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# Space-time Galerkin POD for optimal control of Burgers' equation

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$$\dot{x} - \Delta x = f(t, x)$$

Consider the solution of a PDE:

$$x \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))$$

with  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  ... the time-interval

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ... the spatial domain

and its numerical approximation:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$$

with  $\mathcal{S} \subset L^2(I)$  ... discretized time

$\mathcal{Y} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  ... a FE space

Task: Find  $\hat{\mathcal{S}} \subset \mathcal{S}$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}} \subset \mathcal{Y}$  of much smaller dimension to express  $\mathbf{x}$ .



PDE solution  $x \in L^2(I; L^2(\Omega))$   
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 $\mathcal{Y} \subset L^2(\Omega)$  ... a FE space

Consider finite dimensional subspaces

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{span}\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_s\} \subset L^2(I)$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \text{span}\{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_q\} \subset L^2(\Omega)$$

with the mass matrices

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{S}} = [(\psi_i, \psi_j)_{L^2}]_{i,j=1,\dots,s} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}} = [(\nu_i, \nu_j)_{L^2}]_{i,j=1,\dots,q}$$

and the product space

$$\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y} \subset L^2(I; L^2(\Omega)).$$



We represent a function

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{i=1}^q \mathbf{x}_{i,j} \nu_i \psi_j \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$$

via its matrix of coefficients

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_{i,j}]_{i=1,\dots,q}^{j=1,\dots,s} \in \mathbb{R}^{q,s}$$

and vice versa.




## Lemma (Optimal low-rank bases in space<sup>1</sup>)

Given  $x \in \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}$  and the associated matrix of coefficients  $\mathbf{X}$ . The best-approximating subspace  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}$  in the sense that  $\|\Pi_{\mathcal{S} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{Y}}} x - x\|_{\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{Y}}$  is minimal over all subspaces of  $\mathcal{Y}$  of dimension  $\hat{q}$  is given as  $\text{span}\{\hat{\nu}_i\}_{i=1, \dots, \hat{q}}$ , where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\nu}_1 \\ \hat{\nu}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\nu}_{\hat{q}} \end{bmatrix} = V_{\hat{q}}^T \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{-1/2} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \nu_q \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $V_{\hat{q}}$  is the matrix of the  $\hat{q}$  leading left singular vectors of

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{1/2} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{S}}^{1/2}.$$

<sup>1</sup>  BM&PB&JH '16: *ArXiv:1611.04050*



The same arguments apply to the transpose of  $\mathbf{X}$ :

## Lemma (Optimal low-rank bases in time<sup>2</sup>)

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where  $U_{\hat{s}}$  is the matrix of the  $\hat{s}$  leading *right* singular vectors of

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{1/2} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{M}_S^{1/2}.$$

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The solution of a spatially discretized PDE

$$x: \tau \mapsto \mathbb{R}^q$$

is projected to  $\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathbb{R}^q$  via

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{S}} \gamma x = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1, \psi_1)_{L^2} & \dots & (x_1, \psi_s)_{L^2} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (x_q, \psi_1)_{L^2} & \dots & (x_q, \psi_s)_{L^2} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{S}}^{-1}.$$

In the (degenerated) case that  $\psi_j$  is a delta distribution centered at  $\tau_j \in I$ , the coefficient matrix degenerates to

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(\tau_1) & \dots & x_1(\tau_s) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_q(\tau_1) & \dots & x_q(\tau_s) \end{bmatrix}$$

– the standard POD snapshot matrix.



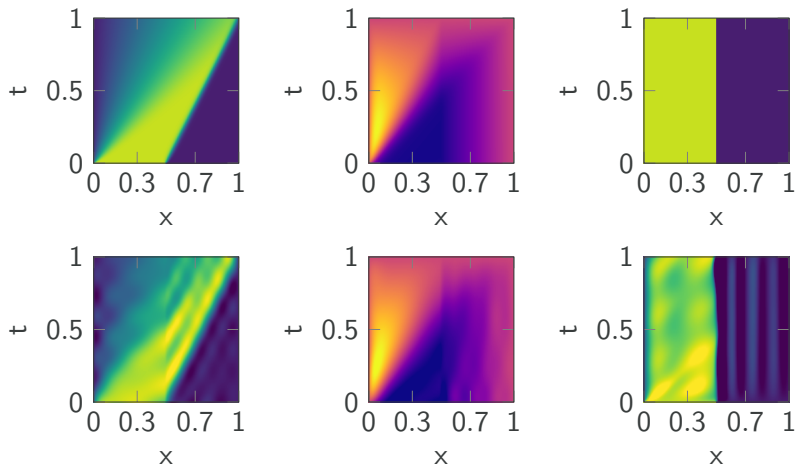


## Section 4

# Space-Time Galerkin-POD for Optimal Control



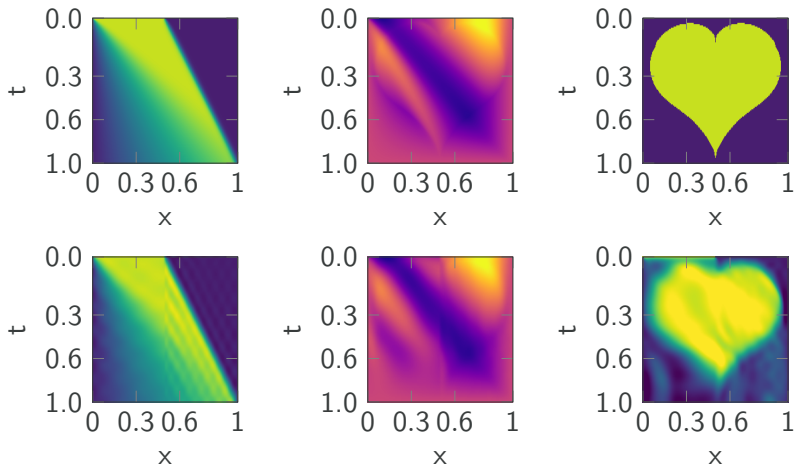
# Target 1: Step function



**Figure :** Illustration of the state, the adjoint, and the target and their approximation via POD-reduced space-time bases.



## Target 2: Heart shape



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For a target trajectory  $x^* \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$  and a penalization parameter  $\alpha > 0$ , consider

$$\mathcal{J}(x, u) := \frac{1}{2} \|x - x^*\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \rightarrow \min_{u \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega))}$$

subject to the generic PDE

$$\dot{x} - \Delta x + N(x) = f + u, \quad x(0) = 0. \quad (\text{FWD})$$

If the nonlinearity is smooth, then necessary optimality conditions for  $(x, u)$  are given through  $u = \frac{1}{\alpha} \lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  solves the adjoint equation

$$-\dot{\lambda} - \Delta \lambda + D_x N(x)^T \lambda + x = x^*, \quad \lambda(T) = 0. \quad (\text{BWD})$$



## Algorithm:

1. Do standard forward/backward solves to compute the matrix of measurements for  $x$  and  $\lambda$ .
2. Compute optimal low-dimensional spaces  $\hat{\mathcal{S}}$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}$ , and  $\hat{\Lambda}$  for the space and time discretization of the state  $x$  and the adjoint state  $\lambda$ .
3. Solve the space-time Galerkin projected necessary optimality conditions (FWD)-(BWD)<sup>3</sup> for the reduced costate  $\hat{\lambda}$ .
4. Define the suboptimal control via  $\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \hat{\lambda}$  and inflate it to the full space.
5. Apply it in the full order simulation.

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<sup>3</sup>(FWD)-(BWD) is a two-point boundary value problem with initial and terminal conditions for which time stepping schemes like RKM do not apply.



## The PDE

- 1D Burger's equation
- $I = (0, 1]$ ,  $\Omega = (0, 1)$
- Viscosity:  $\nu = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- Stepfunction as initial value
- Zero Dirichlet conditions

## The optimization

- target 1: keep the initial state
- target 2: make a heart
- parameter:  $\alpha = 10^{-3}$

## The full model

- Equidistant space and time grids
- $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{R} \dots$  120 linear hat functions
- $\mathcal{Y} = \Lambda \dots$  220 linear hat functions

## The reduced model

- $\hat{\mathcal{Y}} = \hat{\Lambda} \dots$  of dimension  $\hat{q} = \hat{p}$
- $\hat{\mathcal{S}} \neq \hat{\mathcal{R}} \dots$  of dimensions  $\hat{s} = \hat{r}$
- $\hat{q}, \hat{p}, \hat{s}, \hat{r} \dots$  varying
- $n_t \dots$  varying<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>dimension of time parametrization for an gradient based approach



## Target 1: Step function

$\hat{K}$	24	36	48	72	96
$\frac{1}{2}\ \hat{x} - x_0\ _{L^2}^2$	0.0330	0.0280	0.0192	0.0121	0.0104
$\mathcal{J}(\hat{x}, \hat{u})$	0.0351	0.0309	0.0234	0.0177	0.0152
walltime [s]	0.1	0.48	1.81	18.7	155

**Table :** Performance of the suboptimal control versus the cumulative dimension  $\hat{K} = \hat{p} + \hat{q} + \hat{r} + \hat{s}$  of the reduced bases with  $\hat{p} = \hat{q} = \hat{r} = \hat{s}$ .

$(\hat{q}, \hat{s})/(\hat{p}, \hat{r})$	(16, 7)	(15,10)	(12,10)	(10,12)	(10,15)	( 7,16)
$\frac{1}{2}\ \hat{x} - x_0\ _{L^2}^2$	0.0143	0.0106	0.0151	0.0303	0.0318	0.0357
$\mathcal{J}(\hat{x}, \hat{u})$	0.0189	0.0159	0.0192	0.0340	0.0353	0.0382
walltime	1.43	2.71	1.58	1.42	2.54	1.11

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$(\hat{q}, n_t)$	(13, 18)	(15, 19)	(16, 20)	(19, 15)	(20, 16)	(18, 13)
$\frac{1}{2}\ \hat{x} - x_0\ _{L^2}^2$	0.0144	0.0119	0.0110	0.0090	0.0091	0.0087
$\mathcal{J}(\hat{x}, \hat{u})$	0.0146	0.0122	0.0113	0.0093	0.0095	0.0091
walltime	21.98	35.04	40.34	41.93	46.54	50.62

**Table :** Benchmark of an gradient based approach (SQP-POD-BFGS with  $\alpha = 6.25 \cdot 10^{-5}$ )





- The space-time Galerkin POD approach allows for
  - construction of optimized Galerkin bases in space and time
  - in a functional analytical framework
- The resulting space-time Galerkin discretization
  - approximates PDEs by a small system of algebraic equations
  - and naturally extends to boundary value problems in time
  - can be used for efficient computations of (sub)optimal controls
- Future work:
  - Use the functional analytical framework for error estimates.
  - Exploit the freedom of the choice of the measurement functions in  $\mathcal{Y}$ ,
  - to produce, e.g., *optimal* measurements or to compensate for stochastic perturbations.



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