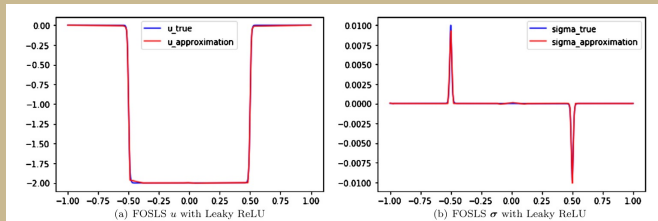


NEURAL NETWORKS IN NUMERICAL PDEs

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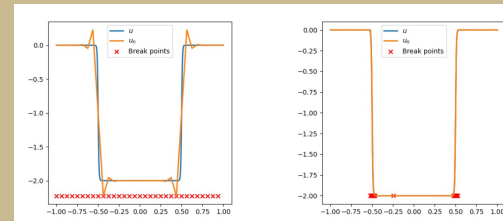
Deep least-squares methods: An unsupervised learning-based numerical method for solving elliptic PDEs

J. Comput. Phys., 420 (2020), 109707, C.-Chen-Liu-Liu.

1-32-32-24-24-2, 2962 parameters, about 20 hours



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Fast iterative solver for neural network method
C.-Doktorova-Falgout-Herrera
1-32-1, 64 parameters, a couple of seconds



Questions on NN in Numerical PDEs

- **What is Neural Network (NN)?**

A "new" class of approximating functions

- **Approx. Property? How to choose optimal NN architecture?**

(1) Adaptive Neuron Enhancement Methods (Liu-Chen), (2) Approximation to Discont. Functions (Liu-Choi)

- **Why uses NN instead of FE in numerical PDEs?**

Nonlinear Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

(1) Least-squares neural network (LSNN) method (J. Chen, J. Choi, and M. Liu)

(2) Evolving neural network (ENN) Method (B. Hejnal)

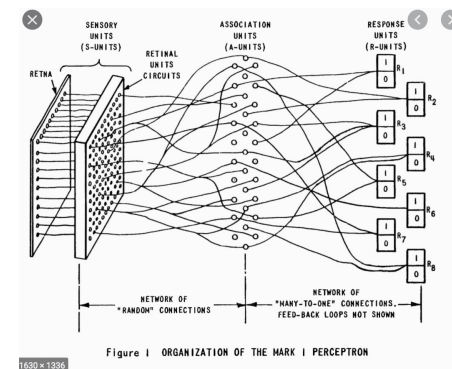
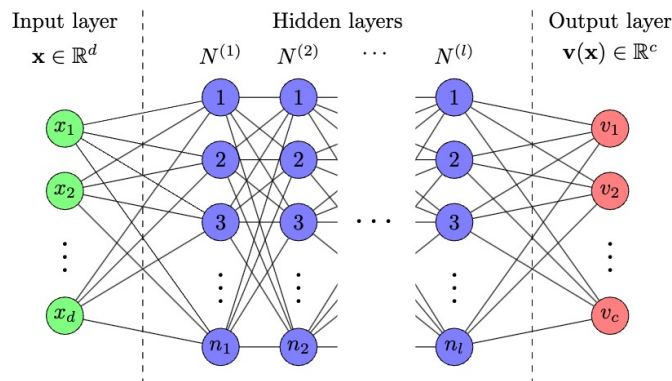
- **How to solve optimization effectively and efficiently?**

(1) Structure-guided Gauss-Newton (SgGN) method for ReLU shallow NN (Ding-Liu-Liu-Xia)

(2) Damped block Newton (dBN) method for 1D Diffusion (Doktorova-Falgout-Herrera)

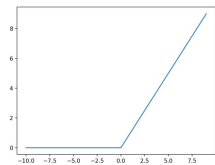
What is Neural Network (NN)?

- Fully-connected (Multi-Layer Perceptron) NN (Rosenblatt 1958)



- A class of approximating functions (ReLU NN)

$$\sigma(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t > 0, \\ 0, & t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$



$$\mathcal{M}_N(d, l) = \left\{ c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} c_j x_j^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{R}^{n_l+1}, \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(k)} \in \mathcal{R}^{n_{k-1} \times n_k}, \mathbf{b}^{(k)} \in \mathcal{R}^{n_k} \right\}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x} \text{ and } x_i^{(k)}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma \left(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^{(k)} \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + b_i^{(k)} \right)$$

The simplest Neural Network: Shallow and 1D

- Linear finite element on a **fixed** uniform mesh

$$\mathcal{S}_1^0(\Delta) = \text{span} \{ \phi_i(x) \}_{i=0}^n = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \phi_i(x) : c_i \in \mathcal{R} \right\} \quad \phi_i(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - x_{i-1}}{x_i - x_{i-1}}, & x \in (x_{i-1}, x_i), \\ \frac{x_{i+1} - x}{x_{i+1} - x_i}, & x \in (x_i, x_{i+1}), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$u(x) = x^{0.01}, \quad x \in [0, 1]; \quad \min_{v \in \mathcal{S}_1^0(\Delta)} \|u - v\| \leq Cn^{-0.01}$$

- Linear **free-knot** spline in $[a, b]$ (1960s)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_1^0(n) &= \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \phi_i(x; x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}) : c_i \in \mathcal{R}, x_i \in [a, b] \right\} \quad \min_{v \in \mathcal{S}_1^0(n)} \|u - v\| \leq Cn^{-1} \\ &= \left\{ c_0 + c_1(x - a) + \sum_{i=2}^n c_i \sigma(x - x_i) : c_i \in \mathcal{R}, x_i \in (a, b) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Shallow ReLU NN in R^d

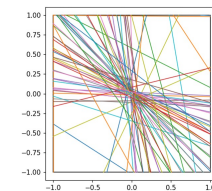
- Shallow ReLU NN (C^0 **piecewise** linear function)

$$\mathcal{M}_n(d) = \left\{ c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sigma(\omega_i \mathbf{x} + b_i) : c_i, b_i \in \mathcal{R}, \omega_i \in \mathcal{S}^{d-1} \right\}$$

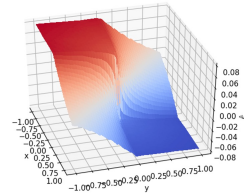
- Linear Independence

$\{\sigma(\omega_i \mathbf{x} + b_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ are linearly independent if $\{\mathcal{P}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are distinct.

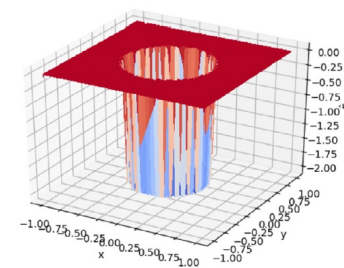
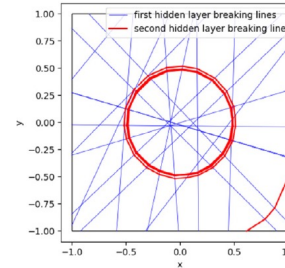
- Physical Partition of NN approximations



(h) Optimum break lines
(69 neurons, 1286 elements)



(i) Optimum NN model of 69
neurons, $\xi = 0.008476$



- Breaking Lines

$$\mathcal{P}_i : \omega_i \mathbf{x} + b_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

*Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN): often **physics-violated***

- Dissanayake-Phan-Tien (94), Lagaris-Likas-Ftiadis (98), Rasissi-Perdikaris-Karniadakis (19), ...

PDE: $\mathcal{L}(u(x)) = 0$ at $x \in \Omega \in \mathcal{R}^d$ and $\mathcal{B}(u(x)) = 0$ at $x \in \partial\Omega$

training data: $\{x_i^u\}_{i=1}^{N_u} \subset \Omega$ and $\{x_i^b\}_{i=1}^{N_b} \subset \partial\Omega$

l^2 **residual:**
$$L(u) = \frac{1}{N_u} \sum_{i=1}^{N_u} (\mathcal{L}(u(x_i^u)))^2 + \frac{1}{N_b} \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} (\mathcal{B}(u(x_i^b)))^2$$

PINN:
$$u_{\mathcal{N}} = \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{N}} L(v)$$

- **Characters of the PINN**

- (1) a **discrete least-squares neural network** (LSNN) method
- (2) numerical integration: Monte Carlo with random sampling
- (3) numerical differentiation: **auto-differentiation**
- (4) **unreasonable** approximation

How to Design NN Methods from Numerical Analysis Perspective?

- For a given PDE, start with a proper **equivalent** formulation
 - natural energy minimization and complementary maximization
 - various **artificial** least-squares minimizations
- Numerical Issues
 - Numerical Integration (**non-trivial**): adaptive numerical integration (L-C-R 23)
 - Numerical Differentiation (**critical**): **physics-preserved** numerical differentiation
 - Algebraic solver (**critical**): iterative/optimization/training algorithms

Why use ReLU Neural Network instead of Finite Element?

- **Scalar Nonlinear Hyperbolic Conservation Laws**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f_i(u(\mathbf{x}, t)) = 0, & \text{in } \mathcal{R}^d \times (0, T), \\ u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_0(\mathbf{x}), & \text{in } \mathcal{R}^d \end{cases}$$

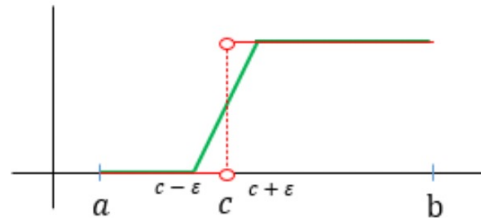
- **Theoretical and Numerical Difficulties**

- PDE theory
- Discontinuous solution with unknown interfaces

Approximation to Unit Step Function with **Unknown** Interface

- Unit step function and its CPWL approximation

$$f_c(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < x < c, \\ 1, & c < x < b \end{cases}$$



$$p_c(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < x \leq c - \varepsilon, \\ \frac{x - (c - \varepsilon)}{2\varepsilon}, & c - \varepsilon \leq x \leq c + \varepsilon, \\ 1, & c + \varepsilon \leq x < b \end{cases}$$

$$\|f_c - p_c\|_{L^\infty(I)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f_c - p_c\|_{L^r(I)} = \frac{\varepsilon^{1/r}}{2^{1-1/r}(1+r)^{1/r}}$$

- How to compute or approximate $p_c(x)$ **when c is unknown?**

(1) On **fixed** quasi-uniform mesh

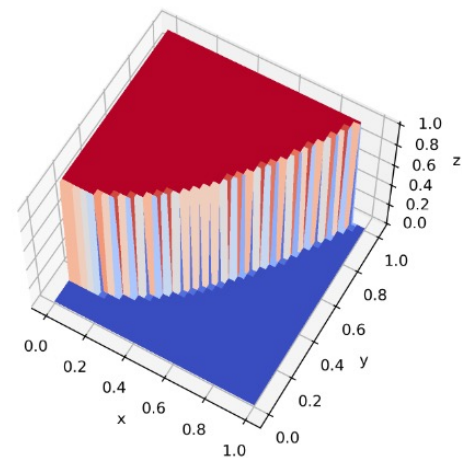
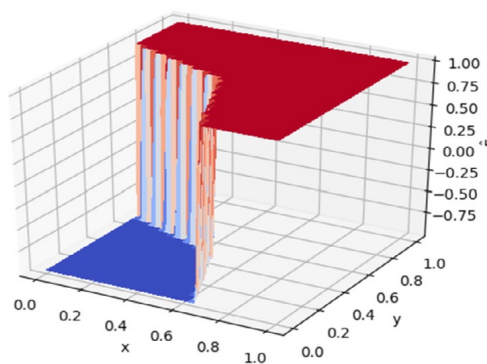
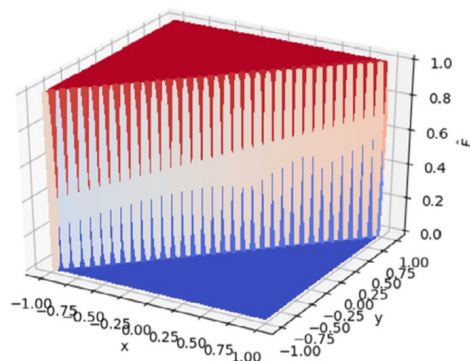
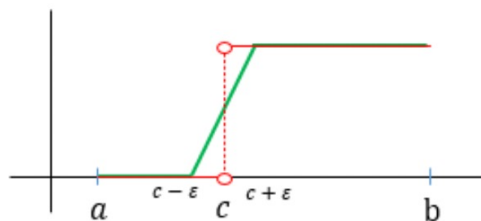
- **very fine mesh-size: $h = \varepsilon$**
- **overshooting, oscillation, etc.**

(2) On **moving** mesh (neural network)

- **two neurons**
- **no overshooting or oscillation**

$$p_c(x) = \frac{1}{b_2 - b_1} [\sigma(x - b_1) - \sigma(x - b_2)], \quad b_1 = c - \varepsilon, \quad b_2 = c + \varepsilon$$

Interface of Unit Step Function in \mathbb{R}^d



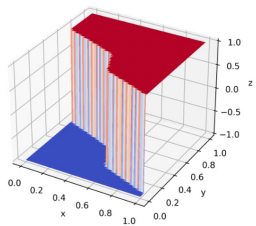
Approximation to Unit Step Function with *Unknown Interface in R^d*

- Piecewise Constant function with unknow interface**

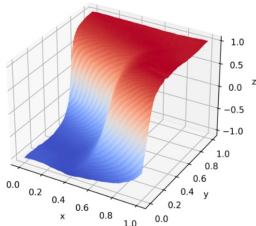
C., J. Choi, and M. Liu (2022) ($d=2, 3, l=2$; $d=4, \dots, 8, l=3$)

Let $\chi(x)$ be a piecewise constant function with C^0 piecewise smooth interface I , then there exists a CPWL function $p(x)$ generated by a NN with $L=\lceil \log_2(d+1) \rceil$ hidden layers such that for any given $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

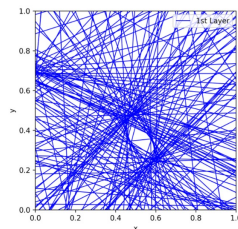
$$\|\chi - p\|_{\beta} \leq \sqrt{2|I|} |\alpha_1 - \alpha_2| \sqrt{\varepsilon},$$



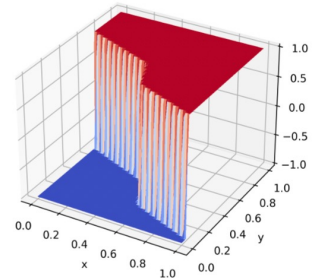
(b) Exact solution



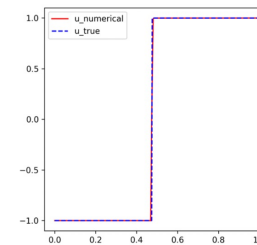
(c) 2 layer NN approximation



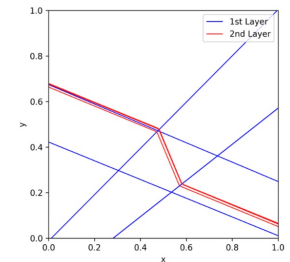
(g) 2 layer NN breaking lines



(d) 3 layer NN approximation



(f) 3 layer NN trace on $y = x$



(h) 3 layer NN breaking lines

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Linear Advection-Reaction Problem and its Least-squares Formulation

- **Linear advection-reaction problem**

$$u_{\beta} + \gamma u = f \text{ in } \Omega, \quad u|_{\Gamma_-} = g$$

- **Least-squares formulation** Find $u \in V_{\beta}(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : v_{\beta} \in L^2(\Omega)\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}(u; \mathbf{f}) = \min_{v \in V_{\beta}} \mathcal{L}(v; \mathbf{f})$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{L}(v; \mathbf{f}) = \|v_{\beta} + \gamma v - f\|_{0,\Omega}^2 + \|v - g\|_{-\beta}^2$$

- **Coercivity and continuity** there exists positive constants α and M such that

$$\alpha \|v\|_{\beta}^2 \leq \mathcal{L}(v; \mathbf{0}) \leq M \|v\|_{\beta}^2$$

Numerical Issues

- Numerical integration

$$\int_{\Omega} (v_{\beta} + \gamma v - f)^2(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

Adaptive numerical integration (Liu-Ramani-C 2023)

- Numerical differentiation

$$u_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_i(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial u(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i}.$$

Is invalid at where the solution is discontinuous.

Physics-preserved numerical differentiation

$$D_{\beta}v(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{v(\mathbf{x}) - v(\mathbf{x} - \rho\bar{\beta}(\mathbf{x}))}{\rho/|\beta(\mathbf{x})|} \approx v_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}),$$

- Algebraic solver (training algorithm) ???

Least-squares neural network (LSNN) method

- Discrete LS functional

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(v; \mathbf{f}) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \mathcal{Q}_K((D_{\beta} v + \gamma v - f)^2) .$$

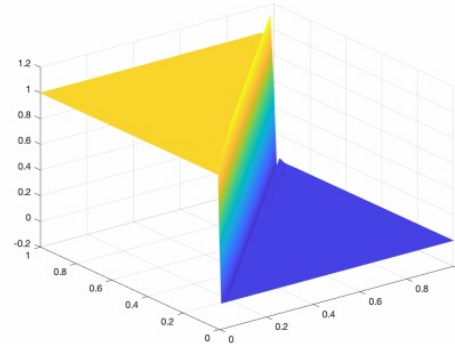
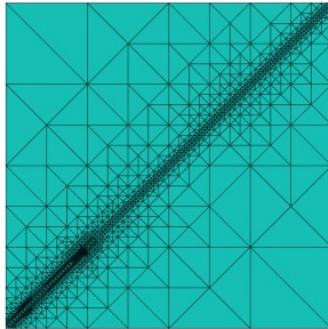
- LSNN method find $u_{\mathcal{T}}^N \in \mathcal{M}(L, n)$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(u_{\mathcal{T}}^N; \mathbf{f}) = \min_{v \in \mathcal{M}(L, n)} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(v; \mathbf{f})$$

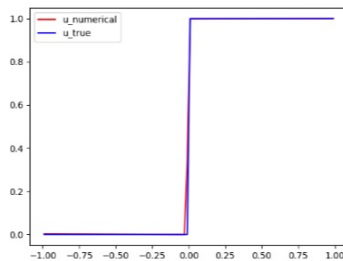
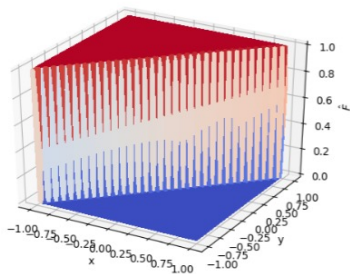
- A priori error estimate

$$\|u - u_N\|_{\beta} \leq C \left(|\alpha_1 - \alpha_2| \sqrt{\varepsilon} + \inf_{v \in \mathcal{M}(d, n)} \|\hat{u} + p - v\|_{\beta} \right)$$

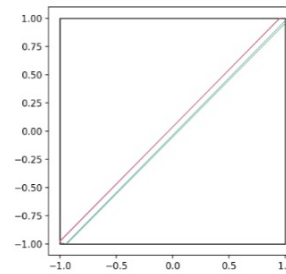
Famous Transport Equation $u_t + u_x = 0$



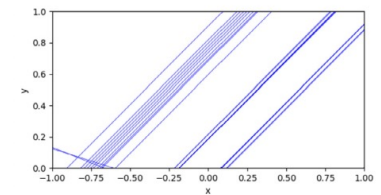
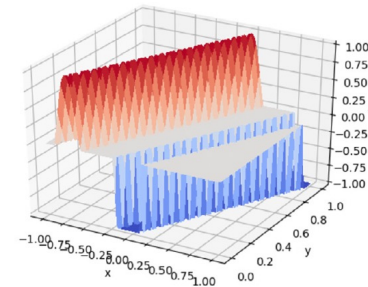
Liu-Zhang, CMAME, 2020



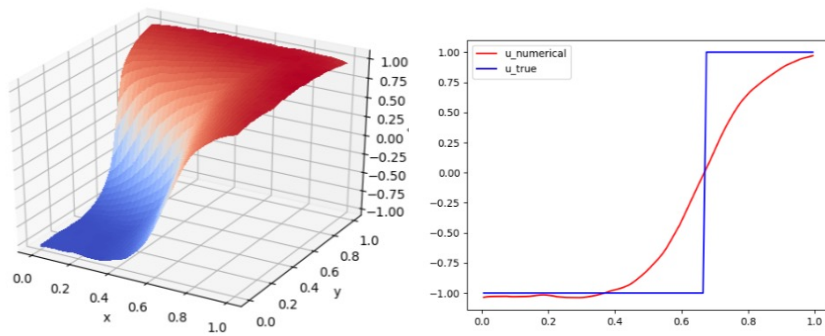
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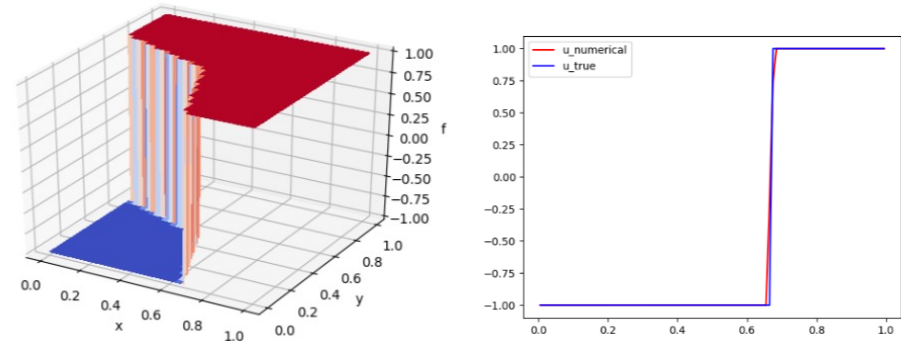
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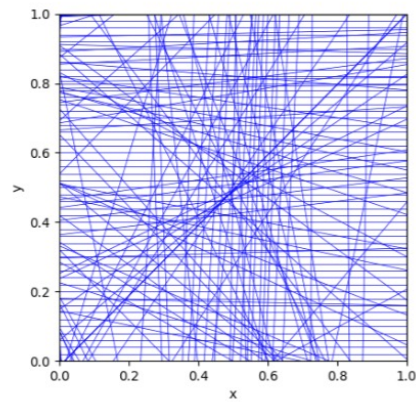
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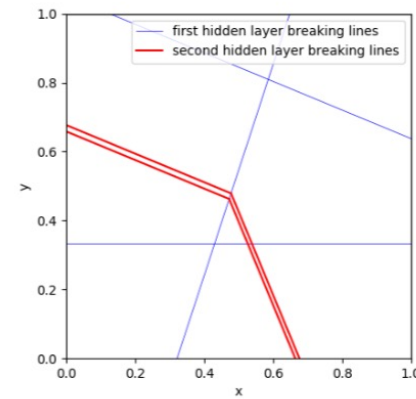
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(e) 2-layer NN breaking lines



(f) 3-layer NN breaking lines

C.-Chen-Liu, LSNN method for linear advection-reaction equation, JCP, 443(2021), 110514.

Least-Squares Neural Network (LSNN) method

- **Scalar nonlinear hyperbolic conservation laws**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f_i(u(\mathbf{x}, t)) = 0, \text{ in } \mathcal{R}^d \times (0, T), \quad u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = u_0(\mathbf{x}), \text{ in } \mathcal{R}^d$$

- **Physics Form of HCLs for total flux** $\mathbf{F}(u) = (\mathbf{f}(u), u)$

$$\mathbf{div} \mathbf{F}(u) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times I \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$

- **Equivalent Least-squares formulation**

Find $u \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{F}} = \{v \in L^2(\Omega \times I) \mid \mathbf{F}(v) \in H(\mathbf{div}; \Omega \times I)\}$ such that

$$u = \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathbf{F}}} \mathcal{L}(v; \mathbf{f}), \quad \text{where } \mathcal{L}(v; \mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{div} \mathbf{F}(v)\|_{0, \Omega \times I}^2 + \|v - u_0\|_{0, \Omega \times \{0\}}^2$$

Discrete Divergence Operator

- **Discrete divergence operator**

- + based on conservative numerical schemes (C.-Chen-Liu, ANM(2022))

- + new discrete divergence operator (C.-Chen-Liu, J Comput Appl Math (2023))

Let \mathcal{T} be a partition of the domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$.

For any $K \in \mathcal{T}$, let \mathbf{z}_K be the centroid of K .

$$\mathbf{div}_{\mathcal{T}} \mathbf{F}(u(\mathbf{z}_K)) \approx \text{avg}_K \mathbf{div} \mathbf{f}(u) = \frac{1}{|K|} \int_{\partial K} \mathbf{F}(u) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

- **Least-squares neural network (LSNN) method**

Find $u_n \in \mathcal{M}(l, n) \subset V_{\mathbf{f}}$ such that $u_n = \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{M}(l, n)} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(v; \mathbf{f})$,

where $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(v; \mathbf{f})$ is a discrete LS functional based on $\mathcal{L}(v; \mathbf{f})$.

Discrete Divergence Operator in 1D

- Primitive form over K_{ij}

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|K_{ij}|} \int_{\partial K_{ij}} \mathbf{F}(u) \cdot \mathbf{n} ds &= \frac{1}{\delta} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \sigma(x_i, x_{i+1}; t) dt + \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} u(x; t_j, t_{j+1}) dx \\ &\approx \frac{1}{\delta} Q(\sigma(x_i, x_{i+1}; t); t_j, t_{j+1}, \hat{n}) + \frac{1}{h} Q(u(x; t_j, t_{j+1}); x_i, x_{i+1}, \hat{m}) = \operatorname{div}_{\tau} \mathbf{F}(u_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

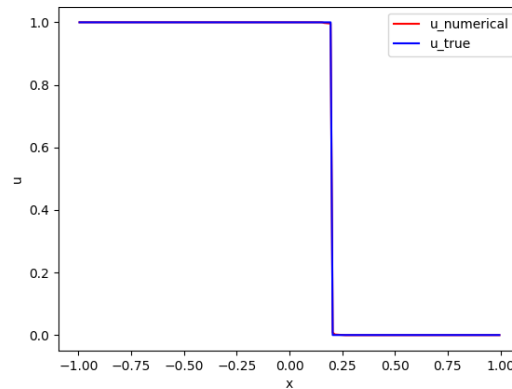
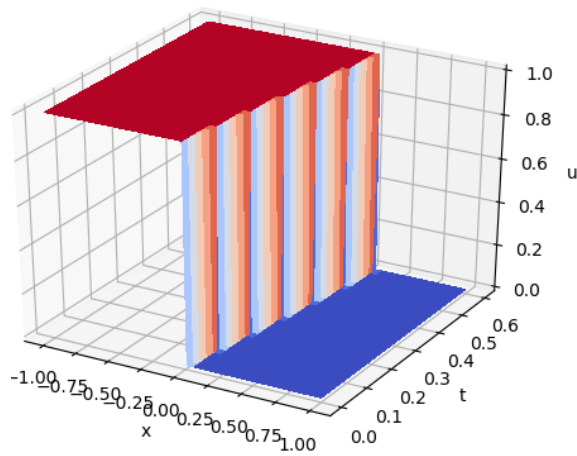
- Error estimate

LEMMA 4.3. Assume that u is a C^2 function of t and a piece-wise C^2 function of x on two vertical and two horizontal edges of K_{ij} , respectively. Moreover, u has only one discontinuous point on each horizontal edge. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

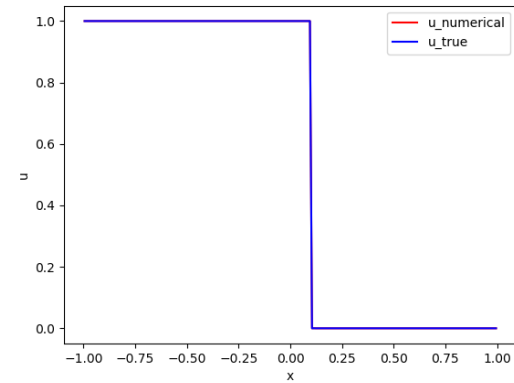
$$\begin{aligned} &\|\operatorname{div}_{\tau} \mathbf{f}(u) - \operatorname{avg}_{\tau} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{f}(u)\|_{L^p(K_{ij})} \\ (4.7) \quad &\leq C \left(\frac{h^{1/p} \delta^2}{\hat{n}^2} + \frac{h^2 \delta^{1/p}}{\hat{m}^2} + \frac{h \delta^{1/p}}{\hat{m}^{1+1/q}} \right) + \frac{(h\delta)^{1/p}}{\hat{m}} \sum_{l=j}^{j+1} \llbracket u_{ij} \rrbracket_{t_l}. \end{aligned}$$

Inviscid Burger Equation $f(u) = \frac{1}{2}u^2$

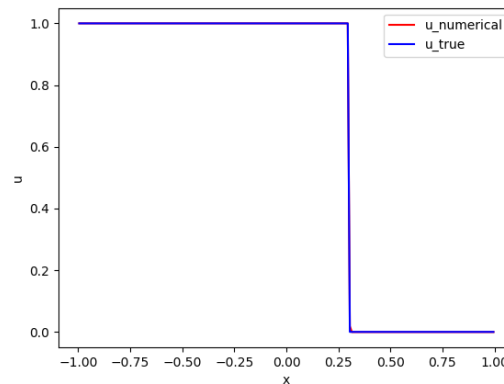
Riemann Problem Shock formation: exact solution



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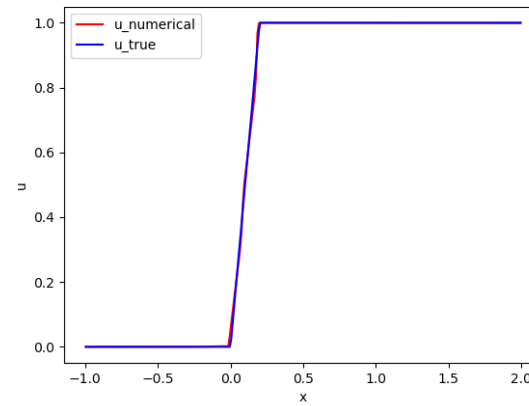
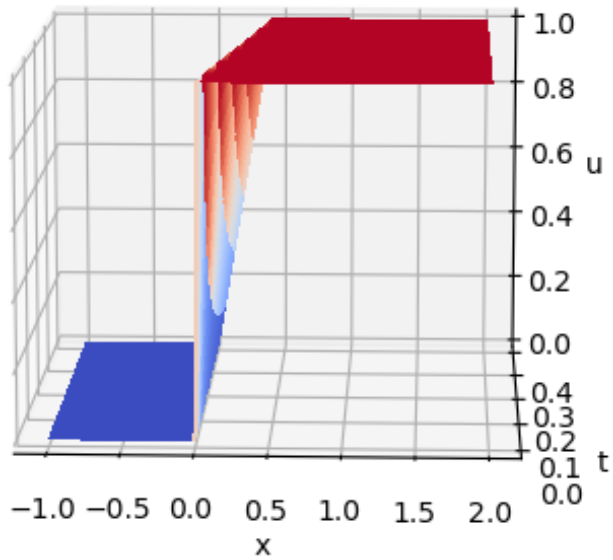
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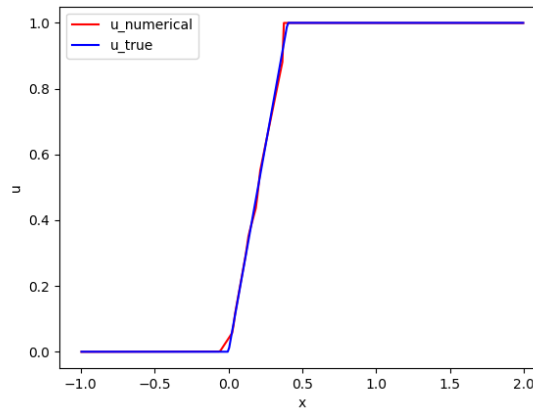
t=0.6

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Riemann Problem Rarefaction wave: exact solution



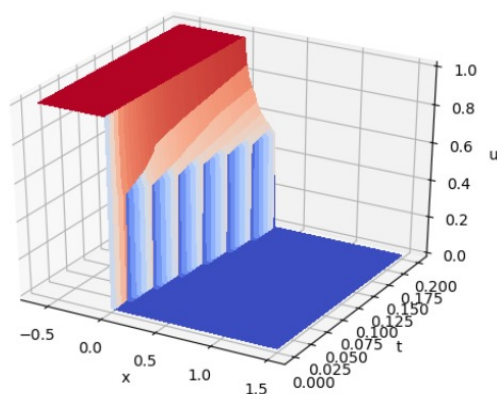
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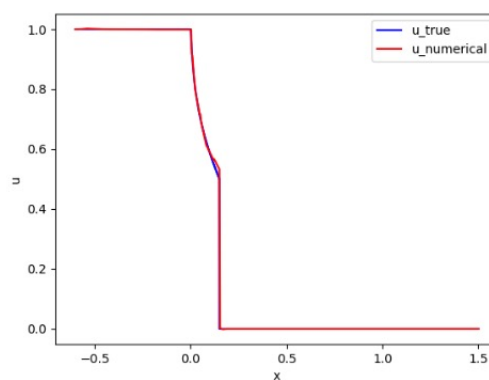
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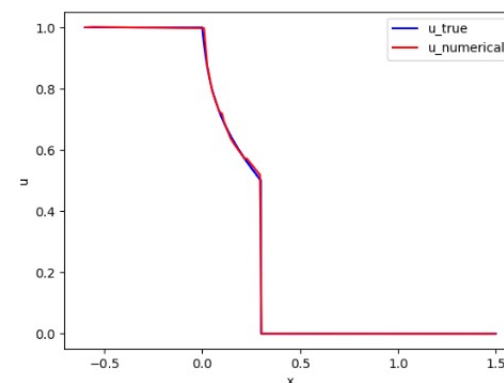
Buckley-Leverett Problem $f(u) = u(1 - u)/[u^2 + \alpha(1 - u)^2]$



(a) Numerical solution u_N on Ω



(b) Traces at $t = 0.1$

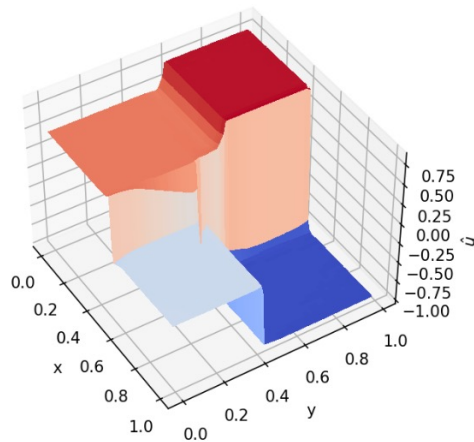


(c) Traces at $t = 0.2$

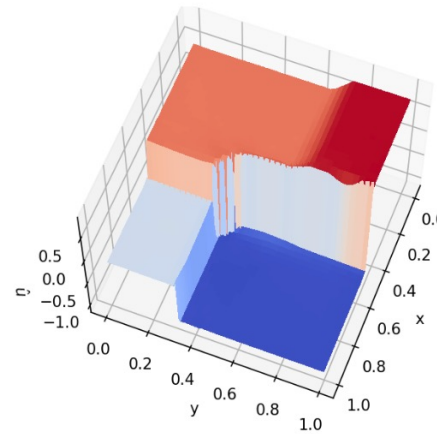
FIG. 6. Numerical results of Buckley-Leverett Riemann problem

2D Inviscid Burger Equation $f(u) = \frac{1}{2}(u^2, u^2)$

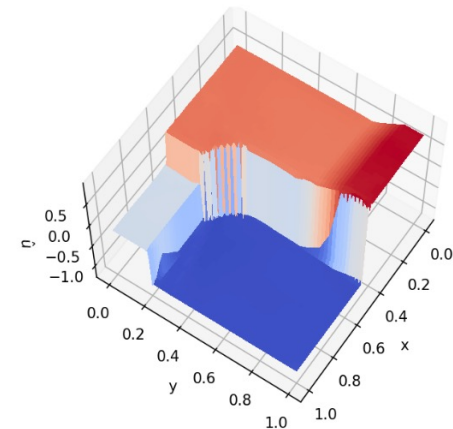
Network structure	Block	$\frac{\ u^k - u^k_{\mathcal{T}}\ _0}{\ u^k\ _0}$
3-48-48-48-1	$\Omega_{0,1}$	0.093679
	$\Omega_{1,2}$	0.121375
	$\Omega_{2,3}$	0.163755
	$\Omega_{3,4}$	0.190460
	$\Omega_{4,5}$	0.213013



(a) $t = 0.1$



(b) $t = 0.3$



(c) $t = 0.5$

Evolving Neural Network (ENN) Method (C. and B. Hejnal)

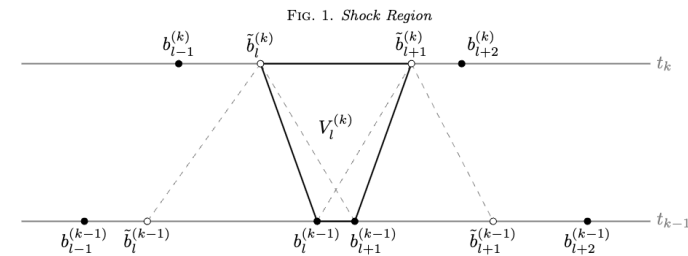
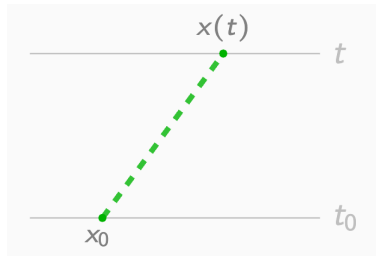
- One-Dimensional Scalar Nonlinear Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(u(x, t)) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = g(t), & \text{on } \Gamma_-, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}$$

- Two features of HCLs (characteristic line and shock formation)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} x(t) = f'(u(x(t), t)) & \mathbf{x(t)} = x_0 + (t - t_0) f'(u(x_0, t_0)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(\mathbf{x(t)}, t) = 0$$



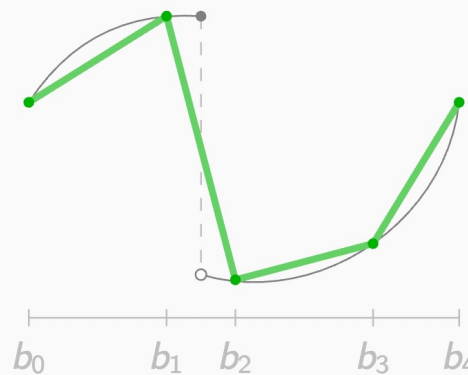
Representation of Initial Data

Set of Neural Network Functions:

$$M_n = \left\{ N(x) = c_{-1} + \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \sigma(\omega_i x - b_i) : b_i, c_i, \omega_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

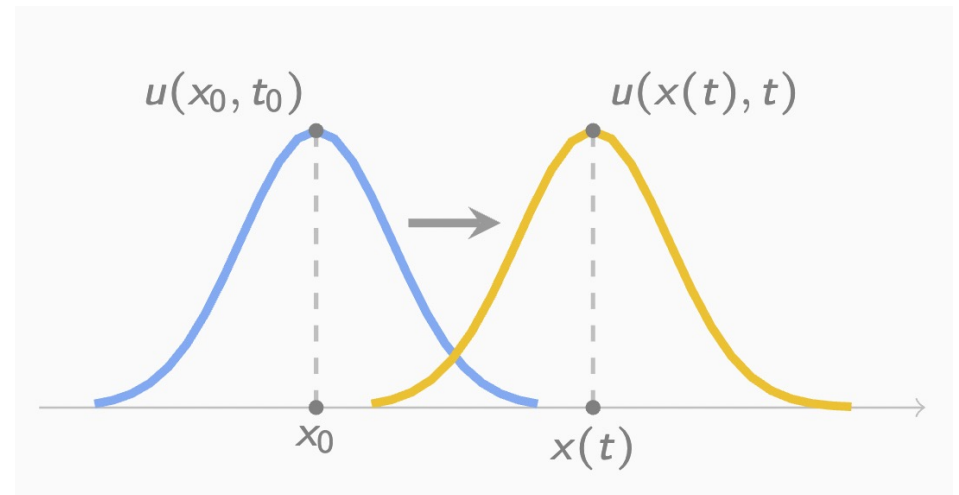
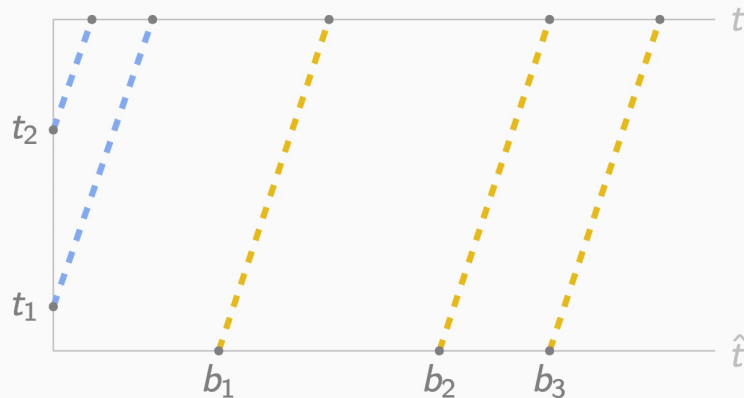
Least-Squares Approximation: Find $u_N^{(0)} \in M_n$ such that

$$\|u_N^{(0)} - u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \min_{v \in M_n} \|v - u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$



Characteristic Scheme

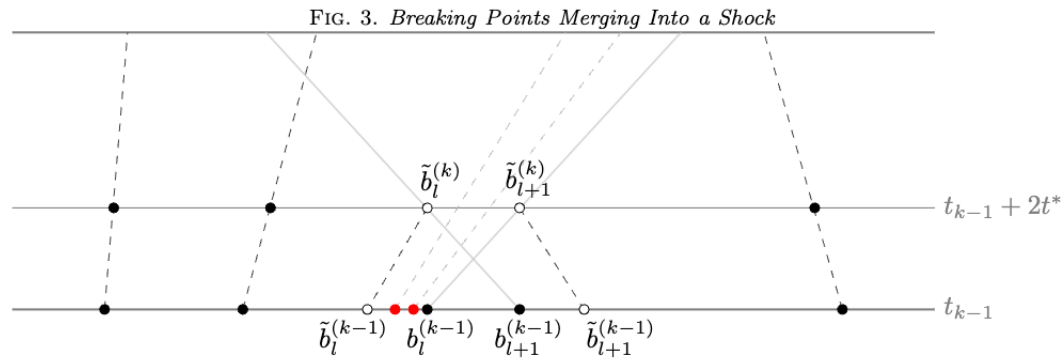
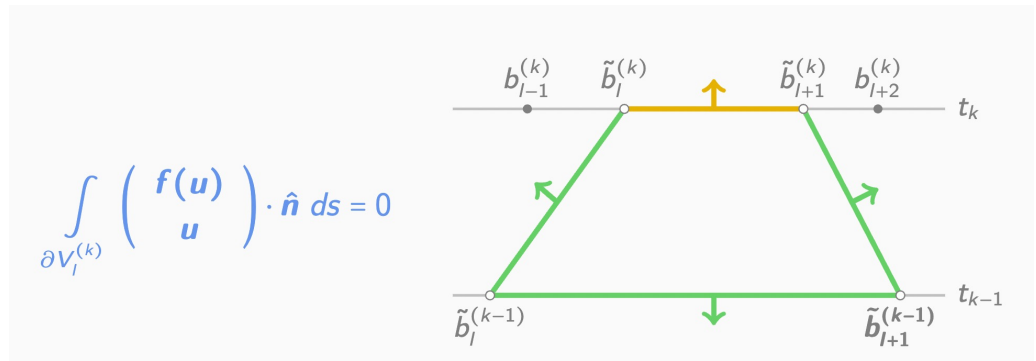
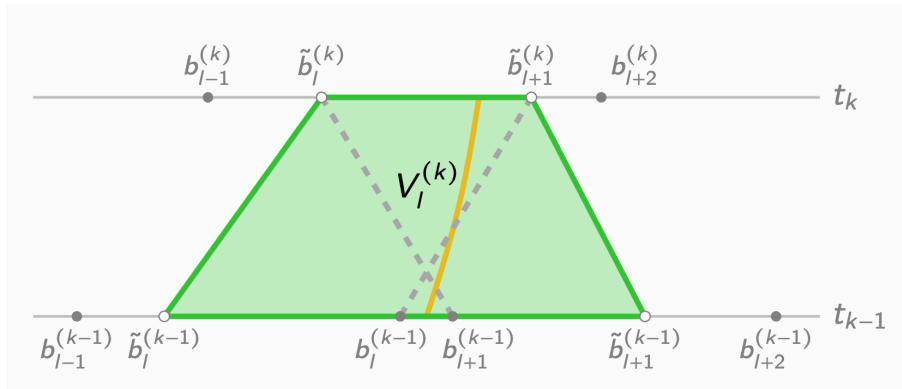
- Propagate breaking points of the **initial** and **boundary** data



- Error Estimate

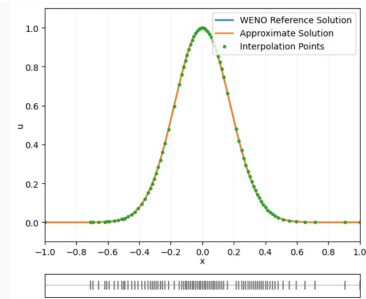
$$\|u(\cdot, t_k) - u_N^{(k)}\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \left(\|u_0 - u_N^{(0)}\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p + \|g - g_N\|_{L^p(I)}^p \right)^{1/p}$$

Finite Volume Characteristic Scheme

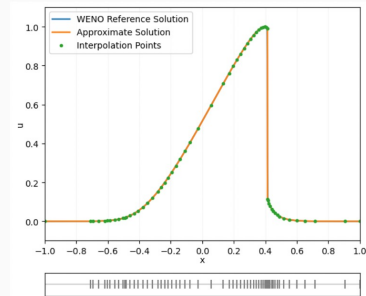


Shock Formation (exponential initial profile)

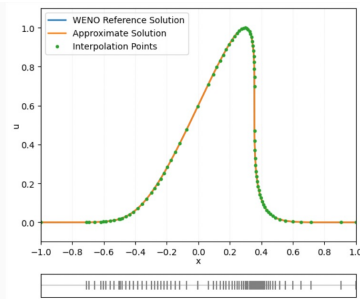
Inviscid Burgers' Equation



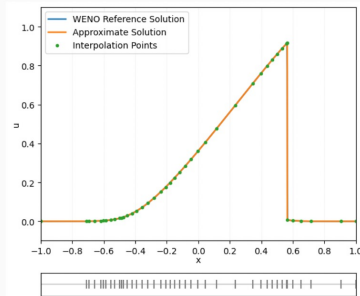
Initial data



$t = 0.4$



$t = 0.3$



$t = 0.7$

Time	$\frac{\ \tilde{u}(\cdot, t_k) - u_N^{(k)}\ _{L^2(\Omega)}}{\ \tilde{u}(\cdot, t_k)\ _{L^2(\Omega)}}$	n_k
0.0	6.6207×10^{-4}	83
0.2	7.2902×10^{-4}	83
0.4	1.2718×10^{-2}	61
0.6	2.1803×10^{-2}	47
0.8	2.0423×10^{-2}	40
1.0	1.4822×10^{-2}	37

ENN

- ▶ 83 breaking points
- ▶ 418 time steps

WENO

- ▶ 2000 mesh points
- ▶ 5000 time steps

Shock Formation (sinusoidal initial profile)

Inviscid Burgers' Equation

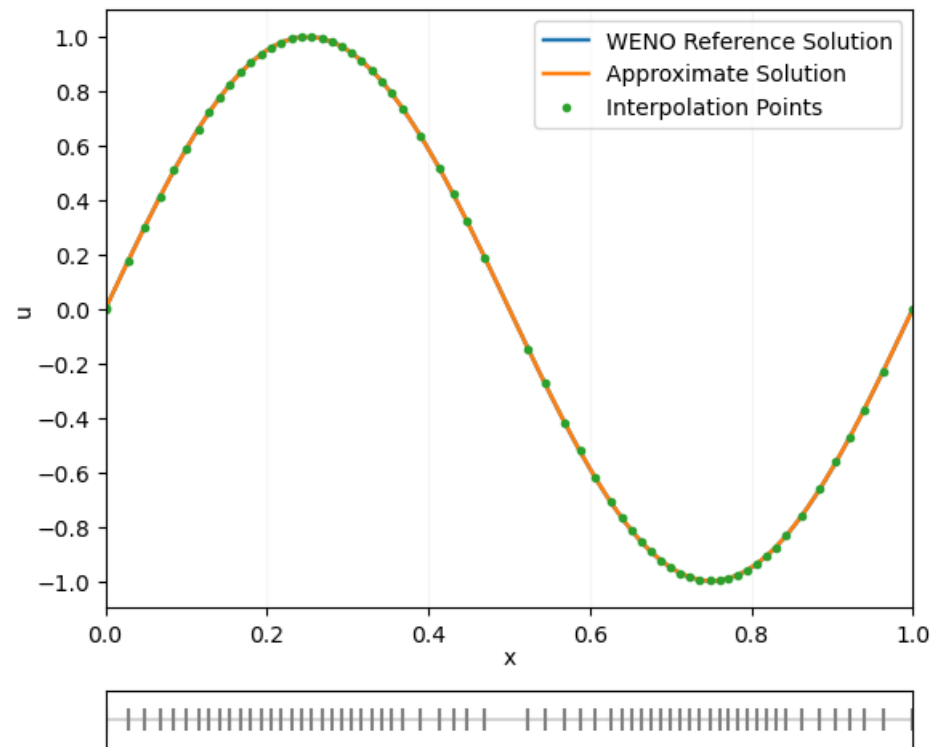
Time	$\frac{\ \tilde{u}(\cdot, t_k) - u_N^{(k)}\ _{L^2(\Omega)}}{\ \tilde{u}(\cdot, t_k)\ _{L^2(\Omega)}}$	n_k
0.0	6.6923×10^{-4}	78
0.1	7.8352×10^{-4}	78
0.2	4.0166×10^{-2}	56
0.3	5.1491×10^{-2}	38
0.4	5.3515×10^{-2}	30
0.5	5.4162×10^{-2}	25

ENN

- ▶ 78 breaking points
- ▶ 587 time steps

WENO

- ▶ 1000 mesh points
- ▶ 2500 time steps

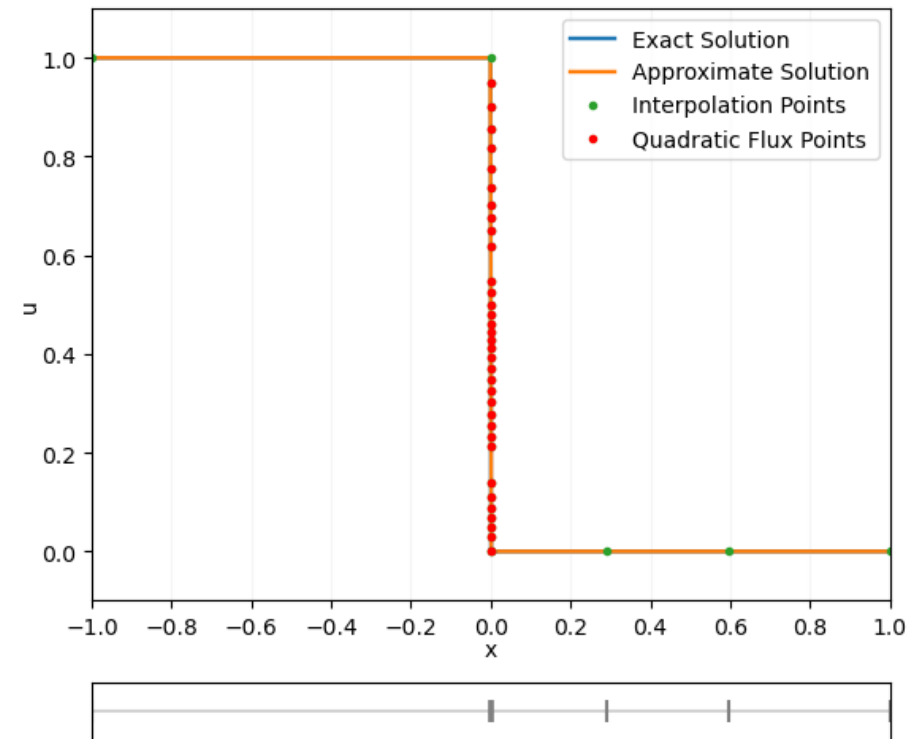


Compound Wave

Buckley-Leverett Equation

$$f(u) = \frac{u^2}{u^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1-u)^2}$$

Time	$\frac{\ u(\cdot, t_k) - u_N^{(k)}\ _{L^2(\Omega)}}{\ u(\cdot, t_k)\ _{L^2(\Omega)}}$	n_k
0.00	1.3732×10^{-2}	40
0.25	6.9084×10^{-3}	16
0.50	5.8335×10^{-3}	15



Summary

- NN provides a new class of approximating functions

“Moving” mesh vs uniform mesh and adaptive mesh

- Scalar hyperbolic conservation laws

LSNN (a space-time approach)

No numerical artifacts such as overshooting, oscillation, or smearing

Complicated and expensive iterative solvers

ENN (a time-marching approach)

Super accurate and efficient for 1D scalar HCLs comparing with existing methods

Extension to multi-dimension?

How to solve optimization problem effectively and efficiently?

Non-Convex Least-squares Data Fitting

For a given data set $\{(\mathbf{x}^i, u^i)\}_{i=1}^m$ with $\mathbf{x}^i \in \Omega \subset \mathcal{R}^d$ and $u^i \in \mathcal{R}$, let

- $\mathcal{J}(v) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu^i (v(\mathbf{x}^i; \boldsymbol{\theta}) - u^i)^2$ be a discrete LS loss function
- $\mathcal{M}_n(\Omega; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ be a set of neural network functions

finding $u_n(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \in \mathcal{M}_n(\Omega; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ such that

$$u_n(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{M}_n(\Omega; \boldsymbol{\theta})} \mathcal{J}(v) = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{R}^N} \mathcal{J}(v(\cdot; \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

Iterative/Optimization/Training Algorithms

methods of gradient descent (Adam, SGD, ...),

Newton's methods (BFGS, ...),

Gauss-Newton's methods

Optimality Conditions for Critical Points

- **neural network approximation**

$$u_n(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sigma(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_i) = c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sigma(\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{y})$$

- **linear and nonlinear parameters**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{c}} &= (c_0, \mathbf{c}) && \text{with } \mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \\ \text{and } \mathbf{r} &= (\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n) && \text{with } \mathbf{r}_i = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_i, b_i) \end{aligned}$$

- **Optimality Conditions for Critical Points**

$$\nabla_{\hat{\mathbf{c}}} \mathcal{J}(u_n(\cdot; \hat{\mathbf{c}}, \mathbf{r})) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{J}(u_n(\cdot; \hat{\mathbf{c}}, \mathbf{r})) = \mathbf{0}$$

Mass and Layer Gauss-Newton Matrices

- Mass Matrix $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$ for linear parameters

$$\mathbf{0} = \nabla_{\hat{\mathbf{c}}} \mathcal{J}(u_n(\cdot; \hat{\mathbf{c}}, \mathbf{r})) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{c}} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r})$$

where $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \mu^i [\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^T](\mathbf{x}^i)$ is SPD

- Gradient with respect to \mathbf{r}

$$\mathbf{0} = \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{J}(u_n(\cdot; \hat{\mathbf{c}}, \mathbf{r})) = (D(\mathbf{c}) \otimes I_{d+1}) \mathbf{G}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}, \mathbf{r})$$

- Layer Gauss-Newton's matrix for nonlinear parameters

$$GN = (D(\mathbf{c}) \otimes I_{d+1}) \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}) (D(\mathbf{c}) \otimes I_{d+1})$$

where $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \mu^i [\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}^T] \otimes [\mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^T](\mathbf{x}^i)$ is SPD

The Structure-guided Gauss-Newton (SgGN) Method

Given $(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^{(k)}, \mathbf{r}^{(k)}) = (\mathbf{c}^{(k)}, c_0^{(k)}, \mathbf{r}^{(k)})$, compute $(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{r}^{(k+1)})$:

(i) Compute $\hat{\mathbf{c}}^{(k+1)}$ by solving the system of linear equations

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{r}^{(k)}) \hat{\mathbf{c}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}^{(k)})$$

(ii) If $c_i^{(k+1)} \neq 0$ for all i , compute the search direction

$$\mathbf{p}^{(k+1)} = \left(D^{-1}(\mathbf{c}^{(k+1)}) \otimes I_{d+1} \right) \mathbf{s}^{(k+1)},$$

where $\mathbf{s}^{(k+1)} = -\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}^{(k)})^{-1} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{c}^{(k+1)}, c_0^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{r}^{(k)})$.

(iii) Compute the nonlinear parameter

$$\mathbf{r}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{r}^{(k)} + \gamma_{k+1} \mathbf{p}^{(k+1)},$$

where the damping parameter γ_{k+1} is computed by

$$\gamma_{k+1} = \arg \min_{\gamma \in \mathcal{R}} \mathcal{J}_\mu \left(u_n(\cdot; \mathbf{c}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{r}^{(k)} + \gamma \mathbf{p}^{(k+1)}) \right).$$

Initialization

$$u_n(\mathbf{x}) = c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sigma(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_i) = c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \sigma(\mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{y})$$

- **Breaking Line Initialization**

- nonlinear parameters \mathbf{r}_i : partitioning the domain by uniform breaking lines
- linear parameters c_i : minimizing the functional with fixed \mathbf{r}_i

- **Methods of Continuation**

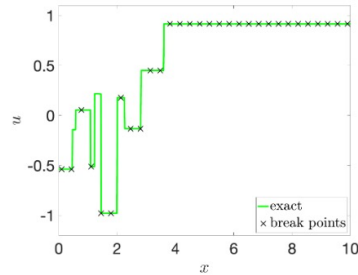
- Adaptive Neuron Enhancement (ANE) Method

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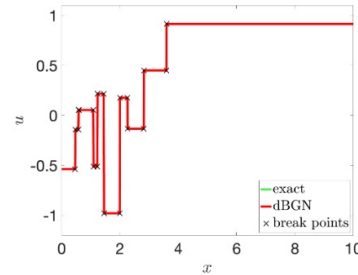
- Physical model continuation, ...

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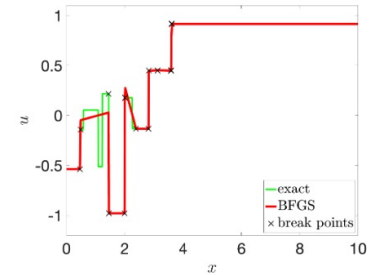
Step Function



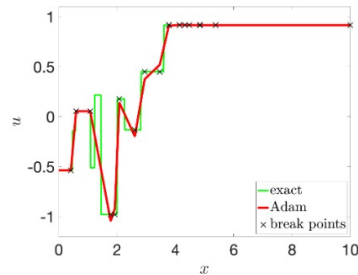
(a) Target function f and initial break points



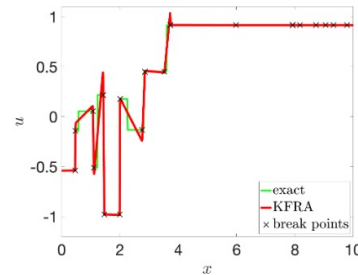
(b) dBGN f_n



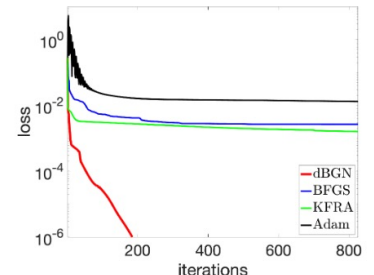
(c) BFGS f_n



(d) Adam f_n



(e) KFRA f_n



(f) Loss curves

Figure 2: One-dimensional piece-wise constant function approximation results

Table 1: Comparison for one-dimensional piece-wise constant function.

Method	dBGN		BFGS		KFRA	Adam
Iteration	9	825	207	825	825	10,000
$J(f_n)$	8.76E-4	6.56E-9	4.03E-3	2.65E-3	1.61E-3	8.14E-3

Summary

- **The SgGN method**

- using the **NN structure** as well as quadratic structure
- producing accurate approximation than other training algorithms

- **Mass and Layer Gauss-Newton matrices**

positive definite no need of shifting

ill-conditioned: ??? fast solvers ???

C.-Doktorova-Falgout-Herrera (1D elliptic PDEs)

- **Importance of Initialization**

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