Topics on Uncertainty Quantification UQ challenges and techniques to address them

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### Solution

The trick is: this is not a probability question, rather a number theory one. A number is a multiple of 9 *iff* sum of its digits is a multiple of 9.  $1+2+\ldots+8=36$ . You can not remove any of the digits to reach a multiple of 9. Hence, the answer is 0.

To extend,

- repeat this exercise with any number of digits.
- replace 9 with 3.

## Outline

### Uncertainty quantification (UQ)

- What, why, how?
- Functional representation of r.v.
- Forward UQ

### Challenges

- Input correlations
- Distribution tails
- Intrinsic stochasticity
- Limited data
- High dimensionality
- Nonlinear/bifurcative systems



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# **Big picture**





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## Uncertainty types

- Epistemic (reducible)
- Aleatoric (irreducible)
- Bayesian probabilistic viewpoint covers both
- Uncertainty  $\sim$  Probability  $\sim$   $\sim$  State of knowledge

# Why UQ?

UQ explores the effect of input uncertainties on the outputs of interest.

- Model predictions over range of uncertainty
- Model validation and comparison
- Confidence assessment
- Reliability analysis
- Dimensionality reduction
- Optimal design
- Decision support
- (Noisy) data assimilation
  - Combination of measurements and model predictions to obtain accurate representations.

# UQ components

- · Locate all sources of (manageable) uncertainties
- Parameter selection/estimation
  - Auxilliary data collection
  - Expert opinion, physical bounds, maximum entropy
  - Submodel fitting/regression
- Forward propagation of uncertainties
  - Local SA (deterministic, error propagation)
  - Interval math, evidence theory
  - Global SA (stochastic, variance-based decomposition)
- Calibration with a separate set of data (inverse UQ)
- Model (in)validation
  - No model is perfect
  - Compare model prediction with uncertainties versus data on some Qol
  - Model comparison (Bayes Factors, Model Plausibility)
- See the previous slide

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# Spectral Methods for Forward Stochastic UQ

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### Constructing a 1D PCE for a r.v. with a given PDF

• Define a 1D PCE for r.v. X:

$$X = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \Psi_k(\eta)$$

• Define a uniformly distributed r.v.  $u \sim U(0, 1)$  using *inverse CDFs* 

$$X = F_X^{-1}(u), \qquad \eta = F_\eta^{-1}(u)$$

and evaluate the PC modes  $c_k$  via integrals over u:

$$c_{k} = \frac{\langle X\Psi_{k} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{k}^{2} \rangle} = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_{k}^{2} \rangle} \int_{0}^{1} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{X}^{-1}(u)}_{X} \Psi_{k}(\underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{\eta}^{-1}(u)}_{\eta}) du$$

• E.g., for Legendre-Uniform PC,  $\eta = 2u - 1$ .

# Constructing an nD PCE for a r.v. with a given PDF

• Define a multivariate PCE for r.v. X:

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### Input correlations: Rosenblatt transformation

 Rosenblatt transformation maps any (not necessarily independent) set of random variables ξ = (ξ<sub>1</sub>,..., ξ<sub>n</sub>) to uniform i.i.d.'s {m}<sup>n</sup><sub>i-1</sub> [Rosenblatt. 1952].



 Inverse Rosenblatt transformation ξ = R<sup>-1</sup>(η) ensures a well-defined quadrature integration to build PC [Sargsyan *et al.*, 2010]

$$c_k = \langle oldsymbol{\xi} \Psi_k(oldsymbol{\eta}) 
angle = \int R^{-1}(oldsymbol{\eta}) \Psi_k(oldsymbol{\eta}) doldsymbol{\eta}$$

• Caveat: if only samples of  $\xi$  are available, the conditional distributions are hard to evaluate accurately.

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- Stochastic chemical kinetics [Gillespie, 1977]
- Climate buzzword: stochastic physics
   [Palmer & WIlliams, 2009]
- Quadrature formulae presume a degree of smoothness

$$u_{k} = \frac{1}{\left\langle \Psi_{k}^{2} \right\rangle} \int u(\lambda(\boldsymbol{\eta})) \Psi_{k}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \pi(\boldsymbol{\eta}) d\boldsymbol{\eta} \approx \sum_{*} u(\boldsymbol{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{*})) \Psi_{k}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{*}) w_{*}$$

- Sparse-Quadrature formulae are *ill-conditioned* and highly-sensitive to noise
  - No convergence with order
  - · Error grows with increased dimensionality
- Options in the presence of noise:
  - RMS fitting for PC coefficients
  - Bayesian inference of PC coefficients

### Alternative methods to obtain PC coefficients

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Data 
$$\mathcal{D} \equiv \{(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_1, X_1), \dots, (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_N, X_N)\} = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \boldsymbol{X})$$
  
 $L(\boldsymbol{c}) = P(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{c}) = \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^N \prod_{i=1}^N \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i - g_{\boldsymbol{c}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ 

- Noise model is assumed gaussian with  $\sigma^2$  fixed or inferred
- Conjugate prior on c, uniform or gaussian
- The whole posterior distribution is accessible, *i.e.* uncertain response surface
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• Posterior is a multivariate normal

$$c \in \mathcal{N}(\underbrace{(P^TP)^{-1}P^TX}_{\mu},\underbrace{\sigma^2(P^TP)^{-1}}_{\Sigma}), \quad \text{where } P_{ik} = \Psi_k(\tilde{\eta}_i)$$

• The response surface is a gaussian process

$$\sum_{k=0}^{P} c_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\eta})^T \boldsymbol{c} \quad \in \quad \mathcal{GP}(\boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\eta})^T \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{\eta}')^T)$$
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# short answer: no free lunch

# Application of Interest: Community Land Model



http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/clm/

- Nested computational grid hierarchy
- Represents spatial heterogeneity of the land surface
- A single-site, 1000-yr simulation takes  $\sim 10$  hrs on 1 CPU
- Involves  $\sim 80$  input parameters

## Polynomial Chaos Surrogate for CLM

Input parameters are represented via their cumulative distribution function (CDF)  $F(\cdot)$ , such that, with  $\eta_i \sim \text{Uniform}[-1, 1]$ , we have:

$$\lambda_i = F_{\lambda_i}^{-1}\left(\frac{\eta_i + 1}{2}\right), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, d.$$

If input parameters are uniform  $\lambda_i \sim \text{Uniform}[a_i, b_i]$ , then

$$\lambda_i = \frac{a_i + b_i}{2} + \frac{b_i - a_i}{2} \eta_i.$$

Output is represented with respect to Legendre polynomials

$$f(\boldsymbol{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\eta})) \approx y_{\boldsymbol{c}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{K} c_k \Psi_k(\boldsymbol{\eta}).$$

## Iterative Bayesian Compressive Sensing (iBCS)

- The number of polynomial basis terms grows fast; a *p*-th order, *d*-dimensional basis has a total of (p + d)!/(p!d!) terms.
- Dimensionality reduction by using Gaussian *sparsity* priors.

$$p(\boldsymbol{c}) \propto \prod_{k=0}^{K} \exp\left(-rac{c_k^2}{2s_k^2}
ight).$$

The parameters  $(\sigma^2, s_0^2, \dots, s_K^2)$  are fixed by evidence maximization, and bases corresponding to small  $s_i^2$  are discarded [Ji *et al.* 2008].

• *Iterative BCS*: We implement an iterative procedure that allows increasing the order for the relevant basis terms while maintaining the dimensionality reduction [Sargsyan *et al.* 2012].

# Community Land Model - 2<sup>nd</sup> order BCS

Most influential input parameter couplings for each output
About 100 out of 3000 terms retained





Normal Random Variable

Gauss-Hermite PC

Legendre-Uniform PC



Lognormal Random Variable

## Gauss-Hermite PC

## Legendre-Uniform PC



**Binormal Random Variable** 

Gauss-Hermite PC

## Legendre-Uniform PC





## Discontinuities/Nonlinearities/Bifurcations

- Stochastic domain decomposition
  - Wiener-Haar expansions, Multiblock expansions, Multiwavelets, [Le Maître et al, 2004,2007]
  - also known as Multielement PC [Wan & Karniadakis, 2009]
- Data domain decomposition [Sargsyan et al, 2009,2010]
  - Data clustering, classification
  - Mixture PC expansions
- Adaptive setting helps
- Does not scale with dimensionality
- For expensive models, can not split much
- Need a 'smart' domain decomposition

## Webster et al - J. Environ. Syst. 31: 39-59, 2007

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## UQ & Discontinuities - Proposed Methodology

Our approach locates the discontinuity first so the domain can be subdivided into regions with smooth model response where spectral uncertainty quantification methods can be used.

Two-step approach:

- Bayesian inference of the location of the discontinuity
- Polynomial chaos representation via parameter domain mapping at each side of the discontinuity

## Bayesian Inference of the Location of Discontinuity

- Parameterize the discontinuity:  $r \approx p_{c}(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{K} c_{k} \lambda^{k}$
- Approximation model:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\boldsymbol{c}} \equiv g(\lambda, r) = m_L + (m_R - m_L) \frac{1 + \tanh\left(\alpha(r - p_{\boldsymbol{c}}(\lambda))\right)}{2}$$

- Noise model postulated:  $\sigma(\lambda, r)$
- Likelihood function:

$$\log P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_{\boldsymbol{c}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \left( P(z_i|\mathcal{M}_{\boldsymbol{c}}) \right) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{(z_i - g(\lambda, r))^2}{2\sigma(\lambda, r)^2}.$$

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- Bayes' formula:  $P(\mathcal{M}|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M})P(\mathcal{M})}{P(\mathcal{D})}$



# Highlights

- Any distribution of input points
- Generalizes to multiple dimensions

(b)

0.1

-0.1

Probabilistic representation



Discontinuity curve samples and their pdf

# Parameter Domain Mapping

- Assume linear discontinuity
- Use Rosenblatt Transformation (RT) to map the pair of uncertain parameters ( $\lambda$ ,r) to i.i.d. uniform random variables  $\eta_1$ and  $\eta_2$ :

 $\begin{aligned} \lambda &= F_{\lambda}^{-1}(\eta_1), \\ r &= F_{r|\lambda}^{-1}(\eta_2|\eta_1) \end{aligned}$ 

• Apply the RT mapping to both sides of the discontinuity



ROSENBLATT TRANSFORMATION:  $(\lambda, r) \rightarrow (\eta_1, \eta_2)$ 

### Discontinuous data represented well with the averaged PC



Discontinuous data represented well with the averaged PC.

Resulting output PDF given input parameter joint PDF.

## Closure

- Probabilistic UQ framework
  - · Probabilistic characterization of uncertain inputs
  - Forward UQ
  - PC surrogate
  - Still many challenges
- Items not covered
  - Time/space-resolved processes
    - Karhunen-Loeve expansion
  - Inverse UQ, calibration
    - Bayesian inference accelerated by PC surrogates
  - Model comparison, validation
    - Bayes Factors, Model plausibility
  - Relationship with Gaussian processes (GP)
    - GP regression is usually non-parametric
    - GP good for PDFs, PC good for sampling
  - Discrete parameters
    - Haar wavelets, mixed Haar-PC expansions

#### Job Details

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Both observational experiments and computer model simulations are expensive.

- Need to infer functional representation based on limited number of model runs/experiments.
  - Interpolation (kriging)
  - Gaussian Process emulation to assess the lack-of-knowledge [O'Hagan]
  - Extended to stochastic model setting



- Bayesian experimental design
  - What are the best locations to take observations?
  - At which parameter sets to run climate models to gain maximal information?

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## Random Sampling (RS) HDMR in principle equivalent to

PC expansion with Monte-Carlo integration

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- MC integrals still too expensive (new random samples needed for each hyperplane)
- Represent component functions with a polynomial expansion and use same set of samples
- Equivalent to Monte-Carlo PC with reordered multiindices!
  - PC (total order):

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• In future: employ Bayesian inference on component functions.