

# Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Nonsmooth PDE-Constrained Optimization Problems

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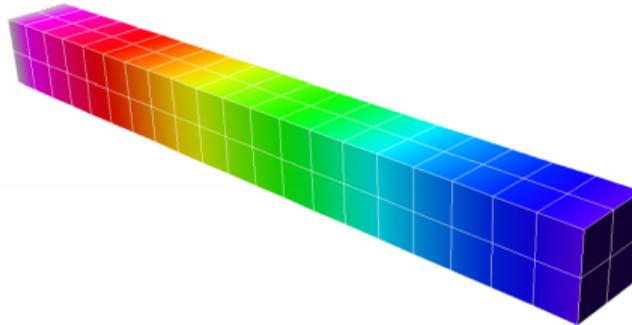
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**Figure 1:** Control the heat distribution of a metal bar

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- Above,  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $d \geq 1$  and  $\partial\Omega$  is its boundary;  $Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$  with  $0 < T < +\infty$ ;  $y_d \in L^2(Q)$  and  $\varphi \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L^2(Q)$  are given.
- The regularization parameters  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\rho > 0$  and the coefficients  $\nu > 0$ ,  $c_0 \geq 0$  are constant.
- $I_{U_{ad}}(\cdot)$  the indicator function of  $U_{ad} := \{u \in L^\infty(Q) \mid a \leq u(x, t) \leq b, \text{ a.e. in } Q\} \subset L^2(Q)$ , where  $a, b \in L^2(\Omega)$  with  $a < 0 < b$  almost everywhere.

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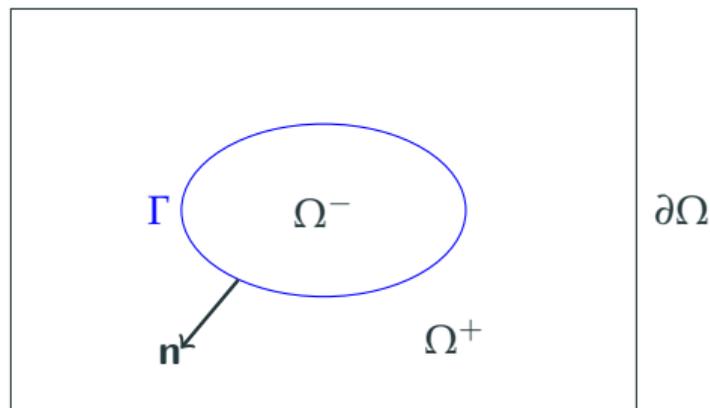
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**Figure 2:** The geometry of an interface problem: an illustration

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- The jump discontinuity across  $\Gamma$ :  $[y]_{\Gamma}(x) := \lim_{\tilde{x} \rightarrow x \text{ in } \Omega^+} y(\tilde{x}) - \lim_{\tilde{x} \rightarrow x \text{ in } \Omega^-} y(\tilde{x})$ ,  $\forall x \in \Gamma$ .
- The operator  $\partial_n$  stands for the normal derivative on  $\Gamma$ , i.e.  $\partial_n y(x) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla y(x)$  with  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  the outward unit normal vector of  $\Gamma$ . In particular, we have

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4. Train the neural network  $\hat{y}(x; \theta)$  to find the optimal parameters  $\theta^*$  by minimizing the loss function  $\mathcal{L}_{PDE}(\theta, \mathcal{T})$ . At the end of the training procedure, the trained neural network  $\hat{y}(x, \theta^*)$  approximately solves the PDE.

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- More applications and discussions about PINNs can be referred to the review papers:
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- Let  $\hat{y}(x; \theta_y)$  parameterized by  $\theta_y$  and  $\hat{u}(x; \theta_u)$  parameterized by  $\theta_u$  be two neural networks to approximate  $y$  and  $u$ , respectively.
- Specify the residual points  $\mathcal{T} \subset \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$  and a loss function by summing the PDE's residual and the objective functional:

$$\mathcal{L}_{total}(\theta_y, \theta_u, \mathcal{T}) = w_o \mathcal{J}(\theta_y, \theta_u, \mathcal{T}) + w_p \mathcal{L}_{PDE}(\theta_y, \theta_u, \mathcal{T}),$$

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# The ADMM-PINNs for Parabolic Sparse Optimal Control Problems

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## Parabolic Sparse Optimal Control: Revisit

- We first recall the parabolic sparse optimal control problem under investigation:

$$\min_{y, u \in L^2(Q)} \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(Q)}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(Q)}^2 + \rho \|u\|_{L^1(Q)} + I_{U_{ad}}(u),$$

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- Above,  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $d \geq 1$  and  $\partial\Omega$  is its boundary;  $Q = \Omega \times (0, T)$  with  $0 < T < +\infty$ ;  $y_d \in L^2(Q)$  and  $\varphi \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $f \in L^2(Q)$  are given.
- The regularization parameters  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\rho > 0$  and the coefficients  $\nu > 0$ ,  $c_0 \leq 0$  are assumed to be constant.
- $I_{U_{ad}}(\cdot)$  the indicator function of  $U_{ad} := \{u \in L^\infty(Q) \mid a \leq u(x, t) \leq b, \text{ a.e. in } Q\} \subset L^2(Q)$ , where  $a, b \in L^2(\Omega)$  with  $a < 0 < b$  almost everywhere.



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- The augmented Lagrangian functional reads as

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where  $\lambda \in L^2(Q)$  is the Lagrange multiplier associated with  $u = z$  and  $\beta > 0$  is a penalty parameter.

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- The solution  $z^{k+1}$  can be computed by

$$z^{k+1} = \mathbb{P}_{U_{ad}} \left( \mathcal{S}_{\frac{\rho}{\beta}} \left( u^{k+1} - \frac{\lambda^k}{\beta} \right) \right),$$

where  $\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$  is the Shrinkage operator:  $\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}(v)(x) = \text{sgn}(v(x))(|v(x)| - \zeta)_+, \forall \zeta > 0$ .

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- Eliminate the variable  $u$ , and then construct two neural networks  $\hat{y}(x; \theta_y)$  parameterized by  $\theta_y$  and  $\hat{p}(x; \theta_p)$  parameterized by  $\theta_p$  to approximate  $y$  and  $p$ , respectively.

## PINNs for the $u$ -Subproblem-Cont'd

- Choose residual points  $\mathcal{T}_i \subset \Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_{b_1} \subset \partial\Omega \times (0, T)$ , and  $\mathcal{T}_{b_2} \subset \Omega$ .
- Specify a loss function by summing the residuals of the first-order optimality system

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{OS}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_y, \boldsymbol{\theta}_p) = & w_y \left( \frac{w_i}{|\mathcal{T}_i|} \sum_{\{x,t\} \in \mathcal{T}_i} \left| \frac{\partial \hat{y}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_y)}{\partial t} - \nu \frac{\partial^2 \hat{y}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_y)}{\partial x^2} + c_0 \hat{y}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_y) \right. \right. \\
 & - \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \left( -\hat{p}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_p) + \lambda^k(x, t) + \beta z^k(x, t) \right) - f(x, t) \left. \right|^2 \\
 & + \frac{w_{b_1}}{|\mathcal{T}_{b_1}|} \sum_{\{x,t\} \in \mathcal{T}_{b_1}} |\hat{y}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_y)|^2 + \frac{w_{b_2}}{|\mathcal{T}_{b_2}|} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{b_2}} |\hat{y}(x, 0; \boldsymbol{\theta}_y) - \varphi(x)|^2 \Big) \\
 & + w_p \left( \frac{w_i}{|\mathcal{T}_i|} \sum_{\{x,t\} \in \mathcal{T}_i} \left| -\frac{\partial \hat{p}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_p)}{\partial t} - \nu \Delta \hat{p}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_p) + c_0 \hat{p}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_p) - \hat{y}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_y) + y_d(x, t) \right|^2 \right. \\
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- Train the neural networks to update the parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_y^{k+1}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_p^{k+1}$ , and update  $u^{k+1}$  by  $u^{k+1}(x, t) = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} (-\hat{p}(x, t; \boldsymbol{\theta}_p^{k+1}) + \lambda^k(x, t) + \beta z^k(x, t))$ .

- **Input:**  $\beta > 0, z^0, \lambda^0, \theta_y^0, \theta_p^0$ .
- For  $k \geq 1$
- Update  $u^{k+1}$  by the above PINNs.
- Update  $z^{k+1}$  by  $z^{k+1}(x, t) = \mathbb{P}_{U_{ad}} \left( \mathcal{S}_{\frac{\rho}{\beta}} \left( u^{k+1}(x, t) - \frac{\lambda^k(x, t)}{\beta} \right) \right)$ .
- Update  $\lambda^{k+1}(x, t) = \lambda^k(x, t) - \beta(u^{k+1}(x, t) - z^{k+1}(x, t))$ .
- **Output:** Parameters  $(\theta_y^*, \theta_p^*)$  and hence approximate solutions  $\hat{y}(x, t; \theta_y^*)$  and  $\hat{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} (-\hat{p}(x, t; \theta_p^*) + \lambda^k(x, t) + \beta z^k(x, t))$ .

## Numerical Experiments-Problem Setting

- Set  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $T = 1$ ,  $\nu = 1$ ,  $c_0 = 0$ ,  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $\bar{y} = 5\sqrt{\rho}t \sin(3\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2)$ ,  $\bar{p} = 5\sqrt{\rho}(t - 1) \sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2)$ , and

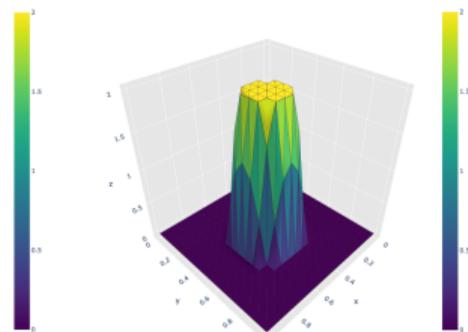
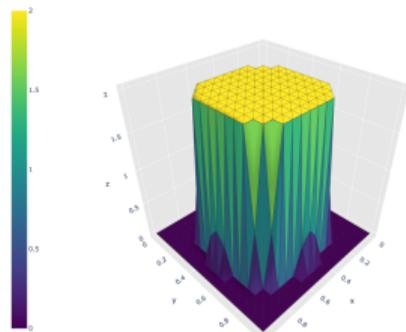
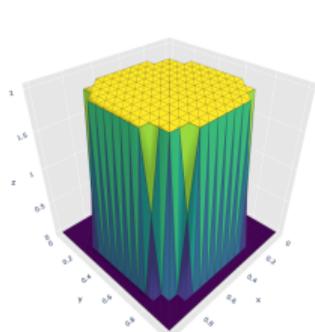
$$\bar{u} = \begin{cases} \max\left\{\frac{-\bar{p} + \rho}{\alpha}, a\right\} & \text{in } \{(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) : \bar{p}(x, t) > \rho\}, \\ \min\left\{\frac{-\bar{p} - \rho}{\alpha}, b\right\} & \text{in } \{(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) : \bar{p}(x, t) < -\rho\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- We further set  $f = \frac{\partial \bar{y}}{\partial t} - \Delta \bar{y} - u$  and  $y_d = \bar{y} - \left(-\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial t} - \Delta \bar{p}\right)$ .
- Then it can be shown that  $\bar{u}$  is the optimal control and  $\bar{y}$  is the corresponding optimal state.

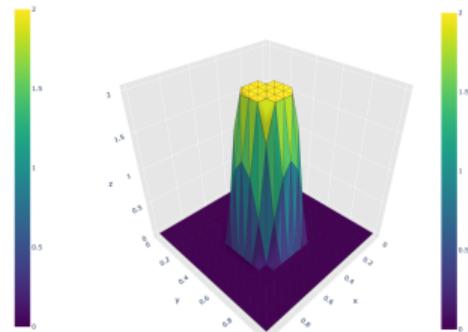
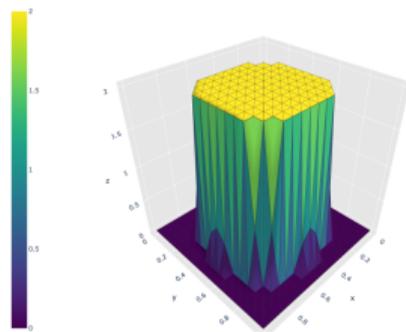
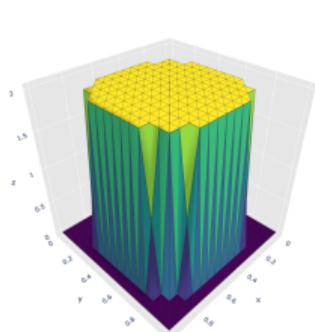
## Numerical Experiments- Neural Networks and Training

- We approximate  $y$  and  $p$  with fully-connected feed-forward neural networks containing 3 hidden layers of 32 neurons each. The hyperbolic tangent activation function is used in all the neural networks.
- We uniformly sample  $|\mathcal{T}_i| = 4096$  residual points in the spatial-temporal domain  $\Omega \times (0, T)$ , and  $|\mathcal{T}_{b_1}| = 1024$  points in  $\partial\Omega \times (0, T)$  and  $|\mathcal{T}_{b_2}| = 256$  points in  $\Omega$  for the boundary and initial conditions.
- The weights are set as  $w_y = w_p = 1$ ,  $w_i = 1$  and  $w_{b_1} = w_{b_2} = 5$ .
- To train the neural networks, we first use the Adam optimizer with learning rate  $\eta = 10^{-3}$  for 10000 iterations, and then switch to the L-BFGS for 10 iterations.
- We execute 10 ADMM iterations with  $\alpha = 0.1$ ,  $\rho = 0.8$ ,  $\beta = 0.1$ ,  $z^0 = 0$  and  $\lambda^0 = 0$ .

# Numerical Results - Spatial Sparsity



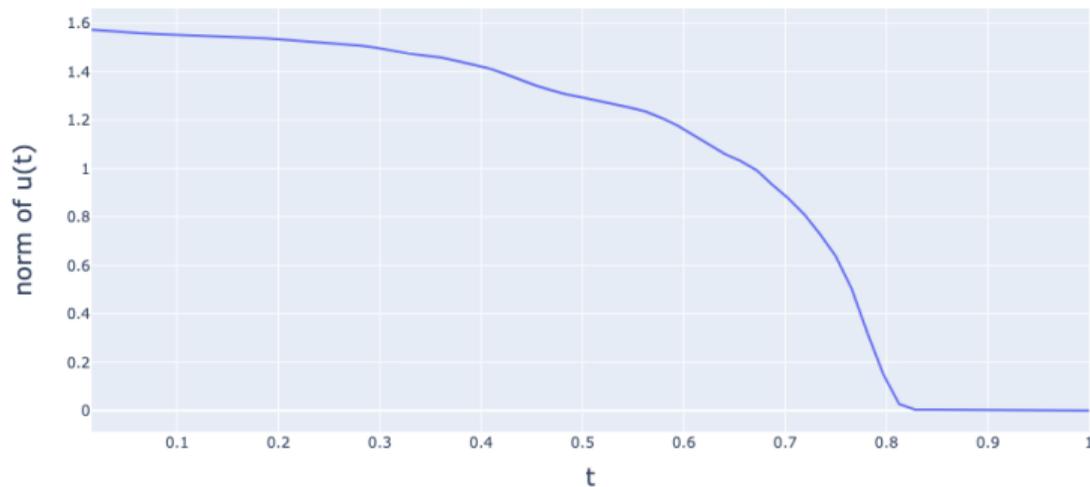
(a) Exact control at  $t = 0.25$  (b) Exact control at  $t = 0.5$  (c) Exact control at  $t = 0.75$



(d) Computed control at  $t = 0.25$  (e) Computed control at  $t = 0.5$  (f) Computed control at  $t = 0.75$

## Numerical Results - Temporal Sparsity

- It is easy to see  $\bar{u} = 0$  in  $\{(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) : \bar{p}(x, t) < \rho\}$  and we can show that when  $t > t^* = 0.8211$ ,  $u(x, t) = 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ .



- The relative error  $\frac{\|u^k(x, t) - \bar{u}(x, t)\|_{L^2(Q)}}{\|\bar{u}(x, t)\|_{L^2(Q)}} = 1.45 \times 10^{-2}$ .

- More applications of the ADMM-PINNs and numerical results can be found in *Y. Song, Y. Yuan, and H. Yue, "The ADMM-PINNs algorithmic framework for nonsmooth PDE-constrained optimization: a deep learning approach", arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.08309,2023.*

# The Hard-Constraint PINNs for Elliptic Interface Optimal Control Problems

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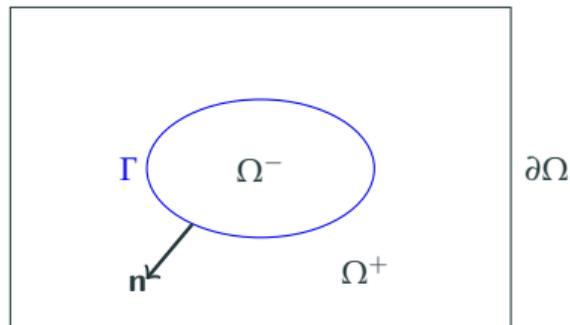
# Elliptic Interface Optimal Control-Revisit

- An elliptic interface optimal control problem:

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## First-Order Optimality Systems

- Let  $(u^*, y^*)^\top$  be the solution to the elliptic interface optimal control problem and  $p^*$  be the corresponding adjoint variable, then the following first-order optimality system holds:

$$u^* = -\frac{1}{\alpha} p^*,$$

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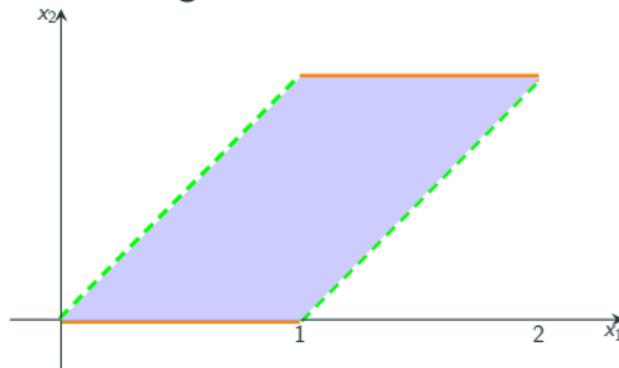
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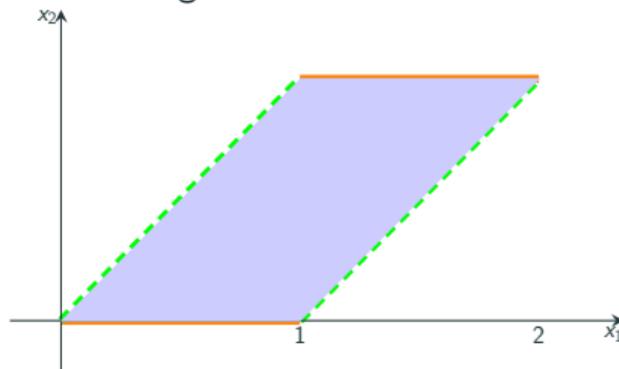


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- Similarly, one can extend  $p$  to a  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional smooth function  $\tilde{p}(x, z)$ .

## Smooth Extension -Cont'd

- Substituting  $\tilde{y}$  and  $\tilde{p}$  into the first-order optimality system, we obtain that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\Delta_x \tilde{y}(x, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^+} \left( f(x) + \left( -\frac{1}{\alpha} \tilde{p}(x, z) \right) \right) & \text{if } x \in \Omega^+, z = 1 \\ \frac{1}{\beta^-} \left( f(x) + \left( -\frac{1}{\alpha} \tilde{p}(x, z) \right) \right) & \text{if } x \in \Omega^-, z = -1 \end{cases}, \\ \tilde{y}(x, 1) - \tilde{y}(x, -1) = g_0(x), \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot (\beta^+ \nabla_x \tilde{y}(x, 1) - \beta^- \nabla_x \tilde{y}(x, -1)) = g_1(x), \quad \text{if } x \in \Gamma, \\ -\Delta_x \tilde{p}(x, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^+} (\tilde{y}(x, z) - y_d(x)) & \text{if } x \in \Omega^+, z = 1 \\ \frac{1}{\beta^-} (\tilde{y}(x, z) - y_d(x)) & \text{if } x \in \Omega^-, z = -1 \end{cases}, \\ \tilde{p}(x, 1) - \tilde{p}(x, -1) = 0, \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot (\beta^+ \nabla_x \tilde{p}(x, 1) - \beta^- \nabla_x \tilde{p}(x, -1)) = 0, \quad \text{if } x \in \Gamma, \\ \tilde{y}(x, 1) = h_0(x), \quad \tilde{p}(x, 1) = 0 \quad \text{if } x \in \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

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- Such neural networks are referred to as the Discontinuity Capturing Shallow Neural Networks (DCSNN) [Hu, Lin, and Lai, 2022].

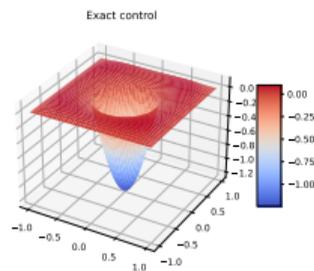
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- Since  $\tilde{y}$  and  $\tilde{p}$  are continuous in  $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}$ , it follows from the universal approximation theorem [Cybenko,1989] that one can approximate them by two shallow neural networks  $\hat{y}(x, z; \theta_y)$  and  $\hat{p}(x, z; \theta_p)$ .
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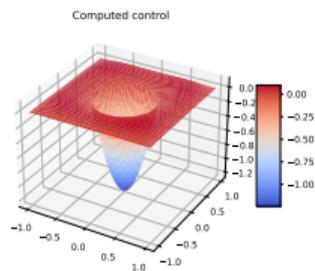
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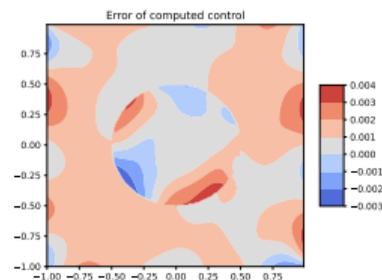
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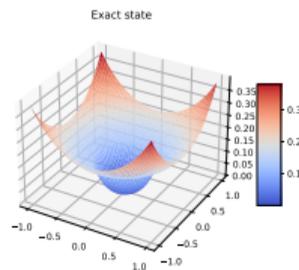
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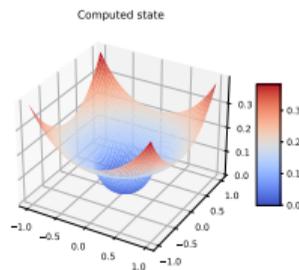
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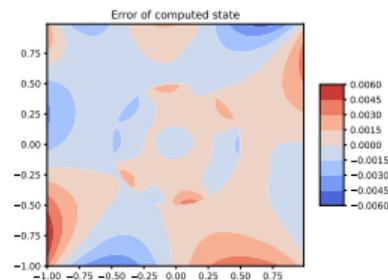
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which implies that the interface-gradient condition  $[\beta\partial_{\mathbf{n}}y]_{\Gamma} = g_1$  cannot be exactly satisfied by  $\hat{y}(x; \theta_y)$  and should be penalized in the loss function of PINNs.

## Choices of Auxiliary Functions

- If the functions  $g_0$  and  $h_0$ , the interface  $\Gamma$ , and the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  admit analytic forms, it is usually easy to construct  $g$  and  $h$  with analytic expressions.
- For instance, if  $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$ , then we can choose  $h = x_1(1 - x_1)x_2(1 - x_2)$ .
- More discussions can be found in e.g., [Lagari, Tsoukalas, Safarkhani, and Lagaris, 2020; Lagaris, Likas, and Fotiadis, 1998; Lu, Pestourie, Yao, Wang, Verdugo, and, Johnson, 2021].

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- Otherwise, we shall show that, if  $\Omega^+$ ,  $\Omega^-$ , and  $\Gamma$  satisfy the following assumptions, then we can construct an auxiliary function  $\phi(x)$  analytically.

### Assumptions

- The sub-domain  $\Omega^-$  is the intersection of the interior of finitely many oriented, smooth, and embedded manifolds  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$ , where  $M_i \cap M_j$  is of measure zero whenever  $i \neq j$  and  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .
- There exists an open neighborhood  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  of  $\Gamma$ , such that for each  $M_i$  ( $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ), there exists smooth functions  $\psi_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\psi_i \in C^2(\overline{U})$  and

$$\psi_i(x) = 0 \text{ if } x \in \Gamma, \quad \psi_i(x) > 0 \text{ if } x \in U \cap \Omega^-, \quad \partial_n \psi_i \neq 0 \text{ on } M_i \cap \Gamma.$$

- There exists constants  $c_i > 0$  such that  $\psi_i(x) > c_i$  for all  $x \in \partial U \cap \overline{\Omega^-}$  and for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

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### Theorem

Suppose the above assumptions hold and we define  $\psi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\psi(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \psi_i(x)$ . For any constant  $c$  such that  $0 < c < \prod_{i=1}^n c_i$ , let

$$L_c := \{x \in U : \psi(x) \geq c\}.$$

Then the function  $\phi : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} c^3, & \text{if } x \in (\bar{\Omega}^- \setminus U) \cup (\bar{\Omega}^- \cap L_c), \\ c^3 - (c - \psi(x))^3, & \text{if } x \in (U \cap \bar{\Omega}^-) \setminus L_c, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \bar{\Omega}^+ \end{cases}$$

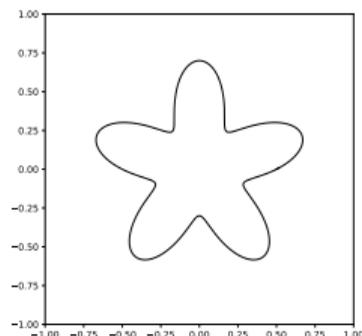
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## An Example of $\phi$

- Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a bounded domain and the star-shaped interface  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}$  be defined by the zero level set of the following function in polar coordinates  $\psi(r, \theta) = r - a - b \sin(5\theta)$  with constants  $b < a$ . The domain  $\Omega$  is divided into  $\Omega^- = \{(r, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : r < a + b \sin(5\theta)\}$  and  $\Omega^+ = \{(r, \theta) \in \Omega : r > a + b \sin(5\theta)\}$ .
- Note that  $\psi(r, \theta)$  is not differentiable on  $\Omega$ , since the polar angle is not differentiable at the origin. In this case, we define

$$\phi(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)^3, & \text{if } a + b \sin(5\theta) - r \geq \frac{a-b}{2}, \\ \left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{a-b}{2} + \psi(r, \theta)\right)^3, & \text{if } 0 < a + b \sin(5\theta) - r < \frac{a-b}{2}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



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- $w_{1g}$ ,  $w_{2g}$ ,  $w_{1h}$ , and  $w_{2h} > 0$  are the weights.
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- $\bar{h}(x) \in C^2(\Omega)$  is a known function satisfying  $\bar{h}(x) \neq 0$  in  $\Omega$ , e.g.  
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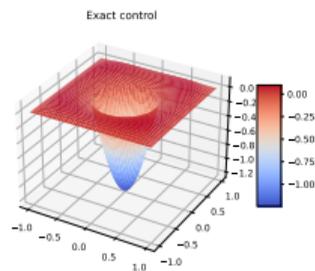
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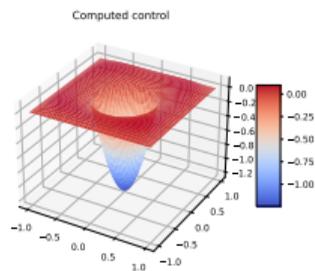
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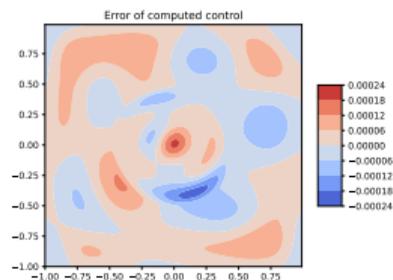
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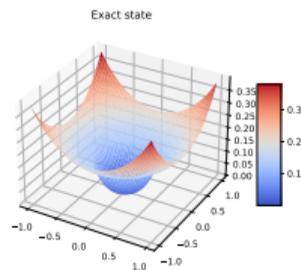
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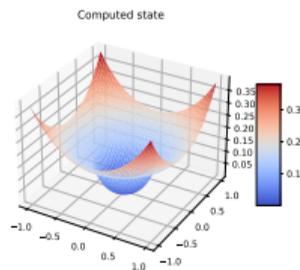
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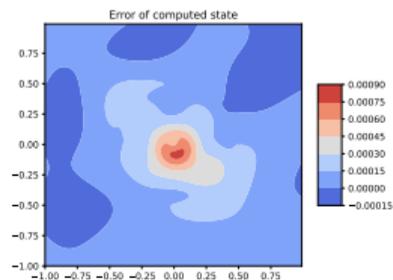
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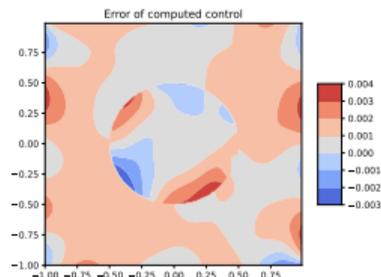
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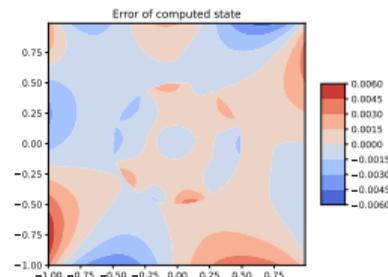
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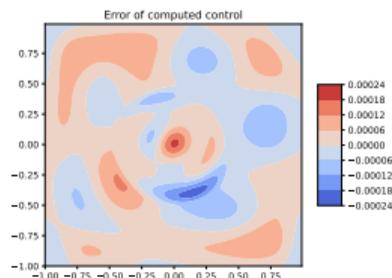


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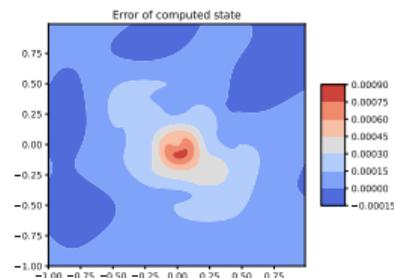


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