

2.160 Identification, Estimation, and Learning
Part 4 Machine Learning and Nonlinear System Modeling

Lecture 24

Koopman Operator Theory for
Exact Linearization of
Nonlinear Dynamical Systems

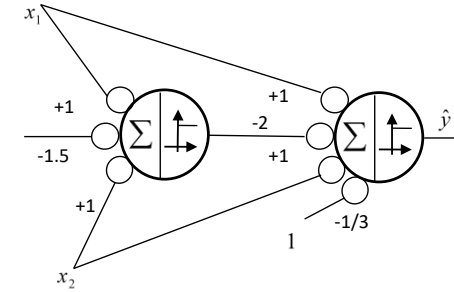
$$K_f \varphi = \varphi \circ f$$

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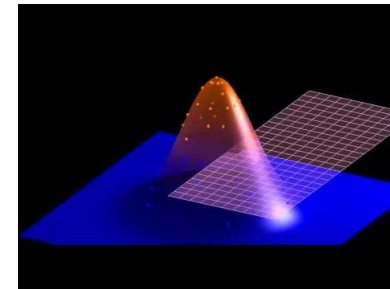
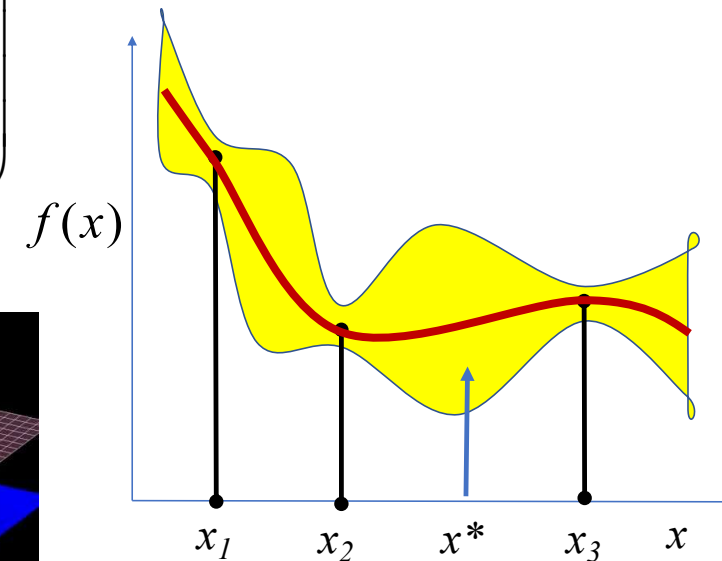
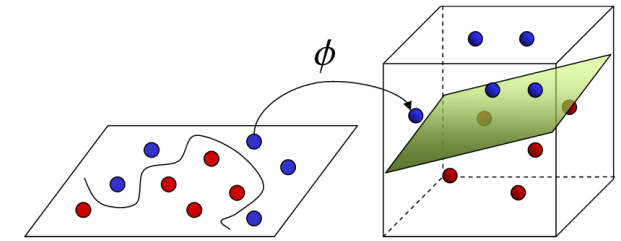
Augmenting / Lifting the Input Space

- ❑ A focal point of Part 4 Machine Learning and Nonlinear System Modeling: Lifting the input space
- ❑ Linearly separable classification: Not linearly separable problems, such as XOR, can be made linearly separable by augmenting the feature space.
- ❑ Hidden units of a neural network can create such internal variables to augment the space.
- ❑ Kernel methods recast the input space to a high dimensional space, including an infinite dimensional space.
- ❑ Gaussian Process exploits covariance kernels to indirectly deal with high-dimensional features.

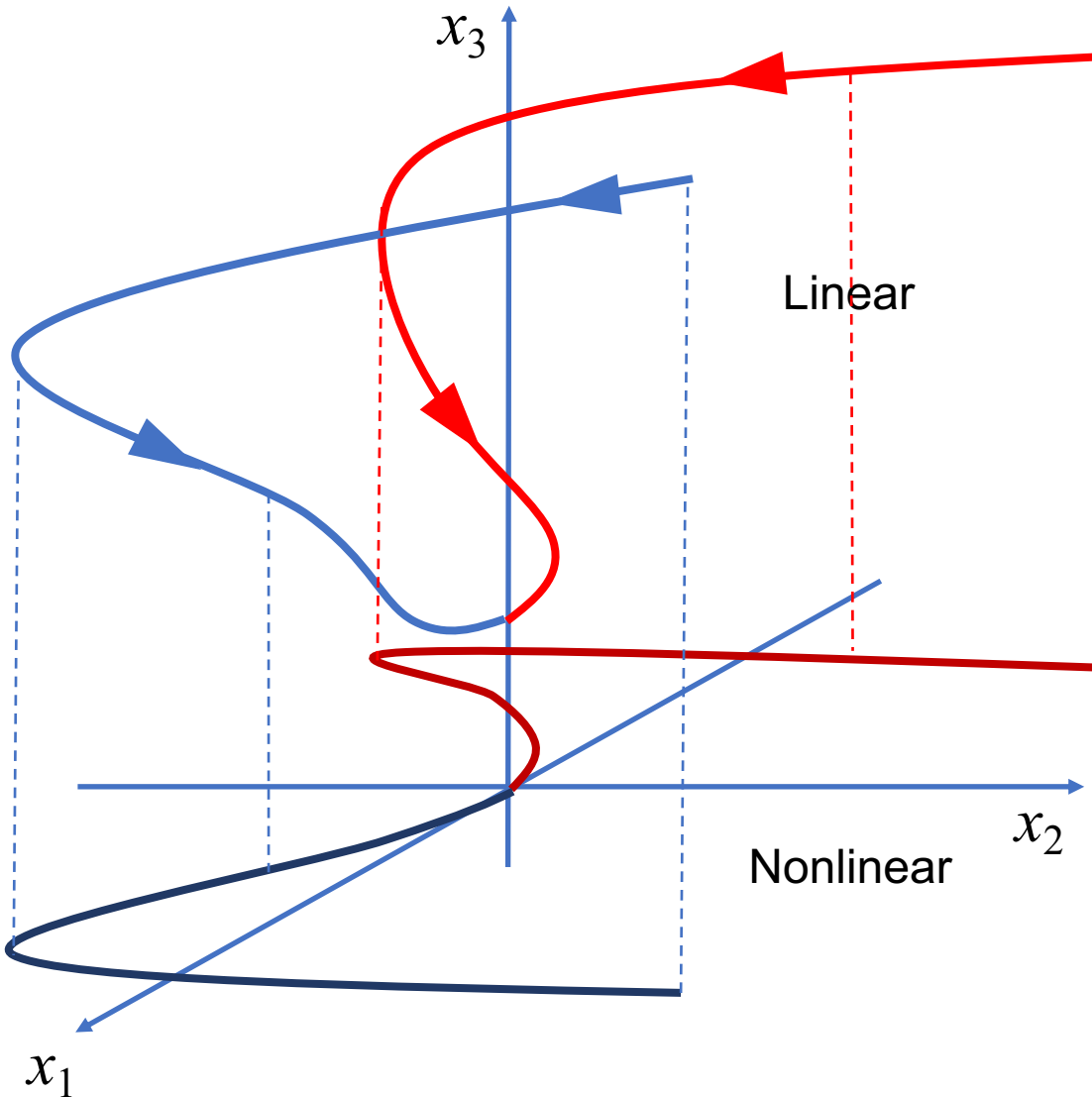
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0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0
X_1	X_2	y



$$\phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 \\ \sqrt{2}cx_1 \\ \sqrt{2}cx_2 \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$



The final two lectures of 2.160
aim to extend the methodology of input space augmentation to
Linearization of Nonlinear Dynamical Systems through Lifting Dynamics.



Linear state equations

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = Az \qquad \frac{dz}{dt} = Az + Bu$$

z : High dimensional

Nonlinear state equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) \qquad \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, u)$$

x : Low dimensional

A Lucky Example

- Consider the following 2nd-order nonlinear dynamical system:

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = ax_1$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = b(x_2 - x_1^2)$$

- Introducing a new set of variables:

$$z_1 = x_1, z_2 = x_2, z_3 = x_1^2$$

- We can rewrite the original state equation as:

$$\frac{dz_1}{dt} = az_1$$

$$\frac{dz_2}{dt} = b(z_2 - z_3)$$

- The evolution of the third variable z_3 is given by differentiating it.

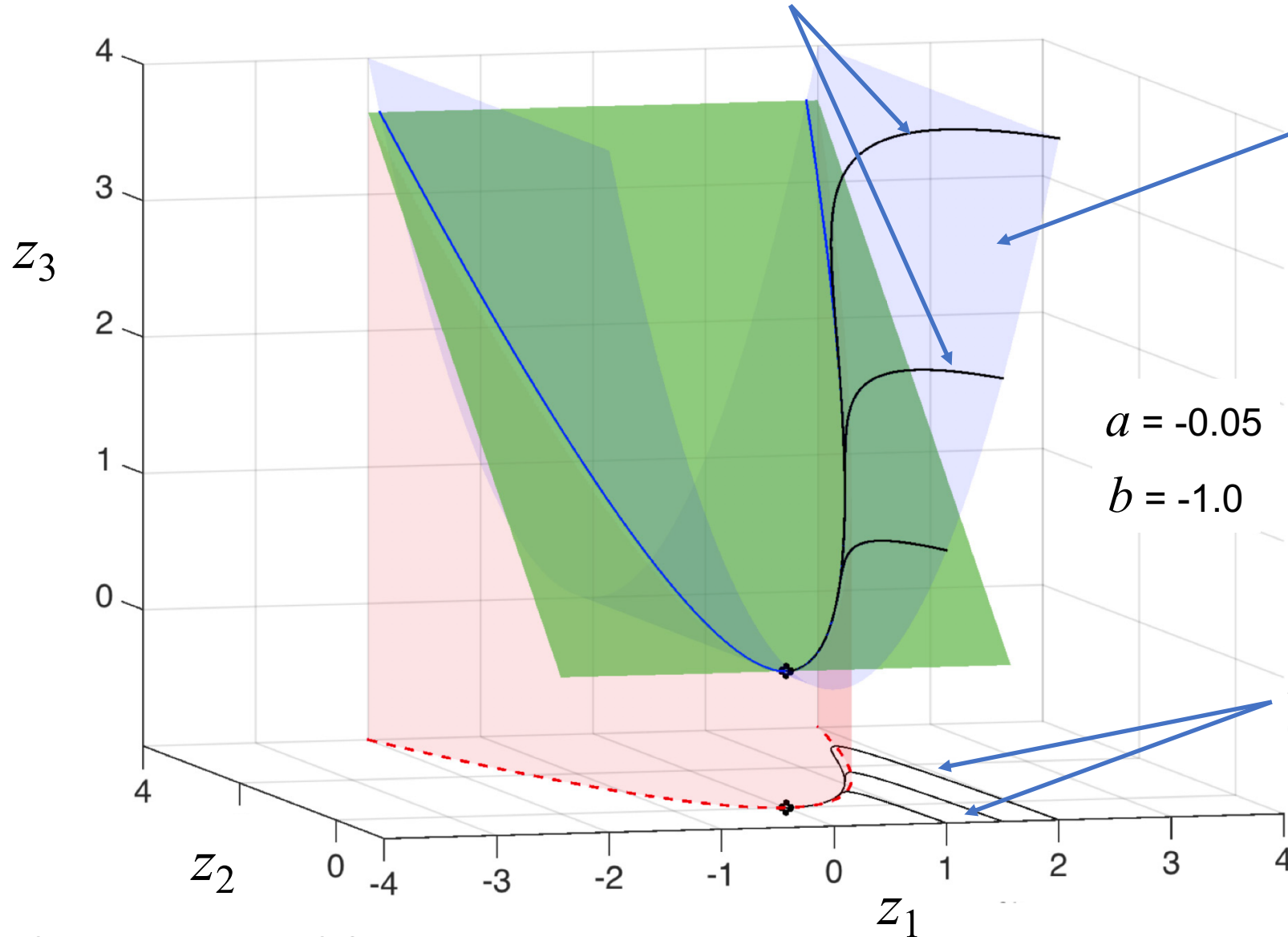
$$\frac{dz_3}{dt} = \frac{dx_1^2}{dt} = 2x_1 \frac{dx_1}{dt} = 2x_1 ax_1 = 2ax_1^2 = 2az_3$$

- Therefore, the system is represented as a linear 3rd order system.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 2a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note that no approximation is used. The lifted system is linear and exact.

3D linear dynamics trajectories



The trajectories are constrained in this curve:

$$z_3 = z_1^2$$

$$\begin{matrix} a = -0.05 \\ b = -1.0 \end{matrix} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 2a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2D nonlinear dynamics trajectories

A Motivating Example of Lifting Linearization

- Once linearized, the state equation can be applied to various nonlinear dynamics analysis and control design problems.
- Consider the above system with control input u .

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 2a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} u$$

- Let us apply Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) that optimizes the following cost functional.

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\mathbf{z}(t)^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}(t) + \mathbf{u}(t)^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}(t) \right) dt$$

where

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{u}(t) = u(t) \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & 0 \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{R} = 1$$

□ Solving the above LQR problem, we can find an optimal state feedback law:

$$u(t) = -(k_1, k_2, k_3) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = -(k_1 x_1 + k_2 x_2 + k_3 x_1^2)$$

□ Note that this feedback law is a nonlinear feedback since x_1^2 is involved.

□ Comparing the above LQR in the lifted space, let us consider a nonlinear optimal control for the original system.

□ Minimize:

$$J = \int_0^\infty \left(\mathbf{x}(t)^T \mathbf{Q}_0 \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{u}(t)^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}(t) \right) dt \quad \mathbf{Q}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ Q_{12} & Q_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{R} = 1$$

$$\text{Subject to} \quad \frac{dx_1}{dt} = ax_1, \quad \frac{dx_2}{dt} = b(x_2 - x_1^2)$$

□ This optimization is difficult to solve; no longer convex optimization; a numerical solution may be at a local minimum, and the computation is more expensive.

Koopman Operator

- ❑ The above case study is a special case of lifting linearization, where simple embedding of nonlinear terms leads to a complete linear model. General nonlinear dynamical systems cannot be represented by exact linear equations of finite order.
- ❑ However, an arbitrary, autonomous nonlinear dynamical system can be represented by a linear system of infinite order in a Hilbert space, thanks to Bernard Koopman.

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*HAMILTONIAN SYSTEMS AND TRANSFORMATIONS IN
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The Great Depression time

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In recent years the theory of Hilbert space and its linear transformations has come into prominence.¹ It has been recognized to an increasing

Koopman Operator

- We start with a discrete-time dynamical system, while the theory applies to a continuous-time system. Consider a nonlinear autonomous (no input) system:

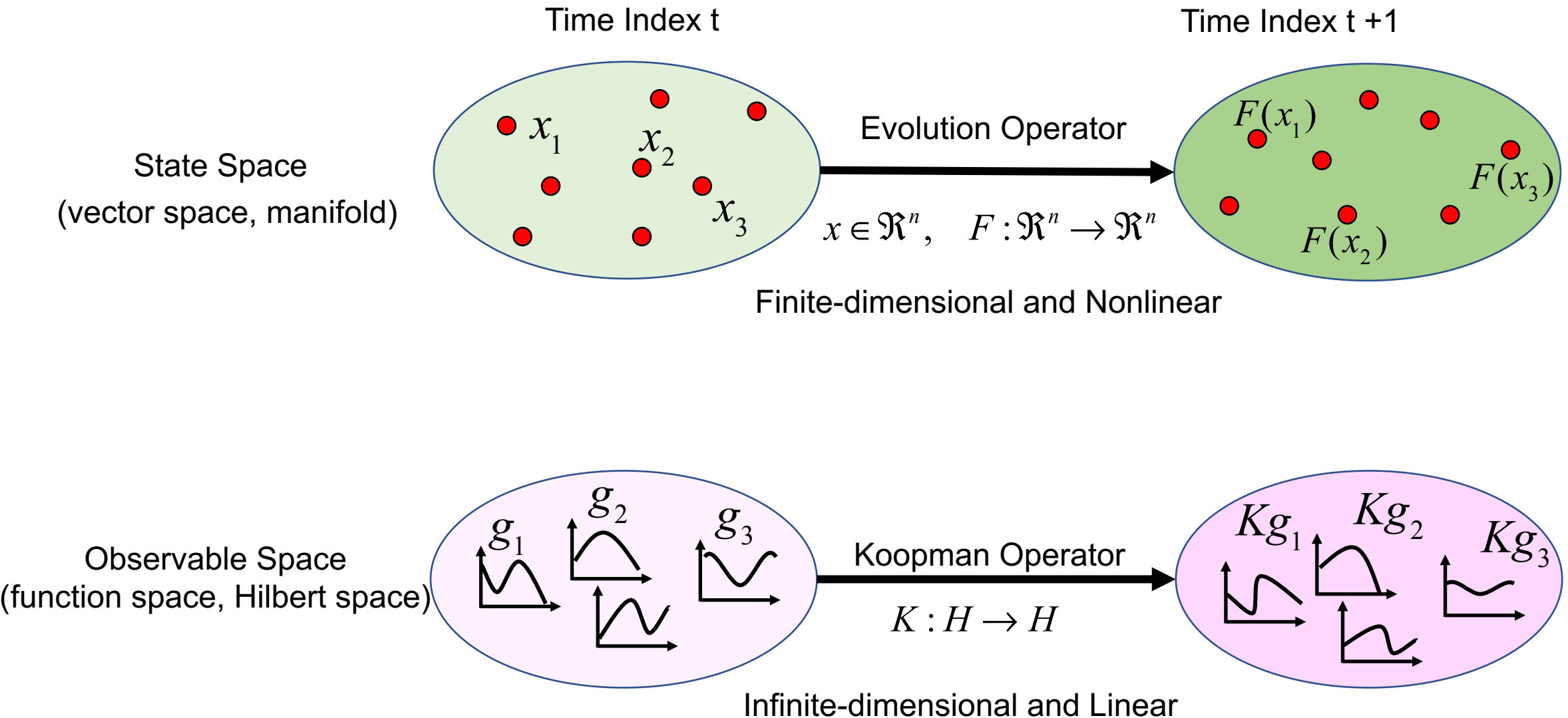
$$x_{t+1} = F(x_t) \quad \text{where } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ continuous}$$

- Let $g(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an observable, a scalar-valued function of state, which resembles output y . Here, $g(x)$ can be a sensor measurement, a nonlinear function of state variables, such as $z_3 = x_1^2$ in the previous example, or one of the state variables.
- Collection of all such observables form a linear vector space. Koopman Operator, denoted by \mathbf{K} , is a linear transformation on this vector space.

$$\mathbf{K}g(x) = g \circ F(x)$$

- Here \circ denotes a composition operation. In this case, the observable function g applies to $F(x)$, which represents the state of the next time step.
- The Koopman operator is linear. That means, \mathbf{K} is a type of matrix, but infinite dimension.
- The Koopman Operator applies to the collection of observations, a vector of infinite dimension, that is, a function $g(x)$.

Schematic of Koopman Operator



A Brute-force Method for Obtaining a Linear State Equation in a Lifted Space

- Given a nonlinear state equation, find nonlinear terms in $F(x)$ and replace them by observables.

Example:
$$x_{t+1} = ax_t + bx_t^2 + c \sin \pi x_t$$
$$g_1(x_t) \quad g_2(x_t)$$

- This allows us to rewrite the state equation as a linear equation with a set of observables.

$$x_{t+1} = ax_t + bg_1(x_t) + cg_2(x_t)$$

- Formulate the transition of all the observables, $g_1(x_{t+1}), g_2(x_{t+1})$, as linear functions of observables and state, $g_1(x_t), g_2(x_t), x_t$.

$$g_1(x_{t+1}) = k_{10}x_t + k_{11}g_1(x_t) + k_{12}g_2(x_t)$$

$$g_2(x_{t+1}) = k_{20}x_t + k_{21}g_1(x_t) + k_{22}g_2(x_t)$$

A Brute-force Method (continued)

- Including other observables, write a set of augmented state equations, which represents “point-wise” transitions of state variables and observables.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t+1) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t+1) \\ g_{n+1}(t+1) \\ \vdots \\ g_{m-n}(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1,n} & a_{1,n+1} & \cdots & a_{1,m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & \cdots & a_{n,n} & & & \vdots \\ a_{n+1,1} & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & a_{m,m} \end{pmatrix}}_{A_m} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \\ g_{n+1}(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_{m-n}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note that the observables are renumbered so that the matrix is m by m .
- To differentiate time step t from the component of the state vector x , time is placed in (t) .
- The first n rows of the matrix are known, if all the nonlinear terms of $F(x)$ are replaced by observables. The bottom $(m-n)$ rows are unknown and to be tuned.

A Brute-force Method (continued)

□ Define Z_t , collect data for $t = 0$ through N , and set up 2 data matrices.

$$Z_t = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \\ g_{n+1}(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_{m-n}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z_{0|N-1} = (Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_{N-1}) \in \Re^{m \times N}$$

$$Z_{1|N} = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_N) \in \Re^{m \times N}$$

Note that $Z_{1|N}$ is one time step ahead of $Z_{0|N-1}$.

□ The augmented state equation can be arranged for all the data collectively:

$$Z_{1|N} = A_m Z_{0|N-1}$$

□ The least squares solution is given by using the pseudo-inverse of $Z_{0|N-1}$.

$$A_m = Z_{1|N} Z_{0|N-1}^{\#}$$

Limitations to the Brute-force Method

- ❑ The above brute-force method is limited in several aspects.
 - The selection of observables are ad hoc.
 - Koopman's theory does not say how to pick observables.
 - We do not know how many observables are required to better approximate the nonlinear dynamics.
- ❑ To answer these questions, let us better understand the Koopman Operator theory.

Interpretation of Koopman Operator

- Take transpose of the previous expression, and equate it to the following matrix product

$$Z_{1|N} = A_m Z_{0|N-1} \longrightarrow Z_{1|N}^T = Z_{0|N-1}^T A_m^T \longrightarrow Z_{1|N}^T = K_m Z_{0|N-1}^T$$

- Treating state variables, too, as observables, we can write the last expression as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1(1) & \cdots & \hat{g}_i(1) & \cdots \\ g_1(2) & \cdots & \hat{g}_i(2) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots \\ g_1(N) & \cdots & \hat{g}_i(N) & \cdots \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & \cdots & k_{1N} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & \cdots & k_{2N} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_{N1} & \cdots & \cdots & k_{NN} \end{pmatrix}}_{K_N} \begin{pmatrix} g_1(0) & \cdots & \hat{g}_i(0) & \cdots \\ g_1(1) & \cdots & \hat{g}_i(1) & \cdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots \\ g_1(N-1) & \cdots & \hat{g}_i(N-1) & \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$\hat{g}_i(F(x))$
 K_N
 $g_i(x)$
 \hat{g}_i

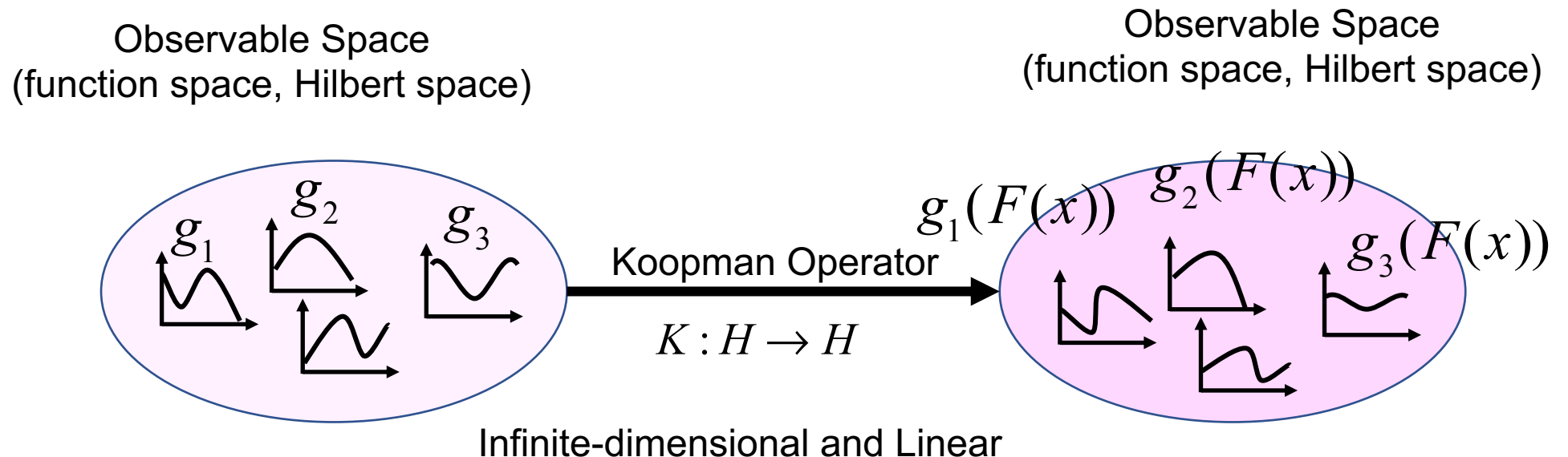
- Interestingly, the i^{th} column vector represents a trajectory of the i^{th} observable; the left trajectory: $\{g_i(t) | 1 \leq t \leq N\}$, while the one on the right hand side is $\{g_i(t) | 0 \leq t \leq N-1\}$
- This implies that the above linear transformation with matrix K_N transforms a trajectory to a trajectory, i.e. transformation of functions.

$$g_i(F(x)) = K g_i(x)$$

Revisiting the Schematic of Koopman Operator

- ❑ Extending the trajectory of each observable to infinite time steps, and the number of observables to infinite, matrix K_N becomes infinite dimensional. Let us denote the infinite-dimensional matrix by \mathbf{K} , and the observable trajectories as $g_1(x), g_2(x), \dots$
- ❑ We can write the Koopman Operator as a linear transformation of a function to a function.

$$g_i(F(x)) = \mathbf{K} g_i(x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$



Comparison between Evolution Operator and Koopman Operator


□ Evolution Operator $Z_{1|N} = A_m Z_{0|N-1}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1(t+1) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1,m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & a_{m,m} \end{pmatrix}}_{A_m} \begin{pmatrix} g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

□ Koopman Operator $Z_{1|N}^T = K_N Z_{0|N-1}^T A_m$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_i(1) \\ g_i(2) \\ \vdots \\ g_i(N) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & \cdots & k_{1N} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & \cdots & k_{2N} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k_{N1} & \cdots & \cdots & k_{NN} \end{pmatrix}}_{K_N} \begin{pmatrix} g_i(0) \\ g_i(1) \\ \vdots \\ g_i(N-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$g_i(F(x)) \qquad \qquad \qquad g_i(x)$

 $K g = g \circ F$

Koopman Eigenvalues and Eigenfunctions

- The Koopman operator is a linear operator. Therefore, we can characterize it in terms of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.
- Let λ_j be the j^{th} eigenvalue and $\varphi_j : \mathfrak{X}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ be the corresponding eigenfunction of Koopman operator K .

$$K\varphi_j(x) = \lambda_j \varphi_j(x), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Consider a vector-valued observable $\mathbf{g} : \mathfrak{X}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^p$. If each of the p components of $\mathbf{g}(x)$ lies in a function space spanned by the eigenfunctions, we can express $\mathbf{g}(x)$ as:

$$\mathbf{g}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi_j(x) \mathbf{v}_j$$

where vector \mathbf{v}_j is referred to as Koopman modes of the observable $\mathbf{g}(x)$.

- The temporal behaviors of observables can be represented with the Koopman eigenvalues, eigen-functions, and modes.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}(x_k) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi_j(x_k) \mathbf{v}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi_j(F(x_{k-1})) \mathbf{v}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} K\varphi_j(x_{k-1}) \mathbf{v}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \varphi_j(x_{k-1}) \mathbf{v}_j \\ &= \dots = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^k \varphi_j(x_0) \mathbf{v}_j \end{aligned}$$

Koopman Eigenvalues and Eigenfunctions

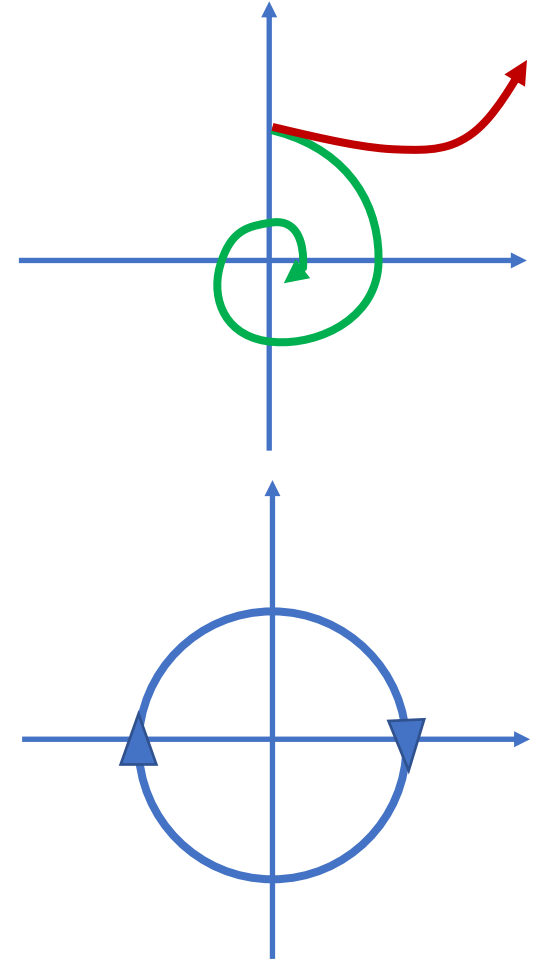
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Mode:
Representing the observable
w.r.t. eigen functions

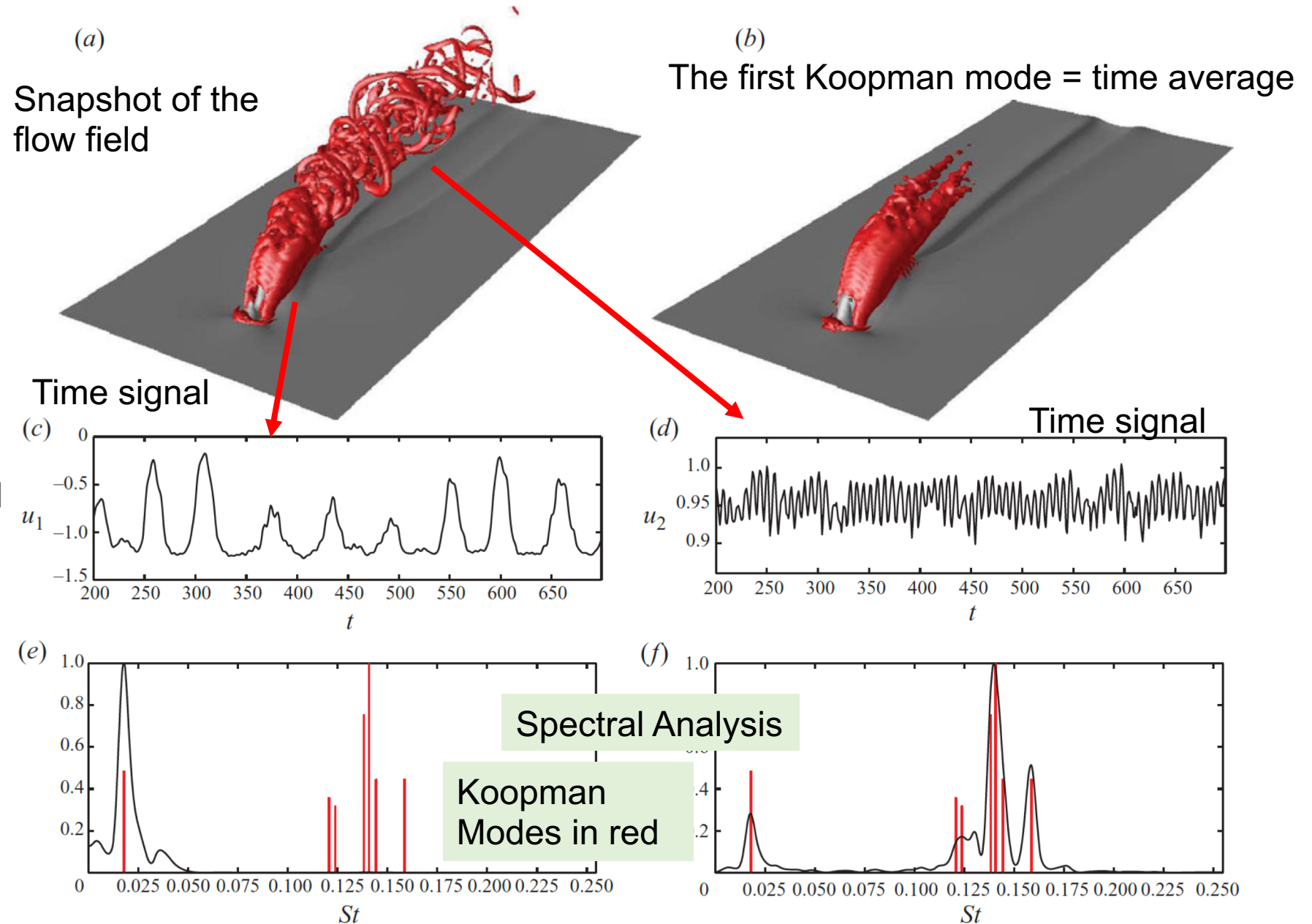
Eigen-function:
Bases spanning the function space

- If one of the eigenvalues is greater than 1, that mode diverges;
- Those modes of $|\lambda_j| < 1$ converge; and
- The one on the unit circle evolves on an attractor (limit cycle).



Jet in Cross-Flow

- ❑ Koopman Operator was first successfully applied to fluid mechanics.
- ❑ Observables are flow velocities measured at various points in space.
- ❑ Data are directly analyzed with Koopman operator with regard to eigenvalues, eigen functions, and modes of the linear transform.



Computation of Koopman Eigenvalues and Modes from Data

- Back to the Finite-dimensional Matrix K_m
- Suppose that we truncate the number of observables at m .
- Collecting data for time 0 through m ,

$$Z_{1|m}^T = K_m Z_{0|m-1}^T \quad \begin{aligned} Z_{0|m-1} &= (Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \\ Z_{1|m} &= (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \end{aligned} \quad Z_t = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note that $Z_{1|m}$ is one time step ahead of $Z_{0|m-1}$. Therefore, we can find

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1(1) & g_2(1) & \dots & g_m(1) \\ g_1(2) & g_2(2) & \dots & g_m(2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g_1(m) & g_2(m) & \dots & g_m(m) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & 0 & 1 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_{m-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{C_m} \begin{pmatrix} g_1(0) & g_2(0) & \dots & g_m(0) \\ g_1(1) & g_2(1) & \dots & g_m(1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g_1(m-1) & g_2(m-1) & \dots & g_m(m-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note that the Koopman operator is associated with a **Companion matrix** C_m .

$$K_m \leftrightarrow C_m$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1(1) & g_2(1) & \cdots & g_m(1) \\ g_1(2) & g_2(2) & \cdots & g_m(2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g_1(m) & g_2(m) & \cdots & g_m(m) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & 0 & 1 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_{m-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_1(0) & g_2(0) & \cdots & g_m(0) \\ g_1(1) & g_2(1) & \cdots & g_m(1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g_1(m-1) & g_2(m-1) & \cdots & g_m(m-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

- If there exist a set of coefficients c_i that satisfy the last row of the above relationship, the set of observables are complete, forming an Invariant Space.
- In general, the last row is an approximation with some residual r_i .

$$g_i(m) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j g_i(j) + r_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

- The squared residual $\sum r_i^2$ can be minimized by optimizing the coefficients c_i .

$$(c_1, \dots, c_m) = \arg \min_{c_1, \dots, c_m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(g_i(m) - \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} c_j g_i(j) \right)^2$$

- We compute the eigenvalues of the optimized Companion matrix to obtain approximate Koopman eigenvalues.

Ritz Values and Ritz Vectors

- Let λ and w be an eigenvalue and the corresponding eigen vector of the transpose of the optimized Companion matrix C_m .

$$C_m^T w = \lambda w$$

- From the previous results,

$$Z_{1|m}^T = Z_{0|m-1}^T A_m^T \quad \text{and} \quad Z_{1|m}^T = K_m Z_{0|m-1}^T = C_m Z_{0|m-1}^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad A_m Z_{0|m-1} = Z_{0|m-1} C_m^T$$

- Post-multiply w to the last expression yields

$$A_m Z_{0|m-1} w = Z_{0|m-1} C_m^T w = \lambda Z_{0|m-1} w$$

- This implies that $v = Z_{0|m-1} w$ is an eigenvector of matrix A_m .
- Eigenvalue λ is called a Ritz value and eigenvector v is a Ritz vector.
- Collectively,

$$C_m^T = T^{-1} \Lambda T \quad \text{where} \quad T^{-1} = (w_1, \dots, w_m), \Lambda = \text{diag.}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$$

$$V = (v_1, \dots, v_m) = Z_{0|m-1} T^{-1}$$

Modal Decomposition of Nonlinear Systems

- The Ritz values and vectors and related data-driven methods, such as Dynamic Mode Decomposition (DMD) were developed primarily for linear systems. We now extend them to nonlinear systems.
- Suppose that we have observed a sequence of observables,

$$\mathbf{g}(x(t)) \in \mathfrak{R}^m, \quad t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$$

- Let λ_j^* and \mathbf{v}_j^* be the empirical Ritz values and vectors for the data. Then we can show

$$\mathbf{g}(x(t)) = \sum_{j=1}^m (\lambda_j^*)^t \mathbf{v}_j^*, \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$$

$$\mathbf{g}(x(m)) = \sum_{j=1}^m (\lambda_j^*)^m \mathbf{v}_j^* + r$$

- Where r is the residual after optimization, and \mathbf{v}_j^* is scaled by the constant values $\varphi_j(x(0))$ in comparison to the previous expression. $\mathbf{g}(x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^k \varphi_j(x_0) \mathbf{v}_j$

Reflection

- Koopman Operator is weird, but powerful.
- Nonlinear autonomous systems can be linearized in an infinite dimensional space.
- It acts on functions. It is infinite dimensional.
- Since it is linear, spectral analysis with eigenvalues and eigenfunctions is applicable to Koopman Operator.
- Data-driven methods are available for obtaining eigenvalues, eigen vectors, and modes directly from data.
- The exact linearization has been guaranteed only for autonomous systems (no control inputs) in infinite dimensional spaces.
- Practical methods will be discussed in the final lecture this Wednesday.