

Shape analysis and structure preservation

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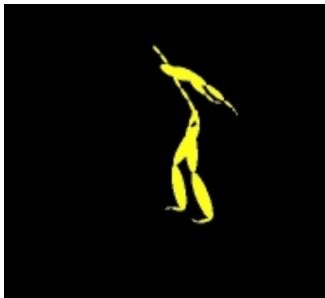
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- Introduction: shape analysis for curves and surfaces, and for human motion data.
- Learning the equations of motion from data using a discrete Lagrange d'Alembert principle.
- Examples on synthetic data, pixel data and real-world data.
- Other ongoing and future work.

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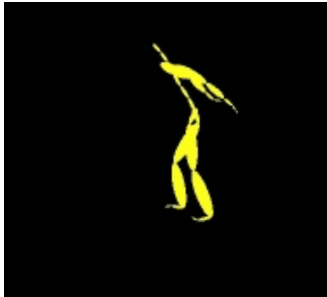
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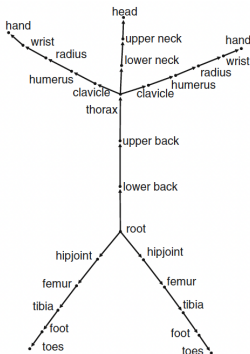
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Some challenges:

- Find appropriate metrics.
- Deal with constraints.
- Learning Hamiltonians / Lagrangians for mechanical systems.
- Learn external forces.
- Provide enough data.

Skeletal animation

Skeleton consisting of bones connected by joints. One 3D rotation for each joint.

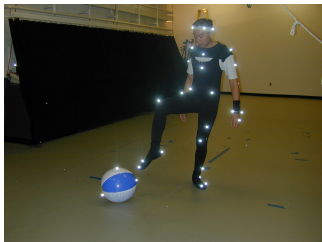


Human activity: $g : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$, $\mathcal{J} = SO(3)^n$, where $[0, T]$ is a time interval.

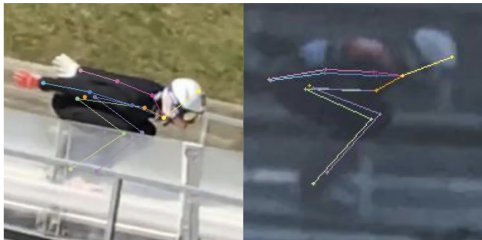
- Data obtained by motion capturing.
- Motion manipulation is the processing of the data.
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Motion capturing: only data and one simple differential equation

Only data: $g : [0, T] \rightarrow SO(3)^n$



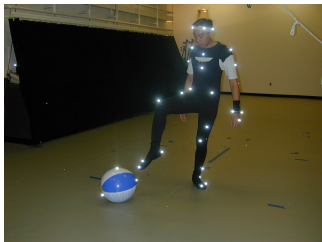
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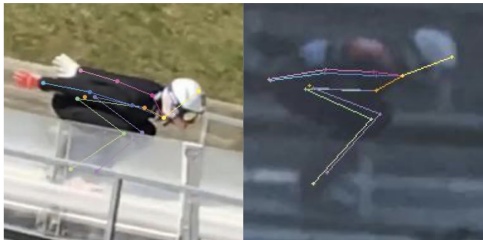
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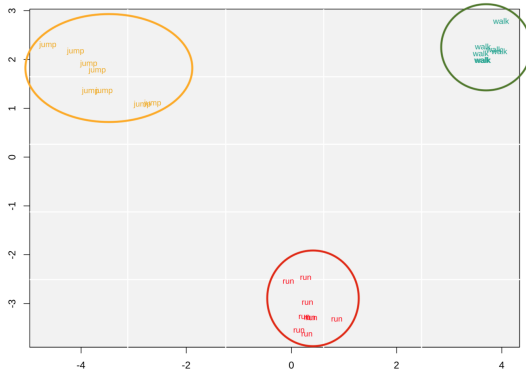
Motion manipulation done via shape analysis
and we use one simple differential equation

$$\dot{g} = q(t)g(t), \quad g(0) = e.$$

expressing the need of derivative information

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Classifying running, walking, jumping animations as shapes (DP)



- $SO(3)^n$ -valued time curves: the geometry of rotations is preserved.
- We treat time curves as shapes: use a reparametrisation invariant distance function: dp
- Dynamic programming, to find the optimal reparametrisation.
- Classical multidimensional scaling to visualize distances in a lower dimensional space.
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Shapes - when reparametrization invariance is important

- Shapes are *unparametrized curves* (or surfaces) in a vector space or on a manifold.
- The use of shapes is natural in applications where one wants to compare curves or surfaces independently of their parametrisation.

Definition of **shapes** via an equivalence relation: let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ an interval, consider

$$\mathcal{P} := \text{Imm}(I, \mathbb{R}^n) = \{c \in C^\infty(I, \mathbb{R}^n) \mid \dot{c}(t) \neq 0\},$$

\mathcal{P} is called pre-shape space and is an **infinite dimensional manifold**. Let $c_0, c_1 \in \mathcal{P}$ then

$$c_0 \sim c_1 \iff \exists \varphi : c_0 = c_1 \circ \varphi$$

with $\varphi \in \text{Diff}^+(I)$ a orientation preserving diffeomorphism on I

Shape space:

$$\mathcal{S} := \text{Imm}(I, \mathbb{R}^n) / \text{Diff}^+(I)$$

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Let $d_{\mathcal{P}}$ be a **reparametrization invariant** distance function on \mathcal{P} i.e.

$$d_{\mathcal{P}}(c_0, c_1) = d_{\mathcal{P}}(c_0 \circ \varphi, c_1 \circ \varphi) \quad \forall \varphi \in \text{Diff}^+(I).$$

Definition of distance on \mathcal{S} :

$$d_{\mathcal{S}}([c_0], [c_1]) := \inf_{\varphi \in \text{Diff}^+(I)} d_{\mathcal{P}}(c_0, c_1 \circ \varphi).$$

Proposition

If $d_{\mathcal{P}}$ is a **reparametrization invariant** distance function on \mathcal{P} , then $d_{\mathcal{S}}([c_0], [c_1])$ is independent of the choice of representatives of $[c_0]$ and $[c_1]$.

One can proceed first transforming the curves and then computing L_2 distances:

$$Q : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow C^\infty(I, \mathbb{R}^n), \quad c \mapsto q,$$

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$$d_{\mathcal{P}}(c_0, c_1) = d_{L^2}(Q(c_0), Q(c_1)) = \|q_0 - q_1\|_{L_2}.$$

With this definition $d_{\mathcal{P}}$ is reparametrization invariant and d_S is well defined, because Q is equivariant wrt reparametrizations:

$$Q(c \circ \varphi)(t) = \sqrt{\dot{\varphi}(t)} \cdot (Q(c) \circ \varphi)(t)$$

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Optimal reparametrization problem

Optimal reparametrization problem: let $q_0 = Q(c_0)$, $q_1 = Q(c_1)$, given shapes $[c_0]$ and $[c_1]$

$$d_S([c_0], [c_1]) = \inf_{\varphi \in \text{Diff}^+(I)} E(\varphi), \quad E(\varphi) = d_P(c_0, c_1 \circ \varphi) = \|q_0 - \sqrt{\dot{\varphi}}(q_1 \circ \varphi)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Optimisation problem on an infinite dimensional Lie group $\text{Diff}^+(I)$, with “Lie algebra” $T_{\text{id}}\text{Diff}^+(I)$, $I = [0, 1]$.

We parametrize the diffeomorphisms with deep neural networks as follows:

Consider a basis v_1, v_2, \dots of $T_{\text{id}}\text{Diff}^+(I)$ write

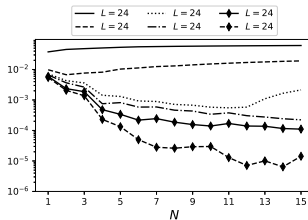
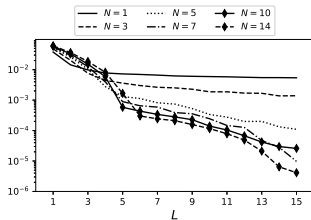
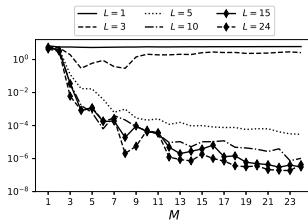
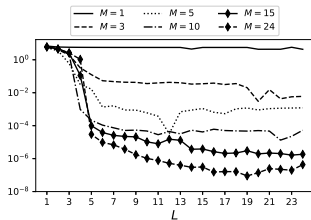
$$\varphi_\theta = (\text{id} + h_1 f_{\theta_1}) \circ \dots \circ (\text{id} + h_L f_{\theta_L}).$$

$$f_{\theta_\ell} = \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_j^\ell v_j, \quad \theta_\ell = \{\beta_j^\ell\}_{j=1, \dots, M}^{\ell=1, \dots, L}$$

Optimise on these “approximate diffeomorphisms”.

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Convergence



Parametric surfaces embedded in \mathbb{R}^3

Domain $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$. Denoting by $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ the parametric surface, f_x and f_y the partial derivatives.

Normal vector and area scaling factor:

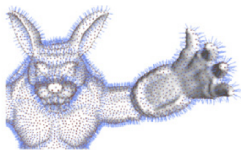
$$\mathbf{n}_f(x, y) = f_x \times f_y, \quad a_f(x, y) = |f_x \times f_y|$$

then

$$\mathcal{P} = \{f \in C^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{R}) \mid a_f(x, y) > 0, \forall (x, y) \in \Omega\}$$

Implicit neural representations: $g : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, e.g. the *signed distance function* approximated by a neural network g_θ

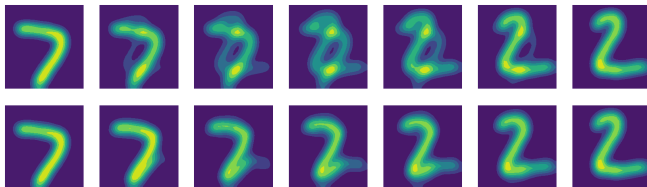
$$\mathcal{M} = g^{-1}(0).$$



oriented point cloud

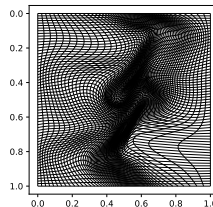
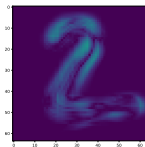
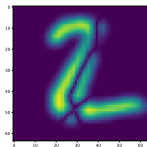
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MNIST, matching of images, handwritten digits



Top $\lambda(f_1, f_2, \tau) := \tau f_1 + (1 - \tau) f_2$

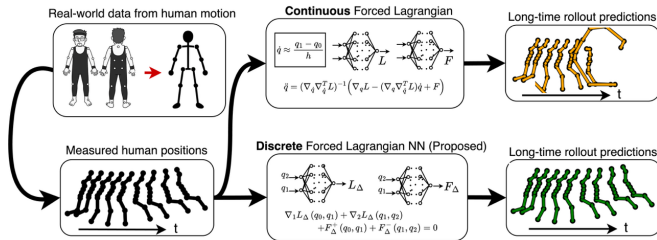
Bottom $\gamma(f_1, f_2, \tau) := \tau f_1 + (1 - \tau) f_2 \circ \varphi^*$, φ^* optimal reparametrization.



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Learning Mechanical systems from data

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- We assume to measure **only position data**.
- Necessary to take into account external forces and dissipative forces.
- We **use the laws of physics**.
- We want to learn separately the **external forces** from the **conservative forces** (coming from the the Lagrangian).
- Optional: we learn separately kinetic energy (the mass matrix) and potential energy.

Joint work with M. D. Hansen and B.K. Tapley

LdA principle

$$\delta \left(\int_{t_0}^{t_N} L(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) dt \right) + \int_{t_0}^{t_N} F(q(t), \dot{q}(t), u(t)) \cdot \delta q(t) dt = 0,$$

where δ denotes variations that vanish at the endpoints

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In the spirit of *Geometric Mechanics-Variational Integrators*, we use a **discrete LdA**.

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Discrete Lagrange d'Alembert principle: using only position data

$$L_{\Delta}(q_n, q_{n+1}) \approx \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+h}} L(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) dt,$$

$$F_{\Delta}^{-}(q_n, q_{n+1}, h) \cdot \delta q_n + F_{\Delta}^{+}(q_n, q_{n+1}, h) \cdot \delta q_{n+1} \approx \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+h}} F(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) \cdot \delta q(t) dt,$$

$L_{\Delta} : Q \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (discrete Lagrangian), $F_{\Delta}^{\pm} : Q \times Q \rightarrow T^*Q$ (discrete force)

$$\pi_Q^{-} = \pi_Q \circ F_{\Delta}^{-} \quad \pi_Q^{-} : Q \times Q \rightarrow Q, \quad \pi_Q^{+} = \pi_Q \circ F_{\Delta}^{+} \quad \pi_Q^{+} : Q \times Q \rightarrow Q,$$

with $\pi_Q : T^*Q \rightarrow Q$ the projection.

The discrete Lagrange-d'Alembert principle: find a discrete trajectory $\{q_n\}_{n=1}^N$ s.t.

$$\delta \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L_{\Delta}(q_n, q_{n+1}) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [F_{\Delta}^{-}(q_n, q_{n+1}) \cdot \delta q_n + F_{\Delta}^{+}(q_n, q_{n+1}) \cdot \delta q_{n+1}] = 0,$$

for all variations $\{\delta q_n\}_{n=0}^N$ vanishing at the endpoints $\delta q_0 = \delta q_N = 0$.

Discrete forced Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$0 = \mathcal{E}_{\Delta}(L_{\Delta}, F_{\Delta})(q_{n-1}, q_n, q_{n+1}) := D_2 L_{\Delta}(q_{n-1}, q_n) + D_1 L_{\Delta}(q_n, q_{n+1}) \\ + F_{\Delta}^{+}(q_{n-1}, q_n) + F_{\Delta}^{-}(q_n, q_{n+1}), \quad n = 2, \dots, N-1,$$

where D_1 and D_2 denote differentiation with respect to the first and second variable.

Goal: learn NNs $L_\theta \approx L$ and $F_\theta \approx F$ from the observed trajectories of the mechanical system

Direct Discrete Lagrange d'Alembert setting: Given L Lagrangian and F forces compute trajectories $\{q_n\}_{n=0}^N$ of the mechanical system satisfying Discrete LdA principle.

Inverse discrete LdA setting:

Given multiple observed (discrete) trajectories $\{q_n\}_{n=0}^N$ we seek approximations to the Lagrangian and forces (L, F) .
We replace (L, F) with neural networks approximations

$$L_\theta \approx L, \quad F_\theta \approx F$$

(L_θ, F_θ) are then the unknowns of our problem which we find minimizing the loss function

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{mech}}(L_\theta, F_\theta) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}}$$

Example - discretization of the LdA - loss function to find the parameters

$$\begin{aligned}L_{\Delta}(q_n, q_{n+1}) &:= h L_{\theta} \left(\frac{q_n + q_{n+1}}{2}, \frac{q_{n+1} - q_n}{h} \right) = h L_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\F_{\Delta}^{+}(q_n, q_{n+1}, h) &:= \frac{h}{2} F_{\theta} \left(\frac{q_n + q_{n+1}}{2}, \frac{q_{n+1} - q_n}{h} \right) = \frac{h}{2} F_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\F_{\Delta}^{-}(q_n, q_{n+1}, h) &:= \frac{h}{2} F_{\theta} \left(\frac{q_n + q_{n+1}}{2}, \frac{q_{n+1} - q_n}{h} \right) = \frac{h}{2} F_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2}(q_n + q_{n+1}) \\ \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{h}(q_{n+1} - q_n).\end{aligned}$$

Loss function is the residual of the discrete forced Euler- Lagrange equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{mech}}(L_{\theta}, F_{\theta}) &= \frac{h}{2} \sum_T \sum_{n=2}^{N-1} \left\| D_1 L_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \frac{2}{h} D_2 L_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + D_1 L_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \frac{2}{h} D_2 L_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + F_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + F_{\theta} \left(\bar{q}_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right\|_2\end{aligned}$$

Structure of Lagrangians, Forces and Regularization

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- **structured:**
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Regularization: Impose L_θ to be a *regular Lagrangian*, i.e.

$$S := \left(\frac{\partial^2 L_\theta(q, \dot{q})}{\partial \dot{q}_i \partial \dot{q}_j} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}} = \frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} |\log(|\det(S_r)|)|, \quad S_r = S(\bar{q}_{r+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\dot{q}}_{r+\frac{1}{2}})$$

on N_r regularization points given from the training dataset.

- Propose to learn the Lagrangian of Euler-Lagrange dynamics, with no external forces. Approximate the Lagrangian using Gaussian Processes.
- Discuss the problem of non uniqueness of the Lagrangian and propose ways to learn regular Lagrangians.
- Introduce the concept of *inverse modified Lagrangian* $L_{invmod} \approx L$ and

$$L = L_{invmod} + \tilde{L} h^p + \mathcal{O}(h^{p+1})$$

- For more accurate approximations of L use *Lagrangian Backward Error Analysis* and L_{invmod} .
- Use only position data.
- Experiments on synthetic data.
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where

$$\bar{q}_n = \frac{1}{12}(-q_{n-2} + 8q_{n-1} + 4q_{n+1} + q_{n+2}), \quad \bar{v}_n = \frac{1}{12h}(q_{n-2} - 8q_{n-1} + 8q_{n+1} - q_{n+2}).$$

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$$F_{\Delta}^{+}(q_{n-2}, q_{n-1}, q_{n+1}, q_{n+2}) = \frac{h}{2}F_{\theta}(\bar{q}_n, \bar{v}_n),$$

$$F_{\Delta}^{-}(q_{n-2}, q_{n-1}, q_{n+1}, q_{n+2}) = \frac{h}{2}F_{\theta}(\bar{q}_n, \bar{v}_n),$$

where

$$\bar{q}_n = \frac{1}{12}(-q_{n-2} + 8q_{n-1} + 4q_{n+1} + q_{n+2}), \quad \bar{v}_n = \frac{1}{12h}(q_{n-2} - 8q_{n-1} + 8q_{n+1} - q_{n+2}).$$

Higher order: use coefficients δ_j ($j = -k, \dots, k$), $\delta_j = -\delta_{-j}$, for a derivative approximation of order $2k$,

$$\bar{v}_n = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{j=-k}^k \delta_j q_{n-j}, \quad \bar{q}_n = (1 - \delta_1)q_{n+1} - \sum_{j=-k, j \neq 0, 1}^k \delta_j q_{n-j}, \quad \delta_j = \frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{j} \frac{k!^2}{(k-j)!(k+j)!},$$

for $j = 1, \dots, k$ and where $\delta_0 = 0$.

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- Formulate their learning problem starting from the **(Forced) Euler-Lagrange Equations**:

$$0 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q}(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) \right) + F(q(t), \dot{q}(t)).$$

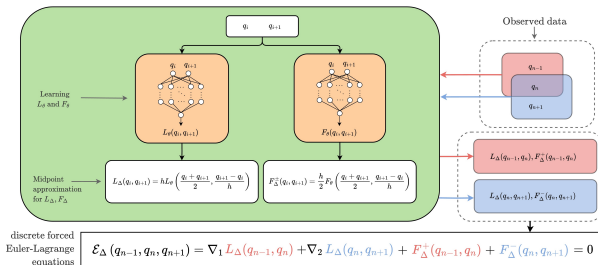
- By expanding $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) \right)$ and **assuming** $\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{q}^2}$ invertible one obtains

$$\ddot{q} = \left(\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{q}^2} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \dot{q} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial q \partial \dot{q}} + F \right)$$

Then solve this equation numerically to obtain $\{\hat{q}_n, \dot{\hat{q}}_n\}_{n=0}^N$ to compare with the observed data $\{q_n, \dot{q}_n\}_{n=0}^N$ in a least squares loss function.

- Learn both L_θ and F_θ .
- Need both position and velocity data (or approximate velocity with finite differences).
- Experiments on synthetic data.
 - Miles Cranmer, Sam Greydanus, Stephan Hoyer, Peter Battaglia, David Spergel, and Shirley Ho. *Lagrangian neural networks*, arXiv:2003.04630.
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Experiments: error measures



Extrapolation error: is the error at the k -th step of a trajectory computed numerically, with $k \geq 2$ after L_θ and F_θ are learned.

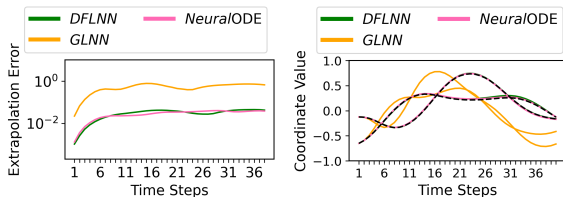
$$\text{Extrapolation Error}_k = \frac{1}{N_{\mathcal{T}}} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\mathcal{T}}} \| q_k^{\{i\}} - \hat{q}_k^{\{i\}} \|_2^2. \quad (1)$$

Mean square error associated to the k -th step of a predicted trajectory:

- q_k^i true trajectory at time step k given the initial condition for $\{q_0^i, q_1^i\}$;
- $\hat{q}_k^{\{i\}}$ is the solution of $\mathcal{E}_\Delta(\hat{q}_{k-2}^i, \hat{q}_{k-1}^i, \hat{q}_k^i) = 0$ for trajectory i , starting from $\mathcal{E}_\Delta(q_0^i, q_1^i, \hat{q}_2^i) = 0$.

Where $N_{\mathcal{T}}$ is the number of trajectories of N steps (segments of triplets $\{q_{n-1}, q_n, q_{n+1}\}$ are selected from each trajectory and used as input to the NNs during training).

Experiments (synthetic data): damped double pendulum



The model was trained on the damped dataset and evaluated on a test dataset with same damping.

Left: Extrapolation error given time step $h = C \cdot 10^{-2}$ and a training dataset containing 320 trajectories. Test dataset contains 10 trajectories.

Right: Prediction rollouts.

Experiments (synthetic data): damped double pendulum

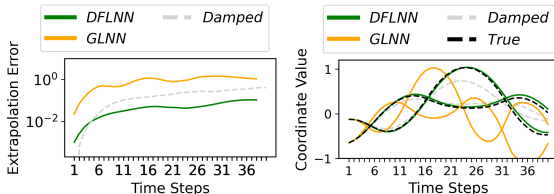
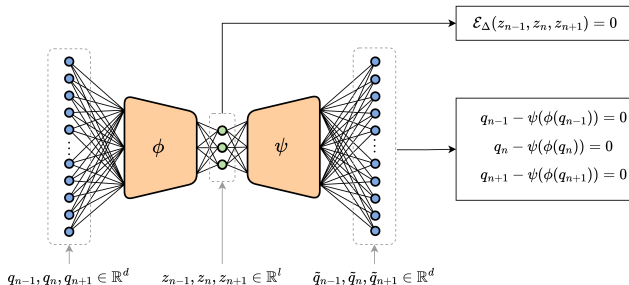


Figure: Evaluating the conservative part of the trained Lagrangian-based models on an undamped double pendulum dataset. The lightgray line is included as a reference to the damped system that the model is being trained on.

Dimensionality reduction for pixel data and human motion data



An autoencoder is applied to reduce the high-dimensional input dimension to a lower-dimensional latent space. The proposed model is applied to the dynamics in the latent space.

Experiments (synthetic data): pixel pendulum

Experiment inspired by:

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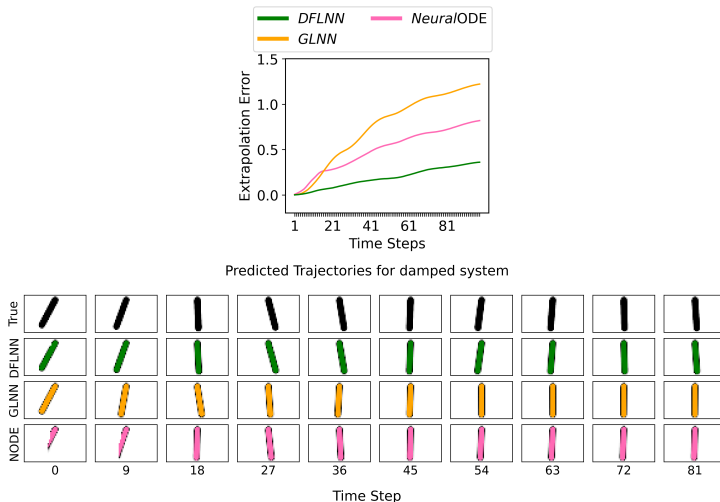
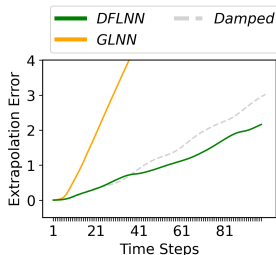


Figure: Results for a simple pendulum represented through pixel images. The models are trained on a damped dataset, and evaluated on a test dataset with the same damping.

Experiments (synthetic data): pixel pendulum



Predicted Trajectories for Undamped system

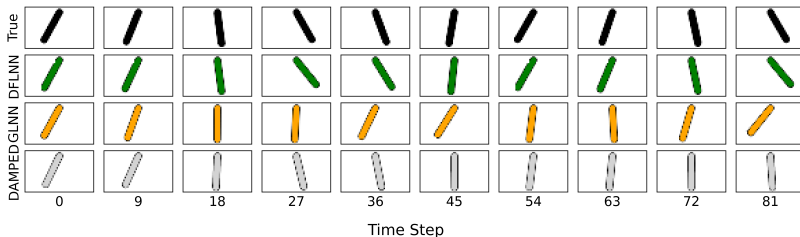
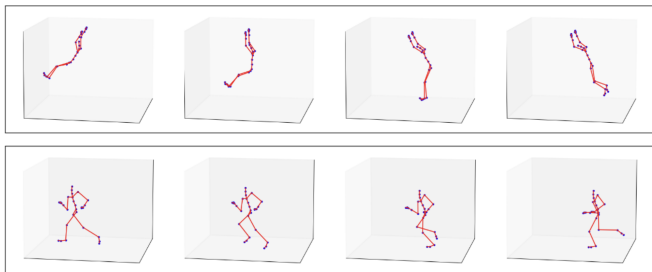
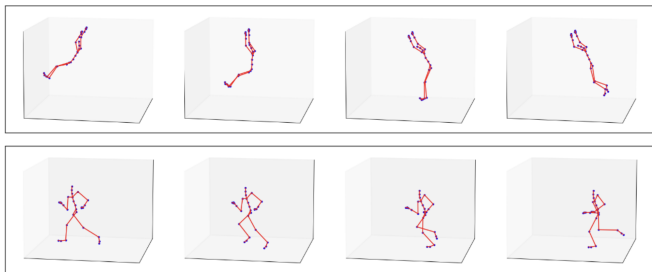


Figure: Results for a simple pendulum represented through pixel images. The models are trained on a damped dataset, the conservative part of the trained Lagrangian-based models is evaluated on an undamped simple pendulum system. The lightgray line and figures are included as a reference to the damped system that the model has been trained on.

Experiments (real-world data)

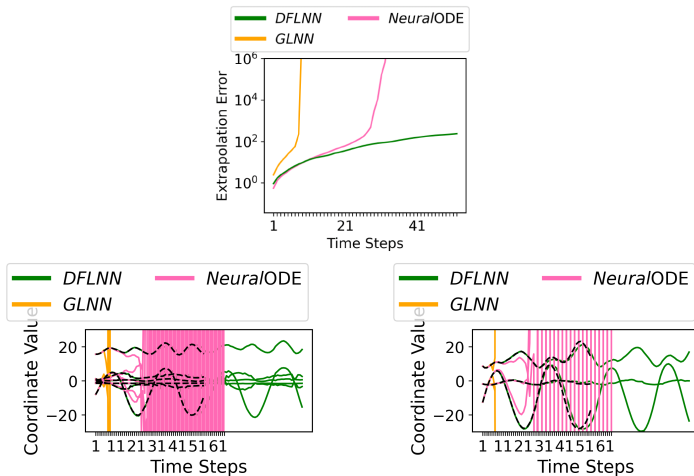


Experiments (real-world data)



- Too few trajectories for the same motion: need to augment the data-set.
- Use two trials of the same motion for the same person.
- Extract 10 trajectories per trial for a total of 20 trajectories.
- We track the motion of 10 joints: rtibia, rfemur, rhipjoint, root, lowerback, upperback, thorax, rclavicle, rhumeral, and rradius.
- Use a Savitzky-Golay filter to smoothen the data.
- Perform dimensionality reduction including the parameters of an autoencoder in the training.

Experiments (real-life data): swinging motion



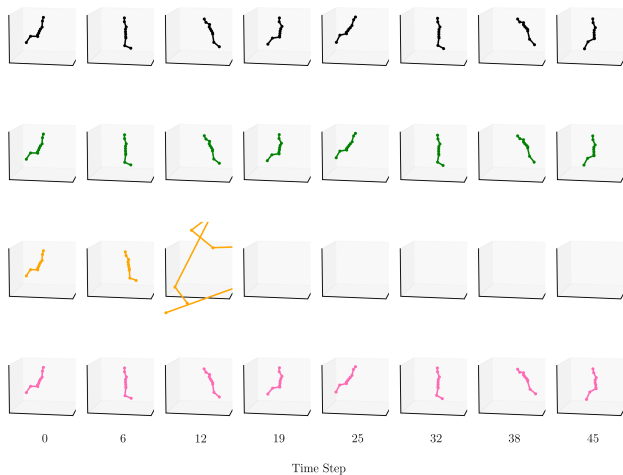
Reconstruction of human motion, capturing a swinging motion. (Black - recorded motion)

Top Extrapolation error.

Left Prediction rollouts in coordinate space for the root of the skeleton.

Right Prediction rollouts for the the right femur.

Skeletal movement snapshots



Green notation is DFLNN (proposed), yellow is the GLNN model, and pink lines a Neural ODE. The ground truth is indicated in black. Full movement represented as a skeletal sketch.

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