

# Differential Informed Auto-Encoder

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## Abstract

In this article, an encoder was trained to obtain the inner structure of the original data by obtain a differential equations. A decoder was trained to resample the original data domain, to generate new data that obey the differential structure of the original data using the physics-informed neural network [5, PINN].

## 1 Introduction

If the physics formula was obtained in the form of differential equations, a physics-informed neural network can be built to solve it numerically on a global scale [5, PINN]. This process could be seen as a decoder in a way that takes a sample point in the domain of the partial differential equations, and solve it to get the corresponding output of each input point. If only a small and random amount of training data was obtained, to re-sample from the domain, we need to obtain the differential relationship of the data. This process could be viewed as an encoder that encodes the inner structure of the original data. And the decoder decode it by solving the differential equations.

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 first approach

The first idea is simple. For a one-variable function  $u(t)$ , define a second-order differential equation in its general form  $(\forall t)(F(\frac{d^2u}{dt^2}, \frac{du}{dt}, u) = 0)$ .

The data of the function  $u(t)$  are given in tuples denote as  $(T, U)_i \equiv (T_i, U_i)$ . And it is natural to denote the differentials by  $U_i^t$  and  $U_i^{tt}$ . There are several methods to compute these two differentials, including just using the definition of the derivative. In this article, local PCA are compute to obtain these differentials. Local PCA means finding the nearest K neighbors of a given point, which K is a hyper parameter, and performing PCA on these points close to each other

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to get the principal direction. The slope of this direction is the derivative  $U^t$  in general. Repeat this process on  $(T, U^t)$  to obtain  $U^{tt}$

Create a FCN denote as  $f$  to represent  $F(\frac{d^2u}{du^2}, \frac{du}{dt}, u)$   $F$  to be 0 at every data points and to be 1 all elsewhere is wanted.

To achieve these requirements, we evaluate  $f$  at all the data points, and train the network to evaluate these points to 0. Then randomly sample the points of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and train these points to be 1 Algorithm1.

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**Algorithm 1**  $f$  trainer

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**Require:** Input parameters  $f, T_i, U_i, U_i^t, U_i^{tt}$

- 1: Initialize  $f$  randomly
  - 2: **repeat**
  - 3:    $F_i \leftarrow f(U_i, U_i^t, U_i^{tt})$
  - 4:    $RAND_i \leftarrow$  randomly sample in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
  - 5:    $R_i \leftarrow f(RAND_i)$
  - 6:    $L \leftarrow meanSquareError(F_i, 0) + 0.1 * meanSquareError(R_i, 1)$
  - 7:   back Propagation against  $L$  to optimize  $f$
  - 8: **until**  $L$  meets requirement
  - 9: **return**  $f$
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Once The  $f$  was obtained, we can perform PINN as a decoder to generate new data.

The experiment code for the pictures in Results can be run by a Python program in Github [1, deSineTasks] The requirement environment may be installed using [2, reqs]

## 2.2 approach with linear assumption

For a small randomly sampled data set, the data points in the differential vector space  $[U \ U^t \ U^{tt}]$  are a low-dimensional manifold. With only one equation to satisfy, the dimension of the manifold in the latent space would be exactly one less than the whole space dimension. In the second-order differential equation case, the manifold has to be a two-dimensional manifold. As the pictures show in Figure1, if we only have some of the experimental data input, with the algorithm in the first approach, we would set all the values in the one-dimensional manifold to 0 but all elsewhere to 0 which is only one specify solution with the same initial condition as the input data.

To have more generalization ability, sacrifice is necessarily taken with some of the flexibility to be able to learn all kind of weird data structures, but assume that we are learning a linear equation at the first place. In this specific case, the ring shape data points in Figure1 need to be treated as a plane crossing through the ring span.

As long as the data are on the spanned plane. we will have the same differential structure as the data set. With this assumption, basically only a specific clean data set are required for only one initial condition.

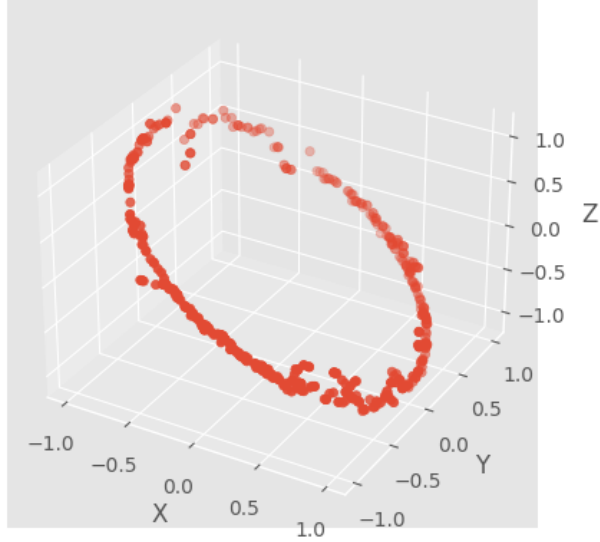


Figure 1: vectors  $[U \ U^t \ U^{tt}]$  sit on 1-dimensional manifold

Obtaining this result is also very straightforward. Perform all the methods that have been used to compute the differential vector  $[U \ U^t \ U^{tt}]$  in the first approach. Either directly get the derivatives or perform other methods.

After  $U_i, U_i^t, U_i^{tt}$  are obtained, the latent space of the differential relationships is obtained. With the linear assumption, the equation is linear so all the valid points sit on one same plane. Perform PCA directly on these data points, then take the eigen vector  $v$  of the smallest singular value, the direction that needs to be reduced has been found. Simply define the encoder function as  $f(x) = v \cdot x$  Algorithm2.

Then minimizing  $f$  will reduce one dimension linearly from the latent differential space. The function  $f$  has done the job originally constrained by the differential equation.

This method can find all the linear differential relationships, i.e. the linear differential equations, from a single function from the entire solution function family.

The experiment result can be obtained by Github code [3, deLinearTasks-Sine]

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**Algorithm 2** normal vector  $v$  calculator

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**Require:** Input parameters  $U_i, U_i^t, U_i^{tt}$   
1: stack  $(U_i, U_i^t, U_i^{tt})$  to latent vectors  $LAT_{ij}$   
2: perform  $PCA(LAT_{ij})$   
3:  $v \leftarrow$  the eigen vector of the smallest singular value  
4: **return**  $v$

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### 2.3 approach augmentation

This method is a AutoEncoder we can also check the difference between the input data and the data generate by the PINN in the differential relationship constrain. This can view as a parameterize method.

If the Manifold Hypothesis hold, a high dimensional dataset  $x_\delta$  is a lower-dimensional manifold  $\rho_d$  embedding in the high-dimension space. Denote the dimension of the original data  $\Delta$ , and denote the dimension of the latent variable  $D$ . To parameterize the data manifold, we need a decoder  $\mathbb{R}^D \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} \mathbb{R}^\Delta$ ,  $\rho_d \mapsto y_\delta$ . The jacobian of  $f^{-1}$  denoted as  $J(f^{-1}) = J_d^\delta = \frac{\partial y_\delta}{\partial \rho_d}$ . Denote the second-order jacobian as  $J^2(f^{-1}) = J_{d_1 d_2}^\delta = \frac{\partial^2 y_\delta}{\partial \rho_{d_1} \partial \rho_{d_2}}$ . For the sake of symbolic coherence, denote  $J^0(f^{-1}) = J^\delta$ . To find a linear differential equation means to find equation in the form of  $A_{d_1 d_2} J_{d_1 d_2}^\delta + A_d J_d^\delta + A J^\delta = 0$ . The generate equation of order  $N$  could be written as  $\sum_{j=0}^N A_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j} J_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j}^\delta = 0$ . As we only want to find the direction of the hyper plane, the normal vector concatenate  $(\forall j \leq N) A_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j}$  denoted as  $V$ , need to be normalized. To check this idea correctly, the  $V$  is a vector of dimension  $\sum_{j=0}^N D^j$ , so this algorithm may be computaional heavy to some higher-order differential relationship encode, or to some high latent dimension encode task.

For the other side of the AutoEncoder, we denote the encoder as  $\mathbb{R}^\Delta \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^D$ ,  $x_\delta \mapsto \rho_d$ . The normal AutoEncoder requires minimizing the mean square error between  $x_\delta, y_\delta$ . In the differential informed method, the term  $A_{d_1 d_2} J_{d_1 d_2}^\delta + A_d J_d^\delta + A J^\delta$  also needs to be optimized to zero Algorithm3.

The result of the experiment can be obtained using the Github code [4, deLinearAugSine]

## 3 Results

### 3.1 first approach

Train the model on a pure  $\sin(x)$  and try to get a result that satisfies the initial condition with  $U_0^t = 0.5$  and  $U_0 = 0.0$  to which the exact solution is  $0.5 * \sin(x)$  would. The result is shown in Figure2.

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**Algorithm 3** normal vector  $v$  calculator

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**Require:** Input parameters  $f, f^{-1}, x_\delta, (\forall j \leq N) A_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j}$

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1: Initialize  $f, f^{-1}$  randomly
2: repeat
3:    $\rho_d \leftarrow f(x_\delta)$ 
4:    $y_\delta \leftarrow f^{-1}(\rho_d)$ 
5:    $L \leftarrow \text{meanSquareError}(x_\delta, y_\delta)$ 
6:   back Propagation against  $L$  to optimize  $f, f^{-1}$ 
7: until  $L$  meets requirement
8: return  $f$ 
9: repeat
10:   $\rho_d \leftarrow f(x_\delta)$ 
11:   $y_\delta \leftarrow f^{-1}(\rho_d)$ 
12:   $(\forall j \leq N) A_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j} \leftarrow$  calculate the Jacobian of each order
13:   $L \leftarrow \text{mse}(x_\delta, y_\delta) + \text{mse}(\sum_{j=0}^N A_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j} J_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j}^\delta, 0)$ 
14:  back Propagation against  $L$  to optimize  $f, f^{-1}, (\forall j \leq N) A_{d_1 d_2 \dots d_j}$ 
15: until  $L$  meets requirement
16: return  $f$ 
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### 3.2 approach with linear assumption

Train the model on a pure  $\sin(x)$  and try to get a result that satisfies the initial condition with  $U_0^t = 0.5$  and  $U_0 = 0.5$  in which the exact solution is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} * \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$  would be required output. The result is shown in Figure4.

### 3.3 approach augmentation

Train the model on a 2D circle and try to get a result of  $x^\delta = y^\delta(\rho) = [\cos(\rho), \sin(\rho)]$ , and the corresponding differential equation is  $\frac{\partial^2 y_\delta}{\partial \rho^2} + y_\delta = 0$  Result of the latent space structure shows in Figures6 and Figure8, with the numerical result  $0.7360 \frac{\partial^2 y_\delta}{\partial \rho^2} - 0.0328 \frac{\partial y_\delta}{\partial \rho} + 0.6761 y_\delta = 0$ .

## 4 Conclusion

Summarize the key outcomes and potential future work.

Getting the data structure manifold in the high-dimensional space is a hard task. In this article, two methods were developed to get a dimension reduce algorithm with greater ability to explanation.

The naive one is to simply compute the PCA of neighborhood of each point in the dataset, to find the latent differential structures as shown in Figure1, this can also be treated as the global check if the data set meets the manifold hypothesis. With sufficient data, the first method could basically learn all the nonlinear differential relationships in the dataset, and take advantage of the

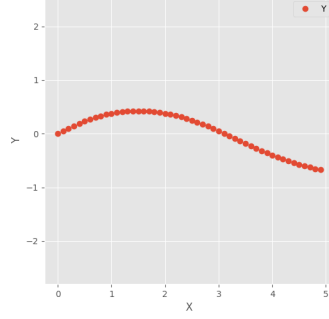


Figure 2:  $0.5 * \sin(x)$

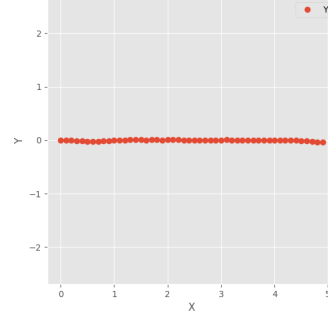


Figure 3:  $f$  errors

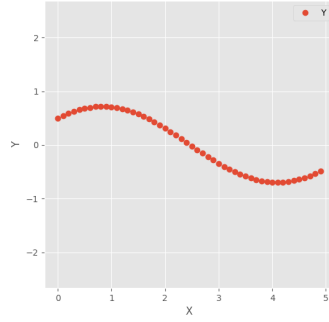


Figure 4:  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} * \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$

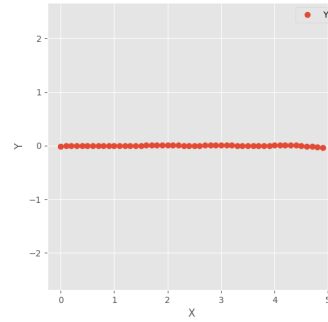


Figure 5:  $f$  errors

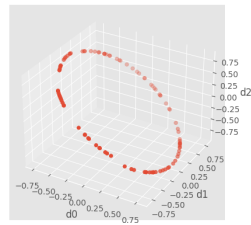


Figure 6: first component latent space of  $y^\delta(\rho)$

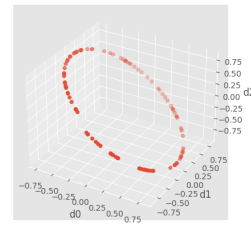


Figure 7: second component latent space of  $y^\delta(\rho)$

ability of PINN [5, PINN] to generate new data consistent with the differential relationships.

The second method makes a linearity assumption, to significantly reduce the

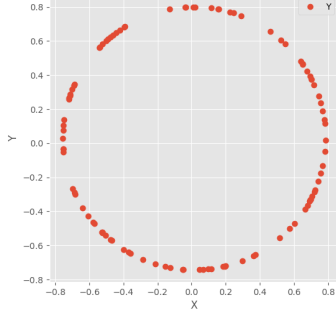


Figure 8: original data  $x_\delta$

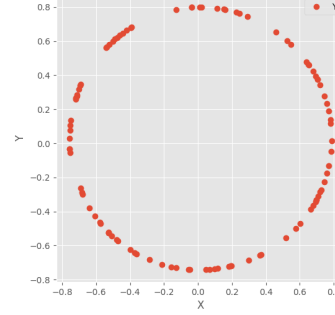


Figure 9: regenerate data  $y_\delta$

requirement of the amount of data. The augmentation of the Linearity assumption method could be seen as a AutoEncoder who wants to find a parameterize agree some Linear differential equations. With this method, the machine refound the  $\sin$  and  $\cos$  function from the circle dataset.

For future work this model needs to be tested on more complicated data set agree with more intricate differential relationships. The Jacobian for high-dimensional latent space with high-order differential relationship would require geometric amount of computational complexity  $\sum_{j=0}^N D^j$  which may be augmented or avoided by more advanced innovation in the future to have more efficiency.

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