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Data-driven Reduced Modeling in the Time and Frequency Domains

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Introduction: Learning Dynamical Systems from Data

The Problem: High-dimensional Models / Data

Problem: We have a **expensive** computational model of a physical process, called the **full-order model** (FOM):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{q}(t) &= \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u}), \quad \mathbf{q}(t_0) = \mathbf{q}_0, \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= \mathbf{g}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u})\end{aligned}\tag{FOM}$$

with high-dimensional state $\mathbf{q}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and input $\mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^u$ and output $\mathbf{y}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$. The FOM is so large that we can only afford to solve it for a short time window or for a limited number of initial conditions.

Goal: Given a training data set, construct a computationally **efficient** surrogate—a **reduced-order model** (ROM)—to solve in place of the FOM.

Goals of Data-driven Model Reduction

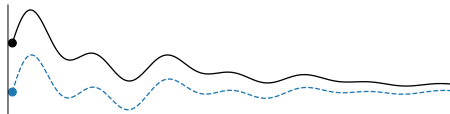
Prediction in time

$$[t_0, t_f] \rightarrow [t_0, t'_f]$$



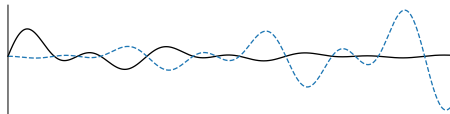
Prediction to new initial conditions

$$\mathbf{q}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{q}'_0$$



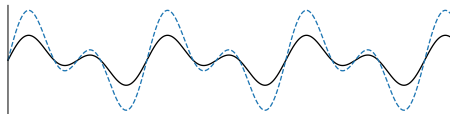
Prediction to new inputs

$$\mathbf{u}(t) \rightarrow \mathbf{u}'(t)$$



Prediction w.r.t. system parameters

$$\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u}; \boldsymbol{\mu}) \rightarrow \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u}; \boldsymbol{\mu}')$$



Classical Model Reduction Uses Intrusive Information

Galerkin projection is a classical approach to constructing a reduced-order model.

1. Construct an orthonormal **basis matrix** $\mathbf{V}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$.
2. **Approximate** $\mathbf{q}(t) \approx \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)$, where $\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^r$ are the **latent variables** with $r \ll n$.
3. Substitute the approximation into the FOM and use orthogonality:

$$\mathbf{V}_r^T \left(\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}) \right) \longrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{f}}(t, \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}) := \mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}) \quad (\text{ROM})$$

4. **Solve the ROM** defined by $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ with initial condition $\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t_0) = \mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{q}_0$
5. The ROM solution approximates the true solution, $\mathbf{q}(t) \approx \mathbf{q}_{\text{rom}}(t) := \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)$.

The problem: The ROM operator $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ depends explicitly on the FOM operator \mathbf{f} .
Can we construct $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ without direct access to \mathbf{f} if we do have **access to data**?

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Example: In linear-time invariant (LTI) systems,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}(t) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$. The Galerkin ROM is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}) = \underbrace{\mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_r}_{\hat{\mathbf{A}}} \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \underbrace{\mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{B}}_{\hat{\mathbf{B}}} \mathbf{u}(t)$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{B}} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$.

Learning Reduced-order Models from Data

Our goal: Construct a suitable ROM **from data**, *without* direct access to a FOM.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(FOM)} & \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u}), \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{g}(t, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{u}) \end{array} \\ & \text{(crossed out)} \\ & \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{f}}(t, \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{g}}(t, \hat{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{u}) \end{array} \quad \text{(ROM)} \end{array}$$

Perspective 1: we want a **time domain representation** of the ROM.

Data are **states** or **outputs**, at various time instances, corresponding to known inputs.

$$\mathbf{u}(t) \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{q}_0 & \mathbf{q}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{n_t-1} \end{array} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n_t} \quad \text{or} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{y}_0 & \mathbf{y}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{y}_{n_t-1} \end{array} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times n_t}$$

Perspective 2: we want a **frequency domain representation** of the ROM (next time).

Part 1: Learning from Time-domain State Space Data

Time-domain Methods for Data-driven Model Reduction

- **Dynamic mode decomposition** (DMD)
[Schmid, 2010, Kutz et al., 2016, Schmid, 2022]
- **Operator inference** (OpInf)
[Peherstorfer and Willcox, 2016, Ghattas and Willcox, 2021, Kramer et al., 2024]
- **Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics** (SINDy)
[Brunton et al., 2016, Schaeffer, 2017, Brunton and Kutz, 2022]
- **Eigenvalue realization algorithm** (ERA, a.k.a. subspace identification)
[Kramer and Gugercin, 2016, Kung, 1978]
- **Physics-informed neural networks** (PINNs)
[Raissi et al., 2019, Karniadakis et al., 2021]
- Neural operators: **DeepONet**, **Fourier Neural Operator** (FNO), etc.
[Lu et al., 2021, Kovachki et al., 2023]

Dynamic Mode Decomposition (DMD)

Based on Koopman theory, standard DMD assumes a discrete, **linear** relationship

$$\mathbf{q}_{j+1} \approx \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_j, \quad \mathbf{A} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\bar{\mathbf{A}}} \sum_j \|\mathbf{q}_{j+1} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{q}_j\|_2^2,$$

where $\mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{q}(t_j)$. A DMD ROM is defined as

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{j+1} \approx \hat{\mathbf{A}}\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j, \quad \hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{V}_r^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_r = \mathbf{V}_r^\top \mathbf{Q}' \mathbf{W}_r \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_r \quad (\text{ROM})$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{q}_0 & \mathbf{q}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{n_t-2} \end{array} \right], \quad \mathbf{Q}' = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{n_t-1} \end{array} \right].$$

and $\mathbf{Q} \approx \mathbf{V}_r \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_r \mathbf{W}_r^\top$ is the truncated SVD of \mathbf{Q} with r retained singular modes.

Dynamic Mode Decomposition (DMD)

Advantages:

- Small, linear system—easy to analyze and work with
- Provides a spatiotemporal modal decomposition (coherent structures)
- Straightforward extensions to ODEs, noisy data, and some nonlinear dynamics

Disadvantages:

- Linear dynamics cannot always approximate nonlinear phenomena well
- Tends to perform poorly for transient dynamics
- For nonlinear dynamics, insight is typically required and the resulting linear system can be very large

Package: [PyDMD](#)

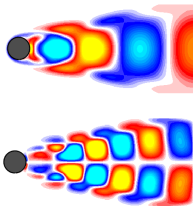


Figure: [Kutz et al., 2016]

Operator Inference (OpInf)

Galerkin projection preserves polynomial nonlinear forms. For a polynomial FOM, OpInf poses a ROM with the **same polynomial form**:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}(t) + \mathbf{H}[\mathbf{q}(t) \otimes \mathbf{q}(t)] + \cdots + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t), \quad (\text{FOM})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{c}} + \hat{\mathbf{A}}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)] + \cdots + \hat{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{u}(t). \quad (\text{ROM})$$

Reduced “operators” $\hat{\mathbf{c}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{H}}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{B}}$ are learned by **minimizing the ROM equation residual** with respect to observed states:

$$\hat{\mathbf{c}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{H}}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{B}} = \underset{\bar{\mathbf{c}}, \bar{\mathbf{A}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{B}}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_j \left\| \dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j - (\bar{\mathbf{c}} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j + \bar{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j] + \cdots + \bar{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{u}_j) \right\|_2^2,$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j = \mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{q}_j$ and $\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j$ is an estimate of its time derivative.

Operator Inference (OpInf)

Advantages:

- Inference problem is linear least squares
- Covers a wide range of nonlinear phenomena
- Has extensions to discrete systems, noisy data, parametric problems, etc.

Disadvantages:

- Tends to perform poorly for transient dynamics
- Sensitive to the accuracy of the time derivative estimates $\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j \approx \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)|_{t=t_j}$

Package: [opinf](#)

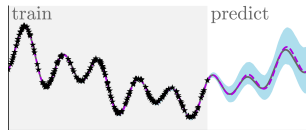


Figure: [McQuarrie et al., 2025]

Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics (SINDy)

For dynamics with unknown structure, SINDy uses **sparsity-promoting (L^1) regression** of (reduced) states to select coefficients for a **library of nonlinear terms**:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \approx \mathbf{\Xi}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)), \quad (\text{ROM})$$

$$\mathbf{\Xi} = [\boldsymbol{\xi}_1 \ \cdots \ \boldsymbol{\xi}_r], \quad \boldsymbol{\xi}_i = \underset{\bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}^{(i)} - \mathbf{\Theta}(\hat{\mathbf{Q}})\bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}}\|_2 + \lambda \|\bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}}\|_1,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}^{(i)} &= [\dot{q}_i(t_0) \ \cdots \ \dot{q}_i(t_{n_t-1})]^T, \\ \mathbf{\Theta}(\hat{\mathbf{Q}}) &= [\boldsymbol{\theta}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_0) \ \cdots \ \boldsymbol{\theta}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{n_t-1})]^T, \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}) &= [1 \ \hat{\mathbf{q}}^T \ (\hat{\mathbf{q}} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}})^T \ \cdots \ \sin(\hat{\mathbf{q}})^T \ \cos(\hat{\mathbf{q}})^T \ \cdots]^T. \end{aligned}$$

Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics (SINDy)

Advantages:

- Can learn a fully nonlinear model
- Resulting models are parsimonious (few terms), interpretable
- Has extensions to control systems, noisy data, parametric problems, etc.

Disadvantages:

- Library of candidate terms must be specified by hand
- Regression problem, though sparse, can be very large
- Sensitive to the accuracy of the time derivative estimates

Package: [PySINDy](#)

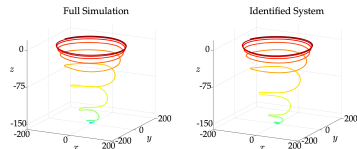


Figure: [Brunton et al., 2016]

Eigenvalue Realization (ERA) / Subspace Identification

These methods identify/learn **linear** input-output systems starting at rest,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{q}(t) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{q}(t_0) = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{q}(t) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t).\end{aligned}$$

Markov parameters $\mathbf{M}_1, \mathbf{M}_2, \dots$ can be estimated from long enough time series by solving a least-squares problem based on the solution formula

$$\mathbf{y}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{i-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(i) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{M}_i\mathbf{u}(i) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(k)$$

The matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{C} are estimated from the **Hankel matrix**:

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_1 & \mathbf{M}_2 & \mathbf{M}_3 & \cdots \\ \mathbf{M}_2 & \mathbf{M}_3 & \mathbf{M}_4 & \cdots \\ \mathbf{M}_3 & \mathbf{M}_4 & \mathbf{M}_5 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalue Realization (ERA) / Subspace Identification

Advantages

- Allows full system construction only from input-output pairs; no state data involved
- Methods yield error bounds on given data
- Preserves stability of the underlying system
- Has been extended to general noise models, etc.

Disadvantages

- Hankel matrices can be ill-conditioned
- System order depends on rank decision over estimated Markov parameters
- Assumes the data corresponds to a linear system

Physics Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) aim to solve

$$u_t + \mathcal{N}(u) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad t \in [0, T]$$

by approximating \mathcal{N} with a neural network (NN). The standard NN loss function is augmented with the PDE residual and residuals for initial and boundary conditions.

Neural Operators, such as **DeepONet** and **Fourier Neural Operator**, establish a NN architecture designed to learn maps between infinite dimensional function spaces. Given a set of coefficients/boundary conditions, the aim is to learn the solution function of a (parametric) PDE.

Practical Considerations for Data-driven Modeling

- **Data availability and quality**

How dense are the data in time? How many data samples are required?
Are the data trustworthy, or is there observational noise?

- **Data transformations**

What variables should the data be expressed in? Do all entries have the same units?
How are multiple state variables combined?

- **Dimension reduction**

How should the states be approximated with only a few degrees of freedom?
How many degrees of freedom are needed? How do we avoid bias?

- **Model structure**

What kind of model should be learned? What structure or properties should it have?

- **Computational scalability**

What happens if the state dimension is very large ($n \sim 10^8$)?

Demonstration: Compressible Euler Flow of an Ideal Gas (1D)

[TimeDomain/CompressibleEuler1D/demo.ipynb](#)

Euler: Governing Equations

The following Euler equations model the compressible flow of an ideal gas with periodic boundary conditions in the 1D spatial domain $\Omega = [0, L]$.

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}_c}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v \\ \rho e \end{bmatrix} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{bmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ (\rho e + p)v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{q}_c(0, t) = \vec{q}_c(L, t) \quad \vec{q}_c(x, t_0) = \vec{q}_{c,0}(x)$$

	name	units
ρ	density	kg/m ³
v	velocity	m/s
e	internal energy	m ² /s ²
p	pressure	kg / m·s ²

The state variable are related via the ideal gas law

$$\rho e = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2, \quad \gamma = 1.4 \text{ (heat capacity ratio).}$$

Note that the dynamics are **non-polynomially nonlinear** with respect to ρ , ρv , and ρe .

Euler: Full-order Model and Training Data

The FOM discretizes the spatial derivatives with finite differences over an equidistant grid $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{n_x} = L$.

$$\mathbf{q}_c(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho(t) \\ \rho \mathbf{v}(t) \\ \rho e(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho(x_0, t) \\ \vdots \\ \rho(x_{n_x-1}, t) \\ (\rho v)(x_0, t) \\ \vdots \\ (\rho v)(x_{n_x-1}, t) \\ (\rho e)(x_0, t) \\ \vdots \\ (\rho e)(x_{n_x-1}, t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Training trajectories are generated for 16 initial conditions over a limited time domain $t \in [0, t_{\text{obs}}]$ with 200 time steps after the initial condition.

$$\mathbf{Q}_c^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{c,0}^{(1)} & \dots & \mathbf{q}_{c,200}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vdots$$
$$\mathbf{Q}_c^{(16)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{c,0}^{(16)} & \dots & \mathbf{q}_{c,200}^{(16)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Review: Operator Inference

For a polynomial FOM, OpInf poses a ROM with the **same polynomial form**:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{H}[\mathbf{q}(t) \otimes \mathbf{q}(t)] \quad (\text{FOM})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)] \quad (\text{ROM})$$

The reduced “operator” $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ is learned by **minimizing the ROM equation residual** with respect to observed states:

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \underset{\bar{\mathbf{H}}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_j \left\| \dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j - \bar{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j] \right\|^2, \quad \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j = \mathbf{V}_r^\top \mathbf{q}_j$$

This problem has no inputs ($\mathbf{u}(t) \equiv 0$) and—after some work—only quadratic state terms.

Euler: Lift to a Polynomial Form

Problem: OpInf constructs ROMs with polynomial structure, but the dynamics of this system are **non-polynomially nonlinear** with respect to the state $\vec{q}_c = (\rho, \rho v, \rho e)$.

Solution: Let $\vec{q} = (v, p, \zeta)$, where $\zeta = 1/\rho$ is the specific volume [m³/kg]. Then

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}_c}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{bmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ (\rho e + p)v \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ p \\ \zeta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \zeta \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \\ -\gamma p \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \\ -v \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} + \zeta \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The transformed system is **quadratic** with respect to $\vec{q} = (v, p, \zeta)$.

Euler: Lift to a Polynomial Form

Problem: OpInf constructs ROMs with polynomial structure, but the dynamics of this system are **non-polynomially nonlinear** with respect to the state $\vec{q}_c = (\rho, \rho v, \rho e)$.

Solution: Transform the training data from $\vec{q}_c = (\rho, \rho v, \rho e)$ to $\vec{q} = (v, p, \zeta)$:

$$\mathbf{Q}_c^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_\rho^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{\rho v}^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{\rho e}^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_v^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{Q}_p^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{Q}_\zeta^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Q}^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 16.$$

This motivates learning a ROM with **quadratic** structure.

Euler: Center and/or Scale Data

Problem: The values of v , p , and ζ have very different units and scales.

	name	units	minimum	maximum
v	velocity	m/s	9.38×10^1	1.06×10^2
p	pressure	kg/ms ²	9.07×10^4	1.10×10^5
ζ	specific volume	m ³ /kg	3.81×10^{-2}	5.46×10^{-2}

Solution: Non-dimensionalize (scale) the training data by normalizing each variable by an appropriate characteristic scale.

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_v^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{Q}_p^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{Q}_\zeta^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_v^{(i)} / (10^2 \text{ m/s}) \\ \mathbf{Q}_p^{(i)} / (10^5 \text{ kg/ms}^2) \\ \mathbf{Q}_\zeta^{(i)} / (10^{-1} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 16.$$

Euler: Reduce Data Dimensionality

Problem: The transformed, scaled state variable $\mathbf{q}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is high-dimensional.¹

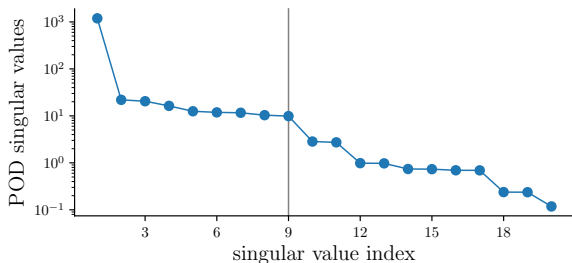
Solution: Approximate with a **low-dimensional state representation**,

$$\mathbf{q}(t) \approx \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t), \quad \mathbf{V}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^r, \quad r \ll n.$$

The usual choice for the **basis matrix** \mathbf{V}_r is **proper orthogonal decomposition (POD)**:

$$\Phi \Sigma \Psi^T = \text{svd} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}^{(1)} & \dots & \mathbf{Q}^{(16)} \end{bmatrix} \right),$$
$$\mathbf{V}_r := \Phi_{:, :r}.$$

The singular values $\text{diag}(\Sigma)$ can inform the choice for r .



¹Well, $n = 3n_x = 600$ is not large, but in larger applications n can be on the order of 10^6 – 10^9 .

Euler: Reduce Data Dimensionality

Problem: The transformed, scaled state variable $\mathbf{q}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is high-dimensional.

Solution: With $\mathbf{V}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ fixed, **compress the data** by minimizing approximation error:

$$\mathbf{q}(t) \approx \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{Q}}^{(i)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}} \left\| \mathbf{Q}^{(i)} - \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{Q}} \right\|_F = \mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{Q}^{(i)}.$$

Sanity Check: Compute the reconstruction error,

$$\left\| \mathbf{Q}^{(i)} - \mathbf{V}_r \hat{\mathbf{Q}}^{(i)} \right\|_F = \left\| \mathbf{Q}^{(i)} - \mathbf{V}_r \mathbf{V}_r^T \mathbf{Q}^{(i)} \right\|_F.$$

This should be small for the data as a whole **and** for individual state variables.

Euler: Learn Reduced Operators from Data

The OpInf ROM is defined by a matrix $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)], \quad \hat{\mathbf{H}} = \underset{\bar{\mathbf{H}}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{j=1}^K \left\| \bar{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j] - \dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j \right\|_2^2 + \lambda^2 \left\| \bar{\mathbf{H}} \right\|_F^2.$$

We need time derivative estimates $\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j \approx \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)|_{t=t_j}$, e.g., via finite differences:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \right|_{t=t_j} \approx \frac{-25\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t_j) + 48\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t_j + \delta t) - 36\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t_j + 2\delta t) + 16\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t_j + 3\delta t) - 3\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t_j + 4\delta t)}{12\delta t}.$$

This fourth-order forward difference does not give estimates for the last 4 time steps.

$$\operatorname{ddt}(\hat{\mathbf{Q}}^{(i)}) \mapsto \hat{\mathbf{Q}}^{(i)}, \dot{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}}^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 16$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = [\hat{\mathbf{Q}}^{(1)} \quad \dots \quad \hat{\mathbf{Q}}^{(16)}]$$
$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}} = [\dot{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}}^{(1)} \quad \dots \quad \dot{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}}^{(16)}]$$

Euler: Learn Reduced Operators from Data

The OpInf ROM is defined by a matrix $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) &= \hat{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)], & \hat{\mathbf{H}} &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\bar{\mathbf{H}}} \sum_j \left\| \bar{\mathbf{H}}[\hat{\mathbf{q}}_j \otimes \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j] - \dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}_j \right\|_2^2 + \lambda^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{H}}\|_F^2. \\ & & &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\bar{\mathbf{H}}} \left\| (\hat{\mathbf{Q}} \odot \hat{\mathbf{Q}})^T \bar{\mathbf{H}}^T - \dot{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}}^T \right\|_2^2 + \lambda^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{H}}\|_F^2,\end{aligned}$$

where \odot applies \otimes columnwise.

Problem: Representation of $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ is not unique.

Solution: Use a “compressed” Kronecker product.

Form $\mathbf{D} = (\hat{\mathbf{Q}} \odot \hat{\mathbf{Q}})^T$ and solve

$$(\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D} + \lambda^2 \mathbf{I}) \hat{\mathbf{H}}^T = \mathbf{D}^T \dot{\hat{\mathbf{Q}}}^T$$

FOM data must be **pre-processed**:

- Lift/transform to a polynomial form
- Center and/or scale
- Reduce data dimensionality
- Learn reduced operators from data

ROM solutions must be **post-processed**:

- Decompress reduced states
- Unscale and/or uncenter
- Unlift/untransform to original form
- Sanity check: compare to training data

Demonstration: Vortex-shedding Flow Past a Cylinder (2D)

[TimeDomain/VortexShedding2D/demo.ipynb](#)

Addressing Scalability Bottlenecks

Problem: In large-scale problems, the snapshot dimension can be extremely large (It may not even be possible to load the full snapshots into memory!)

Solution 1: Domain decomposition [Farcas et al., 2024b]

- Split the domain into overlapping regions
- Localize the reduced basis in space
- Couple data-driven models for each subdomain

Solution 2: Distributed memory computing [Farcas et al., 2024a]

- Process data and learn models in parallel
- Key step: POD through the method of snapshots [Sirovich, 1987]

Additional tutorial: github.com/ionutfarcas/distributed_Operator_Inference

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This part: **Time domain perspective**

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Next part: **Frequency domain perspective**

Part 2: Learning from Frequency Data

Transforming to the Frequency Domain with the Laplace Transform

For a given time domain signal $f: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, the **Laplace transform** of f is the function²

$$F(s) := \mathcal{L}\{f\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt,$$

so that $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$. The frequency domain lives in the complex numbers.

Time domain system

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{q}(t) &= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}(t) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{q}(0) = \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{y}(t) &= \mathbf{C} \mathbf{q}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Differential equations

Frequency domain system

$$\begin{aligned} s \mathbf{E} \mathbf{Q}(s) &= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}(s) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{U}(s) \\ \mathbf{Y}(s) &= \mathbf{C} \mathbf{Q}(s) \end{aligned}$$

Algebraic equations



$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathcal{L}\{\mathbf{q}\}, \quad \mathbf{U} = \mathcal{L}\{\mathbf{u}\}, \quad \mathbf{Y} = \mathcal{L}\{\mathbf{y}\}$$

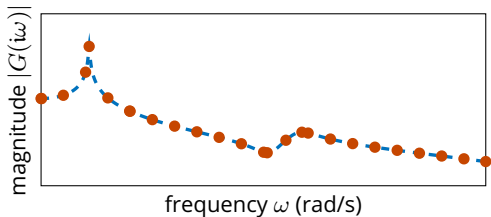
²The discrete-time equivalent is called the Z-transform and works analogously.

Transfer Function Data

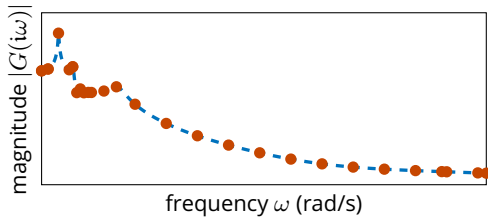
The **transfer function** $G: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{p \times m}$ describes the input-to-output behavior of linear systems in the frequency domain

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = \mathbf{G}(s)\mathbf{U}(s) = (\mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}) \mathbf{U}(s).$$

Frequency-domain data are **transfer function evaluations** $\{(\omega_i, \mathbf{g}_i = \mathbf{G}(j\omega_i))\}_{i=1}^N$.



(a) Data from an artificial fishtail.



(b) Data from a butterfly gyroscope.

Frequency vs. Time Domain

Equivalence of Representations

The time and frequency domain descriptions of systems are equivalent and high accuracy in either domain ensures overall high accuracy.

	Time domain	Frequency domain
Problem setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fit differential/difference equations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fit (rational) complex functions
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• time series data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• function evaluations
Noise effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• carries through time evolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• isolated in frequency points
Dynamics types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• suited for linear and nonlinear dynamics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• suited for linear dynamics (nonlinear dynamics are currently researched)

Frequency-domain Methods for Data-driven MOR

- **Loewner Framework**
[Antoulas and Anderson, 1986, Mayo and Antoulas, 2007]
- **Vector Fitting (VF)**
[Gustavsen and Semlyen, 1999, Drmač et al., 2015]
- **Rational Krylov Fitting (RKFIT)**
[Berljafa and Güttel, 2017, Elsworth and Güttel, 2019]
- **Adaptive Antoulas-Anderson (AAA)**
[Nakatsukasa et al., 2018, Gosea and Güttel, 2021]
- **Quadrature-based reduced-order modeling**
[Gosea et al., 2022]
- **Optimization-based reduced-order modeling**
[Hund et al., 2022, Mlinarić and Gugercin, 2023, Schwerdtner and Voigt, 2023]

Loewner framework

The Loewner framework constructs frequency domain models $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ via interpolation:
Given the data $\{(\mu_i, \mathbf{g}_i)\}_i$, find $\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}$ so that

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}}(\mu_i) = \mathbf{g}_i \quad \text{for all } i.$$

The model is constructed directly from data via **Loewner matrices**

$$\mathbb{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{g_{\ell,1} - g_{r,1}}{\mu_{\ell,1} - \mu_{r,1}} & \frac{g_{\ell,1} - g_{r,2}}{\mu_{\ell,1} - \mu_{r,2}} & \cdots \\ \frac{g_{\ell,2} - g_{r,1}}{\mu_{\ell,2} - \mu_{r,1}} & \frac{g_{\ell,2} - g_{r,2}}{\mu_{\ell,2} - \mu_{r,2}} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{L}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mu_{\ell,1}g_{\ell,1} - \mu_{r,1}g_{r,1}}{\mu_{\ell,1} - \mu_{r,1}} & \frac{\mu_{\ell,1}g_{\ell,1} - \mu_{r,2}g_{r,2}}{\mu_{\ell,1} - \mu_{r,2}} & \cdots \\ \frac{\mu_{\ell,2}g_{\ell,2} - \mu_{r,1}g_{r,1}}{\mu_{\ell,2} - \mu_{r,1}} & \frac{\mu_{\ell,2}g_{\ell,2} - \mu_{r,2}g_{r,2}}{\mu_{\ell,2} - \mu_{r,2}} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix},$$
$$\mathbf{B}_{\mathbb{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{\ell,1} \\ g_{\ell,2} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{\mathbb{L}} = [g_{r,1} \quad g_{r,2} \quad \cdots].$$

Advantages

- Can exactly identify unknown linear systems
- Easy and efficient construction of approximations
- Extensions for preserving system structures and properties (stability, passivity, ...)

Disadvantages

- Rank reductions break theoretic results
- Approximation error away from interpolation points can be large
- Interpolation is not suited for noisy data

Demonstration: Mass-Spring-Damper System

[FrequencyDomain/MassSpringDamper/demo.ipynb](#)

Demonstration: Thermal Diffusion System

`FrequencyDomain/ThermalDiffusion/demo.ipynb`

Quadrature-based methods

These methods are based on solving integrals appearing in model order reduction via quadrature rules, for example, in balanced truncation we need to compute

$$P = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathrm{j}\omega \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^{\top} (-\mathrm{j}\omega \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-\top} \mathrm{d}\omega$$
$$\approx \sum_{k=1}^N \phi_k (\mathrm{j}\omega_k \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}^{\top} (-\mathrm{j}\omega_k \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-\top}.$$

Reduced-order models $\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \hat{\mathbf{C}}, \hat{\mathbf{E}}$ can be directly written from data and quadrature weights using Loewner matrices.

Quadrature-based methods

Advantages

- Bounds on the approximation error exist
- Sophisticated reduced-order models can be constructed without intermediate medium-scale approximations
- Properties of intrusive model reduction methods can carry over (stability, passivity, ...)

Disadvantages

- High quadrature accuracy is needed and depends on unknown problem structure
- Loses most theoretical guarantees when applied to fixed data
- Intermediate Loewner matrices can become very large

Least-squares Methods

General problem: Least-squares methods aim to compute transfer functions (or related objects) to fit the data in a least-squares sense

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^N \|g_j - \mathbf{G}(\mu_j)\|_F^2.$$

- In **vector fitting**, the transfer function is reformulated in barycentric form

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}}(s) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^r \frac{\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}}{s - \lambda_k} \right) \Bigg/ \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{\beta_k}{s - \lambda_k} \right)$$

and then fitted via dynamically weighted linear least squares.

- In **RKFIT**, RKFUNs are fitted to the data using rational Krylov subspaces iteratively. RKFUNs can then be transformed into transfer functions.

Least-squares methods

Advantages

- Works well with noisy data
- Fast run times due to intermediate linearizations

Disadvantages

- Non-robust convergence behavior
- Can get stuck in suboptimal local minima

Package: [RKFIT Toolbox](#)

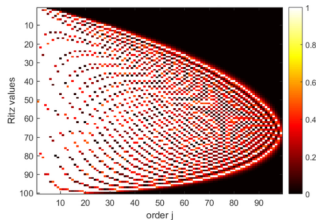


Figure: RKFIT Website

Optimization-based methods

Optimization methods generalize least-squares approaches to brute-force fit system parameters to given data.

Advantages

- Can provide current approximation error during execution
- Different system structures can be included

Disadvantages

- Expensive training costs (time and memory) for brute force optimization
- Easily stuck in suboptimal local minima

AAA Algorithm

The **Adaptive Antoulas-Anderson (AAA)** algorithm is based on the idea of combining the best of interpolation and least-squares:

- First, interpolate in data points that maximize the approximation error
- Second, fit the remaining data in a linear least-squares sense

The key component for the algorithm's performance is the **interpolatory barycentric form**

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^r \frac{\mathbf{g}_j w_j}{s - \lambda_j}}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{w_j}{s - \lambda_j}},$$

which interpolates selected points by construction but has leftover degrees of freedom for the least-squares fit.

Advantages

- Incorporates the complete data set without overparametrization
- Provides accuracy in crucial points via interpolation
- Adaptive choice of reduced order

Disadvantages

- No guaranteed monotonic error decay
- Linearized least-squares error can be strongly different from true approximation error
- Assumes the existence of “good enough” data for interpolation

Demonstration: Porous Bone Vibrations

[FrequencyDomain/PorousBone/demo.ipynb](#)

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Frequency domain perspective

- Data are **frequency / transfer function evaluation** pairs
- Methods should be **chosen** with respect to amount and quality of data
- Usually targets **linear** time-invariant systems

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