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# **hIPPYlib Documentation**

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For building instructions, see the file `INSTALL.md`. Copyright information and licensing restrictions can be found in the file `COPYRIGHT`.

Conceptually, `hIPPYlib` can be viewed as a toolbox that provides the building blocks for experimenting new ideas and developing scalable algorithms for PDE-constrained deterministic and Bayesian inverse problems.

Noise and prior covariance operators are modeled as inverses of elliptic differential operators allowing us to build on existing fast multigrid solvers for elliptic operators without explicitly constructing the dense covariance operator.

`hiPPYlib` provides a robust implementation of the inexact Newton-conjugate gradient algorithm to compute the maximum a posteriori (MAP) point. The gradient and Hessian actions are computed via their weak form specification in `FEniCS` by constraining the state and adjoint variables to satisfy the forward and adjoint problem. The Newton system is solved inexactly by early termination of CG iterations via Eisenstat-Walker (to prevent oversolving) and Steihaug (to avoid negative curvature) criteria. Two globalization techniques are available to the user: Armijo backtracking line search and trust region.

hiPPYlib also offers scalable methods for sample generation. To sample large scale spatially correlated Gaussian random fields from the prior distribution, hiPPYlib implements a new method that strongly relies on the structure of the covariance operator defined as the inverse of a differential operator: by exploiting the assembly procedure of finite

element matrices `hIPPYlib` constructs a sparse Cholesky-like rectangular decomposition of the precision operator. To sample from a local Gaussian approximation to the posterior (such as at the MAP point) `hIPPYlib` exploits the low rank factorization of the Hessian of the log likelihood to correct samples from the prior distribution. Finally, to explore the posterior distribution, `hIPPYlib` implements dimension independent MCMC sampling methods enchanted by Hessian information.

Finally, randomized and probing algorithms are available to compute the pointwise variance of the prior/posterior distribution and the trace of the covariance operator.

# CHAPTER 1

## Installation

Inverse Problem PYthon library

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hIPPYlib depends on FEniCS versions 2016.1, 2016.2, 2017.1, 2017.2. The suggested version of FEniCS to use with hIPPYlib is 2017.2. **Note:** FEniCS 2018.1 is not supported by hIPPYlib.

FEniCS needs to be built with the following dependencies enabled:

- numpy, scipy, matplotlib, mpi4py
- PETSc and petsc4py (version 3.7.0 or above)
- SLEPc and slepc4py (version 3.7.0 or above)
- PETSc dependencies: parmetis, scotch, suitesparse, superlu\_dist, ml, hypre
- (optional): mshr, jupyter

## 1.1 Run FEniCS from Docker (Linux, MacOS, Windows)

An easy way to run FEniCS is to use their prebuilt Docker images.

First you will need to install [Docker](#) on your system. MacOS and Windows users should preferably use [Docker for Mac](#) or [Docker for Windows](#) — if it is compatible with their system — instead of the legacy version [Docker Toolbox](#).

Among the many docker's workflow discussed [here](#), we suggest using the [Jupyter notebook](#).

### 1.1.1 Docker for Mac, Docker for Windows and Linux users (Setup and first use instructions)

We first create a new Docker container to run the `jupyter-notebook` command and to expose port 8888. From a command line shell, go to the `hippylib` folder and type:

```
docker run --name hippylib-nb -w /home/fenics/hippylib -v $(pwd):/home/fenics/
↪hippylib -d -p 127.0.0.1:8888:8888 quay.io/fenicsproject/stable:2017.2.0 'jupyter-
↪notebook --ip=0.0.0.0'
docker logs hippylib-nb
```

The notebook will be available at `http://localhost:8888/?token=<security_token_for_first_time_connection>` in your web browser. From there you can run the interactive notebooks or create a new shell (directly from your browser) to run python scripts.

### 1.1.2 Docker Toolbox users on Mac/Windows (Setup and first use instructions)

Docker Toolbox is for older Mac and Windows systems that do not meet the requirements of [Docker for Mac](#) or [Docker for Windows](#). Docker Toolbox will first create a lightweight linux virtual machine on your system and run docker from the virtual machine. This has implications on the workflow presented above.

We first create a new Docker container to run the `jupyter-notebook` command and to expose port 8888 on the virtual machine. From a command line shell, go to the `hippylib` folder and type:

```
docker run --name hippylib-nb -w /home/fenics/hippylib -v $(pwd):/home/fenics/
↪hippylib -d -p $(docker-machine ip $(docker-machine active)):8888:8888 quay.io/
↪fenicsproject/stable:2017.2.0 'jupyter-notebook --ip=0.0.0.0'
docker logs hippylib-nb
```

To find out the IP of the virtual machine we type:

```
docker-machine ip $(docker-machine active)
```

The notebook will be available at `http://<ip-of-virtual-machine>:8888/?token=<security_token_for_first_time_connection>` in your web browser. From there you can run the interactive notebooks or create a new shell (directly from your browser) to run python scripts.

### 1.1.3 Subsequent uses

The docker container will continue to run in the background until we stop it:

```
docker stop hippylib-nb
```

To start it again just run:

```
docker start hippylib-nb
```

If you would like to see the log output from the Jupyter notebook server (e.g. if you need the security token) type:



```
docker logs hippylib-nb
```

## 1.2 Install FEniCS from Conda (Linux or MacOS)

To use the prebuilt Anaconda Python packages (Linux and Mac only), first install [Anaconda3](#), then run following commands in your terminal:

```
conda create -n fenicsproject -c conda-forge fenics==2017.2.0
source activate fenicsproject
conda install mpi4py
conda install matplotlib
conda install scipy
conda install sympy==1.1.1
conda install jupyter
```

**Note:** FEniCS Anaconda recipes are maintained by the FEniCS community and distributed binary packages do not have a full feature set yet, especially regarding sparse direct solvers and input/output facilities.

## 1.3 Build FEniCS from source using hashdist (Linux and MacOS 10.12 or below)

To build FEniCS from source we suggest using the scripts and profile files in `fenics-hashdist`. These scripts and profile files contain small modifications with respect to the ones provided by the FEniCS community to ensure that all the dependencies needed by hIPPYlib are installed.

See `fenics-hashdist/README.md` for further details.

## 1.4 Other ways to build FEniCS

For instructions on other ways to build FEniCS, we refer to the FEniCS project [download page](#). Note that this instructions always refer to the latest version of FEniCS which may or may not be yet supported by hIPPYlib. Always check the hIPPYlib website for supported FEniCS versions.

## 1.5 Build the hIPPYlib documentation using Sphinx

To build the documentation you need to have `sphinx` (tested on v.1.7.5), `m2r` and `sphinx_rtd_theme` - all of these can be installed via `pip`.

To build simply run `make html` from `doc` folder.



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## 2.1 Version 2.1.1, released on Oct 23, 2018

- Update README.md and paper according to JOSS reviewers's comments
- Add contributing guidelines
- Fix some typos in notebooks (thanks to **Christian Boehm**)

## 2.2 Version 2.1.0, released on July 18, 2018

- Alleviate boundary artifacts (inflation of marginal variance) in Bilaplacian-like priors using Robin boundary conditions
- Allow the user to select different matplotlib colormaps in jupyter notebooks
- Buxfix in the acceptance ratio of the gpCN MCMC proposal

## 2.3 Version 2.0.0, released on June 15, 2018

- Introduce capabilities for non-Gaussian Bayesian inference using Mark Chain Monte Carlo methods. Kernels: mMALA, pCN, gpCN, IS. **Note: API subject to change**
- Support domain-decomposition parallelization (new parallel random number generator, and new randomized eigensolvers)
- The parameter, usually labeled `a`, throughout the library, has been renamed to `m`, for `model parameter`. Interface changes:
  - `PDEProblem.eval_da` → `PDEProblem.evalGradientParameter`
  - `Model.applyWua` → `Model.applyWum`
  - `Model.applyWau` → `Model.applyWmu`
  - `Model.applyRaa` → `Model.applyWmm`
  - `gda_tolerance` → `gdm_tolerance` in the parameter list for Newton and QuasiNewton optimizers
  - `gn_approx` → `gass_newton_approx` as parameter in function to compute Hessian/linearization point in classes `Model`, `PDEProblem`, `Misfit`, `Qoi`, `ReducedQoi`
- Organize `hippylib` in subpackages
- Add sphinx documentation (thanks to **E. Khattatov** and **I. Ambartsumyan**)

## 2.4 Version 1.6.0, released on May 16, 2018

- **Bugfix** in `PDEVariationalProblem.solveIncremental` for non self-adjoint models
- Add new estimator for the trace and diagonal of the prior covariance using randomized eigendecomposition
- In all examples and tutorial, use enviromental variable `HIPPYLIB_BASE_DIR` (if defined) to add `hippylib` to `PYTHONPATH`

## 2.5 Version 1.5.0, released on Jan 24, 2018

- Add support for `FEniCS 2017.2`

## 2.6 Version 1.4.0, released on Nov 8, 2017

- Add support for `Python 3`
- Enhancements in `PDEVariationalProblem`: it now supports multiple Dirichlet condition and vectorial/mixed function spaces
- Bugfix: Set the correct number of global rows, when targets points fall outside the computational domain
- More extensive testing with Travis Integration

## 2.7 Version 1.3.0, released on June 28, 2017

- Improve `hashdist` installation support
- Switch license to GPL-2
- Add support for `FEniCS 2017.1`

## 2.8 Version 1.2.0, released on April 24, 2017

- Update instruction to build `FEniCS:hashdist` and `docker`
- Update notebook to `nbformat 4`
- Let `FEniCS 2016.2` be the preferred version of `FEniCS`
- Add `Travis` integration

## 2.9 Version 1.1.0, released on Nov 28, 2016

- Add partial support for `FEniCS 2016.1` (Applications and Tutorial)
- Improve performance of the randomized eigensolvers

## 2.10 Version 1.0.2, released on Sep 30, 2016

- Use `vector2Function` to safely convert `dolfin.Vector` to `dolfin.Function`
- Optimize the `PDEVariationalProblem` to exploit the case when the forward problem is linear
- Update notebook `1_FEniCS101.ipynb`

## 2.11 Version 1.0.1, released on Aug 25, 2016

- Add support in `hippylib.Model` and `hippylib.Misfit` for misfit functional with explicit dependence on the parameter

## 2.12 Version 1.0.0, released on Aug 8, 2016

- Uploaded to <https://hippylib.github.io>.
- Initial release under GPL-3.

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## CHAPTER 3

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### How to Contribute

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The `hIPPYlib` team welcomes contributions at all levels: bugfixes, code improvements, new capabilities, improved documentation, or new examples/tutorials.

Use a pull request (PR) toward the `hippylib:master` branch to propose your contribution. If you are planning significant code changes, or have any questions, you should also open an [issue](#) before issuing a PR.

See the *Quick Summary* section for the main highlights of our GitHub workflow. For more details, consult the following sections and refer back to them before issuing pull requests:

- *GitHub Workflow*
  - *hIPPYlib Organization*
  - *New Feature Development*
  - *Developer Guidelines*
  - *Pull Requests*
  - *Pull Request Checklist*
- *Automated Testing*
- *Contact Information*

Contributing to `hIPPYlib` requires knowledge of Git and, likely, inverse problems. If you are new to Git, see the [GitHub learning resources](#). To learn more about inverse problems, see our [tutorial page](#).

*By submitting a pull request, you are affirming the Developer's Certificate of Origin at the end of this file.*

### 3.1 Quick Summary

- We encourage you to *join the hIPPYlib organization* and create development branches off `hippylib:master`.
- Please follow the *developer guidelines*, in particular with regards to documentation and code styling.

- Pull requests should be issued toward `hippylib:master`. Make sure to check the items off the *Pull Request Checklist*.
- After approval, hIPPYlib developers merge the PR in `hippylib:master`.
- Don't hesitate to *contact us* if you have any questions.

## 3.2 GitHub Workflow

The GitHub organization, <https://github.com/hippylib>, is the main developer hub for the hIPPYlib project.

If you plan to make contributions or will like to stay up-to-date with changes in the code, *\*we strongly encourage you to join the hIPPYlib organization\**.

This will simplify the workflow (by providing you additional permissions), and will allow us to reach you directly with project announcements.

### 3.2.1 hIPPYlib Organization

- Before you can start, you need a GitHub account, here are a few suggestions:
  - Create the account at: [github.com/join](https://github.com/join).
  - For easy identification, please add your name and maybe a picture of you at: <https://github.com/settings/profile>.
  - To receive notification, set a primary email at: <https://github.com/settings/emails>.
  - For password-less pull/push over SSH, add your SSH keys at: <https://github.com/settings/keys>.
- *Contact us* for an invitation to join the hIPPYlib GitHub organization.
- You should receive an invitation email, which you can directly accept. Alternatively, *after logging into GitHub*, you can accept the invitation at the top of <https://github.com/hippylib>.
- Consider making your membership public by going to <https://github.com/orgs/hippylib/people> and clicking on the organization visibility dropbox next to your name.
- Project discussions and announcements will be posted at <https://github.com/orgs/hippylib/teams/everyone>.
- The hIPPYlib source code is in the [hippylib](#) repository.
- The website is in the [web](#) repository.

### 3.2.2 New Feature Development

- A new feature should be important enough that at least one person, the proposer, is willing to work on it and be its champion.
- The proposer creates a branch for the new feature (with suffix `-dev`), off the `master` branch, or another existing feature branch, for example:

```
# Clone assuming you have setup your ssh keys on GitHub:
git clone git@github.com:hippylib/hippylib.git

# Alternatively, clone using the "https" protocol:
git clone https://github.com/hippylib/hippylib.git
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```
# Create a new feature branch starting from "master":
git checkout master
git pull
git checkout -b feature-dev

# Work on "feature-dev", add local commits
# ...

# (One time only) push the branch to github and setup your local
# branch to track the github branch (for "git pull"):
git push -u origin feature-dev
```

- **We prefer that you create the new feature branch as a fork.** To allow hIPPYlib developers to edit the PR, please [enable upstream edits](#).
- The typical feature branch name is `new-feature-dev`, e.g. `optimal_exp_design-dev`. While not frequent in hIPPYlib, other suffixes are possible, e.g. `-fix`, `-doc`, etc.

### 3.2.3 Developer Guidelines

- *Keep the code lean and as simple as possible*
  - Well-designed simple code is frequently more general and powerful.
  - Lean code base is easier to understand by new collaborators.
  - New features should be added only if they are necessary or generally useful.
  - Code should be compatible with Python 3, and `from __future__ import` should be placed on the top each new file to preserve Python 2 compatibility.
  - When adding new features add an example in the `application` folder and/or a new notebook in the `tutorial` folder.
- *Keep the code general and reasonably efficient*
  - Main goal is fast prototyping for research.
  - When in doubt, generality wins over efficiency.
  - Respect the needs of different users (current and/or future).
- *Keep things separate and logically organized*
  - General usage features go in hIPPYlib (implemented in as much generality as possible), non-general features go into external apps/projects.
  - Inside hIPPYlib, compartmentalize between modeling, algorithms, utils, etc.
  - Contributions that are project-specific or have external dependencies are allowed (if they are of broader interest), but should be `#ifdef`-ed and not change the code by default.
- *Code specifics*
  - All significant new classes, methods and functions have sphinx-style documentation in source comments.
  - Code styling should resemble existing code.
  - When manually resolving conflicts during a merge, make sure to mention the conflicted files in the commit message.

### 3.2.4 Pull Requests

- When your branch is ready for other developers to review / comment on the code, create a pull request towards `hippylib:master`.

- Pull request typically have titles like:

`Description [new-feature-dev]`

for example:

`Bayesian Optimal Design of Experiments [oed-dev]`

Note the branch name suffix (in square brackets).

- Titles may contain a prefix in square brackets to emphasize the type of PR. Common choices are: `[DON'T MERGE]`, `[WIP]` and `[DISCUSS]`, for example:

`[DISCUSS] Bayesian Optimal Design of Experiments [oed-dev]`

- Add a description, appropriate labels and assign yourself to the PR. The hIPPYlib team will add reviewers as appropriate.
- List outstanding TODO items in the description.
- Track the Travis CI *continuous integration* builds at the end of the PR. These should run clean, so address any errors as soon as possible.

### 3.2.5 Pull Request Checklist

Before a PR can be merged, it should satisfy the following:

- ☐ CI runs without errors.
- ☐ Update `CHANGELOG`:
  - ☐ Is this a new feature users need to be aware of? New or updated application or tutorial?
  - ☐ Does it make sense to create a new section in the `CHANGELOG` to group with other related features?
- ☐ New examples/applications/tutorials:
  - ☐ All new examples/applications/tutorials run as expected.
  - ☐ Add a *fast version* of the example/application/tutorial to Travis CI
- ☐ New capability:
  - ☐ All significant new classes, methods and functions have sphinx-style documentation in source comments.
  - ☐ Add new examples/applications/tutorials to highlight the new capability.
  - ☐ For new classes, functions, or modules, edit the corresponding `.rst` file in the `doc` folder.
  - ☐ If this is a major new feature, consider mentioning in the short summary inside `README` (*rare*).

## 3.3 Automated Testing

We use Travis CI to drive the default tests on the `master` and `feature` branches. See the `.travis` file and the logs at <https://travis-ci.org/hi/hippylib>.

Testing using Travis CI should be kept lightweight, as there is a 50 minute time constraint on jobs.

- Tests on the `master` branch are triggered whenever a push is issued on this branch.

## 3.4 Contact Information

- Contact the HIPPYlib team by posting to the [GitHub issue tracker](#). Please perform a search to make sure your question has not been answered already.

## 3.5 Developer's Certificate of Origin 1.1

By making a contribution to this project, I certify that:

1. The contribution was created in whole or in part by me and I have the right to submit it under the open source license indicated in the file; or
2. The contribution is based upon previous work that, to the best of my knowledge, is covered under an appropriate open source license and I have the right under that license to submit that work with modifications, whether created in whole or in part by me, under the same open source license (unless I am permitted to submit under a different license), as indicated in the file; or
3. The contribution was provided directly to me by some other person who certified (a), (b) or (c) and I have not modified it.
4. I understand and agree that this project and the contribution are public and that a record of the contribution (including all personal information I submit with it, including my sign-off) is maintained indefinitely and may be redistributed consistent with this project or the open source license(s) involved.

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*Acknowledgement:* We thank the [MFEM team](#) for allowing us to use their contributing guidelines file as template.



## 4.1 hippylib package

### 4.1.1 Subpackages

hippylib.modeling package

Submodules

hippylib.modeling.PDEProblem module

**class** hippylib.modeling.PDEProblem.**PDEProblem**

Bases: object

Consider the PDE problem: Given  $m$ , find  $u$  such that

$$F(u, m, p) = (f(u, m), p) = 0, \quad \forall p.$$

Here  $F$  is linear in  $p$ , but it may be non linear in  $u$  and  $m$ .

**apply\_ij** ( $i, j, dir, out$ )

Given  $u, m, p$ ; compute  $\delta_{ij}F(u, m, p; \hat{i}, \tilde{j})$  in the direction  $\tilde{j} = dir, \forall \hat{i}$ .

**apply\_ijk** ( $i, j, k, x, jdir, kdir, out$ )

Given  $x = [u, a, p]$ ; compute  $\delta_{ijk}F(u, a, p; \hat{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{k})$  in the direction  $(\tilde{j}, \tilde{k}) = (jdir, kdir), \forall \hat{i}$ .

**evalGradientParameter** ( $x, out$ )

Given  $u, m, p$ ; evaluate  $\delta_m F(u, m, p; \hat{m}), \forall \hat{m}$ .

**generate\_parameter** ()

Return a vector in the shape of the parameter.

**generate\_state** ()

Return a vector in the shape of the state.

**init\_parameter** (*m*)

Initialize the parameter.

**setLinearizationPoint** (*x*, *gauss\_newton\_approx*)

Set the values of the state and parameter for the incremental forward and adjoint solvers. Set whether Gauss Newton approximation of the Hessian should be used.

**solveAdj** (*state*, *x*, *adj\_rhs*, *tol*)

Solve the linear adjoint problem: Given *m*, *u*; find *p* such that

$$\delta_u F(u, m, p; \hat{u}) = 0, \quad \forall \hat{u}.$$

**solveFwd** (*state*, *x*, *tol*)

Solve the possibly nonlinear forward problem: Given *m*, find *u* such that

$$\delta_p F(u, m, p; \hat{p}) = 0, \quad \forall \hat{p}.$$

**solveIncremental** (*out*, *rhs*, *is\_adj*, *mytol*)

If *is\_adj* = False:

Solve the forward incremental system: Given *u*, *m*, find  $\tilde{u}$  such that

$$\delta_{pu} F(u, m, p; \hat{p}, \tilde{u}) = \text{rhs}, \quad \forall \hat{p}.$$

If *is\_adj* = True:

Solve the adjoint incremental system: Given *u*, *m*, find  $\tilde{p}$  such that

$$\delta_{up} F(u, m, p; \hat{u}, \tilde{p}) = \text{rhs}, \quad \forall \hat{u}.$$

**class** hippylib.modeling.PDEProblem.**PDEVariationalProblem** (*Vh*, *varf\_handler*,  
*bc*, *bc0*,  
*is\_fwd\_linear=False*)

Bases: *hippylib.modeling.PDEProblem.PDEProblem*

**\_createLUSolver** ()

**apply\_ij** (*i*, *j*, *dir*, *out*)

Given *u*, *m*, *p*; compute  $\delta_{ij} F(u, m, p; \hat{i}, \tilde{j})$  in the direction  $\tilde{j} = \text{dir}$ ,  $\forall \hat{i}$ .

**apply\_ijk** (*i*, *j*, *k*, *x*, *jdir*, *kdir*, *out*)

Given  $\mathbf{x} = [u, a, p]$ ; compute  $\delta_{ijk} F(u, a, p; \hat{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{k})$  in the direction  $(\tilde{j}, \tilde{k}) = (jdir, kdir)$ ,  $\forall \hat{i}$ .

**evalGradientParameter** (*x*, *out*)

Given *u*, *m*, *p*; evaluate  $\delta_m F(u, m, p; \hat{m})$ ,  $\forall \hat{m}$ .

**generate\_parameter** ()

Return a vector in the shape of the parameter.

**generate\_state** ()

Return a vector in the shape of the state.

**init\_parameter** (*m*)

Initialize the parameter.

**setLinearizationPoint** (*x, gauss\_newton\_approx*)

Set the values of the state and parameter for the incremental forward and adjoint solvers.

**solveAdj** (*adj, x, adj\_rhs, tol*)

Solve the linear adjoint problem: Given  $m, u$ ; find  $p$  such that

$$\delta_u F(u, m, p; \hat{u}) = 0, \quad \forall \hat{u}.$$

**solveFwd** (*state, x, tol*)

Solve the possibly nonlinear forward problem: Given  $m$ , find  $u$  such that

$$\delta_p F(u, m, p; \hat{p}) = 0, \quad \forall \hat{p}.$$

**solveIncremental** (*out, rhs, is\_adj, mytol*)

If `is_adj == False`:

Solve the forward incremental system: Given  $u, m$ , find  $\tilde{u}$  such that

$$\delta_{pu} F(u, m, p; \hat{p}, \tilde{u}) = \text{rhs}, \quad \forall \hat{p}.$$

If `is_adj == True`:

Solve the adjoint incremental system: Given  $u, m$ , find  $\tilde{p}$  such that

$$\delta_{up} F(u, m, p; \hat{u}, \tilde{p}) = \text{rhs}, \quad \forall \hat{u}.$$

## hippylib.modeling.expression module

## hippylib.modeling.misfit module

**class** hippylib.modeling.misfit.**ContinuousStateObservation** (*Vh, dX, bcs, form=None*)

Bases: `hippylib.modeling.misfit.Misfit`

This class implements continuous state observations in a subdomain  $X \subset \Omega$  or  $X \subset \partial\Omega$ .

Constructor:

`Vh`: the finite element space for the state variable.

`dX`: the integrator on subdomain  $X$  where observation are presents. E.g. `dX = dl.dx` means observation on all  $\Omega$  and `dX = dl.ds` means observations on all  $\partial\Omega$ .

`bcs`: If the forward problem imposes Dirichlet boundary conditions  $u = u_D$  on  $\Gamma_D$ ; `bcs` is a list of `dolfin.DirichletBC` object that prescribes homogeneous Dirichlet conditions  $u = 0$  on  $\Gamma_D$ .

`form`: if `form = None` we compute the  $L^2(X)$  misfit:  $\int_X (u - u_d)^2 dX$ , otherwise the integrand specified in the given form will be used.

**apply\_ij** (*i, j, dir, out*)

Apply the second variation  $\delta_{ij}$  ( $i, j = \text{STATE, PARAMETER}$ ) of the cost in direction `dir`.

**cost** (*x*)

Given *x* evaluate the cost functional. Only the state *u* and (possibly) the parameter *m* are accessed.

**grad** (*i*, *x*, *out*)

Given the state and the paramter in *x*, compute the partial gradient of the misfit functional in with respect to the state (*i* == STATE) or with respect to the parameter (*i* == PARAMETER).

**setLinearizationPoint** (*x*, *gauss\_newton\_approx=False*)

Set the point for linearization.

Inputs:

*x*=[*u*, *m*, *p*] - linearization point

*gauss\_newton\_approx* (bool) - whether to use Gauss Newton approximation

**class** hippylib.modeling.misfit.**Misfit**

Bases: object

Abstract class to model the misfit componenet of the cost functional. In the following *x* will denote the variable [*u*, *m*, *p*], denoting respectively the state *u*, the parameter *m*, and the adjoint variable *p*.

The methods in the class misfit will usually access the state *u* and possibly the parameter *m*. The adjoint variables will never be accessed.

**apply\_ij** (*i*, *j*, *dir*, *out*)

Apply the second variation  $\delta_{ij}$  (*i*, *j* = STATE, PARAMETER) of the cost in direction *dir*.

**cost** (*x*)

Given *x* evaluate the cost functional. Only the state *u* and (possibly) the parameter *m* are accessed.

**grad** (*i*, *x*, *out*)

Given the state and the paramter in *x*, compute the partial gradient of the misfit functional in with respect to the state (*i* == STATE) or with respect to the parameter (*i* == PARAMETER).

**setLinearizationPoint** (*x*, *gauss\_newton\_approx=False*)

Set the point for linearization.

Inputs:

*x*=[*u*, *m*, *p*] - linearization point

*gauss\_newton\_approx* (bool) - whether to use Gauss Newton approximation

**class** hippylib.modeling.misfit.**MultiStateMisfit** (*misfits*)

Bases: [hippylib.modeling.misfit.Misfit](#)

**append** (*misfit*)

**apply\_ij** (*i*, *j*, *dir*, *out*)

Apply the second variation  $\delta_{ij}$  (*i*, *j* = STATE, PARAMETER) of the cost in direction *dir*.

**cost** (*x*)

Given *x* evaluate the cost functional. Only the state *u* and (possibly) the parameter *m* are accessed.

**grad** (*i*, *x*, *out*)

Given the state and the paramter in *x*, compute the partial gradient of the misfit functional in with respect to the state (*i* == STATE) or with respect to the parameter (*i* == PARAMETER).

**setLinearizationPoint** (*x*, *gauss\_newton\_approx=False*)

Set the point for linearization.

Inputs:



$x=[u, m, p]$  - linearization point

`gauss_newton_approx` (bool) - whether to use Gauss Newton approximation

**class** hippylib.modeling.misfit.**PointwiseStateObservation** (*Vh, obs\_points*)

Bases: `hippylib.modeling.misfit.Misfit`

This class implements pointwise state observations at given locations. It assumes that the state variable is a scalar function.

Constructor:

*Vh* is the finite element space for the state variable

*obs\_points* is a 2D array number of points by geometric dimensions that stores the location of the observations.

**apply\_ij** (*i, j, dir, out*)

Apply the second variation  $\delta_{ij}$  (*i, j* = STATE, PARAMETER) of the cost in direction *dir*.

**cost** (*x*)

Given *x* evaluate the cost functional. Only the state *u* and (possibly) the parameter *m* are accessed.

**grad** (*i, x, out*)

Given the state and the paramter in *x*, compute the partial gradient of the misfit functional in with respect to the state (*i* == STATE) or with respect to the parameter (*i* == PARAMETER).

**setLinearizationPoint** (*x, gauss\_newton\_approx=False*)

Set the point for linearization.

Inputs:

$x=[u, m, p]$  - linearization point

`gauss_newton_approx` (bool) - whether to use Gauss Newton approximation

## hippylib.modeling.model module

**class** hippylib.modeling.model.**Model** (*problem, prior, misfit*)

This class contains the full description of the inverse problem. As inputs it takes a `PDEProblem` object, a `Prior` object, and a `Misfit` object.

In the following we will denote with

- *u* the state variable
- *m* the (model) parameter variable
- *p* the adjoint variable

Create a model given:

- *problem*: the description of the forward/adjoint problem and all the sensitivities
- *prior*: the prior component of the cost functional
- *misfit*: the misfit component of the cost functional

**Rsolver** ()

Return an object `Rsolver` that is a suitable solver for the regularization operator *R*.

The solver object should implement the method `Rsolver.solve(z, r)` such that  $Rz \approx r$ .

**applyC** (*dm*, *out*)

Apply the  $C$  block of the Hessian to a (incremental) parameter variable, i.e.  $\text{out} = Cdm$

Parameters:

- *dm* the (incremental) parameter variable
- *out* the action of the  $C$  block on *dm*

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**Note:** This routine assumes that *out* has the correct shape.

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**applyCt** (*dp*, *out*)

Apply the transpose of the  $C$  block of the Hessian to a (incremental) adjoint variable.  $\text{out} = C^t dp$

Parameters:

- *dp* the (incremental) adjoint variable
- *out* the action of the  $C^T$  block on *dp*

..note:: This routine assumes that *out* has the correct shape.

**applyR** (*dm*, *out*)

Apply the regularization  $R$  to a (incremental) parameter variable.  $\text{out} = Rdm$

Parameters:

- *dm* the (incremental) parameter variable
- *out* the action of  $R$  on *dm*

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**Note:** This routine assumes that *out* has the correct shape.

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**applyWmm** (*dm*, *out*)

Apply the  $W_{mm}$  block of the Hessian to a (incremental) parameter variable.  $\text{out} = W_{mm}dm$

Parameters:

- *dm* the (incremental) parameter variable
- *out* the action of the  $W_{mm}$  on block *dm*

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**Note:** This routine assumes that *out* has the correct shape.

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**applyWmu** (*du*, *out*)

Apply the  $W_{mu}$  block of the Hessian to a (incremental) state variable.  $\text{out} = W_{mu}du$

Parameters:

- *du* the (incremental) state variable
- *out* the action of the  $W_{mu}$  block on *du*

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**Note:** This routine assumes that *out* has the correct shape.

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**applyWum** (*dm*, *out*)

Apply the  $W_{um}$  block of the Hessian to a (incremental) parameter variable.  $\text{out} = W_{um}dm$

Parameters:

- `dm` the (incremental) parameter variable
- `out` the action of the  $W_{um}$  block on `du`

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**Note:** This routine assumes that `out` has the correct shape.

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**applyWuu** (*du, out*)

Apply the  $W_{uu}$  block of the Hessian to a (incremental) state variable. `out =  $W_{uu}$ du`

Parameters:

- `du` the (incremental) state variable
- `out` the action of the  $W_{uu}$  block on `du`

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**Note:** This routine assumes that `out` has the correct shape.

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**apply\_ij** (*i, j, d, out*)

**cost** (*x*)

Given the list `x = [u, m, p]` which describes the state, parameter, and adjoint variable compute the cost functional as the sum of the misfit functional and the regularization functional.

Return the list [cost functional, regularization functional, misfit functional]

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**Note:** `p` is not needed to compute the cost functional

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**evalGradientParameter** (*x, mg, misfit\_only=False*)

Evaluate the gradient for the variational parameter equation at the point `x = [u, m, p]`.

Parameters:

- `x = [u, m, p]` the point at which to evaluate the gradient.
- `mg` the variational gradient ( $g, mtest$ ), `mtest` being a test function in the parameter space (Output parameter)

Returns the norm of the gradient in the correct inner product  $g_{norm} = \text{sqrt}(g, g)$

**generate\_vector** (*component='ALL'*)

By default, return the list `[u, m, p]` where:

- `u` is any object that describes the state variable
- `m` is a `dolfin.Vector` object that describes the parameter variable. (Needs to support linear algebra operations)
- `p` is any object that describes the adjoint variable

If `component = STATE` return only `u`

If `component = PARAMETER` return only `m`

If `component = ADJOINT` return only `p`

**init\_parameter** (*m*)

Reshape `m` so that it is compatible with the parameter variable

**setPointForHessianEvaluations** (*x*, *gauss\_newton\_approx=False*)

Specify the point  $x = [u, m, p]$  at which the Hessian operator (or the Gauss-Newton approximation) needs to be evaluated.

Parameters:

- $x = [u, m, p]$ : the point at which the Hessian or its Gauss-Newton approximation needs to be evaluated.
- *gauss\_newton\_approx* (bool): whether to use Gauss-Newton approximation (default: use Newton)

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**Note:** This routine should either:

- simply store a copy of  $x$  and evaluate action of blocks of the Hessian on the fly
  - or partially precompute the block of the hessian (if feasible)
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**solveAdj** (*out*, *x*, *tol=1e-09*)

Solve the linear adjoint problem.

Parameters:

- *out*: is the solution of the adjoint problem (i.e. the adjoint  $p$ ) (Output parameter)
- $x = [u, m, p]$  provides
  1. the parameter variable  $m$  for assembling the adjoint operator
  2. the state variable  $u$  for assembling the adjoint right hand side

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**Note:**  $p$  is not accessed

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- *tol* is the relative tolerance for the solution of the adjoint problem. [Default 1e-9].

**solveAdjIncremental** (*sol*, *rhs*, *tol*)

Solve the incremental adjoint problem for a given right-hand side

Parameters:

- *sol* the solution of the incremental adjoint problem (Output)
- *rhs* the right hand side of the linear system
- *tol* the relative tolerance for the linear system

**solveFwd** (*out*, *x*, *tol=1e-09*)

Solve the (possibly non-linear) forward problem.

Parameters:

- *out*: is the solution of the forward problem (i.e. the state) (Output parameters)
- $x = [u, m, p]$  provides
  1. the parameter variable  $m$  for the solution of the forward problem
  2. the initial guess  $u$  if the forward problem is non-linear

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**Note:**  $p$  is not accessed

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- `tol` is the relative tolerance for the solution of the forward problem. *[Default 1e-9]*.

**solveFwdIncremental** (*sol, rhs, tol*)

Solve the linearized (incremental) forward problem for a given right-hand side

Parameters:

- `sol` the solution of the linearized forward problem (Output)
- `rhs` the right hand side of the linear system
- `tol` the relative tolerance for the linear system

## hippylib.modeling.modelVerify module

hippylib.modeling.modelVerify.**modelVerify** (*model, m0, innerTol, is\_quadratic=False, misfit\_only=False, verbose=True, eps=None*)

Verify the reduced Gradient and the Hessian of a model. It will produce two loglog plots of the finite difference checks for the gradient and for the Hessian. It will also check for symmetry of the Hessian.

hippylib.modeling.modelVerify.**modelVerifyPlotErrors** (*is\_quadratic, eps, err\_grad, err\_H*)

## hippylib.modeling.pointwiseObservation module

hippylib.modeling.pointwiseObservation.**assemblePointwiseObservation** (*Vh, targets*)

Assemble the pointwise observation matrix:

Inputs

- `Vh`: FEniCS finite element space.
- `targets`: observation points (numpy array).

hippylib.modeling.pointwiseObservation.**exportPointwiseObservation** (*Vh, B, data, fname, varname='observation'*)

This function writes a VTK PolyData file to visualize pointwise data.

Inputs:

- `B`: observation operator.
- `mesh`: mesh.
- `data`: `dolfin.Vector` containing the data.
- `fname`: filename for the file to export (without extension).
- `varname`: name of the variable for the .vtk file.

hippylib.modeling.pointwiseObservation.**write\_vtk** (*points, data, fname, varname='observation'*)

This function writes a VTK PolyData file to visualize pointwise data.

Inputs:

- `points`: locations of the points (numpy array of size equal to number of points times space dimension).
- `data`: pointwise values (numpy array of size equal to number of points).
- `fname`: filename for the .vtk file to export.

- varname: name of the variable for the .vtk file.

## hippylib.modeling.posterior module

**class** hippylib.modeling.posterior.**GaussianLRPosterior** (*prior, d, U, mean=None*)

Class for the low rank Gaussian Approximation of the Posterior. This class provides functionality for approximate Hessian apply, solve, and Gaussian sampling based on the low rank factorization of the Hessian.

In particular if  $d$  and  $U$  are the dominant eigenpairs of  $H_{\text{misfit}} U[:, i] = d[i] R U[:, i]$  then we have:

- low rank Hessian apply:  $y = (R + R U D U^T) x$ .
- low rank Hessian solve:  $y = (R^{-1} - U(I + D^{-1})^{-1} U^T) x$ .
- low rank Hessian Gaussian sampling:  $y = (I - U S U^T) x$ , where  $S = I - (I + D)^{-1/2}$  and  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R^{-1})$ .

Construct the Gaussian approximation of the posterior. Input: - `prior`: the prior mode. - `d`: the dominant generalized eigenvalues of the Hessian misfit. - `U`: the dominant generalized eigenvector of the Hessian misfit  $U^T R U = I$ . - `mean`: the MAP point.

**\_sample\_given\_prior** (*s\_prior, s\_post*)

**\_sample\_given\_white\_noise** (*noise, s\_prior, s\_post*)

**cost** (*m*)

**init\_vector** (*x, dim*)

Initialize a vector `x` to be compatible with the range/domain of  $H$ . If `dim == "noise"` initialize `x` to be compatible with the size of white noise used for sampling.

**klDistanceFromPrior** (*sub\_comp=False*)

**pointwise\_variance** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Compute/estimate the pointwise variance of the posterior, prior distribution and the pointwise variance reduction informed by the data.

See `_Prior.pointwise_variance` for more details.

**sample** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

possible calls:

1. `sample(s_prior, s_post, add_mean=True)`

Given a prior sample `s_prior` compute a sample `s_post` from the posterior.

- `s_prior` is a sample from the prior centered at 0 (input).
- `s_post` is a sample from the posterior (output).
- if `add_mean=True` (default) then the samples will be centered at the map point.

2. `sample(noise, s_prior, s_post, add_mean=True)`

Given `noise`  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  compute a sample `s_prior` from the prior and `s_post` from the posterior.

- `noise` is a realization of white noise (input).
- `s_prior` is a sample from the prior (output).
- `s_post` is a sample from the posterior.
- if `add_mean=True` (default) then the prior and posterior samples will be centered at the respective means.

**trace** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Compute/estimate the trace of the posterior, prior distribution and the trace of the data informed correction.

See `_Prior.trace` for more details.

**trace\_update** ()

**class** `hippylib.modeling.posterior.LowRankHessian` (*prior, d, U*)

Operator that represents the action of the low rank approximation of the Hessian and of its inverse.

**init\_vector** (*x, dim*)

**inner** (*x, y*)

**mult** (*x, y*)

**solve** (*sol, rhs*)

**class** `hippylib.modeling.posterior.LowRankPosteriorSampler` (*prior, d, U*)

Object to sample from the low rank approximation of the posterior.

$$y = (I - USU^T)x,$$

where

$$S = I - (I + D)^{-1/2}, x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R^{-1}).$$

**init\_vector** (*x, dim*)

**sample** (*noise, s*)

## hippylib.modeling.prior module

**class** `hippylib.modeling.prior.BiLaplacianPrior` (*Vh, gamma, delta, Theta=None, mean=None, rel\_tol=1e-12, max\_iter=1000, robin\_bc=False*)

Bases: `hippylib.modeling.prior._Prior`

This class implement a prior model with covariance matrix  $C = (\delta I + \gamma \operatorname{div} \Theta \nabla)^{-2}$ .

The magnitude of  $\delta\gamma$  governs the variance of the samples, while the ratio  $\frac{\gamma}{\delta}$  governs the correlation lenght.

Here  $\Theta$  is a SPD tensor that models anisotropy in the covariance kernel.

Construct the prior model. Input:

- *Vh*: the finite element space for the parameter
- *gamma* and *delta*: the coefficient in the PDE
- *Theta*: the SPD tensor for anisotropic diffusion of the PDE
- *mean*: the prior mean

**init\_vector** (*x, dim*)

Initialize a vector *x* to be compatible with the range/domain of *R*.

If *dim* == "noise" initialize *x* to be compatible with the size of white noise used for sampling.

**sample** (*noise, s, add\_mean=True*)

Given  $\text{noise} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  compute a sample *s* from the prior.

If *add\_mean* == True add the prior mean value to *s*.

```
class hippylib.modeling.prior.LaplacianPrior (Vh, gamma, delta, mean=None, rel_tol=1e-12, max_iter=100)
```

Bases: `hippylib.modeling.prior._Prior`

This class implements a prior model with covariance matrix  $C = (\delta I - \gamma \Delta)^{-1}$ .

The magnitude of  $\gamma$  governs the variance of the samples, while the ratio  $\frac{\gamma}{\delta}$  governs the correlation length.

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**Note:**  $C$  is a trace class operator only in 1D while it is not a valid prior in 2D and 3D.

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Construct the prior model. Input:

- Vh: the finite element space for the parameter
- gamma and delta: the coefficient in the PDE
- Theta: the SPD tensor for anisotropic diffusion of the PDE
- mean: the prior mean

**init\_vector** (x, dim)

Initialize a vector x to be compatible with the range/domain of R.

If dim == "noise" initialize x to be compatible with the size of white noise used for sampling.

**sample** (noise, s, add\_mean=True)

Given noise  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  compute a sample s from the prior.

If add\_mean == True add the prior mean value to s.

```
class hippylib.modeling.prior.MollifiedBiLaplacianPrior (Vh, gamma, delta,
                                                         locations, m_true,
                                                         Theta=None, pen=10.0,
                                                         order=2, rel_tol=1e-12,
                                                         max_iter=1000)
```

Bases: `hippylib.modeling.prior._Prior`

This class implement a prior model with covariance matrix  $C = ([\delta + \text{pen} \sum_i m(x - x_i)]I + \gamma \text{div } \Theta \nabla)^{-2}$ ,

where

- $\Theta$  is a SPD tensor that models anisotropy in the covariance kernel.
- $x_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$  are points were we assume to know exactly the value of the parameter (i.e.,  $m(x_i) = m_{\text{true}}(x_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).
- $m$  is the mollifier function:  $m(x - x_i) = \exp \left( - \left[ \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \|x - x_i\|_{\Theta^{-1}} \right]^{\text{order}} \right)$ .
- pen is a penalization parameter.

The magnitude of  $\delta\gamma$  governs the variance of the samples, while the ratio  $\frac{\gamma}{\delta}$  governs the correlation length.

The prior mean is computed by solving

$$\left( [\delta + \sum_i m(x - x_i)]I + \gamma \text{div } \Theta \nabla \right) m = \sum_i m(x - x_i) m_{\text{true}}.$$

Construct the prior model. Input:

- Vh: the finite element space for the parameter



- `gamma` and `delta`: the coefficients in the PDE
- `locations`: the points  $x_i$  at which we assume to know the true value of the parameter
- `m_true`: the true model
- `Theta`: the SPD tensor for anisotropic diffusion of the PDE
- `pen`: a penalization parameter for the mollifier

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

Initialize a vector *x* to be compatible with the range/domain of *R*.

If `dim == "noise"` initialize *x* to be compatible with the size of white noise used for sampling.

**sample** (*noise*, *s*, *add\_mean=True*)

Given  $\text{noise} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  compute a sample *s* from the prior.

If `add_mean == True` add the prior mean value to *s*.

**class** `hippylib.modeling.prior._BilaplacianR` (*A*, *Msolver*)

Operator that represent the action of the regularization/precision matrix for the Bilaplacian prior.

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**inner** (*x*, *y*)

**mpi\_comm** ()

**mult** (*x*, *y*)

**class** `hippylib.modeling.prior._BilaplacianRsolver` (*Asolver*, *M*)

Operator that represent the action of the inverse the regularization/precision matrix for the Bilaplacian prior.

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**solve** (*x*, *b*)

**class** `hippylib.modeling.prior._Prior`

Abstract class to describe the prior model. Concrete instances of a `_Prior` class should expose the following attributes and methods.

Attributes:

- *R*: an operator to apply the regularization/precision operator.
- *Rsolver*: an operator to apply the inverse of the regularization/precision operator.
- *M*: the mass matrix in the control space.
- *mean*: the prior mean.

Methods:

- `init_vector(self, x, dim)`: Initialize a vector *x* to be compatible with the range/domain of *R* If `dim == "noise"` initialize *x* to be compatible with the size of white noise used for sampling.
- `sample(self, noise, s, add_mean=True)`: Given  $\text{noise} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$  compute a sample *s* from the prior. If `add_mean==True` add the prior mean value to *s*.

**cost** (*m*)

**grad** (*m*, *out*)

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**pointwise\_variance** (*method*, *k=1000000*, *r=200*)

Compute/estimate the prior pointwise variance.

- If `method=="Exact"` we compute the diagonal entries of  $R^{-1}$  entry by entry. This requires to solve  $n$  linear system in  $R$  (not scalable, but ok for illustration purposes).

**sample** (*noise, s, add\_mean=True*)

**trace** (*method='Exact', tol=0.1, min\_iter=20, max\_iter=100, r=200*)

Compute/estimate the trace of the prior covariance operator.

- If `method=="Exact"` we compute the trace exactly by summing the diagonal entries of  $R^{-1}M$ . This requires to solve  $n$  linear system in  $R$  (not scalable, but ok for illustration purposes).
- If `method=="Estimator"` use the trace estimator algorithms implemented in the class `TraceEstimator`. `tol` is a relative bound on the estimator standard deviation. In particular, we used enough samples in the Estimator such that the standard deviation of the estimator is less than `toltr(Prior)`. `min_iter` and `max_iter` are the lower and upper bound on the number of samples to be used for the estimation of the trace.

**class** `hippylib.modeling.prior._RinvM(Rsolver, M)`

Operator that models the action of  $R^{-1}M$ . It is used in the randomized trace estimator.

**init\_vector** (*x, dim*)

**mult** (*x, y*)

## hippylib.modeling.reducedHessian module

**class** `hippylib.modeling.reducedHessian.FDHessian(model, m0, h, innerTol, misfit_only=False)`

This class implements matrix free application of the reduced Hessian operator. The constructor takes the following parameters:

- `model`: the object which contains the description of the problem.
- `m0`: the value of the parameter at which the Hessian needs to be evaluated.
- `h`: the mesh size for FD.
- `innerTol`: the relative tolerance for the solution of the forward and adjoint problems.
- `misfit_only`: a boolean flag that describes whenever the full Hessian or only the misfit component of the Hessian is used.

Type `help(Template)` for more information on which methods model should implement.

Construct the reduced Hessian Operator

**init\_vector** (*x, dim*)

Reshape the Vector `x` so that it is compatible with the reduced Hessian operator.

Parameters:

- `x`: the vector to reshape
- `dim`: if 0 then `x` will be reshaped to be compatible with the range of the reduced Hessian, if 1 then `x` will be reshaped to be compatible with the domain of the reduced Hessian

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**Note:** Since the reduced Hessian is a self adjoint operator, the range and the domain is the same. Either way, we choosed to add the parameter `dim` for consistency with the interface of `Matrix` in `dofin`.

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**inner** ( $x, y$ )

Perform the inner product between  $x$  and  $y$  in the norm induced by the reduced Hessian  $H$ ,  $(x, y)_H = x'Hy$ .

**mult** ( $x, y$ )

Apply the reduced Hessian (or the Gauss-Newton approximation) to the vector  $x$ . Return the result in  $y$ .

**class** hippylib.modeling.reducedHessian.ReducedHessian (*model*, *innerTol*, *misfit\_only=False*)

This class implements matrix free application of the reduced Hessian operator. The constructor takes the following parameters:

- *model*: the object which contains the description of the problem.
- *innerTol*: the relative tolerance for the solution of the incremental forward and adjoint problems.
- *misfit\_only*: a boolean flag that describes whenever the full Hessian or only the misfit component of the Hessian is used.

Type `help(modelTemplate)` for more information on which methods *model* should implement.

Construct the reduced Hessian Operator

**GNHessian** ( $x, y$ )

Apply the Gauss-Newton approximation of the reduced Hessian to the vector  $x$ . Return the result in  $y$ .

**TrueHessian** ( $x, y$ )

Apply the the reduced Hessian to the vector  $x$ . Return the result in  $y$ .

**init\_vector** ( $x, dim$ )

Reshape the Vector  $x$  so that it is compatible with the reduced Hessian operator.

Parameters:

- $x$ : the vector to reshape.
- *dim*: if 0 then  $x$  will be reshaped to be compatible with the range of the reduced Hessian, if 1 then  $x$  will be reshaped to be compatible with the domain of the reduced Hessian.

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**Note:** Since the reduced Hessian is a self adjoint operator, the range and the domain is the same. Either way, we choosed to add the parameter *dim* for consistency with the interface of *Matrix* in *dolfin*.

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**inner** ( $x, y$ )

Perform the inner product between  $x$  and  $y$  in the norm induced by the reduced Hessian  $H$ ,  $(x, y)_H = x'Hy$ .

**mult** ( $x, y$ )

Apply the reduced Hessian (or the Gauss-Newton approximation) to the vector  $x$ . Return the result in  $y$ .

## hippylib.modeling.timeDependentVector module

**class** hippylib.modeling.timeDependentVector.TimeDependentVector (*times*,  
*tol=1e-10*,  
*mpi\_comm=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer object>*)

Bases: `object`

A class to store time dependent vectors. Snapshots are stored/retrieved by specifying the time of the snapshot. Times at which the snapshot are taken must be specified in the constructor.

Constructor:

- `times`: time frame at which snapshots are stored.
- `tol`: tolerance to identify the frame of the snapshot.

**axpy** (*a*, *other*)

Compute  $x = x + a \cdot \text{other}$  snapshot per snapshot.

**copy** (*other*)

Copy all the time frames and snapshot from *other* to self.

**initialize** (*M*, *dim*)

Initialize all the snapshot to be compatible with the range/domain of an operator *M*.

**inner** (*other*)

Compute the inner products:  $a_+ = (\text{self}[i], \text{other}[i])$  for each snapshot.

**norm** (*time\_norm*, *space\_norm*)

Compute the space-time norm of the snapshot.

**retrieve** (*u*, *t*)

Retrieve snapshot *u* relative to time *t*. If *t* does not belong to the list of time frame an error is raised.

**store** (*u*, *t*)

Store snapshot *u* relative to time *t*. If *t* does not belong to the list of time frame an error is raised.

**zero** ()

Zero out each snapshot.

## hippylib.modeling.variables module

### Module contents

## hippylib.algorithms package

### Submodules

## hippylib.algorithms.NewtonCG module

`hippylib.algorithms.NewtonCG.LS_ParameterList()`

Generate a `ParameterList` for line search globalization. type: `LS_ParameterList().showMe()` for default values and their descriptions

**class** `hippylib.algorithms.NewtonCG.ReducedSpaceNewtonCG` (*model*, *parameters*=`<hippylib.utils.parameterList.ParameterList object>`)

Inexact Newton-CG method to solve constrained optimization problems in the reduced parameter space. The Newton system is solved inexactly by early termination of CG iterations via Eisenstat-Walker (to prevent oversolving) and Steihaug (to avoid negative curvature) criteria. Globalization is performed using one of the following methods:

- line search (LS) based on the armijo sufficient reduction condition; or
- trust region (TR) based on the prior preconditioned norm of the update direction.

The stopping criterion is based on a control on the norm of the gradient and a control of the inner product between the gradient and the Newton direction.

The user must provide a model that describes the forward problem, cost functionals, and all the derivatives for the gradient and the Hessian.

More specifically the model object should implement following methods:

- `generate_vector()` -> generate the object containing state, parameter, adjoint
- `cost(x)` -> evaluate the cost functional, report regularization part and misfit separately
- `solveFwd(out, x, tol)` -> solve the possibly non linear forward problem up a tolerance `tol`
- `solveAdj(out, x, tol)` -> solve the linear adjoint problem
- `evalGradientParameter(x, out)` -> evaluate the gradient of the parameter and compute its norm
- `setPointForHessianEvaluations(x)` -> set the state to perform hessian evaluations
- `solveFwdIncremental(out, rhs, tol)` -> solve the linearized forward problem for a given `rhs`
- `solveAdjIncremental(out, rhs, tol)` -> solve the linear adjoint problem for a given `rhs`
- `applyC(dm, out)` -> Compute  $out = C_x dm$
- `applyCt(dp, out)` -> Compute  $out = C_x dp$
- `applyWuu(du, out)` -> Compute  $out = (W_{uu})_x du$
- `applyWmu(dm, out)` -> Compute  $out = (W_{um})_x dm$
- `applyWmu(du, out)` -> Compute  $out = W_{mu} du$
- `applyR(dm, out)` -> Compute  $out = R dm$
- `applyWmm(dm, out)` -> Compute  $out = W_{mm} dm$
- `Rsolver()` -> A solver for the regularization term

Type `help(Model)` for additional information

Initialize the `ReducedSpaceNewtonCG`. Type `ReducedSpaceNewtonCG_ParameterList().showMe()` for list of default parameters and their descriptions.

**`_solve_ls(x)`**

Solve the constrained optimization problem with initial guess `x`.

**`_solve_tr(x)`**

**`solve(x)`**

**Input:** `x = [u, m, p]` represents the initial guess (`u` and `p` may be `None`). `x` will be overwritten on return.

**`termination_reasons = ['Maximum number of Iteration reached', 'Norm of the gradient le`**

`hippylib.algorithms.NewtonCG.ReducedSpaceNewtonCG_ParameterList()`

Generate a `ParameterList` for `ReducedSpaceNewtonCG`. type: `ReducedSpaceNewtonCG_ParameterList().showMe()` for default values and their descriptions

`hippylib.algorithms.NewtonCG.TR_ParameterList()`

Generate a `ParameterList` for Trust Region globalization. type: `RT_ParameterList().showMe()` for default values and their descriptions

## hippylib.algorithms.bfgs module

**class** hippylib.algorithms.bfgs.**BFGS** (*model, parameters=<hippylib.utils.parameterList.ParameterList object>*)

Implement BFGS technique with backtracking inexact line search and damped updating See Nocedal & Wright (06), ch.6.2, ch.7.3, ch.18.3

The user must provide a model that describes the forward problem, cost functionals, and all the derivatives for the gradient and the Hessian.

More specifically the model object should implement following methods:

- `generate_vector()` -> generate the object containing state, parameter, adjoint
- `cost(x)` -> evaluate the cost functional, report regularization part and misfit separately
- `solveFwd(out, x, tol)` -> solve the possibly non-linear forward problem up a tolerance tol
- `solveAdj(out, x, tol)` -> solve the linear adjoint problem
- `evalGradientParameter(x, out)` -> evaluate the gradient of the parameter and compute its norm
- `applyR(dm, out)` -> Compute  $out = Rdm$
- `Rsolver()` -> A solver for the regularization term

Type `help(Model)` for additional information

Initialize the BFGS solver. Type `BFGS_ParameterList().showMe()` for default parameters and their description

**solve** (*x, H0inv, bounds\_xPARAM=None*)

Solve the constrained optimization problem with initial guess  $x = [u, m0, p]$ .

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**Note:**  $u$  and  $p$  may be None.

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$x$  will be overwritten.

*H0inv*: the initial approximated inverse of the Hessian for the BFGS operator. It has an optional method `update(x)` that will update the operator based on  $x = [u, m, p]$ .

*bounds\_xPARAM*: Bound constraint (list with two entries: min and max). Can be either a scalar value or a `dolphin.Vector`.

Return the solution  $[u, m, p]$

**termination\_reasons** = ['Maximum number of Iteration reached', 'Norm of the gradient le

hippylib.algorithms.bfgs.**BFGS\_ParameterList** ()

**class** hippylib.algorithms.bfgs.**BFGS\_operator** (*parameters=<hippylib.utils.parameterList.ParameterList object>*)

**set\_H0inv** (*H0inv*)

Set user-defined operator corresponding to *H0inv*

Input:

*H0inv*: Fenics operator with method `solve()`

**solve** (*x, b*)

Solve system:  $H_{bfgs}x = b$  where  $H_{bfgs}$  is the approximation to the Hessian build by BFGS. That is, we

apply

$$x = (H_{bfgs})^{-1}b = H_k b$$

where  $H_k$  matrix is BFGS approximation to the inverse of the Hessian. Computation done via double-loop algorithm.

Inputs:

`x = dolfin.Vector - [out]`

`b = dolfin.Vector - [in]`

**update** (*s*, *y*)

Update BFGS operator with most recent gradient update.

To handle potential break from secant condition, update done via damping

Inputs:

`s = dolfin.Vector [in]` - corresponds to update in medium parameters.

`y = dolfin.Vector [in]` - corresponds to update in gradient.

`hippylib.algorithms.bfgs.BFGSoperator_ParameterList()`

**class** `hippylib.algorithms.bfgs.RescaledIdentity` (*init\_vector=None*)

Bases: object

Default operator for `H0inv`, corresponds to applying  $d0I$

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**solve** (*x*, *b*)

## hippylib.algorithms.cgsampler module

**class** `hippylib.algorithms.cgsampler.CGSampler`

This class implements the CG sampler algorithm to generate samples from  $\mathcal{N}(0, A^{-1})$ .

**Reference:** *Albert Parker and Colin Fox Sampling Gaussian Distributions in Krylov Spaces with Conjugate Gradient SIAM J SCI COMPUT, Vol 34, No. 3 pp. B312-B334*

Construct the solver with default parameters `tolerance = 1e-4`

`print_level = 0`

`verbose = 0`

**sample** (*noise*, *s*)

Generate a sample  $s \sim \mathcal{N}(0, A^{-1})$ .

*noise* is a `numpy.array` of i.i.d. normal variables used as input. For a fixed realization of noise the algorithm is fully deterministic. The size of noise determine the maximum number of CG iterations.

**set\_operator** (*A*)

Set the operator *A*, such that  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, A^{-1})$ .

---

**Note:** *A* is any object that provides the methods `init_vector()` and `mult()`

---

**hippylib.algorithms.cgsolverSteihaug module**

```
class hippylib.algorithms.cgsolverSteihaug.CGSolverSteihaug (parameters=<hippylib.utils.parameterList.ParameterList object>,
                                                           comm=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject object>)
```

Solve the linear system  $Ax = b$  using preconditioned conjugate gradient (  $B$  preconditioner) and the Steihaug stopping criterion:

- reason of termination 0: we reached the maximum number of iterations (no convergence)
- reason of termination 1: we reduced the residual up to the given tolerance (convergence)
- reason of termination 2: we reached a negative direction (premature termination due to not spd matrix)
- reason of termination 3: we reached the boundary of the trust region

The stopping criterion is based on either

- the absolute preconditioned residual norm check:  $\|r^*\|_{B^{-1}} < atol$
- the relative preconditioned residual norm check:  $\|r^*\|_{B^{-1}} / \|r^0\|_{B^{-1}} < rtol$ ,

where  $r^* = b - Ax^*$  is the residual at convergence and  $r^0 = b - Ax^0$  is the initial residual.

The operator  $A$  is set using the method `set_operator(A)`.  $A$  must provide the following two methods:

- `A.mult(x, y): y = Ax`
- `A.init_vector(x, dim):` initialize the vector  $x$  so that it is compatible with the range ( $dim = 0$ ) or the domain ( $dim = 1$ ) of  $A$ .

The preconditioner  $B$  is set using the method `set_preconditioner(B)`.  $B$  must provide the following method: - `B.solve(z, r): z` is the action of the preconditioner  $B$  on the vector  $r$

To solve the linear system  $Ax = b$  call `self.solve(x, b)`. Here  $x$  and  $b$  are assumed to be `dofin.Vector` objects.

Type `CGSolverSteihaug_ParameterList().showMe()` for default parameters and their descriptions

```
reason = ['Maximum Number of Iterations Reached', 'Relative/Absolute residual less than tolerance']
```

```
set_TR(radius, B_op)
```

```
set_operator(A)
```

Set the operator  $A$ .

```
set_preconditioner(B_solver)
```

Set the preconditioner  $B$ .

```
solve(x, b)
```

Solve the linear system  $Ax = b$

```
update_x_with_TR(x, alpha, d)
```

```
update_x_without_TR(x, alpha, d)
```

```
hippylib.algorithms.cgsolverSteihaug.CGSolverSteihaug_ParameterList()
```

Generate a `ParameterList` for `CGSolverSteihaug`. Type `CGSolverSteihaug_ParameterList().showMe()` for default values and their descriptions



**hippylib.algorithms.linalg module**

**class** hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**DiagonalOperator** (*d*)

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**inner** (*x*, *y*)

**mult** (*x*, *y*)

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**GetFromOwnedGid** (*v*, *gid*)

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**MatAtB** (*A*, *B*)

Compute the matrix-matrix product  $A^T B$ .

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**MatMatMult** (*A*, *B*)

Compute the matrix-matrix product  $AB$ .

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**MatPtAP** (*A*, *P*)

Compute the triple matrix product  $P^T A P$ .

**class** hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**Operator2Solver** (*op*, *mpi\_comm*=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer.\_MockObject object>)

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**inner** (*x*, *y*)

**solve** (*y*, *x*)

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**SetToOwnedGid** (*v*, *gid*, *val*)

**class** hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**Solver2Operator** (*S*, *mpi\_comm*=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer.\_MockObject object>, *init\_vector*=None)

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)

**inner** (*x*, *y*)

**mult** (*x*, *y*)

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**Transpose** (*A*)

Compute the matrix transpose

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**amg\_method** ()

Determine which AMG preconditioner to use. If available use ML, which is faster than the PETSc one.

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**estimate\_diagonal\_inv2** (*Asolver*, *k*, *d*)

An unbiased stochastic estimator for the diagonal of  $A^{-1}$ .  $d = [\sum_{j=1}^k v_j \cdot A^{-1} v_j] / [\sum_{j=1}^k v_j \cdot v_j]$  where

- $v_j$  are i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$
- $\cdot$  and  $/$  represent the element-wise multiplication and division of vectors, respectively.

**Reference:** *Costas Bekas, Effrosyni Kokiopoulou, and Yousef Saad, An estimator for the diagonal of a matrix, Applied Numerical Mathematics, 57 (2007), pp. 1214-1229.*

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**get\_diagonal** (*A*, *d*)

Compute the diagonal of the square operator *A*. Use Solver2Operator if  $A^{-1}$  is needed.

hippylib.algorithms.linalg.**to\_dense** (*A*, *mpi\_comm*=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer.\_MockObject object>)

Convert a sparse matrix *A* to dense. For debugging only.

`hippylib.algorithms.linalg.trace` (*A*, *mpi\_comm=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer.\_MockObject object>*)  
 Compute the trace of a sparse matrix *A*.

## hippylib.algorithms.lowRankOperator module

**class** `hippylib.algorithms.lowRankOperator.LowRankOperator` (*d*, *U*,  
*my\_init\_vector=None*)

This class model the action of a low rank operator  $A = UDU^T$ . Here *D* is a diagonal matrix, and the columns of are orthonormal in some weighted inner-product.

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**Note:** This class only works in serial!

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Construct the low rank operator given *d* and *U*.

**get\_diagonal** (*diag*)  
 Compute the diagonal of *A*.

**init\_vector** (*x*, *dim*)  
 Initialize *x* to be compatible with the range (*dim*=0) or domain (*dim*=1) of *A*.

**inner** (*x*, *y*)

**mult** (*x*, *y*)  
 Compute  $y = Ax = UDU^T x$

**solve** (*sol*, *rhs*)  
 Compute  $\text{sol} = UD^{-1}U^T x$

**trace** (*W=None*)  
 Compute the trace of *A*. If the weight *W* is given, compute the trace of  $W^{1/2}AW^{1/2}$ . This is equivalent to  $\text{tr}_W(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i$ , where  $\lambda_i$  are the generalized eigenvalues of  $Ax = \lambda W^{-1}x$ .

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**Note:** If *U* is a *W*-orthogonal matrix then  $\text{tr}_W(A) = \sum_i D(i, i)$ .

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**trace2** (*W=None*)  
 Compute the trace of *AA* (Note this is the square of Frobenius norm, since *A* is symmetric). If the weight *W* is provided, it will compute the trace of  $(AW)^2$ .

This is equivalent to  $\text{tr}_W(A) = \sum_i \lambda_i^2$ , where  $\lambda_i$  are the generalized eigenvalues of  $Ax = \lambda W^{-1}x$ .

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**Note:** If *U* is a *W*-orthogonal matrix then  $\text{tr}_W(A) = \sum_i D(i, i)^2$ .

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## hippylib.algorithms.multivector module

`hippylib.algorithms.multivector.MatMvMult` (*A*, *x*, *y*)

**class** `hippylib.algorithms.multivector.MultiVector` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
 Bases: `sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject`

**Borthogonalize** (*B*)

Returns  $QR$  decomposition of self.  $Q$  and  $R$  satisfy the following relations in exact arithmetic

$$\begin{aligned} R &= Z, & (1), \\ Q^* B Q &= I, & (2), \\ Q^* B Z &= R, & (3), \\ Z R^{-1} &= Q, & (4). \end{aligned}$$

Returns:

$B_Q$  of type `MultiVector` ->  $B^{-1}$ -orthogonal vectors  $r$  of type `ndarray` -> The  $r$  of the QR decomposition.

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**Note:** `self` is overwritten by  $Q$ .

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**\_mgs\_reortho** ()**\_mgs\_stable** (*B*)

Returns  $QR$  decomposition of self, which satisfies conditions (1)–(4). Uses Modified Gram-Schmidt with re-orthogonalization (Rutishauser variant) for computing the  $B$ -orthogonal  $QR$  factorization.

**References:**

1. A.K. Saibaba, J. Lee and P.K. Kitanidis, *Randomized algorithms for Generalized Hermitian Eigenvalue Problems with application to computing Karhunen-Loe' expansion* <http://arxiv.org/abs/1307.6885>
2. W. Gander, *Algorithms for the QR decomposition. Res. Rep, 80(02), 1980*

<https://github.com/arvindks/kle>

**dot\_mv** (*mv*)**dot\_v** (*v*)**export** (*Vh, filename, varname='mv', normalize=False*)

Export in paraview this multivector.

Inputs:

- *Vh*: the parameter finite element space.
- *filename*: the name of the paraview output file.
- *varname*: the name of the paraview variable.
- *normalize*: if `True` the vector is rescaled such that  $\|u\|_\infty = 1$ .

**norm** (*norm\_type*)**orthogonalize** ()

Returns  $QR$  decomposition of self.  $Q$  and  $R$  satisfy the following relations in exact arithmetic

$$\begin{aligned} QR &= Z, & (1), \\ Q^* Q &= I, & (2), \\ Q^* Z &= R, & (3), \\ Z R^{-1} &= Q, & (4). \end{aligned}$$

Returns:

`r` of type `ndarray` -> The  $r$  of the QR decomposition

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**Note:** `self` is overwritten by  $Q$ .

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`hippylib.algorithms.multivector.MvDSmatMult(X, A, Y)`

### hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver module

`hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver.check_g(A, B, U, d)`

Test the frobenious norm of  $U^T BU - I_k$ .

Test the frobenious norm of  $(V^T AV) - I_k$ , with  $V = UD^{-1/2}$ .

Test the  $l_2$  norm of the residual:  $r[i] = AU[i] - d[i]BU[i]$ .

`hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver.check_std(A, U, d)`

Test the frobenious norm of  $U^T U - I_k$ .

Test the frobenious norm of  $(V^T AV) - I_k$ , with  $V = UD^{-1/2}$ .

Test the  $l_2$  norm of the residual:  $r[i] = AU[i] - d[i]U[i]$ .

`hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver.doublePass(A, Omega, k, s, check=False)`

The double pass algorithm for the HEP as presented in [1].

Inputs:

- A: the operator for which we need to estimate the dominant eigenpairs.
- Omega: a random gaussian matrix with  $m \geq k$  columns.
- k: the number of eigenpairs to extract.
- s: the number of power iterations for selecting the subspace.

Outputs:

- d: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- U: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  $U^T U = I_k$ .

`hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver.doublePassG(A, B, Binv, Omega, k, s=1, check=False)`

The double pass algorithm for the GHEP as presented in [2].

Inputs:

- A: the operator for which we need to estimate the dominant generalized eigenpairs.
- B: the right-hand side operator.
- Binv: the inverse of the right-hand side operator.
- Omega: a random gaussian matrix with  $m \geq k$  columns.
- k: the number of eigenpairs to extract.
- s: the number of power iterations for selecting the subspace.

Outputs:

- d: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- U: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  $U^T BU = I_k$ .

`hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver.singlePass(A, Omega, k, s=1, check=False)`

The single pass algorithm for the Hermitian Eigenvalues Problems (HEP) as presented in [1].

Inputs:

- A: the operator for which we need to estimate the dominant eigenpairs.
- Omega: a random gaussian matrix with  $m \geq k$  columns.
- k: the number of eigenpairs to extract.

Outputs:

- d: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- U: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  $U^T U = I_k$ .

`hippylib.algorithms.randomizedEigensolver.singlePassG(A, B, Binv, Omega, k, s=1, check=False)`

The single pass algorithm for the Generalized Hermitian Eigenvalues Problems (GHEP) as presented in [2].

Inputs:

- A: the operator for which we need to estimate the dominant generalized eigenpairs.
- B: the right-hand side operator.
- Binv: the inverse of the right-hand side operator.
- Omega: a random gaussian matrix with  $m \geq k$  columns.
- k: the number of eigenpairs to extract.
- s: the number of power iterations for selecting the subspace.

Outputs:

- d: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- U: the estimate of the  $k$  dominant eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  $U^T B U = I_k$ .

## hippylib.algorithms.steepestDescent module

**class** `hippylib.algorithms.steepestDescent.SteepestDescent(model, parameters=<hippylib.utils.parameterList.ParameterList object>)`

Prior-preconditioned Steepest Descent to solve constrained optimization problems in the reduced parameter space. Globalization is performed using the Armijo sufficient reduction condition (backtracking). The stopping criterion is based on a control on the norm of the gradient.

The user must provide a model that describes the forward problem, cost functionals, and all the derivatives for the gradient.

More specifically the model object should implement following methods:

- `generate_vector()` -> generate the object containing state, parameter, adjoint.
- `cost(x)` -> evaluate the cost functional, report regularization part and misfit separately.
- `solveFwd(out, x, tol)` -> solve the possibly non linear forward problem up to tolerance `tol`.
- `solveAdj(out, x, tol)` -> solve the linear adjoint problem.
- `evalGradientParameter(x, out)` -> evaluate the gradient of the parameter and compute its norm.

- `Rsolver()` -> A solver for the regularization term.

Type `help(Model)` for additional information.

Initialize the Steepest Descent solver. Type `SteepestDescent_ParameterList().showMe()` for list of default parameters and their descriptions.

**solve** (*x*)

Solve the constrained optimization problem with initial guess  $x = [u, a, p]$ . Return the solution  $[u, a, p]$ .

---

**Note:**  $x$  will be overwritten.

---

```
termination_reasons = ['Maximum number of Iteration reached', 'Norm of the gradient le  
hippylib.algorithms.steepestDescent.SteepestDescent_ParameterList()
```

### hippylib.algorithms.traceEstimator module

```
class hippylib.algorithms.traceEstimator.TraceEstimator(A, solve_mode=False,  
                                                         accuracy=0.1,  
                                                         init_vector=None, ran-  
                                                         dom_engine=<function  
                                                         rademacher_engine>,  
                                                         mpi_comm=<sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockO  
                                                         object>)
```

An unbiased stochastic estimator for the trace of  $A$ ,  $d = \sum_{j=1}^k (v_j, Av_j)$ , where

- $v_j$  are i.i.d. Rademacher or Gaussian random vectors.
- $(\cdot, \cdot)$  represents the inner product.

The number of samples  $k$  is estimated at run time based on the variance of the estimator.

Reference: Haim Avron and Sivan Toledo, Randomized algorithms for estimating the trace of an implicit symmetric positive semi-definite matrix, Journal of the ACM (JACM), 58 (2011), p. 17.

Constructor:

- **A**: an operator
- **solve\_mode**: if `True` we estimate the trace of  $A^{-1}$ , otherwise of  $A$ .
- **code:accuracy**: we stop when the standard deviation of the estimator is less then `accuracy`*tr(:code:`A)`.
- **init\_vector**: use a custom function to initialize a vector compatible with the range/domain of  $A$ .
- **random\_engine**: which type of i.i.d. random variables to use (Rademacher or Gaussian).

```
hippylib.algorithms.traceEstimator.gaussian_engine(v)  
Generate a vector of  $n$  i.i.d. standard normal variables.
```

```
hippylib.algorithms.traceEstimator.rademacher_engine(v)  
Generate a vector of  $n$  i.i.d. Rademacher variables.
```

## Module contents

### hippylib.mcmc package

#### Submodules

#### hippylib.mcmc.chain module

```
class hippylib.mcmc.chain.MCMC (kernel)
    Bases: object

    consume_random()

    run (m0, qoi=None, tracer=None)

class hippylib.mcmc.chain.NullQoi
    Bases: object

    eval (x)

class hippylib.mcmc.chain.SampleStruct (kernel)

    assign (other)
```

#### hippylib.mcmc.diagnostics module

```
hippylib.mcmc.diagnostics.__acorr (mean_free_samples, lag, norm=1)
hippylib.mcmc.diagnostics.__acorr_vs_lag (samples, max_lag)
hippylib.mcmc.diagnostics.integratedAutocorrelationTime (samples, max_lag=None)
```

#### hippylib.mcmc.kernels module

```
class hippylib.mcmc.kernels.ISKernel (model, nu)

    consume_random()

    delta (sample)

    derivativeInfo()

    init_sample (current)

    name()

    proposal (current)

    sample (current, proposed)

class hippylib.mcmc.kernels.MALAKernel (model)

    acceptance_ratio (origin, destination)

    consume_random()

    derivativeInfo()
```

```
    init_sample (s)
    name ()
    proposal (current)
    sample (current, proposed)
class hippylib.mcmc.kernels.gpCNKernel (model, nu)
    Reference: F. J. PINSKI, G. SIMPOSN, A. STUART, H. WEBER, Algorithms for Kullback-Leibler Approximation of Probability Measures in Infinite Dimensions, http://arxiv.org/pdf/1408.1920v1.pdf, Alg. 5.2
    consume_random ()
    delta (sample)
    derivativeInfo ()
    init_sample (current)
    name ()
    proposal (current)
    sample (current, proposed)
class hippylib.mcmc.kernels.pCNKernel (model)
    consume_random ()
    derivativeInfo ()
    init_sample (current)
    name ()
    proposal (current)
    sample (current, proposed)
```

### hippylib.mcmc.tracers module

```
class hippylib.mcmc.tracers.FullTracer (n, Vh, par_fid=None, state_fid=None)
    Bases: object
    append (current, q)
class hippylib.mcmc.tracers.NullTracer
    Bases: object
    append (current, q)
class hippylib.mcmc.tracers.QoiTracer (n)
    Bases: object
    append (current, q)
```



## Module contents

### hippylib.utils package

#### Submodules

#### hippylib.utils.checkDolfinVersion module

`hippylib.utils.checkDolfinVersion.checkdlversion()`

Check if FEniCS version is supported. Currently hippylib requires FEniCS version 1.6.0 and newer.

`hippylib.utils.checkDolfinVersion.dlversion()`

#### hippylib.utils.parameterList module

**class** `hippylib.utils.parameterList.ParameterList(data)`

Bases: `object`

A small abstract class for storing parameters and their description. This class will raise an exception if the key one tries to access is not present.

data is a dictionary where each value is the pair (value, description)

**showMe** (*indent=""*)

#### hippylib.utils.vector2function module

`hippylib.utils.vector2function.vector2Function(x, Vh, **kwargs)`

Wrap a finite element vector `x` into a finite element function in the space `Vh`. `kwargs` is optional keywords arguments to be passed to the construction of a dolfin `Function`.

#### hippylib.utils.random module

**class** `hippylib.utils.random.Random(myid=0, nproc=1, blocksize=1000000, seed=1)`

Bases: `sphinx.ext.autodoc.importer._MockObject`

This class handles parallel generation of random numbers in hippylib.

Create a parallel random number number generator.

INPUTS:

- `myid`: id of the calling process.
- `nproc`: number of processor in the communicator.
- `blocksize`: number of consecutive random number to be generated before jumping headed in the stream.
- `seed`: random seed to initialize the random engine.

**normal** (*sigma, out=None*)

Sample from normal distribution with given variance.

**normal\_perturb** (*sigma, out*)

Add a normal perturbation to a Vector/MultiVector.

**rademacher** (*out=None*)  
Sample from Rademacher distribution.

**uniform** (*a, b, out=None*)  
Sample from uniform distribution.

`hippylib.utils.random.parRandom`  
This class handles parallel generation of random numbers in hippylib.

## hippylib.utils.nb module

`hippylib.utils.nb._mesh2triang` (*mesh*)

`hippylib.utils.nb._mplot_cellfunction` (*cellfn*)

`hippylib.utils.nb._mplot_function` (*f, vmin, vmax, logscale*)

`hippylib.utils.nb.animate` (*Vh, state, same\_colorbar=True, colorbar=True, subplot\_loc=None, mytitle=None, show\_axis='off', logscale=False*)  
Show animation for a `:code:TimeDependentVector`

`hippylib.utils.nb.coarsen_v` (*fun, nx=16, ny=16*)

`hippylib.utils.nb.multil_plot` (*objs, titles, same\_colorbar=True, show\_axis='off', logscale=False, vmin=None, vmax=None, cmap=None*)  
Plot a list of generic dolfin object in a single row

`hippylib.utils.nb.plot` (*obj, colorbar=True, subplot\_loc=None, mytitle=None, show\_axis='off', vmin=None, vmax=None, logscale=False, cmap=None*)  
Plot a generic dolfin object (if supported)

`hippylib.utils.nb.plot_eigenvalues` (*d, mytitle=None, subplot\_loc=None*)  
Plot eigenvalues

`hippylib.utils.nb.plot_eigenvectors` (*Vh, U, mytitle, which=[0, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15], cmap=None*)  
Plot specified vectors in a `:code:MultiVector`

`hippylib.utils.nb.plot_pts` (*points, values, colorbar=True, subplot\_loc=None, mytitle=None, show\_axis='on', vmin=None, vmax=None, xlim=(0, 1), ylim=(0, 1), cmap=None*)  
Plot a cloud of points

`hippylib.utils.nb.show_solution` (*Vh, ic, state, same\_colorbar=True, colorbar=True, mytitle=None, show\_axis='off', logscale=False, times=[0, 0.4, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0], cmap=None*)  
Plot a `:code:TimeDependentVector` at specified time steps

## Module contents

### 4.1.2 Module contents

hIPPYlib implements state-of-the-art scalable algorithms for PDE-based deterministic and Bayesian inverse problems. It builds on FEniCS (<http://fenicsproject.org/>) (a parallel finite element library) for the discretization of the PDE and on PETSc (<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/>) for scalable and efficient linear algebra operations and solvers.

For building instructions, see the file `INSTALL`. Copyright information and licensing restrictions can be found in the file `COPYRIGHT`.

The best starting point for new users interested in hIPPYlib's features are the interactive tutorials in the notebooks folder.

Conceptually, hIPPYlib can be viewed as a toolbox that provides the building blocks for experimenting new ideas and developing scalable algorithms for PDE-based deterministic and Bayesian inverse problems.



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