DMD-based estimation of the flow field behind a thin airfoil at high angles

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Airfoils at high angles of attack





Angle of attack

Understanding the current state of the flow field and prominent flow structures is crucial for improved performance at high angles of attack



Separated flow at a high angle of attack (Source: Wikipedia)



• Angle of attack = 45 degrees; Re = 5000





- Control objective: lift maximization/regularization
- Flow estimation and control research has previously extracted only a few features of a flow for use in flow control applications (e.g., phase information for an oscillatory flow, etc.)
- In this application, lift greatly depends on the shedding of the periodic vortex structures, so it may be important to estimate the full flow field
- Recent advances in operator theoretic estimation and control approaches, such as using the *Koopman operator* and *Dynamic Mode Decomposition* (DMD), allow for simple, reduced-order models of highly nonlinear dynamics

Result: It may be possible to use high-fidelity fluid mechanical models in real-time estimation and control loops

Outline



- 1. DMD and the Koopman operator
- 2. Sparsity-promoting DMD for a reduced-order model
- 3. DMD-based Kalman filtering: Flow over an airfoil



• Originally formulated in the fluids literature (Schmid 2010), subsequently generalized (Tu et al. 2014)



- Look for the best-fit linear operator that marches the system forward $\Psi' \approx A \Psi$

$$\underset{A}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\Psi' - A\Psi\|_F^2 \implies A = \Psi'\Psi^{\dagger}$$

(Tu et al. 2014)

DMD in POD-basis subspace



- *If the state dimension is large, A may be intractable to form*
- Search for $\tilde{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{r \times r}$, a version of A projected on the POD basis of snapshot matrix Ψ

$$A = U\tilde{A}U^H$$

• Optimization:

$$\underset{\tilde{A}}{\operatorname{minimize}} \quad \|\Psi' - U\tilde{A}U^{H}\Psi\|_{F}^{2} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \tilde{A} = U^{H}\Psi'W\Sigma^{-1}$$

(Jovanović et al. 2014)

Snapshot reconstruction with DMD modes

• Eigendecomposition of $\tilde{A} = Y \Lambda Z^H$

 $A = U\tilde{A}U^H \implies A = UY\Lambda Z^H U^H$

Matrix of DMD eigenvalues

Matrix of DMD modes

Scaled version of Y so that $Z^HY=I$

 $\triangleq V$

Snapshot dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} q_{k+1} &= \tilde{A}q_k \\ \psi_k &\approx Uq_k \end{aligned} \qquad \psi_k \approx U(Y\Lambda Z^H)^k U^H \psi_0 \\ &= V\Lambda^k Z^H U^H \psi_0 \\ &= V\Lambda^k \alpha' \end{aligned}$$
 Vector of weights

Vector of weighting coefficients dependent on initial condition

(Jovanović et al. 2014)

Koopman operator



• Nonlinear, discrete-time dynamics:

 $x_{k+1} = F_t(x_k)$ $y_k = g(x_k)$

• Koopman operator (B. O. Koopman 1931)

 $\mathcal{K}_t g_j(x_k) = g_j(F_t(x_k)) = g_j(x_{k+1})$

 Infinite-dimensional, linear operator that pushes forward an observable function under the dynamics

Koopman operator (cont'd)

• Spectral representation:

$$\mathcal{K}_t \ \phi_j = \lambda_j \phi_j \quad \text{for} \quad j = 1, \dots, \infty$$

$$\textbf{Koopman eigenfunction}$$

$$\textbf{Koopman eigenvalue}$$

$$g(x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v_j \phi_j(x_k)$$

$$\textbf{Koopman mode}$$

• Iteratively applying the Koopman operator and eigenfunction relations

$$\phi_j(x_k) = \mathcal{K}_t \, \phi_j(x_{k-1}) = \lambda \phi_j(x_{k-1}) = \dots = \lambda^k \phi_j(x_0)$$

$$g(x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v_j \lambda_j^k \phi_j(x_0)$$

(Kutz et al. 2016)

Koopman-DMD Connection







DMD provides numerical estimates of the Koopman modes and Koopman eigenvalues. The weighting coefficients are the Koopman eigenfunctions at the initial time.

(Rowley, Mezic et al. 2009, Mezic 2013)

Reduced-order modeling with DMD





- Select the "most important" modes for a reduced-order model
- Reduced-order model: (V,Λ)
- Reconstruction: Need to solve for the vector of weighting coefficients (DMD mode amplitudes) α

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{minimize } J(\alpha) = \|\Psi - VD_{\alpha}V_{\text{and}}\|_{F}^{2}$$

$$\underbrace{\text{Diagonal matrix containing } \alpha}_{\text{Diagonal matrix containing } \alpha}$$

 Observation from practice: Using only a few of the largest modes does not always lead to the best reconstruction!

Sparsity-Promoting DMD (SPDMD)

- Which modes should be included in a reduced-order model?
 - SPDMD automatically chooses the most relevant modes and their amplitudes
 - Example result:

 $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & 0, & 0, & a, & 0, & 0, & \dots & 0, & b, & c, & 0, & 0, & \dots \end{bmatrix}^T$

• Two-step optimization process:



(Jovanović et al. 2014)



- The SPDMD result is a series of graphs for various regularization values from which one may choose the modes to retain
- Each point on the curve has a corresponding polished set of mode amplitudes







(Vorticity field suppressed for clarity)





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Reconstruction of simulation







- Distributed pressure sensors along the suction side of the airfoil
- Performed CFD simulations of ground truth and corrupted the sensor signals with additional white noise (5% signal mean value)





- Using CFD simulations, create a training data set
- Arrange state variables and outputs in composite snapshots

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ x_0 & x_1 & \dots & x_{N-1} \\ | & | & | & | \\ y_0 & y_1 & \dots & y_{N-1} \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \qquad \Psi' = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_N \\ | & | & | & | \\ y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_N \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

• Perform SPDMD calculation

Reduced-order, linear models from DMD

• Key observation: View Koopman eigenfunctions $\phi(x_k)$ as a transformation of the state vector x_k

$$z_k = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x_k) & \dots & \phi_M(x_k) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Separate the Koopman modes into state and output portions

$$C^x = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^x & \dots & v_M^x \end{bmatrix} \qquad C^h = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^h & \dots & v_M^h \end{bmatrix}$$

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Resulting linear system:

$$z_k = A z_{k-1}$$
$$y(x_k) = C^h z_k$$

To transform back: $x_k = C^x z_k$

 Note: The signals are complex-valued, so a complex filter is necessary. Otherwise, handle real and imaginary components separately with care (see Surana and Banaszuk 2016)





- Initial transient required before estimate converges
- Estimation of phase and magnitude of vortex shedding well-captured
- SPDMD permits rapid estimation with reduced model complexity; this approach could contribute to real-time control in future work

Ongoing work: Experimental implementation



NACA 0012 wing model, courtesy of Phil Kirk



Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) data collection



Tow tank in the lab of Prof. Anya Jones

<u>Objective:</u> Perform DMD-based Kalman filtering in real-time, using Koopman modes learned from simulation. Compare offline to estimate to the ground truth flow field collected using PIV.



Conclusion



- Koopman/DMD perspective has proven to be a promising approach for estimation of the flow behind a thin airfoil at high angles of attack in simulation
- Ongoing work:
 - Experimental implementation
 - Observability-based sensor placement
- Future work:
 - DMD-based real-time feedback control for lift regularization

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