

Learning theory for dynamics

Nature, limits and accuracy of learning,
in the context of a dynamical system

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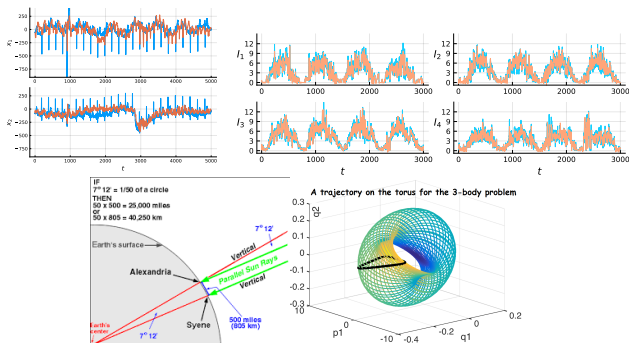
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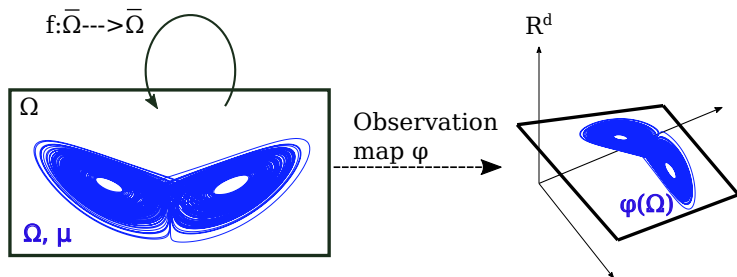
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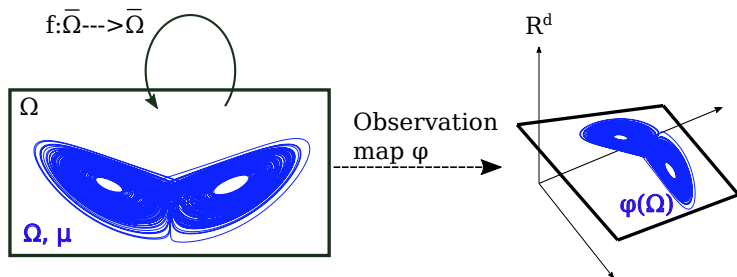
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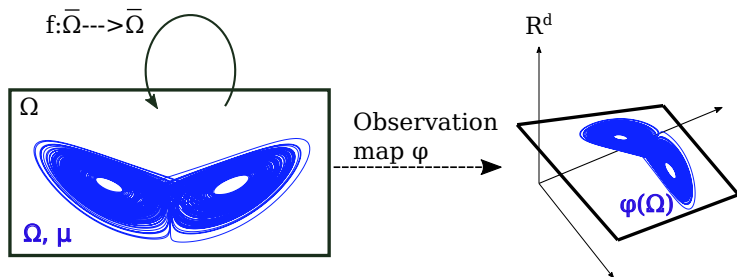


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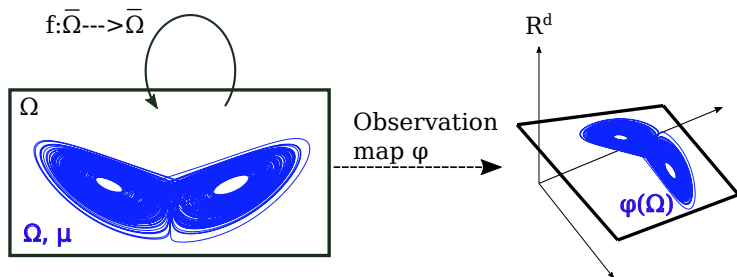
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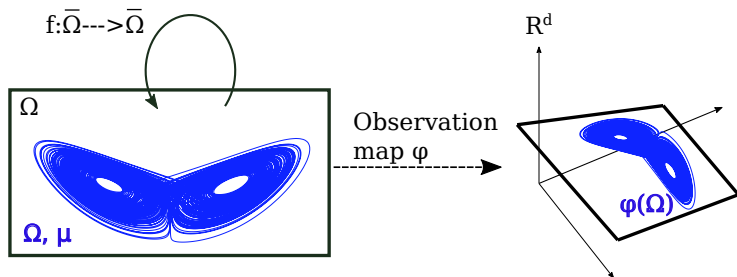
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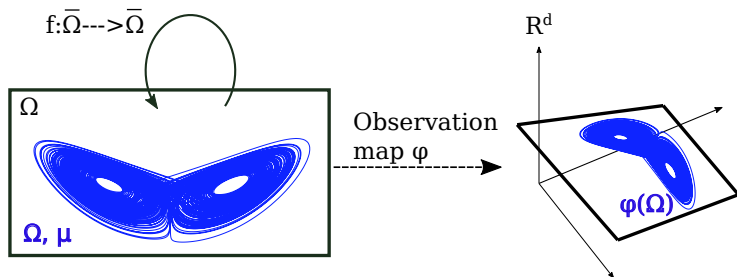
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$$\hat{x}_{n+1} = \hat{f}(\hat{x}_n), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

and an observation map $\hat{\phi} : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that

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There is an injective map $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L$, and a map $g : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L$ such that

$$\Phi \circ f = g \circ (\phi \times \Phi)$$

The map ϕ is the measurement through which the dynamical system is observed. So the codomain of ϕ is often low dimensional and may be only partially observe the system. Since Φ is an embedding, it effectively serves as a representation of the dynamics-space Ω in \mathbb{R}^L space. The function g connects the dynamics, with the embedding and the measurement.

Paradigm I - Delay embeddings $[\Phi \circ f = g \circ (\phi \times \Phi)]$

$$\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dots\} \mapsto \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{1+Q-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_{2+Q-1} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ y_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{n+Q-1} \end{bmatrix}, \dots \right\},$$

Set $L = Qd$.

$$\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L, \Phi : \omega \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \phi(\omega) \\ \vdots \\ \phi(f^{Q-1}\omega) \end{bmatrix}, \quad y_n^{(Q)} = \begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ y_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ y_{n+Q-1} \end{bmatrix} = \Phi(f^n \omega).$$

$$g : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L, g : u \times \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_Q \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} u \\ z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_{Q-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Paradigm II - Reservoir computing $[\Phi \circ f = g \circ (\phi \times \Phi)]$

A particular instance of g is

$$g(u, y) = \tanh(W_{in}u + W_Y y + v_{bias}),$$

where W_{in} , W_Y are random matrices of dimensions $L \times d$, $L \times L$ respectively, v_{bias} is a random vector of dimension L , and $\|W_Y\| \leq \lambda < 1$. Using this g one can build a *reservoir* system, which is a skew product system on $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^L$ defined as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} := T_{\text{reservoir}} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} f(\omega_n) \\ g(\phi(\omega_n), y_n) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

The paradigm of invariant graphs has been used in reservoir computing. It is popular due to the simplicity of its construction, and ease of use in learning problems. They are known for their robust performance in prediction but also for recovering other properties such as Lyapunov exponents.

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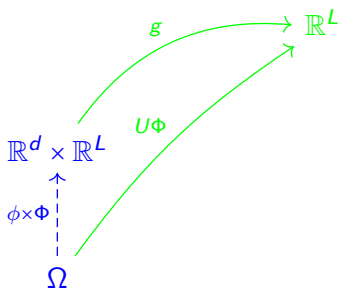
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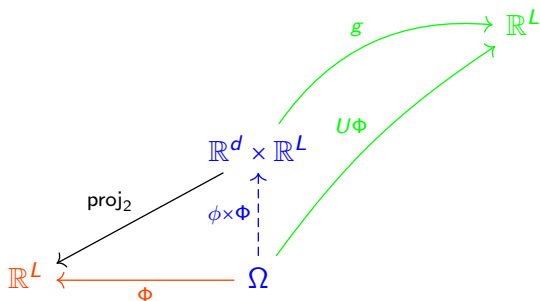
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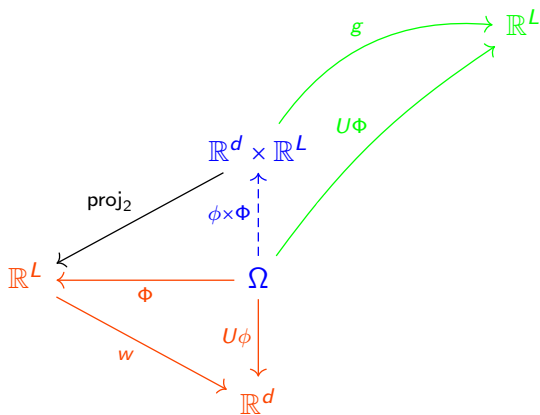
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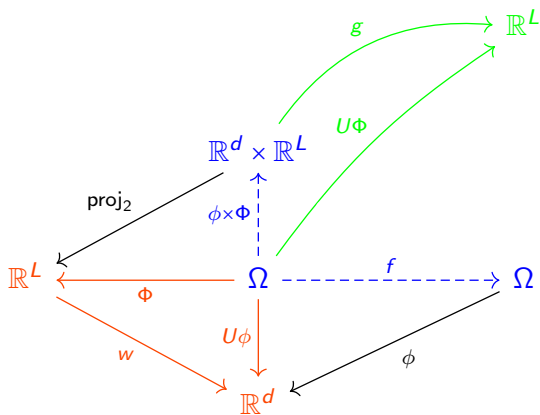
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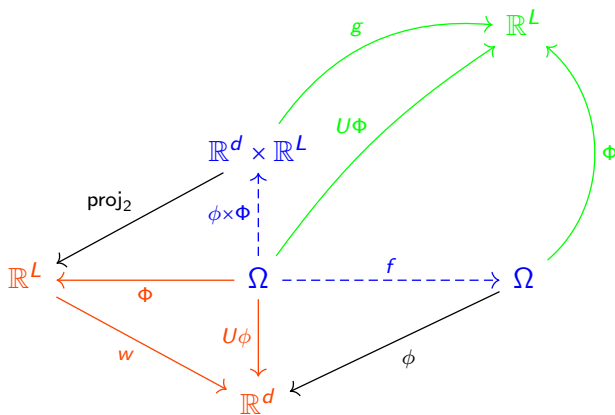
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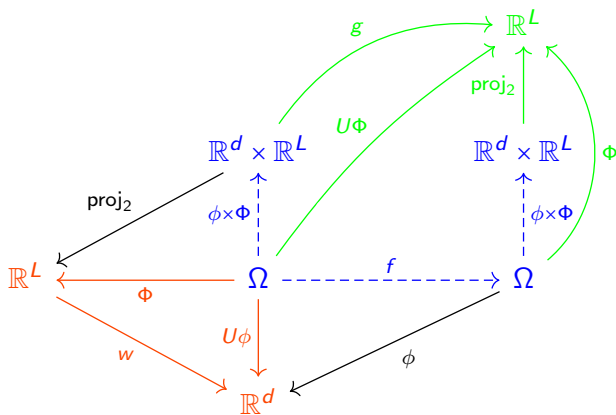
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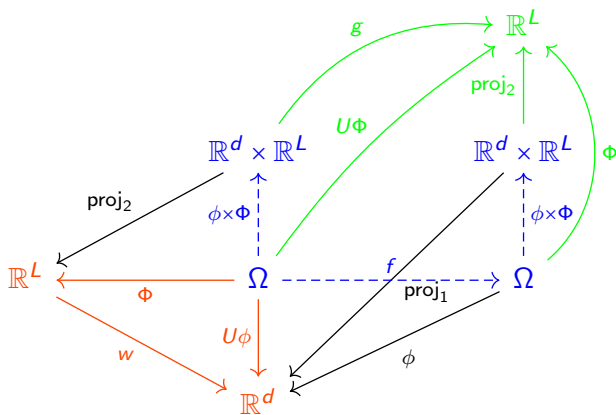
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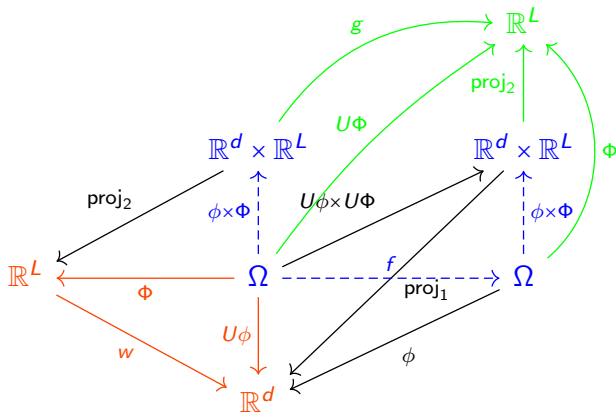
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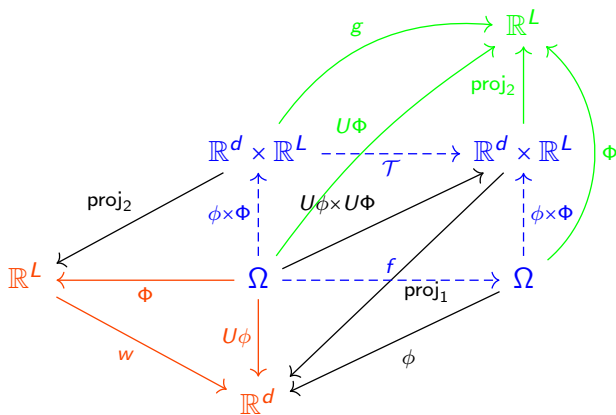
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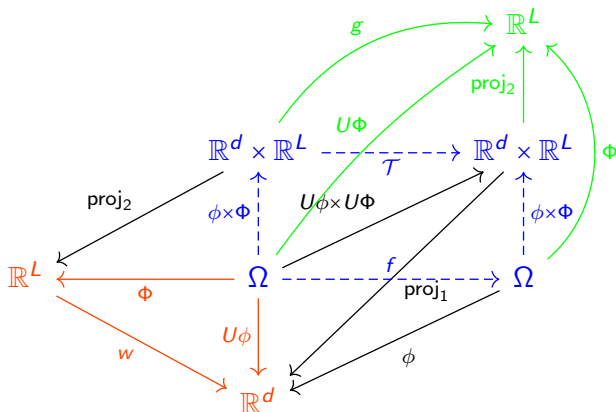
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The reconstruction : $\mathcal{T} = (w \circ \text{proj}_2) \times g$



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Overview

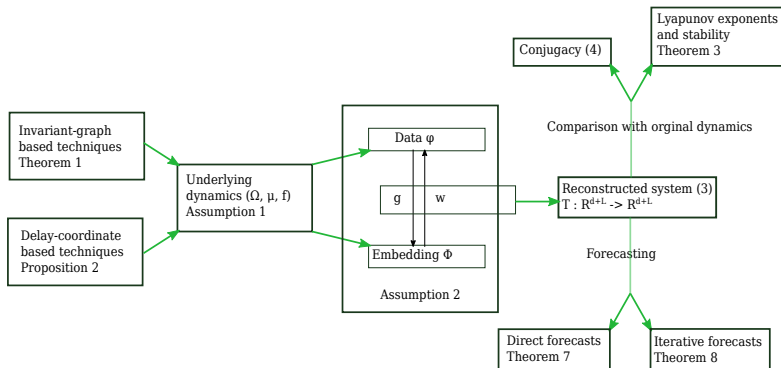


Figure: Outline of results and theory.

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- Since the original dynamics is being embedded in higher dimensional Euclidean space, an **extra $d + L - m$** Lyapunov exponents are created.
- This could lead to additional instabilities.

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This is an outcome of the dynamics f and embedding mechanism $g : \mathbb{R}^{d+L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^L$.

Theorem 1. Stability gap

Assumption 3 The embedding mechanism g satisfies

$$\sup_{\omega \in \Omega} \|\partial_1 g\|_{(\phi(\omega), \Phi(\omega))} \leq 1, \quad \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} \|\partial_2 g\|_{(\phi(\omega), \Phi(\omega))} \leq 1.$$

Assumption 4 There is a continuous retraction $\text{ret} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \text{ran } \Phi$, for some open neighborhood \mathcal{U} of $\text{ran } \Phi$ in \mathbb{R}^L .

$$\kappa_{\text{ret}} := \sup_{y \in \text{ran } \Phi} \limsup_{y' \rightarrow y} \frac{d(\text{ret}(y), \text{ret}(y'))}{d(y, y')}.$$

$$C_{\phi, \Phi} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, \quad C_{\phi, \Phi}(\omega) := \sup \left\{ \frac{\|D\phi(\omega)v\|}{\|D\Phi(\omega)v\|} : v \in T_\omega \Omega \setminus \{0\} \right\}.$$

Under Assumptions 3 and 4 :

$$\inf_{\bar{w} \in \mathcal{G}} \lambda_1(\bar{w}) - \lambda_1(f, \mu) \leq \int \ln [1 + (1 + C_{\phi, \Phi}(\omega)) \kappa_{\text{ret}}] d\mu(\omega). \quad (3)$$

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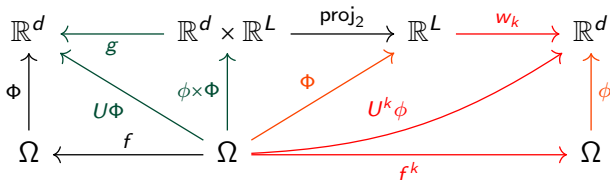
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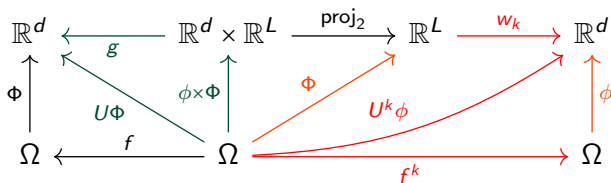
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Direct vs iterative

The predictive / direct mode, and the reconstructive / iterative mode differ only in the choice of k in the following diagram.



However, as a learning problem, the growth of their errors are drastically different, governed by properties of the Koopman operator and the Lyapunov spectrum respectively.

Hypothesis space

The hypothesis space \mathcal{H} will be a finite dimensional space, spanned by a basis h_1, \dots, h_m . In that case

$$\mathcal{W} := \text{span} \{h_i \circ \Phi_l : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq l \leq L\} \quad (4)$$

WLOG we also assume that \mathcal{W} contains the constant function $1_{\mathbb{R}^L}$. Define the *projection error* to be the quantity

$$\delta = \delta(\mathcal{H}) := \|(\text{Id} - \text{proj}_{\mathcal{W}}) U\phi\|_{L^2(\mu)}. \quad (5)$$

If w_n is to be approximated by some \hat{w}_n from \mathcal{W} .

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