

# Modeling the Lorenz Attractor with SINDY

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# Abstract

## Introduction

System identification techniques for recovering a system's governing equations from data collected from the system are useful for a wide range of applications in various fields. The system-identification algorithm proposed in [paper] involves sparse identification of nonlinear dynamical systems (SINDy). As stated in the title, the algorithm relies on the assumption that dynamics of the system depend on only a few linear and nonlinear terms. The algorithm has been

## SINDY Algorithm

The algorithm is effective under the assumption that the physical systems that are to be studied with SINDy have dynamics that are determined but only a few terms and are thus sparse in a high-dimensional nonlinear function space. The algorithm applies to systems of the form

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state of the system at time  $t$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  consists of the governing equations of the system. Since  $\mathbf{f}$  is sparse in the nonlinear function space, the solution to the system can be obtained with convex methods/regression ?

To compute the active nonlinear terms in the dynamics, the system

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{\Theta}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{\Xi} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{X}}$  are data matrices containing the samples of the state and its derivative at times  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$  arranged as follows

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^T(t_1) \\ \mathbf{x}^T(t_2) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^T(t_m) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t_1) & x_2(t_1) & \cdots & x_n(t_1) \\ x_1(t_2) & x_2(t_2) & \cdots & x_n(t_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1(t_m) & x_2(t_m) & \cdots & x_n(t_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T(t_1) \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T(t_2) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T(t_m) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t_1) & \dot{x}_2(t_1) & \cdots & \dot{x}_n(t_1) \\ \dot{x}_1(t_2) & \dot{x}_2(t_2) & \cdots & \dot{x}_n(t_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dot{x}_1(t_m) & \dot{x}_2(t_m) & \cdots & \dot{x}_n(t_m) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The state data are input to the library of candidate functions,  $\Theta(\mathbf{X})$ , which consist of constant, polynomial, and trigonometric terms that are chosen based on hypotheses about the system dynamics. [[More about choosing functions]]. The terms of the candidate functions are arranged in a matrix

$$\Theta(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & & | & | & \\ 1 & \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{X}^{P_2} & \cdots & \sin(\mathbf{X}) & \cos(\mathbf{X}) & \cdots \\ | & | & | & & | & | & \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where polynomials of degree  $i$  are denoted  $\mathbf{X}^{P_i}$ . For example,  $\mathbf{X}^{P_2}$  contains quadratic nonlinearities in the state  $\mathbf{x}$  as follows

$$\mathbf{X}^{P_2} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2(t_1) & x_1(t_1)x_2(t_1) & \cdots & x_2^2(t_1) & \cdots & x_n^2(t_1) \\ x_1^2(t_2) & x_1(t_2)x_2(t_2) & \cdots & x_2^2(t_2) & \cdots & x_n^2(t_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^2(t_m) & x_1(t_m)x_2(t_m) & \cdots & x_2^2(t_m) & \cdots & x_n^2(t_m) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The final term in Eq. (2),  $\Xi = [\xi_1 \xi_2 \cdots \xi_n]$  contains sparse vectors of coefficients that determine the influence the active nonlinear terms. Solving for these coefficients requires a distinct optimization of each vector,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \Xi^T (\Theta(\mathbf{x}^T))^T. \quad (4)$$

**SINDyC Algorithm**

**Lorenz Attractor**

**Theory**

**Results**

**0.1 Further Study**

**Conclusion**

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