

PDE Constrained Optimization

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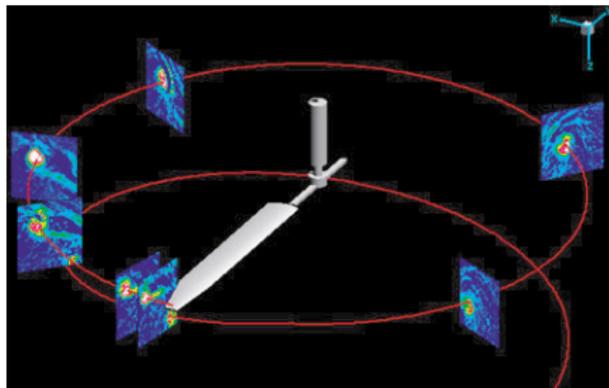
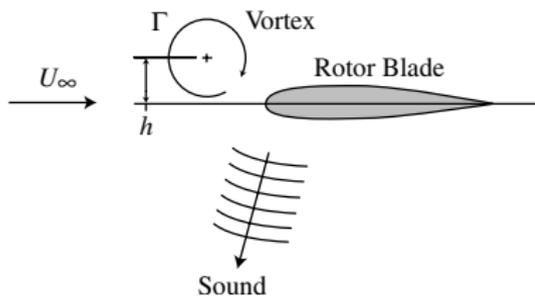
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Blade Vortex Interaction (BVI)

with S.S. Collis (Sandia), K. Ghayour (Adv. Scientific)

- ▶ Trailing vortex from preceding blade interacts with following blade, generating unsteady lift and dipole sound source
- ▶ Severe, impulsive sound radiated toward ground

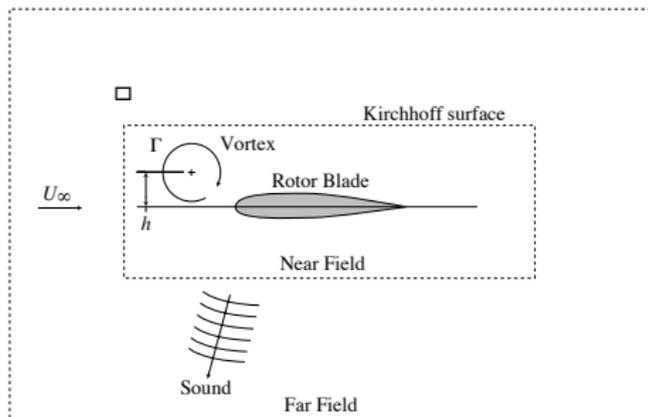


PIV measurements of a hovering rotor
(P.B. Martin, Univ. Maryland)

On-Blade Control of BVI Noise

Can on-blade actuators be used to reduce BVI generated noise?

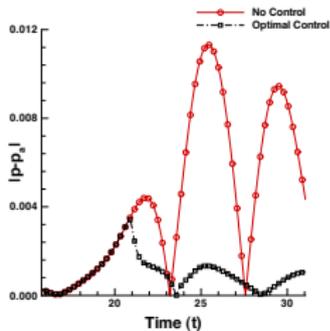
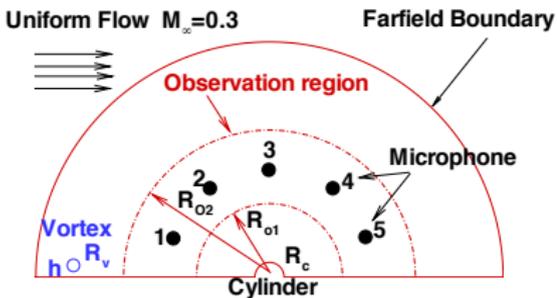
Formulate as optimization problem which couples to complex flow simulation.



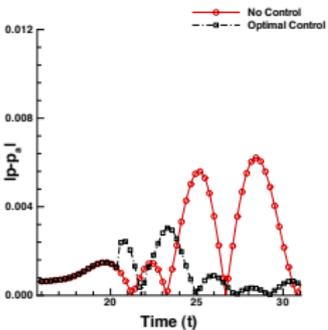
Minimize pressure fluctuations in a far field region through suction/blowing on the rotor blade.

Pressure is computed by solving the unsteady compressible Navier Stokes equations with boundary data for velocities given by suction/blowing control.

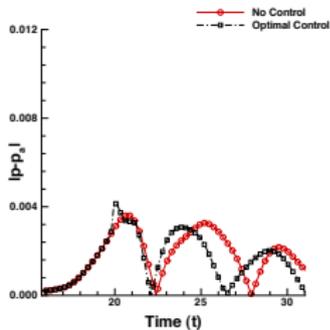
Results for a 2D model problem



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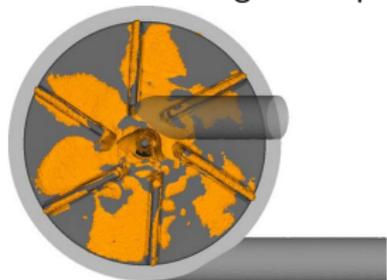


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Shape Optimization

with M. Behr (RWTH Aachen), F. Abraham (GlaxoSmithKline)

Shear-stress distribution in
PI 710 Centrifugal Pump



Cannula Shape



Minimize $J(\mathbf{u}, p, \alpha)$,

subject to

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{on } \Omega(\alpha),$$

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$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) = \mathbf{h} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1(\alpha),$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2(\alpha),$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, p) = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \right),$$

$$\mu(\dot{\gamma}) = \mu_\infty + \frac{\mu_0 - \mu_\infty}{(1 + (\lambda\dot{\gamma})^b)^a},$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \sqrt{2\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})}.$$

(Oil) Reservoir Management

with A. El Bakry and K. D. Wiegand (ExxonMobil)

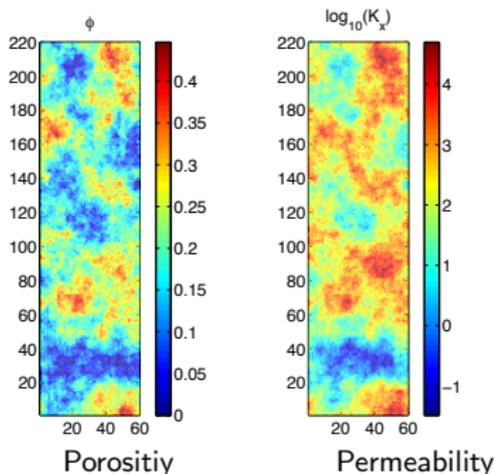
We consider an incompressible oil-water system described by a coupled system of nonlinear, time-dependent partial differential equations (PDEs)

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(K(x) \lambda_t(s_w(x, t)) \nabla p(x, t) \right) = q_o(x, t) + q_w(x, t),$$

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$x \in \Omega, t \in (0, T)$, for the pressure p and the water saturation s_w , combined with boundary and initial conds.

s_w : Water Saturation
 p : Pressure
 K : Absolute Permeability
 λ_t, λ_w : Phase Mobilities
 ϕ : Rock Porosity
 q_w, q_o : Well Sources/Sinks
 for Water/Oil

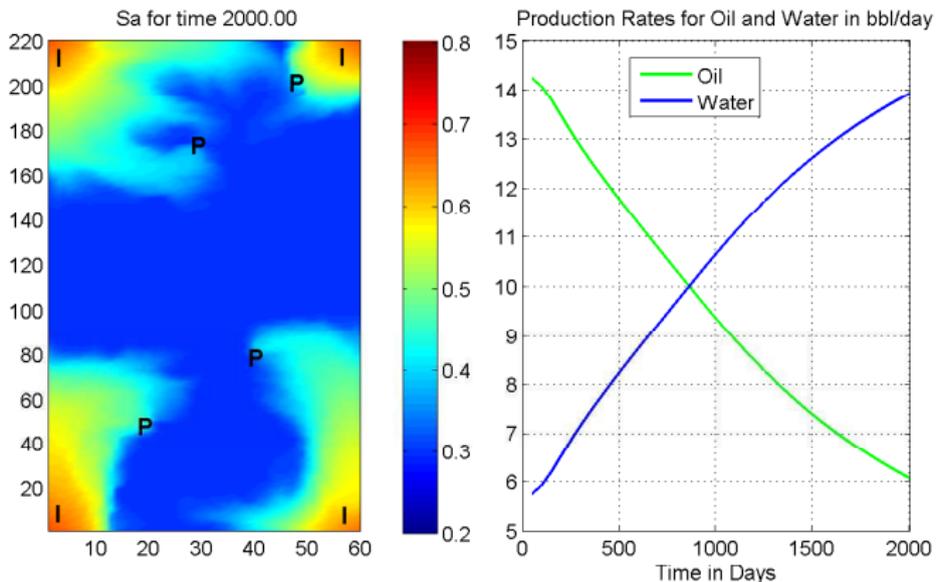


(top layer of the SPE10 model 2)

Simulation Result

Four injection wells and four production wells.

Water is injected into all four injection wells at a constant rate.



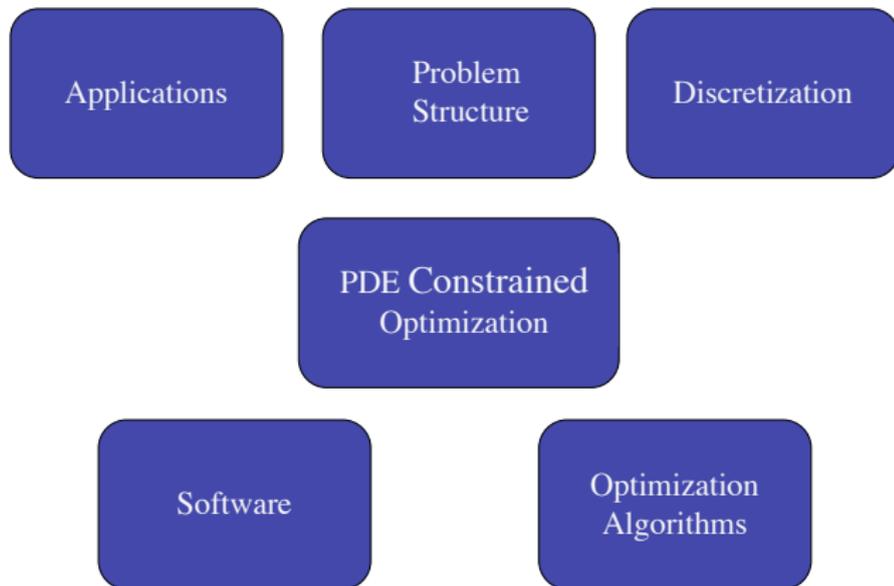
Much of the oil gets trapped!

Need optimization to determine injection/production rates.

Characteristics of PDE Constrained Optimization Problems

- ▶ All problems are PDE constrained optimization problems - there are many, many more.
- ▶ Evaluation of objective function and constraint functions involves expensive simulations (in the previous examples solution of partial differential equations (PDEs)).
- ▶ **THE** optimization problem does not exist. Instead each problem leads to a family of optimization problems which are closely linked.
- ▶ The robust and efficient solution of such optimization problems requires the integration of application specific structure, numerical simulation and optimization algorithms.

Need to look at the big picture, not only at one component



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Abstract Optimization Problem

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 \end{aligned}$$

where

- ▶ $(\mathcal{Y}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}})$, $(\mathcal{U}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{U}})$, $(\mathcal{C}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}})$ are real Banach spaces,
- ▶ $(\mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}})$ is a real normed space,
- ▶ $\mathcal{Y}_{ad} \subset \mathcal{Y}$, $\mathcal{U}_{ad} \subset \mathcal{U}$ are nonempty, closed convex sets,
- ▶ $K \subset \mathcal{H}$ is a nonempty, closed convex cone,
- ▶ $J : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $c : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, $h : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ are smooth mappings.

Notation:

y : states, \mathcal{Y} : state space, u : controls, \mathcal{U} : control space,
 $c(y, u) = 0$ state equation.

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$$\Downarrow$$

$y(u)$ is the unique solution of $c(y, u) = 0$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \min \quad & \hat{J}(u) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \hat{g}(u) = 0, \\ & \hat{h}(u) \in -K, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{reduced problem}$$

where $\hat{J}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J(y(u), u)$, $\hat{g}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g(y(u), u)$, $\hat{h}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h(y(u), u)$.

- ▶ The full and the reduced order problems are closely related.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{y,u} \quad & J(y, u) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & c(y, u) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\min_u \hat{J}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J(y(u), u).$$

For example, the gradient of the reduced functional is given by

$$\nabla \hat{J}(u) = \nabla_u L(y, u, \lambda)|_{y=y(u), \lambda=\lambda(u)},$$

where

$$L(y, u, \lambda) = J(y, u) + \langle \lambda, c(y, u) \rangle$$

is the Lagrangian of the constrained problem and $\lambda(u)$ is the solution of the adjoint equation (see later).

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- ▶ In practice the equation $c(y, u) = 0$ cannot be solved exactly. Only an approximation $y_{\epsilon}(u)$ of $y(u)$ can be computed such that, e.g., $\|c(y_{\epsilon}(u), u)\| < \epsilon$ for some user determined parameter ϵ .

Thus the functions $\hat{J}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J(y(u), u)$, $\hat{g}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g(y(u), u)$, $\hat{h}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h(y(u), u)$ (and their derivatives) are never available. (More on this later).

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- ▶ One can derive Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) type optimality conditions (see, e.g., Zowe/Kurcyusz (1979) and the books by J. Jahn (1996), J. Werner (1984), D. G. Luenberger (1969)) ...

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$$\mu_* \in K^* \equiv \{\ell \in \mathcal{H}^* : \ell(v) \geq 0 \text{ for all } v \in K\}$$

such that

$$\left(D_y J(y_*, u_*) + \lambda_* \circ D_y c(y_*, u_*) + \mu_* \circ D_y h(y_*, u_*) \right) (y - y_*) \geq 0,$$

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- ▶ The KKT Theorem is a good guideline, but applying it to PDE constrained optimization is difficult.
 - ▶ The choice of state and control spaces are important.
 - ▶ Precise characterization of Lagrange multipliers is important for design and analysis of optimization algorithms.
 - ▶ Precise characterization of Lagrange mult. requires (a lot of) work.
 - ▶ Optimality conditions for optimal control problems with control and state constraints have been derived by Casas, Bonnans, Kunisch, Bergounioux, Raymond, Tröltzsch,.....

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Optimality conditions involve another linear PDE, the adjoint PDE.

Example 2 (Pointwise Control Constraints)

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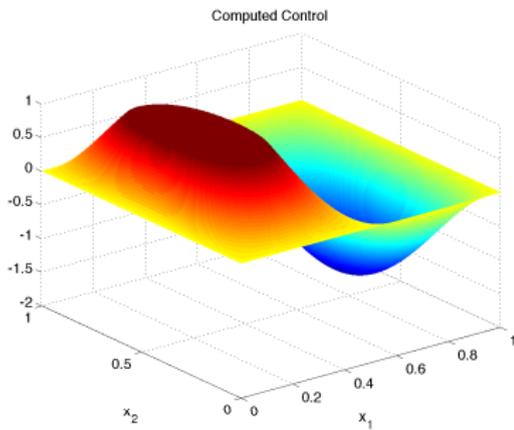
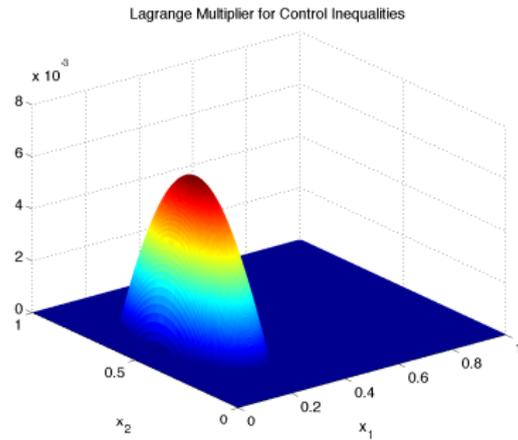
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- ▶ Need more regular states y to make sense out of $y_{\text{low}}(x) \leq y(x) \leq y_{\text{up}}(x)$ a.e. in Ω . Require $y \in C(\bar{\Omega})$.
- ▶ Lagrange multipliers $\nu_{\text{low},*}, \nu_{\text{up},*}$ are in $C(\bar{\Omega})^*$, i.e., **are measures**.
- ▶ Optimality conditions

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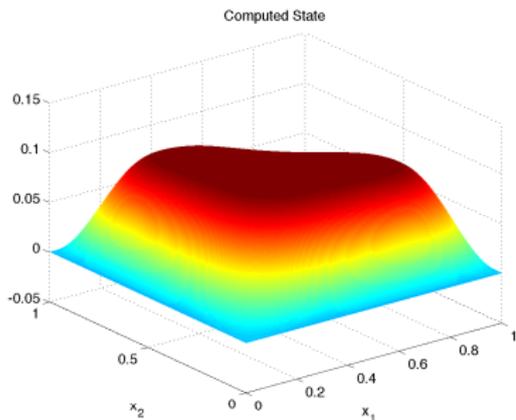
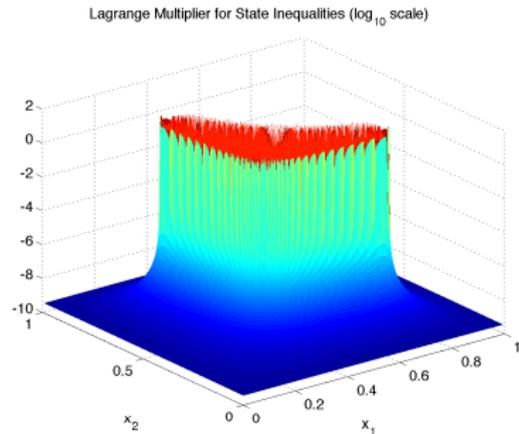
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Adjoint equation involves measures on the right hand side.

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Optimization Algorithms

- ▶ Handling pointwise control and especially state constraints is difficult.
- ▶ PDE constrained optimization problems have motivated many algorithms or modifications of algorithms (semismooth Newton methods, interior point methods, primal-dual active set methods, regularization methods for state constrained problems).
Convergence analyses are available for infinite dimensional problems, but often only for small classes of problems (especially when state constraints are present).
- ▶ Interior-point methods for large-scale finite dimensional problems also work well (almost mesh independent behavior), but there is no supporting theory.
- ▶ Most of the computing time in these algorithms is spent on the solution of KKT (optimality saddle point) systems.
 - ▶ Need matrix free KKT system solvers.
 - ▶ These are used in optimization context (detection of negative curvature).
 - ▶ Solvers need to be insensitive to penalty/regularization/barrier parameters, as well as to mesh size.

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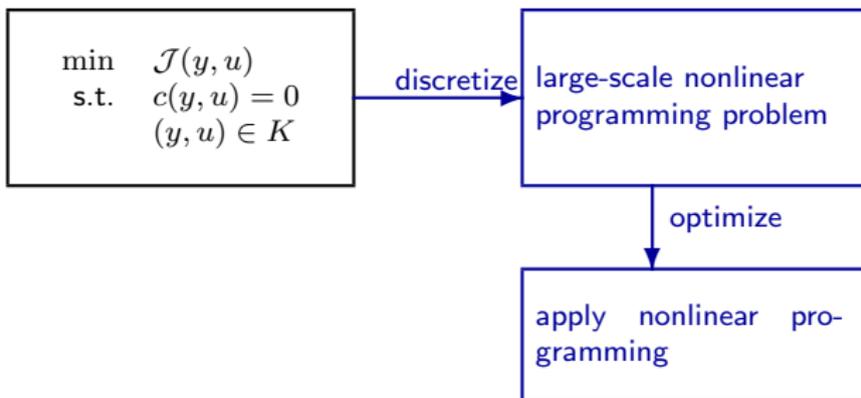
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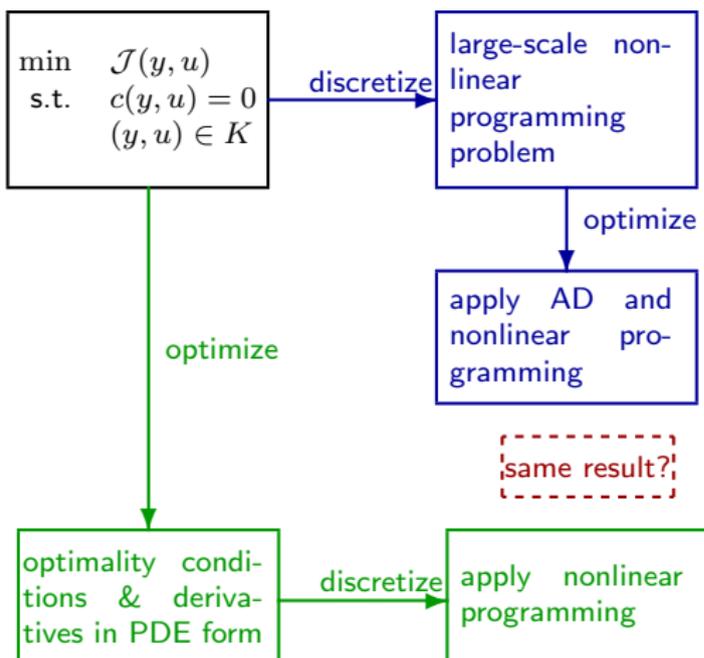
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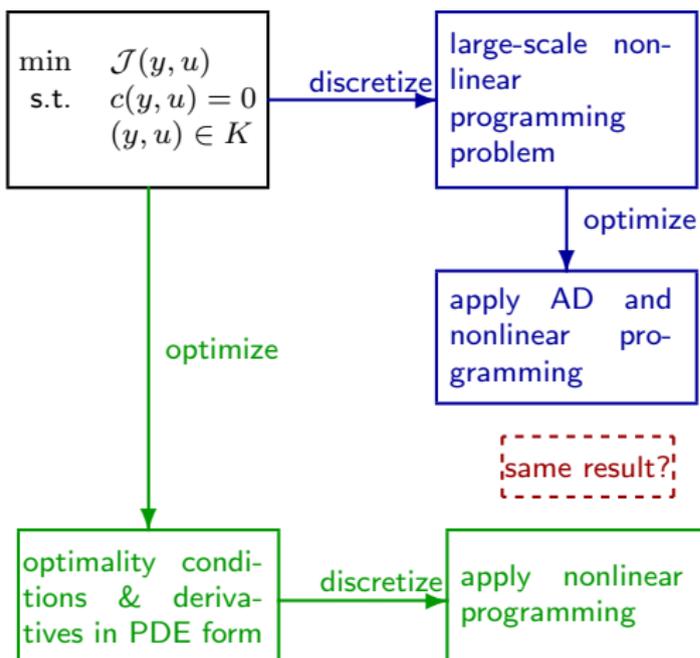
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Both approaches are different, in general. One is not better than the other. It is important to look at the whole picture.

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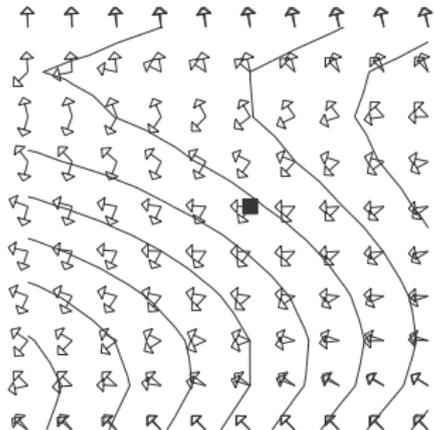
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- ▶ Need to investigate the discretization scheme for the optimal control problem.
- ▶ Approaches to coordinate choice of discretization level and optimization.
 - ▶ Consistent approximations (Polak (1997)):
How accurately does one solve the discretized optimization problem before increasing the discretization level? Requires only asymptotic error estimates.
 - ▶ Trust-region based model management approaches (see Sec. 10.6 in Conn, Gould, Toint (2000) for an overview):
At a given iterate y_k, u_k select an approximate problem based on function and derivative information for the original problem. Can go back to approximate model. Requires error estimates.
 - ▶ Adaptive mesh refinement for elliptic/parabolic optimal control problems
Becker/Rannacher (2001,...), Liu et. al. (2003,...), Günther/Hinze (2008), Hintermüller/Hoppe (2005,...), S. Ulbrich (2008), Vexler (2005,...). Applies mostly to linear-quadratic or convex optimal control problems.

From an optimization point of view this is an issue of managing inexactness in function evaluations.

KKT Solver

- ▶ Newton-type or Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP)-type methods require the solution of

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- ▶ If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_y}$ is invertible the QP is equivalent to

$$\min \frac{1}{2} u^T Z^T H Z u + u^T Z^T (H x^c + g) + \frac{1}{2} (x^c)^T H x^c,$$

where

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} -A^{-1}B \\ I \end{pmatrix}, \quad x^c = \begin{pmatrix} -A^{-1}b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ▶ Necessary optimality condition

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- ▶ Symmetric permutation of (1) gives

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If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n_y}$ is invertible, (1,1)-block is invertible.

- ▶ Schur complement

$$S = H_{uu} - (H_{uy} \mid B^T) \begin{pmatrix} H_{yy} & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} H_{yu} \\ B \end{pmatrix} = Z^T H Z$$

is equal to the reduced Hessian.

- ▶ If good preconditioners for the reduced Hessian $Z^T H Z$ and for the discretized PDE A and adjoint A^T are known, block preconditioners tend to work well (no theory).

- ▶ Reduced Hessian $Z^T H Z$ can be very complicated, especially for QP subproblems arising in optimization algorithms for nonlinear problems or for problems with inequality constraints.
- ▶ For PDE constrained optimization we need matrix-free preconditioners.
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 - ▶ Simulator calls optimizer. (Simulator controls the optimizer.)
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