

Homework 3

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Abstract— 3 Scenarios as listed in the homework were performed in Google Collab and numerical results were recorded and plotted.

I. SIMULATION I

1. Simulation of the motion of the sphere of random mass m hanging under gravity. The mass is attached to two springs of stiffness k_1 and k_2 in the figure. Now you are going to construct a neural network to predict the mass of the sphere with random k_1 and k_2 . How many input parameters do you need? What is the prediction error of your neural network model?

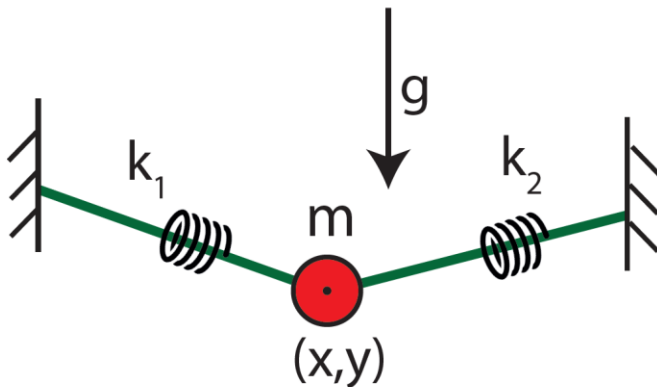


Fig. 1: Spring Mass System

B. Solution:

- The Neural Network Model to predict the mass given the stiffness of the two springs with stiffness coefficients k_1 and k_2 and the final position of the mass is calculated in the Notebook provided by Dr. Ma and run in Google Collab.

In Totality 4 parameters are needed:

- 1) x-coordinate of the Final Position
- 2) y-coordinate of the Final Position
- 3) k_1
- 4) k_2

However, since we have it was advised to use $k_1 = k_2$, we get $x = 0.5$ as constant and the number of required parameters reduces to 2 (y-coordinate of the Final Position and $k = k_1 = k_2$) for the simplified system.

• **RESULT:** We get a prediction error of **0.09211** for this system from our trained Neural Network.

II. SIMULATION II

2. Simulation of the deformation of a two-edge beam hanging under gravity. Initially, the beam is straight in a horizontal line but with a certain value of initial velocity. Plot to compare the variation of bending angle over time t given certain initial velocity. Now you are going to construct a neural network / neural ODE to predict $\theta(t)$, given angle at previous time steps.

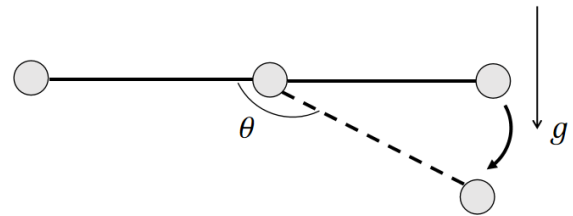


Fig. 2: Neural ODE System

2.1 Apply a fully-connected neural network. The output is the $\theta(t)$. The input is the bending angle θ at previous steps, e.g. $t-\Delta t$, $t-2\Delta t$, $t-3\Delta t$. What is the performance of the neural network model?

2.2 Apply a neural ode model to predict the evolution of $\theta(t)$ given the initial conditions of θ . What is the performance of the neural ode model?

The Neural ODE Model for this system is implemented in the IPython Notebook provided and running it on Google Collab.

1) **2.1: The Prediction Error of the Model is $1.42e-5$.** Also, the plot of the predicted values vs the actual values is shown in Figure 3 which further highlights that the model performed well.

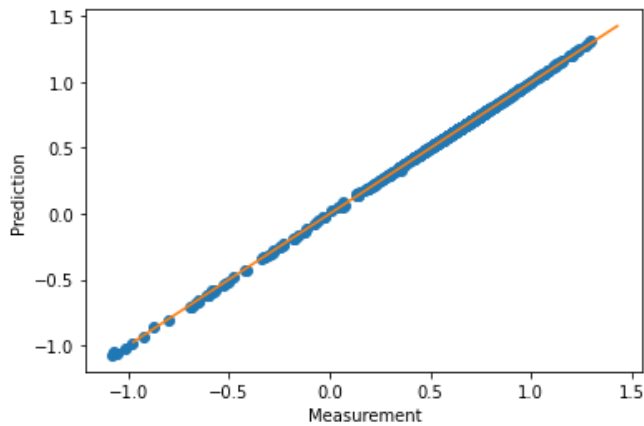


Fig. 3: Prediction vs Actual Values for 2.1

2) **2.2: The Prediction Error of the Model are 1.51098, 1.64718, and 1.819068 for the three different cases.** The plots of the trajectories are shown in Figure 4, 5 and 6, indicate the error is within an acceptable margin.

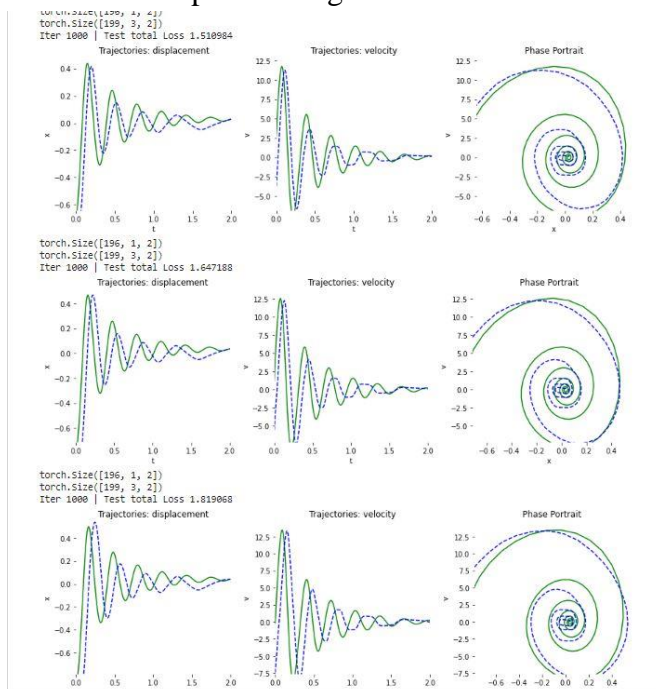


Fig. 4,5,6: Prediction vs Actual Values for 2.2

APPENDIX.

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