

Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

Theory and Applications in Computational Physics

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What are Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)?

Definition:

PINNs are a class of neural networks that incorporate the laws of physics (PDEs) directly into the training process.

PINNs embed physical laws through:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{\text{physics}} + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}, \quad (1)$$

where λ_1 and λ_2 are weighting factors.

Physics-Informed ~~Neural Networks~~ Loss Functions

The physics loss ensures that the NN prediction satisfies the governing PDE:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{physics}} = \frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{i=1}^{N_r} |\mathcal{F}(\hat{u}(x_i, t_i))|^2, \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{F}$ is the residual of the PDE, $\hat{u}(x, t)$ is the NN prediction of the solution, and N_r is the no. of collocation points.

The data loss ensures that the neural network predictions are close to observed or boundary/initial condition values:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}} = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} |u(x_i, t_i) - \hat{u}(x_i, t_i)|^2, \quad (3)$$

where $u(x, t)$ represents true observed values, and N_d is the number of data points.

Damped Harmonic Oscillator (DHO)

Under-damped state, i.e. $\delta < \omega_0$, where $\delta = \frac{\mu}{2m}$ and $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

$$L = m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \mu \frac{d}{dt} + k \rightarrow Lu(t) = 0$$

Initial conditions:

$$x(0) = x_0 = 1$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = v_0 = 0$$

Constants:

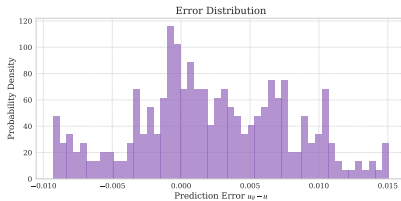
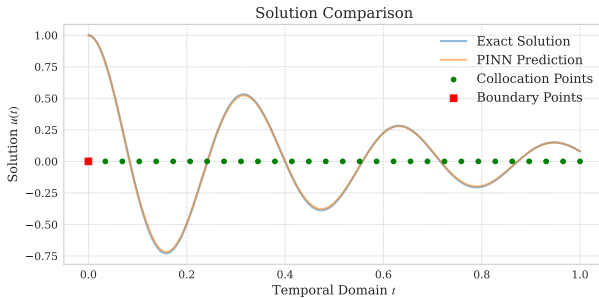
$$m = 1, \quad d = 2, \quad \omega_0 = 20,$$

$$\mu = 4 \quad k = 400$$

PINN Loss Function

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N |LNN(t_i; \theta)|^2}_{\text{Physics residual}} + \underbrace{|NN(0; \theta) - x_0|^2 + \left| \frac{d}{dt} NN(0; \theta) - v_0 \right|^2}_{\text{Initial conditions}}$$

Results - DHO



4 layer Fully-Connected network
with 2 Hidden layers, each with 32
Neurons.

Tanh activation function. ADAM
optimiser. $\text{lr} = 10^{-3}$, 25k Epochs

DHO with noisy data and parameter inversion

Here, I tried to invert the PINN by first generating some noisy data, then letting ADAM optimize the value for μ .

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \mu) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N (L(\mu) NN(t_i; \theta))^2 + \frac{\lambda}{M} \sum_j^M (NN(t_j; \theta) - u_{obs}(t_j))^2$$

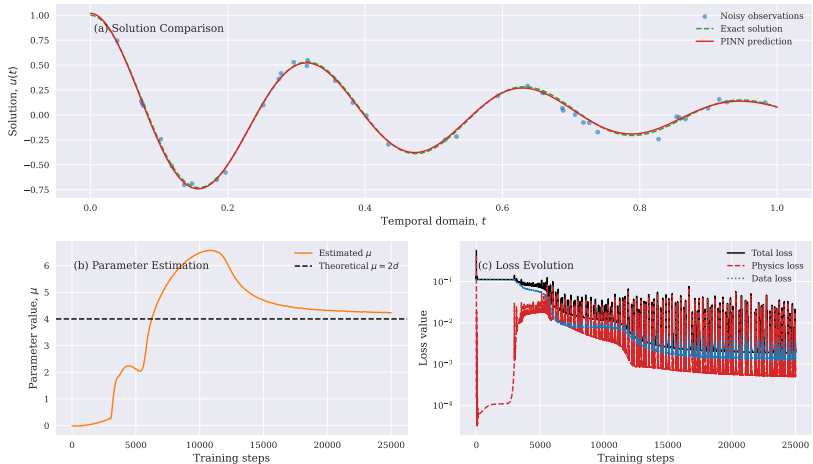
4 layer Fully-Connected network with 2 Hidden layers, each with 32 Neurons.

Tanh activation function. ADAM optimiser:

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optimiser = torch.optim.Adam(list(pinn.parameters())+[mu],  
lr = 1e-3)
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$lr = 10^{-3}$, 25k Epochs

Results - DHO with noisy data, optimizing for μ

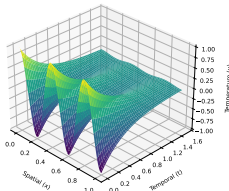


The estimated value μ_{est} converges to the theoretical value $\mu = 2d = 4$

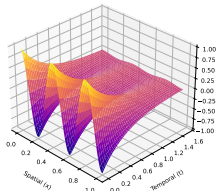
1D Heat Equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad (x, t) \in [0, L] \times [0, T], \alpha = 0.01$$

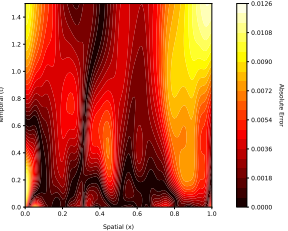
PINN Solution (Epoch 10000)



Analytical Solution



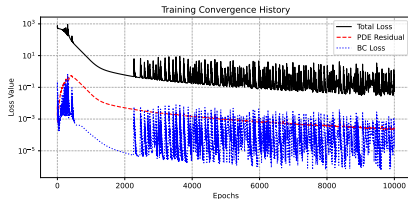
Absolute Error



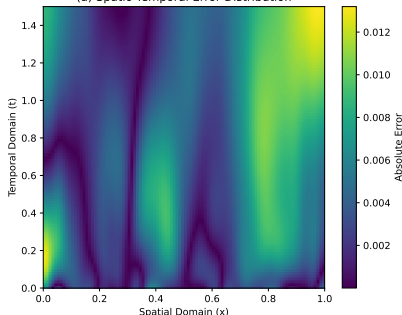
Initial and Boundary conditions

- ▶ **IC:** $u(x, 0) = \cos(5\pi x)$
- ▶ **BC:** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}|_{x=0, x=L} = 0$ (Neumann BC's)

Results - 1D Heat equation



(a) Spatio-Temporal Error Distribution



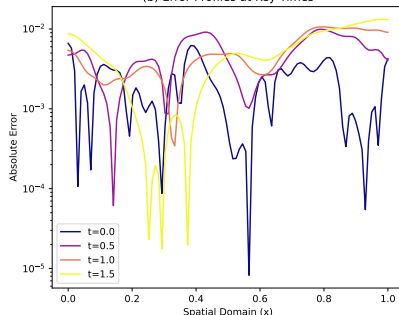
FCN with 4 Hidden layers, each with 64 Neurons.

Tanh. ADAM optimiser.

$\text{lr} = 10^{-3}$, 10k Epochs. 5000

Collocation Points with 1000 points at the boundaries and 1000 at $t=0$.

(b) Error Profiles at Key Times



2D Heat Equation

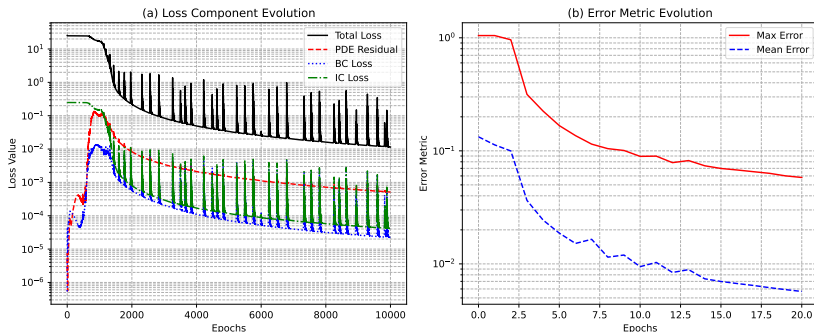
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (x, y, t) \in [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y] \times [0, T], \alpha = 0.01$$

Initial and Boundary conditions

- ▶ **IC:** $u(x, y, 0) = \cos(3\pi x) \cos(3\pi y)$
- ▶ **BC:** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ (Neumann BC's)

Here's a quick [animation](#) for this model.

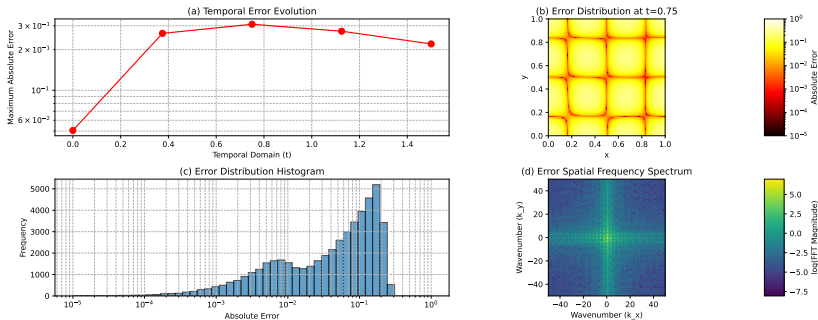
2D Heat Equation - Results I



FCN with 3 Hidden layers, each with 64 Neurons.

SiLU activation. ADAM optimiser. $\text{lr} = 10^{-3}$ with lr scheduler, $\gamma = 0.9$ and step size = 10^3 . 10k Epochs. 5000 Collocation Points, 5000 points at the boundaries($x = 0, y = 0, x = L_x, y = L_y$) and 5000 at $t=0$.

2D Heat Equation - Results II



where k_x and k_y are computed as follows: (2D FFT)

$$e(x, y) = u_{\text{num}} - u_{\text{exact}} \quad \hat{E}(k_x, k_y) = \mathcal{F}\{e(x, y)\}$$

Ideas for improvement: More collocation points, 1 or 2 more layers or 128 neurons in each hidden layer.