Anemoi-datasets

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Introduction





 Create "machine-learning ready" datasets for training datadriven weather forecasts

• Make the loading of data samples as efficient as possible

Provide rich metadata that can be used in training and inference



• Is not a replacement for the original source of data

 Consider the datasets created by anemoi-datasets is preprocessed data that are as close as possible to the needs of training

Training data-driven forecasts

• A "sample" is the state of the atmosphere a time T

 We want to train a model that, given the state of the atmosphere a time T returns the state of the atmosphere a T+1

- The state of the atmosphere is a collections of meteorological fields (variables)
 - 2m temperature, surface pressure,...
 - geopotential, winds, temperature on 1000 hPa, 500 hPa, ...

Training a weather forecast

• A dataset like ERA5 is too large to fit in memory

• We need to store the data on a filesystem

• We want to create a dataset where each sample is one I/O



Using Zarr

- The Zarr format is a good fit for the requirements
- It offers an array-like view on a collection of files (chunks)
- We use it to define an array that match exactly a sample

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Using datasets



Introduction

To open a dataset, use the open dataset function:

from anemoi.datasets import open dataset

ds = open dataset("/path/to/dataset.zarr")

You can then access the data in the dataset using the ${\tt ds}$ object as if it was a NumPy array:

```
print(ds.shape)
print(len(ds))
print(ds[0])
print(ds[10:20])
```

Introduction (cont.)

One of the main features is the ability to subset: from anemoi.datasets import open dataset

or combine datasets:

from anemoi.datasets import open dataset

Opening a dataset

from anemoi.datasets import open_dataset

or

Opening a dataset

from anemoi.datasets import open dataset

ds = open dataset("/path/to/dataset.zarr")

ds = open_dataset("https://path/to/dataset.zarr")

ds = open dataset("s3://path/to/dataset.zarr")

Open by name (recommended)

from anemoi.datasets import open_dataset

```
ds = open dataset("dataset name")
```

Using ~/.config/anemoi/settings.toml.

```
[datasets]
path = [
    "/ml-datasets/stable",
    "s3://ml-datasets",
]
```

```
[datasets.named]
test = "/home/mlx/test-dataset.zarr"
```

Useful to share code between sites



from anemoi.datasets import open_dataset

ds1 = open dataset("/path/to/dataset.zarr")

The dictionary can be as complex as needed

```
from anemoi.datasets import open dataset
config = {
    "dataset": {
        "ensemble": [
            "/path/to/dataset1.zarr",
            {"dataset": "dataset name", "end": 2010},
            {"dataset": "s3://path/to/dataset3.zarr",
                         "start": 2000,
                         "end": 2010},
        "frequency": "24h",
    },
    "select": ["2t", "msl"],
```

ds = open_dataset(config)

Common use-case: defined a dataset in a config file

with open("config.yaml") as file: config = yaml.safe load(file)

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```
open_dataset(dataset, start=1980)
open_dataset(dataset, end=2020)
open_dataset(dataset, start=1980, end=2020)
```

Useful to create training, test and validation sets from the same input dataset

The following are equivalent ways of describing start or end:

- 2020 and "2020"
- •202306, "202306" and "2023-06"
- •20200301, "20200301" and "2020-03-01"

Subsetting: frequency

You can change the frequency of the dataset by passing a string with:

```
ds = open_dataset(dataset,
    frequency="6h")
```

The new frequency must be a multiple of the original frequency.

To artificially increase the frequency, you can use the interpolate_frequency option. This will create new dates in the dataset by linearly interpolating the data values between the original dates.

Selecting variables



Reordering variables

```
... using a list
    ds = open_dataset(
        dataset,
        reorder=["2t", "msl", "sp", "10u", "10v"],
    )
```

... or using a dictionary

```
ds = open_dataset(
    dataset,
    reorder={
        "2t": 0,
        "msl": 1,
        "sp": 2,
        "10u": 3,
        "10v": 4,
        },
    }
)
```

Renaming variables

Useful when combining datasets.

rescale

When combining datasets, you may want to rescale the variables so that their have matching units. This can be done with the rescale option:

```
ds = open dataset(
    dataset,
    rescale={"2t": {"scale": 1.0, "offset": -273.15}},
ds = open dataset (
    dataset,
    rescale={"2t": (1.0, -273.15)},
)
ds = open dataset(
    dataset,
    rescale={
        "2t": ("K", "degC"),
        "tp": ("m", "mm"),
    },
```

The rescale option will also rescale the statistics. The rescaling is currently limited to simple linear conversions.

Selecting ensemble members

Select a single element:

```
ds = open_dataset(
    dataset,
    number=1,
)
```

```
... or a list:
```

```
ds = open_dataset(
    dataset,
    number=[1, 3, 5],
)
```

You can also use member The difference between the two is that number is 1-based, while member is 0-based.

ds = open_dataset(dataset1, dataset2)

ds = open dataset([dataset1, dataset2])

The operation depends on the datasets



Combine: concatenate (same variables, dates follow each other)

	2t	msl	sp									
1999-01-01						2t	msl					
					1999-01-01							
1999-01-02									1999-01-02			
1999-12-31				Concatenate				<u> </u>				
	1											
	2t	msl	sp									
2000-01-01												
2000-01-02								<u> </u>				
					2000-12-31							
2000-12-31					L							

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Combine : join (same range of dates, different variables)

Join

	2t	msl	sp
2000-01-01			
2000-01-02			
2000-12-31			

	10u	10 v
2000-01-01		
2000-01-02		
2000-12-31		

	2t	msl	sp	10u	10 v
2000-01-01					
2000-01-02					
2000-12-31					

Combine : join (same range of dates, overlapping variables)

		2t		ms	1	sp	,							
200	0-01-01													
200	0-01-02]						
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										2000-01-02				
			ms	31	t	P			•					
	2000-01	-01								2000-12-31				
	2000-01	-02												
	2000-12	-31												

Matching attributes

```
ds = open dataset(
    join=[dataset1, dataset2],
    adjust="frequency",
ds = open dataset(
    join=[dataset1, dataset2],
    adjust=["start", "end", "frequency"],
ds = open dataset(join=[dataset1, dataset2], adjust="dates")
ds = open dataset(concat=[dataset1, dataset2],ajust="variables")
ds = open dataset(
    cutout = [dataset1, dataset2],
    adjust="all",
```

Cutout - Use to combine limited are models and global models

from anemoi.datasets import open dataset



Thinning - Used for quick prototyping





Area







Indexing – Support (most) Numpy's indexing and slicing

```
ds = open_dataset(...)
print(len(ds))
```

```
for n in ds:
    print(n)
```

```
print(ds[1])
print(ds[1:10])
print(ds[1:10, 5, :])
```

Each slice is a NumPy array Warning: ds[:] will load the whole dataset in memory

Attributes

Attribute	Description								
shape	A tuple of the dataset's dimensions.								
field_shape	The original shape of a single field, either 1D or 2D. When building datasets, the fields are flattened to 1D.								
dtype	The dataset's NumPy data type.								
dates	The dataset's dates, as a NumPy vector of datetime64 objects.								
frequency	The dataset's frequency (i.e the delta between two consecutive dates)								
latitudes	The dataset's latitudes as a NumPy vector.								
longitudes	The dataset's longitudes as a NumPy vector.								
statistics	(Next slide)								
resolution	The dataset's resolution.								
name_to_index	A dictionary mapping variable names to their indices.								
variables	A list of the dataset's variable names, in the order they appear in the dataset.								
missing	The set of indices of the missing dates.								

Statistics

```
ds = open_dataset(...)
stats = ds.statistics
stats["mean"]
stats["stdev"]
stats["minimum"]
stats["maximum"]
```

```
idx = ds.name to index("msl")
```

```
print(stats["mean"][idx], stats["stdev"][idx])
```

When combining datasets, the statistics of the first encountered dataset is used
Examples





```
from anemoi.datasets import open_dataset
ds = open_dataset(
            "dataset": "aifs-od-an-oper-0001-mars-n320-2016-2023-6h-v8",
            "end": 2022,
            "frequency": "6h",
        },
        Ł
            "dataset": "aifs-od-an-oper-0001-mars-n320-2016-2023-6h-v1-land",
            "drop": [
                 "anor",
                "isor",
                "lsp",
                "stl3",
                "swvl3",
                "tsn",
                "rsn",
                "sd",
                "tvh",
                "tvl",
                "cvh",
                "cvl",
                "cl",
                "slt",
                "lai lv",
                "lai_hv",
            ],
            "end": 2022,
            "frequency": "6h",
        },
    ],
    end=2022,
```



aifs-od-an-oper-0001-mars-096-2016-2023-6h-v1-precipitations





Building datasets



Datasets are built from a recipe



Recipes are YAML files

dates:

```
start: 2024-01-01T00:00:00Z
end: 2024-01-01T18:00:00Z
frequency: 6h
```

input:

```
grib:
    param: [2t, msl, 10u, 10v, lsm]
    path: /path/to/some/data.grib
```

Then:

% anemoi-datasets create recipe.yaml dataset.zarr

The dates block

```
dates:
    start: 2010-01-01 00:00:00
    end: 2017-01-31 18:00:00
    frequency: 6h
    group_by: monthly
```

Note: dates a "valid dates", not "reference dates"



The output block

output: dtype: float32 chunking: dates: 1 ensembles: 1

Naming variables

- Variable names are just strings without semantics
- The names are used throughout anemoi (datasets, training, inference)
- Variables are named as "{param}_{level}" by default.
- You can change the naming method

```
build:
  variable naming: param
```

(Note: "param" and "variable", as well as "level" and "levelist" are mostly synonymous when dealing with GRIB and NetCDF)

Operations

- Operations are blocks of YAML code that translates a list of dates into fields.
- Simplest operation is just a source of data

```
input:
  grib:
    path: /path/to/file.grib
    param: [msl,2t]
```

Join

The join is the process of combining several sources data. Each source is expected to provide different variables at the same dates.



Pipe

The pipe is the process of transforming fields using filters. The first step of a pipe is typically a source. The following steps are filters.

- input:
 pipe:
 - source
 - • •
 - filter1
 - • •
 - filter2
 - • •
 - • •

Concat

The concatenation is the process of combining different sets of operation that handle different dates.

```
input:
 concat:
  - dates:
      start: 2020-12-30 00:00:00
      end: 2021-01-01 12:00:00
      frequency: 12h
    source1:
      • • •
  - dates:
      start: 2021-01-02 00:00:00
      end: 2021-01-03 12:00:00
      frequency: 12h
    source2:
      . . .
```

Statistics gathering

- By defaults, the statistics are not computed on the whole dataset, but on a subset of dates.
- The dates subset used to compute the statistics is defined using the following algorithm:
 - If the dataset covers 20 years or more, the last 3 years are excluded.
 - If the dataset covers 10 years or more, the last year is excluded.
 - Otherwise, 80% of the dataset is used.
 - Using user provided dates

```
statistics:
    end: 2020
```

• By default, statistics will fail if a NaN is found. You can change that:

```
statistics:
    allow nans: true
```

- Statistics of increments can also be computed:
 - 1h, 3h, 6h 12h and 24h increments

Handling missing dates

By default, the package will raise an error if there are missing dates.

Missing dates can be handled by specifying a list of dates in the configuration file. The missing dates will be filled np.nan values.

```
dates:
   start: 2017-01-01 00:00:00
   end: 2017-01-31 23:00:00
   frequency: 1h
```

```
missing:
```

- **-** 2017-01-02 00:00:00
- **-** 2017-01-03 00:00:00

Anemoi will ignore the missing dates when computing the statistics.

You can retrieve the list indices corresponding to the missing dates.

print(ds.missing)

If you access a missing date, the dataset will throw a MissingDateError.





General purposes sources

Name	Description
grib	Access grib files on disk input: grib: param:[msl, 2t] path:/path/to/file.grib
netcdf	Access NetCDF files on disk (xarray-based) input: netcdf: path:/path/to/file.nc
opendap	Access OpenDAP servers (xarray-based) input: opendap: url: http://
xarray-zarr	Access file-based or cloud-based Zarr (xarray-based) input: xarray-zarr: url: http://
xarray-kerchunk	Experimental: Access kerchunk datasets (xarray-based)
zenodo	Experimental: access a dataset given a Zenodo DOI

File/URL based sources (grib, NetCDF, OpenDAP, ...)

Unix wildcards

```
input:
   grib:
    path: /path/to/*.grib
```

Parameter substitutions

```
input:
   grib:
    path: /path/to/data-{param}.grib
    param: [u, v]
```

Date components

input:

grib:

path: /path/to/{date:strftime(%Y%m)/{date:strftime(%Y%m%d%H)}.grib



Xarray-based sources

• Xarray-based sources (netcdf, opendap, zarr, etc) will expect the source dataset to follow the CF-convention

input:

netcdf:

```
# Selection of the fields
```

```
variable: [temperature, geopotential]
level: [1000, 500]
```

```
# Control
```

```
options: ... # kwargs passed to xarray.open_zarr or open_dataset
patch: ... # Dictionary to update metadata
```

```
flavour: ... # Dictionary to help parsing the metadata
```

ECMWF specific sources

Name	Descriptions
mars	<pre>Retrieve data from the MARS archive input: mars: param:[msl, 2t] levtype: sfc</pre>
accumulations	<pre>Retrieve accumulated fields from the MARS archive (e.g. total precipitations) and compute their values over different accumulations period) input: accumulations: accumulation_period: 6 class: ea param: [tp, cp, sf] levtype: sfc</pre>
hindcasts	Retrieve reforecasts from the MARS archive

Specialised sources (rely on other sources)

Name	Description
recentre	Recentre an ensemble source on another. Used to recentre the ensemble around the operational analysis. This source uses two other sources: one for the ensemble, one for the new centre.
repeated-dates	Use to repeat a constant field or a climatological field at each dates of a dataset (more in follow up slide)
forcings	A collection of fields that can be computed on the fly from the date or the grid (more in follow up slide)



The purpose of forcings is to provide fields with values that only depend on the grid cell and/or the time

forcings

Because the source needs to generate fields on the same grids as the other, it requires a template field. This is provided in the recipe with the template keyword:

```
input:
  join:
    - sourcel:
      args1: value1
      args2: value2
    - forcings:
      template: ${input.join.0.source1}
      param:
        - insolation
        - cos julian day
```

- sin julian day

The value \${input.join.0.source1} is the "path" to the first source, starting from the root of the recipe.

forcings

Name	Description	Periodic	Range
latitude	Each grid point has the value of its latitude in degrees.	No	[-90,90]
cos_latitude	Each grid point has the value of $\cos(\text{latitude}/180 * \pi)$	Yes	[-1,1]
sin_latitude	Each grid point has the value of sin(latitude/180 $* \pi$)	Yes	[-1,1]
longitude	Each grid point has the value of its longitude in degrees.	No	[-180,360)
cos_longitude	Each grid point has the value of $\cos(longitude/180*\pi)$.	Yes	[-1,1]
sin_longitude	Each grid point has the value of sin(longitude/180 \ast $\pi)$.	Yes	[-1,1]
julian_day	The Julian day is al number of days since the 1st or January at 00:00 of the current year.	No	[0,365) or [0,366)
cos_julian_day	Each grid point has the value of cos(julian_day/365.25 \ast 2 \ast $\pi)$.	Yes	[-1,1]
sin_julian_day	Each grid point has the value of sin(julian_day/365.25 \ast 2 \ast $\pi)$.	Yes	[-1,1]
local_time	Each grid point has the value of the local time in hours (no time zone information is used).	No	[0,24)
cos_local_time	Each grid point has the value of $cos(local_time/24*2*\pi)$.	Yes	[-1,1]
sin_local_time	Each grid point has the value of $sin(local_time/24*2*\pi)$.	Yes	[-1,1]
insolation	This is an alias for the cos_solar_zenith_angle field.	Yes	[0,0.325]

repeated-dates

constant

```
repeated-dates:
  mode: constant
  source:
     xarray-zarr:
     url: dem.zarr
     variable: dem
```

climatology

```
repeated-dates:
    mode: climatology
    year: 2019
    day: 15
    source:
        grib:
            path: some/path/to/data.grib
            param: [some_param]
```

closest

```
repeated-dates:
    mode: closest
    frequency: 24h
    maximum: 30d
    skip_all_nans: true
    source:
        grib:
            path: path/to/data.grib
            param: [some param]
```

Recenter

```
data sources:
  members source:
    mars:
      class: ea
      expver: "0001"
      grid: 20.0/20.0
      levtype: sfc
      param: [10u, 10v, 2t]
      type: an
      stream: enda
      number: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
  center source:
    mars:
      class: ea
      expver: "0001"
      grid: 20.0/20.0
      levtype: sfc
      param: [10u, 10v, 2t]
      type: an
      stream: oper
input:
  recentre:
    centre: ${data_sources.center_source}
members: ${data_sources.members_source}
```





Filters

Name	Description		
apply-mask	Apply a mask to the fields (set values to NaN according to a mask)		
rotate_wind/unrotate_wind	Rotate wind vectors		
rename	Rename variables		
regrid	Interpolate input fields to a different grid		
rescale	Apply unit conversions		
orog_to_z	Convert orography (m) to z (geopotential height)		
uv-2-ddff/ddff-2-uv	Convert wind components between cartesian and polar coordinates		
wz_to_w	Convert geometric vertical velocity (m/s) to vertical velocity (Pa/s)		

- This is only a small selection, work in progress
- Some sites implement their own filters

rename

input:

pipe:

- netcdf:
 path: myfile.nc
- rename:
 - param:
 - temperature_2m: 2t temperature 850hPa: t 850

Creating a dataset incrementally

Building the dataset

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anemoi-datasets init dataset.yaml dataset.zarr --overwrite

You can then load the dataset in parts with the load command in parallel.

```
anemoi-datasets load dataset.zarr --part 1/20
anemoi-datasets load dataset.zarr --part 2/20
```

```
anemoi-datasets load dataset.zarr --part 20/20
```

Once you have loaded all the parts, finalise the dataset with the finalise command.

```
anemoi-datasets finalise dataset.zarr
```

You can follow the progress of the dataset creation with the inspect command. anemoi-datasets inspect dataset.zarr

It is possible that some temporary files are left behind at the end of the process. anemoi-datasets cleanup dataset.zarr

Adding new sources or new filters

- Can be done by contributing to anemoi-datasets or anemoi-transform
- A plugin system is also under construction
- Sources or filters that are of general interest should be contributed to the main code base

Examples










Questions?

