Hybrid data assimilation

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Parameter estimation

Noisy observations, d^o related to model parameters, m:

$$d^o = g(m) + \epsilon$$

and prior

$$m \sim N[m^{pr}, C_m]$$

- *m* might be log-permeability and porosity on a reservoir simulation grid.
- g(m) might be water production rate at well locations.
- Objective is to make inference about *m* (so that we can forecast).

The posterior landscape¹



¹? "The impact of upscaling errors on conditioning a stochastic channel to pressure data"

The posterior landscape¹



¹? "The impact of upscaling errors on conditioning a stochastic channel to pressure data"

The posterior landscape²



²? "An analysis of history matching errors "



Parameter estimation in Lorentz (1963) model.³

Iterative ensemble smoothers work well on this type of problem. Exact derivatives would be useless.

³? "Efficient parameter estimation for a highly chaotic system"

For problems with several similar minima, standard ensemble methods will \mbox{fail}^4



⁴? "Ensemble Inference Methods for Models With Noisy and Expensive Likelihoods"

- 1. Sample a gaussian random variables x^*
- 2. Sample the observation error ϵ
- 3. Compute $\operatorname{argmin}_{x} \|d^{o} g(m(x)) \epsilon^{*}\|_{C_{d}^{-1}}^{2} + \|x x^{*}\|_{C_{x}^{-1}}^{2}$

Gauss-Newton minimization⁵

$$\delta x_{\ell} = x^* - x_{\ell} - C_x G_{\ell}^T \left[C_D + G_{\ell} C_x G_{\ell}^T \right]^{-1} \\ \times \left[(g(m(x_{\ell})) - d_j^o) - G_{\ell} (x_{\ell} - x^*) \right].$$

where $G^{\mathrm{T}} = \nabla_{x} g^{\mathrm{T}}$.

⁵We almost always use Levenberg-Marquardt but omitted for clarity.

Example: RML sampling with many modes⁶



True posterior pdf for *x*.

RML samples.

Two model variables and two nonlinear observations.

$$g[x_1, x_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \sin[2\pi x_1] \\ \sin[2\pi x_2] \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\sigma_D = 0.2$, $x_{\rm pr} = (0.0, 0.0)$ and $\sigma_X = 1$., $d_{\rm obs} = (0., 0.)$

⁶? "Metropolized randomized maximum likelihood for improved sampling from multimodal distributions"

To avoid computation of G,⁷ we may use an IES approach:

$$\begin{split} \delta \boldsymbol{x}_{\ell+1} &= -\Delta \boldsymbol{x}_{\ell} (\Delta \boldsymbol{x}_{\ell})^{T} \boldsymbol{C}_{x}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{x}_{\ell} - \boldsymbol{x}^{*}) \\ &- \Delta \boldsymbol{x}_{\ell} (\Delta \boldsymbol{d}_{\ell})^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{C}_{d} + \Delta \boldsymbol{d}_{\ell} (\Delta \boldsymbol{d}_{\ell})^{T} \right)^{-1} \\ &\times \left(g(\boldsymbol{m}_{\ell}) - \boldsymbol{\delta}^{*} - \Delta \boldsymbol{d}_{\ell} (\Delta \boldsymbol{x}_{\ell})^{T} \boldsymbol{C}_{x}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{x}_{\ell} - \boldsymbol{x}^{*}) \right), \end{split}$$

where $\Delta \mathbf{x}_{\ell} = \frac{(\mathbf{x}_{\ell} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell})}{\sqrt{(N-1)}}$ and similar for $\Delta \mathbf{d}_{\ell}$.

⁷Computation of *G* requires the solution of the adjoint system for the reservoir flow and transport equations.

Data assimilation – IES



History matching of truncated plurigaussian models.⁸ Iterative ensemble smoother works well for monotonic threshold maps, but poorly for symmetric (channel-like).

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RML: $\boldsymbol{C}_{x}\boldsymbol{G}_{\ell}^{T}\left[\boldsymbol{C}_{d}+\boldsymbol{G}_{\ell}\boldsymbol{C}_{x}\boldsymbol{G}_{\ell}^{T}\right]^{-1}$

IES:

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_{\ell} (\Delta \mathbf{d}_{\ell})^{T} \Big(\mathbf{C}_{d} + \Delta \mathbf{d}_{\ell} (\Delta \mathbf{d}_{\ell})^{T} \Big)^{-1}$$

same effective \boldsymbol{G} for all ensemble members

Consider composite models d = g(m(x))

For the hybrid IES, the sensitivities of m with respective to x and of data g with respective to m are required.

$$\boldsymbol{G} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{g}^{T}) = \boldsymbol{G}_{m} \cdot (\nabla_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{m}^{T}))^{T} = \boldsymbol{G}_{m} \boldsymbol{M}_{\boldsymbol{X}}$$

Then RML update can be written as

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_{\ell+1} = -(\mathbf{x}_{\ell} - \mathbf{x}^*) - \mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{x}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{x}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{G}_{m}^{\mathsf{T}} \Big(\mathbf{C}_{d} + \mathbf{G}_{m} \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{x}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{x}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{x}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{G}_{m}^{\mathsf{T}} \Big)^{-1} \\ imes \Big(g(\mathbf{m}_{\ell}) - \delta^* - \mathbf{G}_{m} \mathbf{M}_{\mathsf{x}} (\mathbf{x}_{\ell} - \mathbf{x}^*) \Big),$$

where $\boldsymbol{G}_m = (\Delta \boldsymbol{d}_\ell) (\Delta \boldsymbol{m}_\ell)^{-1}$.

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- 1. Hierarchical parameterization (hyper parameters of the model such as orientation of anisotropy are uncertain):
 - M_x is potentially full but C_x is diagonal example $m = m_{pr} + C_m^{1/2} x$ in which case $M_x = C_m^{1/2}$ (potentially dense) and $C_x = I$.
- 2. Permeability is a nonlinear function of Gaussian random variable (e.g. truncated plurigaussian)
 - C_x is potentially full but M_x is diagonal example x ~ N[0, C_x] but M_x = diag ∂m_i/∂x_i, i = i,...N_x.

Compute terms like $C_{x}M_{x}^{T}G_{m}^{T}$

Application to large models

Compute terms like $C_x M_x^T G_m^T$ (multiply either $C_x v$ or $M_x^T v$) Assume C_x and M_x^T are (block) Toeplitz, in which case there are very fast methods for multiplication.⁹ Recall

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_{-1} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{-(n-1)} \\ a_1 & a_0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & a_{-1} & a_{-2} \\ \vdots & \ddots & a_1 & a_0 & a_{-1} \\ a_{n-1} & \cdots & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a Toeplitz matrix.

⁹? "Fast and exact simulation of stationary Gaussian processes through circulant embedding of the covariance matrix"

Examples

log-permeability transformation¹⁰



"true log k

observed water cut

$$m = 2\tanh(4x+2) + \tanh(2-4x) - 1$$

has "connectivity" of high permeability regions.

$$\frac{dm/dx = 4 - 8 \tanh^2(4x + 2) + 4 \tanh^2(2 - 4x)}{{}^{10}\text{Ongoing work with Yuming Ba, building on }?}$$

Iterative ensemble smoother with Levenberg-Marquardt minimization



Problem has multiple main minima. Iterative ensemble smoother (with localization) is essentially useless.

Six realizations from prior and posterior







obj: 2617.1

obj: 3999.7

40 0

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obj: 4522.9

20 40

obi: 13866.6

40 0

40 0

obj: 7530.0

obi: 5998.9

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Reminder: This is using somewhat state-of-the-art IES.

Hybrid Iterative ensemble smoother with Levenberg-Marquardt minimization



Greedy minimization. Many local minima.

Hybrid IES: Six realizations from prior and posterior





prior realizations

posterior realizations

Each ensemble member has a distinct Kalman gain matrix.

Less likely to collapse.

Can use independent LM.

Six realizations from posterior with largest weights



posterior realizations

Spatially distributed observations of the permeability field.



The sensitivity of model parameters (the GRF) to the latent independent standard normal variates are computed analytically.

$$G_i = G_m \begin{bmatrix} L_i & (rac{\partial}{\partial \phi} L_i) z_i \end{bmatrix}$$

where $L_i = C_{m,i}^{1/2}$ (different covariance matrix for each ensemble member).

¹¹? "Hybrid iterative ensemble smoother for history matching of hierarchical models "

Reduction in data mismatch





prior realizations

Reduction in uncertainty of orientation

Comparison of prior and posterior pdf for orientation



- Allows approximate sampling for some problems where IES fails (similar to RML)
- Approximate sampling in problems with multiple modes.
- Allows individual minimization control
- Analysis step is slower than standard IES
 - requires some large matrix multiplications (use circulant embedding when appropriate)
 - requires the prior covariance or correlation function (not just a prior ensemble)

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