

Méthode des bases réduites probabiliste pour des problèmes paramétrés

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$$V_{n-1} = \text{span}\{u(\xi_1), \dots, u(\xi_{n-1})\},$$

a new parameter value ξ_n is selected as

$$\|u(\xi_n) - u_{n-1}(\xi_n)\|_V = \sup_{\xi \in \Xi} \|u(\xi) - u_{n-1}(\xi)\|_V. \quad (1)$$

This ideal algorithm is still unfeasible :

- 1) the error $\|u(\xi) - u_{n-1}(\xi)\|_V$ for all $\xi \in \Xi$ is not always accessible,
- 2) maximizing this error over Ξ is a non trivial optimization problem.

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Online : computation of $u_n(\xi)$.

During the online stage, $u_n(\xi)$ is computed as some projection in V_n with low complexity (depending only on n).

1) If $u_n(\xi)$ is a **quasi-optimal projection** of $u(\xi)$ onto V_n i.e.

$$\|u(\xi) - u_n(\xi)\|_V \leq C \|u(\xi) - P_{V_n} u(\xi)\|_V \quad (2)$$

for some constant C independent from V_n and ξ .

If $\Delta(u_n(\xi), \xi)$ is **certified** i.e. there are two constants $0 < m \leq M$ s.t.

$$m \|u(\xi) - u_n(\xi)\|_V \leq \Delta(u_n(\xi), \xi) \leq M \|u(\xi) - u_n(\xi)\|_V. \quad (3)$$

Assuming (2)-(3), there exists $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ such that

$$\|u(\xi_n) - P_{V_{n-1}} u(\xi_n)\|_V \geq \gamma \sup_{\xi \in \Xi} \|u(\xi) - P_{V_{n-1}} u(\xi)\|_V. \quad (4)$$

i.e. the algorithm is a **weak-greedy** algorithm.

$\rightsquigarrow V_n$ is **not optimal** but the approximation error

$$\sigma_n(\mathcal{M})_V := \sup_{u \in \mathcal{M}} \|u - P_{V_n} u\|_V$$

decays like $d_n(\mathcal{M})_V$ for algebraic or exponential convergence.

(Binev-Cohen-Dahmen-DeVore-Petrova-Wojtaszczyk, 2011), (Buffa-Maday-Patera-Prud'homme-Turinici, 2012),
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2) Replacing Ξ by $\tilde{\Xi}$ a (finite subset) e.g. ε -net of Ξ (Cohen-Dahmen-DeVore-Nichols, 2020).

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Probabilistic construction of reduced space.

- Greedy algorithm with random training sets for : high-dimensional parameter-dependent problems (Cohen,2020), for EIM (Cai,2022)
- MC-greedy algorithm for control variate method within RB paradigm (Boyaval-Lelièvre,2010) (Blel-Ehrlacher-Lelièvre,2021)

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- ✓ Practically simple.
- ✗ Slow convergence of the estimate with respect to the number of samples.
- ✗ High computational costs especially if $Z_{n-1}(\xi)$ is expensive to evaluate.
- ✗ No guarantee that ξ_n (random) is a (quasi-)optimum, almost surely or at least with high probability.

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- ✓ Adaptive number of samples.
- ✗ Requires **strong assumptions** on the distribution of $Z_{n-1}(\xi)$ leading to practical limitations.

Theorem (Billaud-Macherey-Nouy-Prieur, 2023)

Take $(\lambda_n)_{n \geq 1} \in (0, 1)$ such that $\sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_n = \lambda < 1$, $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ and $\tilde{\Xi} \subset \Xi$ a discrete training set. Moreover, suppose that for $n \geq 1$, the approximation u_n of u in V_n is **quasi-optimal**

$$\|u(\xi) - u_n(\xi)\|_V \leq C \|u(\xi) - P_{V_n} u(\xi)\|_V, \quad \xi \in \tilde{\Xi}, \quad (7)$$

for some constant C independent from V_n and ξ . Then, **Algorithm 2** with **PAC based approach** is a **weak-greedy** algorithm of parameter $\frac{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon}}{C}$, with probability at least $1 - \lambda$ i.e.

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\|u(\xi_n) - P_{V_{n-1}} u(\xi_n)\|_V \geq \frac{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon}}{C} \max_{\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}} \|u(\xi) - P_{V_{n-1}} u(\xi)\|_V, \forall n \geq 1 \right) \geq 1 - \lambda. \quad (8)$$

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$$u(\xi) : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

from its pointwise evaluations in D .

Offline stage. Use the probabilistic greedy algorithm to construct V_n with

$$\Delta(u_n(\xi), \xi) = \|u_n(\xi) - u(\xi)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 = \mathbb{E}(Z_n(\xi))$$

with $Z_n(\xi) = |D| |u(Y, \xi) - u_n(Y, \xi)|^2$ where $Y \sim \mathcal{U}(D)$.

Online stage. The approximation $u_n(\xi)$ is an interpolant of $u(\xi)$ in V_n

$$u_n(x_i, \xi) = u(x_i, \xi), \quad x_i \in \Gamma,$$

with $\Gamma = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ an unisolvant grid of interpolation points in D for V_n (e.g. the magic points).

- **D** : deterministic RBM with

$$\xi_n \in \arg \max_{\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}} \|u(\xi) - u_n(\xi)\|_{L^2(D)}^2.$$

The L^2 -norm is estimated by trapezium rule with grid \tilde{D} .

- **MC** : probabilistic RBM with MC estimate

$$\xi_n \in \arg \max_{\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}} \overline{Z_{n-1}(\xi)}_K.$$

We set $K \in \{1, 50\}$.

- **PAC** : probabilistic RBM with PAC selection

$$\xi_n \in \arg \max_{\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}} \text{PAC}_{\lambda, \varepsilon}(Z_{n-1}(\xi), \tilde{\Xi}).$$

with asymptotic (TCL) or non asymptotic (Bounded) concentrations inequalities.

The probability of failure is $\lambda = 0.1$ and stopping criterion $\varepsilon = 0.9$.

- **R** : RBM with ξ_n chosen at random in $\tilde{\Xi}$ without replacement.

Test case 1.

$$u(x, \xi) = 10x \sin(2\pi x \xi), \quad (x, \xi) \in [0, 1] \times [2, 4]$$

Reduced space dimension $n = 20$. Training sets : $\#\tilde{\Xi} = 300$, $\#\tilde{D} = 10000$.

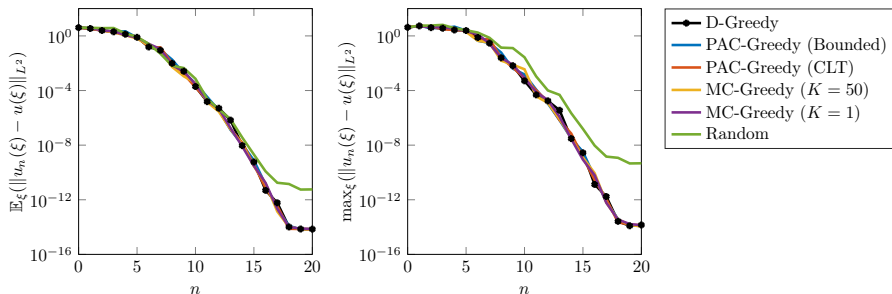


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Test case 2.

$$u(x, \xi) = \sqrt{x + 0.1} \mathbf{1}_{[0, \xi]}(x) + \left(\frac{x - \xi}{2\sqrt{\xi + 0.1}} + \sqrt{\xi + 0.1} \right) \mathbf{1}_{[\xi, 1]}(x), \quad (x, \xi) \in [0, 1]^2$$

Reduced space dimension $n = 30$. Training sets : $\#\tilde{\Xi} = 300$, $\#\tilde{D} = 1000$.

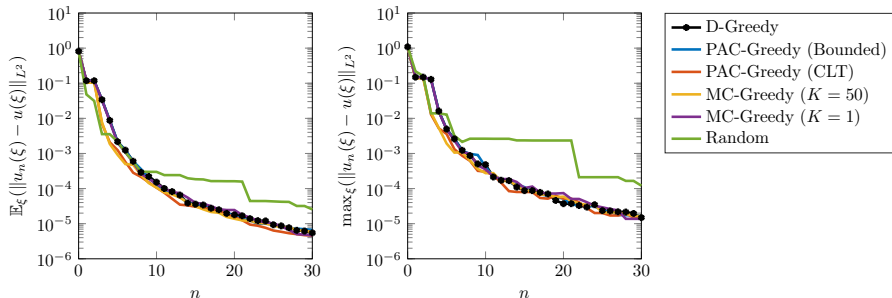


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⇒ Best trade-off between efficiency and accuracy : MC-Greedy ($K = 1$).

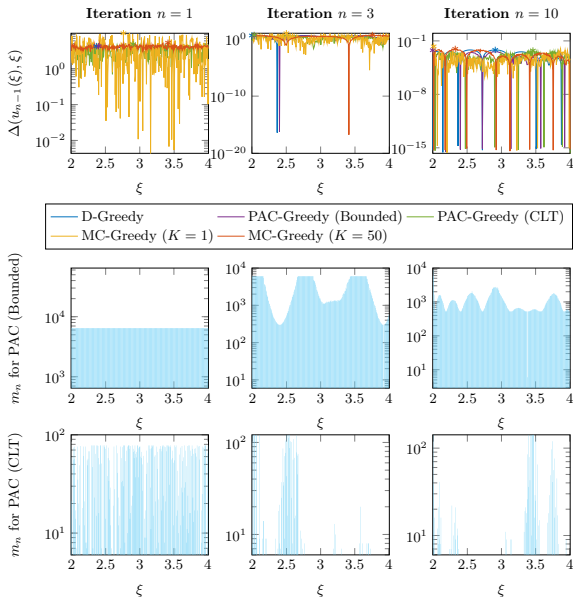


Figure (TC1) Evolution of the error during greedy procedures based on PAC bandit algorithms (top), together with required samples $m_n(\xi)$ for selecting $\xi_n \in \tilde{\Xi}$.

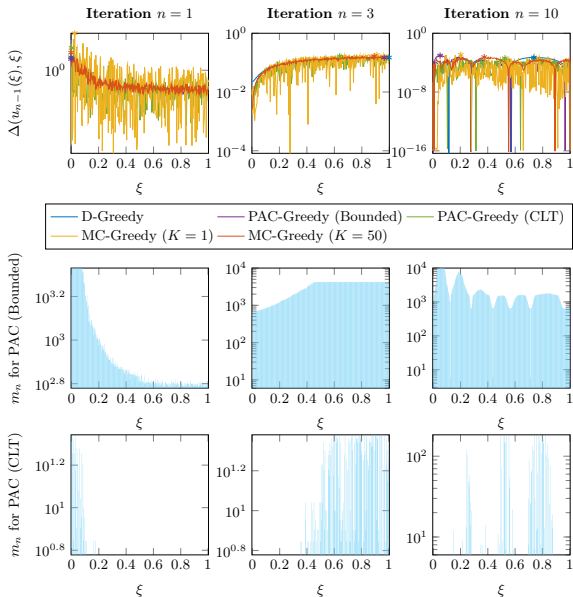


Figure (TC2) Evolution of the error during greedy procedures based on PAC bandit algorithms (top), together with required samples $m_n(\xi)$ for selecting $\xi_n \in \tilde{\Xi}$.

Method	(TC1) for $n = 20$	(TC2) for $n = 30$
D-Greedy	6×10^7	9×10^6
MC-Greedy $K = 1$	6×10^3	9×10^3
MC-Greedy $K = 50$	3×10^5	4.5×10^5
PAC-Greedy (Bounded)	1.284326×10^7	5.764507×10^7
PAC-Greedy (CLT)	7.507800×10^4	2.333380×10^5

Table Cumulative number of samples required by each algorithm, for (TC1) and (TC2), to construct reduced basis of dimension n .

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The parameter-dependent elliptic partial differential operator $\mathcal{A}(\xi)$ is defined as

$$\mathcal{A}(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d (\sigma(\xi)\sigma(\xi)^T)_{ij} \partial_{x_i x_j}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^d b_i(\xi) \partial_{x_i},$$

with parameter-dependent drift $b : \mathbb{R}^d \times \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and diffusion $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$.

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A classical framework.

It is usually considered :

- an approximated problem (9) for a given mesh of D (e.g. finite element...),
- $u_n(\xi)$ obtained through suitable projection (e.g. galerkin, least-square...) using the **equation residual**,
- $\Delta(u_n(\xi), \xi)$ related to some norm of the **equation residual**.

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Probabilistic and sample based framework.

We could consider :

- global approximation over D of the solution of (9) obtained from pointwise values (noisy) (e.g. interpolation, least-square...)
 \rightsquigarrow snapshots, approximation $u_n(\xi)$ avoiding the use of equation residual,
- use a probabilistic greedy algorithm with $\Delta(u_n(\xi), \xi)$ related to some norm of the current error.

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Feynman-Kac (FK) formula (Friedman (§6, Theorem 2.4), 2010)

Under suitable assumptions on $f(\xi), g(\xi)$ and $b(\xi), \sigma(\xi)$ Appendix 2 there exists a unique solution $u(\xi)$ of (9) in $\mathcal{C}(\overline{D}) \cap \mathcal{C}^2(D)$, which satisfies for all $x \in \overline{D}$

$$u(x, \xi) = \mathbb{E}(F(x, X^{x,\xi}, \xi)) := \mathbb{E} \left(f(X_{\tau^{x,\xi}}^{x,\xi}, \xi) + \int_0^{\tau^{x,\xi}} g(X_t^{x,\xi}, \xi) dt \right), \quad (11)$$

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Theorem (Billaud-Macherey-Nouy-Prieur, 2023)

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$$\|\mathcal{A}(\xi) + g(\xi)\|_{L^2(D)}$$

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- **Random** : snapshots chosen at random in $\tilde{\Xi}$ without replacement

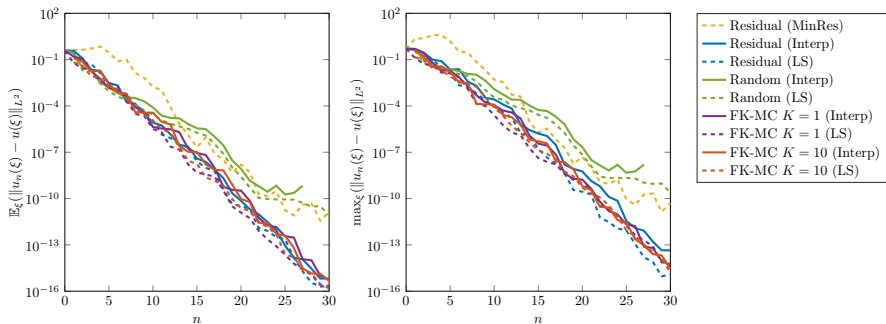


Figure Evolution with respect to n , of the estimated maximum of the approximation error in L^2 -norm, computed for 100 instances of ξ , for one realisation of the probabilistic greedy algorithms compared to the deterministic one.

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Here $\{Z(\xi) : \xi \in \tilde{\Xi}\}$ is a finite collection of random variables with $\mathbb{E}[Z(\xi)] \neq 0$. We denote

$$\overline{Z(\xi)}_m = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m Z(\xi)_k \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{V(\xi)}_m = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \left(Z(\xi)_k - \overline{Z(\xi)}_m \right)^2, \quad (16)$$

where $Z(\xi)_1, \dots, Z(\xi)_m$ are m independent copies of $Z(\xi)$.

The random variable $Z(\xi)$ is assumed to satisfy the following (possibly asymptotic) concentration inequality

$$\mathbb{P} \left(|\overline{Z(\xi)}_m - \mathbb{E}[Z(\xi)]| \leq c(m, x, \xi) \right) \geq 1 - x, \quad (17)$$

for each $\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $m \geq 1$.

If for any $\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}$, there exists $a(\xi), b(\xi) \in \mathbb{R}$ such that almost surely we have $a(\xi) \leq Z(\xi) \leq b(\xi)$, then (17) holds with

$$c(m, x, \xi) = \sqrt{\frac{2\overline{V(\xi)}_m \log(3/x)}{m}} + \frac{3(b(\xi) - a(\xi)) \log(3/x)}{m}.$$

Now, let us define a sequence $(d_m)_{m \geq 1} \subset (0, 1)^{\mathbb{N}}$, independent from ξ , and such that $\sum_{m \geq 1} d_m < \infty$.

Then we introduce $c_{\xi, m} = c(m, d_m, \xi)$, and $\beta_{\xi, m(\xi)}^{\pm} = \overline{Z(\xi)}_{m(\xi)} \pm c_{\xi, m(\xi)}$.

Letting $s(\xi) := \text{sign}(\overline{Z(\xi)}_{m(\xi)})$ and $\varepsilon_{\xi, m(\xi)} = \begin{cases} \frac{c_{\xi, m(\xi)}}{|\overline{Z(\xi)}_{m(\xi)}|} & \text{if } \overline{Z(\xi)}_{m(\xi)} \neq 0, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$, we

define the following estimate for $\mathbb{E}[Z(\xi)]$ given by

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{m(\xi)}[Z(\xi)] = \begin{cases} \overline{Z(\xi)}_{m(\xi)} - \varepsilon_{\xi, m(\xi)} s(\xi) c_{\xi, m(\xi)} & \text{if } \varepsilon_{\xi, m(\xi)} < 1, \\ \overline{Z(\xi)}_{m(\xi)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Adaptive bandit algorithm (Billaud-Macherey-Nouy-Prieur,2022)

- 1: Let $\varepsilon, \lambda \in (0, 1)$ and $K \in \mathbb{N}$. Set $\ell = 0$, $\Xi_0 = \tilde{\Xi}$, $m(\xi) = K$ and $\varepsilon_{\xi, m(\xi)} = +\infty$ for all $\xi \in \Xi$.
- 2: **while** $\#\Xi_\ell > 1$ **and** $\max_{\xi \in \Xi_\ell} \varepsilon_{\xi, m(\xi)} > \frac{\varepsilon}{2+\varepsilon}$ **do**
- 3: **for all** $\xi \in \Xi_\ell$ **do**
- 4: Sample $Z(\xi)$, increment $m(\xi)$ and update $\varepsilon_{\xi, m(\xi)}$.
- 5: Compute the estimate $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_{m(\xi)}[Z(\xi)]$ using (18).
- 6: **end for**
- 7: Increment ℓ and put in Ξ_ℓ every $\xi \in \tilde{\Xi}$ such that

$$\beta_{\xi, m(\xi)}^+ \geq \max_{\nu \in \tilde{\Xi}} \beta_{\nu, m(\nu)}^- \quad (19)$$

- 8: **end while**
- 9: Select $\hat{\xi}$ such that

$$\hat{\xi} \in \arg \max_{\xi \in \Xi_\ell} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{m(\xi)} [Z(\xi)].$$

At each step ℓ , the number of samples $m(\xi)$ of the random variables $Z(\xi)$ is increased in the subset $\Xi_\ell \subset \tilde{\Xi}$, obtained using confidence intervals $[\beta_{m(\xi)}^-(\xi), \beta_{m(\xi)}^+(\xi)]$ of $\mathbb{E}(Z(\xi))$ according to (19). The idea is to find regions of $\tilde{\Xi}$ where one has a high chance to find a maximum.

Dependence to ξ is omitted to alleviate notations.

- There exists a constant $0 < M < +\infty$ such that for all $x, y \in \bar{D}$ we have

$$\|b(x) - b(y)\| + \|\sigma(x) - \sigma(y)\| \leq M\|x - y\|, \quad (20)$$

- Denoting $a = \sigma\sigma^T$, there exists $c > 0$ such that

$$y^T a(x)y \geq c\|y\|^2, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^d, x \in \bar{D}.$$

- As problem (9) is defined on a bounded domain, we define the first exit time of D for the process X^x as

$$\tau^x = \inf \{s > 0 : X_s^x \notin D\}. \quad (21)$$

- The domain D is an open connected bounded domain of \mathbb{R}^d , regular in the sense that it satisfies the following conditions

i)

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau^x = 0) = 1, \quad x \in \partial D,$$

ii) each point of ∂D satisfies the exterior cone condition which means that, for all $x \in \partial D$, there exists a finite right circular cone K , with vertex x , such that $\bar{K} \cap \bar{D} = \{x\}$.

- We assume that f is continuous on ∂D , g is Hölder-continuous on \bar{D} .

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Maruyama scheme for computing $X^{x, \Delta t}$.

The diffusion process X^x is approximated by a piecewise constant process $X^{x, \Delta t}$, where $X_t^{x, \Delta t} = X_n^{x, \Delta t}$ for $t \in [t_n, t_{n+1}[$ and

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n+1}^{x, \Delta t} &= X_n^{x, \Delta t} + \Delta t b(X_n^{x, \Delta t}) + \sigma(X_n^{x, \Delta t}) \Delta W_n, \\ X_0^{x, \Delta t} &= x, \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where $\Delta W_n = W_{n+1} - W_n$ is an increment of the standard Brownian motion.

Approximated stopping time $\tau^{x, \Delta t}$.

We consider

$$\tau^{x, \Delta t} = \min \left\{ t_n > 0 : X_{t_n}^{x, \Delta t} \notin D \right\}. \tag{23}$$

Monte Carlo estimate $u_{\Delta t, M}(x)$ of $u(x)$.

For $x \in \bar{D}$ and $\{X^{x, \Delta t}(\omega_m)\}_{m=1}^M$ independent samples of $X^{x, \Delta t}$, we consider

$$u_{\Delta t, M}(x) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \left[f(X_{\tau^{x, \Delta t}}^{x, \Delta t}(\omega_m)) + \int_0^{\tau^{x, \Delta t}} g(X_t^{x, \Delta t}(\omega_m)) dt \right]. \tag{24}$$

We seek a global approximation of u from the pointwise estimates $u_{\Delta t, M}(x)$, $x \in \bar{D}$.

Linear approximation. Consider the approximation space $V_m \subset \mathcal{C}^2(\bar{D})$ of dim. m and

$$\mathcal{L}_m : \mathcal{C}^2(\bar{D}) \rightarrow V_m$$

the approximation operator associated with a grid $\Gamma = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^p \subset \bar{D}$ with $p \geq m$.

Exemples : Interpolation ($p = m$), least-square approximation

Naive approach. Choose an approximation for u as

$$\tilde{u} = \mathcal{L}_m(u_{\Delta t, M}).$$

\rightsquigarrow It may suffer from the slow convergence of MC estimates w.r.t. M .

Appendix 4 : Sequential control variate procedure

(Gobet, Maire, 2006)

Construct a sequence of approximations $\{\tilde{u}^k\}_{k \geq 1}$ of u in V_m as

$$\tilde{u}^k = \tilde{u}^{k-1} + \tilde{e}^k, \quad k \geq 1,$$

where $\tilde{e}^k \approx e^k = u - \tilde{u}^{k-1}$, solution of

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{A}e^k(x) &= g(x) + \mathcal{A}\tilde{u}^{k-1}(x), & x \in D, \\ e^k(x) &= f(x) - u^{k-1}(x), & x \in \partial D. \end{aligned}$$

Since e^k admits the Feynman-Kac representation

$$e^k(x) = \mathbb{E} \left((f - \tilde{u}^{k-1})(X_{\tau^x}^x) + \int_0^{\tau^x} (g + \mathcal{A}\tilde{u}^{k-1})(X_t^x) dt \right),$$

we can compute

$$\tilde{e}^k = \mathcal{L}_m(e_{\Delta t, M}^k).$$

Remarks.

- ✓ For **interpolation**, the $u - \tilde{u}^k$ converges geometrically to zero up to a threshold term depending on Δt and interpolation error (Gobet, Maire, 2006)
- ✓ For high-dimensional problems with sparse interpolation (B.-F., Macherey, Nouy, Prieur, 2020)

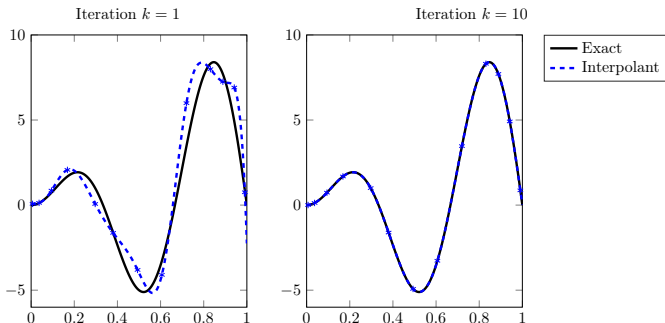
Appendix 4 : Simple illustration

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$$-\mathcal{A}u = -3\pi u'' - bu' = g \text{ in } D, \quad u = f \text{ at } x = 0, 1, \quad (25)$$

The functions $g(\xi)$ and $f(\xi)$ are set s.t. $u(x) = 10x\sin(3\pi x)$. The associated SDE is

$$dX_t^x = bdt + \sqrt{6\pi}dW_t, \quad X_0^x = x.$$



Interpolation of using B-Splines (\mathbb{P}_4), $\dim V_m = 13$ for a grid Γ of Magic Points. Sequential control variate algorithm with $M = 100$, $k_{max} = 10$ and $\Delta t = 10^{-4}$.