

Uniform error bounds of the ensemble transform Kalman filter for infinite-dimensional dynamics with multiplicative covariance inflation

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Data Assimilation(DA)

Seamless integration of observation **data** into numerical **models**.

Mainly applied to numerical weather prediction.



Math of DA

Situation:

- Little mathematical explanation for nonlinear DA
→ Motivation
- Only few mathematicians working on in Japan
→ Need to expand
- DA provides many mathematical problems related to fields such as
PDE, dynamical system, inverse problem, optimization, probability, stochastic analysis, numerical analysis, computational science ...

Goal:

Not only **explain** but also **contribute** to applied fields of DA

Today's talk:

Basic explanation of a Nonlinear DA algorithm in an ideal setting.

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Spaces

Only focus on a finite dimensional case in this talk.

- $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$: state space with a norm $\|\cdot\|$ and a inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.
 $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^{N_y} \subset \mathcal{X}$: observation space. ($N_x, N_y \in \mathbb{N}$, $N_x \geq N_y$.)
- In general, we can generalize \mathcal{X} to a separable Hilbert space and the some results still hold by the similar way.
See the paper [1].

State space model

Dynamical model ($\mathcal{F} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}$)

$$\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{R}^{N_x} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_x},$$

$$\text{(Continuous)} \quad \frac{d\mathbf{x}^\dagger}{dt} = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}^\dagger), \quad \mathbf{x}^\dagger(0) = \mathbf{x}_0^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}. \quad (1)$$

Equivalently, time step $h > 0$, $\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{R}^{N_x} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$,

$$\text{(Discrete)} \quad \mathbf{x}_j^\dagger = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_{j-1}^\dagger), \quad j \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2)$$

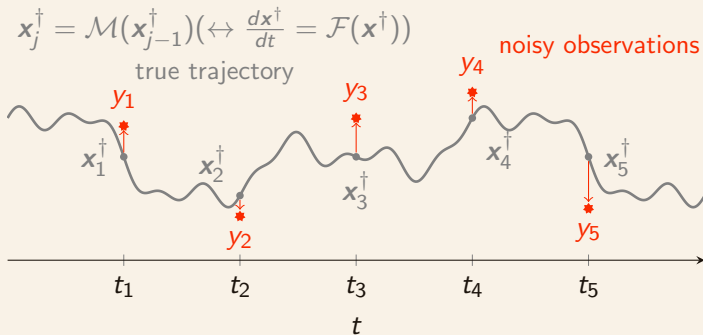
Observation model

Observation period h ,

$$y_j = H\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger + \xi_j, \quad \text{i.i.d. } \xi_j \sim N(0, R), \quad (3)$$

where $H \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y \times N_x}$ and $R \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y \times N_y}$ positive definite.

State space model & Filtering problem



Uncertain initial state $\mathbf{x}_0^\dagger \sim \mu_0 \rightarrow$ estimate \mathbf{x}_j^\dagger .

Filtering Problem

Estimate \mathbf{x}_j^\dagger by probability distribution $\mathbb{P}(d\mathbf{x}_j | Y_j)$ provided observations $Y_j = \{y_1, \dots, y_j\}$.

Data assimilation process

2 steps in one cycle: (i) forecast & (ii) analysis.

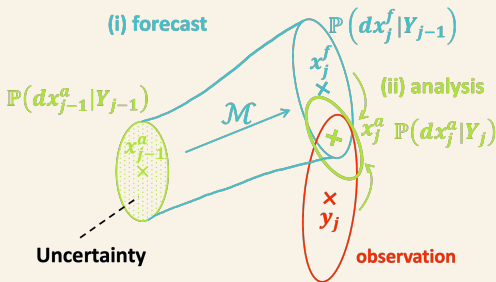
$$\mathbb{P}(dx_{j-1}^a | Y_{j-1})$$

$\mathcal{M} \Downarrow$ (i) forecast

$$\mathbb{P}(dx_j^f | Y_{j-1})$$

$y_j \Downarrow$ (ii) analysis

$$\mathbb{P}(dx_j^a | Y_j)$$



issue

If \mathcal{M} is nonlinear, it is difficult to compute propagation of uncertainty in (i) \rightarrow employ EnKF.

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Notations: ensemble

Ensemble \rightarrow a set of particle.

Preparing for ensemble approximation of a probability distribution $\mathbb{P}(d\mathbf{x}_j|Y_j)$ to estimate the true state.

- $X^f = [\mathbf{x}^{f(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{f(m)}] \in \mathcal{X}^m \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x \times m}$: forecast ensemble,
 $X^a = [\mathbf{x}^{a(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{a(m)}] \in \mathcal{X}^m \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x \times m}$: analysis ensemble
($m \in \mathbb{N}$).

- for X^f , mean: $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^f = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m \mathbf{x}^{f(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$,
deviations: $dX^f = [\mathbf{x}^{f(n)} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^f]_{n=1}^m \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x \times m}$,

ensemble covariance matrix:

$$P^f = \text{Cov}(X^f) := \frac{1}{m-1} dX^f dX^{f\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x \times N_x}.$$

(similarly for analysis ensemble X^a)

Ensemble Kalman filter (EnKF)

Ensemble approximation

$$\mathbf{X}_j^a = [\mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)}]_{n=1}^m, \left(\mathbf{X}_j^f = [\mathbf{x}_j^{f(n)}]_{n=1}^m \right) \in \mathcal{X}^m,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(d\mathbf{x}_j | Y_j) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^m \delta_{\mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)}}(d\mathbf{v}_j), \quad (\text{similarly } \mathbb{P}(d\mathbf{x}_j | Y_{j-1})).$$

Algorithm:

(i) $\mathbf{X}_{j-1}^a \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_j^f$: Evolve each member,

$$\mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_{j-1}^{f(n)}), \quad n = 1, \dots, m.$$

(ii) $\mathbf{X}_j^f, \mathbf{y}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{X}_j^a$: Incorporate \mathbf{y}_j based on least square. 2 methods.

- PO [2, 3]: Stochastic
- ETKF [4, 6, 7]: Deterministic

Perturbed Observation (PO) methods

(ii) $X_j^f, y_j \rightarrow X_j^a$: Replicating observations by adding **random perturbations**.

$$y_j^{(n)} = y_j + \xi_j^{(n)}, \quad \xi_j^{(n)} \sim N(0, R), \quad n = 1, \dots, m.$$

Kalman update for each member:

$$\mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)} = (I_{N_x} - K_j H) \mathbf{x}_j^{f(n)} + K_j y_j^{(n)}, \quad n = 1, \dots, m.$$

(Kalman gain) $K_j := P_j^f H^\top (H P_j^f H^\top + R)^{-1}$, $P_j^f := \text{Cov}(X_j^f)$.

→ **Simple, but stochastic**

Note: The PO method requires many ensemble to reduce errors induced by random perturbations.

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Ensemble Transform Kalman filter (ETKF)

(ii) $X_j^f, y_j \rightarrow X_j^a$: $X_j^f = \bar{x}_j^f + dX_j^f$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mean} \quad \bar{x}_j^a &= (I_{N_x} - K_j H) \bar{x}_j^f + K_j y_j, \\ \text{dev.} \quad dX_j^a &= dX_j^f T_j, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where the transform matrix $T_j \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ holds

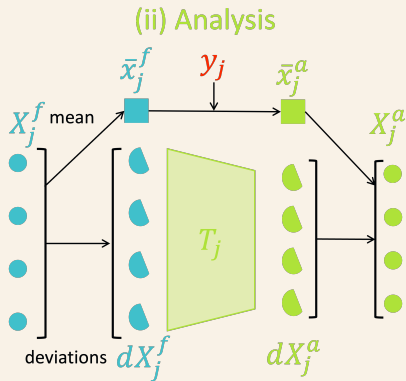
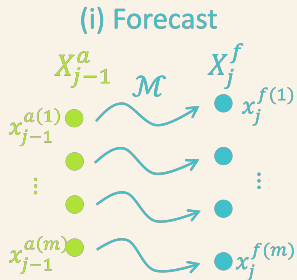
$$\text{Cov}(dX_j^f T_j) = (I_{N_x} - K_j H) P_j^f. \tag{5}$$

Finally, put $X^a = \bar{x}^a + dX^a$.

→ Deterministic

[4] . H. Bishop, B. J. Etherton, and S. J. Majumdar, Adaptive Sampling with the Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter. Part I: Theoretical Aspects, Mon. Wea. Rev., 129, pp. 420–436, 2001.

ETKF: Illustration



ETKF: Motivation

In (5), we arrange T_j so that the analysis covariance $P_j^a = \text{Cov}(dX_j^a)$ corresponds to the desired one derived from the KF.

$$P_j^a = \text{Cov}(dX_j^f T_j) = (I_{N_x} - K_j H) P_j^f .$$

analysis cov.

desired cov.

→ The ETKF is 'consistent' with the KF when applied to a linear and Gaussian system.

ETKF: How to get T_j

Remark 1

T_j is given by

$$T_j = \left(I_m + \frac{1}{m-1} dX_j^f{}^\top H^\top R^{-1} H dX_j^f \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}. \quad (6)$$

See the detail derivation in the paper [1].

Covariance inflation numerical technique for EnKF

Underestimation of P_j^f through DA cycle causes a poor estimation.
→ Stabilize estimation by inflating P_j^f before the analysis step.

Two basic methods

- additive ($\alpha > 0$): $P_j^f \rightarrow P_j^f + \alpha^2 I_{N_x}$ (EnKF)
- multiplicative ($\alpha > 1$): $P_j^f \rightarrow \alpha^2 P_j^f$ (EnKF) or $dX_j^f \rightarrow \alpha dX_j^f$ (ETKF)

Remark

Additive inflation technique is not applicable to the ETKF because P_j^f is not explicitly used in the computation of T_j :

$$T_j = (I_m + \frac{1}{m-1} (dX_j^f)^\top H^\top R^{-1} H dX_j^f)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Numerical Example

OSSE: ETKF($m = 25$) + Lorenz 96($N = 40$)

$H = I$, $R = I$, $dt = 0.1$, obs. per 5 steps.

multiplicative inflation $\alpha = 1.2$

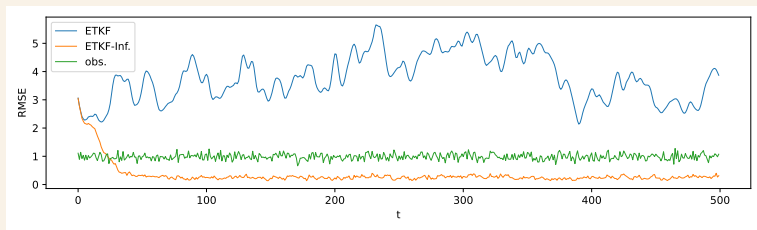


Figure: RMSEs of ETKF, ETKF + inflation, & observation.

※ Basic information in DA

Lorenz 96 chaotic advection model on a periodic domain.

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, F : external force.

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = (x^{i+1} - x^{i-2})x^{i-1} - x^i + F, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$
$$x^{-1} = x^{N-1}, x^0 = x^N, x^{N+1} = x^1.$$

OSSE (Observing System Simulation Experiment)

- 1 Compute a true trajectory $(\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger)_{j=1}^J$ for $J \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 2 Generate observations $(y_j)_{j=1}^J$ from $(\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger)_{j=1}^J$.
- 3 Assimilate with $(y_j)_{j=1}^J$ and obtaining analysis values $(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_j^a)_{j=1}^J$.
- 4 Compute RMSE between \mathbf{x}_j^\dagger and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_j^a$:

$$\text{RMSE at time } j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_x}} \|\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j^a\|.$$

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Target dynamics

Dissipative & Chaotic dynamics such as Lorenz63, 96 equations, and incompressible 2D Navier-Stokes equations.

Many dynamical models related to geoscience also exhibit this behaviors.

Example: Lorenz 96, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{40}$.

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = \underbrace{(x_{i+1} - x_{i-2})x_{i-1}}_{\text{nonlinear conserving}} \underbrace{- x_i}_{\text{linear dissipating}} \underbrace{+ F}_{\text{forcing}} .$$

We can generalize the dynamics by PDE like formulation:

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \mathcal{A}u + \mathcal{B}(u, u) = f, \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

\mathcal{A} : linear dissipating, \mathcal{B} : nonlinear conserving, f : external force.

Demonstration: Lorenz 63

See the typical behaviors ↓

Lorenz simulator on a web browser:

<https://kotatakeda.github.io/lorenz-webgl/>

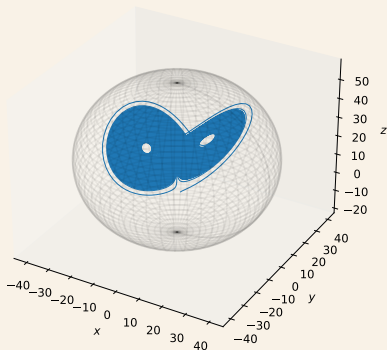
Mathematical description: dissipative

Energy dissipation \rightarrow the trajectory is bounded on the state space.

Bounded by $\rho > 0$

$\exists \rho > 0$, s.t. $\forall x \in B(\rho) := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \|x\| \leq \rho\}, \mathcal{M}(x) \in B(\rho)$.

The bounded trajectory of
Lorenz'63 model \rightarrow



Mathematical description: Chaotic

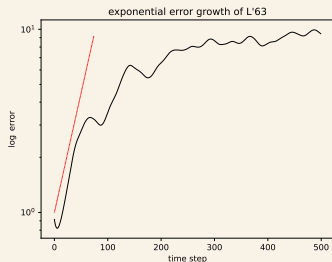
Error growth rate $\beta > 0$

$\exists \beta > 0$ s.t. $\forall x \in B(\rho), \forall z \in \mathcal{X},$

$$|\mathcal{M}(x) - \mathcal{M}(z)| \leq e^{\beta h} |x - z|. \quad (7)$$

β provides the maximum of the exponential error growth rate.

Exponential error growth of Lorenz'63 model \rightarrow



[2] D. Kelly et al., Well-Posedness and Accuracy of the Ensemble Kalman Filter in Discrete and Continuous Time, Nonlinearity, 27, 2579–2603, 2014.

How can we calculate the constants?

The bound radius ρ and the exponential error growth rate β have been estimated for Lorenz'63, '96 models and 2D Navier-Stokes equations [9, 10, 11].

However, for the complex models used in ocean and weather simulations, it is impossible to compute their constants analytically.
→ required to estimate them numerically.

[9] R. Temam, Infinite-Dimensional Dynamical Systems in Mechanics and Physics, Springer, 1997. [10] K. Hayden, E. Olson, and E. S. Titi, Discrete Data Assimilation in the Lorenz and 2D Navier-Stokes Equations, Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena, 240, 1416–1425, 2011. [11] K. J. H. Law, et al., Filter accuracy for the Lorenz 96 model: Fixed versus adaptive observation operators., PHYSICA D-NONLINEAR PHENOMENA, 325, 1–13, JUN 15 2016

Assumption to dynamics

Assume these conditions for models dynamics \mathcal{M} in the following analysis.

Bounded by $\rho > 0$ —

$$\exists \rho > 0, \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in B(\rho) := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \|x\| \leq \rho\}, \mathcal{M}(x) \in B(\rho).$$

Error growth rate $\beta > 0$ —

$$\exists \beta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in B(\rho), \forall z \in \mathcal{X},$$

$$|\mathcal{M}(x) - \mathcal{M}(z)| \leq e^{\beta h} |x - z|. \quad (8)$$

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Mean Square Error (MSE)

Here, we evaluate the error between a variable $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$ and the true state $\mathbf{x}^\dagger \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$ by the Mean Square Error (MSE).

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{N_x} \|\mathbf{x}^\dagger - \mathbf{z}\|^2 = \frac{1}{N_x} \sum_{i=1}^{N_x} |x_i^\dagger - z_i|^2.$$

The analysis MSE E_j is given by

$$E_j = \frac{1}{N_x} \|\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j^a\|^2.$$

The analysis MSE of each member $E_j^{(n)}$ is given by

$$E_j^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N_x} \|\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger - \mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)}\|^2,$$

for $n = 1, \dots, m$. We consider expectations of these values.

Strategy of the error analysis

Let E_j^a and E_j^f be the analysis and forecast MSE at time j .
Strategy: estimating the change of the MSE in one DA cycle.

$$E_{j-1}^a \xrightarrow[\times \theta_j^f]{(i) \text{ forecast}} E_j^f \xrightarrow[\times \theta_j^a]{(ii) \text{ analysis}} E_j^a$$

The upper bound of MSE is

- (i) expanded by $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow$ rate θ_j^f
- (ii) contracted by assimilating the observation \rightarrow rate θ_j^a
(& increased with observation noise).

Key

To obtain the bounded MSE, it is necessary to show

$$\text{total rate } \theta_j = \theta_j^f \times \theta_j^a < 1.$$

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PO + additive inflation (previous result)

Consider dissipative & chaotic dynamics \mathcal{M} . Let an inflation parameter $\alpha > 0$. Assume that $H = I_{N_x}$, $R = r^2 I_{N_x}$ for $r > 0$. Let $E_j^{(n)}$ be MSE of each member $n = 1, \dots, m$.

Error analysis for the PO + additive inflation [2]

For any $n = 1, \dots, m$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$E_j^{(n)} \leq \theta^j E_0^{(n)} + \frac{2 \min\{m, N_x\}}{N_x} r^2 \frac{1 - \theta^j}{1 - \theta}. \quad (9)$$

where θ is

$$\theta = \left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + \alpha^2} \right)^2 \times e^{2\beta h}$$

contraction at (ii) expansion at (i)

Note: $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ($\alpha \rightarrow \infty$).

Cor: PO + additive inflation (previous result)

Error bound for the PO + additive inflation [2]

Take $\alpha \gg 1$, then we have $\theta < 1$ and for any $n = 1, \dots, m$,

$$\limsup_j E_j^{(n)} \leq \frac{2m}{N_x(1-\theta)} r^2 = O(r^2). \quad (10)$$

order of observation noise

Essence of proof

flow

Deriving the inequality between before and after a DA cycle.

(i) error is expanded ($\theta_j^f = e^{2\beta h}$) by \mathcal{M} .

(ii) error contracts ($\theta_j^a = \left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + \alpha^2}\right)^2$) \rightarrow detail in next slide

& observation noise is added twice ^a ($\frac{2m}{N_x} r^2$).

^asince an extra noise is added when perturbing observation.

$$\begin{aligned} E_j^{(n)} &\leq \theta_j^a \theta_j^f E_{j-1}^{(n)} + \frac{2m}{N_x} r^2 \\ &\leq \theta_j^a \theta_j^f \left(\theta_{j-2}^a \theta_{j-2}^f E_{j-2}^{(n)} + \frac{2m}{N_x} r^2 \right) + \frac{2m}{N_x} r^2 \\ &\leq \dots \text{ repeat up to } j = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Essence of proof: where θ_j^a comes from?

Important relation in the EnKF algorithms:

$$\mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)} = (I_{N_x} - K_j H) \mathbf{x}_j^{f(n)} + K_j y_j \quad (11)$$

Apparently,

$$\mathbf{x}_j^\dagger = (I_{N_x} - K_j H) \mathbf{x}_j^\dagger + K_j H \mathbf{x}_j^\dagger$$

By subtracting both sides, we have

$$\mathbf{e}_j^{a(n)} = (I_{N_x} - K_j H) \mathbf{e}_j^{f(n)} + \{\text{obs. noise term}\}.$$

Hence,

$$E_j^{a(n)} \leq \|(I_{N_x} - K_j H)\|_{op}^2 E_j^{f(n)} + \{\text{obs. noise term}\},$$

where the operator norm $\|A\|_{op} = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|}$.

Essence of proof: where θ_j^a comes from?

$$E_j^{a(n)} \leq \|(I_{N_x} - K_j H)\|_{op}^2 E_j^{f(n)} + \{\text{obs. noise term}\},$$

then,

$$\theta_j^a = \|I_{N_x} - K_j H\|_{op}^2$$

By using Woodbly's matrix Lemma, it is transformed:

$$I_{N_x} - K_j H = (I_{N_x} + P_j^f H^\top R^{-1} H)^{-1}.$$

Therefore,

Key relation

For $G_j = P_j^f H^\top R^{-1} H$,

$$\theta_j^a = \|(I_{N_x} + G_j)^{-1}\|_{op}^2.$$

Essence of proof: where θ_j^a comes from?

Key relation

For $G_j = P_j^f H^\top R^{-1} H$,

$$\theta_j^a = \|(I_{N_x} + G_j)^{-1}\|_{op}^2.$$

In the situation of [2], $G_j = r^{-2}(P_j^f + \alpha^2 I_{N_x})$ and this is symmetric. Hence, by using **a formula to calculate the operator norm of a symmetric matrix**

$$\|(I_{N_x} + G_j)^{-1}\|_{op}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \lambda_{min}(G_j)} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \alpha^2/r^2} \right)^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\theta_j^a = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \alpha^2/r^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + \alpha^2} \right)^2.$$

Effect of additive inflation

Shifting eigenvalues

The minimum eigenvalue $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f)$ can be 0 in general.

→ additive inflation $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f + \alpha^2 I_{N_x}) > \alpha^2$ (positive!)

The information of P_j^f is ignored in the analysis above!

Increasing the estimated uncertainty of forecast

By increasing $\alpha > 0$, we can increase uncertainty of forecast X_j^f compared with observation y_j .

→ weight of $\mathbf{x}_j^{f(n)}$ is reduced when averaged into $\mathbf{x}_j^{a(n)}$.

→ contraction of the error $\left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + \alpha^2}\right)^2 < 1$.

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ETKF + multiplicative inflation

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Error bound for the ETKF [1, T.-Sakajo]

Take $\alpha \gg 1$, then $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f) > \lambda_*$ for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\theta < 1$,

$$\limsup_j E_j \leq \frac{r^2}{1-\theta} + O(r^4) = O(r^2). \quad (12)$$

order of observation noise

where θ is

$$\theta = \left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + \alpha^2 \lambda_*} \right)^2 \times e^{2(\beta + \epsilon)h}$$

contraction at (ii)

expansion at (i)

Essence of proof

Goal: to apply the same strategy with the previous work, we need to check that $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f)$ is always positive.

Using assumption $m > N_x$ —

However, multiplicative inflation does not ensure this. Instead, assumption $m > N_x$ avoids $\lambda_{\min}(P_0^f) = 0$.

Then, an appropriate choice of α sustains the positivity:

$\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f) \geq \lambda_*$ for some $\lambda_* > 0$. Proved by considering the time evolution of the minimum eigenvalue.

→ original point of our analysis (in the next slide)

The rest is similar with the previous work.

The time evolution of the minimum eigenvalue

Set $\lambda_j^f = \lambda_{\min}(P_j^f)$ and $\lambda_j^a = \lambda_{\min}(P_j^a)$. Let us estimate the change

$$\lambda_{j-1}^f \rightarrow \lambda_{j-1}^a \rightarrow \lambda_j^f.$$

$\lambda_{j-1}^f \rightarrow \lambda_{j-1}^a$: inflation and analysis

$$\lambda_{j-1}^a = \frac{\alpha^2 \lambda_{j-1}^f}{1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\gamma^2} \widehat{\lambda}_{j-1}^f}$$

$\lambda_{j-1}^a \rightarrow \lambda_j^f$: forecast

$$\lambda_j^f \geq e^{-ch} \lambda_{j-1}^a.$$

where $c = 8 \frac{m}{m-1} \beta \rho^2$.

Finally, we have

$$\lambda_j^f \geq \frac{e^{-ch} \alpha^2 \lambda_{j-1}^f}{1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\gamma^2} \lambda_{j-1}^f}.$$

The time evolution of the minimum eigenvalue

By considering an asymptotic behavior of the right hand side

$$\lambda_j^f \geq \frac{e^{-ch}\alpha^2\lambda_{j-1}^f}{1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{\gamma^2}\lambda_{j-1}^f},$$

we have

$$\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_j^f \geq \frac{\gamma^2}{\alpha^2}(e^{-ch}\alpha^2 - 1) > 0,$$

if and only if $e^{-ch}\alpha^2 > 1$.

The uniform-in-time positivity of $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f)$ is ensured by a sufficiently large inflation parameter α .

Effect of multiplicative inflation

Not improving eigenvalue

If $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f) = 0$, $\xrightarrow{\text{multiplicative inflation}}$ $\lambda_{\min}(\alpha^2 P_j^f) = 0$.

Sustaining positivity (against contraction of P^f)

If $\lambda_{\min}(P_0^f) > 0$, we have $\lambda_{\min}(P_j^f) > 0$ with sufficiently large $\alpha > 1$.

Increasing the estimated uncertainty of forecast

By increasing $\alpha > 1$,

we obtain contraction of the error $\left(\frac{r^2}{r^2 + \alpha^2 \lambda_*}\right)^2 < 1$.

Summary

EnKFs: PO(stochastic) & ETKF(deterministic)

Error Analysis of EnKF:

- Key: $G_j = P_j^f H^\top R^{-1} H$, $\theta_j^a = \|(I_{N_x} + G_j)^{-1}\|_{op}^2$.
- Desired: $\theta_j^a < 1$.

Results:

- (previous) PO + additive inflation:
 $\alpha \gg 1 \rightarrow$ bounded MSE
- (our) ETKF + multiplicative inflation:
 $\alpha \gg 1, m > N_x \rightarrow$ bounded MSE

Non-degeneracy of G_j is important!

(in the current analysis)

Discussion

Next direction: analysis in realistic settings

- partial observation: $\text{rank}(H) < N_x$
- small ensemble size: $m < N_x$

Show $\text{MSE} \leq Cr^2$ for some $0 < C < 1$.

In these situations, G_j is degenerated.

Ideas:

- Dimension reduction by Lyapunov Analysis
- Localization & others

Idea1: Dimension reduction by Lyapunov Analysis

dimension reduction by introducing splitting of state space into stable/unstable space with respect to \mathcal{M} , i.e. there exists $\lambda_+ > 1 > \lambda_-$ such that for any point \mathbf{x} in the attractor,

$$\mathbb{R}^{N_x} = E_x^u \oplus E_x^s,$$

$$\|J_x v\| \geq \lambda_+ \|v\|, \forall v \in E_x^u, \quad \|J_x v\| \leq \lambda_- \|v\|, \forall v \in E_x^s,$$

where J_x is the Jacobian of \mathcal{M} .

reducing to analysis in low dimension

Only focus on the error contraction in E_x^u .

→ Show $\|(P_x^u(I_{N_x} + G_j)P_x^u)^{-1}\|_{op} < 1$ for the projection P_x^u onto E_x^u .

Idea2: Localization & others

- partial observation: $\text{rank}(H) < N_x \rightarrow$ delay embedding.
- small ensemble size: $m < N_x \rightarrow$ covariance localization.
- improve bound: $C < 1 \rightarrow$ observation localization.

We need to use information of **spatial correlations/interactions** of model dynamics.

For example, Lorenz'96 only affected by neighbor grid points.

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = (x_{i+1} - x_{i-2})x_{i-1} - x_i + F.$$

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