

Domain decomposition and adaptive sampling for physics-informed neural networks

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1 FBPINNs – Multilevel domain decomposition-based architectures for physics-informed neural networks

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2 Stacking multifidelity physics-informed neural networks

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**FBPINNs – Multilevel domain
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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**

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

PINNs use a **hybrid loss function**:

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

where ω_{data} and ω_{PDE} are **weights** and

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{data}}} (u(\hat{x}_i, \theta) - u_i)^2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{PDE}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{PDE}}} (\mathcal{N}[u](x_i, \theta) - f(x_i))^2.$$

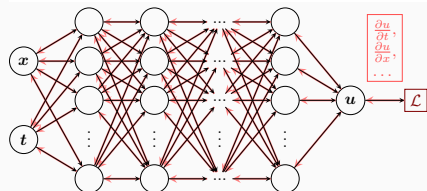
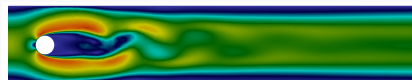
See also **Dissanayake and Phan-Thien (1994)**; **Lagaris et al. (1998)**.

Advantages

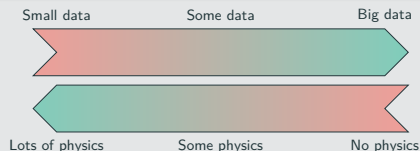
- **“Meshfree”**
- **Small data**
- **Generalization properties**
- **High-dimensional problems**
- **Inverse and parameterized problems**

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 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}$
- **Initial and boundary conditions** are also included in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}$

Theoretical Result for PINNs

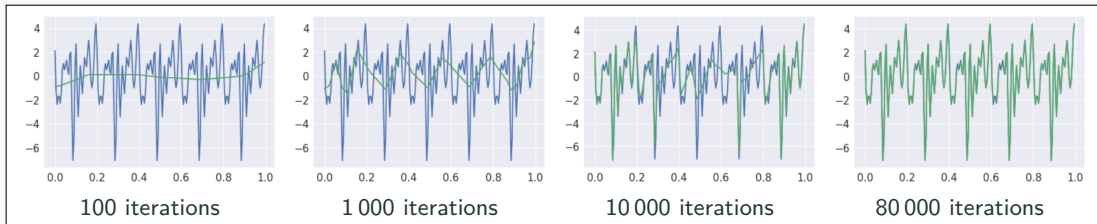
Estimate of the generalization error (Mishra and Molinaro (2022))

The generalization error (or total error) satisfies

$$\varepsilon_G \leq C_{\text{PDE}} \varepsilon_{\mathcal{T}} + C_{\text{PDE}} C_{\text{quad}}^{1/p} N^{-\alpha/p}$$

- $\varepsilon_G = \varepsilon_G(\mathbf{X}, \theta) := \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*\|_V$ **general. error** (V Sobolev space, \mathbf{X} training data set)
- $\varepsilon_{\mathcal{T}}$ **training error** (L^p loss of the residual of the PDE)
- N **number of the training points** and α **convergence rate of the quadrature**
- C_{PDE} and C_{quad} **constants** depending on the **PDE, quadrature, and neural network**

Rule of thumb: “As long as the PINN is trained well, it also generalizes well”



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

Motivation – Some Observations on the Performance of PINNs

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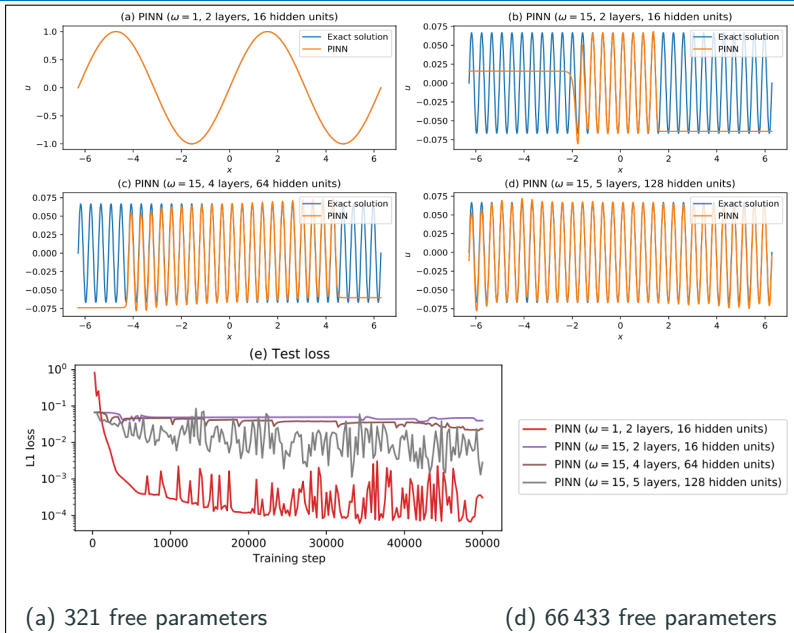
$$u' = \cos(\omega x),$$
$$u(0) = 0,$$

for different values of ω
using **PINNs** with
varying network
capacities.

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- Small frequencies

Cf. [Moseley, Markham, and Nissen-Meyer \(2023\)](#)



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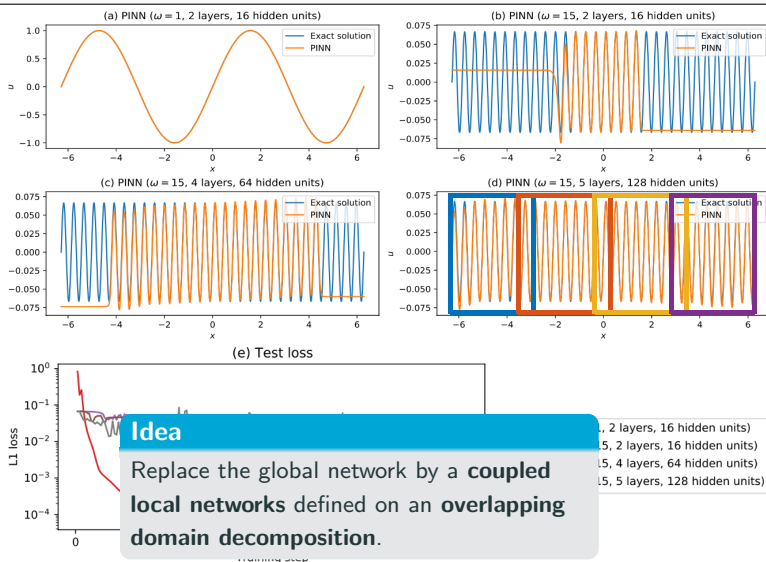
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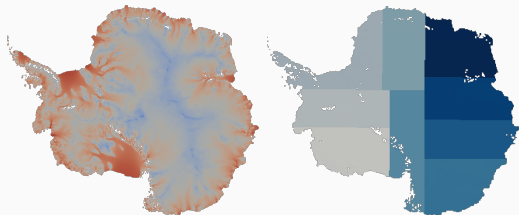
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(a) 321 free parameters

(d) 66 433 free parameters

Domain Decomposition Methods



Images based on [Heinlein, Perego, Rajamanickam \(2022\)](#)

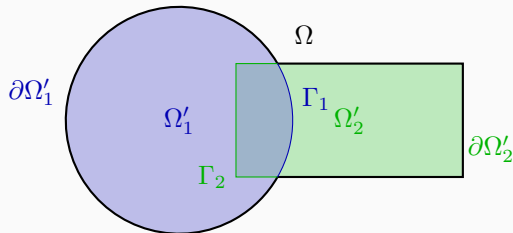
Historical remarks: The **alternating Schwarz method** is the earliest **domain decomposition method (DDM)**, which has been invented by **H. A. Schwarz** and published in **1870**:

- 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**



A non-exhaustive literature overview:

- Machine Learning for adaptive BDDC, FETI–DP, and AGDSW: Heinlein, Klawonn, Lanser, Weber (2019, 2020, 2021, 2021, 2021, 2022); Klawonn, Lanser, Weber (2024)
- cPINNs, XPINNs: Jagtap, Kharazmi, Karniadakis (2020); Jagtap, Karniadakis (2020)
- Classical Schwarz iteration for PINNs or DeepRitz (D3M, DeepDDM, etc):: Li, Tang, Wu, and Liao (2019); Li, Xiang, Xu (2020); Mercier, Gratton, Boudier (arXiv 2021); Dolean, Heinlein, Mercier, Gratton (subm. 2024 / arXiv:2408.12198); Li, Wang, Cui, Xiang, Xu (2023); Sun, Xu, Yi (arXiv 2023, 2024); Kim, Yang (2023, 2024, 2024)
- FBPINNs, FBKANs: Moseley, Markham, and Nissen-Meyer (2023); Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley (2024, 2024); Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, Stinis (acc. 2024 / arXiv:2401.07888); Howard, Jacob, Murphy, Heinlein, Stinis (arXiv:2406.19662)
- DDMs for CNNs: Gu, Zhang, Liu, Cai (2022); Lee, Park, Lee (2022); Klawonn, Lanser, Weber (2024); Verburg, Heinlein, Cyr (subm. 2024)

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.

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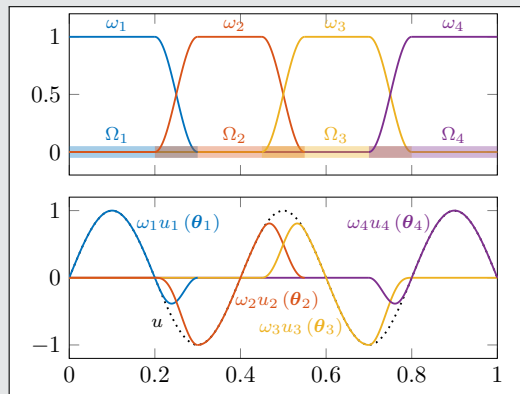
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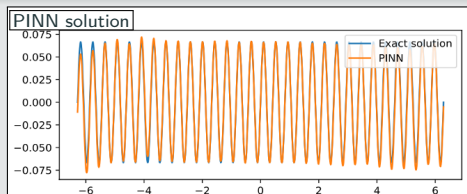
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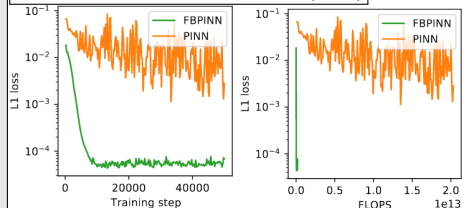
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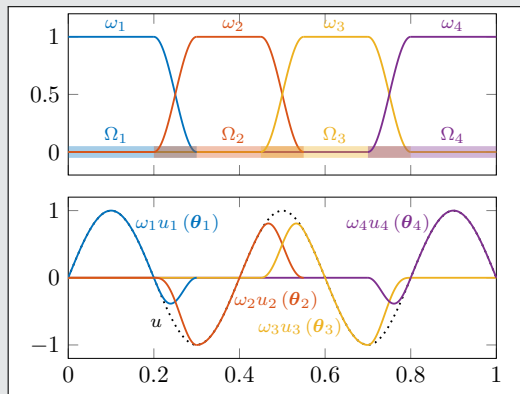
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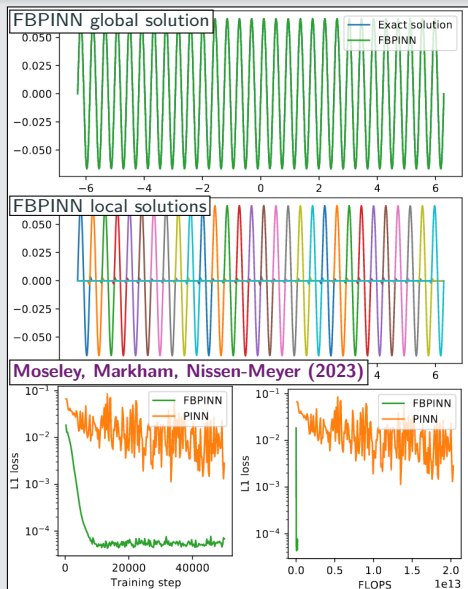
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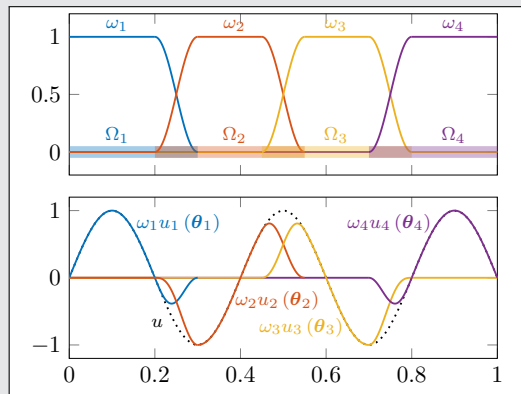
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Scalability of FBPINNs

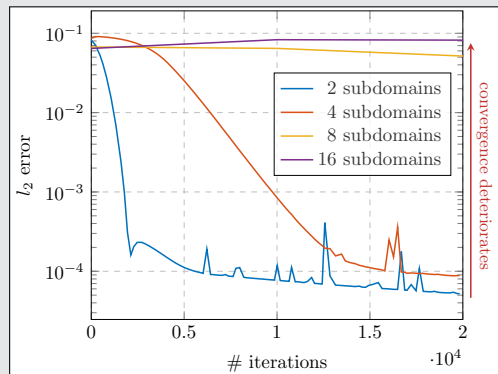
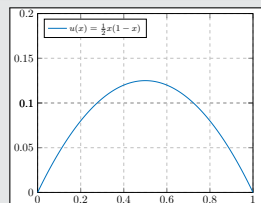
Consider the **simple boundary value problem**

$$-u'' = 1 \text{ in } [0, 1],$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

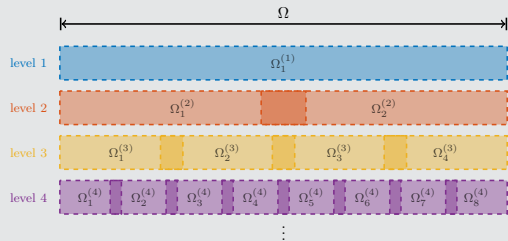
which has the **solution**

$$u(x) = 1/2x(1-x).$$



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Multi-Frequency Problem

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

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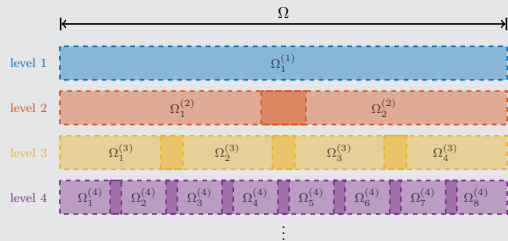
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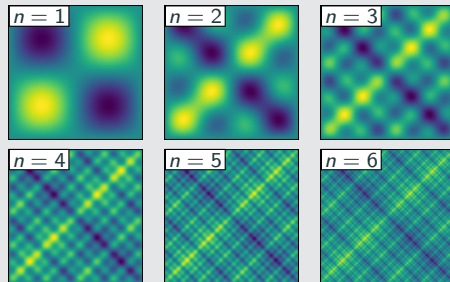
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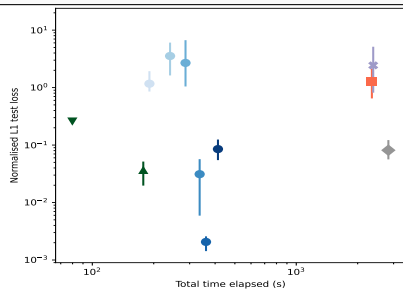
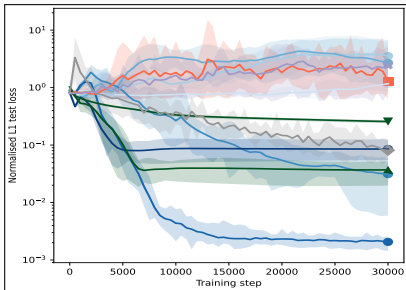
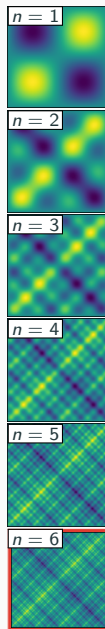
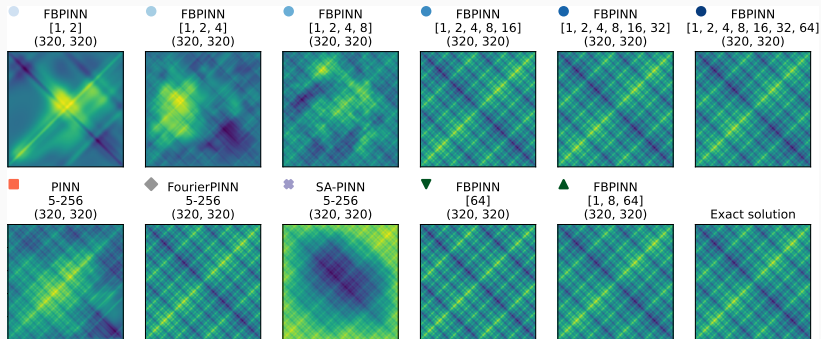
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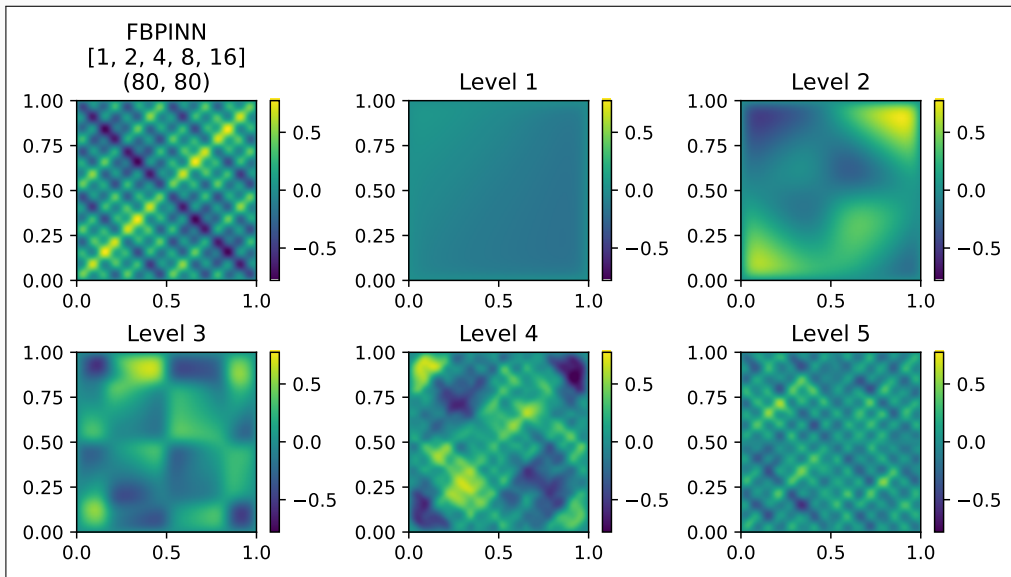
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Multi-Level FBPINNs for a Multi-Frequency Problem – Strong Scaling

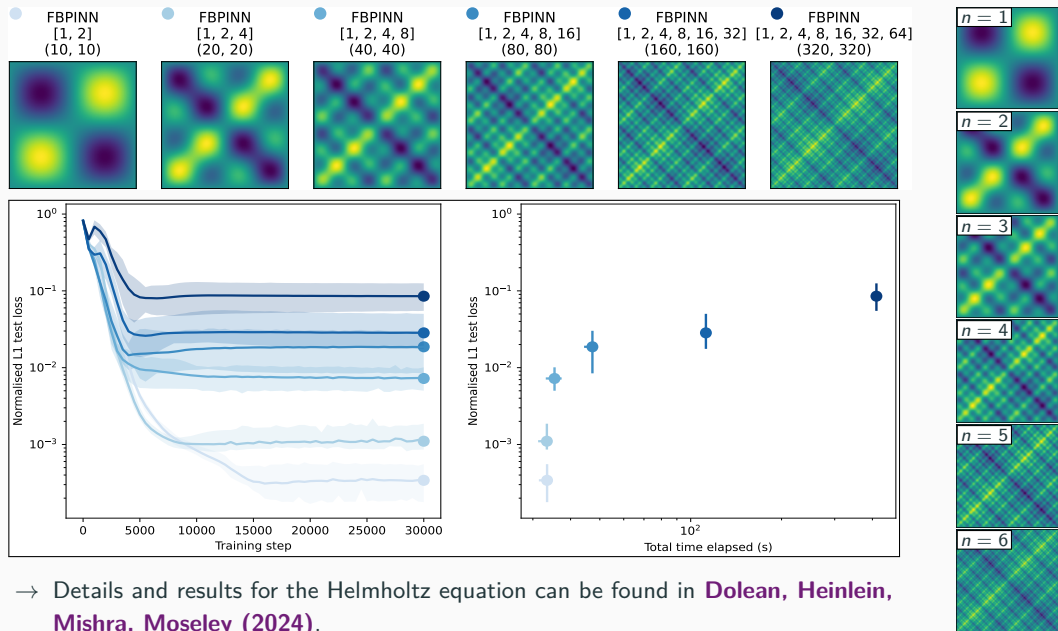


Multi-Frequency Problem – What the FBPINN Learns



Cf. [Dolean, Heinlein, Mishra, Moseley \(2024\)](#).

Multi-Level FBPINNs for a Multi-Frequency Problem – Weak Scaling



Stacking multifidelity physics-informed neural networks

PINNs for Time-Dependent Problems

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

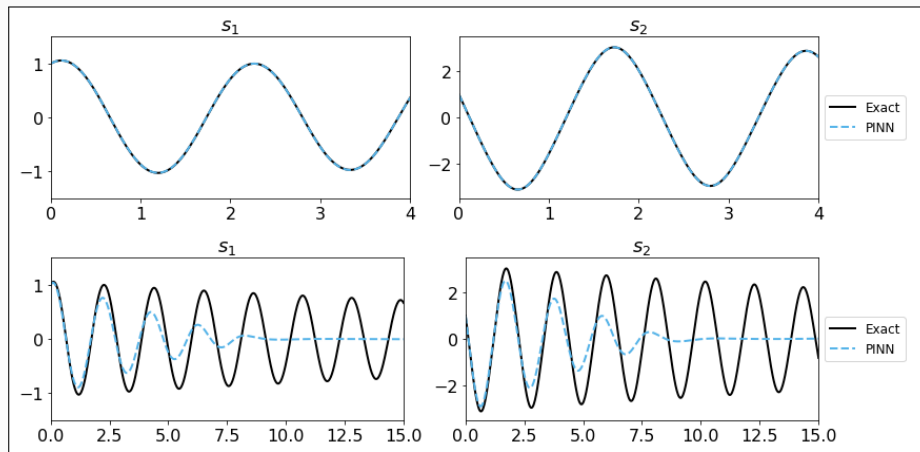
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\delta_1}{dt} &= \delta_2, \\ \frac{d\delta_2}{dt} &= -\frac{b}{m}\delta_2 - \frac{g}{L}\sin(\delta_1).\end{aligned}$$

Problem parameters

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

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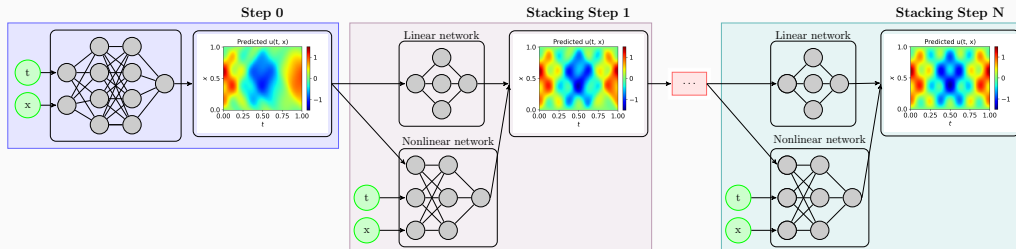
- **Top:** $T = 4$
- **Bottom:** $T = 20$



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} :

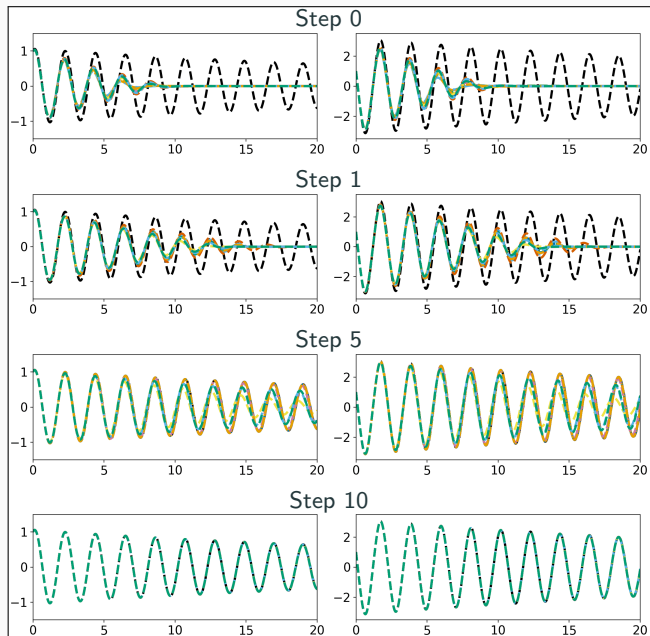
$$u^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}) = (1 - |\alpha|) u_{\text{linear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF}) + |\alpha| u_{\text{nonlinear}}^{MF}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{MF}, u^{SF})$$



Related works (non-exhaustive list)

- Cokriging & multifidelity Gaussian process regression: E.g., **Wackernagel (1995)**; **Perdikaris et al. (2017)**; **Babaei et al. (2020)**
- Multifidelity PINNs & DeepONet: **Meng and Karniadakis (2020)**; **Howard, Fu, and Stinis (2024)**; **Howard, Perego, Karniadakis, Stinis (2023)**; **Howard, Murphy, Ahmed, Stinis (arXiv 2023)**
- Galerkin, multi-level, and multi-stage neural networks: **Ainsworth and Dong (2021)**; **Ainsworth and Dong (2022)**; **Aldirany et al. (2024)**; **Wang and Lai (2024)**

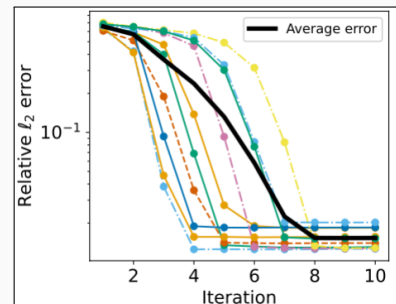
Stacking Multifidelity PINNs for the Pendulum Problem



Pendulum problem:

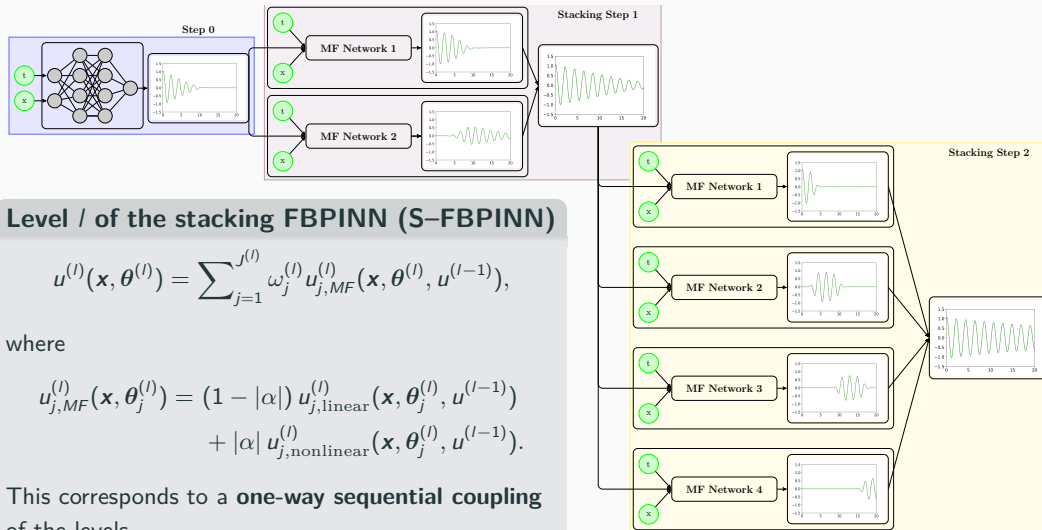
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Stacking Multifidelity FBPINNs

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.



Level l of the stacking FBPINN (S-FBPINN)

$$u^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta^{(l)}) = \sum_{j=1}^{J^{(l)}} \omega_j^{(l)} u_{j, MF}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_j^{(l)}, u^{(l-1)}),$$

where

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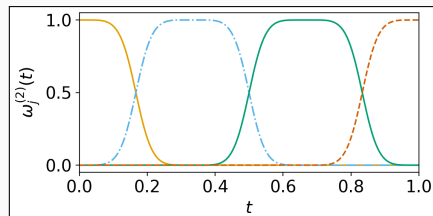
This corresponds to a **one-way sequential coupling** of the levels.

Numerical Results – Pendulum Problem

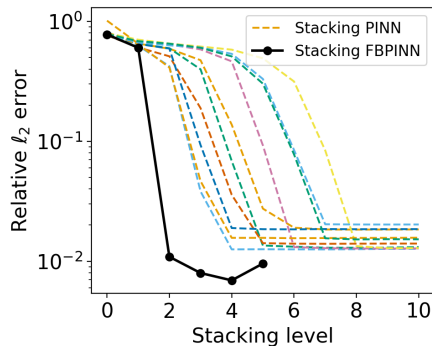
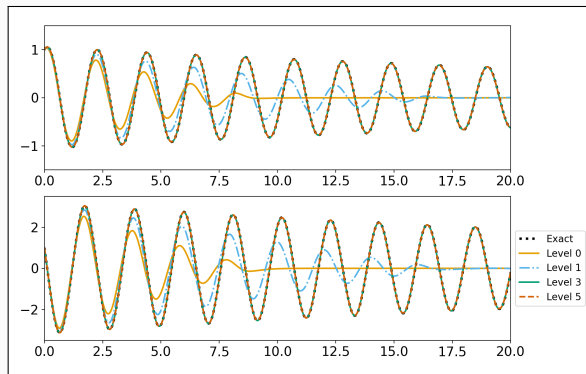
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Exemplary partition of unity in time



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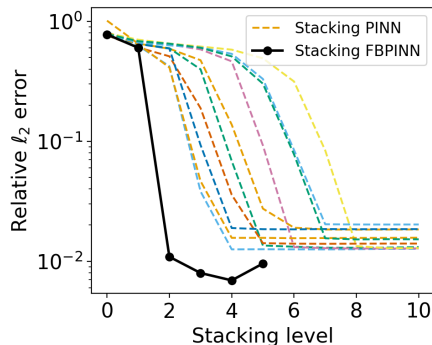
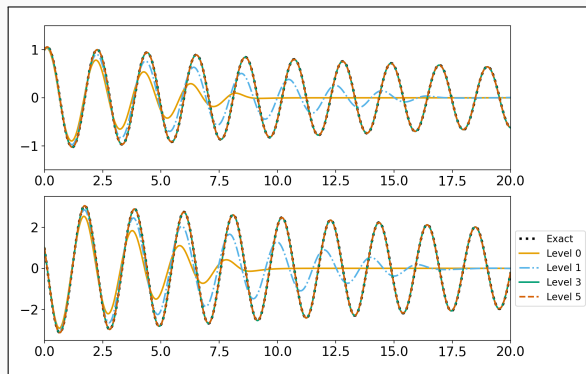
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Model details:

method	arch.	# levels	# params	error
S-PINN	5x50, 1x20	4	63 018	0.0125
S-FBPINN	3x32, 1x 4	2	34 570	0.0074



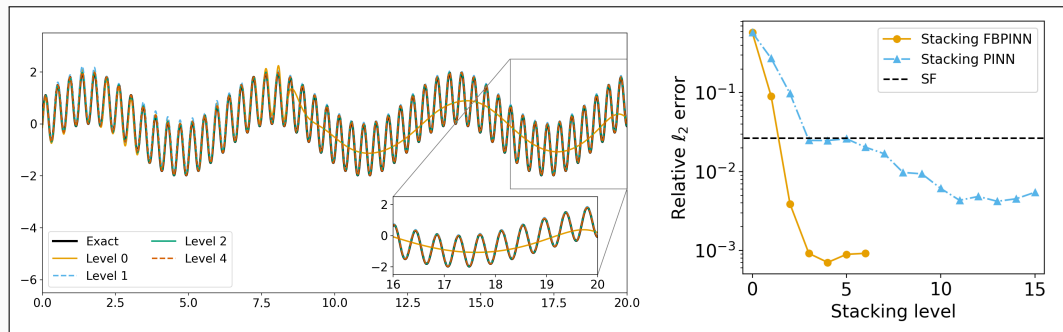
Numerical Results – Two-Frequency Problem

Second, we consider a **two-frequency problem**:

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

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

method	arch.	# levels	# params	error
PINN	4x64	0	12 673	0.6543
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S-PINN	4x16, 1x5	3	4900	0.0249
S-PINN	4x16, 1x5	10	11 179	0.0061
S-FBPINN	4x16, 1x5	2	7822	0.00415
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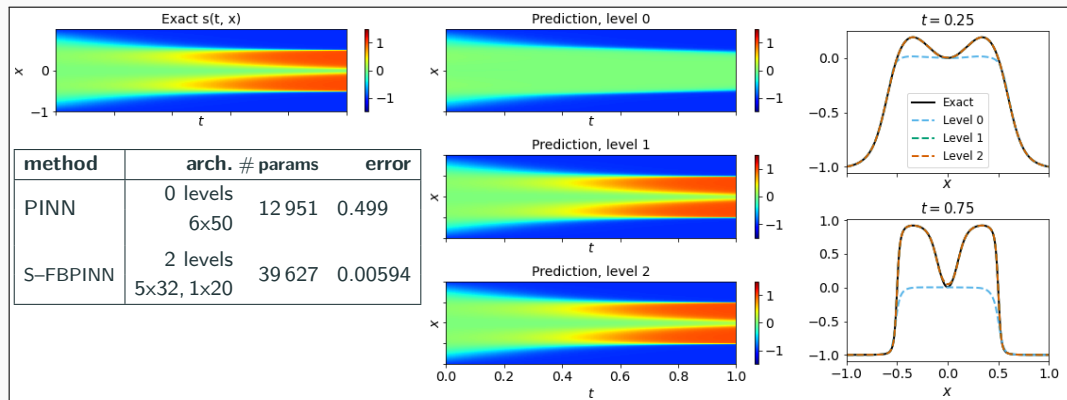


→ Due to the **multiscale structure** of the problem, the **improvements** due to the **multifidelity FBPINN approach** are **even stronger**.

Numerical Results – Allen–Cahn Equation

Finally, we consider the **Allen–Cahn equation**:

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



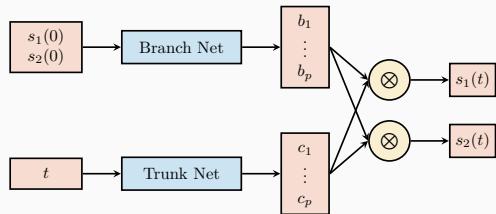
PINN **gets stuck** at fixed point of the of dynamical system; cf. [Rohrhofer et al. \(arXiv 2023\)](#).

Multilevel domain decomposition-based physics-informed deep operator networks

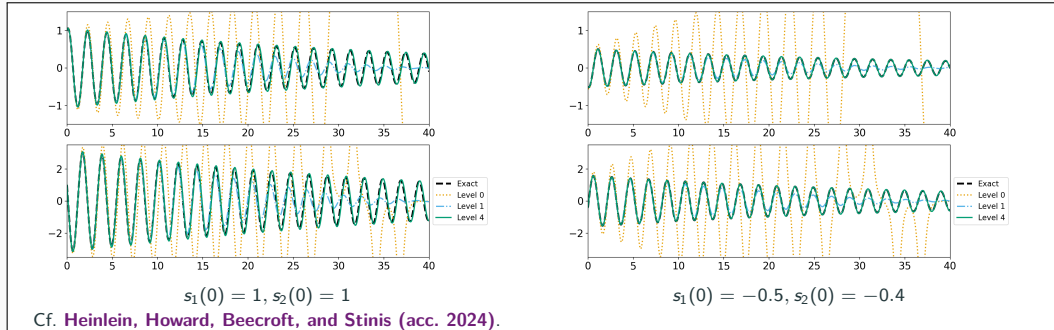
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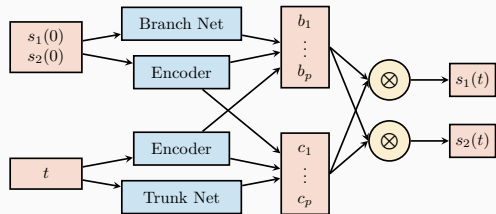
Approach based on the **single-layer case** analyzed in **Chen and Chen (1995)**



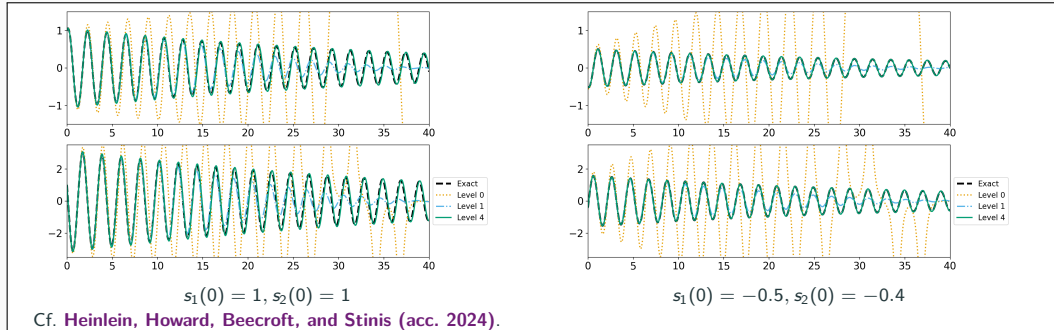
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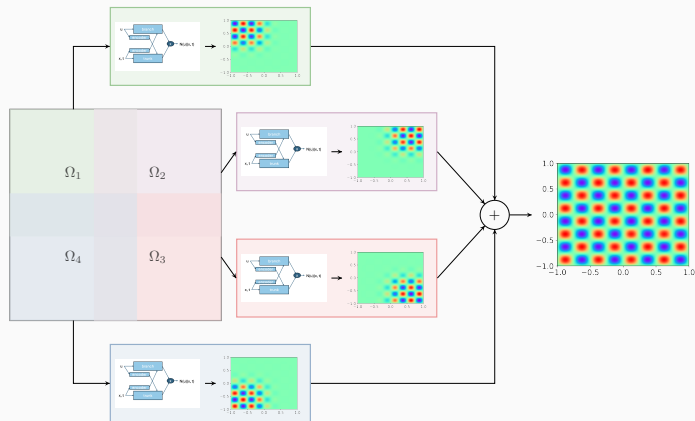
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Modified DeepONet architecture; cf. **Wang, Wang, and Perdikaris (2022)**



Finite Basis DeepONets (FBDONs)



Howard, Heinlein, Stinis (in prep.)

Variants:

Shared-trunk FBDONs (ST-FBDONs)

The trunk net learns spatio-temporal basis functions. In ST-FBDONs, we use the same trunk network for all subdomains.

Stacking FBDONs

Combination of the stacking multifidelity approach with FBDONs.

Heinlein, Howard, Beecroft, Stinis (acc. 2024/arXiv:2401.07888)

Pendulum problem

$$\frac{ds_1}{dt} = s_2, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

$$\frac{ds_2}{dt} = -\frac{b}{m}s_2 - \frac{g}{L}\sin(s_1), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where $m = L = 1$, $b = 0.05$, $g = 9.81$, and $T = 20$.

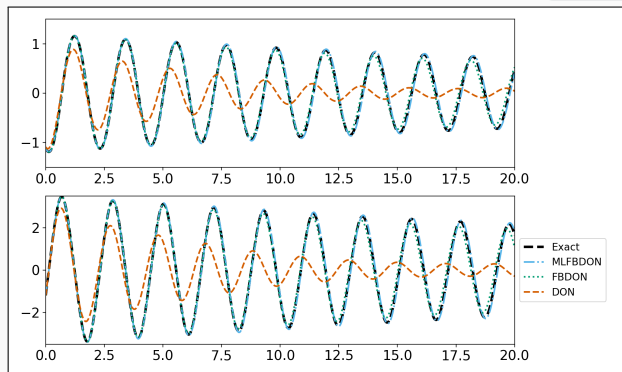
Parametrization

Initial conditions:

$$s_1(0) \in [-2, 2] \quad s_2(0) \in [-1.2, 1.2]$$

$s_1(0)$ and $s_2(0)$ are the also inputs of the branch network.

Training on 50 k different configurations



Mean rel. l_2 error on 100 config.

DeepONet	0.94
FBDON (32 subd.)	0.84
MLFBDON ([1, 4, 8, 16, 32] subd.)	0.27

Cf. [Howard, Heinlein, Stinis \(in prep.\)](#)

DD-DONs Wave Equation

Wave equation

$$\frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = 2 \frac{d^2 s}{dx^2}, \quad (x, t) \in [0, 1]^2$$

$$s_t(x, 0) = 0, x \in [0, 1], \quad s(0, t) = s(1, t) = 0,$$

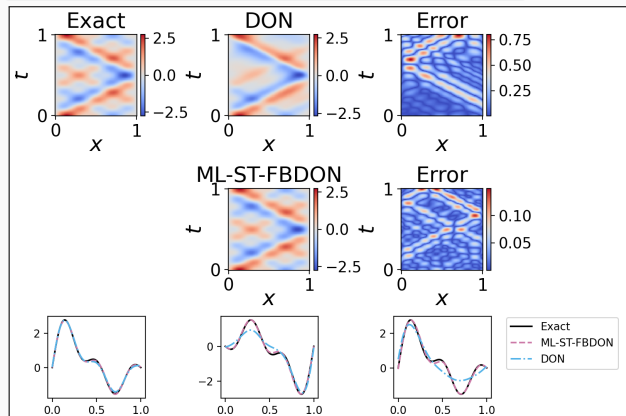
$$\text{Solution: } s(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^5 b_n \sin(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi\sqrt{2}t)$$

Parametrization

Initial conditions for s parametrized by $b = (b_1, \dots, b_5)$ (normally distributed):

$$s(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^5 b_n \sin(n\pi x) \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

Training on 1000 random configurations.



Mean rel. l_2 error on 100 config.

DeepONet	0.30 ± 0.11
ML-ST-FBDON ([1, 4, 8, 16] subd.)	0.05 ± 0.03
ML-FBDON ([1, 4, 8, 16] subd.)	0.08 ± 0.04

→ Sharing the trunk network does not only save in the number of parameters but even yields better performance

Cf. **Howard, Heinlein, Stinis (in prep.)**

PACMANN – Point adaptive collocation method for artificial neural networks

Motivation

The number and distribution of the collocation points in the PDE loss \mathcal{L}_{PDE} have a significant influence on the accuracy of the PINN solution. Since the **computational work grows with the number of collocation points**, the **effective placement of the collocation points** is important.

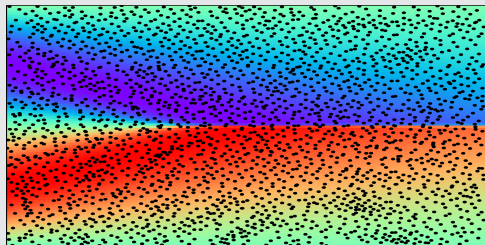
Burger's equation in 1D

Consider the Burger's with one spatial dimension:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [-1, 1], \quad t \in [0, 1]$$
$$u(x, 0) = -\sin(\pi x) \quad u(-1, t) = u(1, t) = 0.$$

sampling method	L_2 relative error		mean runtime [s]
	mean	1 SD	
uniform grid	25.9%	14.2%	425
Hammersley grid	0.61%	0.53%	443
random resampling	0.40%	0.35%	423
Residual-based	0.11%	0.05%	450

Implementation based on DeepXDE with PyTorch (v1.12.1) backend; cf. [Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi \(arXiv:2411.19632\)](#)



Similar results in earlier study: [Wu et al. \(2023\)](#)

Overview of Various Sampling Schemes (Not Exhaustive)

Non-adaptive sampling

- **Equispaced uniform grid**
- **Uniformly random sampling**, using a pseudo-random number generator (e.g., PCG-64 **O'Neill (2014)**)
- **Latin hypercube sampling** (**McKay, Beckman, and Conover (2000)**; **Stein (1987)**)

Quasi-random low-discrepancy sequences:

- **Halton sequence** (**Halton (1960)**)
- **Hammersley sequence** (**Hammersley (1964)**)
- **Sobol sequence** (**Sobol' (1967)**)

Adaptive sampling

- **Residual-based Adaptive Refinement (RAR)** (**Lu et al (2021)**): placement of **additional points** in regions with the largest PDE residuals
- **Probability Density Function (PDF)** (**Nabian, Gladstone, and Meidani (2021)**): randomly resample **all points** based on a **PDF proportional to the residual**
- **Residual-based Adaptive Distribution (RAD)** (**Wu et al. (2023)**): **all collocation points are resampled** using a **PDF based on the residual (nonlinear)**.
- **Residual-based Adaptive Refinement with Distribution (RAR-D)** (**Wu et al. (2023)**): **sampling of additional collocation points** using the **PDF used in RAD**

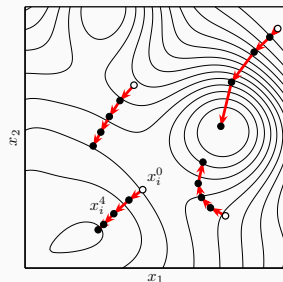
(RAD and RAR-D are based on / extensions of PDF approach)

PACMANN – Point Adaptive Collocation Method for Artificial Neural Networks

In **Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi (arXiv:2411.19632)**, the collocation points are updated by solving the **min-max problem**

$$\min_{\theta} \left[\omega_{\text{data}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{data}}(\theta) + \max_{\mathbf{X} \subset \Omega} \omega_{\text{PDE}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PDE}}(\mathbf{X}, \theta) \right].$$

Different from the other residual-based adaptive sampling methods, the **existing collocation points are moved** using a gradient-based optimizers, such as **gradient ascent**, **RMSprop (Hinton (2018))**, **Adam (Kingma, Ba (2017))**, or others.



Algorithm 1: PACMANN with iteration counts P and T and stepsize s

Sample a set \mathbf{X} of N_{PDE} collocation points using a uniform sampling method;

while *stopping criterion not reached* **do**

Train the PINN for P iterations;

for $k = 1, \dots, T$ **do**

Compute squared residual $\mathcal{R}(x_i) = (n[u](x_i, \theta) - f(x_i))^2$ for all $x_i \in \mathbf{X}$;

Compute gradient $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{R}(x_i)$ for all $x_i \in \mathbf{X}$;

Move the points in \mathbf{X} according to the chosen optimization algorithm and stepsize s ;

end

Resample points in \mathbf{X} that moved outside Ω based on a uniform probability distribution;

end

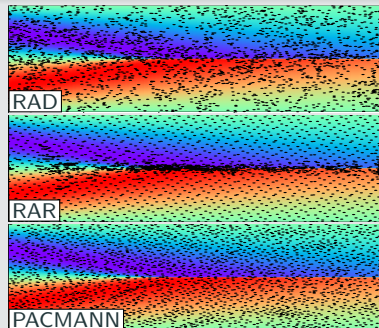
Numerical Results – Burger’s Equation in 1D

Varying the optimizer in PACMANN

sampling method	L_2 relative error		mean runtime [s]	hyper parameters	
	mean	1 SD		stepsize s	# steps T
PACMANN–gradient ascent	0.30%	0.17%	436	10^{-6}	1
PACMANN–RMSprop	0.10%	0.03%	442	10^{-6}	10
PACMANN–Adam	0.07%	0.05%	461	10^{-5}	15

Comparison against different methods

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RAR-D	0.24%	0.21%	503
PACMANN–Adam	0.07%	0.05%	461



Cf. Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi (arXiv:2411.19632).

Numerical Results – Poisson Equation in 5D

Furthermore, we show that our method **scales well to higher dimensions**, such as a **Poisson equation in five dimensions**:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega &= [-1, 1]^5, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Here, f is chosen such that $u = \prod_{i=1}^5 \sin(\pi x_i)$.

Comparison against different methods

sampling method	L_2 relative error		mean runtime [s]
	mean	1 SD	
uniform grid	17.89%	0.94%	742
Hammersley grid	82.08%	3.23%	734
random resampling	11.03%	0.69%	772
RAR	56.84%	4.46%	753
RAD	10.07%	0.75%	851
RAR-D	88.30%	1.53%	774
PACMANN–Adam	5.93%	0.46%	778

Cf. [Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi \(arXiv:2411.19632\)](#).

Numerical Results – Parameter Identification for the Navier–Stokes Equations

Finally, we consider an **inverse problem** involving the **Navier-Stokes equations in two dimensions** of an **incompressible flow past a cylinder** discussed by **Raissi et al. (2019)**:

$$u_t + \lambda_1(uu_x + vu_y) = -p_x + \lambda_2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in [1, 8] \times [-2, 2], t \in [0, 7],$$

$$v_t + \lambda_1(uv_x + vv_y) = -p_y + \lambda_2(v_{xx} + v_{yy}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in [1, 8] \times [-2, 2], t \in [0, 7].$$

Here, (u, v) and p are the velocity and pressure fields. The scalar parameter λ_1 scales the convective term, and λ_2 represents the dynamic (shear) viscosity. The true values of λ_1 and λ_2 are 1 and 0.01.

sampling method	L_2 relative error				mean runtime [s]
	λ_1		λ_2		
	mean	1 SD	mean	1 SD	
uniform grid	0.05 %	0.01 %	0.72 %	0.43 %	1506
Hammersley grid	0.08 %	0.04 %	0.89 %	0.52 %	1492
random resampling	0.12 %	0.05 %	0.65 %	0.46 %	1514
RAR	0.30 %	0.06 %	1.44 %	0.90 %	1520
RAD	0.23 %	0.06 %	1.38 %	0.79 %	1583
RAR-D	0.08 %	0.05 %	0.84 %	0.57 %	1525
PACMANN–Adam	0.03 %	0.03 %	0.53 %	0.19 %	1559

Cf. **Visser, Heinlein, and Giovanardi (arXiv:2411.19632)**.

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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.

PACMANN Sampling Method

- Adaptive movement of the collocation points along the gradient yields **comparable or better performance compared to state-of-the-art sampling approaches**; standard optimizers can be employed.
- In particular, for **high-dimensional problems**, the **performance is clearly better**.

Thank you for your attention!



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