



FIGURE 2.4: Parameter estimation flow chart using the ensemble Kalman filter.

2.7 An example of EnKF algorithm application: a test case

2.7.1 Parameter estimation of an advection-diffusion equation

The EnKF parameter estimation algorithm (Algorithm 1) is applied to a simple advection-diffusion problem. We consider the model equation:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial s}{\partial z} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial z^2}, \quad (2.37)$$

where $s(z, t)$ is the model state variable of interest at position z and time t , v is the constant advection velocity, and μ is the viscosity (diffusion coefficient). Using finite difference method, Equation (2.37) is discretized over a spatial grid with $N = 100$ nodes, resulting in (at time $t = k + 1$)

$$\frac{s_{k+1}^j - s_k^j}{\Delta t} = -v \frac{s_k^{j+1} - s_k^{j-1}}{2\Delta z} + \mu \frac{s_k^{j+1} - 2s_k^j + s_k^{j-1}}{(\Delta z)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t, (\Delta z)^2) \quad (2.38)$$

for $j = 2, 3, \dots, N - 1$. Model parameters are: the grid size $\Delta z = 0.01$ m; the domain length $L = 1$ m; the advection velocity $v = 1$ ms⁻¹ and the viscosity $\mu = 0.01$ m²s⁻¹. The computational domain is set to $[0, 1]$. The initial condition is given by $s(z, 0) = 1$, and the boundary conditions are defined by

$$s(0, t) = A + B \sin \omega t, \quad (2.39)$$

$$s(1, t) = 2s(0.99, t) - s(0.98, t), \quad (2.40)$$

where $A = 1.0$ m, $B = 0.25$ m and $w = 10$ rad·s⁻¹. The model time step, Δt , is chosen such that $\Delta t \leq \min \left\{ \frac{\Delta z^2}{2\mu}, \frac{\Delta z}{\mu} \right\}$.