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A review of multi-fidelity metamodels for field predictions

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CONTEXT

- Simulations with a high computational cost (e.g., Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD))
- Need to build a metamodel for applications that require a large number of calls to a simulator (*e.g.*, uncertainty quantification, optimization)
- The quantity of interest is a **field** (*e.g.*, pressure at the wall of a launch vehicle) **discretized on a mesh** (temporal, spatial, frequential, *etc.*)
- Simulators of variable fidelity are available (e.g., simplified physics, mesh resolution)



NOTATIONS

- ▶ u ∈ ℝ^p: vector of input variables (*e.g.*, length of the vehicle, angle of attack)
- ► F_j, j = 1, ..., S: fidelity level, 1 corresponds to the highest-fidelity
- \mathbf{x}_{F_j} : **mesh** at fidelity F_j
- y_{Fj}(u, x_{Fj}) ∈ ℝ^{d_{Fj}}: a field discretized on the mesh x_{Fj} of dimension d_{Fj}
 □: prediction of the field □



BUILDING BLOCKS

Dimension reduction

Compression of a high-dimensional field into a lower-dimensional space (latent space), for instance with Principal Component Analysis (PCA) [1], Kernel PCA [2].

Orthogonal part

Information lost when performing dimension reduction.

For instance, this can be modeled by a kriging with tensorized covariance [3].

Manifold alignment by Procrustes analysis [4]

Operations on the low-dimensional representation of the fields to make them better match between fidelities.



Regression

Mapping between the input variables and the low-dimensional representation of the fields, can be mono-fidelity (*e.g.*, gaussian process regression [5]) or multifidelity (*e.g.*, autoregressive cokriging [6]).

UNIFIED FRAMEWORK OF METAMODEL FAMILIES (ILLUSTRATED FOR 2 FIDELITIES)



NUMERICAL COMPARISON



- Prediction capabilities measured for different numbers of high-fidelity samples, different ratios of number of low-fidelity samples over the number of highfidelity samples τ, and multiple repetitions
- In the following figure, only the best performing method of each family is retained in addition to the mono-fidelity





CONCLUSIONS

— Airfoil

Existing metamodels in the literature can be reformulated into a unified framework with building blocks that can be freely composed

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- Most multi-fidelity metamodels yield better results than a mono-fidelity metamodel
- Mapping and corrective metamodels require the same number of snapshots for each fidelity and require running the lower-fidelity simulator to make a high-fidelity prediction
- The best performing method and the associated ranking very much depend on the application case, justifying the need for a benchmark with various tests
- All referenced methods have been tested on 4 different test cases but the results are not displayed here due to a space constraints

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