Greedy optimal control for elliptic equations

Applications to turnpike control

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Parameter dependent problems

Real life applications (may) depend on a large number of parameters



examples: thickness, conductivity, density, length, humidity, pressure, curvature,...







Parameter dependent problems (Cont.)

- When dealing with applications and simulations, we would like to explore within different parameter configurations.
- From the control point of view, this implies solving a different problem for each configuration.
- Computationally expensive.

OUR GOAL

Apply greedy theory to have a robust and fast numerical solvers.



Parameter dependent control problem

 $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, $\omega \subset \Omega$.

Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a(x,\nu)\nabla y) + c \, y = \chi_{\omega} \, u & \text{in } \Omega, \\ y = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$
(1)

 $\circ
u$ is a parameter $\circ u \in L^2(\omega)$ is a control $\circ c = c(x) \in L^\infty(\Omega)$

Optimal control problem (OCP_{ν})

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 \exists ! optimal solution is well-known (Lions, Tröltzsch,...)

Characterization: optimal pair (\bar{u}, \bar{y})

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}} = -\chi_{\omega}\bar{q}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a(x,\nu)\nabla\bar{y}) + c\,\bar{y} = -\chi_{\omega}\bar{q}, & \text{in }\Omega, \\ -\operatorname{div}(a(x,\nu)\nabla\bar{q}) + c\,\bar{q} = \beta\,(\bar{y} - y^d), & \text{in }\Omega, \\ \bar{y} = \bar{q} = 0, & \text{on }\partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$
(2)

As the state y depends on ν , also the control u depends on ν .

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From the practical point of view,

 \bigcirc Measure parameter u and determine $u_{
u}$

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using classical methods (iterative methods, ...)

 $\bigcirc\,$ Repeat the process for each new value of $\nu.$

CAN WE DO IT BETTER?



Greedy control

Assume that ν ranges within a compact set $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and $a_{\nu} = a(x, \nu)$ are bounded functions satysfing

$$0 < a_1 \leq a_\nu \leq a_2, \qquad \nu \in K.$$

In this way, we ensure that each control can be uniquely determined by

$$\bar{\mu}_{\nu} = -\chi_{\omega}\bar{q}$$

where (\bar{y}, \bar{q}) solve the optimality system (8). Consider the set of controls \bar{u}_{ν} for each possible value $\nu \in \mathcal{K}$. That is,

$$\bar{\mathcal{U}} = \{\bar{u}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}} : \boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{K}\}$$

The idea

To determine a finite number of values of ν that yield the best possible approximation of the control manifold $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$

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We look for a *small* number of parameters $\nu \in \mathcal{K}$ approximating the manifold $\overline{\mathcal{U}}$ in the sense of the Kolmogorov width. **Roughly**, the Kolmogorov width measures how well we can approximate $\overline{\mathcal{U}}$ by a finite dimensional space.

With greedy algorithms (Cohen & DeVore, Volkwein, Buffa et. al, ...), we search for the most representative values of \bar{u}_{ν} .

That is, given a tolerance ε , the goal is to find

 $\nu_1,\ldots,\nu_{n(\varepsilon)}$

such that, for any other $\nu \in \mathcal{K}$, the corresponding control \bar{u}_{ν} can be approximated by $u_{\nu}^{\star} \in \operatorname{span}\{\bar{u}_{\nu_1}, \ldots, \bar{u}_{\nu_{n(\varepsilon)}}\}$ and

$$\|u_{\nu}^{\star}-\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{\nu}\|_{L^{2}(\omega)}\leq\varepsilon.$$

We also want to minimize n.



In practical implementations, the set $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$ is unknown.

Given two parameters ν_1 and ν_2 , how can we measure the distance between \bar{u}_{ν_1} and \bar{u}_{ν_2} ?

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Standard residual: Suppose that we have computed u_{ν_1}

$$|u_{\nu_1} - u_{\nu_2}| \sim \nabla J_{\nu_2}(u_{\nu_1}) - \nabla J_{\nu_2}(u_{\nu_2}) = \nabla J_{\nu_2}(u_{\nu_1})$$

Compute $\nabla J_{\nu_2}(u_{\nu_1}) = u_{\nu_1} + \beta S^*_{\nu_2}(S_{\nu_2}u_{\nu_1} - y_d)$, where S_{ν} is to control-to-state operator. This means

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a_{\nu_{2}}\nabla y) + c \, y = \chi_{\omega} u_{\nu_{1}}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ -\operatorname{div}(a_{\nu_{2}}\nabla q) + c \, q = \beta \, (y - y^{d}), & \text{in } \Omega, \\ y = q = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \Rightarrow -\chi_{\omega} q_{\nu_{2}} = S_{\nu_{2}}^{*}(S_{\nu_{2}}u_{\nu_{1}} - y_{d})$$

Solving a cascade system.

Cheaper surrogates

A cheap surrogate: Instead of using \bar{u}_{ν} and approximate the manifold \bar{U} , use the optimal variables $(\bar{q}_{\nu}, \bar{y}_{\nu})$ and approximate the manifold $\bar{Q} \times \bar{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Denoting $L_{\nu}z := -\operatorname{div}(a_{\nu}\nabla z) + c z$, we define

$$R_{\nu}(q, y) := \begin{pmatrix} L_{\nu}y + \chi_{\omega}q \\ L_{\nu}q - \beta(y - y_d) \end{pmatrix}.$$

With this definition, we are able to compute the following estimates:

$$c_1\left(\|y-ar{y}_
u\|_{H^1_0\Omega}+\|q-ar{q}_
u\|_{H^1_0(\Omega)}
ight)\leq \|R_
u(q,y)\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)},$$

$$\| {\it R}_{
u}({\it p},{\it y}) \|_{H^{-1}\Omega} \leq (1+lpha_2) (\| {\it y}-ar{\it y}_{
u} \|_{H^1_0(\Omega)} + \| {\it q}-ar{\it q}_{
u} \|_{H^1_0(\Omega)}).$$

where c_1 and α_2 only depending on a_1 , a_2 and $||c||_{\infty}$.

Upper and lower bounds for $R_{\nu}(q, y)$ are essential for the proof of greedy algorithms in terms of the Kolmogorov width.

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$$R_{\nu}(q, y) := \begin{pmatrix} L_{\nu}y + \chi_{\omega}q \\ L_{\nu}q - \beta(y - y_d) \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (3)

Theorem 1 (in progress H-S, Lazar, Zuazua, '17)

The residual (3) provides the approximation estimates for optimal controls and states

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$$\|u_{\nu}^{\star} - \bar{u}_{\nu}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \leq \frac{1}{c_{1}} \|R_{\nu}(q, y)\|_{[H^{-1}(\Omega)]^{2}},$$

• $\|v_{\nu}^{\star} - \bar{v}_{\nu}\|_{L^{1}(\Omega)} \leq \left(\frac{1}{c_{1}}\right) \|R_{\nu}(q, y)\|_{L^{1}(\Omega)}$

•
$$\|Y_{\nu} - Y_{\nu}\|_{H^{1}_{0}(\Omega)} \leq \left(\frac{1}{\alpha_{1}c_{1}}\right) \|\mathcal{R}_{\nu}(q, y)\|_{[H^{-1}(\Omega)]^{2}},$$

where c_1 and α_1 only depend on a_1 , a_2 and $||c||_{\infty}$.



Offline algorithm

Step 1: Initialization. Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose any $\nu \in \mathcal{K}$, $\nu = \nu_1$ and compute the minimizer of J_{ν_1} . This leads to $\begin{pmatrix} \bar{q}_{\nu_1} \\ \bar{y}_{\nu_1} \end{pmatrix}$.

Step 2: recursive choice of ν .

Assuming we have chosen ν_1,\ldots,ν_p , we choose ν_{p+1} as the maximizer of

$$\max_{\nu \in \mathcal{K}} \operatorname{dist} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y^d \end{pmatrix}, R_{\nu}(\bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{\rho}, \bar{\mathcal{Y}}_{\rho}) \right), \quad R_{\nu}(q, y) = \begin{pmatrix} L_{\nu}y + \chi_{\omega}q \\ L_{\nu}q - \beta(y - y_d) \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 3: Stopping criterion. Stop if the max $\leq \varepsilon$.

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The offline algorithm stops after $n_0(\varepsilon)$ iterations, and fullfills the requirements of the greedy theory.



After choosing the most representative values of ν , we can construct an approximated optimal control u_{ν}^{\star} for any arbitrary given value $\nu \in \mathcal{K}$ by taking

$$u_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^{\star} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \lambda_i \bar{q}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}_i}|_{\omega}$$

where λ_i are determined by the projection of the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ V_d \end{pmatrix}$ to

the space

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m span}\{R_
u(ar{q}_{
u_1},ar{y}_{
u_1}),\ldots,R_
u(ar{q}_{
u_k},ar{y}_{
u_k})\}$$



NUMERICAL RESULTS

$$\bigcirc \Omega = (0,1)^2$$
 in 2-D or $\Omega = (0,1)$ in 1-D.

- Uniform meshes, i.e., meshes with constant discretization steps in each direction, N = 400.
- We will approximate the operator $\mathcal{A} = -\operatorname{div}(a(x, \nu)\nabla \cdot)$ by using the standard 5-point discretization.
- O Discretize-then-optimize.
- $\bigcirc \boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{K} = [1, 10].$
- $\, \odot \, \, \mathcal{K}$ sampled in 100 equidistant points.



Greedy test # 1

$$\circ a(x, \nu) = 1 + \nu(x_1^2 + x_2^2), \quad \circ c(x) = \sin(2\pi x_1)\sin(2\pi x_2), \\ \circ y_d = \sin(\pi x_1), \quad \circ \beta = 10^4, \quad \circ \varepsilon = 0.005$$

 $\circ t_{cheap} = 304s$, $\circ t_{std} = 384s$





Approximation for $\nu = \pi/2$



Approximation for $\nu = \pi/2$ (cont.)



(e) The controlled state

(f) The state $y_{\pi/2}^{\star}$ and the target function y^d (dashed)

$$|y_{\pi/2}^{\star} - ar{y}_{\pi/2}|_{L^2(\Omega)} pprox 1.15 imes 10^{-7}$$



Greedy test # 2

$$\circ a(x, \nu) = 1 + \nu x^2 (1 - x)^2, \quad \circ c(x) = -15 \sin(\pi x), \quad \circ y_d = \chi_{(0.5, 0.8)}, \\ \beta = 10^4, \quad \circ \omega = (0.3, 0.9), \quad \circ \varepsilon = 0.005$$

 $\circ t_{cheap} = 0.68s$, $\circ t_{std} = 0.809s$









(J) The state $y_{\pi/2}^*$ (blue) and the target y^d (red)

$$\circ |u^{\star}_{\pi/2} - ar{u}_{\pi/2}|_{L^2(\omega)} pprox 1.17 imes 10^{-5}$$
 ,

$$\|y_{\pi/2}^{\star}-ar{y}_{\pi/2}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}pprox 5.09 imes 10^{-7}$$
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CONNECTION WITH THE TURNPIKE PROBLEMS

Time dependent control problem

Consider

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y - \operatorname{div}(a(x, \nu) \nabla y) + c \, y = \chi_\omega u & \text{in } Q = \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases}$$
(4)

and the control problem

$$\min_{u} J_{\nu}^{T}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{T} |u(t)|^{2}_{L^{2}(\omega)} dt + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_{0}^{T} ||y(t) - y^{d}||^{2}_{L^{2}(\Omega)} dt.$$

The optimal solution $(\boldsymbol{u}^{\mathsf{T}}, \boldsymbol{y}^{\mathsf{T}})$ satisfies

$$\|y^{T}(t) - \bar{y}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} + \|u^{T}(t) - \bar{u}\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \le K\left(e^{-\mu t} + e^{-\mu(T-t)}\right), \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

 \bigcirc Exponential convergence of the finite-time horizon control problem to the steady one as $T \rightarrow \infty$.



The case $c(x) \ge 0$ (greedy test #1)

$u(x,t) = u_{\pi/2}^{\star}(x), \quad y_0(x) = \sin(3\pi x_1)\sin(2\pi x_2)$





The case
$$c(x) \leq -\lambda_1$$
 (greedy test #2)

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$$u = u_{\pi/2}^T(x, t), \quad y_0(x) = \chi_{(0.4, 0.9)}$$



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THANK YOU!

