

The Projection Method for Dynamical Systems of Interacting Agents in High-Dimension

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Bridging compression and simulation, beyond signal coding-decoding.

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The dimension scale of problems arising in our modern information society became very large. A new area of science and engineering is now urgently needed in order to extract and interpret significant information from the universe of data collected from a variety of modern sources (Internet, physics experiments, medical diagnostics, etc.). Numerical simulations at the required scale will be one of the great challenges of the 21st century. In short, we need to become capable of organizing and understanding complexity.

The most notable recent advances in data analysis and numerical simulation are based on the observation that in several situations, even for very complex phenomena, only a few governing components are required to describe the whole dynamics; a dimensionality reduction can be achieved by demanding that the solution be "sparse" or "compressible". Since the relevant degrees of freedom are not prescribed, and may depend on the particular solution, we need efficient optimization methods for solving the hard combinatorial problem of identifying them.

In this project we will first address the problem of designing efficient algorithms which allow us to achieve sparse optimization in high-dimensions.
Secondly, the tools which we will develop for achieving adaptive dimensionality reductions will subsequently be used as building blocks for solving large-scale partial differential equations or variational problems arising in various contexts.
Finally, we will apply the whole machinery to interesting applications in image processing, numerical simulation, and we will explore new applications in innovative fields such as automatic learning of dynamical systems.

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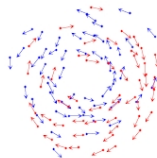
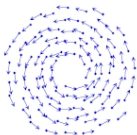
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An example inspired by nature



Mills in nature and in our simulations.

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We are facing very difficult challenges due to the “**curse of dimensionality**”, as our individuals are not physical particles and needs a large number d of degrees of freedom to be described.

Some assumptions

We assume the following Lipschitz properties of f_i and f_{ij} , namely

$$\begin{aligned} |f_i(a) - f_i(b)| &\leq L \|a - b\|_\infty, \\ \max_i \sum_j |f_{ij}(a)| &\leq L', \\ \max_i \sum_j |f_{ij}(a) - f_{ij}(b)| &\leq L'' \|a - b\|_\infty, \end{aligned}$$

for every $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$. Here, $\|a - b\|_\infty := \max_{i,j} |a_{ij} - b_{ij}|$.

A classical result

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Then, we have the estimate for $e_n = |x(t_n) - \tilde{x}_n|$,

$$e_n \leq \exp(Lt_n) \left(e_0 + ht_n \frac{|f(\mathcal{D}\tilde{x}^0)|}{2} \right).$$

Exponential complexity reduction in d

The complexity of this algorithm stems from the evaluation of $f(\mathcal{D}\mathbf{x})$ which can be (generically) estimated by

$$\mathcal{O}(d \times N^2).$$

Our first aim is to reduce the dimensionality of the problem to a log-factor in d , and consequently the complexity to

$$\mathcal{O}(\log(d) \times N^2).$$

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Again some notation

- ▶ $\varepsilon > 0$ - a distortion parameter from J-L Lemma, see below,
- ▶ $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ - number of iterations,
- ▶ $\mathcal{N} = n_0 N$ - number of iterations times number of agents
- ▶ $k = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-2} \log(\mathcal{N}))$, new lower dimension - see below,
- ▶ $M \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ - randomly generated matrix, see below,
- ▶ $\mathcal{D} : \mathbb{R}^{N \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, $\mathcal{D}_X = (|x_i - x_j|)_{i,j=1}^N$ is the adjacency matrix in high-dimension and similarly defined $\mathcal{D}' : \mathbb{R}^{N \times k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, $\mathcal{D}'_Y = (|y_i - y_j|)_{i,j=1}^N$, the one in low-dimension.

Dimensionality reduction via Johnson-Lindenstrauss embeddings

Lemma (Johnson and Lindenstrauss)

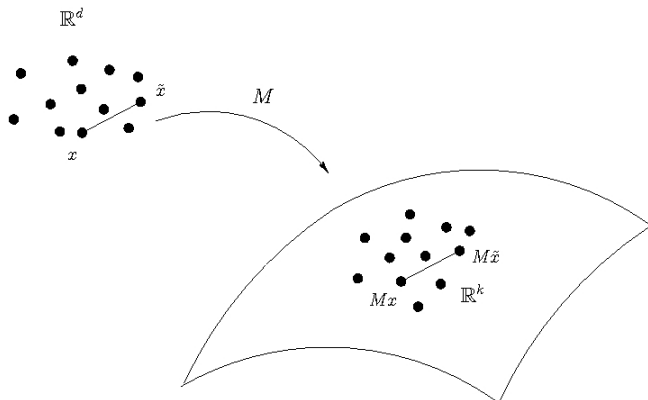
Let \mathcal{P} be an arbitrary set of N points in \mathbb{R}^d . Given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists

$$k_0 = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-2} \log(N)),$$

such that for all integers $k \geq k_0$, there exists a $k \times d$ random matrix M for which *with high probability*, for all $x, \tilde{x} \in \mathcal{P}$

$$(1 - \varepsilon)|x - \tilde{x}|^2 \leq |Mx - M\tilde{x}|^2 \leq (1 + \varepsilon)|x - \tilde{x}|^2.$$

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Theorem (Krahmer, Ward)

Fix $\eta > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, and consider a finite set $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ of cardinality $|\mathcal{P}| = \mathcal{N}$. Set $K \geq 40 \log \frac{4\mathcal{N}}{\eta}$, and suppose that the $k \times d$ matrix \tilde{M} satisfies the Restricted Isometry Property of order K and level $\delta \leq \varepsilon/4$. Let $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be a Rademacher sequence, i.e., uniformly distributed on $\{-1, 1\}^d$. Then with probability exceeding $1 - \eta$,

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uniformly for all $x \in \mathcal{P}$, where $M := \tilde{M} \text{diag}(\xi)$.

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The Euler method for this system is given by this initial condition and

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If $M \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ is a matrix, we may consider the associated Euler method in \mathbb{R}^k , namely

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A first surprising result

Theorem (Fornasier, Haskovec, Vybiral)

Given a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |Mf_i(\mathcal{D}'y^n) - Mf_i(\mathcal{D}x^n)| &\leq (1 + \varepsilon) |f_i(\mathcal{D}'y^n) - f_i(\mathcal{D}x^n)|, \\ |Mx_j^n| &\leq (1 + \varepsilon)|x_j^n|, \\ (1 - \varepsilon)|x_i^n - x_j^n| &\leq |Mx_i^n - Mx_j^n| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)|x_i^n - x_j^n| \end{aligned}$$

for all $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ and all $n = 0, \dots, n_0$. Let us also assume, that $\alpha \geq \max_j |x_j^n|$ for all $n = 0, \dots, n_0, j = 1, \dots, N$. Let

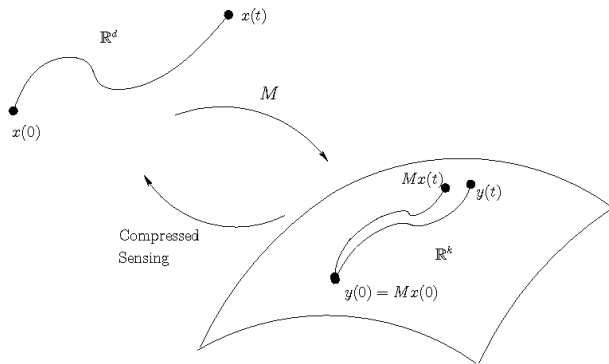
$$e_i^n := |y_i^n - Mx_i^n|, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \text{ and } n = 0, \dots, n_0$$

and put $\mathcal{E}^n := \max_i e_i^n$. Then

$$\mathcal{E}^n \leq \varepsilon hnB \exp(hnA),$$

where $A := L' + 2(1 + \varepsilon)(L + \alpha L'')$ and $B := 2\alpha(1 + \varepsilon)(L + \alpha L'')$.

Visual explanation



A continuous Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma

Theorem (Fornasier, Haskovec, Vybiral)

Let $\varphi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ be a \mathcal{C}^1 curve. Let $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon' < 1$,

$$\gamma := \max_{\xi \in [0,1]} \frac{|\dot{\varphi}(\xi)|}{|\varphi(\xi)|} < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N} \geq (\sqrt{d} + 1) \cdot \frac{\gamma}{\varepsilon' - \varepsilon}.$$

Let k be such a dimension, that a randomly chosen (and properly normalized) projector M satisfies the statement of the Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma with ε , d , k and \mathcal{N} arbitrary points. Then

$$(1 - \varepsilon')|\varphi(t)| \leq |M\varphi(t)| \leq (1 + \varepsilon')|\varphi(t)|, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

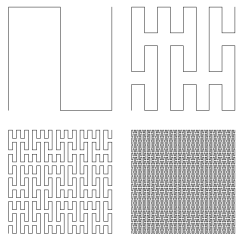
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Peano's space-filling curve

By lifting a suitable parametrization a Peano's space-filling curve on the unit sphere S^{d-1} , one generates a curve with infinite speed (i.e., the condition does not hold), and at the same time it generates any possible vector including those in the **kernel** of M , hence

$$(1 - \varepsilon')|\varphi(t)| \leq |M\varphi(t)|$$

cannot hold!

Projecting the continuous system

Theorem (Fornasier, Haskovec, Vybiral)

Let $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times N}$, $t \in [0, T]$, be the solution of the given ODE system, such that $\max_{t \in [0, T]} \max_{i, j} |x_i(t) - x_j(t)| \leq \alpha$. Let us fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \leq d$, and a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon)|x_i(t) - x_j(t)| \leq |Mx_i(t) - Mx_j(t)| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)|x_i(t) - x_j(t)|,$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$ and $i, j = 1, \dots, N$. Let $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times N}$, $t \in [0, T]$ be the solution of the projected (continuous) system such that for a suitable $\beta > 0$, $\max_{t \in [0, T]} \max_i |y_i(t)| \leq \beta$. Let us define the columnwise ℓ^2 -error $e_i(t) := |y_i(t) - Mx_i(t)|$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and

$$\mathcal{E}(t) := \max_{i=1, \dots, N} e_i(t).$$

Then we have the estimate

$$\mathcal{E}(t) \leq \varepsilon \alpha t (L \|M\| + L'' \beta) \exp [(2L \|M\| + 2\beta L'' + L') t].$$

Verifying the crucial condition

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holds. It is, for instance, trivially satisfied when the right hand sides f_i, f_{ij} have the following Lipschitz continuity:

$$\begin{aligned} |f_i(\mathcal{D}x) - f_j(\mathcal{D}x)| &\leq L'''|x_i - x_j| && \text{for all } i, j = 1, \dots, N, \\ |f_{i\ell}(\mathcal{D}x) - f_{j\ell}(\mathcal{D}x)| &\leq L''''|x_i - x_j| && \text{for all } i, j, \ell = 1, \dots, N. \end{aligned}$$

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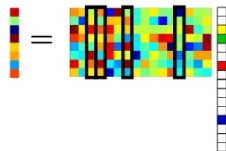
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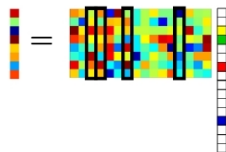


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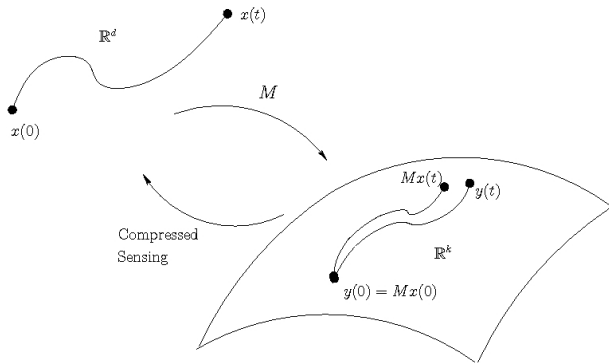
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S.-Y. Ha and E. Tadmor, *From particle to kinetic and hydrodynamic descriptions of flocking*, Kinetic and Related Models 1(3) (2008) 415-435.

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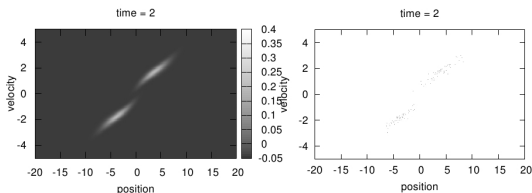
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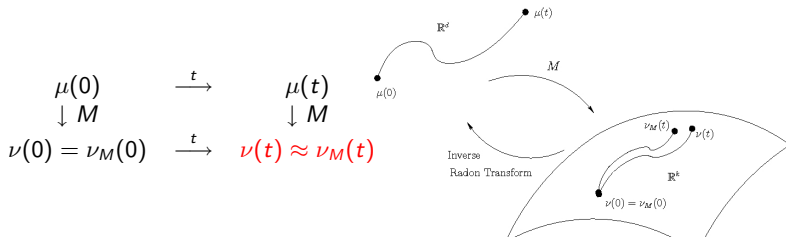
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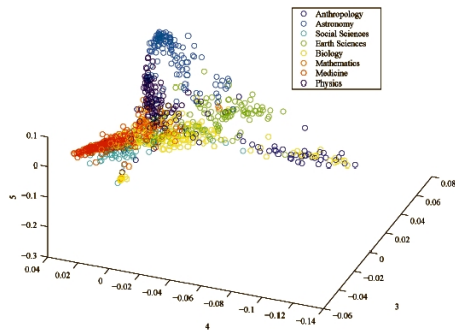
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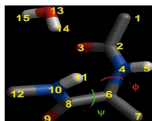
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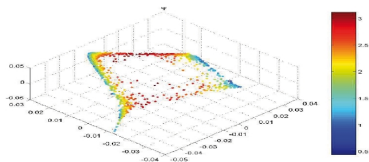
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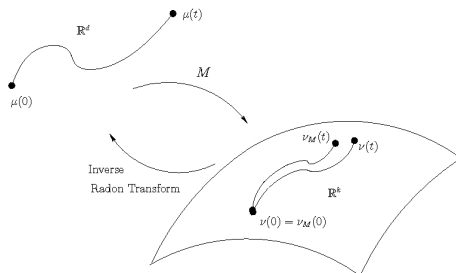
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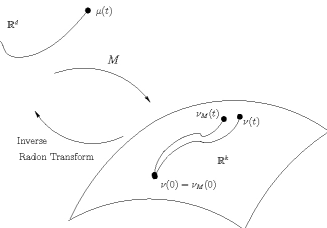
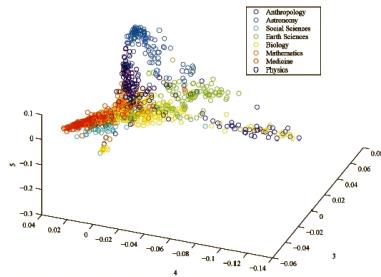
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The dimension scale of problems arising in our modern information society became very large. A new area of science and engineering is now urgently needed in order to extract and interpret significant information from the universe of data collected from a variety of modern sources (Internet, physics experiments, medical diagnostics, etc.). Numerical simulations at the required scale will be one of the great challenges of the 21st century. In short, we need to become capable of organizing and understanding complexity.

The most notable recent advances in data analysis and numerical simulation are based on the observation that in several situations, even for very complex phenomena, only a few governing components are required to describe the whole dynamics; a dimensionality reduction can be achieved by demanding that the solution be "sparse" or "compressible". Since the relevant degrees of freedom are not prescribed, and may depend on the particular solution, we need efficient optimization methods for solving the hard combinatorial problem of identifying them.

In this project we will first address the problem of designing efficient algorithms which allow us to achieve sparse optimization in high-dimensions.
Secondly, the tools which we will develop for achieving adaptive dimensionality reductions will subsequently be used as building blocks for solving large-scale partial differential equations or variational problems arising in various contexts.
Finally, we will apply the whole machinery to interesting applications in image processing, numerical simulation, and we will explore new applications in innovative fields such as automatic learning of dynamical systems.

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