DESIGN SPACE EXPLORATION FOR EVERY EXPERTISE

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Confused with algorithm selection during Design Space Exploration?

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What is Design Space Exploration?

"Design Space Exploration is both a class of quantitative methods and a category of software tools for **systematically and automatically** exploring very large numbers of design alternatives and identifying **optimal** performance parameters. »

B. Jenkins, Ora Research

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DSE



Aerodynamics, Mechanics, Dynamics, ...

CAE

CAD Geometry





pSeven - Complete Toolkit for DSE

pSeven contains 7 tools for Design Space Exploration:

- Optimization (multidisciplinary, robust)
- Design of Experiments
- Approximation (a.k.a. surrogate modeling, metamodels, RSM models etc.)
- Data Fusion (for surrogate modeling)
- Sensitivity & Dependency Analysis
- Dimension Reduction
- Uncertainty Quantification (OpenTURNS library)

All of the tools (except UQ) were developed **in-house** at the same time that makes them **homogeneous** and **highly interconnected**







pSeven Components



pSeven Platform

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Design Optimization

Which product design parameters are the **best**?

How to **improve** product characteristics?

How to decrease effect of parameters **variability** on overall product **behavior**?



Design optimization helps engineers to answer these questions.



Challenge : Choice of best optimization strategy







Optimization in pSeven

Optimization problem statement



Hints setup

- Single-objective
- Multi-objective
- Multidisciplinary
- Robust-based
- Reliability-based

 $\min_{\vec{x}} \vec{F}(\vec{x})$ $\vec{x}_0 \le \vec{x} \le \vec{x}_1$ $\vec{C}_0 \le \vec{C}(\vec{x}) \le \vec{C}_1$



Multi-extremal



Linearity type



Computational time



- pSeven includes full set of optimization algorithms:
 - QN Single or Multi-Objective Quasi-Newton
 - QP Quadratic Programming
 - SQP Sequential QP with Filter
 - SQCQP Quadratically Constrained SQP
 - RDO Robust Design Optimization
 - SBO Surrogate-Based Optimization
 - ...and other local, governing and global algorithms







Single- and Multi-Objective Optimization

Single-objective algorithms:

 Most of them originally implemented and specifically tuned for engineering problems

Multi-objective algorithms:

- Avoids evaluations far from Pareto frontier
- Beat genetic algorithms and scalarization techniques on most of the problems

Algorithms features:

- Run evaluations in parallel
- Unique technology for handling problems with noise
- NaN support: functions have incomputable areas







NSGA-II – 2368 iterations Adaptive Scalarization – 3765 iterations **GTOpt – 488 iterations**



NSGA-II, Adaptive Scalarization, **GTOpt – 280 iterations each**



Surrogate-Based Optimization (SBO)

Surrogate-Based Optimization (SBO) is a class of optimization algorithms involving constructing and optimizing surrogate models as auxiliary steps.

Features:

- Intelligently spends evaluations budget
- Allows to effectively solve large scale problems (up to 100 design variables) based on unique implementation of multi-resolution GP.
- In-house developed DoE strategy, which respects as much feasibility domain of the problem as possible
- Single slider regulates the complexity of applied global methods





Optimization Configuration in pSeven

pSeven doesn't require knowledge of a specific optimization algorithm and its settings from user:

- Set of options and hints helps user to describe problem and desired solution from his point of view, not from the algorithmic point of view:
 - Hints for variables and responses: expensive/cheap, linear/quadratic/generic.
 - Options presets: analytical problem, smooth problem, noisy problem, heavily noisy problem, expensive problem.
 - High-level options: optimization stop criteria, globalization intensity, number of Pareto points.
- SmartSelection technology chooses the optimal algorithm automatically based on hints, options and optimization behavior.

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pSeven Adaptive Optimization Example





Design Optimization Made Easy

pSeven provides easy and effective solution for most of industry optimization problems:

- Problem statement: single- or multi-objective, multidisciplinary, robust- or reliability-based
- Large dimensionality
- Continuous and/or discrete input parameters
- Nonlinear, multimodal or noisy objective functions and constraints
- Presence of implicit constraints (domains of undefined behavior)
- Presence of uncertainties
- Long calculation time

















Approximation Models

Approximation models are the **substitution** ("blackbox") of existing **data** and **simulation** models.

- Predict response function values for new designs
- Accelerate computation of complex simulation models by many orders of magnitude
- Use fast surrogate models in parametric and optimization studies
- Capture essential knowledge from vast amounts of data
- Easily and safely exchange surrogate models between partners preserving IP rights





Approximation in pSeven

Data can be very different in dimensionality, size and noisiness. Modeling may also require additional pre-and post-processing to collect data and assess the results.

pSeven is a **«Swiss army knife»** for creating approximation models:

- Data fusion construction of models from multi-fidelity data sources
- Accuracy and error assessment of constructed models
- Exact fit and smoothing
- Full control of the model construction time
- Handling of missing data and discontinuities
- Updating existing models with new data
- Combining of models
- Neutral Export to C, Octave, FMI, Excel







Approximation Techniques in pSeven

pSeven provides industry proven techniques for approximation:

- Piecewise Linear Approximation (PLA)
- ID Splines with tension (SPLT)
- Response Surface Model (RSM)
- Gaussian Processes (GP)
- Gradient Boosted Regression Trees (GBRT)
- High Dimensional Approximation (HDA)
- Tensor Approximation and Incomplete Tensor Approximation (TA, iTA)

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Techniques

...and other in-house techniques



User-Friendly GUI for Creating Approximation Models

pSeven **Model Builder** allows to easily set up approximation model creation:

- Select input and output data series
- Choose SmartSelection or Manual mode
- Add hints about the model (linear, exact fit, etc.)
- Build approximation model

After building model **export** it to:

Excel

FMI

• C

DLL

Executable file

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Model Builder in pSeven



Predictive Modeling

How to **predict** product behavior in various conditions? How to process **data** from **experiments** and **simulations** together? How to use huge data samples and simulations **faster**?



Predictive modeling is based on using approximation models created from available data or simulation.



SmartSelection for Automatic Choosing of Algorithms

pSeven doesn't require knowledge of a specific algorithm or technique and its settings from user:

- SmartSelection is available for optimization and approximation
- Set of options and hints helps user to describe problem and desired solution from his point of view, not from the algorithmic point of view
- SmartSelection automatically selects the most efficient technique or combination of techniques for a given problem and data, so users can concentrate on the engineering problem itself





Automatic Choosing of Best-in-Class Algorithms for Optimization and Approximation

Scalable and effective **optimization**:

- Full set of gradient-based algorithms for any type of problem
- Multi-objective surrogate-based optimization (SBO)
- Up to 100 input parameters for SBO

Flexible and accurate **approximation**:

- Data Fusion for building models from multi-fidelity data
- Full control over time, accuracy and missing data
- Calculation of error and gradient for predicted value
- Re-training and combining of models



pSeven vs. open optimization algorithms accuracy



pSeven vs. open approximation algorithms accuracy



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Roots of the Company



Company roots goes to European aviation and Russian mathematics:

- DATADVANCE has been incorporated in 2010 as a result of a collaborative research program by:
 - Airbus Group (formerly EADS) a global leader in aerospace and defense industry
 - Institute for Information Transmission Problems one of the leading mathematical centers in Russia with three Fields prize winners on the staff
- More than 200 engineers have been trained at Airbus





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