

Energetically Optimal Flapping Flight via a Fully Discrete Adjoint Method with Explicit Treatment of Flapping Frequency

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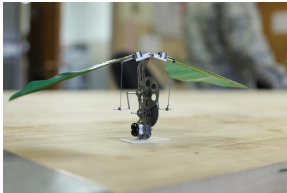
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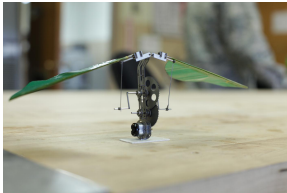
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Flapping frequency critical consideration in energetically optimal flapping



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Fix N_t , parametrize $\Delta t = \Delta t(\boldsymbol{\mu})$



Generalization beyond flapping

Generalization: PDE-constrained optimization with parametrized time domain

- Optimal control
- Determination of fundamental frequency, e.g., von Karman vortex shedding
- **Path/trajectory optimization:** find motion that achieves desired final position in least amount of time



Unsteady PDE-constrained optimization formulation

Goal: Find the solution of the *unsteady PDE-constrained optimization* problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{U, \mu}{\text{minimize}} && \mathcal{J}(U, \mu) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{C}(U, \mu) \leq 0 \\ & && \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(U, \nabla U) = 0 \quad \text{in } v(\mu, t) \end{aligned}$$

where $t \in [0, T(\mu)]$ and

- $U(\mathbf{x}, t)$ PDE solution
- μ design/control parameters
- $\mathcal{J}(U, \mu) = \frac{1}{T(\mu)} \int_0^{T(\mu)} \int_{\Gamma} j(U, \mu, t) dS dt$ objective function
- $\mathbf{C}(U, \mu) = \frac{1}{T(\mu)} \int_0^{T(\mu)} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{c}(U, \mu, t) dS dt$ constraints



Nested approach to PDE-constrained optimization

PDE optimization requires repeated queries to primal and dual PDE

Optimizer

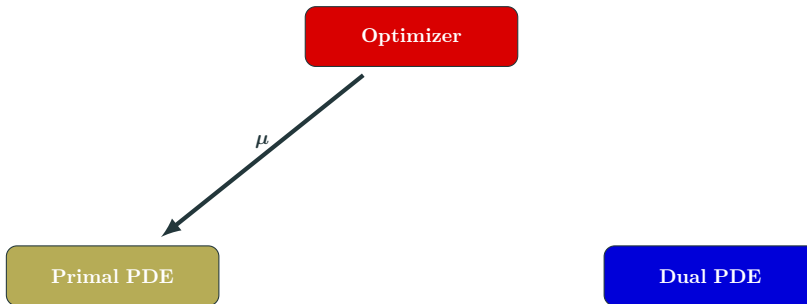
Primal PDE

Dual PDE



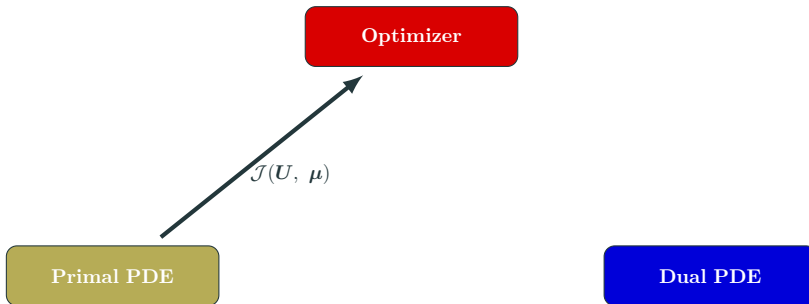
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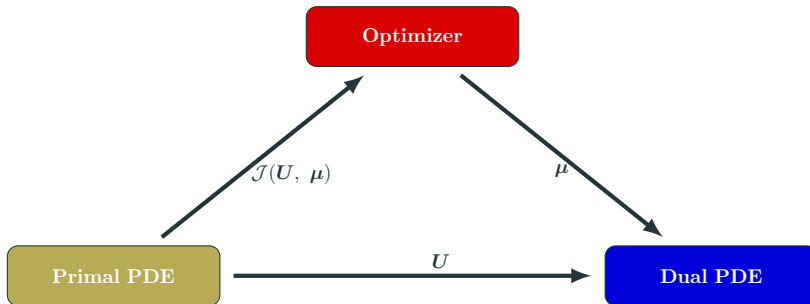
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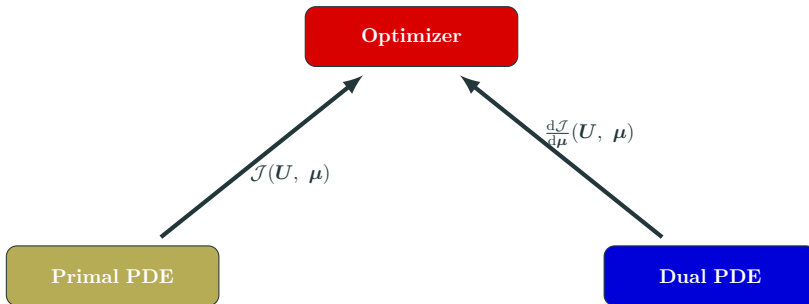
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- *Continuous* PDE-constrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{U}, \boldsymbol{\mu}}{\text{minimize}} && \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{U}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{U}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq 0 \\ & && \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}, \nabla \mathbf{U}) = 0 \quad \text{in } v(\boldsymbol{\mu}, t) \end{aligned}$$

- *Fully discrete* PDE-constrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\substack{\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\mu}}}{\text{minimize}} && J(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq 0 \\ & && \mathbf{u}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{u}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0 \\ & && \mathbf{u}_n - \mathbf{u}_{n-1} - \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{k}_{n,i} = 0 \\ & && \mathbf{M} \mathbf{k}_{n,i} - \Delta t_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}(\boldsymbol{\mu})) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Highlights of globally high-order discretization

- **Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian** formulation:
Map, $\mathcal{G}(\cdot, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t)$, from physical $v(\boldsymbol{\mu}, t)$ to reference V

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}_X}{\partial t} \right|_X + \nabla_X \cdot \mathbf{F}_X(\mathbf{U}_X, \nabla_X \mathbf{U}_X) = 0$$

- **Space discretization:** discontinuous Galerkin

$$\mathbf{M} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t)$$

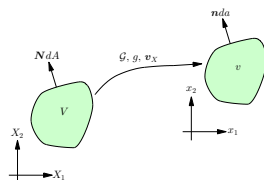
- **Time discretization:** diagonally implicit RK

$$\mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{k}_{n,i}$$

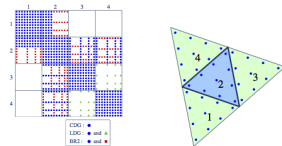
$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{k}_{n,i} = \Delta t_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}(\boldsymbol{\mu}))$$

- **Quantity of interest:** solver-consistency

$$F(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s})$$



Mapping-Based ALE



DG Discretization

c_1	a_{11}			
c_2	a_{21}	a_{22}		
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	
c_s	a_{s1}	a_{s2}	\cdots	a_{ss}
	b_1	b_2	\cdots	b_s

Butcher Tableau for DIRK

Adjoint method to efficiently compute gradients of QoI

- Consider the *fully discrete* output functional $F(\mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$
 - Represents either the **objective** function or a **constraint**
- The *total derivative* with respect to the parameters $\boldsymbol{\mu}$, required in the context of gradient-based optimization, takes the form

$$\frac{dF}{d\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \sum_{n=0}^{N_t} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_n}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{k}_{n,i}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{k}_{n,i}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}$$

- The sensitivities, $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_n}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}$ and $\frac{\partial \mathbf{k}_{n,i}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}$, are expensive to compute, requiring the solution of $n_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ linear evolution equations
- **Adjoint method**: alternative method for computing $\frac{dF}{d\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ that require one linear evolution equation for each quantity of interest, F



Adjoint equation derivation: outline

- Define **auxiliary** PDE-constrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && F(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ & \mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ & \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{R}_0 = \mathbf{u}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{u}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{R}_n = \mathbf{u}_n - \mathbf{u}_{n-1} - \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{k}_{n,i} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{n,i} = M \mathbf{k}_{n,i} - \Delta t_n \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) = 0$$

- Define **Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_n, \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}) = F - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_0^T \mathbf{R}_0 - \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_n^T \mathbf{R}_n - \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \sum_{i=1}^s \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}^T \mathbf{R}_{n,i}$$

- The solution of the optimization problem is given by the **Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) system**

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_n} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{k}_{n,i}} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\lambda}_n} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}} = 0$$



Dissection of fully discrete adjoint equations

- **Linear** evolution equations solved **backward** in time
- **Primal** state/stage, $\mathbf{u}_{n,i}$ required at each state/stage of dual problem
- Heavily dependent on **chosen output**

$$\lambda_{N_t} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{N_t}}^T$$

$$\lambda_{n-1} = \lambda_n + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n-1}}^T + \sum_{i=1}^s \Delta t_n \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n-1} + c_i \Delta t_n)^T \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}$$

$$M^T \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{k}_{n,i}}^T + b_i \lambda_n + \sum_{j=i}^s a_{ji} \Delta t_n \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{u}_{n,j}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n-1} + c_j \Delta t_n)^T \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,j}$$

- Gradient reconstruction via dual variables

$$\frac{dF}{d\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \lambda_0^T \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \Delta t_n \sum_{i=1}^s \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i})$$



Parametrized time domain: *modifies gradient reconstruction from adjoint solution, not adjoint equations themselves*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dF}{d\boldsymbol{\mu}} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_0^T \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{u}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \Delta t_n \sum_{i=1}^s \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) \\
 &+ \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \left[\Delta t_n \frac{\partial f^h}{\partial t}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) \frac{\partial t_{n,i}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + f^h(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) \frac{\partial \Delta t_n}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \right] \\
 &+ \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \sum_{i=1}^s \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}^T \left[\Delta t_n \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) \frac{\partial t_{n,i}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) \frac{\partial \Delta t_n}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f^h(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t)$ is DG approximation to $\int_{\Gamma} j(\mathbf{U}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t) dS$ and

$$F(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} \Delta t_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f^h(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}(\boldsymbol{\mu}))$$



Implementation details

- Implementation of the fully discrete adjoint method relies on the computation of the following terms from the **spatial discretization**

$$M, \mathbf{r}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{u}}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t}, f^h, \frac{\partial f^h}{\partial \mathbf{u}}, \frac{\partial f^h}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}, \frac{\partial f^h}{\partial t},$$

and terms from the **temporal discretization**

$$t_{n,i}, \Delta t_n, \frac{\partial t_{n,i}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}, \frac{\partial \Delta t_n}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}.$$

- In the case of deforming domain problems treated with **ALE** formulation:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, t)) \\ f^h &= f^h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, t))\end{aligned}$$

- Partial derivatives w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and t computed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} & \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} &= \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} + \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$



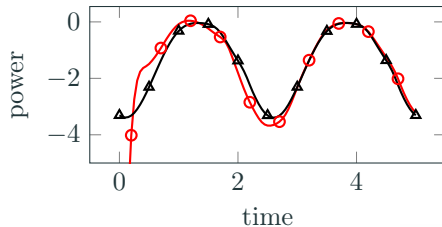
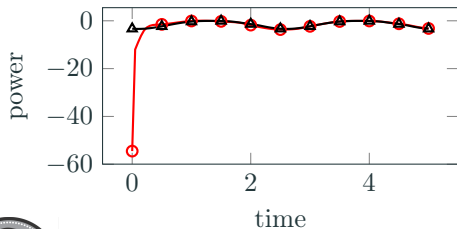
Time-periodic solutions desired when optimizing cyclic motion

- To properly optimize a cyclic, or periodic problem, need to simulate a **representative** period
- Necessary to avoid transients that will impact quantity of interest and may cause simulation to crash
- **Task:** Find initial condition, $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$, such that flow is periodic, i.e. $\mathbf{u}_{N_t} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}$



Time-periodic solutions desired when optimizing cyclic motion

Vorticity around airfoil with flow initialized from steady-state (left) and time-periodic flow (right)



time history of power on airfoil of flow initialized from steady-state (—○—) and from a time-periodic solution (—▲—)



Recall *fully discrete* PDE-constrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && J(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ & \mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ & \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ & \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\mu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{u}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_n - \mathbf{u}_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \mathbf{k}_{n,i} = 0$$

$$M \mathbf{k}_{n,i} - \Delta t_n \mathbf{r}(\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n,i}) = 0$$



Slight modification leads to fully discrete periodic PDE-constrained optimization

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && J(\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t}, \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \\ & \mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_t} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ & \mathbf{k}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{N_t,s} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}, \\ & \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\mu} \end{aligned}$$

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- Following identical procedure as for non-periodic case, the adjoint equations corresponding to the periodic conservation law are

$$\lambda_{N_t} = \lambda_0 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{N_t}}^T$$
$$\lambda_{n-1} = \lambda_n + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{n-1}}^T + \sum_{i=1}^s \Delta t_n \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{u}_{n,i}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, t_{n-1} + c_i \Delta t_n)^T \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{n,i}$$
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- Dual problem is also periodic
- Solve *linear, periodic* problem using Krylov shooting method



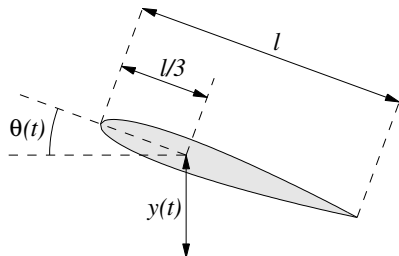
Energetically optimal flapping under thrust constraint

$$\underset{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{\text{minimize}} \quad -\frac{1}{T(\boldsymbol{\mu})} \int_0^{T(\boldsymbol{\mu})} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dS \, dt$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \frac{1}{T(\boldsymbol{\mu})} \int_0^{T(\boldsymbol{\mu})} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 \, dS \, dt = q$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}, \nabla \mathbf{U}) = 0$$

- Isentropic, compressible, Navier-Stokes
- $\text{Re} = 1000$, $\text{M} = 0.02$
- $y(t)$, $\theta(t)$ parametrized by single harmonic term
- Black-box optimizer: IPOPT



Airfoil schematic, kinematic description



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust

Energy = 1.8445
Thrust = 0.06729

Energy = 0.21934
Thrust = 0.0000

Energy = 1.93826
Thrust = 1.0000

Initial Guess

Optimal
 $T_x = 0$

Optimal
 $T_x = 1.0$



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust

Energy = 1.8445
Thrust = 0.06729

Energy = 0.21934
Thrust = 0.0000

Energy = 3.00404
Thrust = 1.5000

Initial Guess

Optimal
 $T_x = 0$

Optimal
 $T_x = 1.5$



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust

Energy = 1.8445
Thrust = 0.06729

Energy = 0.21934
Thrust = 0.0000

Energy = 4.6522
Thrust = 2.0000

Initial Guess

Optimal
 $T_x = 0$

Optimal
 $T_x = 2.0$



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust

Energy = 1.8445
Thrust = 0.06729

Energy = 0.21934
Thrust = 0.0000

Energy = 6.2869
Thrust = 2.5000

Initial Guess

Optimal
 $T_x = 0$

Optimal
 $T_x = 2.5$



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust

Energy = 0.21935

Thrust = 0.0000

Energy = 3.00404

Thrust = 1.5000

Energy = 6.2869

Thrust = 2.5000

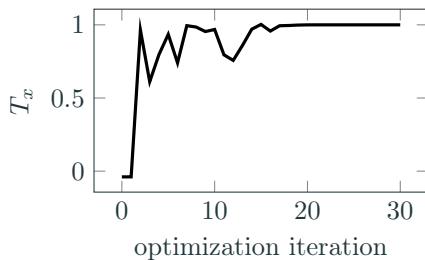
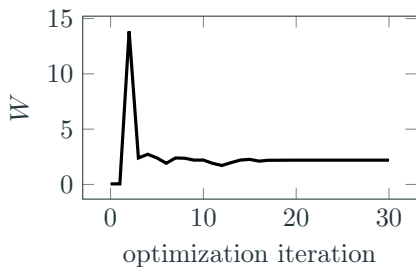
Optimal $T_x = 0$

Optimal
 $T_x = 1.5$

Optimal
 $T_x = 2.5$



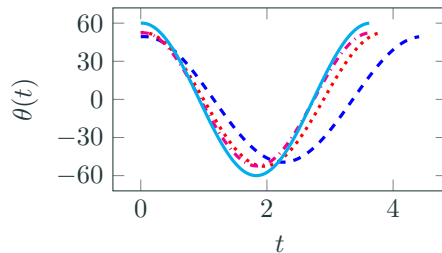
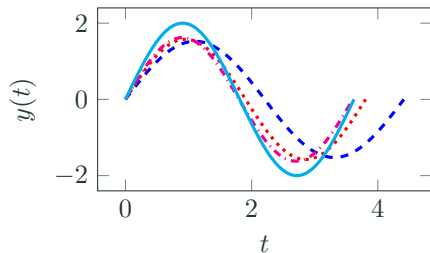
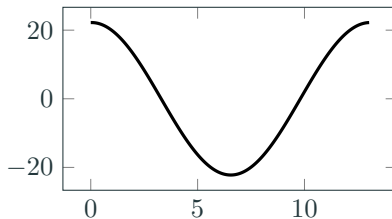
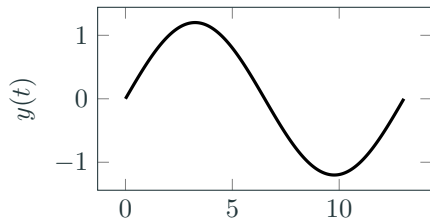
Rapid convergence of optimizer to feasible minimizer



Convergence of required flapping energy and thrust as a function of optimization iteration corresponding to the thrust constraint $\bar{T}_x = 1$. The final values are $W^* = 2.1961022$ and $T_x^* = 0.9999999$ and the first-order optimality conditions are satisfied to a tolerance of 10^{-8} . For a convergence tolerance of 10^{-4} , the optimization iterations could have been terminated after 20 iterations.



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust: Trajectory

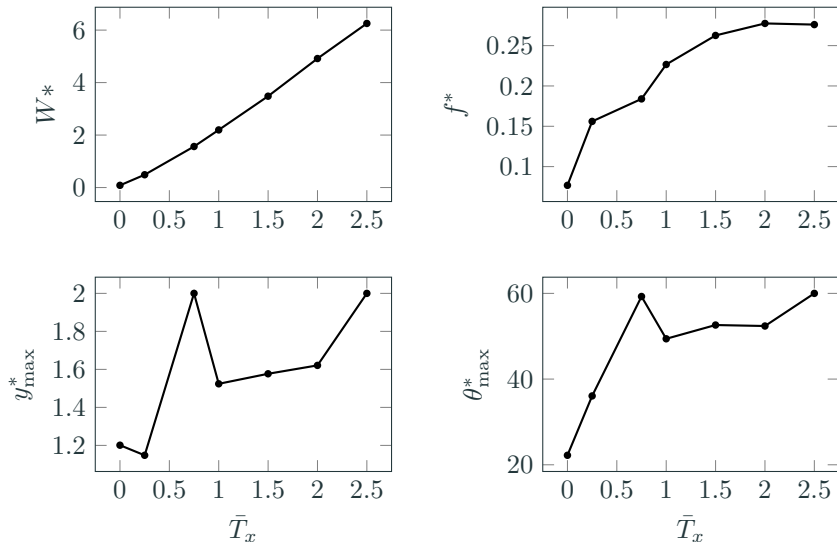


Optimal trajectories of $y(t)$ and $\theta(t)$ for various value of the thrust constraint: $\bar{T}_x = 0.0$

(—), $\bar{T}_x = 1.0$ (- - -), $\bar{T}_x = 1.5$ (· · · · ·), $\bar{T}_x = 2.0$ (- · - · -), $\bar{T}_x = 2.5$ (—).



Energetically optimal flapping vs. required thrust: QoI



The optimal flapping energy (W^*), frequency (f^*), maximum heaving amplitude (y_{\max}^*), and maximum pitching amplitude (θ_{\max}^*) as a function of the thrust constraint \bar{T}_x .

Summary and future work

Summary

- Extended standard fully discrete adjoint framework to handle parametrization that affects the **time discretization**
- Alters **reconstruction** of $\nabla_{\mu} F$ from adjoint solution, **not adjoint equations**
- Implementation requires **velocity** of quantity of interest and residual
- Framework used to study energetically optimal flight
 - Optimal energy approximately linear in required thrust
 - Optimal frequency increases then plateaus as a function of the required thrust

Future work

- Study 3D flapping with frequency optimization
- Extension to general time domain/discretization parametrization
 - Trajectory/path optimization

