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Efficient structure-preserving model reduction for nonlinear mechanical systems with application to structural dynamics

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Time-critical applications

- real-time applications
 - structural health monitoring
 - embedded control
- many-query applications
 - design optimization
 - uncertainty quantification

inputs $\mu \rightarrow$ high-fidelity model \rightarrow outputs y

- **barrier**: simulation can take days on supercomputers
- model reduction

inputs $\mu \rightarrow$ reduced-order model \rightarrow outputs y

- *offline* (expensive): 'training' analyses
- *online* (cheap): deploy low-dimensional model

- high-fidelity model
 - *parameterized* simple mechanical system
 - nonlinear potential energy
 - Rayleigh damping
 - external force
- existing reduced-order models
 - 1 preserve structure, but remain expensive
 - 2 destroy structure, but are cheap
- **our proposed reduced-order model**
 - preserves structure and is cheap

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Lagrangian description of structural dynamics

- equations of motion from finite-element discretization

$$M(\mu)\ddot{q} + C(\mu)\dot{q} + \nabla_q V(q; \mu) = f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu).$$

- can be derived via Lagrangian dynamics with five 'ingredients':

- 1 configuration space $Q = \mathbb{R}^N$
- 2 Riemannian metric $g(v, w; \mu) = v^T M(\mu)w$
- 3 potential-energy function $V(q; \mu)$
- 4 dissipation function $\mathcal{F}(\dot{q}, \mu) = \frac{1}{2}\dot{q}^T C(\mu)\dot{q}$
- 5 external force derived from the Lagrange–D'Alembert principle $f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu)$

- properties 1–3 define a *simple mechanical system*
- properties 4–5 characterize *non-conservative forces*

Equations of motion: derived from five ingredients

- configuration space: $q \in Q = \mathbb{R}^N$
- kinetic energy: $T(\dot{q}; \mu) = \frac{1}{2}g(\dot{q}, \dot{q}; \mu) = \frac{1}{2}\dot{q}^T M(\mu)\dot{q}$
- Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} L(q, \dot{q}; \mu) &= T(\dot{q}; \mu) - V(q; \mu) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\dot{q}^T M(\mu)\dot{q} - V(q; \mu). \end{aligned}$$

- non-conservative forces

$$F(t, q, \dot{q}; \mu) = f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu) - \nabla_{\dot{q}} \mathcal{F}(\dot{q}; \mu)$$

- apply forced Euler–Lagrange equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \nabla_{\dot{q}} L(q, \dot{q}; \mu) - \nabla_q L(q, \dot{q}; \mu) = F(t, q, \dot{q}; \mu)$$

$$\boxed{M(\mu)\ddot{q} + C(\mu)\dot{q} + \nabla_q V(q; \mu) = f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu)}$$

Key properties

- conservative mechanical systems ($F = 0$)
 - energy conservation
 - momentum conservation
 - dynamics satisfy variational principle
 - symplectic time-evolution maps
- structure-preserving time integration
[Marsden and West, 2001, Hairer et al., 2006]
 - discrete system preserves some of the above properties
 - leads to improved long-time behavior

reduced-order models should preserve these properties

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- determine low-dimensional basis $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}$
 - modal decomposition, proper orthogonal decomposition
- substitute $q = \Phi q_r$ to obtain ‘reduced ingredients’
 - 1 configuration space $Q_r = \mathbb{R}^m$ with $\mathbf{Q}_r \equiv \{\Phi q_r \mid q_r \in Q_r\}$
 - 2 Riemannian metric $g_r(v_r, w_r; \mu) \equiv g(\Phi v_r, \Phi w_r; \mu)$
 - 3 potential-energy function $V_r(q_r; \mu) \equiv V(\Phi q_r; \mu)$
 - 4 dissipation function $\mathcal{F}_r(\dot{q}_r; \mu) \equiv \mathcal{F}(\Phi \dot{q}_r; \mu)$
 - 5 external force $f_r^{\text{ext}} = \Phi^T f^{\text{ext}}$
- forced Euler–Lagrange equations yield

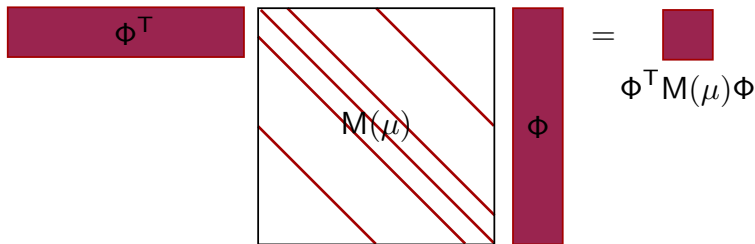
$$\Phi^T M(\mu) \Phi \ddot{q}_r + \Phi^T C(\mu) \Phi \dot{q}_r + \Phi^T \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r; \mu) = \Phi^T f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu)$$

- + preserves Lagrangian structure
- remains expensive for parameterized, nonlinear systems

Computational bottleneck

$$\Phi^T M(\mu) \Phi \ddot{q}_r + \Phi^T C(\mu) \Phi \dot{q}_r + \Phi^T \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r; \mu) = \Phi^T f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu)$$

- when μ changes, must recompute $\Phi^T M(\mu) \Phi$ and $\Phi^T C(\mu) \Phi$
 - $\mathcal{O}(Nm^2)$ operations: scales with large dimension N



- when q_r changes, must recompute $\Phi^T \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r; \mu)$
 - $\mathcal{O}(Nm)$ operations

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- compute subset of equations before performing Galerkin projection

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^T Z^T Z M(\mu) \Phi \ddot{q}_r + \Phi^T Z^T Z C(\mu) \Phi \dot{q}_r + \Phi^T Z^T Z \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r; \mu) \\ = \Phi^T Z^T Z f^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu). \end{aligned}$$

'sampling matrix' Z : $n_Z \ll N$ rows of identity matrix

- destroyed properties:
 2. mass matrix not symmetric: does not define a metric
 3. stiffness matrix not symmetric: does not derive from a potential-energy function
 4. dissipation matrix not symmetric: does not derive from a dissipation function

Empirical interpolation/least-squares approximation

[Grepl et al., 2007, Nguyen and Peraire, 2008, Chaturantabut et al., 2010, Carlberg et al., 2011]

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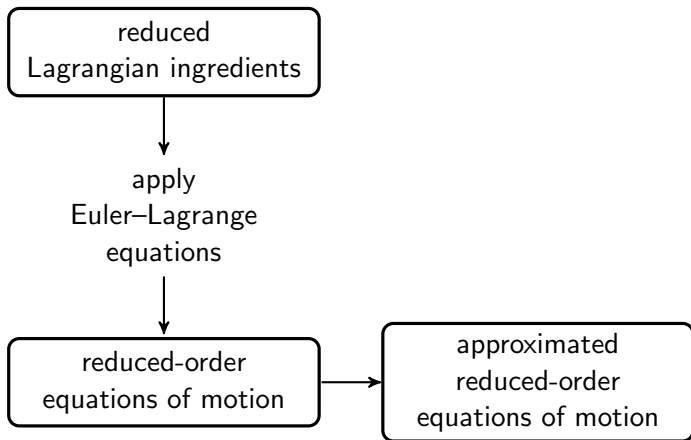
- interpolate functions before performing Galerkin projection

$$\Phi^T \tilde{f}_1(\ddot{q}_r; \mu) + \Phi^T \tilde{f}_2(\dot{q}_r; \mu) + \Phi^T \tilde{f}_3(q_r; \mu) = \Phi^T \tilde{f}^{\text{ext}}(t; \mu)$$

$\tilde{f} = \Phi_f [Z \Phi_f]^+ Z f$: least-squares approximation of f

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Existing complexity-reduction methods

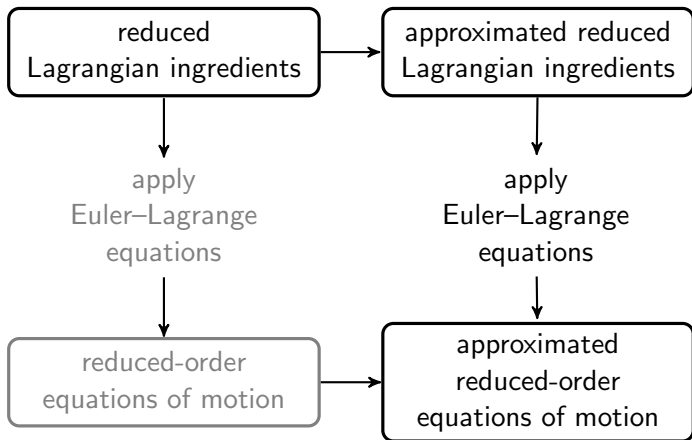


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Proposed complexity-reduction method



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- directly approximate reduced Lagrangian ingredients
 - 1 configuration space $Q_r = \mathbb{R}^m$ with $\mathbf{Q}_r \equiv \{\Phi q_r \mid q_r \in Q_r\}$
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External-force approximation \tilde{f}_r^{ext}

- least-squares approximation of external force

$$\tilde{f}^{\text{ext}} = \Phi_f [Z\Phi_f]^+ Zf^{\text{ext}} \approx f^{\text{ext}}$$

- apply Lagrange–D'Alembert principle to \tilde{f}^{ext} with variations in reduced configuration space:

$$\tilde{f}_r^{\text{ext}} = \Phi^T \tilde{f}^{\text{ext}} = \Phi^T \Phi_f [Z\Phi_f]^+ Zf^{\text{ext}}$$

- Offline (expensive)

- 1 collect snapshots of the external force and compute basis Φ_f
- 2 determine sampling matrix Z
- 3 compute small-scale matrix $A = \Phi^T \Phi_f [Z\Phi_f]^+$

- Online (cheap)

- 1 compute a few entries of the external force Zf^{ext}
- 2 compute small-scale product $A[Zf^{\text{ext}}]$

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Riemannian-metric and dissipation-function approximations

$$g_r(v_r, w_r; \mu) = v_r^T \left[\Phi^T M(\mu) \Phi \right] w_r$$

$$\mathcal{F}_r(\dot{q}_r; \mu) = \dot{q}_r^T \left[\Phi^T C(\mu) \Phi \right] \dot{q}_r$$

- approximated quadratic ingredients:

$$\tilde{g}_r(v_r, w_r; \mu) = v_r^T \tilde{M}_r(\mu) w_r$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_r(\dot{q}_r; \mu) = \dot{q}_r^T \tilde{C}_r(\mu) \dot{q}_r$$

- relies on approximating low-dimensional matrices

$$\tilde{M}_r(\mu) \approx \left[\Phi^T M(\mu) \Phi \right] > 0$$

$$\tilde{C}_r(\mu) \approx \left[\Phi^T C(\mu) \Phi \right] \geq 0$$

Mass-matrix approximation (similar for C)

■ Offline (expensive)

- 1 collect matrix snapshots $\{M_i\}$ and corresponding $\{\Phi^T M_i \Phi\}$
- 2 determine 'sample entries'

■ Online (cheap)

- 1 compute only sample entries of $M(\mu)$
- 2 solve cheap optimization problem for α_i :

$$\underset{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad \left\| \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text{matrix } M(\mu) \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} - \alpha_1 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text{matrix } M_1 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} - \alpha_2 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text{matrix } M_2 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array} \right\|_F$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \alpha_1 \Phi^T M_1 \Phi + \alpha_2 \Phi^T M_2 \Phi > 0$$

- 3 set $\tilde{M}_r(\mu) = \sum_i \alpha_i \Phi^T M_i \Phi$

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Potential-energy function approximation

$$V_r(q_r; \mu) \equiv V(\Phi q_r; \mu)$$

- replace Φ with a sparse matrix Ψ ($n_Z \ll N$ nonzero rows)

$$\tilde{V}_r(q_r; \mu) \equiv V(\Psi q_r; \mu).$$

- cost reduction
 - $\nabla_{q_r} V_r(q_r; \mu) = \Phi^T \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r; \mu)$ incurs $\mathcal{O}(Nm)$ flops
 - $\nabla_{q_r} \tilde{V}_r(q_r; \mu) = \Psi^T \nabla_q V(\Psi q_r; \mu)$ incurs $\mathcal{O}(n_Z m)$ flops
- compute Ψ by matching $\Psi^T \nabla_q V(\Psi q_r; \mu)$ and $\Phi^T \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r; \mu)$ for 'training' values of q_r and μ

Potential-energy function approximation

■ Offline (expensive)

- 1 collect snapshots of $\nabla_{q_r} V_r(q_r; \mu)$ for 'training' values of q_r, μ
- 2 determine nonzero rows of Ψ
- 3 solve optimization problem

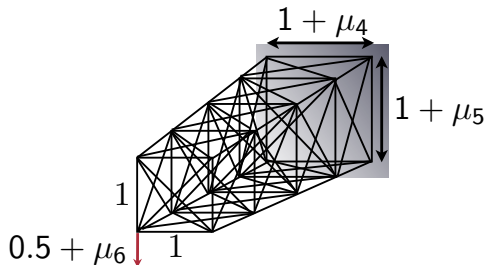
$$\underset{\Psi}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{j=1}^J \left\| \Psi^T \nabla_q V(\Psi q_r^j; \mu^j) - \Phi^T \nabla_q V(\Phi q_r^j; \mu^j) \right\|_2^2.$$

■ Online (cheap): replace V_r with \tilde{V}_r

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Simple example: conservative clamped-free truss

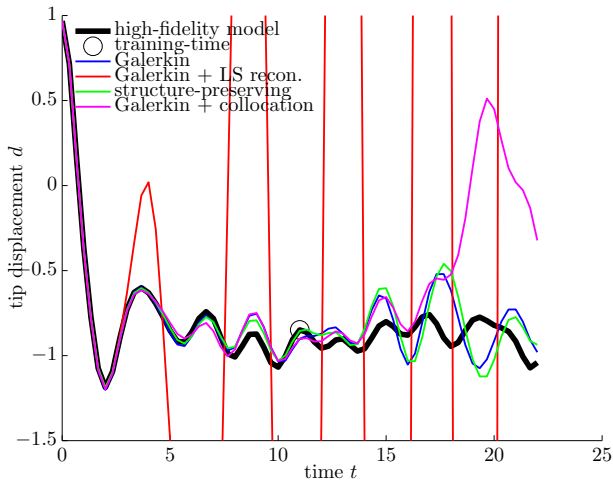


$$M(\mu)\ddot{q} + \nabla_q V(q; \mu) = 0$$

- V : potential energy, *high-order nonlinearity in q*
- density $\rho = 1 + \mu_1$
- bar cross-sectional area $A = 1 + \mu_2$
- modulus of elasticity $E = 1 + \mu_3$
- $\mu_i \in [-1, 1]$, $i = 1, \dots, 6$
- 120 dofs in 'high-fidelity' model
- time integrator: implicit midpoint rule (symplectic)

Reduced-order models

- 1 Galerkin projection
 - + preserves structure
 - expensive
 - 2 Galerkin projection + collocation
 - destroys structure
 - + cheap
 - 3 Galerkin projection + gappy POD approximation of residual
 - destroys structure
 - + cheap
 - 4 proposed method
 - + preserves structure
 - + cheap
- reduced-order-model parameters
- $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}$: POD, $m = 18$ chosen via 99% ‘energy criterion’
 - sample indices $n_Z = 30$
 - $\Phi_f \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m_f}$: POD, $m_f = m = 10$
 - train at 3 configurations, test at a new configuration



	Galerkin	Galerkin + collocation	Galerkin + LS recon.	proposed method
error	6.85%	18.7%	690%	7.0%
speedup	0.41	1.77	2.06	1.82




Conclusions

- directly approximate reduced Lagrangian ingredients
 - + Lagrangian-structure preservation
 - + computational efficiency
- only reduced-order model delivering accuracy and speedup!
- future work
 - deploy on more realistic (larger, more highly nonlinear) problem
 - apply framework to preserve structure for other systems

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