





Effective Approximations of Oscillating PDE based on Boundary Agregated Measurements

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Context

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Perturbative Reconstruction of Effective Coefficients

A Multiscale Problem

• Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{A}_{\varepsilon}\nabla u_{\varepsilon}\right) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ (\mathbf{A}_{\varepsilon}\nabla u_{\varepsilon}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{g} & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$
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where A_{ε} is oscillating at a small length scale $\varepsilon \ll |\Omega|$.

• Applications : (simplification of) elastic problems in Mechanics.

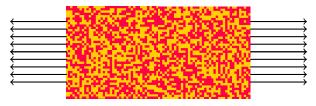


Figure: Traction experiment on a 2D heterogeneous material.

Objective

Construct a <u>constant</u> coefficient $\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, such that the solutions $u_{\varepsilon}(g)$ to (1) are satisfyingly approximated by the solutions $\overline{u} = u(\overline{A}, g)$ to the coarse problem

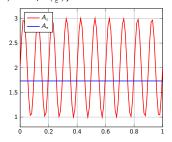
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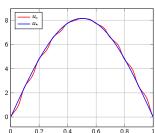
Link with Homogenization Theory

Homogenization seems to be a relevant tool here.

Downsides:

- Valid only in the regime of separated scale (i.e. $\varepsilon \to 0$).
- No formula for A_* unless strong assumptions on A_ε (e.g. periodicity $A_\varepsilon(x) = A_{\rm per}(\frac{x}{\varepsilon})$).





Link with Inverse Problems

- Approaches for classical inverse problems are inoperable due to ill-posedness (see Lions 76) or data requirements (see Stuart&al 12).
- Various approaches for inverse multiscale problems.
 - Identify A_{ε} . III-posed in general, unless... Fine scale data is available. (see Bal&Uhlmann 13) Strong assumptions on the structure on A_{ε} are made (e.g. A_{ε} depends on a few unknown parameter). (see Frederick&Engquist 17, Abdulle&DiBlasio 19, Lochner&Peter 23)
 - Approximate the map $g \to u_{\varepsilon}(g)$, and give up on recovering A_{ε} . (see Chung&al 19, Maier&al 20)
 - Identify effective properties. (Cherkaev 08, LeBris&al 18)

Specificity:

- coarse data (e.g. scalar measurements).
- very few data (e.g. only 3 loadings are available).
 - → related to the equation at stake (i.e. linear elasticity)
 - \neq data are reasonnably more abundant for other equations (e.g. Helmholtz, Wave, ...)

Effective Modeling from Boundary Agregated Measurements

A first formulation [CRAS2013]¹, [COCV2018]²

For $\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{\mathsf{sym}}$ a constant symmetric coefficient, denote $\overline{u} = u(\overline{A}, g)$ the solution to

$$-{\rm div}\left(\overline{A}\nabla\overline{u}\right)=0\ \text{in}\ \Omega,\qquad (\overline{A}\nabla\overline{u})\cdot \textbf{\textit{n}}=\textbf{\textit{g}}\ \text{on}\ \partial\Omega.$$

The quality of the effective coefficient \overline{A} can be quantified through the functional

$$\sup_{\|g\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)}=1}\|u_\varepsilon(g)-u(\overline{A},g)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

The strategy consists in minimizing the worst case scenario by looking at the optimization problem

$$\inf_{\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{\text{sym}}} \sup_{\|g\|_{L^2(\partial \Omega)} = 1} \lVert u_\varepsilon(g) - u(\overline{A},g) \rVert_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

Issue: Using the full solutions u_{ε} in the whole domain Ω as observables is disproportionate to estimate a $d \times d$ constant symmetric matrix, and irrealistic from an experimental point of view.

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¹C. Le Bris, F. Legoll, K. Li, CRAS, 2013.

²C. Le Bris, F. Legoll, S. Lemaire, ESAIM COCV, 2018.

Practical Observables

Only coarser observables are usually acquirable, such as the energy

$$\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon},g) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A_{\varepsilon} \nabla u_{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla u_{\varepsilon} - \int_{\partial \Omega} g \ u_{\varepsilon}(g) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial \Omega} g \ u_{\varepsilon}(g).$$
 (3)

Motivation:

• $\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, g)$ passes to the homogenized limit:

$$\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon},g) \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \to 0]{} \mathcal{E}(A_{\star},g) \text{ in } \mathbb{R},$$

where $\mathcal{E}(A_\star,g)=\frac{1}{2}\int_\Omega A_\star \nabla u_\star\cdot \nabla u_\star - \int_{\partial\Omega} g\ u_\star$ and where u_\star denotes the homogenized solution.

- $\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon},g)$ is an integrated quantity (scalar !), thus it provides no direct insights about the microscale
- $\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, g)$ is tractable.

Practical Strategy

For $\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{\mathsf{sym}}$ a constant symmetric coefficient, denote $\overline{u} = u(\overline{A}, g)$ the solution to

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To assess the quality of the effective coefficient \overline{A} , we use the functional

$$\sup_{\|g\|_{L^{2}(\partial\Omega)}} \|u_{\varepsilon}(g) - u(\overline{A}, g)\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}^{2} \longrightarrow \sup_{\|g\|_{L^{2}(\partial\Omega)} = 1} |\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, g) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}, g)|^{2}$$

Our strategy consists in minimizing the worst case scenario by looking at the optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \inf \limits_{\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}} & \sup \limits_{\|\mathbf{g}\|_{L^{2}(\partial \Omega)} = 1} |\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, \mathbf{g}) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}, \mathbf{g})|^{2} \\ \alpha \leqslant \overline{A} \leqslant \beta \end{array}$$

Theoretical Analysis

In the limit of vanishing ε , the problem leads to the homogenized diffusion coefficient as shown by the following proposition.

$$\begin{split} I_{\varepsilon} &= \inf_{\overline{A} \in \, \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{\text{sym}}} \sup_{g \, \in \, L^{2}(\partial \Omega)} |\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, g) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}, g)|^{2} \\ &\alpha \leqslant \overline{A} \leqslant \beta \, \, \|g\|_{L^{2}(\partial \Omega)} = 1 \end{split}$$

Proposition (Asymptotic consistency, periodic case)

For any sequence of quasi-minimizer $\left(\overline{A}_{\varepsilon}^{\#}\right)_{\varepsilon>0}$, i.e. sequence such that

$$I_{\varepsilon} \leqslant J_{\varepsilon}(\overline{A}_{\varepsilon}^{\#}) \leqslant I_{\varepsilon} + err(\varepsilon),$$
 (4)

the following convergence holds:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \overline{A}_{\varepsilon}^{\#} = A_{\star}. \tag{5}$$

Computational procedure

To solve

$$\inf_{\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{sym}}^{\mathrm{d} \vee d}} \sup_{g \in L^{2}(\partial \Omega)} |\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, g) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}, g)|^{2}$$

$$\alpha \leqslant \overline{A} \leqslant \beta \|g\|_{L^{2}(\partial \Omega)} = 1$$

We apply a gradient descent.

Given an iterate \overline{A}^n ,

• Define g^n , the argsup to

$$\sup_{g \text{ s.t. } \|g\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} = 1} \left(\mathcal{E}(A_\varepsilon, g) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}^n, g) \right)^2.$$

In practice, $\sup_{g \in L^2(\Omega)} \to \sup_{g \in V_P}$ on $V_P = \operatorname{Span}\{P \text{ r.h.s.}\}\$, with $P \approx 3$.

This step requires computing P solutions to a <u>coarse</u> PDE in order to get the energy $\mathcal{E}(\overline{A}^n,\cdot)$.

We next solve a $P \times P$ eigenvalue problem.

2 Define \overline{A}^{n+1} , the optimizer to

$$\inf_{\overline{A} \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{d \times d}} \left(\mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon}, g^{n}) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}, g^{n}) \right)^{2}.$$

In practice, we perform a gradient descent.

The gradient can be expressed with solutions computed in previous step, hence no additionnal costs.

Numerical Results (periodic)

In 2D ($\Omega = [0,1]^2$), we consider in 2D ($\Omega = [0,1]^2$) the coefficient

$$A_\varepsilon(x,y) = A^{\mathrm{per}} \left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \frac{y}{\varepsilon}\right) = \begin{pmatrix}^{22 \,+\, 10 \,\times\, (\sin(2\pi \frac{x}{\varepsilon}) \,+\, \sin(2\pi \frac{y}{\varepsilon}))} & 0 \\ 0 & 12 \,+\, 2 \,\times\, (\sin(2\pi \frac{x}{\varepsilon}) \,+\, \sin(2\pi \frac{y}{\varepsilon})) \end{pmatrix}.$$

for which

$$A_{\star} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 19.3378 & 0 \\ 0 & 11.8312 \end{pmatrix}.$$

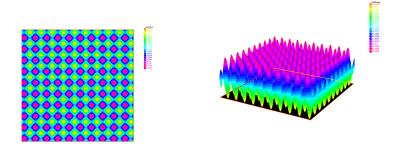
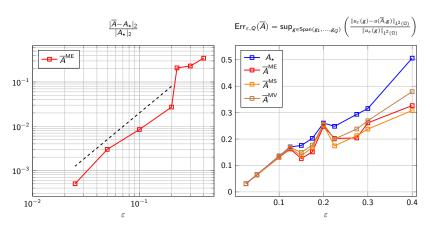


Figure: Components 11 and 22 of coefficient A_{ε} .

Numerical Results (periodic)



 $\begin{aligned} & \text{Figure: (left) Error between homogenized coefficient } \ \overline{A}_{\star} \ \text{and coefficients } \ \overline{A} \in \{\overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MV}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{ME}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MS}}\}. \end{aligned} \\ & \text{(right) Criterion Err}_{\varepsilon,Q}(\overline{A}) \ \text{(with } Q = 11) \ \text{for } \ \overline{A} \in \{A_{\star}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MV}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{ME}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MS}}\}. \end{aligned}$

Numerical Results (stochastic)

We now use a non periodic coefficient (random checkerboard),

$$A_{\varepsilon}(x,y,\omega) = a^{\mathsf{sto}}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \frac{y}{\varepsilon}, \omega\right) = \left(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2} X_k(\omega) \mathbb{1}_{k+Q}(x,y)\right) \mathsf{Id},$$

with X_k i.i.d random variables such that $\mathbb{P}(X_k = \gamma_1) = \mathbb{P}(X_k = \gamma_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = (4, 16)$.

We have

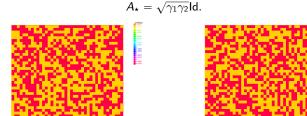


Figure: Two realizations of coefficient A_{ε} .

Our strategy rewrites $I_{\mathcal{E}} = \inf \sup |\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{E}(A_{\mathcal{E}}(\cdot, \omega), f)) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}, f)|$. Confidence intervals are computed from 40 realizations of the expectation (itself computed with a Monte Carlo method using 40 realizations of the coefficient a^{sto}).

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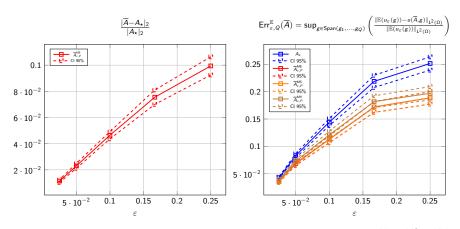


Figure: (left) Error between homogenized coefficient A_{\star} and coefficients $\overline{A} \in \{\overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{ME}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MS}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MV}}\}$. (right) Criterion $\text{Err}_{\varepsilon,Q}^{\mathbb{E}}(\overline{A})$ (with Q=11) for $\overline{A} \in \{A_{\star}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{ME}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MS}}, \overline{A}_{\varepsilon,P}^{\text{MV}}\}$.



Perturbative Reconstruction of Effective Coefficients

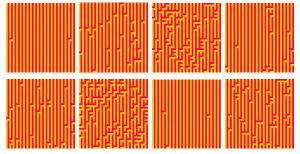
- Setting:
 - Randomly defectuous (periodic) coefficient

$$A_{\varepsilon,\eta}(x,\omega) = A_{\varepsilon}^{\mathsf{per}}(x) + b_{\eta}(\omega) C_{\varepsilon}^{\mathsf{per}}(x).$$

- $C_{\varepsilon}^{
m per}$ possibly not negligible, but

$$A_{\star,\eta}=\overline{A}_0+\eta\overline{A}_1+o(\eta).$$

- \overline{A}_0 is known (e.g. given as an industrial reference).



- Issue:
- Computing the effective coefficient using previous methods for many realizations ω may end up having a prohibitive computationnal costs...

Perturbative Reconstruction of Effective Coefficients

Objective

Assume that the effective coefficient lies in the neighboorhood of a known coefficient \overline{A}_0 . How can we use this a priori knowledge to guide and speed up the optimization ?

• Perturbative development:

- Assume $\overline{A} = \overline{A}_0 + \eta \overline{B}$.
- Expand $\mathcal{E}(\overline{A},g) pprox \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}_0,g) + \eta \sum_{ij} [\overline{B}]_{ij} \mathcal{F}_{ij}$, where $\mathcal{F}_{ij} := \mathcal{F}_{ij}(\overline{A}_0,g)$.
- Consider the optimization problem

$$\inf_{\overline{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}_{\text{sym}}, \quad g \in L^{2}(\Omega),} \sup_{\mathbf{g} \in L^{2}(\Omega),} \left(\left| \mathcal{E}(A_{\varepsilon,\eta}, g) - \mathcal{E}(\overline{A}_{0}, g) - \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} [\overline{B}]_{ij} \mathcal{F}_{ij}(\overline{A}_{0}, g) \right| \right)^{2}. \quad (6)$$

$$\alpha \leq \overline{A}_{0} + \overline{B} \leq \beta \|g\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} = 1.$$

Implementation aspects:

- Gradient descent
- Offline stage to compute $\mathcal{F}_{ij}(\overline{A}_0, g)$.
- Online stage requires no PDE resolution.

Numerical Results

- Do not damage drastically the quality.
- Reduction of computational costs (by a factor of \approx 80 to 400).

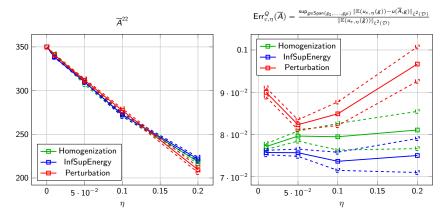


Figure: (left) Component 22 for various approximations of the effective coefficient. (right) Criterion $Err^{\mathbb{E}}_{\varepsilon,Q}(\overline{A})$ (with Q=9) for different constant coefficients.

Conclusion

Our strategy

- aims at determining effective approximation for multiscale PDEs through a constant coefficient,
- is designed for context where few and coarse information is available,
- is inspired by homogenization theory and consistent with it (numerically and theoretically),
- can be extended outside the regime of separated scale,
- can be slightly modified in a perturbative context (hence reducing the computationnal cost).

Thank you!