

Introduction

- Finding an embedding space for a linear approximation of a nonlinear dynamical system enables efficient system identification and control synthesis.
- Previous methods fail to generalize in scenarios with a variable number of objects.

We proposed **Compositional Koopman operators** that

- Use GraphNet to produce object-centric embeddings,
- Use a block-wise linear transition matrix to regularize the shared structure across objects.

Motivating example

Consider a system with N balls $\mathbf{x}_i \triangleq [x_i, y_i, \dot{x}_i, \dot{y}_i]^T$ connected by linear spring.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B & \cdots & B \\ B & A & \cdots & B \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B & B & \cdots & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Three observations

- (1) System state is composed of the state of each object.
- (2) Transition matrix has a block-wise substructure.
- (3) Same physical interactions share the same block.

Koopman operator theory

- For a nonlinear dynamical system $\mathbf{x}^{t+1} = F(\mathbf{x}^t)$,
- Identify the nonlinear-to-linear transformations $g : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- The Koopman operator \mathcal{K} , is a linear transformation on the embedding space:

$$\mathcal{K}g \triangleq g \circ F$$

$$\mathcal{K}g(\mathbf{x}^t) = g(F(\mathbf{x}^t)) = g(\mathbf{x}^{t+1})$$

Compositional Koopman operators

Transition in Koopman space (+ control)

$$g(\mathbf{x}^{t+1}) = K g(\mathbf{x}^t) + L u^t$$

- (1) The Koopman embedding of the system is composed of the Koopman embedding of every objects.

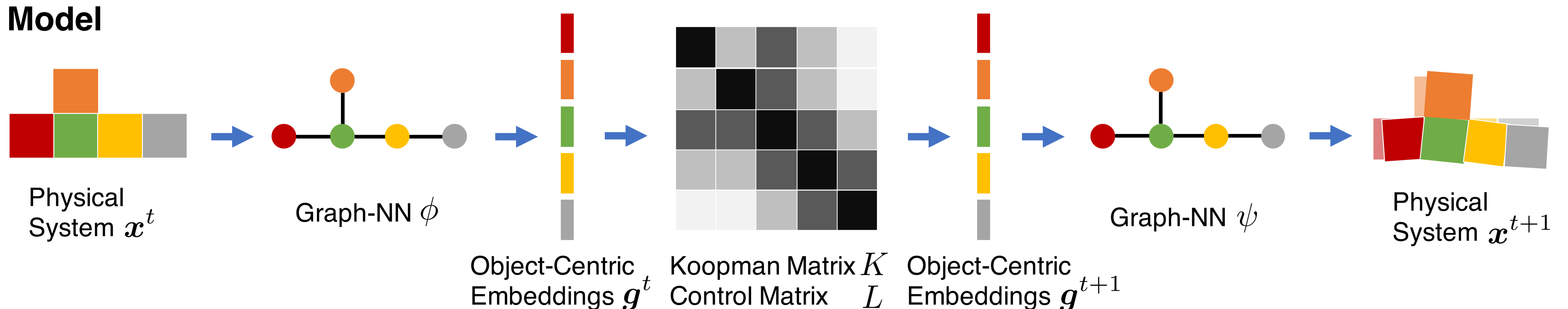
$$\mathbf{g}^t = [g_1^{t\top}, \dots, g_N^{t\top}]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{Nm}$$

- (2) The Koopman matrix has a block-wise structure.

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_1^{t+1} \\ \vdots \\ g_N^{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & \cdots & K_{1N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ K_{N1} & \cdots & K_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_1^t \\ \vdots \\ g_N^t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & \cdots & L_{1N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L_{N1} & \cdots & L_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^t \\ \vdots \\ u_N^t \end{bmatrix}$$

- (3) The same physical interactions share the same sub-block.

Model



Prediction

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Loss Function

- Auto-encoding loss
- Forward prediction loss
- Metric loss

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{ae}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{pred}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{metric}}$$

System Identification

- Least-square Regression

$$\min_{K, L} \|K \mathbf{g}^{1:T-1} + L \tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{g}^{2:T}\|_2$$

Control Synthesis

- Quadratic Programming

Website

<http://koopman.csail.mit.edu/>

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(a) Rope

(b) Soft

(c) Swim

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Time

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