



Reduced-Order Modelling

Reduced-Order Modelling (ROM) or Model Order Reduction:

approximating a high-dimensional system with a lower-dimensional system whilst maintaining reasonable accuracy and gaining a significant computational speed up.



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some terms / buzz-words

- ROM has been around for a long time
- it is one type of surrogate modelling
- “discretise-then-reduce” rather than “reduce-then-discretise”
[Sartori, ..., Rozza 2016](#)
- projection-based ROM (reduced basis) vs non-intrusive ROM
- data-driven
- digital twin (Girolami, Willcox, Schilders, Omer, ...)
- parametric systems, time-dependent systems, parametric time-dependent systems

Efficiency is gained by an offline / online scheme.

- Offline stage:
 - computationally expensive
 - run a series of forward models which are representative of the behaviour of the system
 - obtain basis functions (often POD / SVD based)
 - obtain building blocks which will be used to predict the evolution of the system or to describe the parameter-dependence of the problem
- Online stage:
 - rapid to run
 - predict in time (train in time)
 - predict for unseen parameters (train for a set of parameter values)

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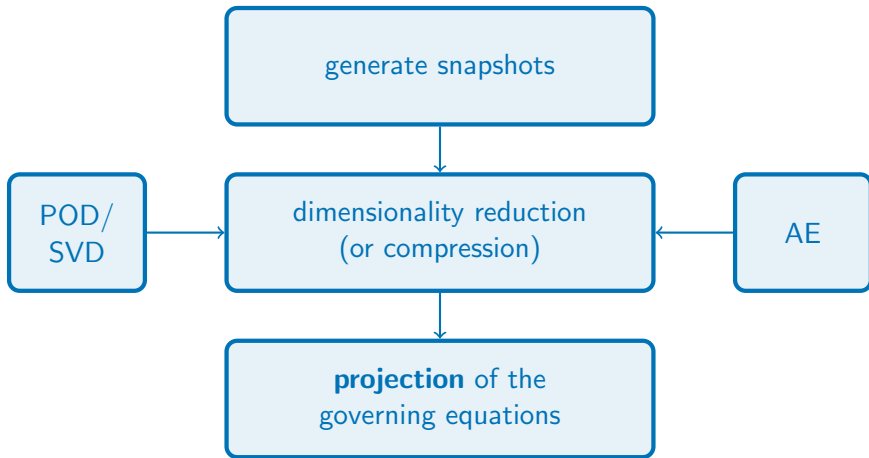
Projection-based ROM

- Offline stage:
 - (a) generate snapshots (solutions at different time levels / or solutions corresponding to different model parameter values)
 - (b) find reduced basis, often done using Proper Orthogonal Decomposition which is an SVD-based method
 - (c) project the original discretised system onto the low-dimensional space spanned by the basis functions found in (b)
- Online stage:
 - (a) choose an arbitrary parameter value or time range for the prediction
 - (b) assemble the reduced system corresponding to that parameter value
 - (c) solve the reduced system
 - (d) map back from reduced space to the physical space

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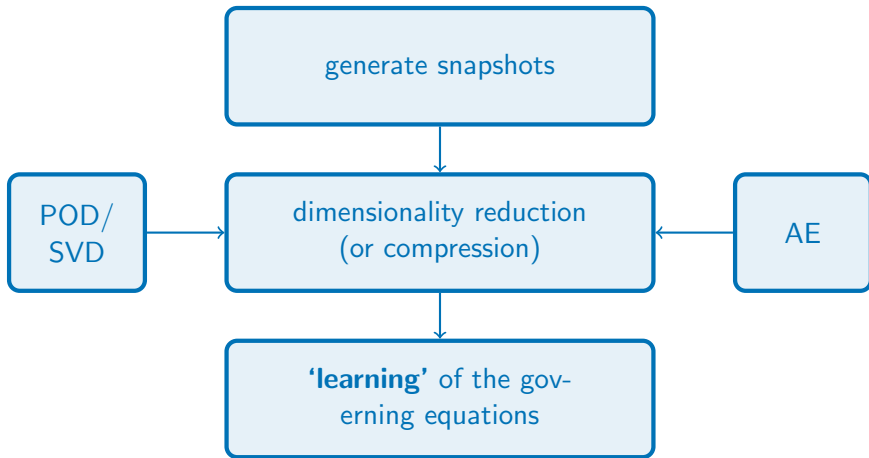
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Projection-based: Offline stage



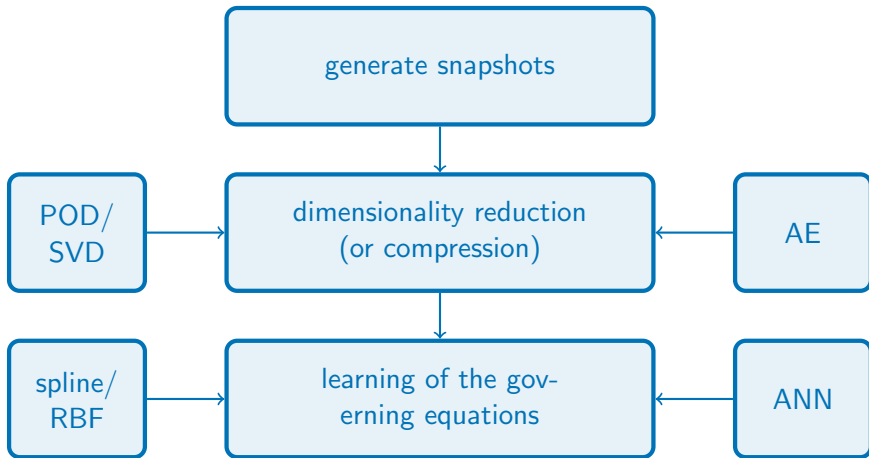
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Non-intrusive ROM: Offline stage



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High-fidelity / high-resolution model (after discretisation)

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$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{u}(\mu_1), \mathbf{u}(\mu_2), \dots, \mathbf{u}(\mu_{N^s})] \text{ or } [\mathbf{u}^{t_1}, \mathbf{u}^{t_2}, \dots, \mathbf{u}^{t_{N^s}}], \mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N^s}.$$

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Learn evolution of the POD coefficients of the snapshots in time (or learn the parameter dependence of the POD coefficients of the snapshots) – for example, train a feed-forward NN with input-output pairs

$$\{(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^n, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{n+1})\}_{k=1}^{N^s-1}$$

Advantages:

Projection-based ROM is more closely related to the governing equations (and therefore physics) than NIROM.

To mitigate this, researchers are combining NIROM with

- physics-informed neural networks,
- data assimilation.

Projection-based ROM is more likely to result in a stable model than NIROM. To mitigate this, researchers are using adversarial techniques.

NIROM does not require the source code to be modified

- legacy code,
- complex codes,
- licensed software.

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Difference between SVD and POD

SVD: decomposes a matrix into three matrices, two orthogonal ones (\mathbf{U} , \mathbf{V}) and one with non-zeros only on the diagonal ($\mathbf{\Sigma}$).

POD: expands a solution in terms of coefficients and orthogonal basis functions. The basis functions are such that the representation error is minimised.

POD expansion for a temperature field \mathbf{u} :

$$\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i \phi_i \quad (1)$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \quad (2)$$

where ϕ_i is the i th column of \mathbf{R} , in other words, the i th POD basis function, and α_i is the i th entry of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$, that is the i th POD coefficient.

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How do we calculate the basis functions?

For a particular projection Π , the representation error of the snapshots can be written as

$$\varepsilon = ||\mathbf{u} - \Pi(\mathbf{u})||^2 \equiv ||\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^T\mathbf{u}||^2$$

where \mathbf{R}^T maps from physical space to the reduced space and \mathbf{R} maps from the reduced space to the physical space. We want to minimise this, and we know from theory that if the columns of \mathbf{R} are the left singular vectors, the error will be minimised.

NB. POD is also known as principal component analysis, empirical orthogonal functions, the Hotelling transform, KarhunenLoève theorem.

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Dimensionality reduction

Usually it is recommended to subtract the mean from the snapshots matrix:

POD expansion for a temperature field \mathbf{u} :

$$\mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \sum_{i=1}^M \tilde{\alpha}_i \tilde{\phi}_i \quad (3)$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{u} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \tilde{\alpha} \quad (4)$$

where the mean is given by $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$. The snapshots matrix will take the form

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{u}(\mu_1) - \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{u}(\mu_2) - \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \dots, \mathbf{u}(\mu_{N^s}) - \bar{\mathbf{u}}]$$

$$\text{or } [\mathbf{u}^{t_1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{u}^{t_2} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \dots, \mathbf{u}^{t_{N^s}} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}].$$

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Trick for a more efficient way of calculating the basis functions

It is often more computationally efficient to solve an eigenvalue problem than to apply singular value decomposition to a matrix.

Consider $\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$,

$$\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T)^T (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T) \quad (5)$$

$$= (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{U}^T) (\mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T) \quad (6)$$

$$= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T \quad (7)$$

$$= \mathbf{V} (\mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}) \mathbf{V}^T \quad (8)$$

which is the eigendecomposition of the matrix $\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S}$ with eigenvectors \mathbf{V} and eigenvalues on the diagonal of $\mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{\Sigma}$ (as \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are orthogonal they both satisfy $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$, where \mathbf{M} is an orthogonal matrix and \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix).

For SVD/POD-based methods, the \mathbf{R} matrix maps from the high-dimensional space to the low-dimensional one:

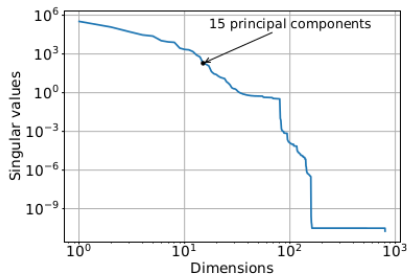
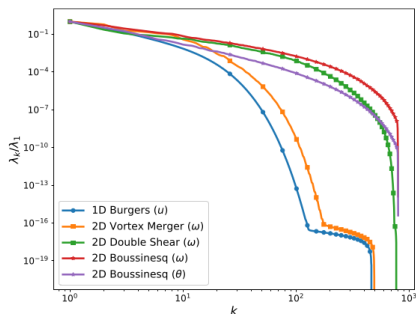
$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{u}, \text{ where } \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^M \text{ and } \mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M} \quad (9)$$

For autoencoder-based methods, the mappings come from the (trained) encoder (f^{enc}) and decoder (f^{dec}):

$$\mathbf{u} = f^{\text{dec}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\alpha} = f^{\text{enc}}(\mathbf{u}), \text{ where } \mathbf{u} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\alpha} \text{ as above.} \quad (10)$$

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Examples of singular values

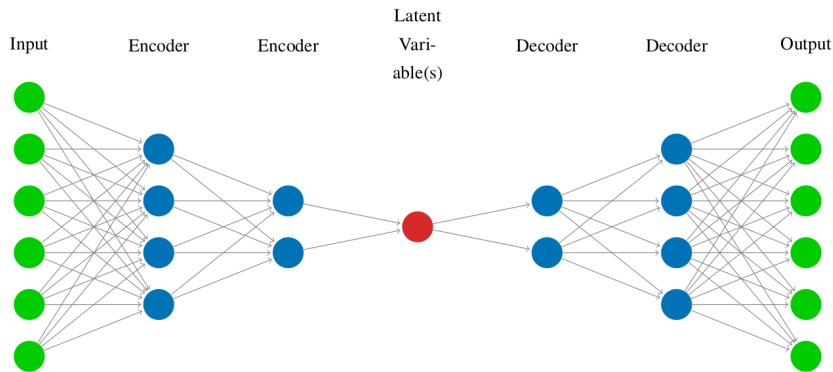


Left from Ahmed et al. Memory embedded non-intrusive reduced order modeling of non-ergodic flows. *Physics of Fluids* 31, 126602 (2019).

Right from V. L. S. Silva, Data Assimilation Predictive GAN (DA-PredGAN): applied to determine the spread of COVID-19, *arXiv* (2021).

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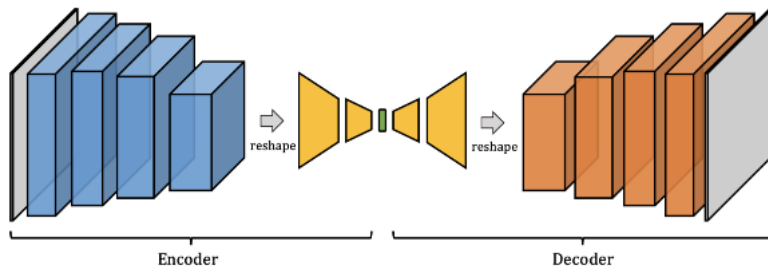
Autoencoders



From Phillips et al. An autoencoder-based reduced-order model for eigenvalue problems with application to neutron diffusion (2021).

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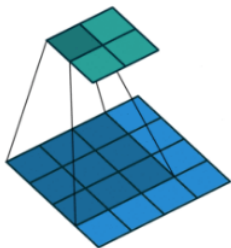
Convolutional autoencoders



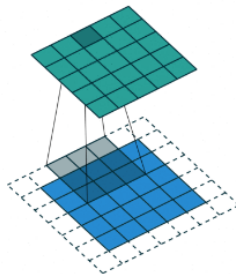
Gonzalez et. al. *Deep convolutional recurrent autoencoders for learning low-dimensional feature dynamics of fluid systems*, arXiv, 2018.

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Convolutional layers



No padding, no strides

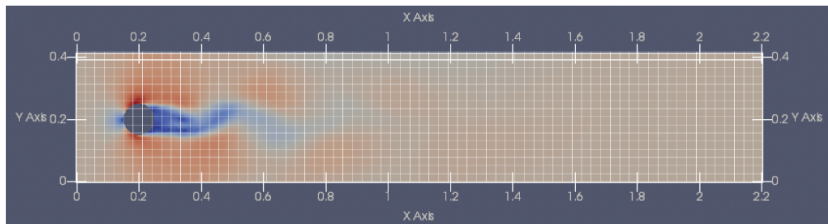
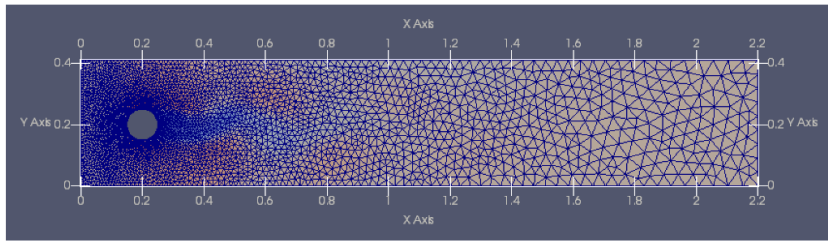


Half padding, no strides

from https://github.com/vdumoulin/conv_arithmetic

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Mesh / grid

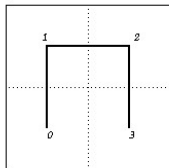
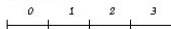


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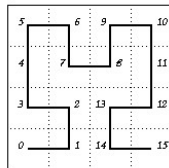
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The Hilbert Curve

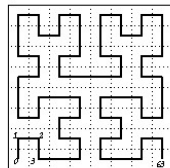
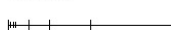
First Order



Second Order



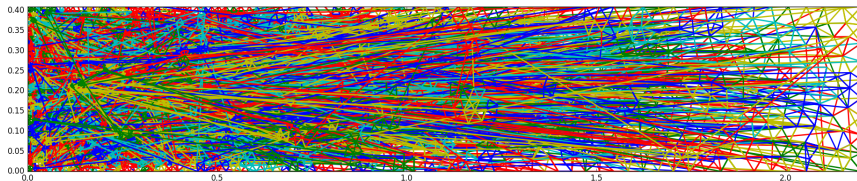
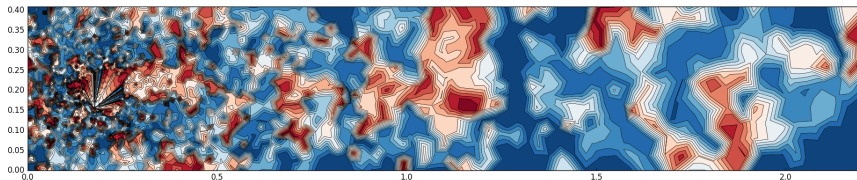
Third Order



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Space-filling curve convolutional autoencoder (SFC-CAE)

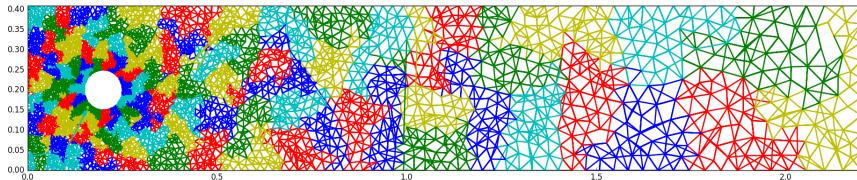
Without space-filling curve numbering



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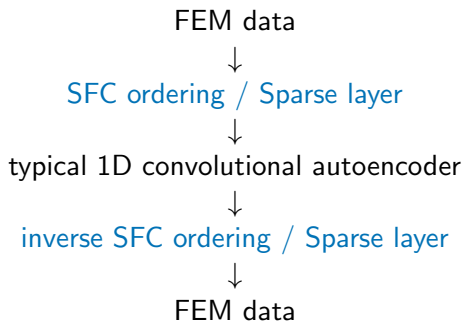
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SFC-CAE

2D flow past a cylinder, $Re=3900$, 20,550 nodes

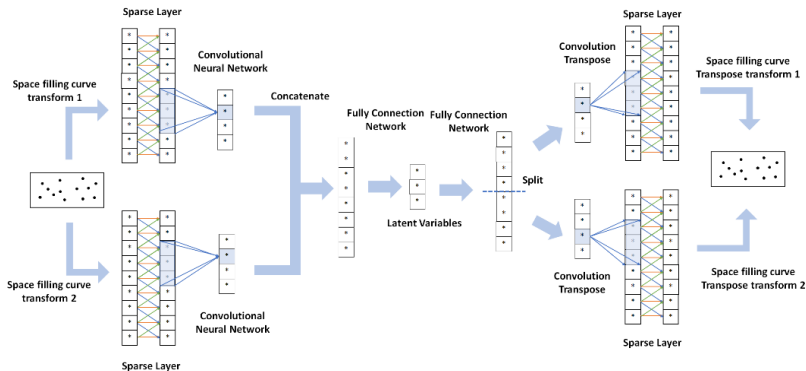
$[0, 2.2] \times [0, 0.41]$, cylinder centred at $(0.2, 0.2)$ radius 0.05

800 snapshots used for training, 100 for validation and 100 for testing.



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SFC-CAE



C.E. Heaney, Y. Li, O.K. Matar and C.C. Pain. Applying Convolutional Neural Networks to Data on Unstructured Meshes with Space-Filling Curves (2020) arxiv.org/abs/2011.14820.

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Predicting in time with GANs

Train the GAN with the following data (assuming we only have 1 POD basis function):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_3} \\ \alpha^{t_2} \\ \alpha^{t_1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_4} \\ \alpha^{t_3} \\ \alpha^{t_2} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_N} \\ \alpha^{t_{N-1}} \\ \alpha^{t_{N-2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Once the generator \mathcal{G} is trained, given a vector of random values \mathbf{r} , it produces the solution at three successive time levels:

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_{n+2}} \\ \alpha^{t_{n+1}} \\ \alpha^{t_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

How can we produce a longer time series?

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Predicting in time with GANs

Say we have initial conditions of α^{t_k} and $\alpha^{t_{k+1}}$ from which we wish to march forward in time, we effectively want to minimise the difference between the known values and their associated output by the generator:

$$\min_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{M} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_{n+2}} \\ \alpha^{t_{n+1}} \\ \alpha^{t_n} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_{k+1}} \\ \alpha^{t_k} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

where \mathcal{M} is a function which squares each entry and takes the average, i.e.

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

We can do this by backpropagating the error through the network and adjusting the values of \mathbf{r} , similar to how we backpropagate the error and adjusting the weights (parameters) when training neural networks.

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we take $\alpha^{t_{n+2}}$ as the prediction and set $\alpha^{t_{k+2}} = \alpha^{t_{n+2}}$.

To find the solution at the next time level we repeat the process, i.e.

$$\min_{\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{M} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_{m+2}} \\ \alpha^{t_{m+1}} \\ \alpha^{t_m} \end{pmatrix} \right) - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{t_{k+2}} \\ \alpha^{t_{k+1}} \end{pmatrix}$$

to find $\alpha^{t_{k+3}}$, and so on.

Why autoencoders and not POD?

Why GANs and not other neural networks?

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Books / chapters on ROM

Some classic books:

F Chinesta, A Huerta, G Rozza, K Willcox. Model Reduction Methods. *Encyclopedia of Computational Mechanics Second Edition*, 1–36.

P Benner, M Ohlberger, A Cohen, K Willcox. Model Reduction and Approximation: Theory and Algorithms. *Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics*.

Schilders, W. H., van der Vorst, H. A., Rommes, J. (Editors). Model Order Reduction: Theory, Research Aspects and Applications.

Many papers (Quarteroni, Rozza, Huerta, Schilders, Noack, Willcox, ...).

New edition of classical methods for dimensionality reduction:

Holmes, P., Lumley, J., Berkooz, G. and Rowley, C. (2012). *Turbulence, Coherent Structures, Dynamical Systems and Symmetry* (2nd ed., Cambridge Monographs on Mechanics). Cambridge.

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Dimensionality reduction

POD and related methods:

Taira K, Brunton SL, Dawson STM, et al. Modal analysis of fluid flows: an overview. *AIAA J.* 2017; 55(12): 4013–4041.

(Old papers) comparing autoencoders to principal component analysis (PCA):

Oja E. A simplified neuron model as a principal component analyzer. *J Math Biol.* 1982; 15: 267–273.

Bourlard H, Kamp Y. Auto-association by multilayer perceptrons and singular value decomposition. *Biol Cybern.* 1988; 59: 291–294.

Baldi P, Hornik K. Neural networks and principal component analysis: learning from examples without local minima. *Neural Netw.* 1989; 2: 53–58.

Possibly the first to compare POD with AE within a NIROM framework:

Milano M, Koumoutsakos P. Neural network modeling for near wall turbulent flow. *J Comput Phys.* 2002; 182: 1–26.

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Dimensionality reduction

How to apply CNNs to data on unstructured meshes:

[CE Heaney](#), [Y Li](#), [OK Matar](#), [CC Pain](#). Applying Convolutional Neural Networks to Data on Unstructured Meshes with Space-Filling Curves. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2011.14820*

[R. Hanocka](#), [A. Hertz](#), [N. Fish](#), [R. Giryes](#), [S. Fleishman](#) and [D. Cohen-Or](#). MeshCNN: a network with an edge. (2019) *ACM Transactions on Graphics* July 90. [Associated Github pages](#).

[J. Tencer](#), [K. Potter](#). A Tailored Convolutional Neural Network for Nonlinear Manifold Learning of Computational Physics Data using Unstructured Spatial Discretizations. *arXiv preprint 2006.06154*.

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Projection-based ROM papers, one on ML & CFD in general, one on NIROM with GPR:

Projection-based ROM (with POD)

Benner P, Gugercin S, Willcox K. A survey of projection-based model reduction methods for parametric dynamical systems. *SIAM Rev.* 2015; 57(4): 483–531.

Projection-based ROM (with AE):

Lee K, Carlberg KT. Model reduction of dynamical systems on nonlinear manifolds using deep convolutional autoencoders. *J Comput Phys.* 2020; 404: 108973.

Phillips, TRF, Heaney, CE, Smith, PN, Pain, CC. An autoencoder-based reduced-order model for eigenvalue problems with application to neutron diffusion. *Int J Numer Methods Eng.* 2021; 1–32.

General - Machine learning and CFD:

Brunton SL, Noack BR, Koumoutsakos P. Machine learning for fluid mechanics. *Annu Rev Fluid Mech.* 2020; 52: 477–508.

NIROM with POD and Gaussian Process Regression:

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