

# Numerical and analytical aspects of contact Hamiltonian systems

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For example when dissipation is present: **viscous drag, electrical circuit, thermodynamics,**  
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On a contact manifold  $(M, \eta)$  is naturally endowed with a **Jacobi structure** (local Lie algebra in Kirillov sense). Therefore,  $\eta$  induces a map:

$$\{\cdot, \cdot\}_\eta : C^\infty(M) \times C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$$

that is **bi-linear**, and satisfies the **Jacobi identity** but it does not satisfy the Leibniz rule. The definition depends on the Reeb vector field and the skew-symmetric vector field  $\Lambda(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

## Proposition

*The Jacobi brackets of two Hamiltonian functions:*

$$[X_f, X_g] = -X_{\{f, g\}_\eta}$$



# Jacobi Brackets, ... in coordinates

Jacobi brackets can be expressed in the following way:

$$\{f, g\}_\eta = X_g f + f R(g) = -X_f g - g R(f).$$

that means in coordinates:

$$\{f, g\}_{ds-pdq} = \left( f \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} - g \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \right) + p \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial g}{\partial s} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q} \right).$$

# Jacobi Brackets, and conserved quantities

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Let  $(M, \eta, \mathcal{H})$  a contact Hamiltonian system. If  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a vanishing Jacobi bracket with  $\mathcal{H}$ , i.e.

$$\{f, \mathcal{H}\}_\eta = 0$$

then we say that  $f$  is in involution with  $\mathcal{H}$ .

## Proposition

If two functions  $f, g$  on a contact manifold  $(M, \eta)$  commute their evolution satisfies:

$$X_f g = -gR(f).$$

Their ratio  $f/g$  is conserved, but also any function of degree 0 in  $f$  and  $g$  is conserved.

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$\Rightarrow$  [Bravetti-Seri-Vermeeren-Z 2020] the composition of the flows  $\Phi_{h_i}^t$  is a **contactomorphism**, so there exist a **modified Hamiltonian**  $\tilde{h}_\tau$

$$|\mathcal{H}(Q, P, S) - \tilde{h}_\tau(Q, P, S)| \sim O(\tau^2).$$

## ■ Splitting Numerical Integrators

- **Lagrangian Numerical integrators** The variational integrator relies on the **Herglotz variational principle**:

$$S(t) = \int_0^t \underbrace{P \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial P} - \mathcal{H}(Q, P, S)}_{\mathcal{L}(Q, P, S)} dt$$

and the discretization of the Lagrangian.

- **Splitting Numerical Integrators**
- **Lagrangian Numerical integrators**
- **Neural Network** It learns a parametric function:

$$\Theta : M \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

that is equivalent to fixing  $n$  parameters to approximate some chosen trajectories.



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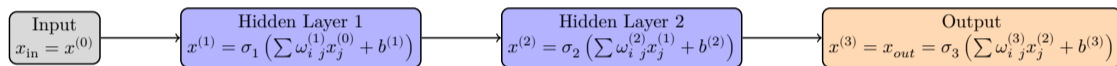
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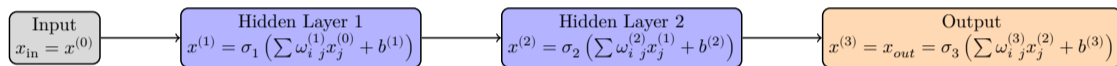
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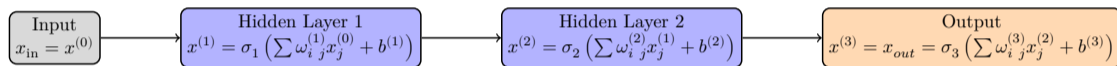
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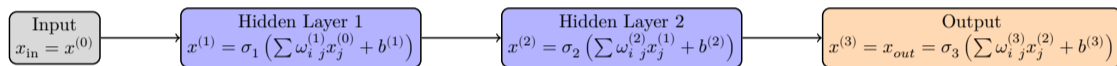
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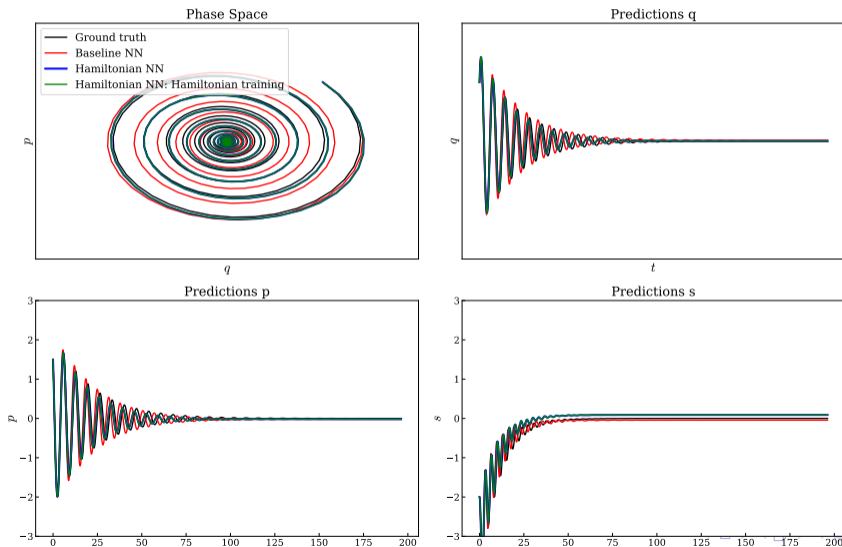
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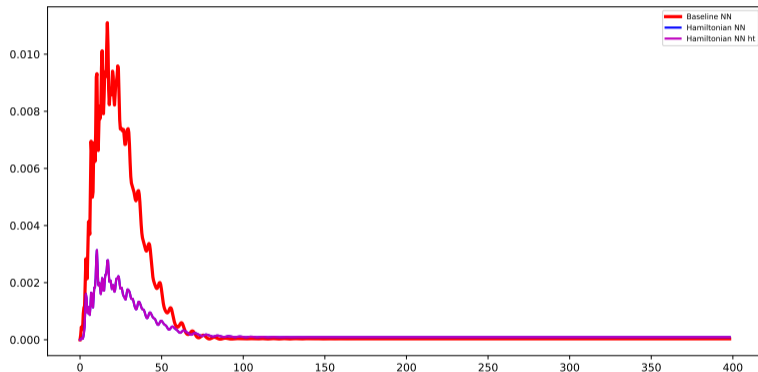
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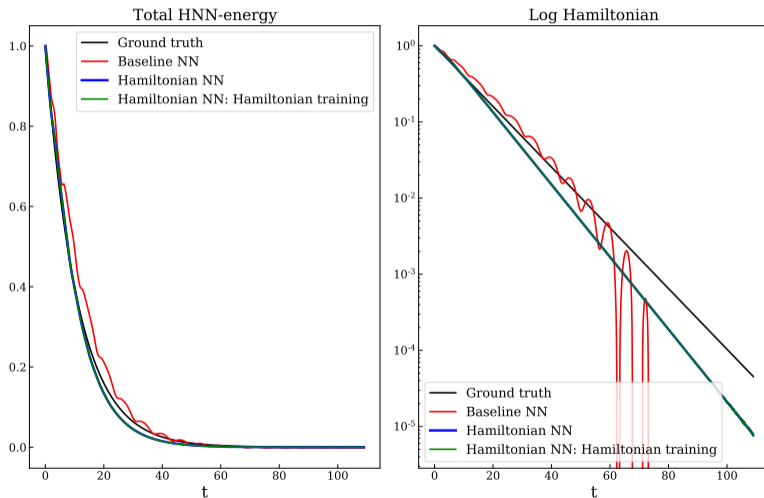


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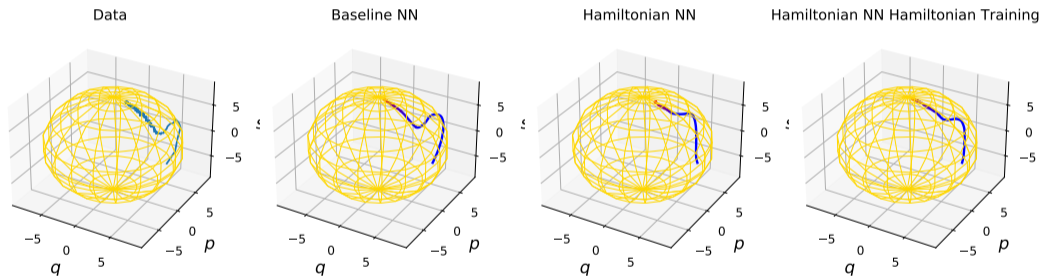


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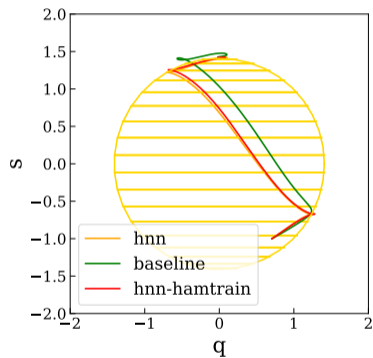
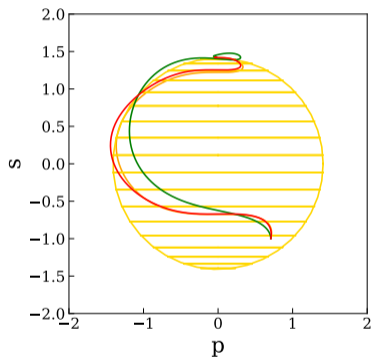
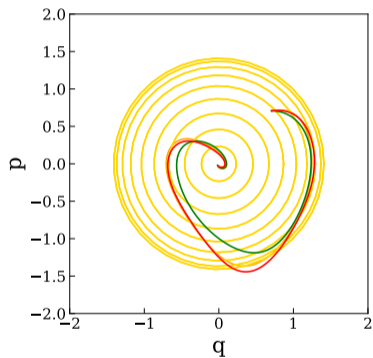
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Thank you for  
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