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# On Empirical System Gramians

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## **Gramian (Matrix):**

The matrix of inner products for a set of vectors.

## **(Input-Output) System:**

A dynamical system with time-varying inhomogeneity (input) and a transformation of the state (output).

## **Empirical:**

By means of numerical integration.

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## Example: Time-Dependent Partial Differential Equation (PDE)

$$\partial_t z(x, t) + L_x(z(x, t)) = F(x, t)$$

$$y(x, t) = z(x, t)$$

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## Definition:

A state  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is reachable from the zero state, if there exists an input function  $\bar{u} \in L_2$  and a time  $\bar{T} < \infty$  such that:

$$\bar{x} = \int_0^{\bar{T}} e^{At} B \bar{u}(t) dt.$$

## Reachability Operator:

$$\mathcal{R}(u) := \int_0^{\infty} e^{At} B u(-t) dt$$

## Adjoint Reachability Operator:

$$\mathcal{R}^*(z_{\infty}) := B^* e^{-A^*t} z_{\infty}$$

## Definition:

A state  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is **unobservable**,  
if for all time  $t > 0$ :

$$C e^{At} \bar{x} = 0.$$

## Observability Operator:

$$\mathcal{O}(x_0) := C e^{At} x_0$$

## Adjoint Observability Operator:

$$\mathcal{O}^*(v) := \int_{\infty}^0 e^{A^*t} C^* v(t) dt$$

**Reachability Gramian** [KALMAN'60]:

$$W_R := \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{R}^* = \int_0^\infty e^{At} B B^* e^{A^*t} dt \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

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**Cross "Gramian"** [FERNANDO & NICHOLSON'83]:

$$W_X := \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{O} = \int_0^\infty e^{At} B C e^{At} dt \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

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**Hankel Operator:**  $H := \mathcal{O} \circ \mathcal{R}$

## Local Linearization:

$$\tilde{A}(t) := (\partial_x f)(x(t), u(t), x_0)$$

$$\tilde{b}_i(t) := (\partial_{u_i} f)(x(t), u(t), x_0)$$

$$\tilde{c}_i(t) := (\partial_x g_i)(x(t), u(t), x_0)$$

## Local Reachability [STIGTER ET AL.'18]:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_i(u) := \int_0^\infty \Phi_{\tilde{A}}(t) \tilde{b}_i(t) u(t) dt$$

## Local Observability [KRENER & IDE'09]:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_i(X_0) := \tilde{c}_i(t) \Phi_{\tilde{A}}(t) X_0, \quad X_0 = [x_0^1 \quad \dots \quad x_0^N]$$

**Empirical Reachability Gramian** [LALL ET AL.'99]:

$$\widetilde{W}_R := \sum_i \widetilde{\mathcal{R}}_i \circ \widetilde{\mathcal{R}}_i^* \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

**Empirical Observability Gramian** [LALL ET AL.'99]:

$$\widetilde{W}_O := \sum_i \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_i^* \circ \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

**Empirical Cross Gramian** [STREIF ET AL.'06]:

$$\widetilde{W}_X := \sum_i \widetilde{\mathcal{R}}_i \circ \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

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## Full Order Model:

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

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

## Petrov-Galerkin Projections ( $n \ll N$ ):

$$U : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

$$V : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

## Reduced Order Model:

$$\dot{x}_r(t) = Vf(Ux_r(t), u(t))$$

$$\tilde{y}(t) = g(Ux_r(t), u(t))$$

## 1D Linear Transport Equation:

$$\partial_t z = -a \partial_x z, \quad z(0, t) = u(t), \quad y(t) = z(1, t)$$

- Hyperbolic PDE
- Velocity  $a > 0$
- Spatial: Upwind (# DoFs:  $\sim 10^3$ )
- Temporal: First Order Runge-Kutta
- Training: Constant step function
- Test: Smooth function

## Compared MOR Methods:

- Proper Orthogonal Decomposition:  $W_R$  vs  $\widetilde{W}_R$
- Balanced Truncation: [MOORE'81] vs [LALL ET AL.'99]
- Dominant Subspaces: [PENZL'06] vs [BENNER & H.'18]

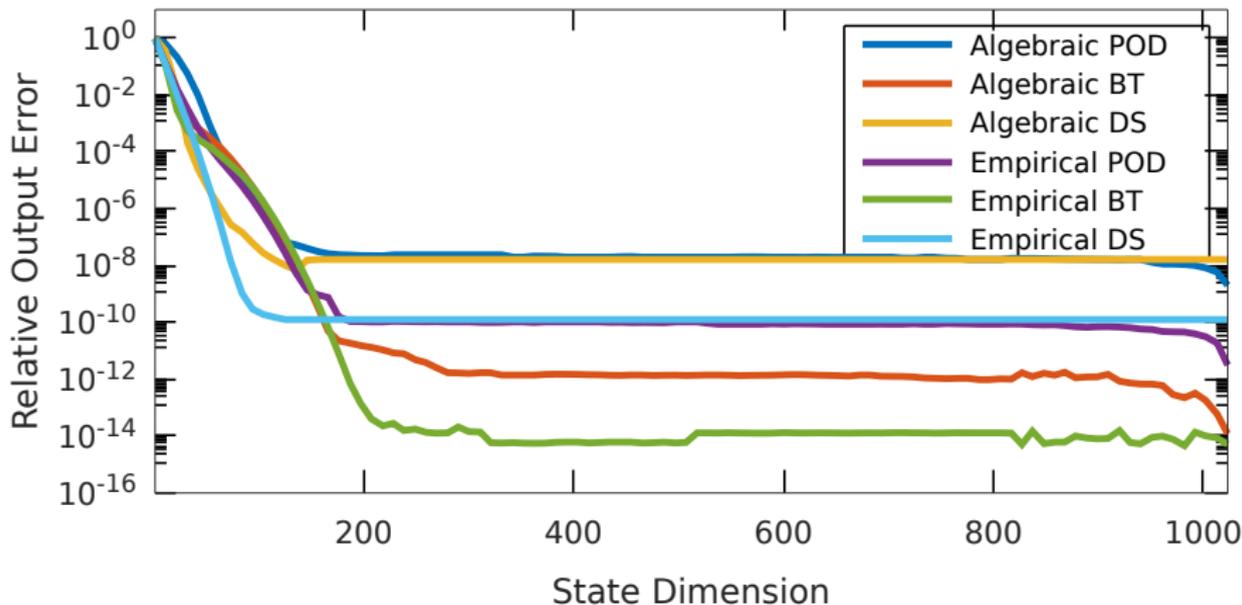


Figure: Relative  $L_2$  Model reduction error for increasing reduced order model state-space dimension of the one-dimensional linear transport equation.

## 1D Isothermal Euler Equations [BENNER ET AL.'18]:

$$\partial_t p = -\frac{\gamma_0 z_0^2}{S} \partial_x q, \quad p(0, t) = u_s(t)$$

$$\partial_t q = -S \partial_x p - \frac{Sg}{\gamma_0 z_0} p \partial_x h - \frac{\lambda_0 \gamma_0 z_0}{2DS} \frac{q|q|}{p}, \quad q(L, t) = u_d(t)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{pmatrix} p(L, t) \\ q(0, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Hyperbolic PDE
- Nonlinear (Friction)
- Coupled (Pressure, Mass-Flux)
- Spatial: Midpoint (# DoFs:  $\sim 10^3$ )
- Temporal: First Order Implicit-Explicit Runge-Kutta
- Training: Delta impulse
- Test: Varying step function

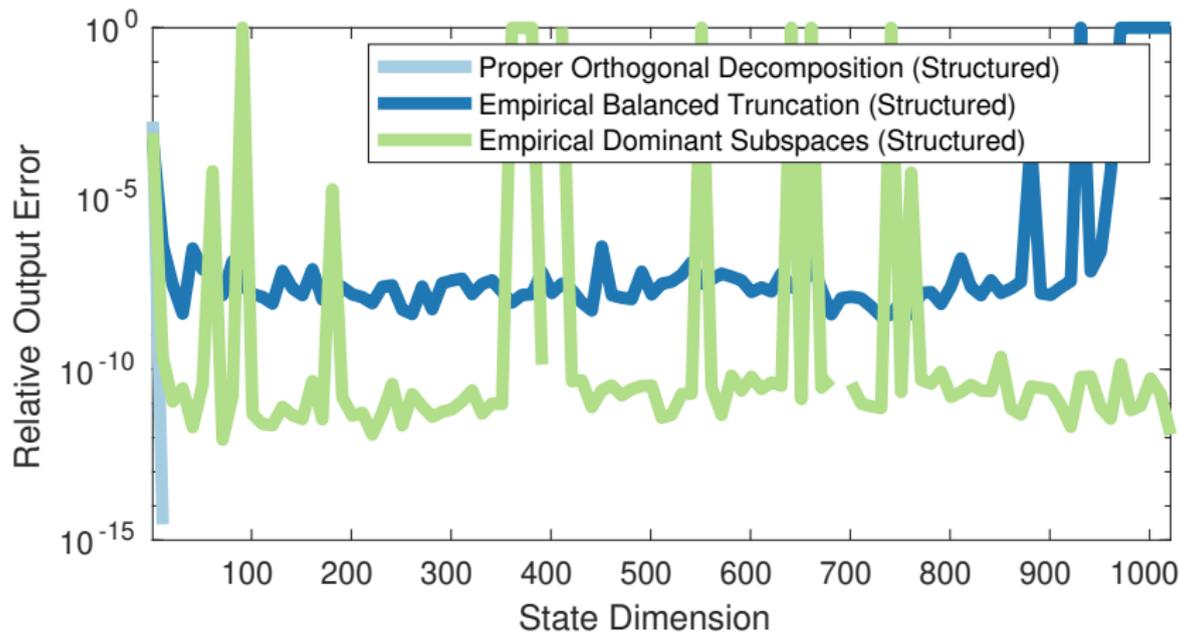


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## Empirical Gramians

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



## Features:

- Open-source OCTAVE and MATLAB toolbox, PYTHON support
- Interfaces for: Solver, inner product kernels & low-rank computation
- Configurable, vectorized and parallelizable

More info: <https://gramian.de>

- System Gramians for linear input-output systems.
- Empirical system Gramians for nonlinear input-output systems.
- Empirical Gramians can be advantageous even for linear systems.
- ▶ Specialized empirical Gramians for hyperbolic input-output systems?
- ▶ What training variants work best for what systems?

<https://himpe.science>

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