Learning Dynamical Systems from Invariant Measures

BIRS Workshop: New Ideas in Computational Inverse Problems

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Motivation and Theory

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The weak-* limit of occupation measures is invariant.

$$\mu(T^{-1}(B)) = \mu(B)$$

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Note: this procedure does not use the sampling times of observations.

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New contributions:

- Ability to model intrinsically noisy trajectories
- Large-scale parameter identification
- Learning dynamics in time-delay coordinates

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We need a forward model for which the mapping $v \mapsto \mu$ is easily differentiable!

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We discretize the FPE via a first order upwind finite volume method to form a Markov chain approximation of the dynamics.

$$\rho^{(\ell+1)} = M\rho^{(\ell)}, \quad M = I + K$$



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Now, the steady state can be uniquely found by solving a sparse linear system.

$$(1-\epsilon)(M-I)\rho = -\frac{\epsilon}{N}\mathbf{1}$$

Forward Model vs. Occupation Measures



Forward Model vs. Trajectory Histogram with Diffusion = 0.001

Selecting an Objective Function

$$L^{2}(\rho, \rho^{*}) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\rho(x) - \rho^{*}(x))^{2} dx$$

$$D_{\mathrm{KL}}(\rho, \rho^*) := \int_{\Omega'} \rho^*(x) \log\left(\frac{\rho^*(x)}{\rho(x)}\right) dx$$

 $D_{\rm JS}(\rho, \rho^*) = \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(\rho, \rho') + \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(\rho^*, \rho')$

Kullback-Leibler Divergence

Jenson-Shannon Divergence

$$W_2^2(\rho, \rho^*) := \inf_{T_{\rho, \rho^*} \in \mathcal{M}} \int_{\Omega} |x - T_{\rho, \rho^*}(x)|^2 d\rho(x)$$

Quadratic Wasserstein Distance

Computing the Gradient

Using the Adjoint State Method

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Compute gradient with respect to the piecewise constant velocities used in the Markov matrix.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial v_i} = \lambda \cdot \frac{\partial M_{\epsilon}}{\partial v_i} \rho$$

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The Optimization Framework

- 1.) Solve the forward problem
- 2.) Evaluate the cost
- 3.) Compute the Frechet derivative
- 4.) Solve the adjoint equation
- 5.) Compute the gradient
- 6.) Descend

$$M_{\epsilon}\rho = \rho$$

$$\mathcal{J}(
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$$(M_{\epsilon}^{T} - I)\lambda = -\phi + \phi \cdot \rho \mathbf{1}$$

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Adam, L-BFGS-B, CG, etc.

Numerical Results



Inverse solution



Lorenz-63 System - Inverting V1



What if we only have partial observations?



 $y: \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}$

 $\underbrace{\{y(x(t_i))\}_{i=1}^N}_{\text{available data}}$

full dynamics

observation function

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Motivated by Takens' Theorem (1981), we can linstead earn the dynamics in delay coordinates.

$$\exists \underbrace{\Phi : \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}^d}_{d} \text{ with } \Phi(x(t)) = (y(t), y(t-\tau), \dots, y(t-2d\tau))$$

diffeomorphism



Application to a Hall-Effect Thruster (HET)



Varying the Paramaterization



C(t)

Quantifying Model Uncertainty



Temperature Prediction with Uncertainty Quantification



Future Directions

- Dimension-free and mesh-free approaches
- Unstructured Mesh
- Higher order finite volume method
- Study inverse problem regularity
- The case of multiple attractors
- Learning an anisotropic diffusion

Thank you!

Questions?