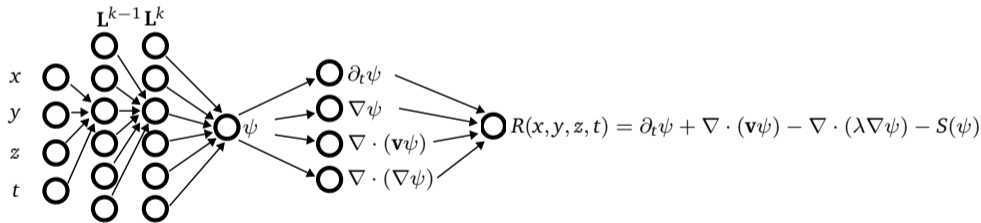


# Towards physics-based deep learning in OpenFOAM: Combining OpenFOAM with the PyTorch C++ API

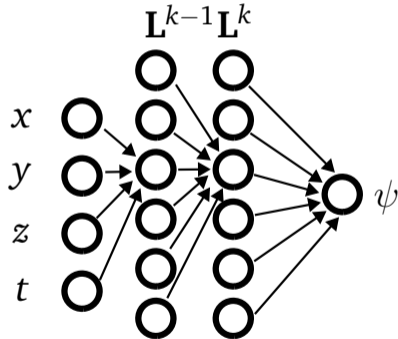


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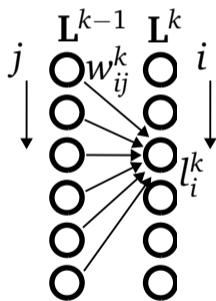
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- Deep Learning Overview
  - Physics-Based Deep Learning Overview
  - Combining PyTorch C++ API and OpenFOAM for Physics-Informed Neural Networks



- **Neural Network (NN)** has an input layer (e.g.  $(x, y, z, t)$ ),  $D - 1$  hidden layers, and a (e.g. scalar) output layer  $\psi$ .



Hidden layer  $L^k$  is computed from the previous layer

$$l_i^k = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{L^{k-1}}} w_{ij}^k l_j^{k-1} + b_i^k \quad (1)$$

Einstein's notation (repeated index  $\equiv$  dot product)

$$l_i^k = w_{ij}^k l_j^{k-1} + b_i^k \quad (2)$$

Matrix-vector product

$$L^k = \mathbf{w}^k \cdot L^{k-1} + \mathbf{b}^k \quad (3)$$

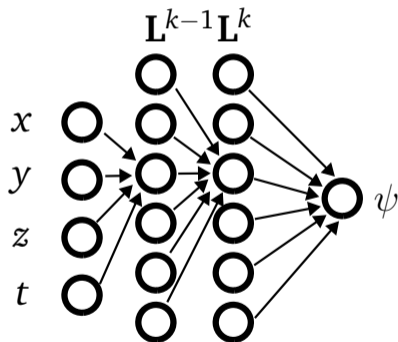
$\mathbf{w}^k$  is a  $N_{L^k} \times N_{L^{k-1}}$  matrix.



Adding activation functions to the layers results in the final NN, as a composition of functions

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}) &= \mathbf{w}^D \cdot L^{D-1} + b^D = \mathbf{w}^D \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{D-1} \cdot L^{D-2} + \mathbf{b}^{D-1}) + b^D \\ &= \mathbf{w}^D \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{D-1} \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{D-2} \cdot \sigma(\dots \sigma(\mathbf{w}^1 \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}^1) \dots) + \mathbf{b}^{D-2}) + \mathbf{b}^{D-1}) + b^D\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

- $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z, t)$  in our example.
- $\theta$  are all the weights and biases,  $\theta = \{w_{ij}^k, b_i^k\}$ ,  $k \in [1, D]$ ,  $j \in [1, N_{\mathbf{L}^{k-1}}]$ ,  $i \in [1, N_{\mathbf{L}^k}]$ .
- When approximating functions, the last layer is often "linear".



A set of points  $\{\mathbf{u}_p\}_{p \in P}$  and their data  $\{\psi_p\}_{p \in P}$  can be used to define an error of  $\psi_\theta^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ , e.g.

$$e_{MSE}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{p=1}^{N_p} (\psi_\theta^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_p)^2. \quad (5)$$

The network "learns" some  $\theta_M$  that minimize  $e_{MSE}$ .

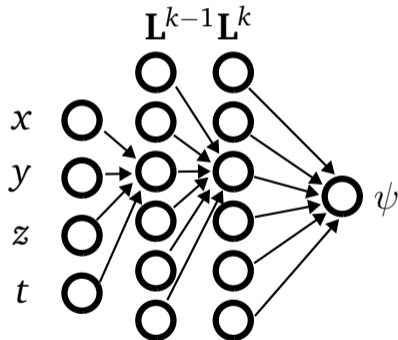
$$\theta_M = \arg \min_{\theta} e_{MSE}(\theta) \quad (6)$$

# Deep Learning

Approximation error minimization = learning weights and biases



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- $\theta_M = \arg \min_{\theta} e_{MSE}(\theta)$  requires  $\min_{\theta} e_{MSE}(\theta)$

$$\partial_{\theta_i} e_{MSE}(\theta) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sum_{p=1}^{N_p} (\psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_p) \partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad (7)$$

- An approximation is inexact so generally  $\psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_p \neq 0$ , and we strive for  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \rightarrow 0$ .
- Why  $m$ ? In the beginning  $\theta^{m=1}$  is somehow (randomly) initialized and we iteratively ( $m$ ) improve it to satisfy eq. (7).



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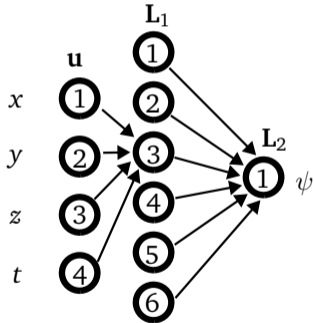
- **Imagine we somehow know**  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$  ( $\nabla_{\theta^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$  in vector notation), we can then use gradient descent

$$\theta^{m+1}(\mathbf{u}_p) = \theta^m(\mathbf{u}_p) - \lambda^m \nabla_{\theta^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \quad (8)$$

ensuring  $e_{MSE}(\theta^{m+1}) \leq e_{MSE}(\theta^m)$  (hopefully  $\|\nabla_{\theta^{m+1}} \psi_{\theta^{m+1}}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)\|_2 \leq \|\nabla_{\theta^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)\|_2$ ), and adapting  $\lambda$  at  $m$  to tune the step size.

- New parameters are set as  $\frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{p=1}^{N_p} \theta^{m+1}(\mathbf{u}_p)$  (average), or by batch-average, or using random-subsets of data points.
- Real-world algorithms adapt  $\lambda^m$  differently and are more complex.

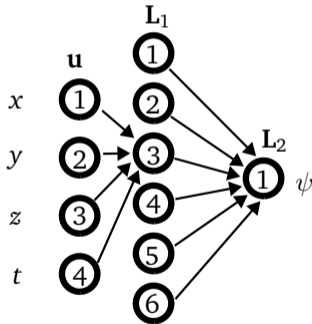




If

$$\psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) = \mathbf{w}^2 \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{w}^1 \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}^1) + b^2$$

what is  $\partial_{w_{13}^1} \psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ ?



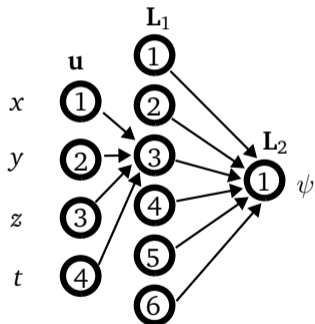
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$$\partial_{w_{13}^1} \psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) = \mathbf{w}^2 \cdot \sigma'(\mathbf{w}^1 \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}^1) u_3$$

- Imagine writing this down for every  $w_{ij}^k, b_i^k$  for a deep NN.
- To make things worse, the number of layers and nodes change during "hyperparameter tuning".

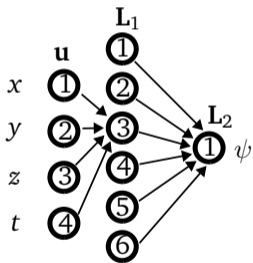


Finite Differences (FD) generalize to arbitrary NN architectures, but don't work, because of **computational costs**.

- $\mathbf{w}^k$  is a  $N_{L^k} \times N_{L^{k-1}}$  matrix.
- $\mathbf{b}^k$  is a  $N_{L^k}$  vector.
- For  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ , we need

$$N_{\theta} := \sum_{i=2}^D N_{L^i} (1 + N_{L^{i-1}}) \quad (9)$$

finite differences, one for each weight and bias.



Finite Differences (FD) generalize to arbitrary NN architectures, but don't work, because of **Floating-Point (FP) cancellation errors**.

- As we converge towards  $\theta^M$ , forward passes get **very close to each other**  $|\psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_{\theta^{m-1}}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)| \rightarrow 0$ .
- The computer has limited precision, so as weights  $\theta_i^m, \theta_i^{m-1}$  get close to each other

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theta_i_m           = 1.1234567891234569|333333333333  
theta_i_m_1         = 1.1234567891234102|222222222222
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their difference

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theta_i_m - theta_i_m_1 = 0.00000000000000467|111111111111
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and, therefore,  $|\partial_{\theta_i}^{FD} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)|$ , go to zero quicker than they should, so **NN training stalls**.



### Some Finite Differences

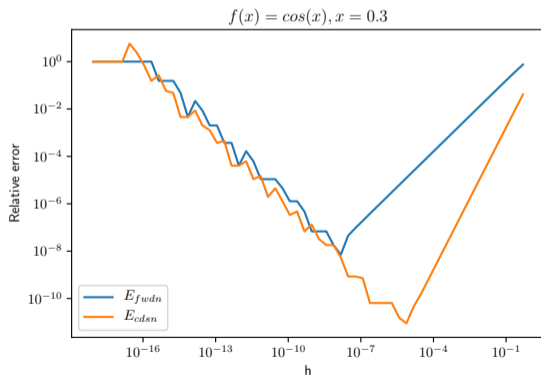
$$f'_{fwd} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} + O(h) \quad (10)$$

$$f'_{cds} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + O(h^2) \quad (11)$$

**Important:** Finite Differences are **inexact**, order-of accuracy  $O(h^p)$ .

A great book on FPA is Overton [2001]

- Once  $h \leq 0.5 \text{ulp}(x)$  with nearest rounding, full cancellation occurs.
- $\text{ulp}$  - units in the last place,  $\text{ulp}(x) = 2^{-52} 2^E$ ,  $E$  is the exponent.



Relative derivative (gradient) error

$$e_n^{fwd, cds} = \frac{|f'_{fwd, cds} - f'_{exact}|}{|f'_{exact}|}. \quad (12)$$

$h \rightarrow 0, e_n^{fwd, cds} \rightarrow 1$ : Floating-Point cancellation errors prevent asymptotic convergence of Finite Differences.

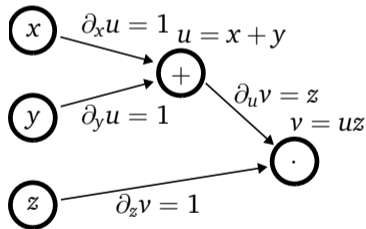


- Instead of manually evaluating  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ , let some software (like [SymPy](#)) write down closed-form expressions for you using Symbolic Calculation.
- Doesn't work: huge closed-form expressions are necessary, causing huge memory and CPU overheads.



$$f(x, y, z) = (x + y)z = f(v(u(x, y), z))$$

Notation:  $\partial_s f = \frac{\partial f(s)}{\partial s}$



**Reverse-mode Automatic Differentiation (AD, details in Griewank and Walther [2008]) is the basis for evaluating derivatives for NN training (backpropagation).**

- Mathematic expressions are modeled with an directed acyclic graph (DAG).
- Intermediate results stored in variables.
- The graph's edges can evaluate known partial derivatives w.r.t. intermediate variables.
- **Chain rule** is used to compute the partial derivative along the graph:

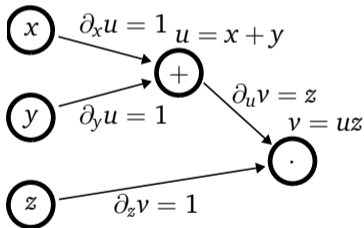
$$\partial_x f = \partial_v f(v) \partial_u v(u, z) \partial_x u(x, y) = 1z1 = z \quad (13)$$





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- **Exact:** no Finite Difference-induced Floating-Point cancellation errors, no discretization errors.
- Automatic for arbitrary NN architecture.
- Computationally more efficient than Symbolic Calculations or Finite Differences.
- Responsible for "reviving" Deep Learning.



- Math proves  $\theta^M$  exists and NNs are universal function approximators, but not how to find it.
- Finding  $\theta^M$  depends on  $\lambda$ , the NN architecture, and the activation function - **hyperparameters**.
- Hyperparameters are "free" parameters tuned by
  - graduate/Ph.D. students (student descent algorithm)
  - Grid Search, Monte Carlo, Bayesian Optimization: keyword AutoML.
- Once hyperparameters are "tuned", **some**  $\theta^M$  is found with a minimal  $e_{MSE}$  in the best case over a response-surface that **hopefully** models the hyperparameter space well - there is no guarantee  $\theta^M$  is globally-optimal in terms of data or hyperparameters.
- Training takes **a lot of computational time and resources**.
- **As soon as a form of Stochastic Gradient Descent is used (large data), running the training twice with the same hyperparameters and input data will give a different output from the NN.**



- NNs are function compositions, composing a matrix/vector product, an addition, and a nonlinear (activation) function  $\sigma$ ,  
$$\psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{w}^D \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{D-1} \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{D-2} \cdot \sigma(\dots \sigma(\mathbf{w}^1 \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}^1) \dots) + \mathbf{b}^{D-2}) + \mathbf{b}^{D-1}) + b^D,$$
for our example scalar function  $\psi$ .
- An NN is a function-approximator, "trained" by minimizing an error norm over data, like MSE  
$$\sum_{p=1}^{N_p} (\psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_p) \partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$
- Approximation generally means  $|\psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_p| \neq 0$ , we aim for  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ .
- To reach this, we perform (some form of) gradient descent  
$$\theta^{m+1}(\mathbf{u}_p) = \theta^m(\mathbf{u}_p) - \lambda^m \nabla_{\theta^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p),$$
resulting in  $e_{MSE}(\theta^{m+1}) \leq e_{MSE}(\theta^m)$ .
- For gradient descent, we compute  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$  (gradient components), using Reverse-mode Automatic Differentiation.



Different approaches exist, all extend the idea of function-approximation by NNs with satisfying PDEs. PDEs are built from differential operators, that are constructed from the NN using AD.

- The idea originated (afaik) with Lagaris et al. [1998].
  - A collocation method with NN as a trial function.
- Geometrically complex boundaries: Lagaris et al. [2000], McFall and Mahan [2009].
- Galerkin method with NN instead of shape functions: Sirignano and Spiliopoulos [2018].
- Raissi et al. [2019], **Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PiNN)s** - collocation MSE for PDEs like Lagaris et al. [1998] + data MSE.
- More alternatives described by Thuerey et al. [2022].

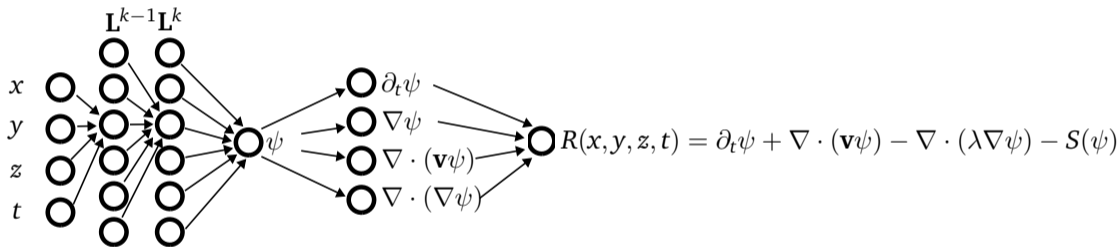
**This talk addresses PiNNs.**

# Physics-Based Deep Learning

PiNNs on one slide



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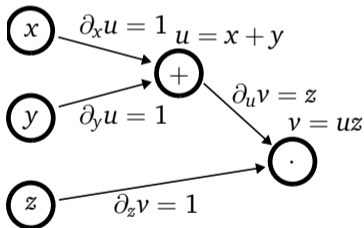


1. Re-use Automatic Differentiation used for NN training, for computing partial derivatives of the forward-pass with respect to NN input to construct PDE operators.
2. Extend the loss function with PDE residuals: the NN learns data and the PDE.



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- Evaluating  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$  generates partial derivatives w.r.t. intermediate variables.
- The cached partial derivatives are re-used to compute e.g.  $\partial_t \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_p = (x, y, z, t)$ , and equivalently for  $x, y, z$ ,

$$\nabla \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \\ \partial_y \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \\ \partial_z \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

and have to be cached again for higher-order differential operators like  $\nabla \cdot \nabla \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ .



- The residual of the PDE is computed using differential operators **computed exactly**<sup>1</sup> by the Automatic Differentiation framework - **there are no discretization errors.**
- The residual of a passive scalar transport equation is

$$R_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_p) = R_{\theta}(x, y, z, t) = \partial_t \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)) - \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)) - S(\psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)) \quad (15)$$

evaluated at collocation points  $\{\mathbf{u}_p\}_{p \in [1, \dots, N_p]}$ .

- Contrary to training the NN only on data with  $\partial_{\theta_i^m} \psi_{\theta^m}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$ , **the PiNN residual requires partial derivatives of the NN forward-pass with respect to NN inputs.**

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<sup>1</sup>Up to floating-point arithmetic errors.



- **One technical detail on how the partial derivatives are evaluated by AD frameworks (e.g. `torch::autograd`) is relevant for constructing PiNNs in practice.**
- The NN  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$ ,  $\psi = \psi(\mathbf{u}, \theta)$ ,  $k = d + 1 + N_\theta$ :  $d$  for spatial dimensions and  $+1$  for time in  $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z, t)$ ,  $N_\theta$  for all the weights and biases.
- The loss  $e_{MSE} : \mathbb{R}^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $e_{MSE} = e_{MSE}(\psi(\mathbf{u}, \theta))$ .
- **The  $\partial_{\theta_i} e_{MSE}(\psi(\mathbf{u}, \theta))$  for the gradient descent**, is by chain rule in Einstein's notation

$$\frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{\partial e_{MSE}}{\partial \psi_i} = \frac{\partial e_{MSE}}{\partial \theta_j}, \quad (16)$$

in matrix notation

$$J_\theta \psi \cdot J_\psi e_{MSE} \quad (17)$$

is a dot product of two Jacobians - the NN w.r.t  $\theta$ , the loss w.r.t. NN output.





For our example NN  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\psi(\mathbf{u}) = \psi(x, y, z, t)$  (dropping  $^{nn}$  superscript),

$$J_u \psi(\mathbf{u}_p) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \psi(\mathbf{u}_p) \\ \partial_y \psi(\mathbf{u}_p) \\ \partial_z \psi(\mathbf{u}_p) \\ \partial_t \psi(\mathbf{u}_p) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}, \quad (18)$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the 0-rank tensor (scalar) we use to obtain the elements of  $\nabla \psi$  and  $\partial_t \psi$ ,

$$\nabla \psi = \begin{bmatrix} (J_u \psi(\mathbf{u}_p))_1 \\ (J_u \psi(\mathbf{u}_p))_2 \\ (J_u \psi(\mathbf{u}_p))_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \partial_t \psi = (J_u \psi(\mathbf{u}_p))_4 \quad (19)$$



Hessian matrix

$$(H_u \psi)^T = (J_u J_u \psi)^T = \left( J_u \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x \psi \\ \partial_y \psi \\ \partial_z \psi \\ \partial_t \psi \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x^2 \psi & \partial_x \partial_y \psi & \partial_x \partial_z \psi & \partial_x \partial_t \psi \\ \partial_y \partial_x \psi & \partial_y^2 \psi & \partial_y \partial_z \psi & \partial_y \partial_t \psi \\ \partial_z \partial_x \psi & \partial_z \partial_y \psi & \partial_z^2 \psi & \partial_z \partial_t \psi \\ \partial_t \partial_x \psi & \partial_t \partial_y \psi & \partial_t \partial_z \psi & \partial_t^2 \psi \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

so

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla \psi = \Delta \psi = H^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [1110] = \partial_x^2 \psi + \partial_y^2 \psi + \partial_z^2 \psi \quad (21)$$

Is eq. (21) valid if  $\mathbf{u}_p = (t, x, y, z)$ ?



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Is eq. (21) valid if  $\mathbf{u}_p = (t, x, y, z)$ ? No - order of partial derivatives changes changes  $J_u \psi$  and  $H_u \psi$ .



- Since we're differentiating  $\psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p)$  w.r.t  $\mathbf{u}_p$ , the activation functions should be differentiable.
- Differentiable activation functions increase the number training iterations.



- Total PiNN loss is a weighted sum of the data-loss  $e_{MSE}^d$  (at data points or collocation points), residual-loss  $e_{MSE}^r$ , boundary-condition loss  $e_{MSE}^{bd}$ , and initial-value loss  $e_{mse}^i$

$$l_{MSE} = e_{MSE}^d + e_{MSE}^r + e_{MSE}^{bd} + e_{MSE}^{bn} + e_{mse}^i \quad (22)$$

$$e_{MSE}^d = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{p=1}^{N_d} (\psi^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_p) - \psi_p)^2, \quad e_{MSE}^{bd} = \frac{1}{N_{bd}} \sum_{q=1}^{N_{bd}} (\psi^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_q) - \psi_q)^2 \quad (23)$$

$$e_{MSE}^{bn} = \frac{1}{N_{bd}} \sum_{r=1}^{N_{bn}} (\nabla \psi^{nn}(\mathbf{u}_r))^2, \quad e_{MSE}^i = \frac{1}{N_{bd}} \sum_{s=1}^{N_i} (\psi^{nn}(x, y, z, t = t_0) - \psi_p(x, y, z, t = t_0))^2$$

- Minimizing the total loss  $l_{MSE}$  makes the PiNN satisfy data, the PDE, and initial/boundary conditions **in the least-squares sense**.



### Inverse problems

- Recover the solution of a PDE with partially-known boundary and initial conditions, and some noisy measurements.
- Learn a heat transfer coefficient from measurements.

### High-dimensional PDEs

- Solving high-dimensional PDEs (finance?, physics) - Finite Differences do not scale for this.

### Optimization

- Once trained, a PiNN surrogate model is very fast to evaluate, and should be (way) more accurate than an 1D ROM ODE solution.



- The PiNN loss  $l_{MSE} = e_{MSE}^d + e_{MSE}^r + e_{MSE}^{bd} + e_{MSE}^{bn} + e_{mse}^i$  errors have different values and often (very) different gradients.

$$l_{MSE} = \lambda_d e_{MSE}^d + \lambda_r e_{MSE}^r + \lambda_{bd} e_{MSE}^{bd} + \lambda_{bn} e_{MSE}^{bn} + \lambda_i e_{mse}^i \quad (24)$$

yaay, more free (PiNN loss regularization) "free" parameters to guesstimate. Alternatives: adaptive activation functions by Jagtap et al. [2020], modifying Adam solver by Wang et al. [2021], meta-learning by Psaros et al. [2022].

- Different error contribution may mean e.g. that a PiNN with data-assimilation satisfies the data and the PDE residual better than the BCs and ICs.



- PiNNs inherit the curse of hyperparameter dimensionality from DL.
- PiNNs often take many iterations (epochs) to train: differentiable activation functions have diminishing gradients and require small optimizer step sizes.
- Evaluating many PDE differential operators increases computational costs per epoch.
- Yes, a forward pass of a trained NN generates PDE solutions very quickly, but it still takes a lot of (unautomated) effort to get there.





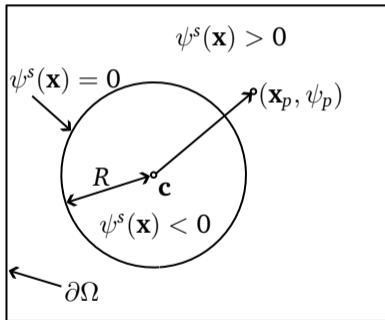
PiNNs are a relatively simple tool worth looking at

- Understand what the NN approximates.
- Understand how the Jacobian is used to construct PDE differential operators.
- Write down the total loss as the sum of: (data), residual, internal, and boundary condition loss.
- Apply adaptive activation functions or something similar to improve training.

If you just want to solve a "normal" PDE, it is overall faster to use a classical numerical method - **there is potential in combining Physics-Based ML with classical numerical methods.**



- "Introduction to Scientific Machine Learning 2: Physics-Informed Neural Networks", C. Rackauckas
- Hands-on introduction to Physics-Informed Machine Learning, I. Bilonis, A. Hans
- "When and why Physics-informed Neural Networks fail to train", P. Perdikaris
- "Physics-Informed Neural Networks | Misconceptions", C. Rackauckas



- An implicit sphere is given as a zero-level set

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} : \psi^e(\mathbf{x}) = 0\} \quad (25)$$

of a signed-distance field to a sphere

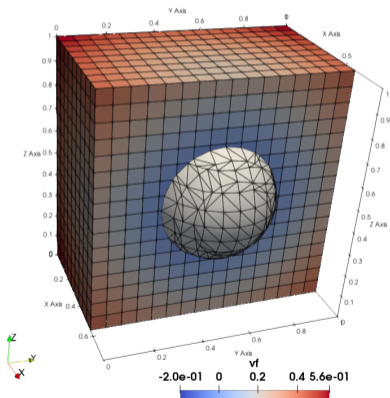
$$\psi^e(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2 - R. \quad (26)$$

- Approximate the data from points  $(\mathbf{x}_p, \psi_p^e)$  randomly sampled within the solution domain  $\Omega$ , given that

$$\|\nabla \psi_p^e\|_2 = 1 \quad (27)$$

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## Problem definition II



- A unit-box domain  $x, y, z \in [0, 1]$ , discretized with  $N_c$  cells along each coordinate direction.
- Sphere of radius  $R = 0.25$  centered at  $\mathbf{c} = (0.5, 0.5, 0.5)$ .
- **Motivation:** solving  $\|\nabla \psi_p^e\|_2 = 1$  is quite complex using the unstructured Finite Volume method, if an approximative solution is good-enough, PiNNs are an option.

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Implementation: include order in OpenFOAM



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```
// libtorch
#include <torch/torch.h>
#include "ATen/Functions.h"
#include "ATen/core/interned_strings.h"
#include "torch/nn/modules/activation.h"
#include "torch/optim/lbfgs.h"
#include "torch/optim/rmsprop.h"

...

// OpenFOAM
#include "fvCFD.H"
```

- Example implemented as an OpenFOAM application that links with the PyTorch C++ API (**libtorch**).
- **Include libtorch before OpenFOAM headers.**
- **Compile OpenFOAM with C++14 or higher**, in `wmake/rules/General/C++`, set `CC = g++$(COMPILER_VERSION) -std=c++2a`.

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Implementation: `torch::Sequential` Multi-Layer Perceptron



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```
torch::nn::Sequential nn;  
nn->push_back(torch::nn::Linear(3, hiddenLayers[0]));  
nn->push_back(torch::nn::Tanh());  
for (label L=1; L < hiddenLayers.size(); ++L)  
{  
    nn->push_back(  
        torch::nn::Linear(hiddenLayers[L-1], hiddenLayers[L])  
    );  
    nn->push_back(torch::nn::Tanh());  
}  
nn->push_back(  
    torch::nn::Linear(hiddenLayers[hiddenLayers.size() - 1], 1)  
);
```

- **`torch::Sequential`** used to construct the MLP.
- MLP architecture defined by application options or a dictionary.
  - ▣ Parametrization for hyperparameter tuning.

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Implementation: OpenFOAM-libtorch GeometricField transfer



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```
// - Reinterpret OpenFOAM's input volScalarField as scalar* array
volScalarField::pointer vf_data = vf.ref().data();
// - Use the scalar* (volScalarField::pointer) to view
//   the volScalarField as torch::Tensor without copying data.
torch::Tensor vf_tensor = torch::from_blob(vf_data, {vf.size(), 1});
```

- **torch::from\_blob** constructs a **view** (interpretation) of data as **torch::tensor**.
- This works in OpenFOAM because all tensor fields in OpenFOAM are **UList<T>**

```
template<class T>
class UList
{
    // Private Data
    //- Number of elements in UList
    label size_;
    //- Vector of values of type T
    T* __restrict__ v_;
```

# A PiNN with OpenFOAM and PyTorch C++ API

## Implementation: PiNN gradient



```
// Compute the prediction from the nn.
vf_predict = nn->forward(cc_training);

// Compute the gradient of the prediction w.r.t. input.
auto vf_predict_grad = torch::autograd::grad(
    {vf_predict},
    {cc_training},
    {torch::ones_like(vf_training)},
    true
);
```

- Following eq. (18), the scalar-valued forward-pass of the NN is differentiated w.r.t. input data a "tensor" of input points  $\mathbf{x}_p$ .
- For each point  $\mathbf{x}_p = (x, y, z)$  we multiply the Jacobian with 1.
- For efficiency reasons (vectorization), calculation is done for all  $p \in P$ , so we need  $\mathbf{v} = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$  in  $J_u \cdot \mathbf{v}$ , the length of  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $N_p$ , the number of points.



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Implementation: PiNN loss for our problem



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```
// Compute the data mse loss.  
auto mse_data = mse_loss(vf_predict, vf_training);  
  
// Compute the gradient mse loss.  
auto mse_grad = mse_loss(  
    at::norm(vf_predict_grad[0], 2, -1),  
    torch::ones_like(vf_training)  
);  
  
// Combine the losses into a Physics Informed Neural Network.  
mse = mse_data + mse_grad;
```

- The  $e_{MSE}^r$  is

$$e_{MSE}^r = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{p=1}^{N_r} (\|\nabla \psi_{\theta}^{nn}(\mathbf{x}_p)\|_2 - 1)^2 \quad (28)$$

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Implementation: hyperparameter tuning I



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Grid Search for OpenFOAM+libtorch: works with other methods as well

- A Jupyter Notebook uses **subprocess.call** to run the variations.
- An OpenFOAM application parses hyperparameters as options.
- Results stored as CSV, with **repeated** hyperparameters as columns

	HIDDEN_LAYERS	OPTIMIZER_STEP	MAX_ITERATIONS	DELTA_X	EPOCH	DATA_MSE	GRAD_MSE	TRAINING
0	10,10,10,10	0.0001	3000	0.0625	1	0.164133	0.927430	1.0
1	10,10,10,10	0.0001	3000	0.0625	2	0.154731	0.928236	1.0
2	10,10,10,10	0.0001	3000	0.0625	3	0.148419	0.928779	1.0
3	10,10,10,10	0.0001	3000	0.0625	4	0.143443	0.929211	1.0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

- CSVs are concatenated and the final **pandas.DataFrame** can easily be filtered by **repeated** hyperparameters. Avoid the **pandas.MultiIndex**, it's not worth the trouble.
- Each parameter vector is uniquely identified with the ID that is part of the file name: **pinnFoam-00000000.csv** - connected to the hyperparameters using **pandas.DataFrame.unique** on hyperparameter columns.

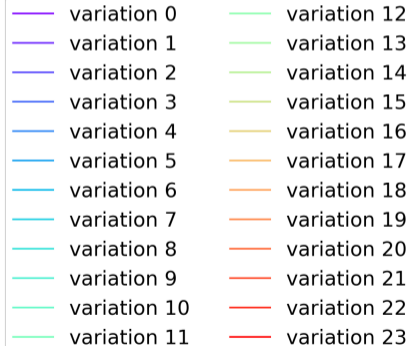
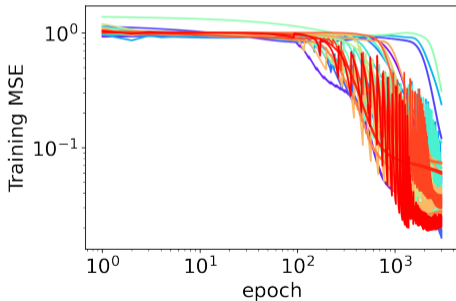
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Implementation: hyperparameter tuning II



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## Loss MSE Grid Search

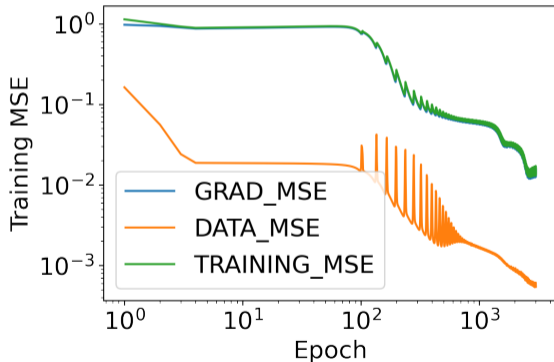


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Implementation: best hyperparameters



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Best hyperparameters:

```
HIDDEN_LAYERS  OPTIMIZER_STEP  
20,20,20,20    0.001  
MAX_ITERATIONS TRAINING_ID  
3000           3
```

- Just adding different  $e_{MSE}$  leads to different gradient flows.
- **These are example runs, actual runs have way more epochs.**
- **Exercise:** try to find  $\lambda_r$  and  $\lambda_d$  in

$$l_{MSE} = \lambda_d e_{MSE}^d + \lambda_r e_{MSE}^r$$

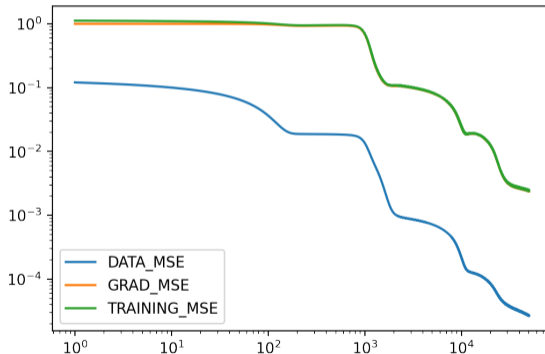
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Implementation: real-world training



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Real-world training takes a **very long time, minutes (!), even with  $N_c = 16$  (4096 cells!)**.

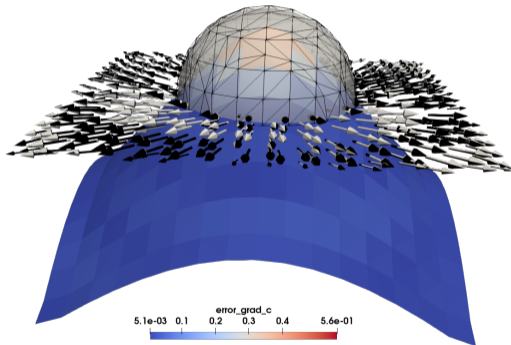


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Implementation: visualization



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- Wireframe:  $\psi_{\theta_M}^{nn}$  iso-surface.
- Gray surface:  $\psi^e$  iso-surface.
- Black and gray arrows:  $(\nabla\psi)^e$  and  $\nabla\psi_{\theta_M}^{nn}$  gradient vectors.
- Warped surface:  $\|(\nabla\psi)^e - \nabla\psi_{\theta_M}^{nn}\|_2$

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Source Code and Data



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- <https://gitlab.com/tmaric/ofw17-training-physics-based-dl>
- Source Code and Data snapshot [Maric, 2022-07-10].



- A very promising tool for some challenging problems.
- PiNNs aren't replacing standard numerics any time soon for standard problems.
- Very simple compared to standard numerics: no need to implement very complex algorithms for solving complex (systems of) PDEs.
- Know your Jacobians for PDE differential operator calculation using Automatic Differentiation.
- The PDE differential operators require differentiable activation functions - difficult to train.
- If something goes wrong, guess again - numerical methods can use more analysis.
- Hyperparameter tuning takes a lot of effort: automation makes sense.





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