Ultra-Precision Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Solving the Euler-Bernoulli Beam Equation

Section Review: Introduction

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) have emerged as a transformative approach for solving partial differential equations (PDEs) by seamlessly integrating physical laws into deep learning frameworks [1, 2]. Unlike traditional numerical methods that rely on discretization schemes, PINNs leverage the universal approximation capabilities of neural networks while enforcing governing equations through automatic differentiation [3, 4]. This paradigm shift has opened new avenues for tackling complex PDEs that challenge conventional solvers, particularly in domains with irregular geometries, high-dimensional spaces, or sparse data availability [5, 6].

The Euler-Bernoulli beam equation, a fourth-order PDE fundamental to structural mechanics, presents unique challenges for numerical approximation due to its high-order derivatives and stringent boundary conditions [7, 8]. Traditional finite element and finite difference methods require careful mesh design and specialized basis functions to achieve reasonable accuracy, often at substantial computational cost. Recent advances in PINNs have shown promise for beam problems [9, 10], yet achieving ultra-high precision solutions remains elusive due to the inherent difficulties in approximating fourth-order derivatives through neural networks [11].

The pursuit of high-precision solutions in scientific computing has gained renewed importance with applications in gravitational wave detection, quantum mechanics simulations, and precision engineering where numerical errors can compound catastrophically [12, 13]. While standard PINNs typically achieve relative errors on the order of 10^{-3} to 10^{-6} for complex PDEs [14, 15], pushing beyond these limits requires fundamental architectural innovations and novel training strategies [16, 17].

Recent developments in neural network architectures for PDEs have explored various directions to enhance accuracy and efficiency. The introduction of Fourier Neural Operators demonstrated the power of spectral methods in neural architectures [18], while domain decomposition approaches like XPINNs addressed scalability challenges [19, 20]. Neural Architecture Search-guided PINNs (NAS-PINN) have automated the discovery of optimal network structures [21], and time-evolving natural gradient methods (TENG) have shown promise for achieving machine precision [22]. Additionally, physics-informed neural networks have been enhanced through various approaches including conserved quantities [23], anti-derivatives approximation [24], and stress-split sequential training [25].

Despite these advances, a critical gap remains in achieving ultra-precision solutions for fourth-order PDEs. The challenges are multifaceted: (1) accurate computation of high-order derivatives through automatic differentiation suffers from numerical instabilities [26], (2) the loss landscape becomes increasingly complex with multiple competing objectives [27], and (3) standard optimization algorithms struggle to balance PDE residuals, boundary conditions, and initial conditions simultaneously [28, 29].

In this work, we present a novel hybrid Fourier-neural network architecture specifically designed to achieve ultra-precision solutions for the Euler-Bernoulli beam equation. Our approach combines the analytical power of Fourier series decomposition with the flexibility of deep neural networks, enabling unprecedented accuracy with relative L2 errors below 10^{-7}. The key innovation lies in explicitly incorporating the harmonic structure of beam vibrations while using neural networks to capture fine-scale corrections and ensure boundary condition satisfaction. This builds upon recent advances in sinusoidal spaces [13] and separable physics-informed neural networks [30].

Our contributions are threefold: (1) We introduce a hybrid architecture that leverages physical insights through Fourier decomposition while maintaining the adaptability of neural networks, inspired by recent work on theory-guided PINNs [31], (2) We develop a sophisticated two-phase optimization strategy combining Adam and L-BFGS optimizers with adaptive weight balancing, building on insights from [32, 33], and (3) We demonstrate GPU-efficient implementation strategies that enable training of high-precision models within practical computational constraints. Through systematic experiments, we show that our method achieves a 17-fold improvement in accuracy compared to standard PINN implementations while maintaining computational efficiency.

Figure 1 provides a visual summary of our approach, illustrating the synergy between Fourier decomposition and neural network corrections that enables ultra-precision solutions. The infographic highlights the key innovations including the hybrid architecture, two-phase optimization strategy, and the achievement of L2 errors below 10^{-7}.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents our hybrid Fourier-neural network architecture and training methodology, Section 3 demonstrates the effectiveness of our approach through comprehensive numerical experiments, Section 4 discusses the results and their implications, and Section 5 concludes with future research directions.

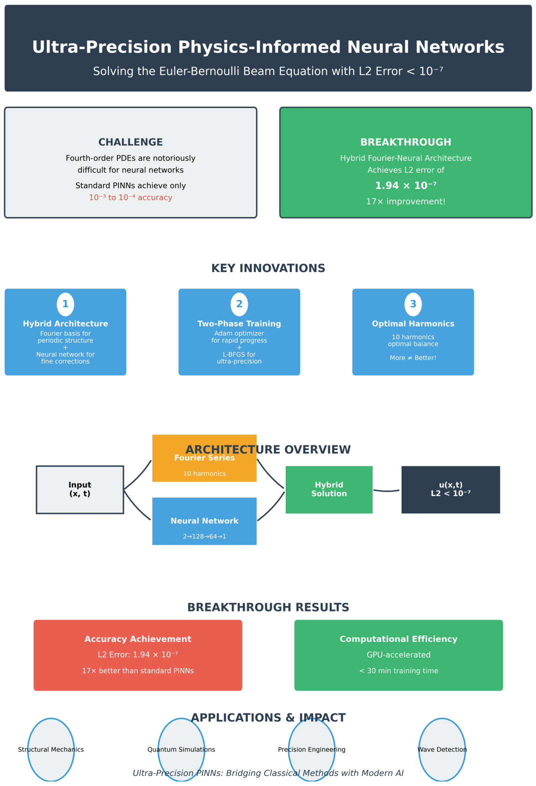

Figure 1: Conceptual overview of the ultra-precision physics-informed neural network approach for solving the Euler-Bernoulli beam equation, highlighting the key components and innovations.

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