

# Shepard Method and RBF

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Given data  $(x_k, f_k)$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N$  with  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $f_k \in \mathbb{R}$ , find a function  $\tilde{f}(x)$  such that  $\tilde{f}(x_k) \approx f_k$ .

# Scatter data

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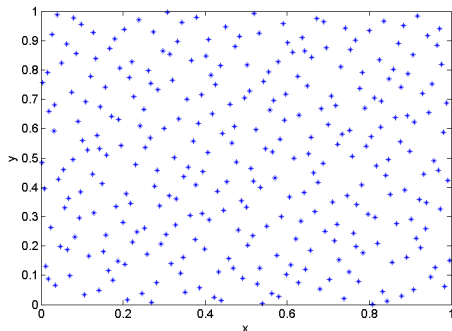


Figure: 300 scatter data points given by haltonseq.m in  $[0, 1]^2$

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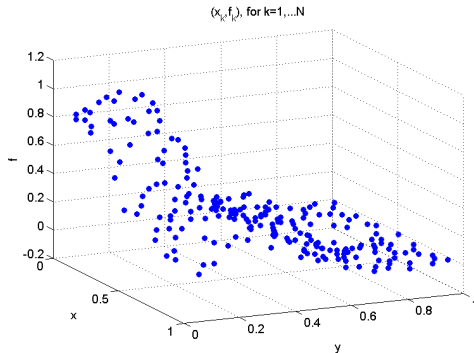


Figure: Given scatter data with locations and the value at locations

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There are different methods to address given approximation problem. Here, we will discuss on the following methods:

- Radial Basis Function(RBF)
- Shepard Method

# RBFs

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| Type                       | $\phi(r)$                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| linear                     | $r$                              |
| cubic                      | $r^3$                            |
| Gaussian                   | $\exp(-cr^2)$                    |
| polyharmonic               | $r^{2n-1}, n \in \mathbb{N}$     |
| polyharmonic               | $r^{2n} \ln r, n \in \mathbb{N}$ |
| multiquadrics(MQ)          | $\sqrt{r^2 + c^2}$               |
| thin-plate spline(TPS)     | $r^2 \ln(r)$                     |
| inverse multiquadrics(IMQ) | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + c^2}}$     |

Table: Different types of Radial Basis Functions

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| $\phi(r)$                     | Smoothness | $d$ |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----|
| $(1-r)_+^2$                   | $C^0$      | 3   |
| $(1-r)_+^3$                   | $C^0$      | 5   |
| $(1-r)_+^4(4r+1)$             | $C^2$      | 3   |
| $(1-r)_+^5(5r+1)$             | $C^2$      | 5   |
| $(1-r)_+^6(35r^2+18r+3)$      | $C^4$      | 3   |
| $(1-r)_+^7(16r^2+7r+1)$       | $C^4$      | 5   |
| $(1-r)_+^8(32r^3+25r^2+8r+1)$ | $C^6$      | 3   |

**Table:** Wendland CSRBF with positive definiteness in the maximum dimension  $d$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$



# RBF approximation

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Find a function  $\tilde{f}$  which is linear combination of translates  $\phi(\|x - x_k\|_2)$  of a single **RBF**. i.e.

$$\tilde{f}(x) := \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\|x - x_k\|_2) \quad (1)$$

Where,  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  are centers or trial points.  
such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\|x_i - x_k\|_2) \approx f(x_i), i = 1, \dots, N$$

# Example

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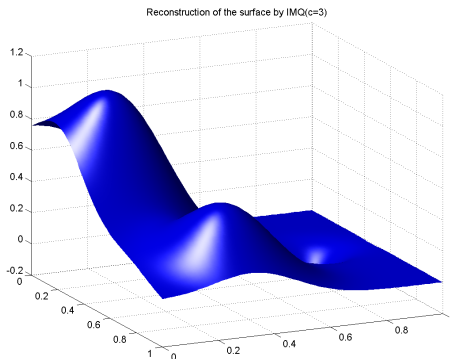
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**Figure:** Reconstruction surface of the data given in Figure(1) by using IMQ( $c=3$ )

# Problem in RBF approximation

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- Matrix size
- Singularity problem
- Ill condition problem

# Original Shepard Method

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Inverse weighted interpolation by Shepard[1968]

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n W_k(x) f_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n W_k(x)} \quad (2)$$

Where,

$W_k(x) = \frac{1}{\|x - x^k\|^p}$  is the weight function.

$p$  is the positive real number the most frequent choice is  $p = 2$ .

The interpolant is arbitrarily often differentiable if  $p > 1$ .

If  $p > 1$ , the first derivative vanish at the data points, i.e., the interpolant has flat spots.

# Centers-Test point Plot

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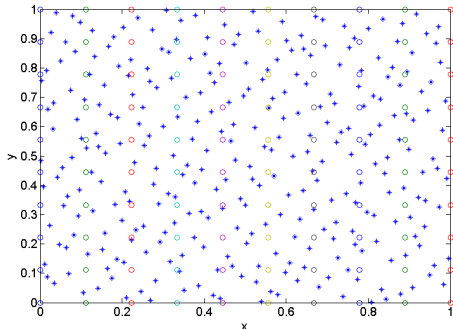
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**Figure:** 300 halton points as centers are depicted by blue dots and  $10 \times 10$  mesh grid as test points are depicted by different colors of circle

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$$W_K(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + c^2}} \\ \sqrt{r^2 + c^2} \\ \exp(-cr^2) \end{cases}$$

where,  $c$  is a shape parameter and  $r = \|x - x_k\|_2$

# Modified Shepard Method

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$$\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n W_k(x) P_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n W_k(x)} \quad (3)$$

Where,  $P_k(x)$  is a local approximant to the function  $f(x)$  centered at  $x^{(k)}$ , with the property that  $P_k(x^k) = f_k$ .

$W_k$  are the weight functions

# 5000 halton points

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## Franke function reconstruction

| weight function            | c    | Maximum Error  | RMSE           |
|----------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| $\frac{1}{r^c}$            | 3.8  | 4.2701931e-002 | 4.4337975e-003 |
| $\exp(-cr^2)$              | 49.9 | 3.6801260e-002 | 3.7288021e-003 |
| $\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2+c^2}}$ | 0.1  | 6.2239628e-001 | 2.0765431e-001 |
| $\sqrt{r^2+c^2}$           | 49.9 | 7.9426843e-001 | 2.8801391e-001 |

**Table:** Comparision of some shepard-rbf Error, parameter search within [0.1, 50]

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| weight function            | Elapsed time |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| $\frac{1}{r^c}$            | 20.027614    |
| $\exp(-cr^2)$              | 10.126375    |
| $\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2+c^2}}$ | 8.4988990    |
| $\sqrt{r^2+c^2}$           | 9.2344572    |

**Table:** Comparision of some shepard-rbf Elapsed time , parameter search within [0.1, 50]

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| weight function            | c    | Maximum Error  | RMSE           |
|----------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| $\frac{1}{r^c}$            | 3.8  | 2.1755331e-002 | 3.1956403e-003 |
| $\exp(-cr^2)$              | 49.9 | 3.0581758e-002 | 3.5173726e-003 |
| $\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2+c^2}}$ | 0.1  | 6.2250591e-001 | 2.0762788e-001 |
| $\sqrt{r^2+c^2}$           | 49.9 | 7.9430642e-001 | 2.8801364e-001 |

**Table:** Comparision of some shepard-rbf Error with optimum shape parameter search interval [0.1, 50]

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| weight function            | Elapsed time |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| $\frac{1}{r^c}$            | 36.263805    |
| $\exp(-cr^2)$              | 17.916682    |
| $\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2+c^2}}$ | 16.196735    |
| $\sqrt{r^2+c^2}$           | 14.032800    |

Table: Comparision of some shepard-rbf Elapsed time

$$W_k(x) = \exp(-cr^2)$$

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| centers | c     | Maximum Error  | RMSE           |
|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| 5000    | 70.64 | 3.5939227e-002 | 3.2760768e-003 |
| 9000    | 97.52 | 1.8866434e-002 | 2.4207751e-003 |

| centers | Elapsed time |
|---------|--------------|
| 5000    | 5.5022027    |
| 9000    | 9.0705696    |

**Table:** shepard-rbf error at optimum shape parameter search interval [0.1, 2000]

# Error Plot

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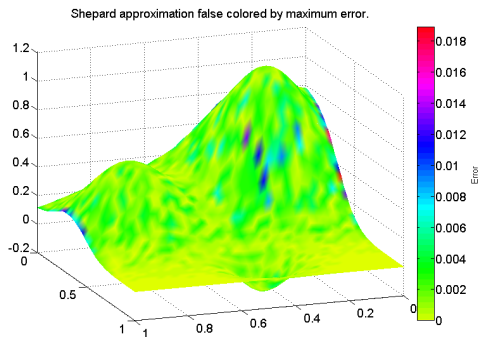


Figure: 9000 halton points as centers and  $40 \times 40$  mesh grid plot

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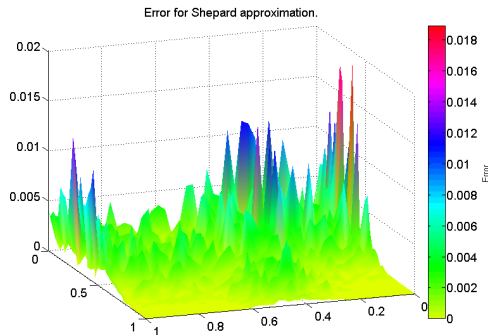
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**Figure:** maximum Error plot with 9000 halton points as centers and  $40 \times 40$  mesh grid

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## Franke function

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| centers         | 10,000 halton              |
| testpoint       | 300 random                 |
| compact support | $\frac{1}{1.1675979e+001}$ |
| Maximum Error   | 6.3931220e-002             |
| RMSE            | 6.3358452e-003             |
| Elapsed time    | 56.718323                  |

**Table:**  $W_k(x) = \phi(r) = (1 - r)_+^6(35r^2 + 18r + 3)$ , compact support  
search interval  $[0.001, 50]$

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$$f(x, y, z) = 64x(1-x)y(1-y)z(1-z)$$

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|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| centers         | 10,000 halton              |
| testpoint       | 300 random                 |
| compact support | $\frac{1}{1.3961674e+001}$ |
| Maximum Error   | 5.0674751e-002             |
| RMSE            | 8.4752704e-003             |
| Elapsed time    | 61.992737                  |

**Table:**  $W_k(x) = \phi(r) = (1-r)_+^6(35r^2 + 18r + 3)$ , shape parameter search interval [0.001, 50]



# Leave one out cross validation(LOOCV)

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formula given by Rippa

$$e_k = \frac{c_k}{A_{kk}^{-1}};$$

where,  $e_k$  is the Error vector to be minimized.

$c_k$  is the  $k^{th}$  coefficient in the expansion of the approximation.

$A_{kk}^{-1}$  is the  $k^{th}$  diagonal element of the inverse of the corresponding interpolation matrix.

# Gaussian rbf by cross validation

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## Franke function

| N    | shape parameter | Maximum Error  | RMSE           |
|------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 343  | 6.0965519       | 3.4318758e-002 | 7.7272934e-004 |
| 1000 | 6.5627591       | 7.3487096e-005 | 1.0522727e-006 |
| 1200 | 6.2563583       | 9.2088373e-005 | 1.3946066e-006 |

**Table:** Gaussian rbf error with cross validation search for shape parameter in [1, 50]

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| N    | time for cross validation | evaluation time |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 343  | 2.4576790                 | 0.30508195      |
| 1000 | 39.385719                 | 1.0710304       |
| 1200 | 96.475370                 | 1.1619227       |

**Table:** Time for Gaussian rbf evaluation process with cross validation search for shape parameter in  $[1, 50]$

# Advantage of shepard

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- We can work with huge data.
- It takes few amount of time than global rbf.
- Works for higher dimension
- No ill condition problem

# Disadvantage of shepard

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- relatively high error compared with global rbf using cross validation
- smothness problem

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So, if we have small amount of data and we need high accuracy, Global rbf with cross validation is the best method for above mentioned examples. But, we should aware with the execution time for the cross validation.

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