Output-based Mesh Adaptation for Variable-fidelity Multipoint Aerodynamic Optimization

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How does discretization error affect optimization?

Aerodynamic design/optimization: numerical optimization + CFD analysis



Discretization error can have detrimental effects on optimization

Motivation in multipoint aerodynamic optimization

Single-point aerodynamic optimization:

- How do we control the discretization error?
 - Fixed fine mesh
 - Adapted for the initial design
 - Actively-adapted mesh

Multipoint aerodynamic optimization:

Error should be controlled at each design point (flight condition)

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- What mesh to use in multipoint optimization?
 - Single mesh adapted for all the flight conditions
 - Multiple meshes adapted individually

Example: fixed-lift drag minimization at $M_{\infty} = 0.72$



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Multipoint aerodynamic optimization problem

• Determine the design variables **x** that minimize the composite objective function J_m^{adapt} :

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad J_m^{\text{adapt}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i J_i^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x})$$
s.t. $\mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$
 $\mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{J}_i^{\text{trim}} - \bar{\mathbf{J}}_i^{\text{trim}} = \mathbf{0}$

- N_m: number of design points
- J_i^{adapt} : adapt (objective) output, direct target for adaptation, e.g., c_d
- $\mathbf{J}_i^{\text{trim}}$: trim outputs, indirectly affect objective, e.g., c_ℓ
- $\bar{\mathbf{J}}_i^{\text{trim}}$: constant target values for trim outputs
- **R**_i(**U**_i, **x**): flow governing equations; **U**_i: flow states vector

Adjoint and design equations

Lagrangian function:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i J_i^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i^T \mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x})$$

First order optimality (KKT) condition:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i \frac{\partial J_i^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \lambda_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{design equations}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_i} = \omega_i \frac{\partial J_i^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_i} + \lambda_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_i}{\partial \mathbf{U}_i} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_i} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{adjoint equations}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda_i} = \mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{flow equations}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_i} = \mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{trim equations}$$

Decompose the design space $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_s]^T$, given active design \mathbf{x}_s , trimming with trim variables $\mathbf{x}_t \Rightarrow \mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{0}$, $\dim(\mathbf{x}_t) = \sum \dim(\mathbf{R}_i^{\text{trim}}) = \dim(\mathbf{R}^{\text{trim}})$



Reduced optimality condition:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \lambda_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \mu_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{active variables}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{t}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{t}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \lambda_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{t}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \mu_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{t}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{coupled-adjoints}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}} = \omega_{i} \frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}} + \lambda_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}} + \mu_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{coupled-adjoints}$$

Solve for coupled adjoints:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}^{T} &= -\left(\omega_{i}\frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T}\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}}\right)\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{i}}^{-1} = (\omega_{i}\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i}^{\text{adapt}} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i}^{\text{trim}}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{i})^{T}\\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^{T} &= [\boldsymbol{\mu}_{1}^{T},...,\boldsymbol{\mu}_{N_{m}}^{T}] = -\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}}\omega_{i}\frac{dJ_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{d\mathbf{x}_{i}}\right)\left(\frac{d\mathbf{J}^{\text{trim}}}{d\mathbf{x}_{i}}\right)^{-1} \end{split}$$

Coupled adjoints:

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Reduced optimality condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} [\omega_{i} (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i}^{\text{adapt}})^{T} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T} (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i}^{\text{trim}})^{T}] \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \left[\frac{\partial J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i}^{\text{adapt}})^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} \right] + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} + (\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i}^{\text{trim}})^{T} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \frac{d J_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{d \mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T} \frac{d \mathbf{J}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{d \mathbf{x}_{s}} = \mathbf{0} \qquad \text{active variables} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu^{T} = [\mu_{1}^{T}, ..., \mu_{N_{m}}^{T}] = -\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}}\omega_{i}\frac{dJ_{i}^{adapt}}{d\mathbf{x}_{i}}\right)\left(\frac{d\mathbf{J}^{trim}}{d\mathbf{x}_{i}}\right)^{-1}$$
Flow solve Total gradient evaluation
Flow solve $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}}(\omega_{i}\frac{dJ_{i}^{adapt}}{d\mathbf{x}_{s}} + \mu_{i}^{T}\frac{dJ_{i}^{trim}}{d\mathbf{x}_{s}}) \rightarrow \text{Optimizer}$

$$\int_{m}^{N_{m}} |\mathbf{J}_{i}^{trim}(\mathbf{U}_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{i}) - \mathbf{J}_{i}^{trim}|| \leq \epsilon_{trim}} \xrightarrow{I_{m}} J_{m}^{adapt}$$
Discretization errors
$$\int_{m}^{N_{m}} |\mathbf{J}_{i}^{trim}(\mathbf{U}_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{i}) - \mathbf{J}_{i}^{trim}|| \leq \epsilon_{trim}} \xrightarrow{I_{m}} D_{m}$$

Optimizer drives the gradient to zero (to optimization tolerance ϵ_{opt}):

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{s}} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \omega_{i} \frac{dJ_{i}^{\text{adapt}}}{d\mathbf{x}_{s}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{m}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}^{T} \frac{d\mathbf{J}_{i}^{\text{trim}}}{d\mathbf{x}_{s}}}_{\text{plug in both } \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\mu}_{i}} = \mathbf{0}$$

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Consider a given design \mathbf{x}_s

coarse space:
$$\mathbf{x}_{t,0} \to \text{trimming} \to \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{t,H}, \mathbf{U}_H}_{\text{inexact trim satisfaction}} \to J_H(\mathbf{U}_H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H})$$

fine space: $\mathbf{x}_{t,0} \to \text{trimming} \to \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{t,h}, \mathbf{U}_h}_{\mathbf{X}_{t,h}, \mathbf{U}_h} \to J_h(\mathbf{U}_h, \mathbf{x}_{t,h})$

exact trim satisfaction

Error estimate for the adapt outputs

$$\delta J_m^{\text{adapt}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i \left[J_{H,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{H,i}, \mathbf{x}_{t,H}) - J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}, \mathbf{x}_{t,h}) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i \left[J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H}) - J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}, \mathbf{x}_{t,h}) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i \left[J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H}) - J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}, \mathbf{x}_{t,h}) \right]$$

Fine space flow residual, $R_{\mathit{h},\mathit{i}}(U^{\mathit{H}}_{\mathit{h},\mathit{i}},x_{\mathit{t},\mathit{H}})\neq 0$

Fine space trim residual

$$\mathbf{R}_{h,i}^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^{H},\mathbf{x}_{t,H}) = \mathbf{J}_{h,i}^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^{H},\mathbf{x}_{t,H}) - \bar{\mathbf{J}}^{\text{trim}} = \mathbf{J}_{H,i}^{\text{trim}}(\mathbf{U}_{H,i},\mathbf{x}_{t,H}) - \bar{\mathbf{J}}^{\text{trim}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Recall the optimality condition:

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Error estimation using coupled adjoints

$$\begin{split} \delta J_m^{\text{adapt}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i \left[J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H}) - J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}(\mathbf{U}_{h,i}, \mathbf{x}_{t,h}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i \left[\frac{\partial J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{U}_i} \delta \mathbf{U}_i + \frac{\partial J_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_t} \delta \mathbf{x}_t \right] \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{N_m} (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{h,i}^T \delta \mathbf{R}_{h,i} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h,i}^T \delta \mathbf{R}_{h,i}^{\text{trim}}) \end{split}$$

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$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{N_m} (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{h,i}^T \delta \mathbf{R}_{h,i} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h,i}^T \delta \mathbf{R}_{h,i}^{\text{trim}})^{-0}$$
$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \left[\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{h,i}^T \mathbf{R}_{h,i} (\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H}) \right]$$

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Mesh adaptation (error-based)

$$\delta J_m^{\text{adapt}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \left[\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{h,i}^T \mathbf{R}_{h,i} (\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H}) \right] = -\sum_{i=1}^{N_m} (\omega_i \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{h,i}^{\text{adapt}} + \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{h,i}^{\text{trim}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h,i})^T \mathbf{R}_{h,i} (\mathbf{U}_{h,i}^H, \mathbf{x}_{t,H})$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} (\omega_i \delta J_i^{\text{adapt}} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{h,i}^T \delta \mathbf{J}_i^{\text{trim}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \delta J_{m,i}^{\text{adapt}} \Rightarrow \text{Localize to each design point}$$
$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \sum_{e=1}^{N_{e,i}} \omega_i |(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i,e}^{\text{adapt}})^T \mathbf{R}_{i,e}| + |\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^T| |(\boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i,e}^{\text{trim}})^T \mathbf{R}_{i,e}|, \quad \text{omit subscript } h$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \sum_{e=1}^{N_{e,i}} \eta_{i,e} \Rightarrow \text{Localize to each mesh element}$$

Mesh adaptation can be either error-based or cost based:

Given error tolerance \mathcal{E} , first equally distribute the maximum allowable error,

$$\max(\delta J_{m,i}^{\mathrm{adapt}}) \leq \mathcal{E}_i = \mathcal{E}/N_m$$

At each design point, refine the mesh until the error estimate drops below the tolerance. We use Hessian-based goal-oriented mesh adaptation in this work.

Mesh adaptation (cost-based)

Given a total cost *C*, we can also optimize the meshes to reduce error. How should we distribute the cost? Assume a priori error-cost model,

$$|\delta J_{m,i}^{\mathrm{adapt}}| \propto C_i^{-(2p+1)/d} \Rightarrow \delta J_{m,i}^{\mathrm{adapt}} = \delta J_{m,i}^{\mathrm{adapt},0} \left(\frac{C_i}{C_i^0}\right)^{-(2p+1)/d},$$

Error equidistribution requires,

$$f_i = rac{C_i}{C_1} = rac{C_i^0}{C_1^0} \left[rac{\delta J_{m,i}^{ ext{adapt},0}}{\delta J_{m,1}^{ ext{adapt},0}}
ight]^{rac{1}{(2p+1)/d}}, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., N_m$$

Redistribute the cost with desired cost ratios,

$$C_i = \frac{f_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_m} f_j} C$$

At each point, optimize the mesh: perform mesh optimization via error sampling and synthesis (MOESS)

$$\min_{\mathcal{T}_i} \quad \sum_e \eta_{i,e} \qquad \text{s.t.} \ C_i = \text{const}$$

Adaptive multi-fidelity optimization

Error-based multi-fidelity optimization:

max allowable objective error $\downarrow \Rightarrow$ mesh refinement \Rightarrow fidelity \uparrow



Adaptive multi-fidelity optimization

Cost-based multi-fidelity optimization:

given cost $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ mesh optimization \Rightarrow objective error $\downarrow \Rightarrow$ fidelity \uparrow



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Testing case

- Average drag minimization $J_{m,i}^{\mathrm{adapt}} = c_{d,i}, \, \omega_i = 1/N_m$
- Lift trimming constraints: $c_{\ell,i} = \bar{c}_{\ell,i}$
- Airfoil parameterization: Hicks-Henne basis function
- Design parameters: airfoil shape (shared) + angle of attack (separate)
- Discretization: discontinuous Galerkin (DG) p = 2, cubic curved boundary elements
- Mesh movement: inverse distance weight interpolation
- Optimization algorithm: sequential least squares programming (SLSQP)

	Function/Variable	Description	Quantity
Minimize	$\sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \omega_i c_{d,i}$	weighted drag sum	1
With respect to	\mathbf{X}_{S}	shape parameters	n_s
	\mathbf{X}_t	angles of attack	N_m
Subject to	$c_{\ell,i} - \bar{c}_{\ell,i} = 0$	lift constraints	N_m
	$A-A_{\min}\geq 0$	volume constraint	1







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Conclusions:

- Traditional multipoint aerodynamic optimization
 - A priori mesh \Rightarrow long set up time
 - Generated based on initial design \Rightarrow insufficient/redundant
 - ► Numerical error not controlled ⇒ incorrect/inaccurate design
- Proposed method: variable-fidelity optimization with error control
 - Start with fairly coarse mesh ⇒ fast/easy set up
 - ► Prevents over-refining and over-optimizing ⇒ efficient
 - ► Actively controls the numerical error ⇒ accurate

Future Work:

- More appropriate error/cost distribution among different flight conditions, e.g., equidistribute error-cost ratios
- Combined with *h*-*p* refinement
- Adaptive shape parameterization together with adaptive meshes

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