

# Algorithms for Uncertainty Quantification

## Lecture 6: Polynomial Chaos Approximation 1: The Pseudo-spectral Approach

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  - weighted inner product spaces
  - orthogonal polynomials
  - examples: Lagrange (uniform weight), Hermite (Gaussian weight) polynomials
  - Gaussian quadrature
    - nodes: zeros of the underlying orthogonal polynomial
    - weights: integral of the Lagrange cardinal polynomial evaluated at the nodes

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- Expected Learning Outcomes
  - The participants can describe the basic idea of generalized polynomial chaos (gPC) methods and underlying reasons.
  - They are able to list several ways to compute the gPC coefficients and to describe and relate the pseudo-spectral approach in this context.
  - They can give rough estimates for the dependency of the approximation orders  $N$  and  $K$ .
  - The participants are able to derive the formulas relating expectation and variance to the coefficients of the gPC approach.
  - They can indicate the relevant changes in the concept if several instead of one parameters are uncertain, i.e. in the multivariate context.

# Agenda

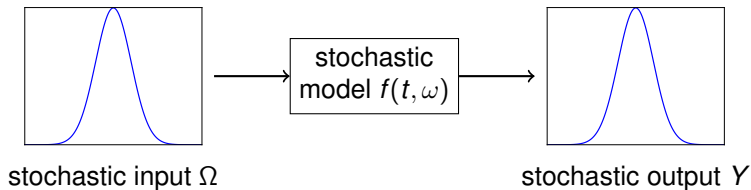
## Topic

Methods based on polynomial chaos approximation

## Content

- polynomial chaos expansion
- orthogonal polynomials
- the pseudo-spectral approach
- example: damped linear oscillator
- extension to multivariate polynomials
- summary

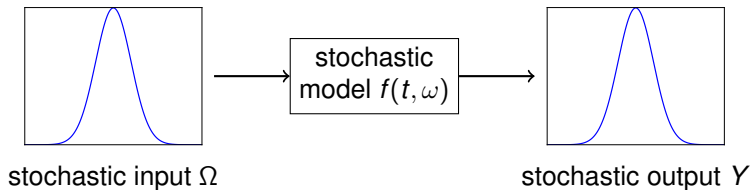
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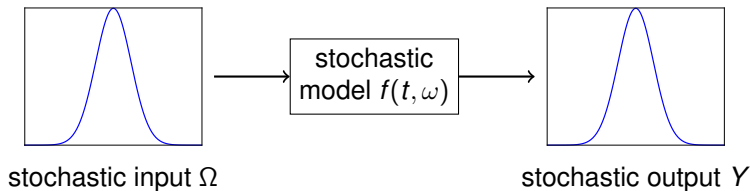
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## What we want

- a good approximation of  $f$  (or statistical moments of its output  $Y$ ) that is cheap to evaluate



## Forward Propagation of Uncertainty (2)



### Which method to use?

- remember: standard or improved Monte Carlo sampling
  1. sample from the input distribution
  2. solve system for each sample
  3. compute statistical output properties
- slow convergence in general
- computationally expensive (many samples)

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- idea: approximate  $f(t, \omega)$  by series of polynomials

$$f(t, \omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega)$$

- $\phi_n(\omega)$  polynomials of degree  $n$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(t)$  coefficients

## Polynomial Chaos Methods (2)

### Polynomial chaos expansion

- truncate series after  $N$  terms

$$f(t, \omega) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega)$$

- $\phi_n(\omega)$  orthogonal
- type of polynomials chosen w.r.t. input distribution  $\rho(\omega)$

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# Inner Product of Functions

## Remember: Scalar product of vectors

- vectors in Euclidean space:  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i b_i$$

## (Weighted) inner product of functions

- Euclidean space  $\rightarrow$  Hilbert space
- vectors  $\rightarrow$  functions:  $p(\omega)$ ,  $q(\omega)$
- sum  $\rightarrow$  integral with weight function  $\rho(\omega)$

$$\langle p(\omega), q(\omega) \rangle_{\rho} = \int_{\text{supp}(\rho)} p(\omega) q(\omega) \rho(\omega) d\omega$$

# Orthogonality

## Remember: Orthogonal vectors

- scalar product is zero

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# Univariate Orthogonal Polynomials

## Orthogonal basis

- degree 0 to  $N - 1$ :  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{N-1}$
- orthogonal w.r.t. weight  $\rho(\omega)$

$$\langle \phi_i(\omega), \phi_j(\omega) \rangle_\rho = \int \phi_i(\omega) \phi_j(\omega) \rho(\omega) d\omega = \gamma_i \delta_{ij}$$

- Kronecker delta  $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$
- normalization constants  $\gamma_i = \langle \phi_i(\omega), \phi_i(\omega) \rangle_\rho$

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### Orthonormal basis

- Normalization constants are 1

$$\tilde{\phi}_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma_i}} \phi_i$$

- from now on: assume  $\phi_i(\omega)$  are normalized

$$\langle \phi_i(\omega), \phi_j(\omega) \rangle_\rho = \delta_{ij}$$

# Type of Polynomials

## Polynomial chaos expansion

$$f(t, \omega) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega)$$

## What type of polynomials to use?

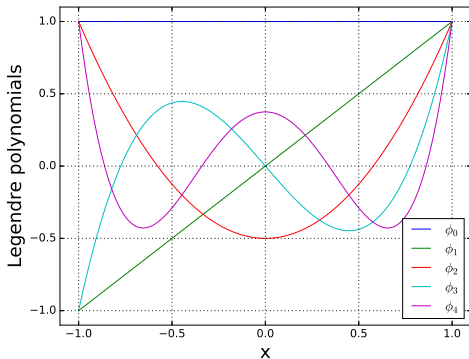
- chosen w.r.t. probability distribution  $\rho(\omega)$
- examples:
  - $\Omega \sim \mathcal{U}(-1, 1) \rightarrow$  Legendre polynomials
  - $\Omega \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1): \rightarrow$  Hermite polynomials
- the idea can be generalized to all probability distributions

# Legendre Polynomials

- orthogonal w.r.t. integral from -1 to 1 with weight function  $\rho(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \phi_i(\omega) \phi_j(\omega) \rho(\omega) d\omega = \frac{2}{2i+1} \delta_{ij}$$

- $\phi_0 = 1$
- $\phi_1 = \omega$
- $\phi_2 = \frac{1}{2} (3\omega^2 - 1)$
- $\phi_3 = \frac{1}{2} (5\omega^3 - 3\omega)$
- $\phi_4 = \frac{1}{8} (35\omega^4 - 30\omega^2 + 3)$
- ...

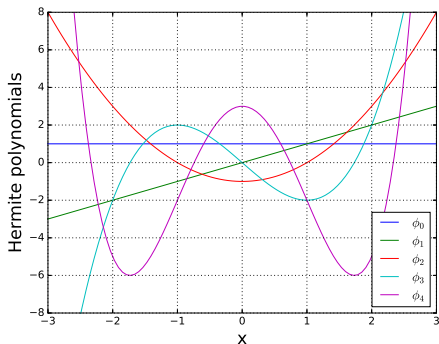


# Hermite Polynomials

- orthogonal w.r.t. integral from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$
- weight function  $\rho(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{\omega^2}{2})$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_i(\omega) \phi_j(\omega) \rho(\omega) dx = i! \delta_{ij}$$

- $\phi_0 = 1$
- $\phi_1 = \omega$
- $\phi_2 = \omega^2 - 1$
- $\phi_3 = \omega^3 - 3\omega$
- $\phi_4 = \omega^4 - 6\omega^2 + 3$
- ...



# Three-Term Recursion

## Computation of polynomials

- Stieltjes' three-term recursion relation

$$\phi_{-1}(\omega) \equiv 0$$

$$\phi_0(\omega) \equiv 1$$

$$\phi_{n+1}(\omega) = (A_n\omega + B_n)\phi_n(\omega) - C_n\phi_{n-1}(\omega) \quad n \geq 0$$

- $A_n, B_n, C_n$  constants (computed by recursion, depending on weight  $\rho$  via inner product)
- satisfied by all orthogonal polynomials
- numerically stable method for computation of polynomials
- other schemes possible, e.g. Gram-Schmidt algorithm

# Polynomial Chaos Methods – Checklist

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# Computation of Coefficients

## The pseudo-spectral approach

- exploit orthonormality of underlying basis

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega) = f(t, \omega)$$

$$\left\langle \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega), \phi_m(\omega) \right\rangle_{\rho} = \left\langle f(t, \omega), \phi_m(\omega) \right\rangle_{\rho}$$

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- other approaches: least squares, stochastic Galerkin (next lecture) ...



# The Pseudo-spectral Approach

## Computation of coefficients

$$\hat{f}_n(t) = \langle f(t, \omega), \phi_n(\omega) \rangle_\rho = \int_{\Omega} f(t, \omega) \phi_n(\omega) \rho(\omega) d\omega$$

- possible difficulties:
  - $f(t, \omega)$  computationally expensive
  - $f(t, \omega)$  available only as a black box
- solution: use quadrature
- Gaussian quadrature optimal in one dimensional settings

$$\hat{f}_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} f(t, \mathbf{x}_k) \phi_n(\mathbf{x}_k) w_k$$

## The Pseudo-spectral Approach (2)

### Nodes and weights

- quadrature rule  $\rightarrow$  nodes, weights  $\{x_k, w_k\}_{k=0}^{K-1}$
- chosen w.r.t. the input probability distribution  $\rho$
- the underlying model  $f(t, \omega)$  needs be evaluated only once at  $x_k$

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### Algorithm 1: compute coefficients

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**Require:**  $N, K, \rho$

generate polynomials  $\phi_i$

**for**  $k = 0$  to  $K - 1$  **do**

    generate  $x_k, w_k$

    evaluate  $f(t, x_k)$

**for**  $n = 0$  to  $N - 1$  **do**

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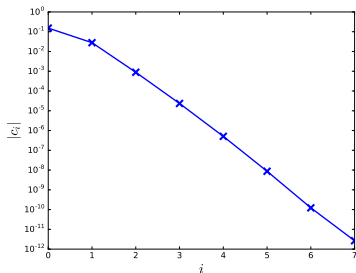
# Number of Terms and Nodes

## Number of quadrature nodes $K$

- expensive: evaluate  $f(t, x_k)$
- $K$  determines computational effort

## Number of expansion terms $N$

- $\hat{f}_n(t)$  decay exponentially
- few coefficients sufficient
- low computational effort once  $f(t, x_k)$  known
- rule of thumb: use  $N \approx \frac{1}{2}K$



coefficients of oscillator example

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## Variance

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}[f(t, \omega)] &= E \left[ (f(t, \omega) - E[f(t, \omega)])^2 \right] \\
 &\approx E \left[ \left( \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega) - \hat{f}_0(x) \right)^2 \right] = E \left[ \left( \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega) \right)^2 \right] \\
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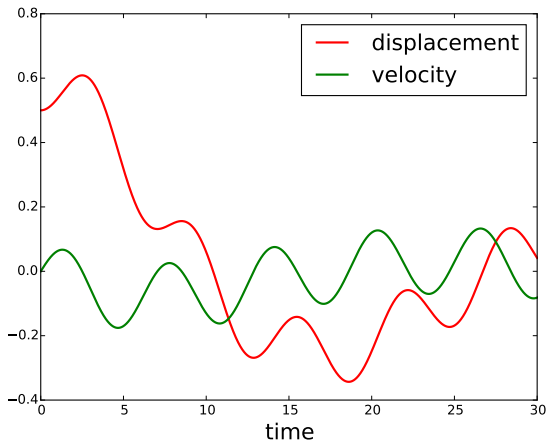
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- $c$  – damping coefficient
- $k$  – spring constant
- $f$  – forcing amplitude
- $\omega_0$  – frequency
- $y_0$  – initial position
- $y_1$  – initial velocity

## Damped Linear Oscillator (2)

- $c = 0.100$ ,  $k = 0.035$ ,  $f = 0.100$ ,  $\omega_O = 1.000$ ,  $y_0 = 0.500$ ,  $y_1 = 0.000$
- $t \in [0, 30]$



# The Pseudo-spectral Approach – Example

- assume  $c \sim \mathcal{U}(0.08, 0.12)$

$$y(T, \omega) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{y}_n(T) \phi_n(\omega)$$

$$\hat{y}_n(T) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} y(T, x_k) \phi_n(x_k) w_k$$

- $\hat{y}_n(T)$  – coefficients
- $\phi_n(\omega)$  – Legendre polynomials
- $x_k, w_k$  – Gauss-Legendre quadrature nodes and weights

## The Pseudo-spectral Approach – Example (2)

- $T = 15$

### Deterministic result

- $y(T) = -1.51e - 01$

### Stochastic results – Monte Carlo sampling

- 100000 samples  $\rightarrow E[y(T, \omega)] \approx -1.53e - 01, \text{Var}[y(T, \omega)] \approx 7.83e - 04$

### Stochastic results – the pseudo-spectral approach

- 5 nodes  $\rightarrow E[y(T, \omega)] \approx -1.52e - 01, \text{Var}[y(T, \omega)] \approx 7.80e - 04$



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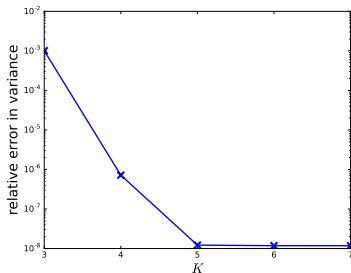
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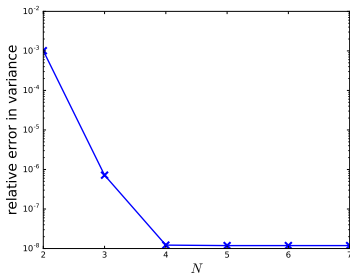
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number of quadrature nodes



number of expansion terms ( $K=10$ )

# Multivariate Polynomial Chaos Expansion

- random vector  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  consisting of independent random variables  $\Omega_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$
- multi-index  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$
- multivariate polynomials: product of univariate polynomials

$$\phi_{\mathbf{n}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \phi_{n_1}(\omega_1) \cdots \phi_{n_d}(\omega_d),$$

$$\langle \phi_{\mathbf{n}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \phi_{\mathbf{m}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \rangle_w = \delta_{\mathbf{n}\mathbf{m}}, \quad \delta_{\mathbf{n}\mathbf{m}} = \delta_{n_1 m_1} \cdots \delta_{n_d m_d}$$

- multivariate polynomial chaos expansion:

$$f(t, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \approx \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \hat{f}_{\mathbf{n}}(t) \phi_{\mathbf{n}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$$

- use multivariate pseudo-spectral approach to obtain  $\hat{f}_{\mathbf{n}}$ :

$$\hat{f}_{\mathbf{n}}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} f(t, \mathbf{x}_k) \phi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}_k) w_k$$

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- example
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- computational cost:  $K$ , only indirectly related to  $P$

# Literature

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# Summary

## Polynomial chaos methods

- polynomial chaos expansion
  - approximate quantity of interest by polynomial series
  - $f(t, \omega) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_n(t) \phi_n(\omega)$
- orthogonal polynomials and polynomial chaos
  - inner product 0 for orthogonal polynomials
  - $\langle \phi_i(\omega), \phi_j(\omega) \rangle_\rho = \delta_{ij}$
  - choose polynomial type according to input distribution
- the pseudo-spectral approach
  - use quadrature rule to compute coefficients
  - $\hat{f}_n \approx \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} f(t, x_k) \phi_n(x_k) w_k$
- model problem: damped linear oscillator
- multivariate polynomial chaos expansion