Generative subgrid-scale modeling

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Data-driven SGS modeling

Applying a filter G to the NS equation: $\widetilde{u} = G * u$

$$\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial t} + u_{j} \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_{i}} + \nu \frac{\partial^{2} u_{i}}{\partial x_{j} \partial x_{j}}, \quad \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{i}}{\partial t} + \widetilde{u}_{j} \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \widetilde{p}}{\partial x_{i}} + \nu \frac{\partial^{2} \widetilde{u}_{i}}{\partial x_{j} \partial x_{j}} - \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_{j}}, \quad \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} = 0,$$
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closure term: $\tau_{ij} = \widetilde{u_i u_j} - \widetilde{u}_i \widetilde{u}_j$.

Classical modeling: empirical models, i.e. Smagorinsky model;

Data-driven SGS modeling: solve a regression problem:

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{n} \left\| \phi_{\theta}(\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}^{(n)}) - \tau^{(n)} \right\|^{2}. \tag{2}$$

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generative SGS model

Observation on the SGS modeling dataset:

Data imbalance: a large potion of data has negligible magnitude.

Multivaluedness: multiple values of stresses correspond to a single input, resulting in a large training error.

Solution to multivaluedness: modeling the closure term as a distribution conditioned on the input

$$au = \phi_{\theta}(u) \quad \rightarrow \quad \tau \sim p_{\theta}(\cdot|u).$$

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=n}^{N} \log p_{\theta}(\tau^{(n)}|u^{(n)}) \Longleftrightarrow \min_{\theta} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{(\tau^{(n)} - \mu_{\theta}(u^{(n)}))^{2}}{2(\sigma_{\theta}(u^{(n)}))^{2}} + \log \sigma_{\theta}(u^{(n)}).$$

Comparison with NN ansatz and Smagorinsky model ansatz

