

## Introduction

- **The governing Partial Differential Equation (PDE).** We study the Poisson equation

$$(\mathcal{P}) \begin{cases} -\Delta u_{\Omega}^f = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u_{\Omega}^f = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

- $\Omega$  is an open bounded connected set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- $f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$  is the source term
- $u_{\Omega}^f$  is the unique solution in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  of the Poisson problem

The solution  $u_{\Omega}^f$  of the Poisson problem  $(\mathcal{P})$  is defined as the unique solution of the variational problem

$$(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}}) \inf \{ \mathcal{J}(\Omega, u), u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \},$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{J}(\Omega, u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle_{H^{-1}(\Omega), H_0^1(\Omega)}, \quad \forall u \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

- **The shape optimization problem.** Introduce the Dirichlet energy  $\mathcal{E}$ , a shape functional given by

$$\mathcal{E}(\Omega) := \inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \mathcal{J}(\Omega, u).$$

Note that  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega) = \mathcal{J}(\Omega, u_{\Omega}^f)$ . Minimizing the Dirichlet energy within sets of given volum  $V_0 > 0$  is a prototypical problem in shape optimization. It reads

$$(\mathcal{O}_D) \inf \{ \mathcal{E}(\Omega), \Omega \text{ bounded set of } \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ such that } |\Omega| = V_0 \}.$$

- **Objective.** Solve this problem with a *Neural Network (NN)*. We mention some of NNs advantages in the following non-exhaustive list.

1. Automatic Differentiation (AD) avoids truncation errors;
2. Parametric set of of source terms, or computational domains, thanks to Monte-Carlo integration;
3. Mesh-free: work on very complex topologies
4. Parallel code: joint gradient descent on several mutually dependent networks thanks to NNs. We train a network representing the solution of the PDE, and another network representing the computational domain.

## 1. PINNs and DeepRitz

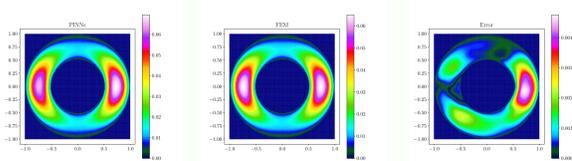
We want to solve the problem  $(\mathcal{P})$  in a fixed shape with a PINN. For that, we minimize the following loss function [1]

$$\mathcal{J}_{PDE}(\theta) = \frac{V_0}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v_{\theta}(x_i)|^2 - f(x_i)v_{\theta}(x_i),$$

- $\theta$  is the trainable set of parameters of the PINN;
- $v_{\theta} = \alpha u_{\theta}$  is the approximation of the solution of  $(\mathcal{P})$ ;
- $u_{\theta}$  is the PINN;
- $\alpha$  is a  $C^{\infty}$  function, such that  $\gamma_0^{\partial\Omega} \alpha = 0$  (for instance, if  $\Omega$  is a disk,  $\alpha(x, y) = 1 - x - y$ );
- $N$  is the number of the  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$  collocation points.

### 1.1. Numerical results

For the first simulation, in 2D, we solve the Poisson equation  $(\mathcal{P})$  in an annulus, with the source term  $f = \exp(1 - (x/2)^2 - (2y)^2)$ . The 4 layers of the network have 10, 20, 20 and 10 neurons respectively and the learning rate is  $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ . We compare it to a Finite Element Method (FEM) simulation done with FreeFem++ with a  $500 \times 500$  mesh.



### 1.2. What about the parametric problem?

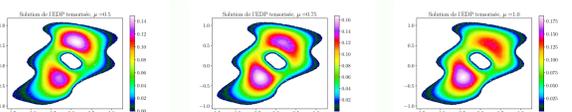
Consider a source term  $f^P$  which depends on parameters  $\mu \in \mathbb{M}$ . The parametric problem  $(\mathcal{P}^P)$  can still be solved for a slightly larger but comparable computation time. The parametric Poisson problem then reads

$$(\mathcal{P}^P) \begin{cases} -\Delta u^P(x; \mu) = f^P(x; \mu), & \text{for } (x; \mu) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{M}; \\ u^P(x; \mu) = 0, & \text{for } (x; \mu) \in \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{M}. \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbb{M}$  is the space of parameters;
- $f^P : \Omega \times \mathbb{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the parametric source term.

We train the loss function  $\mathcal{J}^P$  with  $\{x_i; \mu_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \Omega \times \mathbb{M}$

$$\mathcal{J}_{PDE}^P(\theta; \{x_i; \mu_i\}_{i=1}^N) = \frac{V_0}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \frac{1}{2} |\nabla v_{\theta}^P|^2 - f^P v_{\theta}^P \right\} (x_i; \mu_i),$$



Same simulation parameters in a potatoïd,  $f(x, y; \mu) = \exp(1 - (x/\mu)^2 - (\mu y)^2)$ .

## 2. Symplectic NNs (SympNets)

This work is concerned with **geometric optimization**. In  $\mathbb{R}^{2d}$ , the **volume-preserving differentiable maps** are the **symplectic maps** (one can think of the flow of a Hamiltonian ordinary differential equation).

**Objective:** Train a symplectic NN to transform a disk into a given shape.

### 2.1. Principle of SympNets

- **Architecture**

**Definition (shear maps):** One of the simplest families of symplectic transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^{2d}$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{2d}$  is called "shear maps", and is defined as follows

$$f_{\text{up}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + \nabla V_{\text{up}}(y) \\ y \end{pmatrix}; \quad f_{\text{down}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y + \nabla V_{\text{down}}(x) \\ x \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $V_{\text{up/down}} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ , and  $\nabla V : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is the gradient of  $V$ .

**Lemma [2]:** Any symplectic map can be approximated by the composition of several shear maps.

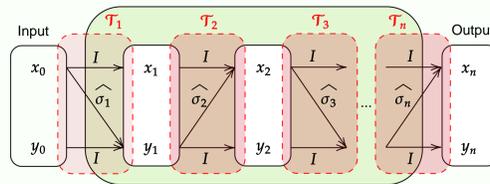
**Theorem [2]:** Let  $q > 0$  be the depth of the NN, and  $2d$  the dimension of the state space (here  $d = 1$ ). We define  $\widehat{\sigma}_{K,a,b}$  the approximation of  $\nabla V$  in terms of an activation function  $\sigma$ , a vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^q$ , a matrix  $K \in \mathcal{M}_{q,2d}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^q$  a vector, and  $\text{diag}(a) = (a_i \delta_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq q}$ , as follows

$$\widehat{\sigma}_{K,a,b}(x) = K^t \text{diag}(a) \sigma(Kx + b).$$

We define the gradient modules  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{up}}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{down}}$  to approximate  $f_{\text{up}}$  and  $f_{\text{down}}$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{up}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + \widehat{\sigma}_{K,a,b}(y) \\ y \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathcal{G}_{\text{down}} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y + \widehat{\sigma}_{K,a,b}(x) \end{pmatrix}.$$

These functions are called gradient modules because  $\widehat{\sigma}_{K,a,b}$  is able to approximate any  $\nabla V$ .



- **Loss function**

To learn a given symplectic map  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{objective}}$  with a SympNet  $T_{\omega}$ , we minimize with respect to  $\omega$  the following loss function [2]

$$\mathcal{J}_S(\omega, \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N) = \sum_{i=1}^N |T_{\omega}(x_i) - \mathcal{T}_{\text{objective}}(x_i)|^2,$$

where  $\omega$  are trainable weights and  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N$  are  $N$  collocation points.

- **Can we make it parametric?**

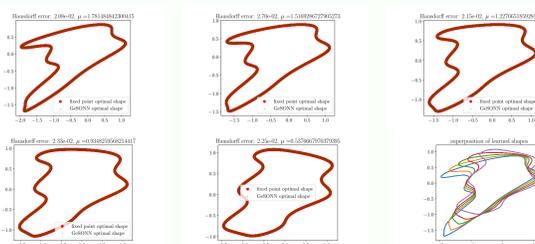
We propose to introduce  $K_{\mu} \in \mathcal{M}_{q,2d}(\mathbb{R})$  (with  $n_{\mu}$  the number of parameters) and replace  $\widehat{\sigma}_{K,a,b}(x)$  with [4]

$$\widehat{\sigma}_{K_{\mu},a,b}(x; \mu) = K^t \sigma(Kx + b + K_{\mu}\mu).$$

### 2.2. Numerical results

Here, we trained a SympNet to learn the parametric family of symplectic maps  $\mathcal{T}_{\mu} = \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^1 \circ \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^2$ , with

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^1 : (x, y; \mu) \mapsto (x - \mu y^2 + 0.3 \sin(\frac{y}{\mu}) - 0.2 \sin(8y), & y) \\ \mathcal{S}_{\mu}^2 : (x, y; \mu) \mapsto (x, & y + 0.2\mu x + 0.12 \cos(x)) \end{cases}$$



The SympNet was trained with 4 up and down networks, a width  $q = 5$  and with a learning rate equal to  $10^{-2}$ .

## 3. Shape optimization with NNs

### 3.1. Solving a PDE in a shape generated by a symplectic map

**Objective:** Train a SympNet and a PINN to transform a circle into the optimal shape for the Dirichlet energy.

**Lemma [4]:** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a differentiable map and  $u_{\mathcal{T}} \in H_0^1(\mathcal{T}\mathcal{C})$ , such that  $w = u_{\mathcal{T}} \circ \mathcal{T} \in H_0^1(\mathcal{C})$ . If  $u_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the solution of  $(\mathcal{P})$ , then  $w$  is solution of

$$(\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}) \begin{cases} -\text{div}(A \nabla w) = \tilde{f}, & \text{in } \mathcal{C}; \\ w = 0, & \text{on } \mathcal{C}. \end{cases}$$

1.  $A : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} = J_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1} \cdot J_{\mathcal{T}}^t$  is a uniformly elliptic metric tensor;
2.  $J_{\mathcal{T}} = D\mathcal{T}$  the Jacobian matrix of  $\mathcal{T}$  in the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ;
3.  $\tilde{f} = f \circ \mathcal{T} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the source term.

The previous problem can be formulated in a weaker sense, as the following optimization problem:

$$(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{T}}}) \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{C}} A \nabla w \cdot \nabla w - \int_{\mathcal{C}} \tilde{f} w, \quad w = u_{\mathcal{T}} \circ \mathcal{T} \in H_0^1(\mathcal{C}) \right\}.$$

**Remark:** In spirit, we compute a shape derivative of  $\mathcal{J}$ .

### 3.2. Shape optimization loss function

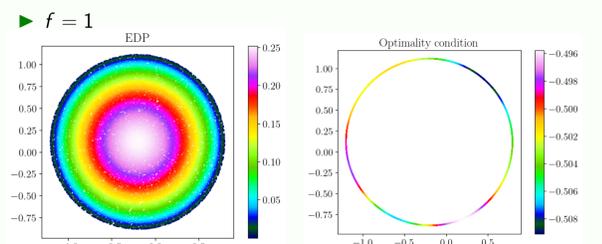
We want to solve the problem  $(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{P}})$ . For that, we minimize the following parametric loss function [4]

$$\mathcal{J}(\theta, \omega, \{x_i; \mu_i\}_{i=1}^N) = \frac{V_0}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \frac{1}{2} |A_{\omega} \nabla v_{\theta, \omega} \cdot \nabla v_{\theta, \omega}|^2 - \tilde{f}_{\omega} v_{\theta, \omega} \right\} (x_i; \mu_i)$$

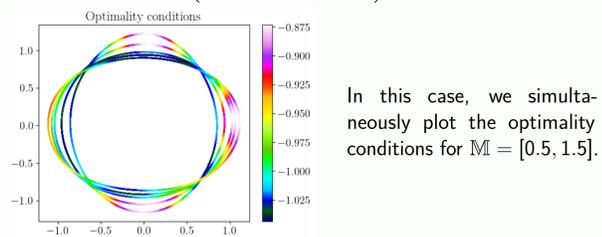
- $\theta$  and  $\omega$  the trainable weights for the PINN and the SympNet;
- $v_{\theta, \omega} : x \in \mathcal{C} \mapsto \alpha(x) u_{\theta}(T_{\omega}x) + \beta(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  the solution of the Poisson problem set in  $T_{\omega}\mathcal{C}$ ;
- $T_{\omega} : \mathbb{R}^{2d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2d}$  the SympNets;
- $A_{\omega} = J_{T_{\omega}}^{-1} \cdot J_{T_{\omega}}^t$  the metric tensor;
- $u_{\theta} : T_{\omega}\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the PINN;
- $\alpha : \mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  a  $C^{\infty}$  function that vanishes on  $\partial\mathcal{C}$ ;
- $\tilde{f}_{\omega} : x \in \mathcal{C} \mapsto (f \circ T_{\omega})(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### 3.3. Numerical results

**Theorem [3]:** The problem  $(\mathcal{O}_D)$  has a unique solution  $(\Omega^*, u^*)$ . The first order optimality condition reads:  $\nabla u^* \cdot n$  is constant a.e. on  $\partial\Omega^*$ . For the numerical simulation, we take standard NNs settings in this section.



- $f = 1$

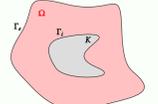


In this case, we simultaneously plot the optimality conditions for  $\mathbb{M} = [0.5, 1.5]$ .

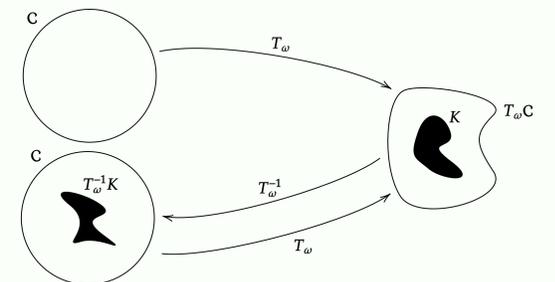
### 3.4. Ongoing work: the Bernoulli overdetermined problem

We now minimize the Dirichlet energy for

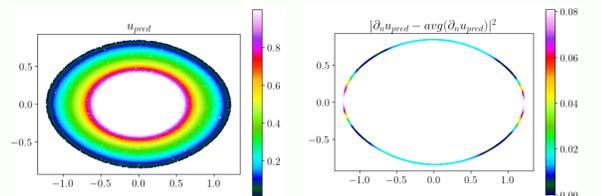
$$(\mathcal{B}) \begin{cases} -\Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega; \\ u = 1 & \text{on } \Gamma_i; \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_e. \end{cases}$$



Our numerical strategy remains to learn a symplectic map  $T_{\omega}$  minimizing the Dirichlet energy. To handle the boundary  $\partial\Gamma_i$ , we compute  $T_{\omega}^{-1}K$  [4].



For the numerical simulations, we take standard NNs settings, and  $K$  is an ellipse of parameters  $(a = 0.6, b = 1/0.6)$ .



### Ongoing work and perspectives

- Publish the open source code GeSONN (GEometric Shape Optimization with Neural Networks)
- Investigate GeSONN for the compliance loss function
- Adapt GeSONN to the other equations
- Fixed point algorithm

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