

1D Transport Using Neural Nets, SN, and MC

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This talk has three parts

1) Motivation

2) Methods

3) Results

- The transport equation can be solved using a neural network (NN). The runtime is competitive with SN and MC for a simple test problem.

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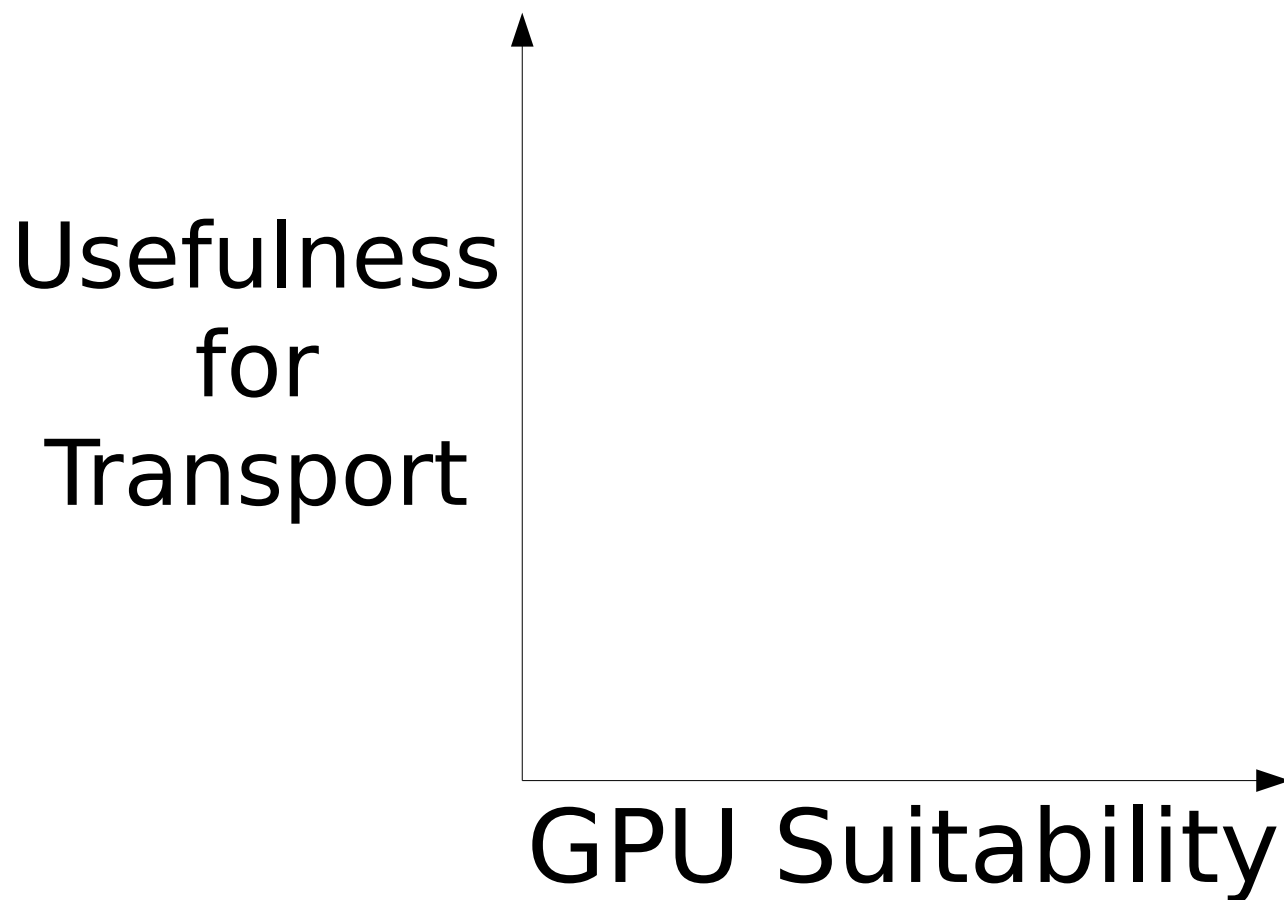
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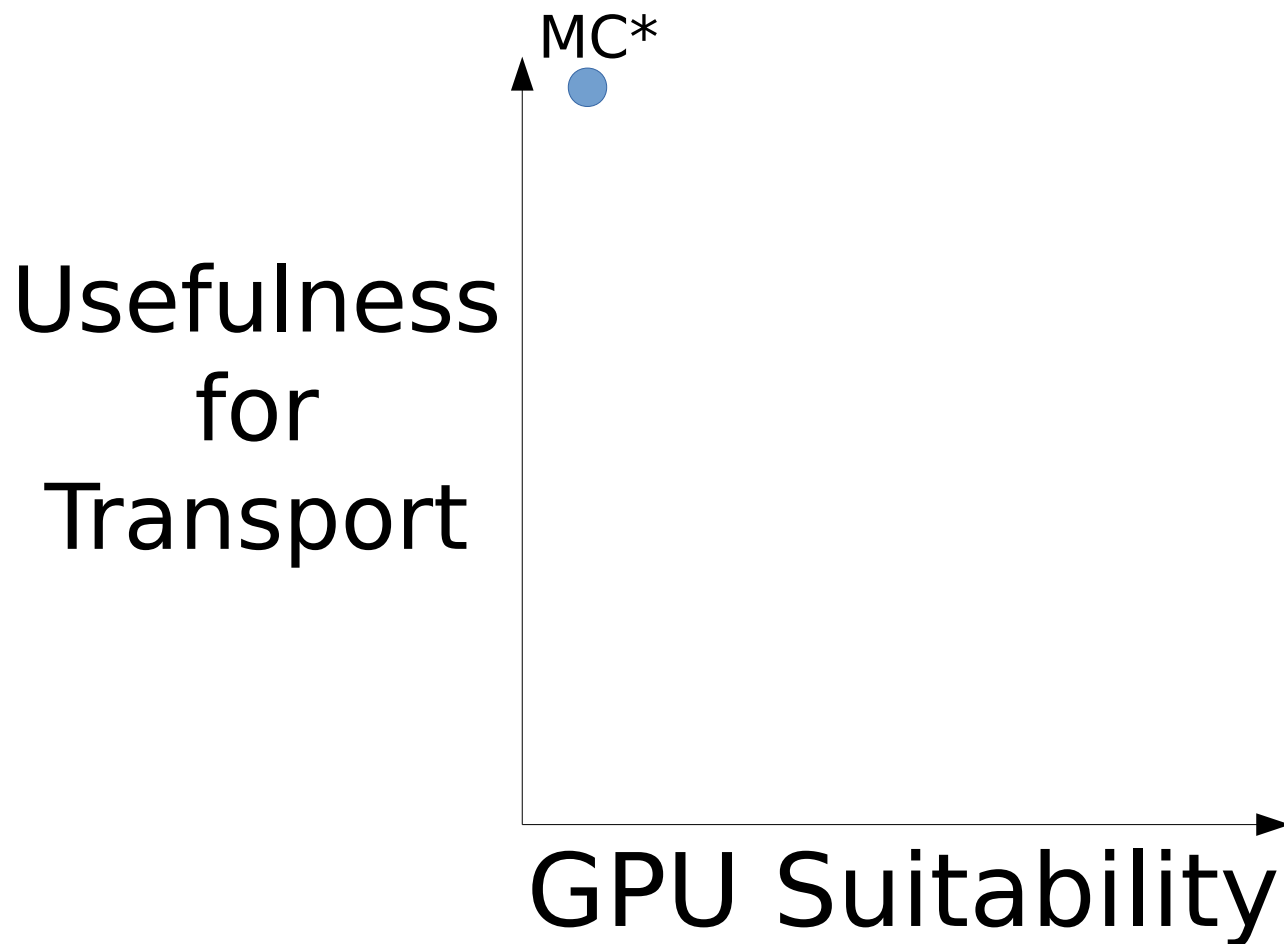
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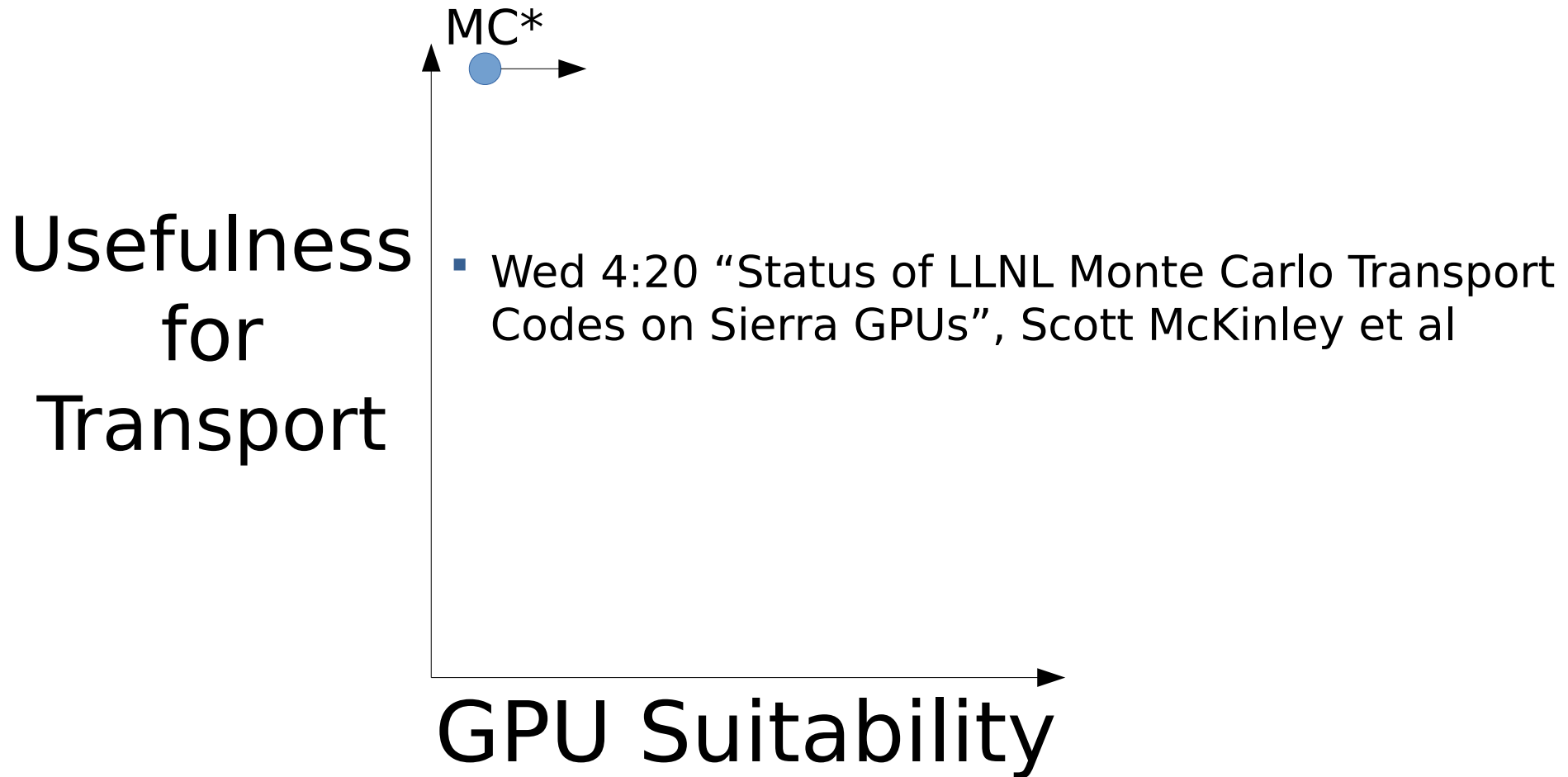


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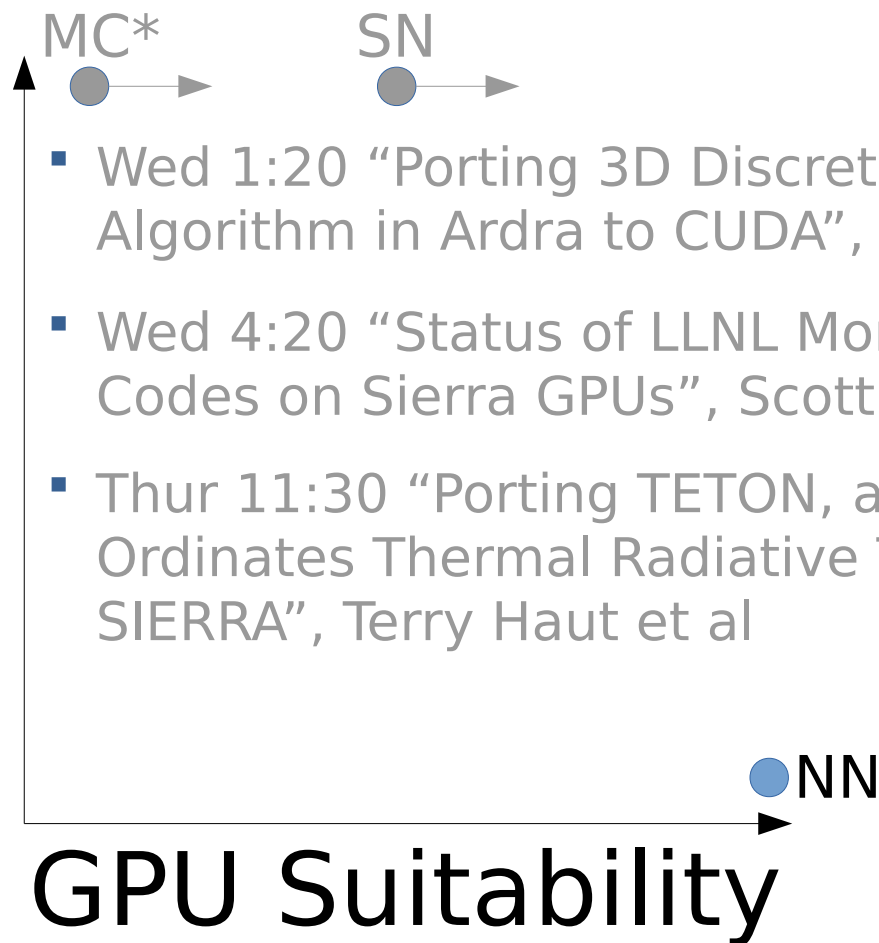
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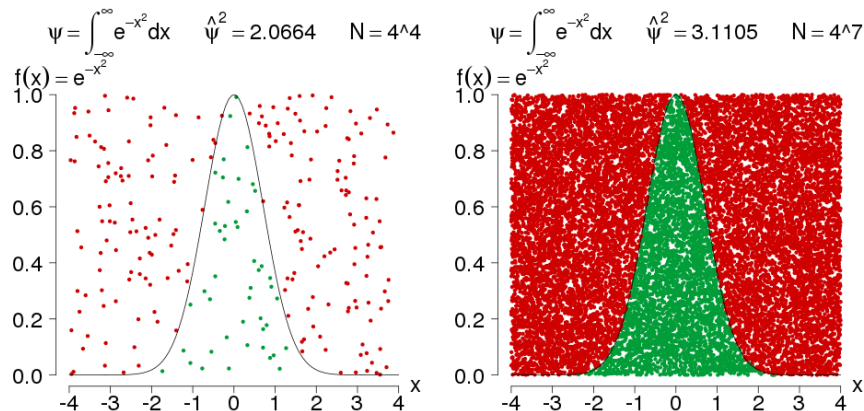
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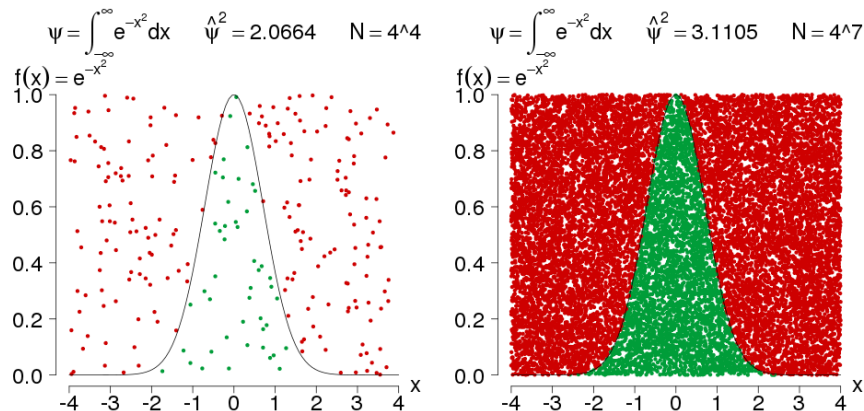
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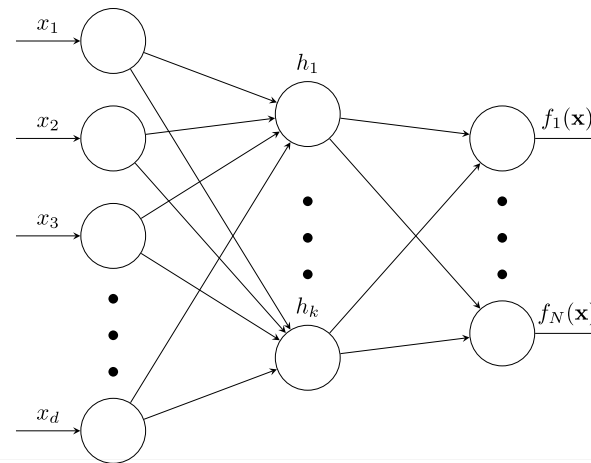
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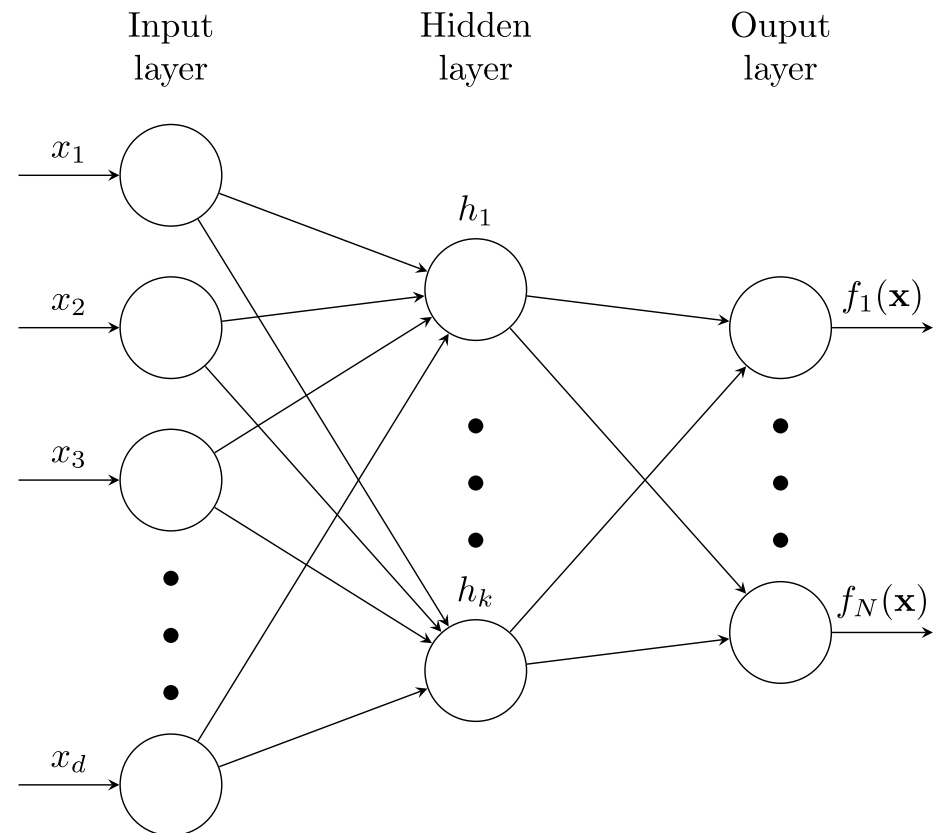


A neural network is a function approximation technique

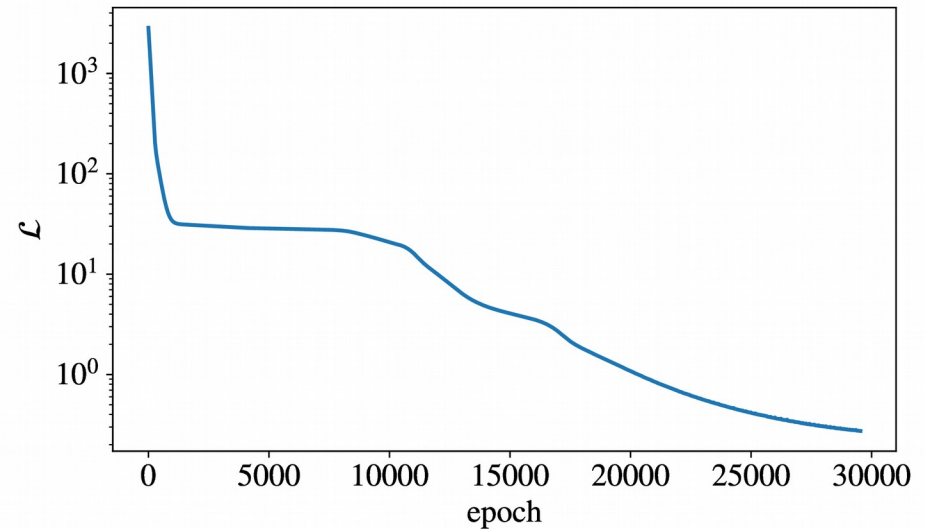
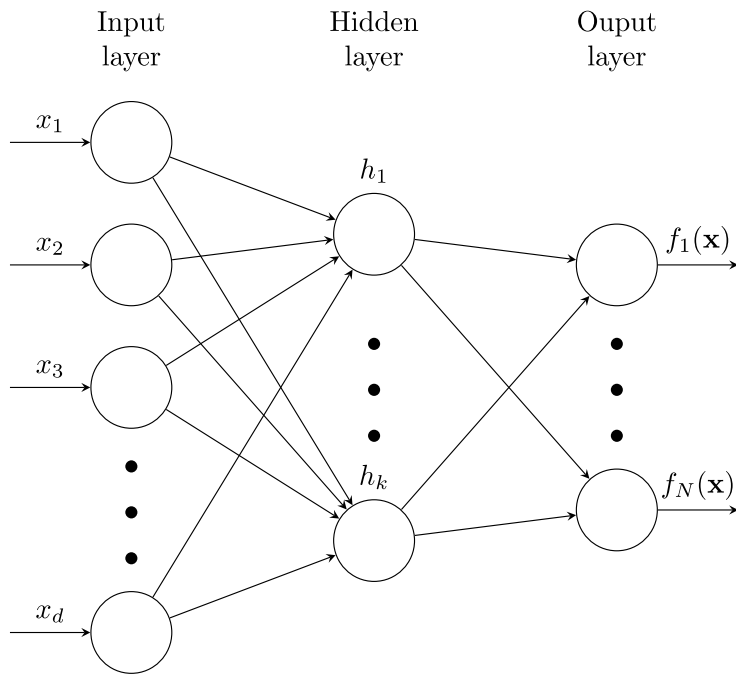
- Input $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Output $f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^N$
- Non-linear activation function

$$h_i = \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i)$$

- Weights $\mathbf{w}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Biases b_i

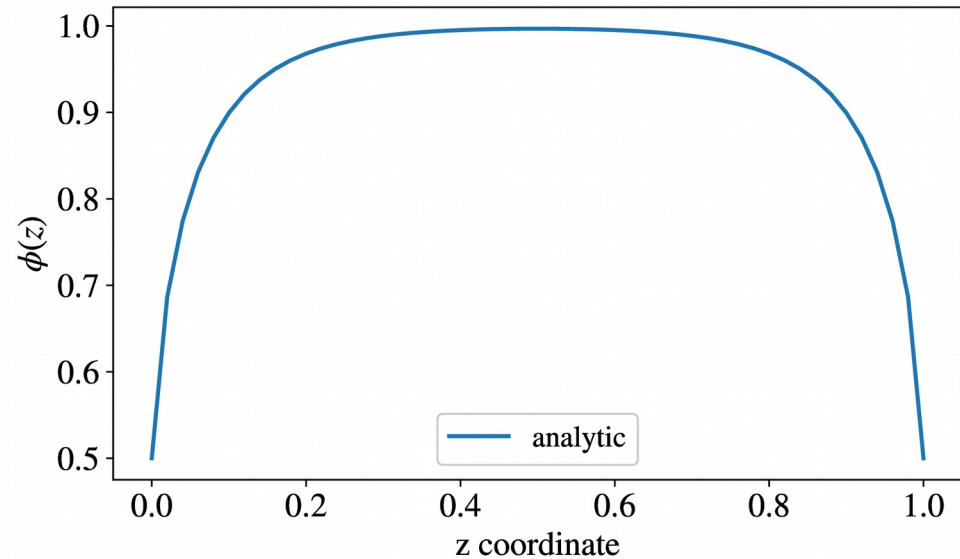


The neural network minimizes a loss function

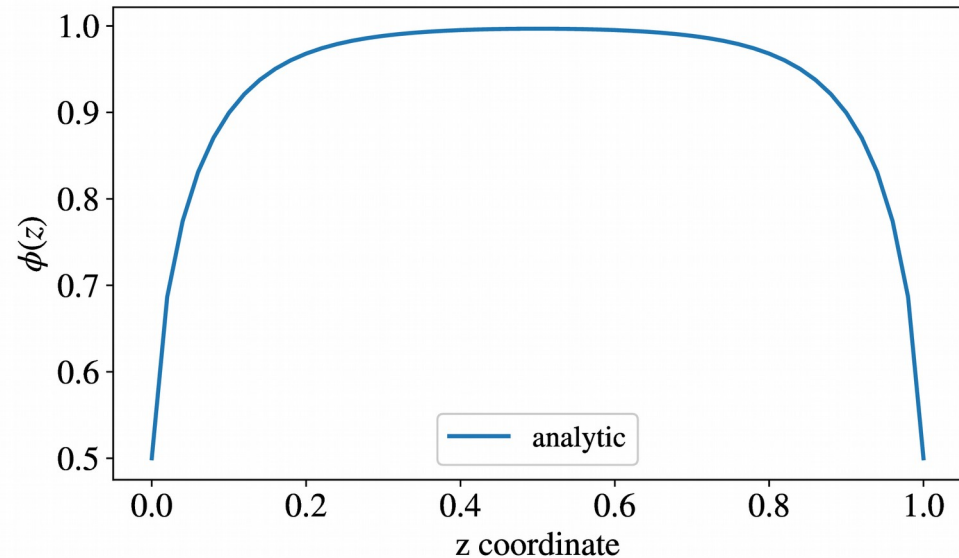


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \left\| \nabla \hat{\Psi} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \Sigma_t \hat{\Psi} - \frac{1}{2} (\Sigma_{s0} \hat{\Phi}_0 \mathbf{1}_N^T - 3 \Sigma_{s1} \hat{\Phi}_1 \boldsymbol{\mu}^T - \mathbf{Q}) \right\|_F^2 \\ & + \gamma_L \left\| \hat{\Psi}^{\mu > 0}(z = 0) - \Psi_L \right\|_F^2 \\ & + \gamma_R \left\| \hat{\Psi}^{\mu < 0}(z = z_{max}) - \Psi_R \right\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

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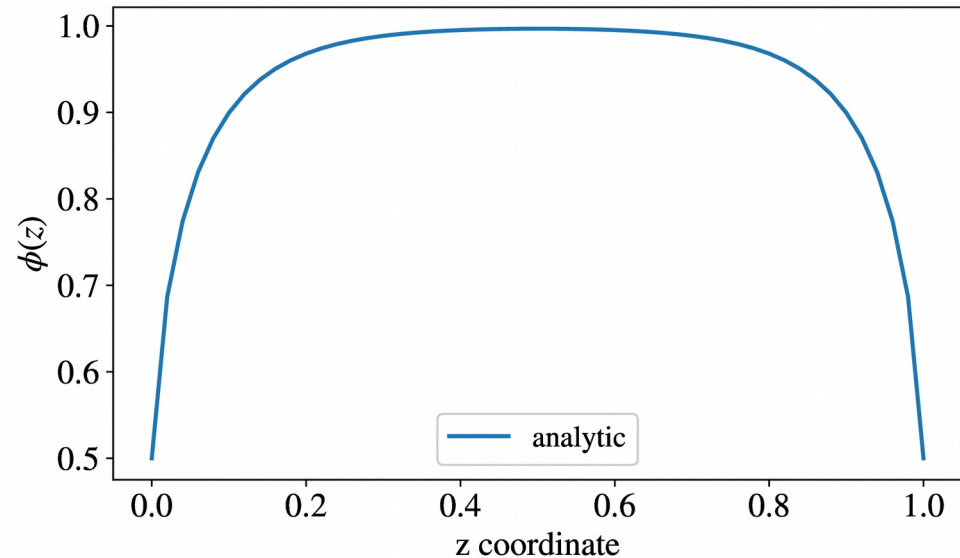


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Parameter	Value	Description
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Q_0	8	External source magnitude
J_{nn}	50	Number of zones for NN solution
J_{sn}	50	Number of zones for S_N solution
J_{mc}	50	Number of zones for MC solution
NR_{nn}	4	Number of ordinates for NN solution
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NP	1e6	Number of particles for MC solution
ϵ_{nn}	1e-6	Convergence criterion value for NN solution
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k	5	Number of hidden layer nodes in NN

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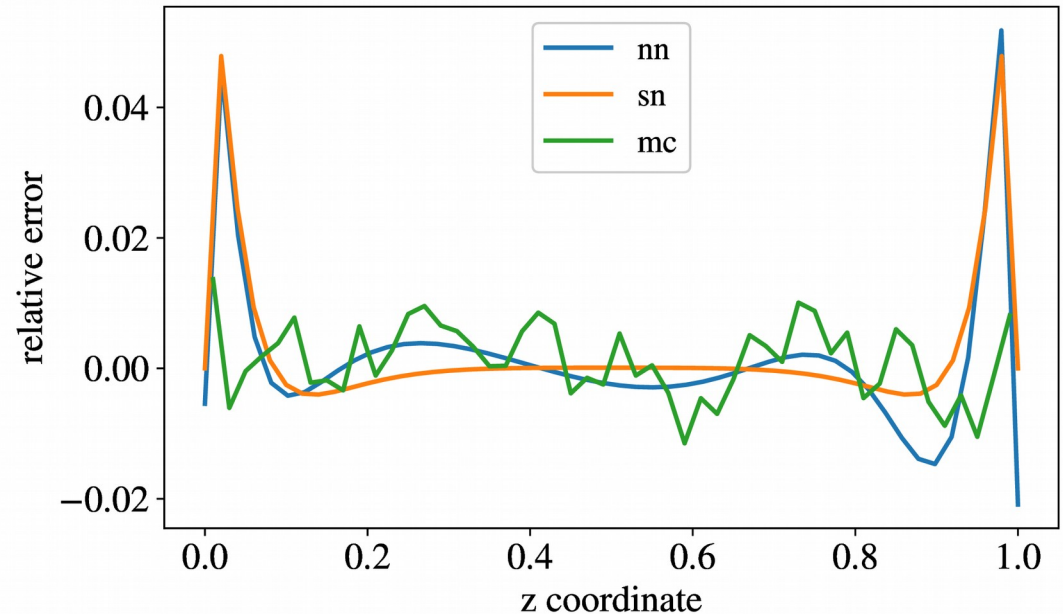
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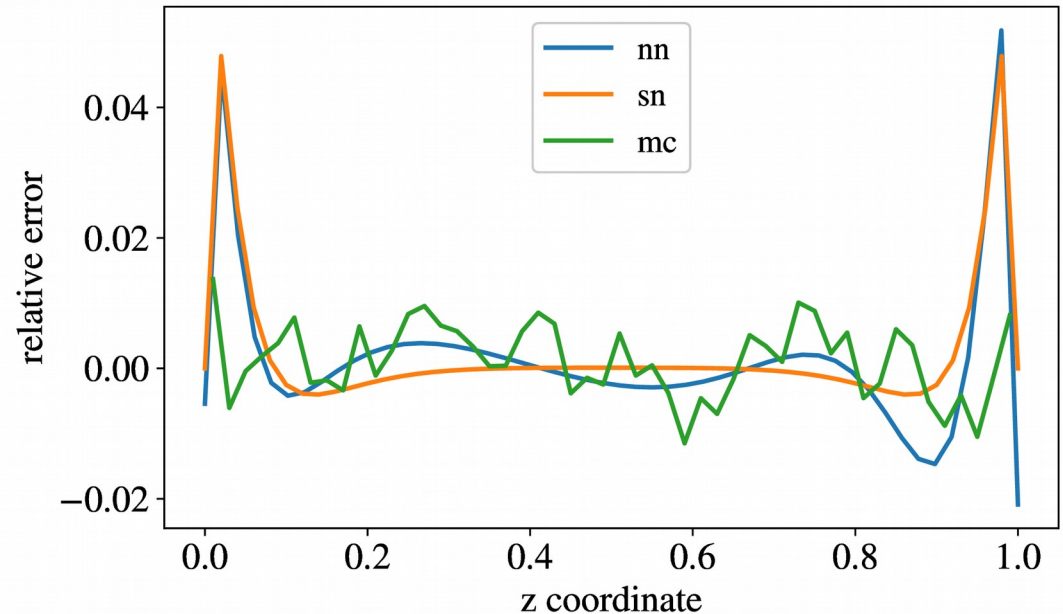
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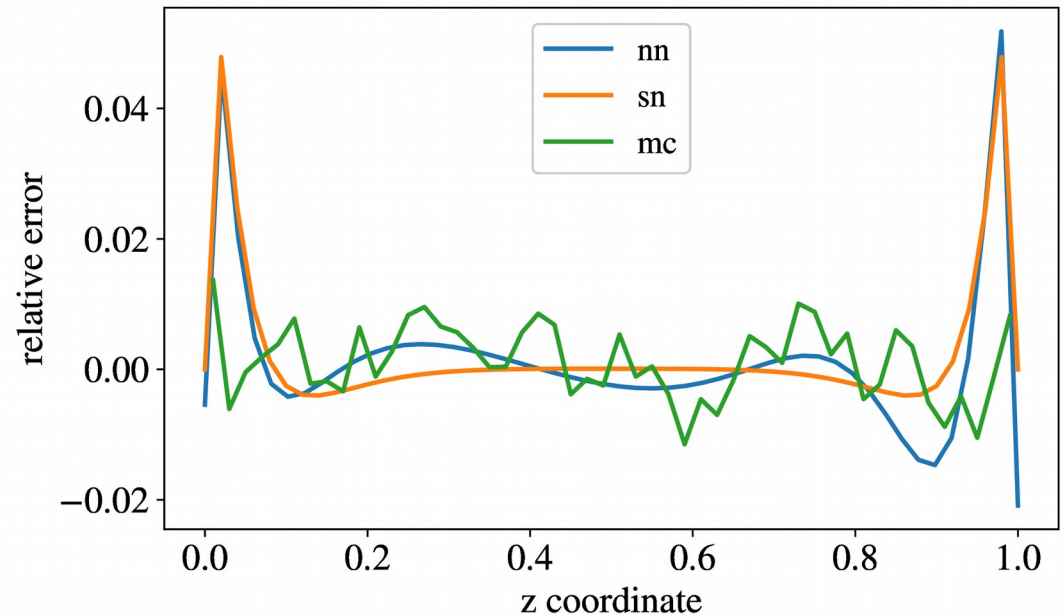
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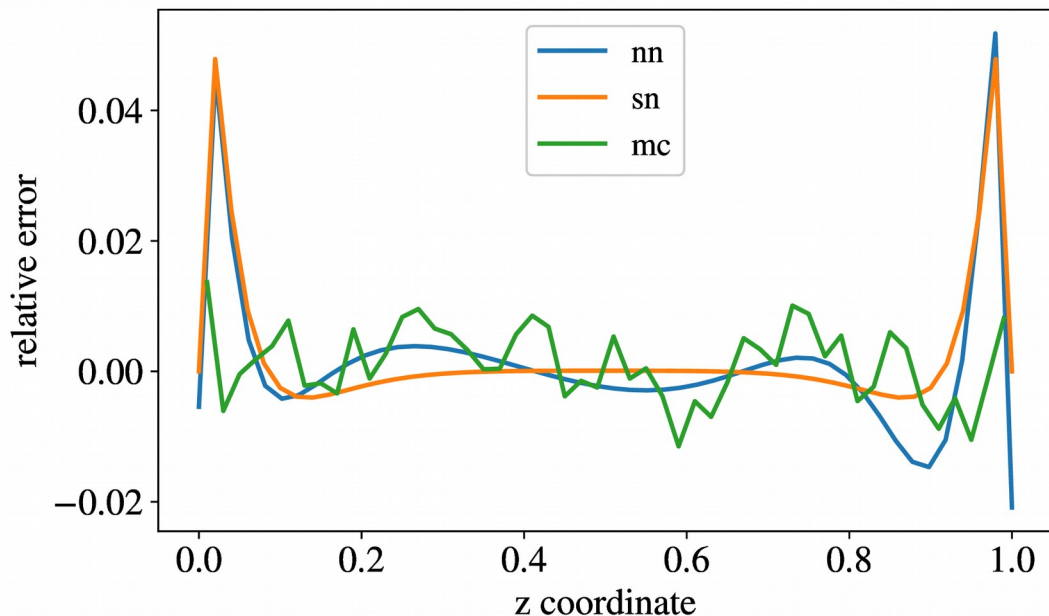
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