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Reliability analysis

- Estimate the probability of occurrence of an adverse event

$$P_f = \int_{\mathcal{D}_f} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

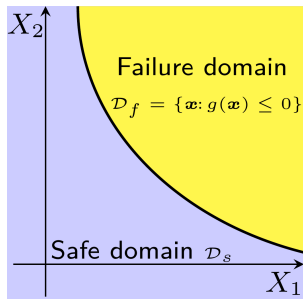
$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$:

Joint distribution of the random vector \mathbf{X}

$\mathcal{D}_f = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} : g(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})) \leq 0\}$:

Failure domain

- Failure is assessed by a **limit-state function** $g : \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$
- The limit-state function is based on a computational model \mathcal{M} describing the performance of the system



Reliability analysis (2/2)

Principal challenges

- Integration on an implicit domain
 - Analytical solutions only in a few cases *e.g.* Gaussian inputs + linear limit-state
 - In general problem solved using:
 - Approximation methods *e.g.* FORM, SORM
 - Simulation methods *e.g.* Monte Carlo, Importance sampling, Subset simulation
- High-dimensionality
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 - Often inputs are stochastic processes
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Surrogate models can be used to alleviate the computational burden

Surrogate models for uncertainty quantification

A **surrogate model** $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ is an **approximation** of the original computational model \mathcal{M} with the following features:

- It is built from a **limited** set of runs of the original model \mathcal{M} called the **experimental design** $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, N\}$
- It assumes some regularity of the model \mathcal{M} and some general functional shape

Name	Shape	Parameters
Polynomial chaos expansions	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} a_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$	a_{α}
Low-rank tensor approximations	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^R b_l \left(\prod_{i=1}^M v_l^{(i)}(x_i) \right)$	$b_l, z_{k,l}^{(i)}$
Kriging (a.k.a Gaussian processes)	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \beta^{\top} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + Z(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$	$\beta, \sigma_Z^2, \theta$
Support vector machines	$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$	\mathbf{a}, b

A surrogate model is **fast to evaluate**

Outline

- ① Introduction
- ② Active learning reliability
- ③ Benchmark
- ④ Conclusion

The basic idea

Enrich an initially poor experimental design using a **learning function** to improve the accuracy of the model in the vicinity of the limit-state surface

- ① Generate an experimental design $\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}\} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, g(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})), i = 1, \dots, N_0\}$
- ② Train a surrogate model \tilde{g} using $\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}\}$
- ③ Compute the failure probability \hat{P}_f using \tilde{g}
- ④ Check whether some **convergence criteria** are met. If they are, stop, otherwise go to **step 5**
- ⑤ Choose the best next sample \mathbf{x}^* to be added to \mathcal{X} based on an appropriate **learning function**
- ⑥ Add \mathbf{x}^* and the corresponding response $g(\mathbf{x}^*)$ to the experimental design
- ⑦ Return to **step 2**

- [illegible]

Active learning reliability framework

Generalized framework

Reliability	Surrogate model	Learning function	Stopping criterion
Monte Carlo	Kriging	U	LF-based
Subset simulation	PCE	EFF	Stability of β
Importance sampling	SVR	FBR	Stability of P_f
Line sampling	PC-Kriging	CMM	Bounds on β
Directional sampling	Neural networks	SUR	Bounds on P_f
...

UQLAB active learning reliability module

A framework where customized schemes can be built by combining non-intrusively different elements in each block

- Possibility of adding custom/user-defined methods in each block

UQLAB active learning module

Important features

- Reliability method
 - Any simulation method
 - Points sampled at each iteration are used as candidates for enrichment
- Surrogate models
 - Any surrogate
 - Not necessarily with embedded error measure
- Learning function
 - Some learning functions are method-specific
 - Allow for multiple points enrichment (adaptive)
- Stopping criteria
 - Some stopping criteria are surrogate-model-specific
 - It is possible to combine various stopping criteria
 - Control of the short-term history of the stopping criteria

Example in UQLAB

Preliminary syntax

% Select active learning method

```
ALROptions.Type = 'Reliability';  
ALROptions.Method = 'ALR';
```

% Surrogate model

```
ALROptions.ALX.Metamodel = 'PCK' ;  
ALROptions.ALX.IExpDesign.NSamples = 10 ;
```

% Reliability analysis

```
ALROptions.ALX.Reliability = 'subset' ;
```

% Learning function

```
ALROptions.ALX.LearningFunction = 'U' ;  
ALROptions.ALX.NumOfPoints = [3 1] ;
```

% Convergence

```
ALROptions.ALX.Convergence = {'stopBetaBound', 'stopBeta'} ;  
ALROptions.ALX.ConvThres = [0.01 0.005] ;  
ALROptions.ALX.MaxAddedED = 500 ;
```

Selected strategies

- Combination of various methods of each block
- Combination with Kriging and PCK: 36 strategies
- Combination with PCE: 3 strategies

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Benchmark problems

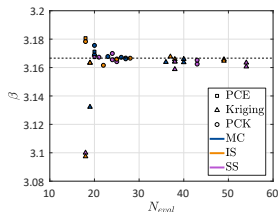
- Aiming at a set of 30 different problems
- Various features: low- to high-dimensions, rare events, complex limit-state surfaces

ID	Problem	Dimension	Reference solution	Remarks
01	TNO benchmark RP1	5	$7.61 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
02	TNO benchmark RP2	2	$2.03 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
03	TNO benchmark RP3	2	$1.21 \cdot 10^{-7}$	
04	TNO benchmark RP4	2	$1.83 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
05	TNO benchmark RP5	7	$6.36 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
06	TNO benchmark RP6	2	$2.33 \cdot 10^{-2}$	
07	TNO benchmark RP7	20	$9.88 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
08	TNO benchmark RP8	100	$3.85 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
09	TNO benchmark RP9	2	$9.68 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
10	TNO benchmark RP10	10	$2.70 \cdot 10^{-7}$	
11	TNO benchmark RP11	2	$4.19 \cdot 10^{-7}$	
12	Four branch series	2	$4.45 \cdot 10^{-3}$	
13	Hat function	2	$3.96 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
14	Damped oscillator	8	$7.59 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
15	Non-linear oscillator	6	$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$	AK-SS paper; varying Pf; highly-nonlinear
16	HD function	50	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	AK-SS paper; varying Pf and dimension
17	Modified Rastrigin	50	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	varying Pf and dimension
...

Partial results (per problem)

Problem 01

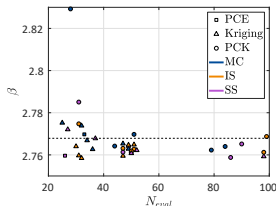
$$M = 5 ; \beta_{\text{ref}} \approx 3.17$$



Strategy	N_{eval}	$\varepsilon_{\text{rel.}}$
PCK+IS+U+BS	18	0.0037
PCE+IS+FBR+BS	18	0.0044
KRG+IS+U+BS	19	0.0010

Problem 02

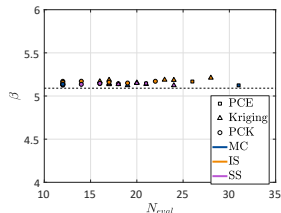
$$M = 2 ; \beta_{\text{ref}} \approx 2.77$$



Strategy	N_{eval}	$\varepsilon_{\text{rel.}}$
KRG+MCS+U+BS	25	0.0026
PCE+SuS+FBR+BS	26	0.0030
KRG+SuS+U+BS	27	0.0019

Problem 03

$$M = 2 ; \beta_{\text{ref}} \approx 5.09$$



Strategy	N_{eval}	$\varepsilon_{\text{rel.}}$
PCK+SuS+U+BB	12	0.0070
PCK+MC+U/EFF+BB	12	0.0090
PCK+SuS+EFF+BB	12	0.0086

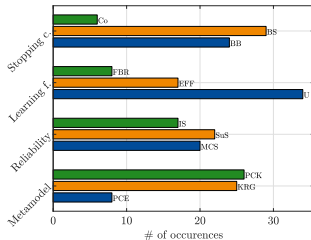
$$\varepsilon_{\text{rel.}} = \frac{|\text{median}(\beta) - \beta_{\text{ref}}|}{\beta_{\text{ref}}}$$

- All solutions with $\varepsilon_{\text{rel.}} > 0.01$ are discarded

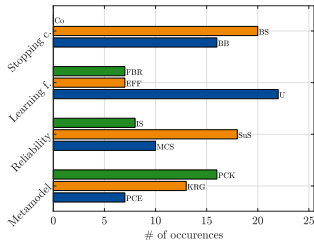
Partial results (aggregate)

- Number of times a given method is within the K best results

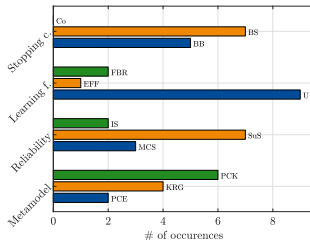
$K = 5$



$K = 3$



- Number of times a method is the best
- Multiple counts in case of equality



Concluding remarks

- Global framework for active learning
- Methods can be combined non-intrusively according to the specifics of the problem at hand
- Large benchmark currently running
- Statistics on different methods in each block w.r.t. problems features
- Module to be released in UQLAB 1.4

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