

Overview of Nyström high-order quadratures for boundary integral equations

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Overview

Goal: evaluate layer potential

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = (K\sigma)(\mathbf{x}) := \int_{\Gamma} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\sigma(\mathbf{y})dS_y, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

- Two routes to discretizing Γ and σ :

Global: efficient for simple, smooth geometries

trapezoidal rule, spherical harmonics

Local: adaptivity for complex geometries

G-L panels, triangular/quadrilateral elements

- Two routes to discretizing the operator:

Galerkin: project integral operator onto a basis

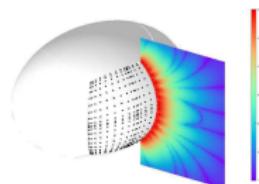
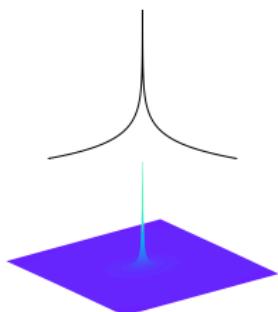
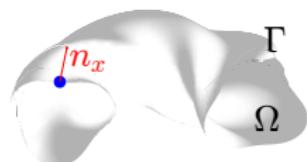
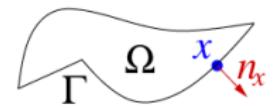
more mature convergence theory, industrial codes

Nyström: approx. integral operator at quadr. points

faster set-up, basically same accuracy at same order

- Computational Tools:

chunkie (2D), fmm3dbie (3D), et al.



Overview: local discretization and Nyström

Goal: evaluate layer potential due to $\Gamma = \cup \gamma_m$

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = (K\sigma)(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_m \int_{\gamma_m} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \sigma(\mathbf{y}) dS_y$$

in particular, compute $u(\mathbf{x})$ for $\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma$ to get linear system for σ

- A sampling of integration ideas:

- adaptive integration

- generalized Gaussian quadr.

- integration by parts

- Discretizing operator K :

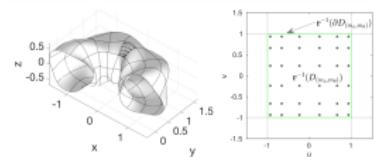
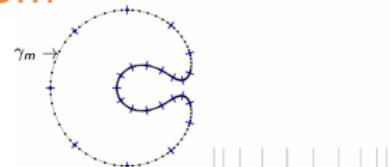
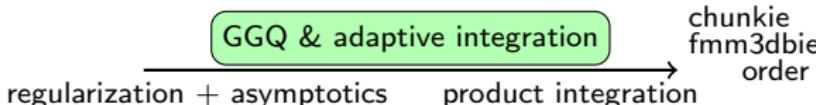
- on smooth curves is a solved problem

- on curves with corners is also no trouble

- on smooth surfaces currently is $10^3 - 10^4$ targs/sec/core

- surfaces with singularities 3D corners, cones, and edges

- related: high aspect ratio / skew panels



1D integral

weak: $\int_{\Gamma} \log |x - y| dy$

strong: $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{|x-y|} dy$

hyper: $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} dy$

super: $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{|x-y|^3} dy$

2D integral

weak: $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{|x-y|} dy$

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Discretization of Γ and σ

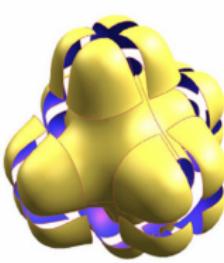
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peri. trap. rule



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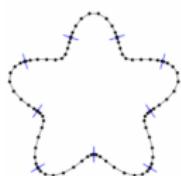


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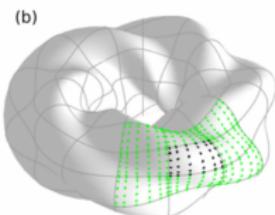
(Veerapaneni et al.)

(Ying et al.)

- (L) local: adaptivity for complex geometries

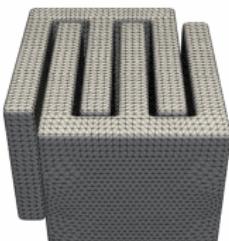


G-L panels



(b)

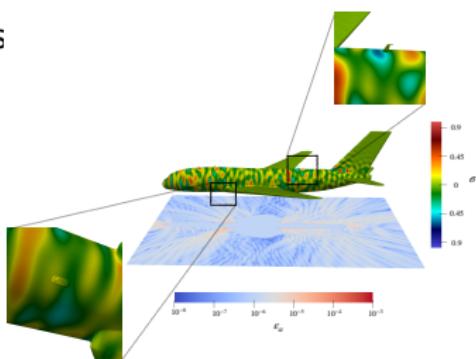
G-L quads



4th-ord tri's

(Barnett et al.)

(Greengard et al.)



industrial geoms.

Quadrature literature

Auxiliary nodes/patches: (Barnett-Greengard-Hagstrom '20, Greengard-O'Neil-Rachh-Vico '21)

GGQ: (Ma-Rokhlin-Wandzura '96; Yarvin-Rokhlin '98; Bremer '12; Bremer-Gimbutas-Rokhlin '10, Bremer-Gimbutas '12, ...)

QBX and hedgehog: (Klöckner-Barnett-Greengard-O'Neil '13; Morse-Rahimian-Zorin '21; Af Klinteberg-Tornberg '16; Siegel-Tornberg '18; Wala-Klöckner '18, ...)

Change of variable/singularity cancelation: (Ying-Biros-Zorin '06; Malhotra-Cerfon-Imbert-Gérard-O'Neil '19; Erichsen-Sauter '98; Gimbutas-Veerapaneni '13, ...)

Kernel regularization: (Beale '01; Tlupova-Beale '19; Pérez-Arancibia-Faria-Turc '18; Dong-Lai-Li '20; Bao-Xu-Yin '17 ...)

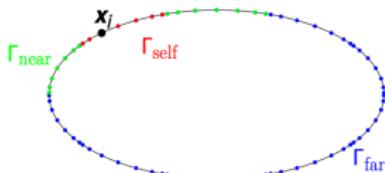
Corner/Open surface: (Helsing-Ojala '08; Helsing '11; Helsing-Jiang '18; Helsing-Jiang '22; Rachh-Serkh '17; Hoskins-Rachh '19; Bremer-Rokhlin-Sammis '10; Bremer-Rokhlin-Sammis '10; Serkh-Rokhlin '16; Gopal-Trefethen '19; Kress '90 ...)

Kernel Split: (Helsing-Karlsson '14; Helsing-Holst '15; Fryklund-Af Klinteberg-Tornberg '19 ...)

And many more: (Kress '91; Alpert '95; Kapur-Rokhlin '97; Duan-Rokhlin '08; Kolm-Rokhlin '01; Wu-Martinsson '22; Xiao-Gimbutas '10; Bremer-Gimbutas '12; Barnett-Wu-Veerapaneni '15; Stein-Barnett '22; Af Klinteberg-Barnett '21; Af Klinteberg '23; Bao-Hua-Lai-Zhang '23; Malhotra-Barnett '23 ...)

Quadrature tasks and categories

- task A) fill A^{far} : $|x_i - x_j| > d$, use smooth quadr, $A_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)w_j$
- task B) fill A^{near} : $|x_i - x_j| < d$, need near-singular quadr, $A_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)w_j$
- task C) fill A^{self} : $x_i = x_j$, need singular quadr, $A_{ii} = k(x_i, x_i)w_{ii}$



(Martinsson '14 CBMS)

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{(\text{far})} + (\mathbf{A}^{(\text{near})} + \mathbf{A}^{(\text{self})})$$

Quadrature wish list:

- dimension independent 2D and 3D
- kernel independent
- high order accurate to industrial mesh
- setup speed
- robust to target location
- robust to patch deformation
- parallel implementation
- easy to use for non-expert

on-the-fly for moving geometry

soln. anywhere

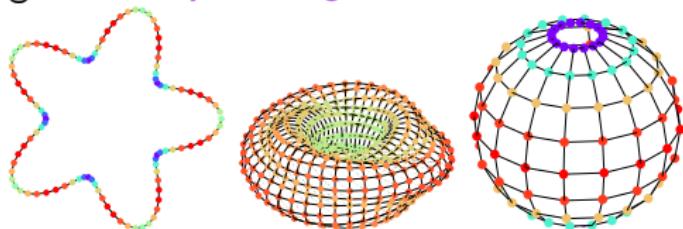
Quadrature task A) fill A^{far}

$A_{ij} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)w_j$, w_j independent of \mathbf{x}_i

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^{2\pi} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(t))\sigma(t)|\mathbf{y}'(t)| dt$$

parametric $\mathbf{x}(t) : (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \Gamma$

global: axisymmetric geoms.



peri. trap. rule for peri. func.

$$t_j = 2\pi j/N, \sigma_j = \sigma(t_j), \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, N$$

$$w_j = |\mathbf{x}'(t_j)| \cdot 2\pi/N, \text{ arc length}$$

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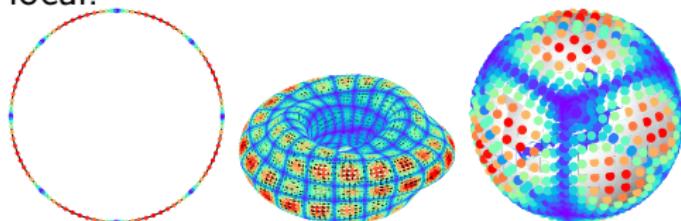
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local:



(Vioreanu-Rokhlin)

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p -point G-L nodes and weights

$$\Gamma = \cup \gamma_m, \text{ each } \gamma_m : [a_{m-1}, a_m] \rightarrow \gamma_m$$

$$\sum_m \int_{a_{m-1}}^{a_m} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(t)) \sigma(t) |\mathbf{y}'(t)| dt$$

$$t_j^{(m)}, \sigma_j^{(m)} = \sigma(t_j^{(m)}), \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, p$$

$$w_j^{(m)} = |\mathbf{x}'(t_j^{(m)})| \cdot (a_m - a_{m-1}) w_j^{\text{std}}$$



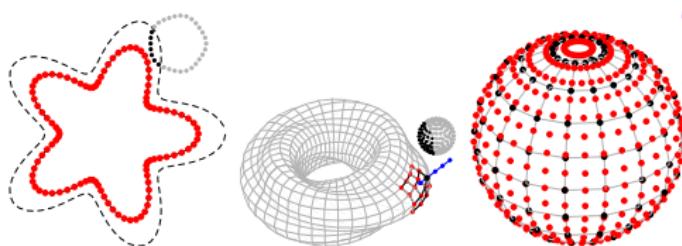
$\{\mathbf{x}_\ell\}$ denotes the entire set of quadr. nodes

$$A_{\ell, \ell'} = k(\mathbf{x}_\ell, \mathbf{x}_{\ell'}) w_{\ell'}, \text{ if } |\mathbf{x}_\ell - \mathbf{x}_{\ell'}| > d$$

Quadrature task B) fill A^{near} : peri. trap. rule for peri. func.

$$A_{ij} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) w_{ij}, \quad w_{ij} \text{ depends of } \mathbf{x}_i$$

global: vesicle simulation



(Helsing et al.) (Malhotra et al.) (Veerapaneni et al.)

$$t_j = 2\pi j/N, \quad w_j = |\mathbf{x}'(t_j)| \cdot 2\pi/N$$

Associate \mathbb{C} with \mathbb{R}^2 , $dy = i n_y \, ds_y$

$$u(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{(x-y) \cdot \mathbf{n}_y}{|x-y|^2} \, ds_y = \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\sigma(y)}{x-y} \, dy$$

Cauchy's formula:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{u(y)}{y-x} \, dy = \begin{cases} u(x), & x \in \Omega \\ 0, & x \in \Omega^c \end{cases}$$

special case for $u(x) \equiv 1$:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{y-x} \, dy = 1, \text{ for } x \in \Omega$$

combine:

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{u(y)-u(x)}{y-x} \, dy = 0, \text{ for } x \in \Omega$$

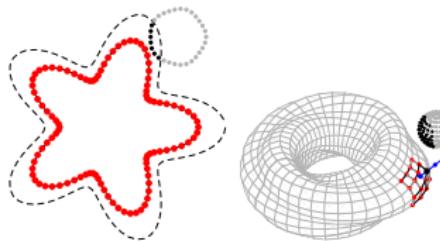
$$u(x) \approx \frac{\sum u_j / (y_j - x) w_j}{\sum 1 / (y_j - x) w_j} \quad (\text{see BIE2D})$$

(Helsing et al.) (Barnett et al.)

Quadrature task B) fill A^{near} : G-L panel, kernel-split quadrature

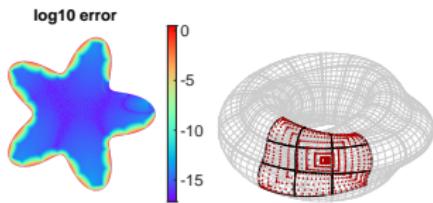
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global:



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local:



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rewrite into complex Cauchy integral

$$\begin{aligned} u^{(m)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma_m} \frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_y}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2} \sigma(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{s}_y \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_m} \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{y})}{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}} d\mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

On γ_m , $\sigma(x)$ is smooth. So expand $\sigma(x)$ as a polynomial in x

$$\sigma(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k$$

plug it in to get

$$\begin{aligned} u^{(m)}(\mathbf{x}) &\approx \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=0}^n c_k \int_{\gamma_m} \frac{y^k}{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}} d\mathbf{y} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=0}^n c_k p_k \end{aligned}$$

2-term recurrence for $p_k = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{y^k}{x-y} dy$

$$p_{k+1} = z_0 p_k + \frac{1 - (-1)^k}{k}$$

kernel-split

$$\begin{aligned} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= k_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \log |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| k_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_y}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^2} k_C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \quad (\text{Helsing et al.}) \end{aligned}$$

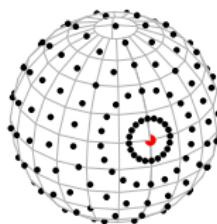
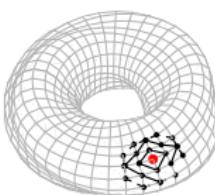
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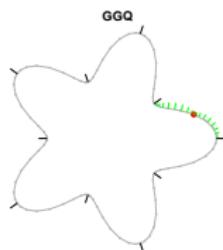


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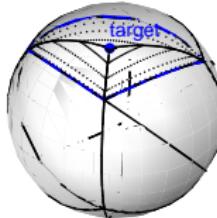
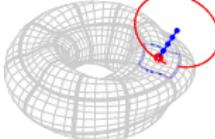
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GGQ

Hedgehog/QBX



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(Bremer-Gimbutas)

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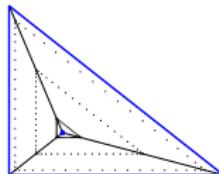
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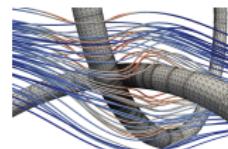
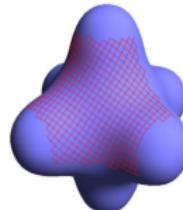
(Kapur-Rokhlin) for log singularity: $k(t) = \phi(t) \log |\sin \frac{t\pi}{T}| + \phi(t)$

- tri. panels (Bremer-Gimbutas)



... interp. mat.

sph. harms. $r dr d\theta$
hybrid

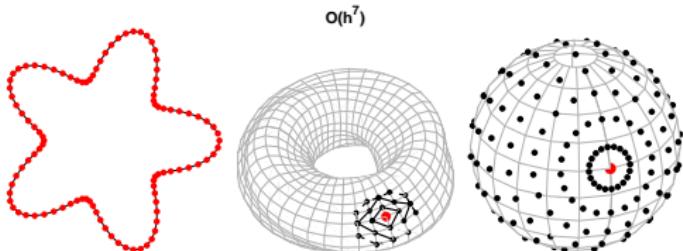


(Ying et al.) (Malhotra et al.)

Quadrature task C) fill A^{self} : Kress

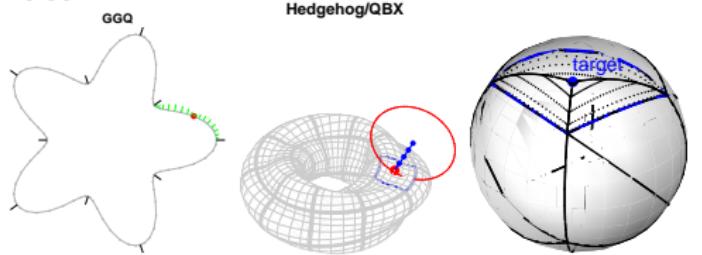
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(Alpert) (Barnett, Klöckner et al.)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} g(s) \sigma(s) ds = 2\pi \sum \bar{g}_n \sigma_n$$

use trapezoid rule to evaluate σ_n

$$\sigma_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{-int_j} \sigma(t_j)$$

use Fourier series

$$g(s) = \log \left(4 \sin^2 \frac{s}{2} \right) \Leftrightarrow g_n = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 0 \\ \frac{-1}{|n|}, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

translate g by t corresponds to multiplication of g_n by e^{-int}

$$u(t) = \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left(4 \sin^2 \frac{t-s}{2} \right) \sigma(s) ds \approx \sum_{j=0}^{2n-1} R_j(t) \sigma(t_j)$$

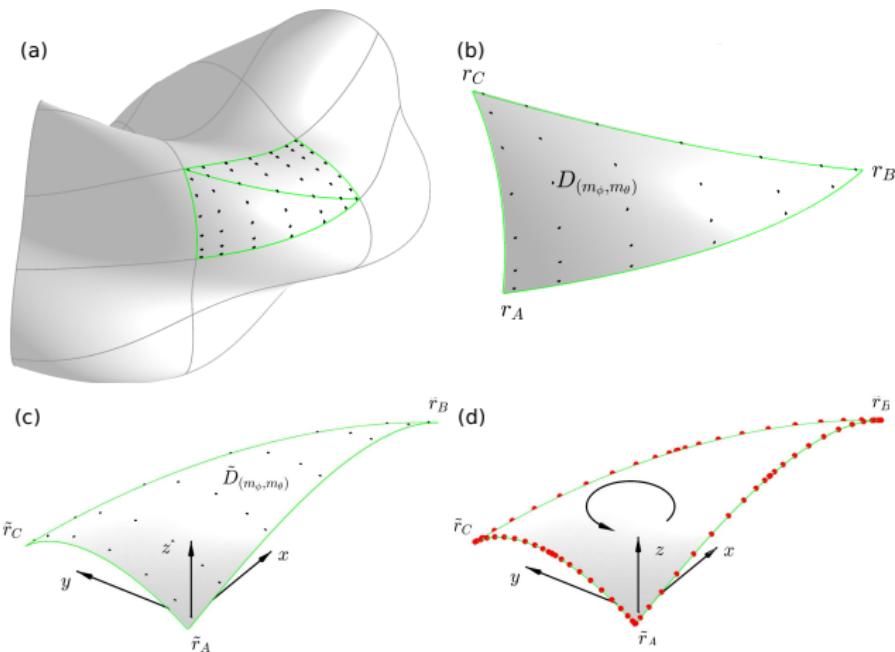
where the weights, which depend on the target location t , are

$$R_j(t) = -\frac{4\pi}{N} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{N/2-1} \frac{1}{n} \cos n(x_j - t) + \frac{1}{N} \cos \frac{N}{2}(x_j - t) \right)$$

(Kress) (Kussmaul-Martensen)

More on fill A^{near} and A^{self} : kernel split quadrature

surface-to-line integral conversion: $\int_{\Gamma_i} \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_y}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^3} \sigma(\mathbf{y}) dS_y = \sum \int_{\partial\Gamma_i} \text{something } ds_y$



More on fill A^{near} and A^{self} : kernel split quadrature

- construct a harmonic polynomial approximation/extension to $\sigma(\mathbf{y})$ on Γ_i :

$$(\sigma(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{0}) \approx - \sum_{n=1}^p \sum_{m=1}^n (0, \nabla H^{(nm)}) c^{(nm)}$$

where $H^{(nm)}(\mathbf{y}) = Y_n^m(\theta, \phi) r^n$ are spherical harmonics of degree n .

- divergence free integrand to apply surface-to-line integral conversion:

$$(0, \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_y} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|})(0, \mathbf{n}_y)(0, \nabla H^{(nm)}) d\mathbf{s}_y$$

- analytical integration along “radial” direction:

$$M_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{n+1}}{|\mathbf{x}-t\mathbf{y}|^3} dt$$

via recursion

$$M_n = \frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{|\mathbf{y}|^2} M_{n-1} + \frac{n-1}{|\mathbf{y}|^2} N_{n-2} - \left. \frac{1}{|\mathbf{y}|^2} \frac{t^{n-1}}{|\mathbf{x}-t\mathbf{y}|} \right|_0^1$$

- numerical integration along $\partial\Gamma_i$

(Zhu-Veerapaneni '22)

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- work in progress:
 - Helmholtz, Stokes kernels (Zhu-Jiang et al.)
 - high aspect ratio patches, quadrilateral elements, proper single layer potential treatment (Zhu-Jiang)
 - quadrature via complete reduction (Zhu-Jiang)

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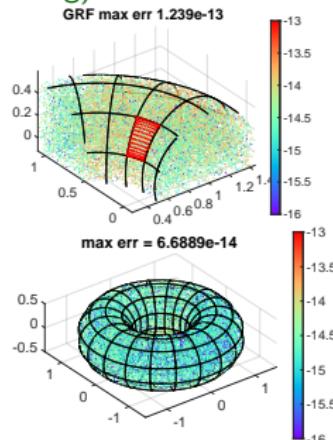
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Computational tools

- chunkie (Askham, et al.)
- fmm3dbie (Rachh, et al.)
- BIE2D, BIE3D (Barnett)
- pyBIE2D (Stein)
- SCTL, BIEST (Malhotra)
- ves3d (Malhotra, Lu, et al.)
- Bempp (Betcke et al.)
- ...

Resources

Many numerical analysis (mathematics heavy). Somewhat accessible:

- *Linear Integral Equations*, R. Kress, (1999, Springer). Ch. 6 & 12.
- *The Numerical Solution of Integral Equations of the Second Kind*, K. E. Atkinson, (1997, CUP).

Fewer on the practical/tutorial side, few with last 15 years of progress:

- “High-order accurate methods for Nyström discretization of integral equations on smooth curves in the plane”, S Hao, AH Barnett, PG Martinsson, P Young. *Adv. Comput. Math.* **40**, 245–272 (2014).
various quadratures for logarithmic singularities, for, eg, SLP, Helmholtz
- “Solving integral equations on piecewise smooth boundaries using the RCIP method: a tutorial”, J Helsing. (2013).
- <https://users.flatironinstitute.org/~ahb/BIE/>
- <https://github.com/ahbarnett/BIEbook> in progress...