Sparse Grids for Anisotropic Problems (Long Version)

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Sparse Grids:

Mixed Families, Growth Rules, Anisotropic Problems http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~burkardt/presentations/icms_2010.pdf

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Sparse grids are a tool for producing integrals or interpolants when the underlying function lies in a high dimensional space.

Sparse grids avoid the exponentially rising cost associated with simple product grids, and can produce more accurate results than a Monte Carlo approach if the function has bounded derivatives of sufficient order.

I am involved in a project that is developing a library of sparse grid codes which allow the user to choose, for any spatial component, the quadrature family, rate of growth, and anisotropy weight.



A quadrature rule Q is a procedure for estimating the integral of a function f(x) over a domain script D.

If f(x) is known to be smooth, a good strategy employs a nested family of interpolatory quadrature rules of increasing precision.

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\begin{array}{l} Q0\\ Q0+(Q1-Q0)\\ Q0+(Q1-Q0)+(Q2-Q1)\\ Q0+(Q1-Q0)+(Q2-Q1)+(Q3-Q2) \end{array}
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- allows the reuse of computed data;
- adaptively reaches the appropriate level of precision;
- provides an estimate of the error.



For the 1D problem, there is a rich selection of families of quadrature rules, allowing bounded or unbounded domains, a variety of weight functions, the use of derivative information, and composite rules for functions which are not smooth.

For problems in **M** dimensions, 1D rules can be factors in a product rule $Q = Q_1 \otimes Q_2 \otimes ... \otimes Q_N$ if the domain is a product region and the weight functions are separable.

Product rules can achieve desired precision levels, but they do so inefficiently. To integrate all monomials up to total degree L in M space, a product rule uses about L^M points.

This cost is unaffordable, but worse, unnecessary!



A reasonable goal for a family of quadrature rules is that each member exactly integrate all monomials up to a given total order. In 2D, a rule that could integrate up to 5th order would need to capture the monomials shown in blue:



A Product Rule Overshoots the Goal

A product rule results in a square of precision, not a triangle. Red monomials on "incomplete" diagonals include error terms of the same order, so it is precision that doesn't result in accuracy.

As the dimension **M** increases, red exponentially dominates blue.



The Smolyak formula indicates a way to combine several lower order product rules in such a way that the resulting precision more carefully fills in entire diagonals, with much less "wasted" precision.

This makes it possible to estimate integrals in high dimension while avoiding the explosion of work associated with a single full product rule.



Consider *isotropic* product and Smolyak rules.

If we can afford 1,000,000 function evaluations in M-space, what level of precision P can we expect in our integral approximation?

Suppose we use a non-Gaussian 1D rule in each case. The product rule precision is roughly $1,000,000^{(1/M)}$.

M	P(Product Rule)	P(Sparse Grid)
10	4.0	15
20	2.0	9 or 11
30	1.6	9 or 11
50	1.3	7 or 9
100	1.1	7

After dimension 20, you can't afford a 2-point product rule!

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Smolyak's recipe for a sparse grid involves a weighted combination of low order anisotropic product rules.

We have an indexed family of 1D quadrature rules Q^L . We form rules for dimension **M**, indexed by level **L**. Here $\mathbf{i} = i_1 + \cdots + i_M$, where i_j is the "level" of the *j*-th 1D rule.

$$\mathcal{A}(L,M) = \sum_{L-M < |\mathbf{i}| \le L} (-1)^{L-|\mathbf{i}|} \begin{pmatrix} M-1 \\ L-|\mathbf{i}| \end{pmatrix} (\mathcal{Q}^{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{Q}^{i_M})$$

 $\mathcal{A}(L, M)$ is a weighted sum of product rules for **M** values of **i**.

We are free to choose the domains, weights, families and growth rates of the 1D factors of these product rules.

A Menu of Product Rules

Rules of the same color capture monomials of same total degree.



Sparse Grid = Sum of Selected Product Rules

Combination



Grid





Grid





Grid





Grid



To complete this 2D sparse grid, we include contributions from the two lower order rules, 3x1 and 1x3. Here, we are using a nested family of rules, so the resulting grid does not change, although these lower order rules do affect the computed weights applied to the grid points.

From the precision plot, we can see that the sparse grid claims to be precise for all monomials of total degree 5. It has achieved this precision goal using fewer points than a simple 5x5 product rule.





Grid



The software library embodying the sparse grid rules is called **SGMGA**. This name is meant to record the fact that it is a library that can handle:

- **9** Sparse Grids
- O Mixed families
- Growth rules
- Anisotropic weighting



The 1D quadrature families may be chosen from:

- Clenshaw-Curtis
- Pejer Type 2
- Gauss-Patterson
- Gauss-Legendre
- Gauss-Hermite
- **o** generalized Gauss-Hermite
- Gauss-Laguerre
- generalized Gauss-Laguerre
- Gauss-Jacobi
- user-defined Golub Welsch rules



For each dimension, the user may choose a particular 1D quadrature family.

If a family is parameterized, the associated parameters may be specified for each dimension.

(generalized Laguerre and Hermite rules, and the Jacobi rules.)

This makes it possible to correctly treat cases involving a mixture of uniform and normally distributed quantities, for instance, or cases in which a single distribution is used, but the parameters defining that distribution vary from one dimension to the next.



Gauss-Hermite X Clenshaw Curtis, Level 4



For each problem dimension, the chosen quadrature family comprises an indexed sequence of rules of increasing order.

The growth rule relates the index L to the order O.

For the nested Gauss Patterson family, for instance, this is typically:

$$O = 2^{L+1} - 1$$

The user may override the default growth rule.



Using a nested family of 1D rules reduces the number of abscissas in the resulting sparse grid.

The classical construction doubles the point count at each level.

We have implemented a **slow growth** version of such rules; at each level, we use the lowest order nested rule that will achieve the necessary precision.

The advantages of the slow growth approach are most apparent in low dimensions, or for high order.



Growth Rules: Level 7 CC, Default versus Slow Growth



















Many problems in which stochastic factors have been included will have tens or even hundreds of dimensions.

Most physically meaningful problems will exhibit **anisotropy**, that is, certain dimensions will dominate the behavior of the system, while many dimensions will have relatively little influence.

If this anisotropy is anticipated, it can be built into the sparse grid construction process in advance.

If unexpected anisotropy is encountered, the sparse grid construction could be modified to adapt to this discovery.



The Anisotropic Smolyak Formula

We form isotropic sparse grids from product grids whose level vectors satisfy the linear constraints:

$$L-M < \sum_{j} i_{j} \leq L$$

We introduce anisotropy using a weight vector $\boldsymbol{\alpha}.$ The new constraint is

$$L \cdot \min(\alpha) - \sum_j \alpha_j < \sum_j \alpha_j \cdot i_j \le L \cdot \min(\alpha)$$

with the combining cofficient defined by

$$c_{lpha}(\mathbf{i}) = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{j} \in \{0,1\}^d \\ \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} \text{ satisfies constraint}}} (-1)^{|\mathbf{j}|}$$

























The anisotropy allowed by the SGMGA program must be prescribed beforehand, in terms of relative weights for each dimension, which define a linear constraint on level vectors.

The sparse grid is then formed from product grids whose level vectors lie between corresponding sets of parallel lines (in 2D) or hyperplanes.

The anisotropic formula can be applied to more general groupings of level vectors.

An approach that would make sense would be to adaptively seek level vectors that could be added to the current rule.



Consider adding product rules at "corners" of the diagram.



The formula for the combining coefficient in the anisotropic case is remarkably similar: the coefficient of a level vector is the signed count of all level vectors which still satisfy the anisotropic level constraint after some entries have been increased by 1.

Unfortunately, in **M** dimensions, a naive approach to checking this simple linear condition would require 2^M checks.

We are investigating efficient ways to count the perturbed level vectors that avoid the recurrence of the dimensionality explosion.



- It would be useful to have analogues of the Gauss-Patterson family for problems involving Hermite or Laguerre weight functions.
- The sparse grid approach can also be used for interpolation (Klimke/Wohlmuth SPINTERP)
- For irregular functions, there is an approach using hierarchical set of piecewise linear interpolants.



Some technical notes at

http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~burkardt/presentations:

- icms_2010.pdf, these slides
- sgmga_1d_rules.pdf, 1D quadrature rules for sparse grids;
- sgmga_ccs.pdf, Slow exponential growth for Clenshaw Curtis sparse grids;
- sgmga_coefficient.pdf, The combining coefficient for anisotropic sparse grids;
- sgmga_counting.pdf, Counting the abscissas in sparse grids;
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