Lagrangian Data Assimilation and Manifold Detection for a Point-Vortex Model

Final Presentation

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Project Goals

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Background

Data Assimilation True System Dynamics $d\mathbf{x}^{t} = M(\mathbf{x}^{t}, t)dt + d\eta^{t}$

 \mathbf{x}^t – system state η^t – Brownian motion $M(\cdot, \cdot)$ – deterministic evolution operator



Background

Data Assimilation Observations

$$\mathbf{y}_k^o = h(\mathbf{x}^t(t_k)) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k^t$$

 \mathbf{y}_k^o – observation of system at time t_k

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k^t$$
 – Gaussian noise

 $h(\cdot)$ – observation operator



Background

Data Assimilation Forecast and Analysis Evolve a forecasted state forward somehow

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}^f = f(\mathbf{x}^f, t, \boldsymbol{\eta}^f)$$

Perform analysis step upon receiving observation somehow

$$\mathbf{x}^{a} = g(\mathbf{x}^{f}, \mathbf{y}_{k}^{o}, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{k})$$



Background : Phase I

Lagrangian Data Assimilation

Consider joint state of flow (F) and drifters (D): $\mathbf{x}^{t} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{F}^{t} \\ \mathbf{x}_{D}^{t} \end{pmatrix}$

Q: Can we estimate \mathbf{x}_{F}^{t} and \mathbf{x}_{D}^{t} by observing \mathbf{x}_{D}^{t} only?



Background : Phase II

Observing System Design Deploying drifters is *expensive* Obtaining measurements is *difficult*

Q: Can we design a system such that we optimally place the drifters to determine the location of the vortices?



Computational Simplicity

Extended Kalman Filter

Ensemble Kalman Filter Fidelity to Solution of Fokker-Planck

Equation and Bayes's

Particle Filter

Lagrangian Data Assimilation Extended Kalman Filter (EKF), Forecast

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}^{f} = M(\mathbf{x}^{f}, t)$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{P}^{f} = \mathbf{M}(t)\mathbf{P}^{f} + \mathbf{P}^{f}\mathbf{M}^{T}(t) + \mathbf{Q}$$

Q - covariance matrix from SDE

$$\mathbf{M}(t) = J[M(\mathbf{x}, t)]|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^{f}} \text{- Jacobian matrix}$$
of M

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Lagrangian Data Assimilation Extended Kalman Filter (EKF), Analysis

$$\mathbf{x}_{k}^{a} = \mathbf{x}^{f}(t_{k}) + \mathbf{K}_{k}(\mathbf{y}_{k}^{o} - h_{k}(\mathbf{x}^{f}(t_{k})))$$
$$\mathbf{P}_{k}^{a} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_{k}\mathbf{H}_{k})\mathbf{P}^{f}(t_{k})$$
$$\mathbf{K}_{k} = \mathbf{P}^{f}(t_{k})\mathbf{H}_{k}^{T}(\mathbf{H}_{k}\mathbf{P}^{f}(t_{k})\mathbf{H}_{k}^{T} + \mathbf{R}_{k}^{o})^{-1}$$

 \mathbf{R}^{o} - covariance matrix from observation $\mathbf{H}_{k} = J[h(\mathbf{x}, t_{k})]\Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^{f}}$ - Jacobian matrix of h_{k}



Lagrangian Data Assimilation Ensemble Kalman Filter (EnKF) Approximate pdf by an ensemble of particles:

 $\{\mathbf{x}_i^f\}_{i=1}^N$

Forecast: Evolve particles forward using ODE

Analysis: Perform Kalman-like analysis

Still assumes Gaussianity (in analysis) **NOT** valid for nonlinear systems

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Approach, Phase I
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Lagrangian Data Assimilation Particle Filter Approximate pdf by an ensemble of weighted particles: $\{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{f}(t)\}_{i=1}^{N} \ \{w_{i,k}\}_{i=1}^{N}$

Forecast: Evolve particles forward using SDE

Analysis: Perform full Bayesian update at analysis $w_{i,k} = C w_{i,k-1} p(\mathbf{y}_k^o | \mathbf{x}_i^f(t_k)))$

C - normalization constant

Validation and Testing, Phase I

Lagrangian Data Assimilation Run filters with all states known up to observational noise.

Run filters with only drifter position known. Compute failure statistics.

$$\delta^{a,f}(t) = ||\mathbf{x}^t(t) - \mathbf{x}^{a,f}(t)||_2$$

 $\hat{f}_{\delta_{div},n}(t) =$ fraction of times $\delta(t) > \delta_{div}$ at time t in n trials



Observing system design based on Lagrangian Coherent Structures (LCS)

streamfunction in fixed frame [what we can compute, but not useful]



streamfunction in corotating frame [what we want, but hidden]



Manifold Detection for Observing System Design Mendoza and Mancho's Lagrangian Descriptor M

$$M(\mathbf{x}_{D}^{t}, t^{*}, \tau) = \int_{t^{*}-\tau}^{t^{*}+\tau} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{dx_{D}^{i}(t)}{dt}\right)^{2}\right)^{1/2} dt$$

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- **x**₂ Perturbed Trajectory
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_1$ Tangent Vector

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Manifold Detection for Observing System Design **Finite-Time** Lyapunov Exponents

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Validation, Phase II

Manifold Detection for Observing System Design



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Stable Manifolds Unstable Manifolds



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Manifold Detection for Observing System Design Compare three filters (EKF, LETKF, particle)

True system dynamics **deterministic** Guarantees presence of observed manifolds

Observational noise present

Play Movie



FC – fraction completed



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N = 8 members



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N = 250 particles



Conclusions

As before, EKF fails in the case of large non-linearities.

A priori placement emphasizes avoiding drifters near a vortex.

An artifact of the **point** vortex model.



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Phase I

- Produce database: now through mid-October
- Develop extended Kalman Filter: now through mid-October
- Develop ensemble Kalman Filter: mid-October through mid-November
- Develop particle filter: mid-November through end of January
- –Validation and testing of three filters (serial): Beginning in mid-October, complete by February

Timeline

Phase II

- Complete validation and testing of (serial) manifold detection: mid-March
- Parallelize ensemble methods: beginning of April
- Parallelize manifold detection algorithm: end of April

Deliverables

Database of sample trajectories used for validation and testing

Suite of parallelized software for performing EKF, **LETKF**, and particle filtering for point-vortex model

Software to compute *M* and FTLEs for point-vortex model

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Questions???