

Physics-Informed PointNet A deep learning solver for incompressible flows on multiple sets of irregular geometries

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Physics-Informed PointNet (PIPN)

Introduction & Motivation



What is the best (optimized) shape of rear wing?

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Mattos et al. (2015)





Accelerating by Machine Learning

Mattos et al. (2015)



1. Supervised learning plentiful labeled data (observations)

2. Unsupervised/weakly supervised
learning
no labeled data or only sparse
labeled data (observations)

Deep Learning Methods for Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes Simulations of Airfoil Flows

N. Thuerey et al. (2020) *Technical University of Munich*



Supervised Learning



MLP (512,256,128) MLP (128, *n*_{CFD})



Supervised Learning Framework

Let's explain it by an example: Imagine we would like to obtain the velocity fields around 1000 airfoils with different geometries

Step#1 Obtain the velocity fields for 900 domains using a numerical solver (or a lab experiment)

Step#2 Train a neural network on these 900 domains (training set)

Step#3 By the neural network, predict the velocity fields on the remaining 100 domains (test set)

Supervised Learning Framework

Producing plentiful labeled data is expensive! Sometimes, labeled data are not accessible!

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Unsupervised/Weakly Supervised Learning Framework

Our goal: Designing a neural network to predict the solution on multiple domains without plentiful labeled data



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Physics-informed neural networks: A deep learning framework for solving forward and inverse problems involving nonlinear partial differential equations



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Loss function = governing equations + boundary conditions + initial conditions + sparse observation



Can PINN obtain the solution over more than one different geometries simultaneously (i.e., in one training set)?





Uncommon points in these two domain





Even in common points, the solution might be different in each of these two domains







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PhyGeoNet: Physics-informed geometryadaptive convolutional neural networks for solving parameterized steady-state PDEs on irregular domain

Han Gao, Luning Sun, Jian-Xun Wang Ӓ 🖾

PhyGeoNet strategies:

- Capturing geometric features using encoders in CNNs
- Using non-trainable filter representing a finite difference stencil, instead of using automatic differentiation
- Using elliptic coordinate transformations for irregular geometries

PhyGeoNet architecture



Figure taken from the PhyGeoNet journal paper (Gao et al. 2021)

PhyGeoNet limitations:

- Limitations of finite difference schemes such as order of accuracy and issues of high order methods near boundaries
- Elliptic coordinate transformations require offline efforts
- Cannot handle more than five C_0 continuous boundaries







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Methodology



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global feature Max Pool shared MLP



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PointNet prediction (output)

The PointNet output at each point depends on both the spatial coordinates and the geometric feature of the whole domain.



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 $\frac{\delta u_i}{\delta x_i} = \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left(f(\mathbf{x}_i, g(X)) \right)$ $\delta \text{ is the automatic differentiation}$



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Thus, the weights of PIPN is updated based on all the domains at each epochs during training.

$$r^{\text{continuty}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{\delta u_i}{\delta x_i} + \frac{\delta v_i}{\delta y_i} \right)^2 \longrightarrow Loss = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} r_j^{\text{continuty}} \text{ where } m \text{ is the number} \text{ of domains}$$

Important features of PointNet (and PIPN)

Let's imagine we have a 2D domain representing by




Permute the input



The network output should not change!



PointNet (and consequently, PIPN) is invariant to N! permutations using two features:

- 1. Shared MLPs
- 2. A symmetric function



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symmetric
function
shared MLP

Shared MLPs are "not" dense layers (TensorFlow terminology)!

Implementation of shared MLPs is explained in

- the PointNet source code (<u>https://github.com/charlesq34/pointnet</u>)
- and the manuscript "Network in Network" (cited 6563), (<u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1312.4400</u>)

symmetric

function

shared MLP

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PIPN framework



Set $\Psi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^l$ contains unseen geometries from seen and unseen categories with reference to the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^m$.

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Results & Discussion

Natural convection in a square enclosure with a cylinder

Inner cylinders have different shapes and different poses!

We do not know the temperature distribution on the surface of inner cylinder!



Shape of W (see Eq. 4)	Side length	Ω (variation in orientation)	Number of data
Equilateral nonagon	$0.365 \times \sin \frac{\pi}{9} \times \csc \frac{\pi}{7}$ m	$1^{\circ}, 2^{\circ}, \cdots, 39^{\circ}, 40^{\circ}$	40
Equilateral octagon	$0.8(\sqrt{2}-1)$ m	1°, 2°, …, 44°, 45°	45
Equilateral heptagon	0.365 m	$1^{\circ}, 2^{\circ}, \cdots, 49^{\circ}, 50^{\circ}$	50

Natural convection in a square enclosure with a cylinder

- We would like to obtain the velocity, temperature, and pressure fields for 135 domains with different geometries for the inner cylinder.
- For 108 domains, we have sparse observations in sensor locations (set Φ)
- For 27 dominos, we have no observations (set Ψ)



Loss function for the set Φ = conservation of mass + conservation of momentum + conservation of energy + velocity boundary conditions + temperature boundary condition of the outer cylinder + sparse observation of velocity/temperature/pressure in sensor locations

examples of sensor locations in the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{108}$



Prediction by PIPN vs. the ground truth for a domain of the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{108}$



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Absolute pointwise error distribution for geometries with maximum and minimum errors for the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{108}$



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Error analysis

	Over the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{108}$	Over the set $\Psi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{27}$
Average $ \tilde{u} - u _V / u _V$	1.08589E - 1	1.18250E - 1
Maximum $ \tilde{u} - u _V / u _V$	1.43521E - 1	1.45620E - 1
Minimum $ \tilde{u} - u _V / u _V$	7.73181E - 2	8.92147E - 2
Average $ \tilde{v} - v _V / v _V$	9.06379E - 2	1.07225E - 1
Maximum $ \tilde{v} - v _V / v _V$	1.27650E - 1	1.27621E - 1
Minimum $ \tilde{v} - v _V / v _V$	6.23631E - 2	8.26707E - 2
Average $ \tilde{p} - p _V / p _V$	2.89030E - 2	2.89858E - 2
Maximum $ \tilde{p} - p _V / p _V$	3.34799E - 2	3.28380E - 2
Minimum $ \tilde{p} - p _V / p _V$	2.47451E - 2	2.37549E - 2
Average $ \widetilde{T} - T _V / T _V$	3.66134E – 2	3.89187E – 2
Maximum $ \widetilde{T} - T _V / T _V$	4.91492E – 2	4.60109E – 2
Minimum $ \widetilde{T} - T _V / T _V$	2.57257E – 2	2.86674E – 2
Average $ \widetilde{T} - T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}/ T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}$	2.26461E - 2	7.41294E - 2
Maximum $ \widetilde{T} - T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}/ T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}$	4.14641E - 2	1.12027E - 1
Minimum $ \widetilde{T} - T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}/ T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}$	1.19202E - 2	2.07173E - 2

Temperature distribution



Natural convection in a square enclosure with a cylinder

So far the set $\Psi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{27}$ has been established from unseen geometries but from seen categories with reference to the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{108}$ such as heptagonal, octagonal, nonagonal inner cylinders

Now we set $\Psi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^2$ from unseen geometries from unseen categories with reference to the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{108}$ such as circular and hexagonal inner cylinders.

Prediction by PIPN vs. the ground truth for the circular inner cylinder



Prediction by PIPN vs. the ground truth for the hexagonal inner cylinder



Absolute pointwise error distribution





Error analysis

Shape of W (see Eq. 4)	$\frac{ \tilde{u}-u _V}{ u _V}$	$\frac{ \tilde{v}-v _{V}}{ v _{V}}$	$\frac{ \tilde{p}-p _{V}}{ p _{V}}$	$\frac{ \widetilde{T} - T _{V}}{ T _{V}}$	$\frac{ \widetilde{T} - T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}}{ T _{\Gamma_{\text{inner}}}}$
Circle	1.21878E – 1	1.08121E – 1	2.09506E - 2	3.02129E – 2	1.15890E – 2
Equilateral hexagon	1.65543E – 1	1.15348E – 1	3.32434E - 2	4.36705E – 2	3.55274E – 2



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New Research Questions

• When and Why **PIPN** fails to train?!



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When and why PINNs fail to train: A neural tangent kernel perspective

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How these error analysis change with the presence of "shared" MLPs and the "Max" function?!

- When and Why **PIPN** fails to train?!
- Parallel physics-informed PointNet via domain decomposition?!





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Parallel physics-informed neural networks via domain decomposition

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How we should decompose "multiple domains" while the solution of each domain depends on its geometry?!

- When and Why **PIPN** fails to train?!
- Parallel physics-informed PointNet via domain decomposition?!
- Extension to 3D and unsteady problems with applications to other areas such as compressible flows, linear and nonlinear elasticity, ...

Physics-Informed PointNet: A Deep Learning Solver for Steady-State Incompressible Flows and Thermal Fields on Multiple Sets of Irregular Geometries

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ABSTRACT

We present a novel physics-informed deep learning framework for solving steady-state incompressible flow on multiple sets of irregular geometries by incorporating two main elements: using a point-cloud based neural network to capture geometric features of computational domains, and using the mean squared residuals of the governing partial differential equations, boundary conditions, and sparse observations as the loss function of the network to capture the physics. While the solution of the continuity and Navier-Stokes equations is a function of the geometry of the computational domain, current versions of physics-informed neural networks have no mechanism to express this functionally in their outputs, and thus are restricted to obtain the solutions

Physics-Informed PointNet (PIPN)

Summary

- We proposed PIPN as a novel physics-informed deep learning framework.
- PIPN solves forward and inverse time-independent problems on several irregular domains by training only once.
- PIPN overcomes the shortcoming of regular PINNs that need to be retrained for any single domain with a new geometry.
- We showed applications of PIPN for incompressible flows and thermal fields.

A Short Advertisement





Thank you! Q&A

Supportive Materials


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Physics-informed machine learning for reduced-order modeling of nonlinear problems

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Convolution filter for derivatives on reference domain

For internal nodes on the reference domain, the first derivatives are approximated by 4th order central differences,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} \approx \frac{-u_{\xi+2\delta\xi,\eta} + 8u_{\xi+\delta\xi,\eta} - 8u_{\xi-\delta\xi,\eta} + u_{\xi-2\delta\xi,\eta}}{12\delta\xi} + O((\delta\xi)^4),$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \approx \frac{-u_{\xi,\eta+2\delta\eta} + 8u_{\xi,\eta+\delta\eta} - 8u_{\xi,\eta-\delta\eta} + u_{\xi,\eta-2\delta\eta}}{12\delta\eta} + O((\delta\eta)^4),$$

which can be expressed by an convolution filter as shown in Fig. B.25.



Fig. B.25. Finite difference based convolution filter for the differential operator: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$.

The snapshot taken from the PhyGeoNet journal paper (Gao et al. 2021)

Non-linear Independent Dual System (NIDS) for Discretization-independent Surrogate Modeling over Complex Geometries

Supervised Learning

J. Duvall et al. (2021) on arXiv University of Michigan



IMPROVED ARCHITECTURES AND TRAINING ALGORITHMS FOR DEEP OPERATOR NETWORKS

S. Wang et al. (2021) on arXiv University of Pennsylvania



Figure 11: Stokes equation: Illustration of the computational domain and boundary conditions.

$$\partial \Gamma = \partial \Gamma(\phi) = (a\cos(\phi) + \frac{1}{2}, b\sin(\phi) + \frac{1}{2}), \quad \phi \in [0, 2\pi),$$

Method of manufactured solutions in non-trivial geometries

A divergence free velocity field:

 $u = \cos(x)\sin(y)$

 $v = -\cos(y)\sin(x)$

with an arbitrary pressure field:

$$p = -\frac{\rho}{4} \left[\cos(2y) + \cos(2x) \right]$$

The set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{26}$ contains 26 geometries, where we know the velocity and pressure Dirichlet boundary conditions!

Loss function for the set Φ = conservation of mass + conservation of momentum + velocity boundary conditions + pressure boundary conditions

Geometric descriptions of domains of the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{26}$

Shape of W (see Eq. 4)	Schematic figure	Geometric	Number of data
(300 Eq. +)	ligure	description	
Circle	a	a = 0.8 = m	1
	<u> </u>	$a = 0.8\pi$ m	1
	\bigcirc		
Semi circle	← a →	$a = 0.8\pi$ m with $\Omega = 0, \pi$	2
	<u>b</u> a		
Three-quarter sector of a circle		$a = 0.8\pi$ m, $b = 0.4\pi$ m with $\Omega = 0, \pi$	2
	\square		
Equilateral triangle	$\stackrel{2}{\longleftarrow}$ a	$a = 0.8\pi$ m with $\Omega = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}$	3
	\frown		
Equilatoral hovages		$a = 0.8 = \sqrt{3}$ m with $\Omega = 0^{\pi}$	2
Equilateral nexagon	a	$a = 0.8\pi \frac{1}{3}$ m with $s_2 = 0, \frac{1}{6}$	Z

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Examples of point-cloud representations of domains of the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{26}$



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Absolute pointwise error distribution for geometries with maximum and minimum errors for the set $\Phi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^{26}$



Error analysis

Average $ \tilde{u} - u _V / u _V$	9.79855E - 3
Maximum $ \tilde{u} - u _V / u _V$	1.06049E - 2
Minimum $ \tilde{u} - u _V / u _V$	9.11389E - 3
Average $ \tilde{v} - v _V / v _V$	9.55093E - 3
Maximum $ \tilde{v} - v _V / v _V$	1.03773E - 2
Minimum $ \tilde{v} - v _V / v _V$	8.89982E - 3
Average $ \tilde{p} - p _V / p _V$	1.27507E – 2
Maximum $ \tilde{p} - p _V / p _V$	1.35610E – 2
Minimum $ \tilde{p} - p _V / p _V$	1.19376E – 2

Error analysis

The effect of removing the Dirichlet pressure boundary conditions from the loss function; PIPN preservers the pressure gradient.

	$\left \left \frac{\delta \tilde{p}}{\delta x} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right \right _{V} / \left \left \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right \right _{V}$	$\left\ \frac{\delta \tilde{p}}{\delta y} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right\ _{V} / \left\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right\ _{V}$
Average	5.40516E - 2	7.56162E - 2
Maximum	5.57193E - 2	8.57065E - 2
Minimum	5.18154E - 2	6.08985E - 2

Prediction by PIPN and the absolute error for a domain of the set $\Psi = \{V_i\}_{i=1}^3$

