Reduced order modeling of dynamical systems using ANNs for water circulation
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General circulation models are essential tools in weather forecasting and environmental sciences.

Oil spill monitoring, algae bloom prediction and detection of freshwater contamination by salt are just a few examples of harmful events that can be addressed by circulation models.

These models solve discretized complex physical equations, in order to compute the evolution of circulation states over time.

High resolution numerical solutions of such models are extremely computational and time consuming.

ML based low-dimensional surrogate models are a promising alternative to speed up circulation forecasts without undermining the quality of predictions.
Goal and problem description

- **Goal:** Develop fast and accurate low-dimensional surrogate models to produce 36 hours depth-averaged hydrodynamics forecasts of a freshwater lake.

- **Application:** Prevent a freshwater basin contamination by salt and harmful biological agents using water circulation prediction.

- **Scenario:** A complex dynamical system consisting of a realistic geometric representation of Lake George (LG), in NY, together with challenging atmospheric forcing terms.
## Approach

**ANN-based reduced order modeling**

- Reduce the dimensionality of the available circulation data sets generated by the numerical simulator SUNTANS using the *Proper Orthogonal Decomposition* (POD) technique.
- Perform the separation of spatial and temporal variables by projecting the input data onto the reduced spatial basis.
- Apply *Artificial Neural Networks* (ANN) with supervised learning to predict the evolution of the resulting time series associated to the POD temporal coefficients.
After spatial discretization, the numerical circulation solver provides the following set of time dependent ODEs

\[
\frac{dQ_h(t)}{dt} + N_h(Q_h(t)) = S_h(t), \quad t \in \mathcal{T}
\]

where \( Q_h : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M \) is the discrete solution, \( M \) is the number of DOFs, \( N_h \) and \( S_h : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M \) are the discrete nonlinear operator and source term \( S \), respectively, and \( \mathcal{T} \subset [0, T] \).
Assumptions

- We assume that reduced basis (RB) functions do exist and define the $L$-dimensional space

$$\nabla_{rb} = \text{span}\{\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_L\} \subset \nabla_h$$

where $\nabla_h$ is a subspace of a Hilbert space $\nabla$ defined over the original domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d (d = 1, 2, 3)$ of the problem.

- An approximation of the full-order system can be expressed by the ansatz

$$Q_{rb}(x, t) = \bar{q}(x) + q'(x, t) = \bar{q}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{L} a_i(t) \psi_i(x)$$

where $a(t) = [a_1(t), \ldots, a_L(t)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^L$; $\bar{q}$ and $q'$ are mean and fluctuating quantities.
The snapshot POD method produces a set of $L$ orthonormal basis functions defined over $M$ degrees of freedom\(^1\)

$$\Phi = [\Psi_1, \ldots, \Psi_L] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times L} \text{ with } \Psi_i = \psi_i(x_j).$$

$Q_{rb}$ can be written as the product of a column-wise matrix of spatial functions $\Psi_i$ and a row-wise matrix of temporal coefficients $a(t)$ defined over $N$ instants as

$$Q_{rb} = \bar{q}(x) + \Phi A \text{ with } \Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times L}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times N},$$

$$A = [a(t_1), \ldots, a(t_N)].$$

\(^1\) $M =$ number of discrete nodes $x_j$ of a given mesh multiplied by the number of field variables.
The Lorenz system consists of the following set of ODEs:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x} &= \sigma(y - x), \\
\dot{y} &= x(\rho - z) - y, \\
\dot{z} &= xy - \beta z.
\end{align*}
\]

Time derivatives of the coordinates \(x, y\) and \(z\) can be interpreted as three separate time series.

We trained a FCNN to predict the deterministic and chaotic regimes of the Lorenz system.

We performed a hyperparameter optimization to find the best neural network architecture for predicting the chaotic case.

Then, we ran the same FCNN to predict both system regimes.
Lorenz discrete system

Chaotic setup

\[ \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \]

\[ e_{\dot{x}} = \dot{x}_{\text{ref}} - \dot{x} \]

\[ x, y, z \]

\[ e_{x} = x_{\text{ref}} - x \]
Lorenz discrete system

Deterministic setup

\[ \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \]

\[ e_x = \dot{x}_{\text{ref}} - \dot{x} \]

\[ x, y, z \]

\[ e_x = x_{\text{ref}} - x \]
Mimicking the discrete system

- **FCNN-ROM** mimics the evolution of an **ODE system** that represents the **dynamics** of the **original discretized system**

\[
\Phi \dot{a}(t) = \frac{dQ_{rb}(t)}{dt} \approx \frac{dQ_h(t)}{dt} = S_h(t) - N_h(Q_h(t)).
\]

- Thus

\[
\frac{da(t)}{dt} \approx \Phi^T (S_h(t) - N_h(Q_h(t))).
\]
Setting up FCNN to learn time derivatives

- FCNN is designed to receive the temporal coefficients $a(t)$ of the POD expansion as input and to return the time derivative of these coefficients as output

\[
\frac{d a(t)}{d t} = W^{[l]} G^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]},
\]

where $G^{[l-1]}$ is the activation matrix of the penultimate layer.
Making predictions

- FCNN’s **loss function** is minimized with respect to the **time derivative** of the **temporal modes** computed with a **high resolution Finite Difference** scheme.
- FCNN estimates a **set of coupled ODEs** which is then **integrated** using a multi-stage **Runge-Kutta scheme**.
- Such approach allows to **predict the circulation field variables beyond the training window** because \( \bar{q}(x) \) and \( \Psi_i(x) \) depend only on the spatial coordinates \( x \).\(^2\)

\(^2\) RK time-steps used to reconstruct flow field variables don’t even need to be the same size as those used for training.
FCNN-ROM
Algorithm workflow

1. Training data sets (snapshots)
2. Decomposition of the data set: \( Q_{eb}(x, t) = \bar{q}(x) + q'(x, t) \)
3. Compute the POD correlation matrix:
   \[ \int_\Omega Q'^T Q' d\Omega \]
4. POD Compute \( \Psi_j 's \)
5. Time coefficients \( a_j(t) \)
6. Neural network regression
7. Hyperparameter optimization
8. FCNN-ROM
   \[ \frac{d\mathbf{e}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{G}^{l-1} + \mathbf{b}^l \]
9. Field reconstruction
   \[ Q_{eb}(x, t) = \bar{q}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{L} c_j(t) \Psi_j(x) \]
Experiment setup

- **Datasets**: Outputs of circulation and atmospheric fields simulated by SUNDANS and WRF from April 1\(^{st}\) to 20\(^{th}\), 2019.
- **FCNN architecture**: Hyperparameter optimized.
- **Optimization algorithm**: 5040 iterations of Adam.
- **Training & Testing**: 19 batches of 36h for training and 1 batch of 36h for testing.
- **Accuracy target**: 5% error in L2-norm with respect to the full order model computed with SUNDANS.
- **Dimensionality reduction**: 5 modes\(^3\).

\(^3\) based on a given energy content preserved
Hydrodynamics example - FCNN-ROM

Energy preserved by the ROM

Table: Percentage of preserved energy in each spatial mode.

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<th>$\Psi_1(x)$</th>
<th>$\Psi_2(x)$</th>
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<td>91.4%</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>96.0%</td>
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It is worth noting that the preserved energy of each spatial mode is the same regardless of the circulation variable since the eigenvalues of the correlation matrix are the same for all circulation variable.
Hydrodynamics example - FCNN-ROM

Time coefficients corresponding to the 5 spatial modes

a) $a_1(t)$
b) $a_2(t)$
c) $a_3(t)$
d) $a_4(t)$
e) $a_5(t)$

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Training: blue line; True values: green line; Predicted values: orange line
Hydrodynamics example - FCNN-ROM

Results: 36h Forecast - Reference Solution vs. Approximation

Density $\rho$ | Temperature $T$ | East velocity $u$ | North velocity $v$
---|---|---|---

True

Predicted
Hydrodynamics example - FCNN-ROM

Results: Relative error in $L^2$-norm vs. prediction time

Figure: a) Best performances based on the average $\frac{u+v}{2}$ error; b) Best configuration: model 1617.

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Model 1617 - hidden layers: 8; neurons per layer: 83, 65, 67, 145, 59, 103, 81, 129; dropout: 0.3 in each layer; learning rate: 1e-05; Adam: 5040 iter.
Datasets: Outputs of circulation and atmospheric fields simulated by SUNTANS and WRF from April 1\textsuperscript{st} to 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2019.

LSTM architecture: Hyperparameter optimized.

Optimization algorithm: 1000 iterations of Adam.

Moving window: Asymmetrical window with 200 min input and 10 min output\textsuperscript{6}.

Training & Testing: 19 batches of 36h for training and 1 batch of 36h for testing.

Accuracy target: 5% error in L2-norm with respect to the full order model computed with SUNTANS.

Dimensionality reduction: 5 modes

\textsuperscript{6} Data input has 10 min resolution.
Hydrodynamics example - LSTM-ROM

Time coefficients corresponding to the 5 spatial modes

a) $a_1(t)$

b) $a_2(t)$

c) $a_3(t)$

d) $a_4(t)$

e) $a_5(t)$

Training: blue line; True values: green line; Predicted values: orange line; Obs.: LSTM-ROM and FCNN-ROM share all spatial modes

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Hydrodynamics example - LSTM-ROM

Results: 36h Forecast - Reference Solution vs. Approximation
Hydrodynamics example - LSTM-ROM

Results: Relative error in $L^2$-norm vs. prediction time

a) Relative error for the 3 best hyperparameter settings

b) Relative error for each variable: $\rho, u, v, T$

Figure: a) Best performances based on the average $\frac{u+v}{2}$ error; b) Best configuration: model 230.

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Model 230 - hidden layers: 3; LSTM cells per layer: 133, 92, 129; Dropout: 0.2, 0.3, 0.3; Learning rate: 0.01; Adam: 1000 iter; Window input: 200 min; Window output: 10 min.
Conclusions
Hydrodynamics ROMs

- POD technique showed great promise for hydrodynamics application since it drastically reduces the computational cost of simulations.
- Hyperparameter optimization was crucial to generate accurate models.
- The target error was achieved by the best hyper-parameter setup for all physical variables except density in both cases (FCNN and LSTM-ROM).
- FCNN-ROM used approximately 20% of the learning parameters used by LSTM-ROM to perform equivalently.\(^9\)

\(^9\) FCNN-ROM: 55.101 weights and biases; LSTM-ROM: 264.690.
Thank you!

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