

SciML - Physics Informed ML/NN

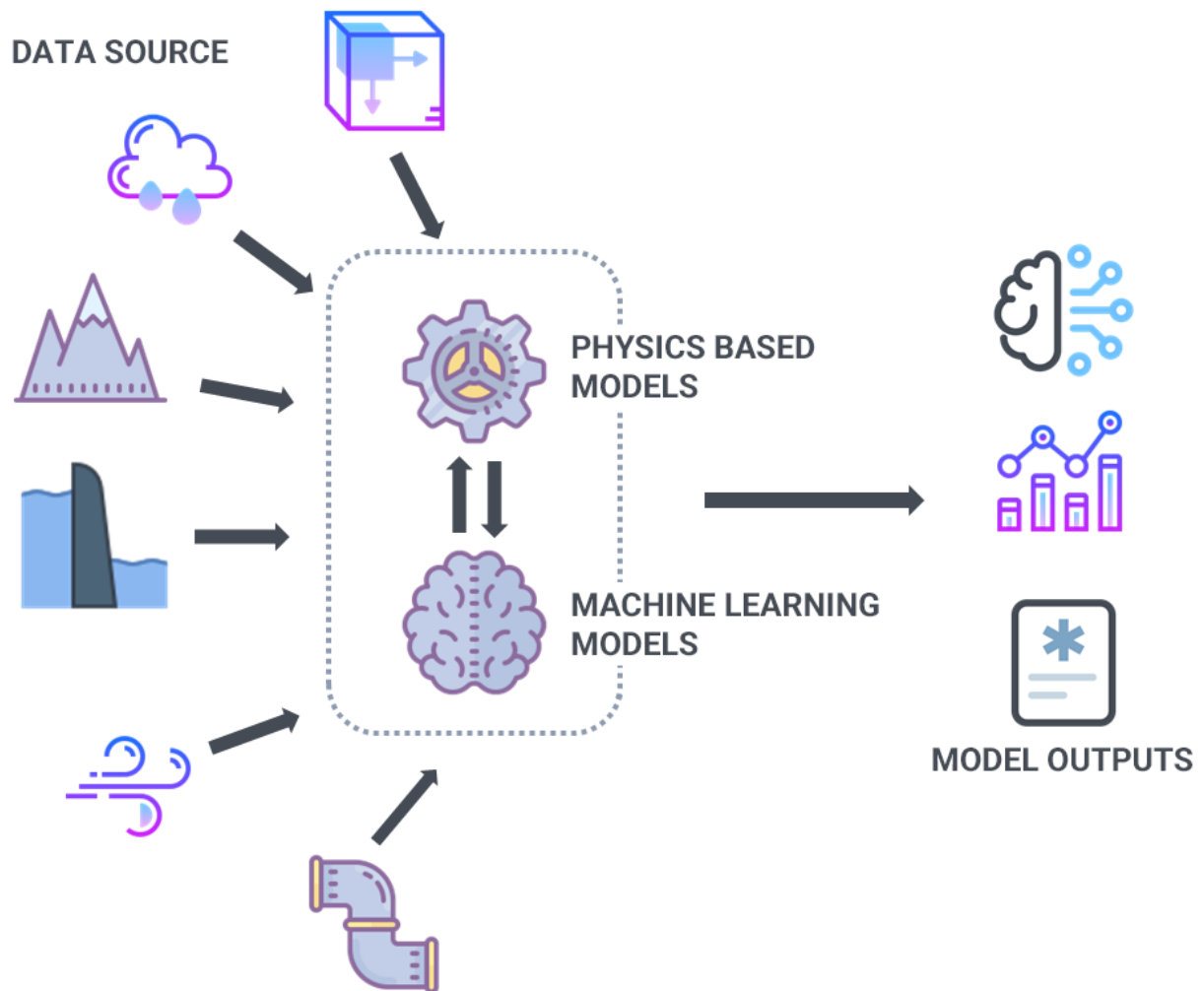
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Program

1. Automatic differentiation for scientific machine learning:
 - (a) Differentiable programming with autograd and PyTorch.
 - (b) Gradients, adjoints, backpropagation.
 - (c) Adjoints and inverse problems.
 - (d) Neural networks for scientific machine learning.
 - (e) Physics-informed neural networks.
 - (f) The use of automatic differentiation in scientific machine learning.
 - (g) The challenges of applying automatic differentiation to scientific applications.

Recall: What is SciML?



Recall: Differentiable programming

- Differential programming is a technique for **automatically computing the derivatives** of functions.
- This can be done using a variety of techniques, including:
 - ⇒ **Symbolic differentiation**
 - ⇒ **Numerical differentiation**
 - ⇒ **Automatic differentiation**: This is a technique that combines symbolic and numerical differentiation to automatically compute the derivatives of functions. This is the most powerful technique for differential programming, and it is the most commonly used technique in scientific machine learning.
- The mathematical theory of differential programming is based on the concept of **gradients**.
- Differential programming can be used to solve a variety of problems in scientific machine learning, including:

- ⇒ Calculating the **gradients of loss functions** for machine learning models.
- ⇒ Solving **differential equations**.
- ⇒ Performing **optimization**.
- ⇒ Solving **inverse and data assimilation problems**.

Recall: Automatic Differentiation

- Automatic differentiation is an umbrella term for a variety of techniques for efficiently computing accurate derivatives of more or less general programs.
- Many algorithms in machine learning, computer vision, physical simulation, and other fields require the calculation of gradients and other derivatives.
- Practitioners across many fields have built a wide set of **automatic differentiation tools**, using different programming languages, computational primitives, and intermediate compiler representations.
- AD can be readily and extensively used and is thus applicable to many industrial and practical **Digital Twin** contexts [9].

AD for SciML

- Recent progress in machine learning (ML) technology has been spectacular.
- At the heart of these advances is the ability to obtain high-quality solutions to **non-convex optimization problems** for functions with billions—or even hundreds of billions—of parameters.
- Incredible **opportunity** for progress in classical applied mathematics problems.

Automatic Differentiation—backprop, autograd, etc.

- **Backprop** is a special case of autodiff.
- **Autograd** is a particular autodiff package.
- In practice, we will principally use **PyTorch**'s autodiff functions.

Remark 1. Autodiff is **NOT** finite differences, nor symbolic differentiation. Finite differences are too **expensive** (one forward pass for each discrete point). They induce huge **numerical errors** (truncation/approximation and roundoff) and are very unstable in the presence of noise.

Remark 2. Autodiff is both **efficient**—linear in the cost of computing the value—and numerically **stable**.

Remark 3. The goal of autodiff is not a formula, but a **procedure** for computing derivatives.

Tools for AD

- New opportunities that exist because of the widespread, open-source deployment of effective **software tools for automatic differentiation**.
- Efficient software frameworks that natively run on **hardware accelerators** (GPUs).
- These frameworks inspired **high-quality software** libraries such as
 - ⇒ JAX,
 - ⇒ **PyTorch**,
 - ⇒ TensorFlow.
- The technology's key feature is: **the computational cost of computing derivatives of a target loss function is independent of the number of parameters**;

⇒ this trait makes it possible for users to implement **gradient-based optimization** algorithms for functions with staggering numbers of parameters.

AD Sayings

“Gradient descent can write code better than you, I’m sorry.”

“Yes, you should understand backprop.”

“I’ve been using PyTorch a few months now and I’ve never felt better. I have more energy. My skin is clearer. My eye sight has improved.”

- Andrej Karpathy [~2017] (Tesla AI, OpenAI)

Why use ML/Neural Networks for SciML?

- Excellent, **open-source** tools and frameworks
 - ⇒ Autodiff
 - ⇒ PyTorch
 - ⇒ many, many others...
- **Universal approximation property** (UAP for NNs)
- Curse of **dimensionality**

Recall: what is a NN?

- A Neural Network is a **composition** of nonlinear functions (see Basic Course)

$$\text{NN}(x) = W_3 \sigma_2 (W_2 \sigma_1 (W_1 x + b_1) + b_2) + b_3$$

where we can add layers, and to each layer, add neurons.

- **Training** a NN: given **observations** $y = f(x)$ of some unknown function f , find the values of W that minimize the **loss function** expressing the mismatch between the predictions of $\text{NN}(x)$ and the corresponding values of y .

⇒ hence the NN is just a **function approximator**

Recall: why NNs?

- Neural Networks have two important properties:
 - ⇒ **Universal Approximation** property, which states that for a given accuracy ϵ , one can construct a large NN such that it can approximate any (reasonable) function f , of arbitrary complexity, within the tolerance ϵ .
 - ⇒ Avoidance of the **Curse of Dimensionality**. If we were to make a polynomial approximation with n coefficients in each of d dimensions, then the complexity of this approximator will be exponential in d . However, the **growth** of a NN to sufficiently approximate a d -dimensional function, only grows as a **polynomial** in d .

Recall: Universal Approximation for Functions

Theorem 1 (Cybenko 1989). *If σ is any continuous sigmoidal function, then finite sums*

$$G(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \sigma(y_j \cdot x + \theta_j)$$

are dense in $C(I_d)$.

Theorem 2 (Pinkus 1999). *Let $\mathbf{m}_i \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, $i = 1, \dots, s$, and set $m = \max_i |\mathbf{m}^i|$. Suppose that $\sigma \in C^m(\mathbb{R})$, not polynomial. Then the space of single hidden layer neural nets,*

$$\mathcal{M}(\sigma) = \text{span} \left\{ \sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b) : \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\},$$

is dense in $C^{\mathbf{m}^1, \dots, \mathbf{m}^s}(\mathbb{R}^d) \doteq \cap_{i=1}^s C^{\mathbf{m}^i}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

From ML to SciML...

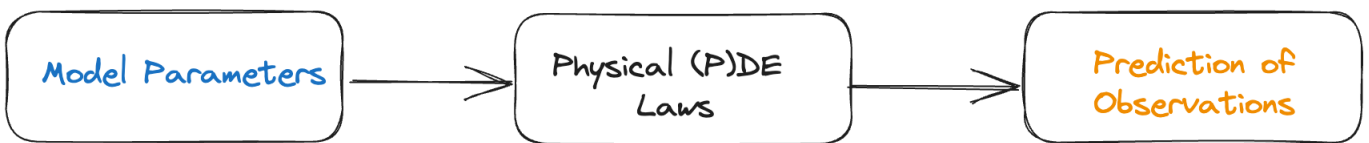
- In **scientific machine learning**, neural networks and machine learning are used as the basis to solve problems in CSE (Computational Science and Engineering)
- CSE is, in majority, driven by systems of **(P)DEs**, since we are interested in how systems **evolve/change**.
 - ⇒ As a consequence, the use of ML for the solution of differential equations is an important topic.
 - ⇒ As we will see, ML can be used in other ways too.

ML/NN Approaches

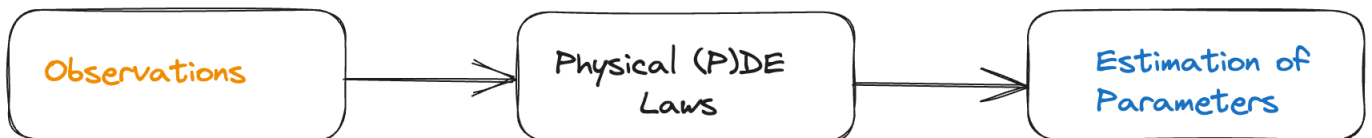
- 3 major classes of approaches
 - ⇒ architecture-based
 - ⇒ loss function
 - ⇒ hybrid approaches
- 4 widely-used families of approaches:
 - ⇒ SUMO - surrogate modeling
 - ⇒ PCL - physics constrained learning
 - ⇒ PINN - physics informed neural networks
 - ⇒ DeepONet/PINO/FNO - neural operators
- Others:
 - ⇒ Neural ODEs
 - ⇒ Differentiable physics
 - ⇒ Koopman theory

Forward and Inverse Problems

Direct Problem:



Inverse Problem:



- **Forward** simulation is a major CSE task: predict the system's evolution, given some input conditions.
 - ⇒ Usually we solve a system of differential equations with some forcing and boundary conditions
 - ⇒ **Challenges:**
 - major challenge is the extremely high computational costs of simulating complex, multi-scale, multi-physics systems.

- quantifying uncertainty for predictions/forecasts
- ⇒ SciML is helping to alleviate these issues by allowing the possibility to learn from previous simulations, providing more powerful computational shortcuts whilst having less impact on the simulation fidelity
- **Inverse** problems are tightly related to simulation and solving them is crucial for many real-world tasks.
 - ⇒ Here the goal is to estimate a set of latent, hidden, or unobserved parameters of a system given a set of real-world observations of the system.
 - ⇒ **Challenges:**
 - Inversion algorithms often require many forward simulations to be run in order to match the predictions of the physical model to the set of observations.
 - Given the potentially high computational costs of forward simulation stated above, this can render many IP applications unfeasible.
 - Inversion problems generally suffer from ill-posedness.
 - In such cases, sophisticated regularization schemes are required to restrict the space of possible latent

parameters the inversion algorithm can explore.

- Finally, real-world inversion usually suffers from noise/uncertainty. This is challenging to quantify and will increase the ill-posedness of the problem.
- Often a fully probabilistic framework is required to model such processes.

Equation Discovery

- There are many contexts where we do not fully understand the system itself.
- We are unsure how to define the model \mathcal{F} —this is a type of inverse problem.
- Being able to learn about a system, for example by discovering its governing equations, is powerful as it can provide a general model of the system.
- SciML is aiding this discovery by allowing us to automate the process and/or learn about complex processes which are hard to intuit

ARCHITECTURE BASED METHODS

Architecture-based SciML

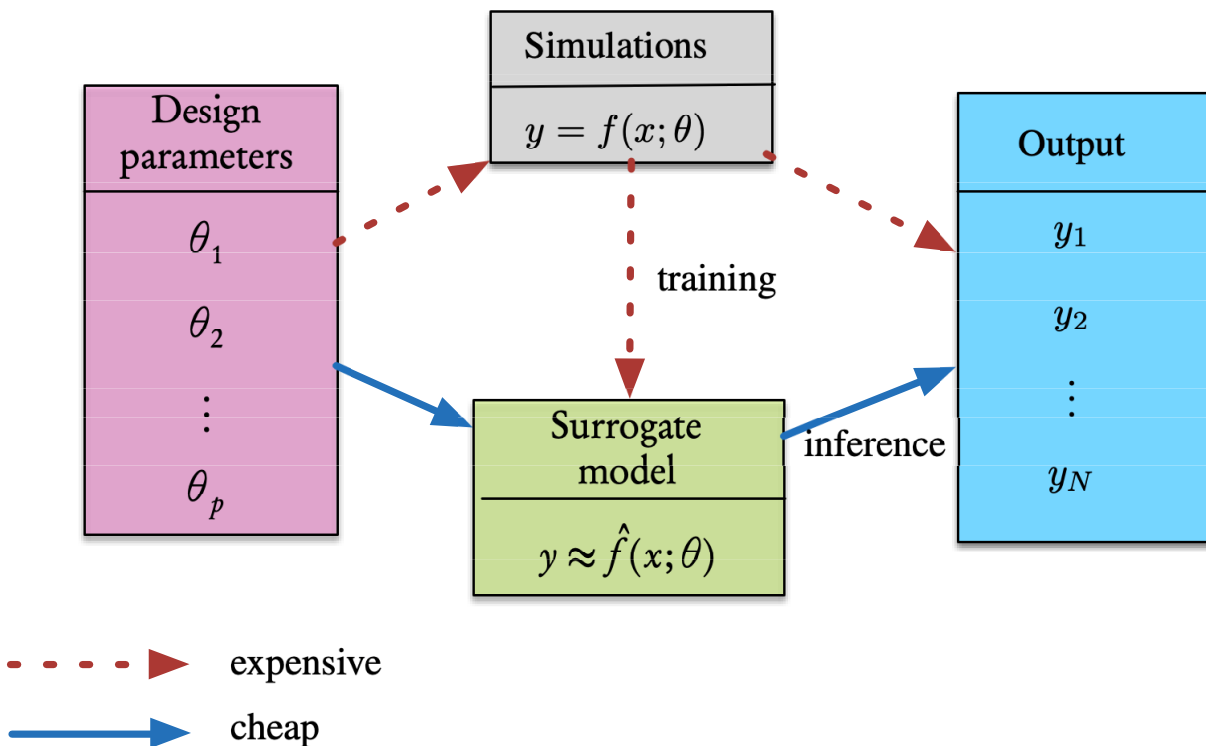
- **Idea:** change the **architecture** used in the ML algorithm so that it incorporates **scientific constraints**.
 - ⇒ we open up the black box's design and change parts of it so that it **obeys** these constraints.
 - ⇒ Incorporating scientific principles in this way can restrict the range of models the algorithm can learn, and result in more generalisable and **interpretable** models.
 - ⇒ From a machine learning perspective, we are introducing a strong **inductive bias** into the model.
 - ⇒ These aspects will be more fully discussed in later lectures on **Bias and Ethics of ML**.
- Approaches
 - ⇒ encode certain physical **variables**, for example using an LSTM for intermediate variables
 - ⇒ encode **symmetries**, such as translational and rotational invariance—this can be easily achieved with convolutional neural networks (CNNs)

- ⇒ use Koopman theory [Brunton, Kutz]
- ⇒ use physically constrained Gaussian processes

SURROGATE MODELING

Surrogate Modelling - SUMO

Definition 1. **Surrogate models**, also known as response surfaces, black-box models, metamodels, or emulators, are simplified approximations of more complex, higher order models. These models are used to map input-data to output-data, when the actual relationship between the two is unknown or computationally too expensive to evaluate.



- **Idea:** a ML-trained model can **substitute** all or part of a

system of (P)DEs

- ⇒ learn the complete, unknown input-output relation (but no physics constraints)
- ⇒ learn some sub-parametrization that is too complicated to capture by classical methods

The surrogate modeling **process**, as depicted in the Figure, consists of **five stages**:

1. Choice of the **design parameters**.
2. Generation of input-output pairs of **data for training**, by simulations of the physics-based model, or from experiments with varying parameter values. This is the most **expensive** step.
3. Choice of the **surrogate** model, based on a suitable supervised machine learning method.
4. **Training** of the machine learning model, using the training data. This can be an expensive step, but is usually only performed once.

5. Finally, use of the trained surrogate model to perform computationally cheap **inference** for new values of the design parameters, thus permitting
 - (a) an exhaustive search of the parameter space,
 - (b) an optimal parameter design, and/or
 - (c) a quantification of design uncertainties.

- **Questions:**

- ⇒ But, can such a surrogate faithfully **capture** the complex, nonlinear relationships between input and output?
 - ⇒ And, if so, **how** can the surrogate do this?
- These two very important questions are fundamental for any underlying system or process that we would like to study using surrogate modeling.
 - ⇒ The answer to the first question is: “**Yes**, in theory,” thanks to the universal approximation property of very simple machine learning models—fully-connected, feed-forward neural networks (FCNN) [[Cybenko](#), [Pinkus](#)].

⇒ And the answer to the second question is: “Yes, in practice,” with the aid of a large variety of supervised learning techniques, of which FCNNs are just one special case.

Techniques for SUMO

- Both supervised and unsupervised¹ learning techniques can be used for SUMO.
- Four of these techniques are recommended, since they are robust and perform well:
 - ⇒ random forests and multi-layer perceptrons (FCNN) in the case of regression, and
 - ⇒ support vector machines (SVM) and *k*-means clustering in the case of classification.
- There is no single, perfect, globally applicable method that will always do the best job.
- Usually, one should try a few, and then settle for the one or two that are the simplest, but provide adequate precision and especially robustness in the face of the inherent uncertainties in the underlying processes—see also the [Ethics and Bias Lectures](#).

¹Adversarial and self-supervised are also possible, but far more complicated to implement.

SUMO Principles

- The principle behind the SUMO approach is the following:
 - ⇒ if a multiscale, multiphysics relationship between design parameters and output performance can be **learned** from data, then we can forgo—at least to some extent—the underlying ODE, PDE and population dynamics models, as well as time-consuming, expensive physical/clinical experiments and trials.
 - ⇒ Moreover, once this relationship has been learned, its use—the so-called **inference** phase—is very inexpensive and one can then envisage the solution of optimization and uncertainty quantification problems
 - ⇒ We are in fact, constructing a **digital twin** [Asch2022].
- The approach proposed here is **not** to seek a complex machine learning model, but to favor **simpler** models that are easier to interpret, trust and deploy—see [Ethics and Bias Lecture](#).

- These **low-complexity** models will not suffer from brittleness and will preserve a good bias-variance trade-off. They will also have more favorable interpretability, ethics and bias properties.

SUMO - Training Data

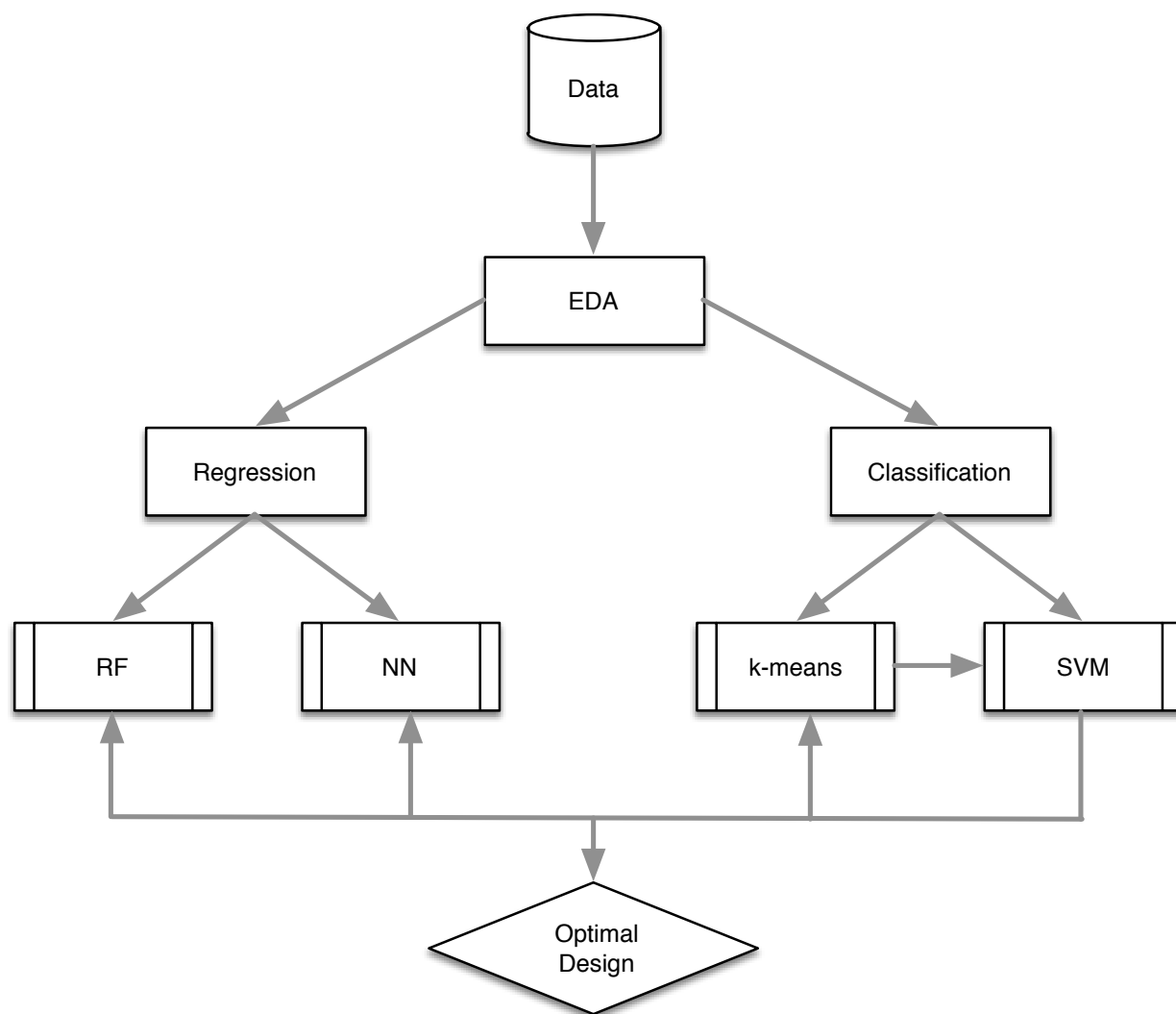
- To learn a data-driven model, we need **training data**.
- This data is obtained from experimental **observations**, or model-based **simulations**, or some combination of the two.
 - ⇒ Here we will often, if possible, use model-based simulations, calculated for example by a SIR model.
- For any supervised machine learning method, we first need to carefully select and define **response variables**—or functions—that is an unknown function of the input parameters.
- When defining the output parameters for the machine learning, extreme care needs to be taken to extract **reliable** information describing **adequately** the phenomenon that we seek to explore, analyze and forecast

- Often, sampling techniques must be used to ensure a **space-filling** parameter range with good projection properties.
- The **LHS** method is a generalization to higher dimensions of the **Latin square** which is an $n \times n$ array filled with n different symbols, each occurring exactly once in each row and exactly once in each column.
 - ⇒ Assuming a three dimensional parameter space and n_s the number of samples of each parameter, then each sample is the only one in each axis-aligned hyperplane containing it.
 - ⇒ On the other hand, building an LHS design with the best maximin criterion on all projections provides a space filling design in the whole space and on projections.
- Hence, we obtain a training set that is **well-balanced**, containing a wide range of behaviors, which in turn will ensure the best possible training for the machine learning models and then, good predictions.

SUMO - EDA

- In order to identify useful preliminary information about the data and investigate the relationships between the features and the response variables, an **exploratory data analysis**—see [Basic Course Lectures](#)—should always be performed, *before* attempting any surrogate modeling.
- This study can help to detect the **interactions** among different variables in differing contexts, helping us to understand the importance of their effect on the desired performance of the system.
- The following **techniques of EDA** should, initially, be applied (many more are possible):
 - ⇒ Summary statistics.
 - ⇒ Scatter plots.
 - ⇒ Correlation and partial correlation tables that ensure the non-existence of **nuisance** information in the database due to a confounding variable.

SUMO - Concrete Workflow Example



- The approach described above, proposes a **universal workflow** for data analysis and surrogate modeling in the light of optimal design choices.

- This workflow, as illustrated in the Figure, can be applied to almost *any* design/optimization problem.
 - ⇒ It suffices to replace our data by the reader's data,
 - ⇒ our underlying model by the reader's model,
 - ⇒ and then simply follow the steps of the workflow.
- Once the data is collected, *exploratory data analysis* (EDA) is essential for:
 1. Familiarization with the data and choice of response variables.
 2. Elimination of any unusual, or erroneous data points.
 3. Preliminary identification of the most influential features, or parameters, and the relations—or lack of relations—between the features themselves, and between the features and the response variables.
 4. Reduction of the complexity by identification of co-linear variables.
- The next steps are *regression and classification*.
- Note that classification, especially *unsupervised*, can be considered as being a part of *EDA*, since it can help us in determining response variables.

- In our proposed workflow, we have purposefully selected **simple** approaches because of their
 - ⇒ broad applicability,
 - ⇒ ease of computation and
 - ⇒ facility of interpretation—no black boxes here.
- We highly recommend, for **regression**:
 1. **Random forests**, because of their established robustness and their capacity to rank explanatory variables by their importance.
 2. **Neural networks**, of FCNN type, for their extreme versatility and their universal approximation properties.
- We highly recommend, for **classification**:
 1. **k-means** for initial unsupervised clustering and identification of groups of properties.
 2. **SVM** for refined, supervised clustering that provides a surrogate model.
- In the final step, which of course will be context-dependent, we can exploit all the surrogate models

found above for optimal design and process planning.

- Once we have a surrogate model, or several surrogate models, at our disposition, we can address a number of **outer-loop** problems [Asch2022], such as:
 1. **Optimization** problems, where we seek to maximize, or minimize some critical response variables.
 2. **Uncertainty quantification** problems, where we seek some kind of confidence interval around the parameter values, given an estimation of the inherent material or process variabilities.
 3. **Bayesian optimization** problems, that combine the above two.
- All of these require a large number of simulations, or large volume of experimental data, that can now be completely replaced by the **surrogate model**.
 - ⇒ Recall that the evaluation of a surrogate model, whose training has already been done in an offline computation, can be done in **quasi-real time**.
- For the surrogate models themselves, **other ML techniques** can be envisaged that could provide further in-

sight and better predictive power. Among these, we can mention:

- ⇒ **SVM regression** that is well-adapted to highly nonlinear relationships.
 - ⇒ **Functional data analysis** (FDA) that is particularly well-suited to time series data.
 - ⇒ Further exploration of more sophisticated **neural network** architectures. This is particularly indicated in the presence of multi-physics, or multi-modal data.
- The **key findings** of the approach presented here can be summarized as follows.
 - ⇒ Firstly, **exploratory data analysis**, including correlations, partial correlations and unsupervised classification by k -means, leads to the judicious choice of a few design parameters, and response variables.
 - ⇒ Then, supervised classification and regression methods, used together in **synergy**, reveal the optimal parameter choices and propose hitherto unforeseen operating regimes.
 - ⇒ We can identify the most **influential** design parameters and we can characterize the ranges of these

parameters and identify optimal clusterings of these.

PHYSICS CONSTRAINED LEARNING

Physics Constrained Learning - PCL

- **Idea**: use a NN as part of the (P)DE

- Given a physical relation

$$F(u; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

represented by an IBVP, or other functional relationship, with

⇒ u the physical quantity

⇒ $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ the (material/medium) properties/parameters

- **Inverse Problem** is defined as:

⇒ **Given** **observations**/measurements of u at the locations $\mathbf{x} = \{x_i\}$

$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{obs}} = \{u(x_i)\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$$

⇒ **Estimate** the **parameters** $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ by minimizing a loss/objective/cost function

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left\| u(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{u}^{\text{obs}} \right\|_2^2$$

subject to (1).

PCL - use of a NN

- If $\theta = \theta(x)$, model it by a NN

$$\theta(x) \approx \text{NN}(x)$$

- Express numerical scheme for approximating the PDE (1) as a computational graph $G(\theta)$
- Use reverse-mode AD (aka. backpropagation) to compute the gradient of L with respect to θ and the NN coefficients (weights and biases)
- Minimize by a suitable gradient algorithm
 - ⇒ Adam, SGD (1st order)
 - ⇒ L-BFGS (quasi-Newton)
 - ⇒ trust-region (2nd order)

PCL - Recall: use of AD

- Optimization problem: $\min_{\theta} L(u)$ subject to $F(\theta, u) = 0$.
- Suppose we have a **computational graph** for $u = G(\theta)$.
- Then $\tilde{L}(\theta) = L(G(\theta))$ and by the IFT we can compute the **gradient with respect to θ** ,

\Rightarrow first of F ,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial \theta} = - \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta}$$

\Rightarrow then of \tilde{L} , by the chain rule,

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{L}}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \theta} = - \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta}$$

- The first derivative is obtained directly from the loss function, the second and third by reverse-mode AD

PHYSICS INSPIRED LEARNING

Physics Inspired Neural Networks - PINN background

- **Idea:** put the (P)DE into the ML algorithm, via the cost function (among others)

- Please review the [Optimization Lecture](#) for
 - ⇒ unconstrained optimization with [penalization/regularization](#)
 - ⇒ constrained optimization with [Lagrange Multipliers](#)
- Physics-informed neural network (PINN) models. [Gholami, et al. NeurIPS, 2021]—see also the [Introductory Lecture](#).
 - ⇒ The typical approach is to incorporate physical domain knowledge as [soft constraints](#) on an [empirical loss function](#) and use existing machine learning methodologies to train the model.
 - ⇒ It can be shown that, while existing PINN methodologies can learn good models for relatively trivial problems, they can easily fail to learn relevant physical phenomena even for simple PDEs.

- analyze several distinct situations of widespread physical interest, including learning differential equations with convection, reaction, and diffusion operators.
- provide evidence that the soft regularization in PINNs, which involves differential operators, can introduce a number of subtle problems, including making the problem ill-conditioned.
- ⇒ Importantly, it can be shown that these possible failure modes are not due to the lack of expressivity in the NN architecture, but that the PINN's setup makes the **loss landscape very hard to optimize**.
- ⇒ Two promising solutions to address these failure modes.
 - The first approach is to use curriculum regularization, where the PINN's loss term starts from a simple PDE regularization, and becomes progressively more complex as the NN gets trained.
 - The second approach is to pose the problem as a sequence-to-sequence learning task, rather than learning to predict the entire space-time at once.
 - And there are many, many more **"fixes"** - this implies the necessity to treat each case with particular

attention, and not entertain the “magic wand”
illusion...

PINN - solving (P)DEs with NNs

Definition 2. The process of **solving** a differential equation with a neural network, or using a differential equation as a **regularizer** in the loss function, is known as a **physics-informed neural network** (PINN), since this allows for physical equations to guide the training of the neural network in circumstances where data might be lacking.

- **Idea**: use the neural network to approximate the solution to the differential equation, while also satisfying any other physical **constraints** of the problem.
- ⇒ For a **scalar ODE**, the neural network would have one input, which is the independent variable, and one output, which is the dependent variable. The neural network would be trained to minimize a **loss function** that includes both
- the error between the neural network's output and the known solution at some data points, and
 - the error between the neural network's output and the differential equation itself.

- ⇒ For a **PDE**, the neural network would have multiple inputs, which would represent the independent variables in the PDE, and multiple outputs, which would represent the dependent variables in the PDE. The neural network would be trained to minimize a **loss function** that includes both the error between the neural network's output and the known solution at some data points, and the error between the neural network's output and the PDE.
- ⇒ PINNS can solve both **direct** and **inverse** problems.
- ⇒ **Warning:** As **higher frequencies** and more **multi-scale** features are added, more collocation points and a larger neural network with significantly more free parameters are typically required to accurately approximate the solution. This creates a significantly more complex optimization problem when training the PINN—see below for pros and cons.

SciML - hard vs. soft constraint

- Recall: there are two possible **optimization strategies** for constraining the NN (ML) to respect the physics
 1. Hard constraints
 2. Soft constraints
- Suppose we have a (P)DE of the form

$$\mathcal{F}(u(\mathbf{x}, t)) = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where

- ⇒ \mathcal{F} is a differential operator representing the (P)DE
- ⇒ $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the state variable (i.e., quantity of interest), with \mathbf{x}, t the space-time variables
- ⇒ T is the time horizon and Ω is the spatial domain (empty for ODEs)
- ⇒ initial and boundary conditions must be added for the problem to be well-posed

- **Hard constraint:** solve the constrained optimization problem

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(u) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathcal{F}(u) = 0,$$

where

- ⇒ $\mathcal{L}(u)$ is the data (mismatch) loss term
 - ⇒ \mathcal{F} is the constraint on the residual of the (P)DE under consideration
 - ⇒ as was amply discussed in the DA/inverse problem context, this type of (P)DE-constrained optimization is usually quite difficult to code and to solve
- **Soft constraint:** solve the regularized/penalized unconstrained optimization problem

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(u) + \lambda_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{F}(u), \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u) = \mathcal{L}_{u_0} + \mathcal{L}_{u_b},$$

where

- ⇒ \mathcal{L}_{u_0} represents the misfit of the NN predictions
- ⇒ \mathcal{L}_{u_b} represents the misfit of the initial/boundary conditions

- ⇒ θ represents the NN parameters
- ⇒ $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a regularization parameter that controls the emphasis on the PDE-based residual (which we ideally want to be zero)
- Finally, we use **ML methods** (stochastic optimization, etc.) to train the NN model to **minimize the loss**.

PINN - warnings

1. Even with a large training set, this approach does not **guarantee** that the NN will obey the conservation/governing equations in the constraint (2).
2. In many SciML problems, these sorts of constraints on the system matter, as they correspond to **physical mechanisms** of the system. For example, if the **conservation** of energy equation is only approximately satisfied, then the system being simulated may behave qualitatively differently or even result in unrealistic solutions.
3. This approach of incorporating physics-based regularization, where the regularization constraint, $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}$, corresponds to a differential operator, is very different than incorporating much simpler norm-based regularization (such as L1 or L2 regularization), as is common in ML more generally. Here, the regularization operator, $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}$, is non-trivially **structured**—it involves a differential operator that could actually be ill-conditioned, and it does

not correspond to a nice convex set as is the case for a norm ball.

4. Moreover, $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}$ corresponds to actual **physical quantities**, and there is often an important distinction between satisfying the constraint exactly versus satisfying the constraint approximately—the soft constraint approach doing only the latter.
5. Adding/increasing the PDE-based soft constraint regularization makes it more complex and **harder** to optimize, especially for cases with non-trivial coefficients.
6. The **loss landscape** changes as the regularization parameter $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ is changed. Reducing the regularization parameter can help alleviate the complexity of the loss landscape, but this in turn leads to poor solutions with high errors that do not satisfy the PDE/constraint.

PINN - steps

1. The **first step** is to define a **neural network architecture** that can be used to approximate the solution to the differential equation.
 - (a) The neural network should have an input layer, an output layer, and one or more hidden layers.
 - (b) The number of neurons in each layer and the activation function used in each layer must be chosen by the user.
2. The **second step** is to collect a **dataset** of known solutions to the differential equation.
 - (a) This dataset can be generated using numerical methods, or
 - (b) originate from experimental data.
3. The **third step** is to define the **loss function**.
 - (a) The loss function is a measure of the error between the neural network's output and the known solutions to the differential equation.

- (b) The loss function should be chosen so that it penalizes the neural network for making errors in both the spatial and temporal domains.

4. The **fourth step** is to **train** the neural network.

- (a) The training process is done using an optimization algorithm, such as gradient descent.
- (b) The optimization algorithm minimizes the loss function by adjusting the weights and biases of the neural network.

Once the neural network has been trained, and validated, it can be used to approximate the solution to the differential equation at any point in the domain. The accuracy of the approximation will depend on the size and quality of the training dataset, as well as the architecture of the neural network.

PINN - formulation

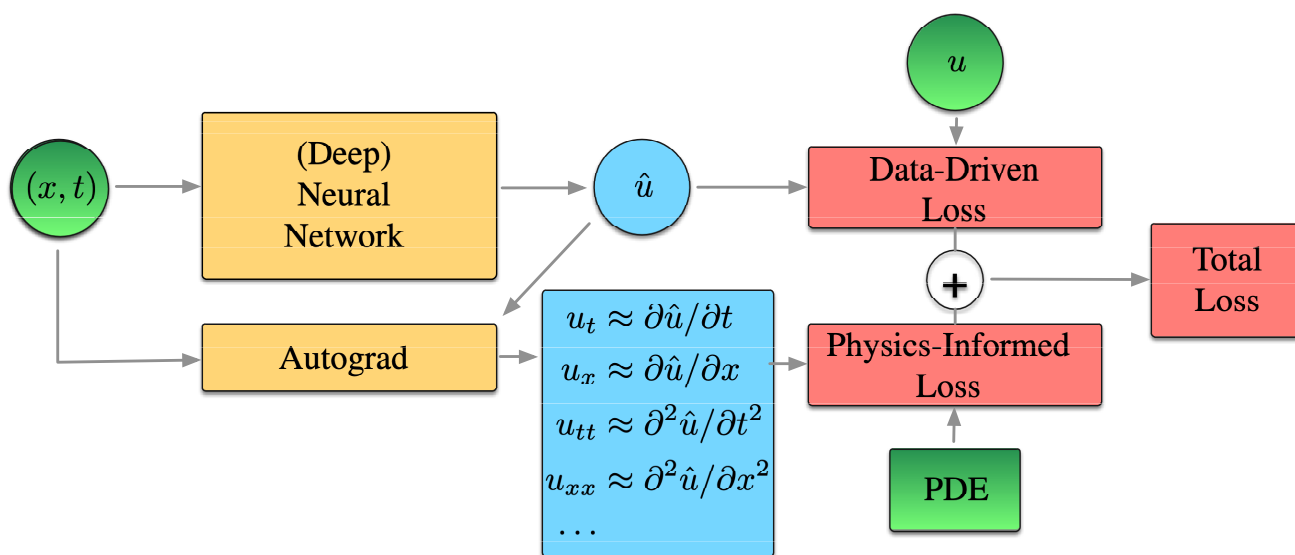
The mathematical formulation of a typical PINN **loss function** is as follows:

$$L = \phi_u(X_u) + \phi_b(X_b) + \phi_r(X_r),$$

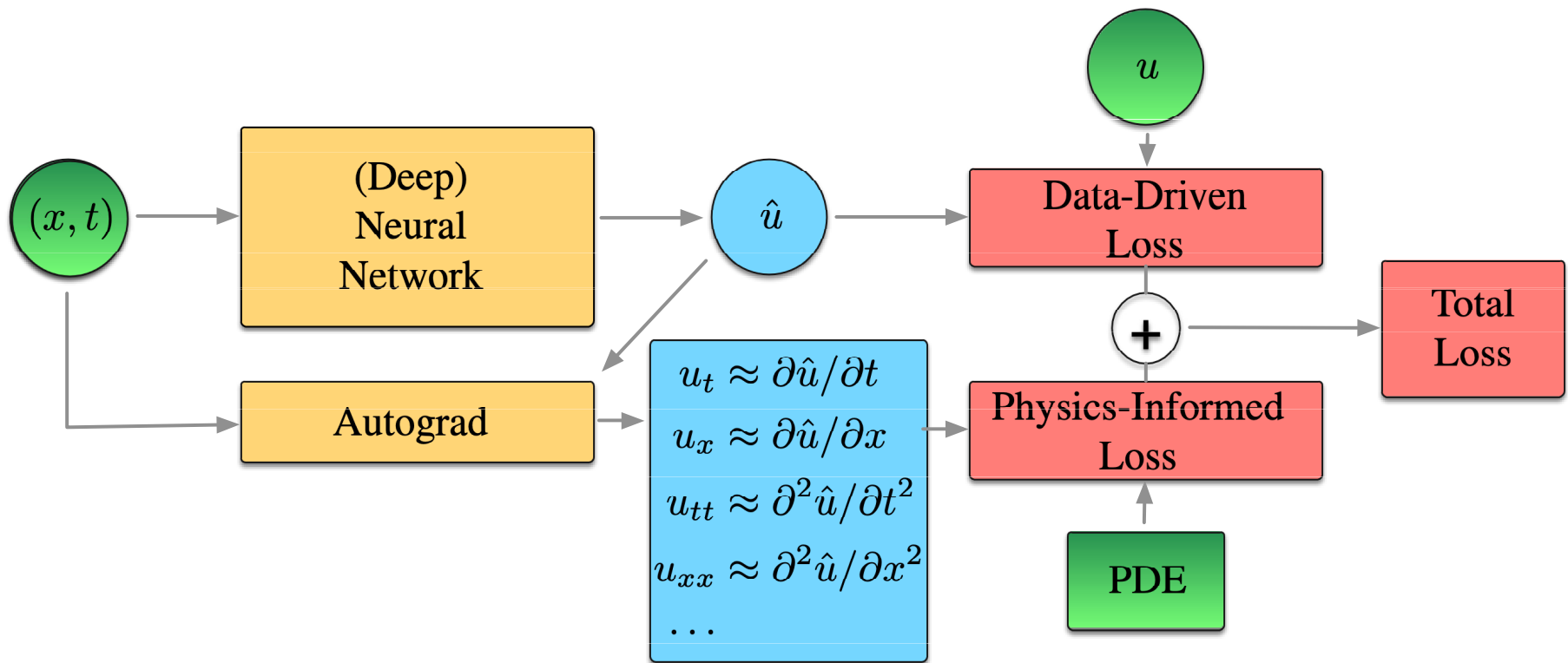
where,

- L is the global loss function.
- $\phi_u(X_u)$ is the loss term that penalizes the error between the neural network's output and the **known solution** at the training points X_u .
- $\phi_b(X_b)$ is the loss term that penalizes the error between the neural network's output and the **boundary conditions** at the training points X_b .
- $\phi_r(X_r)$ is the loss term that penalizes the error between the neural network's output and the residual of the **differential equation** at the training points X_r .

The diagram below depicts how a PINN works:



PINN - Diagram



PINN Formulation - Neural Network

- **Neural Network:**

⇒ a basic/adequate definition is to simply consider a NN as a mathematical function with some **learnable parameters**

⇒ more mathematically, let the **network** be defined as

$$\text{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \theta): \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_u}$$

where

→ \mathbf{x} are the inputs to the network

→ θ are a set of learnable parameters (usually, weights)

→ d_x , d_θ and d_u are the dimensions of the network's inputs, parameters and outputs, respectively.

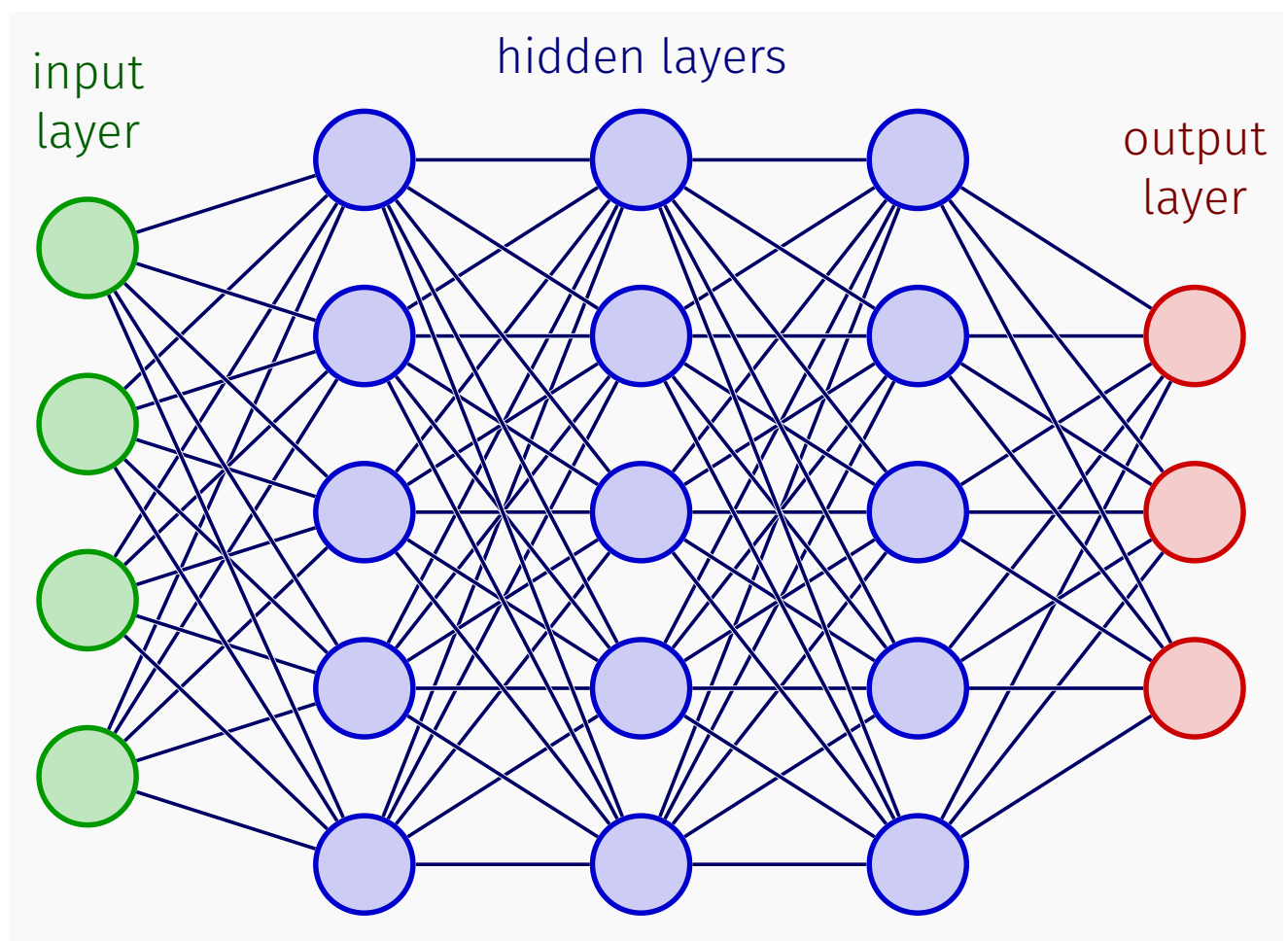
⇒ The exact form of the network function is determined by the neural network's **architecture**. Here we use feedforward fully-connected networks (FCNNs), defined as

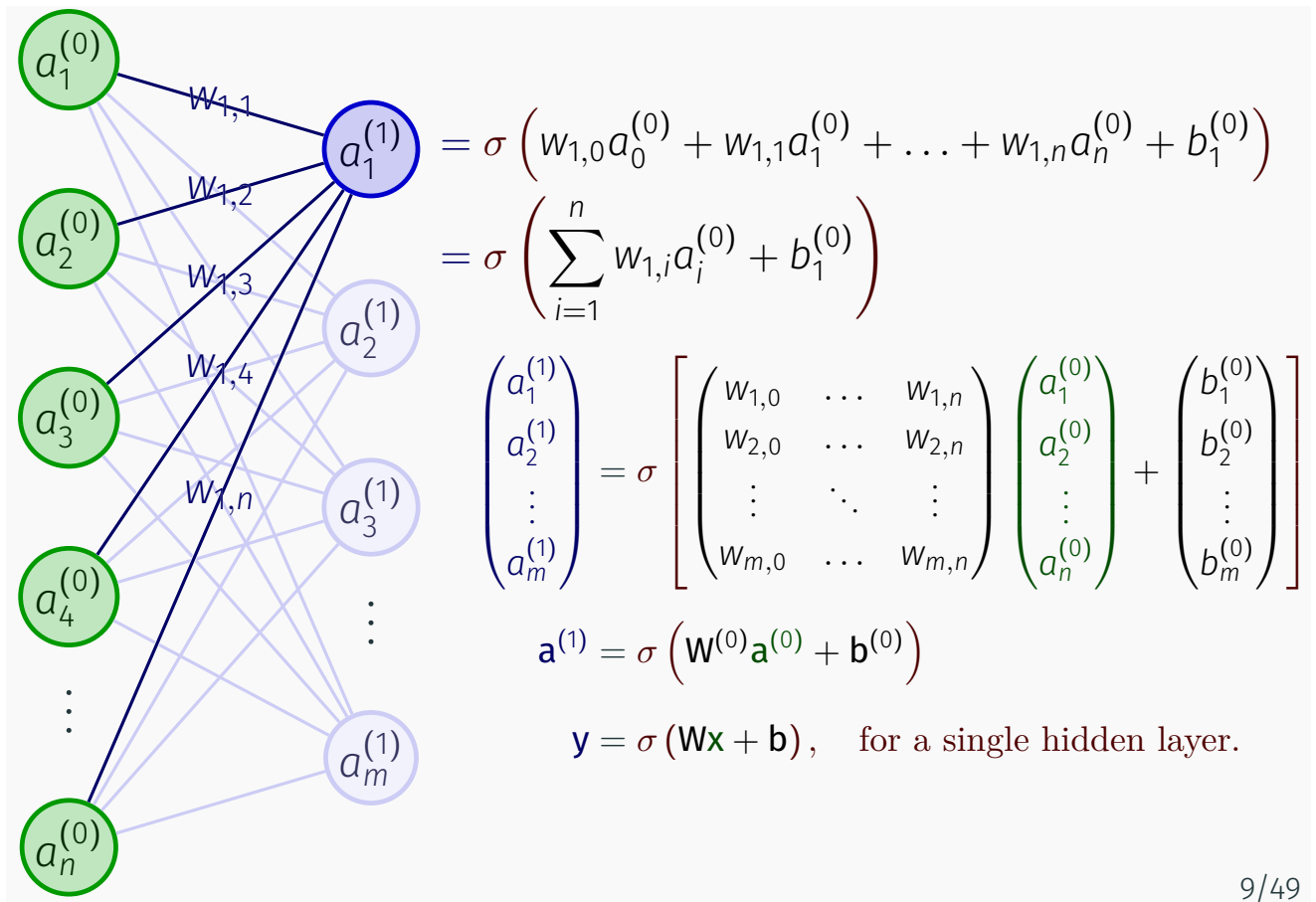
$$\text{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = f_n \circ \dots \circ f_i \circ \dots \circ f_1(\mathbf{x}, \theta),$$

where

- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_0}$ is the input to the FCNN
- $\mathbf{NN} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_n}$ is the output of the FCNN
- n is the number of layers (depth) of the FCNN
- $f_i(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \sigma_i(W_i \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$ are element-wise, nonlinear activation functions (usually ReLU or hyperbolic tangent)
- with $\theta_i = (W_i, \mathbf{b}_i)$,
- $W_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i \times d_{i-1}}$ weight matrices, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ bias vectors, and
- $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \dots, \theta_n)$ are the set of learnable parameters/weights of the network.

Recall: FCNN Architecture and Activation





PINN Formulation - (P)DE

- Recall: PINNs use neural networks to solve problems related to differential equations
- Consider a general **boundary-value problem** (I)BVP of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}[u](\mathbf{x}) &= f(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \mathcal{B}_k[u](\mathbf{x}) &= g_k(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_k \subset \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

where

- ⇒ $\mathcal{D}[u](\mathbf{x})$ is a differential operator
- ⇒ $u(\mathbf{x})$ is the solution
- ⇒ $\mathcal{B}_k(\cdot)$ are a set of boundary and/or initial conditions that ensure uniqueness of the solution
- ⇒ the variable \mathbf{x} represents/includes both spatial and time variables
- ⇒ the full equation describes many possible contexts: linear and nonlinear, time-dependent and independent, irregular higher-order, cyclic BCs, etc.

⇒ To solve (3), PINNs use a neural network to directly approximate the solution,

$$\text{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \theta) \approx u(\mathbf{x})$$

- PINN provides a **functional approximation** to the solution, and not a discretized solution similar to that provided by traditional methods such as finite difference methods
- ⇒ as such PINNs are a **mesh-free** approach for solving differential equations

PINN Formulation - Loss Function

- **Loss Function:** Let $F = 0$ be the PDE, $B = 0$ the boundary/initial conditions, $I = 0$ the inversion conditions, then the PINN loss is

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda; \mathcal{T}) = w_f \mathcal{L}_f(\theta, \lambda; \mathcal{T}_f) + w_b \mathcal{L}_b(\theta, \lambda; \mathcal{T}_b) + w_i \mathcal{L}_i(\theta, \lambda; \mathcal{T}_i)$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_f(\theta; \mathcal{T}_f) = \|F(\hat{u}, x, \lambda)\|_2^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_b(\theta; \mathcal{T}_b) = \|B(\hat{u}, x)\|_2^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_i(\theta, \lambda, \mathcal{T}_i) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}_i|} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_i} \|I(\hat{u}, x)\|_2^2$$

and

- ⇒ x are the training points,
- ⇒ \hat{u} the approximate solution,
- ⇒ λ the inversion coefficients,

⇒ w the weights that ensure balance among the different loss function terms

- The solution is then given by,

$$\{\theta^*, \lambda^*\} = \underset{\theta, \lambda}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda; \mathcal{T})$$

- **Note:** solving the inverse problems requires only the addition of one term in the loss function, and nothing more!

PINN Formulation - Error Analysis

- Error analysis can be derived²³, in terms of

- ⇒ optimization error $e_o = \|\hat{u}_{\mathcal{T}} - u_{\mathcal{T}}\|$
- ⇒ generalization error $e_g = \|u_{\mathcal{T}} - u_{\mathcal{F}}\|$
- ⇒ approximation error $e_a = \|u_{\mathcal{F}} - u\|$

- then

$$e \doteq \|\hat{u}_{\mathcal{T}} - u\| \leq e_o + e_g + e_a$$

²Lu, Karniadakis, SIAM Review, 2021.

³Mishra, Molinaro; arXiv:2006.16144v2 and IMA J. of Numerical Analysis, Volume 43, Issue 1, January 2023, Pages 1–43.

PINN Formulation - Loss Function (II)

- The values for the loss function are available, in general, at **discrete** points, often called **collocation** points.
- We will write down the terms explicitly in this case, for the direct problem, with composite loss function,

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{x}, \theta) + \mathcal{L}_B(\mathbf{x}, \theta), \quad (4)$$

where

⇒ **(P)DE residual** is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_D(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \frac{\alpha_I}{N_I} \sum_{i=1}^{N_I} (\mathcal{D}[u](\mathbf{x}_i, \theta) - f(\mathbf{x}_i))^2$$

⇒ **(I)BC residual** is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_B(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_k} \frac{\alpha_B^k}{N_B^k} \sum_{i=1}^{N_B^k} (\mathcal{B}_k[u](\mathbf{x}_i^k, \theta) - g_k(\mathbf{x}_i^k))^2,$$

where

- $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{N_I}$ is a set of **collocation** points sampled in the **interior** of the domain
- $\{\mathbf{x}_j^k\}_{j=1}^{N_B^k}$ is a set of points sampled along each **boundary condition** (where k permits to separate Dirichlet, Neumann, mixed, and initial conditions)
- α_I and α_B^k are well-chosen scalar **weights**, chosen by suitable **tuning** methods, that ensure the terms in the loss function are **well-balanced**.

PINN Formulation - Loss Function (III)

We can see, intuitively, that

- by minimizing the (P)DE residual, the method tries to ensure that the solution learned by the network obeys the underlying PDE, and
- by minimizing the (I)BC residual, the method tries to ensure that the learned solution is unique by matching it to the BCs.
- **Note:** a sufficient number of collocation and boundary points must be chosen such that the PINN is able to learn a consistent solution across the domain.

As usual (see [Optimization Lecture](#)), iterative schemes are typically used to optimize this loss function

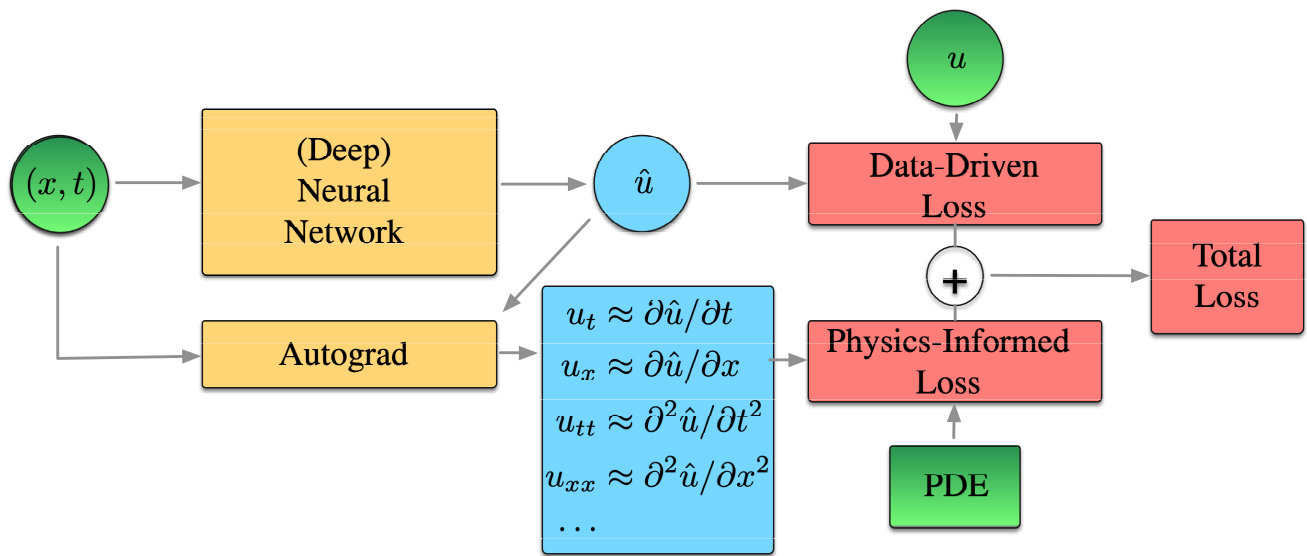
- variants of the stochastic gradient descent (SGD) method, such as the Adam optimizer, or

- quasi-Newton methods, such as the limited-memory Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno (L-BFGS) algorithm are employed.

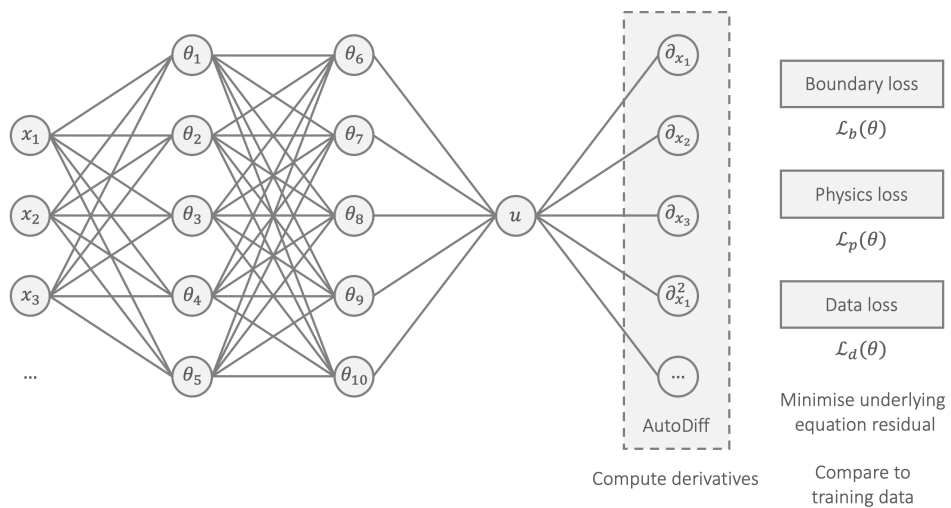
Note:

- These methods require the computation of the gradient of the loss function with respect to the network parameters, which can be computed easily and efficiently using **automatic differentiation** provided systematically in all modern deep learning libraries
- Note also that gradients of the network output with respect to its inputs are also typically required to evaluate the **PDE residual** in the loss function, and can similarly be obtained and further differentiated through to update the network's parameters using **automatic differentiation** once again.

Recall the global flowchart for PINN:



Here is a case with 2 hidden layer NN:



PINN - pros and cons

- Here are some of the **advantages** of using PINNs to solve differential equations:
 - ✓ They can be used to solve a wide variety of differential equations, including ODEs and PDEs.
 - ✓ They can be used to solve problems with complex geometries and non-linear behavior.
 - ✓ They are essentially mesh-free.
 - ✓ They can be trained to be very accurate, even with limited data and noisy data.
 - ✓ They are relatively easy to implement, leveraging AD capabilities.
 - ✓ When they work, they can provide impressive speed-ups of 3 to 4 orders of magnitude.
- Here are some of the **disadvantages** of using PINNs to solve differential equations:
 - ✗ They can produce a horrendous optimization problem.

- ✗ They can be computationally expensive to train.
 - ✗ They have difficulty with high frequencies and multiple scales.
 - ✗ They can be sensitive to the choice of hyperparameters, in particular to the network architecture and size.
 - ✗ They can be difficult to interpret, as the neural network may learn a complex relationship between the inputs and outputs that is not easily understood.
- Overall, PINNs are a **promising** new approach to solving differential equations.
- ⇒ They provide powerful tools that can be used to solve a wide variety of problems, but they also have some severe limitations.

PINN - remedies

- A downside of training PINNs with the loss function given by (4) is that the BCs are **softly** enforced.
 - ⇒ This means the **learned solution may deviate** from the BCs because the BC term may not be fully minimized.
 - ⇒ Furthermore, it can be challenging to **balance the different objectives** of the PDE and BC terms in the loss function, which can lead to **poor convergence** and solution accuracy.
- One possibility is to enforce BCs in a **hard** fashion by using the neural network as part of a solution *ansatz*. This will be shown in some of the examples below.
- Many other “fixes” have been formulated (see references, in particular arXiv, where new solutions appear almost daily...)

PINN Remedies - enforcing hard BCs

- **Idea:** use the NN as part of a solution ansatz, that by definition satisfies the BC, thus avoiding the soft constraint on \mathcal{L}_B in (4)
- More precisely, we approximate the solution of the (P)DE by

$$\mathcal{C}[u](\mathbf{x}, \theta) \approx u(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$$

where \mathcal{C} is an appropriately selected constraining operator that analytically/exactly enforces the BCs

- **Example:**

⇒ suppose we want to enforce

$$u(x = 0) = 0$$

in a scalar ODE

⇒ The constraining operator and solution ansatz could be chosen as

$$\mathcal{C}[u](\mathbf{x}, \theta) = (\tanh x) u(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$$

or any other function whose value at $x = 0$ is zero

→ the function $\tanh(x)$ is zero at 0, forcing the BC to always be obeyed, but non-zero away from 0, allowing the network to learn the solution away from the BC.

- With this approach, the BCs are always satisfied and therefore the BC term in the loss function (4) can be removed,

⇒ the PINN can be trained using the simpler unconstrained loss function,

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{C}u](\mathbf{x}_i, \theta) - f(\mathbf{x}_i))^2$$

where $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ is a set of collocation points sampled in the interior of the domain

- **Notes:**

- ⇒ There is no unique way of choosing the constraining operator, and the definition of a suitable constraining operator for complex geometries and/or complex BCs may be difficult or sometimes even impossible, i.e., this strategy is problem dependent; in this case, one may resort to the soft enforcement of boundary conditions (4) instead.
- ⇒ A promising approach for alleviating the difficulties when higher frequencies and multi-scale features are added to the solution, is to use a finite basis PINN approach (FBPINN) [Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley 2023], where instead of using a single neural network to represent the solution, many smaller neural networks are confined in overlapping subdomains and summed together to represent the solution.

Example: IBVP for Diffusion Equation

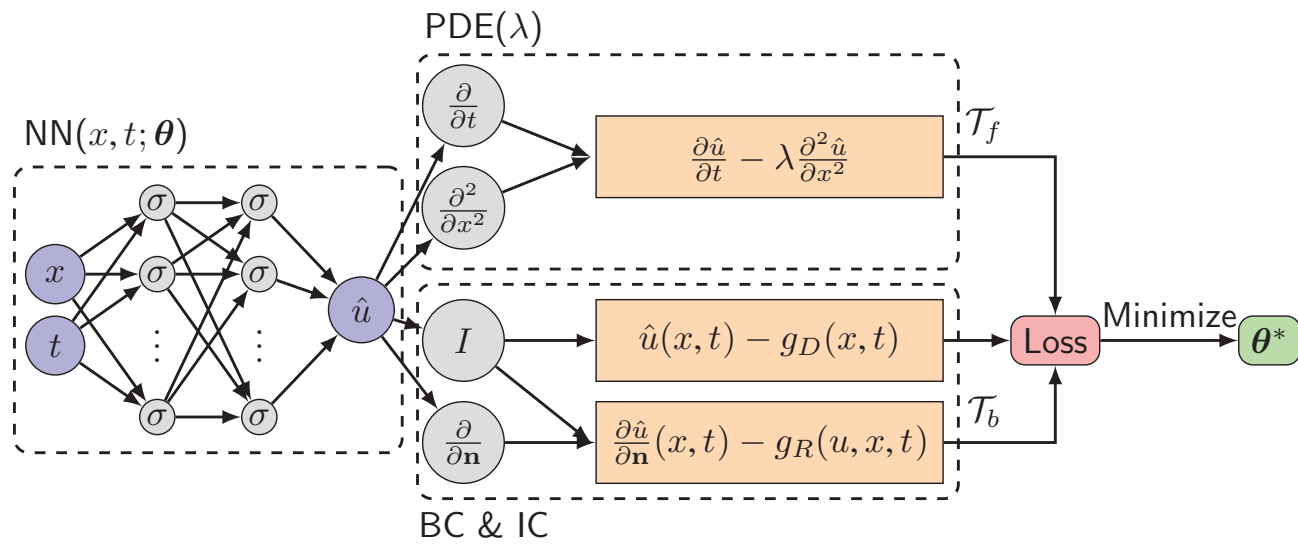
Compute $u(\mathbf{x}, t): \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\lambda(x) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t)) &= f(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(\mathbf{x}, t) &= g_D(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_D \times (0, T), \\ -\lambda(x) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= g_R(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_R \times (0, T), \\ u(\mathbf{x}, 0) &= u_0(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Note that $\lambda(x)$ is, in general, a tensor (matrix) with elements λ_{ij} .

- **Direct problem:** given λ , compute u .
- **Inverse problem:** given u , compute λ .

PINN for the Diffusion Equation



[Credit: Lu, Karniadakis, SIAM Review, 2021]

- Use **FCNN** to approximate u at the selected points x , with training data at residual points \mathcal{T}_f and \mathcal{T}_b
- Use **AD** to compute derivatives for the PDE and the boundary/initial conditions
- **Minimize** the augmented, weighted loss function

PHYSICS OPERATOR LEARNING

Recall: Universal Approximation for Operators

Theorem 3 (Chen, Chen 1995). *Suppose σ is continuous, non-polynomial, X is a Banach space, $K_1 \subset X$, $K_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ are compact sets, V is compact in $C(K_1)$, G is continuous operator from V into $C(K_2)$. Then, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exist positive integers m, n, p , constants c_i^k , ξ_{ij}^k , θ_i^k , $\zeta_k \in \mathbb{R}$, $w_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $x_j \in K_1$, such that*

$$\left| G(u)(y) - \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k \sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}^k u(x_j) + \theta_i^k \right) \sigma (w_k \cdot y + \zeta_k) \right| < \epsilon$$

for all $u \in V$, $y \in K_2$.

Operator Learning - DeepONet, FNO, PINO

- **Idea:** train a NN to learn the (P)DE operator
⇒ used by NVIDIA in FourCastNet
- A related set of approaches which incorporate governing equations into their loss function are physics-informed neural operators (PINO).
- These are neural networks which are similar to PINNs in that they are designed to learn the solution to differential equations, but instead of learning a single solution they learn an entire **family of solutions** by adding certain inputs of the differential equation as inputs to the network.
- Thus, they do not need to be retrained to carry out new simulations, and during inference they offer a fast surrogate model.

- From a mathematical standpoint, the goal is to learn an **operator** to map function spaces to function spaces, rather than just a single function.
- **DeepONet** consisted of two sub-networks,
 - ⇒ a “**branch**” network that encodes the input function (by taking discretised samples of the input function at fixed locations as input), and
 - ⇒ a “**trunk**” network that encodes a set of input coordinates.
 - ⇒ The solution of the differential equation is then approximated by merging the outputs of both of these sub-networks.
 - ⇒ The network is trained using a loss function that extends the PINN loss function (4) by averaging over many random samples of the input function.
- **FNO** (Fourier Neural Operator) uses a physics-informed loss function when training Fourier neural operators
 - ⇒ Similar to DeepONets, FNOs learn an operator to map between function spaces.
 - ⇒ This is achieved by using a series of stacked Fourier

layers, where the input to each layer is Fourier transformed and truncated to a fixed number of Fourier modes.

⇒ This truncation allows the model to learn mappings that are invariant to the number of discrete points used in its inputs and outputs.

Operator Nets

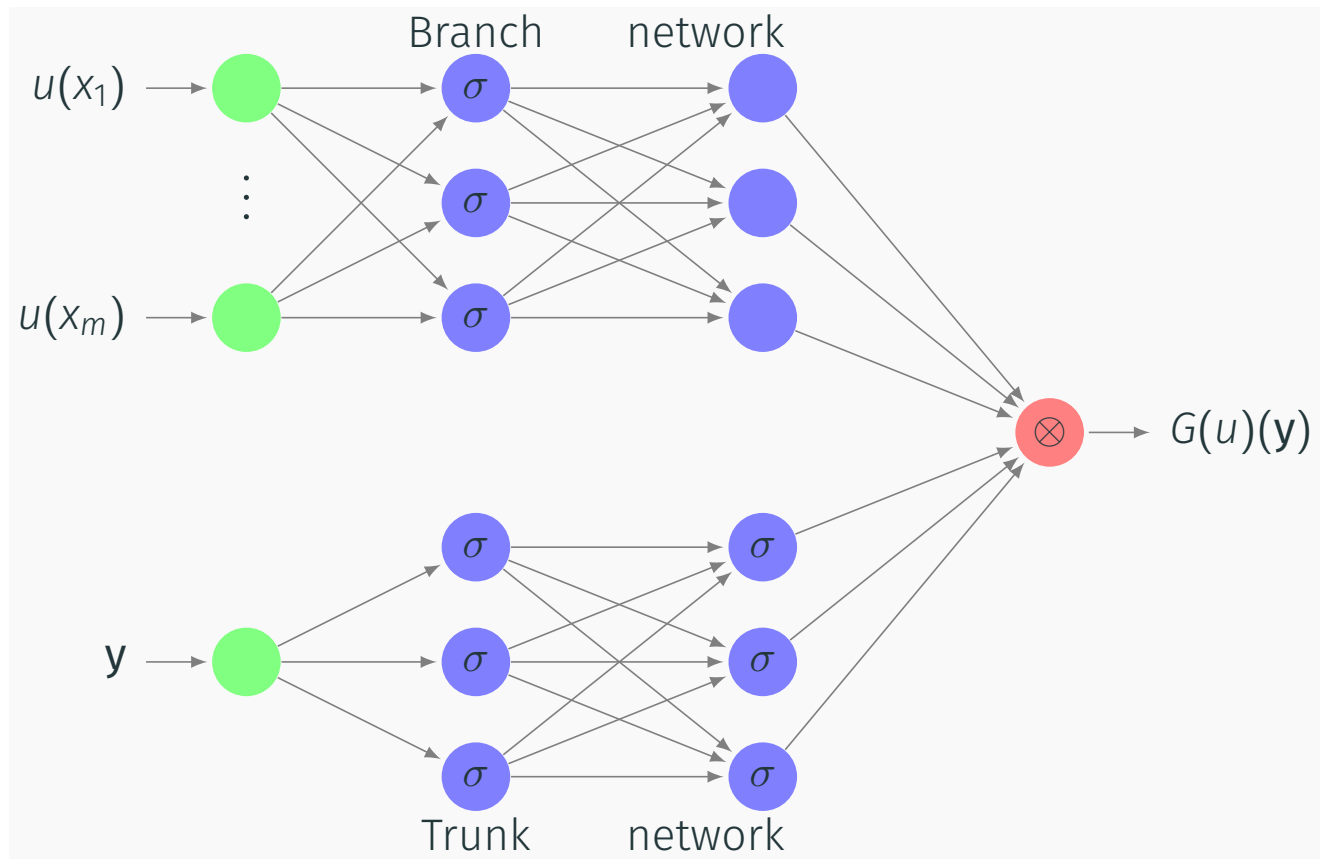
- Use the Universal **Operator** Approximation Theorem...

$$\left| G(u)(y) - \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k \underbrace{\sigma \left(\sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}^k u(x_j) + \theta_i^k \right)}_{\text{branch}} \underbrace{\sigma(w_k \cdot y + \zeta_k)}_{\text{trunk}} \right| < \epsilon,$$

where

- $\Rightarrow G$ is the **solution** operator,
 - $\Rightarrow u$ is an **input** function,
 - $\Rightarrow x_i$ are “**sensor**” points,
 - $\Rightarrow y$ are **random points** where we evaluate the output function $G(u)$.
- 2 main contenders:
 - \Rightarrow DeepONet
 - \Rightarrow Fourier Neural Operators (FNO)—a special case of DeepONet

DeepONet Architecture



Directly copied from the Theorem!

DeepONet Loss Function

- **Branch** (FCNN, ResNET, CNN, etc.) and **trunk** networks (FCNN) are merged by an inner product.
- **Prediction** of a function u evaluated at points \mathbf{y} is then given by

$$G_{\theta}(u)(y) = \sum_{k=1}^q \underbrace{b_k(u(x))}_{\text{branch}} \underbrace{t_k(y)}_{\text{trunk}} + b_0$$

- **Training** weights and biases, θ , computed by **minimizing** the loss (mini-batch by Adam, single-batch by L-BFGS)

$$\mathcal{L}_o(\theta) = \frac{1}{NP} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^P \left| G_{\theta}(u^{(i)})(y_j^{(i)}) - G(u^{(i)})(y_j^{(i)}) \right|^2$$

DeepONet: Pros and Cons

- Pros:
 - ✓ relatively **fast** training (compared to PINN)
 - ✓ can overcome the curse of **dimensionality** (in some cases...)
 - ✓ suitable for **multiscale** and **multiphysics** problems
- Cons:
 - ✗ no guarantee that **physics** is respected
 - ✗ require **large** training sets of paired input-output observations (expensive!)

DeepONet Formulation (I)

- Parametric, linear/nonlinear **operator plus IBC** (IBVP)

$$\mathcal{O}(u, s) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{B}(u, s) = 0,$$

- where

$\Rightarrow u \in \mathcal{U}$ is the input function (parameters),

$\Rightarrow s \in \mathcal{S}$ is the hidden, solution function

- If $\exists!$ solution $s = s(u) \in \mathcal{S}$ to the IBVP, then we can define the **solution operator** $G: \mathcal{U} \mapsto \mathcal{S}$ by

$$G(u) = s(u).$$

DeepONet Formulation (II)

- Approximate the solution map G by a DeepONet G_θ

$$G_\theta(u)(y) = \sum_{k=1}^q \underbrace{b_k(u(x))}_{\text{branch}} \underbrace{t_k(y)}_{\text{trunk}} + b_0$$

where θ represents all the trainable weights and biases, computed by minimizing the loss at a set of P random output points $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^P$

$$\mathcal{L}(u, \theta) = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^P |G_\theta(u)(y_j) - s(y_j)|^2,$$

and $s(y_j)$ is the PDE solution evaluated at P locations in the domain of $G(u)$

DeepONet Formulation (III)

- To obtain a vector output, a **stacked version** is defined by repeated sampling over $i = 1, \dots, N$, giving the overall operator loss

$$\mathcal{L}_o(\theta) = \frac{1}{NP} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^P \left| G_{\theta}(u^{(i)})(y_j^{(i)}) - s^{(i)}(y_j^{(i)}) \right|^2$$

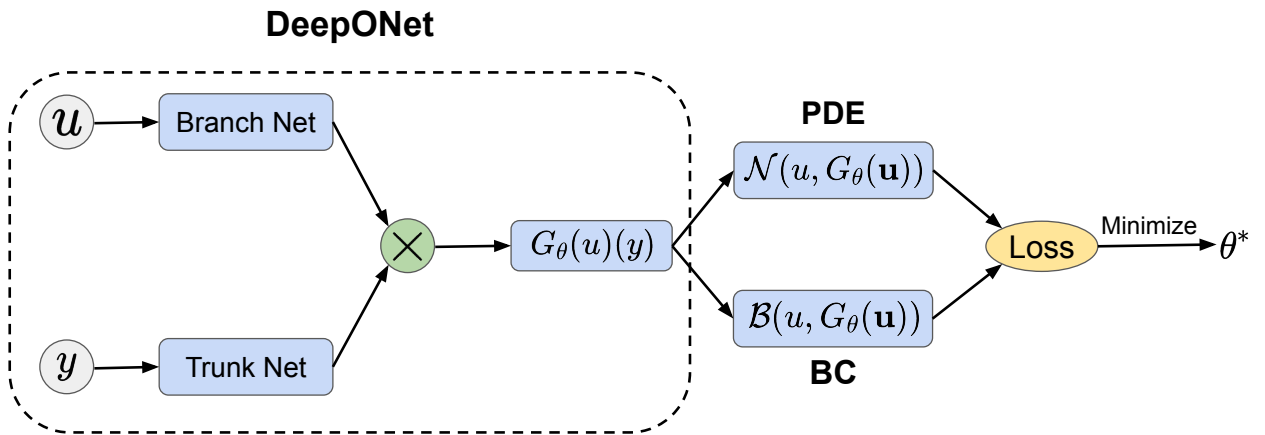
DeepONet + PINN = PI-DeepONet

- We can combine the two, to get the best of both worlds

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = w_f \mathcal{L}_f(G_\theta(u)(y)) + w_b \mathcal{L}_b(G_\theta(u)(y)) + w_o \mathcal{L}_o(G_\theta(u)(y))$$

- Results:⁴
 - ⇒ no need for paired input-output observations, just samples of the input function and BC/IC (self-supervised learning)
 - ⇒ respects the physics
 - ⇒ improved predictive accuracy
 - ⇒ ideal for parametric PDE studies—optimization, parameter estimation, screening, etc.

⁴Wang, Wang, Bhouri, Perdikaris. arXiv:2103.10974v1, arXiv:2106.05384, arXiv:2110.01654, arXiv:2110.13297



[Credit: Wang, Wang, Perdikaris; arXiv, 2021]

- Train by **minimizing** the composite loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathcal{L}_o(\theta) + \mathcal{L}_\phi(\theta),$$

where

⇒ the **operator loss** is as above for deepOnet, or using the IBC

$$\mathcal{L}_o(\theta) = \frac{1}{NP} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^P \left| \mathcal{B} \left(u^{(i)}(x_j^{(i)}), G_\theta(u^{(i)})(y_j^{(i)}) \right) \right|^2$$

⇒ the **physics loss** is computed using the operator network approximate solution

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi(\theta) = \frac{1}{NQ} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^Q \left| \mathcal{O} \left(u^{(i)}(x_j^{(i)}), G_\theta(u^{(i)})(y_j^{(i)}) \right) \right|^2$$

- This is **self-supervised**, and does not require paired input-output observations!

OTHER METHODS

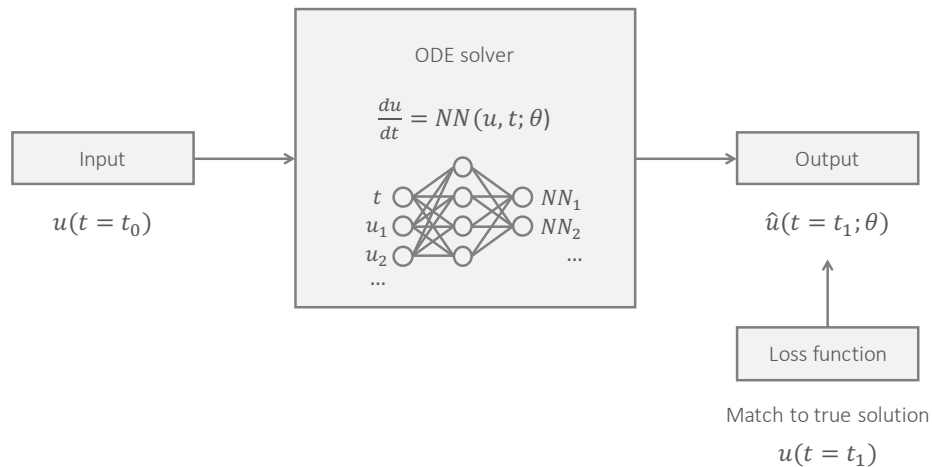
Differentiable Physics

A potentially powerful **hybrid** approach is to open up the black box of a traditional algorithm and tightly integrate ML models within it.

- This allows a more granular way of balancing the two paradigms;
 - ⇒ **ML** can be inserted where we are unsure how to solve a problem, or where the traditional workflow is computationally expensive, and
 - ⇒ **traditional** components can be kept where we require robust and interpretable outputs.
- Often, the performance of the traditional workflow is improved whilst the ML components are easier to train, are more interpretable, and require less parameters and training data compared to a naive ML approach.
- A general approach for doing so is to use concepts from the field of **differentiable physics**

- ⇒ many traditional scientific algorithms can be written as a composition of basic and differentiable mathematical operations (such as matrix multiplication, addition, subtraction, etc), and that
 - ⇒ modern **automatic differentiation** and differential programming languages [Baydin et al., 2018] make it easy to track and backpropagate the gradients of these outputs with respect to their inputs.
 - ⇒ This unlocks the possibility of inserting and training gradient-based ML components (such as neural networks) **within** traditional workflows, whereas otherwise it may have been difficult to do so.
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- A simple approach to start with is to re-implement a traditional workflow inside a modern differentiable programming language, such as PyTorch, TensorFlow or JAX.
 - Once a traditional algorithm is implemented, its design can be altered by treating certain parameters as **learnable**, or by inserting new learned components.

Neural ODEs



Schematic of a neural ordinary differential equation (ODE) [Moseley2022].

- The goal of a neural ODE is to learn the right-hand side term of an unknown ODE.
- A neural network $NN(u, t; \theta)$ is used to represent this term, which is trained by using many examples of the solution of the ODE at two times, $u(t = t_0)$ and $u(t = t_1)$.

- More specifically, a standard ODE solver is used to model the solution of the ODE, $u(t = t_1)$, at time $t = t_1$ given the solution at time $t = t_0$ and evaluations of the network where needed.
- Then, the network's free parameters, θ , are updated by matching this estimated solution with the true solution and differentiating through the entire ODE solver

Other Approaches

- Recurrent NNs - see FIDL example
- Material design (META) uses Graph NNs
- GP and Ridge regression - used by Mendez
- LSTM
- Encoder-decoder
- in fact the list is never-ending...
- and now there is **generative** learning!

GENERATIVE PHYSICS LEARNING

GPT

- GPT = Genrative Pre-trained Transformer
- Theory:
 - ⇒ ingest huge volumes of data
 - ⇒ “fill in the gaps” using Markov Chains on tokens
- Applications
 - ⇒ NWP + Climatology (ClimaX by Microsoft)
 - ⇒ healthcare and drug-design (Alpha-Fold)
 - ⇒ etc.
- Quo Vadimus??? See [Introductory and Ethics Lectures](#) for more details.

APPLICATIONS

Applications of ML for (P)DEs

- Literally, from ALL domains...
- See
 - ⇒ Raissi, Faroughi]
 - ⇒ Miguel Mendez' papers and examples

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