

Discrete least squares polynomial approximations for high dimensional uncertainty propagation

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Example: Elliptic PDE with random coefficients

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a(\mathbf{y}, x)\nabla u(\mathbf{y}, x)) = f(x) & x \in D, \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma, \\ u(\mathbf{y}, x) = 0 & x \in \partial D, \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma \end{cases}$$

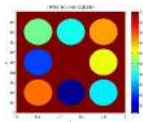
with $a_{\min}(\mathbf{y}) = \inf_{x \in D} a(\mathbf{y}, x) > 0$ for all $\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma$ and $f \in L^2(D)$. Then

$$\forall \mathbf{y} \in \Gamma, \quad u(\mathbf{y}) \in V \equiv H_0^1(D), \quad \text{and} \quad \|u(\mathbf{y})\|_V \leq \frac{C_P}{a_{\min}(\mathbf{y})} \|f\|_{L^2(D)}.$$

Inclusions problem

\mathbf{y} describes the conductivity in each inclusion

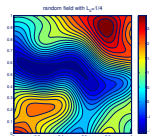
$$a(\mathbf{y}, x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \mathbb{1}_{D_n}(x)$$



Random fields problem

$a(\mathbf{y}, x)$ is a random field, e.g. lognormal:
 $a(\mathbf{y}, x) = e^{\gamma(\mathbf{y}, x)}$ with γ expanded e.g. in Karhunen-Loève series

$$\gamma(\mathbf{y}, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_n} y_n b_n(x), \quad y_n \sim N(0, 1) \text{ i.i.d.}$$



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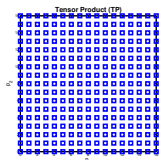
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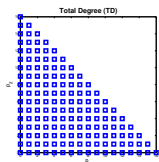


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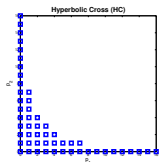
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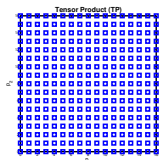
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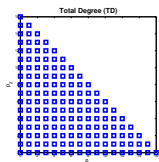


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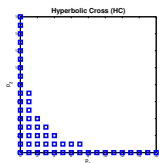
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Goal: construct a polynomial approximation using **random evaluations** (Monte Carlo sampling):

- 1 Generate M random i.i.d. samples $\mathbf{y}^{(k)} \sim \rho(\mathbf{y})d\mathbf{y}$, $k = 1, \dots, M$
- 2 Compute the corresponding solutions $u^{(k)} = u(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$
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A general result

[Cohen-Davenport-Leviatan '12], [Chkifa-Cohen-Migliorati-Nobile-Tempone '13]

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Theorem [Cohen-Davenport-Leviatan '13]

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Theorem [Chkifa-Cohen-Migliorati-Nobile-Tempone '13]

For any N and any downward closed set $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}^N$ it holds

$$K(\Lambda) \leq (\#\Lambda)^2.$$

Therefore, the discrete L^2 projection is stable and optimally convergent under the condition

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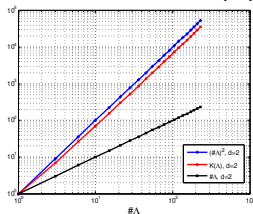
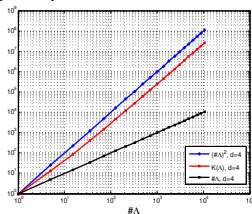
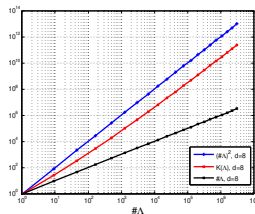
The result uses expansion on Legendre polynomials for which

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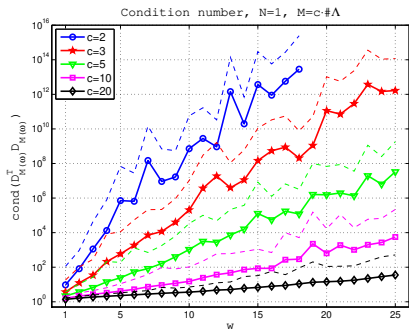
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- For specific sets Λ the condition can be improved.
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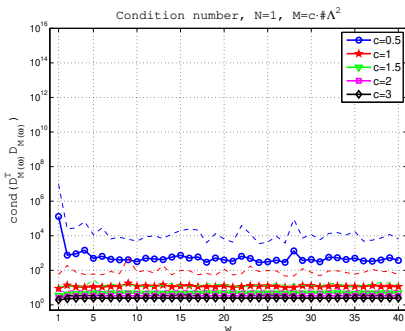
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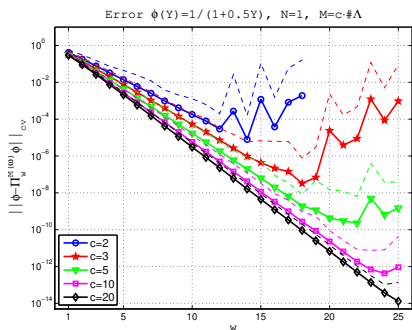


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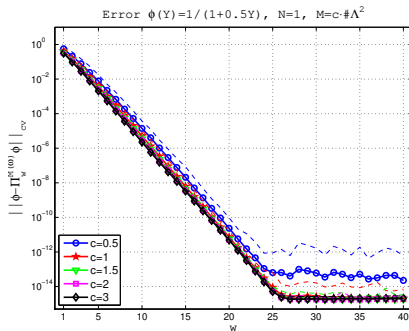


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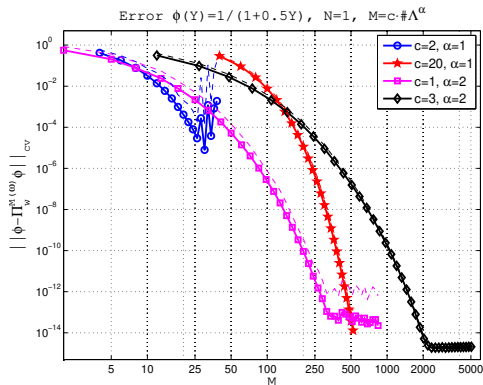
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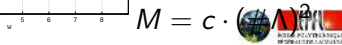
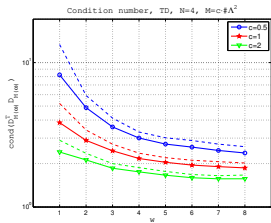
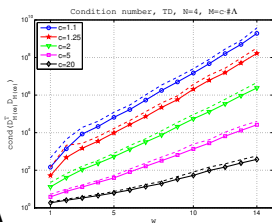
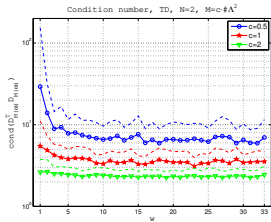
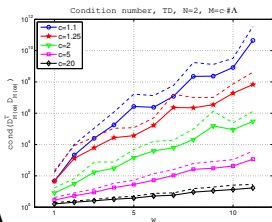


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Some numerical examples

Condition number of $D^T D$ – multiD – Total Degree poly. space



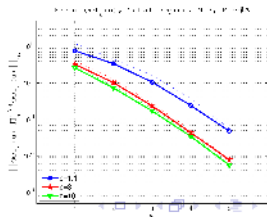
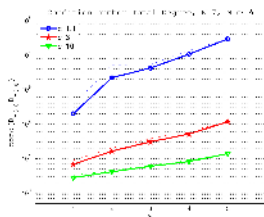
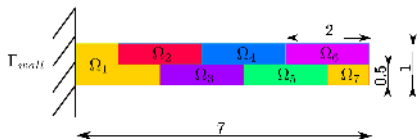
Cantilever beam

- linear elasticity equations
- Young modulus uncertain in each brick:

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$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1]); \text{ iid}$$

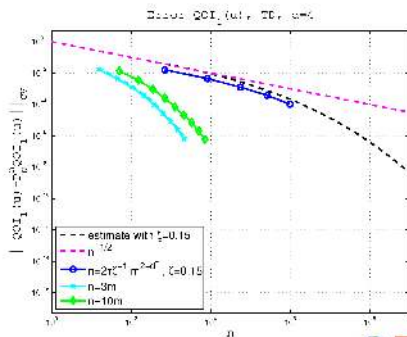
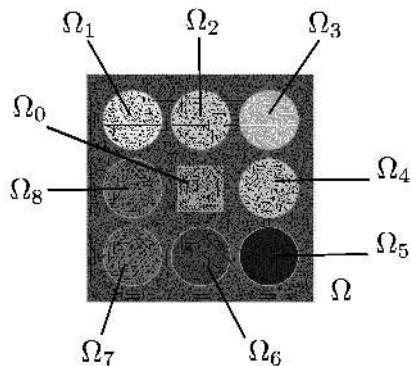
- Uncertainty analysis on maximum vertical displacement.



Elliptic PDE with random inclusions

The following bound has been derived in
[Chkifa-Cohen-Migliorati-Nobile-Tempone 13]

$$\mathbb{E}(\|u - T_\tau \circ P_\Lambda^{M,\omega} u\|_{L^2_p(\Gamma, H_0^1(D))}^2) \leq c_1 e^{-c_2 NM^{\frac{1}{1+2N}}}$$



4 random variables



Improvements on the quadratic relation

Improvements can be obtained by sampling from a different distribution $\hat{\rho}$.
Let us consider the **weighted least squares** approx.

$$P_{\Lambda}^M u = \operatorname{argmin}_{v \in \mathbb{P}_{\Lambda}(\Gamma) \otimes V} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\rho(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})}{\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})} \|u^{(k)} - v(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})\|_V^2$$

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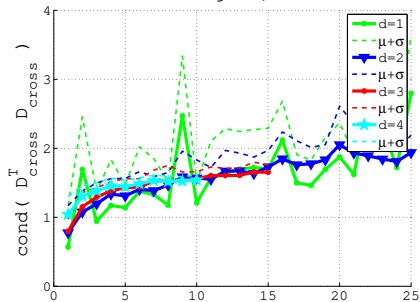


Numerical example with Chebyshev preconditioning

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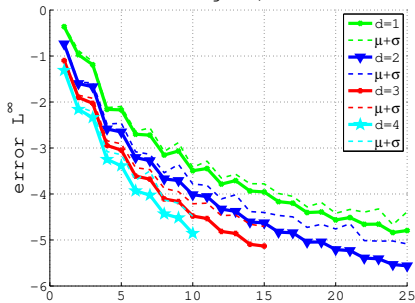


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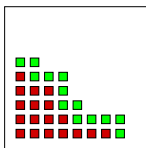
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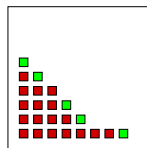
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Algorithm 1 Orthogonal Matching Pursuit with Dörfler marking

Set $r_0 = u(\mathbf{y})$, $u_0 \equiv 0$ and $\Lambda_0 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$,

for $k = 1, \dots, k_{max}$ **do**

$$F_1 = \text{Dörfler}(\mathcal{R}(\Lambda_{k-1}), \{ |(r_{k-1}, \psi_{\mathbf{p}})_{M,V}| \}_{\mathbf{p}}, \theta_1)$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_k = \Lambda_{k-1} \cup F_1$$

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$$F_2 = \text{Dörfler}(F_1, \{ c_{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)} \}_{\mathbf{p}}, \theta_2)$$

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$$r_k = u - u_k|_{\Lambda_k}$$

end for

$\theta_1 \in (0, 1)$ and $\theta_2 = 1$: Dörfler marking only with the correlations.

$\theta_1 = 1$ and $\theta_2 \in (0, 1)$: Dörfler marking only with the random discrete L^2 projection on $\Lambda_{k-1} \cup \mathcal{R}(\Lambda_k)$.

Some remarks and open issues

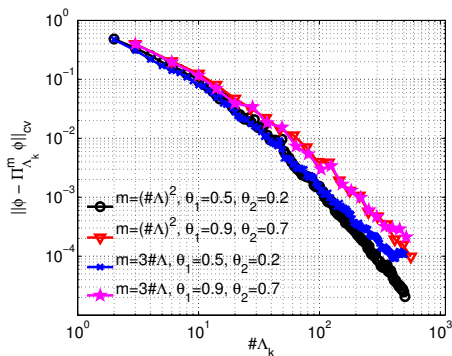
- The first Dörfler marking performs a screening of the reduced margin, to avoid an L^2 discrete minimization over a too large polynomial space.
- At each step the correlations $\{|(r_{k-1}, \psi_{\mathbf{p}})_{M,V}| : \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{R}(\Lambda_k)\}$ are mutually uncoupled and cheap to compute, but might provide only a rough estimate of the coefficients (depending on the choice of M_k).
- The second Dörfler marking performs a selection based on the more accurate estimates of the coefficients coming from the L^2 projection.
- At each step the adaptive algorithm remains stable and accurate by choosing $M_k \propto (\#\Lambda_k)^2$ (consequence of the theory in the first part).
- The adaptive algorithm generates a sequence $\{\Lambda_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ of only quasi best N -term sets.
- Rate of convergence? Choice of θ_1, θ_2 ? What if $M_k \propto \#\Lambda_k$?

A numerical test

Approximation of a meromorphic function (16-variables)

$$\phi(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma \cdot \mathbf{y}}, \quad \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1]^{16})$$

$$\gamma = 0.3 * (1, 5 \cdot 10^{-1}, 10^{-1}, 5 \cdot 10^{-2}, \dots, 5 \cdot 10^{-8})$$



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