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#### Applications of Neural Networks in Time-Series Analysis

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#### **Discrete Time Series**

- Scalar chaotic time series
  - i.e. average daily temperatures

[45, 34, 23, 56, 34, 25, ...]

Data given discrete intervals
 i.e. seconds, days, etc.



Discrete Time Series (Wikimedia)

 We assume a combination of past values in the time series predict the future

## **Time Lags**

• Each discrete interval refers to a dimension or time lag



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## **Embedding Problem**

Problem: How do we choose the optimal embedding dimension that the model can use to unfold the data?

• The embedding dimension is related to the minimum number of variables required to construct the data

#### Or

- Exactly how many time lags are required to reconstruct the system without any information being lost but without adding unnecessary information
  - i.e. a ball seen in 2d, 3d, and 3d + Time



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#### **ARMA Models**

- Autoregressive Moving Average Models
  - Fits a polynomial to the data based on linear combinations of past values

$$x_{k} = \beta + \varepsilon_{t} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} \alpha_{i} x_{k-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q} \Theta_{i} \varepsilon_{k-i}$$

- Produces a linear function
- Can create very complicated dynamics but has difficulty with nonlinear systems

#### **Autocorrelation Function**

- Finds correlations within data
- Much like the ARMA model, shows weak periodicity within nonlinear time series.
- No sense of the underlying dynamical system

Logistic Map

$$x_{k} = 4x_{k-1}(1 - x_{k-1})$$



The Nature of Mathematical Modeling (1999)

### **Correlation Dimension**

- Introduced in 1983 by Grassberger and Procaccia to find the fractal dimension of a chaotic system
- One can determine the embedding dimension by calculating the correlation dimension in increasing dimensions until it ceases to change
- Good for large datasets with little noise



Measuring the Strangeness of Strange Attractors (1983)

#### **False Nearest Neighbors**

- Introduced in 1992 by Kennel, Brown, and Abarbanel
- Calculation of false nearest neighbors in successively higher embedding dimensions
- As d is increased, the fraction of neighbors that are false drops to near zero
- Good for smaller datasets and rather robust to noise



<u>1992 Paper on False Nearest Neighbors</u>

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$$x_k = x_{k-2} + x_{k-4} + x_{k-5}$$

$$x_{k} = 0x_{k-1} + x_{k-2} + 0x_{k-3} + x_{k-4} + x_{k-5}$$

# Lag Space

- Not necessarily the same dimensions as embedding space
- Goutte Map dynamics depend only on the second and fourth time lag

Problem: How can we measure both the embedding dimension and lag space?

Goutte Map



$$x_k = 1 - 1.4x_{k-2}^2 - 0.3x_{k-4}$$

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## **Artificial Neural Networks**

- Mathematical Models of Biological Neurons
- Used in Classification Problems
  - Handwriting Analysis
- Function Approximation
  - Forecasting Time Series
  - Studying Properties of Systems



$$y_k = \phi \left( b_k + \sum_{j=1}^m a_{kj} x_j \right)$$

#### **Function Approximation**

- Known as Universal Approximators
- The architecture of the neural network uses time-delayed data

 $x = [45, 34, 23, 56, 34, 25, \ldots]$ 

$$\hat{x}_{k} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_{i} \tanh\left(a_{i0} + \sum_{j=1}^{d} a_{ij} x_{k-j}\right)$$



Structure of a Single-Layer Feed forward Neural Network

Multilayer Feedforward Networks are Universal Approximators (1989)

### **Function Approximation**

- Next Step Prediction
  - Takes d previous points and predicts the next step



# Training

- 1. Initialize a matrix and b vector
- 2. Compare predictions  $\hat{x}_k$  to actual values  $x_k$

$$=\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{c}(\hat{x}_{k}-x_{k})^{2}}{c}$$

Mean Square Error





- 3. Change parameters accordingly
- 4. Repeat millions of times

Fitting the model to data (Wikimedia)

#### Convergence

- The global optimum is found at the lowest mean square error
  - Connection strengths can be any real number
  - Like finding the lowest point in a mountain range



 Numerous low points so we must devise ways to avoid these local optimum

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## **Time Lag Sensitivities**

- We can train a neural network on data and study the model
- Find how much the output of the neural network varies when perturbing each time lag
- "Important" lags will have higher sensitivity to changes in values



$$x_k = x_{k-2} + x_{k-4} + x_{k-5}$$

#### **Time Lag Sensitivities**

• We estimate the sensitivity of each time lag in the neural network:

$$\hat{S}(j) = \frac{1}{c-j} \sum_{k=j+1}^{c} \left| \frac{\partial \hat{x}_{k}}{\partial x_{k-j}} \right|$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{x}_{k}}{\partial x_{k-j}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ij} b_{i} \operatorname{sech}^{2} \left( a_{i0} + \sum_{m=1}^{d} a_{im} x_{k-m} \right)$$

$$i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ij} b_{i} \operatorname{sech}^{2} \left( a_{i0} + \sum_{m=1}^{d} a_{im} x_{k-m} \right)$$

#### **Expected Sensitivities**

• For known systems we can estimate what the sensitivities should be

• After training neural networks on data from different maps the difference between actual and expected sensitivities is <1%

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#### Hénon Map

$$x_k = 1 - 1.4x_{k-1}^2 - 0.3x_{k-2}$$

Embedding of 2



S(1) = 1.8959 S(2) = 0.3



Strange Attractor of Hénon Map

A two-dimensional mapping with a strange attractor (1976)

#### **Delayed Hénon Map**

$$x_k = 1 - 1.6x_{k-1}^2 - 0.1x_{k-d}$$

Embedding of d





Strange Attractor of Delayed Hénon Map

High-dimensional Dynamics in the Delayed Hénon Map (2006)

#### Preface Map "The Volatile Wife"

$$x_{k} = x_{k-1}^{2} - 0.2x_{k-1} - 0.9x_{k-2} + 0.6x_{k-3}$$







Strange Attractor of Preface Map

Chaos and Time-Series Analysis (2003)

Images of a Complex World: The Art and Poetry of Chaos (2005)

#### Goutte Map

$$x_k = 1 - 1.4x_{k-2}^2 + 0.3x_{k-4}$$

Embedding of 4





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Hénon Map

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Optimal Embedding of 2



**Delayed Hénon Map** 

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Optimal Embedding of 4



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**Preface Map** 

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$$x_k = x_{k-1}^2 - 0.2x_{k-1} - 0.9x_{k-2} + 0.6x_{k-3}$$
  
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Goutte Map

$$x_k = 1 - 1.4x_{k-2}^2 - 0.3x_{k-4}$$

Optimal Embedding of 4



#### Comparison using Data Set Size

- Varied the length of the Hénon map time series by powers of 2
- Compared methods to actual values using normalized RMS error *E*



$$E = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{d} (\hat{S}(j) - S(j))^2}{\sum_{j=1}^{d} S^2(j)}}$$

Where  $\hat{S}$  is predicted value for a test data set size

- $S_{\rm }$  is actual value for an ideal data set size
- *j* is one dimension of *d* that we are studying

#### **Comparison using Noisy Data Sets**

- Vary the noise in the system by adding Gaussian White Noise to a fixed length time series from the Hénon Map
- Compared methods to actual values using normalized RMS error
- Used noiseless case values for comparison of methods



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#### **Temperature in Madison**



#### **Precipitation in Madison**



## Summary

- Neural networks are models that can be used to predict the embedding dimension
- They can handle small datasets and accurately predict sensitivities for a given system
- They prove to be more robust to noise than other methods used
- They can be used to determine the lag space where methods cannot



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