

Nonlinear Parameter Continuation with COCO

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A Resonance Manifold

When $\varepsilon = 0$, the Langford dynamical system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \\ \dot{y}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (y_3 - 0.7)y_1 - \omega y_2 \\ \omega y_1 + (y_3 - 0.7)y_2 \\ 0.6 + y_3 - \frac{1}{3}y_3^3 - (y_1^2 + y_2^2)(1 + \rho y_3) + \varepsilon y_1^3 y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

corresponds to a parallel flow on an invariant torus, corresponding to either torus-covering quasi-periodic trajectories or a continuous family of periodic orbits.

A periodic orbit continuation problem with a fixed Poincaré phase condition results from the commands

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>> prob = coco_prob();  
>> pnames = { 'om', 'ro', 'eps' };  
>> coll_args = { @lang, t0, x0, pnames, p0 };  
>> prob = ode_isol2bvp(prob, '', coll_args{:}, @po_bc);
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Covering Manifolds

Every continuation problem is of the form

$$\Phi(u) = 0$$

in terms of a function $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ for $n \geq m > 0$.

If u^* is regular, then there exists a locally unique solution manifold through u^* of dimension $n - m$, such that

$$\mathcal{T}_{u^*} = \mathcal{N}[\partial_u \Phi(u^*)].$$

For $v \in \mathcal{T}_{u^*}$, $\text{colspan}\{T^\perp\} = \mathcal{N}[\partial_u \Phi(u^*)]^\perp$, and some function $s \mapsto t(s)$ with $t(0) = 0$, there exists a unique function $s \mapsto \lambda(s)$ with $\lambda(0) = \lambda'(0) = 0$, such that the curve segment

$$\gamma : s \mapsto u^* + t(s)v + T^\perp \cdot \lambda(s), s \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon], \varepsilon \ll 1$$

lies on the solution manifold.

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Suppose that $V^T \cdot V = I_{n-m}$ for some matrix $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-m)}$, and let $V^\perp \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ denote a full-rank matrix, such that $V^T \cdot V^\perp = 0$. Then,

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(u^*) \\ V^T \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det \left(\partial_u \Phi(u^*) \cdot V^\perp \right) \neq 0.$$

Either condition implies that the columns of

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(u^*) \\ V^T \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ I_{n-m} \end{pmatrix}$$

span $\mathcal{T}_{u^*}$.

If $\text{colspan}\{V\} = \mathcal{N}[\partial_u \Phi(u^*)]$, then this product equals V .

Covering Manifolds

There exists a unique function $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, such that $\lambda(u^*) = 0$,

$$\Phi(\tilde{u} + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u})) = 0,$$

and

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(\tilde{u} + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u})) \\ V^T \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

for $\tilde{u} \approx u^*$.

The tangent space to solution manifold at $\tilde{u} + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u})$ is spanned by the columns of

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(\tilde{u} + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u})) \\ V^T \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ I_{n-m} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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The point $\tilde{u} + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u})$ is the unique solution to the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi(u) \\ V^T \cdot (u - \tilde{u}) \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

It follows that the solution manifold may be locally described by the image of the function

$$\rho \mapsto \tilde{u} + V \cdot \rho + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u} + V \cdot \rho)$$

for some fixed $\tilde{u} \approx u^*$ and $\rho \approx 0$.

In particular,

$$V^T \cdot (u^* - \tilde{u}) \mapsto u^*.$$

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Let $s \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$, such that $\|s\| = 1$. It follows that

$$\Gamma : h \mapsto \Gamma_h := \tilde{u} + hV \cdot s + V^\perp \cdot \lambda(\tilde{u} + hV \cdot s)$$

is a 1-dimensional curve segment through u^* on the solution manifold, and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(\Gamma_h) \\ V^T \end{pmatrix} \cdot T_h = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ I_{n-m} \end{pmatrix}$$

implies that $T_h \cdot s$ is a tangent vector to Γ at Γ_h .

Γ_h is the unique solution to the equation

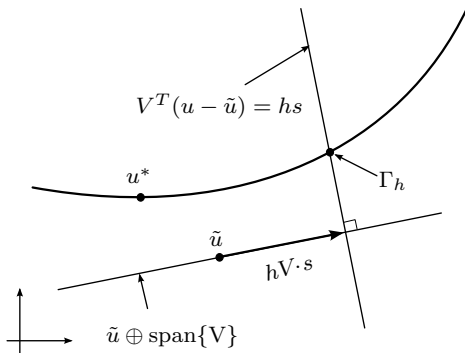
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi(u) \\ V^T \cdot (u - \tilde{u}) - hs \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

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The equation

$$V^T \cdot (u - \tilde{u}) - hs = 0$$

is a *projection condition* in terms of a *base point* $\tilde{u}$, *tangent matrix* V , *direction vector* s , and *step size* h .



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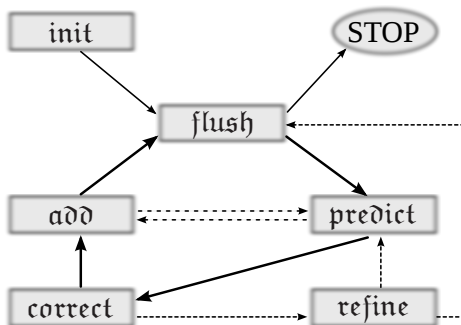
Let $\{u, T, \Sigma, R\}$ denote a *chart* based at u , such that

- the columns of T are an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{T}_u$,
- the elements of Σ are unit tangent vectors at u along curve segments on the solution manifold,
- the scalar R describes the size of the local cover of the solution manifold.

A family of charts is an *atlas*. An *atlas algorithm* generates an atlas from an initial solution guess $\tilde{u}$ and tangent matrix V , through stages of *expansion* and *consolidation*.

During expansion, an atlas algorithm constructs a sequence of charts along a curve segment Γ . During the consolidation, these charts are merged into the atlas by modifying each of the sets Σ .

Covering Manifolds



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Pseudo-Arclength Continuation

Recall the one-dimensional projection condition

$$v^T \cdot (u - \tilde{u}) - hs = 0$$

in terms of a *base point* $\tilde{u}$, *tangent matrix* v , *direction vector* s , and *step size* h .

Suppose that t^* is a unit tangent vector to $\mathcal{T}_{u^*}$. Let $\tilde{u} = u^*$, $s = \pm 1$, $v = t^*$, and $h = R$, and choose the predictor $\tilde{u} + hsv$. Then, the tangent space at Γ_h is spanned by

$$t_h = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(\Gamma_h) \\ t^{*T} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Continuation tracks only the most recently located point on the solution manifold. The atlas algorithm produces an *advancing local cover*.

Accelerated Convergence

Recall the one-dimensional projection condition

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Suppose that t^* is a unit tangent vector to $\mathcal{T}_{u^*}$. Let $\tilde{u} = u^*$, $s = \pm 1$,

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_u \Phi(u^* + \theta R s t^*) \\ t^{*T} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and $h = R v^T \cdot t^*$, and choose again the predictor $\tilde{u} + h s v$.

The choice $\theta = 0$ yields the pseudo-arclength algorithm, with $\mathcal{O}(R^2)$ predictor residuals. The choice $\theta = 1/2$ yields $\mathcal{O}(R^3)$ predictor residuals.

An Expanding Boundary

In the advancing local cover algorithms, the atlas is always represented by a single base chart. During expansion, a single additional chart is constructed in the “forward” direction. During consolidation, this chart replaces the base chart in the atlas.

In an expanding boundary algorithm, the atlas is represented by charts on its *boundary* that enclose an expanding 1-dimensional volume along the solution manifold. During expansion, charts are constructed in the “outward” direction. During consolidation, the atlas boundary is appropriately reconstructed.

An advancing local cover algorithm never stops and may result in redundant coverage of closed solution manifolds. An expanding boundary algorithm must stop when the uncharted parts of the solution manifold have been exhausted.

An Expanding Boundary

Suppose that the columns of T^* are an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{T}_{u^*}$ and that $t = T^* \cdot \sigma$ is a unit vector. Let $\tilde{u} = u^*$,

$$V = \text{orth} \left(\left(\begin{array}{c} \partial_u \Phi(u^* + \theta R t) \\ T^{*T} \end{array} \right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ I_{n-m} \end{array} \right) \right)$$

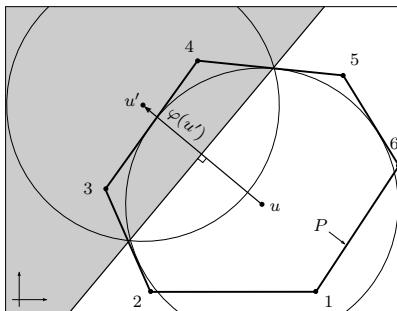
$$s = \frac{V^T \cdot t}{\|V^T \cdot t\|}$$

and $h = R\|V^T \cdot t\|$, and choose the predictor $\tilde{u} + hV \cdot s$.

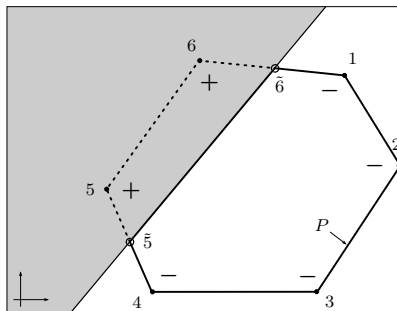
Initialize Σ in terms of a given collection of points on $\mathbb{S}^{n-m-1}$. Define boundary charts as those whose Σ are nonempty. Remove elements from Σ during consolidation to account for chart overlap.

An Expanding Boundary

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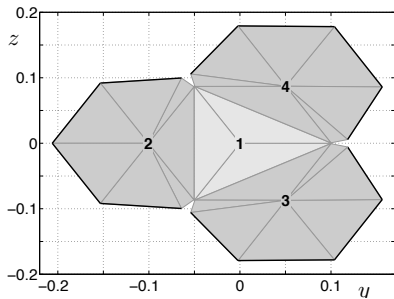
(a) Two overlapping charts.



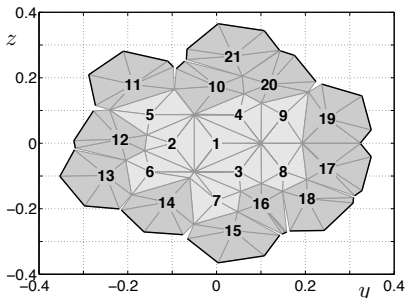
(b) Subtracting a half-space from P .

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(a) After 4 steps.



(b) After 21 steps.

The ATLAS-KD toolbox

The current release of COCO includes a multi-dimensional atlas algorithm for arbitrary manifold dimension, modeled on Mike Henderson's MULTIFARIO package and developed jointly with Mike and Erika Fotsch.

The algorithm handles step-size adaptivity along the solution manifold, continuation from computational domain boundaries, and large variations in curvature.

The algorithm does not handle adaptive zero problems. Problems with adaptive discretization (e.g., moving temporal meshes, adaptive finite-element discretizations, or updated phase conditions) break the logic and likely lead to redundant coverage and/or gaps in coverage.