

# General Kernel Spectral Methods for Equilibrium Measures

## MMSC Dissertation



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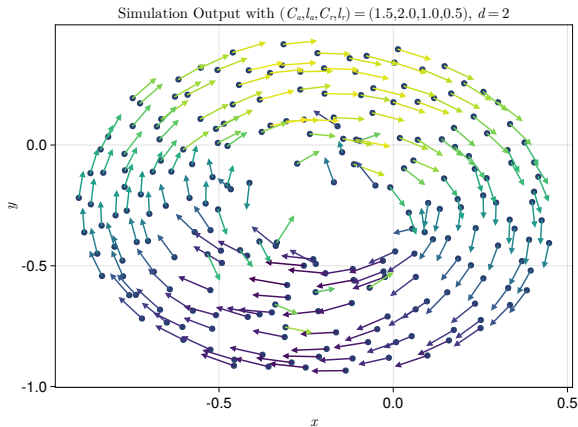


Figure:  $N_p = 120$  particles in  $d = 2$  dimensions. Morse potential, friction and self-propulsion terms are as given in [1], this figure reproduces their results

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For example: in a two-particle system,  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \delta(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_1) + \delta(\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2)$  to see that  $U_K[\hat{\rho}] = K(0) + K(\|\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2\|_2)$ , and hence, the total energy becomes

$$E = \frac{m}{2} \left( \|\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1\|_2^2 + \|\hat{\mathbf{v}}_2\|_2^2 \right) + K(0) + K(\|\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{p}}_2\|_2).$$

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We then consider a **spectral method** with the following ansatz

$$\rho[\boldsymbol{\rho}](\boldsymbol{x}) = \rho(\boldsymbol{x}) := \left(1 - \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_2^2\right)^{m - \frac{\alpha+d}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \rho_k P_k^{\left(m - \frac{\alpha+d}{2}, \frac{d-2}{2}\right)}(2\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_2^2 - 1), \quad (1)$$

with  $P_k^{(a,b)}$  and  $\rho_k$  the  $k$ th Jacobi polynomial and its corresponding coefficient.

## Definition (Power Law Operator $\mathcal{Q}^\beta$ )

The power law operator  $\mathcal{Q}^\beta : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{Q}^\beta[\rho](\mathbf{x}) := \int \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^\beta \, \mathrm{d}\rho(\mathbf{y}) = \int_{\text{supp}(\rho)} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^\beta \rho(\mathbf{y}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{y}.$$

Applied to the ansatz given in Equation (1), we can evaluate the appearing integrals **explicitly**. For the attractive-repulsive interaction kernel

$K_{\alpha,\beta}(r) = \frac{r^\alpha}{\alpha} - \frac{r^\beta}{\beta}$ , the matrix representation of the operator becomes

$$Q_{\alpha,\beta} := \frac{R^{\alpha+d}}{\alpha} Q^\alpha - \frac{R^{\beta+d}}{\beta} Q^\beta. \quad (2)$$

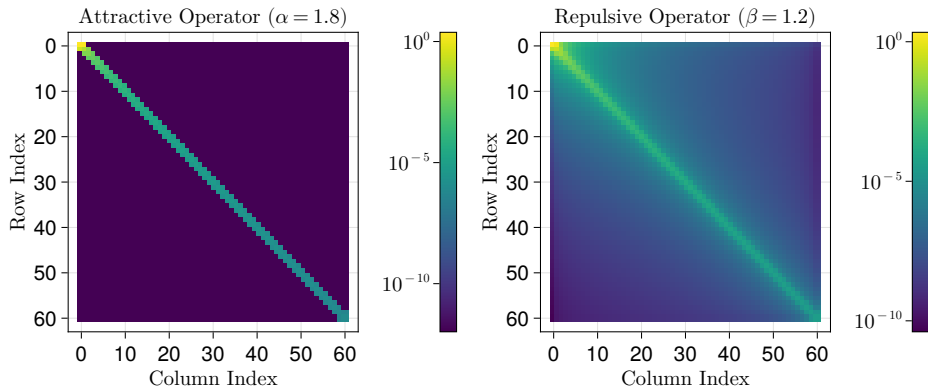


Figure: The attractive and repulsive operators (matrices), the (absolute) matrix values are shown in a  $\log_{10}$  colour scale. Due to the choice of basis, the attractive operator is exactly banded.



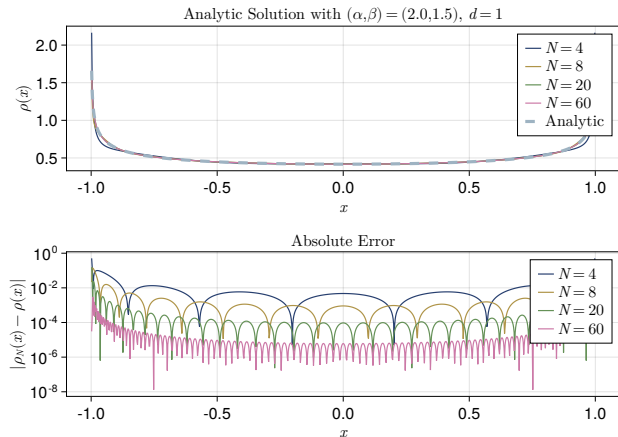


Figure: The analytical solution  $\rho(x)$  compared to the (spectral method) solutions  $\rho_N(x)$  of different order.

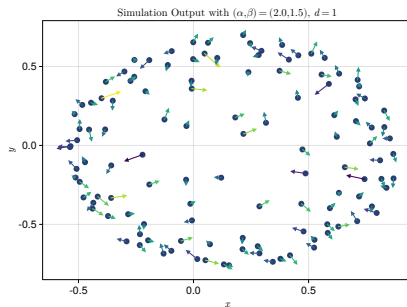


Figure: Simulation output with  $N_p = 150$  particles using the same attractive-repulsive kernel  $K_{\alpha, \beta}(r)$ .

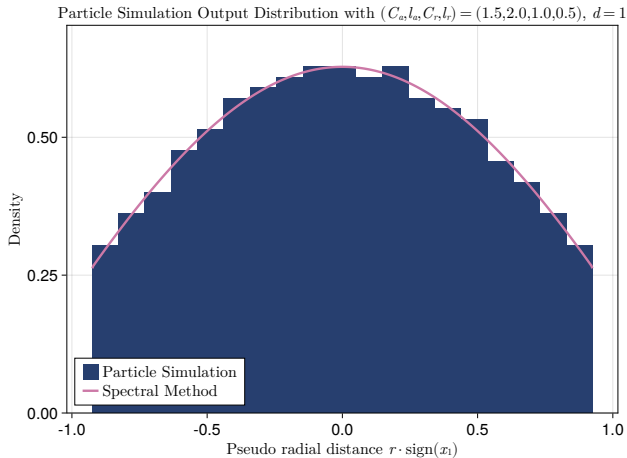


Figure: Comparison of the radial distance histogram from the simulation output with the  $G = 8$  general kernel solver's equilibrium measure  $\rho_{12}(r)$  at  $R$  given by the

We express the general kernel as a polynomial, through reprojection from the Jacobi polynomials,

$$K_G(r) = \sum_{l=0}^{G-1} g_l r^l \approx K(r), \quad \mathbf{g} := (g_0, \dots, g_{G-1})^T \in \mathbb{R}^G. \quad (3)$$

The operator can then be expressed as

$$\mathcal{Q}_G[\hat{\rho}](\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \int_{B_R(\mathbf{0})} \sum_{l=0}^{G-1} g_l \|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|_2^l \hat{\rho}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \, \mathrm{d}\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \sum_{l=0}^{G-1} g_l R^{l+d} \mathcal{Q}^l[\rho](\mathbf{x}).$$

## Contributions:

- ▶ An original implementation.
- ▶ General kernel spectral method + implementation.
- ▶ Lemma for initial guess of  $R$ .

## Challenges:

- ▶ Synchronisation of simulator and solver.

## Future Work:

- ▶ Describing phase-space distributions in a self-propulsion setup.

Thank you.

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