Data Driven Turbulence Modeling

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Turbulence and its Modeling





Turbulence

- Chaotic behavior of fluid flow
- Modeling improves the disign of technological applications

Navier-Stokes equations describe the motion of a flow

•
$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}\right) = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j^2}$$







Turbulence Modeling

- Direct Numerical Simulations (DNS)
 - High accuracy
 - High computational complexity
- Reynolds Average Navier Stokes (RANS) models
 - Low accuracy
 - Low computation

- Interest in Machine Learning increased:
 - ML is able to find patterns
 - · More data available since the of computational power has increased







Challenges ML in Turbulence Modeling

- Interpretability
- Generalizability
- Simplicity
- Physically Informed
- Integration with CFD Solvers







Sparse Symbolic Regression

- Finds a mathematical expression for a quantity of interest
- Requires a library of candidate functions
- Selects function with sparse regression techniques



Sparse Symbolic Regression

- Interpretable
- Physics informed
- Efficient
- Simple
- Integration with CFD solvers (OpenFoam) possible and "easy"





Objectives and Questions





Objective

 Develop a data-driven turbulence model using sparse symbolic regression to improve a RANS turbulence model, which contains physical knowledge and should be interpretable, generalizable and robust





Questions

- Which features are the most relevant?
- How can physical knowledge be included?
- Which sparse symbolic regression technique finds the best performing algebraic model?
- How does the obtained turbulence model perform in terms of robustness, generalizability and interpretability?





Methodology





RANS Turbulence Modeling

• Filling in $U = \overline{U} + U'$ in the NS equation (Reynolds' decomposition):

• NS:
$$\frac{DU_i}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_j^2}$$

- RANS: $\frac{D\overline{U}_i}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \overline{U}_i}{\partial x_j^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\overline{U'_i U'_j} \right)$
- Reynolds stress = $\overline{U'_i U'_i}$
 - Requires modeling
 - Boussinesq: = $\overline{U'_iU'_j} = -2\nu_t S_{ij} + \frac{2}{3}k\delta_{ij}$

$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{U}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \overline{U}_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$





Subject of Modeling

• $-\overline{U_i'U_j'} = 2k\left(b_{ij} + \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}\right)$

- $\begin{array}{ll} T_{ij}^{(1)} = S_{ij} & T_{ij}^{(6)} = R_{ik}R_{kl}S_{lj} + S_{ik}R_{kl}R_{lj} \frac{2}{3}S_{pk}R_{kl}R_{lp}\delta_{ij} \\ T_{ij}^{(2)} = S_{ik}R_{kj} R_{ik}Skj & T_{ij}^{(7)} = R_{ik}S_{kl}R_{lp}R_{pj} R_{ik}R_{kl}S_{lp}R_{pj} \\ T_{ij}^{(3)} = S_{ik}S_{kj} \frac{1}{3}S_{lk}S_{kl}\delta_{ij} & T_{ij}^{(8)} = S_{ik}R_{kl}S_{lp}S_{pj} S_{ik}S_{kl}R_{lp}S_{pj} \\ T_{ij}^{(4)} = R_{ik}R_{kj} \frac{1}{3}R_{lk}R_{kl}\delta_{ij} & T_{ij}^{(9)} = R_{ik}R_{kl}S_{lp}S_{pj} + S_{ik}S_{kl}R_{lp}R_{pj} \frac{2}{3}S_{qk}S_{kl}R_{lp}R_{pq} \\ T_{ij}^{(5)} = R_{ik}S_{kl}S_{lj} S_{ik}S_{kl}R_{lj} & T_{ij}^{(10)} = R_{ik}S_{kl}S_{lp}R_{pq}R_{qj} R_{ik}R_{kl}S_{lp}S_{pq}R_{qj} \end{array}$
- Here, b_{ij} is the anisotropic stress tensor:
 - Boussinesq: $b_{ij} = -\frac{v_t}{k}S_{ij}$
- Pope: $b_{ij}(\hat{S}_{ij}, \hat{R}_{ij}) = \sum_{n=1}^{10} G^{(n)}(\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_2) T_{ij}^{(n)}$
 - $S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{U}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \overline{U}_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$
 - $R_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{U}_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \overline{U}_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

Split into linear and nonlinear portions:
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linear non-linear

 $b_{ij} = -\frac{v_t}{v}\hat{S}_{ij} + b_{ij}^{\Delta}$



Modeling Overview







Library of Candidate Functions

- Select appropriate features
- Create more complex functions by multiplying the features with each other
- Multiply each function with the tensor bases $T_{ij}^{(n)}$



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Sparse Symbolic Regression

Two step modeling

1. Model Discovery

- Standardization of the features
- Lasso Regression: $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \|\boldsymbol{U} \mathbb{C}\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_1$
- Selecting the 'active' features

2. Model Inference

- No standardization of the features
- Only using the selected features
- Ridge Regression: $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \|\boldsymbol{U} \mathbb{C}\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_2^2$
- Calibration of the coefficient





Case Studies

- Channel Flow
- Periodic Hill
- Square Duct
- Taylor Couette flow
- Industrial Problem: Vortex Gripper





Some first results





Periodic Hill







Model Discovery

• Lasso Regression: $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \min \| b^* - \mathbb{C}\boldsymbol{\xi} \|_2^2 + \lambda \| \boldsymbol{\xi} \|_1$







Model Inference

- Ridge regression: $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \min \| b^* \mathbb{C}\boldsymbol{\xi} \|_2^2 + \lambda \| \boldsymbol{\xi} \|_2^2$,
 - $\lambda = 0.1$
- Selecting models:
 - Trade-off between complexity and accuracy



Result of selected models

Anisotropic stress: $b_{ij} = \frac{v_t}{k}S_{ij} + b_{ij}^*$

• Simple: $b_{ij}^* = -4.3 * T_2$

More complex: $b_{ij}^* = (1.72q_1 - 0.71q_{11} + 0.08q_6 + 0.80)T_1 + (-2.55l_2 + 4.71q_{11} + 0.72q_2 - 8.20)T_2 + (-1.24l_2 + 4.51q_1 + 3.23q_{11} - 4.56q_2)T_3$







Model Propagation

Streamwise velocity profiles

• Simple: $b_{ij}^* = -4.3 * T_2$

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DNS

RANS

Model

Constraints

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For realizable flows: $b_{ii} \in \left[-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right]$ and $b_{ij} \in \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

Creating a Lumley triangle using: $\zeta^3 = b_{ij}b_{in}b_{jn}/2$ and $\eta^2 = -\frac{b_{ij}b_{ji}}{2}$

Values of ζ and η should be inside the triangle

Adding constraints in regression function could enforce the realizability





Intermediate Conclusions





Intermediate conclusions

- Frame-work to discover models with sparse symbolic regression
- Possible to add constraints
- No improvement of the velocity profiles yet





What's left?





To do:

- Finding a good model that improves the velocity
- Research different regression functions
- Research the effect of adding constraints to the regression functions
- Perform the other test cases





To be continued... Questions?



