Lecture 1: Motivation and Prototypical Examples

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Predictive Science

Components: All involve uncertainty



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- Experimental results are believed by everyone, except for the person who ran the experiment, source anonymous, quoted by Max Gunzburger, Florida State University.
- I have always done uncertainty quantification. The difference now is that it is capitalized. Bill Browning, Applied Mathematics Incorporated.

Modeling Strategy

General Strategy: Conservation of stuff



Continuity Equation:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\Delta x)}{\partial t} = \phi(t, x) - \phi(t, x + \Delta x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\phi(t, x) - \phi(t, x + \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{\phi(t, x)}{dt} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial(\rho\Delta x)}{dt} & \phi(t, x + \Delta x) \\ x & x + \Delta x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 0$$

Density: $\rho(t, x)$ - Stuff per unit length or volume

Rate of Flow: $\phi(t, x)$ - Stuff per second

More Generally:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} =$$
Sources - Sinks

Example 1: Weather Models

Observable Quantity

Challenges:

- Coupling between temperature, pressure gradients, precipitation, aerosol, etc.;
- Models and inputs contain uncertainties;
- Numerical grids necessarily larger than many phenomena; e.g., clouds
- Sensors positions may be uncertain; e.g., weather balloons, ocean buoys.

Goal:

- Assimilate data to quantify uncertain initial conditions and parameters;
- Make predictions with quantified uncertainties.



Equations of Atmospheric Physics



Constitutive Closure Relations: e.g.,

$$S_{m_2} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 - S_4$$

where

Ensemble Predictions

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Cone of Uncertainty:



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Cone of Uncertainty:



General Questions:

• What is expected rainfall on January 19?

80°W

- What are high and low temperatures?
- What is predicted average snow fall?
- Note: Quantities are statistical in nature.

Example 2: Quantum-Informed Continuum Models

Objectives:

- Employ density function theory (DFT) to construct/calibrate continuum energy relations.
 - e.g., Helmholtz energy



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Broad Objective:

• Use UQ/SA to help bridge scales from quantum to system

Note:

Linearly parameterized

Example 2: Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR)



Models:

•Involve neutron transport, thermal-hydraulics, chemistry.

•Inherently multi-scale, multi-physics.

CRUD Measurements: Consist of low resolution images at limited number of locations.

Example: Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR)

3-D Neutron Transport Equations:

Challenges:

- Very large number of inputs; e.g., 100,000; Active subspace construction critical.
- ORNL Code SCALE: Can take hours to run.
- Time-dependent surrogate models must accommodate PDE structure.
- Numerical errors often difficult to quantify.

• Predicting future requires extrapolatory or outof-data predictions; one must address model discrepancy to construct validation intervals.



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Example: Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR)

Thermo-Hydraulic Equations: Mass, momentum and energy balance for fluid

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha_{f} \rho_{f}) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_{f} \rho_{f} v_{f}) &= -\Gamma \\ \alpha_{f} \rho_{f} \frac{\partial v_{f}}{\partial t} + \alpha_{f} \rho_{f} v_{f} \cdot \nabla v_{f} + \nabla \cdot \sigma_{f}^{R} + \alpha_{f} \nabla \cdot \sigma + \alpha_{f} \nabla \rho_{f} \\ &= -F^{R} - F + \Gamma(v_{f} - v_{g})/2 + \alpha_{f} \rho_{f} g \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha_{f} \rho_{f} e_{f}) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_{f} \rho_{f} e_{f} v_{f} + Th) &= (T_{g} - T_{f})H + T_{f} \Delta_{f} \\ &- T_{g} (H - \alpha_{g} \nabla \cdot h) + h \cdot \nabla T - \Gamma[e_{f} + T_{f}(s^{*} - s_{f})] \\ &- \rho_{f} \left(\frac{\partial \alpha_{f}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_{f} v_{f}) + \frac{\Gamma}{\rho_{f}} \right) \end{split}$$

 $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} =$ Sources - Sinks

Notes:

- Similar relations for gas and bubbly phases
- Surrogate models must conserve mass, energy, and momentum



Example: Shearon Harris outside Raleigh

UQ Questions:

- What is peak operating temperature?
- What is expected level of CRUD buildup?
- What is risk associated with operating regime?
- What is expected profit for new design?

Example 4: SIR Model for Disease Dynamics SIR Model:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= \delta N - \delta S - \underline{\gamma k} I S &, \ S(0) = S_0 & \text{Susceptible} \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \underline{\gamma k} I S - (r + \delta) I &, \ I(0) = I_0 & \text{Infectious} \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= rI - \delta R &, \ R(0) = R_0 & \text{Recovered} \end{aligned}$$

Parameters:

Response:

 $y = \int_{0}^{5} R(t,q) dt$

- γ : Infection coefficient
- k: Interaction coefficient
- *r*: Recovery rate
- δ: Birth/death rate

Note: Parameters $q = [\gamma, k, r, \delta]$ not uniquely determined by data

Note: Presently employed cholera models have similar form; example this afternoon.

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UQ Goal: Predict I(t) with uncertainty intervals:



Problem: Cannot uniquely infer parameters



Solution:

- Active subspaces
- Identifiability analysis
- Sensitivity analysis
- Design of experiments

Example 5: HIV Model for Characterization and Control Regimes

HIV Model: $\dot{T}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1$ [Adams, Banks et al., 2005, $\dot{T}_2 = \lambda_2 - d_2 T_2 - (1 - f\varepsilon) k_2 V T_2$ [Adams, Banks et al., 2005, 2007] $\dot{T}_1^* = (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1 - \delta T_1^* - m_1 E T_1^*$ $\dot{T}_2^* = (1 - f\varepsilon) k_2 V T_2 - \delta T_2^* - m_2 E T_2^*$ $\dot{V} = N_T \delta(T_1^* + T_2^*) - cV - [(1 - \varepsilon) \rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon) \rho_2 k_2 T_2] V$ $\dot{E} = \lambda_E + \frac{b_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_d} E - \delta_E E$ Notation: $\dot{E} \equiv \frac{dE}{dt}$



Example 3: HIV Model for Characterization and Control Regimes

HIV Model: Used for characterization and control treatment regimes.

$$\begin{split} \dot{T}_1 &= \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1 \\ \dot{T}_2 &= \lambda_2 - d_2 T_2 - (1 - f\varepsilon) k_2 V T_2 \\ \dot{T}_1^* &= (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1 - \delta T_1^* - m_1 E T_1^* \\ \dot{T}_2^* &= (1 - f\varepsilon) k_2 V T_2 - \delta T_2^* - m_2 E T_2^* \\ \dot{V} &= N_T \delta (T_1^* + T_2^*) - c V - [(1 - \varepsilon) \rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon) \rho_2 k_2 T_2] V \\ \dot{E} &= \lambda_E + \frac{b_E (T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E (T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_d} E - \delta_E E \end{split}$$

Parameters: Most are unknown and must be estimated from data

| λ_1 | Target cell 1 production rate | ρ_1 | Ave. virions infecting type 1 cell |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| λ_2 | Target cell 2 production rate | ρ_2 | Ave. virions infecting type 2 cell |
| d_1 | Target cell 1 death rate | b_E | Max. birth rate immune effectors |
| d_2 | Target cell 2 death rate | d_E | Max. death rate immune effectors |
| k_1 | Population 1 infection rate | K_b | Birth constant, immune effectors |
| k_2 | Population 2 infection rate | K_d | Death constant, immune effectors |
| c | Virus natural death rate | λ_E | Immune effector production rate |
| δ | Infected cell death rate | δ_E | Natural death rate, immune effectors |
| ${\mathcal E}$ | Population 1 treatment efficacy | N_T | Virions produced per infected cell |
| m_1 | Population 1 clearance rate | $\int f$ | Treatment efficacy reduction |
| m_2 | Population 2 clearance rate | | |

Example: HIV Model for Characterization and Treatment Regimes

HIV Model: Several sources of uncertainty including viral measurement techniques **Example:** Upper and lower limits to assay sensitivity



UQ Questions:

- What are the uncertainties in parameters that cannot be directly measured?
- What is optimal treatment regime that is "safe" for patient?
- What is expected viral load? Issue: very often requires high-dimensional integration!

• e.g.,
$$\mathbb{E}[V(t)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{21}} V(t,q) \rho(q) dq$$

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Example 4: Portfolio Model

Example: Portfolio model

$$Y = c_1 Q_1 + c_2 Q_2$$

Note:

- Q_1 and Q_2 represent hedged portfolios
- c_1 and c_2 amounts invested in each portfolio

Take

$$c_1 = 2 , c_2 = 1$$

$$Q_1 \sim N(0, \sigma_1^2) \text{ with } \sigma_1 = 1$$

$$Q_2 \sim N(0, \sigma_2^2) \text{ with } \sigma_2 = 3$$



UQ Questions:

- •What is expected investment return?
- •What is impact of market uncertainty on investment return?

Example 5: Viscoelastic Material Models

Application: Adaptive materials for legged robotics

• Figure: Billy Oates



Material Behavior: Significant rate dependence





Example 5: Viscoelastic Material Models



Parameters:

$$q = [G_e, G_c, \lambda_{\max}, \eta, \beta, \gamma]$$

 $q = [\eta, \beta, \gamma]$: Viscoelastic parameters

- G_c : Crosslink network modulus
- G_e : Plateau modulus
- λ_{\max} : Max stretch effective affine tube

Uncertainty Quantification Goals:

- Quantify measurement errors.
- Quantify uncertainty in parameters.
- Use statistics to quantify accuracy of considered models.

Example 6: X-Ray Crystallography

Properties:

• Reveal relative positions of atoms, their atomic number, types of chemical bonds, etc.

• Applications: determination of of DNA structure, design of pharmaceuticals, etc..





Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy

Uncertainty Quantification Goals:

- Use Bayesian analysis to quantify uncertainty associated with Rietveld model and background.
- Quantify heteroskedasticity and correlation of error structure.

Collaborators: Chris Fancher, Zhen Han, Igor Levin, Katherine Page, Brian Reich, Alyson Wilson, Jacob Jones

Experimental Uncertainties and Limitations

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- Pharmaceutical and disease treatment strategies often too dangerous or expensive for human tests or large segments of the population.
- Climate scenarios cannot be experimentally tested at the planet scale. Instead, components such as volcanic forcing tested using measurements such as the 1991 Mount Pinatubo data.
- Subsurface hydrology data very limited due to infeasibility of drilling large numbers of wells. Result: significant uncertainty regarding subsurface structures.



Model Errors

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• Numerous components of weather and climate models --- e.g., aerosol-induced cloud formation, greenhouse gas processes --- occur on scales that are much smaller than numerical grids used to solve the atmospheric equations of physics. These processes represent highly complex physics that is only partially understood.

• Many biological applications are coupled, complex, highly nonlinear, and driven by poorly understood or stochastic processes.



Input Uncertainties

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• Phenomenological models used to represent processes such as turbulence in weather, climate and nuclear reactor models have nonphysical parameters whose values and uncertainties must be determined using measured data.

• Forcing and feedback mechanisms in climate models serve as boundary inputs. These parameterized phenomenological relations introduce both model and parameter uncertainties.



Numerical Errors

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• Roundoff, discretization or approximation errors; e.g., mesh for nuclear subchannel code COBRA-TF is on the order of subchannel between rods.

• Bugs or coding errors;

• Bit-flipping, hardware failures and uncertainty associated with future exascale and quantum computing;

• Grids required for numerical solutions of field equations in applications such as weather or climate models (e.g., 50~km) are much larger than the scale of physics being modeled (e.g., turbulence or greenhouse gases).



Steps in Uncertainty Quantification

Note: Uncertainty quantification requires synergy between statistics, mathematics and application area.



Modeling Issues



Verification Process



Verification: The process of determining that a model implementation accurately represents the developer's conceptual description of the model and the solution to the model.

Note: Verification deals with mathematics

Validation Process



Validation: The process of determining the degree to which a model is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended model users.

Note: Validation deals with physics and statistics

Validation Metrics

