



# Basics of Artificial Neural Networks and Their Application in Solving Differential Equations

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# Introduction

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- Neural networks serve as the foundational architecture of Deep Learning.
- Their structure and operation are inspired by the biological neurons found in the human brain, hence the term 'neural'.
- This interconnected structure allows neural networks to learn complex patterns and relationships in the data.

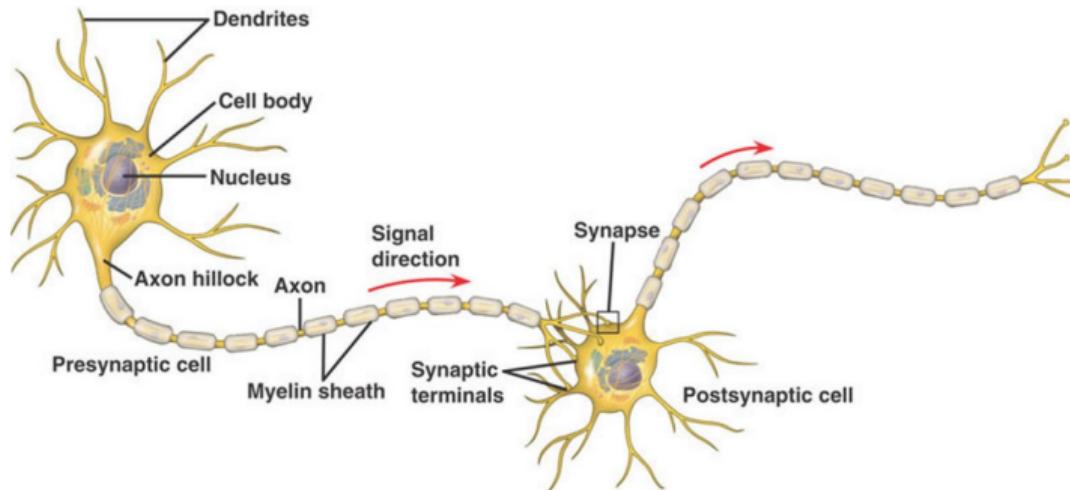


Figure: Biological Neurons

# What is an ANN?

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■ **Structure:** Composed of neurons (nodes) arranged in layers (input, hidden, and output).

## ■ Layers:

- **Input Layer:** Takes input data
- **Hidden Layers:** Intermediate layers that process inputs through weights and biases.
- **Output Layer:** Produces the final output.

■ **Activation Functions:** Functions applied to the weighted sum of inputs to introduce non-linearity (e.g., ReLU, sigmoid).

## Basic Working Principle

■ ANNs learn to map input to output by adjusting weights and biases through training.

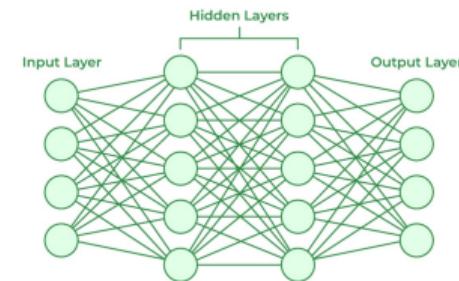


Figure: Architecture of ANN

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- Neurons (Nodes)
- Weights
- Biases
- Activation Function
- Loss Function
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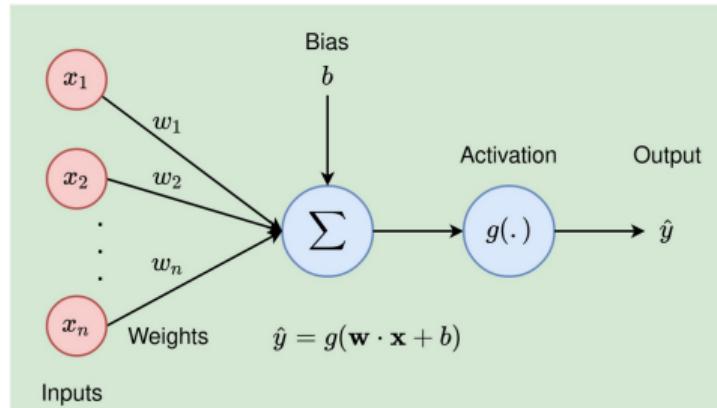


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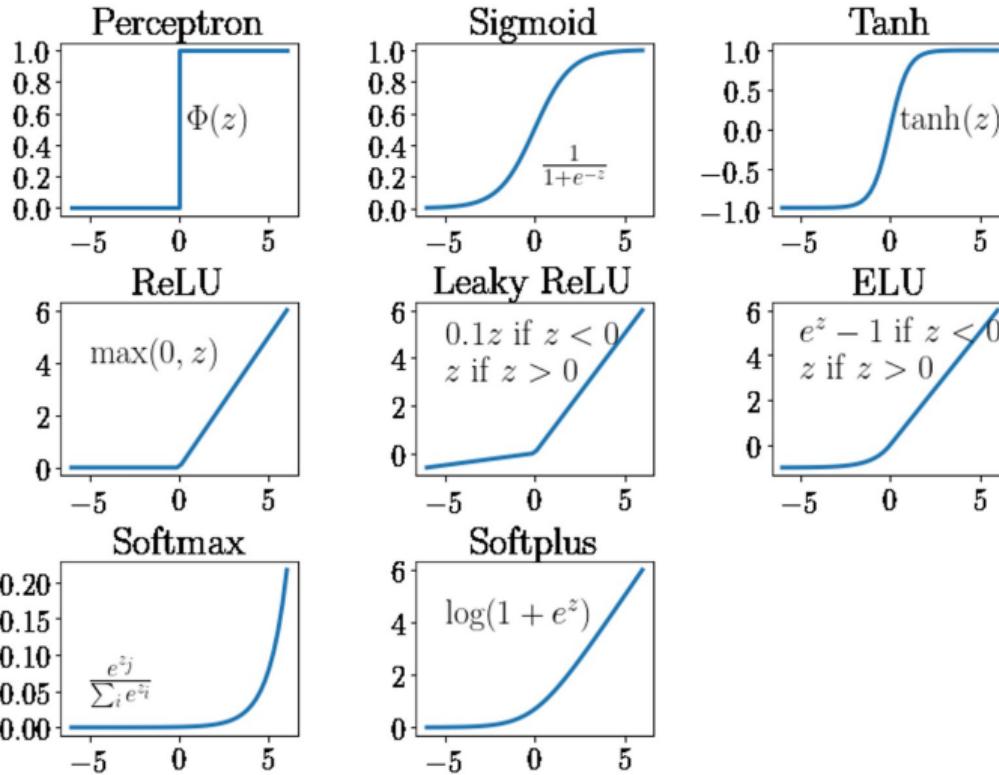


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- A loss function, also known as a cost function or objective function, measures the difference between the predicted outputs of a neural network and the actual target values.
- It is essentially a quantification of the error in value estimation.
- Minimizing the loss function results in high prediction accuracy.

$$\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_\theta(x^i) - y^i)^2$$

Figure: Mean Square Error

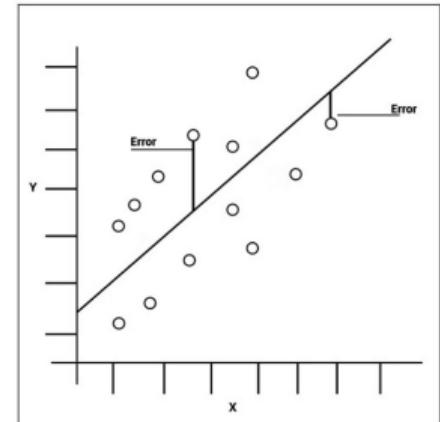


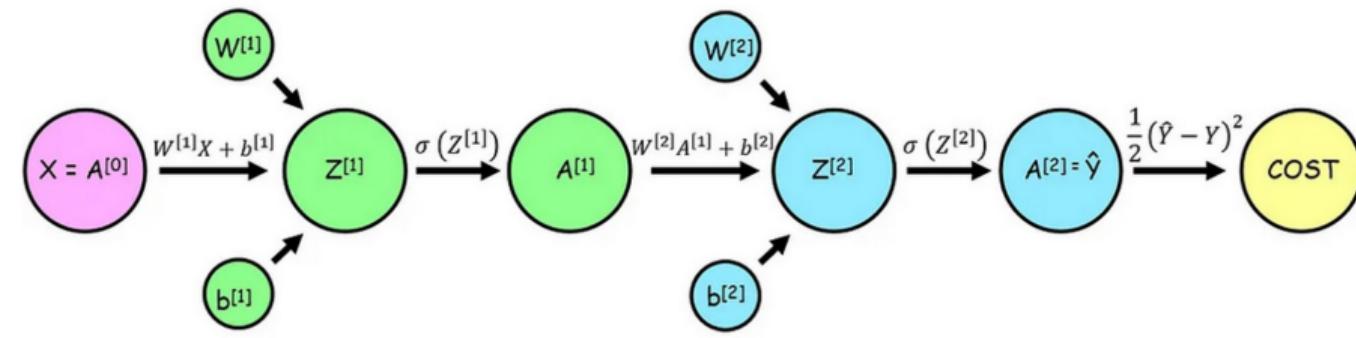
Figure: Linear Regression

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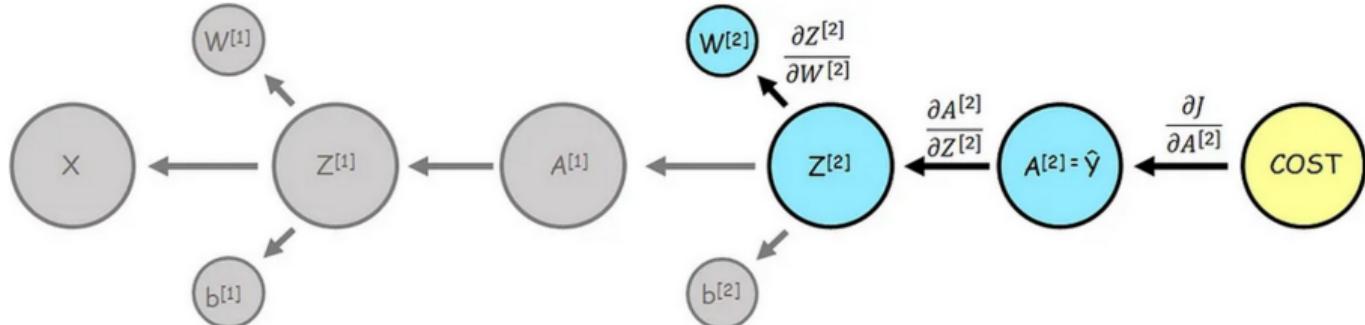
Original function	Partial derivative
$J = \frac{1}{2}(A^{[2]} - Y)^2$	$\frac{\partial J}{\partial A^{[2]}} = A^{[2]} - Y$
$A^{[2]} = \sigma(Z^{[2]}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-Z^{[2]}}}$	$\frac{\partial A^{[2]}}{\partial Z^{[2]}} = A^{[2]}(1 - A^{[2]})$
$Z^{[2]} = W^{[2]}A^{[1]} + b^{[2]}$	$\frac{\partial Z^{[2]}}{\partial W^{[2]}} = A^{[1]}$

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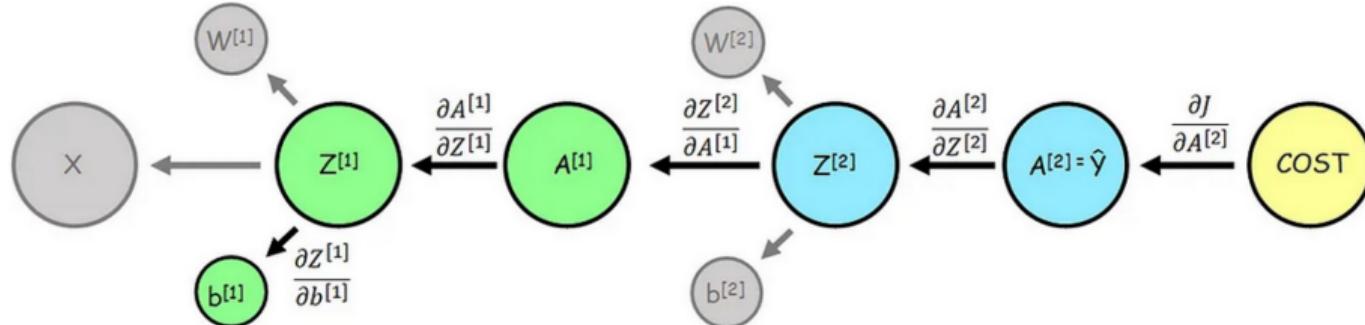
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{[2]}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial A^{[2]}} \frac{\partial A^{[2]}}{\partial Z^{[2]}} \frac{\partial Z^{[2]}}{\partial W^{[2]}} = (A^{[2]} - Y) \cdot A^{[2]}(1 - A^{[2]}) \cdot A^{[1]}$$

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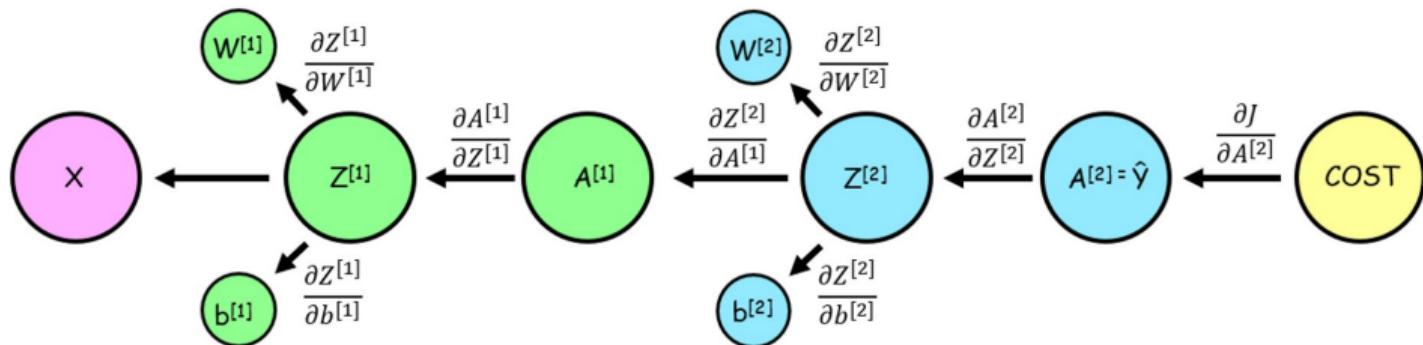


$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b[1]} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial J}{\partial A[2]} \frac{\partial A[2]}{\partial Z[2]} \frac{\partial Z[2]}{\partial A[1]} \frac{\partial A[1]}{\partial Z[1]} \frac{\partial Z[1]}{\partial b[1]}}_{\text{Previously calculated}} = (A^{[2]} - Y) \cdot A^{[2]}(1 - A^{[2]}) \cdot W^{[2]} \cdot A^{[1]}(1 - A^{[1]}) \cdot 1$$

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$$W_{\text{new}}^{[1]} = W_{\text{old}}^{[1]} - \alpha \frac{dJ}{dW^{[1]}} \quad | \quad b_{\text{new}}^{[1]} = b_{\text{old}}^{[1]} - \alpha \frac{dJ}{db^{[1]}}$$

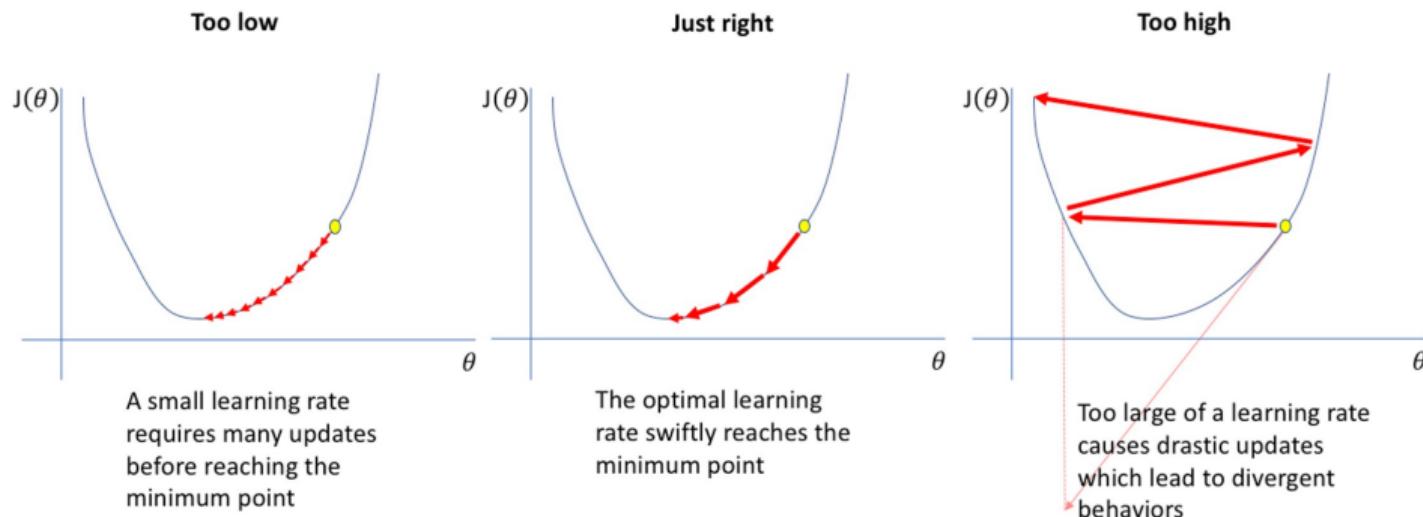
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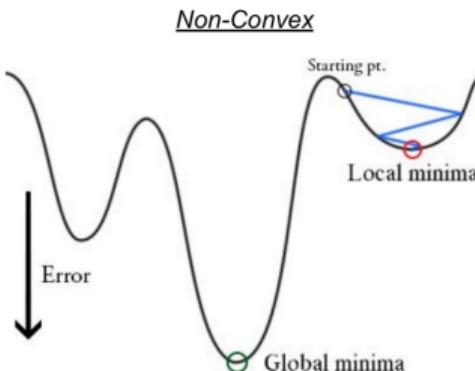


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- Initialisation
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## ■ Analytical Methods

### ■ Examples

- **Separation of Variables:** Technique to solve differential equations by separating the variables and integrating.
- **Integrating Factors:** Method to solve linear first-order differential equations by multiplying by an integrating factor.

## ■ Numerical Methods

### ■ Examples

- **Euler's Method:** Simple numerical procedure for solving ODEs by approximating solutions at discrete points.
- **Runge-Kutta Methods:** More accurate numerical methods for solving ODEs.
- **Finite Difference Method:** Numerical technique for solving PDEs by approximating derivatives with finite differences.

# Why Use ANN for ODE and PDE?

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## ■ Advantages

- **Flexibility:** The method is general and can be applied to single ODE, system of ODE's and PDE defined on orthogonal box boundaries.
- **Parallel Processing:** The method can also be efficiently implemented on parallel architecture.
- **Handling Complexity:** The required number of model parameters is far less than any other solution technique.
- **Closed Form:** An NN-based solution of a DE is differentiable and is in a closed analytic form that can be used in subsequent calculations.



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- ANNs can be used to approximate solutions to differential equations.
- A trial solution is written as a sum of two parts:
  - The first part satisfies the boundary or initial conditions and contains no adjustable parameters.
  - The second part involves a feedforward neural network with adjustable weights.
- By construction, the boundary conditions are satisfied, and the network is trained to satisfy the differential equation.
- Applicability ranges from single ODEs to systems of coupled ODEs and PDEs.

# Implementation

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- Assume a trial form of the solution:  $\Psi_t(\vec{x}) = A(\vec{x}) + F(\vec{x}, N(\vec{x}, \vec{p}))$
- $N(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$  is the feedforward NN with parameters  $\vec{p}$ .
- The second term  $F$  is constructed so as not to contribute to the BC's.
- Learn the parameters to approximately solve the differential equation.



# Description of the Methods

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- Consider general differential equation:  $G(\vec{x}, \Psi(\vec{x}), \nabla\Psi(\vec{x}), \nabla^2\Psi(\vec{x})) = 0$  where  $\vec{x} \in D$
- Now we will use collocation method to solve the above differential equation i.e.,

$$G(\vec{x}_i, \Psi(\vec{x}_i, \vec{p}), \nabla\Psi(\vec{x}_i, \vec{p}), \nabla^2\Psi(\vec{x}_i, \vec{p})) = 0, \quad \forall \vec{x}_i \in \hat{D}$$

- Now we need to calculate

$$\min_{\vec{p}} \sum_{\vec{x}_i \in \hat{D}} (G(\vec{x}_i, \Psi_t(\vec{x}_i, \vec{p}), \nabla\Psi_t(\vec{x}_i, \vec{p}), \nabla^2\Psi_t(\vec{x}_i, \vec{p})))^2$$

- Construct a trial solution which satisfy BC(s) as

$$\Psi_t(\vec{x}) = A(\vec{x}) + F(\vec{x}, N(\vec{x}, \vec{p}))$$

where we will choose  $A(\vec{x})$  as it satisfies boundary conditions and  $F$  as not to contribute to the BC(s).

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- Input in  $i$  th hidden unit is  $z_i = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}x_j + u_i$
- Output in  $i$  th hidden unit is  $\sigma(z_i)$
- Final output of the NN is  $N = \sum_{i=1}^H v_i\sigma(z_i)$
- $w_{ij}$  denotes the weight from the input unit  $j$  to the hidden unit  $i$ ,  $v_i$  denotes the weight from the hidden unit  $i$  to the output,  $u_i$  denotes the bias of hidden unit  $i$  and  $\sigma(z)$  is the sigmoid function.

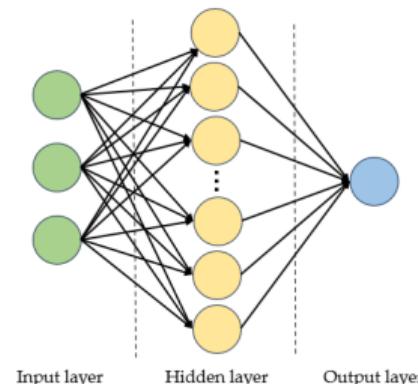


Figure: 3 input units, one hidden layer with  $H$  sigmoid units and a linear output unit

# Method for first-order ODE

- Consider the first order ODE

$$\frac{d\Psi(x)}{dx} = f(x, \Psi)$$

with  $x \in [0, 1]$  and the IC  $\Psi(0) = A$

- A trial solution is

$$\Psi_t(x) = A + xN(x, \vec{p})$$

where  $N(x, \vec{p})$  is the output of a feedforward NN with one input unit for  $x$  and weights  $\vec{p}$

- Therefore,

$$\frac{d\Psi_t(x)}{dx} = N(x, \vec{p}) + x \frac{dN(x, \vec{p})}{dx}$$

- We need to minimize the error quantity,

$$E[\vec{p}] = \sum_i \left\{ \frac{d\Psi_t(x_i)}{dx} - f(x_i, \Psi_t(x_i)) \right\}^2, \quad x_i \in [0, 1]$$



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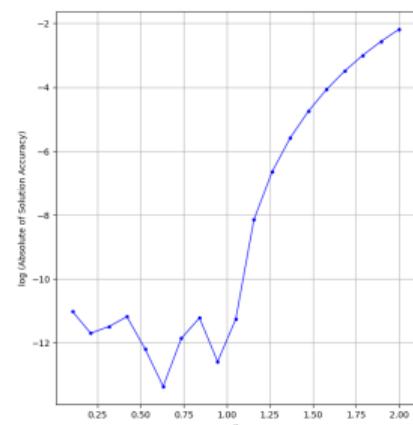
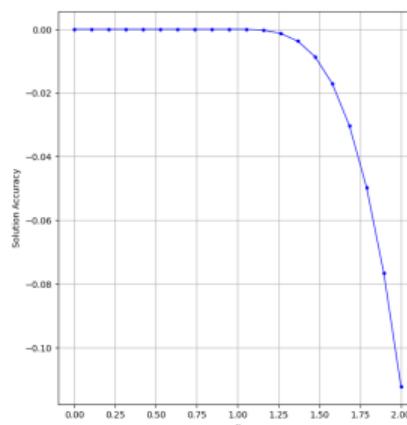
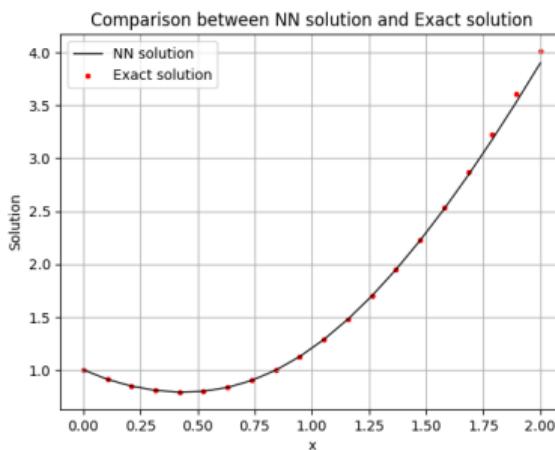


## Solve the Single Ordinary Differential Equation

$$\frac{d\Psi}{dx} + \left( x + \frac{1+3x^2}{1+x+x^3} \right) \Psi = x^3 + 2x + x^2 \frac{1+3x^2}{1+x+x^3} \text{ with } \Psi(0) = 1 \text{ and } x \in [0, 1].$$

The analytical solution is  $\Psi_a(x) = \frac{e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}}{1+x+x^3} + x^2$

The trial solution is  $\Psi_t(x) = 1 + xN(x, \vec{p})$



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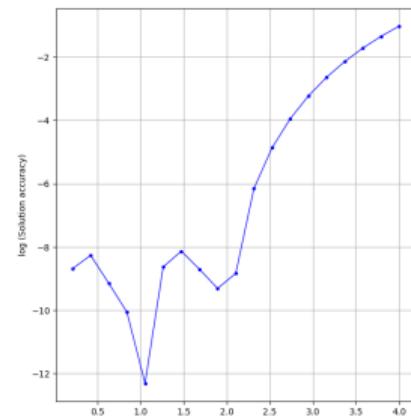
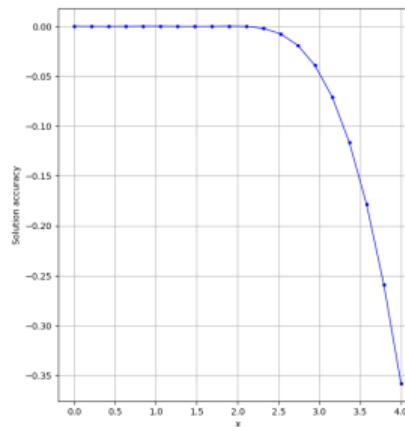
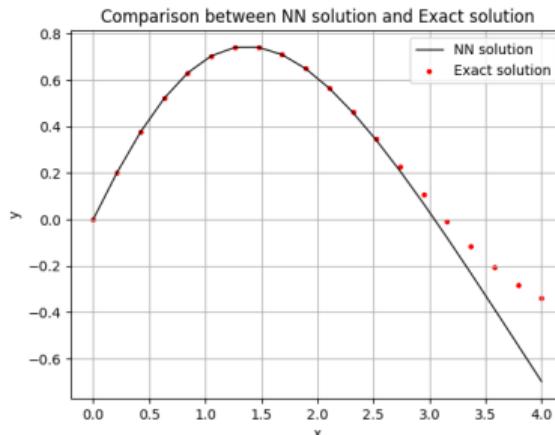
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■ Solve the Single Ordinary Differential Equation  $\frac{d\Psi}{dx} + \frac{1}{5}\Psi = e^{-(\frac{x}{5})} \cos(x)$  with  $\Psi(0) = 0$  and  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

The analytical solution is  $\Psi_a(x) = e^{-(\frac{x}{5})} \sin(x)$

The trial solution is  $\Psi_t(x) = xN(x, \vec{p})$



# Method for second-order ODE

- Consider the second order ODE

$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = f \left( x, \psi, \frac{d\psi(x)}{dx} \right)$$

with  $x \in [0, 1]$

- A trial solution for the initial conditions  $\psi(0) = A$  and  $(\frac{d}{dx}) \psi(0) = A'$  is

$$\psi_t(x) = A + A'x + x^2 N(x, \vec{p})$$

where  $N(x, \vec{p})$  is the output of a feedforward NN with one input unit for  $x$  and weights  $\vec{p}$

- A trial solution for the two point Dirichlet BC  $\psi(0) = A$  and  $\psi(1) = B$  is

$$\psi_t(x) = A(1 - x) + Bx + x(1 - x)N(x, \vec{p})$$

- We need to minimize the error quantity for both cases,

$$E[\vec{p}] = \sum_i \left\{ \frac{d^2\psi_t(x_i)}{dx^2} - f \left( x_i, \psi_t(x_i), \frac{d\psi_t(x_i)}{dx} \right) \right\}^2, \quad x_i \in [0, 1]$$

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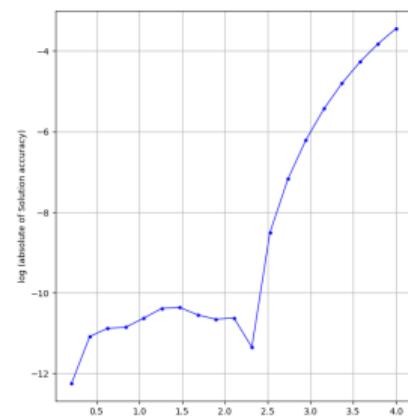
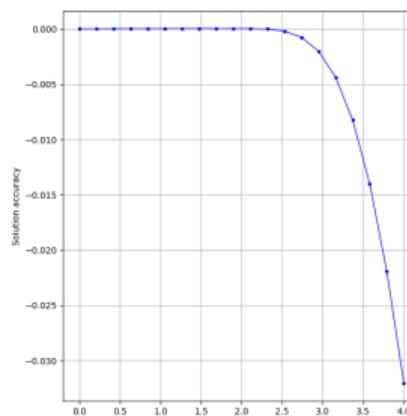
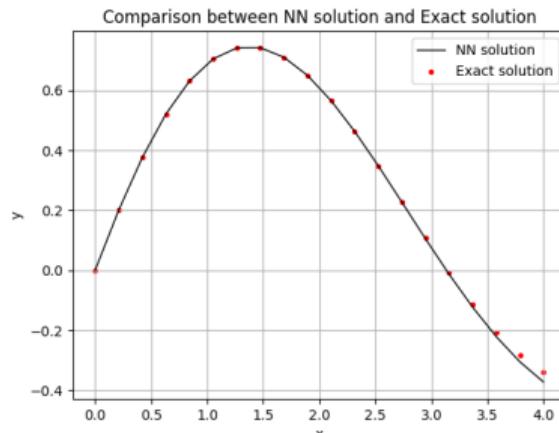
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The analytical solution is  $\psi(x) = e^{-(\frac{x}{5})}\sin(x)$

The trial solution is  $\psi_t(x) = x + x^2N(x, \vec{p})$



# Problem 3 with BVP

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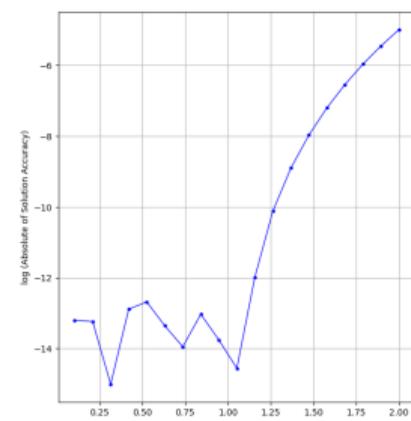
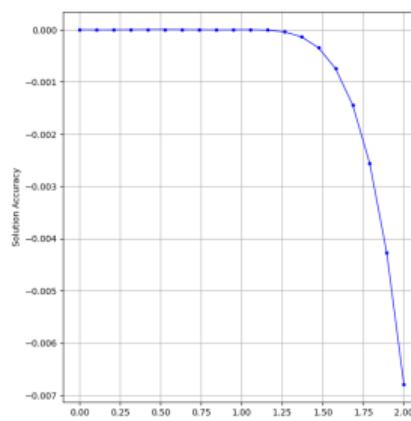
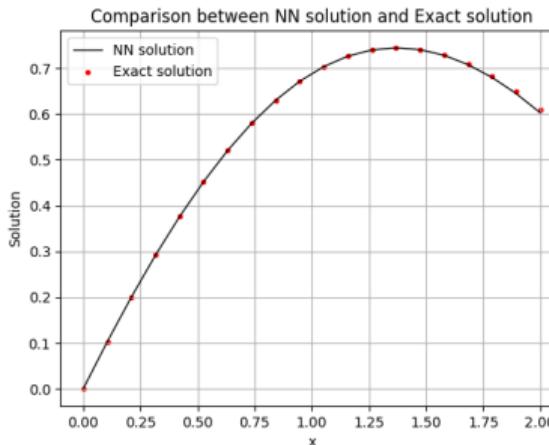
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The analytical solution is  $\psi(x) = e^{-(\frac{x}{5})}\sin(x)$   
The trial solution is:  $\psi_t(x) = x\sin(1)e^{-(\frac{1}{5})} + x(1-x)N(x, \vec{p})$



# Method for systems of $K$ first-order ODEs

## ■ Consider the systems of first order ODEs

$$\frac{d\Psi_i}{dx} = f_i(x, \Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_K)$$

with  $i = 1, \dots, K$  and the ICs  $\Psi_i(0) = A_i$

## ■ A trial solution is

$$\Psi_{t_i}(x) = A_i + xN_i(x, \vec{p}_i)$$

where  $N_i(x, \vec{p}_i)$  is the output of a feedforward NN with one input unit for  $x$  and weights  $\vec{p}_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, K$

## ■ We need to minimized the error quantity,

$$E[\vec{p}] = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_i \left\{ \frac{d\Psi_{t_k}(x_i)}{dx} - f_k(x_i, \Psi_{t_1}, \Psi_{t_2}, \dots, \Psi_{t_K}) \right\}^2, \quad x_i \in [0, a]$$

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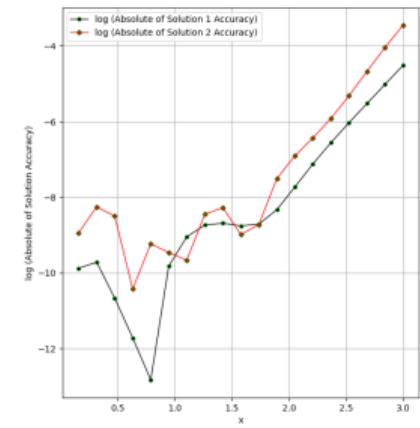
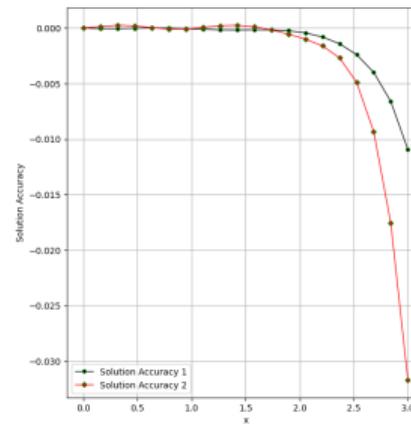
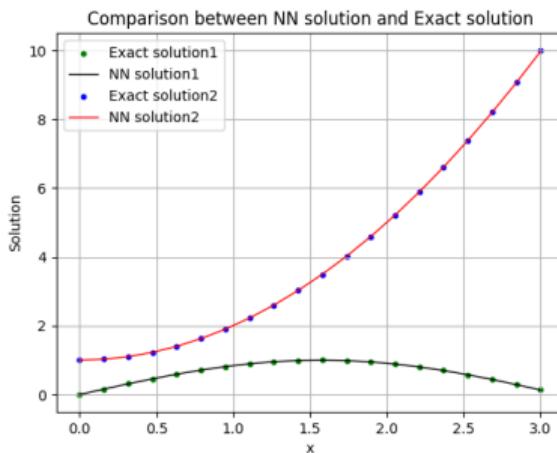
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- Consider the system of two coupled first order Ordinary Differential Equations  $\frac{d\Psi_1}{dx} = \cos(x) + \Psi_1^2 + \Psi_2 - (1 + x^2 + \sin^2(x))$   
 $\frac{d\Psi_2}{dx} = 2x - (1 + x^2)\sin(x) + \Psi_1\Psi_2$  with  $\Psi_1(0) = 0$ ,  $\Psi_2(0) = 1$  and  $x \in [0, 3]$ .

The analytical solutions are  $\Psi_{a1}(x) = \sin(x)$ ,  $\Psi_{a2}(x) = 1 + x^2$

The trial solutions are  $\Psi_{t1}(x) = xN_1(x, \vec{p_1})$ ,  $\Psi_{t2}(x) = 1 + xN_2(x, \vec{p_2})$



# Method for Single PDE with Dirichlet BC

- Consider only two-dimensional problems. For example, the Poisson equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\Psi(0, y) = f_0(y), \quad \Psi(1, y) = f_1(y), \quad \Psi(x, 0) = g_0(x), \quad \Psi(x, 1) = g_1(x)$$

- A trial solution is

$$\Psi_t(x, y) = A(x, y) + x(1-x)y(1-y)N(x, y, \vec{p})$$

where  $A(x, y) = (1-x)f_0(y) + xf_1(y) + (1-y)\{g_0(x) - [(1-x)g_0(0) + xg_0(1)]\} + y\{g_1(x) - [(1-x)g_1(0) + xg_1(1)]\}$  and  $N(x, y, \vec{p})$  is the output of a feedforward NN with two input units for  $x, y$  and weights  $\vec{p}$

- We need to minimize the error quantity,

$$E[\vec{p}] = \sum_i \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x_i, y_i)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x_i, y_i)}{\partial y^2} - f(x_i, y_i) \right\}^2, \quad (x_i, y_i) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

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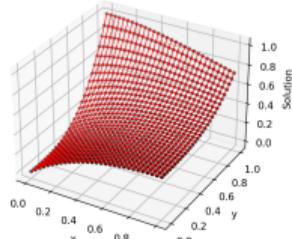
- Solve the Partial Differential Equation  $\nabla^2 \Psi(x, y) = e^{-x}(x - 2 + y^3 + 6y)$   
i.e.,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = e^{-x}(x - 2 + y^3 + 6y)$  with  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  and with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\Psi(0, y) = y^3, \quad \Psi(1, y) = \frac{(1+y^3)}{e}, \quad \Psi(x, 0) = xe^{-x}, \quad \Psi(x, 1) = e^{-x}(1+x)$$

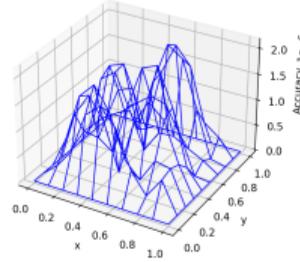
The analytical solution is  $\Psi_a(x, y) = e^{-x}(x + y^3)$

The trial solution is  $\Psi_t(x, y) = A(x, y) + x(1-x)y(1-y)N(x, y, \vec{p})$

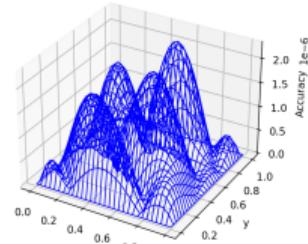
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# Method for Single PDE with mixed BC

- Again for example, consider the Poisson equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

with mixed boundary conditions

$$\Psi(0, y) = f_0(y), \quad \Psi(1, y) = f_1(y), \quad \Psi(x, 0) = g_0(x), \quad \left(\frac{\partial \Psi(x, 1)}{\partial y}\right) = g_1(x)$$

- A trial solution is

$$\Psi_t(x, y) = B(x, y) + x(1 - x)y \left[ N(x, y, \vec{p}) - N(x, 1, \vec{p}) - \frac{\partial N(x, 1, \vec{p})}{\partial y} \right]$$

where  $B(x, y) = (1 - x)f_0(y) + xf_1(y) + g_0(x) - [(1 - x)g_0(0) + xg_0(1)] + y\{g_1(x) - [(1 - x)g_1(0) + xg_1(1)]\}$  and  $N(x, y, \vec{p})$  is the output of a feedforward NN with two input units for  $x, y$  and weights  $\vec{p}$

- We need to minimized the error quantity,

$$E[\vec{p}] = \sum_i \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x_i, y_i)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x_i, y_i)}{\partial y^2} - f(x_i, y_i) \right\}^2, \quad (x_i, y_i) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

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■ Solve the Partial Differential Equation  $\nabla^2\Psi(x, y) = (2 - \pi^2y^2)\sin(\pi x)$

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial y^2} = (2 - \pi^2y^2)\sin(\pi x)$  with  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  and with mixed boundary conditions

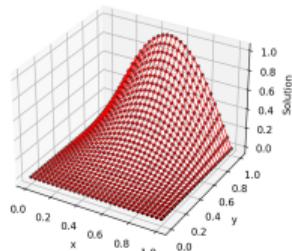
$$\Psi(0, y) = 0, \Psi(1, y) = 0, \Psi(x, 0) = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\Psi(x, 1) = 2\sin(\pi x)$$

The analytic solution is  $\Psi_a(x, y) = y^2\sin(\pi x)$

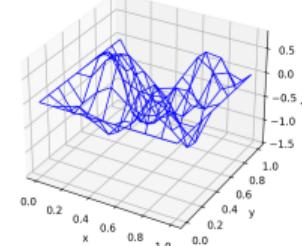
The trial solution is

$$\Psi_t(x, y) = B(x, y) + x(1 - x)y \left[ N(x, y, \vec{p}) - N(x, 1, \vec{p}) - \frac{\partial N(x, 1, \vec{p})}{\partial y} \right]$$

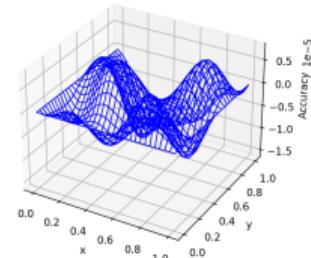
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# Problem 7 with mixed BC

## Solve the Non-linear Partial Differential Equation

$$\nabla^2 \Psi(x, y) + \Psi(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Psi(x, y) = \sin(\pi x)(2 - \pi^2 y^2 + 2y^3 \sin(\pi x))$$

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} + \Psi \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = \sin(\pi x)(2 - \pi^2 y^2 + 2y^3 \sin(\pi x))$  with  $x, y \in [0, 1]$   
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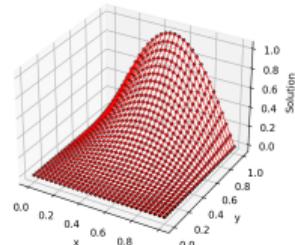
$$\Psi(0, y) = 0, \Psi(1, y) = 0, \Psi(x, 0) = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Psi(x, 1) = 2\sin(\pi x)$$

The analytic solution is  $\Psi_a(x, y) = y^2 \sin(\pi x)$

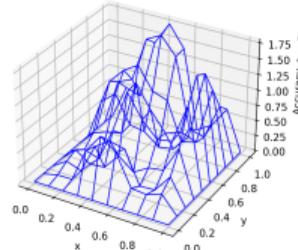
The trial solution is

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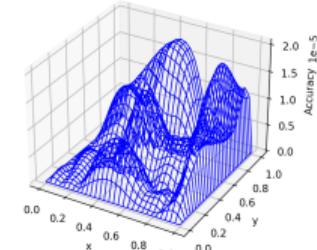
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