

Information processing in soft robots I: Reservoir computing

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Nonlinear dynamics as computational device

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The report topic will be announced at the final lecture (11/8)!

Computing with soft body dynamics?



Where I'm from...

(education)

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nonlinear dynamics, chaos theory, recurrent neural network, embodiment.



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| 2020 | Associate Professor | soft robotics, morphological computation, | |
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Soft robotics text books

Natural Computing Series

Koichi Suzumori - Kenjiro Fukuda - Ryuma Niiyama - Kohei Nakajima *Editors* The Science of Soft Robots Design, Materials and Information Processing

The goal of this textbook is to equip readers with as structured knowledge of soft robotics as possible. Sreking to overcome the limitations of conventional robots by making them more flexible, gentle and adaptable, soft robotics has become one of the most active fields over the last decade. Soft robotics is also highly interdisciplinary, bringing together robotics, computer science, material science, hology, etc.

After the introduction, the content is divided into three parts: Design of \$50f Robots, y. 50f Materials and Autonomous \$50f Robots, Par I addresses soft mechanisms, biological mechanisms, and soft manipulation & lucomotion. IP art II, the basics of polyme, biological materials Rectible & stortchables ensors, and of attractators are discussed from a materials science standpoint, In turn, Part III focusse on modeling & control of continuum bodies, material intelligence, and information processing using soft body dynamics. In addition, the lastsr research results and cutting-edge research are highlighted throughout the book.

Written by a team of researchers from highly diverse fields, the work offers a valuable textbook or technical guide for all students, engineers and researchers who are interested in soft robotics.

The Science of Soft Robots

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Kohei Nakajima - Ingo Fischer *Editors* **Reservoir Computing** Theory, Physical Implementations, and Applications

This book is the first comprehensive book about reservoir computing (RC). RC is a powerful and broadly applicable computational framework based on recurrent neural networks. Its advantages lie in small training data set requirements, fast training, inherent memory and high flexibility for various hardware implementations. It originated from computational neuroscience and machine learning but has, in recent years, spread dramatically, and has been introduced into a wide variety of fields, including complex systems science, physics, material science, biological science, quantum machine learning, optical communication systems, and robotics. Reviewing the current state of the art and providing a concise guide to the field, this book introduces readers to its basic concepts, theory, techniques, physical implementations

The book is sub-structured into two major parts theory and physical implementations. Both parts consist of a compilation of chapters, authored by leading experts in their respective fields. The first part is devoted to theoretical developments of RC, extending the framework from the conventional recurrent neural network context to a more general dynamical systems context. With this broadened perspective, RC is not restricted to the area of machine learning but is being connected to a much wider class of systems. The second part of the book focuses on the utilization of physical dynamical systems as reservoirs, a framework referred to as physical reservoir computing. A variety of physical systems and substrates have already been suggested and used for the implementation of reservoir computing. Among these physical systems which cover a wide range of spatial and temporal scales, are mechanical and optical systems, nanomaterials, spintronics, and quantum many body systems.

This book offers a valuable resource for researchers (Ph.D. students and experts alike) and practitioners working in the field of machine learning, artificial intelligence, robotics, neuromorphic computing, complex systems, and physics. Nakajima · Fischer Eds.

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RC textbook

Octopus arm computer

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タコは脳を使わず、足だけで複雑な運動を制御する 同様に生物の体などの物理系の動きを利用して計算し ローコストで機械学習を実行する新たな仕組みが登場した

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Swiss perspectives in 10 languages

Swissinfo 2013 Next generation of robots will have a gentle touch



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海の異才

ある時は食材として食卓を彩り、 ある時はゆるキャラとなって見る者の心を癒や 遡れば、信仰や畏怖の対象でもあった。 人間と古いつきあいのあるタコは、 9つの脳と3つの心臓を持ち、8本の手足を 自在に操るユニークな生き物だ。 高い知性と、その秘められた能力に 関心が集まっている。



2024/04/25 京大・東大共同プレスリリース: 計算する人工筋肉~物理リザバー計算により分岐構造を含む 多様なパターンを生成~



N. Akashi, Y. Kuniyoshi, T. Jo, M. Nishida, R. Sakurai, Y. Wakao, K. Nakajima, Embedding Bifurcations into Pneumatic Artificial Muscle. *Adv. Sci.* 2024, 2304402.

Reservoir computing: basics

Recurrent Neural Networks

Feedforward NN (FNN) vs Recurrent NN (RNN)



- Activation is fed forward from input to output via hidden layers
- Can approximate arbitrary nonlinear static maps with arbitrary precision
- Static (e.g., image processing)



- Has at least one cyclic path in synaptic connections (memory)
- Can approximate arbitrary nonlinear dynamical systems with arbitrary precision
- Dynamic (e.g., prediction tasks for time series)

Reservoir computing: basic settings



$$= f(\sum_{j=1}^{M} w^{ij} x^j_{k-1} + w^i_{in} u_k)$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{M} w^i_{out} x^i_k, \ f(x) = \tanh(x)$$

Adjust only the readout!

$$W_{out} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

Use W_{out} for

information processing!

 $\hat{y} = XW_{out}$

= XW

(Good points)

- Learning is fast and stable!
- No local minimum problem!
- Feasible for physical platform.

(Computational power)

NonlinearityMemory

Echo-state network (ESN)

- number of nodes : N
- state of neuron i at t : $x_i(t)$
- action potential of neuron i at t : $a_i(t)$
- input : u(t)
- internal weights : w_{ij}
- input weights : win

a i at t : $a_i(t)$ spectral radius of W

 $\rho(W) = \max\{|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_N|\}$

- activation function : f(a) = tanh(a)
- dynamics :

$$x_i(t+1) = f(a_i(t)), \quad a_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij} x_j(t) + w_{in} u(t)$$

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Jaeger, H. (2002). Tutorial on training recurrent neural networks, covering BPPT, RTRL, EKF and the" echo state network" approach (Vol. 5, p. 01). Bonn: GMD-Forschungszentrum Informationstechnik.





• Diverse dynamics within the reservoir!

Linear regression bias N+1 nodes, Reservoir readout W_{\cdot} (N nodes) k sample data, outputs corresponding W_{in} target data is obtained! W_{out} inputs $(\hat{y} = Xw_{out})$ Data: $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & \cdots & x_1^N \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_k^1 & \cdots & x_k^N \end{pmatrix}$ Target: $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_k \end{pmatrix}$ Weight: $w_{out} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{out}^0 \\ w_{out}^1 \\ \vdots \\ w_{out}^N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (y_i - X_i w_{out})^2 \\ W_{out}^1 \end{pmatrix}$ Want to minimize !

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw_{out}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} (y - Xw_{out})^T (y - Xw_{out})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (y^T y - y^T Xw_{out} - w_{out}^T X^T y + w_{out}^T X^T Xw_{out})$$

- Ridge regression is often used to avoid overfitting.
- Online learning scheme, such as recursive least squares, can be also used.

Typical learning procedures

Step 1. Data collection: Empirically observe or artificially construct inputoutput time series (u(n), d(n)), n = 1, 2,..., T as teacher/training data and collect corresponding reservoir states

Step 2. Training phase: Utilize teacher data to train a readout such that its output y(n) precisely reproduces/fits d(n)

Step 3. Test phase: Evaluate the generalization of the trained system, i.e., when it receives a different input sequence u(k) from the training input sequence u(n) by comparing an output y(k) with the target output d(k).





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Two representative models in RC Echo state network Liquid sta

H. Jaeger, Tech. Rep. No. 148. Bremen: German National Research Center for Information Technology (2001).

H. Jaeger et al., Science, Vol.304. no.5667, pp.78–80 (2004).

Herbert Jaeger

- Randomly coupled network
- Artificial neural network (Sigmoidal function)
- Engineering oriented



* Similar architectures can be found at least in 1990.

Jaeger, H. (2021). In Reservoir Computing. Springer Nature.

Early 2000

Liquid state machine

W. Maass et al., Neural Comput 14 (11): 2531–60, 2002.

W. Maass, & H. Markram, H. Journal of computer and system sciences, 69(4), 593-616, 2004.

Wolfgang Maass

- Often assume space
- Pulse neuron
- Neuroscience oriented



Conception in around 2005!

Let us unify the approach in the same umbrella!

Reservoir computing

Benjamin Schrauwen, Joni Dambre (University of Gent)



Typical settings

Open-loop

By attaching the readout weights, multiple functions can be emulated simultaneously!

$$\begin{array}{c} \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1}} = f(\boldsymbol{x}_k, \boldsymbol{u}_k) \\ \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}_k} = \widehat{\boldsymbol{\psi}}(\boldsymbol{x}_k) \end{array} \end{array} \right)$$

Close-loop

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1}} = f(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_k, \widehat{\boldsymbol{u}}_k) \\ \widehat{\boldsymbol{u}}_k = \widehat{\psi}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}_k)$$

*On-line learning y_k loop (e.g. FORCE learning, Innate learning) Sussillo, D., & Abbott, L. F. (2009). *Neuron*, 63(4), 544-557.



*Prerequisite: "reproducible response"

(target function)

(reservoir computing)

$$y_{k+1} = g(u_k, u_{k-1}, \dots)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= f(\mathbf{x}_k, u_k) \\ \hat{y}_{k+1} &= \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

We want to emulate (learn) function "g"!

(prerequisite)

Reproducible response to the same input sequence!

 $g(u_k, u_{k-1}, \dots) \approx \hat{\psi}(\boldsymbol{x_{k+1}})$

Reservoir states should not depend on the initial condition!

$$f(\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{k}}, \boldsymbol{u}_{\boldsymbol{k}}) - f(\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^*, \boldsymbol{u}_{\boldsymbol{k}}) \approx 0 \quad \longleftarrow$$

(common-signal-induced synchronization/ Negative conditional Lyapunov exponents)

Z. Lu, B. R. Hunt, E. Ott, Chaos 28, 061104 (2018).

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$$x_k = \phi(u_{k-1}, u_{k-2}, ...)$$

(echo state property (ESP))

H. Jaeger, GMD Technical Report. 148 (2001).I. B. Yildiz, et. al., *Neural netw.* 35 (2012).G. Manjunath, et. al., *Neural comp.* 25 (2013).

One dimensional example

E.g.)
$$x_{k+1} = -\frac{1}{2}x_k + u_k$$

 $x_k = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1}x_0 + u_{k-1} - \frac{1}{2}u_{k-2} + \dots + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1}u_0$
 $\downarrow k \to \infty$
 $x_k = u_{k-1} - \frac{1}{2}u_{k-2} + \dots$
Independent of k

E.g.)
$$x_{k+1} = -x_k + u_k$$

 $x_k = (-1)^{k-1} x_0 + u_{k-1} - u_{k-2} + \dots + (-1)^{k-1} u_0$
No ESP

(No ESP examples)

- Limit cycles, chaos (several techniques to use them as a reservoir)
- Non-stationary systems, systems having trends



Case 1: Sensor emulations

J. Fonollosa, et.al., Sensors and Actuators B 215 (2015) pp.618-629



Emulate Methane and Ethylene gas sensors using 16 chemical gas sensors!



- Task is to emulate Methane and Ethylene sensors out of 16 chemical gas sensors.
- Node number is 100, W and $W_{\rm in}$ are determined random. Only $W_{\rm out}$ is adjusted.
- If Methane and Ethylene were functions of 16 chemical gas, then there is a possibility that the task can be performed successfully!

$$\begin{aligned} x_k^i &= f\left(\sum_{j=1}^M w^{ij} x_{k-1}^j + \sum_{s=1}^{16} w^{is}_{in} u_k^s\right), \\ y_k^{ethy} &= \sum_{i=0}^M w^i_{out,ethy} x_k^i, \\ y_k^{meth} &= \sum_{i=0}^M w^i_{out,meth} x_k^i, \\ f(x) &= \tanh(gx) \end{aligned}$$

Task performance



- Learning is quick and performance is good.
- Can be used for edge computing device!

Soft sensing using material dynamics



- Emulating a laser displacement meter in a high precision!
- Using conducting rubbers and do not need to attach the rigid sensors!

Physics-informed RNN for indirect sensing







Sun, W., Akashi, N., Kuniyoshi, Y., & Nakajima, K. (2022). Physicsinformed recurrent neural networks for soft pneumatic actuators. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*.

Knowledge-based approach improves the prediction accuracy in any kind of RNN!

Reservoir computing meets flexible sensors



S. Wakabayashi, T. Arie, S. Akita, K. Nakajima, K. Takei, A multi-tasking flexible sensor via reservoir computing, *Advanced Materials*, 2201663, 2022.

Multi-tasking is easy and learning is quick!

Case 2: Locomotion control



Ijspeert, A. J., Crespi, A., Ryczko, D., & Cabelguen, J. M. (2007). From swimming to walking with a salamander robot driven by a spinal cord model. Science, 315(5817), 1416-1420.

- Locomotion through central pattern generators!
- Switching the locomotion patterns via external stimuli! (e.g., sensors or external controllers)

Reservoir settings: continuous time ESN



$$\tau \frac{d\boldsymbol{x}(t)}{dt} = -\boldsymbol{x}(t) + \tanh(g\boldsymbol{J}\boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{u}_{\text{feed}}\boldsymbol{z}(t) + \boldsymbol{u}_{in}(t))$$
$$\boldsymbol{z}(t) = \boldsymbol{w}^{T}\boldsymbol{x}(t)$$

NOLTA2018, pp. 412-414, 2018.



Emulating chaos and spatiotemporal dynamics



Kuramoto-Sivashinsky equation



[J. Pathak+, 2018, PRL]

Switching chaotic attractors via sensory inputs

Deadlock avoidance with chaos !

S. Steingrube, M. Timme, F. W["] org["] otter, P. Manoonpong, Nature physics 6, 224 (2010).

- Step1: design two chaotic attractors
- Step2: switch them according to inputs



Lorenz attractor







Designing spontaneous behavioral switching



- Step 1: Behavioral patterns
- Step 2: Periodic transitions among the patterns (challenge: embed timer)
- Step 3: Random transitions among the patterns (challenge: embed timer + random number generators)

Step 3 is related to chaotic itinerancy!

What is chaotic itinerancy?



Schematic Representation of Chaotic Itinerancy

FIG. 1. Schematic representation of chaotic itinerancy.

(Features)

- Frequently observed in high-dimensional nonlinear dynamical systems
- Seemingly random transitions among quasi-attractors

First found in...

- Optical turbulence [K. Ikeda et. al., 1989]
- A globally coupled chaotic system [K. Kaneko, 1990; 1991]
- Nonequilibrium neural networks

[l. Tsuda, 1991; 1992]

Propose a scheme to design CI!

Spontaneous behavioral switching in robots



- Deterministic chaos self-organized to generate stochastic processes.
- Using hierarchical modules beforehand!

Switching patterns autonomously



- Internalizing the external control through feedback loop!
- Should estimate the duration of time for each pattern (switch in appropriate timing) using the same reservoir!

Inoue, K., Nakajima, K., & Kuniyoshi, Y. (2020). Designing spontaneous behavioral switching via chaotic itinerancy. *Science Advances* 6 (46), eabb3989.



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Periodic transitions are embedded!



Inoue, K., Nakajima, K., & Kuniyoshi, Y. (2020). Science Advances 6 (46), eabb3989.

Can harness complex dynamics and design patterns!



Inoue, K., Nakajima, K., & Kuniyoshi, Y. (2020). Designing spontaneous behavioral switching via chaotic itinerancy. *Science Advances* 6 (46), eabb3989.

Designing transition probabilities

Stochastic pattern 1

Inoue, K., Nakajima, K., & Kuniyoshi, Y. (2020). Science Advances 6 (46), eabb3989.

Transition probability and duration for each pattern are designed successfully!

Learning bifurcation

Kim, J. Z., et. al., (2021). Nature Machine Intelligence, 3(4), 316-323.

 Reservoir can learn bifurcation structures only by presenting training data from limited parameter range!

Case 3: Timer task

R. Laje et al. Nature Neurosci. 16: 925–933 (2013).
H. Jaeger GMD Report 152 (60 pp.) (2001).
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If the input (u(t)) is switched "on", should output "1" after τ timestep!

- Press the stopwatch in exact timing with your eyes closed!
- Should recognize a duration of time!
- Requires memory to perform the task!

Water surface as a reservoir!

Cornstarch (Non-Newtonian fluid)

"Physical reservoir computing"

"Physical liquid state machine"

(Overall system)

K. Nakajima, T. Aoyagi, The Memory Capacity of a Physical Liquid State Machine, IEICE Technical Report vol.115. No.300, pp.109-112, 2015.

情報処理の過程

取得

入力:加振

流体

Dynamics of the water surface as computational resources!

- For each grid, the summation of all the rgb values of the pixels are used for grid state x!
- Time series depends on the strength of the motor command!

PRC as an interdisciplinary field Machine learning

Physical reservoirs ... Liquid brain Cultured neural networks

K. Nakajima, Physical reservoir computing---an introductory perspective, Jap. J. Appl. Phys. 59: 060501, 2020.

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Brain Organoid Reservoir Computing

System setup

Mature neuron Astrocyte

...We illustrate the practical potential of this technique by using it for speech recognition and nonlinear equation prediction in a reservoir computing framework.

Cai, H., Ao, Z., Tian, C. *et al.* Brain organoid reservoir computing for artificial intelligence. *Nat Electron* (2023). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41928-023-01069-w

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