
Efficient calculation of the generalised Langevin equation

In the previous chapters, we have introduced our S-QN method. Since the calculation of the curvature-dependent mobility and its factorized form is very compute expensive, we also introduced an efficient factorized update scheme. The factorized update scheme (FSU) enables direct updates of the noise term and therefore avoids the compute expensive (Cholesky) factorization. In the previous chapter, where we applied S-QN to a minimal protein model, the small number of degrees of freedom (n) rendered FSU appropriate for the calculation of the mobility matrix. For very large systems, however, storage and modification of full matrices becomes inefficient and L-FSU is more appropriate. Nevertheless, in Chapter 3 we have only considered L-FSU for a quadratic potential, i.e. the case where the spurious drift term vanishes. In this chapter, we clarify how to efficiently combine L-FSU and the scheme introduced by Hütter and Öttinger [39], that applies when the spurious drift term becomes significant and involves the calculation of the inverse of B .

5.1. Introduction

Our starting point is the generalized Langevin equation:

$$d\mathbf{x} = [-B(\mathbf{x})\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}) + k_B T \nabla \cdot B(\mathbf{x})]dt + \sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x})dW(t), \quad (5.1)$$

where $B(\mathbf{x}) = J(\mathbf{x})J(\mathbf{x})^T$. It is clear that factorization of $B(\mathbf{x})$ and calculation of $\nabla \cdot B(\mathbf{x})$ are of the highest computational complexity.

Avoid factorizing the mobility

Using our proposed factorized secant update (FSU) scheme from Chapter 3, a direct update of J is possible;

$$J_{k+1} = J_k + \frac{\alpha \mathbf{s}_k \mathbf{y}_k^T J_k - \alpha^2 J_k J_k^T \mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k^T J_k}{\mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{s}_k}, \quad (5.2)$$

where $\mathbf{s}_k = \mathbf{x}_{k-1} - \mathbf{x}_k$, $\mathbf{y}_k = \nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) - \nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}_k)$ and

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{s}_k}{\mathbf{y}_k^T J_k J_k^T \mathbf{y}_k}. \quad (5.3)$$

Avoid calculating the divergence of the mobility

Using the scheme of Hütter and Öttinger [39], no explicit calculation of the divergence of the mobility is needed;

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}_k \quad (5.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathbf{x}_k &= -\frac{1}{2}[B(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}_k^p)\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}_k^p) + B(\mathbf{x}_k)\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}_k)]\Delta t \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}[B(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta\mathbf{x}_k^p)B^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_k) + I]\sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k)\Delta W_t, \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

$$\Delta\mathbf{x}_k^p = -B(\mathbf{x}_k)\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}_k)\Delta t + \sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k)\Delta W_t. \quad (5.6)$$

where (5.6) is the predictor step and (5.4) is the correction. Although this predictor-correction scheme avoids the calculation of the divergence of B , other costs are involved, notably the significant costs for the calculation of the inverse.

Fortunately the DFP update scheme (equivalent to FSU) for B_k is of such a form

that the Sherman-Morrison theorem can be applied to calculate the exact inverse of $B^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_k) = G(\mathbf{x}_k) = G_k$ in (5.5)

$$G_k = \left(I - \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}\mathbf{s}_{k-1}^T}{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}^T\mathbf{s}_{k-1}}\right)G_{k-1}\left(I - \frac{\mathbf{s}_{k-1}\mathbf{y}_{k-1}^T}{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}^T\mathbf{s}_{k-1}}\right) + \frac{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}\mathbf{y}_{k-1}^T}{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}^T\mathbf{s}_{k-1}}. \quad (5.7)$$

Using FSU and the update scheme of Hütter and Öttinger together with (5.7) decreases the computational cost from $O(n^3)$ to $O(n^2)$.

5.2. Theory

The Sherman-Morrison formula is a special form of the Woodbury formula for the inverse of a rank k correction matrix and is given by

$$\left[A + \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T\right]^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{A^{-1}\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T A^{-1}}{1 + \mathbf{v}^T A^{-1}\mathbf{u}}, \quad (5.8)$$

for an invertible square matrix A and vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} . Since the update scheme (5.2) is of the same form as the left hand side of equation (5.8), the inverse of J_{k+1} can be written as

$$J_{k+1}^{-1} = F_{k+1} = F_k - F_k \frac{\mathbf{s}_k - \alpha_k J_k J_k^T \mathbf{y}_k}{\mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{s}_k} \mathbf{y}_k^T, \quad (5.9)$$

where $J_k^{-1} = F_k$. It is easily checked that $J_{k+1}F_{k+1} = I$. In equation (5.5) only B^{-1} occurs and the factorized form of B^{-1} seems redundant. However deriving F_k enables us to rewrite B^{-1} in a suitable way for a limited memory construction of B^{-1} . Rewrite $B^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1})$ as

$$F_{k+1}^T F_{k+1} = W_k^T W_{k-1}^T \dots W_0^T F_0^T F_0 W_0 \dots W_{k-1} W_k, \quad (5.10)$$

with

$$W_k = \left(I - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k - \alpha_k J_k J_k^T \mathbf{y}_k}{\mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{s}_k} \mathbf{y}_k^T\right) = \left(I - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k - \alpha_k \mathbf{h}_k}{\mathbf{y}_k^T \mathbf{s}_k} \mathbf{y}_k^T\right) \quad (5.11)$$

$$= \left(I + \frac{1}{\alpha_k \nu_k} \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{y}_k^T\right), \quad (5.12)$$

where $\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{h}_k - \mathbf{s}_k/\alpha_k$, $\mathbf{h}_k = J_k J_k^T \mathbf{y}_k$ and $\nu_k = \mathbf{h}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k$. The inverse of the mobility is now casted in a factorized form (5.10) where a recursive expression (obtained by

loop unrolling), can serve as a basis for limited-memory implementation. Since the case for $k < m$ is trivial, we only consider the case where k is larger than or equal to the truncation parameter m . Following the derivation of L-FSU in appendix B, we derived the limited-memory case of B_{k+1}^{-1} for $k \geq m$

$$F_{k+1}^T F_{k+1} = \tilde{W}_k^T \tilde{W}_{k-1}^T \dots \tilde{W}_{k-m+1}^T F_0 F_0^T \tilde{W}_{k-m+1} \dots \tilde{W}_{k-1} \tilde{W}_k. \quad (5.13)$$

The $\tilde{\cdot}$ above W_k indicates that W_k is defined as in equation (5.11) with truncated J_k , i.e.

$$J_k = \tilde{V}_{k-1} \dots \tilde{V}_{k-m+1} J_0, \quad (5.14)$$

where \tilde{V}_k is defined as

$$\tilde{V}_k = \left(I - \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k}{\tilde{\alpha}_k} \right) \mathbf{y}_k^T \right), \quad (5.15)$$

with truncated J_k in $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k$ and $\tilde{\alpha}_k$.

Alternatively, the limited memory case of B_{k+1}^{-1} can be found by solving the rewritten $B_{k+1} B_{k+1}^{-1} = I$ as

$$[J_0^T \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \tilde{V}_{k-m+i}^T \right)]^T J_0^T \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \tilde{V}_{k-m+i}^T \right) [Z_0 \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \tilde{Z}_{k-m+i} \right)]^T Z_0 \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \tilde{Z}_{k-m+i} \right) = I, \quad (5.16)$$

where \tilde{V}_i is given in (5.15). A solution for equation (5.16) is found by solving \tilde{Z}_k in

$$\tilde{V}_k^{-1} = \tilde{Z}_k, \quad (5.17)$$

and set $Z_0^T = J_0^{-T}$. Equation (5.17) can easily solved by applying the Sherman-Morrison formula on (5.15) which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}_k &= \left(I - \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k}{\tilde{\alpha}_k} \right) \mathbf{y}_k^T \right)^{-1} \\ &= I - \frac{-1}{\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k}{\tilde{\alpha}_k} \right) \mathbf{y}_k^T / \left(1 + \frac{-\mathbf{y}_k^T}{\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k}{\tilde{\alpha}_k} \right) \right) = I + \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k} \left(\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_k - \frac{\mathbf{s}_k}{\tilde{\alpha}_k} \right) \mathbf{y}_k^T / \tilde{\alpha}_k \\ &= I + \frac{1}{\alpha_k \nu_k} \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{y}_k^T. \end{aligned} \quad (5.18)$$

Evidently (5.18) is the same as the derived \tilde{W}_k from the truncated $F_{k+1}^T F_{k+1}$.

5.3. Discussion and Conclusion

Having derived a limited memory scheme for B^{-1} , we are now able to calculate the general Langevin equation in a complete limited memory way. Using the limited memory method will not only limit the storage needed, but the computational cost will decrease significantly. We finalize this chapter by considering the total computational cost of the general Langevin equation with adaptive mobility using the limited memory method. Only considering the computational load of the displacement (5.5) is sufficient since the predictor term (5.6) also appears in the displacement and thus reusable. Written out the discretized displacement gives

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_k = -\frac{1}{2} B(\mathbf{x}_k^p) \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}_k^p) \Delta t \quad (5.19a)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} B(\mathbf{x}_k) \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta t \quad (5.19b)$$

$$+\frac{1}{2} B(\mathbf{x}_k^p) B^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_k) \sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta W_t \quad (5.19c)$$

$$+\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta W_t, \quad (5.19d)$$

where $\mathbf{x}_k^p = \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta \mathbf{x}_k^p$. Terms (5.19b) and (5.19d) has already been discussed in the previous chapter: the computational costs are $10mn + 2n$ and $2mn + n$ respectively, where m is the truncation parameter or history depth and n the system size (dimension). The computational cost of term (5.19b) is an addition of the cost for the force times the limited factorized $B(\mathbf{x}_k)$ ($5mn+n$) and the cost for calculating \mathbf{h}_k , needed for the next time step. The computational cost for term (5.19a) is $5mn + n$ since it can be calculated in the same way as for (5.19b). Rest us to calculate the cost for term (5.19c). Since the vector $\sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta W_t$ has already been calculated, we concentrate on the calculation of the vector times the limited factorized $B(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1}$, which can be casted in the following scheme

$$\mathbf{d} = \sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta W_t; \quad (5.20)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{for} \ i = k - 1, \dots, \max(0, k - m) \\
 \quad \gamma_i = \mathbf{y}_i^T \mathbf{d}; \\
 \quad \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{h}_i - \mathbf{s}_i / \alpha_i; \\
 \quad \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d} + (\gamma_i / \alpha_i \nu_i) \mathbf{v}_i; \\
 \mathbf{end}
 \end{array} \right. \quad (5.21)$$

$$\mathbf{d} = F_0^T F_0 \mathbf{d}; \quad (5.22)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{for} \ i = \max(0, k - m), \dots, k - 1 \\
 \quad \omega_i = \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{d}; \\
 \quad \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d} + (\omega_i / \alpha_i \nu_i) \mathbf{y}_i; \\
 \mathbf{end}
 \end{array} \right. \quad (5.23)$$

$$\mathbf{stop \ with \ result} \ \mathbf{d} = F(\mathbf{x}_k)^T F(\mathbf{x}_k) \mathbf{d} = B(\mathbf{x}_k)^{-1} \sqrt{2k_B T} J(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta W_t, \quad (5.24)$$

where the \sim has been omitted for simpler notation. The first loop recursion (5.21) and second loop recursion (5.23) require $3mn$ and $2mn$ multiplications respectively; if $F_0^T F_0$ is diagonal, then n additional multiplications are needed. The vector (5.24) can be used to multiply with the limited version of $B(\mathbf{x}_k + \Delta \mathbf{x}_k^p)$, which are an additional $5mn + n$ multiplications. This gives us a total of $10mn + 2n$ multiplications for term (5.19c). The computational costs are summarized and compared in the table below. Clearly the computational complexity of the limited memory method is reduced significantly compared to the conventional calculation methods and FSU.

term \ scheme	Conventional		FSU		L-FSU	
	operation	cost	operation	cost	operation	cost
$J(\mathbf{x}_k)J(\mathbf{x}_k)^T \mathbf{y}_k$	NA		NA		store as \mathbf{h}_k $[JJ^T]_{\text{lim}} \mathbf{v}$	$5mn + n$
$B(\mathbf{x}_k^p) \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}_k^p)$	$B_{\text{DFP}} \mathbf{v}$	$2n^2 + O(n)$	$B_{\text{DFP}} \mathbf{v}$	$2n^2 + O(n)$	$[JJ^T]_{\text{lim}} \mathbf{v}$	$5mn + n$
$B(\mathbf{x}_k) \nabla \Phi(\mathbf{x}_k)$	update $B(\mathbf{x}_k)$ $B_{\text{DFP}} \mathbf{v}$	$2n^2 + O(n)$ $n^2 + O(n)$	update $B(\mathbf{x}_k)$ $B_{\text{DFP}} \mathbf{v}$	$2n^2 + O(n)$ $n^2 + O(n)$	store $\mathbf{y}_{k-1}, \mathbf{s}_{k-1}$ $[JJ^T]_{\text{lim}} \mathbf{v}$	$5mn + n$
$J(\mathbf{x}_k) \Delta W_f (= \mathbf{w})$	$\text{Chol}(B(\mathbf{x}_k))$ $J_{\text{Chol}} \mathbf{v}$	$O(n^3)$ $n^2 + O(n)$	update $J(\mathbf{x}_k)$ $J_{\text{FSU}} \mathbf{v}$	$4n^2 + O(n)$ $n^2 + O(n)$	$[JJ^T]_{\text{lim}} \mathbf{v}$	$2mn + n$
$B(\mathbf{x}_k^p) B^{-1} \mathbf{w}$	inv($B(\mathbf{x}_k)$) $B_{\text{DFP}} B^{-1} \mathbf{v}$	$O(n^3)$ $3n^2 + O(n)$	SM($B(\mathbf{x}_k)$) $B_{\text{DFP}} B^{-1} \mathbf{v}$	$2\frac{1}{2}n^2 + O(n)$ $3n^2 + O(n)$	$[JJ^T F^T F]_{\text{lim}} \mathbf{v}$	$10mn + n$

$B_{\text{xxx}} \mathbf{v}$ is the matrix vector multiplication where B is obtained by applying scheme xxx
 $\text{Chol}(B)$ is the Cholesky decomposition applied on B
 $\text{inv}(B)$ is the inverse calculation (Gaussian elimination) for the matrix B ,
 $\text{SM}(B)$ is the inverse calculation using the Sherman–Morrison formula for the matrix B
 $[\dots]_{\text{lim}} \mathbf{v}$ is the vector obtained using the limited memory methods

Table 5.1: Computational cost comparison using different schemes.

Reducing computational complexity and saving on storage is very important for simulating large systems. In this chapter we achieved to construct a limited-memory scheme for the generalized S-QN method. Combining the limited memory scheme with the automated multi-scaling property of the alternative mobility gives us a very powerful method for configurational space sampling with good thermodynamical consistency.

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