

Uncertainty propagation in models

Uncertainty bounds for QoI: propagate input uncertainties through model while accounting for measurement errors

Direct evaluation for linearly parameterized models

Sampling methods, e.g. MC, for nonlinear problems, best method for large parameter dimension P

Perturbation methods, truncated Taylor series of QoI at parameter mean

Linear models

$$Y_i = Q_1 + \sum_{j=2}^P x_{ij} Q_j + \epsilon_i, \quad i=1 \dots n$$

$$Y = \underline{XQ} + \epsilon$$

$f(Q)$ model response

$$E(f_i(Q)) = \sum_{j=1}^P x_{ij} \bar{q}_j, \quad x_{i1} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(f_i(Q)) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum_{j=1}^P x_{ij} Q_j\right) = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^P x_{ij}^2 \text{Var}(Q_j) + 2 \sum_{j < k} x_{ij} x_{ik} \text{Cov}(Q_j, Q_k) \end{aligned}$$

Given density for $Q \Rightarrow$ propagation to Y explicitly

$$E(Y_i) = E(f_i(Q))$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_i) = \text{Var}(f_i(Q)) + \text{Var}(E_i)$$

model response and errors are mutually independent

Q_i are mutually independent and $N(\bar{q}_i, \sigma_i^2)$

$$V = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2)$$

$$f(Q) \sim N(X\bar{q}, X^T V X)$$

Sampling methods

input uncertainties determined e.g. by Bayesian techniques

Random sampling of measurement errors and joint input distributions to construct ensemble of responses for statistics

Disadvantage: slow convergence, MC has $O(1/\sqrt{M})$ convergence for M realizations

Perturbation methods

For large or complex nonlinearly parametrized methods, sampling-based uncertainty propagation is infeasible

Instead: Taylor series expansion about mean \bar{q}

$$Q = \bar{q} + \delta Q$$

$$f(Q) = f(\bar{q}) + \sum_{i_1=1}^p \frac{\partial f}{\partial Q_{i_1}} \Big|_{\bar{q}} \delta Q_{i_1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i_1, i_2=1}^p \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Q_{i_1} \partial Q_{i_2}} \Big|_{\bar{q}} \delta Q_{i_1} \delta Q_{i_2} + \dots$$

Linear expansion

$$f(Q) = \bar{y} + \sum_{i=1}^p s_i \delta Q_i, \quad \bar{y} = f(\bar{q})$$
$$s_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial Q_i}(\bar{q})$$

Q has joint pdf $f_Q(q)$

$$E(Q_i) = \bar{q}_i, \delta q_i = q_i - \bar{q}_i$$

$$\text{Var}(Q_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \delta q_i^2 f_Q(q) dq$$

$$\text{Cov}(Q_i, Q_j) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \delta q_i \delta q_j f_Q(q) dq$$

$$\Rightarrow E(f(Q)) = \bar{y} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} f_Q(q) dq}_1 + \sum_i s_i \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \delta q_i f_Q(q) dq}_0 = \bar{y}$$

$$\text{Var}(f(Q)) = E((f(Q) - \bar{y})^2)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \sum_i s_i \delta q_i \sum_j s_j \delta q_j f_Q(q) dq$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j s_i s_j \text{Cov}(Q_i, Q_j) = \sum_i s_i^2 \text{Var}(Q_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} s_i s_j \text{Cov}(Q_i, Q_j)$$

$$S^T = (s_1 \dots s_p) \Rightarrow \text{Var}(f(Q)) = S^T V S$$

$$V_{ij} = \text{Cov}(Q_i, Q_j)$$

$Q_i, i=1 \dots p$, mutually independent, $Q_i \sim N(\bar{q}_i, \sigma_i^2)$
 $V = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2) \Rightarrow f(Q) \sim N(\bar{y}, S^T V S)$

Exercise 9.1

Prediction in the Presence of Model Discrepancy (§12)

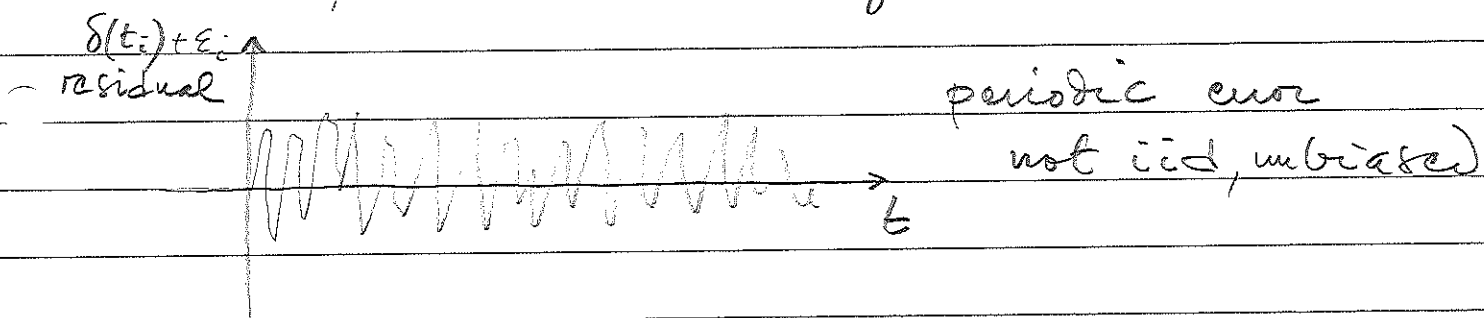
$$Y_i = f(t_i, \theta) + \delta(t_i) + \epsilon_i$$

Earlier: Sum of model and measurement errors
 ϵ_i iid $\sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

Here: combined errors: biased, correlated

Neglecting discrepancy terms $\delta(t_i)$ may hamper model calibration and prediction in different ways

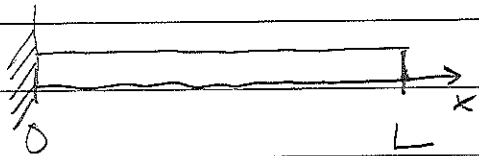
1. Validity of estimates θ may diminish since the optimized θ attempts to compensate for missing physics
2. Correlated errors contrary to hypotheses for likelihoods \Rightarrow poor estimated parameter distributions
3. Predictions with other inputs than those used for calibration may be inaccurate



Solutions: Add more physics, Quantify model error

Incorporate missing physical mechanisms

Example
$$\frac{d^2 T_s}{dx^2} = \frac{2(a+b)}{ab} \frac{h}{k} (T_s - T_{amb})$$



$$\frac{dT_s}{dx}(0) = \frac{\phi}{k}$$

$$\frac{dT_s}{dx}(L) = \frac{h}{k} [T_{amb} - T_s(L)]$$

T_{amb} : ambient temp

h : convective heat transfer coefficient

k : thermal conductivity

ϕ : source heat flux

a, b : cross section of rod

ϕ, h unknown

Change boundary condition
$$\frac{dT_s}{dx}(0) = \frac{\eta}{k} (T_s(0) - T_{source})$$

parameters $\eta = [T_{source}, h, \eta]$

⇒ better model fit to data

To reduce model discrepancies: add more physical mechanisms

Not always possible! Why not include all from the beginning?

Techniques to quantify model errors

$$Y_i = f(x_i, \eta) + \delta(x_i) + \epsilon_i, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

spatial statistical model

(1) Polynomial model: $\delta(x_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2$

Estimate hyperparameters $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$ together with model parameters η using frequentist or Bayesian techniques

(2) Gaussian process model (Kriging)

$$\delta(x, \mu, \sigma^2, \theta) = [\delta(x_1, \mu, \sigma^2, \theta), \dots, \delta(x_n, \mu, \sigma^2, \theta)]^T$$

$$\delta \sim N(\mu \mathbf{I}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{R}), \quad R_{ij} = \exp(-\theta |x_i - x_j|)$$

hyperparameters σ^2, μ, θ

augmented parameter set $\eta_{\text{aug}} = [\eta, \sigma^2, \mu, \theta]$

(1) and (2) general techniques, no knowledge about background of model is necessary

Problems: 1. New parameters not identifiable

Cure: * better prior information in Bayesian approach

* solve for η first, then for δ -parameters
iterate until convergence

2. Extrapolation with model outside calibration domain

$$Y_i = f(x_i, q) + \delta(x_i, q_{dis}) + \epsilon_i$$

δ ensures that q is estimated in a statistically consistent manner in the calibration domain, may be inaccurate outside domain without restrictions on δ or prior information.

Combined model $f(x_i, q) + \delta(x_i, q_{dis})$ is accurate inside calibration domain but has minimal predictive capability outside this domain ("overfitting")

Surrogate models (§13)

Construct representations quantifying primary features of the high-fidelity model while being computationally efficient for Bayesian model calibration, uncertainty quantification, design, optimization....

Regression or interpolation-based models

Data-fit models, response surface models, emulators, meta-models, approximation models

Model $y = f(q), q \in \Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^P$