# Reduced Bases and Low-Rank Methods

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Parameterized differential equations: find  $u = u(a) \in V$  such that

$$\mathcal{P}(a;u) = 0, \quad a \in \mathcal{A}$$

Model order reduction:

efficient approximation of solution map  $a \mapsto u(a)$ 

#### Uncertainty Quantification:

probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}$  modelling uncertainty in a, extract information on distribution of u(a)(e.g., distribution of quantity of interest  $Q(u), Q \colon V \to \mathbb{R}$ )

## Parametric PDEs: Affine coefficients

Diffusion problem on  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$-\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u) = f \text{ on } D, \quad u|_{\partial D} = 0.$$

Affine parameter-dependence: find  $u(y) \in V \coloneqq H_0^1(D)$  for fixed  $f \in V' = H^{-1}$  and

$$a(y) = \bar{a} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}} y_j \psi_j, \quad y \in U \coloneqq [-1, 1]^{\mathcal{I}},$$

with  $\bar{a}, \psi_j \in L^{\infty}(D)$ , and either  $\mathcal{I} = \{1, \ldots, d\}$  or  $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{N}$ .

Uniform ellipticity assumption (UEA):

$$0 < c \le a(y) \le C, \quad y \in U.$$

Weak form on  $V := H_0^1(D)$ : the parametrized solution u(y) for each y solves

$$A(y)u(y) := \left(\bar{A} - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} y_i A_i\right) u(y) = f,$$

with  $f\in V'$  and  $\bar{A},A_1,\ldots,A_d\colon V\to V'$  defined by

$$\langle \bar{A}u,v\rangle := \int_D \bar{a}\nabla u \cdot \nabla v\,dx\,,\quad \langle A_iu,v\rangle := \int_D \psi_i \nabla u \cdot \nabla v\,dx\,,\qquad u,v\in V\,,$$

induced norm  $||u||_V^2 := \langle \bar{A}u, u \rangle.$ 

Rank-n expansions of parameter-dependent solution u,

$$u(y) \approx u_n(y) = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \phi_j(y), \quad v_j \in V, \ \phi_j \colon U \to \mathbb{R}$$

#### Rank-n expansions

$$u(y)\approx u_n(y)=\sum_{j=1}^n v_j\,\phi_j(y)\,,\quad v_j\in V,\;\phi_j\colon U\to\mathbb{R},$$

i.e., 
$$u_n = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \otimes \phi_j$$
,  $\operatorname{rank}(u_n) \le n$ .

Reduced basis methods:

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basis functions  $v_j := u(y^j)$ , j = 1, ..., n for well-chosen  $y^j \in U$  ("snapshots"); for given y, solve Galerkin discretization on  $V_n := \operatorname{span}\{v_j\}_{j=1,...,n}$  for  $u_n(y) \in V_n$ ,

$$\langle A(y)u_n(y) - f, v \rangle = 0, \quad \forall v \in V_n,$$

determines  $\phi_j(y)$  only implicitly.

Low-rank methods based on Hilbert-Schmidt decomposition / SVD: μ probability measure on U, identify u with integral operator

$$L^{2}(U,\mu) \quad \ni \quad \varphi \mapsto \int_{U} u(y) \, \varphi(y) \, d\mu(y) \quad \in \quad V_{2}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow$$
  $u = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_j \, \hat{v}_j \otimes \hat{\phi}_j, \quad \{\hat{v}_j\}, \, \{\hat{\phi}_j\} \text{ orthonormal.}$ 

▶ Reduced bases: aiming at  $\sup_{y \in U} ||u(y) - u_n(y)||_V \le \varepsilon$  (convergence in  $L^{\infty}(U, V)$ )

Computable residual error estimators

$$r_n(y) \sim ||u(y) - u_n(y)||_V,$$

(weak) Greedy selection algorithm: given  $y^1, \ldots, y^n$ , take  $y^{n+1}$  such that

$$r_n(y^{n+1}) \ge \gamma \max_{y \in U} r_n(y), \quad \text{with fixed } \gamma \in (0,1],$$

maximization difficult to guarantee when  $d \gg 1$ .

(see e.g. Urban, Volkwein, Zeeb '12; Hesthaven, Stamm, Zhang 14; Jiang, Chen, Narayan '17; ...) Iterative low-rank methods: Galerkin formulation on

$$L^{2}(U,V) = L^{2}(U,V,\mu) \simeq V \otimes L^{2}(U,\mu),$$

perform approximate iterative scheme in low-rank form, e.g.

$$u^{k+1}(y) = u^k(y) - \omega \bar{A}^{-1}(A(y)u^k(y) - f)$$
 in  $V \otimes L^2(U, \mu)$ ,

(e.g. Khoromskij, Schwab '09; Kressner, Tobler '11; ...)

with  $u^k(y) = \sum_{j=1}^{n(k)} v_j^k \phi_j^k(y).$ 

Explicit representation of  $\phi_j(y) \rightsquigarrow$  choice of reference basis required!

Approximation of 
$$u$$
 in  $L^{2}(U, V, \mu)$ :  $||u||_{L^{2}(U, V)} = \left(\int_{U} ||u(y) - u_{n}(y)||_{V}^{2} d\mu(y)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \varepsilon$ 

ensured – also for high-dimensional U – by evaluation of residual norm

$$\int_{U} \|A(y)u_n(y) - f\|_{V'}^2 \, d\mu(y) \sim \|u_n - u\|_{L^2(U,V)}^2$$

which can be computed up to a controlled error. (MB, Cohen, Dahmen '17)

# Notions of approximability

•  $L^{\infty}(U, V)$ : Kolmogorov *n*-widths of  $u(U) \subset V$ :

$$d_n(u(U))_V := \inf_{\substack{V_n \subset V \\ \dim(V_n) = n}} \sup_{y \in U} \min_{v \in V_n} \|u(y) - v\|_V$$

When  $V_n$  restricted to set of snapshots: loss of at most factor n.

Weak greedy algorithm yields quasi-optimal algebraic or exponential convergence rates, given respective decay of n-widths.

(Binev, Cohen, Dahmen, DeVore, Petrova, Wojtaczsczyk '11; see also Buffa, Maday, Patera, Prud'homme, Turinici '12;

DeVore, Petrova, Wojtaczsczyk '13)

•  $L^2(U, V)$ : Decay of singular values  $\sigma_j = \sigma_j(u)$ ,

$$\inf_{\substack{V_n \subset V \\ \dim(V_n) = n}} \left( \int_U \min_{w \in V_n} \|u(y) - w\|_V^2 \, d\mu(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \sum_{j > n} \sigma_j^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Iterative solvers that are guaranteed to converge with quasi-optimal ranks are available. (MB, Dahmen '15; MB, Schneider '17) Since  $\mu(U) = 1$ , we always have

$$\left(\sum_{j>n}\sigma_j^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le d_n\left(u(U)\right)_V.$$

Upper bounds for  $\sigma_j$  by prescribing  $\phi_j$ , e.g. product orthonormal polynomial expansions:

$$u(x,y) \approx \sum_{\nu \in \Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}_0^T} u_\nu(x) \, L_\nu(y), \qquad L_\nu(y) := \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} L_{\nu_i}(y_i)$$

Coefficients  $u_{\nu} \in V$  can be computed by Galerkin projection onto  $\operatorname{span}\{L_{\nu} : \nu \in \Lambda\}$ , where  $\sigma_j \leq ||u_{\nu_n^*}||_V$  with decreasing rearrangement  $||u_{\nu_n^*}||_V$  Model case with  $\mathcal{I} = \{1, \ldots, d\}$ ,  $d < \infty$ :

$$\begin{split} -\nabla \cdot \left(a(y)\nabla u(y)\right) &= f \quad \text{in } D \subset \mathbb{R}^m, \quad u(y)|_{\partial D} = 0, \qquad y \in U := [-1,1]^d, \\ \text{with} \quad a(y) &= \bar{a} - \sum_{i=1}^d y_i \psi_i \qquad \rightsquigarrow \qquad \left(\bar{A} - \sum_{i=1}^d y_i A_i\right) u(y) = f. \end{split}$$

e.g., piecewise constant a on partition  $\{D_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, d$ :

$$a(x,y) = 1 - \theta \sum_{i=1}^{d} y_i \chi_{D_i}(x), \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$



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# Polynomial expansions

Neumann series for

$$\left(I - \sum_{i=1}^{d} y_i(\bar{A}^{-1}A_i)\right)u(y) = \bar{A}^{-1}f$$

$$\sim \text{Partial sums} \quad u_k(y) := \sum_{\ell=0}^k \Bigl(\sum_{i=1}^d y_i \left(\bar{A}^{-1}A_i\right)\Bigr)^\ell \bar{A}^{-1}f = \sum_{\substack{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \\ \nu_1 + \ldots + \nu_d \leq k}} t_\nu \ y_1^{\nu_1} \cdots y_d^{\nu_d}, \quad t_\nu \in V$$

(cf. Cohen, DeVore, Schwab '11)

$$\|u - u_k\|_{L^{\infty}(U,V)} \le \frac{\|\bar{A}^{-1}f\|_V}{1-\rho} \rho^{k+1}, \quad \rho < 1$$

$$\operatorname{rank}(u_k) \le \#\{\nu \colon \nu_1 + \ldots + \nu_d \le k\} = \binom{k+d}{d}, \qquad \frac{k^a}{d!} \le \binom{k+d}{d} \le (k+1)^d$$

Error  $C\rho^k$  with  $\mathcal{O}(k^d)$  separable terms, hence

$$d_n(u(U))_V \lesssim e^{-c n^{1/d}}, \quad c = |\ln \rho|$$

Piecewise constant a on partition  $\{D_i\}$ , with  $\bar{a} := 1$ :



red: ordered norms  $||u_{\nu}||_{V}$  of Legendre coefficients in  $u(y) = \sum_{\nu} u_{\nu}L_{\nu}(y)$ , blue: singular values  $\sigma_{j}$  in SVD  $u(y) = \sum_{j} \sigma_{j}\hat{v}_{j} \hat{\phi}_{j}(y)$ 

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Existing results for piecewise constant case:

• One parameter (d = 1):  $d_n(u(U)) \lesssim e^{-|\ln \theta|n}$  by polynomial approximation (using holomorphy) (Maday, Patera, Turinici '02)

(Lassila, Manzoni, Quarteroni, Rozza. '13; MB, Cohen '17)

Note  $\bar{A}^{-1}(A_1 + A_2) = \theta I$ , implying for the Neumann series:

$$\begin{aligned} u_k(y) &= \sum_{j=0}^k (y_1 \bar{A}^{-1} A_1 + y_2 \bar{A}^{-1} A_2)^j g = \sum_{j=0}^k (\theta y_2 I + (y_1 - y_2) \bar{A}^{-1} A_1)^j \bar{A}^{-1} f \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{\ell=0}^j (\theta y_2)^{j-\ell} {j \choose \ell} (y_1 - y_2)^\ell (\bar{A}^{-1} A_1)^\ell \bar{A}^{-1} f \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^k \underbrace{\left( (y_1 - y_2)^\ell \sum_{j=\ell}^k (\theta y_2)^{j-\ell} {j \choose \ell} \right)}_{=: \phi_\ell(y)} \underbrace{(\bar{A}^{-1} A_1)^\ell \bar{A}^{-1} f}_{=: v_\ell} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\operatorname{rank}(u_k) \leq k+1$ , error  $C\theta^k$ 

 $\sim d_n ig( u(U) ig)_V \lesssim e^{-|\ln heta| \, n}$ , improvement over  $e^{-|\ln heta| n^{1/2}}$ 

▶ Same argument for *d* > 2:

$$d_n(u(U)) \lesssim e^{-|\ln \theta| n^{1/(d-1)}}$$
 whenever  $\sum_{i=1}^d A_i = heta ar{A}$  (MB, Cohen '17)

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 $\blacktriangleright$  d = 2:

### Piecewise constant a

 $\bar{a} \equiv 1, \ \psi_i = \theta \chi_{D_i}$  with partition  $\{D_i\}$  of  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^m, \ \theta < 1$ .

Orthogonal decomposition:

$$V = H_0^1(D) = H_0^1(D_1) \oplus \dots \oplus H_0^1(D_d) \oplus W, \qquad u(y) = \sum_{i=1}^u u_i(y) + u_W(y),$$

Note:  $\operatorname{rank}(u_i) = 1$ .

 $V_{\Gamma} \subset H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma)$  trace space on skeleton  $\Gamma := \bigcup_i \partial D_i \setminus \partial D$ ,

harmonic extension operator

$$E \colon V_{\Gamma} \to V, \ v_{\Gamma} \mapsto E v_{\Gamma}$$



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satisfying  $(Ev_{\Gamma})|_{\Gamma} = v_{\Gamma}$  and

$$\int_{D_i} \nabla E v_{\Gamma} \cdot \nabla w \, dx = 0 \quad \text{for all } w \in H^1_0(D_i) \, .$$

Then  $W = \operatorname{range} E$  and  $u_W = E u_{\Gamma}$  with  $u_{\Gamma} = u|_{\Gamma}$ .

Steklov-Poincaré operators  $S_i \colon V_{\Gamma} \to V'_{\Gamma}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$ , and  $\bar{S} \colon V_{\Gamma} \to V'_{\Gamma}$ ,

$$\begin{split} \langle S_i v_{\Gamma}, w_{\Gamma} \rangle &:= \int_{D_i} \nabla E v_{\Gamma} \cdot \nabla E w_{\Gamma} \, dx \,, \quad \bar{S} := \sum_{i=1}^d S_i \,, \quad \langle \hat{f}, v_{\Gamma} \rangle := \int_D f \, E v_{\Gamma} \, dx \,. \\ u_{k,\Gamma}(y) &= \sum_{\ell=0}^k \Bigl( \sum_{i=1}^d y_i \, (\theta \bar{S}^{-1} S_i) \Bigr)^\ell \hat{g} \,, \qquad \hat{g} := \bar{S}^{-1} \hat{f} \end{split}$$

$$\operatorname{rank}(u_k) \le d + \operatorname{rank}(u_{k,\Gamma}).$$

Example with 
$$D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

<b>р</b> 2.	$D_3$	$D_4$
m-:	$D_1$	$D_2$





ordered V-norms of Legendre coefficients







$$D = [-1,1]^2, \qquad \Gamma_1 = [-1,1] \times \{0\}, \quad \Gamma_2 = \{0\} \times [-1,1], \quad \Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2.$$

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$$V_{\Gamma} = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3$$
 with

$$\begin{split} V_1 &:= \{ v \in V_{\Gamma} \colon v|_{\Gamma_1} \text{ and } v|_{\Gamma_2} \text{ are even} \} \,, \\ V_2 &:= \{ v \in V_{\Gamma} \colon v|_{\Gamma_1} \text{ odd, } v|_{\Gamma_2} = 0 \} \,, \\ V_3 &:= \{ v \in V_{\Gamma} \colon v|_{\Gamma_1} = 0, \, v|_{\Gamma_2} \text{ odd} \} \,. \end{split}$$

$$\displaystyle\sum_{i=1}^{4}y_{i}(\theta\bar{S}^{-1}S_{i})=\displaystyle\sum_{i=0}^{3}z_{i}(y)\,G_{i}$$
 with

$$\begin{array}{c} + & + \\ + & + \\ \hline + & + \\ \hline + & + \\ \hline - & + \\ + & - \\ \hline - & - \\ + & + \\ \hline - & - \\ \hline + & + \\ \hline + & - \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad G_1 := \theta \bar{S}^{-1} (S_1 - S_2 - S_3 + S_4)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} - & - \\ - & - \\ + & + \\ \hline - & - \\ \hline + & - \\ \hline + & - \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad G_2 := \theta \bar{S}^{-1} (S_1 + S_2 - S_3 - S_4)$$

$$u_{k,\Gamma}(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \Bigl(\sum_{i=0}^{3} z_{i}G_{i}\Bigr)^{\ell} \hat{g} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \dim \operatorname{span}\{G_{i_{1}}\cdots G_{i_{m}}\hat{g} \colon m \leq k\} \leq ?$$

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Decompose  $\hat{g} = g_1 + g_2 + g_3 \in V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3 = V_{\Gamma}$ :



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$D_3$	$D_4$
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(MB, Cohen '17) Let d = 4 with  $D_i$  as on the left. Then for any  $f \in V'$  and for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $v_j \in V$  and polynomials  $\phi_j$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in U} \left\| u(y) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} v_j \phi_j(y) \right\| \le C \exp\left(-\frac{|\ln \theta|}{8}n\right),$$

and hence

$$d_n(u(U))_V \le C \exp\left(-\frac{|\ln \theta|}{8}n\right).$$

- Here, best *n*-term polynomial expansions instead generally give errors  $\sim \exp(-cn^{1/3})$ .
- Results are independent of f and of the spatial regularity of u(y).
- As demonstrated by numerical tests: qualitatively slower decay of d<sub>n</sub> on irregular geometry.
- Deterioration as  $\theta \to 1$  (high-contrast coefficients)



Low-rank approximations in  $L^2(U, V)$ 

$$u(y) \approx u_n(y) = \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \phi_j(y), \quad v_j \in V, \ \phi_j \in L^2(U,\mu)$$

Expand in terms of reference basis functions:

$$v_j(x) \approx \sum_{\mu} \mathbf{V}_{\mu,j} \varphi_{\mu}(x), \quad \phi_j(y) \approx \sum_{\nu} \mathbf{\Phi}_{\nu,j} L_{\nu}(y) \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Phi}^T$$

with  $L_{\nu}$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^{\mathcal{I}}$ , orthonormal polynomials, and here assuming  $\{\varphi_{\mu}\}$  Riesz basis of V

Further separation of  $u_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_d$  in tensor train / hierarchical tensor format,

$$\Phi_{\nu,j} \approx \sum_{k_1=1}^{r_1} \cdots \sum_{k_{d-1}=1}^{r_{d-1}} \mathbf{B}_{\nu_1,k_1}^{(1)} \mathbf{B}_{k_1,\nu_2,k_2}^{(2)} \mathbf{B}_{k_2,\nu_3,k_3}^{(3)} \cdots \mathbf{B}_{k_{d-1},\nu_d,j}^{(d)}$$

So far: singular values of matricization  $\mathbf{u}_{\mu,(
u_1,...,
u_d)}$ 

Required ranks  $r_1, \ldots, r_{d-1} \; \leftrightarrow \;$  decay of singular values of matricizations

$$\mathbf{u}_{(\mu,\nu_1),(\nu_1,...,\nu_d)}, \quad \mathbf{u}_{(\mu,\nu_1,\nu_2),(\nu_3,...,\nu_d)}, \quad \dots, \quad \mathbf{u}_{(\mu,\nu_1,...,\nu_{d-1}),(\nu_d)}$$

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### Adaptive low-rank solvers

• MB, Dahmen '15: Choice of discretisation sets for  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  and error estimation: residual approximation + rank reduction  $\mathcal{T}_{\varepsilon}$ , tensor basis coarsening  $\mathcal{C}_{\varepsilon}$ 



Application to hierarchical tensor approximations for parametric PDEs: Adaptive low-rank solver with complexity estimates (MB, Cohen, Dahmen '17) Under our conjecture on (hierarchical) ranks, in given "checkerboard" example, total cost for accuracy  $\varepsilon$  in  $L^2(U, V)$  (with computable error estimator) bounded as

$$\operatorname{work}(\varepsilon) \lesssim d^{c \log d} |\log \varepsilon|^c \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{s}},$$

with rate  $\boldsymbol{s}$  for spatial discretization.

Different class of model problems:  $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$a(x,y) = \bar{a}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_j \psi_j(x), \quad y \in U := [-1,1]^{\mathcal{I}},$$

with  $\bar{a}, \psi_j \in L^{\infty}(D)$ , satisfying uniform ellipticity condition

 $0 < c \leq a(x,y) \leq C, \quad x \in D, \ y \in U,$ 

where  $\psi_j \xrightarrow{j \to \infty} 0$  have multilevel structure

Simple example (d = 1):

 $\psi_j$  hierarchical hat functions



Random coefficients: anisotropic dependence on infinitely many parameters

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u) &= 1 \text{ on } D = (0,1), \quad \psi(x) := 1 - 2|x - \frac{1}{2}| \\ a(x,y) &= 1 + c \sum_{\ell \ge 0} \sum_{k=0}^{2^{\ell} - 1} y_{\ell,k} \, 2^{-\alpha \ell} \psi(2^{\ell} x - k), \quad y_{\ell,k} \in [-1,1], \\ \alpha &= 1 \qquad \qquad \alpha = 2 \end{aligned}$$

orange: singular values  $\sigma_n(\mathbf{u})$ , blue: ordered Legendre coefficient norms  $||u_{\nu}||_V$ , --- known asymptotic decay of  $||u_{\nu}||_V$  (from MB, Cohen, Migliorati '15)

MB, Cohen, Dahmen '17: Equal asymptotic decay of  $\sigma_n(u)$  and  $||u_{\nu_n^*}||_V$  proven analytically in simple examples

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Conclusions on approximability:

- Favorable low-rank approximability observed, and in certain cases proved, for examples of PDEs with finitely many parameters.
- ► For all considered examples with infinitely many parameters, required ranks have the same asymptotic growth with respect to errors as the number of coefficients in a sparse Legendre expansion.
  - $\sim$  Here, tensor methods using orthogonalizations (or standard RB methods) are thus asymptotically more expensive than optimally implemented adaptive sparse Legendre solvers.

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