

Controlled SPDEs: Peng's Maximum Principle and Numerical Methods

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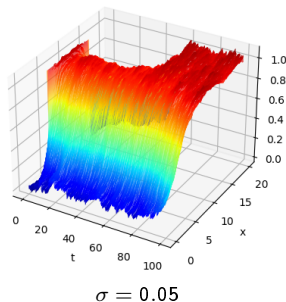
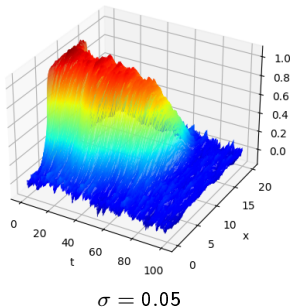
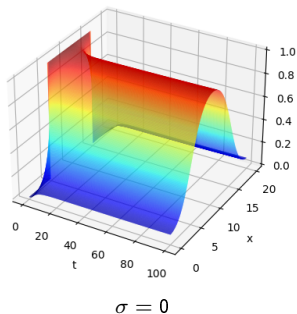


Example

Consider the Nagumo equation

$$\begin{cases} du_t = [\Delta u_t + u_t(u_t - 1)(\frac{1}{2} - u_t)] dt + \sigma dW_t, & t \in [0, 100] \\ u_0 = u \in L^2(0, 20) \end{cases}$$

with Neumann boundary conditions and $u = 1_{[5,15]}$.



Control of the Stochastic Nagumo Equation

Introduce control $g : [0, 100] \times [0, 20] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{cases} du_t^g = [\Delta u_t^g + u_t^g(u_t^g - 1)(\frac{1}{2} - u_t^g) + g_t] dt + \sigma dW_t, & t \in [0, 100] \\ u_0^g = u \in L^2(0, 20) \end{cases} \quad (\star)$$

and cost functional

$$J(g) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{100} \int_{\Lambda} (u_t^g(x) - u^{\text{ref}}(t, x))^2 + g^2(t, x) dx dt + \int_{\Lambda} (u_{100}^g(x) - u^T(x))^2 dx \right]$$

where u^{ref} , u^T are desired reference profiles.

Goal:

Minimize J subject to $(\star)$

Outline

- 1 Peng's Maximum Principle
- 2 Numerical Methods

Minimize

$$J(g) := \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_{\Lambda} l(u_t^g(x), g_t) dx dt + \int_{\Lambda} m(u_T^g(x)) dx \right]$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} du_t^g = [\Delta u_t^g + b(u_t^g, g_t)] dt + \sigma(u_t^g, g_t) dW_t, & t \in [0, T] \\ u_0^g = u_0 \in L^2(\Lambda), \end{cases}$$

where

- l, m Nemytskii operators of (at most) quadratic growth
- b, σ Nemytskii operators, Lipschitz
- $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ cylindrical Wiener process
- $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ bounded domain
- control domain $\mathcal{U}$ non-convex.

Pontryagin 1956: Controlled ODEs

Minimize

$$J(g) := \int_0^T l(u_t^g, g_t) dt + m(u_T^g)$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_t^g = b(u_t^g, g_t), & t \in [0, T] \\ u_0^g = u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

Let $(\bar{u}, \bar{g})$ be optimal. Then

$$\inf_{g \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{H}(t, \bar{u}_t, g) = \mathcal{H}(t, \bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t),$$

for almost every $t \in [0, T]$, where Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{H}(t, u, g) := l(u, g) + \langle p_t, b(u, g) \rangle$$

where p_t is the adjoint state.

Minimize

$$J(g) := \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T l(u_t^g, g_t) dt + m(u_T^g) \right]$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} du_t^g = b(u_t^g, g_t)dt + \sigma(u_t^g, g_t)dW_t, & t \in [0, T] \\ u_0^g = u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

Let $(\bar{u}, \bar{g})$ be optimal. Then

$$\inf_{g \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{G}(t, \bar{u}_t, g) = \mathcal{G}(t, \bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t),$$

for almost all $(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$, where generalized Hamiltonian $\mathcal{G} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{G}(t, u, g) := \mathcal{H}(t, u, g) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\sigma(u, g)^* P_t \sigma(u, g)) + \text{tr}(\sigma(u, g)^* [q_t - P_t \sigma(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)])$$

where (p_t, q_t) first order adjoint state and $P_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ second order adjoint state.

Now: Controlled SPDEs

Minimize

$$J(g) := \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_{\Lambda} l(u_t^g(x), g_t) dx dt + \int_{\Lambda} m(u_T^g(x)) dx \right]$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} du_t^g = [\Delta u_t^g + b(u_t^g, g_t)] dt + \sigma(u_t^g, g_t) dW_t, & t \in [0, T] \\ u_0^g = u_0 \in L^2(\Lambda). \end{cases}$$

- Since Peng's result: Many generalizations to infinite-dimensional stochastic case by Du, Fuhrman, Frankowska, Guatteri, Hu, Li, Lü, Meng, Tang, Tessitore, Zhang, ...
- Major drawback in previous works: Restrictive assumptions on coefficients l and m , in particular excluding quadratic costs.
- Main obstacle: Characterization of second order adjoint state $P_t \in L(H)$.

Spike Variation

Let $(\bar{u}, \bar{g})$ be optimal. Fix $\tau \in [0, T]$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $h \in \mathcal{U}$, and set

$$g_t^\varepsilon := \begin{cases} h, & \tau \leq t \leq \tau + \varepsilon, \\ \bar{g}_t & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$0 \leq J(g^\varepsilon) - J(\bar{g}) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_\Lambda l(u_t^\varepsilon, g_t^\varepsilon) - l(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) dx dt + \int_\Lambda m(u_T^\varepsilon) - m(\bar{u}_T) dx \right].$$

Taylor expansions: For terminal costs we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_\Lambda m(u_T^\varepsilon) - m(\bar{u}_T) dx \right] \approx \mathbb{E} \left[\int_\Lambda m_u(\bar{u}_T) v_T^\varepsilon dx \right],$$

where v^ε satisfies linearized state equation

$$\begin{cases} dv_t^\varepsilon = [\Delta v_t^\varepsilon + b_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) v_t^\varepsilon + b(\bar{u}_t, g_t^\varepsilon) - b(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)] dt \\ \quad + [\sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) v_t^\varepsilon + \sigma(\bar{u}_t, g_t^\varepsilon) - \sigma(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)] dW_t \\ v_0^\varepsilon = 0. \end{cases}$$

Asymptotic of First Order Taylor Expansions

Applying Itô's formula to $\|v_t^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Lambda)}^2$ yields

$$\begin{aligned}\|v_T^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Lambda)}^2 &= 2 \int_0^T \langle \Delta v_s^\varepsilon + b_u(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s) v_s^\varepsilon + b(\bar{u}_s, g_s^\varepsilon) - b(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s), v_s^\varepsilon \rangle ds \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^T \langle v_s^\varepsilon, (\sigma_u(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s) v_s^\varepsilon + \sigma(\bar{u}_s, g_s^\varepsilon) - \sigma(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s)) dW_s \rangle \\ &\quad + \int_0^T \|\sigma_u(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s) v_s^\varepsilon + \sigma(\bar{u}_s, g_s^\varepsilon) - \sigma(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s)\|_{L^2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))}^2 ds.\end{aligned}$$

Itô correction term

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^T \|\sigma_u(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s) v_s^\varepsilon + \sigma(\bar{u}_s, g_s^\varepsilon) - \sigma(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s)\|_{L^2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))}^2 ds \\ &\leq 2 \int_0^T \|\sigma_u(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s) v_s^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))}^2 ds + 2 \int_\tau^{\tau+\varepsilon} \|\sigma(\bar{u}_s, h) - \sigma(\bar{u}_s, \bar{g}_s)\|_{L^2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))}^2 ds.\end{aligned}$$

The last term is of order $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$; we need $o(\varepsilon)$. $\rightsquigarrow$ need second order Taylor expansions!

Variational Equations

First order:

$$\begin{cases} dv_t^\varepsilon = [\Delta v_t^\varepsilon + b_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)v_t^\varepsilon + b(\bar{u}_t, g_t^\varepsilon) - b(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)] dt \\ \quad + [\sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)v_t^\varepsilon + \sigma(\bar{u}_t, g_t^\varepsilon) - \sigma(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)] dW_t \\ v_0^\varepsilon = 0. \end{cases}$$

Second order:

$$\begin{cases} dw_t^\varepsilon = [\Delta w_t^\varepsilon + b_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)w_t^\varepsilon + \frac{1}{2}b_{uu}(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)v_t^\varepsilon v_t^\varepsilon + (b_u(\bar{u}_t, g_t^\varepsilon) - b_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t))v_t^\varepsilon] dt \\ \quad + [\sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)w_t^\varepsilon + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{uu}(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)v_t^\varepsilon v_t^\varepsilon + (\sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, g_t^\varepsilon) - \sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t))v_t^\varepsilon] dW_t \\ w_0^\varepsilon = 0. \end{cases}$$

Lemma

It holds that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left[\|v_t^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Lambda)}^2 \right] \leq C\varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \mathbb{E} \left[\|w_t^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Lambda)}^2 \right] \leq C\varepsilon^2.$$

Second Order Expansion of Cost Functional

From

$$0 \leq J(g^\varepsilon) - J(\bar{g}) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_\Lambda l(u_t^\varepsilon, g_t^\varepsilon) - l(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) dx dt + \int_\Lambda m(u_T^\varepsilon) - m(\bar{u}_T) dx \right]$$

we derive:

Lemma

It holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_\Lambda l_u(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t)(v_t^\varepsilon(x) + w_t^\varepsilon(x)) + \frac{1}{2} l_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) v_t^\varepsilon(x) v_t^\varepsilon(x) dx dt \right] \\ & + \mathbb{E} \left[\int_\Lambda m_u(\bar{u}_T(x))(v_T^\varepsilon(x) + w_T^\varepsilon(x)) + \frac{1}{2} m_{uu}(\bar{u}_T(x)) v_T^\varepsilon(x) v_T^\varepsilon(x) dx \right] \\ & + \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_\Lambda l(\bar{u}_t(x), g_t^\varepsilon) - l(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) dx dt \right] \geq o(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Next step: Separate dependence on ε .

First Order Adjoint State

Consider SPDE

$$\begin{cases} dv_t = [\Delta v_t + b_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)v_t + \varphi_t] dt + [\sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)v_t + \psi_t] dW_t \\ v_0 = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $(\varphi, \psi) \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L^2(\Lambda)) \times L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda)))$.

Construct linear functional

$$\mathcal{T}(\varphi, \psi) := \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_{\Lambda} l_u(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t)v_t(x) dx dt + \int_{\Lambda} m_u(\bar{u}_T(x))v_T(x) dx \right].$$

By Riesz's representation theorem, there is a unique pair

$$(p, q) \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L^2(\Lambda)) \times L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda)))$$

such that

$$\mathcal{T}(\varphi, \psi) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \langle \varphi_t, p_t \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)} + \langle \psi_t, q_t \rangle_{L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))} dt \right]$$

for all $(\varphi, \psi) \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L^2(\Lambda)) \times L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda)))$.

First Order Adjoint Equation

Adjoint state property:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \langle v_t, l_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) \rangle dt + \langle m_u(\bar{u}_T), v_T \rangle \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \langle p_t, \varphi_t \rangle + \langle q_t, \psi_t \rangle dt \right].$$

Applying Itô's product rule yields

$$\begin{aligned} d\langle p_t, v_t \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)} &= \langle p_t, dv_t \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)} + \langle v_t, dp_t \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)} + d\langle p, v \rangle_t \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} [\langle p_t, \varphi_t \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)} + \langle q_t, \psi_t \rangle_{L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))} - \langle v_t, l_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)}] dt + dM_t. \end{aligned}$$

for some martingale $(M_t)_{t \geq 0}$. Thus,

$$\begin{cases} dp_t = - [\Delta p_t + b_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)p_t + l_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t) + \langle \sigma_u(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t), q_t \rangle_{L_2(\Xi, \mathbb{R})}] dt + q_t dW_t \\ p_T = m_u(\bar{u}_T). \end{cases}$$

Unique variational solution (p, q) , where

$$p \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; H_0^1(\Lambda)) \cap L^2(\Omega; C([0, T]; L^2(\Lambda)))$$

and

$$q \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda))).$$

Follow same route for quadratic terms

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_{\Lambda} l_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) v_t^\varepsilon(x) v_t^\varepsilon(x) dx dt + \int_{\Lambda} m_{uu}(\bar{u}_T(x)) v_T^\varepsilon(x) v_T^\varepsilon(x) dx \right].$$

Peng's idea in finite dimensions: Linearize using tensor product $v_t^\varepsilon \otimes v_t^\varepsilon$ and derive equation on

$$\mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}.$$

Infinite dimensional analogue:

$$H \otimes H \cong L_2(H).$$

Problem: Quadratic costs require duality analysis between $L_1(H)$ and $L(H)$.

Explicit Tensor Product

Instead, we use explicit representation

$$\begin{aligned} L^2(\Lambda) \otimes L^2(\Lambda) &\cong L^2(\Lambda^2) \\ v \otimes w &\longleftrightarrow ((x, y) \mapsto v(x)w(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite quadratic terms as

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_{\Lambda} l_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) v_t^\varepsilon(x) v_t^\varepsilon(x) dx dt \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_{\Lambda} l_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) \delta(v_t^\varepsilon \otimes v_t^\varepsilon)(x) dx dt \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta : H_0^1(\Lambda^2) &\rightarrow L^2(\Lambda) \\ V &\mapsto (x \mapsto V(x, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Second Order Adjoint Equation

Theorem (Stannat, W., SICON 2021)

The equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dP_t(x, y) = -[\Delta P_t(x, y) + (b_u(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) + b_u(\bar{u}_t(y), \bar{g}_t))P_t(x, y) \\ \quad + \langle \sigma_u(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t), \sigma_u(\bar{u}_t(y), \bar{g}_t) \rangle_{L_2(\Xi, \mathbb{R})} P_t(x, y) \\ \quad + \langle \sigma_u(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t) + \sigma_u(\bar{u}_t(y), \bar{g}_t), Q_t(x, y) \rangle_{L_2(\Xi, \mathbb{R})} \\ \quad + \delta^*(l_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t)) + \delta^*(b_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t)p_t(x)) \\ \quad + \delta^*(\langle \sigma_{uu}(\bar{u}_t(x), \bar{g}_t), q_t \rangle_{L_2(\Xi, \mathbb{R})})] dt + Q_t(x, y) dW_t \\ P_T(x, y) = \delta^*(m_{uu}(\bar{u}_T(x))) \end{array} \right.$$

has a unique adapted solution (P, Q) , where

$$P \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L^2(\Lambda^2)) \cap L^2(\Omega; C([0, T]; H^{-1}(\Lambda^2))),$$

and

$$Q \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi; H^{-1}(\Lambda^2))).$$

Theorem (Stannat, W., SICON 2021)

Let $(\bar{u}, \bar{g})$ be an optimal pair. Then there exist adapted processes

$$(p, q) \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; H_0^1(\Lambda)) \times L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi, L^2(\Lambda)))$$

satisfying the first order adjoint equation and adapted processes

$$(P, Q) \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L^2(\Lambda^2)) \times L^2([0, T] \times \Omega; L_2(\Xi, H^{-1}(\Lambda^2)))$$

satisfying the second order adjoint equation such that

$$\inf_{g \in \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{G}(t, \bar{u}_t, g) = \mathcal{G}(t, \bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t),$$

for almost all $(t, \omega) \in [0, T] \times \Omega$, where $\mathcal{G} : [0, T] \times L^2(\Lambda) \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(t, u, g) := & \int_{\Lambda} l(u(x), g) dx + \langle p_t, b(u, g) \rangle_{L^2(\Lambda)} + \text{tr}(\sigma(u, g)^* q_t) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\sigma(u, g)^* P_t \sigma(u, g)) - \text{tr}(\sigma(u, g)^* P_t \sigma(\bar{u}_t, \bar{g}_t)). \end{aligned}$$

1 Peng's Maximum Principle

2 Numerical Methods

Feedback Controls

Consider feedback control

$$G : [0, T] \times L^2(\Lambda) \rightarrow L^2(\Lambda)$$

and controlled SPDE

$$\begin{cases} du_t^G = [\Delta u_t^G + b(u_t^G) + G(t, u_t^G)]dt + \sigma dW_t, & t \in [0, T] \\ u_0^G = u \in L^2(\Lambda). \end{cases}$$

Approximate by artificial neural network

$$G(t, u) \approx \Phi(t, u, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(B\theta \left(A \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \pi_n u \end{pmatrix} + a \right) \right)_i e_i$$

where

- (e_i) is an ONB of $L^2(\Lambda)$, $\pi_n u = (\langle u, e_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle u, e_n \rangle)^\top$
- $\alpha = (A, a, B) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times (n+1)} \times \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$
- θ activator function.

Reduced Control Problem

Leads to controlled SPDE

$$\begin{cases} du_t^\alpha = [\Delta u_t^\alpha + b(u_t^\alpha) + \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)]dt + \sigma dW_t \\ u_0^\alpha = u \in L^2(\Lambda), \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and cost functional $J : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$J(\alpha) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \int_\Lambda l(t, x, u_t^\alpha(x)) dx + \frac{\nu}{2} \|\Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)\|_{L^2(\Lambda)}^2 dt + \int_\Lambda m(x, u_T^\alpha(x)) dx \right].$$

Find gradient:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (J(\alpha + \varepsilon \beta) - J(\alpha)) = \langle \nabla J(\alpha), \beta \rangle.$$

Adjoint Equation

Linearized state equation

$$\begin{cases} dv_t^\beta = [\Delta v_t^\beta + b_u(u_t^\alpha)v_t^\beta + \Phi_u(t, u^\alpha, \alpha)v_t^\beta + \Phi_\alpha(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)\beta]dt \\ v_0^\beta = 0. \end{cases}$$

Adjoint state equation:

$$\begin{cases} dp_t = -[(\Delta + b_u(u_t^\alpha) + \Phi_u^*(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha))p_t + l_u(t, u_t^\alpha) + \nu\Phi_u^*(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)\Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)]dt \\ p_T = m_u(u_T^\alpha). \end{cases}$$

Adjoint state property:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \langle \Phi_\alpha(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)\beta, p_t \rangle dt \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \langle l_u(t, u_t^\alpha), v_t^\beta \rangle + \nu \langle \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha), \Phi_u(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)v_t^\beta \rangle dt + \langle m_u(u_T^\alpha), v_T^\beta \rangle \right] \end{aligned}$$

Gradient of Cost Functional

Directional derivative of cost functional:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J(\alpha)}{\partial \beta} &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \langle l_u(t, u_t^\alpha), v_t^\beta \rangle + \nu \langle \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha), \Phi_\alpha(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha) \beta \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \nu \langle \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha), \Phi_u(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha) v_t^\beta \rangle dt + \langle m_u(u_T^\alpha), v_T^\beta \rangle \right] \\ &= \langle \nabla J(\alpha), \beta \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\nabla J(\alpha) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \nu \Phi_\alpha^*(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha) \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha) + \Phi_\alpha^*(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha) p_t dt \right].$$

Gradient Descent Algorithm

1) For control α_n , solve state equation

$$\begin{cases} du_t^n = [\Delta u_t^n + b(u_t^n) + \Phi(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n)]dt + \sigma dW_t \\ u_0^n = u \in L^2(\Lambda) \end{cases}$$

2) Solve adjoint equation

$$\begin{cases} dp_t^n = -[(\Delta + b_u(u_t^n) + \Phi_u^*(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n))p_t^n + l_u(t, u_t^n) + \nu \Phi_u^*(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n)\Phi(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n)]dt \\ p_T = m_u(u_T^n) \end{cases}$$

3) Approximate gradient

$$\nabla J(\alpha_n) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \nu \Phi_\alpha^*(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n) \Phi(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n) + \Phi_\alpha^*(t, u_t^n, \alpha_n) p_t^n dt \right]$$

4) For step size s , compute new control

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \alpha_n - s \nabla J(\alpha_n)$$

Consider

$$\begin{cases} du_t^\alpha = [\Delta u_t^\alpha + u_t^\alpha(u_t^\alpha - 1) \left(\frac{1}{2} - u_t^\alpha\right) + \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)] dt + \sigma dW_t, & t \in [0, 100] \\ u_0^\alpha = u \in L^2(0, 20) \end{cases}$$

with Neumann boundary conditions and $u = 1_{[5,15]}$.

$$\begin{aligned} J(\alpha) \\ = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{100} \|u_t^\alpha - u_t^0\|_{L^2(0,20)}^2 dt + \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)\|_{L^2(0,20)}^2 dt + \|u_{100}^\alpha - u_{100}^0\|_{L^2(0,20)}^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

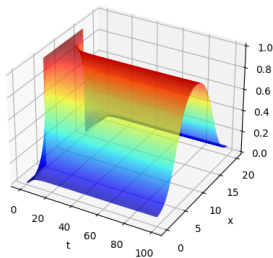
where u^0 is the solution without control and noise.

Simulations

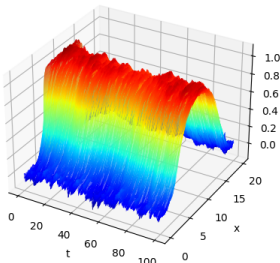
Consider

$$\begin{cases} du_t^\alpha = [\Delta u_t^\alpha + u_t^\alpha(u_t^\alpha - 1)(\frac{1}{2} - u_t^\alpha) + \Phi(t, u_t^\alpha, \alpha)] dt + \sigma dW_t, & t \in [0, 100] \\ u_0^\alpha = u \in L^2(0, 20) \end{cases}$$

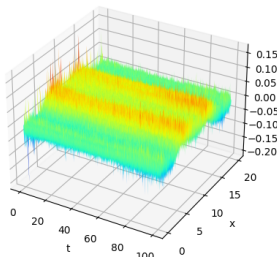
with Neumann boundary conditions and $u = 1_{[5,15]}$.



reference profile
 u^0 ($\sigma = 0$)



controlled solution
 $\sigma = 0.05$

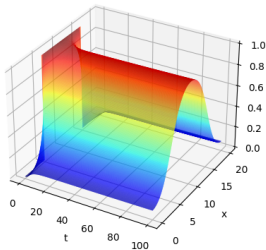


approximated control
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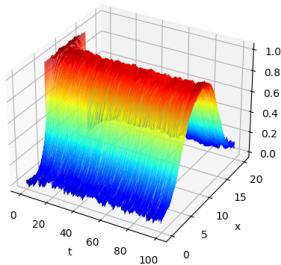
Radial Basis Function Network

Consider feedback control of the type

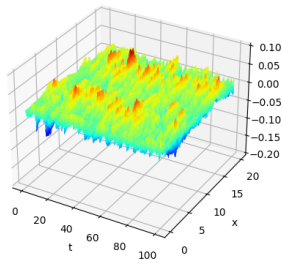
$$G(t, u)(x) \approx \Phi(t, u, \alpha, \tilde{u})(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^r \alpha_{ijk} 1_{[t_{k-1}, t_k]}(t) e^{-\kappa |u(x) - \tilde{u}_j|^2} e_i(x).$$



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