

# The effect of the threshold function for design feed forward neural network for solving Partial differential equations

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**Abstract---** *In this paper we disperse the outcome of threshold functions for designate feed forward neural network for solution partial differential equations. We utility a multi-layer network having one hidden layer with 7 hidden units (neurons) and one linear output unit with different of threshold function of each unit are logsig , tansig, purelin, tribas and hardlim and use Levenberg – Marquardt (trainlm) training algorithmic rule. Finally the terminate of numerical experience are compare to with the true solution in illustrative examples to ratify the precision and effectiveness of the immediate plan.*

**Keywords---** *partial differential equations, Artificial neural network, feed forward neural network, Levenbrg-Marquardt training.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The approach capabilities of feed forward neural networks with a single hidden layer has been learned by many authors, e.g., [1, 2, 3]. In [4], we have shown that such a network using practically any nonlinear activation function can approaching any continuous function of any number of real variables on any nonlinear threshold function can approaching any continuous function of any number of real variables on any compact set to any desired degree of accuracy. Neural networks of an artificial nature are an exciting kind of artificial intelligence; they are unequaled in itself. Neural networks imitative the learning procedure of the human brain in order to extraction patterns from historic data [5]. For a big many of years this new typify of expertise has been efficaciously employment to a difference of real-world problems [6]. The first introduction of perceptrons was intend by Rosenblatt [7]. Simple perceptrons are supervised networks; in the casing that is largely unsupervised, the network fully acclimatizes to its inputs and additional itself conformably. These networks can be taught to discriminate construction and archetype from their input. Multi-layered perceptrons (those that have more than three layers) utility multiple hidden layers.

Differential equations are utility as a efficacious tool in solution many problems in different fields of

human knowledge, such as physics, chemistry, dynamics, economics, etc. One application of the differential equation is turn problems and essential phenomena into differential equations, then, by solution the differential equation the answer is relate and the phenomena are calculated. Usually many of these problems do not have analytical solutions or their solutions may have certain implications. Many researchers have tried to approaching the solutions of these equations and intend a lot of algorithms such as Runge-Kotta, Adomian, Adam- Beshforth, Adam-Molton, Predictor-Corrector methods and other methods. In novel years neural networks for calculation of ordinary differential equations (ODE) and partial differential equations (PDE) as well as the fuzzy differential equation (FDEs) have been utility. In 1990, Lee and Kang [8] used parallel processor computers to solution a first order differential equation with Hopfield neural network models. Meade and Fernandez [9, 10] solved linear and nonlinear ordinary differential equations using feed forward neural networks architecture and B1 - splines. It is not easy to extend these techniques to multidimensional domains [11]. Lagaris and colleagues (1998) used artificial neural networks to solve ordinary differential equations (ODE s) and partial differential equations (PDE) with the initial value and boundary value problems [12].

## 2. ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK

An Artificial Neural Network [13] is a computational design inhaled in the functioning of the human brain. It is calm by a set of artificial neurons (assumed as procedure units) that are interrelated with other neurons. Each junction has a weight accompanying that personate the control from one neuron on the other. The first constituent model of a artificial neuron was design in 1943 by McCulloch and Pitts. They show that such model was competent to fulfill the calculation of any countable office using a bounded numerousness of affected neurons and synaptic weights adjustable. The talk network in Neural Network suggest to the interconnection between neurons immediate in different layers of a system. Every system is basically a 3 layered system, which are Input layer, Hidden Layer and Output Layer. The input layer has input neurons which give data via synapses to the hidden layer, and likewise the hidden layer transfers this data to the output layer via more synapses. The synapses plenty values appeal to weights which helps them to handle the input and output to different layers. An ANN can be explain based on the following three characteristics:

1. The Architecture show the number of layers and the no. of nodes in each of the layers.
2. The learning machinery refer for updating the weights ofthe connections.
3. The activation functions used in various layers.

## 3. ACTIVATION FUNCTION TYPES [14]

The most necessary unit in neural network construction is their net inputs by worn a scalar-to-scalar function called “the activation function or threshold function or transfer function”, output a result value name the “unit’s activation”. An activation function for termination the breadth of the output of a neuron. Some of the most commonly used activation functions are to solve non-linear problems. These functions are: Uni-polar sigmoid, Bi-polar sigmoid, Tanh, Conic Section, and Radial Bases Function (RBF). We did not solicitude around some activation function such as identity function, step function or binary step functions as they are not used to solve linear problems.

## 4. LEVENBERG-MARQUARDT ALGORITHM (LM) [15]

For LM algorithm, the performance index to be optimized is defined

$$E(w) = \sum_{p=1}^P [\sum_{k=1}^K (d_{kp} - o_{kp})^2] \quad (1).$$

Where  $w = [w_1 w_2 \dots \dots w_N]$  consists of all weights of the network,  $d_{kp}$  is the desired value of the  $k^{th}$  output and the  $p^{th}$  pattern,  $o_{th}$  is the actual value of the  $k^{th}$  output and the  $p^{th}$  pattern, N is the number of the weights, P is the number of pattern, and K is the number of the network output.

Equation (1) can be written its

$$E(w) = E^T E \quad (2).$$

Where

$$E = [e_{11} \dots \dots e_{K1} e_{12} \dots \dots e_{K2} \dots \dots e_{1p} \dots \dots e_{Kp}]$$

$$e_{kp} = d_{kp} - o_{kp} \quad k = 1, \dots \dots, K \quad p = 1, \dots \dots, P$$

Where E is the cumulative error vector ( for all pattern) from equation (2) the jacobian matrix is

$$\text{define as= } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_{1,1}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{1,1}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{1,1}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{2,1}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{2,1}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{2,1}}{\partial w_N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial e_{k,1}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{k,1}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{k,1}}{\partial w_N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial e_{1,p}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{1,p}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{1,p}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{2,p}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{2,p}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{2,p}}{\partial w_N} \\ \frac{\partial e_{k,p}}{\partial w_1} & \frac{\partial e_{k,p}}{\partial w_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial e_{k,p}}{\partial w_N} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3).$$

And the weights are calculated using the following equation

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - (J_t^T J_t)^{-1} J_t E_t \quad (4).$$

Where I is identity unit matrix,  $\mu$  is the learning parameter and J is jacobian of m output error with respect to n weights of the neural network. The  $\mu$  parameter is automatically adjusted at each iteration in order to secure convergence, the LM algorithm

requires computation of the jacobian  $J$  matrix at each iteration step and the inversion of  $J^T J$  square matrix, the dimension of which is  $N \times N$ .

## 5. ILLUSTRATION OF THE DESIGN

We will consider a two - dimensional of partial differential equation (P.D.E).

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,y)}{\partial x^2} = f\left(\frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \Psi(x,y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,y)}{\partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x,y)}{\partial x \partial y}, x, y\right) \quad (5)$$

$x \in [0, 1], y \in [0, 1]$  with Dirichlet BC:

$$\Psi(0, y) = f_0(y), \Psi(1, y) = f_1(y), \Psi(x, 0) = g_0(x) \text{ and } \Psi(x, 1) = g_1(x)$$

, where  $f_0, f_1, g_0$  and  $g_1$  are continuous function. The trial solution is written as

$$\Psi_t(x, y) = A(x, y) + x(1-x)y(1-y)N(x, y, \vec{p}) \quad (6)$$

where  $A(x, y)$  is chosen so as to satisfy the BC, namely:

$$A(x, y) = (1-x)f_0(y) + xf_1(y) + (1-y)\{g_0(x) - [(1-x)g_0(0) + xg_0(1)]\} + y\{g_1(x) - [(1-x)g_1(0) + xg_1(1)]\} \quad (7)$$

For mixed boundary conditions of the form:  $\Psi(0, y) = f_0(y), \Psi(1, y) = f_1(y), \Psi(x, 0) = g_0(x)$  and  $(\partial \Psi(x, 1)/\partial y) = g_1(x)$  (i.e., Dirichlet on part of the boundary and Neumann elsewhere), the trial solution can be written as

$$\Psi_t(x, y) = B(x, y) + x(1-x)y[N(x, y, \vec{p}) - N(x, 1, \vec{p}) - \frac{\partial N(x, 1, \vec{p})}{\partial y}] \quad (8)$$

And  $B(x, y)$  is again chosen so as to satisfy the BC's:

$$\begin{aligned} B(x, y) &= (1-x)f_0(y) + xf_1(y) \\ &+ g_0(x) - [(1-x)g_0(0) + xg_0(1)] \\ &+ y\{g_1(x) - [(1-x)g_1(0) + xg_1(1)]\} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

**Note that** the second term of the trial solution does not affect the boundary conditions.

In all the above PDE problems the error that should be minimized is given by:

$$E[\vec{p}] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y^2} - f\left(\frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \Psi(x, y)}{\partial y}, x, y\right) \right\}$$

Where  $(x_i, y_i)$  are points in  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  [10].

## 6. THE EFFECT OF THE ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS FOR DESIGN FFNN

A harmless problems are utility as an exemplify has to be solving by design a FFNN. A neural network is created with an input, 7 hidden units with distinct typify of activation functions such as tansig, logsig, purelin, tribas and hardlim and a linear output unit and the neural results with Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm (trainlm). Through these examples, we concluded that the activation function are better than the stay of the activation functions in terms of the approximate to the exact solution and also those functions need to be less time down to the target function.

## 7. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In the part we describe some numerical terminate and the solution of a number of standard problems of PDE. In all casing we usage a three-layer FFNN possession two input units, one hidden layer with 7 hidden units (neurons) and one output unit, and we usage different types of activation functions such as, logsig, purelin, tribas and hardlim of each hidden units and we disperse the result of these typify on neural network design. For each test problem, the analytical solution  $\Psi_a(\vec{x})$  was known in advance, therefore we test the accuracy of the obtained solutions by computing the deviation:

$$\Delta \Psi(\vec{x}) = |\Psi_t(\vec{x}) - \Psi_a(\vec{x})| \quad (11)$$

### Example 1[16]

“Consider the following 2<sup>nd</sup> order of two-dimensional of partial differential equation for the function  $U(x, y)$ :  $\frac{\partial^2 U(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$  with BC's (Dirishlit case)”:

$$U(0, y) = 0, U(1, y) = 0, U(x, 0) = 0, U(x, 1) = \sin(\pi x)$$

, the equation has the analytic solution  $U_a(x, y) = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) / \sinh(\pi)$  .

The ANN trail using a grid of ten equidistant points in  $x \in [0,1]$  ,  $y \in [0,1]$  . Figure (1) expand the analytic and neural solutions with different types of activation functions with the neural results with dissimilar types of activation functions with Levenberg-Marquardt algorithmic rule (trainlm) and performance of the trail with epoch and time insert in table (1) , table (2) gave the initial weight and bias of the design network.

### Example 2 [17]

Consider the following 2<sup>nd</sup> order of two-dimensional of nonlinear partial differential equation for the function  $U(x, y)$ .

$$\nabla^2 U(x, y) = e^{-x}(x - 2 + y^3 + 6y)$$

with  $x, y \in [0,1]$  and BC's (Dirishlit case)

$$U(0, y) = y^3 \quad U(1, y) = (1 + y^3)e^{-1}, \quad U(x, 0) = xe^{-x}, \quad U(x, 1) = e^{-x}(x + 1),$$

the equation has the analytic solution  $U_a(x, y) = e^{-x}(x + y^3)$ .

The ANN trail using a grid of ten equidistant points in  $x \in [0,1]$  ,  $y \in [0,1]$  . Figure (2) expand the analytic and neural solutions with distinct types of

activation functions. The neural results with separate typify of activation functions with Levenberg-Marquardt algorithmic rule (trainlm) and performance of the trail with epoch and time insert in table (3) , table (4) gave the initial weight and bias of the design network.

### Example 3 [16]

Consider the following 2<sup>nd</sup> order of two-dimensional of partial differential equation for the function

$$U(x, y): \nabla^2 U(x, y) + U(x, y) \frac{\partial U(x, y)}{\partial y} = \sin(\pi x) (2 - \pi^2 y^2 + 2y^3 \sin(\pi x)) \quad ; x \in [0,1], y \in [0,1] \text{ with BC's (Dirishlit case): } U(0, y) = 0, U(1, y) = 0, U(x, 0) = 0, \frac{\partial U(x, 1)}{\partial y} = 2\sin(\pi x), \text{ the equation has the analytic solution } U_a(x, y) = y^2 \sin(\pi x) .$$

The ANN trail using a grid of ten equidistant points in  $x \in [0,1]$  ,  $y \in [0,1]$  . Figure (3) exhibition the analytic and neural solutions with distinct types of threshold functions. The neural results with different types of threshold functions with Levenberg-Marquardt algorithmic rule (trainlm) and performance of the trail with epoch and time insert in Table (5), Table (6) gave the initial weight and bias of the design network.

Table 1: Analytic and Neural solution of example

input		Analytic solution	U-activation function with trainlm				
x	y	$U_a(x)$	Tansig	Logsig	Purelin	Tribas	Hardlim
0.0	0.0	0	- 2.70819664139 944e-10	- 0.00433615233 480657	0.029750594997 5393	0.001152931095 70976	0.01383610235 82332
0.1	0.1	0.00826856506 658583	0.00826856584 286174	0.00826856506 658589	0.032540195252 7529	0.009283143043 68850	0.01383610235 82332
0.2	0.2	0.02991594944 90976	0.02991594878 67058	0.02991594944 90976	0.035329795507 9664	0.030661486258 1160	0.03311892362 95999
0.3	0.3	0.05667358808 09494	0.05789026109 72764	0.05696424034 85118	0.038119395763 1799	0.056900675412 2053	0.05120521123 67790
0.4	0.4	0.07832097246 34611	0.07832097250 92818	0.07832097246 34609	0.040908996018 3934	0.075634718775 2336	0.05120521123 67790
0.5	0.5	0.08658953753 00469	0.08534564284 93873	0.08658953753 00471	0.043698596273 6070	0.086647382723 3342	0.03727972180 41548
0.6	0.6	0.07832097246 34611	0.07832097217 35542	0.07944084664 47368	0.046488196528 8205	0.081267948986 2926	0.03727972180 41548
0.7	0.7	0.05667358808 09494	0.05721248330 60563	0.05667358808 09493	0.049277796784 0340	0.056695650204 5704	0.03727972180 41548
0.8	0.8	0.02991594944 90976	0.02991594934 43435	0.02802438685 07734	0.052067397039 2475	0.032123351422 8482	0.03727972180 41548
0.9	0.9	0.00826856506 658583	0.00988517429 435303	0.00826856506 658597	0.054856997294 4611	0.013149932847 4210	0.03727972180 41548
1.0	1.0	1.29863505986 854e-33	- 2.63646475203 803e-11	- 6.72935887802 516e-17	0.057646597549 6746	- 2.764040118177 11e-06	0.03727972180 41548
<b>Performers</b>			5.39218242197 9792e-07	2.15625664150 4942e-06	0.001103580795 378	4.324623382311 578e-06	7.06861467625 6698e-04
<b>time</b>			0:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:01	0:00:00
<b>epochs</b>			21	13	6	36	8

Table 2: Initial weight and bias of the network for different training algorithm

"Weights and bias for trainlm"				
Net.IW{1,1}	Net.IU{1,1}	Net.LW{2,1}	Net.B{1}	B-Output
0.4294	0.1249	0.7639	0.6816	0.6633
0.0244	0.2902	0.7593	0.4633	
0.3175	0.6537	0.7406	0.2122	
0.9569	0.9357	0.7437	0.0985	
0.4579	0.2405	0.1059	0.8236	

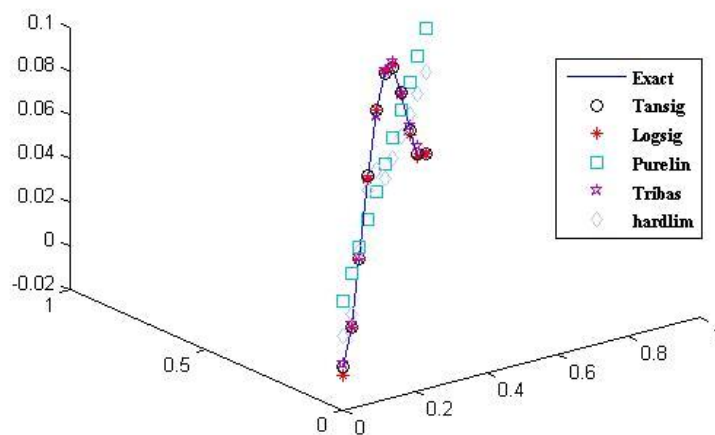


Figure (1): Analytic and neural solutions with different case of threshold functions.

Table 3: Analytic and Neural solution of example

input		Analytic solution $U_a(x)$	U-activation function with trainlm				
x	y		Tansig	Logsig	Purelin	Tribas	hardlim
0.0	0.0	0	3.25881118559 898e-06	0	0.016180497395 5508	0.695282485105 193	0.04569510386 76357
0.1	0.1	0.09138857922 16319	0.09135065802 70492	0.09138857922 16319	0.088536145869 1941	0.651371399386 103	0.04569510386 76357
0.2	0.2	0.17029599664 0220	0.17032879232 0795	0.17032262074 0669	0.160891794342 838	0.546751261866 624	0.20627108170 0557
0.3	0.3	0.24224755816 2922	0.24225215103 4835	0.24224755816 2922	0.233247442816 481	0.455561008033 229	0.20627108170 0557
0.4	0.4	0.31102850136 0537	0.31100502946 9952	0.31102850136 0537	0.305603091290 124	0.367670747406 037	0.42219175699 3049
0.5	0.5	0.37908166232 0396	0.37906756842 1224	0.37909706061 1513	0.377958739763 768	0.392126770509 323	0.66252688021 8392
0.6	0.6	0.44783029505 2726	0.44783879912 4418	0.44784406505 2834	0.450314388237 411	0.517564082636 165	0.66252688021 8392
0.7	0.7	0.51793847185 4440	0.51795403821 1551	0.51793847185 4440	0.522670036711 054	0.654610416195 834	0.66252688021 8392
0.8	0.8	0.58951960092 1795	0.58952202289 0867	0.58951960092 1795	0.595025685184 698	0.695282485105 193	0.66252688021 8392
0.9	0.9	0.66230197571 7436	0.66229009395 5846	0.66230197571 7436	0.667381333658 341	0.695282485105 193	0.66252688021 8392
1.0	1.0	0.73575888234 2885	0.73576268792 5999	0.73564803242 6860	0.739736982131 985	0.695282485105 193	0.66252688021 8392
<b>Performens</b>			3.42819181070 4968e-10	1.22029698905 7379e-09	5.187114022489 001e-05	0.093186551670 436	0.01610512562 0520
<b>time</b>			0:00:02	0:00:02	0:00:00	0:00:01	0:00:00
<b>epochs</b>			198	169	8	61	4

Table 4 : Initial weight and bias of the network for different training algorithm

Weights and bias for trainlm				
Net.IW{1,1}	Net.IU{1,1}	Net.LW{2,1}	Net.B{1}	B-Output
0.0680	0.9685	0.8113	0.7888	0.1719
0.0988	0.5470	0.5768	0.4730	
0.4030	0.1070	0.9440	0.8288	
0.7242	0.6137	0.8715	0.3225	
0.7830	0.5666	0.5076	0.9761	

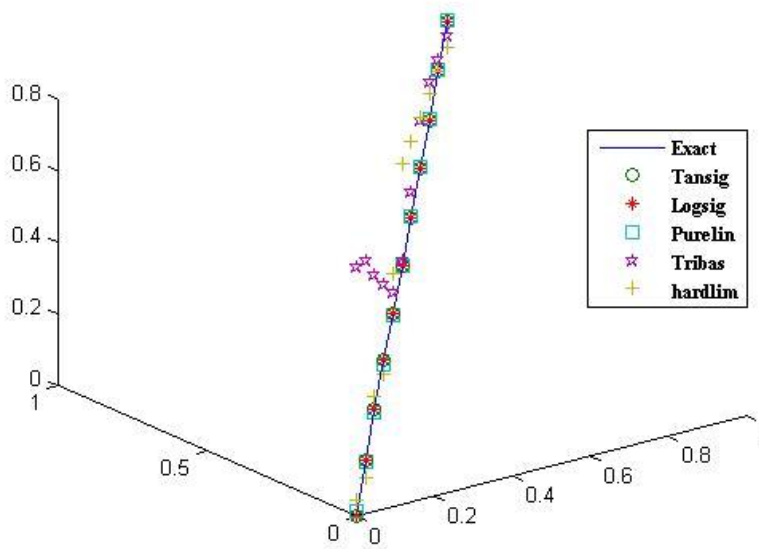


Figure (2): Analytic and neural solutions with different case of threshold functions

Table 3: Analytic and Neural solution of example

input x	input y	Analytic solution $U_a(x)$	U-activation function with trainlm				
			Tansig	Logsig	Purelin	Tribas	hardlim
0.0	0.0	0	- 0.00074488692 1732656	- 3.8157775796 8886e-14	- 3.815777579 68886e-14	0.0398878654 012888	0.086783182 7603239
0.1	0.1	0.0030901699 4374947	0.00317086427 520669	0.0030901699 4379937	0.003090169 94379937	- 0.0078153469 1033362	0.086783182 7603239
0.2	0.2	0.0235114100 916989	0.02399456457 37651	0.0242778963 241395	0.024277896 3241395	0.0144882660 734751	0.176264938 741182
0.3	0.3	0.0728115294 937453	0.07286938698 18181	0.0728115294 937316	0.072811529 4937316	0.0779627513 077779	0.072811529 4939714
0.4	0.4	0.1521690426 07225	0.15205886691 1187	0.1515609419 93716	0.151560941 993716	0.1656624280 59564	0.269214166 670113
0.5	0.5	0.2500000000 00000	0.24994642446 3744	0.2497957264 64606	0.249795726 464606	0.2533621048 11350	0.269214166 670113
0.6	0.6	0.3423803458 66255	0.34353143735 6674	0.3423803458 66252	0.342380345 866252	0.2872341146 80657	0.269214166 670113
0.7	0.7	0.3964183272 43724	0.39641599704 9807	0.3964183272 43718	0.396418327 243718	0.2500834239 92595	0.269214166 670113
0.8	0.8	0.3761825614 67183	0.37614229741 3746	0.3761825614 67182	0.376182561 467182	0.2253129028 14218	0.269214166 670113
0.9	0.9	0.2503037654 43707	0.25024928980 7542	0.2440369738 73878	0.244036973 873878	0.2251390633 95213	0.269214166 670113
1.0	1.0	0	- 3.42181998232 861e-05	- 3.2568343817 4136e-15	- 3.256834381 74136e-15	0.2249652239 76209	0.269214166 670113
<b>Performens</b>			1.94903599009 0646e-07	3.6610628870 56452e-06	0.030820802 400484	0.0091336889 42856	0.014340774 866201
<b>time</b>			0:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:00	0:00:01	0:00:00
<b>epochs</b>			17	17	6	52	5

Table 4 : Initial weight and bias of the network for different training algorithm

Weights and bias for trainlm				
B-Output	B-Output	B-Output	B-Output	B-Output
0.8879	0.8429	0.4241	0.3381	0.1654
0.8988	0.9390	0.3411	0.8595	
0.8154	0.0014	0.5414	0.3405	
0.0031	0.0875	0.9262	0.1381	
0.2607	0.0228	0.2985	0.5078	



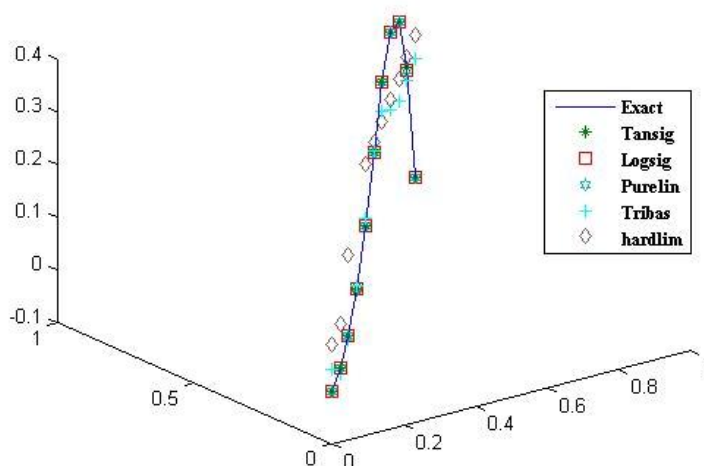


Figure (3):analytic and neural solutions with different case of threshold functions

### CONCLUSIONS

It is very painful to have which activation functions will be the fastest for a assumed problem. It will impend on many agent conclude the complexity of the problem, the number of data points in the training set, the number of weights and biases in the Ann, and the error goal, whether the Ann . In general, the practical arise on Ann explain the tansig threshold function will have the fastest convergency, Then the logsig.

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## تأثير دوال التنشيط في تصميم شبكة عصبية ذات التغذية الأمامية لحل المعادلات التفاضلية الجزئية

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**المستخلص** – في هذا البحث نناقش تأثير دوال التنشيط في تصميم الشبكة العصبية ذات التغذية الأمامية لحل المعادلات التفاضلية الجزئية. استخدمنا شبكة متعددة الطبقات ذات طبقة خفية واحدة ذو سبعة وحدات (عصبونات) خفية و وحدة أخراج خطية ودوال الاستثارة لكل حدة خفية هي مختلفة

*logsig , tansig, purelin, tribas and hardlim*

باستخدام خوارزمية التدريب لـ قنبرك - ماركواد و بايسن (*trainlm*). أخيرا النتائج للاختبارات العددية قورنت مع الحل المضبوط في أمثلة توضيحية لتعزيز و تأكيد الدقة و كفاءة للتقنية المقترحة .

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