# **Growing and Pruning Selective Ensemble Regression over Drifting Data Streams**

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#### How AI is saved

- Brief AI history
  - Birth of AI and initial hype (1950s 1970s)
  - Al winter (1980s 1990s)
  - Endeavour: We were not calling ourselves AI, but 'intelligent computing'
  - Reborn to new hype, this time is real
- Who save AI
  - It is often mistaken AI as belonging to Computer Science
  - Electronic and digital revolution, mobile communication revolution lead to connected digital world, providing solid foundation for AI to recover
- My AI equation

$$\mathsf{AI} = e_d \cdot C^2$$

-  $e_d$  is Electronic Digital infrastructure; C is Communication, C is Computing

#### Motivations

- Most real-world systems and data are nonlinear and **nonstationary**
- **Standard machine learning** of collecting training data, identifying a model, and hoping it generalizes well **does not work**
- Key to success is to **update** learner's **structure** and model **parameters** online as new data are available
- Modeling over drifting data stream: well known stability and plasticity dilemma or tradeoff
  - Stability: ability to retain acquired knowledge for maintaining diversity
  - Plasticity: ability to forget part or all past knowledge in order to capture new knowledge as fast as possible



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## Existing Techniques

- Resource allocating network: **RAN** adds RBF nodes with arriving data based on their significance
  - Growing model size, end with very large model and high prediction complexity
- Online sequential extreme learning machine (OS-ELM) and ensemble OS-ELM (EOS-ELM):
  - Fixed large model size, only update parameters, no structure adaptation
- Fast tunable RBF: Chen, Gong, Hong, Chen, "A fast adaptive tunable RBF network for nonstationary systems," *IEEE Trans. Cybernetics*, 46(12), 2683-2692, 2016
  - Replace an insignificant RBF node with new data and update parameters online (Fixed small model size, update both structure and parameters)
  - Better prediction accuracy and lower online computational complexity than RAN, OS-ELM, EOS-ELM, and other existing methods



## **Proposed GAP-SER**

- Nonlinear and nonstationary data space partitioned with moving window as local states, each fitted with local linear model, yielding local model set  $\{f_l\}_{l=1}^L$
- Growing and pruning selective ensemble regression:
  - Online prediction model is constructed as selective ensemble from  $\{f_l\}_{l=1}^L$
  - Growing strategy: newly emerging process state is automatically identified and fitted with a local linear model
  - Pruning strategy: remove unwanted out of date local linear models
- Excellent stability (diversity) and plasticity properties
  - Superior online prediction accuracy and low computational complexity
- Liu, Chen, Liang, Harris, "Growing and pruning selective ensemble regression for nonlinear and nonstationary systems," submitted for publication



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#### **Selective Ensemble Construction**



- At sample  $t_p$ , SER constructs prediction  $\hat{y}(t_p)$  of  $y(t_p)$  by selecting M best local linear models  $\{f_{l_m}\}_{m=1}^M$  from local model set  $\{f_l\}_{l=1}^L$  using
  - p available samples  $\{x(t_p d i), y(t_p d i)\}_{i=0}^{p-1}$ , where input  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m_o}$ , output  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y(t_p - d)$  is **newest** output sample available, and  $d \ge 1$
- Standard probability metric is used for SER predictor construction



## **Growing Local Model Set**



• At next sample  $t_n = t_p - d + 1$ , when observation  $y(t_n)$  is available, move growing window one sample ahead



 Grow local linear model set when new process state is identified

Shao, Tian, Wang, Deng, Chen, "Online soft sensor design using local partial least squares models with adaptive process state partition," *Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems*, 144, 108-121, 2015

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## **Pruning Local Model Set**

- Over long online operation, local model set  $\{f_l\}_{l=1}^L$  may grow to be very large, dramatically increasing online computational complexity of SER prediction
- Highly desired to remove out-of-date unwanted local models
  - Any local linear model in model set represents some past system knowledge actually occurred
  - Remove a local model not selected by current SER always runs risk it may be needed in future
  - How to remove 'unwanted' local model online without sacrificing diversity and accuracy of SER ?
- Our **pruning** strategy:
  - Over  $W_P$  consecutive samples, only if a local model has never been selected by SER predictor, it is removed from local model set





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#### **Algorithmic Parameters**

- **Growing** window size  $W_G$ :
  - Small  $W_G$  leads to large number of local models, increasing online operating time but having better adaptation capability, large  $W_G$  has opposite efforts
- **Pruning** window size  $W_P$ : conveniently set to  $W_P = W_G$ 
  - If a model is not needed consistently for current  $W_P$  prediction samples, probability it being selected in near future prediction samples is small
  - Remove 'oldest' or current 'worst'-performance local model may not be right
  - To maintain sufficient diversity, pruning will not take place if a minimum size  $L_{\rm min}$  of local model set is reached
- **Selective ensemble regression** bandwidth *p*:
  - Trade off online complexity and performance large p imposes high complexity but better robustness against noise, and small p has opposite efforts



## **Experimental Results**

- Performance metrics
  - Test mean square error, MSE

$$\mathsf{MSE}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^{t} \left( y(i) - \widehat{y}(i) \right)^2$$

- Online computational complexity measured by average computational time per sample, ACTpS
- Benchmark algorithms for comparison with our **GAP-SER** 
  - **OS-ELM**: initial trained RBF model, online weight adaptation (fixed model size)
  - EOS-ELM: initial trained ensemble of RBF models, online weight adaptation (fixed model size)
  - RAN: initial zero RBF node, online growing model
  - **RANini**: initial trained RBF model, online growing model
  - Fast tunable RBF: initial trained RBF model, online replace worst node (fixed model size)



#### **Lorenz Time Series**

• Lorzen chaotic time series

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\mathrm{d} x(t)}{\mathrm{d} t} &= a(y(t) - x(t)) \\ \frac{\mathrm{d} y(t)}{\mathrm{d} t} &= cx(t) - x(t)z(t) - y(t) \\ \frac{\mathrm{d} z(t)}{\mathrm{d} t} &= x(t)y(t) - bz(t) \end{cases}$$

with **time-varying** parameters:

$$a = 10, \quad b = \frac{4 + 3(1 + \sin(0.1t))}{3}, \quad c = 25 + 3(1 + \cos(2^{0.001t}))$$

• 60-steps ahead **prediction** of y(t) with

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$$\boldsymbol{x}(t) = \left[ y(t-60) \ y(t-66) \ y(t-72) \ y(t-78) \right]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

 Mean and standard deviation (STD) of test MSE and ACTpS over 100 realizations

#### **Lorenz Series Results**

- First 1000 samples for initial training, last 3000 samples for online testing
- 100 random realizations are employed
- $\bullet$  Comparison of online prediction and modeling performance (average  $\pm {\rm STD}$ ) for OS-ELM, EOS-ELM, RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and proposed GAP-SER

Method	MSE (dB)	ACTpS (ms)	Local models/RBF Nodes		Average
			Initial	Final	ensemble size
OS-ELM	$10.87 {\pm} 0.01$	$6.21 \pm 0.31$	500	500	-
	$10.86 {\pm} 0.01$	37.14±0.22	1000	1000	-
EOS-ELM	$11.01 {\pm} 0.01$	$58.12 \pm 1.45$	$5 \times 500$	$5 \times 500$	5
RAN	3.83±0.02	$0.66 {\pm} 0.01$	0	$122 \pm 0$	-
RANini	4.21±0.04	$1.02 \pm 0.02$	69±0	$139.97 {\pm} 0.17$	-
Tunable RBF	-13.48±0.56	$0.17{\pm}0.01$	10	10	-
GAP-SER	-27.42±0.63	0.24±0.01	13±0	13.47±0.50	9.88±0.07



- (a) Learning curves of average numbers of local linear models (GAP-SER)/RBF nodes (RAN, RANini)
- (b) Learning curves of average test MSEs of OS-ELM, EOS-ELM, RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and GAP-SER





## **Industrial Microwave Heating System**



- Control inputs  $\boldsymbol{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u_{p_1}(t) & u_{p_2}(t) & u_{p_3}(t) & u_{p_4}(t) & u_{p_5}(t) & v(t) \end{bmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}$ 
  - $u_{p_i}(t)$ ,  $1 \le i \le 5$ : microwave powers for five microwave generators - v(t): conveyor speed to cavity

## **Microwave Heating System**

- Three fiber optical sensors, FOS1, FOS2 and FOS3, record multiple-points of temperature,  $y_{s_j}(t)$ ,  $1 \le j \le 3$
- Accurate **predictions** of  $y_{s_i}(t)$  are crucial to detect **thermal runaway** in advance
- Task is to construct online adaptive predictors of  $y_{s_i}(t)$ ,  $1 \le j \le 3$ :

$$\widehat{y}_{s_j}(t) = f_{\mathrm{nl-ns},j}(\boldsymbol{x}_j(t); t), \ 1 \le j \le 3,$$

with input vector  $\boldsymbol{x}_{j}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_{s_{j}}(t-1) \ \boldsymbol{u}^{\mathrm{T}}(t-1) \end{bmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}$ 

• For each FOS's dataset, first 1000 samples for initial training and and last 2000 samples for online prediction



### **On-line Temperture Prediction Results**

Dataset	Method	MSE (dB)	ACTpS (ms)	Local models/RBF Nodes		Average
	Method			Initial	Final	ensemble size
FOS1	OS-ELM	18.4488	0.43	100	100	-
	EOS-ELM	6.9665	2.38	$5 \times 100$	$5 \times 100$	5
	RAN	1.4990	0.56	0	48	-
	RANini	3.113	1.91	65	103	-
	Tunable RBF	-11.6108	0.35	10	10	-
	GAP-SER	-13.7951	0.20	8	11	4.15
FOS2	OS-ELM	12.6390	0.44	100	100	-
	EOS-ELM	7.7460	2.50	$5 \times 100$	$5 \times 100$	5
	RAN	4.9071	0.24	0	25	-
	RANini	7.0560	0.98	45	67	-
	Tunable RBF	-13.5971	0.38	10	10	-
	GAP-SER	-14.0198	0.27	18	18	8.94
FOS3	OS-ELM	13.5877	0.43	100	100	-
	EOS-ELM	8.1725	2.89	$5 \times 100$	$5 \times 100$	5
	RAN	3.5136	0.40	0	35	-
	RANini	3.1695	1.02	48	71	-
	Tunable RBF	-13.1200	0.34	10	10	-
	GAP-SER	-13.4187	0.22	18	18	4



• Online temperature prediction of **FOS1** 

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- (a) Learning curves of numbers of local linear models (GAP-SER)/RBF nodes (RAN, RANini)
- (b) Learning curves of test MSEs of OS-ELM, EOS-ELM, RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and GAP-SER





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• Online temperature prediction of **FOS2** 

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- (a) Learning curves of numbers of local linear models (GAP-SER)/RBF nodes (RAN, RANini)
- (b) Learning curves of test MSEs of OS-ELM, EOS-ELM, RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and GAP-SER





- Online temperature prediction of **FOS3**
- (a) Learning curves of numbers of local linear models (GAP-SER)/RBF nodes (RAN, RANini)
- (b) Learning curves of test MSEs of OS-ELM, EOS-ELM, RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and GAP-SER





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## **EEG** Data Modeling

- **EEG** time series publicly available from the University of Bonn.
  - At sampling rate 173.61 Hz, dataset  $D_N = \{x(t), y(t)\}_{t=1}^N$  with 10 seconds length (1730 samples), where  $x(t) = [y(t-1) \ y(t-2) \ y(t-3) \ y(t-4)]^T$
  - First 5 seconds (865 data pairs) used for initial training, and rest 5 seconds (865 data pairs) used for testing
- Comparison of **online prediction** and modeling performance for RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and proposed GAP-SER

Method	MSE (dB)	ACTpS (ms)	Local models/RBF Nodes		Average
			Initial	Final	ensemble size
RAN	24.6432	1.37	0	106	-
RANini	20.8746	1.81	103	107	-
Tunable RBF	13.6452	0.41	10	10	-
GAP-SER	3.9840	0.42	2	3	1.97



- (a) Learning curves of test MSEs of RAN, RANini, fast tunable RBF, and GAP-SER
- (b) Comparison of recovered signal by GAP-SER and original EEG observations





## Conclusions

- For **nonlinear** and fast **time-varying** systems and data, **traditional** machine learning relying on training does not work
  - Adapt model weights is inadequate
  - Crucial to adjust model structure as well as adapt model weights
  - Adaptation must be **fast**, **accurate**, imposing **low online** computational time
- Our growing and pruning selective ensemble regression offers state-of-the-art online modeling/prediction of highly nonlinear and nonstationary data
  - Growing strategy automatically identifies newly emerging local linear models
  - Pruning strategy reliably removes unwanted out-of-date local models
  - Selective ensemble regression adaptively constructs accurate online predictor
- This GAP-SER balances **stability** and **plasticity** well, maintains sufficient **diversity**, provides highly **accurate** adaptive modeling while imposing very low **online** computational complexity