



Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Power Systems Applications

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Introduction to PINNs



Solution of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

Analytical Solution

- Transparent and efficient solution.
- A few PDEs can be solved exactly.

Numerical Solution

- Approximation of the solution when it cannot be solved analytically.
- Common numerical methods:
 - Finite Difference Method (FDM)
 - Finite Volume Method (FVM)
 - Finite Element Method (FEM)

Artificial Neural Networks to Solve PDEs









ANNs vs. Physics-Informed NNs

Traditional ANNs

- Data-driven models.
- Use of large quantities of data to make accurate predictions.
- The training requires either analytical or numerical solutions (supervised learning).
- Complex and deep architectures.
- The solver does not use grids.

Physics-Informed NNs

- Use information stored in PDEs and ODEs, adding a part of the network to calculate the residual.
- No need for prior solutions of the equation (unsupervised learning).
- Good approximations both with large and small datasets.
- Not necessarily complex structures for the network.
- Use automatic differentiation to calculate the derivatives of the network.



Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs)

Data-driven solutions to PDEs

- $u_t + \mathcal{D}[u] = 0, x \in \Omega, t \in [0, n]$
- u(x,t) is the latent hidden solution;
- $\mathcal{D}[\cdot]$ is a nonlinear differential operator;
- The domain Ω is a subset of \mathbb{R}^d .



Data-driven discovery of PDEs

 $u_t + \mathcal{D}[u; \lambda] = 0, x \in \Omega, t \in [0, n]$

- u(x,t) is the latent hidden solution;
- D[·; λ] is a nonlinear differential operator parametrized by λ;
- The domain Ω is a subset of \mathbb{R}^d .



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Data-driven solutions to PDEs

 $u_t + \mathcal{D}[u] = 0, x \in \Omega, t \in [0, n]$

Set the function:

 $f \coloneqq u_t + \mathcal{D}[u]$

Minimize the mean squared error loss:







Case Studies



- The power grid is an example of electric power system.
- It is a system that provides electricity from the producers to the consumers.
- It consists of power stations, power transformers and transmission.



Insulation System of Power Transformers



- A: Three-phase, core-type power transformer.
- **B:** Transformer insulation oil and core.
- **C:** Transformer core with corresponding insulation paper.

PINNs for Power Systems Components







Transformer Thermal Model

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Background

- An indicator of transformer thermal performance is the top oil temperature T_o .
- Top oil temperature is a function of:
 - Ambient temperature T_a ,
 - Load factor K.



Conventional dynamic thermal modelling

- Parameters for rated conditions are determined empirically during the factory test.
- Effects of K and T_a are included in the model.
- Model does not conserve energy.
- Model does not provide any temperature distribution.





$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{q}{k} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Where:

$$q = q(x,t) = P_0 + P_K(t) - h(T(x,t) - T_a(t))$$

Boundary conditions:

 $T(0,t) = T_a, \quad T(H,t) = T_o$

Known values:

 $P_K \sim K^2 \cdot \mu$: load loss μ : rated load loss P_0 : no-load loss h : heat transfer coefficient H : height

Data:

 T_a : ambient temperature K : load factor T_o : top-oil temperature





Heat diffusion equation in 1D

$$\rho c_p u_t - k u_{xx} - (P_0 + P_K - h(u - T_a)) = 0$$

 $u(0,t) = T_a \quad u(H,t) = T_o$

Set the function:

$$f \coloneqq \rho c_p u_t - k u_{xx} - (P_0 + P_K - h(u - T_a))$$

- u is the temperature (K),
- k is the effective thermal conductivity $(W/m \cdot K)$,
- c_p is the specific heat capacity $(J/kg \cdot K)$,
- ρ is the density (kg/m^3) ,
- P_0 and P_K are losses,
- *h* is the heat transfer coefficient $(W/m^2 \cdot K)$,
- T_a is the ambient temperature (K),
- T_o is the top-oil temperature (*K*).





Hyperparameter Tuning

- Data: t, T_a , K, T_o
- Neural network hyperparameters:
 - Hidden layers: 2, 4, 6
 - Neurons: 10, 20, 50, 100
 - Number of boundary training data N_u: 50, 100, 150, 200
 - Number of collocation points N_f : 2000, 5000, 10000
 - Activation function: tanh
 - Optimizer: L-BFGS-B

Structure Test Data

Test data to predict the model:

- Finite Volume Method (FVM)
- 50 data points for space x
- 100 data points for time *t*



Solution of the first 100 hours



Prediction of the following 100 hours





- Understanding when **PINN** should be used instead of a **numerical method**. PINNs can leverage existing measurements.
- Measurements are used from a real transformer rather than synthetic data.
- **Scaling** of the equation: PINNs face difficulties in handling large parameters.
- Weights assigned to the individual loss functions.
- PINNs as an ML prediction tool.



Transformer Cellulose Degradation

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Insulation System of Power Transformers





Correlation between DP and paper condition

Paper Condition	Degree of Polymerization (DP)
New	1000 - 1200
Good	650 - 1000
Average	350 - 650
Aged	< 350



Emsley equation

$$\frac{dDP}{dt} = -k \cdot DP^2$$
$$k = A \cdot e^{-\frac{E}{RT}}$$
$$DP(0) = 1000$$

Set the function:

$$f \coloneqq \frac{dDP}{dt} + A \cdot e^{-\frac{E}{RT}} \cdot DP^2$$

- *DP* is the degree of polymerization,
- T is the temperature [K],
- *R* is the molar gas constant [8,314 J/K mol],
- *A* is the pre-exponential factor,
- *E* is the activation energy [kJ/mol].





Loss function evolution





- The mean of the inferred parameter *A* over 5 runs: 2.0803
- Real scaled value: 2.05

Stiff: using real values of the parameters *A* and *E* Non-stiff: using scaled values of the parameters *A* and *E*



- **Scaling** of large parameters: stiff and non-stiff problem.
- PINNs are a powerful tool for the **data-driven discovery** of PDEs and ODEs.
- Using **synthetic data** rather than real data: collecting data in this field is not easy.



Conclusions





- PINNs are neural networks that encode the **physics** expressed by ODEs and PDEs.
- PINNs can be used both for **solving** and **discovering** ODEs/PDEs.
 - Great potential to solve **inverse** problems.
- It can solve PDEs without a mesh.
- It calculates the derivatives of the network using automatic differentiation.
- Working with **real-world cases**:
 - Thermal distribution of power transformers: data-driven solution of the heat diffusion equation.
 - Cellulose degradation inside power transformers: data-driven discovery of the Emsley equation.
 - Scaling of the equation.
 - PINNs as a machine learning prediction tool.



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