

# Domain decomposition for neural networks

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### Domain Decomposition Methods



Images based on Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam (2022)

Historical remarks: The alternating Schwarz method is the earliest domain decomposition method (DDM), which has been invented by H. A. Schwarz and published in 1870:

 Schwarz used the algorithm to establish the existence of harmonic functions with prescribed boundary values on regions with non-smooth boundaries.

### Idea

**Decomposing** a large **global problem** into smaller **local problems**:

- Better robustness and scalability of numerical solvers
- Improved computational efficiency
- Introduce parallelism



### **Domain Decomposition for Neural Networks**



A non-exhaustive literature overview:

- cPINNs: Jagtap, Kharazmi, Karniadakis (2020)
- XPINNs: Jagtap, Karniadakis (2020)
- D3M: Li, Tang, Wu, and Liao (2019)
- DeepDDM: Li, Xiang, Xu (2020); Mercier, Gratton, Boudier (arXiv 2021); Li, Wang, Cui, Xiang, Xu (2023); Sun, Xu, Yi (arXiv 2022, arXiv 2023)
- Schwarz Domain Decomposition Algorithm for PINNs: Kim, Yang (2022, arXiv 2023)
- FBPINNs: Moseley, Markham, and Nissen-Meyer (2023); Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024, 2024); Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, Stinis (acc. 2024 / arXiv:2401.07888)
- FBKANs: Howard, Jacob, Murphy, Heinlein, Stinis (arXiv:2406.19662)

An overview of the state-of-the-art in early 2021:



A. Heinlein, A. Klawonn, M. Lanser, J. Weber

Combining machine learning and domain decomposition methods for the solution of partial differential equations — A review

GAMM-Mitteilungen. 2021.

An overview of the state-of-the-art in the end of 2023:



A. Klawonn, M. Lanser, J. Weber

Machine learning and domain decomposition methods – a survey

arXiv:2312.14050. 2023

### Outline

Multilevel domain decomposition-based architectures for physics-informed neural networks

Based on joint work with

Victorita Dolean (University of Strathclyde, University Côte d'Azur)

Ben Moseley and Siddhartha Mishra (ETH Zürich)

2 Multifidelity domain decomposition-based physics-informed neural networks for time-dependent problems

Based on joint work with

Damien Beecroft (University of Washington)

Amanda A. Howard and Panos Stinis (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory)

### 3 Domain Decomposition for Convolutional Neural Networks

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### Neural Networks for Solving Differential Equations

# Artificial Neural Networks for Solving Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations

Isaac Elias Lagaris, Aristidis Likas, Member, IEEE, and Dimitrios I. Fotiadis

Published in IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks, Vol. 9, No. 5, 1998.

### Approach

Solve a general differential equation subject to boundary conditions

 $G(\mathbf{x}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}), \nabla \Psi(\mathbf{x}), \nabla^2 \Psi(\mathbf{x})) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ 

by solving an optimization problem

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i} G(\mathbf{x}_i, \Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \nabla \Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \nabla^2 \Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}))^2$$

where  $\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$  is a trial function,  $\mathbf{x}_i$  sampling points inside the domain  $\Omega$  and  $\theta$  are adjustable parameters.

Construction of the trial functions The trial functions satisfy the boundary conditions explicitly:

$$\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}, \theta) = A(\mathbf{x}) + F(\mathbf{x}, \operatorname{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \theta))$$

- NN is a feedforward neural network with trainable parameters  $\theta$  and input  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- A and F are fixed functions, chosen s.t.:
  - A satisfies the boundary conditions
  - *F* does not contribute to the boundary conditions

Earlier related work: Dissanayake & Phan-Thien (1994)

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### Lagaris et. al's Method – Motivation

### Solve the boundary value problem

$$\Delta \Psi_t(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + 1 = 0 \text{ on } [0, 1],$$
  
$$\Psi_t(0, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \Psi_t(1, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = 0,$$

via a collocation approach:

#### $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\sum_{\boldsymbol{x}}\left(1-\Delta\Psi_t(\boldsymbol{x}_i,\boldsymbol{\theta})\right)^2$ 0.21000.2 $\Psi_t(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ $(\Delta \Psi_t(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + 1)^2$ $\Psi_t(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ $(\Delta \Psi_t(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + 1)$ 0.1 50 0.1 0 0 0 -50-0.1-0.1-1-0.2-100-0.20.20.8 1 0.2 0 0.40.6 0 0.40.6 0.8 1 $(\Delta \Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + 1)^2 >> 0$ $(\Delta \Psi_t(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + 1)^2 \approx 0$

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**Boundary conditions** 

The boundary conditions can be **enforced explicitly**, for instance, via the ansatz:

 $\Psi_t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sin(\pi \mathbf{x}) \cdot F(\mathbf{x}, \text{NN}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$ 

## Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

In the **physics-informed neural network (PINN)** approach introduced by **Raissi et al. (2019)**, a **neural network** is employed to **discretize a partial differential equation** 

 $\mathcal{N}[u] = f, \text{ in } \Omega.$ 

PINNs use a hybrid loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \omega_{\mathsf{data}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{data}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \omega_{\mathsf{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{PDE}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}),$$

where  $\omega_{data}$  and  $\omega_{PDE}$  are weights and

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{data}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{N_{\mathsf{data}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathsf{data}}} \left( u(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - u_i \right)^2, \\ \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{PDE}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{N_{\mathsf{PDE}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathsf{PDE}}} \left( \mathcal{N}[u](\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - f(\mathbf{x}_i) \right)^2. \end{split}$$

See also Dissanayake and Phan-Thien (1994); Lagaris et al. (1998).

### **Advantages**

- "Meshfree"
- Small data
- Generalization properties
- High-dimensional problems
- Inverse and parameterized problems

### **Drawbacks**

- Training cost and robustness
- Convergence not well-understood
- Difficulties with scalability and multi-scale problems



### Hybrid loss



- Known solution values can be included in *L*<sub>data</sub>
- Initial and boundary conditions are also included in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}$

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### Available Theoretical Results for PINNs – An Example

Mishra and Molinaro. Estimates on the generalisation error of PINNs, 2022

Estimate of the generalization error

The generalization error (or total error) satisfies

$$\mathcal{E}_{G} \leq C_{\mathsf{PDE}} \mathcal{E}_{T} + C_{\mathsf{PDE}} C_{\mathsf{quad}}^{1/p} N^{-\alpha/p}$$

where

- $\mathcal{E}_G = \mathcal{E}_G(\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \coloneqq \| \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^* \|_V$  general. error (*V* Sobolev space,  $\boldsymbol{X}$  training data set)
- &<sub>T</sub> training error (*I<sup>p</sup>* loss of the residual of the PDE)
- N number of the training points and  $\alpha$  convergence rate of the quadrature
- C<sub>PDE</sub> and C<sub>quad</sub> constants depending on the PDE respectively the quadrature as well as on the neural network

Rule of thumb:

### "As long as the PINN is trained well, it also generalizes well"

## Scaling Issues in Neural Network Training

### **Spectral bias**

Neural networks prioritize learning lower frequency functions first irrespective of their amplitude.



Rahaman et al., On the spectral bias of neural networks, ICML (2019)

- Solving solutions on large domains and/or with multiscale features potentially requires very large neural networks.
- Training may not sufficiently reduce the loss or take large numbers of iterations.
- Significant increase on the computational work

Dependence on the choice of activation functions: Hong et al. (arXiv 2022)

**Convergence analysis of PINNs** via the **neural tangent kernel**: Wang, Yu, Perdikaris, When and why PINNs fail to train: A neural tangent kernel perspective, JCP (2022)

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### Motivation – Some Observations on the Performance of PINNs

Solve

 $u' = \cos(\omega \mathbf{x}),$ u(0) = 0,

for different values of  $\omega$  using **PINNs with** varying network capacities.

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### Finite Basis Physics-Informed Neural Networks (FBPINNs)

In the finite basis physics informed neural network (FBPINNs) method introduced in Moseley, Markham, and Nissen-Meyer (2023), we employ the PINN approach and hard enforcement of the boundary conditions; cf. Lagaris et al. (1998).

FBPINNs use the network architecture

$$u(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1,\ldots,\boldsymbol{\theta}_J) = C \sum_{j=1}^J \omega_j u_j(\boldsymbol{\theta}_j)$$

and the loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1,\ldots,\boldsymbol{\theta}_J) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \mathcal{N}[\mathcal{C}\sum_{\boldsymbol{x}_i \in \Omega_j} \omega_j u_j](\boldsymbol{x}_i,\boldsymbol{\theta}_j) - f(\boldsymbol{x}_i) \right)^2.$$

Here:

- Overlapping DD:  $\Omega = \bigcup_{l=1}^{J} \Omega_{j}$
- Partition of unity  $\omega_j$  with  $supp(\omega_j) \subset \Omega_j$ and  $\sum_{j=1}^J \omega_j \equiv 1$  on  $\Omega$



Hard enf. of boundary conditions Loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \mathcal{H}[\mathcal{C}\boldsymbol{u}](\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) \right)^2,$$

with constraining operator C, which explicitly enforces the boundary conditions.

## Numerical Results for FBPINNs



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Information (in particular, boundary data) is only exchanged via the overlapping regions, leading to slow convergence  $\rightarrow$  establish a faster / global transport of information.

### Multi-Level FBPINN Algorithm

We introduce a hierarchy of *L* overlapping domain decompositions

$$\Omega = igcup_{j=1}^{J^{(l)}} \Omega_j^{(l)}$$

and corresponding window functions  $\omega_i^{(l)}$  with

$$\mathrm{supp}(\omega_j^{(l)})\subset \Omega_j^{(l)}$$
 and  $\sum\nolimits_{j=1}^{J^{(l)}}\omega_j^{(l)}\equiv 1$  on  $\Omega.$ 

This yields the *L*-level FBPINN algorithm:



# *L*-level network architecture $u(\theta_1^{(1)}, \dots, \theta_{J^{(L)}}^{(L)}) = C\left(\sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{J^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_j^{(l)}(\theta_j^{(l)})\right)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \mathcal{N}[\mathcal{C} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \Omega_j^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_j^{(l)}](\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}_j^{(l)}) - f(\mathbf{x}_i) \right)^2$$



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### Multilevel FBPINNs – 2D Laplace



Cf. Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (submitted 2023 / arXiv:2306.05486).

Implementation using JAX

### **Multi-Frequency Problem**

Let us now consider the two-dimensional multi-frequency Laplace boundary value problem

$$-\Delta u = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\omega_i \pi)^2 \sin(\omega_i \pi x) \sin(\omega_i \pi y) \quad \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2,$$
$$u = 0 \qquad \qquad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

with  $\omega_i = 2^i$ .

For increasing values of *n*, we obtain the **analytical solutions**:



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### Multi-Level FBPINNs for a Multi-Frequency Problem – Strong Scaling





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- Ongoing: analysis and improvement of the convergence
- Cf. Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024).

### **Helmholtz Problem**

Finally, let us consider the two-dimensional Helmholtz boundary value problem

$$\Delta u - k^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2,$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega,$$
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x} - 0.5\|/\sigma)^2}.$$

With  $k = 2^L \pi / 1.6$  and  $\sigma = 0.8/2^L$ , we obtain the solutions:







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### Extension to Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks



 $\rightarrow$  Accurate results for noisy data due to use of trainable spline-based activation functions.

Cf. Howard, Jacob, Murphy, Heinlein, Stinis (arXiv:2406.19662).

Multifidelity domain decomposition-based physics-informed neural networks for time-dependent problems

### **PINNs for Time-Dependent Problems**

We investigate the performance of PINNs for time-dependent problems. Therefore, consider the simple pedulum problem:

$$\frac{d\delta_1}{dt} = \delta_2,$$
  
$$\frac{d\delta_2}{dt} = -\frac{b}{m}\delta_2 - \frac{g}{L}\sin(\delta_1).$$

$$m = L = 1, b = 0.05,$$

$$g = 9.81$$

• Bottom: 
$$T = 20$$



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## **Stacking Multifidelity PINNs**

In the stacking multifidelity PINNs approach introduced in Howard, Murphy, Ahmed, Stinis (arXiv 2023), multiple PINNs are trained in a recursive way. In each step, a model  $u^{MF}$  is trained based on the previous model  $u^{SF}$ :

$$u^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u^{MF}_{\text{linear}}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF}) + |\alpha| u^{MF}_{\text{nonlinear}}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF})$$



### Related works (non-exhaustive list)

- Cokriging & multifidelity Gaussian process regression: E.g., Wackernagel (1995); Perdikaris et al. (2017); Babaee et al. (2020)
- Multifidelity PINNs & DeepONet: Meng and Karniadakis (2020); Howard, Fu, and Stinis (arXiv 2023); Howard, Perego, Karniadakis, Stinis (2023); Murphy, Ahmed, Stinis (arXiv 2023)
- Galerkin, multi-level, and multi-stage neural networks: Ainsworth and Dong (2021); Ainsworth and Dong (2022); Aldirany et al. (arXiv 2023); Wang and Lai (arXiv 2023)

### Stacking Multifidelity PINNs for the Pendulum Problem



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### Stacking Multifidelity FBPINNs

In Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, and Stinis (acc. 2024 / arXiv:2401.07888), we combine stacking multifidelity PINNs with FBPINNs by using an FBPINN model in each stacking step.



### Numerical Results – Pendulum Problem

First, we consider a **pedulum problem** and **compare the stacking multifidelity PINN and FBPINN** approaches:

$$\frac{d\delta_1}{dt} = \delta_2,$$
$$\frac{d\delta_2}{dt} = -\frac{b}{m}\delta_2 - \frac{g}{L}\sin(\delta_1)$$

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Exemplary partition of unity in time



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Model details:

method	arch.	#  levels	# params	error
S-PINN	5×50, 1×20	4	63 018	0.0125
S-FBPINN	3×32, 1× 4	2	34 570	0.0074



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### Numerical Results – Two-Frequency Problem

Second, we consider a two-frequency problem:

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \omega_1 \cos(\omega_1 x) + \omega_2 \cos(\omega_2 x),$$
  
$$\omega_1(0) = 0,$$

on domain 
$$\Omega = [0, 20]$$
 with  $\omega_1 = 1$  and  $\omega_2 = 15$ .

method	arch.	$\# {\rm levels}$	$\#  \mathbf{params}$	error
PINN	4x64	0	12673	0.6543
PINN	5×64	0	16833	0.0265
S-PINN	4×16, 1×5	3	4900	0.0249
S-PINN	4×16, 1×5	10	11 179	0.0061
S-FBPINN	4×16, 1×5	2	7822	0.00415
S-FBPINN	4×16, 1×5	5	59 902	0.00083



 $\rightarrow$  Due to the multiscale structure of the problem, the improvements due to the multifidelity FBPINN approach are even stronger.

### Numerical Results – Allen–Cahn Equation

Finally, we consider the Allen-Cahn equation:

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$$\begin{aligned} &-0.0001_{\delta_{XX}} + 5\delta^3 - 5\delta = 0, & t \in (0,1], x \in [-1,1], \\ &\delta(x,0) = x^2 \cos(\pi x), & x \in [-1,1], \\ &\delta(x,t) = \delta(-x,t), & t \in [0,1], x = -1, x = 1, \\ &\delta_x(x,t) = \delta_x(-x,t), & t \in [0,1], x = -1, x = 1. \end{aligned}$$



PINN gets stuck at fixed point of the of dynamical system; cf. Rohrhofer et al. (arXiv 2023).

# Domain Decomposition for Convolutional Neural Networks

### Memory Requirements for CNN Training



- As an example for a convolutional neural network (CNN), we employ the U-Net architecture introduced in Ronneberger, Fischer, and Brox (2015).
- The U-Net yields state-of-the-art accuracy in semantic image segmentation and other image-to-image tasks.

**Below:** memory consumption for training on a single  $1024 \times 1024$  image.

12120	size	# channels		mem. feature maps		mem. weights	
lidille		input	output	# of values	MB	# of values	MB
input block	1 0 2 4	3	64	268 M	1 024.0	38 848	0.148
encoder block 1	512	64	128	167 M	704.0	221 696	0.846
encoder block 2	256	128	256	84 M	352.0	885 760	3.379
encoder block 3	128	256	512	42 M	176.0	3 540 992	13.508
encoder block 4	64	512	1024	21 M	88.0	14 159 872	54.016
decoder block 1	64	1,024	512	50 M	192.0	9 177 088	35.008
decoder block 2	128	512	256	101 M	384.0	2 294 784	8.754
decoder block 3	256	256	128	201 M	768.0	573 952	2.189
decoder block 4	512	128	64	402 M	1 536.0	143 616	0.548
output block	1 0 2 4	64	3	3.1 M	12.0	195	0.001

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Cf. Verburg, Heinlein, Cyr (in preparation).



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- Distribution of feature maps results in significant reduction of memory usage on a single GPU
- Moderate additional memory usage due to the communication network

### **Results – Synthetic Data Set**







# feature maps communicated

# DeepGlobe 2018 Satellite Image Data Set (Demir et al. (2018))

class	pixel count	proportion
urban	642.4M	9.35 %
agriculture	3898.0M	56.76%
rangeland	701.1M	10.21%
forest	944.4M	13.75%
water	256.9M	3.74 %
barren	421.8M	6.14%
unknown	3.0M	0.04 %



### **Avoiding overfitting**

The data set includes only 803 images. To avoid overfitting, we

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### **Multilevel FBPINNs**

- Schwarz domain decomposition architectures improve the scalability of PINNs to large domains / high frequencies, keeping the complexity of the local networks low.
- As classical domain decomposition methods, one-level FBPINNs are not scalable to large numbers of subdomains; multilevel FBPINNs enable scalability.

### **Stacking Multifidelity FBPINNs**

• The combination of multifidelity stacking PINNs with FBPINNs yields significant improvements in the accuracy and efficiency for time-dependent problems.

### DDU-Net – Domain Decomposition for CNNs

- The memory requirements for training of high-resolution images using CNNs can be large, In particular, the U-Net model requires storing intermediate feature maps.
- Our novel DDU-Net approach decouples the training on the sub-images, allowing us to distribute the memory load among multiple GPUs. It limits communication to deepest level of the U-Net architecture using a communication network.

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