

# Adaptive deep density approximation for Fokker-Planck equations

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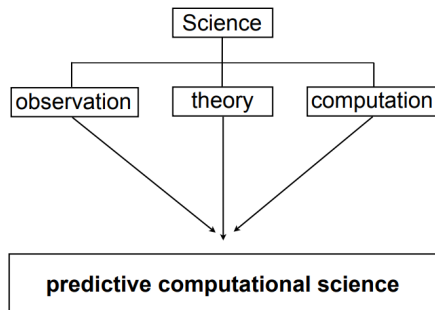
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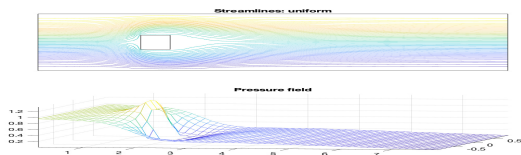
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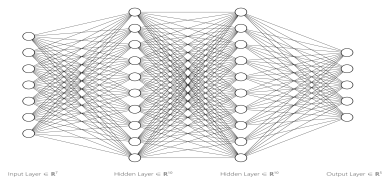
- Micro-electromechanical system (MEMS)
- Aerospace
- Underwater Acoustics
- ...

# Background

- Mathematical (physical) model: PDEs or ODEs



- Data-driven model (e.g., deep neural networks): no proper physical model but massive available data



- Numerical methods  
Both of them need numerical methods

# Machine learning in scientific computing

- Uncertainty quantification (UQ): (Bayesian) Surrogate model, [Zhu and Zabarar, 2018]; Physical informed neural networks [Raissi, Perdikaris and Karniadakis, 2018]
- Density estimation:  
Domain decomposition for uncertainty quantification, [Liao and Willcox, 2015]; Importance sampling estimator by flow model, [Wan and Wei, 2020]
- Deep neural networks for PDEs:  
Deep Ritz, [E and Yu, 2017] ; Deep Galerkin [Sirignano and Spiliopoulos, 2018]; Physical constraint, [Zhu and Zabarar, 2019]; D3M, [Li, Tang, Wu and Liao, 2019]; PFNN, [Sheng and Yang, 2020]

# Goal

## Traditional numerical method

- high fidelity
- suffers from the curse of dimensionality

## Machine (deep) learning approach

- low fidelity
- weaker dependence on dimensionality

our purpose:

Develop a new deep generative model for density estimation and apply it to solve Fokker-Planck equations

- deep networks to alleviate curse of dimensionality
- develop adaptive scheme using machine learning technique

# Differential equations

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$\mathcal{L}$  : partial differential operator,  $\mathfrak{b}$  : boundary operator.

**FEM:**

1. **mesh**
2. **basis**



**Deep methods:**

1. **samples**
2. **neural networks**

## Why deep methods

- fast inference
- attack high dimensional problems

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## How deep methods do

$$J(u(x; \Theta)) = \|r(x; \Theta)\|_{2, \Omega}^2 + \|b(x; \Theta)\|_{2, \partial\Omega}^2,$$

where  $r(x; \Theta) = \mathcal{L}u(x; \Theta) - s(x)$ , and  $b(x; \Theta) = \mathfrak{b}u(x; \Theta) - g(x)$

Key point:  $u(x; \Theta) \rightarrow u(x)$  compute residual loss by **uniform sampling**



# Fokker-Planck equations

$$\mathcal{L}p(x) = \nabla \cdot [p(x)\nabla V(x)] + \nabla \cdot [\nabla \cdot (p(x)D(x))] = 0,$$

with the boundary condition

$$p(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \|x\|_2 \rightarrow \infty, \quad (1)$$

and some extra constraints on  $p(x)$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(x) dx = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad p(x) \geq 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $\|x\|_2$  indicates the  $\ell_2$  norm of  $x$ .

## Several difficulties

- The boundary condition and the constraints of  $p(x)$  may not be easily satisfied
- It requires a fine mesh to capture the whole information when the target density is multimodal problems

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## Flow-based generative model

- A PDF model: Flow-based generative model provides an explicit density function that satisfies naturally all constraints on  $p(x)$
- Adaptive procedure: A simple but effective adaptive strategy for the approximation of Fokker-Planck equations

# Adaptive procedure

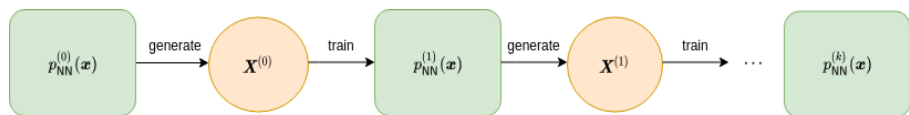
Residual loss functional

$$J(p_X(x; \Theta)) = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim p(x)} r^2(X; \Theta) = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim p(x)} (\mathcal{L}(p_X(X; \Theta)))^2$$

- using current points to minimize residual loss

$$\min_{\Theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N r^2(X^{(i)}; \Theta)$$

- update PDF model and generate new samples
- repeat the above two steps



# Deep generative models

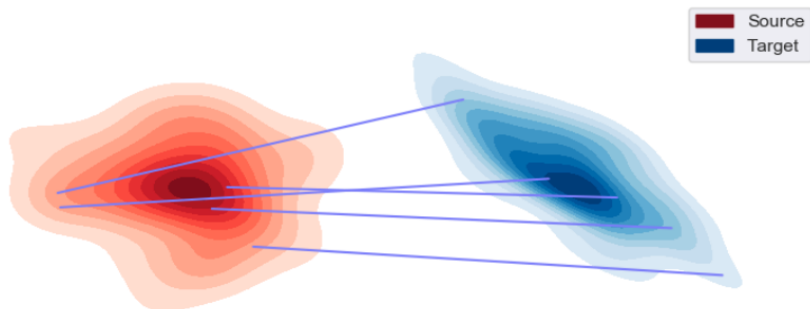
## Key points

- design a valid PDF model
- efficient sampling

## Related works

- GAN [Goodfellow et.al, 2014] [Arjovsky, Chintala and Bottou, 2017]
  - VAE [Kingma and Welling, 2014]
  - NICE [Dinh, Krueger and Bengio, 2014], Real NVP [Dinh, Dickstein, and Bengio, 2016]
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- GAN & VAE generate sample efficiently
  - but cannot get PDF

# Optimal transport



push the data distribution to a prior distribution

- find a mapping
- prior is simple
- mapping must be highly nonlinear (**deep neural networks**)

# Invertible mapping

Flow: construct a PDF model

$$p_X(x) = p_Z(f(x)) |\det \nabla_x f|$$

$f$  is a bijection

$$z = f(x) = f_{[L]} \circ \dots \circ f_{[1]}(x)$$

$$x = f^{-1}(z) = f_{[1]}^{-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{[L]}^{-1}(z)$$

why invertible mapping

- GAN and VAE can not provide an explicit PDF though they can generate samples efficiently
- Invertible mapping provides an explicit PDF
- Flow (invertible mapping) can generate samples efficiently

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- $f$  is a **bijection**
- $\det \nabla_x f$  can be easily computed

## A new affine coupling layer

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- $\det \nabla_x f_{[i]}$  can be easily computed
- $|\det \nabla_x f| = \prod_{i=1}^L |\det \nabla_{x_{[i-1]}} f_{[i]}|$

structure of  $f_{[i]}$

$$x_{[i],1} = x_{[i-1],1}$$

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where  $x_{[i]} = [x_{[i],1}, x_{[i],2}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $s_i : \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{d-m}$  and  $t_i : \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{d-m}$  are the scaling and the translation depending on  $x_{[i-1],1}$

$$(s_i, t_i) = NN_{[i]}(x_{[i-1],1}).$$



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inverse and determinant of Jacobian for  $f_{[j]}$

$$x_{[i-1],1} = x_{[i],1}$$

$$x_{[i-1],2} = \left( x_{[i],2} - e^{\beta_i} \odot \tanh(t_i(x_{[i-1],1})) \right) \odot (1 + \alpha \tanh(s_i(x_{[i-1],1})))^{-1}$$

$$\nabla_{x_{[i-1]}} f_{[i]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \nabla_{x_{[i-1],1}} x_{[i],2} & \text{diag}(1 + \alpha \tanh(s_i(x_{[i-1],1}))) \end{bmatrix}$$

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## advantages

- adapts the trick of ResNet [He et. al, 2015]
- $e^{\beta_i}$  depends on the data points directly instead of the value of  $x_{[i-1]}$
- $(1 - \alpha)^{d-m} \leq \det(\nabla_{x_{[i-1]}} f_{[i]}) \leq (1 + \alpha)^{d-m}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

# Scale and bias layer

## normalization

$$\hat{x}_{[i]} = \mathbf{a}_i \odot \mathbf{x}_{[i]} + \mathbf{b}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, L$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{[i]} = (\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{[i]} - \mathbf{b}_{[i]}) \odot \mathbf{a}_i^{-1}$$

$$|\det \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{[i]}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{[i]}| = \prod_{j=1}^N a_i(j)$$

## advantages

- normalization can improve training performance and stability of deep neural networks [Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

## Knothe-Rosenblatt rearrangement

$$z = \mathcal{T}^{-1}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{T}_1(x_1) \\ \mathcal{T}_2(x_1, x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{T}_N(x_1, \dots, x_d) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = f_{\text{KR}} = L_N \circ f_{[K-1]}^{\text{outer}} \circ \dots \circ f_{[1]}^{\text{outer}}(x)$$

$$f_{[k]}^{\text{outer}} = L_S \circ f_{[k,L]}^{\text{inner}} \circ \dots \circ f_{[k,1]}^{\text{inner}} \circ L_R$$

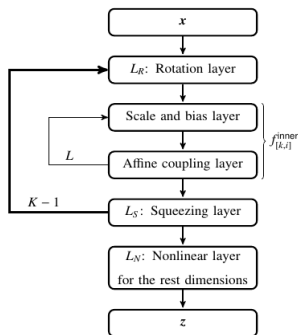
### advantages

- optimal transport [Carlier, Galichon and Santambrogio, 2010]

# KRnet

structure of KRnet

- squeezing layer
- rotation layer
- affine coupling layer
- nonlinear layer



# KRnet

## Squeezing layer

deactivate some dimensions using a mask

$$\mathbf{q} = [\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_n, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{d-n}]^T$$

question

- how do we choose which dimensions to be deactivate?

# KRnet

## rotation layer

learn a rotation matrix

$$\hat{W} = \begin{bmatrix} W & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

$$\hat{x} = \hat{W}x$$

$$\hat{W} = \begin{bmatrix} L & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

- rotation layer tells us about which dimensions deactivate
- rotation layer improves robustness

# KRnet

## nonlinear layer

Affine coupling layer is an affine transformation (linear with respect to  $x$ ), and we here define

$$F(x) = \int_0^x p(t)dt,$$

Let  $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{m+1}$  be a partition of  $[0, 1]$ , and  $p(x)$  is a piece-wise linear polynomial (to be **learned**) defined on these intervals

$$\hat{x} = \begin{cases} F((x + a)/(2a)) & \text{when } x \in [-a, a], \\ \hat{x} \leftarrow x & \text{when } x \in (-\infty, a) \cup (a, \infty). \end{cases}$$

- enhance the representation capability of flow model
- improve nonlinearity



# Density estimation and solve the Fokker-Planck equation

## KR-net

$$p_X(x) = p_Z(f(x)) |\det \nabla_x f_{KR}|$$

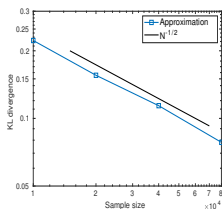
density estimation and solving the Fokker-Planck equation  
similarities

- construct a KR-net
- minimize a loss function

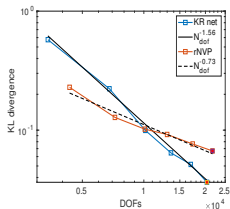
difference

- density estimation: data  
solve the Fokker-Planck equation: no data
- loss function is different  
density estimation: negative log likelihood  
solve the Fokker-Planck equation: residual loss

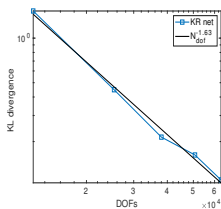
# Density estimation



(a)  $KL(p_X(x)||p_X(x; \theta))$   
w.r.t.  $N$ ,  $d = 4$



(b)  $KL(p_X(x)||p_X(x; \theta))$   
w.r.t. model  
complexity,  $d = 4$ .



(c)  $KL(p_X(x)||p_X(x; \theta))$   
w.r.t.  $N$ ,  $d = 8$

## setting

- $X_i \sim \text{Logistic}(0, s)$ ,  
 $\alpha_s = 3, s = 2, C = 7.6, \theta_{r,i} = \pi/4$  ( $i$  is even) or  $3\pi/4$  ( $i$  is odd)
- $|R_{\alpha_s, \theta_{r,i}} X^{(j)}(i : i + 1)| \geq C, i = 1, \dots, d - 1,$

$$R_{\alpha_s, \theta_{r,i}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_s & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{r,i} & -\sin \theta_{r,i} \\ \sin \theta_{r,i} & \cos \theta_{r,i} \end{bmatrix}$$

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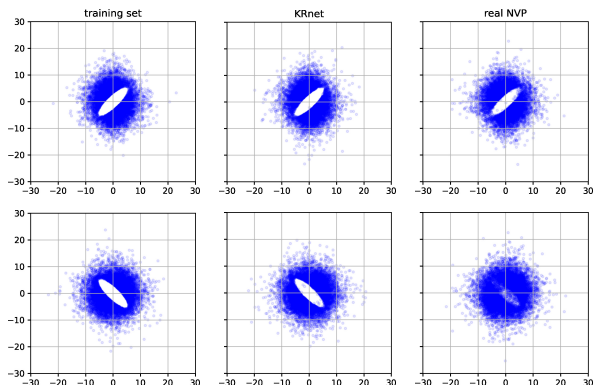
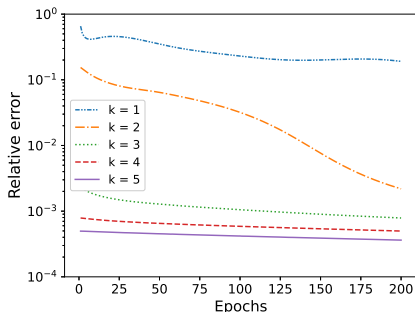


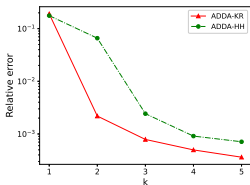
Figure: Training data, and data sampled from KRnet and real NVP. The first row:  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . The second row:  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ .

# Solve Fokker-Planck equations

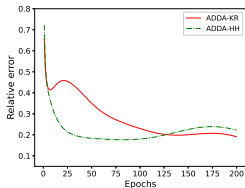


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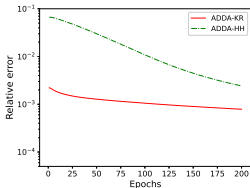
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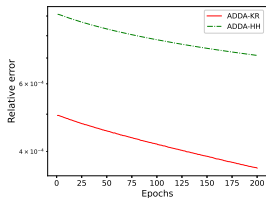
(a) KL divergence w.r.t.  $k$ -th model.



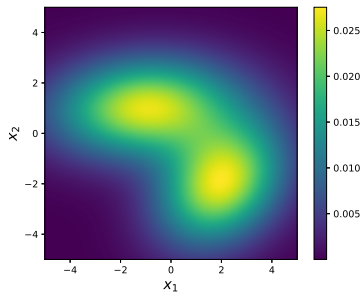
(b) The convergence behavior for  $k = 1$ .



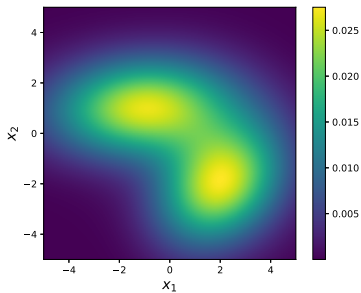
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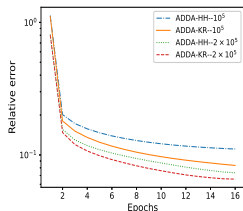
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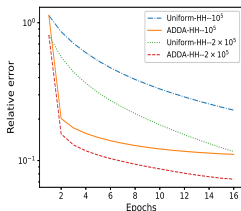
(e) Exact solution  $p(x)$



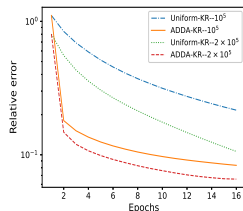
(f) ADDA approximation



(g) Comparison of KR and HH: KL-divergence w.r.t epochs



(h) KL-divergence w.r.t epochs for HH



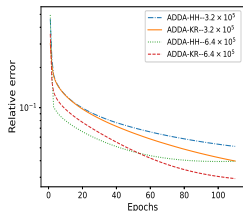
(i) KL-divergence w.r.t epochs for KR

setting (HH refers to Real NVP)

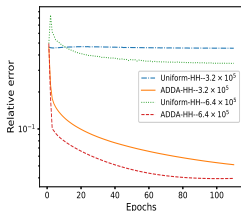
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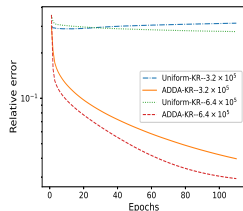
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## Conclusion

- Propose a novel flow-based generative model (KRnet)
- Develop a novel adaptive deep density approximation strategy based on KRnet
- Adaptive sampling procedure is efficient for Fokker-Planck equations

Thank you for your attention