

mimclib

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Outline

Library Overview

Primer

- Problem

- Monte Carlo (MC)

- Multilevel Monte Carlo (MLMC)

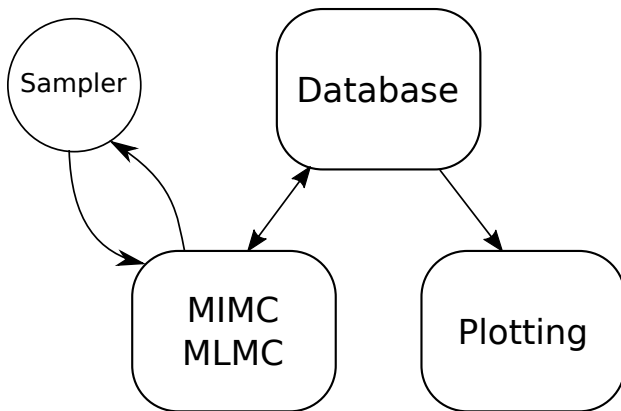
Installation

Vision (the ambitious version)

- Provide an **easy to use**, **customizable** and **extendable** open source library for UQ problems, both forward and inverse.
- Multilevel and Multi-index versions of Monte Carlo, Quasi Monte Carlo, Stochastic collocation, Least square projection among others.
- Support parallel computation whenever possible.
- Provide easy to use storage facility.
- Provide easy to customize plotting facility (for common plots).
- Provide easy to run test cases.
- Use Python for easier implementation of most parts of code and use object code (C++ or FORTRAN) for computationally expensive parts.

What has been done, mimclib 0.2.0.dev0

- Multilevel and Multi-index versions of Monte Carlo.
- Provide easy to use storage facility in MySQL.
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- Provide easy to run test cases.
- Documentation is still in progress (these slides are part of it).
- Interface is written with the other features in mind.



Why?

- Python
 - Open source. No need for licensing
 - An easy to use programming language. Familiar to MATLAB users (Especially with `numpy` and `matplotlib`)
 - Can call object code for computationally expensive parts, e.g., samplers.
- MySQL
 - Relatively easy data modifications and querying.
 - Allows asynchronous access which is ideal for parallel computation.
 - Allows remote access.
 - Optimal storage and data querying.

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Possible difficulties:

- PDF, f , is inaccessible, only (approximate) samples of \mathbf{X} can be generated.
 - E.g., \mathbf{X} is the solution of an SDE.
- Dimension, n , is large or even infinite, hence the integral is expensive to approximate.
 - E.g., expansion of a random field.

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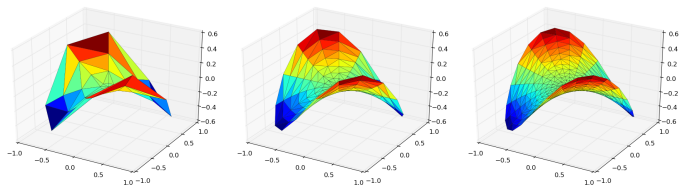
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Numerical approximation

Notation: g_ℓ for $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ is the approximation of g calculated based on discretization parameters $\mathbf{h}_\ell = (h_{\ell,i})_{i=1}^d$.



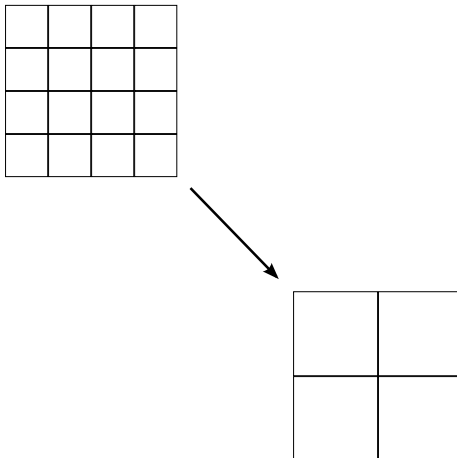
Monte Carlo

The simplest (and most popular) estimator is the Monte Carlo estimator

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{MC}}[g_L; M] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M g_L(\mathbf{x}^{(m)}),$$

for a given level, L , and number of samples, M , that we can choose to satisfy the error constraints and minimize the work.

MLMC main idea: Variance reduction



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Then, using Monte Carlo to approximate each difference independently, the MLMC estimator can be written as

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{MLMC}}[g; L] = \sum_{\ell=0}^L \mathcal{A}_{\text{MC}}[\Delta_\ell g; M_\ell].$$

Main idea: variance reduction using cheaper approximations.

Optimal number of samples

Given the following estimates

$$V_\ell = \begin{cases} \text{Var}[g_0] & \ell = 0, \\ \text{Var}[g_\ell - g_{\ell-1}] & \ell \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$W_\ell = \begin{cases} \text{Work of a single sample of } g_0 & \ell = 0, \\ \text{Work of a single sample of } (g_\ell - g_{\ell-1}) & \ell \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then, using simple Lagrangian optimization of the total work subject to the variance constraint then, we can obtain the optimal number of samples

$$M_\ell \approx \left(\frac{\theta \text{TOL}}{\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{\epsilon+1}{2}\right)} \right)^{-2} \sqrt{\frac{V_\ell}{W_\ell}} \left(\sum_{i=0}^L \sqrt{V_i W_i} \right), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \ell \leq L.$$

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Notice: the cost exponentially increases with increasing $\textcolor{red}{d}$.

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- Instead of running for the small required TOL, CMLMC runs a sequence of MLMC realizations, for decreasing tolerances, ending with the required TOL.
- In each step, estimates of V_ℓ are generated using a Bayesian setting which uses **Assumption MLMC3** coupled with the generated samples to produce good estimates even with a small number of samples.
- The value of L is also chosen in each step to minimize the work. This allows choosing a better splitting parameter, θ .
- CMLMC does not have to reuse samples between iterations, ensuring an unbiased estimator for level L approximation.

mimclib showcase

- Code required for basic MLMC run.
- Show single run of `mimclib`.
- Show plots in pdf.
- Show database in mysql.

Installation

- Prerequisites: gcc (supporting c++11), python2.7, pip, mysql-server, mysql-client.
- First step:
 - > `git clone \`
`git@github.com:StochasticNumerics/mimclib.git`
 - > `cd mimclib`
 - > `make pip`
- Note: to update to latest version
 - > `git pull`
- Done! Sort of.

Setting up the database

- Make sure mysql-server, mysql-client, and libmysqlclient-dev are installed on your data server.

- Create mimclib database on data server

```
> python -c 'from mimclib.db import MIMCDatabase ; \
    print MIMCDatabase().DBCreationScript();' \
| mysql -u root -p
```

- Create database user for mimclib (hint: you can use local username)

```
> mysql -u root -p
mysql> CREATE USER 'USER'@'%' \
    IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
mysql> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON mimc.* TO \
    'USER'@'%' WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

Other useful MySQL commands

- Change password

```
> mysql -u USER -p
mysql> SET PASSWORD FOR 'USER'@'%' \
      = PASSWORD('newpassword');
```

MIMC Database

tbl_runs		
run_id	int	[PK]
creation_date	DATETIME	
TOL	REAL	
done_flag	int	
dim	int	
tag	VARCHAR(128)	
params	mediumblob	
comment	TEXT	

tbl_data		
data_id	int	[PK]
run_id	int	[U, FK]
TOL	REAL	
bias	REAL	
stat_error	REAL	
creation_date	DATETIME	
totalTime	REAL	
Qparams	mediumblob	
userdata	mediumblob	
iteration_idx	int	[U]

tbl_lvls		
data_id	int	[U, FK]
lvl	text	
lvl_hash	varchar(35)	[U]
E1	REAL	
V1	REAL	
W1	REAL	
T1	REAL	
M1	int	
psums_delta	mediumblob	
psums_fine	mediumblob	

Legend

[FK] Foreign Key

[PK] Primary key

[U] Unique constraint

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Installation for Debian/Ubuntu

- ```
> git clone \
 git@github.com:StochasticNumerics/mimclib.git
> cd mimclib
> ./mimc_install.sh
```
- Updates all packages on the system
- Installs all prerequisites
- Clones and installs the library
- Creates a database with the current user and no password.
- Standard GBM Example is ready to run.

# The end

- Slides can be found on GitHub under “docs”  
`git@github.com:StochasticNumerics/mimclib.git`.
- You can post questions in the “Issues” page.
- Next time
  - Go through a simple example based on SDE of Geometric Brownian Motion.
  - Go through a simple example based on an Elliptic PDE in 3D.
  - Next, next time: Multi-index Monte Carlo applied on PDEs in 3D.