

A score-based small atomic model with application to stress calculation

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1. Problem setting

Consider a region Ω of N atoms, we divide the system into two sub-regions (see Figure 1). The inner system Ω_I with atoms position X , refers to the region of interest, and the surrounding region Ω_{II} with atoms position Y , can be regarded as an elastic medium surrounding the defects.

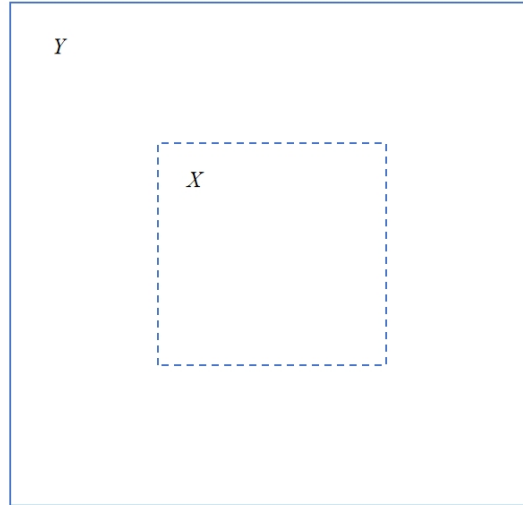


Figure 1: A region consists of inner atomic system X and outer atomic system Y .

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In principle, we could simulate the full atomic system $X \cup Y$ according to some ensemble distribution $\rho(X, Y)$, then calculate the macroscopic physical quantities A of interests using the inner atoms information X :

$$A = \int A(X) \rho(X, Y) dX dY. \quad (1)$$

Notice that we only concern the quantities inside Ω_I , the macroscopic quantity A depends only on inner atoms information X , while the simulation of outer atoms Y serves as a boundary condition of X .

When the freedom N is very large, a full simulation of $X \cup Y$ becomes expensive and we would just equip X with some artificial boundary conditions to approximate the effect of the large surrounding system Ω_{II} . In this article, we would propose a score-based small atomic model (SB-SAM) to learn some effective distribution $\rho_e(X)$, with which we have:

$$\int A(X) \rho_e(X) dX = \int A(X) \rho(X, Y) dX dY. \quad (2)$$

With such an effective distribution, we need only simulate the inner atoms X , which yields a statistical average equivalent to that of the entire system

2. Method: a score-based small atomic model

From equations (2), we know the exact formulation of ρ_e can be defined as the marginal distribution of ρ :

$$\rho_e^*(X) \triangleq \int \rho(X, Y) dY. \quad (3)$$

This indicates that we can first simulate the full system $X \cup Y$ to obtain samples $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n$, of which $(X_i, Y_i) \sim \rho(X, Y)$, then drop $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ to get samples $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ distributed according to $\rho_e^*(X)$. Next, using the score matching techniques widely used in the generative learning, a score network $S(X, \theta)$ can be learned to approximate ρ_e as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^* &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \rho_e^*} \|S(X, \theta) - \nabla \log \rho_e^*(X)\|_2^2, \\ &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{X \sim \rho_e^*} [\|S(X, \theta)\|_2^2 + 2 \nabla \cdot S(X, \theta)]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

It should be pointed out that, DSM, SSM and diffusion progress can also be used here to improve the learning efficiency of $S(X, \theta)$. Furthermore, $S(X, \theta)$ can be used to generate samples by some classical sampling methods, like annealed Langevin Monte Carlo method.

In general, the distribution $\rho(X, Y)$ is defined to describe various ensembles under different constraints. For a canonical ensemble at temperature T , under deformation F , the ensemble distribution is written as

$$\rho(X, Y|F, T) = \frac{1}{\tilde{Z}} \exp[-\beta \tilde{V}(X, Y; F)], \quad (5)$$

where $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$, \tilde{V} is some multi-body potential and \tilde{Z} is the partition function. To ensure our score function $S(X, \theta)$ adapted to different F and T , we could further extend the score learning in (4) to the conditional generative learning. Since the joint distribution of (X, F, T) can be written as

$$\rho^*(X, F, T) \propto \rho(X|F, T)\rho(F, T), \quad (6)$$

Now we first generate samples $\{F_i, T_i\}_{i=1}^n$ according to some uniform distribution, with the size of density support being $N_{F,T}$. Then we draw $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ at different temperature T_i and deformation F_i according to (5). By keeping the $\{X_i, F_i, T_i\}_{i=1}^n$, we can learn the score for $\rho^*(X, F, T)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^* &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(X, F, T) \sim \rho^*(X, F, T)} \|S(X, F, T, \theta) - \nabla \log \rho_e^*(X, F, T)\|_2^2, \\ &= \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(X, F, T) \sim \rho^*(X, F, T)} [\|S(X, F, T, \theta)\|_2^2 + 2\nabla \cdot S(X, F, T, \theta)]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Once we have learned the score $S(X, F, T, \theta^*)$ for the approximation of $\nabla \log \rho_e^*(X, F, T)$, the score of conditional distribution $\rho(X|F, T)$ can be calculated by (6) as:

$$S(X|F, T, \theta) = S(X, F, T, \theta^*) \cdot \mathbf{e}_X, \quad (8)$$

in which \mathbf{e}_X is a vector with first Nd elements being 1 and the rest elements are set to be zero.

3. Application to stress calculation

In this section, we shall apply SB-SAM to the calculation of the first Piola-Kirchoff stress.

Appendix A. Example Appendix Section

Appendix text.

Example citation, See [1].

References

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