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# Fast Low-Rank Empirical Cross Gramians

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1. Model Reduction
2. Cross Gramian
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4. Fast & Low Rank Empirical Cross Gramian
5. Numerical Example



Mathematically:

- Fast simulation of large-scale, nonlinear models,
- based on established (dense) linear methods,
- exploiting distributed memory systems.

Practically (among many others):

- for mechanical systems,
- or dynamic network models,
- such as gas transportation networks.



Input-Output System:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$$

$$y(t) = g(x(t), u(t))$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

Input:  $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$

State:  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$

Output:  $y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^Q$

Vector field:  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$

Output functional:  $g : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^Q$

Reduced Order Model (ROM):

$$\dot{x}_r(t) = f_r(x_r(t), u(t))$$

$$y_r(t) = g_r(x_r(t), u(t))$$

$$x_r(0) = x_{r,0}$$

Reduced state:  $x_r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \ll N}$

Reduced output:  $y_r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^Q$

Model reduction error:  $\|y - y_r\| \ll 1$

Reduced vector field:  $f_r : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Reduced output functional:  $g_r : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^Q$

Projection-Based Reduced Order Model:

$$\dot{x}_r(t) = V_1 f(U_1 x_r(t), u(t))$$

$$y_r(t) = g(U_1 x_r(t), u(t))$$

$$x_r(0) = V_1 x_0$$

Reconstructing truncated projection:  $U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times n}$

Reducing truncated projection:  $V_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}$

**Task:** Find  $U_1$  and  $V_1$ .

Linear Time-Invariant System:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t)$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

(Nonlinear) model reduction shopping list:

- Based on linear model reduction techniques.
- Capture features beyond linearization.
- Related to established balancing methods.
- Numerically simple.



Square Linear Time-Invariant System:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t)$$

$$\dim(\text{vec}(B)) = \dim(\text{vec}(C))$$

Cross Gramian Matrix<sup>1</sup>:

$$W_X := \int_0^{\infty} e^{At} BC e^{At} dt \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

Computation via Sylvester Equation:

$$AW_X + W_X A = -BC$$

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<sup>1</sup>K.V. Fernando and H. Nicholson. **On the Structure of Balanced and Other Principal Representations of SISO Systems.** IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 28(2): 228–231, 1983. DOI [10.1109/TAC.1983.1103195](https://doi.org/10.1109/TAC.1983.1103195).





Balancing projection<sup>2</sup> (for symmetric systems only):

$$W_X \stackrel{\text{EVD}}{=} T \Lambda T^{-1} \rightarrow \begin{cases} T = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{pmatrix}^T \end{cases}$$

Approximately balancing projection<sup>3</sup>:

$$W_X \stackrel{\text{SVD}}{=} U D V \rightarrow \begin{cases} U = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ V = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{pmatrix}^T \end{cases}$$

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<sup>2</sup>R.W. Aldhaferi. **Model order reduction via real Schur-form decomposition.** International Journal of Control, 53(3): 709–716, 1991. DOI [10.1080/00207179108953642](https://doi.org/10.1080/00207179108953642).

<sup>3</sup>D.C. Sorensen and A.C. Antoulas. **The Sylvester equation and approximate balanced reduction.** Linear Algebra and its Applications, 351–352: 671–700, 2002. DOI [10.1016/S0024-3795\(02\)00283-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0024-3795(02)00283-5).

## Alternative System Gramians:

- Bilinear-Quadratic Gramians<sup>4</sup>
- Nonlinear Gramians<sup>5</sup>
- **Empirical Gramians**<sup>6</sup>
- ...

## Empirical Gramian Properties:

- Data-driven, based on (output) trajectory data
- Applicable to general nonlinear systems
- Reduce to linear Gramians for linear systems

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<sup>4</sup>P. Benner, P. Goyal and S. Gugercin.  *$\mathcal{H}_2$ -Quasi-Optimal Model Order Reduction for Quadratic-Bilinear Control Systems*. arXiv math.NA: 1610.03279, 2016. URL <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1610.03279>

<sup>5</sup>J.M.A. Scherpen. *Balancing for nonlinear systems*. Systems and Control Letters, 21(2): 143–153, 1993. DOI [0167-6911\(93\)90117-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/0167-6911(93)90117-0).

<sup>6</sup>S. Lall, J.E. Marsden, and S. Glavaski. *Empirical Model Reduction of Controlled Nonlinear Systems*. In Proceedings of the 14th IFAC World Congress, vol F: 473–478, 1999. URL [resolver.caltech.edu/CaltechAUTHORS:20101007-154754737](https://resolver.caltech.edu/CaltechAUTHORS:20101007-154754737).



Empirical Linear Cross Gramian:

$$W_X = \int_0^{\infty} (e^{At} B)(e^{A^T t} C^T)^T dt$$

- Integrand is product of
  - impulse response and
  - adjoint impulse response.
- Cross Gramian only from trajectory data.
- **But:** No (easy) adjoint system for nonlinear systems.

Empirical Cross Gramian<sup>7</sup>:

$$\widehat{W}_X := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \int_0^{\infty} \Psi^m(t) dt \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

$$\Psi_{ij}^m(t) = (x_i^m(t) - \bar{x}_i^m)(y_m^j(t) - \bar{y}_m^j) \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Applicable to nonlinear (square) systems.
- For asymptotically stable linear systems:  $\widehat{W}_X = W_X$ .
- Related to (empirical) balanced truncation,
- and balanced POD (bPOD).
- Non-symmetric variant<sup>8</sup> for  $\dim(u(t)) \neq \dim(y(t))$ .

<sup>7</sup>C. Himpe and M. Ohlberger. **Cross-Gramian Based Combined State and Parameter Reduction for Large-Scale Control Systems**. *Mathematical Problems in Engineering* 2014:1–13, 2014. DOI [10.1155/2014/843869](https://doi.org/10.1155/2014/843869).

<sup>8</sup>C. Himpe and M. Ohlberger. **A note on the cross Gramian for non-symmetric systems**. *System Science and Control Engineering* 4(1): 199–208, 2016. DOI [10.1080/21642583.2016.1215273](https://doi.org/10.1080/21642583.2016.1215273).

## Issues:

1. Numerous simulated state and output trajectories.
2. Result is a dense full-order matrix.
3. Memory copies in accumulating operations.

## Treatments:

1. In-place operations / Return-Value-Optimization.
2. Approximate low-rank representation.
3. Parallelization.



Column-wise representation of the cross Gramian<sup>9</sup>:

$$W_X = (w_{X,1} \quad w_{X,2} \quad \dots \quad w_{X,N}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

Empirical cross Gramian column:

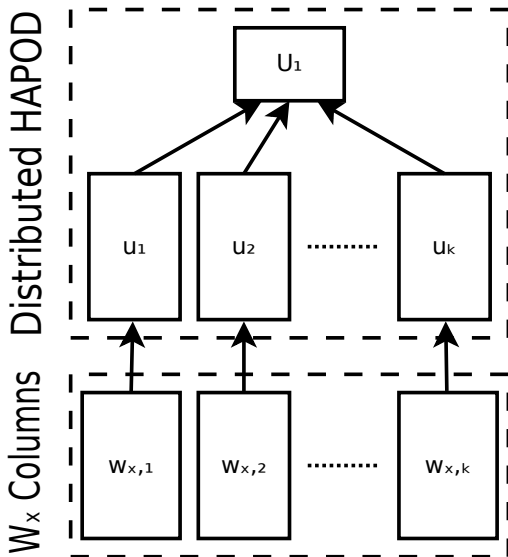
$$w_{X,j} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \int_0^\infty \psi^{jm}(t) dt \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

$$\psi_i^{jm}(t) = (x_i^m(t) - \bar{x}_i^m)(y_m^j(t) - \bar{y}_m^j) \in \mathbb{R}$$

- This can be done only with the empirical **cross** Gramian!

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<sup>9</sup>C. Himpe, T. Leibner and S. Rave. **Hierarchical Approximate Proper Orthogonal Decomposition**. Preprint, arXiv math.NA: 1607.05210, 2016. URL <http://arxiv.org/abs/1607.05210>.





Given a partitioning of a cross Gramian:

$$W_X = (w_{X,1} \quad \dots \quad w_{X,K}), \quad w_{X,k} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times s_k}, \quad \sum_{k=1}^K s_k = N$$

Distributed Hierarchical Approximate Proper Orthogonal Decomposition:

$$U_k D_k \stackrel{\text{POD}}{=} w_{X,k} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{s_k} D_{k,ii}^2} < \varepsilon \sqrt{1 - \omega^2}$$

$$\rightarrow U_0 D_0 \stackrel{\text{POD}}{=} [U_1 D_1, \dots, U_n D_n] \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{s_k} D_{0,ii}^2} < \varepsilon \omega \frac{N}{\sum_{k=1}^n \text{rank}(U_k)}$$

$$\rightarrow \|W_X - U_0 U_0^T W_X\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$$

- An associated error bound for  $\|y - y_r\|$  is under construction.



## Recipe:

1. Compute distributed empirical cross Gramian.
2. Compute HAPOD modes of cross Gramian partitions.
3. Compute HAPOD from sub-POD modes.
4. Apply approximate balancing.

## Properties:

- Requires only basic numerical linear algebra operations.
- Low-communication on distributed memory systems.
- Small memory footprint.



Linear System Structure:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t)\end{aligned}$$

Procedural Modal System<sup>10</sup>:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & A_K \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 \\ \vdots \\ B_K \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = (C_1 \quad \dots \quad C_K)$$
$$A_k = \begin{pmatrix} -2\delta_k\omega_k & -\omega_k \\ \omega_k & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_k = \begin{pmatrix} b_k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C_k = \begin{pmatrix} c_k & \frac{c'_k}{\omega_k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Coefficients:

$$\delta_k > 0, \quad \omega_k > 0$$

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<sup>10</sup>W. Gawronski and T. Williams. **Model Reduction for Flexible Space Structures.** Journal of Guidance, 14(1): 68–76, 1991. DOI [10.2541/3.20606](https://doi.org/10.2541/3.20606).



## System Dimensions:

- Number of blocks:  $K = 1024$
  - System dimension:  $N = \dim(x(t)) = 2 \cdot 1024 = 2048$
  - Input dimension:  $M = 1$
  - Output dimension:  $Q = M = 1$
- SISO system  $\Rightarrow$  symmetric system
- Parameter:  $\delta_k \in \mathcal{U}_{[0, \frac{1}{1000}]}$
  - Parameter:  $\omega_k \in \mathcal{U}_{[0, 100]}$
  - Time frame:  $[0, 2]$



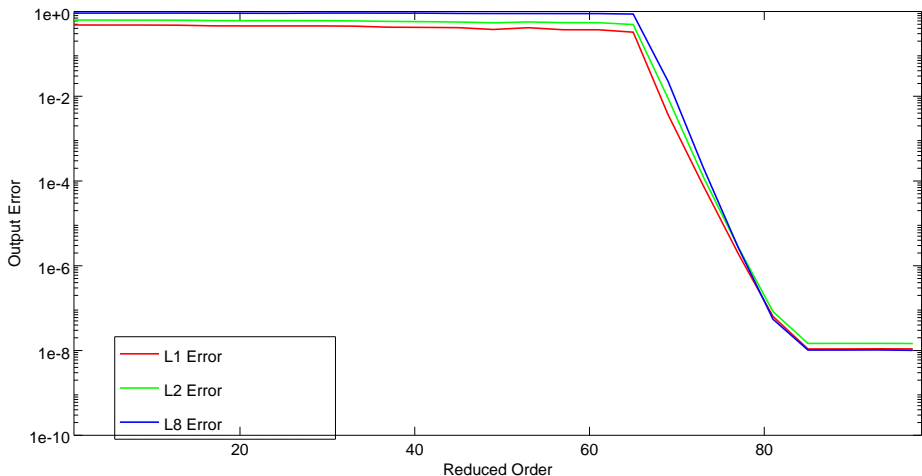
## Empirical Gramians:

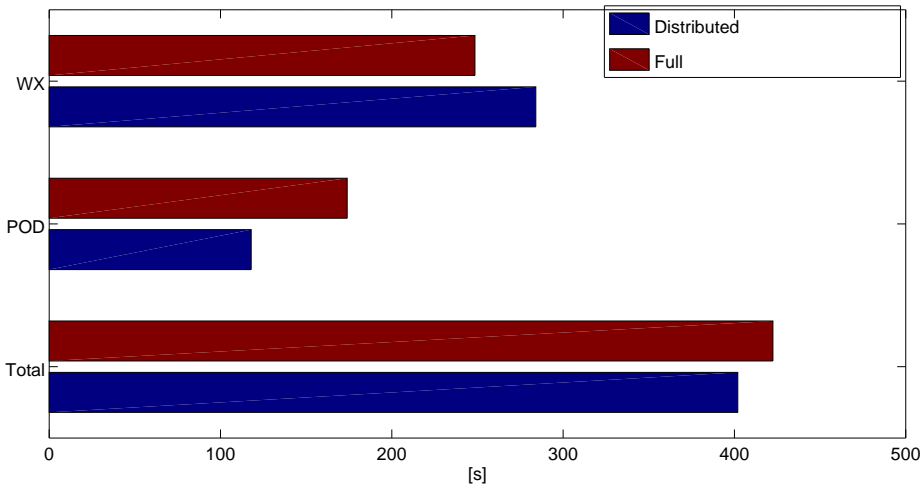
- Empirical Controllability Gramian
- Empirical Observability Gramian
- Empirical Linear Cross Gramian
- Empirical Cross Gramian
- Empirical Sensitivity Gramian
- Empirical Identifiability Gramian
- Empirical Joint Gramian

## Features:

- Interfaces for: Solver, inner product kernels & distributed memory
- Non-Symmetric option for all cross Gramians
- Compatible with OCTAVE and MATLAB
- Vectorized and parallelizable
- Open-source licensed

**More info:** <http://gramian.de>







- Empirical cross Gramian
- Distributed computation
- Recycle partitioning for HAPOD
- SVD-based approximate balancing
- Low communication & memory

More on the **HAPOD**: Thursday, 14:40, C13 HS2, S22: S. Rave

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