# Gaussian processes for high order finite volume methods

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# Goal

Solve the compressible Euler equations (2D)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{U}) = 0\\ \mathbf{U} &= \begin{pmatrix} \rho u\\ \rho u\\ \rho v\\ E \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho u\\ \rho u^2 + p\\ \rho uv\\ u(E+p) \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{U}) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho v\\ \rho uv\\ \rho v^2 + p\\ v(E+p) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

accurately and robustly

## Finite volume considerations

- Handles shocks naturally
- Discretely conservative
- Agreeable with AMR
- $\bullet\,$  Non-trivial to take beyond  $2^{nd}$  order accuracy



# Finite volume formulation

Integrate over 
$$D_{i,j} = [x_{i-1/2}, x_{i+1/2}] \times [y_{j-1/2}, y_{j+1/2}]$$
 and normalize  

$$\int_{D_{i,j}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} dV = -\int_{D_{i,j}} \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{F}} dV$$

$$\frac{\partial \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i,j}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_{\partial D_{i,j}} \underline{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dS$$

$$\frac{\partial \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i,j}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle_{i-1/2,j} - \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle_{i+1/2,j} \right) + \frac{1}{\Delta y} \left( \langle \mathbf{G} \rangle_{i,j-1/2} - \langle \mathbf{G} \rangle_{i,j+1/2} \right)$$

where

$$\langle h \rangle_{i,j} = \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_{D_{i,j}} h dV \qquad \langle h \rangle_{i \pm 1/2,j} = \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{y_{j-1/2}}^{y_{j+1/2}} h(x_{i \pm 1/2}, y) dy$$



### Numerical flux

$$\begin{split} \langle \mathbf{F} \rangle_{i\pm 1/2,j} &= \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{y_{j-1/2}}^{y_{j+1/2}} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}(x_{i\pm 1/2},y)) dy \\ &\approx \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{y_{j-1/2}}^{y_{j+1/2}} \hat{\mathbf{F}}\left(\mathbf{U}_{i\pm 1/2}^{-}(y),\mathbf{U}_{i\pm 1/2}^{+}(y)\right) dy \end{split}$$

#### Two barriers to high order in multiple dimensions

- Integral must be done accurately
- Numerical flux is defined *pointwise*, thus need accurate *pointwise* values of  $\mathbf{U}_{i\pm 1/2}^{\pm}$

# Naive dimension-by-dimension approach

# Polynomial reconstruction

Given the stencil  $\{\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i-r,j}, \cdots, \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i,j}, \cdots, \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+r,j}\}$ , there is a unique polynomial  $\mathbf{Q}(x)$  of degree p = 2r satisfying:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i+s-1/2}}^{x_{i+s+1/2}} \mathbf{Q}(x) dx = \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+s,j}, \quad s = -r, \dots, r$$

which yields the approximation

$$\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i \pm 1/2, j} = \mathbf{Q}(x_{i \pm 1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^{p+1})$$

## Just plug it in, what could go wrong? First note

$$\mathbf{U}(x_{i\pm 1/2}, y_j) = \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i\pm 1/2, j} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^{p+1}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta y^2),$$

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# Special cases



If  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U})=\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U}$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}\rangle_{i\pm 1/2,j} &= \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{y_{j-1/2}}^{y_{j+1/2}} \mathbf{AU}\left(x_{i\pm 1/2}, y\right) dy \\ &= \mathbf{A}\langle \mathbf{U}\rangle_{i\pm 1/2,j} \\ &= \mathbf{AQ}(x_{i\pm 1/2}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^{p+1}). \end{aligned}$$

#### Linear benchmarks

Consider the Euler equations on  $[0,1]^2$  with periodic boundaries and the initial condition:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ v \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{-50(x+y-2)^2} + e^{-50(x+y-1)^2} + e^{-50(x+y)^2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1/\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

run to a final time of T = 1/2.





Figure: Modifications to retain non-linear accuracy don't matter for this benchmark.



# Experimental convergence rates

	$L_1$	$L_{\infty}$	$L_1$	$L_{\infty}$
r = 1	2.29	2.32	2.29	2.32
r = 2	3.65	3.75	3.65	3.75
r = 3	4.94	5.08	4,94	5.08



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- Use 1D stencils to get accurate face-averaged states
- Reconstruct along faces to get accurate face-centered states
- Call Riemann solver once per interface
- Reconstruct face-average fluxes from face-centered fluxes











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# Why Gaussian processes?

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# Downsides of Gaussian processes (subjective)

- Ill-conditioning problems
- Less intuitive
- Almost too flexible, lot's of choices to investigate
- The buzzword factor is high

#### Definition

For a domain D, a Gaussian process is given by a distribution over a function space:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \ell)),$$

such that for  $y \in D$ , f(y) belongs to a multivariate normal distribution:

 $f(\mathbf{y}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{K})$  $\mathbf{K}_{ij} = K(y_i, y_j; \ell),$ 

for some correlation (kernel) function K. Defined here as:

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \ell) = e^{-\frac{||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}||^2}{2\ell^2}}$$



#### Posterior distribution

The Gaussian process conditioned on some given data,  $f(\mathbf{y}_k) = \mathbf{q}$  at some locations  $\mathbf{y}_k \in D$ , goes as:

$$(f(\mathbf{x}) | f(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{q}) \sim \mathcal{N} (\mu_{\mathbf{y}}, K_{\mathbf{y}})$$
$$\mu_{\mathbf{y}} = K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \ell) \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{q}$$
$$K_{y} = K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \ell) - K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \ell) \mathbf{K}^{-1} K(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}'; \ell).$$

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# Mean is the most likely interpolant

To predict  $f(\mathbf{x}^*)$  for some  $\mathbf{x}^* \in D$  evaluate the mean:  $f(\mathbf{x}^*) \approx \mu_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}^*)$ . Compactly:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} f(\mathbf{x}^*) &\approx & K\left(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}; \ell\right) \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{q} \\ &\approx & \mathbf{w}_*^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{q} \end{array}$$





# Dealing with cell/face averaged values

We want to use GP to convert between data types. Define correlation matrix to match input data,

$$\mathbf{C}_{ij} = \frac{1}{||D_i|| \, ||D_j||} \int_{D_i} \int_{D_j} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y}$$

and sample respecting the correlation between data types,

$$\mathbf{T}_i = \frac{1}{||D_i||} \int\limits_{D_i} K(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

to find

$$f(\mathbf{x}^*) \approx \mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{g}$$

for known cell/face averages,  ${\bf g}$ 



### Converting point values back to average values

Very similar to interpolation, but with appropriate sample vector. Defining:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{K}_{ij} &= K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \\ \mathbf{T}_i &= \frac{1}{||D_i||} \int\limits_{D_*} K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \end{split}$$

we find

$$\langle f(\mathbf{x})\rangle_i \approx \mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{q}$$

from known point values  ${\bf q}$ 



#### A truly nonlinear benchmark problem

The Euler equations on  $[-L, L]^2$  with periodic boundaries and initial condition

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ v \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T^{1/(\gamma-1)} \\ 1 - y\omega \\ 1 + x\omega \\ T^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$T = 1 - \frac{\gamma - 1}{8\gamma\pi^2} e^{1 - x^2 - y^2}$$
$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{(1 - x^2 - y^2)/2}$$

recover the intial condition at time  $T_f = 2L$ 

# The isentropic vortex problem







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	$L_1$	$L_{\infty}$	$L_1$	$L_{\infty}$
r = 1	2.38	2.22	2.33	2.21
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r = 3	2.23	2.37	6.19	6.16



## Nonlinear GP reconstruction

The reconstruction presented is linear, i.e.

$$\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i\pm 1/2,j} = \sum_{s=-r}^r w_k^{\pm} \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+s,j}$$

which is hopeless near discontinuities (Godunov)

## WENO (weighted essentially non-oscillatory) methods Idea: Break full stencil into substencils, reconstruct on each separately, use a weighted combination of these reconstructions

$$\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i \pm 1/2, j; k} = \sum_{s=k-r-1}^{k-1} \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+s, j}$$
$$\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i \pm 1/2, j; k} = \sum \omega_k^{\pm} \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i \pm 1/2, j; k}$$



For smooth data,  $\omega_k^{\pm}$  should reduce to some optimal weights such that

$$\sum_{s=-r}^{r} w_s^{\pm} \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+s,j} \approx \sum \gamma_k^{\pm} \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i\pm 1/2,j;k}$$

which can be found by solving the least squares problem (e.g. r = 2)

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_{1,1} & 0 & 0\\ w_{2,1} & w_{1,2} & 0\\ w_{3,1} & w_{2,2} & w_{1,3}\\ 0 & w_{3,2} & w_{2,3}\\ 0 & 0 & w_{3,3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1\\ \gamma_2\\ \gamma_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1\\ w_2\\ w_3\\ w_4\\ w_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Following Jiang and Shu, we can define

$$\omega_k = \frac{\widetilde{\omega}_k}{\sum \widetilde{\omega}_s} \qquad \widetilde{\omega}_k = \frac{\gamma_k}{\left(\epsilon + \beta_k\right)^p}$$

where  $\beta_k$  measures the smoothness of the data on the  $k^{\rm th}$  sub-stencil

### Likelihood measures smoothness

A GP with a SE kernel is good at representing smooth functions, thus the log-likelihood

$$\log L_k = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \log |\mathbf{K}_k| + \mathbf{q}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{K}_k^{-1} \mathbf{q} + 2 \log(2\pi) \right)$$

indicates how smooth the  $k^{\rm th}$  sub-stencil is. Choosing

$$\beta_k = \mathbf{q}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{K}_k^{-1} \mathbf{q}$$

works well for equispaced grids





# General WENO

- Transform to characteristic variables first
- Componentwise limiting works well enough, lower dissipation
- Lots of non-linear weights other than WENO-JS

## **GP-WENO**

- Note  $\mathbf{K}_k$  instead of  $\mathbf{C}_k$  in formula for  $\beta_k$
- Could use completely different types of stencils
- No need to derive new expressions for each order

# The isentropic vortex - WENO active







#### Experimental convergence rates

	$L_1$	$L_{\infty}$	$L_1$	$L_{\infty}$
r = 1	1.90	1.65	1.88	1.66
r = 2	2.79	3.12	3.46	3.98
r = 3	2.51	3.29	5.38	5.80



# The standard Riemann problem

Euler equations on  $\left[0,1\right]$  with inflow/outflow boundaries and initial condition

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}, & x < 0.5 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.125 & 0 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}, & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

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Euler equations on  $[0,1]^2$  with outflow boundaries and initial condition

$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ u_1 \\ v_1 \\ p_1 \end{pmatrix} =$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.5323 \\ 1.206 \\ 0 \\ 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_2 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix}$
$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_3 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix} =$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.138 \\ 1.206 \\ 1.206 \\ 0.029 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_4 \\ u_4 \\ v_4 \\ p_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5323 \\ 0 \\ 1.206 \\ 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$

#### 2D Riemann problem configuration 3 Without flux correction





#### 2D Riemann problem configuration 3 With flux correction





# Sedov blast problem







## Conclusion

- Naive use of 1D stencils in 2D yields  $2^{nd}$  nonlinear accuracy
- A cheap modification to the reconstruction recovers accuracy (Buchmuller and Helzel)
- Gaussian process reconstruction is super flexible, same formulas for many orders
- GP yields simple, effective, smoothness indicators for WENO

### Next steps

- Appropriate limiting for flux reconstruction
- Time stepping without RK
- Ideal MHD Divergence free GP methods
- 3D problems



