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Abstract

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1 Introduction

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 ${f Fig.~1}$ Testing doit workflow. Figure is created by script. Macro for path is created by other script

2 Models

2.1 Notes on Early Age Concrete Model

Plan is do collect notes, information on the early age concrete model I am implementing. Currently the plan is to include temperature and humidity and couple them the respective mechanical fields. I will start with the temperature field.

2.2 Modeling of the temperature field

Temperature is generally described as

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t}$$
 (1)

 λ is the effective thermal conductivity in Wm⁻¹K⁻¹. C is the specific heat capacity. ρ is the density. ρC is the volumetric heat capacity in Jm⁻³K⁻¹. Q is the volumetric heat, due to hydration, it is also called the latent heat of hydration, or the heat source in Jm⁻³. For now we assume the density, the thermal conductivity and the volumetric heat capacity as constant, however there are models that make them dependent on the temperature, moisture and/or the hydration.

2.2.1 Degree of hydration α

The degree of hydration α is defined as the ratio between the cumulative heat Q at time t and the total theoretical volumetric heat by complete hydration Q_{∞} ,

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{Q(t)}{Q_{\infty}},\tag{2}$$

by assuming a linear relation between the degree of hydration and the heat development. Therefore the time derivative of the heat source \dot{Q} can be rewritten in terms of α ,

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} Q_{\infty}.$$
 (3)

There are formulas to approximate total potential heat based on composition, approximated values range between 300 and 600 J/g of binder for different cement types, e.g. Ordinary Portland cement $Q_{\infty}=375525$ or Pozzolanic cement $Q_{\infty}=315420$.

2.2.2 Affinity

The heat release can be modeled based on the chemical affinity A of the binder. The hydration kinetics can be defined as a function of affinity at a reference temperature \tilde{A} and a temperature dependent scale factor a

$$\dot{\alpha} = \tilde{A}(\alpha)a(T) \tag{4}$$

The reference affinity, based on the degree of hydration is approximated by

$$\tilde{A}(\alpha) = B_1 \left(\frac{B_2}{\alpha_{\text{max}}} + \alpha \right) (\alpha_{\text{max}} - \alpha) \exp \left(-\eta \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_{\text{max}}} \right)$$
 (5)

where B_1 and B_2 are coefficients depending on the binder. The scale function is given as

$$a = \exp\left(-\frac{E_{\rm a}}{R}\left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{\rm ref}}\right)\right) \tag{6}$$

An example function to approximate the maximum degree of hydration based on w/c ratio, by Mills (1966)

$$\alpha_{\text{max}} = \frac{1.031w/c}{0.194 + w/c},\tag{7}$$

this refers to Portland cement.

2.2.3 Time derivative

For a start I use a simple backward difference, backward Euler, implicit Euler method and approximate

$$\dot{T} = \frac{T^{n+1} - T^n}{\Delta t} \quad \text{and} \tag{8}$$

$$\dot{\alpha} = \frac{\Delta \alpha}{\Delta t}$$
 with $\Delta \alpha = \alpha^{n+1} - \alpha^n$ (9)

2.2.4 Formulation

Using (3) in (1) the heat equation is given as

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) + Q_{\infty} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}$$
 (10)

Now we apply the time discretizations (8) and (9) and drop the index n+1 for readability (8)

$$\rho CT - \Delta t \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) - Q_{\infty} \Delta \alpha = \rho CT^{n}$$
(11)

Now, we use (9) and (4) to get a formulation for $\Delta \alpha$

$$\Delta \alpha = \Delta t \tilde{A}(\alpha) a(T) \tag{12}$$

2.2.5 Computing $\Delta \alpha$ at the Gauss-point

As $\Delta \alpha$ is not a global field, rather locally defined information.

2.2.6 Solving for $\Delta \alpha$

To solve for $\Delta \alpha$ we define the affinity in terms of α_n and $\Delta \alpha$

$$\tilde{A} = B_1 \exp\left(-\eta \frac{\Delta \alpha + \alpha_n}{\alpha_{\text{max}}}\right) \left(\frac{B_2}{\alpha_{\text{max}}} + \Delta \alpha + \alpha_n\right) (\alpha_{\text{max}} - \Delta \alpha - \alpha_n).$$
 (13)

Now we can solve the nonlinear function

$$f(\Delta \alpha) = \Delta \alpha - \Delta t \tilde{A}(\Delta \alpha) a(T) = 0 \tag{14}$$

using an iterative Newton-Raphson solver. For an effective algorithm we require the tangent of f with respect to $\Delta \alpha$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \Delta \alpha} = 1 - \Delta t a(T) \frac{\partial \tilde{A}}{\partial \Delta \alpha} \quad \text{with} \qquad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{A}}{\partial \Delta \alpha} = B_1 \exp\left(-\eta \frac{\Delta \alpha + \alpha_n}{\alpha_{\text{max}}}\right) \left[\alpha_{\text{max}} - \frac{B_2}{\alpha_{\text{max}}} - 2\Delta \alpha - 2\alpha_n + \left(\frac{B_2}{\alpha_{\text{max}}} + \Delta \alpha + \alpha_n\right) (\Delta \alpha + \alpha_n - \alpha_{\text{max}}) \left(\frac{\eta}{\alpha_{\text{max}}}\right)\right] \qquad (16)$$

The choice of a good starting value for the iteration seems to be critical. For some reason values close to zero can make to algorithm not converge, or to find negative values, which is non physical. When a starting values of eg. 0.2 is chosen, it seem to be stable. There is room for improvement here.

2.2.7 Macroscopic tangent

To incorporate the heat term in the this in the global temperature field, we need to compute to tangent of the term $Q_{\infty}\Delta\alpha$. Therefore the sensitivity of $\Delta\alpha$ with respect to the temperature T needs to be computed $\frac{\partial\Delta\alpha}{\partial T}$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta \alpha}{\partial T} = \Delta t \tilde{A}(\alpha) \frac{\partial a(T)}{\partial T}, \text{ with}$$
 (17)

$$\frac{\partial a(T)}{\partial T} = a(T) \frac{E_{\rm a}}{RT^2} \tag{18}$$

2.3 Coupling Material Properties to Degree of Hydration

2.3.1 Compressive and tensile strength

Both compressive and tensile strength can be approximated using an generalized exponential function,

$$X(\alpha) = \alpha(t)^{a_x} X_{\infty}. \tag{19}$$

This model has two parameter, X_{∞} , the value of the parameter at full hydration, $\alpha=1$ and a_x the exponent, which is a purely numerical parameter, difficult to estimate directly from a mix design, as the mechanisms are quite complex. The first parameter could theoretically be obtained through experiments. However the total hydration can take years, therefore usually only the value after 28 days is obtained. For now we will assume X_{∞} to be a fitting parameter as well. Hopefully a functional relation of the standardized X_28 values and the ultimate value can be approximated. To write (19) in terms of the compressive strength f_c and the tensile strength f_t

$$f_{\rm c}(\alpha) = \alpha(t)^{a_{\rm c}} f_{\rm c\infty} \tag{20}$$

$$f_{t}(\alpha) = \alpha(t)^{a_{t}} f_{t\infty} \tag{21}$$

(22)

The publication assumes for their "C1" mix values of $f_{\rm c\infty}=62.1$ MPa , $a_{f\rm c}=1.2, f_{\rm t\infty}=4.67$ MPa , $a_{f\rm c}=1.0.$

2.3.2 Young's Modulus

The publication proposes a new model for the evolution of the Young's modulus. Instead of the generalized model (19), the model assumes an initial linear increase of the Young's modulus up to a degree of hydration α_t .

$$E(\alpha < \alpha_t) = E_{\infty} \frac{\alpha(t)}{\alpha_t} \left(\frac{\alpha_t - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \right)^{a_E}$$
 (23)

$$E(\alpha \ge \alpha_t) = E_{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha(t) - \alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0} \right)^{a_E}$$
 (24)

Values of α_t are assumed to be between 0.1 and 0.2. For the mix "C1" $\alpha_t = 0.09, \alpha_0 = 0.06, E_{\infty} = 54.2$ MPa, $a_E = 0.4$.

2.4 Fitting of model parameters

As an initial example I will use the concrete applied in the "Cost Action TU1404".

2.4.1 Task 1 Adiabatic temperature

Vol therm al capacity 2.4 x 10⁶ in J/()m3 K) therm conductivity 1.75 w/(mK) Initial temperature 20 degree C

Temperature data given for two initial values (temp and time/hours) Fig 2 results: activation energy 4029-5402 K**-1

2.4.2 Task 2 temperature development in a massive cube

 $400~\rm{mm}$ edge cube $20~\rm{degree}$ ambient temp CEM I (table 4) 52.5R and other stuff... isothermal calorimetry data 20,30,40,50,60 degree c (fig 5) Values used by team 2 for massive cube: q pot 500 J/g Ea/R= $5653~\rm{1/K}$ B1 = 0.0002916 1/s B2 = 0.0024229 alpha max = 0.875 eta = 5.554

3 Methods (Title TBD)

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3.1 Model Calibration

3.2 Optimization under uncertainty

3.2.1 Non-differentiable objective/constraints with design variables as argument

In lot of real world scenarios, complex computer simulators are used to build a relationship between parameters of the underlying theory to the experimental observations. Many a times the physics bases simulator/forward solver denoted by $y(\cdot)$ is non-diffrentiable. For inference/optimization tasks involving these simulators, many active research areas are trying to tackle this. ????. Elaborating further, if the simulator is related to the objective of some optimization problem and design variables x of the problem are direct input to the objective, then gradient based approaches are not directly applicable. The following optimization is desired:

$$\boldsymbol{x}^* = \min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{y}_o(\boldsymbol{x})) \tag{25}$$

For simplifying the explanation, constraints are omitted for now. In contrast to Equation (??), the design variables x are direct/explicit input to the solver. In such a setting, we advocate the use of Variational Optimization. ???.

3.2.2 Variational optimization

Variational optimization are general optimization techniques that can be used to form a differentiable bound on the optima of a non-differentiable function. Given the objective $\mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{x}))$ with a simulator $\boldsymbol{y}(\cdot)$ to minimize (for simplicity lets call it $f(\boldsymbol{x})$ for now), these techniques are based on the following observation:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x}} f(\boldsymbol{x}) \le \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim q(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}[f(\boldsymbol{x})] = U(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$
 (26)

where $q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})$ is a proposal distribution with parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ over input values/design variables \boldsymbol{x} . In plain words, the minimum of a collection of values is always less than their average. Instead of minimizing f with respect to \boldsymbol{x} , we can minimize the upper bound U with respect to $\boldsymbol{\theta}$.

Under mild restrictions outlined by ?, the bound $U(\theta)$ is differential w.r.t θ , and using the log-likelihood trick its gradient can be rewritten as:

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim q(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})} [f(\boldsymbol{x})]$$

$$= \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \int q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) f(\boldsymbol{x}) d\boldsymbol{x}$$

$$= \int \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) f(\boldsymbol{x}) d\boldsymbol{x}$$

$$= \int q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) f(\boldsymbol{x}) d\boldsymbol{x}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim q(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})} [\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) f(\boldsymbol{x})]$$
(27)

The Equation (27) is the score function estimator?, which also appears in the context of reinforcement learning. In the reinforcement learning context, it is classically known as the REINFORCE estimates. ?.

Effectively, this just means that if the score function $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})$ of the proposal is known and if one can evaluate $f(\boldsymbol{x})$ for any \boldsymbol{x} , then one can construct approximations of Equation (27) which can in turn be used to minimize $U(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ with stochastic gradient descent.

For samples x^1, \ldots, x^S from $q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})$ the following Monte Carlo based unbiased estimator to the upper bound gradient can be used:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^{S} f(x_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log q(x_i \mid \theta)$$
 (28)

It is well known that the gradient estimator suffers from high variance which can depend on number of sample, nature of the simulator/solver etc. A common solution for this problem is to use a baseline? which makes use of the fact that:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim q(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})} \left[\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) f(\boldsymbol{x}) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim q(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})} \left[\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \log q(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) (f(\boldsymbol{x}) - B) \right]$$
(29)

for any constant B. The choice of the B does not bias the gradient estimator, but can control the variance if chosen properly.

For estimators using multiple samples as in the case presented above, we propose the use of baseline B_i for the i-th term based on the other samples $j \neq i$: $B_i = \frac{1}{S-1} \sum_{j\neq i} f(x_j)$ as discussed in ?. Doing this, we obtain the following for the estimator:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^{S} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log q \left(x_i \mid \theta \right) \left(f(x_i) - \frac{1}{S-1} \sum_{j \neq i} f(x_j) \right)$$
(30)

$$= \frac{1}{S-1} \sum_{i=1}^{S} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log q \left(x_i \mid \theta \right) \left(f(x_i) - \frac{1}{S} \sum_{j=1}^{S} f(x_j) \right)$$
(31)

The form in Equation (31) is convenient as it allows to construct a fixed baseline which is to be computed once per gradient step. Its crucial to stress on the fact that this amounts to no further computational budget as the simulators/solver would be solved for S number of times and the baseline uses the same dataset. For proof of the unbiasedness of the estimator in Equation (31), the reader is directed to the Appendix section in ?.

4 Numerical Experiments

5 Example code from template

5.1 Tables

Tables can be inserted via the normal table and tabular environment.

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5.2 Algorithms

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\begin{algorithmic}[1]
. . .
\end{algorithmic}
\end{algorithm}
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You may refer above listed package documentations for more details before setting algorithm environment. For program codes, the "program" package is required and the command to be used is \begin{program} ... \end{program}. A fast exponentiation procedure:

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poegin for i:=1 to 10 step 1 do expt(2,i); newline() od Comments will be set flush to the right margin
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Algorithm 1 Calculate $y = x^n$

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Require: n > 0 \lor x \neq 0
Ensure: y = x^n
 1: y \Leftarrow 1
 2: if n < 0 then
         X \Leftarrow 1/x
          N \Leftarrow -n
 4.
 5: else
          X \Leftarrow x
 7.
          N \Leftarrow n
 8: end if
 9: while N \neq 0 do
         if N is even then
10:
              X \Leftarrow X \times X
11:
              N \Leftarrow N/2
12:
          else[N \text{ is odd}]
              y \Leftarrow y \times X
14:
              N \Leftarrow N - 1
15:
          end if
17: end while
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Similarly, for listings, use the listings package. \begin{lstlisting} ... \end{lstlisting} is used to set environments similar to verbatim environment. Refer to the lstlisting package documentation for more details.

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for i:=maxint to 0 do
begin
{ do nothing }
end;
Write('Case_insensitive_');
Write('Pascal_keywords.');
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