

Quasi-optimal and adaptive sparse grids with control variates for PDEs with random diffusion coefficient

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The uncertain Darcy problem

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$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (e^{\gamma\nu} \nabla p) = f & \text{in } D, \\ +B.C. \text{ (see plot on the right)}. \end{cases}$$

$u = \text{outward flux from the right-hand boundary.}$

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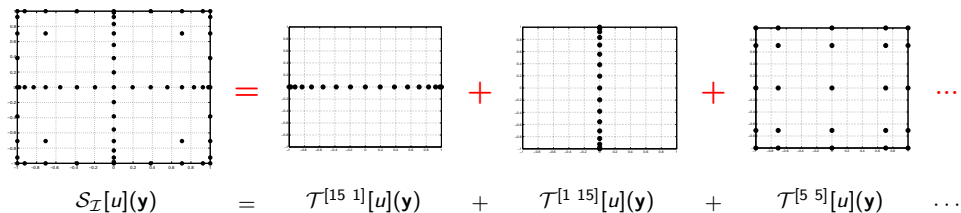
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The smoothness of the realizations of γ (hence the decay of $\gamma_{k, \nu}$) depends on $\nu \in [0.5, \infty]$:

- $\nu = 0.5 \Rightarrow \gamma_{\nu} =$ exponential cov. fun. ($C^{0,s}$, $s < 1/2$ realizations)
- $\nu = \infty \Rightarrow \gamma_{\nu} =$ Gaussian cov. fun. (C^{∞} realizations)

Hierarchical representation of a sparse grid

$$S_{\mathcal{I}}[u](\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{I}} c_{\mathbf{i}} \mathcal{T}^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u](\mathbf{y}) \text{ is a sparse grid interp.}$$



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- $\mathcal{U}_n^{m(i_n)}[u](y_n)$ is an **interpolant** along y_n over $m(i_n)$ points

- $\mathcal{T}^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u](\mathbf{y}) = \bigotimes_{n=1}^N \mathcal{U}_n^{m(i_n)}[u](y_n)$ is a **tensor interpolant**

- $\mathcal{U}_n^{m(i_n)}[u] - \mathcal{U}_n^{m(i_n-1)}[u]$ is an **interpolation detail**

- $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u](\mathbf{y}) = \bigotimes_{n=1}^N (\mathcal{U}_n^{m(i_n)}[u] - \mathcal{U}_n^{m(i_n-1)}[u])$ is a **hierarchical surplus**

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Optimized (knapsack) sparse grids

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{I}}[u](\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{I}} \Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u](\mathbf{y}). \quad \text{What terms } \Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})} \text{ to include in the sum?}$$

- 1 How much will the approx. improve if I add $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u]$? $\rightarrow \Delta E(\mathbf{i})$
- 2 How many new problem solves if I add $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u]$? $\rightarrow \Delta W(\mathbf{i})$



Use as \mathcal{I} the set of $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u]$ with the highest ratio $\frac{\Delta E(\mathbf{i})}{\Delta W(\mathbf{i})}$

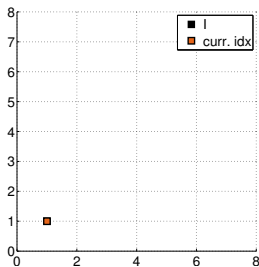
(i.e. a knapsack problem solved by the Dantzig algorithm [more](#))

Note: $\Delta E(\mathbf{i})$ depends on the norm used to “measure the improvement”. We show next three different strategies, two a-posteriori and one a-priori

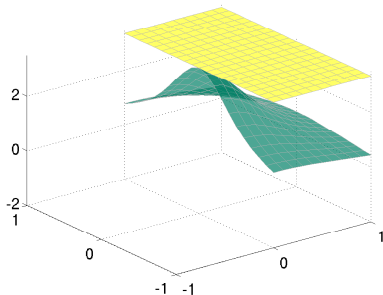
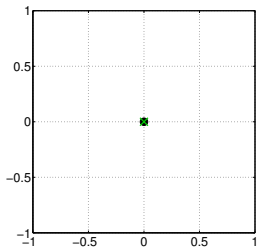
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Sparse grid set



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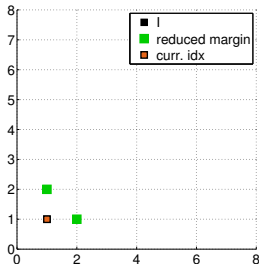
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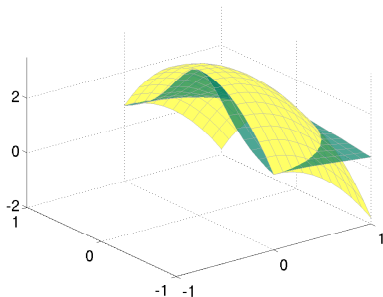
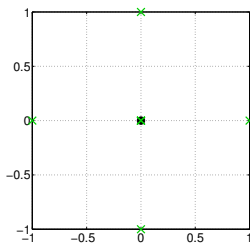
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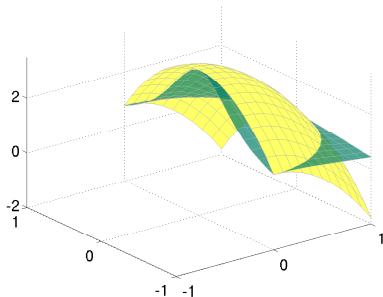
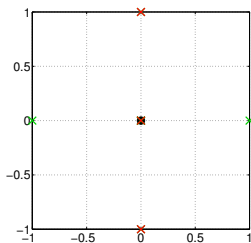
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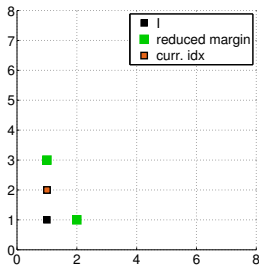
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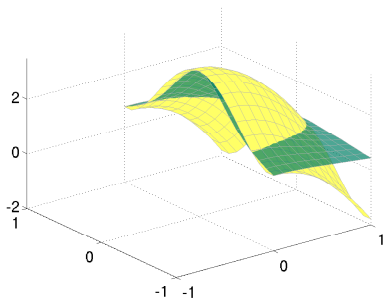
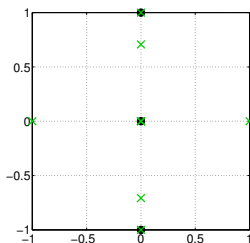
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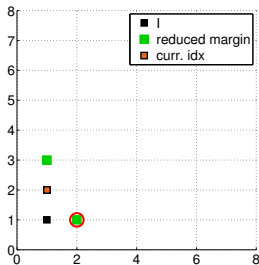
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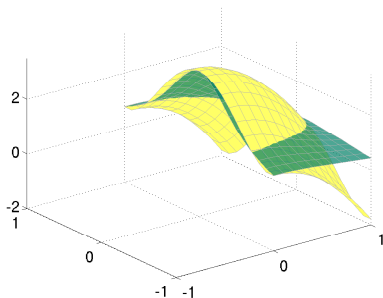
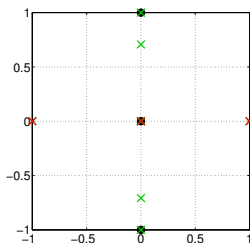
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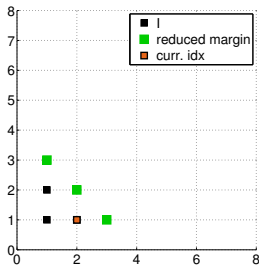
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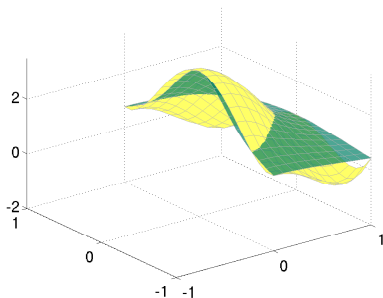
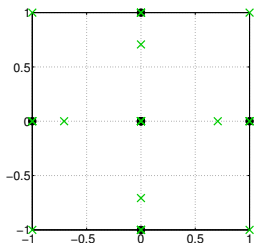
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Method 1: Quadrature-adaptive sparse grids

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or alternatively $\Delta W(\mathbf{i}) = 1$.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \Delta E(\mathbf{i}) = |\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{I} \cup \{\mathbf{i}\}}[u] - \mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{I}}[u]| \text{ for any } \mathcal{I} \text{ admissible st } \mathcal{I} \cup \{\mathbf{i}\} \text{ is admissible.}$$

Note: The algorithm above is **not bound to use nested points!** Hence we can use Gauss-Hermite points, whose $m(\cdot)$ grows much slower than Genz-Keister nodes.

Method 2: Interpolation-adaptive sparse grids

Here we consider $\Delta E(\mathbf{i}) \approx \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma} \left(|\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u](\mathbf{y})| \pi(\mathbf{y}) \right)$.

Note that $\pi(\mathbf{y}) > 0$ needs not be equal to $\varrho_{normal}(\mathbf{y})$.

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$\textcircled{2}$ If using **Genz-Keister (nested) knots**, the sparse grid is interpolatory, hence

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If using **Gauss-Hermite (non-nested) knots**, the sparse grid is not interpolatory, hence

$$\Delta E(\mathbf{i}) = \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \text{pts}(\mathcal{T}^{m(\mathbf{i})})} \left(|S_{I \cup \{i\}}^m[u](\mathbf{y}) - S_I^m[u](\mathbf{y})| \pi(\mathbf{y}) \right).$$

So again, we can use the algorithm with non-nested nodes too

“A-priori” strategy

Method 3: Quasi-optimal sparse grids

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Here we consider $\Delta E(\mathbf{i}) \approx \|\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u]\|_{L^2_\varrho(\Gamma)}$.

By linking $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u]$ to the spectral (Hermite) expansion of u , **we can get computable estimates of $\Delta E(\mathbf{i})$, before** actually running the sparse grid algorithm (see next slide).

$\Delta W(\mathbf{i})$ can also be (easily) estimated (see next slide).

Then, just **compute** the set $\mathcal{I}_k = \left\{ \frac{\Delta E(\mathbf{i})}{\Delta W(\mathbf{i})} > \epsilon_k \right\}$

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- For a suff. large “universe” $\mathbb{U} \subset \mathbb{N}^N$ compute the profit of each $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}$, $P(\mathbf{i}) = \Delta E(\mathbf{i})/\Delta W(\mathbf{i})$
- sort decreasingly $P(\mathbf{i})$
- build the sparse grid with the $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}$ with largest profits

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- For an integer sequence $w_1, w_2 \dots$ compute the sets

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$$\sum_{k > Q_w} \tilde{P}_k \leq Q_w^{-1/\tau+1} \left(\sum_{k > 0} \tilde{P}_k^\tau \right)^{1/\tau} = Q_w^{-1/\tau+1} \left(\sum_{k > 0} P_k^\tau \Delta W_k \right)^{1/\tau}$$

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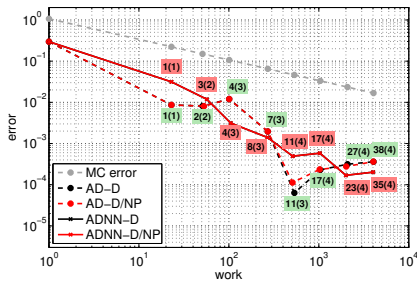
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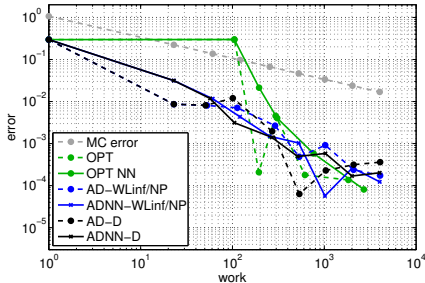
- 1 start the adaptive/quasi-optimal algorithm using B rand. var.
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The uncertain Darcy problem – results 1

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adaptive schemes with activated variables



adaptive and quasi-optimal schemes

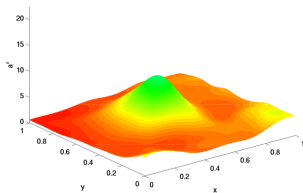
- moderate number of rand. vars. needed
- quasi-optimal plateau due to computation of g
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- convergence robust wrt. type of points and $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]/L^\infty$ -driven adaptation
- similar results for adaptive sparse interpolation

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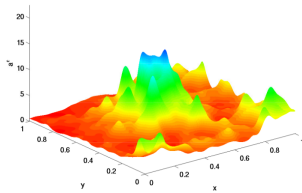
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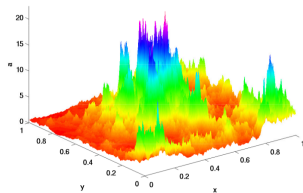
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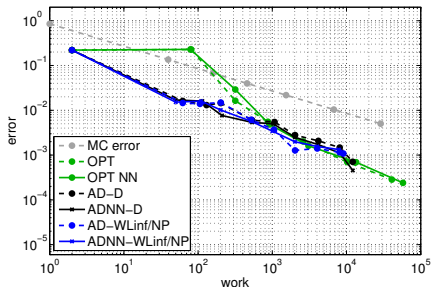
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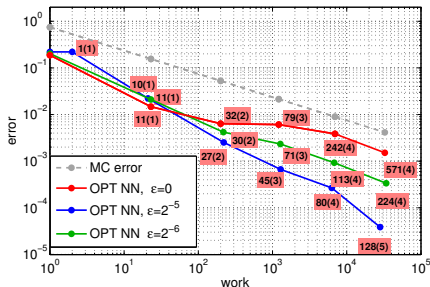
M can be chosen balancing either the works or the errors of MC and sparse grids.

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MCCV error for adaptive and quasi-optimal sparse grids. ~ 30 r.v. activated.



Sparse grid component of the error for different values of ϵ . The performance deteriorates as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$







Conclusions

- 1 General framework for quasi-optimal and adaptive sparse grids schemes;
- 2 The schemes can be applied to the lognormal case, also with non-nested points;
- 3 The dimension-adaptive implementation allows to work without a-priori truncation of the random field;
- 4 A Monte Carlo Control Variate can be used to improve results in the rough case (exponential covariance).

Thank you for your attention!

(see also poster)

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Matérn covariance

$$\text{cov}_{\gamma_\nu}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma^2 \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{(\sqrt{2\nu}|x_i - x'_i|/L_c)^\nu K_\nu(\sqrt{2\nu}|x_i - x'_i|/L_c)}{\Gamma(\nu)2^{\nu-1}}$$

Here K_ν is the modified Bessel function of the second kind and Γ the Gamma function. [back](#)

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3 – Solve by Dantzig Algorithm (knapsack problem approach)

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- 2 sort $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u]$ decreasing in profits
- 3 set $x_i = 1$ until W_{max} is reached

$$\Delta E(\mathbf{i}) = \left\| \Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[u] \right\| = \left\| \Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})} \left[\sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^N} u_{\mathbf{q}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{q}} \right] \right\| = \left\| \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{N}^N} u_{\mathbf{q}} \Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{q}}] \right\|$$

Next, by construction $\Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{q}}] = 0$ for polynomials such that $\exists n : q_n < m(i_n - 1)$. By triangular inequality we get

$$\Delta E(\mathbf{i}) \leq \sum_{\mathbf{q} \geq m(\mathbf{i}-1)} \|u_{\mathbf{q}}\|_{H^1(D)} \left\| \Delta^{m(\mathbf{i})}[\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{q}}] \right\|_{L^2_{\rho}(\Gamma)}.$$

By assuming that the summation is dominated by the first term, we get

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