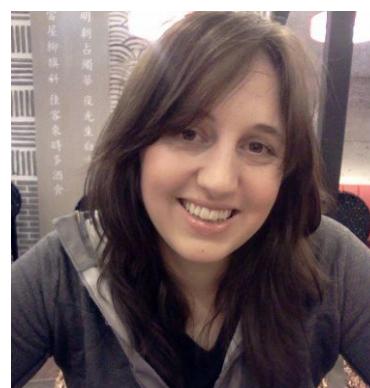


Low rank approximation of functions in polar and spherical geometries

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Where is Boise (boy-see)?

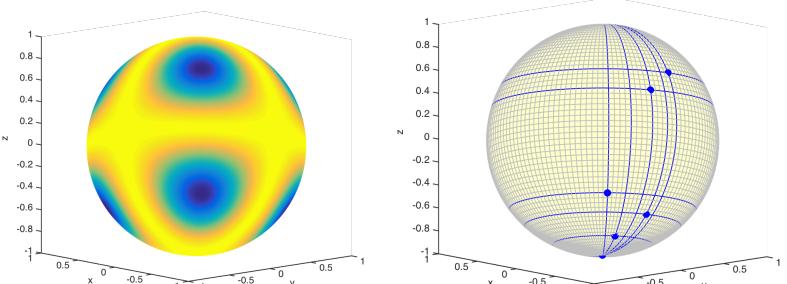


Motivation

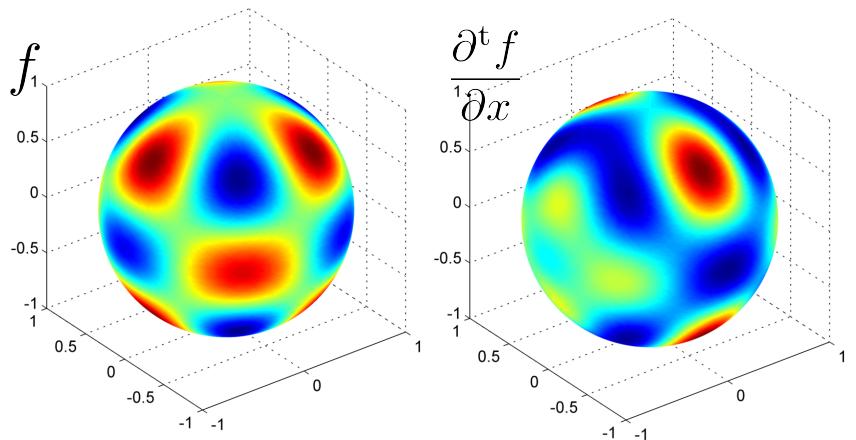
- Approximation of functions on the disk and surface of the sphere and arise in many applications:
 - Numerical weather/climate prediction, solid earth geophysics, geodesy, geomagnetism, heliophysics, cosmology, computer graphics, biology, etc.
- No general purpose software tool for computing with functions on the disk and sphere.
 - Function manipulations, integration, differentiation, vector calculus, differential equations.
- Motivated by *Chebfun*, we set out to develop such software packages, *Spherefund* and *Diskfun*. Requirements:
 - **Fast algorithms with high-order accuracy**
 - All discretizations are hidden from the user (unless they are desired)
 - Open-source
 - Implemented in an integrated environment: MATLAB

Spherefun and Diskfun Software

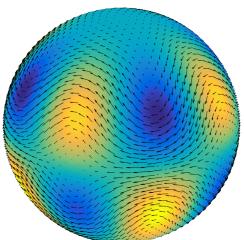
Townsend, Wilber, & W (2016a,b)



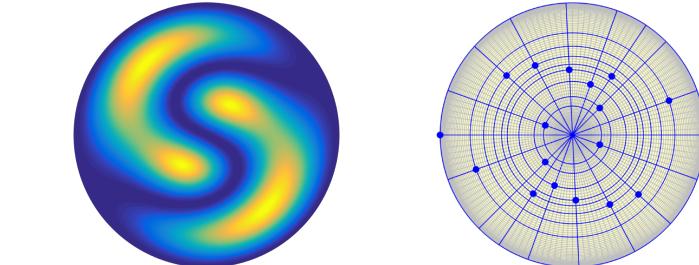
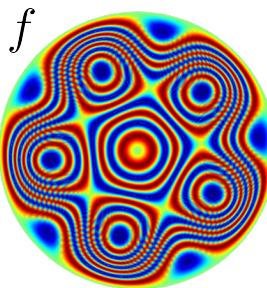
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>>f = spherefun(@(x,y,z)cos(5*x*y*z));  
>>plot(f)
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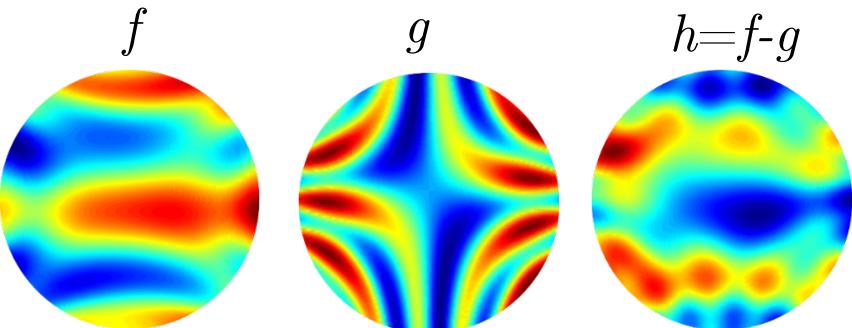
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>>f = spherefun.sphharm(5,3);  
>>plot(diff(f,1))
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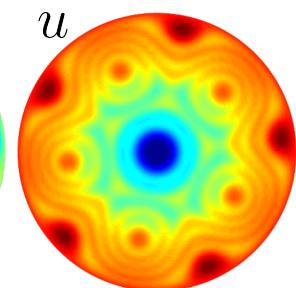
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>>u = curl(f)  
>>v = vort(u)  
>>quiver(u)  
>>plot(v)
```



```
>>f=diskfun(@(t,r)cos(sin(pi*r).*cos(t)+...  
sin(2*pi*r).*sin(t)));  
>>plot(f)
```



```
>>h = f-g; sum2(h)  
ans =  
0.818084875090377
```



```
>>bc = @(t) 1 + 0*t;  
>>u=Poisson(f,bc,1024);  
>>plot(u)
```

Spherefun and Diskfun Software

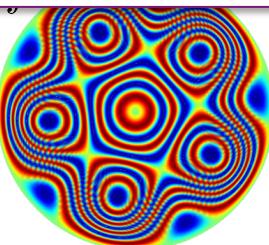
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Developing such a tool requires algorithms that are

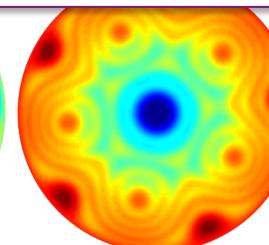
- Data-driven and adaptive
- Highly (spectral) accurate for smooth problems
- Computationally efficient
- Free of expensive pre-computational costs
- Free from issues with coordinate singularities

Double Fourier Sphere + Low rank function approximation

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Part I: Double Fourier Sphere (DFS) method

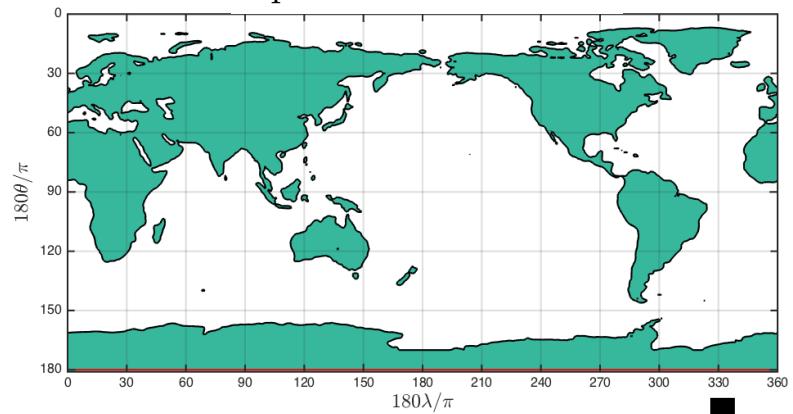
Double Fourier Sphere (DFS) method

Illustration:

Cartesian coordinates



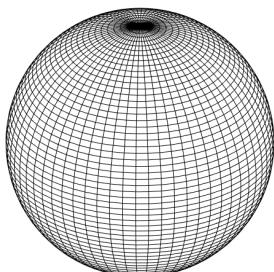
Spherical coordinates



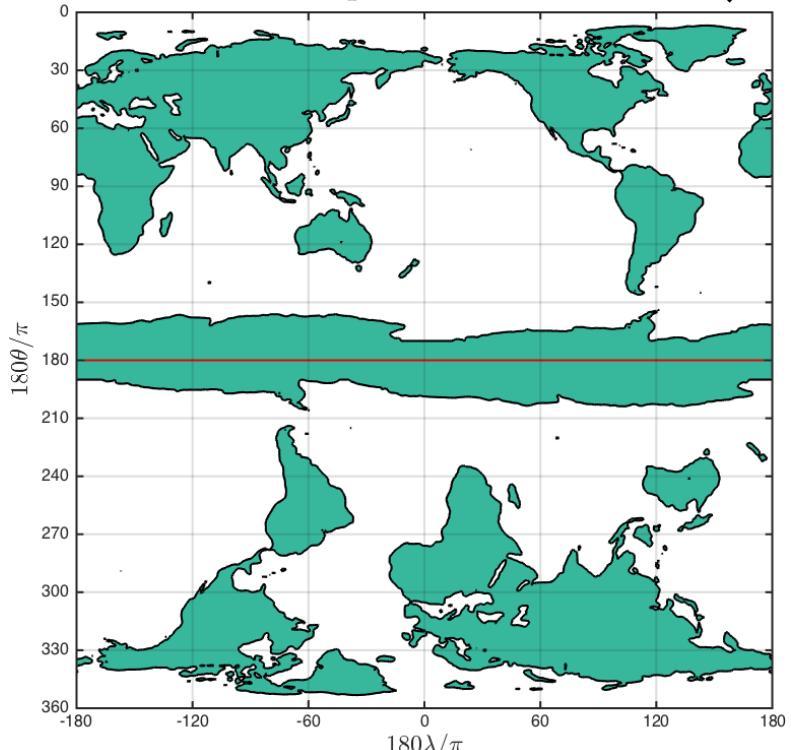
Merilees (1973), Orszag (1974), Yee (1982), Fornberg (1997), Spotz et al. (1998), Shen (1999), Cheong (2000), Ganesh & Mhaskar (2006)

What do we gain/lose?

- The domain is doubly periodic.
Can use FFT in both directions.
- Poles are not treated as boundaries.
- Issue: tensor product grids lead to over resolution at the poles.



“Doubled” spherical coordinates



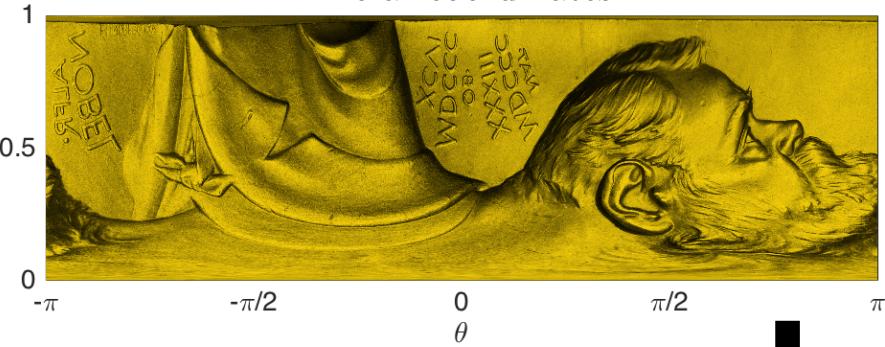
Disk analogue of the DFS method

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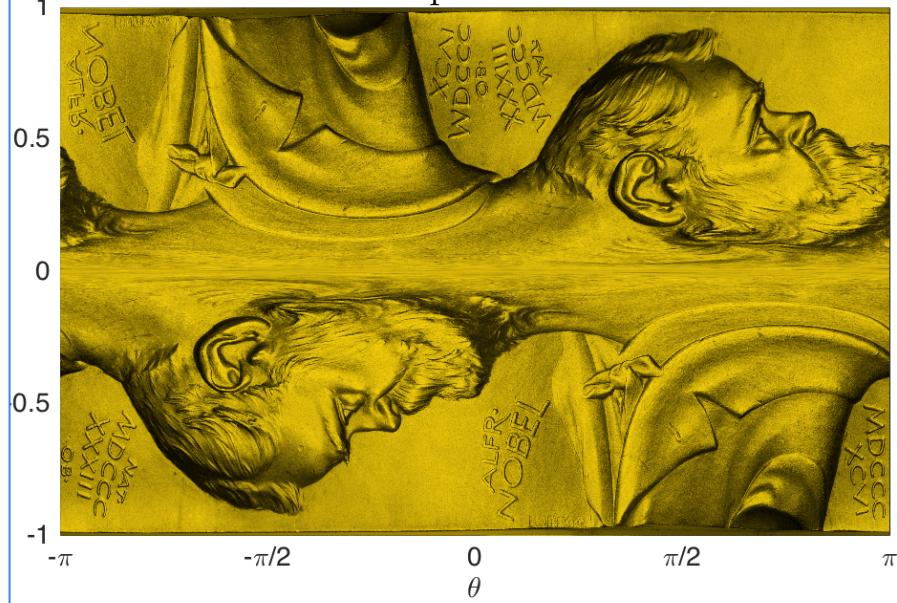
Cartesian coordinates



Polar coordinates



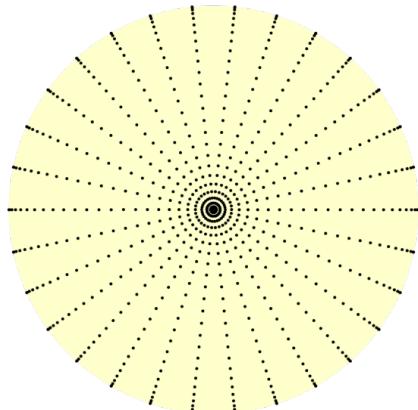
“Doubled” polar coordinates



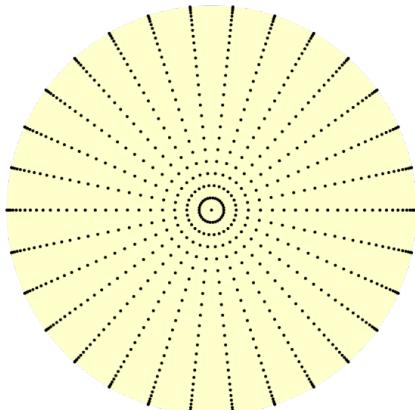
What do we gain/lose?

- Domain is well setup for tensor product Fourier-Chebyshev expansions.
- The origin is not treated as a boundary.
- **Less clustering, but it's still an issue**

Radial Chebyshev grid over $[0, 1]$

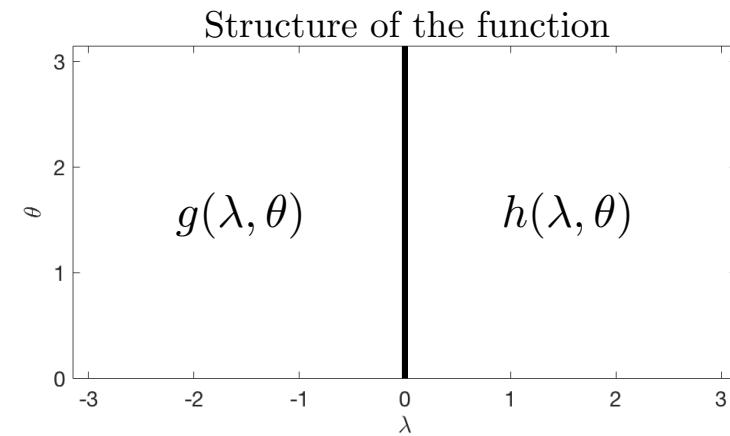
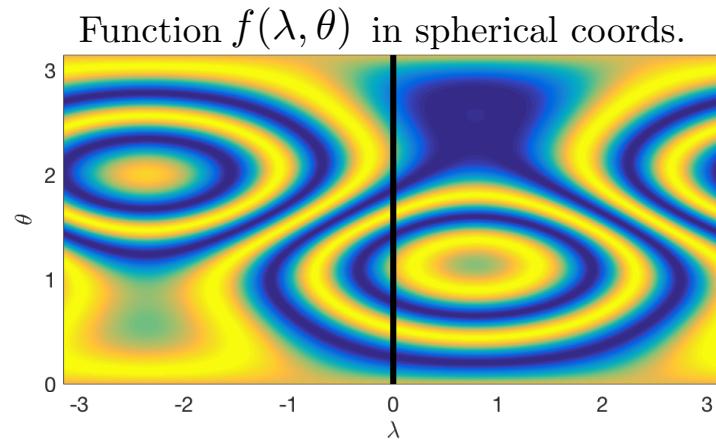


Radial Chebyshev grid over $[-1, 1]$

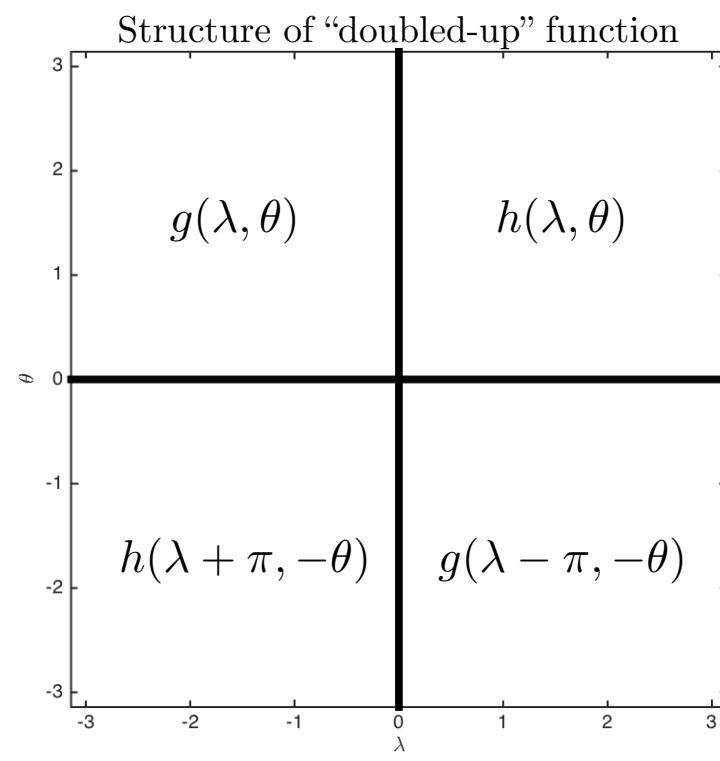
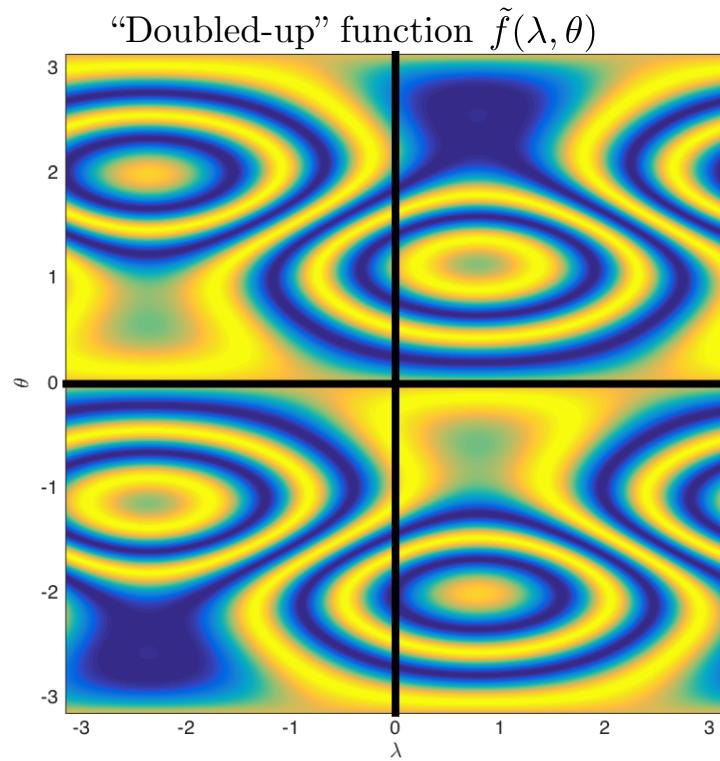


Eisen *et. al.* (1991), Fornberg (1995), Torres & Coutsias (1999), Shen (2000), Trefethen (2000).

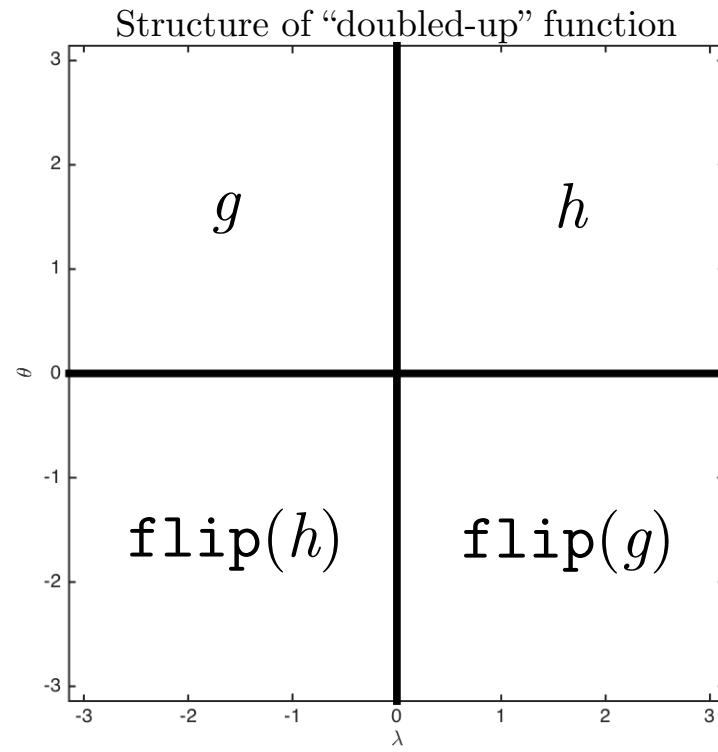
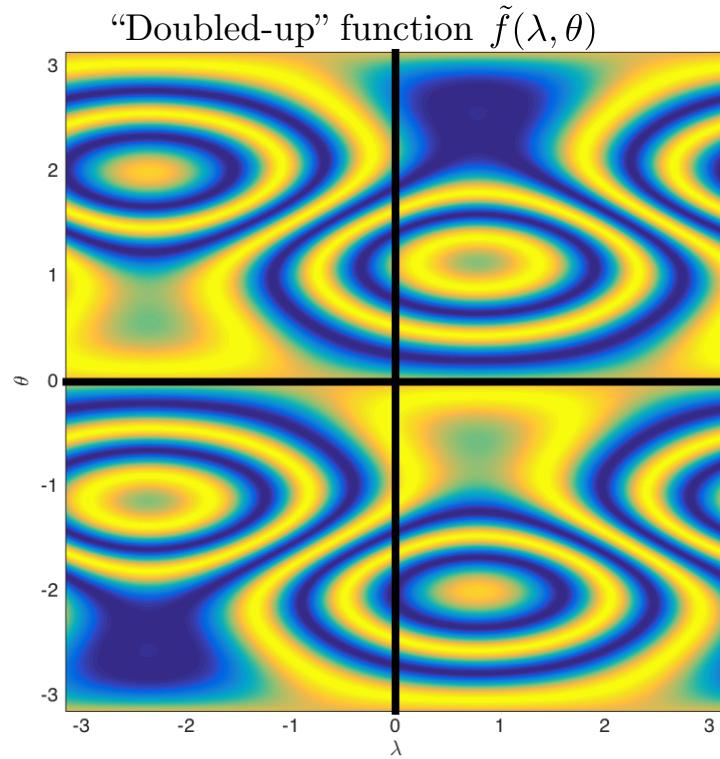
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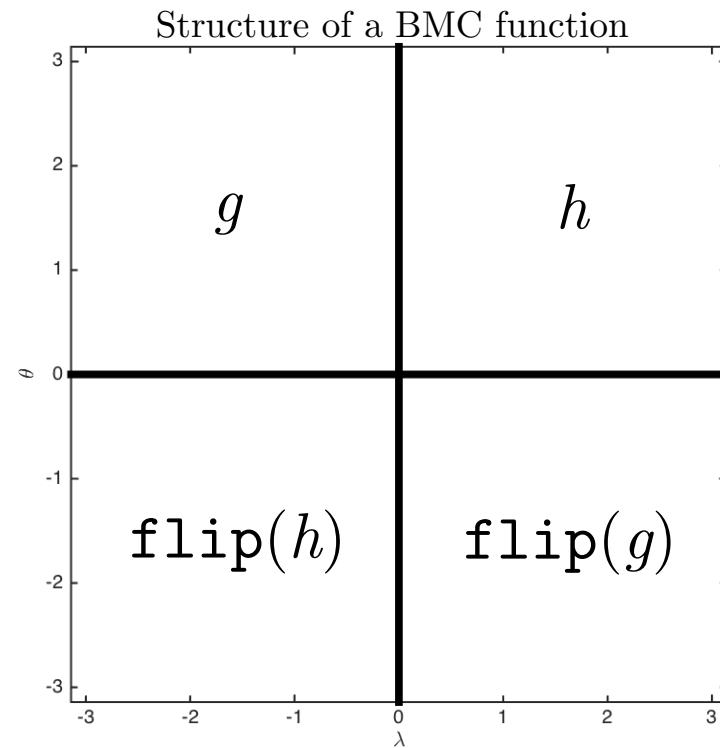
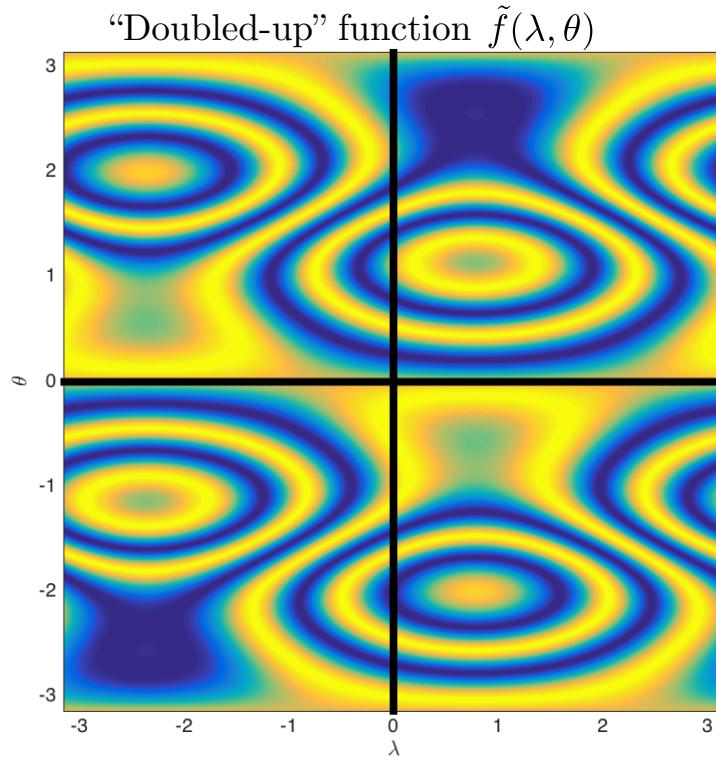


Properties of the DFS method



- We call functions with this structure **Block Mirror Centrosymmetric** (BMC).
- We refer to the “doubling up” as the **BMC extension** of a function.
- Similar BMC extension for functions on a disk (in radial direction).

Properties of the DFS method



Function is now doubly periodic: expand in Fourier series (using the FFT):

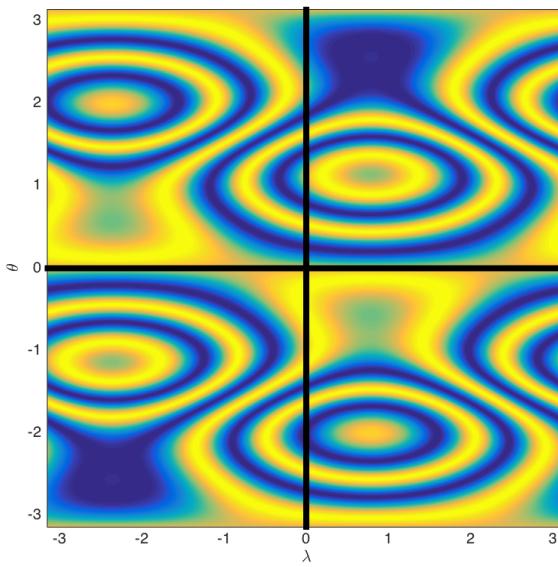
$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \approx \sum_{j=-\frac{m}{2}}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \sum_{k=-\frac{n}{2}}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} a_{jk} e^{ij\theta} e^{ik\lambda}, \quad (\lambda, \theta) \in [-\pi, \pi]^2,$$

Issues:

1. Oversampling at the poles
2. Even-odd symmetries must be accounted for in approximation (Yee, 1980)

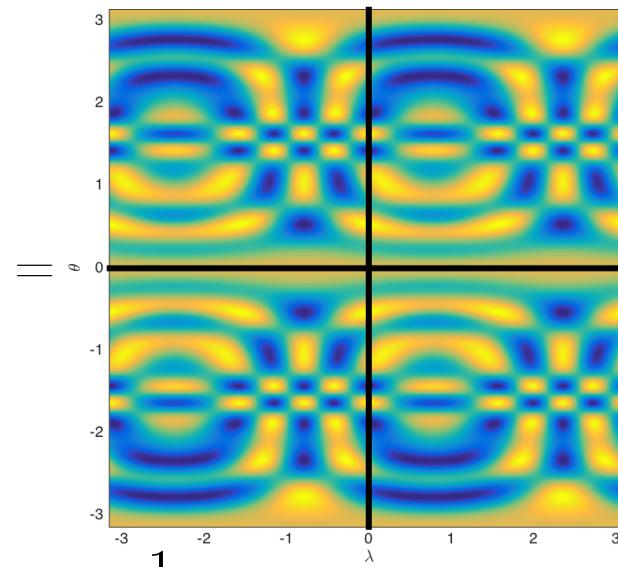
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“Doubled-up” function $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta)$



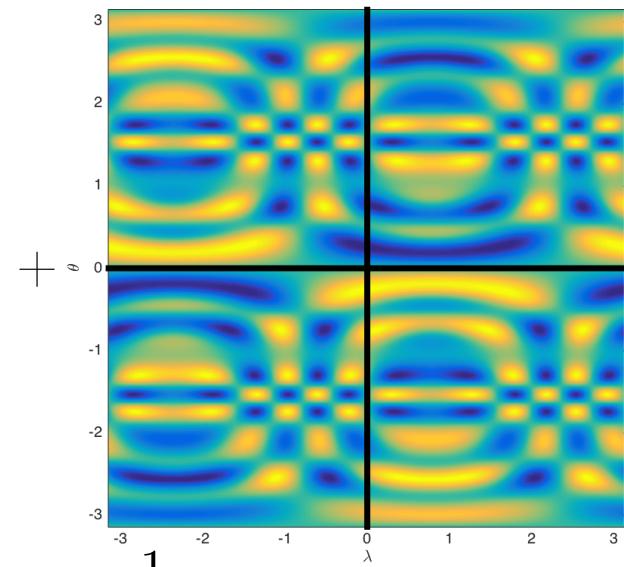
$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta)$$

Even and π -periodic



$$\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) + \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta))$$

Odd and π -antiperiodic



$$\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) - \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta))$$

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Part II: Low rank function approximation

Low rank function approximation: some definitions

- A non-zero bivariate function f is called a **rank 1 function** if it is the product of a function in x and a function in y :

$$\text{Rank 1 function: } f(x, y) = g(y)h(x)$$

- A bivariate function f is called a **rank K function** if it can be written as the sum of K rank 1 functions:

$$\text{Rank } K \text{ function: } f(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^K g_k(y)h_k(x)$$

- Generally functions are of infinite rank.
- But, smooth functions are typically of **low finite numerical rank**.

Low rank function approximation: SVD

Problem: Let $f : [-1, 1]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth bivariate function. Find an approximation of f involving a sum of K rank 1 terms:

$$f(x, y) \approx \sum_{j=1}^K d_k \underbrace{c_k(y)r_k(x)}_{\text{rank 1 product}}, \quad (x, y) \in [-1, 1]^2$$

This is called a **low rank** approximation of f .

Theorem *Let $f : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be Lipschitz continuous. Then f has the following series expansion that converges absolutely and uniformly:*

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k u_k(y) v_k(x), \quad (x, y) \in [a, b] \times [c, d],$$

where $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq 0$, and $\{u_k\}$ and $\{v_k\}$ are orthonormal sets of functions on $[c, d]$ and $[a, b]$, respectively. *This is called the singular value decomposition (SVD) of f .*

Proof. Schmidt (1907); Hammerstein (1927)

□

Low rank function approximation: alternative ideas

- Truncating the SVD of f after K terms gives the best rank K approximation of f in the L^2 -norm.

BUT, obtaining the SVD is computationally intensive.
- Alternative, computationally efficient methods have been actively investigated for the past 20 years:
 - Pseudoskeleton approximation (Goreinov, Tyrtyshnikov & Zamarashkin, 1997)
 - Adaptive cross approximation (ACA) (Bebendorf 2000)
 - Newton-Geddes (Carvajal, Chapman & Geddes, 2005)
 - Interpolative decomposition (Halko, Martinsson, & Tropp, 2011)
 - Gaussian elimination (GE) (Townsend & Trefethen 2013; Chebfun2)
- Data-driven, adaptive algorithms that give near-optimal low rank approximations, especially when f is smooth.

Gaussian elimination on matrices: a different view

- Example: GE with **complete pivoting** on a 6-by-6 matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} & a_{36} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} \\ a_{61} & a_{62} & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

Gaussian elimination on matrices: a different view

Step 1: Let a_{32} be the maximum value in magnitude of A_0 :

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ \cancel{a_{31}} & \cancel{a_{32}} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} & a_{36} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} \\ a_{61} & a_{62} & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

“Zero-out” row 3 and column 4 with rank 1 “outer product”:

$$A_1 = A_0 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{a_{32}}}_{d_1} \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{32} \\ a_{42} \\ a_{52} \\ a_{62} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} & a_{36} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}_1^T} \quad \mathbf{c}_1$$

Gaussian elimination on matrices: a different view

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$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{41} & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ a_{51} & 0 & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} \\ a_{61} & 0 & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Step 2: Let a_{54} be the maximum value in magnitude of A_1 :

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{41} & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ \textcolor{blue}{a_{51}} & 0 & a_{53} & \textcolor{blue}{a_{54}} & a_{55} & a_{56} \\ a_{61} & 0 & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

“Zero-out” row 5 and column 4 with rank 1 “outer product”:

$$A_2 = A_1 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{a_{54}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{14} \\ a_{24} \\ 0 \\ a_{44} \\ a_{54} \\ a_{64} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{c}_2} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{51} & 0 & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}_2^T}$$

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Step 3: Let a_{23} be the maximum value in magnitude of A_2 :

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} & 0 & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} & 0 & a_{25} & a_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{41} & 0 & a_{43} & 0 & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{61} & 0 & a_{63} & 0 & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

“Zero-out” row 2 and column 3 with rank 1 “outer product”:

$$A_3 = A_2 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{a_{23}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \\ 0 \\ a_{43} \\ 0 \\ a_{63} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{c}_3} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} & 0 & a_{25} & a_{26} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}_3^T}$$

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Step 4: Let a_{41} be the maximum value in magnitude of A_3 :

$$A_3 = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cc} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{41} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{45} & a_{46} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{61} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{array} \right]$$

“Zero-out” row 4 and column 1 with rank 1 “outer product”:

$$A_4 = A_3 - \frac{1}{a_{41}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{41} \\ 0 \\ a_{61} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{c}_4} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{41} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{45} & a_{46} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}_4^T}$$

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Step 5: Let a_{16} be the maximum value in magnitude of A_4 :

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{15} & a_{16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{65} & a_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

“Zero-out” row 1 and column 6 with rank 1 “outer product”:

$$A_5 = A_4 - \frac{1}{a_{16}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{16} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{66} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{c}_5} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{15} & a_{16} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}_5^T}$$

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Step 6: Let a_{65} be the maximum value in magnitude of A_5 :

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

“Zero-out” row 6 and column 5 with rank 1 “outer product”:

$$A_6 = A_5 - \frac{1}{a_{65}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{65} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{c}_6} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{65} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{r}_6^T}$$

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A_6 contains all zeros:

$$A_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

An LU factorization of A can be obtained from d_j , \mathbf{c}_j , and \mathbf{r}_j , $j=1,\dots,6$.

Additionally:

We can use d_j , \mathbf{c}_j , and \mathbf{r}_j to write A as the following sum of rank 1 terms:

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^6 d_j \mathbf{c}_j \mathbf{r}_j^T$$

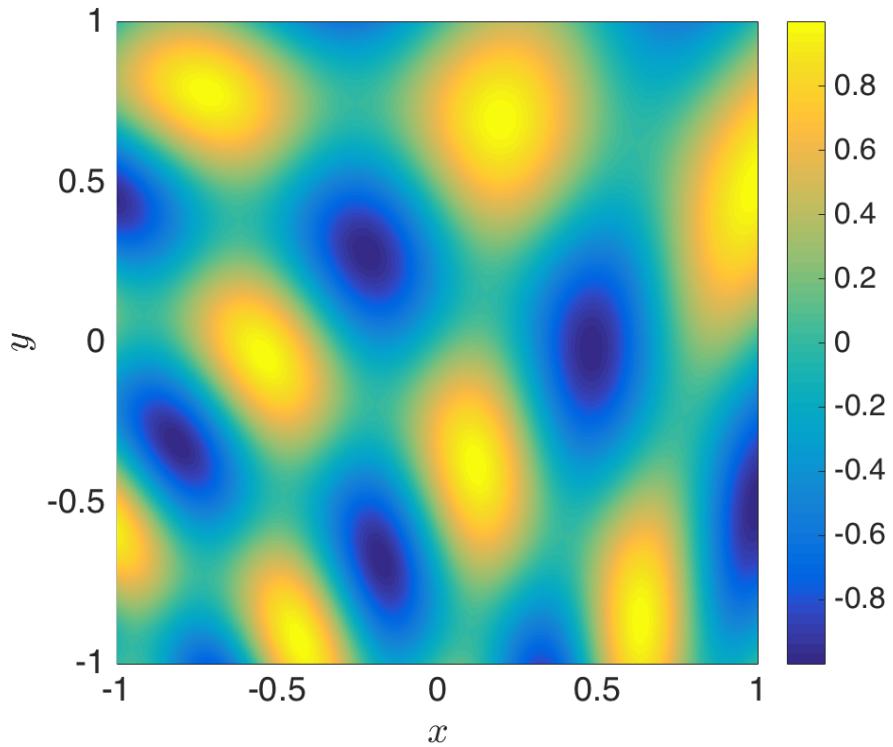
Can we truncate this sum to obtain an approximation to A ?

Yes, especially when A comes from sample of a smooth function

Gaussian elimination for functions: example

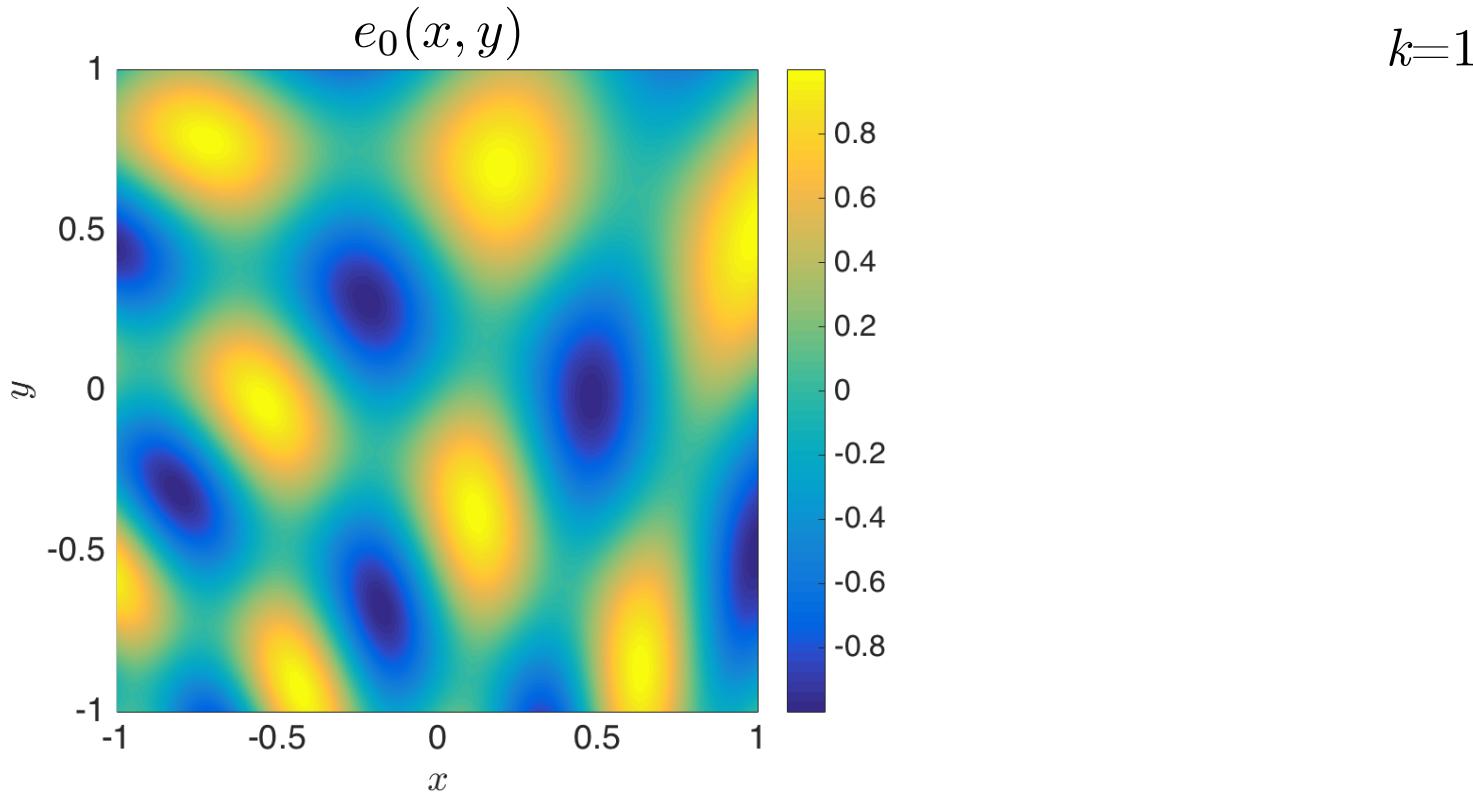
- Continuous analogue of Gaussian elimination with complete pivoting.

$$f(x, y) = \cos(3(x - 1)(y - 2)) \sin(\pi(x - y))$$



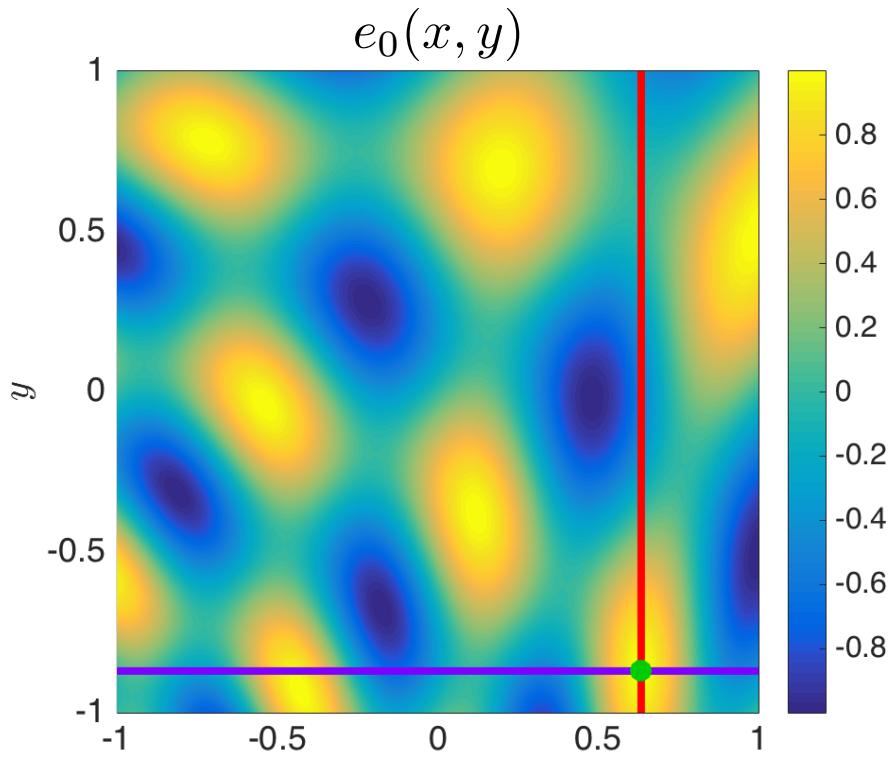
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$$|e_{k-1}(x_*, y_*)| = \|e_{k-1}\|_\infty$$

- $k=1$
- pivot $d_k = 1/e_{k-1}(x_*, y_*)$
 - | column slice $c_k(y) = e_{k-1}(x_*, y)$
 - row slice $r_k(x) = e_{k-1}(x, y_*)$

Rank 1 elimination function:

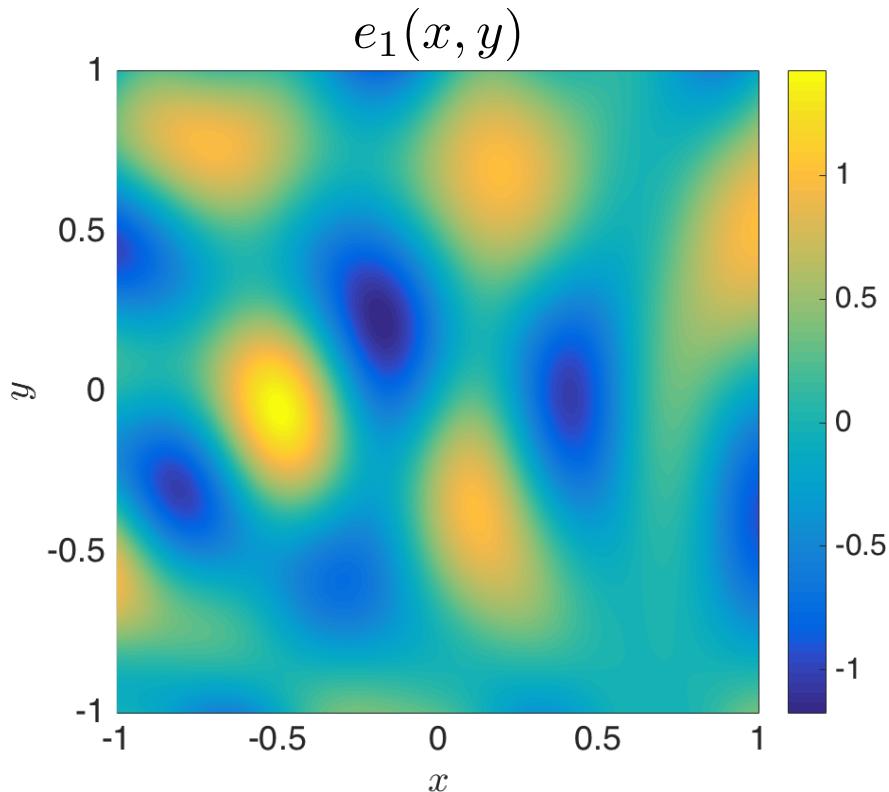
$$g_k(x, y) = d_k \ c_k(y) \ r_k(x)$$

Residual:

$$e_k(x, y) = e_{k-1}(x, y) - g_k(x, y)$$

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$$e_k(x, y_*) = 0$$
$$e_k(x_*, y) = 0$$

$k=1$

- pivot $d_k = 1/e_{k-1}(x_*, y_*)$
- | column slice $c_k(y) = e_{k-1}(x_*, y)$
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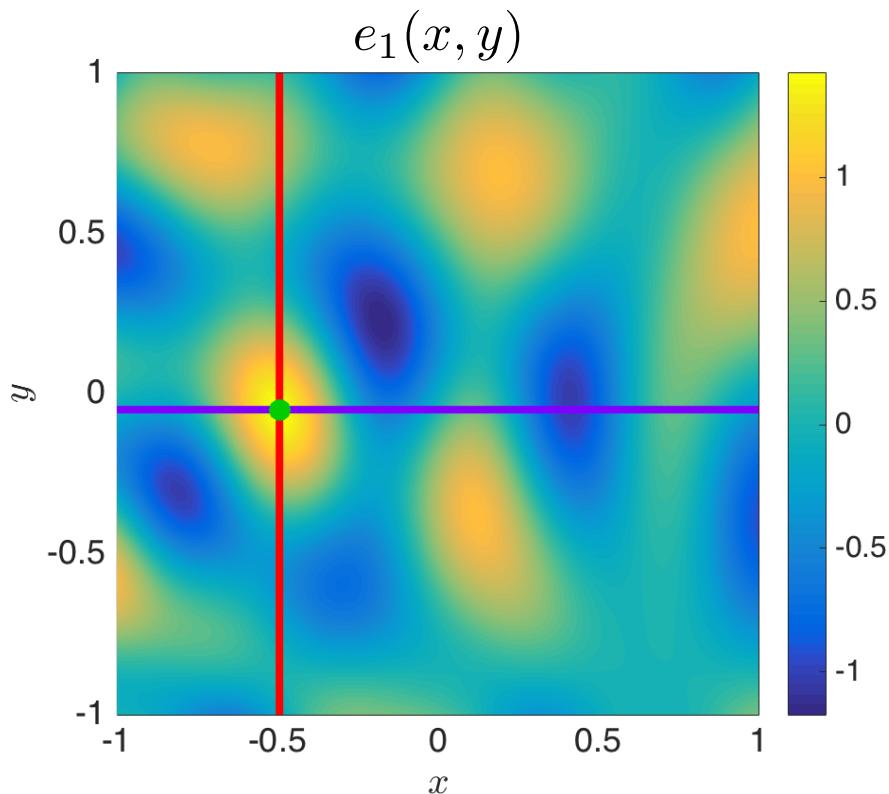
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Gaussian elimination for functions: example

- Continuous analogue of Gaussian elimination with complete pivoting.



$$|e_{k-1}(x_*, y_*)| = \|e_{k-1}\|_\infty$$

$k=2$

- pivot $d_k = 1/e_{k-1}(x_*, y_*)$
- | column slice $c_k(y) = e_{k-1}(x_*, y)$
- row slice $r_k(x) = e_{k-1}(x, y_*)$

Rank 1 elimination function:

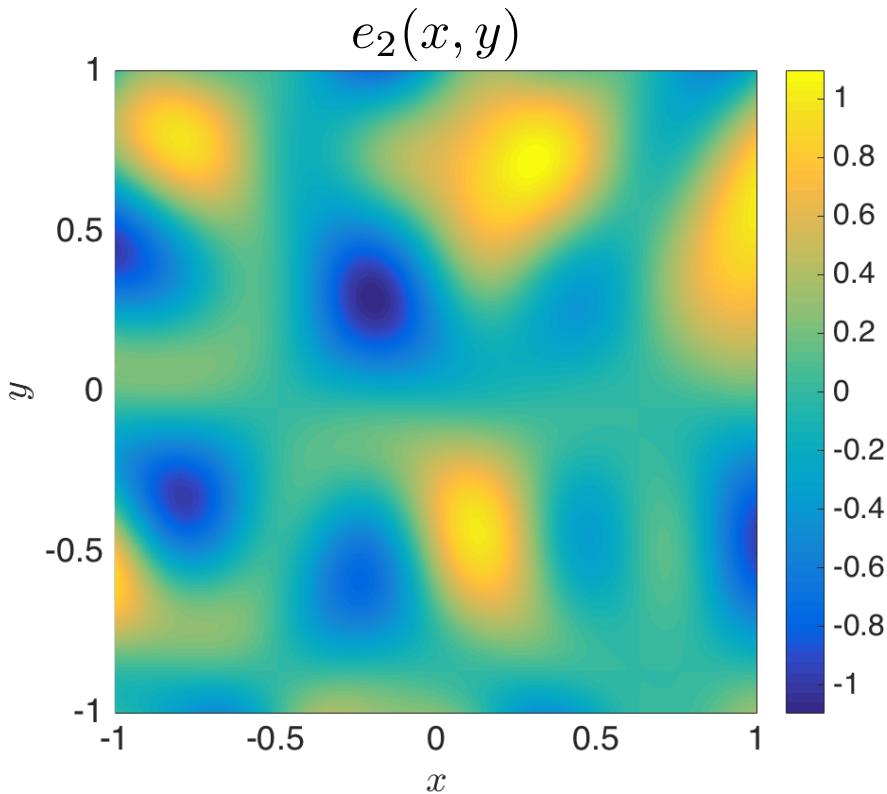
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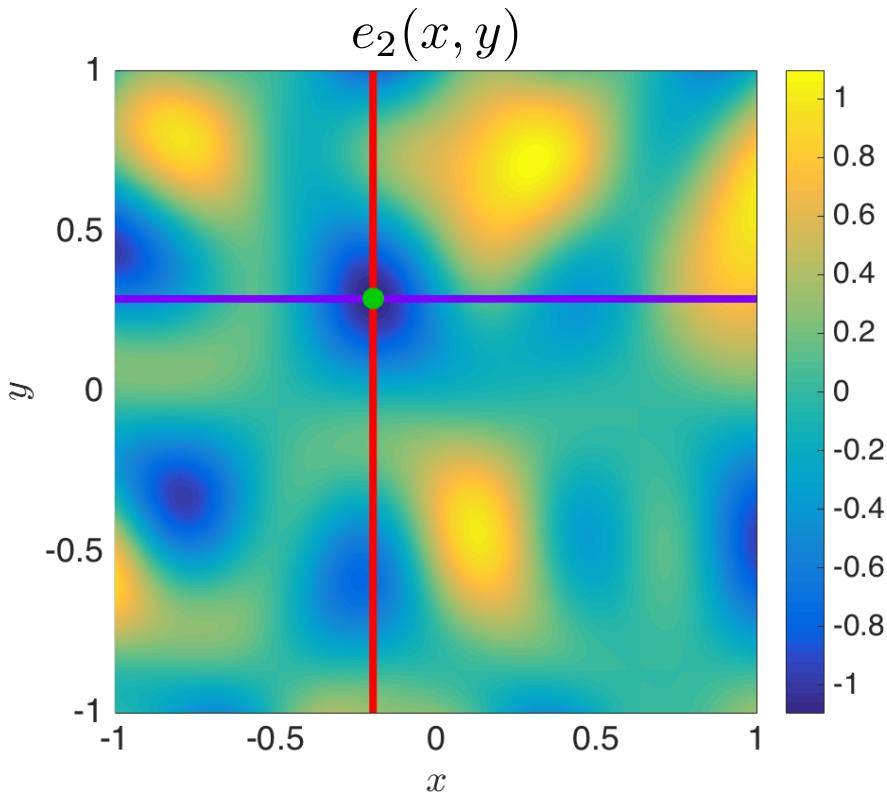
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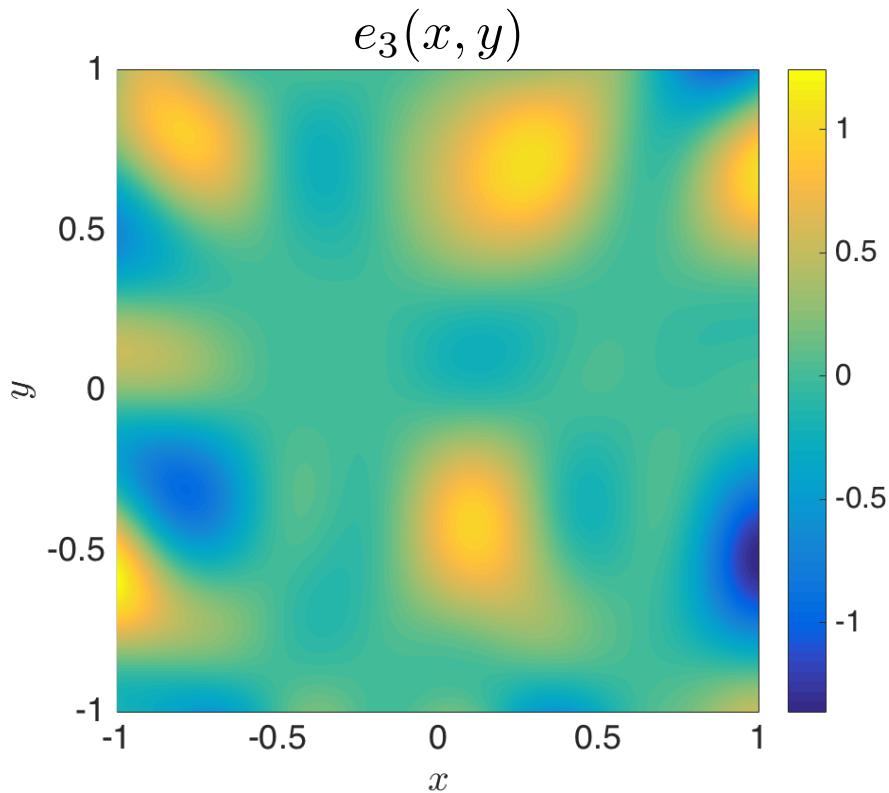
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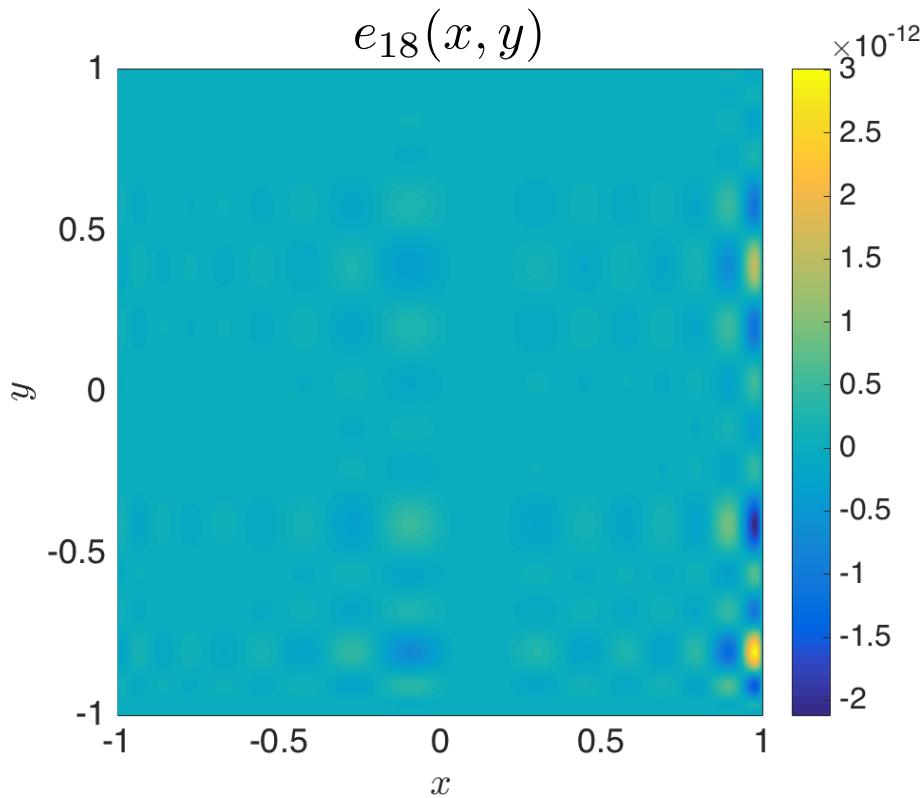
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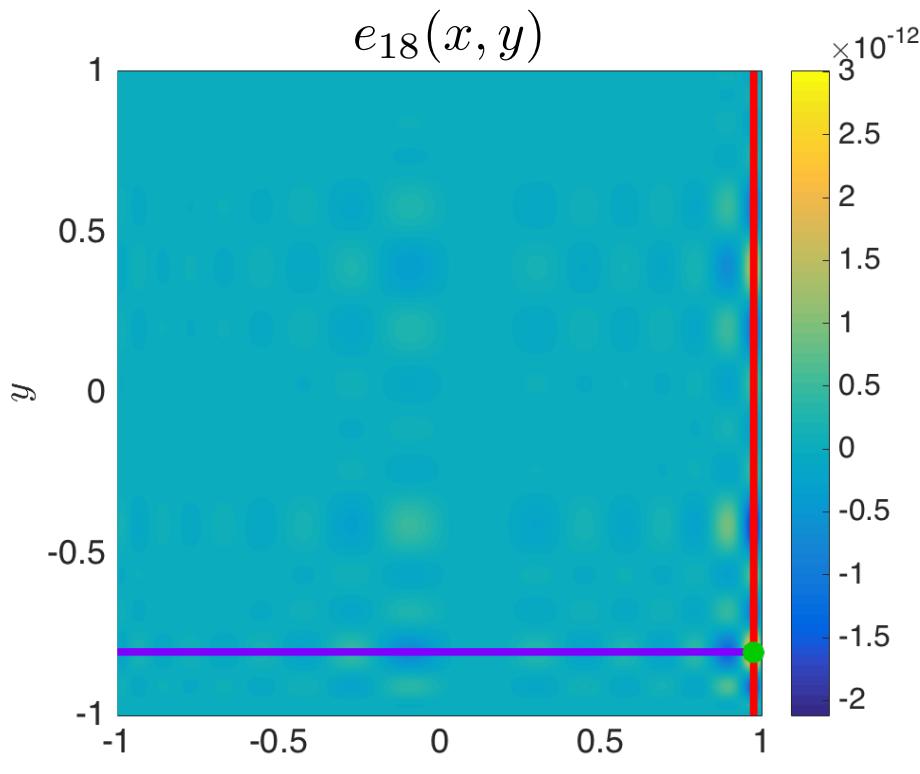
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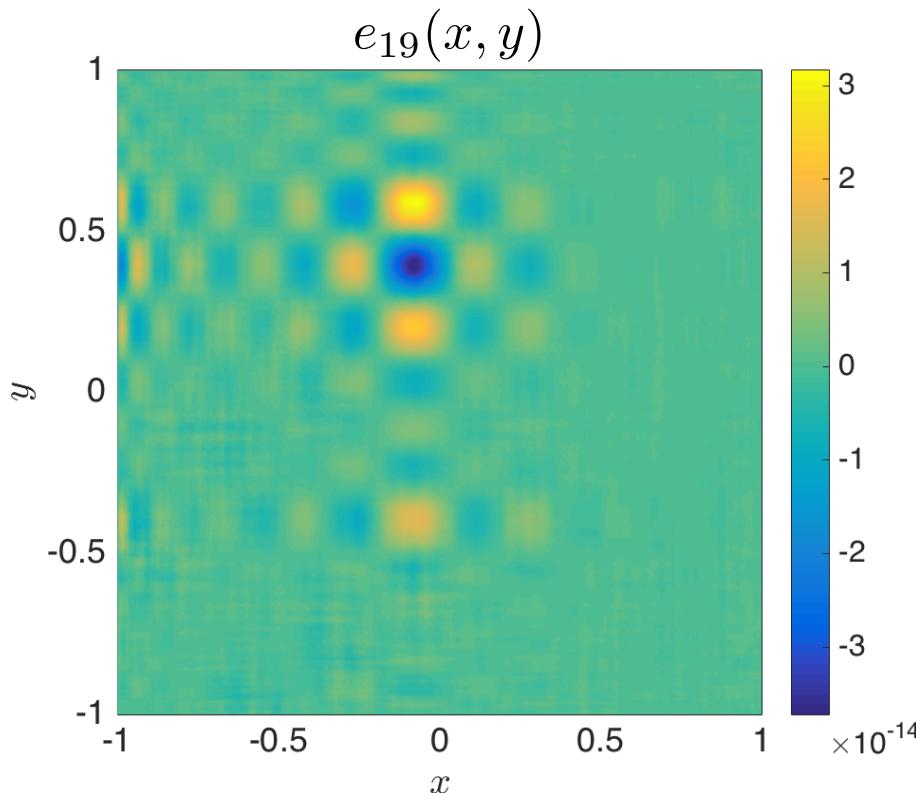
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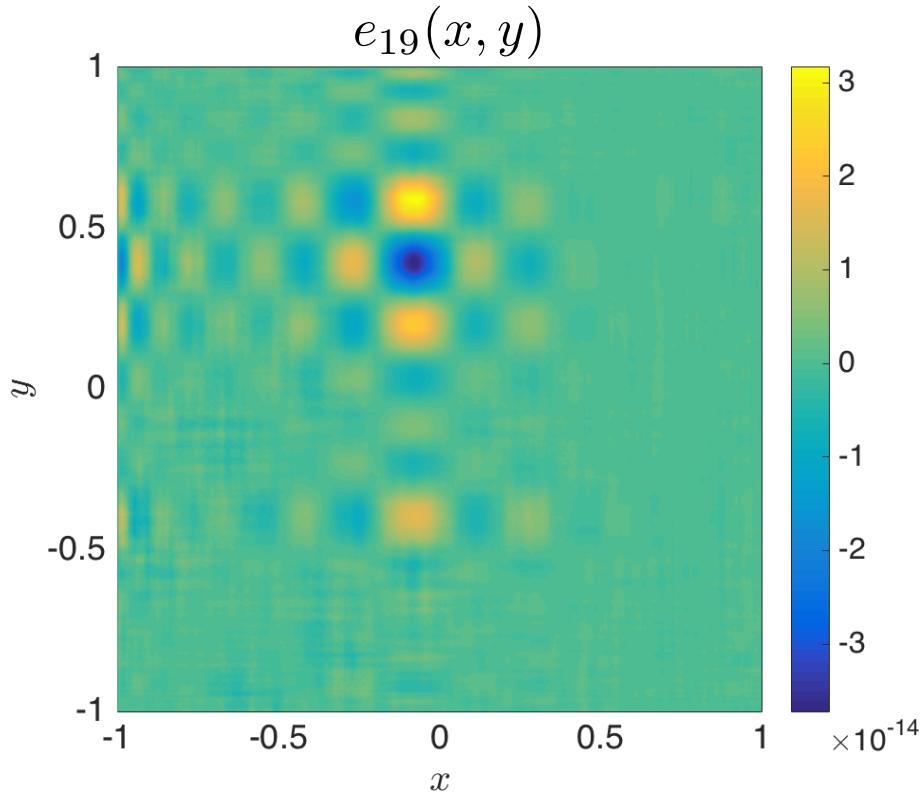
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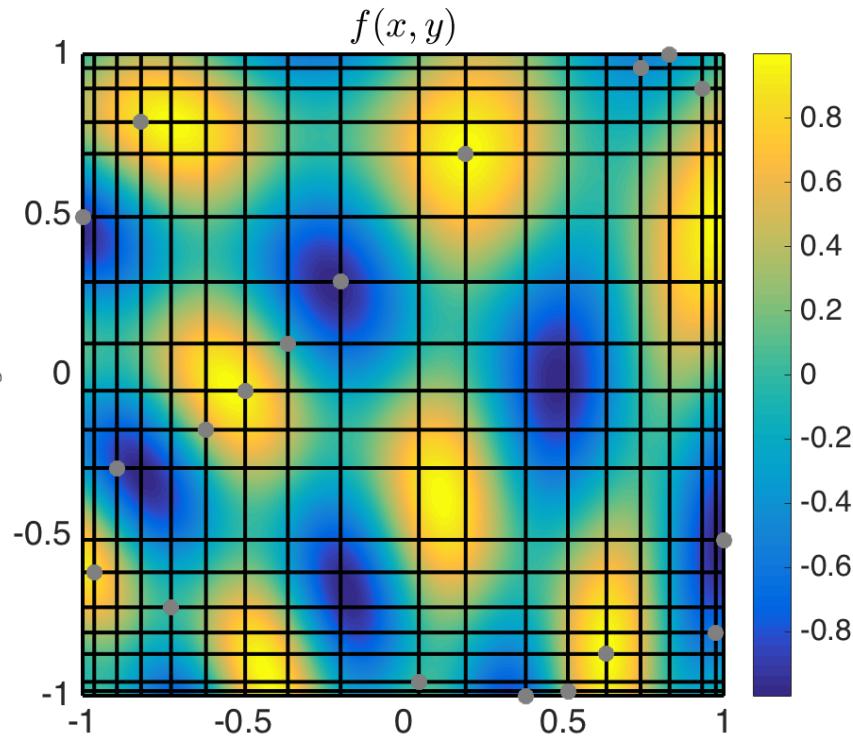
$k=19$

A rank 19 approximation with a max-norm error of $O(10^{-14})$ has now been obtained:

$$f(x, y) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{19} d_k c_k(y) r_k(x)$$

Gaussian elimination for functions: example

“Skeleton” showing where f is sampled

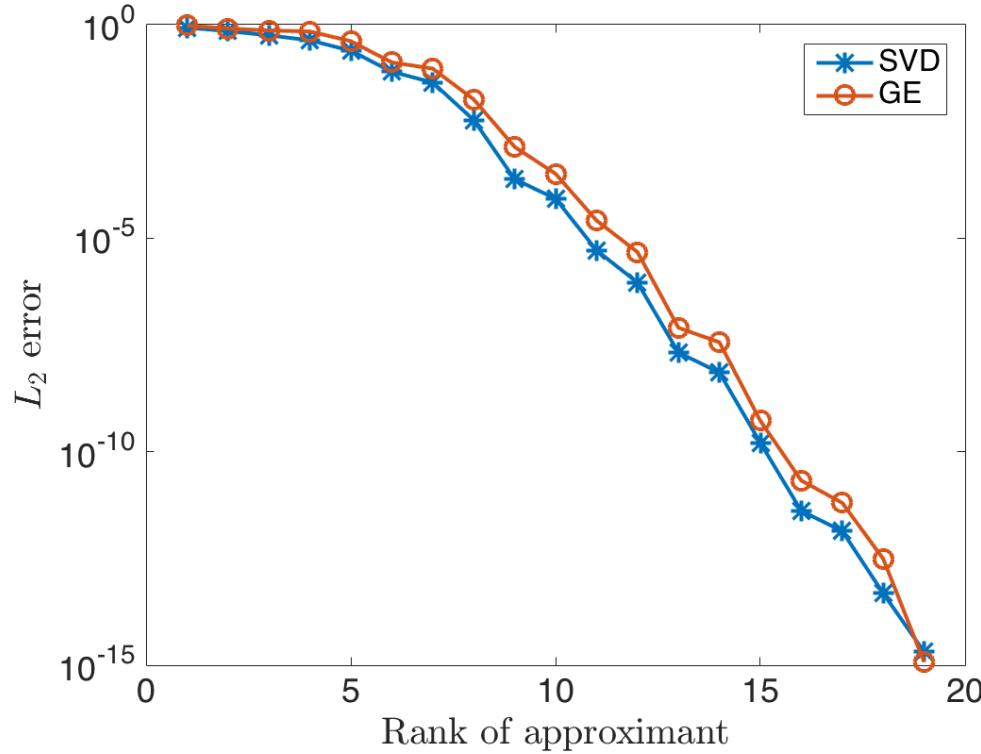


$$f(x, y) = \cos(3(x - 1)(y - 2)) \sin(\pi(x - y))$$

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- Algorithmic details and convergence theory are given in Townsend & Trefethen (2013, & 2015)

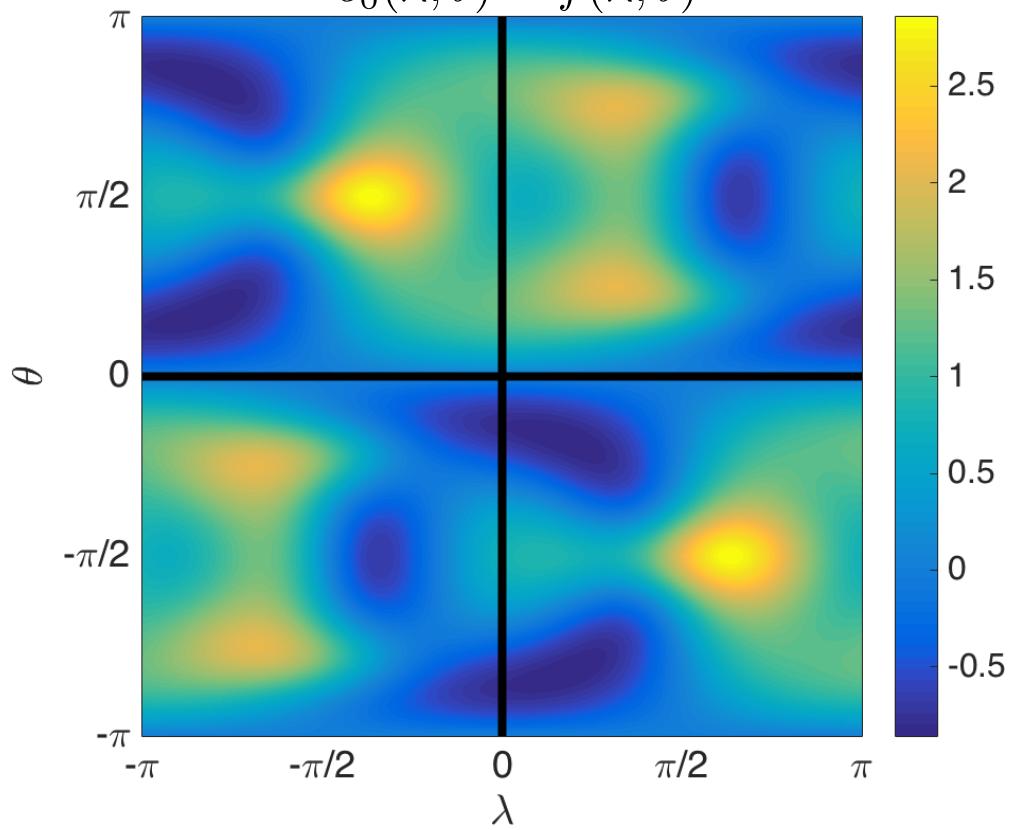
Comparison to the truncated SVD of f



The SVD gives the optimal rank K approximation to f .

Gaussian elimination for functions: sphere example

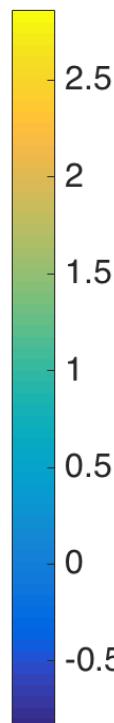
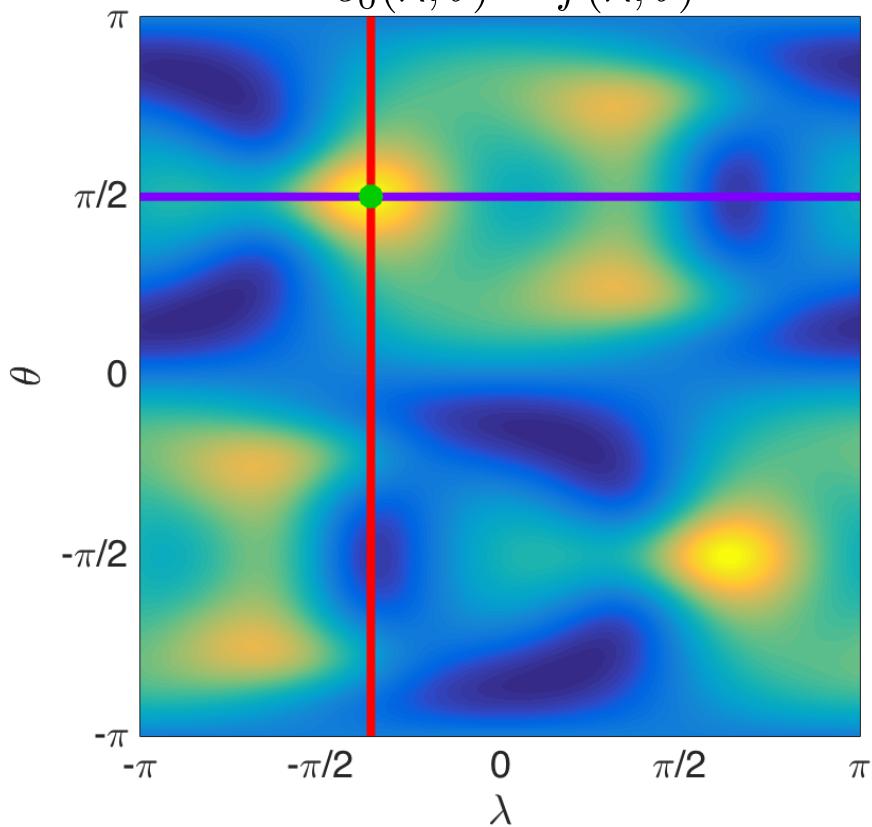
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Note structure from BMC extension

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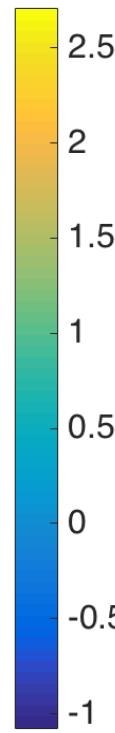
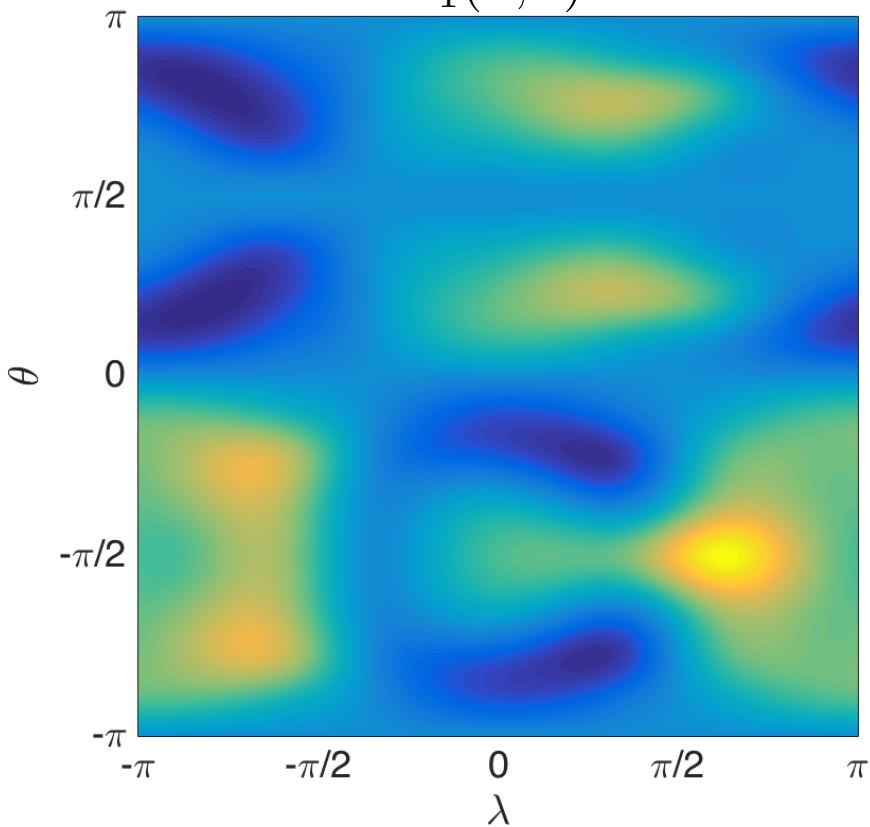
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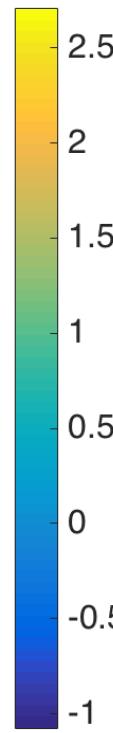
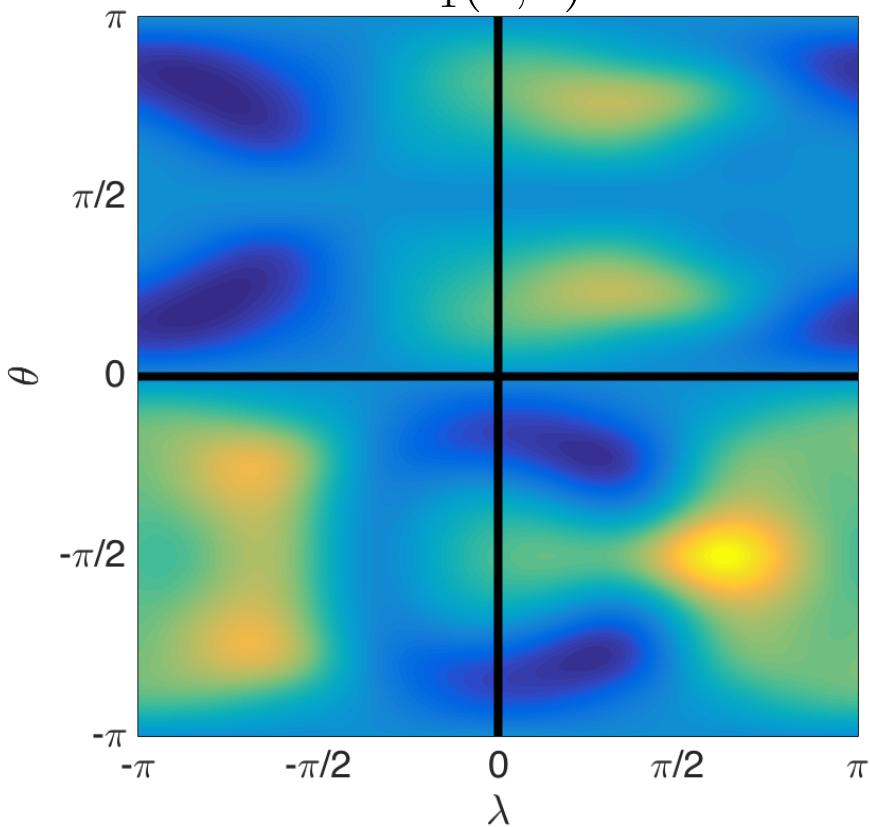
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The BMC structure has been lost!

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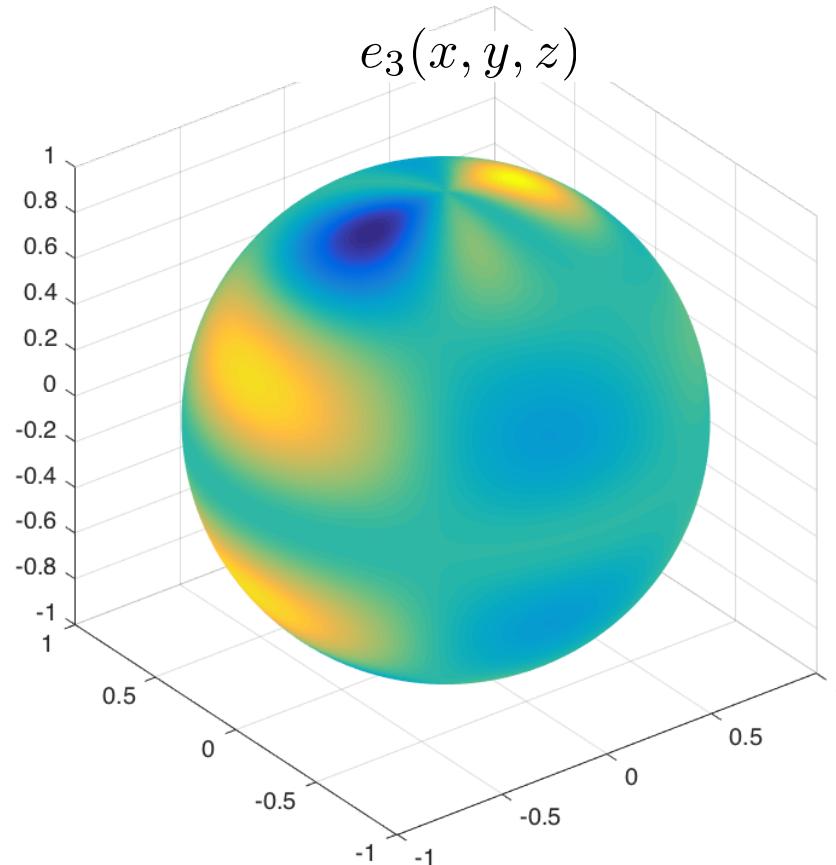
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The residual is not smooth over the poles

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Plot of the residual
for $k=3$ on the sphere

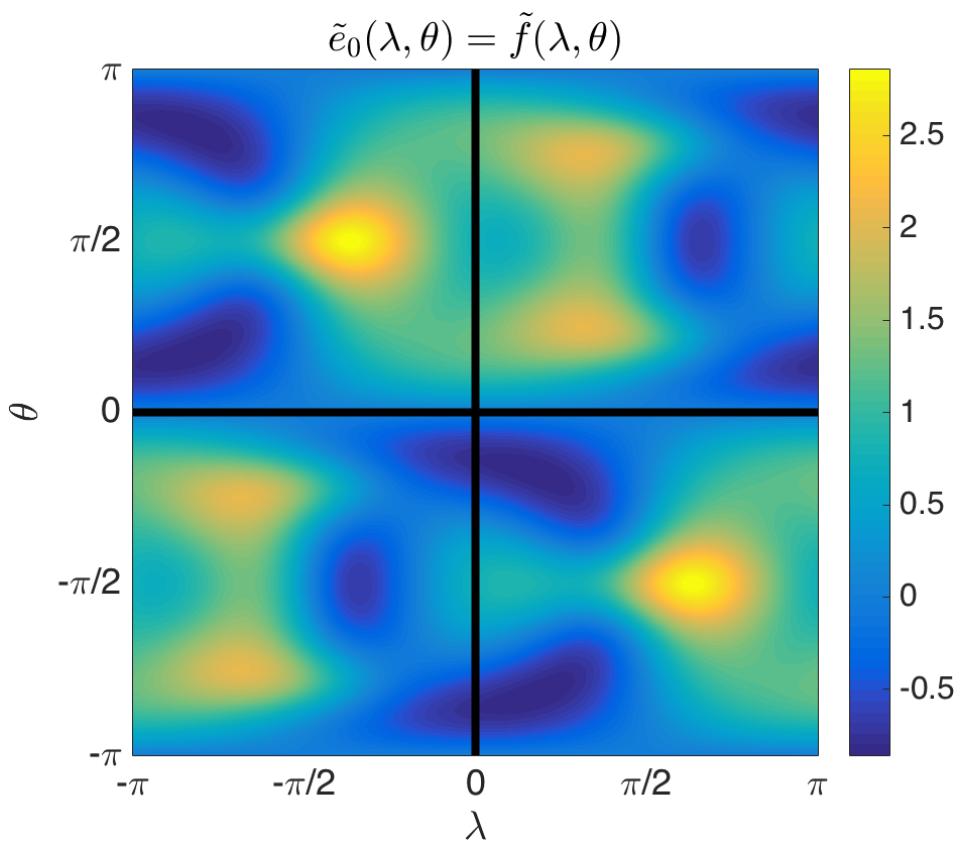


- What is wrong with this approach?

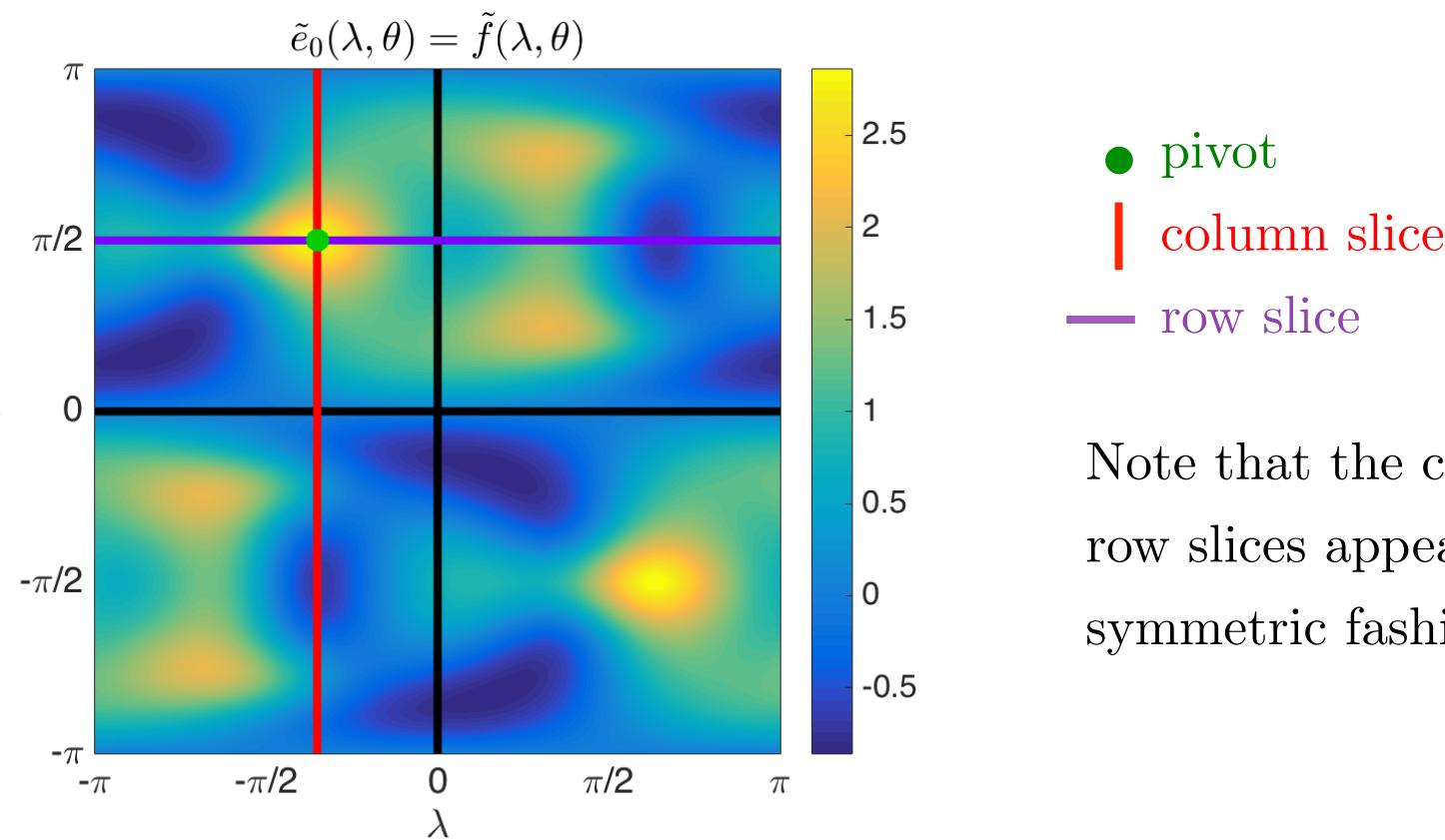
$$\text{Residual step: } \tilde{e}_k(\lambda, \theta) = \tilde{e}_{k-1}(\lambda, \theta) - \tilde{g}_k(\lambda, \theta)$$

To preserve the BMC structure, $\tilde{g}_k(\lambda, \theta)$, must also be a BMC function

Gaussian elimination that preserves BMC structure

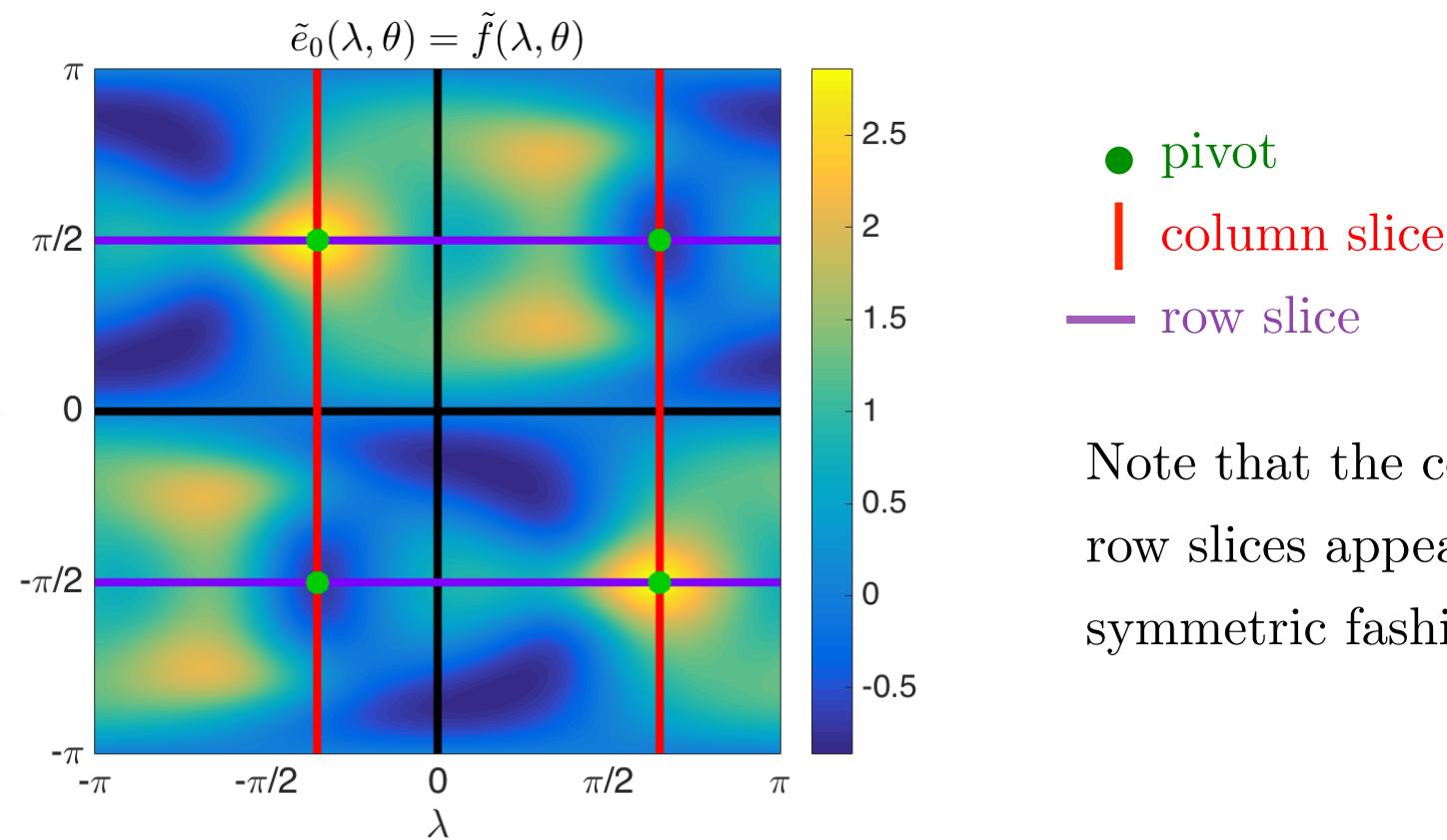


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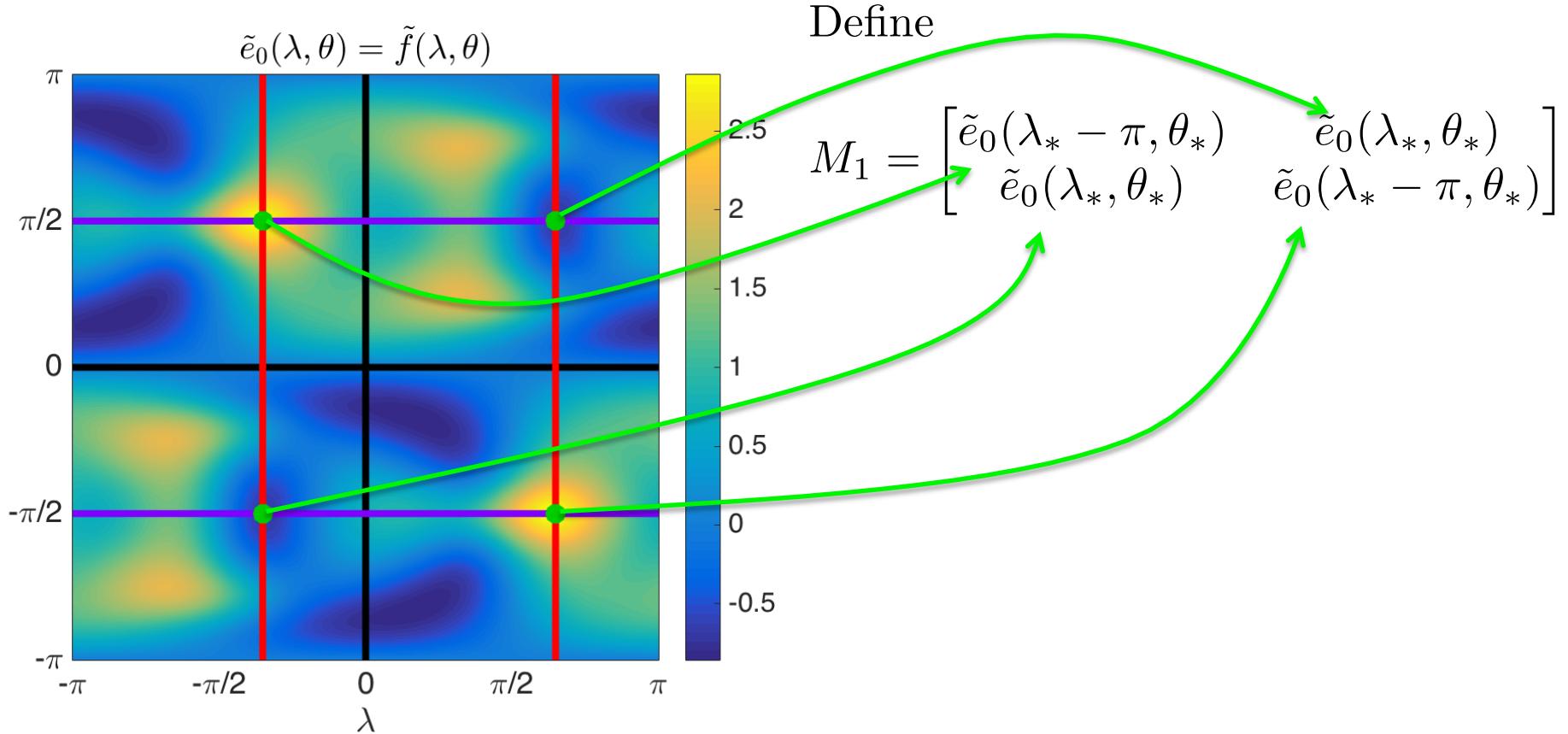
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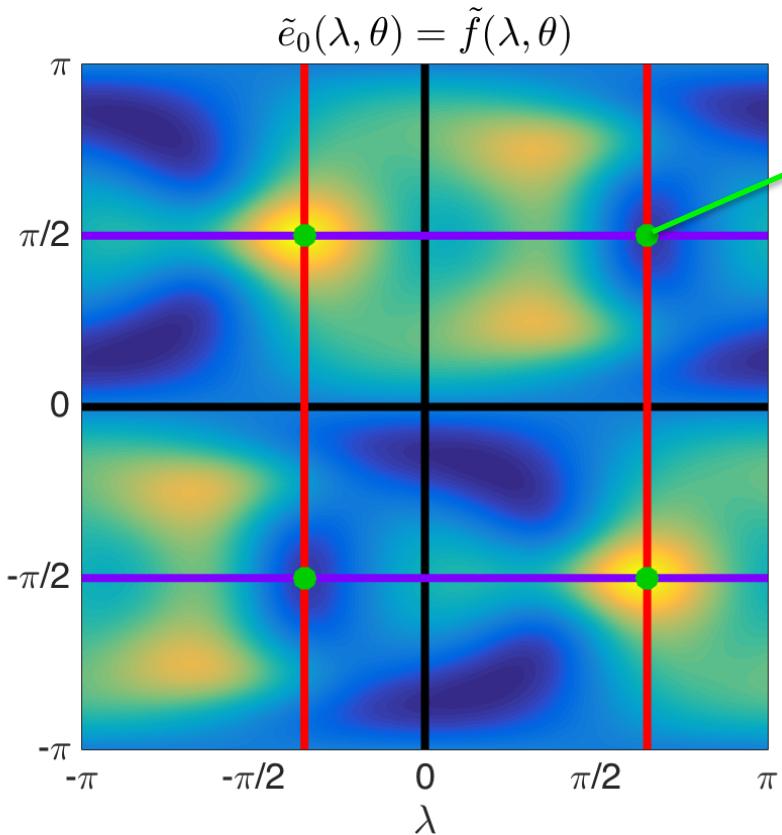
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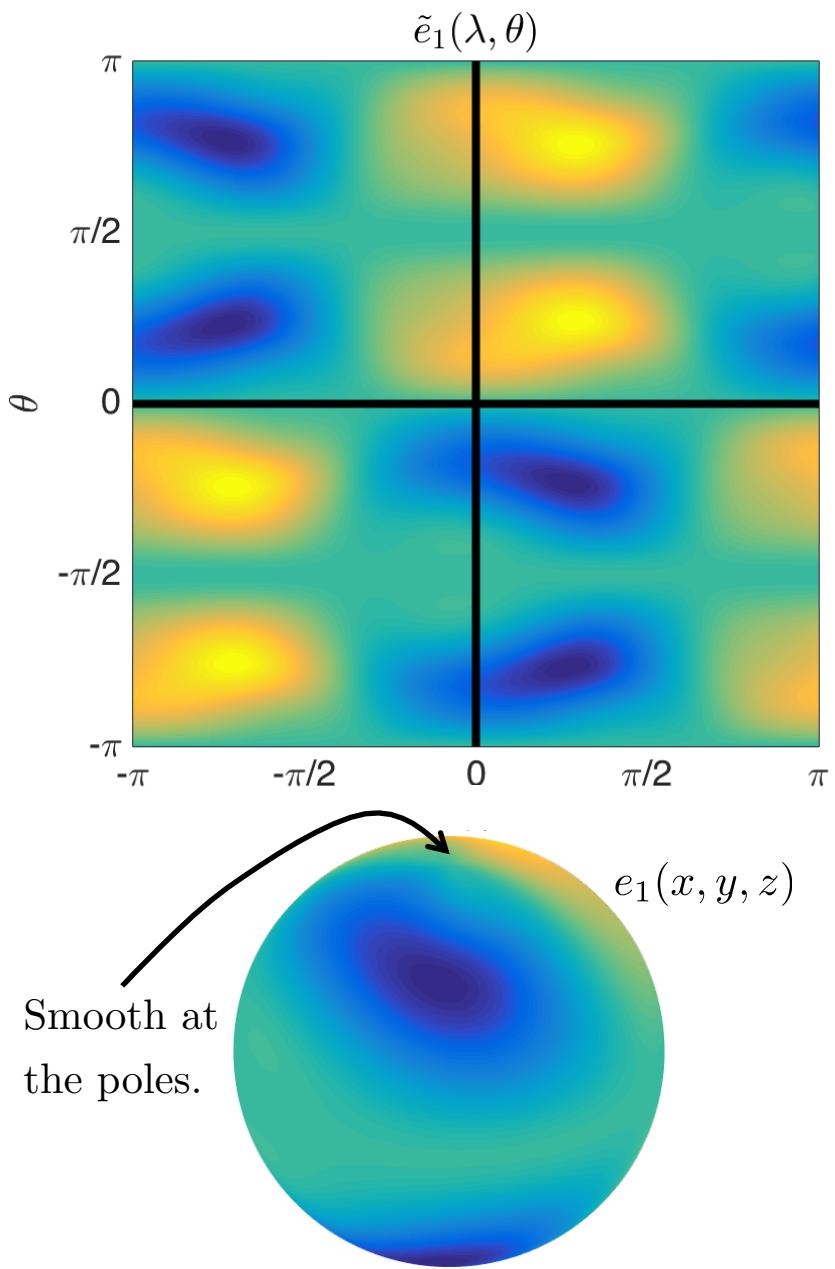
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Define

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{e}_0(\lambda_* - \pi, \theta_*) & \tilde{e}_0(\lambda_*, \theta_*) \\ \tilde{e}_0(\lambda_*, \theta_*) & \tilde{e}_0(\lambda_* - \pi, \theta_*) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1(\theta) = \tilde{e}_0(\lambda_*, \theta) \text{ and } r_1(\lambda) = \tilde{e}_0(\lambda, \theta_*)$$

$$\tilde{g}_1(\lambda, \theta) =$$

$$[c_1(-\theta) \quad c_1(\theta)] M_1^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} r_1(\lambda) \\ r_1(\lambda - \pi) \end{bmatrix}$$

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BMC function!

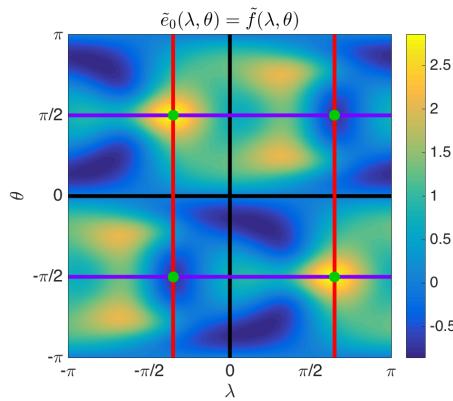
Repeat this process on $\tilde{e}_k(\lambda, \theta)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Some details on the algorithm

- How do we choose the pivot matrices?

Find $(\lambda_*, \theta_*) \in [0, \pi]^2$ such that

$$M_k = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{e}_{k-1}(\lambda_* - \pi, \theta_*) & \tilde{e}_{k-1}(\lambda_*, \theta_*) \\ \tilde{e}_{k-1}(\lambda_*, \theta_*) & \tilde{e}_{k-1}(\lambda_* - \pi, \theta_*) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$



has maximal singular value $\sigma_1(M_k) = \max\{|a+b|, |a-b|\}$.

⇒ This is the 2×2 pivot analogue of complete pivoting.

- M_k may be singular or numerically ill-conditioned.

Solution: Replace M_k^{-1} by ϵ -pseudoinverse: $M_k^{-1} \rightarrow M_k^{+\epsilon}$

- Algorithm does not produce decoupled scalars d_k , and columns and rows $c_k(\theta)$ and $r_k(\lambda)$ such that $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \approx \sum_{k=1}^K d_k c_k(\theta) r_k(\lambda)$

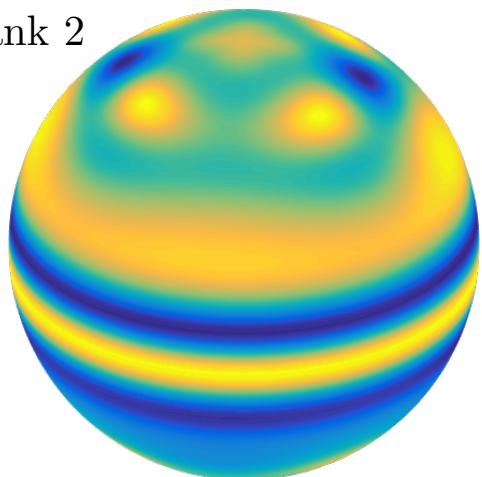
Solution: Use spectral decomposition of each M_k to decouple the rows and columns from \tilde{g}_k .

Why Preserving BMC structure is important

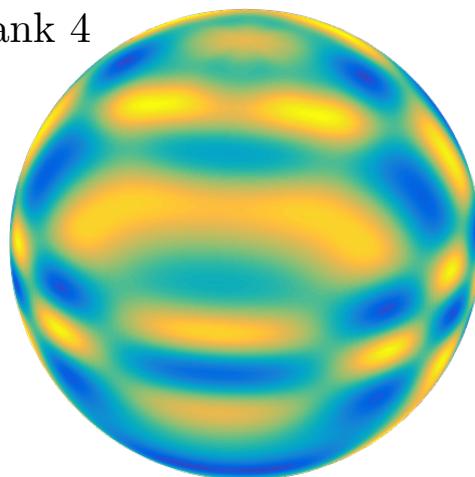
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GE preserving BMC structure: no pole singularity!

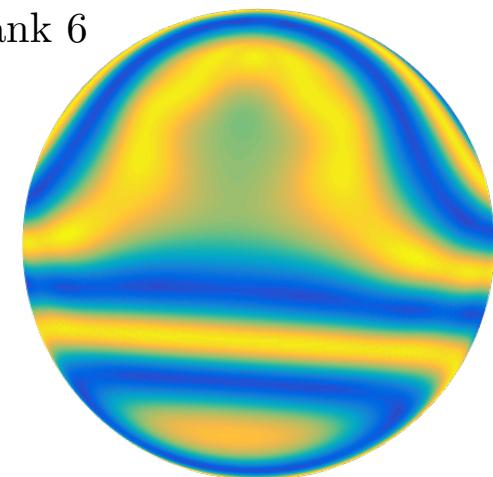
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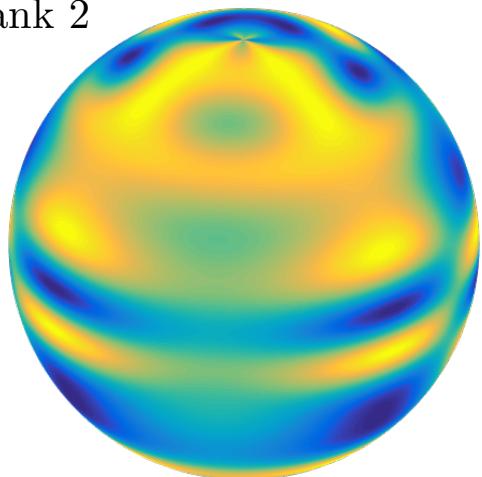


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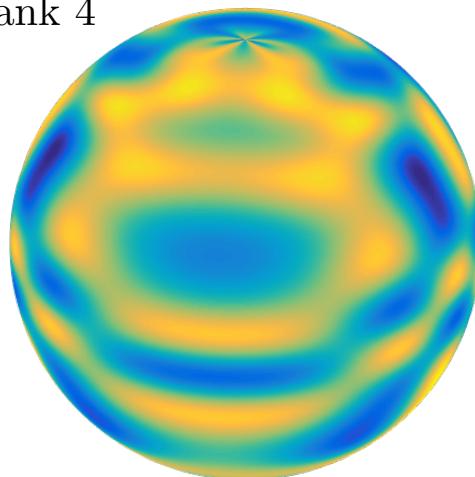


Standard GE: pole singularity

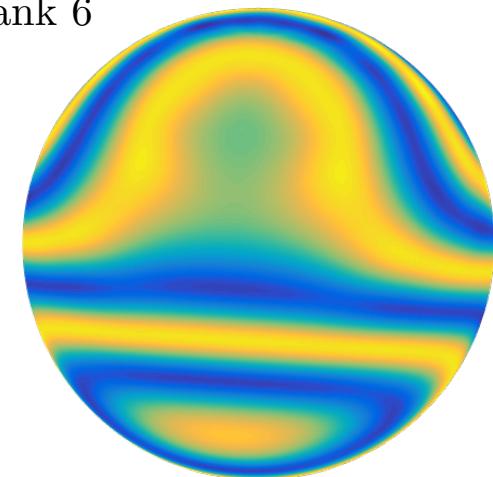
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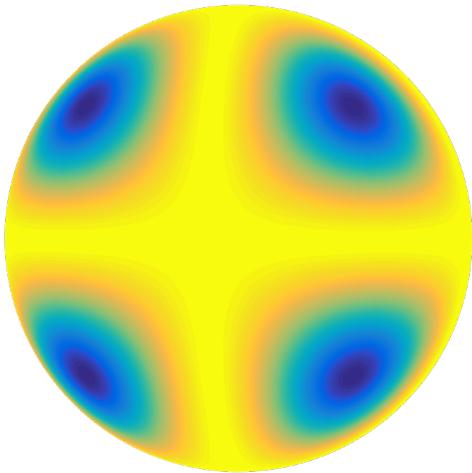


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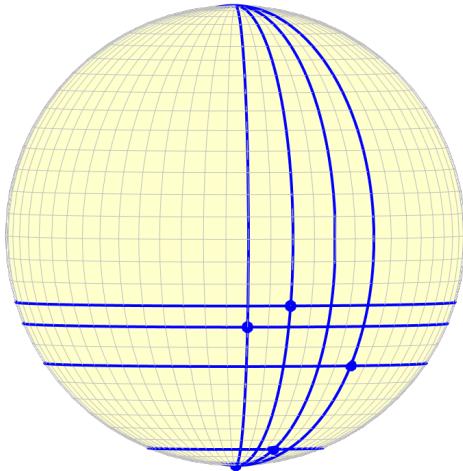
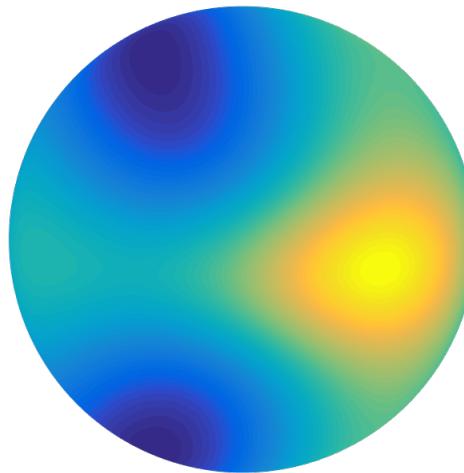


Example “skeletons” from low rank approximations

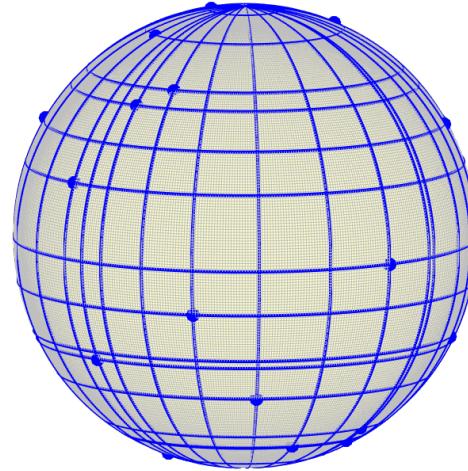
$$\cos(xyz)$$



$$\tanh(1 - z^2)e^{(5z^2 - 1)y} + \sin(\pi x)$$



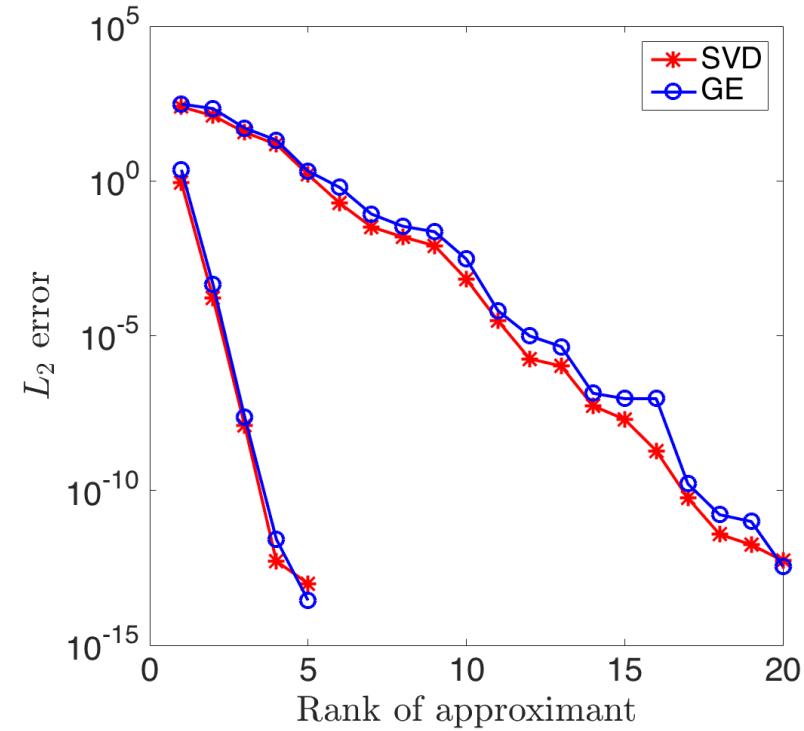
Rank K=5



Rank K=20

GE algorithm ameliorates oversampling at the poles.

SVD is optimal, but GE is near-optimal



Approximation theory for the GE algorithm

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where c_k^e / c_k^o are even/odd and r_k^e / r_k^o are π -periodic/ π -antiperiodic over $[0, \pi]$.

Approximation theory for the GE algorithm: disk

Theorem . Let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\tilde{f} : [-\pi, \pi] \times [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be its BMC extension. Then the following holds for our Gaussian elimination algorithm:

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Complexity of the GE algorithm

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Part III: Operations in Spherefund and Diskfun

Separable operations: Spherefund example

Idea: 2-D separable operations can exploit 1-D technology

$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \approx \sum_{k=1}^K d_k \underbrace{c_k(\theta)}_{2\pi\text{-periodic}} \underbrace{r_k(\lambda)}_{2\pi\text{-periodic}}$$

Integration: `sum2(f)`

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} f(x, y, z) d\Omega \approx \sum_{k=1}^K d_k \int_0^\pi c_k(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta \int_{-\pi}^\pi r_k(\lambda) d\lambda,$$

Differentiation: `diff(f)`

$$\frac{\partial^t f}{\partial x} \approx - \sum_{k=1}^K d_k \left(\frac{c_k(\theta)}{\sin \theta} \right) \left(\sin \lambda \frac{\partial r_k(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^K d_k \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial c_k(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) (\cos \lambda r_k(\lambda))$$

Others include:

`f(x,y,z)`, `sample(f)`, `laplacian(f)`, `grad(f)`, `curl(f)`, `coeffs2(f)`

Vector calculus: Spherefuv and Diskfunv

Idea: represent vector fields on the sphere or disk with respect to
Cartesian coordinates:

$$\mathbf{u}(x, y, z) = [u(x, y, z) \quad v(x, y, z) \quad w(x, y, z)] \quad (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{S}^2$$

$$\mathbf{u}(x, y) = [u(x, y) \quad v(x, y)] \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{D}$$

Each component is approximated using a low rank approximant and
combined into a `spherefuv` or `diskfunv` object.

Example: `div(u)`

Spherefuv: $\nabla_{\mathbb{S}^2} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial^t u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^t v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^t w}{\partial z}$

Diskfunv: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$

Others operations for `spherefuv` and `diskfunv` objects:

`curl(u)`, `vort(u)`, `cross(u,v)`, `normal(u)`, `tangent(u)`, `quiver(u)`

Fast Poisson solver for the sphere

We also have new fast, optimal complexity Poisson/Helmholtz solvers.

- Fourier/ultraspherical spectral methods using BMC extension
- Low rank representation exploited to compute spectral expansion coefficients of the right-hand side.

Poisson equation on the sphere:

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^2} u = f, \quad \text{subject to: } \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} f d\Omega = 0$$

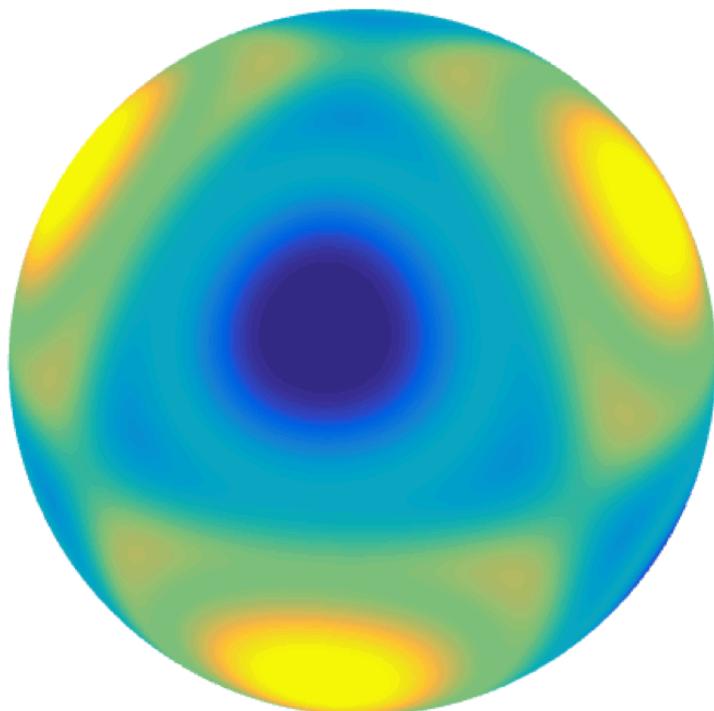
Poisson equation on the disk:

$$\Delta u = f, \quad \text{subject to: } u(\theta, 1) = g(\theta), \quad -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

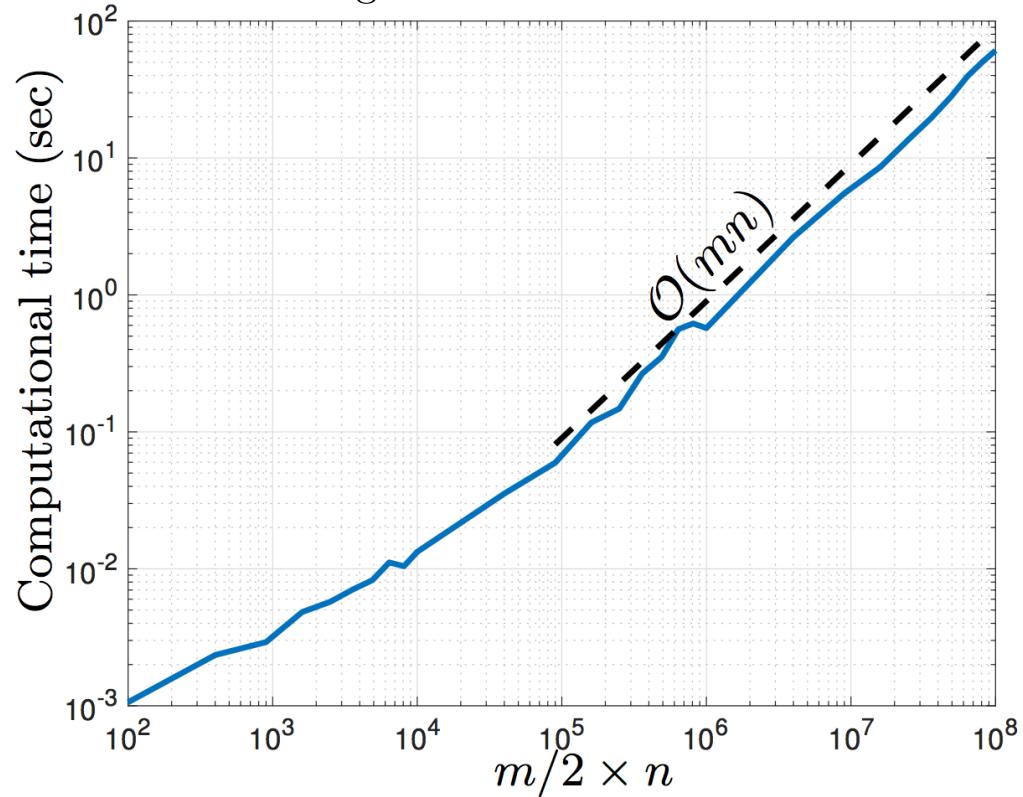
Fast Poisson solver for the sphere

Example: $\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^2} u = \sin(50xyz)$, $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{S}^2$

$u(x, y, z)$



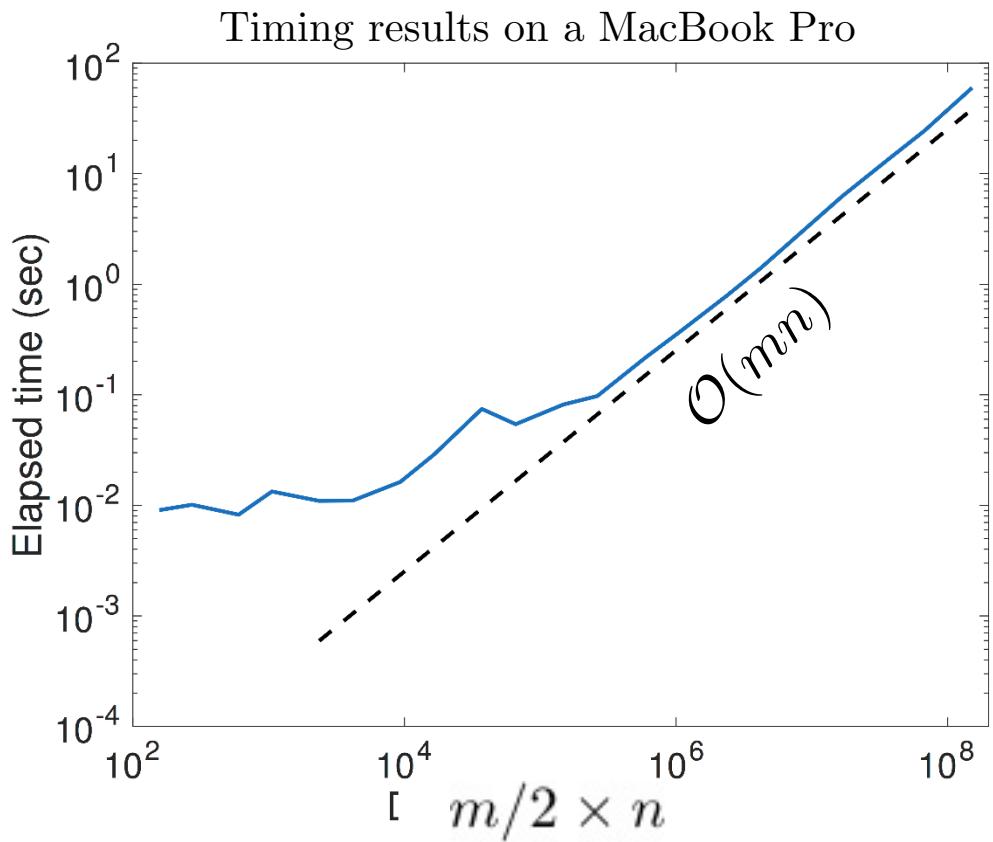
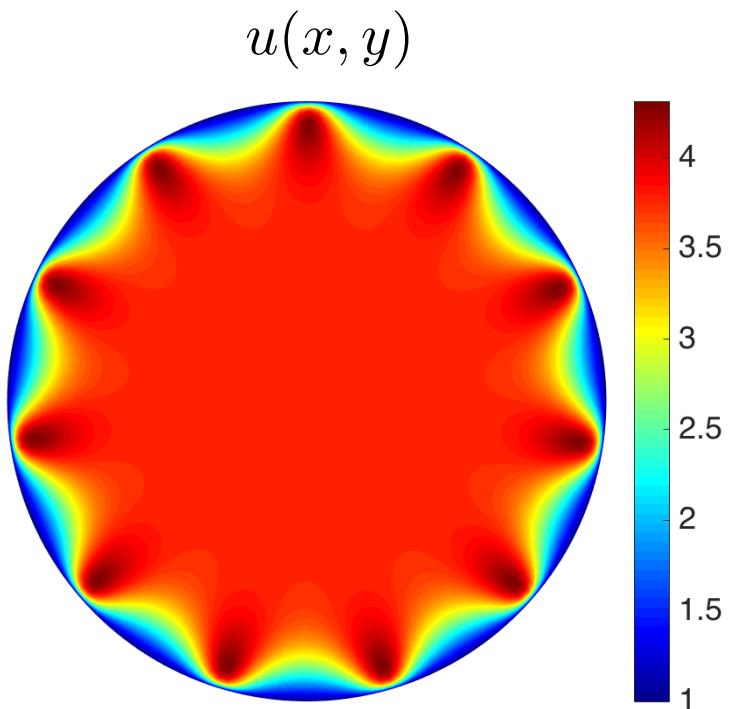
Timing results on a MacBook Pro



```
f = spherefun(@(x,y,z) sin(50*x.*y.*z));  
u = spherefun.poisson(f,0,m,n);
```

Fast Poisson solver for the disk

Ex: $\Delta u = -e^{-40(\rho^2-1)^4} \sinh(5(1-\rho^{11}) \cos(11(\theta - 1/\sqrt{2}))), u(\theta, 1) = 0$



```
g = chebfun(@(t) 0*t, [-pi, pi], 'trig');  
u = diskfun.poisson(f,g,m,n);
```

Application: spiral waves in excitable media

Barkley (1991) model (simplification of FitzHugh-Nagumo model)

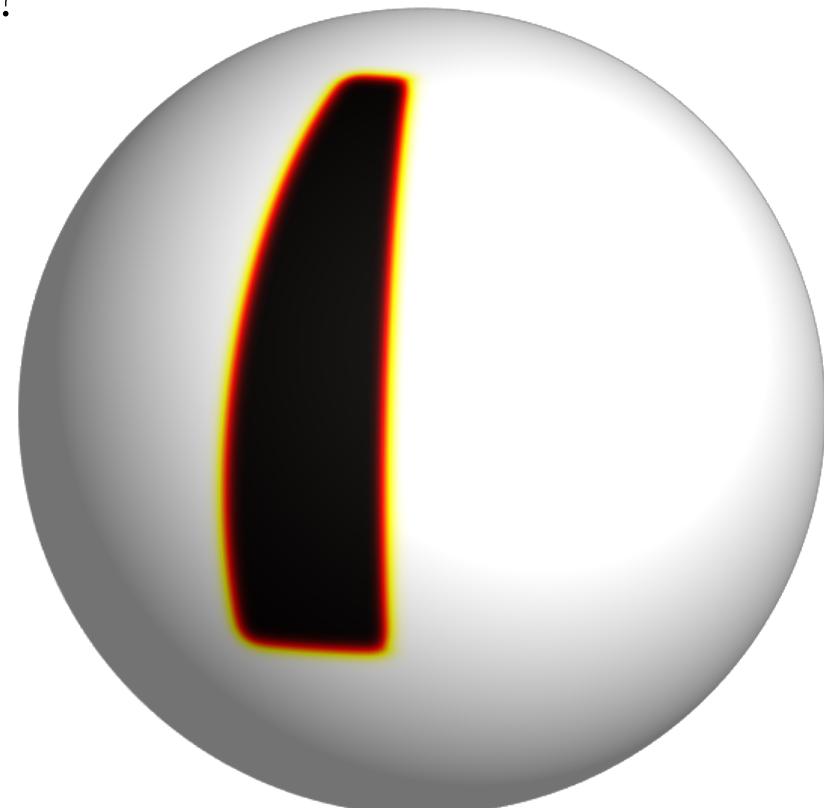
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \delta_u \Delta u + \frac{1}{\epsilon} u (1 - u) \left(u - \frac{v + b}{a} \right) \quad u = \text{activator species}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \delta_v \Delta v + u - v \quad v = \text{inhibitor species}$$

time=0.100000

How does geometry effect the wave pattern?

- Visualization of the u (activator) component
- Black=1, white = 0
- Uses 3rd order semi-implicit BDF scheme.
- Fast Helmholtz solver for implicit terms.



Conclusion

Spherefun & Diskfun: computing with functions on the sphere and disk

- Combines the Double Fourier Sphere method with a structure preserving Gaussian Elimination algorithm for functions.
 - Allows use of the FFT in both coordinate directions.

Sphere: Fourier/Fourier	Disk: Fourier/Chebyshev
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 - Ameliorates oversampling at the poles (sphere) and origin (disk)
 - Avoids numerical issues with computing derivatives at the poles.
- Includes a new, fast (optimal) spectral method for Poisson and Helmholtz equations.
- Code is now a part of Chebfun (www.chebfun.org).

Future:

- Fully low rank Poisson solver.
- Cylinder and Solid sphere.
- More development on the PDE side.

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