

Introduction to the (sparse grid) stochastic collocation

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Problem setting

Stochastic collocation




- Full tensor stochastic collocation

 - Relation to Gaussian quadrature

 - Relation to Stochastic Galerkin method

- Sparse grid stochastic collocation

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} a &= a(\omega, x) = a(Y_1(\omega), \dots, Y_N(\omega), x) \\ f &= f(\omega, x) = f(Y_1(\omega), \dots, Y_N(\omega), x) \\ u &= u(\omega, x) = u(Y_1(\omega), \dots, Y_N(\omega), x) \end{aligned} \right\} \omega \in \Omega, x \in \bar{D}$$

- $Y_n : \Omega \rightarrow \Gamma_n \subset \mathbb{R}$, $n \in \{1, \dots, N\}$... real valued random variables (not necessarily independent)
- $\Gamma = \prod_{n=1}^N \Gamma_n$... set of outcomes
- $\rho : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, $\rho \in L^\infty(\Gamma)$... joint probability density function of (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)
→ probability space $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}^N, \rho dy)$

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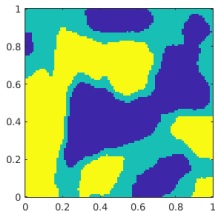
holds almost surely.

- assume a unique solution $u \in L^2_\rho(\Gamma; W(D))$

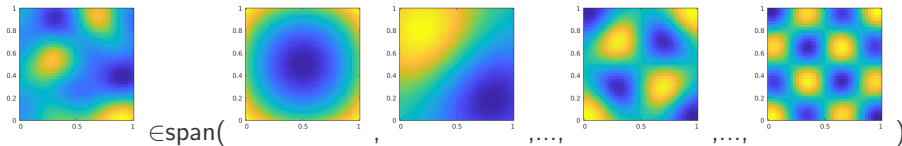
→ Instead of $u(\omega, x)$ on $\Omega \times \bar{D}$, we consider $u(y, x)$ on $\Gamma \times \bar{D}$.

The aim is to find an approximation of u (for any $y \in \Gamma$ and $x \in \bar{D}$) in a suitable finite dimensional subspace.

- example 1 (exact representation)



- example 2 (suitable truncation)



- $W_h(D) \subset W(D)$... standard finite element space; triangulation \mathcal{T}_h
- consider a finite element operator $FEM_h : W(D) \rightarrow W_h(D)$ with the optimality condition

$$\|\varphi - FEM_h \varphi\|_{W(D)} \leq c \min_{v \in W_h(D)} \|\varphi - v\|_{W(D)} \quad \forall \varphi \in W(D)$$

(c is independent of h)

- denote:

$$FEM_h u = u_h : \Gamma \rightarrow W_h(D),$$

i.e.

$$FEM_h u(y) = u_h(y) \in W_h(D)$$

Stochastic collocation

= a method that produces an approximation $u_{h,p} \in C^0(\Gamma; W_h(D))$ of a function $u \in L^2_\rho(\Gamma; W(D))$ constructed by a linear combination of point values $u_h(y_k) \in W_h(D)$, where $y_k \in \Gamma$, $k \in \{1, \dots, N_p\}$, i.e.

$$u_{h,p}(y, x) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} u_h(y_k, x) l_k(y)$$

Stochastic collocation provides:

- approximation of u
- estimation of statistical moments of the solution u (mean value, variance, covariance, ...)

$$E(u) \approx E(u_{h,p}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} u_h(y_k, x) E(l_k(y))$$

- statistics of quantities of interest $\psi(u)$

- $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{p}}(\Gamma) \subset L^2_{\rho}(\Gamma)$... span of tensor product polynomials with degrees at most $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_N)$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{p}}(\Gamma) = \bigotimes_{n=1}^N \mathcal{P}_{p_n}(\Gamma_n)$$

- $\mathcal{P}_{p_n}(\Gamma_n)$... all univariate polynomials with degree at most p_n
- dimension of $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{p}}(\Gamma)$ is $\prod_{n=1}^N (p_n + 1)$
- Lagrange basis of $\mathcal{P}_{p_n}(\Gamma_n)$:

$$\{l_{n,j}\}_{j=1}^{p_n+1}, \quad l_{n,j}(y_{n,k}) = \delta_{jk}, \quad j, k \in \{1, \dots, p_n + 1\},$$

where $y_{n,1}, \dots, y_{n,p_n+1} \in \Gamma_n$

→ one-dimensional interpolation operator

$$\mathcal{U}(u)(y) = \sum_{j=1}^{p_n+1} u(y_{n,j}) l_{n,j}(y)$$

full tensor product interpolation operator

$\mathcal{I}^N : C^0(\Gamma; W(D)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{p}}(\Gamma) \otimes W(D)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^N(u)(y) &= \left(\mathcal{U}^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{U}^{(N)} \right) (u)(y) = \\ &= \sum_{j_1=1}^{p_1+1} \dots \sum_{j_N=1}^{p_N+1} u(y_{1,j_1}, \dots, y_{N,j_N}) (l_{1,j_1}(y) \otimes \dots \otimes l_{N,j_N}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

The aim was to approximate $u \in L^2_\rho(\Gamma; W(D))$ by $u_{h,p}$ of the form

$$u_{h,p}(y, x) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} u_h(y_k, x) l_k(y),$$

where $y_k \in \Gamma$. Using \mathcal{I}^N , we can simply write $u_{h,p} = \mathcal{I}^N(u_h)$,
i.e. $N_p = \prod_{n=1}^N (p_n + 1)$, $l_k = \prod_{n=1}^N l_{n,k_n}$.

$$\mathcal{I}^N(u)(y) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{p_1+1} \cdots \sum_{j_N=1}^{p_N+1} u(y_{1,j_1}, \dots, y_{N,j_N}) (l_{1,j_1}(y) \otimes \cdots \otimes l_{N,j_N}(y))$$

auxiliary probability density $\hat{\rho} : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$:

$$\hat{\rho}(y) = \prod_{n=1}^N \hat{\rho}_n(y_n), \quad \forall y \in \Gamma, \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| \frac{\rho}{\hat{\rho}} \right\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma)} < \infty$$

- $y_{n,1}, \dots, y_{n,p_n+1} \in \Gamma_n$ are roots of the polynomial Q of degree $p_n + 1$ orthogonal with respect to $\hat{\rho}_n$, i.e.

$$\int_{\Gamma_n} Q(y) r(y) \hat{\rho}_n(y) dy = 0 \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{P}_{p_n}(\Gamma_n)$$

$$\int p(x) \rho dx = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i p(x_i)$$

- choice of $w_i, x_i \dots$ $2n$ degrees of freedom \rightarrow exact integration of polynomials up to degree $2n - 1$

Back to 1d interpolation operator $\mathcal{U}(u)(y) = \sum_{j=1}^{p_n+1} u(y_{n,j}) l_{n,j}(y)$,
 where $y_{n,1}, \dots, y_{n,p_n+1}$ are roots of polynomial Q of degree $p_n + 1$:

$$\int_{\Gamma_n} Q r \hat{\rho}_n dy = 0 \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{P}_{p_n}$$

$$\int u(y) \hat{\rho}_n dy \stackrel{u \in \mathcal{P}_{2p_n+1}}{=} \int \mathcal{U}(u)(y) \hat{\rho}_n dy = \sum_{j=1}^{p_n+1} u(y_{n,j}) \overbrace{\int l_{n,j}(y) \hat{\rho}_n dy}^{=w_j}$$

Integrated polynomial $u(y)$ can be written as $u(y) = s(y)Q(y) + r(y)$

$$\int u(x) \hat{\rho}_n dx = \sum_{j=1}^{p_n+1} w_j s(y_{n,j}) \overbrace{Q(y_{n,j})}^{=0} + \sum_{j=1}^{p_n+1} w_j r(y_{n,j})$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p_n + 1\} : \int l_{n,i} \hat{\rho}_n dy = \sum_{j=1}^{p_n+1} w_j l_{n,i}(y_{n,j}) = w_i \overbrace{l_{n,i}(y_{n,i})}^{=1}$$

Stochastic linear elliptic boundary value problem

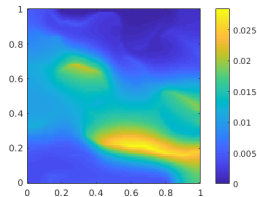
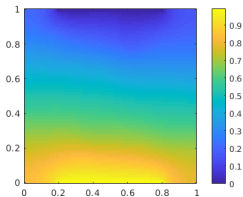
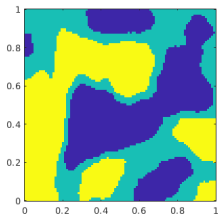
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+ boundary conditions

holds almost surely.

$$Y_n \sim \mathcal{N}(5; 1)$$



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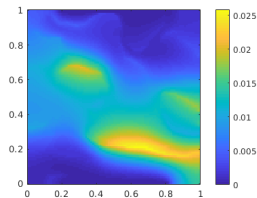
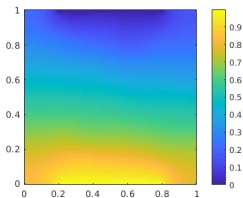
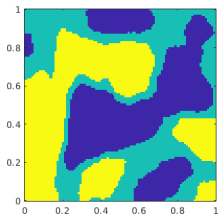
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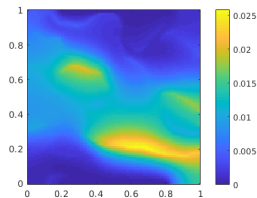
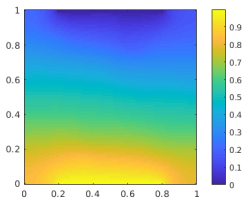
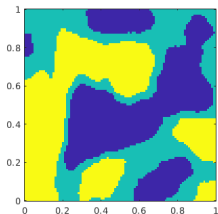
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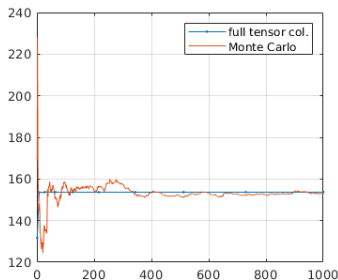
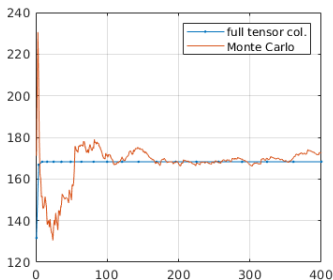
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Quantity of interest $\psi(u)$: flow through outflow boundary part

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Convergence of $E(\psi(u))$ for $N = 2$ (left) and $N = 3$ (right) with increasing number of collocation points

Consider again:

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Stochastic Galerkin

Find $u_{h,p}^G \in \mathcal{P}_p(\Gamma) \otimes W_h(D)$:

$$\int_{\Gamma} \int_D a \nabla u \nabla v \, dx \, \rho dy = \int_{\Gamma} \int_D f v \, dx \, \rho dy \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{P}_p(\Gamma) \otimes W_h(D)$$

→ fully coupled linear system of dimension $N_p \times N_h$

replace integrals over Γ by quadrature formula $E_{\hat{\rho}}^p(g) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} \omega_k g(y_k)$
& choose test functions $v(y, x) = l_k(y) \phi(x)$ ($\phi(x) \in W_h(x)$)

Stochastic collocation

Find $u_{h,p} \in \mathcal{P}_p(\Gamma) \otimes W_h(D)$: $\forall v \in \mathcal{P}_p(\Gamma) \otimes W_h(D)$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N_p} \omega_k \frac{\rho(y_k)}{\hat{\rho}(y_k)} \int_D a(y_k) \nabla u_{h,p}(y_k) \nabla v(y_k) \, dx = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} \omega_k \frac{\rho(y_k)}{\hat{\rho}(y_k)} \int_D f(y_k) v(y_k) \, dx$$

→ sequence of N_p uncoupled linear system of dimension N_h

Stochastic collocation

- replaces the integration of $\int_D a \nabla u \nabla v \, dx$ over Γ by a quadrature formula \Rightarrow if $\int_D a \nabla u \nabla v \, dx$ (function of y) is a polynomial at most of degree $2p_n + 1$, the integration is exact
- decouples the linear system (also when a and f are non-linear functions of Y_n)
- treats efficiently the case of non-independent random variables Y_n (using $\hat{\rho}$)

1d interpolation operator (direction n omitted) $\mathcal{U}(u) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} u(y_j) l_j$

- consider a sequence of 1d interpolation operators $\mathcal{U}^i(u)$ given by
 - m_i
 - points $y_j^i; j \in \{1, \dots, m_i\}$
 - functions $l_j^i; j \in \{1, \dots, m_i\}$
- multivariate “building block” for multiindex $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N)$

$$(\mathcal{U}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{U}^{i_N})(u) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_{i_1}} \dots \sum_{j_N=1}^{m_{i_N}} u(y_{j_1}^{i_1}, \dots, y_{j_N}^{i_N}) (l_{j_1}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes l_{j_N}^{i_N})$$

Isotropic Smolyak formula for level w and dimension N :

$$\mathcal{A}(w, N) = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in Y(w, N)} (-1)^{w+N-|\mathbf{i}|} \binom{N-1}{w+N-|\mathbf{i}|} \cdot (\mathcal{U}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{U}^{i_N}),$$

where $Y(w, N) = \{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}_+^N, \mathbf{i} \geq \mathbf{1} : w+1 \leq |\mathbf{i}| \leq w+N\}$

How to choose the sequence of 1d interpolation operators $\mathcal{U}^i(u)$?

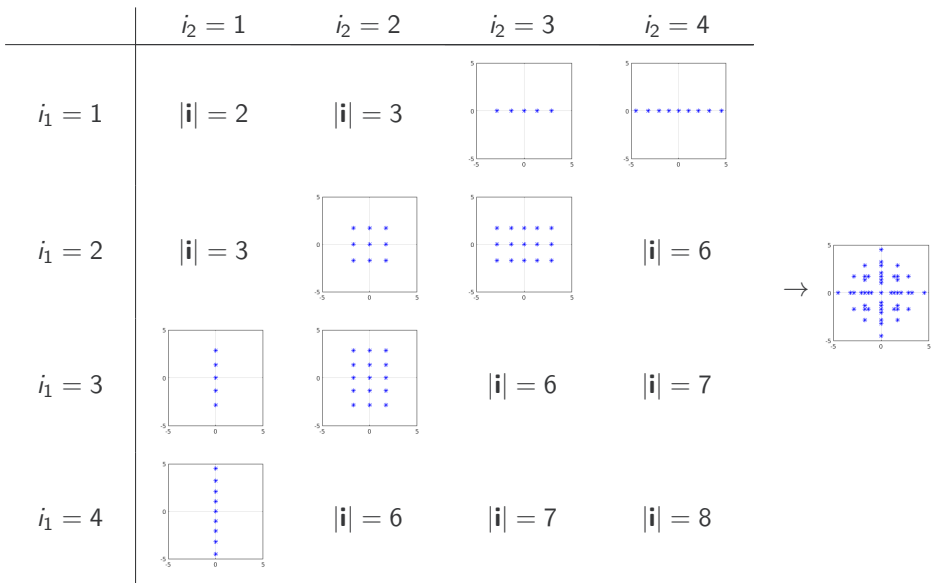
- $m_1 = 1, m_i = 2^{i-1} + 1$ for $i > 1$
- Clenshaw-Curtis abscissas
 - nested, i.e. $\{y_1^i, \dots, y_{m_1}^i\} \subset \{y_1^{i+1}, \dots, y_{m_{i+1}}^{i+1}\}$
 - points y_j^i are extremes of Chebyshev polynomials $\in \langle -1, 1 \rangle$
- Gaussian abscissas
 - in general not nested
 - points y_j^i are zeros of orthogonal polynomials w.r.t. a positive weight

Setting: $m_i = 2^{i-1} + 1$ for $i > 1$; Gaussian abscissas; points y_j^i are zeros of Hermite polynomials H_j ; $w = 3$; $N = 2$

- $\mathcal{U}^1(u)$: $m_1 = 1$, roots of $H_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1$
- $\mathcal{U}^2(u)$: $m_2 = 3$, roots of $H_3 \in \mathcal{P}_3$
- $\mathcal{U}^3(u)$: $m_3 = 5$, roots of $H_5 \in \mathcal{P}_5$
- $\mathcal{U}^4(u)$: $m_4 = 9$, roots of $H_9 \in \mathcal{P}_9$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(w, N) &= \{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}_+^2, \mathbf{i} \geq \mathbf{1} : 4 \leq |\mathbf{i}| \leq 5\} = \\ &= \{(1, 4), (1, 3), (2, 3), (2, 2), (3, 2), (3, 1), (4, 1)\} \\ &\quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 1 \cdot 9 & 1 \cdot 5 & 3 \cdot 5 & 3 \cdot 3 & 5 \cdot 3 & 5 \cdot 1 & 9 \cdot 1 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

Example: $Y(\omega = 3, N = 2) = \{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{N}^N : \mathbf{i} \geq \mathbf{1} \wedge 4 \leq |\mathbf{i}| \leq 5\}$



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- the solution has realizations in $W(D)$, i.e. $u(\cdot, \omega) \in W(D)$ almost surely
- $\exists c \forall \omega \in \Omega: \|u(\cdot, \omega)\|_{W(D)} \leq c \|f(\cdot, \omega)\|_{W^*(D)}$
- forcing term $f \in L^2_P(\Omega; W^*(D))$ is such that the solution u is unique and bounded in $L^2_P(\Omega; W(D))$

For functions $u \in C^0(\Gamma; W(D))$ which admit an analytic extension in $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{dist}(z, \Gamma) < \tau\}$ for some $\tau > 0$ the isotropic Smolyak formula based on Gaussian abscissas satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u - \mathcal{A}(\omega, N)(u)\|_{L^2_\rho(\Gamma; W(D))} \leq \\ & \leq \sqrt{\left\| \frac{\rho}{\hat{\rho}} \right\|_{L^\infty(\Gamma)}} e^{\sigma \epsilon \log(2)} C(\sigma) \frac{\max\{1, C(\sigma)\}^N}{|1 - C(\sigma)|} \eta^{-D}, \end{aligned}$$

- η is the number of collocation points,
- $D = \frac{\sigma \epsilon \log(2)}{\zeta + \log(N)}$,
- $\zeta \approx 2.1$, $C(\sigma)$ incorporates the interpolation error with Lagrange polynomials, $\sigma = \sigma(\tau, \Gamma)$.

[3, Theorem 3.17]

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$$\|u - \mathcal{A}(\omega, N)(u)\|_{L^2_\rho(\Gamma; W(D))} \leq C_1(\sigma, N) \eta^{-\frac{\sigma e \log(2)}{\zeta + \log(N)}}$$

- full tensor product interpolation satisfies

$$\|u - \mathcal{A}(\omega, N)(u)\|_{L^2_\rho(\Gamma; W(D))} \leq C_2(\sigma, N) \eta^{-\frac{\sigma}{N}}$$




[3, Theorem 3.17], [1, Theorem 1]

For comparison:

- crude Monte Carlo convergence rate is

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\eta^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

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