Reduction and closure of dynamical systems using deep learning

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Introduction

Constructing dynamical models from observations is a fundamental problem

Ptolemy's epicycle models

Newton's laws

Schrödinger equation











"The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to equations much too complicated to be soluble. It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation."

– Paul Dirac



Constructing macroscopic dynamics



For dynamical processes, finding closure coordinates and constructing macroscopic dynamics relies on deep theoretical insight + trial and error

Can machine learning automate this process of discovery?

K. Hippalgaonkar, Q. Li, X. Wang, J. W. Fisher, J. Kirkpatrick, T. Buonassisi, Nature Reviews Materials, 1–20 (Jan. 24, 2023)

We are given

- Microscopic degrees of freedom: $X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$
- Macroscopic state of interest: $Z^*(t) = \varphi^*(X(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1} (d_1 \ll D)$
- Goal model the evolution of $Z^*(t)$

We aim to find

- Closure variables $\hat{Z}(t) = \hat{\varphi}(X(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2} (d_2 \ll D)$
- A closed equation for $Z(t) = (Z^*(t), \hat{Z}(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $(d = d_1 + d_2)$

Example: stretching of polymers in elongational flow



- X(t): coordinates of each molecule in the polymer at time t
- $Z^*(t)$: length/extension of the polymer at time t

Strong heterogeneity in extension dynamics^{1,2}

¹T. T. Perkins, D. E. Smith, S. Chu, Science **276**, 2016–2021 (1997).

²D. E. Smith, S. Chu, Science 281, 1335–1340 (Aug. 28, 1998).









Data-based approach





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The Onsager principle is a general description for near-equilibrium dynamics

$$\dot{Z}(t) = -M\nabla V(Z(t))$$

- Z is a generalised coordinate
- *V* is a generalised potential (or free energy)
- M models dissipation
- *M* is symmetric (reciprocal relations³) and positive definite (stability)

³L. Onsager, Physical review 38, 2265 (1931).

We generalise the Onsager principle^{4,5}

 $dZ(t) = -[M(Z(t)) + W(Z(t))]\nabla V(Z(t))dt + \sigma(Z(t))dB(t)$

- M is symmetric positive semi-definite (dissipative, reciprocal relations)
- *W* is anti-symmetric (conservative)
- V is lower-bounded, sufficient growth (potential, free energy, -entropy)
- $\cdot \sigma$ is matrix-valued (thermal fluctuations)

⁴ H. Yu, X. Tian, W. E, Q. Li, *Physical Review Fluids* 6, 114402 (Nov. 23, 2021).

⁵X. Chen, B. W. Soh, Z.-E. Ooi, E. Vissol-Gaudin, H. Yu, K. S. Novoselov, K. Hippalgaonkar, Q. Li, *Constructing Custom Thermodynamics Using Deep Learning*, (http://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04119), preprint.

The GSOP form includes many well-known physical dynamical systems

• Langevin equation for molecular dynamics⁶

$$m\ddot{x} = -\nabla U(x) - \gamma \dot{x} + \sqrt{2\gamma k_{B}T}\dot{B}(t)$$

• Stochastic Poisson systems⁷

 $\dot{F} = \{F, H\} - [F, H] + \sigma(F)\dot{B}(t)$

 ⁶ M. Tuckerman, Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Molecular Simulation, (Oxford university press, 2010).
⁷ N. S. Goel, S. C. Maitra, E. W. Montroll, Reviews of modern physics 43, 231 (1971).

GSOP is approximately invariant under coordinate transformation

- Let X follow GSOP with some $M(\cdot), W(\cdot), V(\cdot), \sigma(\cdot)$
- + Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^D \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is some approximately invertible transformation

Then, $Z = \phi(X)$ follows approximately another GSOP with some $\tilde{M}(\cdot), \tilde{W}(\cdot), \tilde{V}(\cdot), \tilde{\sigma}(\cdot)$

The GSOP gives rise to stable dynamics

• Let Z follows GSOP with some $M(\cdot), W(\cdot), V(\cdot), \sigma(\cdot)$

Then,

- $\mathbb{E}V(Z(t))$ decreases monotonically to $\mathcal{O}(\|\sigma\|^2)$
- The rate of dissipation is controlled by $M(\cdot)$
- If sub-level-sets of *V* are bounded and *V* has sufficient growth then the dynamics is stable









Case study: polymer stretching dynamics

The closure problem for polymer dynamics



Key questions:

- Accurate dynamical model for the extension $Z^*(t)$?
- What are the closure coordinates that drive the dynamics?
- What can we learn about the dynamical landscape? Can we interact with it?

Simulation setup and training



We train a S-OnsagerNet with 2 closure variables, leading to a 3D dynamics

Capturing unfolding statistics



Finding sufficient descriptors for the stretching dynamics



Visualising the energy landscape



Advancing the classification of polymer behaviour



Data-driven equation of state

Near Z_{stable} (stretched state), denote by $\delta V \sim k_B T$ the typical energy fluctuation. How does Z_1, Z_2, Z_3 fluctuate?

We obtain via automatic differentiation the expansion

$$k_B T \sim \delta V \approx a_1 \left(\delta Z_1 - a_4 \,\delta Z_2\right)^2 + a_2 \,\delta Z_2^2 + a_3 \,\delta Z_3^2, \qquad \delta Z_i = Z_i - [Z_{\text{stable}}]_i,$$

which can be viewed as a partial "equation of state"



Controlling the unfolding dynamics

Another expansion near a saddle (folded state) gives

$$\delta V \approx b_1 \, \delta Z_1^2 - b_2 \, (\delta Z_2 - b_4 \, \delta Z_3)^2 + b_3 \, \delta Z_3^2.$$

Escape from folded state by increasing $|\delta Z_2 - b_4 \delta Z_3|$ – a control protocol!



Experimental Setup

Microfluidic Device

DNA Molecules Stretching







Validation on experimental data



In this talk we discussed how to build a custom thermodynamic description of a dynamical system via machine learning that allows for Interpretation, analysis and control

http://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04119

Other applications of this idea

- Rayleigh-Bénard convection⁸
- Dynamics of intrinsic self-healing materials⁹

⁸ H. Yu, X. Tian, W. E, Q. Li, *Physical Review Fluids* 6, 114402 (Nov. 23, 2021).

⁹ H. P. Anwar Ali, Z. Zhao, Y. J. Tan, W. Yao, Q. Li, B. C. K. Tee, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces 14, 52486–52498 (Nov. 23, 2022).

Many methodological improvements

- \cdot Systematic identification of latent dimensions
- Parametric or controlled dynamics
- More general structures

More generally

- Mathematics of unstructured vs structured models
- $\cdot \ \mathsf{Flexibility} \longleftrightarrow \mathsf{Interpretability}$

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