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# EINN: Epidemic Prediction using ML

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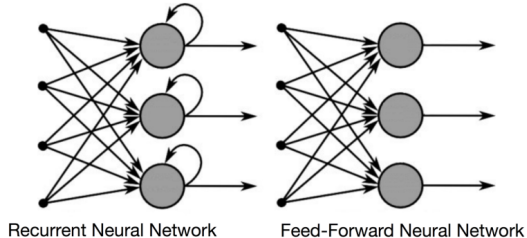


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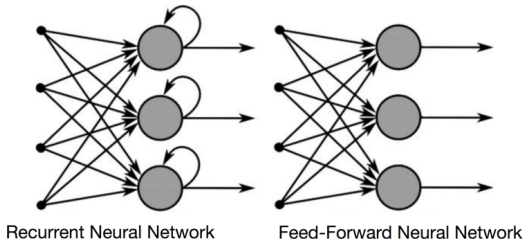


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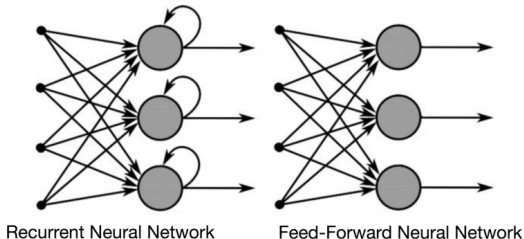


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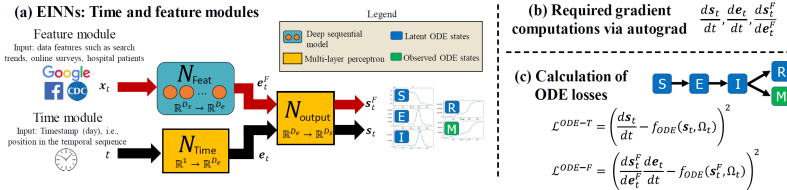
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**Figure:** EINN Model. (a) The training model. (b) Needed gradients to train the model using autograd. (c) ODE losses of feature module and time module. Taken from: [1]

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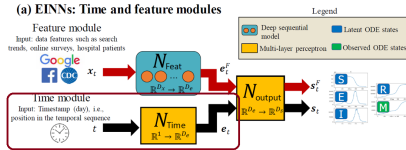


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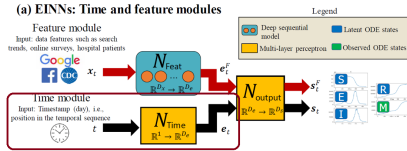


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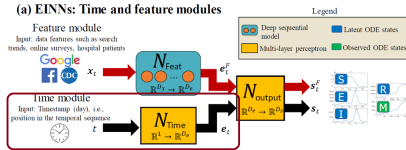


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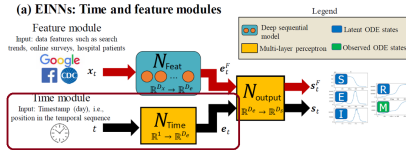


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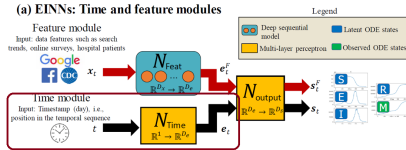
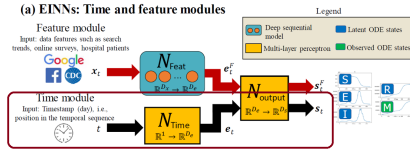


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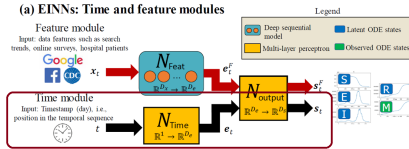


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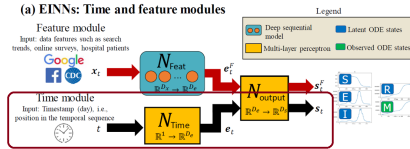


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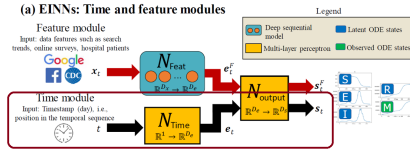


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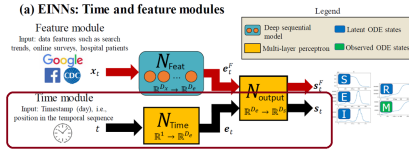


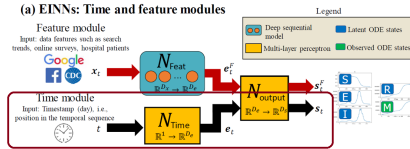
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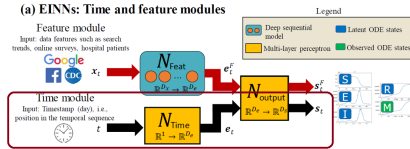
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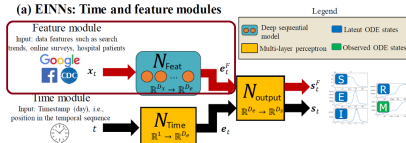


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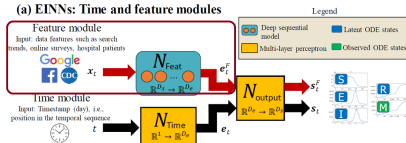


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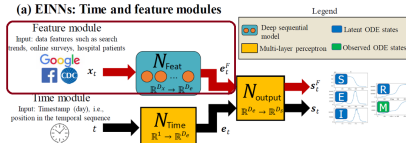


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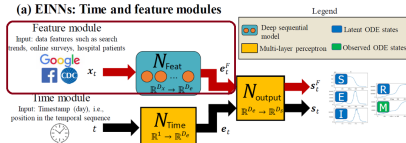


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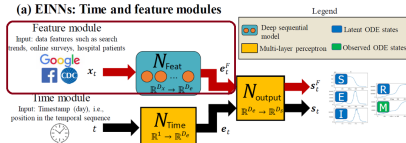


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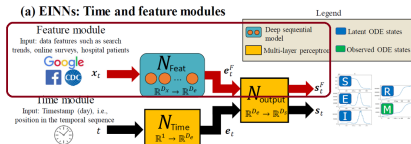


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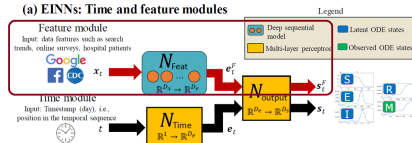


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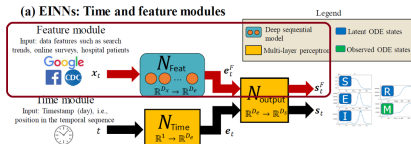


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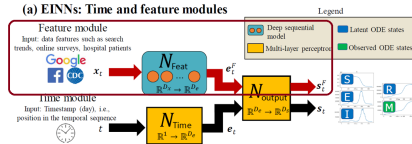
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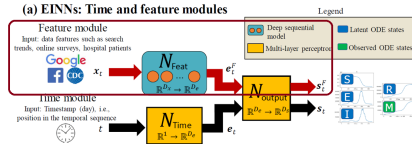
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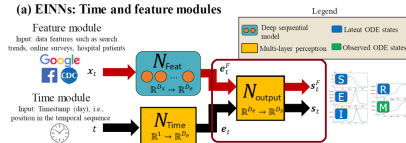
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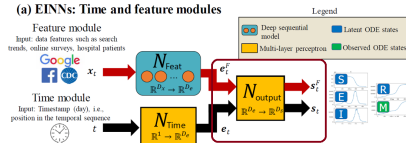
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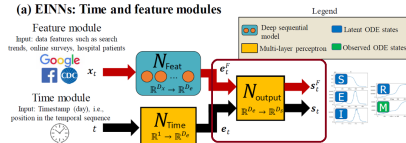


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- Generation: The NN learns directly from ODE generated data [1, 6, 7]
- Regularization: The NN predicts states and parameters of an ODE and learns from the parameters [1, 8, 9]
- Ensembling: Combines predictions of RNN and SEIRM/SIR outputs in one NN for a final prediction [1, 10, 11]
- EINNs-NoGradMatching: skipping  $e_t \approx e_t^F$  part [1]

# Results

| Model  | Short-term (1-4 wks) |             |             | Long-term (5-8 wks) |             |             | Trend correlation |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
|  | NR1                  | NR2         | ND          | NR1                 | NR2         | ND          | PC                |
| Task 1: COVID-19 Forecasting (US National + 47 states) |                      |             |             |                     |             |             |                   |
| RNN (GRU+Atten)  | 1.09                 | 0.50        | 0.86        | 1.19                | 0.53        | 0.96        | 0.08              |
| Mechanistic model (SEIRM)                              | 2.35                 | 1.13        | 1.36        | 7.14                | 2.99        | 3.11        | <b>0.53</b>       |
| GENERATION   | 0.79                 | 0.35        | 0.60        | <b>0.93</b>         | <b>0.40</b> | 0.74        | -0.01             |
| REGULARIZATION   | 1.05                 | 0.48        | 0.81        | 1.19                | 0.53        | 0.97        | 0.09              |
| ENSEMBLING   | 0.91                 | 0.41        | 0.68        | <b>0.93</b>         | <b>0.40</b> | <b>0.69</b> | -0.01             |
| EINNs (ours)   | <b>0.54</b>          | <b>0.24</b> | <b>0.38</b> | <b>0.85</b>         | <b>0.37</b> | <b>0.66</b> | <b>0.46</b>       |
| PINN (time module standalone)                          | 0.84                 | 0.38        | 0.64        | <b>0.93</b>         | <b>0.40</b> | 0.72        | 0.24              |
| EINNs-NoGradMatching                                   | <b>0.64</b>          | <b>0.29</b> | <b>0.49</b> | 0.98                | 0.43        | 0.79        | 0.03              |
| Task 2: Influenza Forecasting (10 HHS regions)         |                      |             |             |                     |             |             |                   |
| RNN (GRU+Atten)  | 0.72                 | 0.38        | 0.67        | 1.19                | 0.51        | 1.14        | -0.03             |
| Mechanistic model (SIRS)                               | 0.72                 | 0.38        | 0.51        | 1.16                | 0.55        | 0.81        | <b>0.71</b>       |
| GENERATION   | 0.76                 | 0.4         | 0.71        | 1.21                | 0.52        | 1.15        | -0.14             |
| REGULARIZATION   | 1.19                 | 0.64        | 1.00        | 1.22                | 0.54        | 0.9         | -0.45             |
| ENSEMBLING   | 0.89                 | 0.47        | 0.77        | <b>0.83</b>         | <b>0.35</b> | <b>0.73</b> | -0.69             |
| EINNs (ours)   | <b>0.53</b>          | <b>0.27</b> | <b>0.37</b> | <b>1.01</b>         | <b>0.42</b> | <b>0.73</b> | <b>0.68</b>       |
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Figure: Short-term, Long-term, and Trend results. NR: Normalized RMSE (Lower is better), ND: Normal Deviation (Lower is better) PC: Pearson Correlation (Higher is better). Image taken from: [1]



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- Better short and long term prediction than RNN and Mechanistic model (SEIRM)
- Better trend correlation than RNN and slightly less trend correlation than Mechanistic model (SEIRM)

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