y)] = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we already know many **fundamental solutions** given by $G_0(x, y) = \Phi(y - x)$.

Define $H(x, y) := G(x, y) - G_0(x, y)$, H has less singularity since the pointwise charge $\delta(y - x)$ is removed.

$$L[H(x, y)] = 0, x, y \in \Omega; H(x, y) = -G_0(x, y), x \in \Omega, y \in \partial\Omega \quad (15)$$

Observe (15) and we find that it is just the **interior Dirichlet Problem** solved by BI-Net!



A More Complicated Task: Interface Problem

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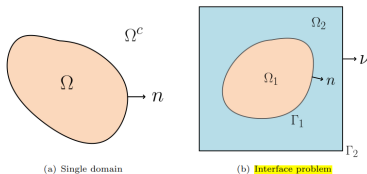


Fig. 3: Interface Problem

The corresponding PDE is:

$$\begin{cases} Lu = f & x \in \Omega \\ [u] = g_1, \left[\frac{1}{\mu} u_\nu\right] = g_2, & x \in \Gamma_1 \\ u = g_3 & x \in \Gamma_2 \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

where $[\cdot] := u^+ - u^-$ is the **jump** or **discontinuity** across the boundary.



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One can also solve it via:

$$u(x) = (G, f)_\Omega + \left(\frac{1}{\mu} G_\nu, g_1\right)_{\Gamma_1} - (G, g_2)_{\Gamma_1} - \left(\frac{1}{\mu} G_\nu, g_3\right)_{\Gamma_2} \quad (17)$$

where $(u, v)_\Gamma := \int_\Gamma uv dy$ Usually, the fundamental solution G_0 is not continuous on Γ_1 (in different dielectrics, for instance) and thus one can again define $H(x, y)$ as:

$$H(x, y) := G(x, y) - G_0(x, y) \quad (18)$$

and solve:

$$\begin{cases} L[H] = 0 & x \in \Omega \\ [H] = -[G_0], \left[\frac{1}{\mu} H_\nu\right] = -\left[\frac{1}{\mu} \partial_\nu G_0\right], & x \in \Gamma_1 \\ H = -G_0 & x \in \Gamma_2 \end{cases} \quad (19)$$



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From the potential theory, one can show that in consistence with the topology shown in Fig. 3, one have:

$$H(x, y) = \begin{cases} -S[h_1] & , y \in \Omega_1 \\ -S[h_2] - D[h_3] & , y \in \Omega_2 \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

where $h_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ is implemented by networks.

Thus in light of PINN loss, we can add two terms of jump loss L_1, L_2 on Γ_1 , i.e., the total loss is:

$$\mathcal{L} := k_1 L_1 + k_2 L_2 + L \quad (21)$$

$$L_1 = \sum_{x_i} |(-S[h_1] + S[h_2] + D[h_3]) + (G_0^+ - G_0^-)|^2 \quad (22)$$



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Tutorials about Solving PDEs on manifolds

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- Riemannian geometry and geometric analysis. Jurgен Jost.
- Notes for Analysis on Manifolds via the Laplacian. Yaiza Canzani.

Tutorials:Variation

- Introductory Variational Calculus on Manifolds. Ivo Terek.

Numerical Methods

- (ODE)Solving Differential Equations on Manifolds. Ernst Hairer.



Notations about Differential Geometry

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Manifold

The tangent space on a n -dimension manifold M at x is $T_x M$ and the tangent bundle $TM: M \times \mathbb{R}^n$ with a natural projection $\pi: TM \rightarrow M$.

The cotangent space and the bundle are $T_x^* M$ and $T^* M$.

The smooth vector fields and dual vector fields(1-form) on M are $\mathfrak{X}(M), \Omega(M)$.

The n -forms are $\Omega^n(M)$.

Riemannian Metric

$g: T_x M \times T_x M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the Riemannian metric over M , which is a 2-form. The volume form onwards is $dw := \det g dx$

The unique affine associated connection, i.e., **Levi-Civita connection**, ∇_g . The divergencediv $_g$ and Laplacian operator $\Delta_g := \text{div}_g \circ \nabla_g$ is:

$$\text{div}_g(X) := d\iota_X w, \iota_X w(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) = w(X, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}), w \in \Omega^n(M) \quad (23)$$



What is an ODE on a manifold

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Einstein Summation Convention

$$a_i b^i := \sum_i a_i b^i \quad (24)$$

Usually, the solution of an ODE on a manifold is a **curve** (also **flow** in some literature) $\gamma(t)$.

Example

Geodesic. $\gamma(t)$ where $\dot{\gamma} := \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ is a geodesic iff

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}(t)} \dot{\gamma}(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \gamma^i + \Gamma_{jk}^i \frac{d\gamma^j}{dt} \frac{d\gamma^k}{dt} = 0 \quad (25)$$

where the second Christoffel symbol $\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} =: \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$



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Example

A more generalized version is:

$$\dot{y} = f(y), y(0) = y_0 \quad (26)$$

where $y \in M, f : M \rightarrow T_x M$

Usually, the manifold can be viewed as a parameter manifold of a system. The solution of such an ODE/PDE depicts how the system evolves.

Example

(EL-equation in Lagrangian Mechanics) $(q, v) \in TM$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q^k} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v^k} = 0 \quad (27)$$



Example

(**Hamilton Mechanics**) A **Lagrangian system** is depicted by a manifold with its tangent space, i.e., **the tangent bundle** TM . A **Hamilton system** instead use a fiber map $F : TM \rightarrow T^*M$ given by:

$$F[L(x, v)](w) := \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0} L(x, v + tw) \quad (28)$$

where L is the Lagrangian, $(x, v) \in TM$. Via Riesz Representation Theorem in Hilbert space, we have a one-to-one mapping F , and write as

$F : (x, v) \mapsto (x, v_b), v \in TM, v_b \in T^*M$. The inverse mapping is $F^{-1} : (x, p) \mapsto (x, p^\sharp)$. Given a Hamiltonian $H : M \times T^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ depicted by $(q, p) \in M \times T^*M$, the system follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt} q^k = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_k}(x(t), p(t)); \frac{d}{dt} p^k = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_k}(x(t), p(t)) \quad (29)$$



Naive FDM

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If the manifold is embedded in \mathbb{R}^n , then one can take the tangent space on M as a subspace in \mathbb{R}^n and use FDM directly.

However, since it always happens that the obtained $y^{n+1} \notin M$ even if $y^n \in M$, a projection step is required.

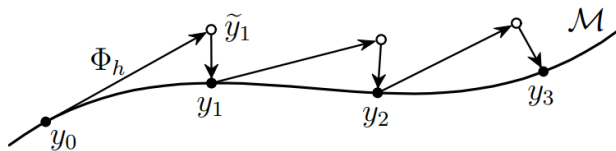


Fig. 4: Naive FDM



Example

A heat eq. can occur on a manifold. Suppose the temperature $u : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on M :

$$u_t - \Delta_g(u) = 0 \quad (30)$$

which is given by:

$$\nabla u := g^{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \quad (31)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_g X := \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\det g|}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (b^i \sqrt{|\det g|}), X = b^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \quad (32)$$

$$\Delta_g u := \operatorname{div}_g \nabla u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\det g|}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (g^{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^i} \sqrt{|\det g|}) \quad (33)$$



Elliptic Equations

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Δ_g has many good properties and therefore the harmonic analysis rises. Many powerful tools within can be applied to solving PDE with Δ_g , as [1,2].

Example

Elliptic Equation

$$a(x) + \operatorname{div}_g(\kappa(x) \nabla_g u(x)) = 0 \quad (34)$$



Problems to Solve

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Suppose we have a point cloud dataset, (x, y) where $x \in M \subset \mathbb{R}^m, y = u(x)$, we are going to solve $u: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- How to reconstruct the manifold by the point cloud?
- How to solve the PDE given a manifold?
- Another way: can we solve u on an unknown manifold? **[1,2]**

THE END.