

Machine Learning Building-Block Models for Computational Fluid Dynamics

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§1. Introduction

- Aircraft certification requires rigorous numerical simulation with minimal error tolerance
- Simulation of aerodynamics requires fluid dynamics, different flow physics
- Single model for all flow physics, captures complex geometries

§2. Equations

- Conservation of mass
- Conservation of momentum
- Boundary limits at surface edge

§3. Assumptions

- Learn flow physics from a collection of small cases, thus
'There are a collection of essential physics flows that can be combined to model flows at larger scales'
- Flows at scale of flight simulation is a combination of essential flows at smaller scales

§4. Model Architecture (NNs) (Wall Model)

- Predictor: force at location given flow class
Each flow has a predictive model (hence building block)
- Classifier: essential physical flow

§5. Data

- Numerical solutions to training data can help label data and ensure consistency across data used in ML vs Numerical methods

§6. Validation

- Well understood physical models at small scales can be used as validation cases for ML models

§7. Conclusions

- Ensemble of classifier and predictor is quite interesting
- 'Information Theory can describe the amount of information inputs contain about the output. No information about the output can be predicted without it being in the input data.'