

A discrete shape optimization problem coming from yacht design.

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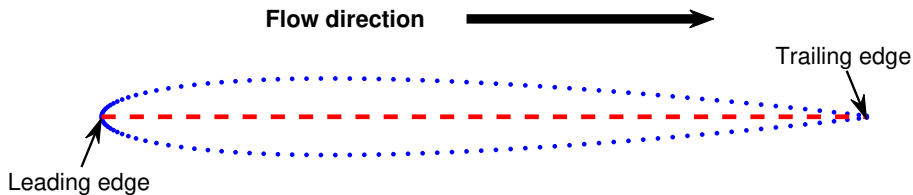
In yacht design we have several components which are designed based on sections. For example:

- Keel
- Rudder
- Daggerboard

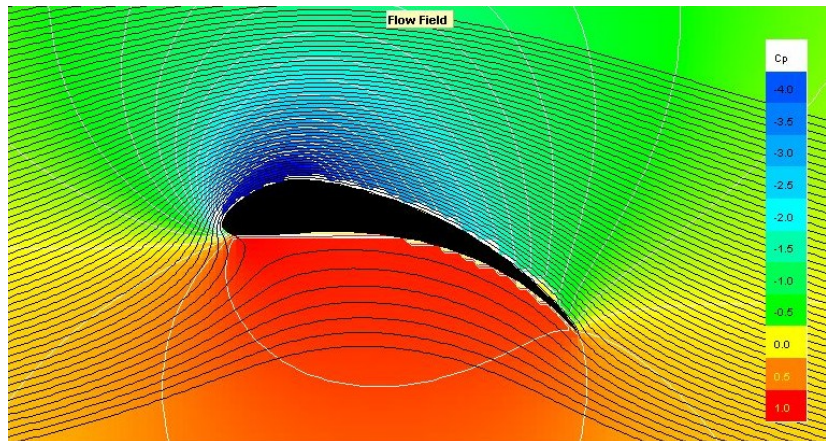


A 2D section: $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t))$, $t \in [0, 1]$,

$(x(0), y(0)) = (x(1), y(1))$ is the trailing edge.



- In general, the problem consists in optimizing the shape of some physical components while preserving some structural features.
- For keel sections, we are interested in minimizing the drag while preserving the lift.



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Discrete Framework

$$\alpha(t) \equiv (\alpha(t_i))_{i=1}^N \rightarrow D(\alpha) \text{ (Drag Coefficient)}$$

$$\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_i)_{i=1}^N, \rightarrow \alpha^\varepsilon := (\alpha(t_i) + \varepsilon_i)_{i=1}^N$$

Minimization Problem:

$$\text{Find } \varepsilon_* \in \mathbb{R}^N : D(\alpha^{\varepsilon_*}) = \min_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N} D(\alpha^\varepsilon)$$

Solution by iterative search algorithms. Initial guess: $\varepsilon_0 = 0 \equiv \alpha^{\varepsilon_0} = \alpha$

The process is likely to:

- depend on the initial guess being (sufficiently) close to a minimum.
- be (very) slow for N large.

The cost may be reduced by using a [multiscale strategy](#)

An academic example

Given the grid $(t_i)_{i=0}^{2^L} = (i2^{-L})_{i=0}^{2^L}$, compute the minimum of the functional

$$F(\alpha) := \left\| (\alpha_i - \cos(2\pi x_i))_i \right\|_2^2.$$

Minimization strategies:

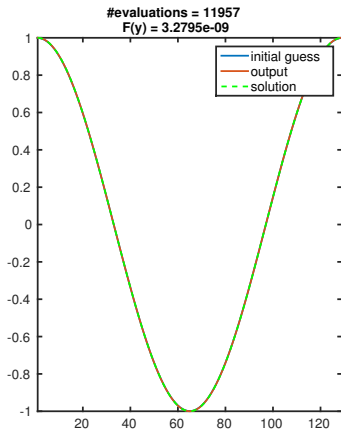
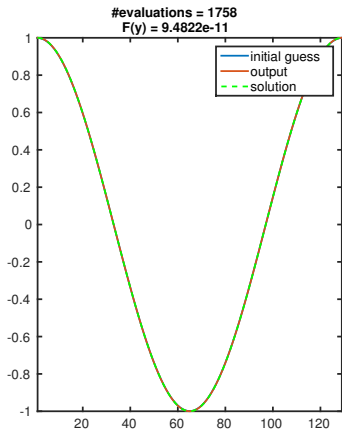
- Using the MATLAB `fminsearch` function directly.
- Using the MATLAB `fminsearch` function combined with a multi-scale strategy.

Initial guess $y_i := \lambda \cos(2\pi x_i)$, $L = 7, N = 2^L = 128$.

Stopping Criteria: difference between two consecutive iterates $< 10^{-4}$ +
Cost function $< 10^{-8}$

Maximum # of evaluations: 10^5 .

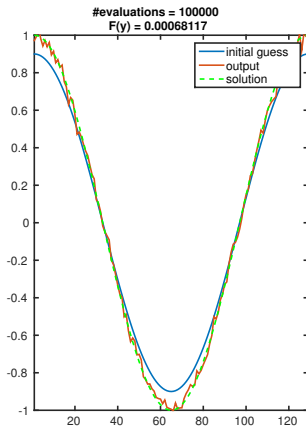
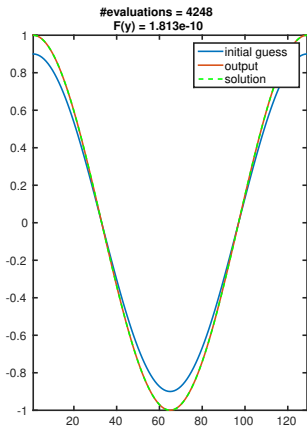
Cost \equiv Number of function evaluations.



funct. eval.

$\lambda = 0.999$

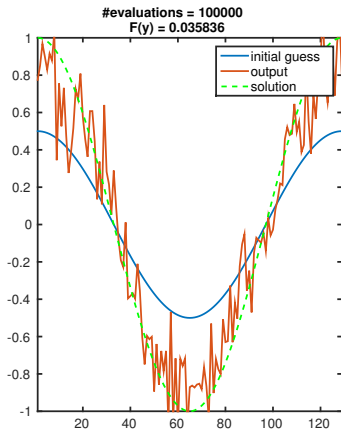
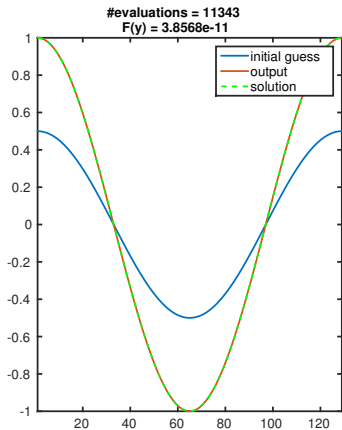
MR	direct
1758	11957



funct. eval.

 $\lambda = 0.9$

MR	direct
4248	10^5



funct. eval.

 $\lambda = 0.5$

MR	direct
11343	10^5

Discrete Multiresolution Framework

A multiresolution (MR) decomposition of a discrete data set is an equivalent representation that encodes the information as a coarse realization of the given data set plus a sequence of detail coefficients of ascending resolution.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \alpha^L & \rightarrow & \alpha^{L-1} & \rightarrow & \alpha^{L-2} & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow \alpha^0 \\
 & \searrow & d^{L-1} & \searrow & d^{L-2} & \searrow & \dots \searrow d^0
 \end{array}$$

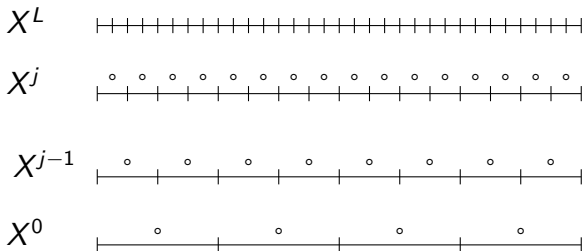
$$\alpha^L \equiv M\alpha^L = (\alpha^0, d^0, d^2, \dots, d^{L-1})$$

- levels of resolution: Hierarchy of nested computational meshes
 - detail coefficients: difference in information between consecutive levels
 - Wavelets (Daubechies, Mayer, Mallat etc..)
- Frameworks for MR:
- Lifting (Sweldens)
 - Harten

Harten's Framework for MR: Decimation and Prediction

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \alpha^L & \rightarrow & \alpha^{L-1} & \rightarrow & \alpha^{L-2} & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow \alpha^0 \\ & \searrow & d^{L-1} & \searrow & d^{L-2} & \searrow & \dots \searrow d^0 \end{array}$$

$\alpha^j \leftrightarrow X^j$. Nested grid structure associated to MR ladder

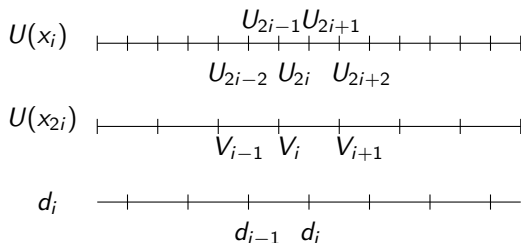


Decimation (from fine to coarse) $\alpha^{j-1} = D_j^{j-1} \alpha^j$

Prediction (from coarse to fine): $\tilde{\alpha}^j = P_{j-1}^j \alpha^{j-1}$

Consistency: $D_j^{j-1} P_{j-1}^j = I \quad I - P_{j-1}^j D_j^{j-1} \rightarrow d^j$

An Example: Harten's Interpolatory MR framework

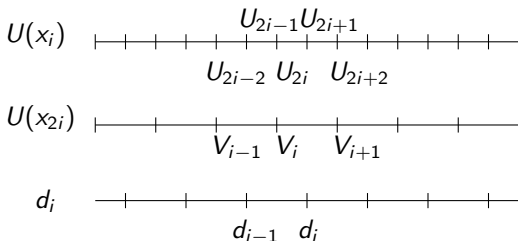


Decimation \equiv Restriction to even values

Prediction \equiv Via an interpolatory reconstruction $\mathcal{I}(x, \cdot)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_i = U_{2i} \\ d_i = U_{2i+1} - \mathcal{I}(x_{2i+1}, V) \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} U_{2i} = V_i \\ U_{2i+1} = \mathcal{I}(x_{2i+1}, V) + d_i \end{array} \right\}$$

An Example: Harten's Interpolatory MR framework



Prediction: $\tilde{U}_i = \mathcal{I}(x_i, V)$.

$\mathcal{I}(x, \cdot)$ Data-independent \rightarrow Linear transform.

Consistency with Decimation by restriction: $\mathcal{I}(x, \cdot)$ Interpolatory

$$\tilde{U}_{2i} = \mathcal{I}(x_{2i}, V) = V_i = U_{2i}$$

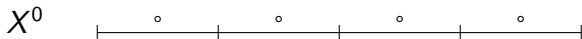
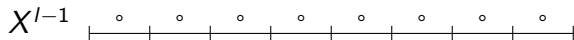
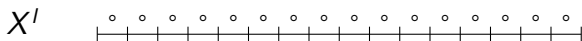
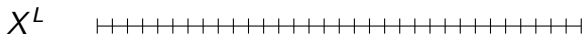
Prediction \equiv Subdivision Refinement scheme S

MR transformation:

Start at finest level X^L and repeat process for $l = L, \dots, 1$.

$$u^L \Leftrightarrow \{u^{L-1}, d^{L-1}\} \dots \Leftrightarrow \dots \{u^0; d^0; d^1; \dots d^{L-1}\} = Mu^L$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} u^L & \rightarrow & u^{L-1} & \rightarrow & u^{L-2} & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow u^0 \\ & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\ & & d^{L-1} & & d^{L-2} & & \dots \searrow d^0 \end{array}$$



A Two-Scale 'parameter-reduction' approach

Initial curve: $U^0 = (U_i)_{i=1}^N$, $U^\varepsilon := (U_i + \varepsilon_i)_{i=1}^N$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N$,

Minimization problem: Find $\varepsilon_* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N} D(U^\varepsilon)$

$MU = (V, d) \xleftarrow{M, \text{MR Transform}} \rightarrow U = M^{-1}(V, d) \quad V, d \in \mathbb{R}^{N/2}$

Solve two minimization problems:

- Consider perturbations $V + \varepsilon^1$, $\varepsilon^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N/2}$.

M linear $\rightarrow M^{-1}(V + \varepsilon^1, d) = U + M^{-1}(\varepsilon^1, \vec{0}) = U + S\varepsilon^1 = U^{S\varepsilon^1}$

Find $\varepsilon_*^1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N/2}} D(U^{S\varepsilon^1})$ initial guess $\varepsilon_0^1 = 0$, $U^0 = U$.

- Find $\varepsilon_* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N} D(U^\varepsilon)$ initial guess $\begin{cases} \varepsilon_0 = S\varepsilon_*^1 \\ \vec{U}^0 = U + S\varepsilon_*^1 \end{cases}$

A Multi-scale 'parameter-reduction' approach

Initial data: $\alpha^L = (\alpha_i)_{i=1}^{N_L}$, $N_L = 2^L N_0$, $(N_j = 2^j N_0, j = 1, \dots, L)$

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 & & \mathbb{R}^{N_{L-1}} & & \mathbb{R}^{N_{L-2}} & & \dots & \mathbb{R}^{N_0}
 \end{array}$$

- Find $\varepsilon_*^0 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{N_0}} D(\alpha^L + S^L \varepsilon^0)$, Init. guess: $\varepsilon_0^0 = \vec{0}$, (α^L)
Best 0th-level approximation $\alpha^{L,0} := \alpha^L + S^L \varepsilon_*^0$
- Find $\varepsilon_*^1 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1}} D(\alpha^L + S^{L-1} \varepsilon^1)$, Init. guess: $\varepsilon_0^1 = S \varepsilon_*^0$, $(\alpha^{L,0})$
Best 1st-level approximation $\alpha^{L,1} := \alpha^L + S^{L-1} \varepsilon_*^1$
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- Find $\varepsilon_*^L = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon^L \in \mathbb{R}^{N_L}} D(\alpha^L + \varepsilon^L)$, Init. guess: $\varepsilon_0^L = S \varepsilon_*^{L-1}(\alpha^{L,L-1})$
Best L th-level approximation $\alpha^{L,L} := \alpha^L + \varepsilon_*^L$

Academic example

Given the grid $(t_i)_{i=0}^{N_L} = (i2^{-L}h_0)_{i=0}^{N_L}$, compute the minimum of the functional

$$D(\alpha) := \|(\alpha_i - \cos(2\pi t_i))_i\|_2^2.$$

Initial curve: $\alpha = (\lambda \cos(2\pi t_i))_{i=1}^{N_L}$

Minimization strategies:

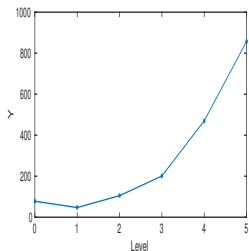
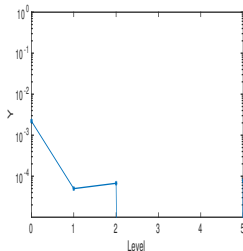
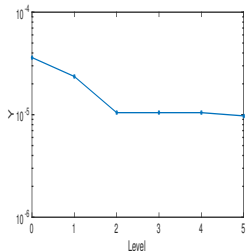
- Using the MATLAB `fminsearch` function directly.

Starting from $\varepsilon = 0$, Find $\varepsilon_* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{N_L}} F(\alpha + \varepsilon)$

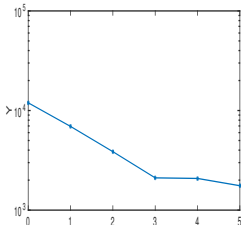
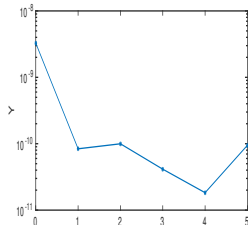
- Using the MATLAB `fminsearch` function combined with the multi-scale strategy that uses a Prediction scheme based on B-splines

Academic Example: $\lambda = 0.999$, MR-F-eval 1758

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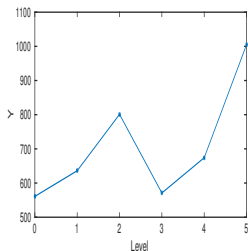
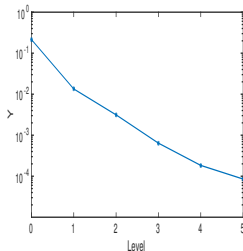
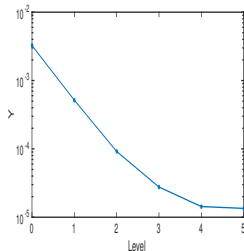
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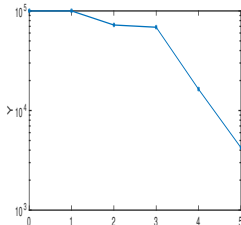
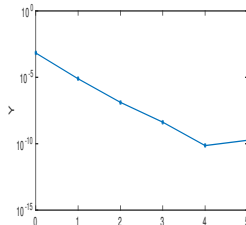
 $D(\alpha)$ vs. L

Academic Example: $\lambda = 0.9$, MR-F-eval 4248

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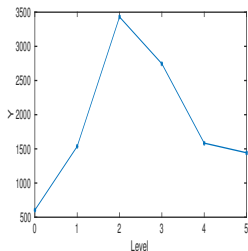
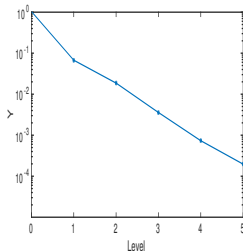
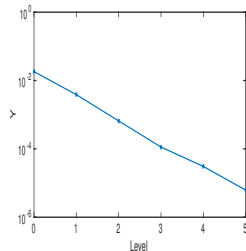
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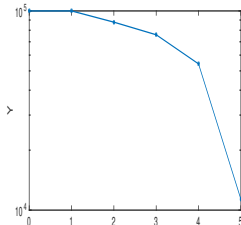
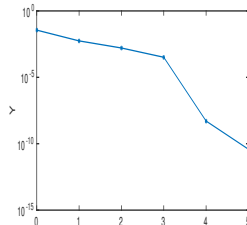
 $D(\alpha)$ vs. L

Academic Example: $\lambda = 0.5$, MR-F-eval 11343

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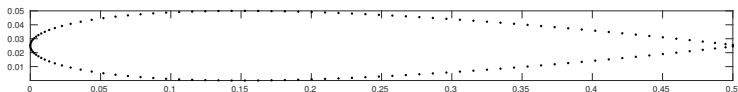
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 $D(\alpha)$ vs. L

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Closed Curve: NACA-profile, $\alpha = (x, y)$, $N = 128$ points

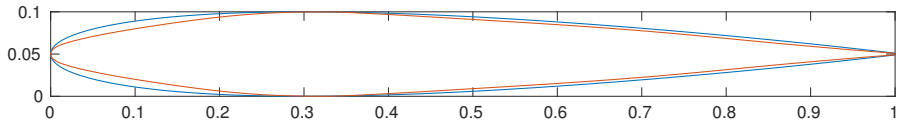


Required: Minimize the Drag Coefficient $D(\alpha)$ (computed with *Xfoil*) maintaining the *chord length and thickness*.

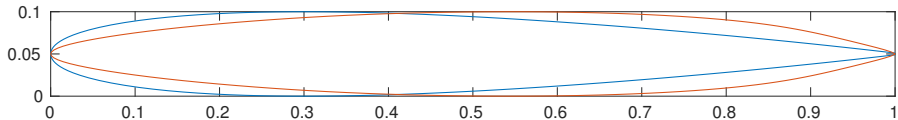
Have used: MR-algorithm with $L = 7$, $N_0 = 2^2$ on both components.

Reynolds number $Re = 10^6$. Initial Drag: $9.21e-3$

fminsearch Final Drag: $7.74e-3$



patternsearch Final Drag: $4.47e-3$



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