

Physics Informed Neural Networks for coupled radiation transport equations

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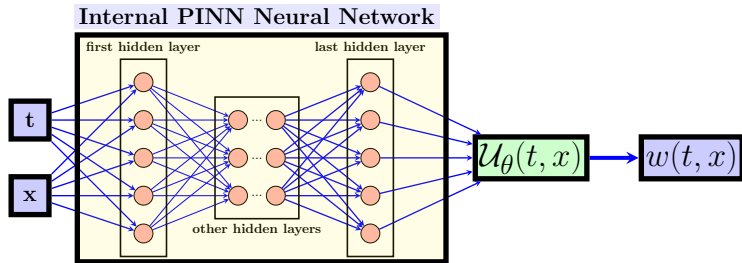
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PINNs: general framework

★ Find u with: $\partial_t u = \mathcal{G}(u)$, $u(0, x) = u_0(x)$, $u(t, x) = u_{bc}$, $t \in [0, T]$, $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ($d \geq 1$) where $u_0(x)$ (initial conditions), u_{bc} (boundary conditions) are known functions and $\mathcal{G}$ some operator.



★ PINNs gives the approximation $\mathcal{U}_\theta(t, x)$ of $u(t, x)$ with θ the NN parameters.

★ w is the equation error: $w = \partial_t \mathcal{U}_\theta - \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{U}_\theta)$



PINNs: loss contributors

★ Initial and boundary conditions:

- Imposed it using:

$$t \cdot \mathcal{U}_\theta(t, x) + u_0(x)$$

- Shift the result of network

$$\mathcal{U}_\theta(t, x) - \mathcal{U}_\theta(0, x) + u_0(x)$$

★ Structure of the loss:

- Original proposition :

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} |w(t, x)|^2 dx dt$$

- Weighting schemes (see example later):

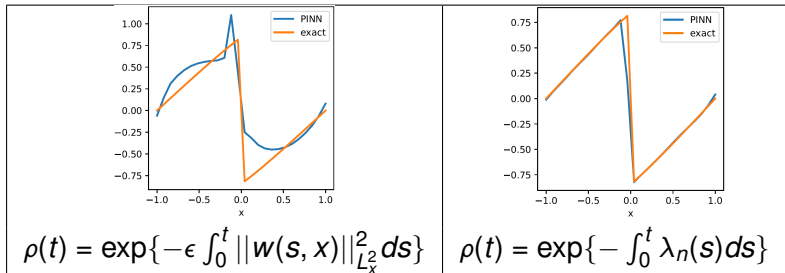
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \rho(t) |w(t, x)|^2 dx dt$$

Specification when using PINNs : examples

★ Burgers' equation: one dimensional flow of viscous fluid:

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u = \nu \partial_{xx} u \text{ with } t \in]0, T], x \in]-1, 1[\text{ and } \nu = 0.01/\pi$$

$$u(0, x) = -\sin(\pi x) \text{ and } u(t, \pm 1) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$



with $\lambda_n(t) \sim \langle \mathcal{G}_t(\mathcal{U}_{\theta_n}(t, \cdot)) - \mathcal{G}_t(0), \mathcal{U}_{\theta_n}(t, \cdot) \rangle / \|\mathcal{U}_{\theta_n}(t, \cdot)\|^2$ and $\mathcal{G} = \partial_{xx}$



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Transport equation coupled with matter evolution

★ Radiative transfer equation in gray general form:

- transfer equation:

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{c} \partial_t I + \Omega \cdot \nabla I}_{\text{spatial process evolution}} + \underbrace{\sigma_a(t, x) I}_{\text{absorption term}} = \underbrace{\sigma_s(t, x) \left(\int_{S^2} I d\Omega - I \right)}_{\text{isotropic scattering term}} + \underbrace{f(t, x, \Omega)}_{\text{source term}}$$

- matter evolution:

$$\partial_t(\rho \epsilon) = \int_{S^2} (\sigma_a I - f) d\Omega$$

with $I(t, x, \Omega)$ the radiative intensity, and $\rho(t, x) \epsilon(t, x)$ the internal energy density. S^2 is the unit sphere and $\Omega \in S^2$.

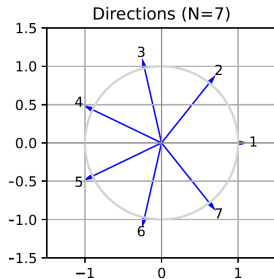
★ General methods use to solve this class of non linear coupled equation: deterministic method (like P_N or S_N) and Monte Carlo (explicit or implicit also called symbolic) with a linearization.



Particular case

★ PINNs in the simplified case:

- $c_n^t = 1$; c_F and θ are constants;
- $F(a) = c_F/a^3$;
- constant c_F and θ are chosen to have a Marshak wave equation;
- approach like S_N method: $N = 7$ directions
 $c_n^x = \cos(2\pi n/N)$.



$$c_n^t \partial_t f_n(t, x) + c_n^x \partial_x f_n(t, x) + F(g(t, x)) f_n = \theta \cdot g(t, x) \quad \forall n \in \{1, \dots, 7\}$$

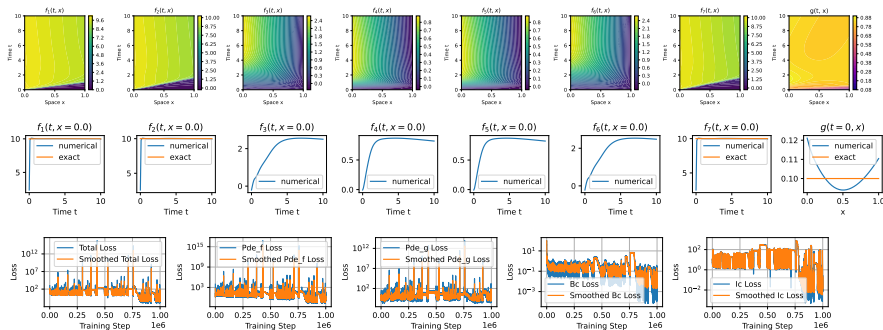
$$c_g^t \partial_t g(t, x) = F(g(t, x)) \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(t, x) / N - \theta \cdot g(t, x)$$

$$f_n(t, x_{min}) = 10 \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 7 \text{ and } g(0, x) = 0.10.$$



Activation: first test

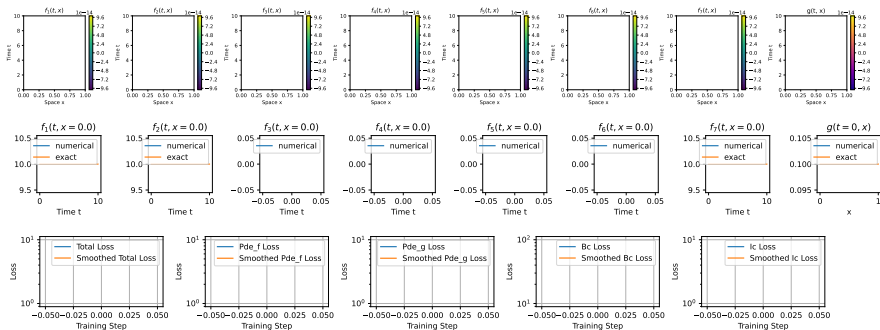
★ Hidden layer activation function: tanh and linear final activation function.



★ Results admissible but after a lot of iteration. Note that after 0.5M iteration, g is still negative

Activation function: second test

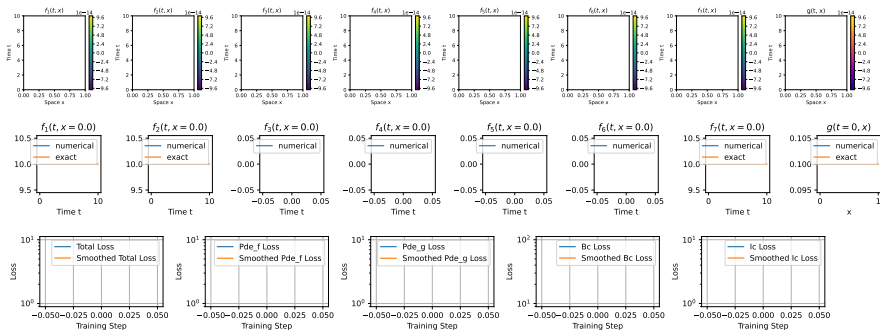
★ Hidden layer activation function: tanh and ReLu final activation function.



★ NaN results

Activation function: third test

★ Hidden layer activation function: $\tanh$ and $(ReLU)^2 = (\cdot)_+^2$ final activation function.

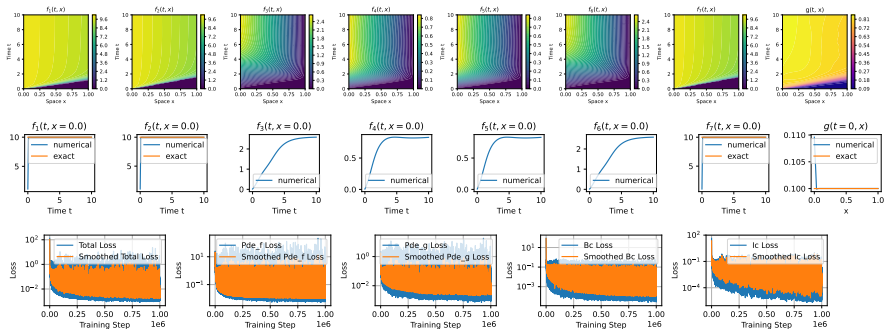


★ NaN results



Activation function: final test

★ Hidden layer activation function: tanh, safeSoftPlus
($\log(1 + e^x) + 10^{-3}$) final activation function.



★ Good results.



Encountered difficulty

- ★ Need to use two different networks (one for all f_n and one for g);
- ★ NN sensitive to the random initialization: can start with an error of 10^{18} or 10^3
- ★ Difficulty to set the optimal learning rate: value 0.01 is instable very quickly and value 0.001 is converging slowly;
- ★ Tests were done with different (final) activation functions (to ensure positive value of g); the last activation was either ReLU, ReLU2, no activation (aka Linear) or SafeSoftPlus;



Conclusion

- ★ With no activation option:
 - negative values for the solutions at the start occurs, which is not acceptable even if after some iterations it becomes positive;
 - the error is however still large and convergence slow. For instance after 0.5M iterations g is still negative; at about 1M iterations solution starts to be reasonable;
- ★ ReLU, ReLU2 gives NaN-s immediately;
- ★ safeSoftPlus ($\log(1 + e^x) + 10^{-3}$) works better and faster.



Perspectives

★ Time distribution / weights of points : as a remark there are two causes that require adaptation of the distribution of weights of points:

- the solution has non-smooth behavior: this requires many points thus adapting the **distribution**;

- the solution is chaotic, causal or converging to equilibrium: this requires adaptation of **weights**: $\rho(\cdot)$ in the loss formula

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \rho(t) |\omega(t, x)|^2 dx dt.$$

- Tests for time sampling: uniform vs. non-uniform, with current setup (GPU, many points); test also the effect of the number of hidden layers (use 8 for instance).

★ Try to find the optimal number of layers (results presented with 8) and neuron by layers (here 32).



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