Global sensitivity analysis and dimension reduction

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Sensitivity analysis and dimension reduction:
a tour from sensitivity analysis to gradient based (non)linear dimension reduction via the so-called active subspace methodology.

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Notation

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(X_1, \ldots, X_d)$$

- $\mathbf{X} \sim \mu$: vector of input parameters with known probability distribution μ (not necessarily product measure)
- Y: output of interest, generally scalar $Y \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{M}$: numerical model from it is also possible to evaluate the gradient

$$\nabla \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_1 \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ \partial_d \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Variance based global sensitivity analysis: determine the relative influence of the inputs $X_1, \ldots, X_d$ on the output Y.

Gradient based GSA: how to best exploit the gradient $\nabla \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$?

Previously...

Assume $\mu(d\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \mu_i(dx_i)$ is a product measure. Then, for $i \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$, the total Sobol' indices

$$S_i^{\text{tot}} := 1 - \frac{\mathrm{Var}[\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})|X_{-i})]}{\mathrm{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})]}$$

can be bounded by

$$\mathrm{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})]\, S_i^{\text{tot}} \leq C(\mu_i) \underbrace{\int (\partial_i \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \mathrm{d}\mu(\mathbf{x})}_{=\nu_i}$$

where:

- $C(\mu_i)$ is the Poincaré constant of the marginal μ_i which is computable via an eigenvalue problem,
- ν_i is the i-th Derivative Based Sensitivity Measure (DGSM) which is often cheaper to compute compared to S_i^{tot}, provided $\partial_i \mathcal{M}$ is available.

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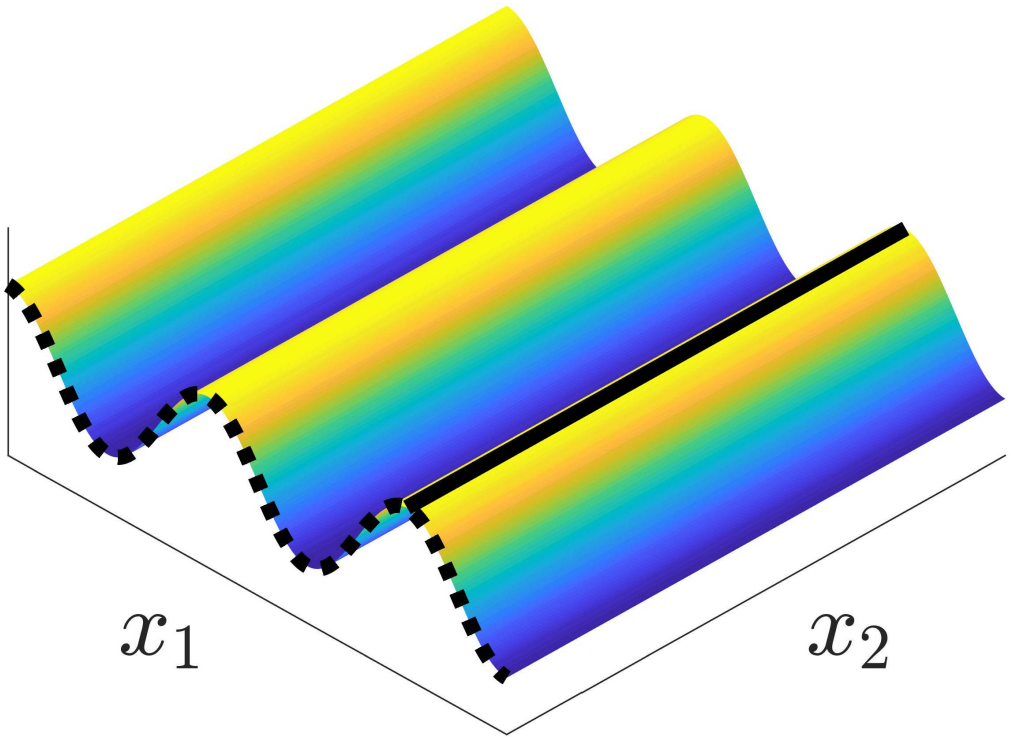

Hart and Gremaud [2018]

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- the measurable function $f :\mapsto f(\mathbf{x_u}) = f(x_{u_1}, \ldots, x_{u_r})$ which best approximates $u(\mathbf{X})$ in $\mathbb{L}^2_\mu$ is $f(\mathbf{x_u}) = \mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X_u} = \mathbf{x_u}]$:

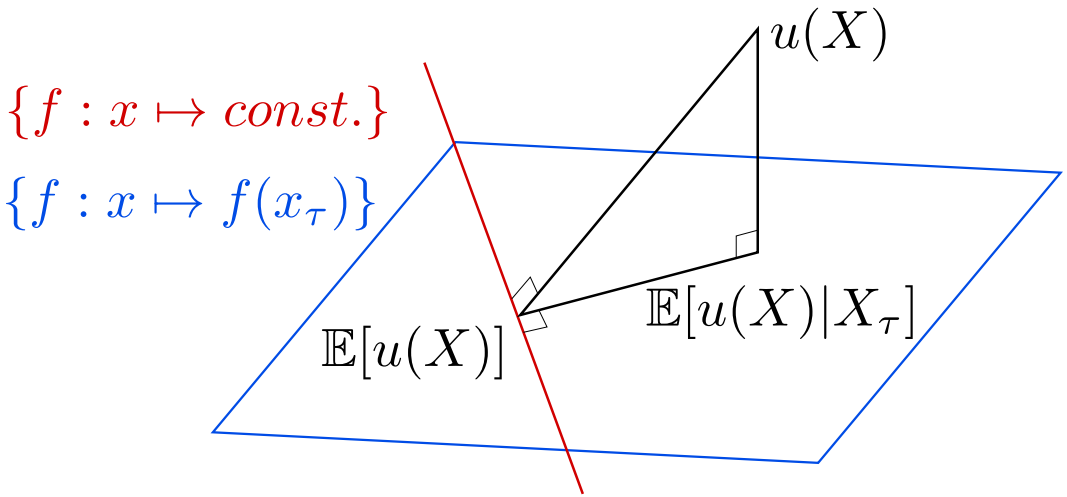
$$\min_{f:\mathbf{x}\mapsto f(\mathbf{x_u})\,,\ f \text{ measurable}} \|u - f\|^2 = \|u - \mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X_u}]\|^2.$$

The total variance formula

$$\min_{f:\mathbf{x}\mapsto f(\mathbf{x_u})\,,\ f \text{ meas.}} \|u-f\|^2 = \|u-\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X_u}]\|^2$$

$$= \|\Big(u-\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})]\Big) - \Big(\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})]-\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X_u}]\Big)\|^2$$

$$= \underbrace{\|u-\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})]\|^2}_{\mathrm{Var}[u(\mathbf{X})]} - \underbrace{\|\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})]-\mathbb{E}[u(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X_u}]\|^2}_{\mathrm{Var}[\mathbb{E}(u(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X_u})]} \ (\star)$$



Link with Sobol' indices

The closed Sobol' indices for $\mathcal{M}$ writes

$$S_{\mathbf{u}}^{\text{clo}} := \frac{\mathrm{Var}[\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})]}{\mathrm{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})]} \overset{(\star)}{=} 1 - \frac{\min\limits_{f:\mathbf{x}\mapsto f(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}})\,,\, f \text{ meas.}} \|\mathcal{M} - f\|^2}{\mathrm{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})]}$$

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Note that if $\mu(d\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \mu_i(dx_i)$ then

$$S_{\mathbf{u}}^{\text{tot}} = \sum_{\mathbf{v}\subseteq\{1,\ldots,d\}\,,\, \mathbf{u}\cap\mathbf{v}\neq\emptyset} S_{\mathbf{v}}\,.$$

In that framework, if $S_{\mathbf{u}}^{\text{tot}} \approx 0$, we get:

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}} : \mathbf{X}_{-\mathbf{u}}) \approx \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}^{0} : \mathbf{X}_{-\mathbf{u}})\,.$$

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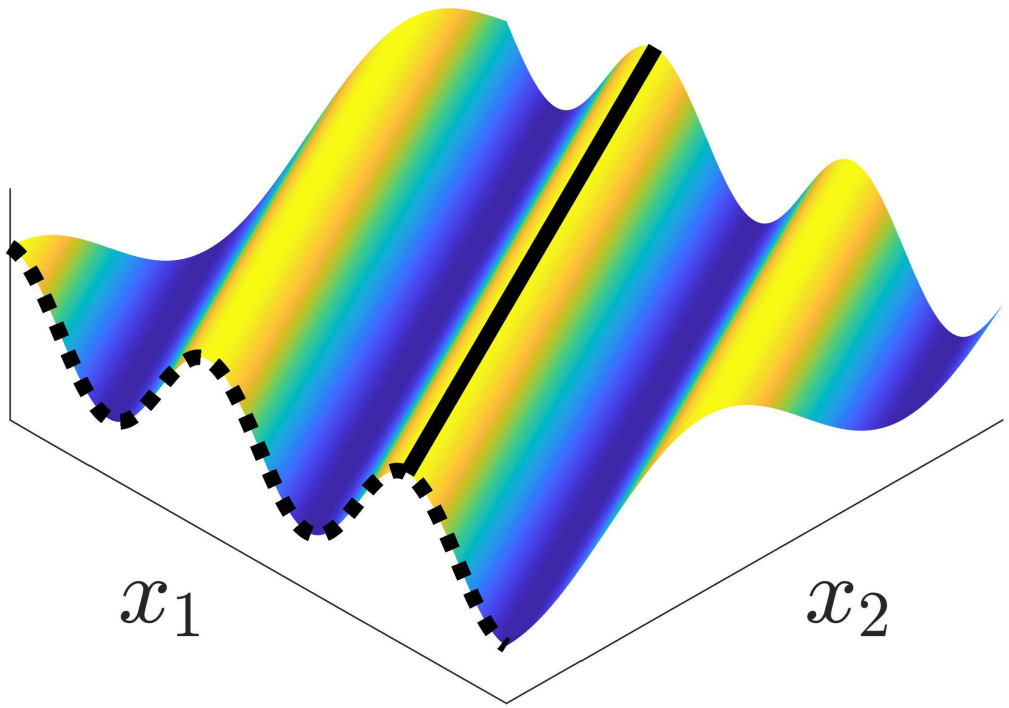
Gradient based linear dimension reduction

$$\mathcal{M} : \begin{cases} \mathcal{X} = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \mathcal{X}_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d & \to \quad \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p \\ \mathbf{x} & \mapsto \quad y = \mathcal{M}(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \end{cases}$$

We seek for a decomposition of the form

$$\mathcal{M}(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \approx f \circ g(\mathbf{x}) = f\left(g_1(x_1, \ldots, x_d), \ldots, g_r(x_1, \ldots, x_d)\right)$$

with $r \leq d$.



Constantine and Diaz [2017], Zahm et al. [2020]

Framework:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathcal{M}(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \ \in \mathcal{Y}$$

with $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p$ endowed with a Hilbertian norm $\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Let $\mathbb{L}^2_\mu$ be the space of square-integrable functions $u : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathcal{Y}$. We endow it with the norm

$$\|u\|^2 = \int \|u(\mathbf{x})\|_{\mathcal{Y}}{}^2 \mu(d\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}\left[\|u(\mathbf{X})\|_{\mathcal{Y}}{}^2\right] .$$

One aims at approximating $\mathcal{M}$ by a ridge function (a function which is constant along a subspace). More specifically, one seeks for $r \leq d$ and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times d}$ such that:

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(A\,\mathbf{x}) \text{ with } f : \mathbb{R}^r \to \mathcal{Y} ,$$

or equivalently for $r \leq d$ and a rank-r projector $P_r \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ such that:

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \approx h(P_r\,\mathbf{x}) \text{ with } h : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathcal{Y} .$$

We assume $\mathbf{X} \sim \mu = \mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma)$.

Controlled approximation problem Given $\varepsilon \geq 0$, find h and a rank-r projector P_r such that

$$\mathbb{E}(\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - h(P_r\mathbf{X})\|_{\mathcal{Y}}{}^2) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Procedure:

1. derive an upper bound for the error

$$\|\mathcal{M} - h \circ P_r\| \leq \mathcal{R}(h, P_r)$$

2. fix r and solve

$$\min_{h, P_r} \mathcal{R}(h, P_r)$$

3. increase r until

$$\min_{h, P_r} \mathcal{R}(h, P_r) \ \leq \varepsilon$$

Note that P_r is not restricted to be a projector onto the canonical coordinates.

Derivation of the upper bound

For any projector P_r,

$$\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M}|\sigma(P_r))\| = \min_h \|\mathcal{M} - h \circ P_r\|.$$

From Poincaré type inequalities, we can deduce that for $\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathcal{Y}$ smooth vector-valued and for any projector P_r,

$$\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M}|\sigma(P_r))\| \leq \sqrt{\mathrm{trace}(H(I_d - P_r)\Sigma(I_d - P_r)^T)}$$

with matrix $H \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ defined by

$$\boxed{H = \int (\nabla \mathcal{M})^* (\nabla \mathcal{M}) \mathrm{d}\mu}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \mathcal{M}(x) : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^p \text{ Jacobian of } \mathcal{M} \text{ at } x \\ \nabla \mathcal{M}(x)^* \text{ is the adjoint of } \nabla \mathcal{M}(x) \end{cases}$$

What is the matrix H ?

$$H = \int (\nabla \mathcal{M})^* (\nabla \mathcal{M}) \mathrm{d}\mu \quad \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

- Vector-valued case: $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p$ with $\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{Y}}$ such that $\|v\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 = v^T R_{\mathcal{Y}} v$ for some SPD matrix $R_{\mathcal{Y}} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$. Then

$$H = \int (\nabla \mathcal{M})^T R_{\mathcal{Y}} \, (\nabla \mathcal{M}) \, \mathrm{d}\mu$$

with

$$\nabla \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_p}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_p}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Scalar-valued case: $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$ with $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}} = |\cdot|$, then

$$H = \int (\nabla \mathcal{M})(\nabla \mathcal{M})^T \, \mathrm{d}\mu$$

with

$$\nabla \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightsquigarrow\rightsquigarrow$ Active-Subspace method Constantine and Diaz [2017]

Minimizing the upper bound

Let (v_i, λ_i) be the i-th generalized eigenpair of (H, Σ^{-1}):

$$H v_i = \lambda_i \Sigma^{-1} v_i \,, \;\; {v_i}^T \Sigma^{-1} v_j = \delta_{i,j}.$$

One has $\lambda_1 \geq \cdot \geq \lambda_i \geq \cdot \geq \lambda_d$ and

$$\min_{P_r} \sqrt{\mathrm{trace}(H(I_d - P_r)\Sigma(I_d - P_r)^T)} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=r+1}^{d} \lambda_i}$$

A solution is the Σ^{-1}-orthogonal proj. P_r onto $\mathrm{span}\{v_1, \ldots, v_r\}$: $P_r = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r} v_i {v_i}^T\right) \Sigma^{-1}$.

- A fast decay in λ_i ensures $\sqrt{\sum_{i=r+1}^{d} \lambda_i} \leq \varepsilon$ for $r = r(\varepsilon) \ll d$,
- H provides a test that reveals the low-effective dimension.

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- Generalized ridge function $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = f(V_r^T \mathbf{x})$, $V_r \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times r}$. Then $H = V_r \left(\int \nabla f(V_r^T \mathbf{x}) \nabla f(V_r^T \mathbf{x})^T \mathrm{d}\mu(\mathbf{x}) \right) V_r^T$.

Let's come back to the upper bound, namely,

$$\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M}|\sigma(P_r))\| \leq \sqrt{\text{trace}(H(I_d - P_r)\Sigma(I_d - P_r)^T)}.$$

Choosing $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p$ and P_r as the projector that extracts the coordinates of $\mathbf{X}$ indexed by $\mathbf{u}$, we get:

$$S_{\mathbf{u}}^{\text{tot}} = \frac{\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M}|\sigma(I_d - P_r))\|^2}{\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M})\|^2}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathbf{u}}^{\text{tot}} &\leq \frac{\text{trace}\left(\Sigma P_r^T H P_r\right)}{\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M})\|^2} \\ &\underbrace{=}_{\text{for independent inputs}} \frac{\sum_{i \in \mathbf{u}} \mathrm{Var}(X_i) H_{i,i}}{\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M})\|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

See, e.g., Sobol' & Kucherenko, 2009 and Lamboni *et al.*, 2013 for similar results in the case $p = 1$ (scalar output) and $\mathbf{u}$ a singleton. Sobol' indices for vectorial outputs have been introduced in Lamboni et al. [2011] and further studied in Gamboa et al. [2013].

Also, choosing $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p$ and P_r as the projector that extracts the coordinates of $\mathbf{X}$ indexed by $-\mathbf{u}$, we get:

$$S_{\mathbf{u}}^{\text{clo}} = 1 - \frac{\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M}|\sigma(P_r))\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2}{\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M})\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2}$$

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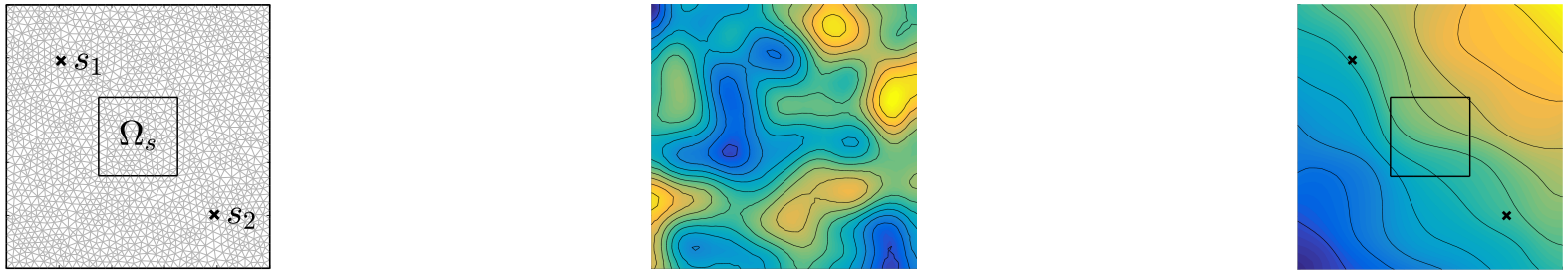
A numerical example

Diffusion problem on $\Omega = [0,1]^2$: $\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla u &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= x + y & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$

- Random diffusion field κ, log-normal distribution.
- After finite element discretization:

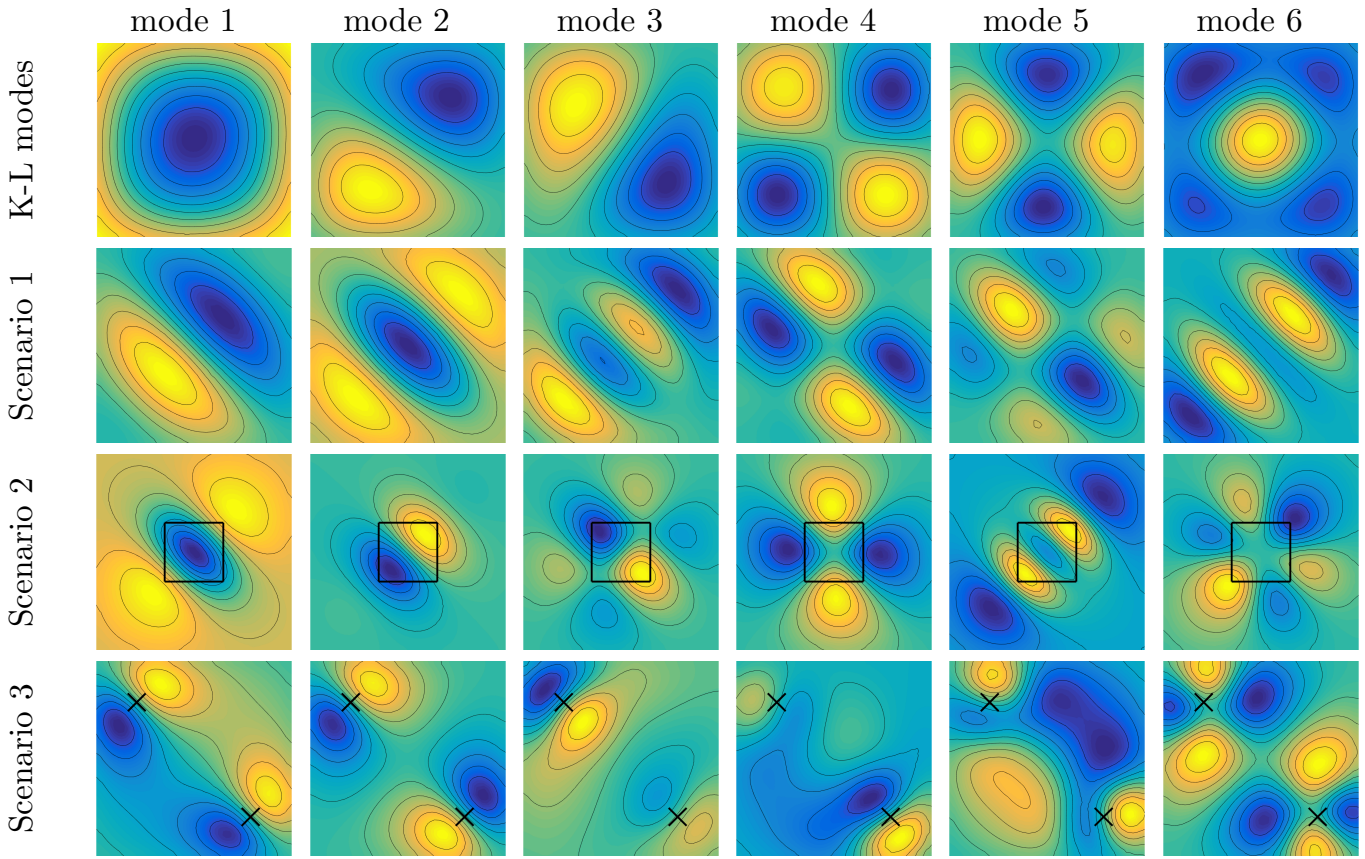
$$x = \log(\kappa) \in \mathbb{R}^{3252} \sim \mu = \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$



(a) mesh, 3252 elements (b) log. diffusion field (c) solution

1. Scenario 1 $\mathcal{M} : x \mapsto u \in \mathcal{Y} \subset H^1(\Omega)$, $p = 1691$ (number of nodes in the mesh for FEM);
2. Scenario 2 $\mathcal{M} : x \mapsto u_{|\Omega_s} \in \mathcal{Y} \subset H^1(\Omega_s)$, $p = 168$;
3. Scenario 3 $\mathcal{M} : x \mapsto (u_{|s_1}, u_{|s_2}) \in \mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}^2$ (canonical norm).

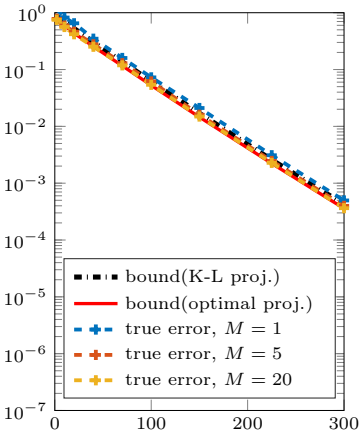
Modes $v_1, v_2, \ldots$



$$\mathrm{Im}(P_r) = \mathrm{span}\{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_r\}$$

Approximation of the conditional expectation assuming H is known

$$\mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{M}|\sigma(P_r)) \approx \hat{F}_r : x \mapsto \frac{1}{M}\sum_{k=1}^{M} \mathcal{M}(P_r x + (I_d - P_r)\mathbf{Z}^{(k)}), \quad \mathbf{Z}^{(k)} \overset{iid}{\sim} \mu$$



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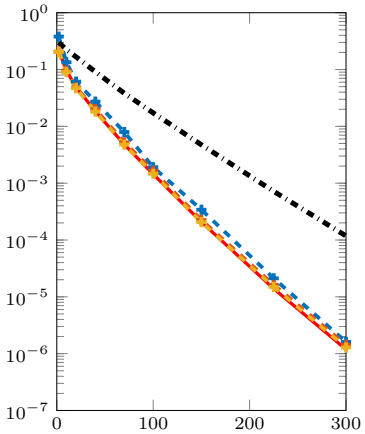

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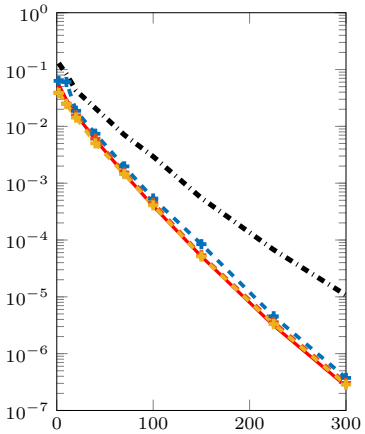

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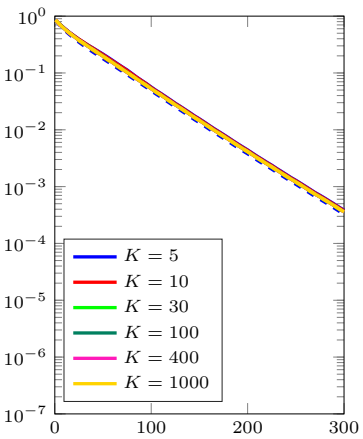
$$\|\mathcal{M} - \hat{F}_r\| = function(r)$$

We can show that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\|\mathcal{M} - \hat{F}_r\|^2\right) \leq (1 + M^{-1})\ \mathrm{trace}(\Sigma(I_d - P_r^T)H(I_d - P_r))$$

Approximation of H to get the projector

$$H \approx \widehat{H} = \frac{1}{K}\sum_{k=1}^{K}(\nabla\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}^{(k)}))^*(\nabla\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})), \quad \mathbf{X}^{(k)} \overset{iid}{\sim} \mu$$



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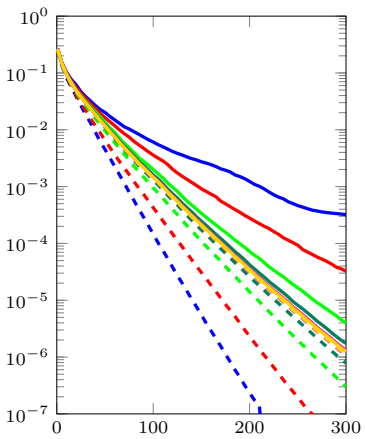

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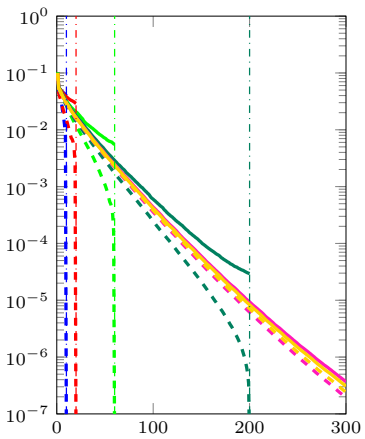

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Notice that $\mathrm{rank}(\widehat{H}) \leq K \ \max_{1\leq k\leq K} \mathrm{rank}\left(\nabla\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})\right) \leq K \dim(V)$

(see also Zahm et al. [2022])

Beyond Gaussian uncertainty

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2. (**Bakry–Émery** theorem) V a **convex** potential with
$$\nabla^2 V(x) \succeq \Gamma, \text{ with } \Gamma \text{ SPD matrix},$$
3. (**Holley–Stroock** perturbation lemma) Ψ **bounded** with
$$\exp(\sup \Psi - \inf \Psi) \leq \kappa$$

Then μ satisfies the subspace Poincaré inequality (Zahm et al. [2022]):

$$\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})|P_r{}^T\mathbf{X}]\|^2 \leq \kappa\, \mathrm{trace}[\Sigma(I_d - P_r{}^T)H(I_d - P_r))]$$

for any smooth function $\mathcal{M}$ and any projector P_r.

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3. (**Holley–Stroock** perturbation lemma) Ψ **bounded** with
$$\exp(\sup \Psi - \inf \Psi) \leq \kappa$$

Then μ satisfies the subspace Poincaré inequality (Zahm et al. [2022]):

$$\|\mathcal{M} - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})|P_r{}^T\mathbf{X}]\|^2 \leq \kappa\, \mathrm{trace}[\Sigma(I_d - P_r{}^T)H(I_d - P_r))]$$

for any smooth function $\mathcal{M}$ and any projector P_r.
Examples are:

- Gaussian mixtures,
- uniform measures on compact & convex sets
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1. Global sensitivity analysis from an approximation point of view

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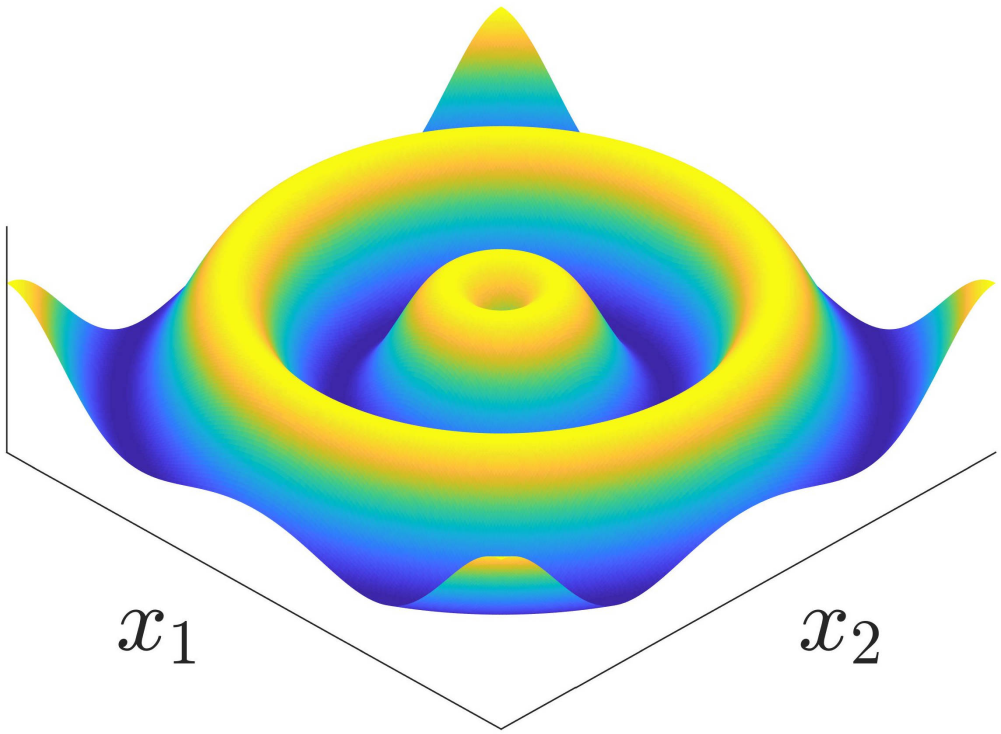
Extension to nonlinear dimension reduction Bigoni et al. [2022]



$$\mathcal{M} : \begin{cases} \mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^d & \to & \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbf{x} & \mapsto & y = \mathcal{M}(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{M}(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \approx f \circ g(\mathbf{x}) = f\left(g_1(x_1, \ldots, x_d), \ldots, g_r(x_1, \ldots, x_d)\right),$$

with the feature map g is not necessarily linear.

We propose, for any $r \leq d$, a two-step procedure.

- Step 1, construction of the feature map g:
  solve $\min_{g \in \mathcal{G}_r} J(g_1, \ldots, g_r)$ with J a gradient-based cost function.

- Step 2, construction of the profile fucntion f:

$$\text{solve} \quad \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}_r} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - f \circ g(\mathbf{X})\right)^2\right].$$

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$$g^{-1}(\{\mathbf{z}\}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} : g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}\},$$

are **pathwise-connected** for any $z \in \mathbb{R}^r$. Then

$$J(g) = 0 \Rightarrow \exists\, f \text{ such that } \mathcal{M} = f \circ g$$

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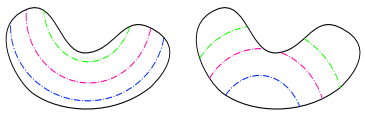

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Question b): does $J(g) \approx 0$ implies $\mathcal{M} \approx f \circ g$? yes!

Denote by $\mathbb{C}(Z)$ the **Poincaré constant** of a random vector Z, that is, the smallest constant such that

$$\mathrm{Var}(h(Z)) \leq \mathbb{C}(Z)\, \mathbb{E}\left[\|\nabla h(Z)\|^2\right]$$

holds for any smooth function $h : \mathrm{supp}(Z) \to \mathbb{R}$.

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Assume $\mathcal{G}_r \subset \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbf{X}; \mathbb{R}^r)$ and $\mathrm{rank}\left(\nabla g(\mathbf{x})^T\right) = r \;\forall\, g \in \mathcal{G}_r$, $\forall\, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$. Assume

$$\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}|\mathcal{G}_r) := \sup_{g \in \mathcal{G}_r} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in g(\mathcal{X})} \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}|g(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{z}) < \infty.$$

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$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - f \circ g(\mathbf{X})\right)^2\right] \leq \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}|\mathcal{G}_r)\, J(g).$$

Example: if $\mathcal{G}_r = \{\mathbf{x} \mapsto U^T\mathbf{x} : U \in \mathbb{R}^{d\times r} \text{ orth. columns}\}$ and if $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_d)$, then

$$\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}|\mathcal{G}_r) = 1$$

Although assuming $\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}|\mathcal{G}_r) < \infty$ is usual, e.g., in the analysis of Markov semigroups or in molecular dynamics, proving it remains an open challenge in more general settings.

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$H(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x})(\nabla\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})\nabla\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})^T)\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x})^T$,
$\Sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x})\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x})^T$, with $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = (\Phi_1(\mathbf{x}),\dots,\Phi_K(\mathbf{x}))$.

Maximization is solved with a quasi-Newton algorithm.

For linear feature maps, $g(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, our procedure coincides with active subspace method.

Adaptive construction of g from $\{\mathbf{X}^{(i)}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}^{(i)}), \nabla\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^N$

Empirical cost

We first replace $\mathcal{R}(G)$ by its empirical counterpart:

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}^N(G) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} \text{trace}(G^T H(\mathbf{X}^{(i)})G)(G^T \Sigma(\mathbf{X}^{(i)})G)^{-1}.$$

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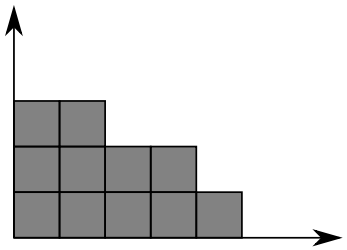

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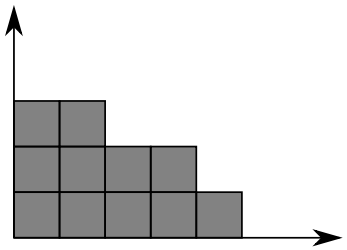

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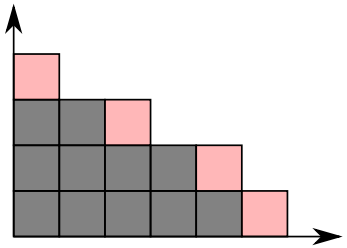

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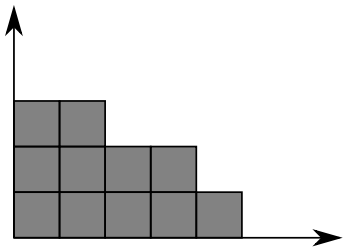

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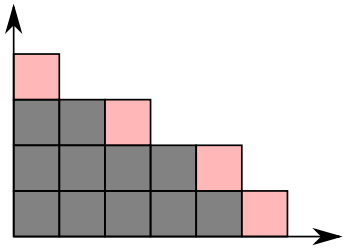

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Benchmark algorithm (without dimension reduction):

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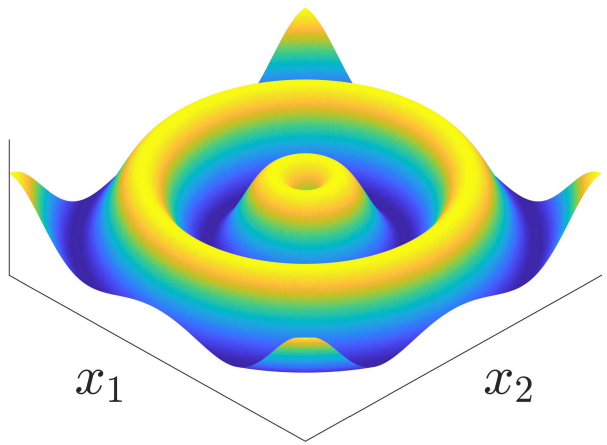
Illustration: isotropic function

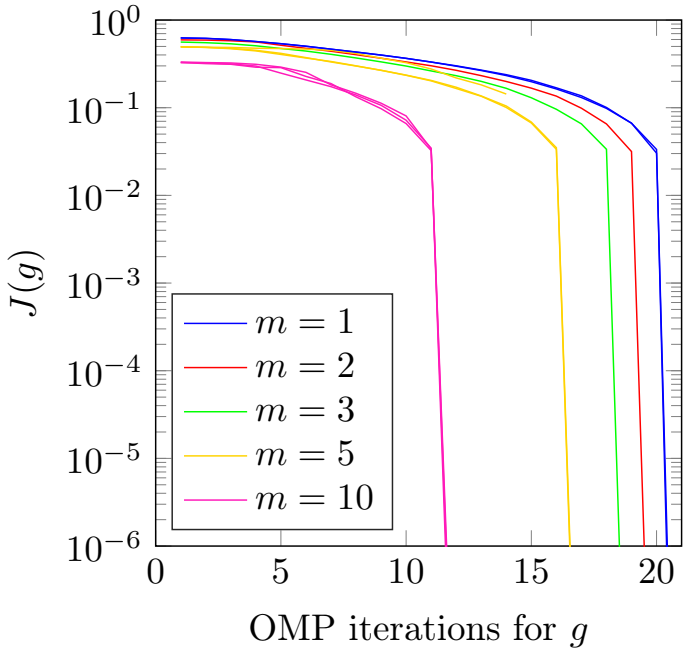
$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \cos\left(\sqrt{x_1^2 + \ldots + x_d^2}\right)$$

$$\mu = \mathcal{N}(0, I_d)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{20}$$

$$N = 100$$





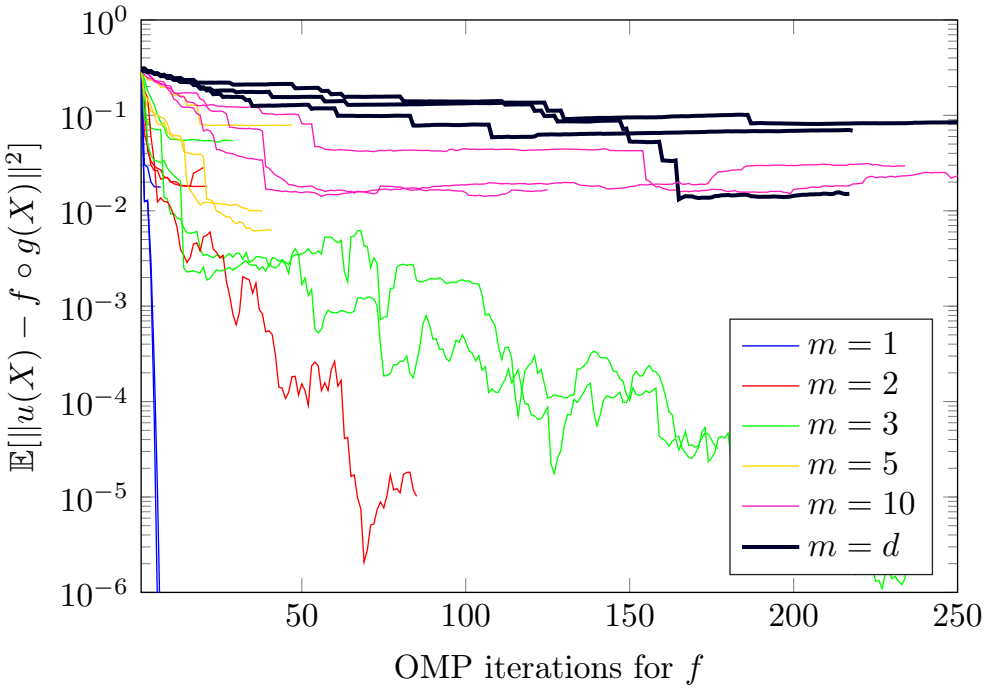
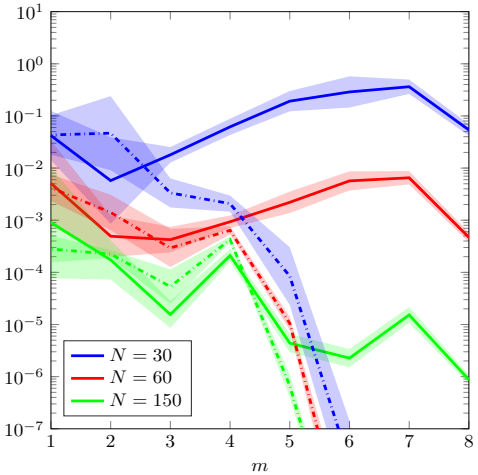
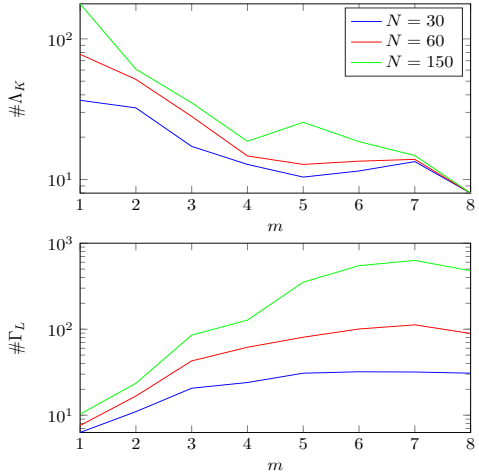


Illustration: Borehole function

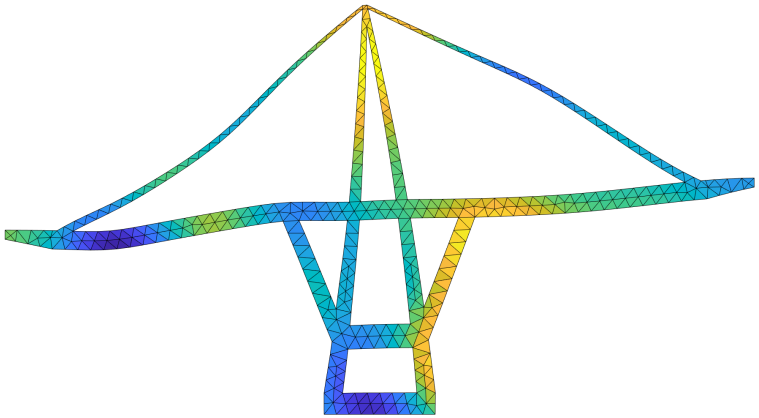
$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2\pi T_{\mathcal{M}}(H_{\mathcal{M}} - H_\ell)}{\ln(r/r_\omega)\left(1 + \frac{2LT_{\mathcal{M}}}{\ln(r/r_\omega) r_\omega^2 K_\omega} + \frac{T_{\mathcal{M}}}{T_\ell}\right)}, \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = r_\omega & \sim \mathcal{N}(0.1, 3 \cdot 10^{-4}) \\ x_2 = r & \sim \log\mathcal{N}(7.71, 1.0112) \\ x_3 = T_{\mathcal{M}} & \sim \mathcal{U}(63\,070, 115\,600) \\ x_4 = H_{\mathcal{M}} & \sim \mathcal{U}(990, 1110) \\ x_5 = T_\ell & \sim \mathcal{U}(63.1, 116) \\ x_6 = H_\ell & \sim \mathcal{U}(700, 820) \\ x_7 = L & \sim \mathcal{U}(1120, 1\,680) \\ x_8 = K_\omega & \sim \mathcal{U}(9\,855, 12\,045) \end{cases}$$





Continuous lines: mean squared error $\mathbb{E}[(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - f \circ g(\mathbf{X}))^2]$, Dashed lines: cost function $J(g)$. The width of the shaded region corresponds to the standard deviation over 20 experiments.

Illustration: resonance frequency of a bridge



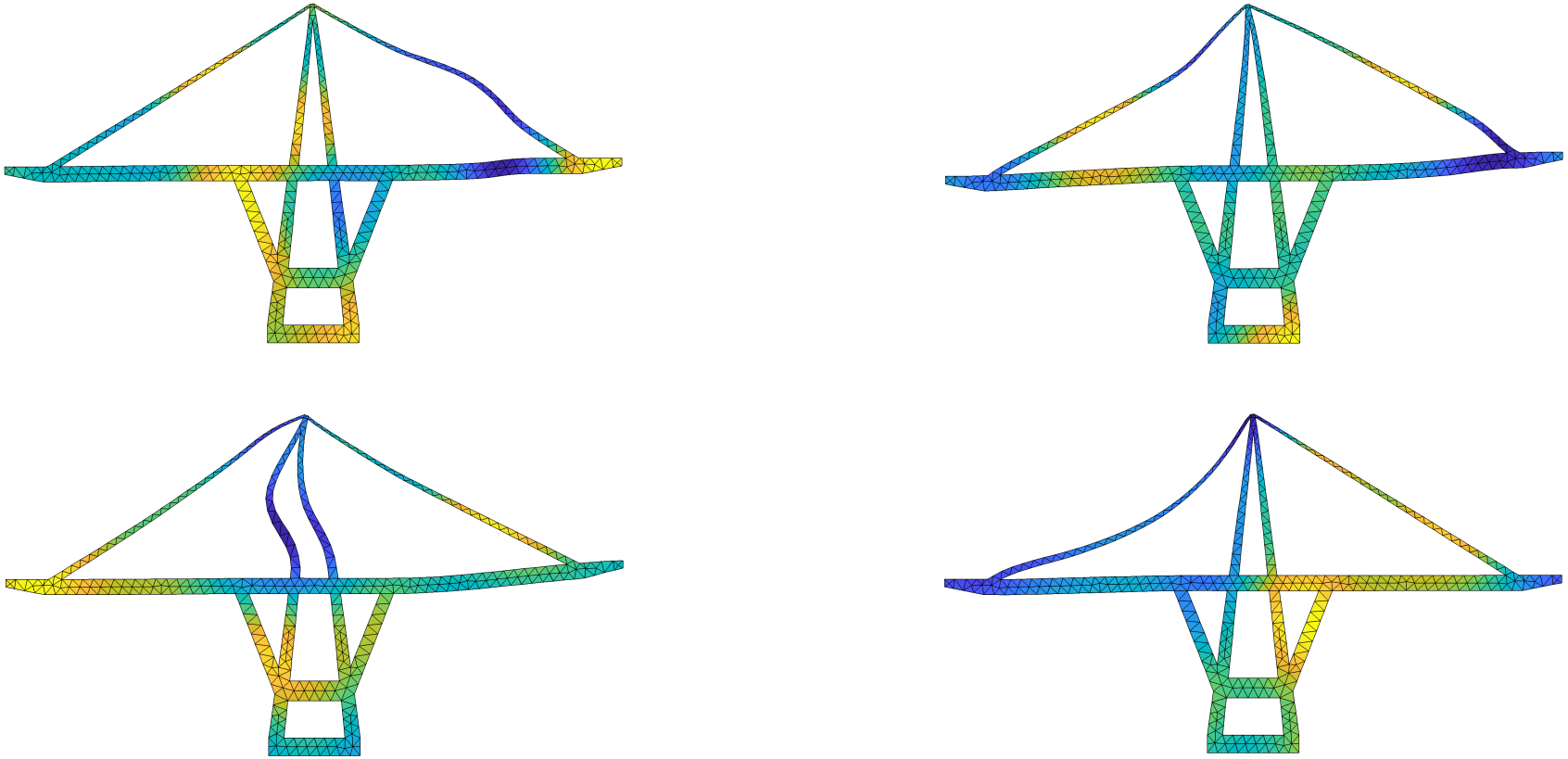
Parametrized eigenvalue problem

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \min_{v \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}}} \frac{v^T K(\mathbf{x}) v}{v^T M v}$$

- $K(\mathbf{x})$: stiffness matrix
- M: mass matrix
- $v \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}}$: Finite Element solution ($\mathcal{N} = 960$)
- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$: Young modulus field ($d = 32$ KL modes)
- $N = 100$ (20 trials)

For this example, it is easy to compute model gradient $\nabla \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = (\partial_{x_1} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}), \cdots, \partial_{x_d} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}))$:

$$\partial_{x_i} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{v(\mathbf{x})^T (\partial_{x_i} K(\mathbf{x})) v(\mathbf{x})}{v(\mathbf{x})^T M v(\mathbf{x})}, \text{ with } v(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{v \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{N}}} \frac{v^T K(\mathbf{x}) v}{v^T M v}.$$



Resonance frequency of a bridge. Four realizations of the Young modulus field $\mathbf{X}$ (color of the elements) and the associated resonance mode $v(\mathbf{X})$ (displacement of the mesh).

Results:

	$r=1$	$r=2$	$r=3$	$r=4$	$r=6$	$r=8$	$r=16$	$r=32$
Mean $\times 10^{12}$	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.4
Std $\times 10^{12}$	0.80	0.69	0.22	0.24	0.28	0.83	0.39	0.43
$\#\Lambda_K$	148 ($\pm$64)	129 ($\pm$45)	91 ($\pm$21)	80 ($\pm$23)	64 ($\pm$16)	57 ($\pm$9)	51 ($\pm$1)	32 ($\pm$0)
$\#\Gamma_L$	5 ($\pm$1)	8 ($\pm$1)	11 ($\pm$1)	15 ($\pm$3)	24 ($\pm$7)	44 ($\pm$24)	133 ($\pm$102)	102 ($\pm$70)

Mean and standard deviation of mean squared error $\mathbb{E}[(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - f \circ g(\mathbf{X}))^2]$ over 20 experiments, where g and f are constructed adaptively with $N = 100$ samples. Mean squared error is computed on a (fixed) validation set of size 1000. The last two lines give mean($\pm$ std) of the cardinality of $\#\Lambda_K$ and $\#\Gamma_L$, which represent the complexity of g and f, respectively.

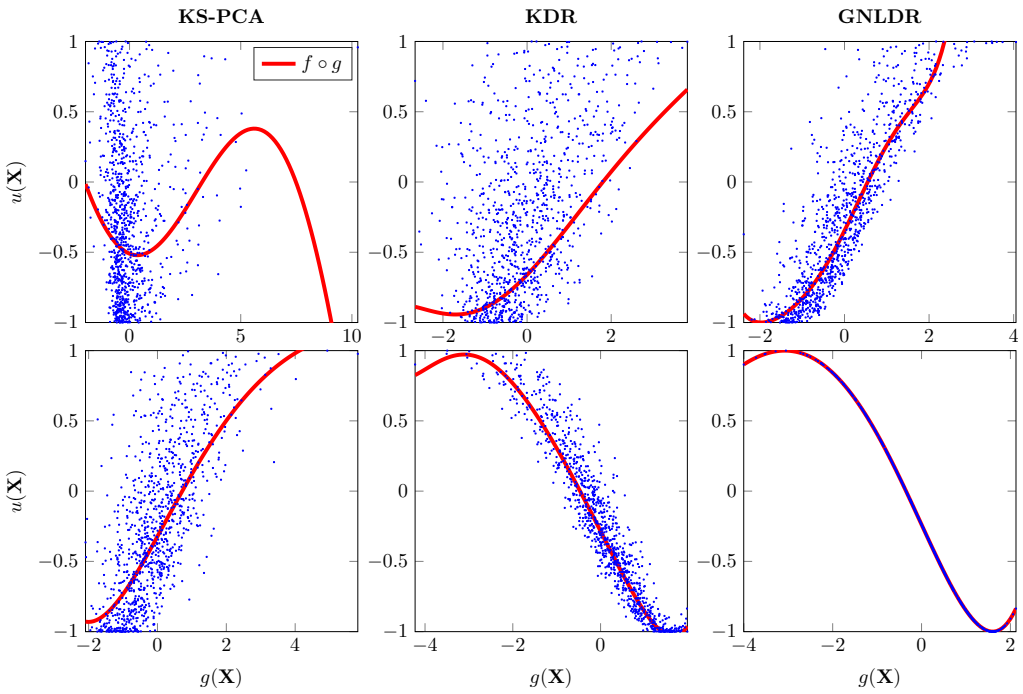
Comparison with nonlinear (NL) kernel supervised PCA and NL kernel dimension reduction.

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) \\ \nabla \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d}.$$

Kernel supervised PCA Barshan et al. [2011] aims to maximize the dependence between $G^T \Phi(\mathbf{X})$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ measured with the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of the cross-covariance operator restricted to an arbitrary reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS).

Kernel dimension reduction Fukumizu et al. [2009] aims to minimize the dependence between $\mathbf{Y}$ and $\mathbf{Y}|G^T \Phi(\mathbf{X})$ measured with the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of the conditional covariance operator restricted to some RKHS.

In our experiments, we used squared exponential kernels for both $\kappa_{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\kappa_{\mathbf{Y}}$.



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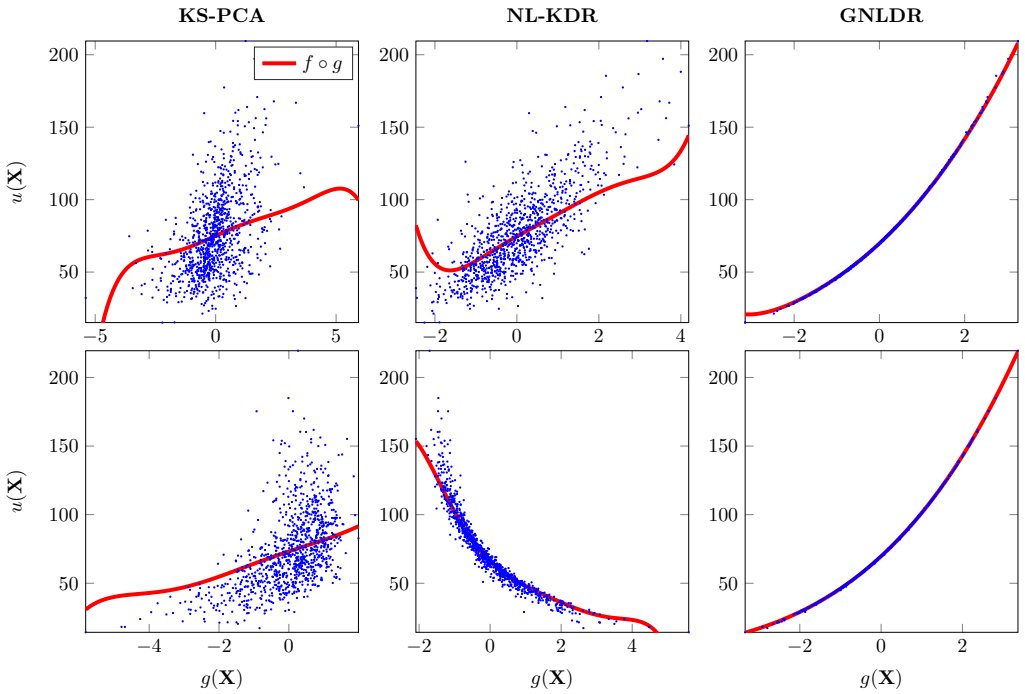

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Perspectives

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- Although assuming $\mathbb{C}(\mathbf{X}|\mathcal{G}_r) < \infty$ is usual, proving it remains an open challenge. A solution to investigate would be to construct g in a way that ensures $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{X}|\mathcal{G}_r}$ to be the push-forward measure of the standard normal distribution through a Lipschitz map.

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