

# Abstract

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This MMSC thesis will further explore general kernel spectral methods for finding equilibrium measures where initial progress made in [Gutleb, Carrillo and Olver 2020](#) and [Gutleb, Carrillo and Olver 2021](#).

**Keywords:** Equilibrium Measures

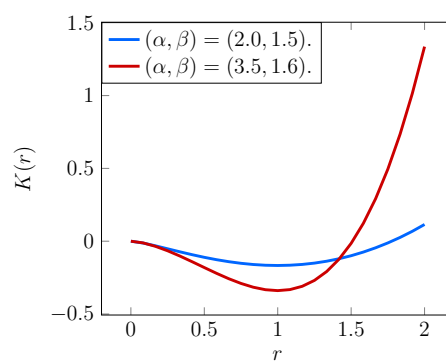
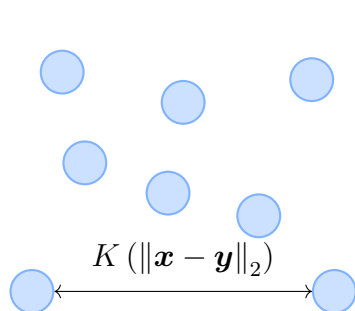
**Languages:** C++, Julia, Python

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction



**(a)**  $N = 8$  particles interacting with one another through the potential  $K(r)$ . **(b)** Plot of attractive-repulsive potential functions  $K(r) = \frac{r^\alpha}{\alpha} - \frac{r^\beta}{\beta}$  for different  $\alpha, \beta$ .

Cf. Figure 1.1a and Figure 1.1b.

# Just Notes

This chapter's purpose is for the collection of notes, and it will not be included in the final dissertation.

## Special Functions we like

**Pochhammer's falling symbol**  $(x)_n := \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (x - k)$ .

**Pochhammer's rising symbol**  $(x)^n := \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (x + k)$ .

**Hypergeometric series**

$${}_pF_q(a_1, \dots, a_p; b_1, \dots, b_q; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n \cdots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n \cdots (b_q)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}.$$

**Hypergeometric function**

$${}_2F_1(a, -n; c; z) = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} \frac{(a)_j}{(c)_j} z^j.$$

(A special case of the hypergeometric series with  $p = 2$ ,  $q = 1$ ).

**Jacobi (=hypergeometric) polynomials**

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(z) := \frac{(\alpha + 1)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1\left(-n, 1 + \alpha + \beta + n; \alpha + 1; \frac{1}{2}(1 - z)\right).$$

**Gegenbauer (=ultraspherical) polynomials**

$$C_n^{(\lambda)}(z) := \frac{(2\lambda)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1\left(-n, 2\lambda + n; \lambda + \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1 - z}{2}\right) = \frac{(2\lambda)_n}{(\lambda + \frac{1}{2})_n} P_n^{(\lambda-1/2, \lambda-1/2)}(x).$$

They satisfy a three-term recurrence relation (as all orthogonal polynomials do!)

$$\begin{aligned}C_0^{(\lambda)}(x) &= 1 \\C_1^{(\lambda)}(x) &= 2\lambda x \\(n+1)C_{n+1}^{(\lambda)}(x) &= 2(n+\lambda)x C_n^{(\lambda)}(x) - (n+2\lambda-1)C_{n-1}^{(\lambda)}(x).\end{aligned}$$

From Wikipedia: In spectral methods for solving differential equations, if a function is expanded in the basis of Chebyshev polynomials and its derivative is represented in a Gegenbauer/ultraspherical basis, then the derivative operator becomes a diagonal matrix, leading to fast banded matrix methods for large problems ([Olver and Townsend 2013](#)).

## Chapter 2

## Conclusion

In the present thesis, we explored the interesting realm of particle-particle interactions. Next to the written part, the reader will find an implementation of the particle simulator, including a Graphical User Interface (GUI), as well as the numerical solver.

# Acronyms, Definitions and Theorems

GUI Graphical User Interface

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**Definitions**

**Theorems**

**Lemmata**

**Remarks**

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