





Tractable Dendritic RNNs for Reconstructing Nonlinear Dynamical Systems

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Challenges of Dynamical Systems Reconstructions



Mathematical tractability Models often too complex for efficient DS analysis Latent space size Often high dimensional spaces required for successful reconstructions

Model assumptions

Models may require structural knowledge or are not dynamically universal

Piecewise Linear Recurrent Neural Network









Transformation into equivalent continuous time ODE systems (Monfared & Durstewitz, ICML 2020)



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Successful reconstructions in much lower dimensions





Theoretical Results

Dimensionality reduction & preserved tractability

Theorem 1. Any *M*-dimensional dendPLRNN as defined in Eqs. 1, 4, can always be rewritten as a $M \times B$ -dimensional "conventional" PLRNN of the form

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}_t = \tilde{\boldsymbol{A}}\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}_{t-1} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{W}} \max(0, \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}_{t-1}) + \hat{\boldsymbol{h}}_0 + \tilde{\boldsymbol{Cs}}_t + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_t.$$

Bounded orbits

Theorem 2. For each basis $\{\alpha_b, h_b\}$ in Eq. 4 of a dend-PLRNN let us add another basis $\{\alpha_b^*, h_b^*\}$ with $\alpha_b^* = -\alpha_b$ and $h_b^* = 0$. Then, for $\sigma_{\max}(A) < 1$, any orbit of this "clipped" dendPLRNN (Eq. 10) will remain bounded.





Training Methods

Sequential Variational Autoencoder

Backpropagation through time with sparse teacher forcing (TF)





Simulated Benchmark Systems



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steps

time





Empirical Data

Experimental EEG Data

Experimental ECG Data



Comparisons

Highly competitive performance

Dataset	Method	PSC	$D_{\rm stsp}$	20-step PE	Dyn.var.	#parameters
Lorenz- 63	dendPLRNN TF	0.997 ± 0.002	0.13 ± 0.18	$9.2e-5 \pm 2.8e-5$	22	1032
	RC	$0.991~\pm~0.001$	$0.24~\pm~0.05$	$1.2e-2 \pm 0.1e-3$	345	1053
	LSTM-MSM	0.985 ± 0.004	0.85 ± 0.07	$1.2e{-2} \pm 0.1e{-3}$	29	1035
	SINDy	0.998 ± 0.0003	0.04 ± 0.01	$6.8\mathrm{e}{-5}\pm0.2\mathrm{e}{-5}$	3	252
	Neural ODE	0.992 ± 0.001	0.149 ± 0.014	$1.1\mathrm{e}{-3} \pm 4.1\mathrm{e}{-5}$	3	1011
Bursting Neuron	dendPLRNN TF	0.76 ± 0.04	0.61 ± 0.09	$6.1e-2 \pm 2.2e-2$	26	2040
	RC	$0.51~\pm~0.01$	5.1 ± 0.6	$8.6e-2 \pm 0.1e-2$	711	2133
	LSTM-MSM	$0.54~\pm~0.02$	2.83 ± 0.36	$3.9\mathrm{e}{-2}\pm0.1\mathrm{e}{-2}$	45	2166
	SINDy	$0.25~\pm~0.01$	6.36 ± 0.02	$5.4e{-1} \pm 0.1e{-2}$	3	252
	Neural ODE	0.65 ± 0.017	3.85 ± 0.1	$2.1{\rm e}{-1}\pm0.5{\rm e}{-2}$	3	2073
Lorenz- 96	dendPLRNN TF	0.998 ± 0.0001	0.04 ± 0.01	$4.1e-2 \pm 0.8e-2$	50	4480
	RC	0.986 ± 0.008	0.25 ± 0.17	$7.1e{-1} \pm 0.1e{-2}$	440	4400
	LSTM-MSM	0.993 ± 0.002	0.23 ± 0.03	$8.2e{-1} \pm 0.3e{-2}$	62	4384
	SINDy	$0.997~\pm~0.001$	0.06 ± 0.003	$6.3e-2 \pm 0.1e-3$	10	27410
	Neural ODE	0.985 ± 0.001	0.21 ± 0.02	$4.4e-2 \pm 4.5e-3$	10	4130
Neural Popula- tion Model	dendPLRNN TF	0.52 ± 0.01	0.37 ± 0.05	1.43 ± 0.01	75	9990
	RC	0.34 ± 0.03	2.8 ± 0.4	1.64 ± 0.07	200	10000
	LSTM-MSM	$0.51~\pm~0.02$	0.29 ± 0.04	$1.56~\pm~0.01$	56	10298
	SINDy	diverging	diverging	diverging	50	66300
	Neural ODE	0.47 ± 0.03	9.56 ± 0.86	0.58 ± 0.006	50	10200
EEG	dendPLRNN TF	0.923 ± 0.012	1.96 ± 0.18	0.202 ± 0.007	128	27058
	RC	0.782 ± 0.002	8.8 ± 0.8	0.78 ± 0.02	448	28672
	LSTM-MSM	0.827 ± 0.002	8.3 ± 0.3	0.708 ± 0.003	168	27728
	SINDy	diverging	diverging	diverging	64	133120
	Neural ODE	0.82 ± 0.002	21.72 ± 0.71	0.31 ± 0.005	64	30559
ECG	dendPLRNN TF	0.929 ± 0.014	0.4 ± 0.6	0.23 ± 0.03	30	2641
	RC	0.880 ± 0.013	1.78 ± 0.44	0.571 ± 0.013	378	2646
	LSTM-MSM	$0.926~\pm~0.007$	0.59 ± 0.08	$7.0e-2 \pm 0.6e-2$	51	2801
	SINDy	diverging	diverging	diverging	7	4424
	Neural ODE	$0.90~\pm~0.011$	1.18 ± 0.02	0.61 ± 0.01	7	2599



Conclusions



Code: https://github.com/DurstewitzLab/dendPLRNN



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