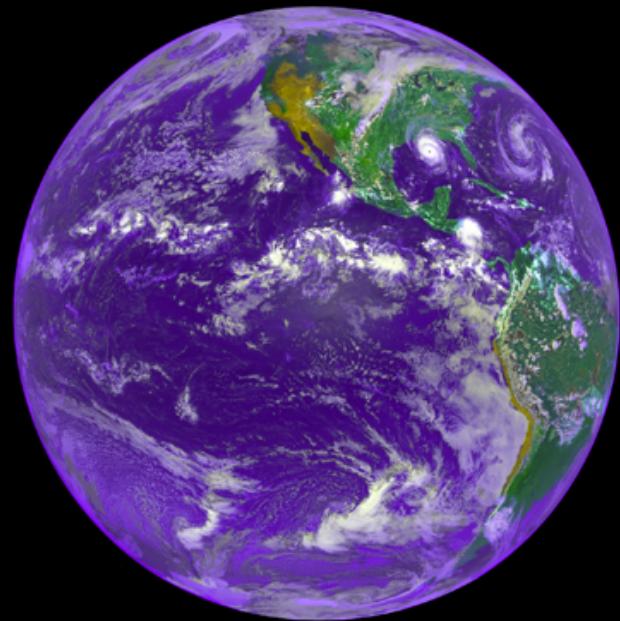


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Lecture 3: Good bases for kernel spaces



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Good Bases for Kernel Spaces

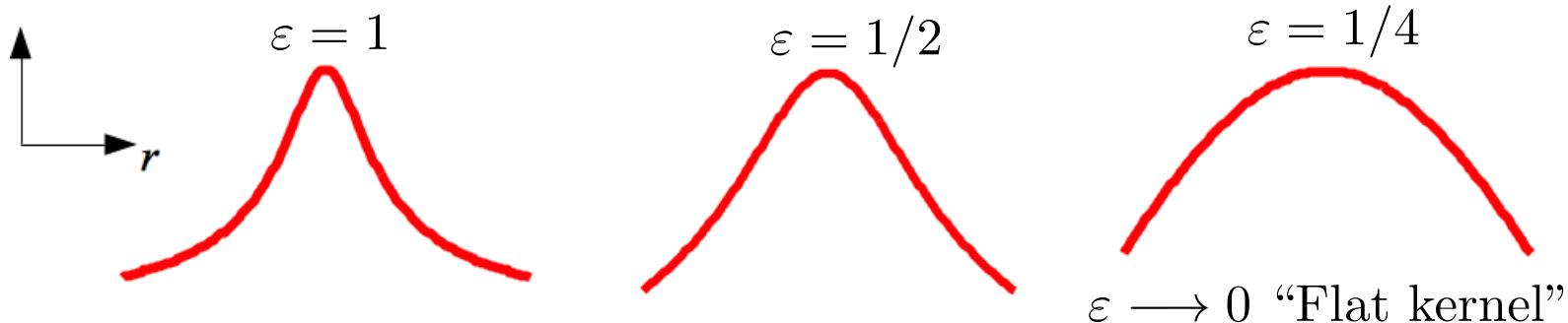


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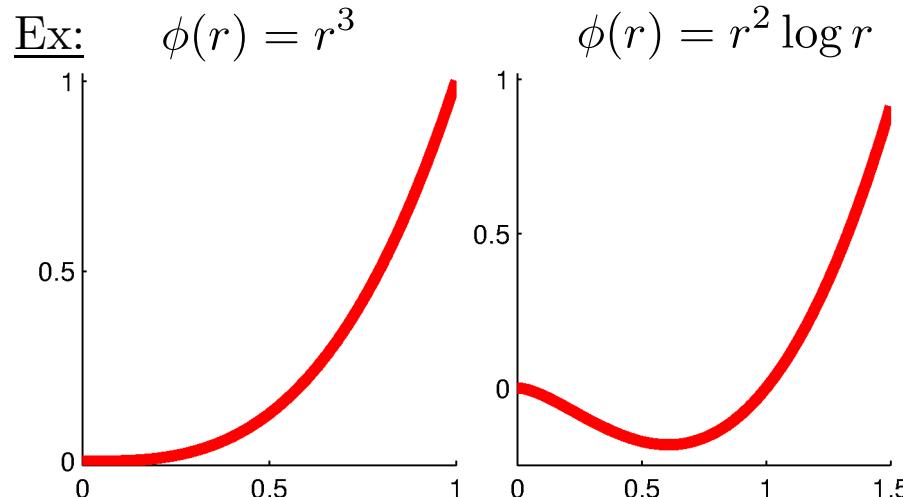
- Part I: Smooth kernels with a shape parameter.

Ex: $\phi(r) = \exp(-(\varepsilon r)^2)$ $\phi(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\varepsilon r)^2}}$ $\phi(r) = \sqrt{1 + (\varepsilon r)^2}$

Issue: Effect of decreasing ε leads to severe ill-conditioning of interp. matrices



- Part II: “Scale independent” kernels.



Issues:

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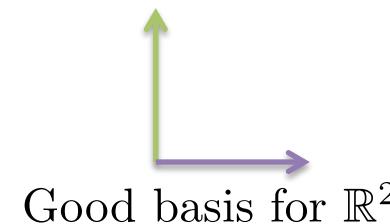
Good bases for kernel spaces

- Key observation: The space spanned by linear combinations of positive definite radial kernels (in \mathbb{R}^d or \mathbb{S}^2) is good for approximation

BUT, the standard basis $\{\phi(\cdot, \mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \phi(\cdot, \mathbf{x}_N)\}$ can be problematic.

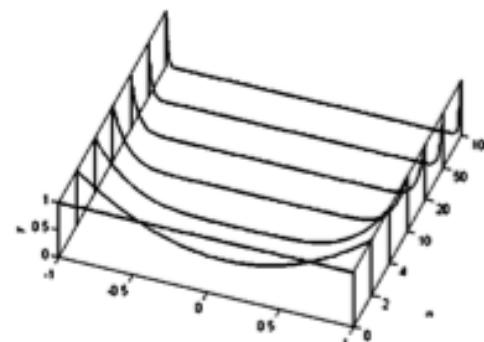
Analogy:
(Fornberg)

Vectors

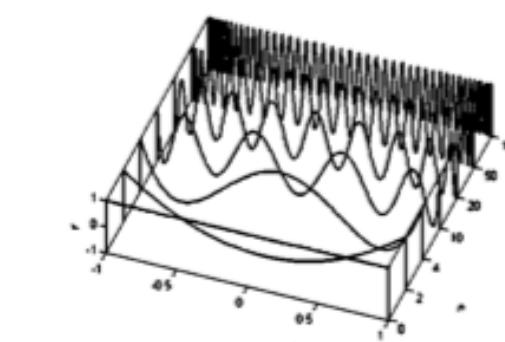


Bad basis for \mathbb{R}^2

Polynomials

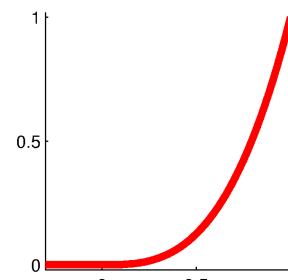


Bad basis: x^n , $n = 0, 1, \dots$

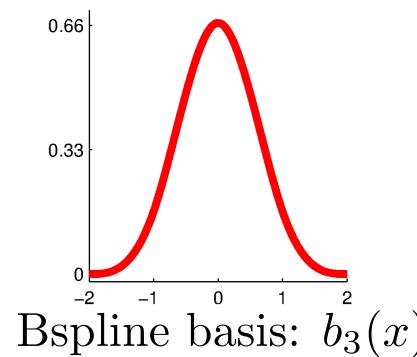


Chebyshev basis: $T_n(x)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$

Splines



Truncated powers: $(x^3)_+^3$

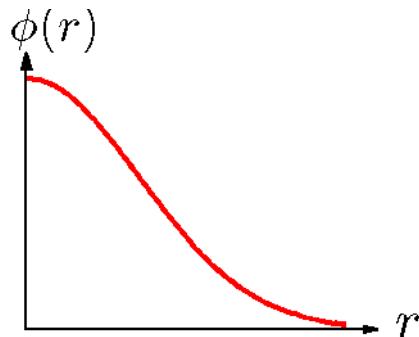


Bspline basis: $b_3(x)$

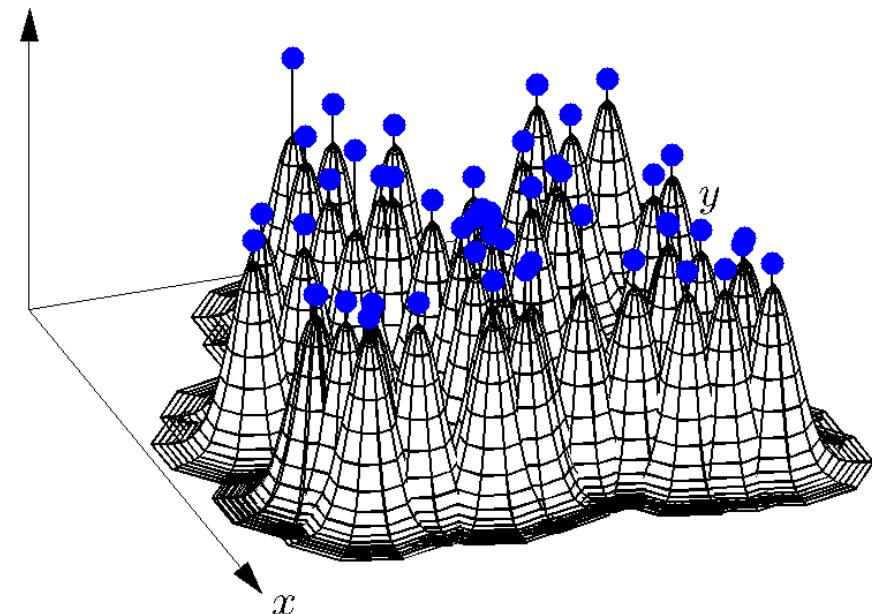
Part I: Smooth “flat kernels” (small shape parameter)

Radial basis function (RBF) interpolation

Key idea: linear combination of **translates** and **rotations** of a single radial kernel:



$$f \quad X = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j=1}^N \subset \Omega, \quad f|_X = \{\mathbf{f}_j\}_{j=1}^N$$



Basic RBF Interpolant for $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

$$I_X f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \phi(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_j\|)$$

Linear system for determining the interpolation coefficients

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \\ \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \end{bmatrix}}_{A_X} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}}_c = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_N \end{bmatrix}}_f$$

A_X is guaranteed to be **positive definite** if ϕ is positive definite.

RBF-Direct

$$\text{RBF interpolant: } I_{X,\varepsilon} f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j(\varepsilon) \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_j\|)$$

Theorem (Driscoll & Fornberg (2002)). For N nodes in 1-D, the RBF interpolant (for certain smooth kernels) converges to the standard Lagrange interpolant as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ (flat limit)

- **Higher dimensions:** Limit usually exists and takes the form of a multivariate polynomial as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.
 - Fornberg, W, & Larsson (2004), Larsson & Fornberg (2005), Schaback (2005,2006), Lee, Yoon, & Yoon (2007)
 - In the case of the **Gaussian kernel**, the interpolant always converges to the de Boor & Ron “**least polynomial interpolant**”.
- **Sphere:** Limit (usually) exists and converges to a spherical harmonic interpolant (Fornberg & Piret (2007)).

Illustration of using a bad basis for flat kernels:

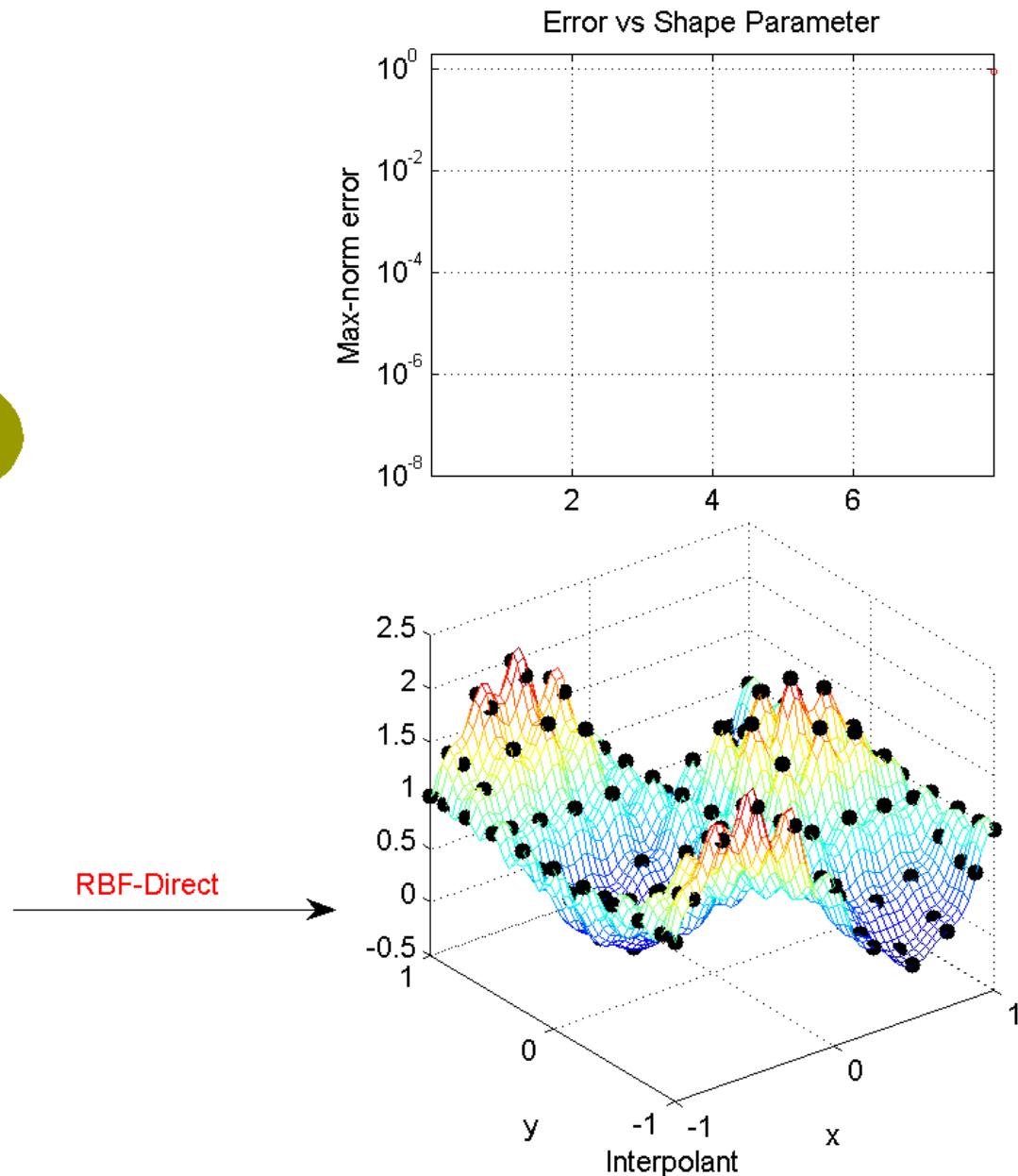
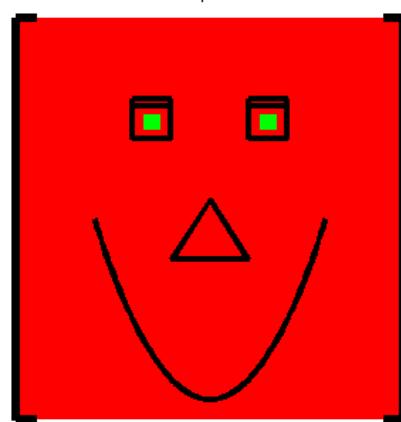
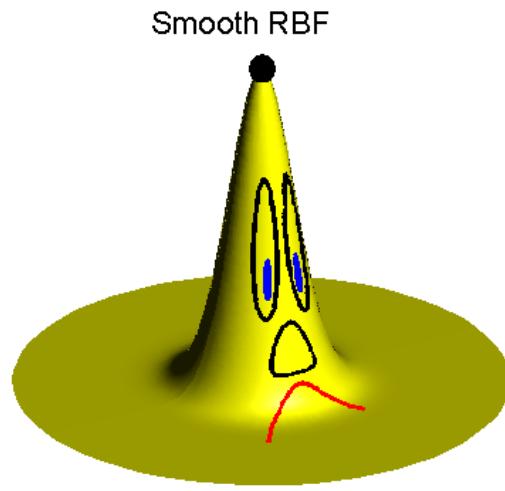
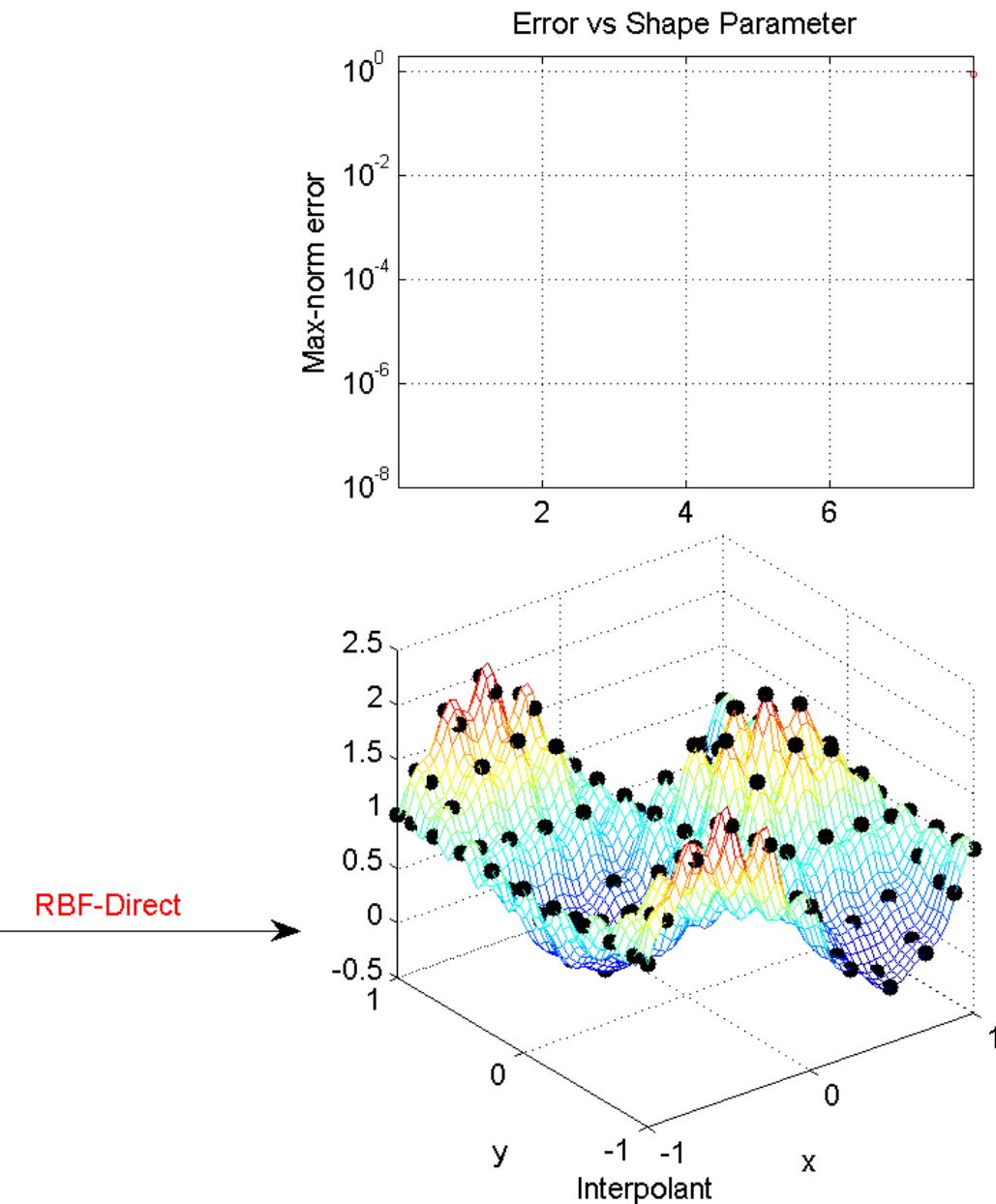
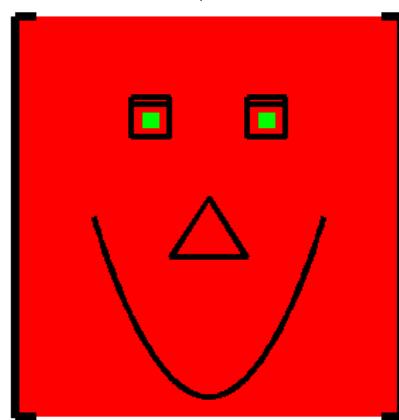
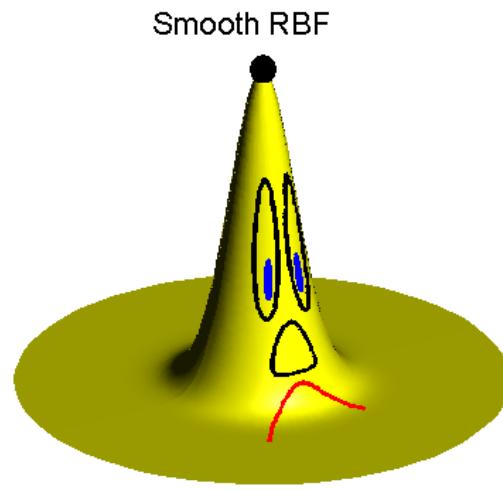


Illustration of using a good basis for flat kernels:



Behavior of interpolants in the flat limit

- For cardinal data $f(\mathbf{x}_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq 1 \end{cases}$ the interpolant can be written as

$$I_{X,\varepsilon} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \\ \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \\ \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_1\|) & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_2\|) & \cdots & \phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x}_N - \mathbf{x}_N\|) \end{bmatrix}}$$

- Expand determinants using $\phi_\varepsilon(r) = a_0 + a_1\varepsilon^2 r^2 + a_2\varepsilon^4 r^4 + a_3\varepsilon^6 r^6 + \dots$:

$$I_{X,\varepsilon} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\varepsilon^{2p} \{\text{poly. in } \mathbf{x}\} + \varepsilon^{2(p+1)} \{\text{poly. in } \mathbf{x}\} + \dots}{\varepsilon^{2q} \{\text{constant}\} + \varepsilon^{2(q+1)} \{\text{constant}\} + \dots}$$

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- Example values of $2p$ and $2q$:

	d -dimension	N - number of data points							
		2	3	5	10	20	50	100	200
Leading power of ϵ in $\det(A)$ for both numer. and denom.	1	2	6	20	90	380	2450	9900	39800
	2	2	4	12	40	130	570	1690	4940
	3	2	4	10	30	90	360	980	2610

- High powers of ε indicate extreme ill-conditioning.
- Stable algorithms (better bases) are needed to reach the flat limit.

Uncertainty principle misconception

- Schaback's uncertainty principle:

Principle: *One cannot simultaneously achieve good conditioning and high accuracy.*

Misconception: Accuracy that can be achieved is limited by ill-conditioning.

Restatement:

One cannot simultaneously achieve good conditioning and high accuracy when using the standard basis.

- It's a matter of base vs. space.
- Literature for interpolation with “flat” kernels is growing:

Theory: Driscoll & Fornberg (2002)
Larsson & Fornberg (2003; 2005)
Fornberg, Wright, & Larsson (2004)
Schaback (2005; 2008)
Platte & Driscoll (2005)
Fornberg, Larsson, & Wright (2006)
deBoor (2006)
Fornberg & Zuev (2007)
Lee, Yoon, & Yoon (2007)
Fornberg & Piret (2008)
Buhmann, Dinew, & Larsson (2010)
Platte (2011)
Song, Riddle, Fasshauer, & Hickernell (2011)

Stable Fornberg & Wright (2004)
algorithms: [Fornberg & Piret \(2007\)](#)
Fornberg, Larsson, & Flyer (2011)
Fasshauer & McCourt (2011)
Gonnet, Pachon, & Trefethen (2011)
Pazouki & Schaback (2011)
De Marchi & Santin (2013)
Fornberg, Letho, Powell (2013)
Wright & Fornberg (2013)

- Key idea behind the RBF-QR algorithm is to exploit the **spherical harmonic expansion** of the kernel:

$$\phi_\varepsilon(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|) = \phi_\varepsilon(\sqrt{2 - 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}}) = \psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \hat{\psi}_\varepsilon(\ell) \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_\ell^m(\mathbf{x}) Y_\ell^m(\mathbf{y})$$

- And use the nice properties of the resulting **spherical Fourier coefficients**:

Name	Kernel ($r(t) = \sqrt{2 - 2t}$)	Fourier coefficients $\hat{\psi}_\varepsilon(\ell)$ ($\varepsilon > 0$)
Gaussian	$\psi(t) = \exp(-(\varepsilon r(t))^2)$	$\varepsilon^{2\ell} \frac{4\pi^{3/2}}{\varepsilon^{2\ell+1}} e^{-2\varepsilon^2} I_{\ell+1/2}(2\varepsilon^2)$
IMQ	$\psi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\varepsilon r(t))^2}}$	$\varepsilon^{2\ell} \frac{4\pi}{(\ell + 1/2)} \left(\frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{4\varepsilon^2 + 1}} \right)^{2\ell+1}$
MQ	$\psi(t) = -\sqrt{1 + (\varepsilon r(t))^2}$	$\varepsilon^{2\ell} \frac{2\pi(2\varepsilon^2 + 1 + (\ell + 1/2)\sqrt{1 + 4\varepsilon^2})}{(\ell + 3/2)(\ell + 1/2)(\ell - 1/2)} \left(\frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{4\varepsilon^2 + 1}} \right)^{2\ell+1}$

Note how the powers of ε appear in the coefficients.

- Can redefine the spherical harmonic expansion as:

$$\psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{2\ell} \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(\ell) \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_\ell^m(\mathbf{x}) Y_\ell^m(\mathbf{y}) \quad (\tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(\ell) = \varepsilon^{-2\ell} \hat{\psi}(\ell))$$

Better kernel bases for the sphere: RBF-QR algorithm

- For $X = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j=1}^N \subset \mathbb{S}^2$, we can write each basis function $\psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_j)$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_1) &= \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(0) Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}_1) Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}) + \\ &\quad \varepsilon^2 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(1) \{Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_1) Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) + Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}_1) Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}) + Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}_1) Y_1^1(\mathbf{x})\} + \\ &\quad \varepsilon^4 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(2) \{\dots\} + \varepsilon^6 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(3) \{\dots\} + \varepsilon^8 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(4) \{\dots\} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_2) &= \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(0) Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}_2) Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}) + \\ &\quad \varepsilon^2 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(1) \{Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_2) Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) + Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}_2) Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}) + Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}_2) Y_1^1(\mathbf{x})\} + \\ &\quad \varepsilon^4 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(2) \{\dots\} + \varepsilon^6 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(3) \{\dots\} + \varepsilon^8 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(4) \{\dots\} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_N) &= \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(0) Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}_N) Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}) + \\ &\quad \varepsilon^2 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(1) \{Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_N) Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) + Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}_N) Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}) + Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}_N) Y_1^1(\mathbf{x})\} + \\ &\quad \varepsilon^4 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(2) \{\dots\} + \varepsilon^6 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(3) \{\dots\} + \varepsilon^8 \tilde{\psi}_\varepsilon(4) \{\dots\} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

- For simplicity we assume N is a perfect square ($N = n + 1)^2$.

- Or in matrix vector form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_1) \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_N) \end{bmatrix} = BE \begin{bmatrix} Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\psi}(0)Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}_1) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_1) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}_1) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}_1) & \dots \\ \tilde{\psi}(0)Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}_2) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_2) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}_2) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}_2) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{\psi}(0)Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}_N) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_N) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}_N) & \tilde{\psi}(1)Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}_N) & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & \varepsilon^2 & & & \\ & & \varepsilon^2 & & \\ & & & \varepsilon^2 & \\ & & & & \varepsilon^4 \\ & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_1) \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_N) \end{bmatrix} = BE \begin{bmatrix} Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \iff \underline{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) = BEY$$

- We can't deal with infinite matrices so we **truncate** according to some tolerance (see Fornberg & Piret (2007)).
- Let $\mu > n$ be the truncation degree of the expansion.
- Partition the truncated matrices:

$$B = [B_1 \quad B_2]$$

where the columns of B_1 consist of spherical harmonics up to degree n and B_2 consist of spherical harmonics from degree $n + 1$ to μ .

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & \\ & E_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where E_1 is diagonal with blocks of powers of ε from 0 to $2n$ and where E_2 is diagonal with blocks of powers of ε from $2(n + 1)$ to 2μ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_1) \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots \\ \psi(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}_N) \end{bmatrix} = BE \begin{bmatrix} Y_0^0(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^0(\mathbf{x}) \\ Y_1^1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ Y_\nu^\nu(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix} \iff \underline{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) = [B_1 \quad B_2] \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & \\ & E_2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{Y}$$

- Now we change basis, by QR decomposition of $[B_1 \ B_2]$ and manipulations with E .

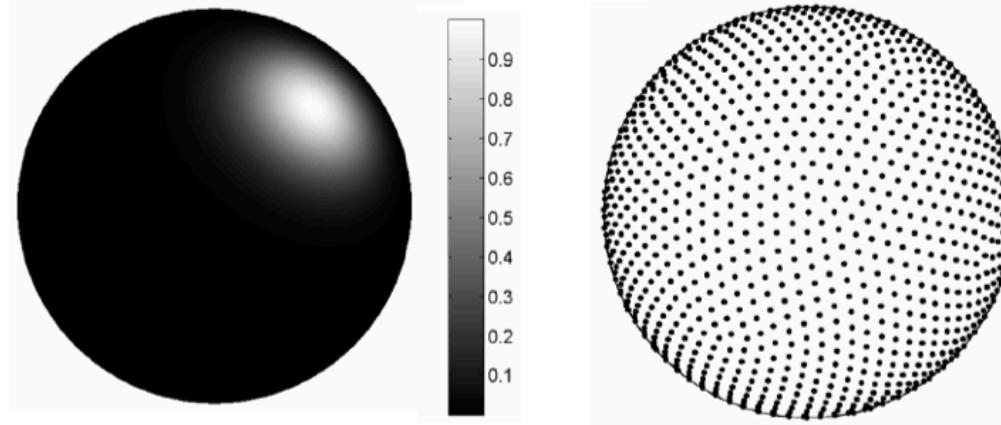
$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) &= QR \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & \\ & E_2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{Y} \\
 &= Q [R_1 \quad R_2] \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & \\ & E_2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{Y} \quad (\text{R_1 is N-by-N and upper triangular}) \\
 &= QR_1 [I \quad R_1^{-1}R_2] \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & \\ & E_2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{Y} \\
 &= QR_1 E_1 \underbrace{[I \quad E_1^{-1}R_1^{-1}R_2E_2]}_{\text{New stable basis}} \underline{Y}
 \end{aligned}$$

- All negative powers of ε in $E_1^{-1}R_1^{-1}R_2E_2$ analytically cancel after some matrix manipulations.

Numerical example

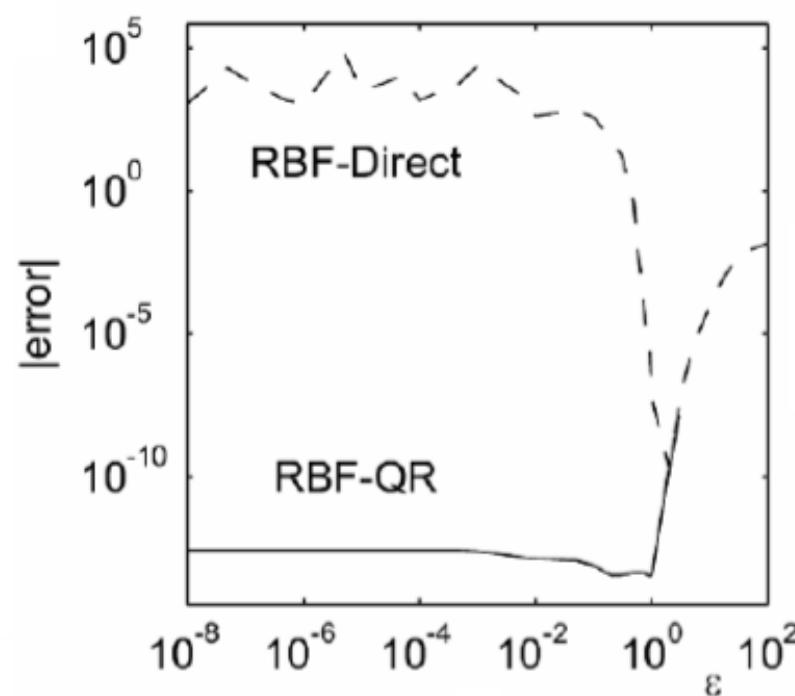
Target function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(-7(x + \frac{1}{2})^2) - 8(y + \frac{1}{2})^2 - 9(z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$$



Node Set:

$N = 1849$ Minimal energy (ME) nodes



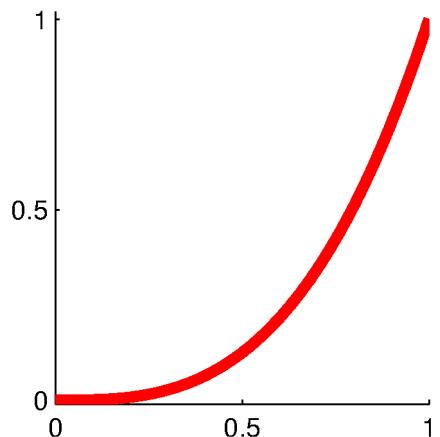
- RBF-QR allows one to stably compute “flat” kernel interpolants on the sphere.
- One can reach full numerical precision using this procedure (for smooth enough target functions and large enough N)
- It is more expensive than standard approach (RBF-Direct).
- Work has gone into extending this idea to general Euclidean space, but the procedure is much more complicated.
- Matlab Code for RBF-QR is given in Fornberg & Piret (2007)
- One interesting idea is to extend the procedure for the divergence- and curl-free vector interpolants.

Part II: Scale independent kernels

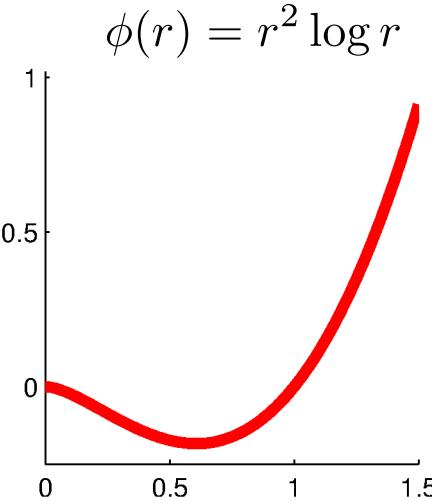
Good bases for kernel spaces

- Part II: “Scale independent” kernels.

Ex: $\phi(r) = r^3$



$\phi(r) = r^2 \log r$



Issues:

- For large N , interpolation matrices are dense.
- Matrices are not nice for iterative methods.

- Ideas for constructing a better basis:

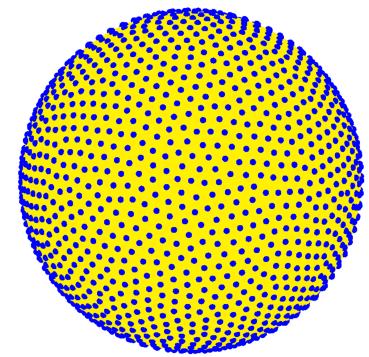
- Difference functionals: Dyn, Levin & Rippa; Sibson & Stone; Beatson, Levesley, & Mouat.
- Approximate cardinal functions: Beatson & Powell; Faul & Powell; Beatson, Cherrie, & Mouat.
- Orthonormal: Schaback & Müller; Schaback & Pazouki; De Marchi & Santin

Lagrange functions on the sphere

Restrict our attention to $\Omega = \mathbb{S}^2$ and $\psi_\ell(t) = (1-t)^{\ell-1} \log(1-t)$

Standard
zonal interpolant: $s_X(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \psi_\ell(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j) + \sum_{k=1}^{\ell^2} b_k p_k(\mathbf{x})$ $\left. \sum_{j=1}^N c_j p_k(\mathbf{x}_j) = 0, 1 \leq k \leq \ell^2 \right\}$

Lagrange form: $s_X(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N L_j(\mathbf{x}) f_j, \quad L_i(\mathbf{x}_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$



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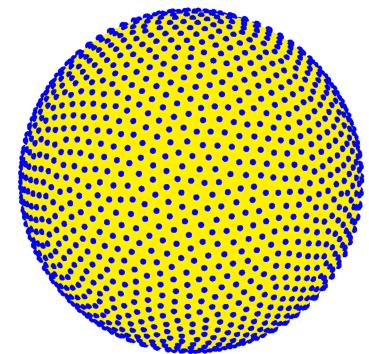
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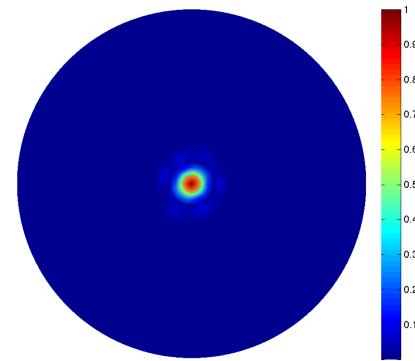
Results on the Lagrange functions for quasi-uniform X :
(Hangelbroek, Narcowich, Sun, Ward)

1. Lagrange basis is **local** (HNW, 2010):

$$|L_j(\mathbf{x})| \leq C \exp \left[-\nu \frac{\text{dist}(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x})}{h_X} \right]$$

2. Lebesgue constant is **bounded** (HNW, 2010):

$$\mathcal{L}_X := \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{S}^2} \sum_{j=1}^N |L_j(\mathbf{x})| \leq C$$

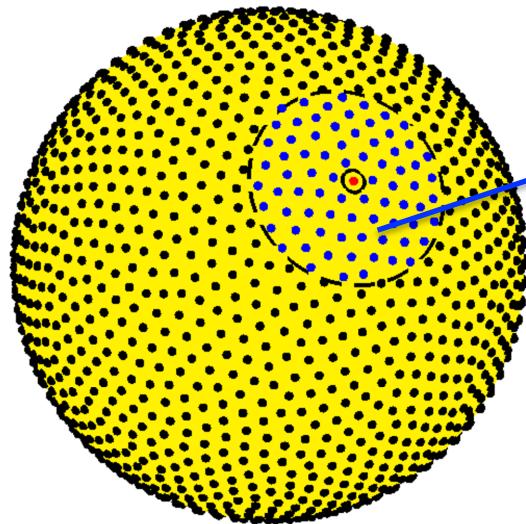


3. Lagrange basis is **stable** (HNSW, 2011)

$$|L_j(\mathbf{x})|$$

Local Lagrange functions on the sphere

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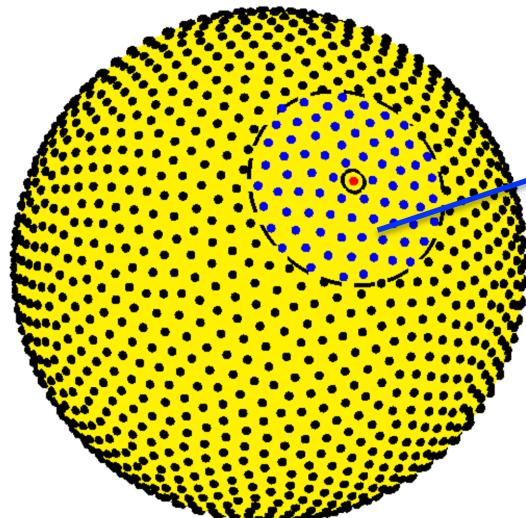
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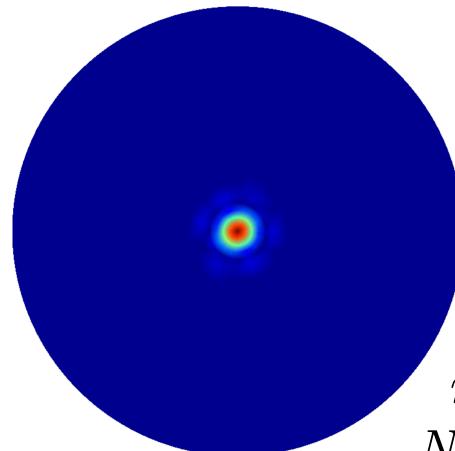
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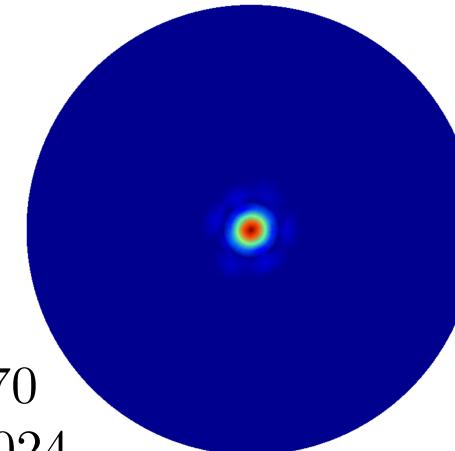
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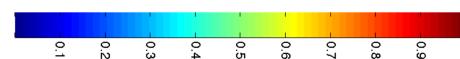
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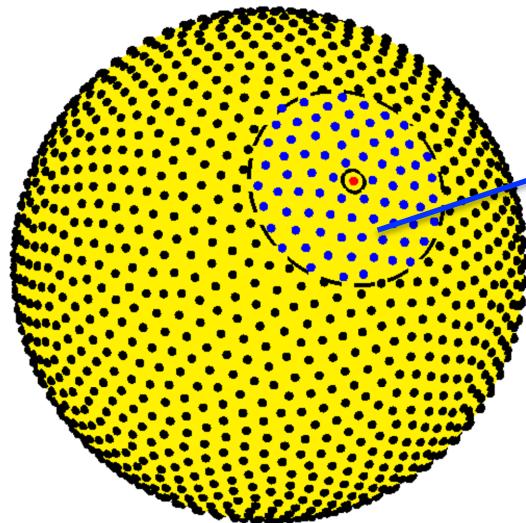


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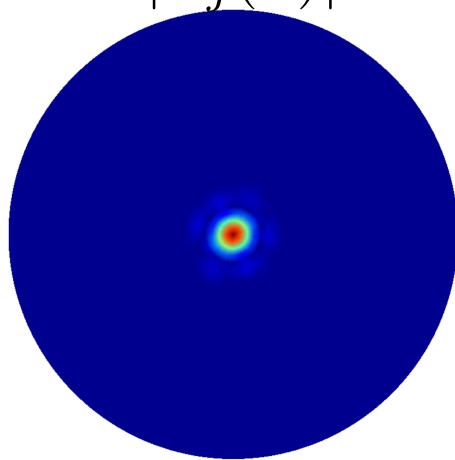
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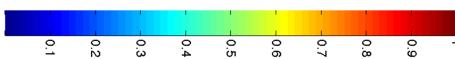


Estimates: (FHNWW, 2013)

If each $\tilde{L}_j(\mathbf{x})$ is constructed from $n = M(\log N)^2$ neighbors then

$$\|\tilde{L}_j - L_j\|_\infty \leq C h_X^J$$

$$|L_j(\mathbf{x})| \leq C \left(1 + \text{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j)/h_X\right)^{-J}$$



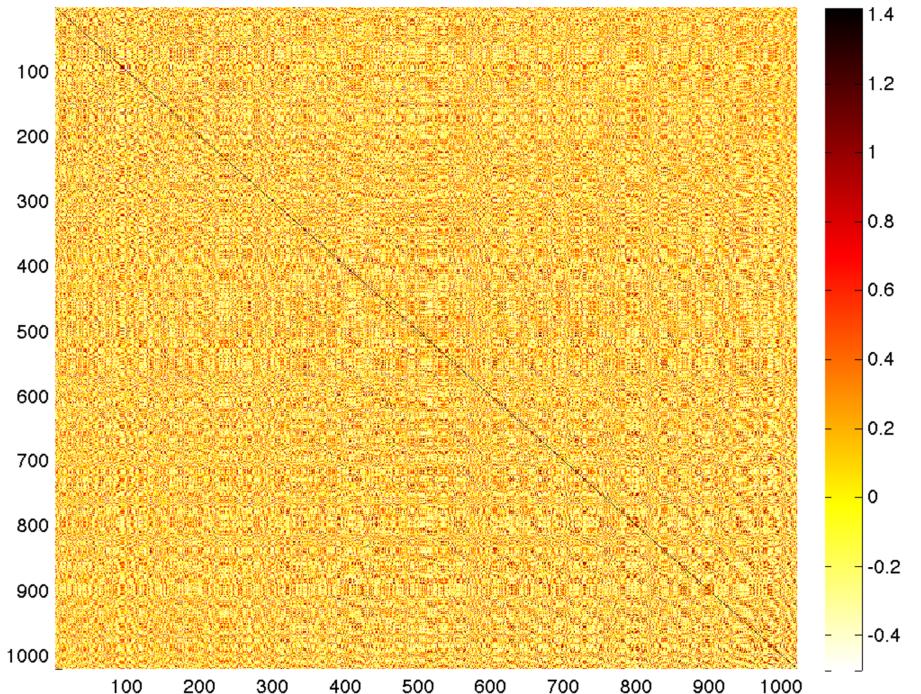
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- Example: $N=1024$, $n=70$

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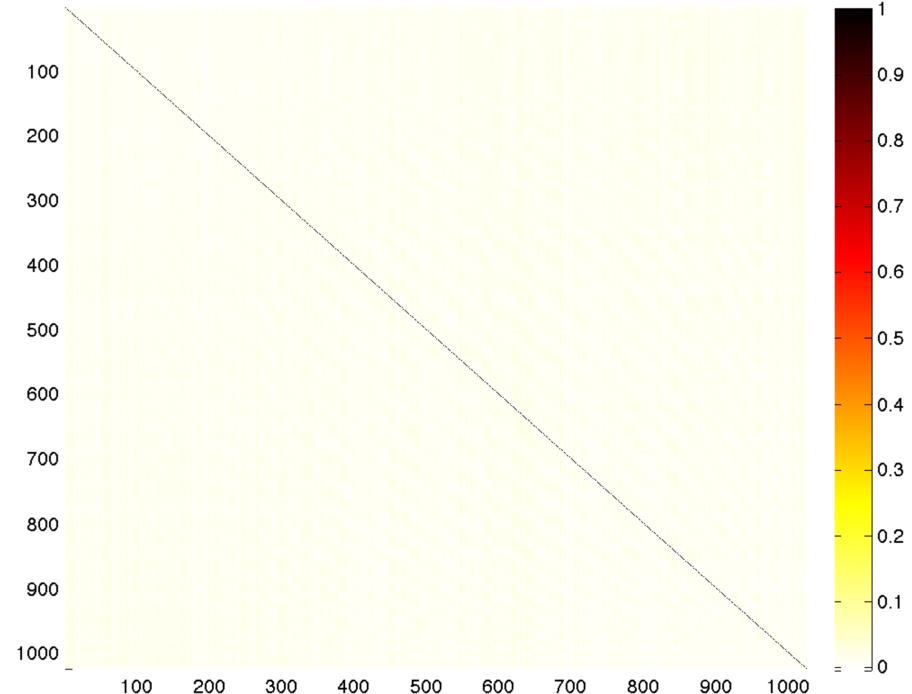
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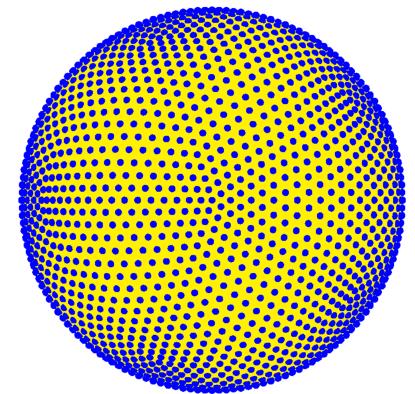
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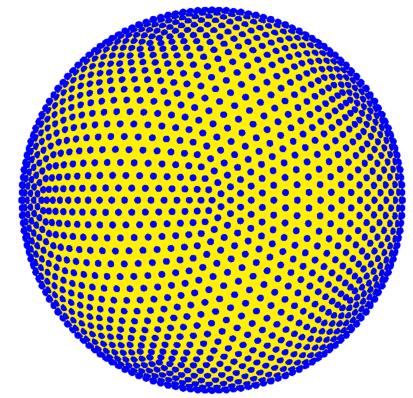
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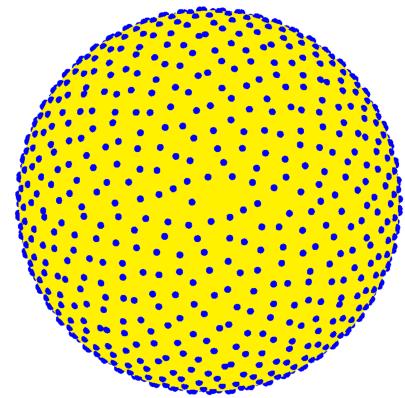


			Number GMRES iterations			
N	n	ρ_X	$tol = 10^{-6}$	$tol = 10^{-8}$	$tol = 10^{-10}$	$tol = 10^{-12}$
			Icosahedral nodes			
2562	84	1.650	7	8	9	10
10242	119	1.679	5	7	8	9
23042	140	1.688	6	7	8	9
40962	154	1.693	5	7	7	8
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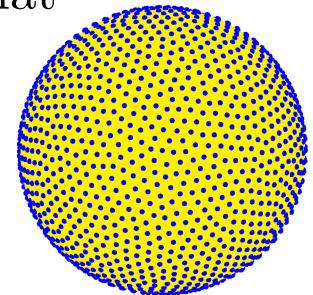
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32000	147	69.48	7	8	10	11
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Note: Also appears to work well for less uniform nodes, but no theory (yet!).

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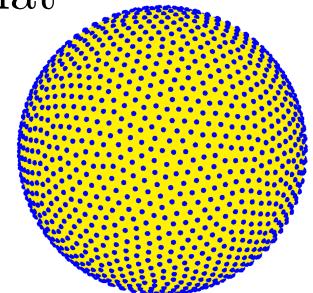
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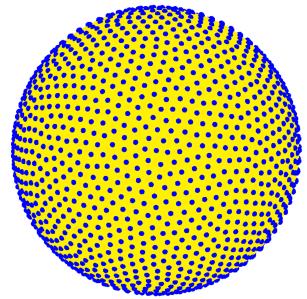
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- For simplicity suppose ψ is a **positive definite zonal kernel**, i.e.
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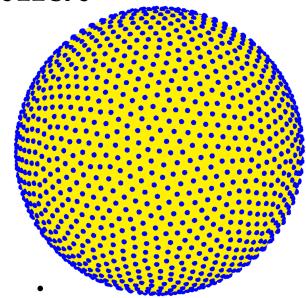


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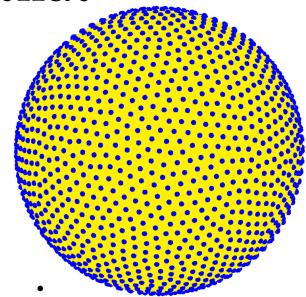
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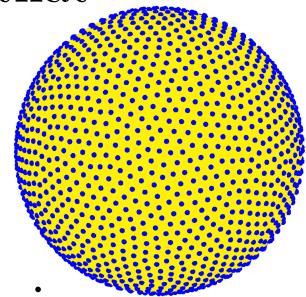
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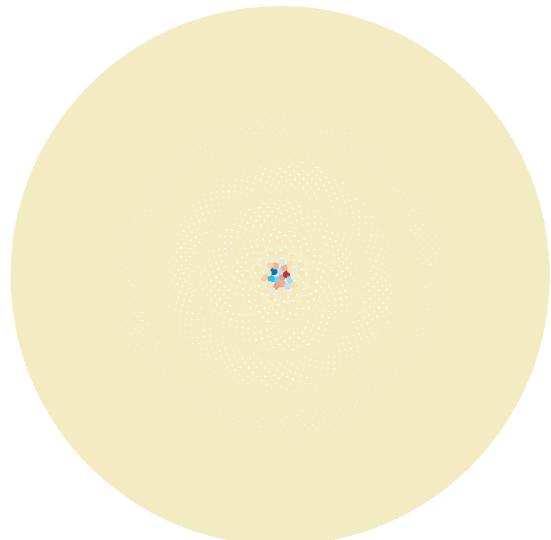
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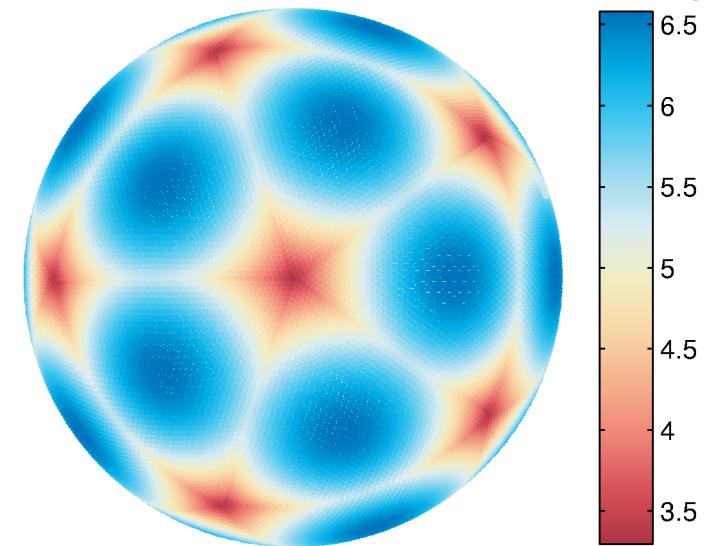
Example of quadrature weights

- Quadrature weights computed using
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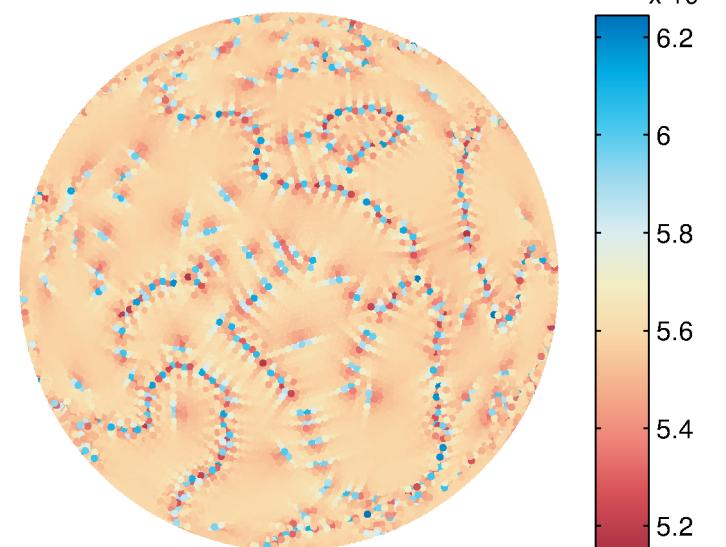
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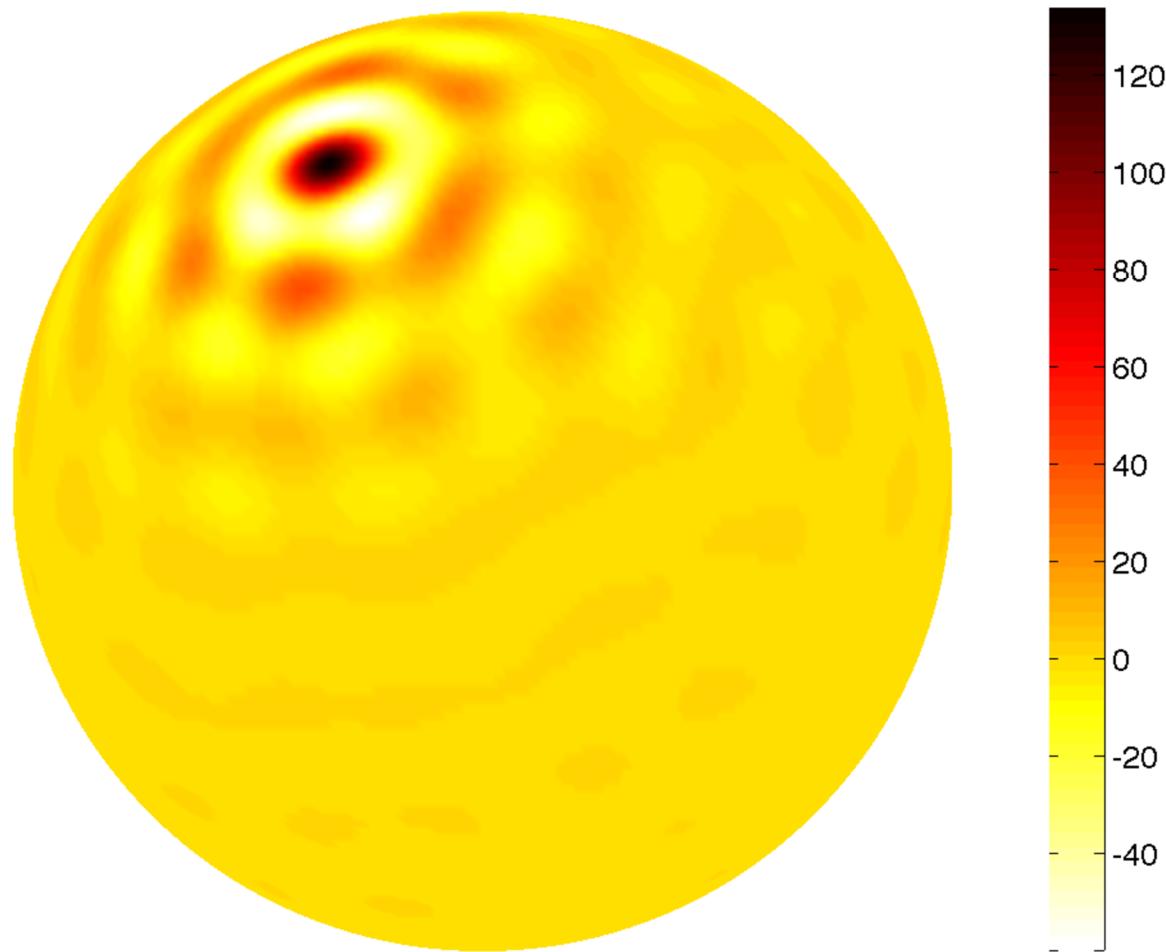
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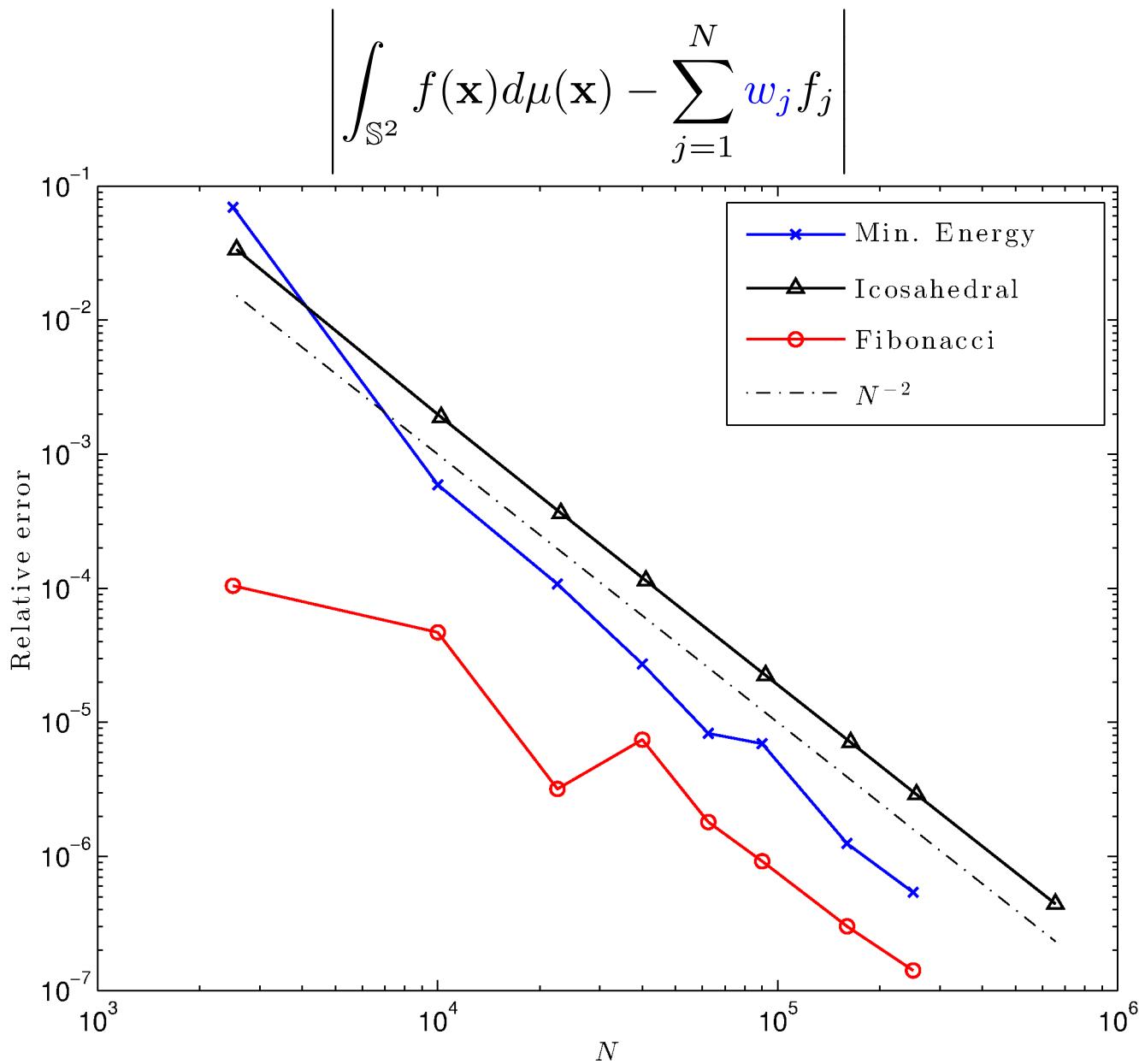
Borodachov, Hardin, Saff (2013)

Numerical example

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- Weights computed up to $N = 650000$
- Convergence is $\mathcal{O}(h_X^4)$.

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 - Can be computed using $\mathcal{O}(N(\log N)^2)$ nearest neighbors.
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Thank you!