On the use of DG methods for optimization and uncertainty estimation: CAD-based features and sensitivity analysis

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CAD features & DG methods

Context: optimum design



Geometrical representations for optimum design

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- ad-hoc parameters: heterogeneous (optimization)

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Isogeometric approach



Change of paradigm¹ : solve PDEs on parametric domains

Objective : a unique high-order geometrical representation

1. [Hughes, Cottrell, Bazilevs, Comp. Meth. Appl. Mech. Eng. 2005]

CAD bases

B-Spline basis functions \hat{N}_i^p of degree *p*:

- Defined recursively using a knot vector $[\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_k]$
- Piecewise-polynomials of degree p
- Regularity C^{p-m} at each knot of multiplicity m
- Compact supports [ξ_i, ξ_{i+p+1})



NURBS (Non-Uniform Rational Basis Spline) functions:

• Rational extension to represent conic shapes

Curves, surfaces and volumes

• Parametric curves:

$$\boldsymbol{P}(\xi) = (x(\xi), y(\xi), z(\xi)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{N}_{i}^{p}(\xi) \boldsymbol{P}_{i}$$

• Parametric surfaces:

$$\boldsymbol{P}(\xi,\eta) = (x(\xi,\eta), y(\xi,\eta), z(\xi,\eta)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \hat{N}_i^{p_i}(\xi) \, \hat{N}_j^{p_j}(\eta) \, \boldsymbol{P}_{ij}$$

• Parametric volumes:

$$\boldsymbol{P}(\xi,\eta,\zeta) = (x(\xi,\eta,\zeta), y(\xi,\eta,\zeta), z(\xi,\eta,\zeta)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \sum_{k=1}^{n_k} \hat{N}_i^{p_i}(\xi) \, \hat{N}_j^{p_j}(\eta) \, \hat{N}_k^{p_k}(\zeta) \, \boldsymbol{P}_{ijk}(\xi) \, \boldsymbol{P}_{ijk}(\xi)$$

Principles

• Computational domain as a parametric surface (2D) / volume (3D) :

$$\boldsymbol{P}(\xi,\eta) = (x(\xi,\eta), y(\xi,\eta)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j} \hat{N}_i^{p_i}(\xi) \, \hat{N}_j^{p_j}(\eta) \, \boldsymbol{P}_{ij}$$

Non-linear transformation from parametric to physical space:

- Construction of analysis-aware domains^{2,3} necessary
 - Injectivity preservation
 - Maximize regularity / orthogonality

- 2. [Xu, Mourrain, Duvigneau, Galligo, Comp. Aided Design 2012]
- 3. [Xu, Mourrain, Duvigneau, Galligo, J. Comp. Phys. 2013]

• Definition of the solution space with the same basis (possibly refined) :

$$\Theta(\xi,\eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_i'} \sum_{j=1}^{n_j'} \hat{N}_i^{p_i'}(\xi) \, \hat{N}_j^{p_j'}(\eta) \, \Theta_{ij}$$

- Variational formulation to determine degrees of freedom = control points
- Visualization of the solution as a parametric surface / volume

Application to an elliptic problem

• Variational formulation of a heat conduction problem:

$$-\int_{\Omega}\kappa(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\nabla}T(\mathbf{x})\cdot\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi(\mathbf{x})\ d\Omega+\int_{\partial\Omega_{N}}\Phi_{0}(\mathbf{x})\ \psi(\mathbf{x})\ d\Gamma=0\quad\forall\psi$$

• Discretization yields the linear system MT = S:

$$\begin{split} M_{ij,kl} &= \int_{\Omega_0} \kappa(\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\xi})) \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \hat{N}_{kl}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \; B(\boldsymbol{\xi})^\top \; B(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \; \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \hat{N}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \; J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \; d\hat{\Omega} \\ S_{ij} &= \int_{\partial \Omega_{0N}} \Phi_0(\mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\xi})) \; \hat{N}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \; J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \; d\hat{\Gamma} \end{split}$$

- Integration in parametric space using classical quadrature rules
- Inversion by conjugate gradient

Simple illustration



Simple illustration





Convergence study



Computational efficiency⁴

Degree	d.o.f.	Error	CPU (s)
linear	49	0.28 10 ¹	0.004
linear	625	0.17 10 ⁰	0.072
linear	2401	$0.45 \ 10^{-2}$	0.911
linear	9409	$0.11 \ 10^{-2}$	12.150
quadratic	36	$0.91 \ 10^0$	0.004
quadratic	324	$0.11 \ 10^{-1}$	0.030
quadratic	1156	$0.13 \ 10^{-2}$	0.252
quadratic	4356	$0.16 \ 10^{-3}$	2.832
cubic	49	0.24 10 ⁰	0.007
cubic	361	$0.81 \ 10^{-3}$	0.078
cubic	1225	$0.56 \ 10^{-4}$	0.461
cubic	4489	$0.38 \ 10^{-5}$	4.509

4. [Duvigneau, Inria Research Report 6957, 2009]

Application to a hyperbolic system

• Classical conservation law:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(u) = 0$$

• Variational formulation with SUPG stabilization:

$$\int_{\Omega} \psi(\mathbf{x}) \dot{u}(\mathbf{x}) \ d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \psi_{,x}(\mathbf{x}) f(u(\mathbf{x})) \ d\Omega + [\psi(\mathbf{x}) f(u(\mathbf{x}))]_{\partial\Omega}$$
$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{n_{el}} \int_{\Omega^{k}} \left(\psi_{,x}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right) \tau \left(\frac{\partial f(u)}{\partial x} \right) \ d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall \psi$$

• Integration in parametric space (e.g. SUPG term for a 2D problem) :

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\Omega_0} \left[(\hat{N}_{ij}, \xi \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + \hat{N}_{ij}, \eta \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}) \frac{\partial f^1}{\partial u}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + (\hat{N}_{ij}, \xi \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} + \hat{N}_{ij}, \eta \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}) \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial u}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \right] \\ & \tau \left[\frac{\partial f^1}{\partial u}(\boldsymbol{\xi})(u, \xi \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + u, \eta \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial f^2}{\partial u}(\boldsymbol{\xi})(u, \xi \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} + u, \eta \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}) \right] J(\boldsymbol{\xi}) d\Omega \end{split}$$

- Runge-Kutta time integration
- τ computed as a characteristic time $\alpha \frac{\Delta x}{c}$

Convergence study

• Linear 1D case

• Strong dependency w.r.t. α stabilization parameter



Synthesis

Conclusion regarding isogeometric analysis methods

- Very appealing from conceptual point of view
- More complex to implement
- Local refinement issues (T-Splines)
- Seems to be efficient for elliptic problems
- Tedious for hyperbolic problems

Questions

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- How ?

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Generation of a basis suitable for DG methods

Overview of the problem

- Start from a B-Spline (of NURBS) definition of the boundary
- Construct a boundary basis suitable for DG without altering the geometry
- Extent to a surface / volume computational domain



Basis transformation

Knot insertion procedure

• A knot can be inserted without modifying the B-Spline / NURBS curve



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Basis transformation

Generation of a discontinuous basis

- By inserting p knots at existing knots, a discontinuous basis is generated
- The B-Spline / NURBS curve is changed into a set of Bezier / rational Bezier curves
- Geometry unchanged



Illustration



Synthesis

- B-Spline / NURBS basis can be transformed to a set of discontinuous Bernstein / rational Bernstein basis
- A computational domain based on Bezier / rational Bezier elements can be generated:
 - ▶ by tensor product → structured grid (straightforward for simple problems)
 - triangular or tetrahedral Bezier / rational Bezier grid (not straightforward)
- Note:
 - Bernstein / rational Bernstein basis only required at the boundary
 - Bernstein basis can be transformed to Lagrange basis

DG based on Bernstein basis

Problem

• Unsteady viscous Burgers equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f(u) = 0 \quad f(u) = \frac{u^2}{2} - \nu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

Initial solution:

$$u_0(x) = \frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{a-b}{2} \tanh\left((a-b)\frac{x}{4\nu}\right)$$

Numerical methods

Classical DG formulation:

$$\int_{I_j} \frac{\partial u_h(x,t)}{\partial t} v_h(x) \, dx = \int_{I_j} f(u_h(x,t)) \, \frac{\partial v_h(x)}{\partial x} \, dx + f^*(x_j^l,t) - f^*(x_j^r,t)$$

- Local Lax-Friedrichs flux for convective part ; LDG approach for diffusive part
- Explicit RK4 time integration
- Gauss-legendre quadratures
- Bezier representation for u_h
- Least-squares approximation for initial condition

Solution (16 elements)



Solution accuracy



Accuracy vs CPU time



Synthesis: proposed approach

- Transform B-Spline / NURBS boundaries into a set of Bezier / rational Bezier curves by multiple knot insertion
- Generate Bezier elements by tensor product
- Solve PDE system using DG based on Bernstein basis

Extension to 3D Navier-Stokes in progress !

Sensitivity analysis & DG methods

Sensitivity analysis

- For PDE systems, sensitivity analysis refers to the derivative of an output quantity w.r.t. an input variable
- Mainly used for optimization: evaluate the gradient of a cost functional w.r.t. design parameters
- Preferably use adjoint equation method (independent from design parameters)



Limitations of adjoint equation method

- Equation dependent on the output of interest
- For unsteady systems, requires storage of unsteady solution for backward time integration
- Restricted to (some) functionals

Alternative: sensitivity equation method

- Obtained by simply differentiating state equations w.r.t. input variables
- Allows to evaluate sensitivity of the whole solution fields $u^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \alpha}$
- Forward time integration
- Several purposes:
 - Optimization
 - Exploration of neighboring solutions
 - Uncertainty propagation
- But equation dependent on the input variable
- Easy parallelization



Continuous vs discrete

• Discretize then differentiate:

- Consistent with discrete PDE solutions
- Requires to differentiate discrete quantities (mesh, limiters, etc)

• Differentiate then discretize:

- More flexible: allows to choose a different numerical scheme, mesh, etc.
- Non consistent with discrete PDE solutions (for a given mesh)

Sensitivity-based design optimization

- Optimization based on descent methods (steepest-descent, Newton, etc)
- Sensitivity field is used to compute the gradient of the cost function of interest:
 - Inverse problems :

$$J(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u(x) - u^{\star}(x)|^2 dx$$

with u^* target solution

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \alpha} = \int_{\Omega} \left(u(x) - u^{\star}(x) \right) \, u^{(\alpha)}(x) dx$$

Boundary integral :

$$J(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma} \nabla u(s) \cdot \vec{n} ds$$
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \alpha} = \int_{\Gamma} \nabla u^{(\alpha)}(s) \cdot \vec{n} + \nabla u(s) \cdot \vec{n}^{(\alpha)} ds$$

Application to design optimization

- Forced convection (laminar Navier-Stokes)
- Finite-element analysis adapted to flow and sensitivities
- Shape parameters³: location x and y, incidence α





3. [Duvigneau & Pelletier Num. Heat Transfer 2006]

Sensitivity-based uncertainty propagation

 We consider a (first-order) Taylor expansion of the quantity g around the expectation value of the uncertain variable α:

$$g(\alpha) = g|_{\mu_{\alpha}} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha}\Big|_{\mu_{\alpha}} (\alpha - \mu_{\alpha}) + O(\delta \alpha^{2})$$

• The Taylor expansion is used for a first-order approximation of the variance :

$$\sigma_{g}^{2} = \int_{\Omega_{a}} g(\alpha)^{2} \rho(\alpha) d\alpha - \mu_{g}^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{g}^{2} \approx g|_{\mu\alpha}^{2} \underbrace{\int_{\Omega_{\alpha}} \rho(\alpha) d\alpha}_{=1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{\mu\alpha}^{2} \underbrace{\int_{\Omega_{\alpha}} (\alpha - \mu_{\alpha})^{2} \rho(\alpha) d\alpha}_{=\sigma_{\alpha}^{2}} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{\mu\alpha} \underbrace{\int_{\Omega_{\alpha}} (\alpha - \mu_{\alpha}) \rho(\alpha) d\alpha}_{=0} - \mu_{g}^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{g}^{2} \approx \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{\mu\alpha}^{2} \sigma_{\alpha}^{2}$$

Extension to several uncertain parameters and higher order

• For *n* independent Gaussian variables, one obtains:

$$\mu_{g} \approx g(\mu_{\alpha}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial^{2}g}{\partial \alpha_{i}^{2}} \Big|_{\mu_{\alpha}} \sigma_{\alpha_{i}}^{2}$$
$$\sigma_{g}^{2} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha_{i}} \Big|_{\mu_{\alpha}}^{2} \sigma_{\alpha_{i}}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\partial^{2}g}{\partial \alpha_{i} \partial \alpha_{k}} \Big|_{\mu_{\alpha}}^{2} \sigma_{\alpha_{i}}^{2} \sigma_{\alpha_{k}}^{2}$$

• Extensions to correlated non-Gaussian variables exist.

Application to uncertainty estimation

- Airfoil NACA 0012 (*Re* = 2000)
- Finite-element analysis adapted to flow and sensitivities
- Shape uncertainty³: thickness (1%), incidence (0.5°), camber (1%)





3. [Duvigneau & Pelletier Int. J. Comp. Fluid Dyn. 2006]

Problem

• Unsteady viscous Burger equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \forall (x, t) \in [x_L, x_R] \times [0, T]$$

Initial solution:

$$u(x,0) = u_0(x) \quad \forall x \in [x_L, x_R]$$

Boundary condition:

$$u(x_L,t) = u_L(t) \quad u(x_R,t) = u_R(t) \quad \forall t \in [0,T]$$

Problem

• Conservative form:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(u) = 0 \quad \forall (x, t) \in [x_L, x_R] \times [0, T]$$

with:

$$f(u)=\frac{u^2}{2}-\nu\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

• First-order system form (LDG approach $q = \sqrt{\nu} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f = 0 \qquad f = \frac{u^2}{2} - \sqrt{\nu}q$$
$$q + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}g = 0 \qquad g = -\sqrt{\nu}u.$$

Principle of the method

• Sensitivity variable:

$$u^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \alpha}$$

• Formal differentiation of state equation w.r.t. α :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left(v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) \quad \forall (x, t) \in [x_L, x_R] \times [0, T]$$

• By switching derivatives with respect to α and x or t:

$$\frac{\partial u^{(\alpha)}}{\partial t} + u^{(\alpha)}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u\frac{\partial u^{(\alpha)}}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u^{(\alpha)}}{\partial x^2} + \nu^{(\alpha)}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \forall (x,t) \in [x_L, x_R] \times [0,T]$$

Initial condition for sensitivity:

$$u^{(\alpha)}(x,0) = u_0^{(\alpha)}(x) \quad \forall x \in [x_L, x_R]$$

Boundary condition for sensitivity:

$$u^{(\alpha)}(x_L,t) = u_L^{(\alpha)}(t) \quad u^{(\alpha)}(x_R,t) = u_R^{(\alpha)}(t) \quad \forall t \in [0,T]$$

Principle of the method

• First-order system form (LDG approach $q^{(\alpha)} = \sqrt{\nu} \frac{\partial u^{(\alpha)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\nu^{(\alpha)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u^{(\alpha)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}f^{(\alpha)} = 0 \qquad f^{(\alpha)} = uu^{(\alpha)} - \sqrt{\nu}q^{(\alpha)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}}q$$
$$q^{(\alpha)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}g^{(\alpha)} = 0 \qquad g^{(\alpha)} = -\sqrt{\nu}u^{(\alpha)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}}u.$$

Principle of the method

One has to solve the extended system:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}w + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\phi(w) = 0$$

For the extended variables and fluxes:

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ q \\ u^{(\alpha)} \\ q^{(\alpha)} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \phi = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \\ f^{(\alpha)} \\ g^{(\alpha)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Some properties

- Same type of PDE system as original problem (e.g. hyperbolic)
- Sensitivity system has:
 - the same flux Jacobian matrix: $f^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\partial f(u)}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} u^{(\alpha)}$
 - the same eigenvalues
 - the same eigenvectors

Consequences:

- same stability conditions
- same time-marching approach
- same implicit part if an implicit scheme is used

High-order sensitivity

Principle of the method

• One introduces a couple of parameters α_1, α_2 and second-order sensitivities:

$$u^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha_1 \partial \alpha_2}$$

Second-order sensitivity system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} = 0\\ f^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} &= u u^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} + u^{(\alpha_2)} u^{(\alpha_1)}\\ &- \sqrt{\nu} q^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha_2)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}} q^{(\alpha_1)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha_1)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}} q^{(\alpha_2)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)}}{4\sqrt{\nu^3}} q\\ q^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} = 0\\ g^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} &= -\sqrt{\nu} u^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha_2)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}} u^{(\alpha_1)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha_1)}}{2\sqrt{\nu}} u^{(\alpha_2)} - \frac{\nu^{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)}}{4\sqrt{\nu^3}} u \end{aligned}$$

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 \rightarrow parallel solving strategy required for efficiency !

Numerical resolution

DG method

Classical DG formulation:

$$\int_{I_j} \frac{\partial w_h(x,t)}{\partial t} v_h(x) dx = \int_{I_j} \phi(w_h(x,t)) \frac{\partial v_h(x)}{\partial x} dx + \phi^*(x_j^I,t) - \phi^*(x_j^r,t)$$

- Local Lax-Friedrichs flux for convective part ; LDG approach for diffusive part
- Explicit RK4 time integration
- Gauss-legendre quadratures
- Bezier representation for w_h
- Least-squares approximation for initial conditions
- One code ligne to add for each sensitivity ! (flux expression)

Test problem

Problem definition

• Unsteady viscous Burger equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \forall (x, t) \in [-1, 1] \times [0, 0.5]$$

• Exact solution:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{a-b}{2} \tanh\left((a-b)\frac{x-\frac{1}{2}(a+b)t}{4\nu}\right)$$

ullet Two sensitivity parameters : ν (diffusion coef.) and a (value at $-\infty)$

Solution accuracy



error for u

First-order sensitivity accuracy



Second-order sensitivity accuracy



Third-order sensitivity accuracy





numerical solution

Solution of Burgers equation



Linear taylor expansion



Linear taylor expansion



Quadratic taylor expansion



Cubic taylor expansion



Extrapolation error in the direction (1, 0.1)

- Sensitivity equation can be efficiently implemented in existing DG code
- High-order accuracy for sensitivity variables
- Parallelization strategy for computational efficiency to be explored