Data-driven reconstruction of chaotic dynamics using data assimilation and machine learning

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From model error to the absence of a model

Data assimilation and model error

Numerical predictions in geophysics based on data assimilation crucially depends on both initial condition and model error [Magnusson et al., 2013]. There are methods to mitigate model error:

- additive noise (weak parametrisation) [Trémolet, 2006; Raanes et al., 2015; Sakov et al. 2018]
- estimation of uncertain model parameters
- physically-driven stochastic perturbations [e.g., Buizza et al., 1999], stochastic subgrid parametrisations [e.g., Resseguier et al., 2017], inflation [e.g., Raanes et al., 2019]

Data-driven forecast of a physical system

One step further: renounce physically-based models and use massive observation

- use data assimilation together with analogues [Lguensat et al., 2017]
- use diffusion maps for a spectral representation of datasets [e.g., Harlim, 2018]
- use neural networks (NNs), echo states networks, & deep learning [e.g., Park et al., 1994; Pathak et al, 2017; Dueben et al., 2018]

Building a surrogate model

Learning the dynamics of a model from its output

- more explicit (possibly with NNs) representations of the dynamics using specific regressors [e.g., Paduart et al., 2010; Brunton et al. 2016]
- design NNs that mimic integration schemes [Wang and Lin, 1998; Fablet et al., 2018; Long et al., 2018]

Our goal

• Use a data assimilation framework to infer both a surrogate model and the state trajectory within a time window over which the reference model is only partially & noisily observed.

Thin algebraic surrogate model



ODE representation for the surrogate model

Ordinary differential equations (ODEs) representation of the surrogate dynamics

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}), \qquad \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}),$$

where

- A is a matrix of coefficients of size $N_x \times N_p$
- r(x) is a vector of nonlinear regressors of size N_p. For instance, for one-dimensional spatial systems and up to bilinear order:

$$\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1, \{x_n\}_{0 \leq n < N_x}, \{x_n x_m\}_{0 \leq n \leq m < N_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

A priori, $N_p = {N_x+1 \choose 2} = \frac{1}{2}(N_x+1)(N_x+2)$ such regressors.

 \rightarrow Intractable in high-dimension! (typically $N_x \approx 10^6$ and beyond)

Assumptions and symmetries

Locality

Physical locality of the physics: all multivariate monomials in the ODEs have variables x_n that belong to a stencil, i.e. a local arrangement of grid points around a given node.

- s_n is the stencil around node n, the pattern being the same for all nodes.
- the set of required monomials can therefore be reduced to (in 1D)

$$\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{x}) = \left[\mathbf{1}, \{x_n\}_{0 \leqslant n < N_x}, \{x_n x_m\}_{0 \leqslant n \leqslant m < N_x, m \in s_n}\right].$$

In 1D and with a stencil of size 2L+1, there are $N_p = 1 + N_x(2+L)$ monomials.

• A becomes sparse and can be squeezed into a dense rearrangement of A. In 1D and with a stencil of size 2L+1, the size of the dense A is

$$N_x imes N_a$$
 where $N_a = \sum_{I=L+1}^{2L+2} I = \frac{3}{2}(L+1)(L+2).$

Homogeneity

Moreover, we can additionally assume translational invariance. In that case **A** becomes a vector of size N_a .

Integration scheme and cycling



Compositions of integration schemes:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{A}}^{k}(\mathbf{x}_{k}) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{A}}^{k} \equiv \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{A}}^{N_{c}^{k}} \equiv \underbrace{\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{A}} \circ \ldots \circ \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{A}}}_{N_{c}^{k} \text{ times}},$$

► Choosing a Runge-Kutta method as integration scheme:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} + h \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\mathrm{RK}}-1} \beta_i \mathbf{k}_i, \qquad \mathbf{k}_i = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{A}} \left(\mathbf{x} + h \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \alpha_{i,j} \mathbf{k}_j \right)$$





Residual neural network surrogate model

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Neural network models

▶ We tested many simple architectures, all following the structure of N_c Runge-Kutta schemes, with linear or nonlinear activation functions:

► The thin algebraic representation above does not rely on ML libraries (TensorFlow, PyTorch, etc.). It was also implemented as an NN.

Convolutional layers were used for local, homogeneous systems.

► Locally connected convolutional layers were used for local, heterogeneous systems.









Model identification as a data assimilation problem







Bayesian analysis of the joint problem

▶ Bayesian view on state and model estimation:

$$p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{y}_{0:K}, \mathbf{R}_{0:K}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}_{0:K} | \mathbf{x}_{0:K}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K}, \mathbf{R}_{0:K}) p(\mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K}) p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})}{p(\mathbf{y}_{0:K}, \mathbf{R}_{0:K})}.$$

► Data assimilation cost function assuming Gaussian errors and Markovian dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K}) = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{K} \left\{ \|\mathbf{y}_{k} - \mathbf{H}_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{k})\|_{\mathbf{R}_{k}^{-1}}^{2} + \ln|\mathbf{R}_{k}| \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left\{ \left\| \mathbf{x}_{k} - \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{A}}^{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) \right\|_{\mathbf{Q}_{k}^{-1}}^{2} + \ln|\mathbf{Q}_{k}| \right\} \\ & - \ln p(\mathbf{x}_{0}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K}). \end{aligned}$$

 \longrightarrow Allows to rigorously handle partial and noisy observations.

▶ Typical machine learning cost function with $\mathbf{H}_k = \mathbf{I}_k$ in the limit $\mathbf{R}_k \longrightarrow \mathbf{0}$:

$$\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left\| \mathbf{y}_{k} - \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{A}}^{k-1}(\mathbf{y}_{k-1}) \right\|_{\mathbf{Q}_{k}^{-1}}^{2} - \ln p(\mathbf{y}_{0}, \mathbf{A}).$$

Similar outcome or improved upon [Hsieh and Tang 1998; Abarbanel et al. 2018].

Bayesian analysis of the joint problem

Solutions for $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})$, which is not as general as $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})$:

(1) The optimisation of $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})$ can be solved using a full variational approach.

▶ In [Bocquet et al. 2019b], $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})$ is optimised using a full weak-constraint 4D-Var where both $\mathbf{x}_{0:K}$ and \mathbf{A} are control variables (assuming $\mathbf{Q}_{1:K}$ is known).

(2) The optimisation of $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:\mathcal{K}} | \mathbf{Q}_{1:\mathcal{K}})$ can be solved using a coordinated descent.

▶ For $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})$: using a weak constraint 4D-Var for $\mathbf{x}_{0:K}$ and a variational optimisation problem for **A** [Bocquet et al. 2019b].

► For $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{Q}_{1:K})$: using an EnKF for $\mathbf{x}_{0:K}$ and a variational optimisation problem for \mathbf{A} [Brajard et al. 2019].

Bayesian analysis of the joint problem

► Coordinated descent of [Brajard et al. 2019]. Hybrid data assimilation and machine learning techniques.



▶ The coordinated descent algorithm is interpreted as an Expectation-Maximisation (EM) algorithm by [Nguyen et al. 2019].

Bayesian analysis of the marginal problem

► Looking only for the dynamics and its model error:

$$p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K} | \mathbf{y}_{0:K}, \mathbf{R}_{0:K}) = \int d\mathbf{x}_{0:K} p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K}, \mathbf{x}_{0:K} | \mathbf{y}_{0:K}, \mathbf{R}_{0:K})$$

► A solution is provided by the EM algorithm. Applying it for the reconstruction of a dynamical system has been suggested in [Ghahramani and Roweis 1999], using an extended Kalman smoother, or for the estimation of subgrid stochastic processes in [Pulido et al. 2018] using an ensemble Kalman smoother.

- ► Here we solve for the MAP of $p(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Q}_{1:K} | \mathbf{y}_{0:K}, \mathbf{R}_{0:K})$ using iterations over:
- (1) \blacktriangleright Expectation/DA step: EnKS over a long period [t_0, t_K]
- (2) A coordinated descent over
 - (i) ML/deep learning step: variational solution of A
 - (ii) Maximisation step: variational solution of $\mathbf{Q}_{1:\mathcal{K}}$

[Bocquet et al. 2019a]

Numerical experiments



Experiment plan

▶ The reference model, the surrogate model and the forecasting system



► Metrics of comparison:

- Model: ODE coefficients norm $\|\mathbf{A}_a \mathbf{A}_r\|_{\infty}$.
- NRMSE between the reference and the surrogate forecasts as a function of the lead time (averaged over many initial conditions).
- Lyapunov spectrum.
- Power spectrum density.

Identifiable model and perfect observations

Inferring the dynamics from dense & noiseless observations of identifiable models

• The Lorenz 63 model (L63, 3 variables):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}x_0}{\mathrm{d}t} &= \sigma(x_1 - x_0),\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}x_1}{\mathrm{d}t} &= \rho x_0 - x_1 - x_0 x_2,\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}x_2}{\mathrm{d}t} &= \rho x_0 x_1 - \beta x_2, \end{aligned}$$

 $\longrightarrow \|\textbf{A}_a - \textbf{A}_r\|_\infty \sim 10^{-13}$ close to perfect reconstruction at machine precision.

• The Lorenz 96 model (L96, 40 variables)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x_n}{\mathrm{d}t} = (x_{n+1} - x_{n-2})x_{n-1} - x_n + F,$$

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Non-identifiable model and perfect observations

▶ Inferring the dynamics from dense & noiseless observations of a non-identifiable model

The Lorenz 96 model (40 variables). Surrogate model based on an RK2 scheme. Analysis of the modelling depth as a function of N_c .





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► Inferring the dynamics from dense & noiseless observations of a non-identifiable model The Kuramoto-Sivashinski (KS) model (continuous, 128 variables).

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4}$$



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Identifiable model and imperfect observations

▶ Very good reconstruction of the long-term properties of the model (L96 model).

- ► Fully observed L96.
- ► Significantly noisy observations R = I
- ▶ Long window $K = 10^4$, with $\Delta t = 0.05$
- RK4 residual convolutional NN
- 10 FM iterations
- ► Takes a few mins on a GTX 1070 Ti



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Power spectrum density

0-0 Lorenz

Non-identifiable model and imperfect observations

▶ The Lorenz 05III (two-scale) model (36 slow & 360 fast variables).

$$\frac{dx_n}{dt} = \psi_n^+(\mathbf{x}) + F - h_b^c \sum_{m=0}^9 u_{m+10n},$$

$$\frac{du_m}{dt} = \frac{c}{b} \psi_m^-(b\mathbf{u}) + h_b^c x_{m/10}, \quad \text{with} \quad \psi_n^\pm(\mathbf{x}) = x_{n\mp1}(x_{n\pm1} - x_{n\mp2}) - x_n,$$

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Lyapunov time units

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Main messages:

- Bayesian DA view on state and model estimation.
 DA can address goals assigned to ML but with partial & noisy observations.
- Numerical costs of high-dimensional systems significantly reduced by locality and homogeneity assumptions.
- Full EM technique (not only coordinated descent) successful.
- The method can handle very long training windows.
- Successful on various 1D low-order models (L63, L96, KS, L05III) in presence of partial observation with significant noise.
- ► Open questions and technical hardships (non-exhaustive):
 - Non-autonomous dynamics?
 - Implicit integration schemes?
 - Online learning scheme?
 - More complex models?

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