



Overview

- Several applications in optimization, image and signal processing deal with data belonging to the **Stiefel manifold**

$$\text{St}(n, p) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^T X = I_p\}.$$

- Some applications require evaluating the geodesic distance between two arbitrary points on $\text{St}(n, p)$. No closed-form solution is known for $\text{St}(n, p)$.
- A new computational framework for computing the geodesic distance is proposed, based on the multiple shooting method and the leapfrog algorithm by L. Noakes.
- Two example applications:**
 - Karcher mean on the space of probability density functions (PDFs);
 - Interpolation of data belonging to $\text{St}(n, p)$ for parametric model reduction.

Geodesics on $\text{St}(n, p)$

- Geodesic:** generalization of straight lines to manifolds.
- When the tangent space $T_X \text{St}(n, p)$ is endowed with the canonical metric

$$g_c(\Delta, \Delta) = \text{tr}(\Delta^T (I - \frac{1}{2} X X^T) \Delta), \quad \Delta \in T_X \text{St}(n, p),$$

one can get the following ODE for the geodesic $Z \equiv Z(t)$ [1, eq. (2.41)]:

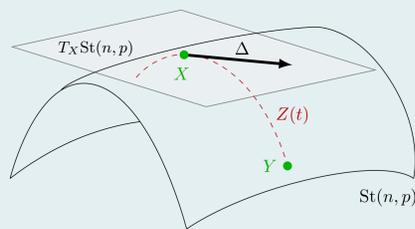
$$\ddot{Z} + \dot{Z} \dot{Z}^T Z + Z((Z^T \dot{Z})^2 + \dot{Z}^T \dot{Z}) = 0.$$

- Closed-form solution for a geodesic $Z(t)$ that realizes a tangent vector Δ with base point X (Ross Lippert [1, eq. (2.42)]):

$$Z(t) = [X \quad X_\perp] \exp \left(\begin{bmatrix} X^T \Delta & -(X_\perp^T \Delta)^T \\ X_\perp^T \Delta & 0 \end{bmatrix} t \right) \begin{bmatrix} I_p \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Riemannian logarithm on $\text{St}(n, p)$

- Given $X, Y \in \text{St}(n, p)$, the **geodesic distance** $d(X, Y)$ is the length of $\Delta_* \equiv \dot{Z}(0) \in T_X \text{St}(n, p)$ s.t. the Riemannian exponential mapping $\text{Exp}_X(\Delta_*) = Y$.
- Equivalent to: Find the **Riemannian logarithm** of Y with base point X , i.e., $\text{Log}_X(Y) = \Delta_*$.



Problem statement: Find $\Delta_* \equiv \dot{Z}(0) \in T_X \text{St}(n, p)$ that satisfies the BVP

$$\ddot{Z} = -\dot{Z} \dot{Z}^T Z - Z((Z^T \dot{Z})^2 + \dot{Z}^T \dot{Z}), \quad \text{with BCs } \begin{cases} Z(0) = X, \\ Z(1) = Y. \end{cases}$$

- No closed-form solution to this problem is known for $\text{St}(n, p)$!**

Single shooting method

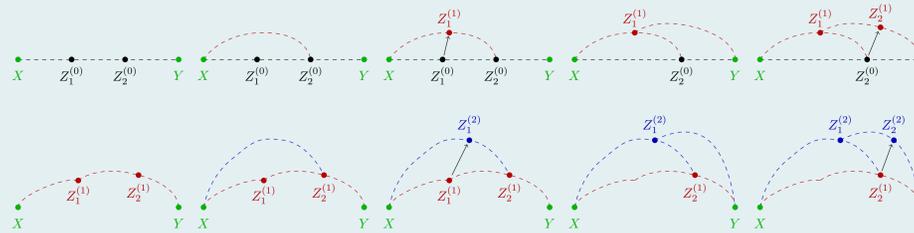
- Define $F(\Delta) = Z_{(t=1, \Delta)} - Y$. Find Δ_* s.t. $F(\Delta_*) = 0$ with **Newton's method**.
- All information is contained in a smaller problem on $\text{St}(2p, p) \rightarrow$ complexity reduces from $O(n^3)$ to $O(p^3)$ [1].
- A closed-form expression for the Fréchet derivative of the matrix exponential $K_{\text{exp}(A)}^A$ [2, eq. (10.17b)] allows for **explicit expressions of the Jacobians**

$$K_{\text{exp}(A)}^A = (\exp(A^T/2) \otimes \exp(A/2)) \text{sinc} \left(\frac{1}{2} [A^T \oplus (-A)] \right).$$

- Fast convergence, but a very good initial guess $\Delta^{(0)}$ is needed.

Leapfrog algorithm (by L. Noakes [3])

- Based on subdivision, s.t. single shooting works well on each subinterval.
- Illustration of two iterations of the procedure, for m points:



- Global convergence to Δ_* , but very slow. Deteriorates when $m \rightarrow \infty$.

Multiple shooting method

- Enforce continuity conditions of Z and \dot{Z} at the interfaces between subintervals.
- Fast convergence to Δ_* .
- $\Sigma_1^{(k)}$: point on $\text{St}(n, p)$ relative to the k -th subinterval.
- $\Sigma_2^{(k)}$: tangent vector to $\text{St}(n, p)$ at $\Sigma_1^{(k)}$.

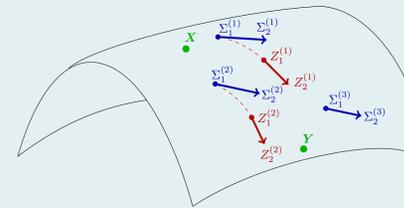


Figure: Multiple shooting on $\text{St}(n, p)$.

System of nonlinear equations:

$$F(\Sigma) := \begin{bmatrix} Z_1^{(1)} - \Sigma_1^{(2)} \\ Z_2^{(1)} - \Sigma_2^{(2)} \\ Z_1^{(2)} - \Sigma_1^{(3)} \\ Z_2^{(2)} - \Sigma_2^{(3)} \\ \vdots \\ r_1 := \Sigma_1^{(1)} - Y_0 \\ r_2 := \Sigma_1^{(m)} - Y_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \xrightarrow{\text{linearize}} \quad F(\Sigma) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} G^{(1)} & -I & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & G^{(2)} & -I & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & G^{(m-1)} & -I \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 & D \end{bmatrix}}_{=: DF(\Sigma)} \delta \Sigma = 0.$$

For each subinterval k , we have an **explicit expression** for the Jacobian $G^{(k)}$.

Our Stiefel Log algorithm: shooting and leapfrog

- To compute the Riemannian logarithm on $\text{St}(n, p)$, single shooting, leapfrog and multiple shooting are combined as illustrated by the flowchart below.
- We observe that $F(\Sigma_0) \rightarrow 0$ as the number of iterations in the leapfrog algorithm increases.
- Leapfrog is used to initialize multiple shooting, to enforce the Newton-Kantorovich condition $\|DF(\Sigma_0)^{-1} F(\Sigma_0)\| \leq \alpha$.

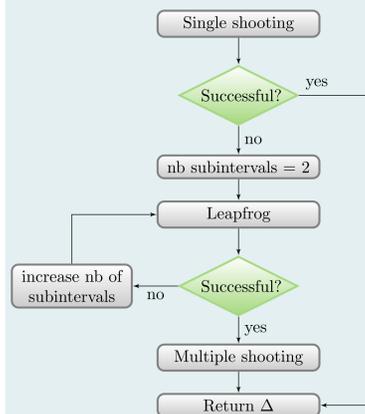
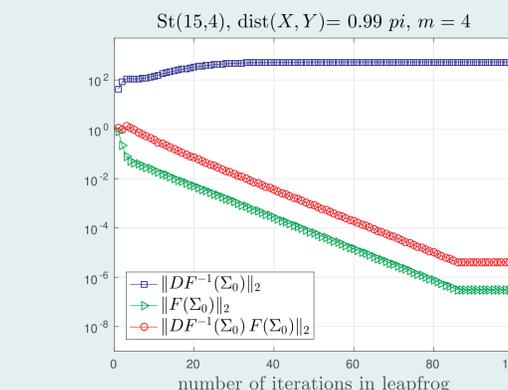


Figure: Flowchart of the Stiefel Log algorithm.



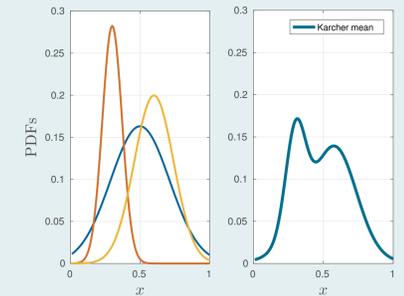
- Second N.-K. condition (work in progress): $\|DF(\Sigma_0)^{-1} (DF(\xi) - DF(\zeta))\| \leq \bar{\omega} \|\xi - \zeta\|$.

Karcher mean of univariate probability density functions

- Karcher mean:** one possible notion of mean on a Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M} , defined by the optimization problem $\mu = \arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N d(p, q_i)^2$, where $d(p, q_i)$ is the distance between two points on \mathcal{M} .

- $\mathcal{S}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \|x\| = 1\}$ can be used to approximate \mathcal{S}^∞ , which represents the **space of univariate PDFs** on the unit interval $[0, 1]$, i.e., $\mathcal{P} = \{g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} : \int_0^1 g(x) dx = 1\}$.

- Example:** Karcher mean of 3 PDFs, sampled at 100 points, which makes them belonging to $\text{St}(100, 1)$.



Model reduction with POD and interpolation on $\text{St}(n, r)$

- Model reduction for dynamical systems parametrized with $\mathbf{p} = [p_1, \dots, p_d]^T$:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{x}(t; \mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{u}(t), \\ \mathbf{y}(t; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{x}(t; \mathbf{p}), \end{cases} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{reduction}} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_r(t; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{A}_r(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{x}_r(t; \mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{B}_r(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{u}(t), \\ \mathbf{y}_r(t; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{C}_r(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{x}_r(t; \mathbf{p}), \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{x}(t; \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad \mathbf{y}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q, \quad \mathbf{x}_r = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{A}_r = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{B}_r = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{B},$
 $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \quad \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}, \quad \mathbf{C}_r = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{V}, \quad \mathbf{V} \equiv \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{p}) \in \text{St}(n, r).$

- For each parameter in a set of parameter values $\{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_K\}$, use proper orthogonal decomposition (POD) to derive a reduced-order basis $\mathbf{V}_i \in \text{St}(n, r)$.

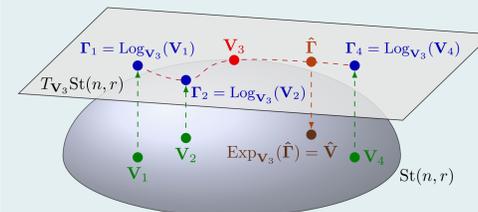
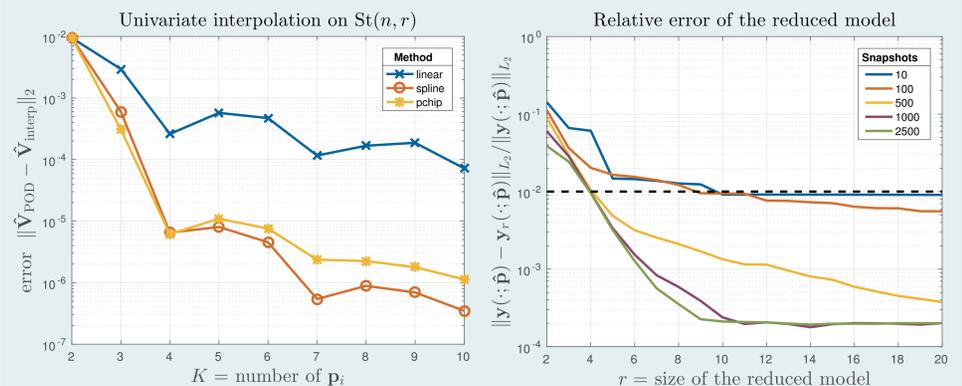


Figure: Interpolation on $\text{St}(n, r)$.

- This yields a set of local basis matrices $\{\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2, \dots, \mathbf{V}_K\}$.

- Given a new parameter value $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$, a basis $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$ can be obtained by **interpolating the local basis matrices on a tangent space to $\text{St}(n, r)$** .



- Application:** transient heat equation on a square domain, with 4 disjoint discs.
- FEM discretization with $n = 1169$. Simulation for $t \in [0, 500]$, with $\Delta t = 0.1$.
- 500 snapshot POD over 5000 timeframes, with a reduced model of size $r = 4$.
- Relative error between $\mathbf{y}(\cdot; \hat{\mathbf{p}})$ and $\mathbf{y}_r(\cdot; \hat{\mathbf{p}})$ is about 1%.

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