

Fluctuation in random homogenization: motivations, corrector theory, and algorithm test

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Outline

- Motivations
 - Uncertainty quantification
 - PDE-based **Inverse problems**
 - Test algorithms
- Corrector theory for elliptic equations with stochastic multiscale potential
 - Corrector theory for random diffusion, **1D only**
 - Corrector theory for elliptic equations with **random potential** .
 - Important factor: **short-range v.s. long-range** correlations
 - Important factor: Singularity of Green's function
- Corrector test for multiscale algorithms
 - Well-known benchmark: capturing homogenization
 - A new benchmark: capturing **fluctuation** ?
 - Some results

Typical problems

- Homogenization

$$F(D^2 u_\varepsilon, Du_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon, x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega) = 0 \implies \bar{F}(D^2 u_0, Du_0, u_0, x, \omega) = 0.$$

e.g., Dirichlet problem of stationary diffusion

$$-\nabla \cdot A\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega\right) \cdot \nabla u_\varepsilon(x, \omega) = f(x) \implies -A^* : D^2 u_0 = f(x).$$

- Randomness is parametrized by (y, ω) . Here y set to be $\frac{x}{\varepsilon}$, multi-scale (two-scale).
- e.g., $A(y, \omega)$ a random field in $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ valued in uniformly elliptic matrices.
- Just mild conditions: **stationarity** and ergodicity. The underlying mechanism is essentially Law of large numbers, Birkhoff's ergodic theorem.

Typical problems

- Corrector Theory: $u_\varepsilon - u_0$.
 - Convergence rate: $\mathbb{E}\|u_\varepsilon - u_0\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \varepsilon^\gamma$.
 - Statistics of the corrector.

$$u_\varepsilon - u_0 = (\mathbb{E}u_\varepsilon - u_0) + (u_\varepsilon - \mathbb{E}u_\varepsilon).$$

That is, a decomposition into **deterministic** and **stochastic** correctors.

- Want to write

$$u_\varepsilon(x) - u_0(x) = \varepsilon^{\gamma_1}(\text{deterministic}) + \varepsilon^{\gamma_2}(\text{mean-zero random}).$$

- Limit of the deterministic corrector
- Limit distribution of the random corrector

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon - \mathbb{E}u_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^{\gamma_2}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distr.}} \text{certain statistics, e.g. Gaussian}$$

This requires more information regarding the random field.

Motivation I: Uncertainty quantification

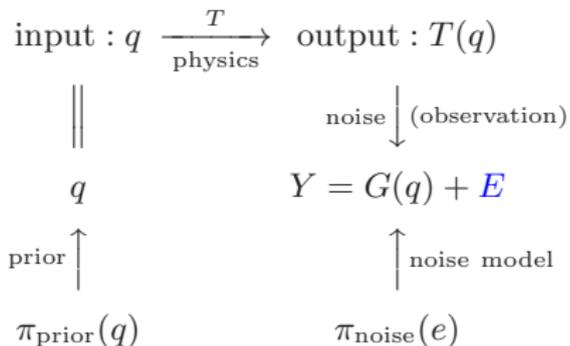
Forward UQ: uncertainty of coefficient propagate to solutions, etc.

- PDE model is given: **physics is known** .
- Corrector theory provides information about the statistics of solution.
- Good estimate of measurable events, e.g.,

$$\mathbb{P}\{u_\varepsilon(x_0) > \alpha\} \approx ?$$

- In the setting we have, we will see that not much information of the randomness is propagated.
- The limiting distribution depends on u_0 , and **integrated** information of the randomness.

Motivation II: PDE-based inverse problems

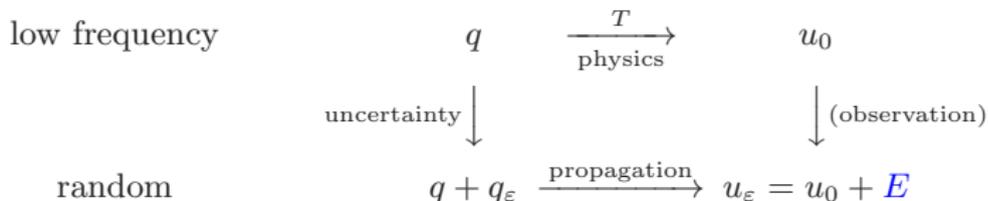


Then the Bayesian formulation becomes:

$$\pi(q|Y) \propto \pi_{\text{pr}}(q)\pi(Y|q) = \pi_{\text{pr}}(q)\pi_{\text{noise}}(Y - G(q)).$$

Motivation II: PDE-based inverse problems

- Typically in an inverse problem, the high frequency part of q cannot be **stably** reconstructed.
- Model high frequency effect as noise.
- Corrector theory provides **well-tailored** noise model.



Motivation III: Test algorithms

- Numerical schemes have been designed to approximate the homogenized solution without resolving the ε -scale, or calculating the effective coefficients.
- Fluctuation is important sometimes, but can we use these (given by the scheme)?
- To analyze, we want to know what to compare with, i.e., what the corrector is for the continuous equation.
- Multiscale scheme yields u_ε^h ; standard scheme for homogenized equation yields u_0^h . Test:

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon^h - u_0^h}{\varepsilon^{\gamma_2}} \xrightarrow[h, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{?} \mu \xleftarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_\varepsilon - u_0}{\varepsilon^{\gamma_2}}$$

Part II: Corrector theory

- The divergence equation $-\nabla \cdot A\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega\right) \cdot \nabla u_\varepsilon = f$ in **1D**
 - mixing random field with short-range correlation.
 - function of Gaussian random field with long-range correlation.
- Elliptic equation with multiscale random potential

$$(P(x, D) + q_0(x))u_\varepsilon + q\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega\right)u_\varepsilon = f,$$

with Dirichlet boundary condition.

- assume Green's function $\sim |x - y|^{d-\beta}$, the effect of β .

1D divergence equation

$$-\frac{d}{dx}a_\varepsilon(x, \omega) \frac{d}{dx}u_\varepsilon = f(x), x \in (0, 1), \quad \text{with Dirichlet boundary.}$$

- Random field model for $a(x, \omega)$
 - Problem is well-posed for almost all realizations. Here, **uniform ellipticity**, i.e.,

$$0 < \lambda \leq a(x, \omega) \leq \Lambda.$$

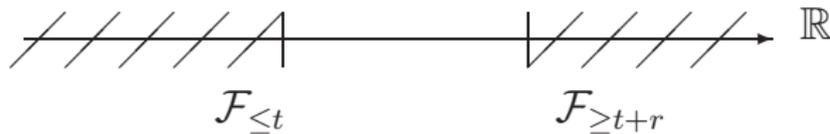
- **Stationarity** and **ergodicity**.
- Define the **harmonic mean**,

$$a^* := \left(\mathbb{E} \frac{1}{a(0, \omega)} \right)^{-1}, \quad q(x, \omega) = \frac{1}{a(x, \omega)} - \frac{1}{a^*}.$$

- Then u_ε converges, e.g. in $H^1(0, 1)$ for a.e. ω , to $u_0(x)$ which solves the equation with effective coefficient a^* .

Corrector for the 1D divergence equation: Short-range case

Corrector theory requires finer knowledge of q . A standard assumption is:
Strong mixing, ρ -mixing



Strong mixing coefficient $\rho(r)$ is a non-negative function s.t.

$$|\mathbb{E}(\xi\eta) - \mathbb{E}\xi \mathbb{E}\eta| \leq \rho(r)(\text{Var}\xi \text{Var}\eta)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

for any ξ and η that are $\mathcal{F}_{\leq t}$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\geq t+r}$ measurable with finite variance.

· **Assumption:** $\rho(r) \leq Cr^{-\alpha}$ for $\alpha > 1$. [$\alpha > d$ in d -dimension case.]

In particular, this implies that the (auto)-correlation function

$$R(x) := \mathbb{E}\{q(0)q(x)\},$$

is integrable. $q(x, \omega)$ is then said to have “short-range correlation”.

Corrector for the 1D divergence equation: Short-range case

Theorem [Bourgeat and Piatnitski '99] For short-range correlated field, the convergence rate in $L^2(\Omega, L^2([0, 1]))$ is $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$.

$$\mathbb{E}\|u_\varepsilon - u_0\|^2 \leq C\varepsilon\|f\|^2.$$

Further, with the mixing condition, the corrector satisfies

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon(x) - u_0(x)}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} -\sigma \int_0^1 L(x, t) dW_t.$$

Remark:

- The deterministic corrector is of order ε . The random corrector has variance of order $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$, giving the central limit scaling.
- $\sigma^2 = \int R(x) dx$; strength of correlation.
- W_t is the standard Brownian motion. The integral explicitly determines a Gaussian distribution on $C([0, 1])$.
- The mixing condition is needed to apply central limit theorem.
- The kernel $L(x, t) = a^{*2} \partial_y G(x, t) u'_0(t)$.

Corrector for the 1D divergence equation: Long-range case

No CLT available. Consider special model:

- Let $g(x, \omega)$ be a **centered unit-variance Gaussian field**, with long-range correlation:

$$R_g(x) := \mathbb{E}\{g(y)g(y+x)\} \sim \frac{\kappa_g}{|x|^\alpha}, \alpha < d, \text{ for } |x| \text{ large} .$$

- Let $q(x, \omega) = \Phi(g(x))$ with $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ being a nice function satisfying:

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(g(0)) = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}\{g(0)\Phi(g(0))\} =: V_1 \neq 0 \quad (\text{define } \kappa = \kappa_g V_1^2).$$

The above can be written as:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} H_0(x)\Phi(x)d^g x = 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_1(x)\Phi(x)d^g x \neq 0, \quad \{H_n(x)\} \text{ Hermite polynomials.}$$

Define *Hermite rank* to be the index of the first non-zero coefficient in the expansion of Φ in Hermite polynomials. The above condition can be rephrased as: **Φ has Hermite rank one** .

Corrector for the 1D divergence equation: Long-range case

Theorem [Bal, Garnier, Motsch and Perrier '08] With the special model, the convergence rate in $L^2(\Omega, L^2([0, 1]))$ is $\sqrt{\varepsilon^\alpha}$.

$$\mathbb{E}\|u_\varepsilon - u_0\|^2 \leq C\varepsilon^\alpha \|f\|^2.$$

Further, the corrector satisfies

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon(x) - u_0(x)}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} -\sigma_H \int_0^1 L(x, t) dW_t^H.$$

Remark

- Deterministic corrector is of order ε^α ; variance of the random corrector is of order ε^α .
- $H = 1 - \alpha/2$ is called the Hurst index. $\sigma_H^2 = \kappa/(2H - 1)$.
- W_t^H is the **standard fractional Brownian motion** with Hurst index H . The integral explicitly determines a Gaussian distribution over $C([0, 1])$ that has strong correlation.
- This is not central limit *per se*.
- The previous results are convergence in distribution in the space of continuous functions.
- **Non-Gaussian corrector** if Φ has Hermite rank ≥ 2 .

Corrector for elliptic equation with random potential

Elliptic equation with multiscale stochastic potential

$$P(x, D)u_\varepsilon + (q_0(x) + q_\varepsilon(x, \omega))u_\varepsilon = f, \quad \text{with Dirichlet Boundary.}$$

- The Green's function $G(x, y)$ associated to $P + q_0$ satisfies

$$|G(x, y)| \leq C|x - y|^{-d+\beta}.$$

Smaller β corresponds to higher singularity near the origin.

- The random equation is well-posed under mild conditions e.g. $q_0 + q_\varepsilon \geq 0$.
- Solution operator of the random equation can be bounded uniformly in ε .
- Assume $q(x)$ satisfies the condition in item two, in addition to stationarity and ergodicity.

Examples of elliptic equations

For $\beta = 2$, we can consider

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta + q_0(x))u_\varepsilon + q_\varepsilon(x)u_\varepsilon = f, & x \in X, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial X. \end{cases}$$

For $\beta < 2$, we can consider

$$\begin{cases} (-(-(-\Delta)^{\frac{\beta}{2}}) + q_0(x))u_\varepsilon + q_\varepsilon(x)u_\varepsilon = f, & x \in X, \\ u = 0, & x \in X^c = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus X. \end{cases}$$

Random fields

- Short-range correlated field
 - ρ -mixing with $\rho(r) \leq Cr^{-\alpha}$, $\alpha > d$.
 - Estimates for **moments** of sufficient order.
 - Superposition of Poisson bumps.
- Long-range correlated field
 - As before $q = \Phi(g)$, $R_g(x) \sim \kappa_g |x|^{-\alpha}$, $\alpha < d$.
 - Further conditions on Φ can lead to estimates of higher order moments, e.g., a control of

$$\mathbb{E} \prod_{i=1}^4 q(x_i) - \mathbb{E}q(x_1)q(x_2)\mathbb{E}q(x_3)q(x_4) - \mathbb{E}q(x_1)q(x_3)\mathbb{E}q(x_2)q(x_4) \\ - \mathbb{E}q(x_1)q(x_4)\mathbb{E}q(x_2)q(x_3).$$

Corrector for elliptic equation: short-range potential

Theorem [Bal and J. CMS '11] With short-range correlated field, the convergence rate is

$$\mathbb{E}\|u_\varepsilon - u_0\|^2 \leq C\|f\|^2 \begin{cases} \varepsilon^{2\beta}, & \text{if } 2\beta < d, \\ \varepsilon^d |\log \varepsilon|, & \text{if } 2\beta = d, \\ \varepsilon^d, & \text{if } 2\beta > d. \end{cases}$$

Further, the following holds in distribution in $L^2(X)$.

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon - \mathbb{E}u_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^{d/2}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} -\sigma \int_X G(x, y) u_0(y) dW_y.$$

Remark:

- Random corrector has variance of order ε^d , indicating the central limit scaling; deterministic corrector is larger if $\beta < d/2$ (Green's function singular enough).
- Deterministic corrector can be estimated as well. For $P = (-\Delta + \lambda^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ on the whole space \mathbb{R}^2 , we have $\lim \varepsilon^{-1}(\mathbb{E}u_\varepsilon - u_0) = \varepsilon \tilde{R} \mathcal{G} u_0$ and $\tilde{R} := \int R(y)/2\pi|y|dy$.

Corrector for elliptic equation: long-range potential

Theorem [Bal, Garnier, Gu and J.] With the long-range field and assume $2\beta < d$, the convergence rate (in homogenization) is

$$\mathbb{E}\|u_\varepsilon - u_0\|^2 \leq C\|f\|^2 \begin{cases} \varepsilon^\alpha, & \text{if } \alpha < 2\beta, \\ \varepsilon^{2\beta} |\log \varepsilon|, & \text{if } \alpha = 2\beta, \\ \varepsilon^{2\beta}, & \text{if } \alpha > 2\beta. \end{cases}$$

Assume $\alpha < 4\beta$; the following holds in distribution in $L^2(X)$:

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon - \mathbb{E}\{u_\varepsilon\}}{\varepsilon^{\alpha/2}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} - \int_X G(x, y) u_0(y) W^\alpha(dy).$$

Remark:

- The deterministic corrector is of order ε^α or ε^β , whichever is larger.
- Here, $W^\alpha(dy) := \dot{W}^\alpha(y)dy$, and $\dot{W}^\alpha(y)$ is a centered Gaussian field with covariance function $\kappa|x - y|^{-\alpha}$.

Part III: Corrector theory for multiscale algorithms

Given multiscale algorithm, test its ability to capture corrector.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{u_\varepsilon^h - u_0^h}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha \wedge 1}{2}}}(x, \omega) & \xrightarrow[(i)]{h \rightarrow 0} & \frac{u_\varepsilon - u_0}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha \wedge 1}{2}}}(x, \omega) \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \downarrow (ii) & & (iii) \downarrow \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \mathcal{U}_{\alpha \wedge 1}^h(x; W^{\alpha \wedge 1}) & \xrightarrow[(iv)]{h \rightarrow 0} & \mathcal{U}_{\alpha \wedge 1}(x; W^{\alpha \wedge 1}) \end{array}$$

- Testing on the 1D divergence equation.
- u_ε^h is yielded by a given algorithm; u_0^h is yielded by applying it to the homogenized equation.
- Clearly, (i) and (iii) hold. All convergence are in distribution in $C([0, 1])$.

MsFEM: multi-scale finite element method

Weak formulation of the random ODE is $A_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon, v) = F(v)$,

$$\int_0^1 a_\varepsilon(x) u'_\varepsilon(x) v'(x) = \int_0^1 f(x) v(x), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1.$$

- Finite element: approximate H_0^1 ; approximate A_ε .
- Standard FEM: $V_0^h \subset H_0^1$; **hat** base functions; h : discretization size
- MsFEM: **multi-scale** base function ϕ_ε^j ; for each ϕ_ε^j , construct

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon \phi_\varepsilon^j(x) = 0, & x \in I_1 \cup I_2 \cup \dots \cup I_{N-1}, \\ \phi_\varepsilon^j = \phi_0^j, & x \in \{x_k\}_{k=0}^N. \end{cases}$$

- Linear system:

$$A_\varepsilon^h U^\varepsilon = F^\varepsilon.$$

- Reference: [Hou, Wu and Cai '99](#); [Efendiev and Hou '09](#)

HMM: heterogeneous multi-scale method

HMM aims to approximate u_0 . Given by minimizer of

$$I[u] := \frac{1}{2} A_0(u, u) - F(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 a^* \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx - \int_0^1 f u dx.$$

Approximate bilinear form by

$$A_0(u, u) \approx \sum_{j=1}^N a^*(x^j) \left(\frac{du}{dx}(x^j) \right)^2 h$$

Without calculating a^* , approximate further by

$$A_\varepsilon^\delta(w, v) := \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{h}{\delta} \int_{I_j^\delta} a_\varepsilon \frac{d(\mathcal{L}w)}{dx} \frac{d(\mathcal{L}v)}{dx} dx.$$

Due to the homogenization result: $a_\varepsilon u'_\varepsilon \xrightarrow{L^2} a^* u'_0$.

HMM continued

The operator \mathcal{L} is defined by

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{L}w) = 0, & x \in I_1^\delta \cup \dots \cup I_{N-1}^\delta, \\ \mathcal{L}w = w, & x \in \{\partial I_j^\delta\}_{j=1}^{N-1}. \end{cases}$$

- I_k^δ : a small patch of size δ inside I_k , $\varepsilon \ll \delta < h$
- HMM: minimization problem with A_ε^δ , in the space V_0^h (hat base functions).
- Equivalent with

$$A_\varepsilon^{h,\delta} U^{\varepsilon,\delta} = F^0.$$

Reference: [E, Ming and Zhang '05](#)

The diagram commutes for MsFEM

Theorem [Bal and J., submitted]

(i) In random medium with short range correlation,

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon^h(x) - u_0^h(x)}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}^h(x; W) \xrightarrow[h \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}(x; W).$$

$\mathcal{U}^h(x; W)$ is a stochastic integral with integrand $L^h(x, t)$ and Brownian motion integrator.

(ii) In random medium with long range correlation,

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon^h(x) - u_0^h(x)}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}_H^h(x; W^H) \xrightarrow[h \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}_H(x; W^H).$$

$\mathcal{U}_H^h(x; W^H)$ has fBm integrator. Here,

$$L^h(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{I_k}(t) a^{*2} \frac{D^- G_0^h(x, x_k)}{h} \frac{D^- U_k^0}{h} \text{+sth. else}$$

HMM: depends on correlation ranges

Theorem (i) In random medium with short range correlation,

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon^{h,\delta}(x) - u_0^h(x)}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}^{h,\delta}(x; W) \xrightarrow[h \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \sqrt{\frac{h}{\delta}} \mathcal{U}(x; W).$$

$\mathcal{U}^{h,\delta}(x; W)$ is a stochastic integral with integrand $L^{h,\delta}(x, t)$ and Brownian motion integrator.

(ii) In random medium with long range correlation,

$$\frac{u_\varepsilon^{h,\delta}(x) - u_0^h(x)}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}_H^{h,\delta}(x; W^H) \xrightarrow[h \rightarrow 0]{\text{distribution}} \mathcal{U}_H(x; W^H).$$

$\mathcal{U}_H^{h,\delta}(x; W^H)$ has fBm integrator. Here,

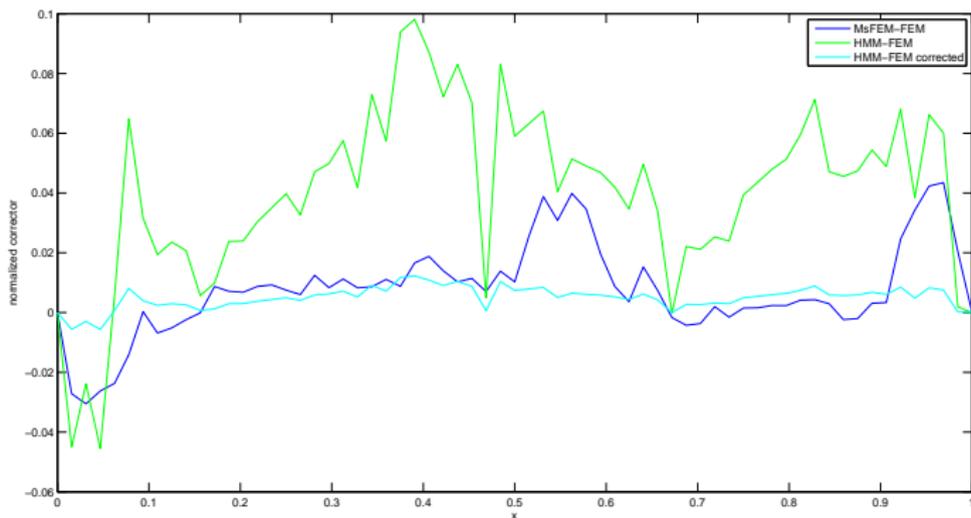
$$L^{h,\delta}(x, t) = \frac{h}{\delta} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{I_k^\delta}(t) \frac{a^* D^- G_0^h(x, x_k)}{h} \frac{a^* D^- U_k^0}{h}.$$

Remarks

- Roughly, what is happening is: In each interval I_j , we have X_1^j, \dots, X_N^j be i.d with mean one and variance one; HMM approximate $S_j = \sum X_i^j$ by NX_1^j .
- When X_1^j, \dots, X_N^j are independent, the variance is amplified by N .
- For long-range media, the fluctuation lives at a macroscopic scale, and the scaling is correct.

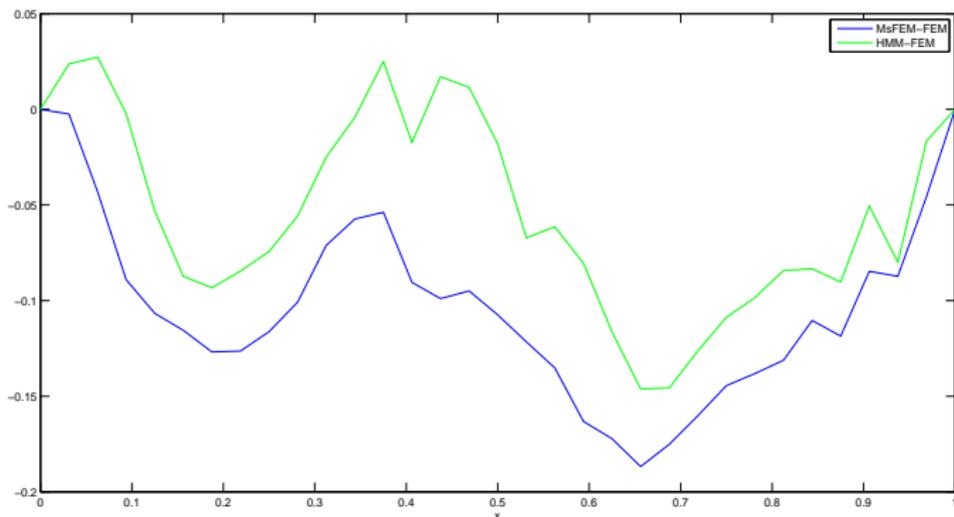
- Other schemes; higher dimensional test.

Numerical implementation - I: short-range media



- The equation: $-\frac{d}{dx}a\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega\right)\frac{d}{dx}u_\varepsilon(x, \omega) = f(x), x \in (0, 1),$
- $f = \cos(\pi x), a^* = 1, q(x, \omega)$ is the sign function of a **Orstein-Uhlenbeck process**. $a(x, \omega) = 1/(q(x, \omega) + a^{*-1})$.
- $h = 2^{-6}, \delta = 2^{-9}, \varepsilon = 2^{-14}$.

Numerical implementation - II: long-range media



- The equation: $-\frac{d}{dx}a\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega\right)\frac{d}{dx}u_\varepsilon(x, \omega) = f(x), x \in (0, 1),$
- $f = \cos(\pi x), a^* = 1, q(x, \omega)$ is the sign function of **fBm increments**.
 $a(x, \omega) = 1/(q(x, \omega) + a^{*-1}).$
- $h = 2^{-5}, \delta = 2^{-8}, \varepsilon = 2^{-12}.$

Summary

- Corrector theory, i.e., fluctuations about the homogenized solution, has important applications in uncertainty quantification, PDE-based inverse problems, and setting tests for multiscale algorithms.
- For elliptic equations with random multiscale potential, we develop a systematic theory for the corrector. In particular, **regularity of the Green's function** and **correlation range** of the random field are important factors.
- We found that multiscale numerical methods that captures homogenization does not necessarily capture the right corrector. In particular, long-range correlations is more “robust” w.r.t. sampling.

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