

Multi-Level and Multi-index Monte Carlo (and Multi-index Stochastic Collocation)

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Later, in our numerical example we use

$$S = 100 (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) u(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

for $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathcal{D}$ and $\sigma > 0$.

Monte Carlo (Metropolis and Ulam, 1949)

Recall the Monte Carlo method and its error splitting:

$$E[\Psi(u(\mathbf{y}))] - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \Psi(u_h(\mathbf{y}(\omega_m))) = \mathcal{E}_{bias}^{\Psi}(h) + \mathcal{E}_{stat}^{\Psi}(M)$$

$$|\mathcal{E}_{bias}^{\Psi}(h)| = \underbrace{|E[\Psi(u(\mathbf{y})) - \Psi(u_h(\mathbf{y}))]|}_{\text{discretization error}} \leq Ch^w$$

$$|\mathcal{E}_{stat}^{\Psi}(M)| = \underbrace{|E[\Psi(u_h(\mathbf{y}))] - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \Psi(u_h(\mathbf{y}(\omega_m)))|}_{\text{statistical error}} \lesssim c_0 \frac{\text{std}[\Psi(u_h)]}{\sqrt{M}}$$

The last approximation is motivated by the Central Limit Theorem.

$$P\left(|\mathcal{E}_{stat}^{\Psi}(M)| \leq c_0 \frac{\text{std}[\Psi(u_h)]}{\sqrt{M}}\right) \approx 1 - \epsilon$$



Assume: computational work for each $u(\mathbf{y}(\omega_m))$ is $\mathcal{O}(h^{-d\gamma})$.

Total work : $Mh^{-d\gamma}$

Total error : $|\mathcal{E}_{bias}^\Psi(h)| + |\mathcal{E}_{stat}^\Psi(M)| \leq C_1 h^w + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{M}}$

We want now to choose optimally h and M . Here we minimize the computational work subject to an accuracy constraint, i.e. we solve

$$\begin{cases} \min_{h,M} M h^{-d\gamma} \\ \text{s.t. } C_1 h^w + \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{M}} \leq \text{TOL} \end{cases}$$

We can interpret the above as a tolerance splitting into statistical and space discretization tolerances, $\text{TOL} = \text{TOL}_S + \text{TOL}_h$, such that

$$\text{TOL}_h = \frac{\text{TOL}}{(1 + 2w/(d\gamma))} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{TOL}_S = \text{TOL} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + 2w/(d\gamma))} \right).$$

The resulting complexity (error versus computational work) is then

$$W \propto \text{TOL}^{-(2+d\gamma/w)}$$

Numerical Approximation

We assume:

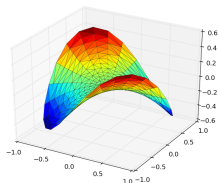
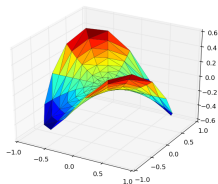
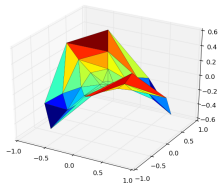
- $\mathcal{D} = \prod_{i=1}^d [0, D_i]$ for $D_i \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ be a hypercube domain in \mathbb{R}^d .
- we have an approximation of u (FEM, FD, FV, ...) based on discretization parameters h_i for $i = 1 \dots d$. Here

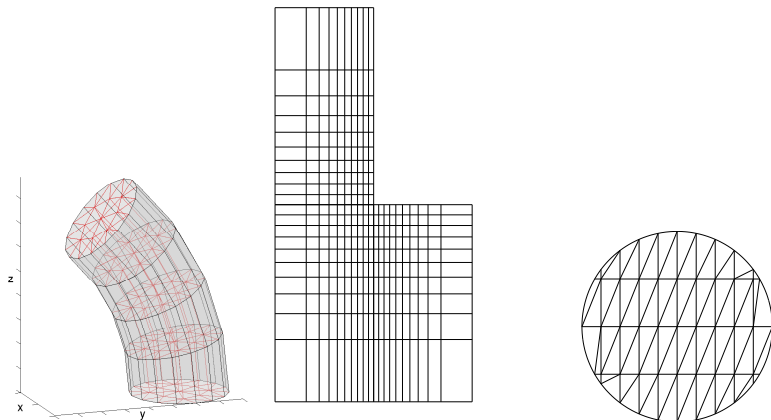
$$h_i = h_{i,0} \beta_i^{-\alpha_i},$$

with $\beta_i > 1$ and the multi-index

$$\alpha = (\alpha_i)_{i=1}^d \in \mathbb{N}^d.$$

Notation: S_α is the approximation of S calculated using a discretization defined by α .





Left: Tensor domain, cylinder.

Center: Non-tensor domain immersed in a tensor box.

Right: Non-tensor domain with a structured mesh.

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(Heinrich, 1998) and (Giles, 2008)

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Then, using MC to approximate each level independently, the **MLMC** estimator can be written as

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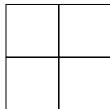
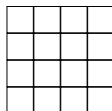
Variance reduction: MLMC

Recall: With Monte Carlo we have to satisfy

$$\text{Var}[A_{MC}] = \frac{1}{M_L} \text{Var}[S_L] \approx \frac{1}{M_L} \text{Var}[S] \leq \text{TOL}^2.$$

Main point: MLMC reduces the variance of the deepest level using samples on coarser (**less expensive**) levels!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[A_{MLMC}] &= \frac{1}{M_0} \text{Var}[S_0] \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=1}^L \frac{1}{M_\ell} \text{Var}[\Delta S_\ell] \leq \text{TOL}^2. \end{aligned}$$



Observe: Level 0 in MLMC is usually determined by *both* stability and accuracy, i.e.

$$\text{Var}[\Delta S_1] \ll \text{Var}[S_0] \approx \text{Var}[S] < \infty.$$

Classical assumptions for MLMC

For every ℓ , we assume the following:

Assumption 1 (Bias): $|E[S - S_\ell]| \lesssim \beta^{-w\ell}$,

Assumption 2 (Variance): $V_\ell = \text{Var}[\tilde{\Delta}S_\ell] \lesssim \beta^{-s\ell}$,

Assumption 3 (Work): $W_\ell = \text{Work}(\tilde{\Delta}S_\ell) \lesssim \beta^{d\gamma\ell}$,

for positive constants γ , w and $s \leq 2w$.

Example: Our smooth linear elliptic PDE example approximated with Multilinear piecewise cont. FEM: $2w = s = 4$, $1 \leq \gamma \leq 3$.

$$\text{Work of MLMC: } \text{Work}(\text{MLMC}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^L M_\ell W_\ell$$

Choose the samples $(M_\ell)_{\ell=0}^L$ optimally so $\text{Var}[\mathcal{A}_{\text{MLMC}}] \lesssim \text{TOL}^2$.

$$\text{Optimal Work of MLMC: } \text{Work}(\text{MLMC}) \lesssim \text{TOL}^{-2} \left(\sum_{\ell=0}^L \sqrt{V_\ell W_\ell} \right)^2$$

MLMC Computational Complexity

Choose the number of levels $L(\text{TOL})$ to bound the bias

$$|E[S - S_L]| \lesssim \beta^{-Lw} \leq \text{CTOL} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L \geq \frac{\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}) - \log(C)}{w \log(\beta)},$$

Then the optimal work satisfies (Giles et al., 2008, 2011):

$$\text{Work(MLMC)} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-2}), & s > d\gamma, \\ \mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-2} (\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}))^2), & s = d\gamma, \\ \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-\left(2 + \frac{d\gamma - s}{w}\right)}\right), & s < d\gamma. \end{cases}$$

Recall: $\text{Work(MC)} = \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-\left(2 + \frac{d\gamma}{w}\right)}\right).$

Questions related to MLMC

1. How to choose the mesh hierarchy h_ℓ ? [H-ASNT, 2015]
2. How to efficiently and reliably estimate V_ℓ ? How to find the correct number of levels, L ? [CH-ASNT, 2015]
3. Can we do better? Especially for $d > 1$? [H-ANT, 2015]

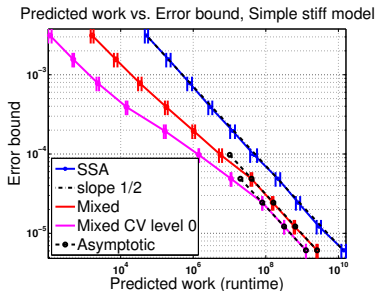
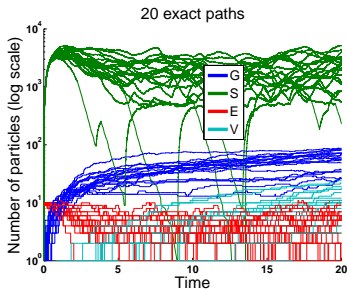
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Hybrid MLMC for Stochastic Reaction Networks

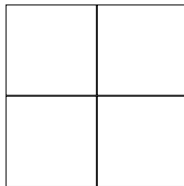
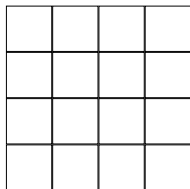
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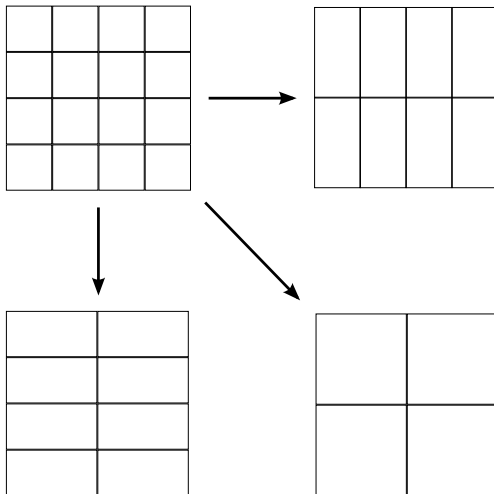
$$\text{Kurtz representation: } X(t) = x_0 + \sum_{j=1}^J Y_j \left(\int_0^t a_j(X(s)) ds \right) \nu_j, \text{ Tau-Leap: } \bar{X}_{n+1} = \bar{X}_n + \sum_{j=1}^J \mathcal{P}_j(a_n \Delta t) \nu_j$$

with independent unit-rate Poisson processes $\{Y_j(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ and reaction channels $\{a_j, \nu_j\}$.

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Variance reduction: Further potential



Multi-Index Monte Carlo (MIMC)

(Haji Ali, Nobile, T. 2015)

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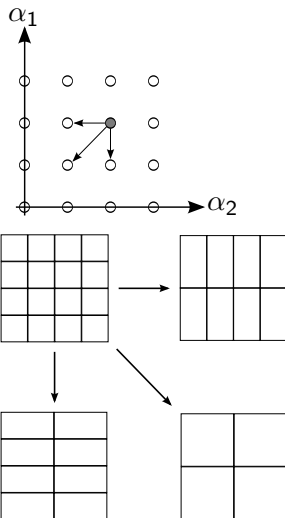
for some *properly chosen* index set $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{N}^d$ and samples $(M_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}}$.

Example: On mixed differences

Consider $d = 2$. In this case, letting $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta S_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} &= \Delta_2(\Delta_1 S_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}) \\
 &= \Delta_2(S_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} - S_{\alpha_1-1, \alpha_2}) \\
 &= (S_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} - S_{\alpha_1-1, \alpha_2}) \\
 &\quad - (S_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2-1} - S_{\alpha_1-1, \alpha_2-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that in general, ΔS_α requires 2^d evaluations of S at different discretization parameters, the largest work of which corresponds precisely to the index appearing in ΔS_α , namely α .





Our objective is to build an estimator $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{MIMC}}$ where

$$P(|\mathcal{A} - E[S]| \leq \text{TOL}) \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad (1)$$

for a given accuracy TOL and a given confidence level determined by $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$. We instead impose the following, more restrictive, two constraints:

Bias constraint: $E[\mathcal{A} - S] \leq (1 - \theta)\text{TOL}, \quad (2)$

Statistical constraint: $P(|\mathcal{A} - E[\mathcal{A}]| \leq \theta\text{TOL}) \geq 1 - \epsilon. \quad (3)$

For a given fixed $\theta \in (0, 1)$. Moreover, motivated by the asymptotic normality of the estimator, \mathcal{A} , we approximate (3) by

$$\text{Var}[\mathcal{A}] \leq \left(\frac{\theta\text{TOL}}{C_\epsilon} \right)^2. \quad (4)$$

Here, $0 < C_\epsilon$ is such that $\Phi(C_\epsilon) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, where Φ is the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal random var.

Given variance and work estimates we can already optimize for the optimal number of samples $M_{\alpha}^* \in \mathbb{R}$ to satisfy the variance constraint (4)

$$M_{\alpha}^* = \left(\frac{C_{\epsilon}}{\theta_{\text{TOL}}} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{V_{\alpha}}{W_{\alpha}}} \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} \sqrt{V_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}} \right).$$

Taking $M_{\alpha}^* \leq M_{\alpha} \leq M_{\alpha}^* + 1$ such that $M_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}$ and substituting in the total work gives

$$\text{Work}(\mathcal{I}) \leq \left(\frac{C_{\epsilon}}{\theta_{\text{TOL}}} \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} \sqrt{V_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}} \right)^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} W_{\alpha}}_{\text{Min. cost of } \mathcal{I}}.$$

Observe: The work now depends on \mathcal{I} only.

MIMC general analysis framework

Question: How do we find optimal index set \mathcal{I} for MIMC?

$$\min_{\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{N}^d} \text{Work}(\mathcal{I}) \quad \text{such that Bias} = \sum_{\alpha \notin \mathcal{I}} E_{\alpha} \leq (1 - \theta)\text{TOL},$$

Assumption: MIMC work is *not* dominated by the work to compute a single sample corresponding to each α .

Then, minimizing equivalently $\sqrt{\text{Work}(\mathcal{I})}$, the previous min problem can be recast into a knapsack problem with profits defined for each multi-index α .

The corresponding α profit is

$$\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} = \frac{\text{Bias contribution}}{\text{Work contribution}} = \frac{E_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{V_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}}}$$

MIMC general analysis framework

Define the total error associated with an index-set \mathcal{I} as

$$\mathfrak{E}(\mathcal{I}) = \sum_{\alpha \notin \mathcal{I}} E_{\alpha}$$

and the corresponding total work estimate as

$$\mathfrak{W}(\mathcal{I}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} \sqrt{V_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}}.$$

Then we can show the following optimality result with respect to $\mathfrak{E}(\mathcal{I})$ and $\mathfrak{W}(\mathcal{I})$, namely:

Lemma (Optimal profit sets)

The index-set

$$\mathcal{I}(\nu) = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d : \mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \geq \nu\}$$

for $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} = \frac{E_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{V_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}}}$ is optimal in the sense that any other index-set, $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$, with smaller work, $\mathfrak{W}(\tilde{\mathcal{I}}) < \mathfrak{W}(\mathcal{I}(\nu))$, leads to a larger error, $\mathfrak{E}(\tilde{\mathcal{I}}) > \mathfrak{E}(\mathcal{I}(\nu))$.

MIMC general analysis framework

Once the shape of \mathcal{I} is determined, we find $\mathcal{I}(\text{TOL})$ by the bias

$$\mathfrak{E}(\mathcal{I}(\text{TOL})) = \sum_{\alpha \notin \mathcal{I}(\text{TOL})} E_{\alpha} \leq (1 - \theta)\text{TOL}$$

yielding the corresponding computational work

$$\left(\frac{C_{\epsilon}}{\theta \text{TOL}} \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}(\text{TOL})} \sqrt{V_{\alpha} W_{\alpha}} \right)^2 \lesssim \text{TOL}^{-(2+p)}$$

Particular assumptions for MIMC For every α , assume

Assumption 1 (Bias) : $E_{\alpha} = |\mathbb{E}[\Delta S_{\alpha}]| \lesssim \prod_{i=1}^d \beta_i^{-\alpha_i w_i}$

Assumption 2 (Variance) : $V_{\alpha} = \text{Var}[\Delta S_{\alpha}] \lesssim \prod_{i=1}^d \beta_i^{-\alpha_i s_i}$,

Assumption 3 (Work) : $W_{\alpha} = \text{Work}(\Delta S_{\alpha}) \lesssim \prod_{i=1}^d \beta_i^{\alpha_i \gamma_i}$,

For positive constants $\gamma_i, w_i, s_i \leq 2w_i$ and for $i = 1 \dots d$.

Particular optimal index-set for MIMC

In particular, under **Assumptions 1-3**, the optimal index-set can be written (by the profit-thresholding Lemma defining \mathcal{I}) as

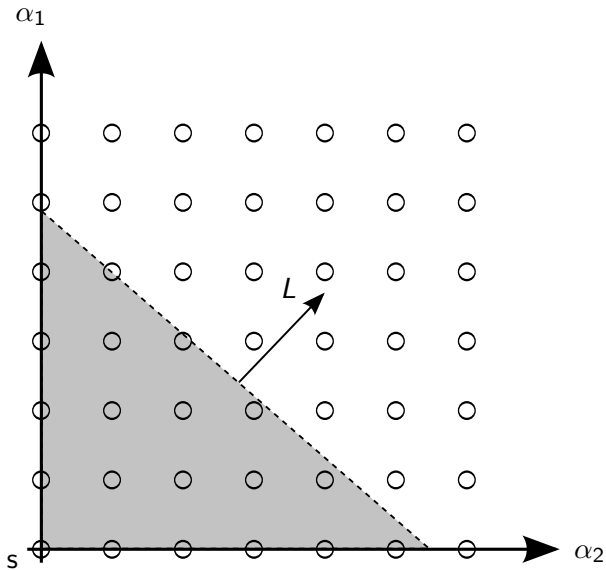
$$\mathcal{I}_\delta(L) = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d : \alpha \cdot \delta = \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i \delta_i \leq L\}. \quad (5)$$

Here $L \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\delta_i = \frac{\log(\beta_i)(w_i + \frac{\gamma_i - s_i}{2})}{C_\delta}, \quad \text{for all } i \in \{1 \cdots d\}, \quad (6)$$

and
$$C_\delta = \sum_{j=1}^d \log(\beta_j)(w_j + \frac{\gamma_j - s_j}{2}).$$

Observe that $0 < \delta_i \leq 1$, since $s_i \leq 2w_i$ and $\gamma_i > 0$. Moreover, $\sum_{i=1}^d \delta_i = 1$.



MIMC work estimate for particular assumptions

$$\eta = \min_{i \in \{1 \cdots d\}} \frac{\log(\beta_i) w_i}{\delta_i}, \quad \zeta = \max_{i \in \{1 \cdots d\}} \frac{\gamma_i - s_i}{2w_i}, \quad \mathfrak{z} = \#\{i \in \{1 \cdots d\} : \frac{\gamma_i - s_i}{2w_i} = \zeta\}.$$

Theorem (Work estimate with optimal weights)

Let the total-degree index set $\mathcal{I}_\delta(L)$ be given by (5) and (6), taking

$$L = \frac{1}{\eta} \left(\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}) + (\mathfrak{z} - 1) \log \left(\frac{1}{\eta} \log(\text{TOL}^{-1}) \right) + C \right).$$

Under **Assumptions 1-3**, the bias constraint in (2) is satisfied asymptotically and the total work, $W(\mathcal{I}_\delta)$, of the MIMC estimator, \mathcal{A} , subject to the variance constraint (4) satisfies:

$$\limsup_{\text{TOL} \downarrow 0} \frac{W(\mathcal{I}_\delta)}{\text{TOL}^{-2-2\max(0,\zeta)} (\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}))^{\mathfrak{p}}} < \infty,$$

where $0 \leq \mathfrak{p} \leq 3d + 2(d-1)\zeta$ is known and depends on $d, \gamma, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{s}$ and β .

Powers of the logarithmic term

$$\xi = \min_{i \in \{1 \cdots d\}} \frac{2w_i - s_i}{\gamma_i}, \quad d_2 = \#\{i \in \{1 \cdots d\} : \gamma_i = s_i\},$$

$$\zeta = \max_{i \in \{1 \cdots d\}} \frac{\gamma_i - s_i}{2w_i}, \quad \mathfrak{z} = \#\{i \in \{1 \cdots d\} : \frac{\gamma_i - s_i}{2w_i} = \zeta\}.$$

Cases for p :

A) if $\zeta \leq 0$ and $\zeta < \xi$,
or $\zeta = \xi = 0$

then $p = 2d_2$.

B) if $\zeta > 0$ and $\xi > 0$

then $p = 2(\mathfrak{z} - 1)(\zeta + 1)$.

C-D) if $\zeta \geq 0$ and $\xi = 0$

then $p = d - 1 + 2(\mathfrak{z} - 1)(\zeta + 1)$.

Fully Isotropic Case: Smooth noise case

Assume $w_i = w$, $s_i = 2w$, $\beta_i = \beta$ and $\gamma_i = \gamma$ for all $i \in \{1 \cdots d\}$ and $d \geq 3$. Then the optimal work is

$$\text{Work}(\text{MC}) = \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-2 - \frac{d\gamma}{w}}\right).$$

$$\text{Work}(\text{MLMC}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-2}), & 2w > d\gamma, \\ \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-2} (\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}))^2\right), & 2w = d\gamma, \\ \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-\frac{d\gamma}{w}}\right), & 2w < d\gamma. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Work}(\text{MIMC}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-2}), & 2w > \gamma, \\ \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-2} (\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}))^{3(d-1)}\right), & 2w = \gamma, \\ \mathcal{O}\left(\text{TOL}^{-\frac{\gamma}{w}} (\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}))^{(d-1)(1+\gamma/w)}\right), & 2w < \gamma, \end{cases}$$

Up to a multiplicative logarithmic term, $\text{Work}(\text{MIMC})$ is the same as solving just a **one dimensional** deterministic problem.

Three dimensional PDE problem description

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\nabla \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}; \omega) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}; \omega)) &= 1 && \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in (0, 1)^3, \\
 u(\mathbf{x}; \omega) &= 0 && \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \partial(0, 1)^3,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } a(\mathbf{x}; \omega) = 1 + \exp\left(2Y_1\Phi_{121}(\mathbf{x}) + 2Y_2\Phi_{877}(\mathbf{x})\right).$$

Here, Y_1 and Y_2 are i.i.d. uniform random variables in the range $[-1, 1]$. We also take

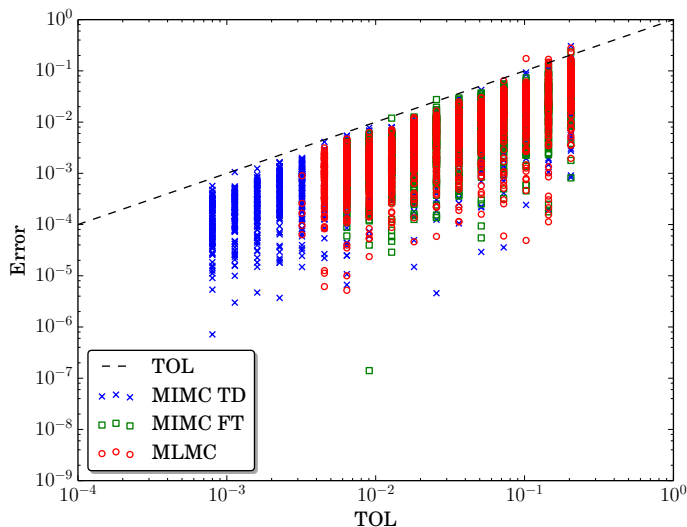
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{ijk}(\mathbf{x}) &= \phi_i(x_1)\phi_j(x_2)\phi_k(x_3), \\
 \text{and } \phi_i(x) &= \begin{cases} \cos\left(\frac{i}{2}\pi x\right) & i \text{ is even,} \\ \sin\left(\frac{i+1}{2}\pi x\right) & i \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the quantity of interest, S , is

$$S = 100 \left(2\pi\sigma^2\right)^{\frac{-3}{2}} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) u(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x},$$

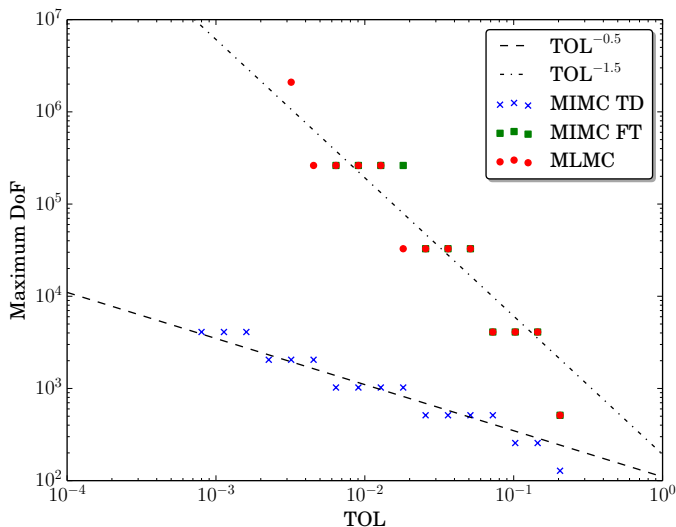
and the selected parameters are $\sigma = 0.04$ and $\mathbf{x}_0 = [0.5, 0.2, 0.6]$. We have $\gamma_i = 2$, $w_i = 2$, and $s_i = 4$.

Numerical test: Computational Errors



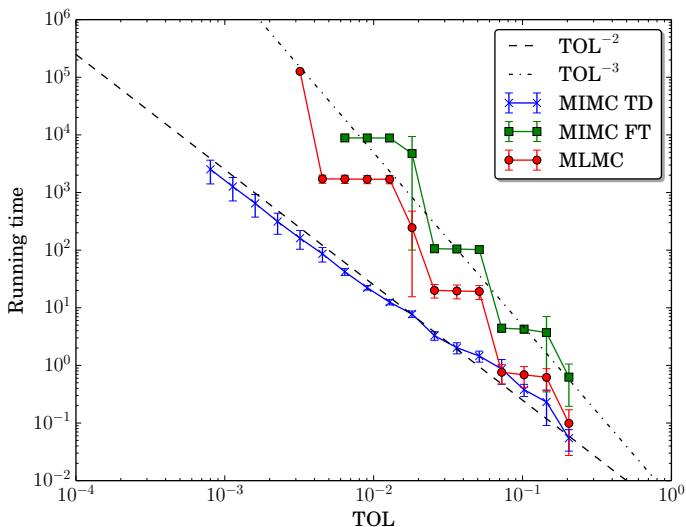
Several runs
for different
TOL values.
Error is
satisfied in
probability
but not
over-killed.

Numerical test: Maximum degrees of freedom



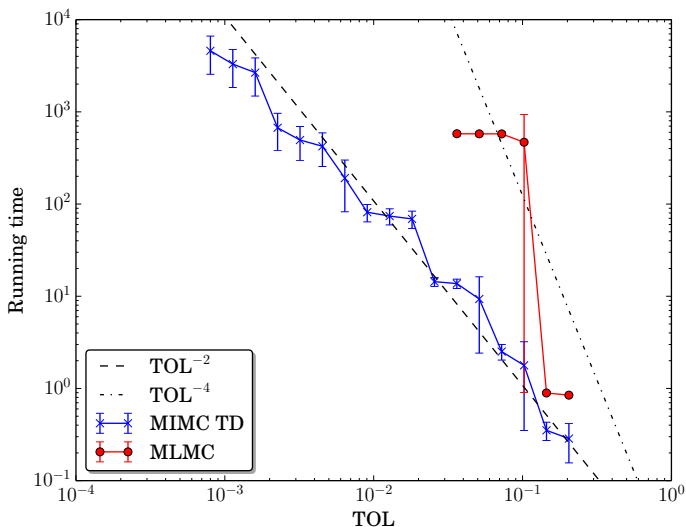
Maximum number of degrees of freedom of a sample PDE solve for different TOL values. This is an indication of required memory.

Numerical test: Running time, 3D problem



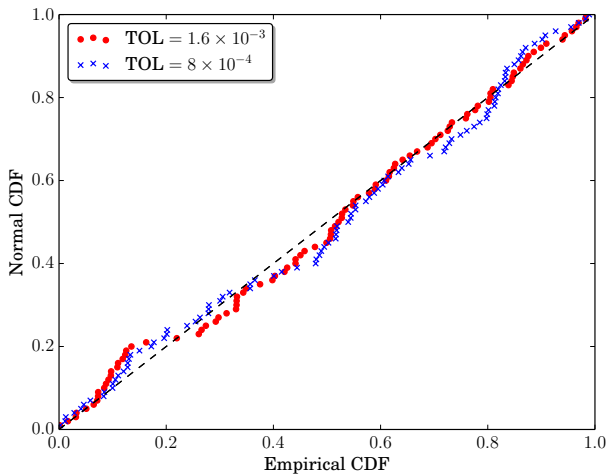
Recall that
the work
complexity of
Monte Carlo
is
 $\mathcal{O}(TOL^{-5})$

Numerical test: Running time, 4D problem



A similar PDE problem with $d=4$. The work complexity of Monte Carlo is $\mathcal{O}(TOL^{-6})$.

Numerical test: QQ-plot



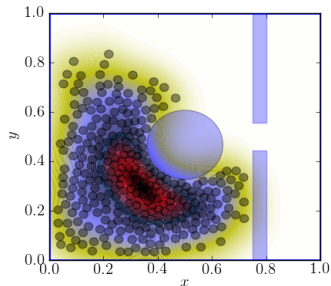
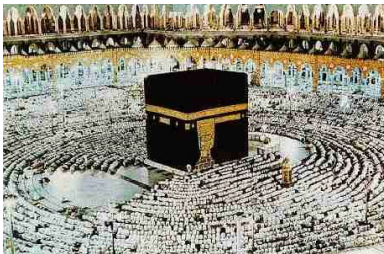
Numerical verification of asymptotic normality of the MIMC estimator. A corresponding statement and proof of the normality of an MIMC estimator can be found in (Haji-Ali et al. 2015).

MIMC Conclusions and Extra Points

- MIMC is a generalization of MLMC and performs better, especially in higher dimensions, provided mixed regularity between discretization parameters.
- MIMC general analysis framework, identifying optimal index-set through profit thresholding. Each set of regularity assumptions yield its optimal index-set and related complexity.
- A MIMC direction does not have to be a spatial dimension. It can represent any form of discretization parameter!
Example: 1-DIM Stochastic Particle Systems, MIMC brings complexity down from $\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-4})$ to $\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-2} \log(\text{TOL}^{-1})^2)$.
"A study of Monte Carlo methods for weak approximations of stochastic particle systems in the mean-field", by A. L. Haji Ali and R. T. May 2016.
- **Observe, connection to Ensemble Kalman Filter (EnKF):** ML-MIMC can compute other statistics, for instance the *covariance*.

Stochastic Particle Systems in the Mean-field

- Particle systems are a collection of **coupled**, usually identical and simple, models that can be used to model complicated phenomena.
 - Molecular dynamics, Crowd simulation, Oscillators
- Certain particles systems approach a mean-field limit as the number of particles increase. Such limits can be useful to understand their complicated phenomena.



Kuramoto oscillator model [†]

For $p = 1, 2, \dots, P$

$$dX_{p|P}(t) = \left(\vartheta_p + \frac{1}{P} \sum_{q=1}^P \sin(X_{p|P}(t) - X_{q|P}(t)) \right) dt + \sigma dW_{p|P}(t)$$

$$X_{p|P}(0) = x_{p|P}^0$$

where we are interested in

$$\text{Total disorder} = \left(\frac{1}{P} \sum_{p=1}^P \cos(X_{p|P}(T)) \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{P} \sum_{p=1}^P \sin(X_{p|P}(T)) \right)^2 :$$

a real number between zero and one that measures the level of synchronization of the oscillators.

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$$\phi_P = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{p=1}^P \cos(X_{p|P}(T)),$$

Mean-field limit: $\phi_P \rightarrow \phi_\infty = \mathbb{E}[\cos(X_{p|\infty}(T))] \quad \text{as } P \uparrow \infty$

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Kuramoto oscillator model [†], Euler-Maruyama

For $p = 1, 2, \dots, P$

$$X_{p|P}^{n|N} - X_{p|P}^{n-1|N} = \left(\vartheta_p + \frac{1}{P} \sum_{q=1}^P \sin(X_{p|P}^{n|N} - X_{q|P}^{n|N}) \right) \frac{T}{N} + \sigma \Delta W_{p|P}^{n|N}$$

$$X_{p|P}^{0|N} = x_{p|P}^0$$

where we are interested in

$$\phi_P^N = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{p=1}^P \cos \left(X_{p|P}^{N|N} \right),$$

Mean-field limit: $\phi_P \rightarrow \phi_\infty = \mathbb{E}[\cos(X_{p|\infty}(T))] \quad \text{as } P \uparrow \infty$

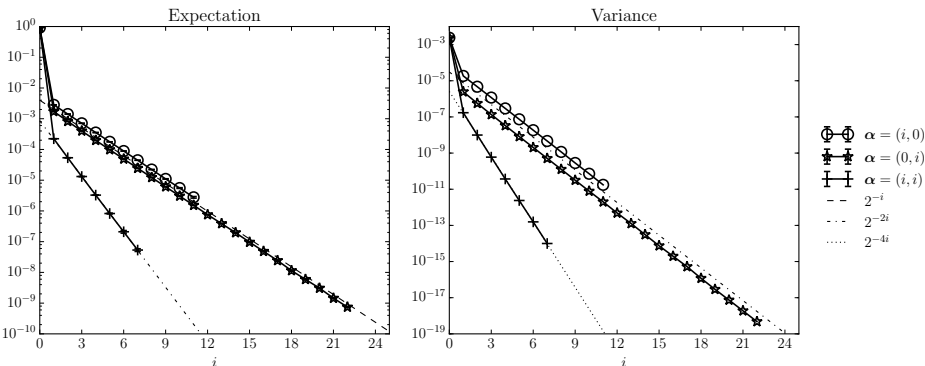
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MIMC, with partitioning samplers

- Let $P_{\alpha_1} = 2^{\alpha_1}$ and $N_{\alpha_2} = 2^{\alpha_2}$.
- Build correlated samples by
 - Sampling 2^{α_1} and sub-sampling **two identically-distributed, independent groups** of 2^{α_1-1} particles out of them.
 - At the same time, by using the same Brownian paths discretized with different meshes 2^{α_2} and 2^{α_2-1} .
 - **Use MIMC levels: Mixed differences!**

MIMC, with partitioning samplers

- Let $P_{\alpha_1} = 2^{\alpha_1}$ and $N_{\alpha_2} = 2^{\alpha_2}$.

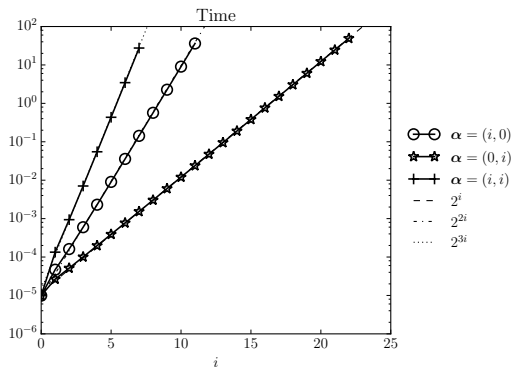


$$w_1, w_2 = 1, s_1 = s_2 = 2$$

Notice higher rates for mixed difference.

MIMC, with partitioning samplers

- Let $P_{\alpha_1} = 2^{\alpha_1}$ and $N_{\alpha_2} = 2^{\alpha_2}$.



$$\gamma_1 = 2, \gamma_2 = 1$$

MIMC, with partitioning samplers

- Let $P_{\alpha_1} = 2^{\alpha_1}$ and $N_{\alpha_2} = 2^{\alpha_2}$.
- **Summary:**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} w_1 = w_2 = 1 \\ s_1 = s_2 = 2 \\ \gamma_1 = 2\gamma_2 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \implies \zeta = \max \left(\frac{\gamma_1 - s_1}{2w_1}, \frac{\gamma_2 - s_2}{2w_2} \right) = 0$$

- The optimal set

$$\mathcal{I}(L) = \left\{ (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : 2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 \leq L \right\}$$

- The optimal work of the **asymptotically unbiased** MIMC is

$$\mathcal{O} \left(\text{TOL}^{-2} \log (\text{TOL}^{-1})^2 \right)$$

Summary

Method	Work complexity
Monte Carlo	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-4})$
MLMC in N	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-3})$
MLMC in P	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-4})$
MLMC in P , partitioning	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-3} \log(\text{TOL}^{-1})^2)$
MLMC in P and N	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-4})$
MLMC in P and N , partitioning	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-3})$
MIMC	$\mathcal{O}(\text{TOL}^{-2} \log(\text{TOL}^{-1})^2)$

Numerical Example: MIMC vs. MLMC

$$X_{p|P}^{n|N} - X_{p|P}^{n-1|N} = \left(\vartheta_p + \frac{0.4}{P} \sum_{q=1}^P \sin(X_{p|P}^{n|N} - X_{q|P}^{n|N}) \right) \frac{T}{N} + 0.4 \Delta W_{p|P}^{n|N}$$

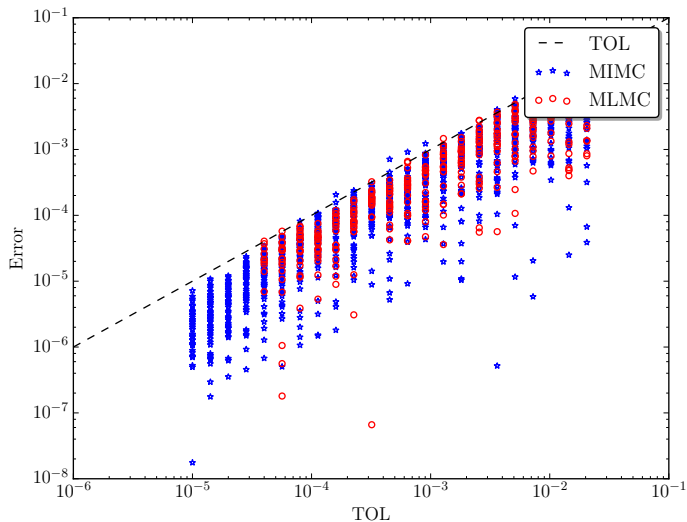
$$X_{p|P}^{0|N} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.2)$$

where $\vartheta_p \sim \mathcal{U}(-0.2, 0.2)$. The quantity of interested is

$$\phi_P^N = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{p=1}^P \cos(X_{p|P}^{N|N}).$$

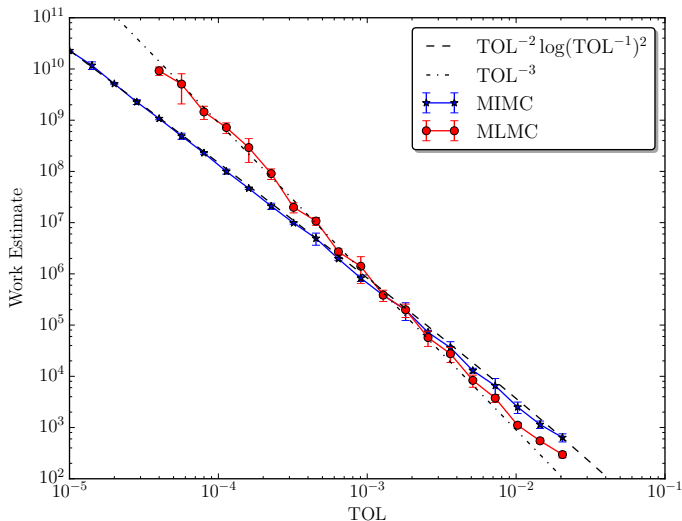
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Numerical Example: MIMC vs. MLMC

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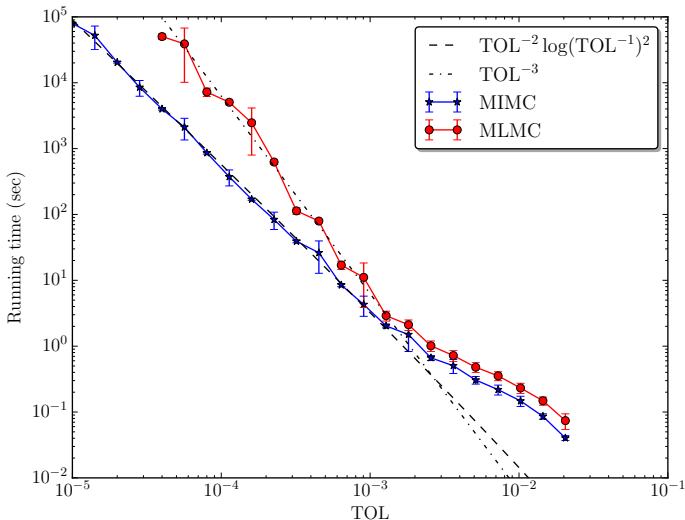
Numerical Example: MIMC vs. MLMC

for $T = 1$.



Numerical Example: MIMC vs. MLMC

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Multi Level computation of the Covariance, $\text{Cov}[S]$

Let now S be a vector valued output quantity of the solution of a stochastic differential equation, and S_ℓ its approximation based on a level ℓ discretization. Our goal is to approximate the covariance.

Monte Carlo: based on M iid samples, $\{S_{L,i}\}_{i=1}^M$, compute the sample mean and sample covariance

$$E[S_L; M] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M S_{L,i},$$

$$\text{Cov}[S_L; M] = \frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{m=1}^M (S_{L,i} - E[S_L; M])(S_{L,i} - E[S_L; M])^T$$

Multilevel Monte Carlo: [Bierig-Chernov,2014]

$$\text{Cov}_{ML} = \sum_{\ell=0}^L \{ \text{Cov}[S_\ell; M_\ell] - \text{Cov}[S_{\ell-1}; M_\ell] \}$$

Observe: both $\text{Cov}[S_\ell; M_\ell]$ and $\text{Cov}[S_{\ell-1}; M_\ell]$ use the *same noise*.

Filtering problem description

Consider the underlying and unobservable (stochastic) dynamics and observations,

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{n+1} &= \Psi(u_n), \\
 y_{n+1} &= Hu_{n+1} + \gamma_{n+1}, \quad \gamma_{n+1} \sim N(0, \Gamma).
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume $u_0 \in L^p(\Omega)$ for any $p \geq 1$ and $H \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$.

The observation noise is iid and independent of the noise driving the dynamics.

Objective: Let $Y_n := (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ and let Y_n^{obs} be a sequence of *fixed* observations. Construct an efficient method for tracking $u_n | (Y_n = Y_n^{obs})$. That is, approximate

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\phi(u_n) | Y_n = Y_n^{obs} \right]$$

for a given observable $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Ensemble Kalman Filtering (Evensen 94)

Predict

1. Compute (numerical solutions of) M particle paths one step forward

$$\hat{v}_{n+1,i} = \Psi(v_{n,i}, \omega_i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M.$$

2. Compute their sample mean and covariance

$$\hat{m}_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} = E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}]$$

$$\hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{MC}} = \text{Cov}_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}]$$

$$\text{where } E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}] := \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{v}_{n+1,i}$$

$$\text{and } \text{Cov}_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}] := E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1} \hat{v}_{n+1}^T] - E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}](E_M[\hat{v}_{n+1}])^T.$$

Ensemble Kalman Filtering II

Update

1. Generate signal observations for the ensemble of particles

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1,i} = y_{n+1}^{obs} + \gamma_{n+1,i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M,$$

with i.i.d. $\gamma_{n+1,1} \sim N(0, \Gamma)$.

2. Use signal observations to update, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$, particle paths

$$v_{n+1,i} = (I - K_{n+1}^{MC} H) \hat{v}_{n+1,i} + K_{n+1}^{MC} \tilde{y}_{n+1,i},$$

where $K_{n+1}^{MC} = \hat{C}_{n+1}^{MC} H^T (H \hat{C}_{n+1}^{MC} H^T + \Gamma)^{-1}$.

Note: After the first update step, all particles are correlated due to K_{n+1}^{MC} .



Reducing computational cost of EnKF with MLEnKF

Idea: In Multilevel EnKF, we aim to produce similar computational gains wrt EnKF as Multilevel MC does wrt MC. The Multilevel approximation is done to the state covariance!

- H. Hoel, K. J. H. Law, R. T., "Multilevel Ensemble Kalman Filtering". Accepted for publication, SINUM (2016).
- A. Beskos, Ajay Jasra, K. Law, R. T. and Y. Zhou, Multilevel Sequential Monte Carlo Samplers. Submitted, 2015.

Multilevel EnKF (MLEnKF)

Prediction Step

- Compute an ensemble of particle paths on a hierarchy of accuracy levels

$$\hat{v}_{n+1,i}^{\ell-1} = \Psi^{\ell-1}(v_{n,i}^{\ell-1}, \omega_{\ell,i}), \quad \hat{v}_{n+1,i}^{\ell} = \Psi^{\ell}(v_{n,i}^{\ell}, \omega_{\ell,i}),$$

for the levels $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, L$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, M_{\ell}$.

- Multilevel approximation of mean and covariance matrices:

$$\hat{m}_{n+1}^{\text{ML}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^L E_{M_{\ell}}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell} - \hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell-1}],$$

$$\hat{C}_{n+1}^{\text{ML}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^L \left\{ \text{Cov}_{M_{\ell}}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell}] - \text{Cov}_{M_{\ell}}[\hat{v}_{n+1}^{\ell-1}] \right\}$$

Notice the MLMC telescoping properties hold by construction.

Multi Level EnKF update step

Update Step

For $\ell = 0, 1, \dots, L$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, M_\ell$,

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1,i}^\ell = y_{n+1}^{obs} + \gamma_{n+1,i}^\ell, \quad \text{i.i.d. } \gamma_{n+1,i}^\ell \sim N(0, \Gamma)$$

$$v_{n+1,i}^{\ell-1} = (I - K_{n+1}^{ML} H) \hat{v}_{n+1,i}^{\ell-1} + K_{n+1}^{ML} \tilde{y}_{n+1,i}^\ell,$$

$$v_{n+1,i}^\ell = (I - K_{n+1}^{ML} H) \hat{v}_{n+1,i}^\ell + K_{n+1}^{ML} \tilde{y}_{n+1,i}^\ell,$$

$$\text{where } K_{n+1}^{ML} = \hat{C}_{n+1}^{ML} H^T (H \hat{C}_{n+1}^{ML} H^T + \Gamma)^{-1}.$$

Beyond MIMC: Multi-Index Stochastic Collocation

- Can we do even better if additional smoothness is available?

[MISC1, 2015] A.-L. Haji-Ali, F. Nobile, L. Tamellini and R. T. “Multi-Index Stochastic Collocation for random PDEs”. arXiv:1508.07467. Computers and Mathematics with Applications, Vol. 306, pp. 95–122, July 2016.

[MISC2, 2015] A.-L. Haji-Ali, F. Nobile, L. Tamellini and R. T. ”Multi-Index Stochastic Collocation convergence rates for random PDEs with parametric regularity”. arXiv:1511.05393v1. Submitted, November 2015.

Idea: Use sparse quadrature to carry the integration in MIMC!

MISC Assumptions

For some strictly positive constant Q_W , g_j , w_i , C_{work} and γ_i for $i = 1 \dots d$ and $j = 1 \dots n$, there holds

$$\left| \Delta^n \left(\Delta^d S_{\alpha, \tau} \right) \right| \leq Q_W \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \exp(-g_j \tau_j) \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \exp(-w_i \alpha_i) \right).$$

$$\text{Work} \left(\Delta^n \left(\Delta^d S_{\alpha, \tau} \right) \right) \leq C_{\text{work}} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n \tau_j \right) \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \exp(\gamma_i \alpha_i) \right).$$

This a simplified presentation that can be easily generalized to nested points.

MISC work estimate

Theorem (Work estimate with optimal weights)

[MISC1, 2015] Under (our usual) assumptions on the error and work convergence there exists an index-set \mathcal{I} such that

$$\lim_{\text{TOL} \downarrow 0} \frac{|\mathcal{A}_{MISC}(\mathcal{I}) - \mathbb{E}[S]|}{\text{TOL}} \leq 1$$

and

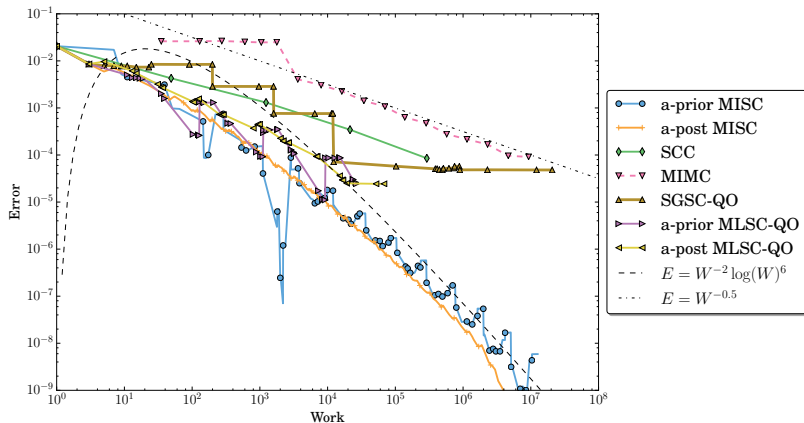
$$\lim_{\text{TOL} \downarrow 0} \frac{\text{Work}[\mathcal{A}_{MISC}(\mathcal{I})]}{\text{TOL}^{-\zeta} (\log(\text{TOL}^{-1}))^{(\beta-1)(\zeta+1)}} = C(n, d) < \infty \quad (7)$$

where $\zeta = \max_{i=1}^d \frac{\gamma_i}{w_i}$ and $\beta = \#\{i = 1, \dots, d : \frac{w_i}{\gamma_i} = \zeta\}$.

Note that the rate is independent of the number of random variables n . Moreover, d appears only in the logarithmic power.

MISC numerical comparison [MISC1, 2015]

Comparison with MIMC and **Quasi Optimal (QO)** Single & Multilevel Level Sparse Grid Stochastic Collocation





MISC (parametric regularity, $N = \infty$) [MISC2, 2015]

We use MISC to compute on a hypercube domain $B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) &= f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{in } B \\ u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= 0 \quad \text{on } \partial B, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = e^{\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}, \quad \text{with } \kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}_+} \psi_j(\mathbf{x}) y_j.$$

Here, \mathbf{y} are iid uniform and the regularity of \mathbf{a} (and hence u) is determined through the decay of the norm of the derivatives of $\psi_j \in C^\infty(B)$. Given the sequences

$$b_{s,j} = \max_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{N}^d: |\mathbf{s}| \leq s} \|D^{\mathbf{s}} \psi_j\| L^\infty(B), \quad j \geq 1,$$

we assume that there exist $0 < p_0 \leq p_s < \frac{1}{2}$ s.t. $\{b_{s,j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_+} \in \ell^{p_s}$.

Theorem (MISC convergence theorem)

[MISC2, 2015] *Under technical assumptions the profit-based MISC estimator built using Stochastic Collocation over Clenshaw-Curtis points and piecewise multilinear finite elements for solving the deterministic problems, we have, for $\delta > 0$,*

$$|\mathbb{E}[S] - \mathcal{A}_{MISC}[S]| \leq \tilde{C}_P(\delta) \text{Work}[\mathcal{A}_{MISC}[S]]^{-r_{MISC} + \delta}.$$

The rate r_{MISC} is as follows:

Case 1 if $\frac{\gamma}{r_{FEM} + \gamma} \geq \frac{p_s}{1 - p_s}$, then $r_{MISC} = \frac{r_{FEM}}{\gamma}$,

Case 2 if $\frac{\gamma}{r_{FEM} + \gamma} \leq \frac{p_s}{1 - p_s}$, then

$$r_{MISC} = \left(\frac{1}{p_0} - 2 \right) \left(\gamma \frac{p_s - p_0}{r_{FEM} p_0 p_s} + 1 \right)^{-1}.$$

Ideas for proofs in [MISC2, 2015]

- Shift theorem: From regularity of a and f to regularity of $u \in H^{1+s}(B) \Rightarrow u \in \mathcal{H}_{mix}^{1+q}(B)$, for $0 < q < s/d$.
- Extend holomorphically $u(\cdot, \mathbf{z}) \in H^{1+r}(B)$ on polyellipse $\mathbf{z} \in \Sigma_r$ (use p_r summability of \mathbf{b}_r) to get stochastic rates and estimates for Δ .
- Use weighted summability of knapsack profits to prove convergence rates.

Example: log uniform field with parametric regularity [MISC2, 2015]

Here, the regularity of $\kappa = \log(a)$ is determined through $\nu > 0$

$$\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{N}^d} A_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\ell \in \{0,1\}^d} y_{\mathbf{k},\ell} \prod_{j=1}^d \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{L} k_j x_j\right) \right)^{\ell_j} \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{L} k_j x_j\right) \right)^{1-\ell_j},$$

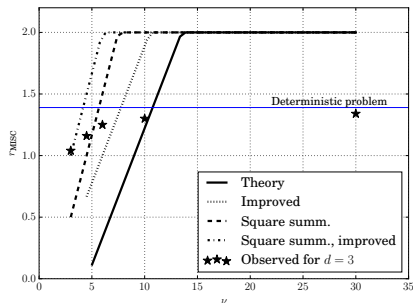
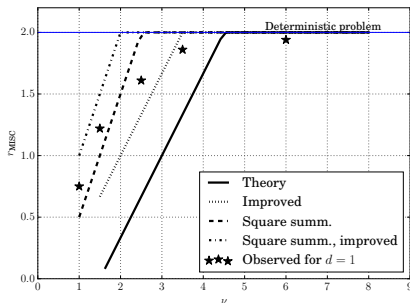
where the coefficients $A_{\mathbf{k}}$ are taken as

$$A_{\mathbf{k}} = \left(\sqrt{3}\right) 2^{\frac{|\mathbf{k}|_0}{2}} (1 + |\mathbf{k}|^2)^{-\frac{\nu+d/2}{2}}.$$

We have

$$\rho_0 > \left(\frac{\nu}{d} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_s > \left(\frac{\nu - s}{d} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1}.$$

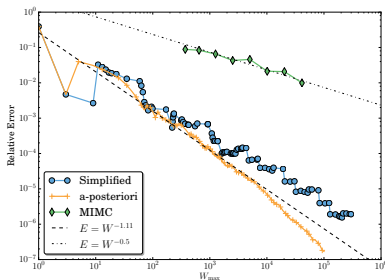
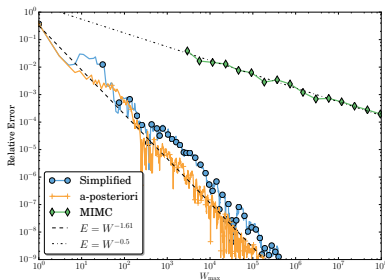
Application of main theorem [MISC2, 2015]



$$Error \propto Work^{-r_{MISC}(\nu, d)}$$

A similar analysis shows the corresponding ν -dependent convergence rates of MIMC but based on ℓ^2 summability of \mathbf{b}_s and Fernique type of results.

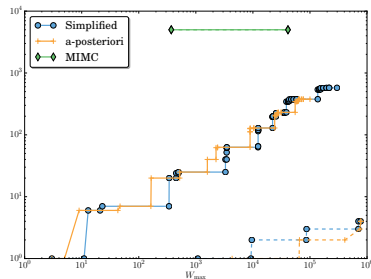
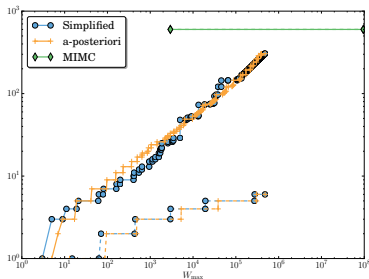
MISC numerical results [MISC2, 2015]



Left: $d = 1, \nu = 2.5$. Right: $d = 3, \nu = 4.5$.

$$\text{Error} \propto \text{Work}^{-r_{\text{MISC}}(\nu, d)}$$

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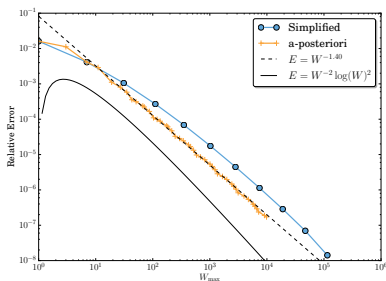
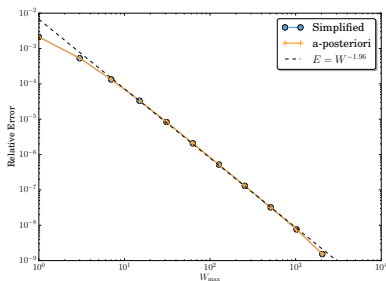


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$$\text{Error} \propto \text{Work}^{-r_{\text{MISC}}(\nu, d)}$$

Deterministic runs, numerical results [MISC2, 2015]

These plots show the non-asymptotic effect of the logarithmic factor for $d > 1$ (as discussed in [Thm. 1][MISC1, 2015]) on the linear convergence fit in log-log scale.



Left: $d = 1$. Right: $d = 3$.