Physics-Informed Neural Network in Groundwater Inverse Modeling

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Outline

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General model for measurable system

 $y = f(s) + \epsilon$

- \mathbf{y} Available measurements, $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$
- $f A$ deterministic model (such as governing PDE in physical system)
- **s** Interested variables or parameters in forward model, $\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$
- ϵ − Noise term caused by measurement error, limitation of exactness

To solve inverse problem, we usually need implement **iterative method** and introduce **regularization** based on background knowledge.

Groundwater physical system

- **y hydraulic heads (***h***)**
- Point measurements fixated locations
- Solved by finite element method with hydrological and hydraulic parameters well known
- Hundreds of measurements

Forward model

s – **hydraulic transmissivity (***T***) its natural logarithm (***lnT***)**

- Large scale $-$ field sites
- Large-dimensional $-10⁶$ unknowns
- Dozens of measurements (sparse)
- $Spatially-correlated geostatistics$

Groundwater physical system

 $S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$ ∂t Mass conservation $q = T \nabla h$ Darcy's Law

 S_s – specific storage; h – hydraulic head; T – hydraulic transmissivity; \mathbf{q} – flux; Q – source/sink

Conditions of a pumping event, :

- 1. Pumping at one location $-(x_n, y_n)$
- 2. Constant pumping rate $-Q_p$

Simplifications:

- 1. Steady state $-\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$ ∂t
- 2. 2D domain $-(x, y)$
- 3. Isotropic and confined aquifer

For non-pumping grid: $(x_e, y_e) \triangledown h(x_e, y_e) = 0, \quad (x_e, y_e) \in \Omega$ For pumping grid: $\nabla \cdot [T(x_n, y_n) \nabla h(x_n, y_n)] = Q_n, \quad (x_n, y_n) \in \Omega$ Neumann boundary: $\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla h(x_N, y_N) = q_N, \quad (x_N, y_N) \in \Gamma_N$ Dirichlet boundary: $h(x_D, y_D) = h_D$, $(x_D, y_D) \in \Gamma_D$

 $h = \text{FEM}(T; \Gamma_N, \Gamma_D)$

Geostatistical Approach – Bayesian Inference

Posterior distribution of unknown variable s

Geostatistical Approach – Bayesian Inference

$$
p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{s}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}))^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}))\right)
$$

Likelihood of unknown variable s given data v $\frac{p(y|s)p(s)}{p(s)p(s)}$ Prior distribution of unknown variable s
 $p(y|s)p(s)ds$ $p(s) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(s-\mu_s)^T C^{-1}(s-\mu_s)\right)$ $\frac{p(s|y)}{y} = -$

Posterior distribution of unknown variable s

Covariance matrix of error

Prior mean of variable s

$$
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$$

Covariance matrix of variable s

Geostatistical Approach – Bayesian Inference

Geostatistical Approach – MAP Solution

$$
\frac{\partial \ell(\mathbf{s})}{\partial \xi} = 0 \quad \text{ yields } \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} (n+p) \times (n+p) \\ \downarrow \\ \hline \mathbf{F}(\overline{\mathbf{H}}) \\ \hline \mathbf{F}(\overline{\mathbf{H}}) \\ \hline \mathbf{F}(\overline{\mathbf{H}}) \\ \hline \mathbf{F}(\overline{\mathbf{H}}) \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}_{i-1}) + \overline{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{s}_{i-1} \\ \hline \mathbf{y} \\ \hline \mathbf{y} \\ \hline \mathbf{y} \\ \hline \mathbf{s}_i \end{array} \right]
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Computaional complexity of $\overline{H} \overline{C} \overline{H}^T + \mathbf{R}$ is $O(mn^2)$, which is not scalable to n , i.e., dimension of s.

Geostatistical Approach – Bottleneck

- Large-dimensional inverse problem: up to millions of unknown variables
	- Storage of matrices: covariance matrices: $O(n^2)$
	- Matrix computation: $O(mn^2)$
	- Determination of Jacobian matrices: $O(mn)$
- Non-Gaussian posterior due to the complexity and non-linearity of $f(s)$
- Large number of iterative forward model runs for nonlinear inverse problems
- High computational cost of each forward model run on large-dimensional parameters fields

A Recent USGS Case:

Inversion of a 21×21×52 hydraulic conductivity field given 4,000 transient drawdown measurements took 18 days with the help of massive parallelization on the USGS high-performance computing facilities, and may require 140 days on desktop computers *[Tiedeman and Barrash, 2019].*

Geostatistical Approach – Improvements

- New framework and computational approaches for geostatistical approach (GA):
	- Apply principal component analysis (PCA) to reduce problem dimension.
	- Reformulate the geostatistical approach onto principal component coefficients (RGA).

[Zhao and Luo, 2020]

Reformulated Geostatistical Approach – Achievements

$$
s = X\beta + V_{k}a
$$
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$$
(k + p) \times (k + p)
$$
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$$
\frac{\partial \ell(s)}{\partial a} = 0
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$$
\frac{\partial \ell(s)}{\partial \beta} = 0
$$

As k is usually a small number, computational complexity of $\overline{H}_a C \overline{H}_a^T + I$ is $O(n)$. This RGA algorithm is much more scalable!

More Efficient & Scalable Model?

Matrix-wise to Pointwise Estimator

Hope to find a pointwise, continuous function to approximate the spatial variables: $F(x, y) \cong h(x, y)$ $G(x, y) \cong T(x, y)$

What type of function should it be?

Ploynomial? Exponential? or more complicated form?

In 2019, Physics-Informed Neural Network (PINN) was borned. *[Raissi., et al, 2019]*

Physics-Informed Neural Network

Deep Neural Network

Neural network is a (recurrent) nonlinear regression model with learnable coefficients.

 $h_1 = \sigma_0 (W_0 x + b_0)$ x is input variable vector; $h_2 = \sigma_1 (Wh_1 + b_1)$ y is predicted output vector; \mathbf{h}_i $h_n = \sigma_{n-1} (W_{n-1} h_{n-1} + b_{n-1})$ $\sigma_i(\cdot)$ is chosen nonlinear map; $y = \sigma_n(W_n h_n + b_n)$ $y = f_n(f_{n-1}(\ldots f_1(f_0(x)))$

 h_i is hidden feature vector; W_i is learnable weight matrix; **is learnable bias vector.**

Neural network can become a universal function approximator as its depth is sufficiently large, e.g., deep neural network (DNN). *[Goodfellow, I., 2016]*

DNN usually has a lot of coefficients, the number can be up to billions.

Physics-Informed Neural Network DNN training

Training DNN means learn the value of W_i and b_i to make predictions closet to data. This data fitting process is not much different from regression.

Loss function: mean squared error
$$
l = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1..m} ||\hat{y}^j - y^j||_2^2
$$

Optimizer: Newton method $\theta_i^{k+1} = \theta_i^k + \eta \frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta_i^k}$; $\theta_i = \{W_i; b_i\}$

To obtain a robust DNN model, it requires fast computation and large amount of data. Otherwise, it is easily overfitting since there are too many coefficients in the model.

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\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}(x \in \Omega_N); y(x \in \Omega_D)
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\nPDF related!

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y \geq y_{min}
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Can DNN learn from these PDE value? Yes! How? Use automatic differentiation

Physics-Informed Neural Network Backpropagation

To learn coefficients minimizing the loss, we need to compute the gradients:

$$
\boldsymbol{\theta}_i^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^k + \eta \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{l}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^k}
$$
 (Update coefficients at *i*-th layer in DNN)

Gradient w.r.t. θ_i can be backpropagated from loss function: $l = g(\mathbf{v}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$

Considering:

$$
\mathbf{y} = f_n(f_{n-1}(\ldots f_1(f_0(\mathbf{x}))) = F(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})
$$

Apply chain rule on gradient computation:

$$
\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta_i} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_i}
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$$
= \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial h_n} \frac{\partial h_n}{\partial h_{n-1}} \dots \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial \theta_i}
$$
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$$
= g' f'_n f'_{n-1} \dots f'_i
$$
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$$
= g' F_{\theta_i}(x; \theta)
$$
\nAlternative

\n(AD)

Physics-Informed Neural Network

Approximation of partial derivatives

Leverage AD from output to input variables:

$$
\mathbf{y} = f_n(f_{n-1} (... f_1(f_0(x))) = F(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})
$$

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$$
\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial x}
$$

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$$
= \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial h_n} \frac{\partial h_n}{\partial h_{n-1}} ... \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x} \Leftarrow \text{chain rule}
$$

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$$
= f'_n f'_{n-1} ... f'_1
$$

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$$
= F_x(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})
$$

 $F_r(x; \theta)$ can be used to approximate the first order partial derivitives. For second order derivitives, we simply do it again: $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$ $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial F_x(x;\theta)}{\partial x}$ $\frac{\partial f_{\alpha}(x, b)}{\partial x} = F_{\chi \chi}(x; \theta)$ F, F_x and F_{xx} share the same set of coefficients $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

Forward Model PINN

Design a neural network NN with spatial coordinates (x, y) as input and water heads under pumping test (h) as output

 $\nabla \cdot [T(x_e, y_e) \nabla h(x_e, y_e)] = 0, \quad (x_e, y_e) \in \Omega$ $\nabla \cdot [T(x_e, y_e) \nabla N N(x_e, y_e)] = 0, \quad (x_e, y_e) \in \Omega$ $\nabla \cdot [T(x_p, y_p) \nabla h(x_p, y_p)] = Q_p, \quad (x_p, y_p) \in \Omega$ \longrightarrow $\nabla \cdot [T(x_p, y_p) \nabla N(x_p, y_p)] = Q_p, \quad (x_p, y_p) \in \Omega$ $\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla h(x_N, y_N) = q_N, \quad (x_N, y_N) \in \Gamma_N$ $h(x_D, y_D) = h_D, \quad (x_D, y_D) \in \Gamma_D$ $\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla N N(x_N, y_N) = q_N, \quad (x_N, y_N) \in \Gamma_N$ $NN(x_D, y_D) = h_D, \quad (x_D, y_D) \in \Gamma_D$ Physical constraints

Besides, we have some monitored water heads: $NN(x_m, y_m) = h_m,$ $(x_m, y_m) \in \Omega$

Data Match

Train Forward PINN

NN is a pointwise, continuous function $F(x, y; \theta)$. To train it, we need collect points with interests from the map.

Forward PINN Experiment

Table 1. Geostatistical and hydrogeological parameters for hydraulic tomography experiments

Figure 1. Comparison of NN model with numerical simulation for a pumping test. Column A is numerical simulation results, and column B is NN results. (A1) numerical simulation of hydraulic head distribution, (A2) the gradient field, (A3) numerical evaluated PDE residual; (B1) NN of hydraulic head distribution, (B2) approximated gradient field, (B3) approximated PDE residual; (C1) reference water heads vs. predicted water heads. (D) *lnT* field.

Relative residual:
$$
\epsilon_{NN} = \frac{\|NN(x,y) - h(x,y)\|_2^2}{\|h(x,y)\|_2^2} < 5\%
$$
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Inverse Model PINN

 $\nabla \cdot [TNN(x_e, y_e) \nabla NN(x_e, y_e)] = 0, \quad (x_e, y_e) \in \Omega$ $\nabla \cdot [TNN(x_p, y_p) \nabla NN(x_p, y_p)] = Q_p, \quad (x_p, y_p) \in \Omega$ $\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla NN(x_N, y_N) = q_N, \quad (x_N, y_N) \in \Gamma_N$ $NN(x_D, y_D) = h_D, \quad (x_D, y_D) \in \Gamma_D$ Monitored water heads: $NN(x_m, y_m) = h_m$, $(x_m, y_m) \in \Omega$ TNN Measurements of transmissivity: $TNN(x_T, y_T) = T(x_T, y_T)$

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Train Inverse PINN

Beside the data for NN , we also need data (direct measurements of transmissivity) for continuous function TNN

Hydraulic Tomography

Hydraulic Tomography-PINN

$$
\varepsilon(x,y) = \frac{|TNN(x,y) - T(x,y)|}{T^{max} - T^{min}}, (x,y) \in \Omega
$$

Hydraulic Tomography-PINN

Forward Performance Relative residual ϵ_{NN} at P1: 6.00%, P5: 9.37%, P13: 6.57%, P21: 7.13%, P25: 8.40%

Inverse Performance Relative residual ϵ_{TNN} =9.09% Accuracy $\varepsilon = 96.85\%$

Scalability of HT-PINN

Model Discussion

Future work

Model Extension

- 1. Modify current HT-PINN to 3D (x, y, z) , trainsient model (x, y, z, t) .
- 2. Extend PINN to other type of groundwater inverse problem such as: tracer concentration test
- 3. Add geostatistical constraints to HT-PINN, hopefully, the data demands can be reduced
- 4. Upgrade DNN to convolution neural network (CNN), enhance model efficiency and generality

Q & A

Appreciate any questions

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