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Escaping unknown discontinuous regions in blackbox optimization

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contact and friction interfaces

- nonlinear vibrations
- detrimental phenomena

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\implies Need to account for nonlinear simulations in the early stages of the design cycle

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Blackbox optimization problem



notations

- ▶ $x \in X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$: vector of variables ▶ $f: X \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$: objective function



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Blackbox optimization problem

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 $\Omega = \{ x \in X : c(x) \leq 0 \}$

Objective: a Mesh Adaptive Direct Search algorithm to solve problem (1)



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Mesh Adaptive Direct Search² (Mads) for unconstrained problems

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\min_{x \in X} & f(x)
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$$f(x^1) \leqslant f(t^4)$$

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- revelation after each evaluation

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 $\min_{\substack{x \in X \\ \text{s.t.}}}$

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 \blacktriangleright exclusion constraint around x^1 and t^3

exclusion

 \min

 $x \in X$

s.t.

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f(x)

 $c(x) \leq 0$

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2 exclusion constraint d^k at iteration k

$$d^k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\operatorname{dist}(x, D^k)}{r_{\mathrm{e}}} & \text{if } D^k \cap B_{r_{\mathrm{e}}}(x) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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idea behind the proof

- ▶ $\lim_{k\to\infty} h^k(y) = \hat{h}(y)$ for y close to \hat{x}
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major points

- \blacktriangleright inner approximations of the safety margin to treat infinite constraint d
- ▶ based on Mads ⇒ convergence properties preserved
- validated on analytical and engineering problems

publication

 "Escaping unknown discontinuous regions in blackbox optimization", C. Audet, A. Batailly and S. Kojtych, SIAM Journal On Optimization (recently accepted, preprint available⁷)

Perspectives

- usages: discontinuities and hidden constraints
- short-term
 - ▶ implementation in Nomad 4 \Rightarrow hidden constraint problems
- others
 - ▶ performance improvements \Rightarrow scaling of c and d^k , revealing poll, surrogates...
 - comparison with other methods adapted to treat d?
 - other infinite constraints?





Thank you for attention !