

Let (Ω, Σ, P) be a probability space in which we consider the following SDE:

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t, \omega) &= C(X(t, \omega))dt + D(X(t, \omega))dW(t, \omega) \\ X(t = 0, \omega) &= X_{(0)}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where:

- ▶ $X : (t, \omega) \in T \times \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ is a **stochastic process** defined in the time interval $T = [0, T_f]$ with $T_f > 0$
- ▶ $W(t, \omega)$ is a **Wiener process**
- ▶ $C : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ is the **drift** coefficient and $D : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ is the **diffusion** coefficient

Note that there is **only one source of randomness** in SDE (1), the **Wiener process**.

We consider uncertain drift and diffusion coefficients through the introduction of **random parameters** $\xi(\omega)$

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t, \omega) &= C(X(t, \omega), \xi(\omega))dt + D(X(t, \omega), \xi(\omega))dW(t, \omega) \\ X(t = 0, \xi(\omega)) &= X_{(0)}(\xi(\omega))\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Note that there are **two sources of randomness** in SDE (2), the **Wiener process** and the **uncertain parameters**.

The **variance-based GSA of X** relies on its **Sobol-Hoeffding (SH)** decomposition:

$$X = \bar{X} + X_{\text{par}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + X_{\text{noise}}(W) + X_{\text{mix}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, W), \quad (3)$$

where:

- ▶ $\bar{X} = \mathbb{E}\{X\}$
- ▶ $X_{\text{par}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \mathbb{E}\{X|\boldsymbol{\xi}\} - \bar{X}$
- ▶ $X_{\text{noise}}(W) = \mathbb{E}\{X|W\} - \bar{X}$
- ▶ $X_{\text{mix}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, W) = X - \bar{X} - \mathbb{E}\{X|\boldsymbol{\xi}\} - \mathbb{E}\{X|W\}$

Since the SH functions on the rhs of (3) are orthogonal, $\mathbb{V}\{X\}$ can be decomposed as:

$$\mathbb{V}\{X\} = V_{\text{par}} + V_{\text{noise}} + V_{\text{mix}},$$

where:

1. V_{par} is the variance due to the parametric uncertainty
2. V_{noise} is the variance due to the Wiener noise
3. V_{mix} is the variance due their interactions

Finally the **sensitivity indices (SI)** are computed:

$$S_{\text{par}} = \frac{V_{\text{par}}}{\mathbb{V}\{X\}}, \quad S_{\text{noise}} = \frac{V_{\text{noise}}}{\mathbb{V}\{X\}}, \quad S_{\text{mix}} = \frac{V_{\text{mix}}}{\mathbb{V}\{X\}}.$$

Assumptions:

1. The **Wiener noise** and the **uncertain parameters** are considered as **independent** random variables
2. The solution of SDE (2), $X(t, W, \xi)$, is a **second order** random variable for almost any trajectory of $W(t)$

$X(t, W, \xi)$ admits a truncated PC expansion of the form [1]:

$$X(t, W, \xi) \approx \widehat{X}(t, W, \xi) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} [X_{\alpha}](t, W) \Psi_{\alpha}(\xi)$$

where:

- ▶ $\xi(\omega) \equiv \xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N\}$ where ξ_j is a real-valued independent random variable (rv) with pdf $p_j(\xi_j)$
- ▶ $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$ is a multi-index
- ▶ $\Psi_{\alpha}(\xi)$ are multivariate orthonormal polynomials defined through, $\Psi_{\alpha}(\xi) \doteq \prod_{i=1}^N \psi_{\alpha_i}^i(\xi_i)$, where $\{\psi_{\alpha}^i, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ is a complete orthonormal set with respect to $p_j(\xi_j)$
- ▶ The **random processes** $[X_{\alpha}]$ are the **modes** of the expansion.

To compute the modes, $[X_\alpha](t, W)$ for $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, we rely on **non-intrusive PSP**

$$[X_\alpha](t, W) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_Q} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha_j}^{\text{PSP}} X(t, W, \xi_j),$$

where:

- ▶ \mathcal{P}^{PSP} is a non-intrusive operator that uses sparse tensorization of one-dimensional projection operators at different levels
- ▶ N_Q is the number of sparse grids points
- ▶ ξ_j are the quadrature points

In particular, one SDE at each N_Q is solved for a particular trajectory $W^{(i)} = W(\omega_i)$. The **expansion coefficients** of the corresponding trajectory of $X(t)$ are finally obtained through:

$$[X_\alpha]^{(i)}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_Q} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha_j}^{\text{PSP}} X^{(i)}(t, \xi_j)$$

PC expansion of X :

$$X(t, W, \xi) \approx \widehat{X}(t, W, \xi) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} [X_{\alpha}](t, W) \psi_{\alpha}(\xi)$$

The approximated **expressions of the statistic** of the SDE solution can be obtained **using the PC coefficients**:

- ▶ $\bar{X} \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E} \{ [X_{\alpha}](W) \} \mathbb{E} \{ \psi_{\alpha} \} = \mathbb{E} \{ [X_0](W) \}$
- ▶ $\mathbb{V} \{ X \} = \mathbb{E} \{ X^2 \} - \bar{X}^2 \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E} \{ [X_{\alpha}]^2 \} - \mathbb{E} \{ [X_0]^2 \}$
- ▶ $S_{\text{par}} = \frac{V_{\text{par}}}{\mathbb{V} \{ X \}}$ and $V_{\text{par}} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus 0} \mathbb{E} \{ [X_{\alpha}]^2 \}$
- ▶ $S_{\text{noise}} = \frac{V_{\text{noise}}}{\mathbb{V} \{ X \}}$ and $V_{\text{noise}} = \mathbb{V} \{ [X_0] \}$
- ▶ $S_{\text{mix}} = \frac{V_{\text{mix}}}{\mathbb{V} \{ X \}}$ and $V_{\text{mix}} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus 0} \mathbb{V} \{ [X_{\alpha}] \}$

For a detailed proof see [2]

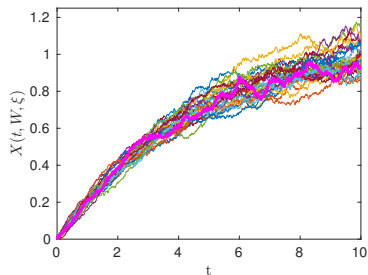
Let us consider the process governed by the following SDE

$$\begin{aligned} dX(W, \xi) &= (\xi_1 - X(W, \xi))dt + (\nu X(W, \xi) + 1)\xi_2 dW \\ X(t = 0) &= 0 \text{ almost surely} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

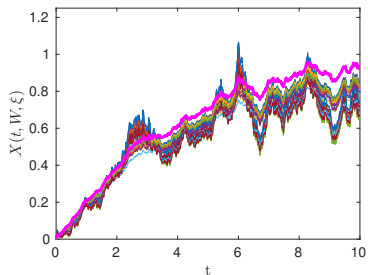
where:

- ▶ ξ_1 and ξ_2 are independent and uniformly distributed random variables $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}([0.95, 1.15])$ and $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}([0.02, 0.22])$
- ▶ $\nu = 0.2$ so the problem has multiplicative noise
- ▶ Note that for $\nu = 0$, X is the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) process

TEST PROBLEM



(A) Sampling W



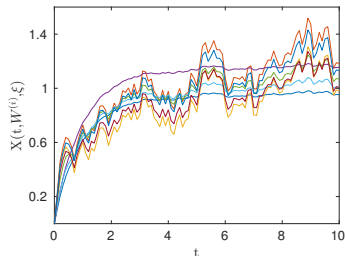
(B) Sampling ξ

FIGURE: Samples trajectories of X computed using the PC expansion. (A) Trajectories for samples of W at a fixed value of the parameters $\xi_1 = 1.05$ and $\xi_2 = 0.12$. (B) Trajectories for samples of ξ and a fixed realization of W . $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.95, 0.15]$ and $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.02, 0.22]$.

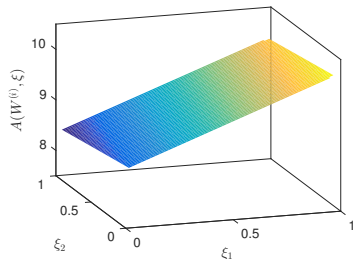
CASE OF SMOOTH QoI

Assuming that we are not interested in $X(t, W, \xi)$, but in some **derived quantity** such as the **integral of X over $t \in [0, 10]$** :

$$A(W, \xi) \doteq \int_0^{10} X(t, W, \xi) dt.$$



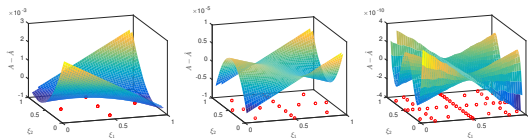
(A) Trajectories of $X(W^{(i)}, \xi)$



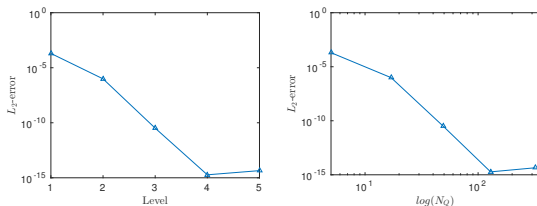
(B) Response surface of $A(W^{(i)}, \xi)$

FIGURE: (A) Different trajectories of X , for a fixed noise $W^{(i)}$ and different realizations of ξ . (b) $A^{(i)}(\xi)$ versus ξ_1 and ξ_2 for fixed $W^{(i)}$.

CONVERGENCE OF THE DIRECT NI PROJECTION



(A) Approximation error in \hat{A} .



(B) L_2 -norm of approximation error.

FIGURE: (A) $A - \hat{A}$ versus ξ for fixed $W^{(i)}$. Plotted are 2D surfaces for $\ell = 1, 2$ and 3 arranged from left to right. (B) Normalized L_2 error versus ℓ (left) and $\log(N_Q)$ (right).

CONVERGENCE OF THE SENSITIVITY INDICES

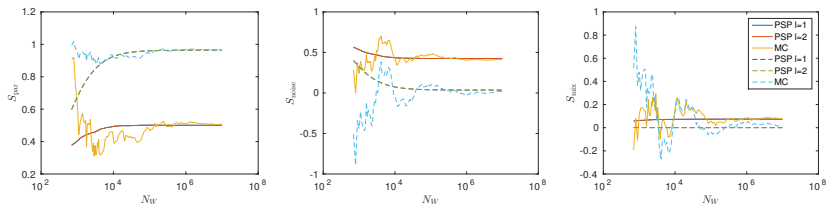
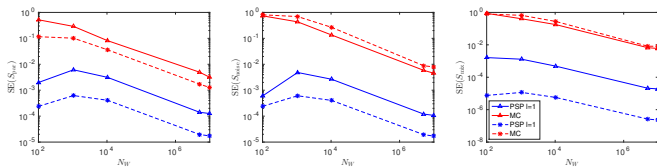
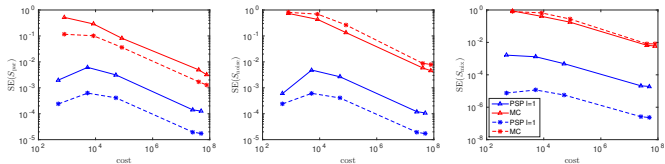


FIGURE: S_{par} , S_{noise} and S_{mix} versus N_W for different PSP levels. Also shown for comparison are the estimators for a direct MC approach (without PSP approximation, labeled MC). The solid lines correspond to the settings of the *Test problem*, whereas dashed lines correspond to results obtained using PSP with a reduced diffusion coefficient $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.02, 0.03]$.

ERROR OF THE SENSITIVITY INDICES



(A) SE (bootstrapping) versus N_W .

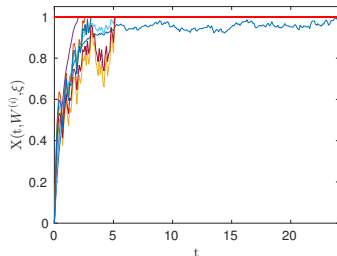


(B) SE versus computational cost which is estimated as $N_Q \times N_W$.

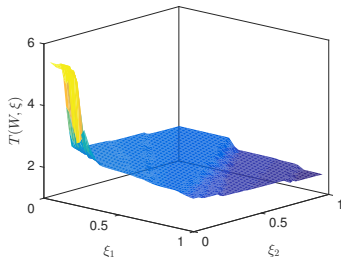
FIGURE: Standard Errors in the sensitivity indices of A , using the direct PSP with $N_Q = 5$ and standard MC methods. The solid lines correspond to the settings of *Test problem*, whereas the dashed lines correspond to the reduced diffusion coefficient $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.02, 0.03]$.

We continue to consider the solution, X , of the SDE in (4), but focus on the variance decomposition of the **exit time, T , corresponding to the exit boundary $X = c$:**

$$T(W, \xi) = \min_{t>0} \{X(t, W, \xi) > c\} \quad \text{we set } c = 1.$$



(A) Trajectories of $X(W^{(i)}, \xi)$



(B) Response surface of $T(W^{(i)}, \xi)$

FIGURE: (A) Different trajectories of X , for a fixed noise $W^{(i)}$ and different realizations of ξ . (B) $T^{(i)}(\xi)$ versus ξ_1 and ξ_2 for fixed $W^{(i)}$.

DIRECT NI PROJECTION OF NON-SMOOTH QOI

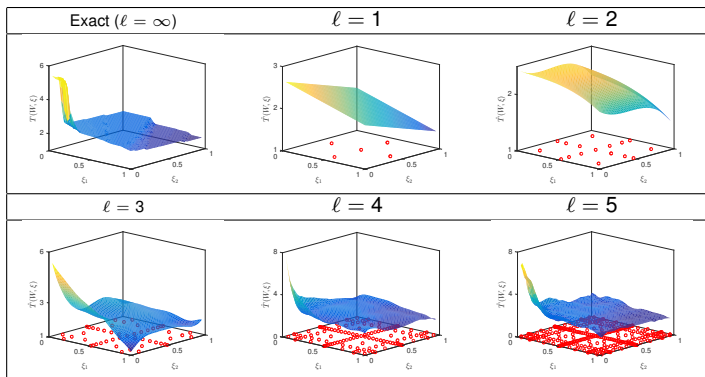


FIGURE: Direct PSP approximation of $T(W^{(l)}, \xi)$ for different levels l as indicated. Also shown as circles are the sparse grid points used in the PSP constructions.

KEY IDEA: the exact exit time T (or its direct non-intrusive approximation) is substituted with the surrogate $\tilde{T} = T(\hat{X})$, *indirectly* constructed through

$$T(W, \xi) \approx \tilde{T}(W, \xi) = \min_{t>0} \{ \hat{X}(t, W, \xi) > c = 1 \},$$

where:

$$\hat{X}(t, W, \xi) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} [X_{\alpha}](t, W) \psi_{\alpha}(\xi)$$

CONVERGENCE OF THE INDIRECT NON-INTRUSIVE PSP PROJECTION

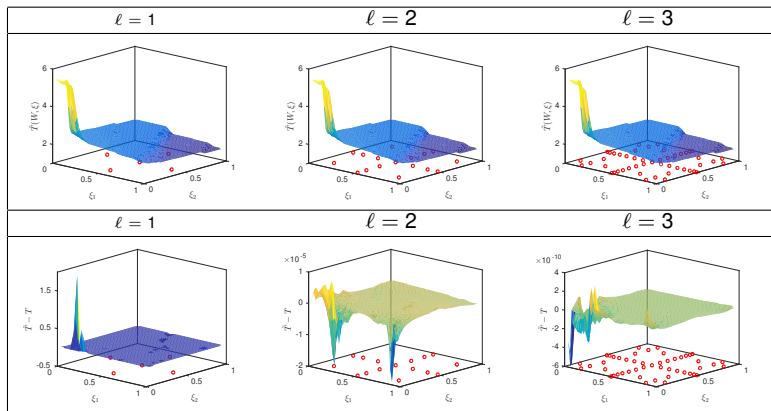


FIGURE: Indirect approximation \tilde{T} of the exit time (top row) and absolute indirect approximation error $T - \tilde{T}$ (bottom row). The plots correspond to a fixed trajectory W of the noise and different PSP levels ℓ as indicated.

CONVERGENCE OF THE INDIRECT NON-INTRUSIVE PSP PROJECTION

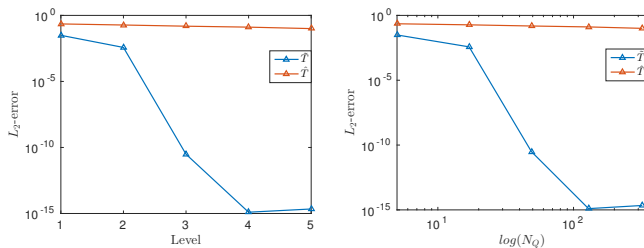


FIGURE: L_2 error norms of the direct and indirect PSP approximations of T .

CONVERGENCE OF THE SENSITIVITY INDICES

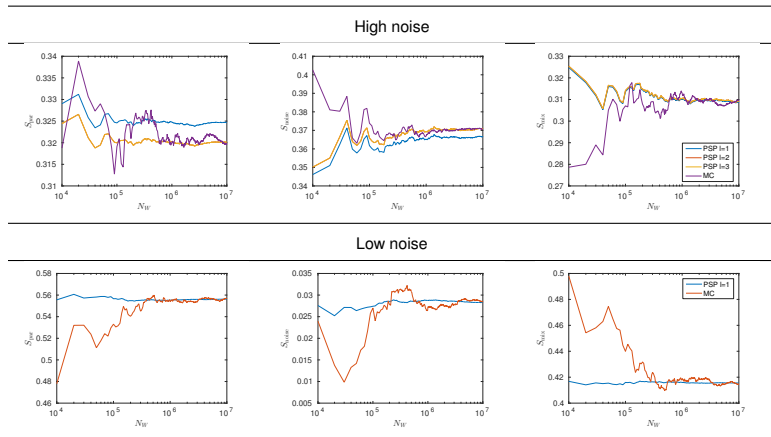


FIGURE: Sensitivity indices S_{par} , S_{noise} and S_{mix} versus the number, N_W , of noise samples for different PSP levels. Also shown for comparison are the standard MC estimators (labeled MC). High noise: $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.95, 1.05]$, $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.02, 0.22]$ and $\nu = 0.2$. Low noise: $\xi_1 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.95, 1.05]$, $\xi_2 \sim \mathcal{U}[0.02, 0.03]$ and $\nu = 0.0$

- ▶ Very efficient for large S_{par} or smooth QoIs with respect to ξ
- ▶ It is trivially implemented in parallel (see [4])
- ▶ It can be generalized to any sensitivity indices
- ▶ Extension to complex problems and acceleration to MLMC
- ▶ Extension to stochastic simulators (see [3])



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