

# NUMERICAL COMPUTING IN POLAR AND SPHERICAL GEOMETRIES

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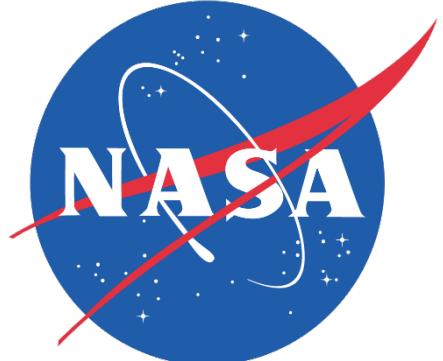


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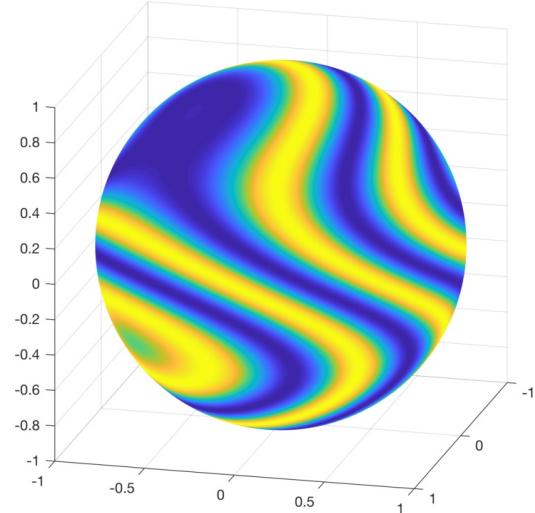
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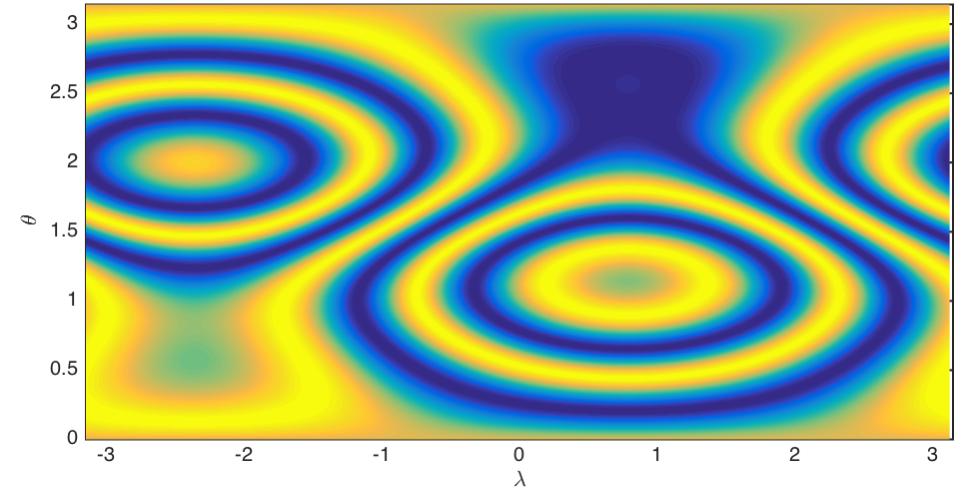
# RECTANGULAR COORDINATE TRANSFORMS

$$f(x, y, z)$$



$$\begin{aligned}x &= \cos \lambda \sin \theta \\y &= \sin \lambda \sin \theta \\z &= \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$f(\lambda, \theta), (\lambda, \theta) \in [-\pi, \pi] \times [0, \pi]$$

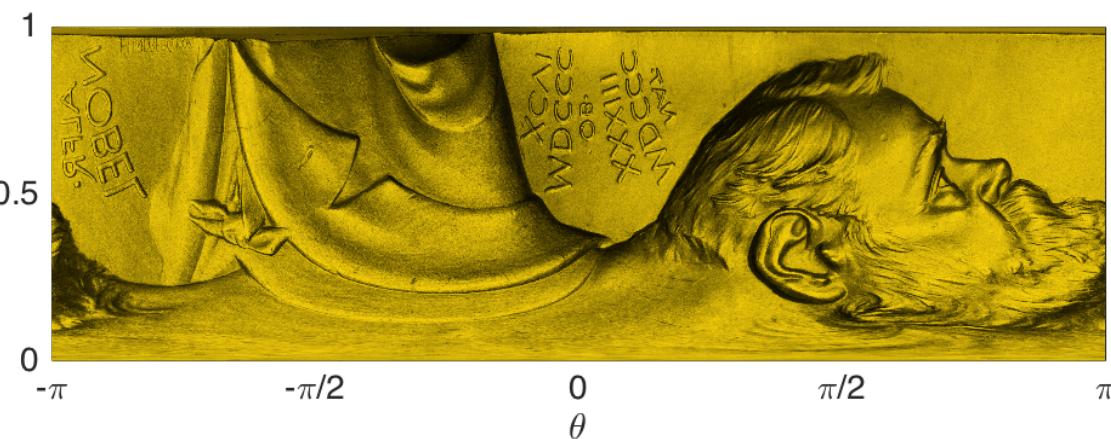


$$g(x, y)$$

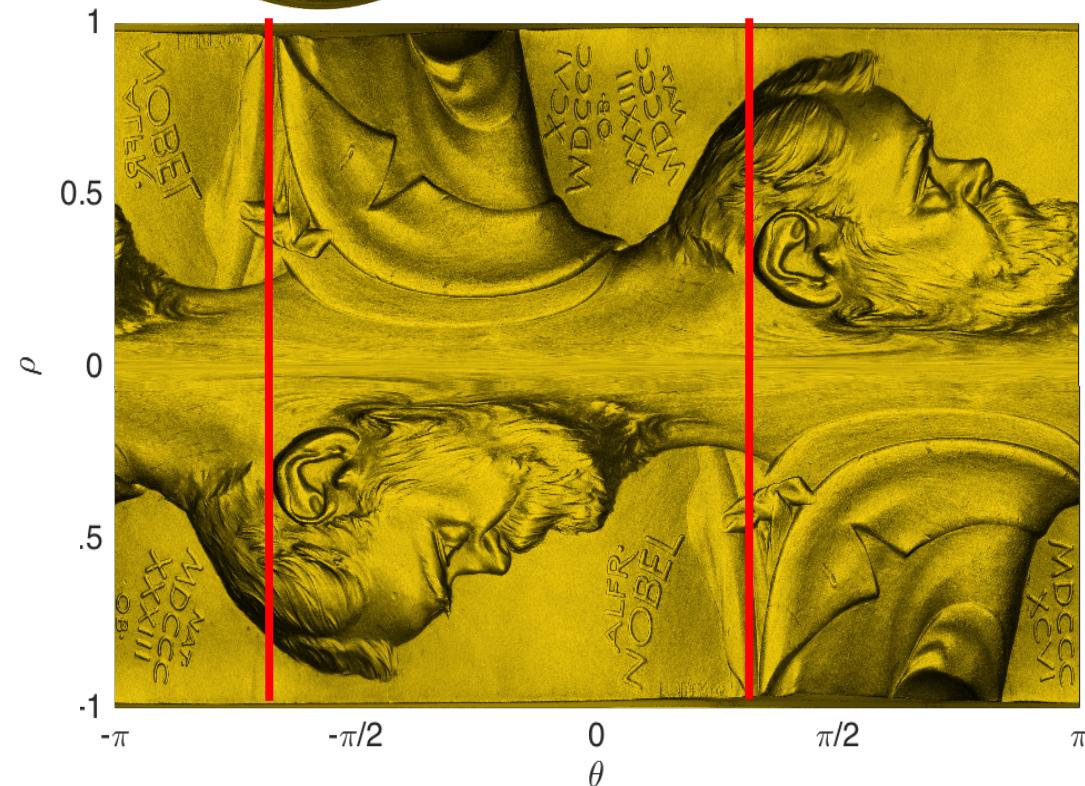


$$\begin{aligned}x &= \rho \cos \theta \\y &= \rho \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$g(\theta, \rho), \quad (\theta, \rho) \in [-\pi, \pi] \times [0, 1]$$

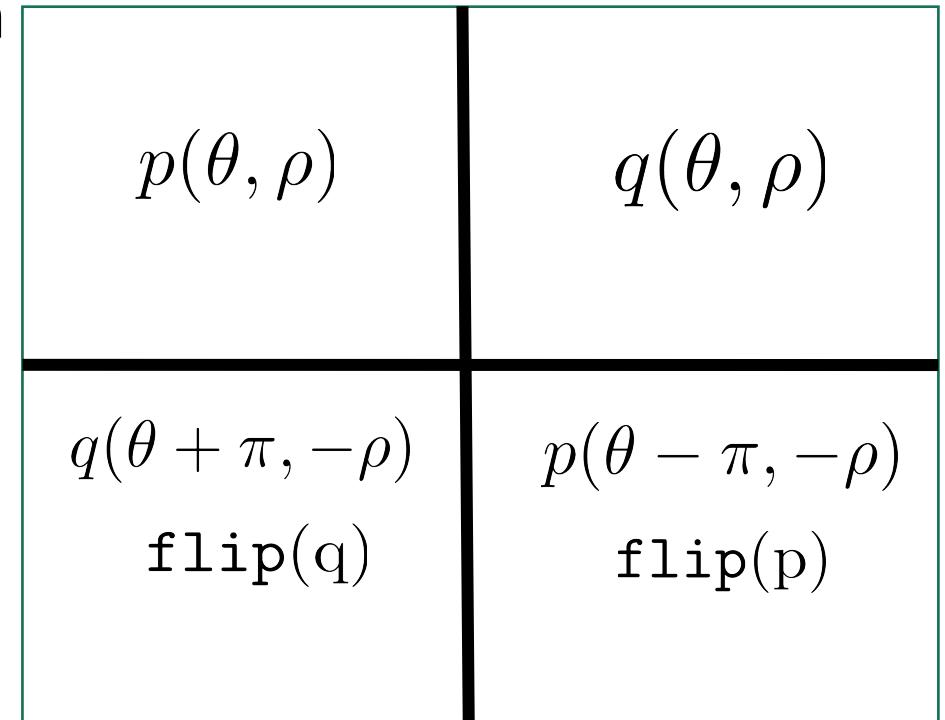


# RECOVERING CONTINUITY ON THE DISK



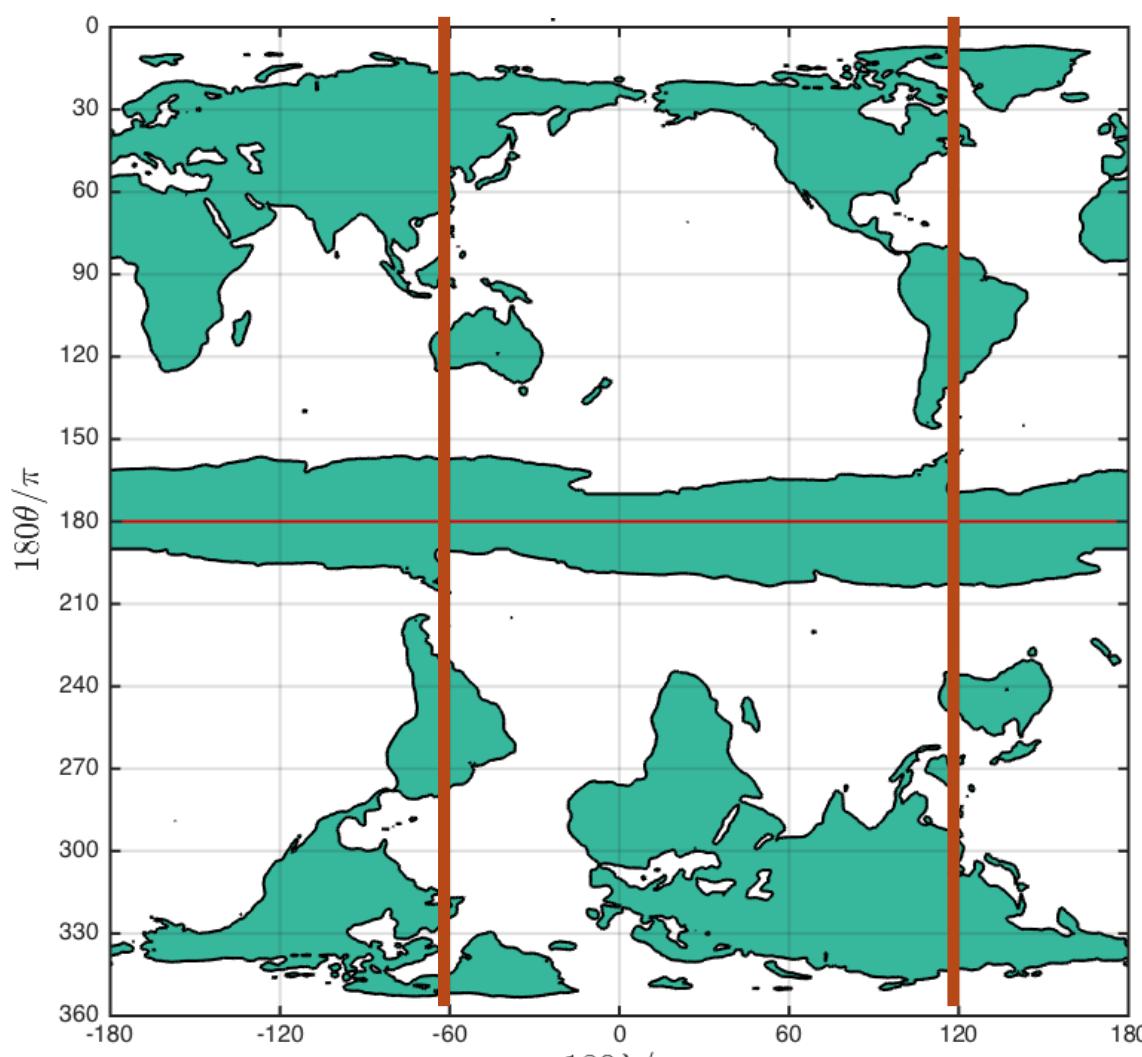
$$\tilde{g}(\theta, \rho) = \begin{cases} g(\theta, \rho), & \rho \in [0, 1], \\ g(\theta + \pi, -\rho), & \rho \in [-1, 0]. \end{cases}$$

Block-Mirror-Centrosymmetric (BMC)  
function



Eisen, Heinrichs, & Witsch (1991), Fornberg (1995), Shen (2000), Trefethen (2000).

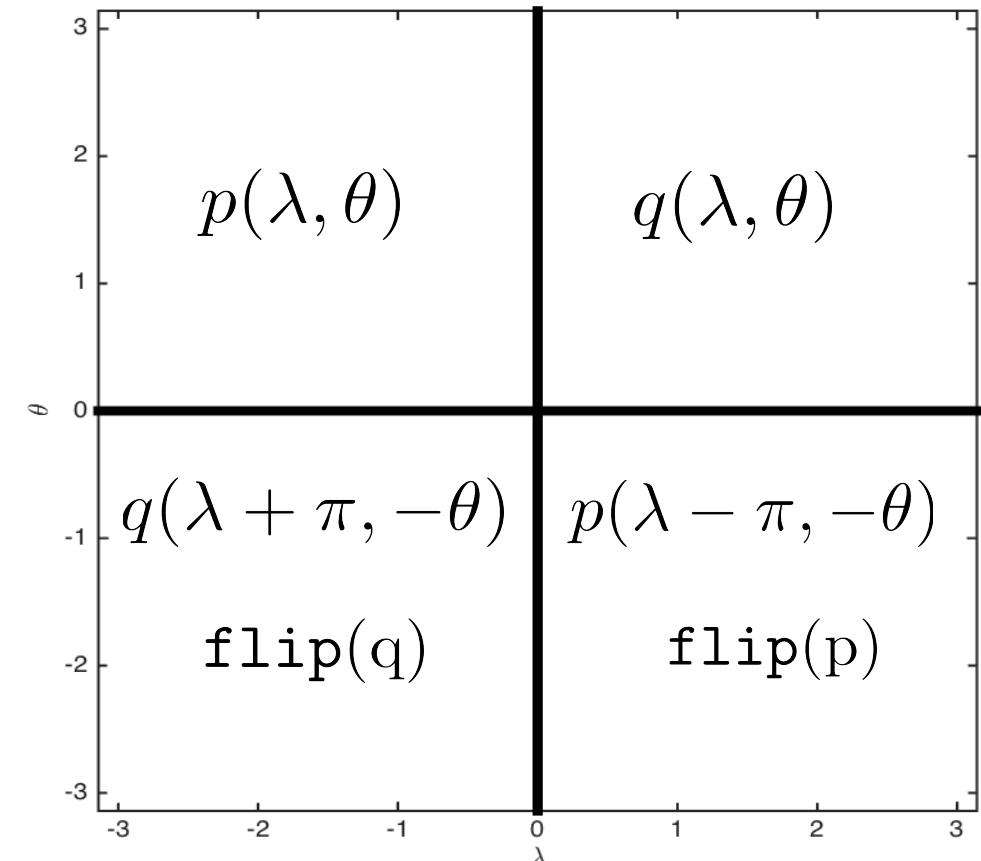
# THE DOUBLE FOURIER SPHERE (DFS) METHOD



(Merilees, 1973), (Orzag, 1974), (Yee, 1982), (Fornberg, 1995, 1997), (Spotz et. al., 1998), Shen (1999),  
(Cheong, 2000)

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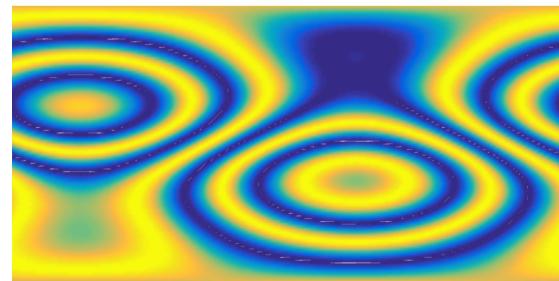
$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta), (\lambda, \theta) \in [-\pi, \pi] \times [-\pi, \pi]$$



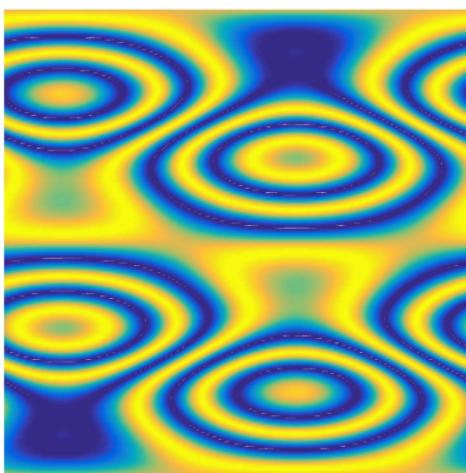
# THE DFS METHOD AND ITS DISK ANALOGUE

Sphere

$$f(\lambda, \theta)$$



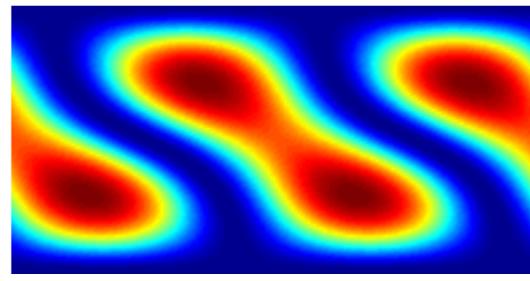
$$\downarrow \quad \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \quad \downarrow$$



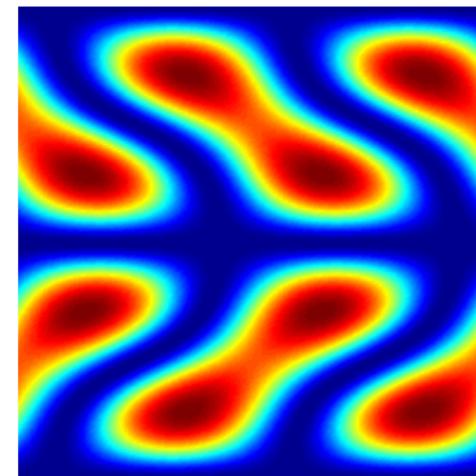
- BMC-I structure
- biperiodic

Disk

$$g(\theta, \rho)$$



$$\downarrow \quad \tilde{g}(\theta, \rho) \quad \downarrow$$



- BMC-II structure
- periodic in  $\theta$

If we preserve these structures in our approximation method...

- stable differentiation
- FFT-based algorithms
- No unphysical boundaries

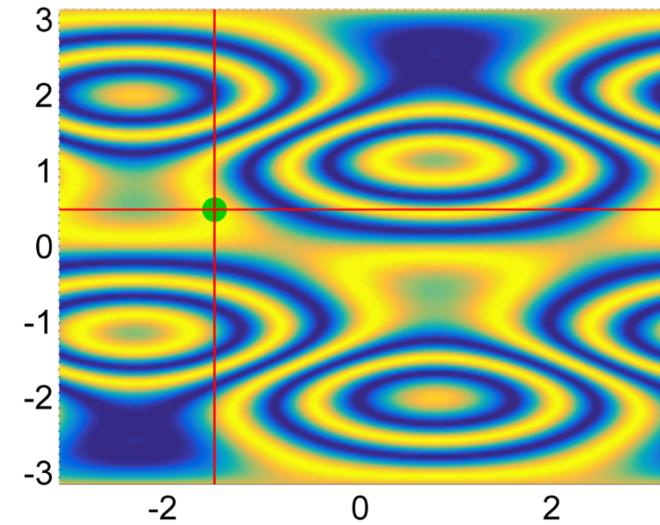
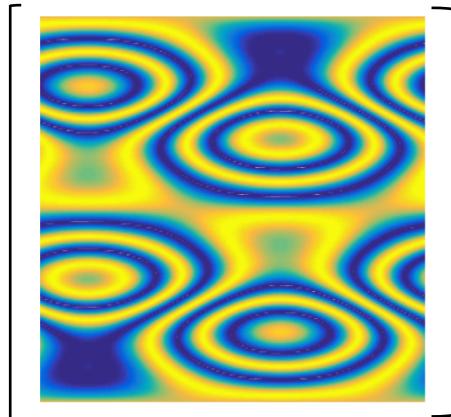
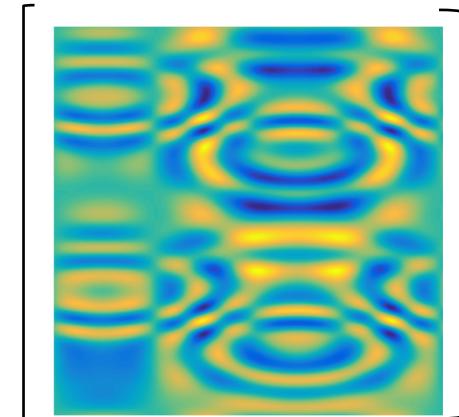
low rank approximation

$$f(\xi, \eta) \approx \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^K c_j(\xi) r_j(\eta)}_{f_K}$$

# GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION (GE) ON FUNCTIONS

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} & c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & c_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} & c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} & c_{24} \\ \textcolor{blue}{b_{31}} & \textcolor{blue}{b_{32}} & \textcolor{blue}{b_{33}} & \textcolor{red}{b_{34}} & \textcolor{blue}{c_{31}} & \textcolor{blue}{c_{32}} & \textcolor{blue}{c_{33}} & \textcolor{blue}{c_{34}} \\ \textcolor{red}{b_{41}} & \textcolor{red}{b_{42}} & \textcolor{red}{b_{43}} & \textcolor{red}{b_{44}} & c_{41} & c_{42} & c_{43} & c_{44} \\ c_{41} & c_{42} & c_{43} & c_{44} & b_{41} & b_{42} & b_{43} & b_{44} \\ c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} & c_{34} & b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} & c_{24} & b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} \\ c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & c_{14} & b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{(1)} = A - \frac{1}{b_{32}} \begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ b_{32} \\ \textcolor{red}{b_{42}} \\ c_{42} \\ c_{32} \\ c_{22} \\ c_{12} \end{bmatrix} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} & c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} & c_{34} \end{array} \right]$$



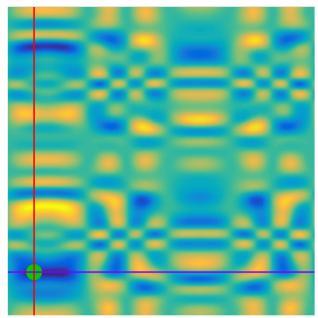
$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \quad \leftarrow \quad \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) - \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{f}(\lambda^*, \theta) \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta^*)}{\tilde{f}(\lambda^*, \theta^*)}}_{\text{A rank 1 approx. to } \tilde{f}}$$



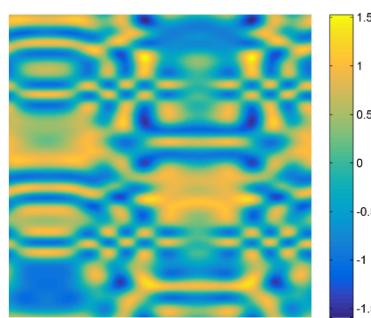
(Townsend & Trefethen, 2013)

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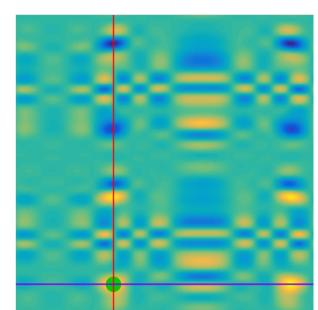
$$\tilde{e}_3(\lambda, \theta)$$



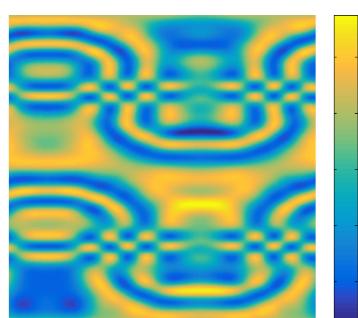
$$\tilde{f}_4(\lambda, \theta)$$



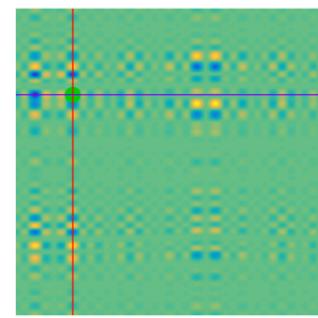
$$\tilde{e}_5(\lambda, \theta)$$



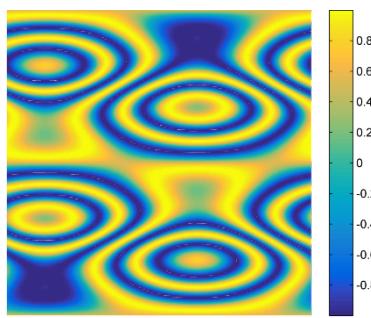
$$\tilde{f}_6(\lambda, \theta)$$



$$\tilde{e}_{18}(\lambda, \theta)$$



$$\tilde{f}_{19}(\lambda, \theta)$$

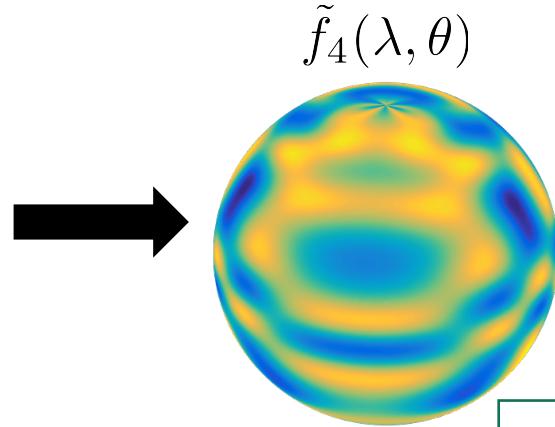
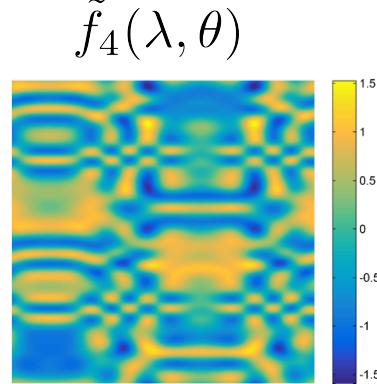
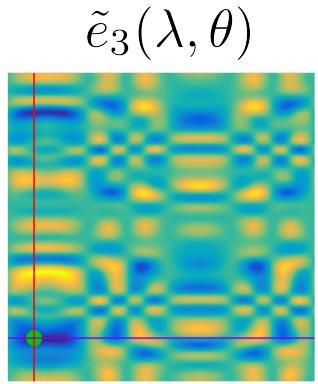


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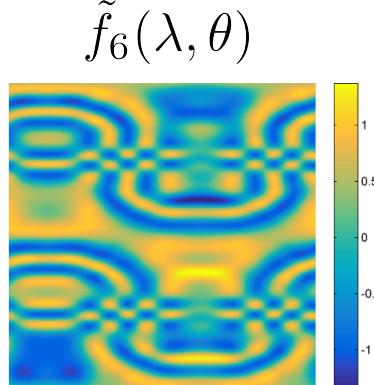
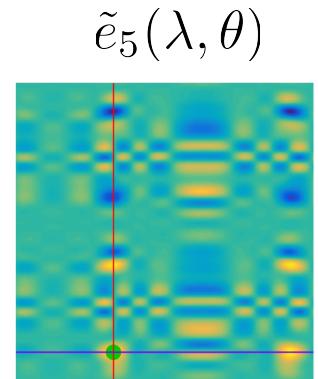
$$\tilde{e}_{j+1}(\lambda, \theta) \leftarrow \tilde{e}_j(\lambda, \theta) - \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{e}_j(\lambda^*, \theta)\tilde{e}_j(\lambda, \theta^*)}{\tilde{e}_j(\lambda^*, \theta^*)}}_{d_{j+1}c_{j+1}(\theta)r_{j+1}(\lambda)}$$

$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \approx f_K(\lambda, \theta) = \sum_{j=1}^K d_j c_j(\theta) r_j(\lambda)$$

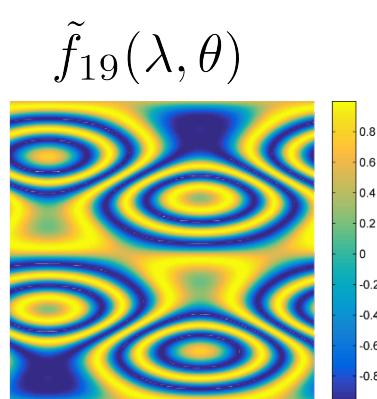
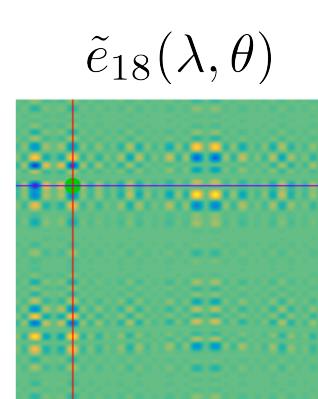
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**BMC structure is NOT  
preserved**

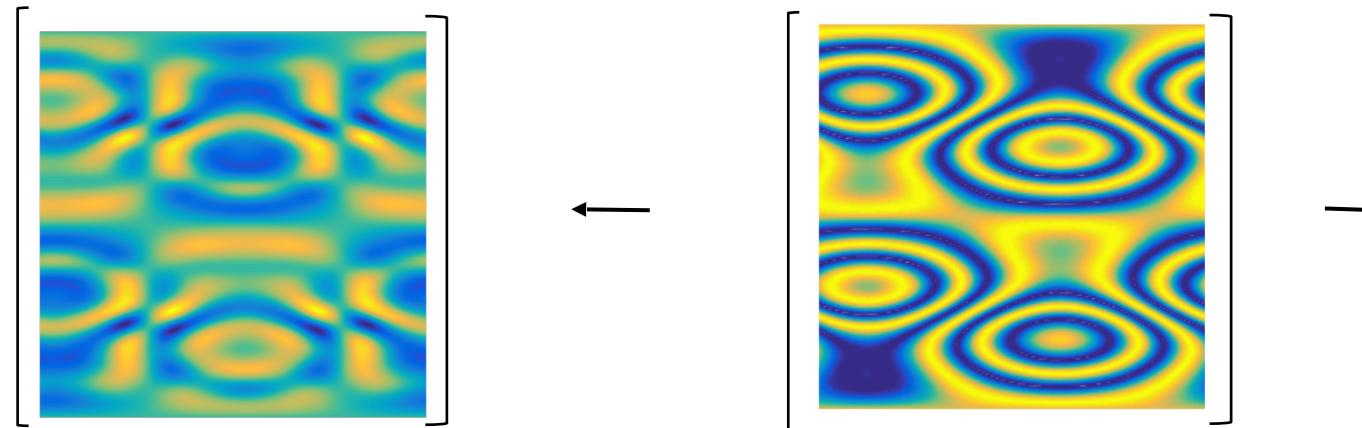
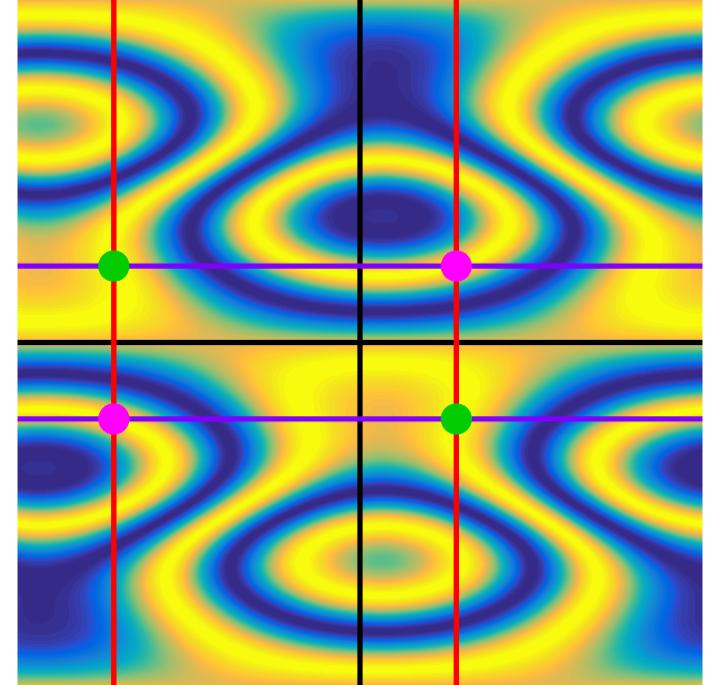
# BMC STRUCTURE-PRESERVING GE

Find  $(\lambda^*, \theta^*) \in [0, \pi]^2$  such that  $M$  has the largest singular value.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{f}(\lambda^* - \pi, \theta^*) & \tilde{f}(\lambda^*, \theta^*) \\ \tilde{f}(\lambda^* - \pi, -\theta^*) & \tilde{f}(\lambda^*, -\theta^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

The continuous GE step is given by

$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) \leftarrow \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta) - \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{f}(\lambda^* - \pi, \theta) & \tilde{f}(\lambda^*, \theta) \end{bmatrix} M^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{f}(\lambda, \theta^*) \\ \tilde{f}(\lambda, -\theta^*) \end{bmatrix}$$



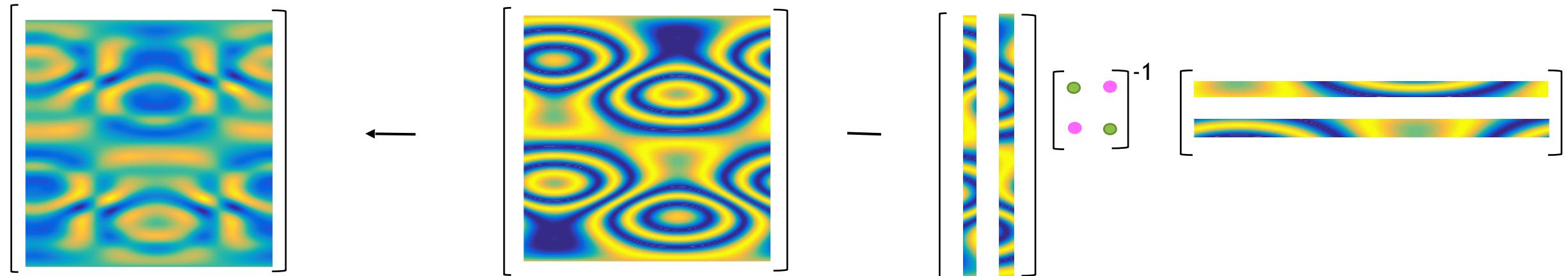
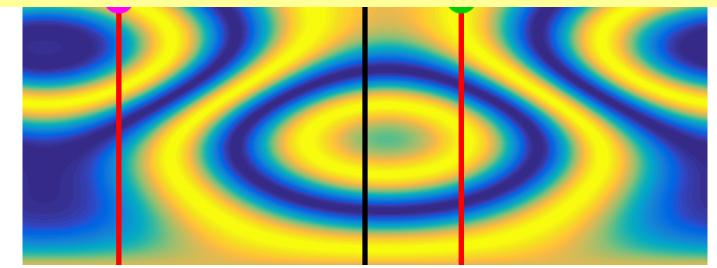
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \text{smooth heatmap} \\ \text{smooth heatmap} \end{bmatrix}$$

# BMC STRUCTURE-PRESERVING GE

- Does  $M^{-1}$  always exist?  Replace  $M^{-1}$  with  $M^{\dagger_\epsilon}$ , the  $\epsilon$ -pseudoinverse of  $M$
- Is  $M$  well-conditioned?

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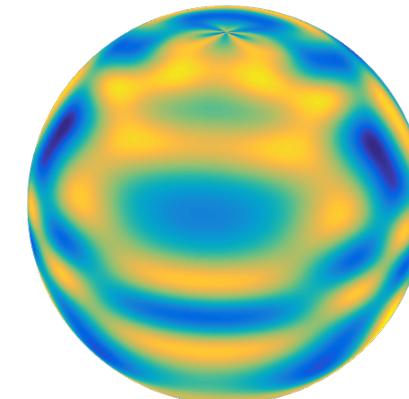
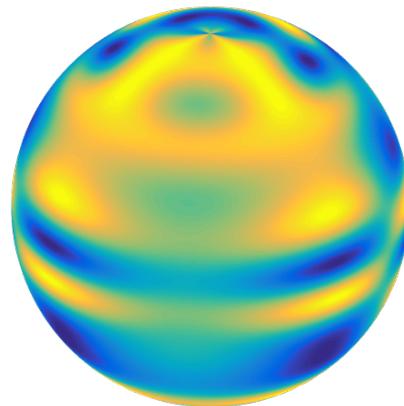
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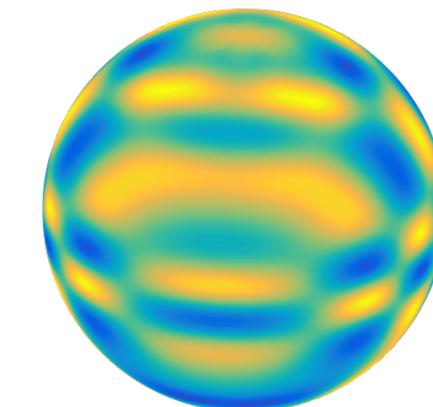
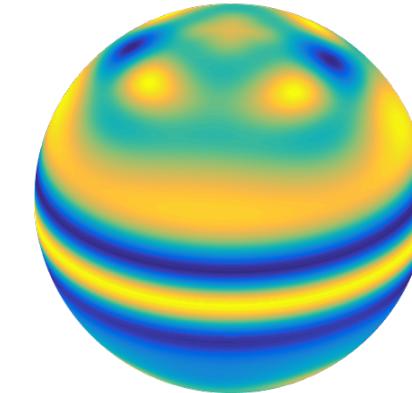
# BMC STRUCTURE-PRESERVING GE

$$\tilde{f}_2(\lambda, \theta)$$

Standard GE



Structure-preserving  
GE

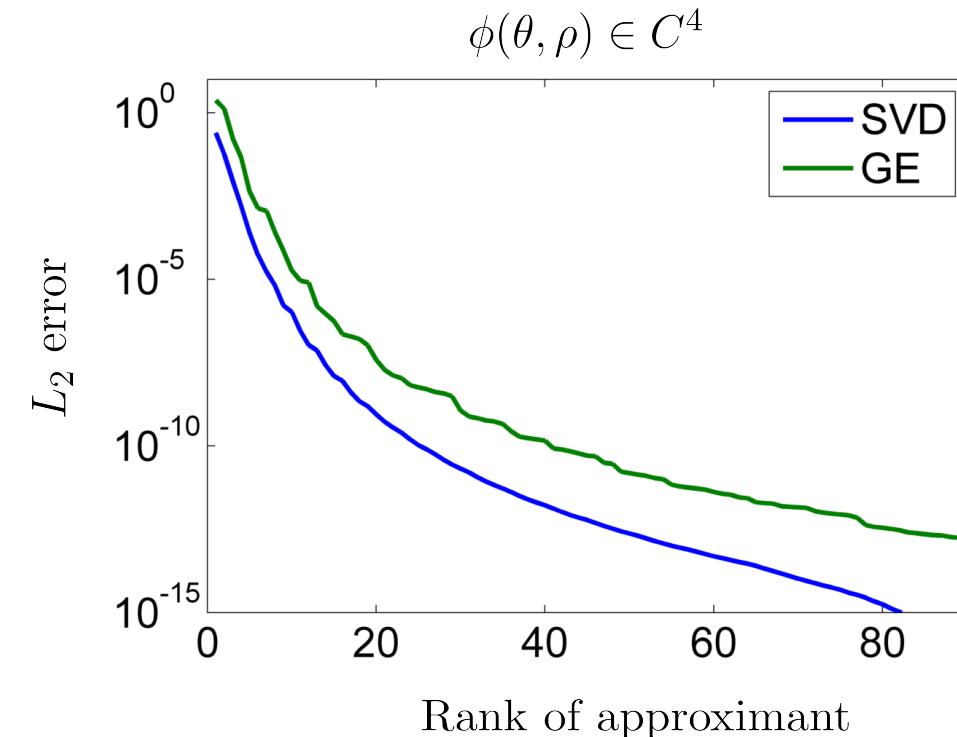
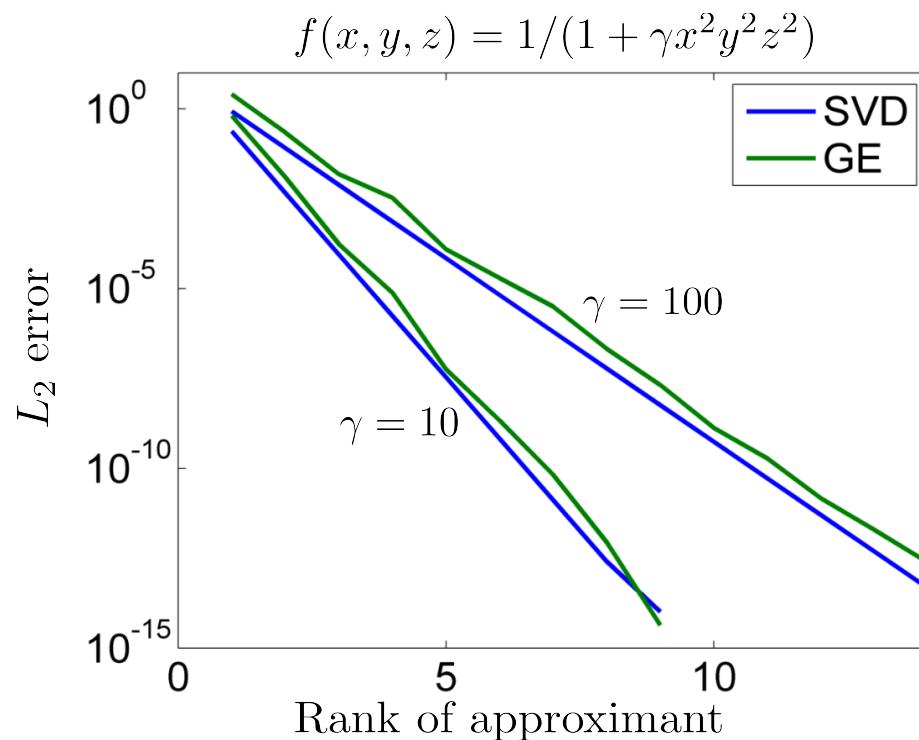


# BMC STRUCTURE-PRESERVING GE (*convergence and recovery properties*)

**Theorem (exact recovery):** If  $\tilde{f}$  is a function of finite rank, then GE exactly recovers  $\tilde{f}$ . This means that band-limited functions are exactly recovered. (Townsend, W., Wright, 2016a)

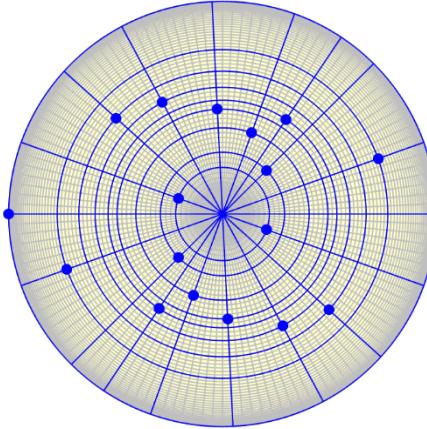
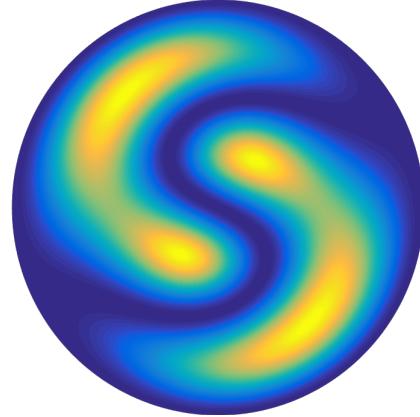
**Theorem (geometric convergence):** If  $\tilde{f}$  is analytic and uniformly bounded in a sufficiently large region of the complex plane, then its GE approximants converge to  $\tilde{f}$  at a geometric rate. (Townsend, W., Wright, 2016b)

**Near-optimality:** SVD is optimal, GE performs similarly.



# BMC STRUCTURE-PRESERVING GE (*low rank approximants*)

$$g(\theta, \rho) = -\cos((\sin(\pi\rho)\cos(\theta) + \sin(2\pi\rho)\sin(\theta))/4)$$



Radial “slices”:

$$c_j(\rho) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell^j T_\ell(\rho)$$

Angular “slices”:

$$r_j(\theta) = \sum_{k=-m/2}^{m/2-1} b_k^j e^{i\theta k}$$

Example: Integration on the disk

$$f_K(\theta, \rho) = \sum_{j=1}^K d_j c_j(\rho) r_j(\theta)$$

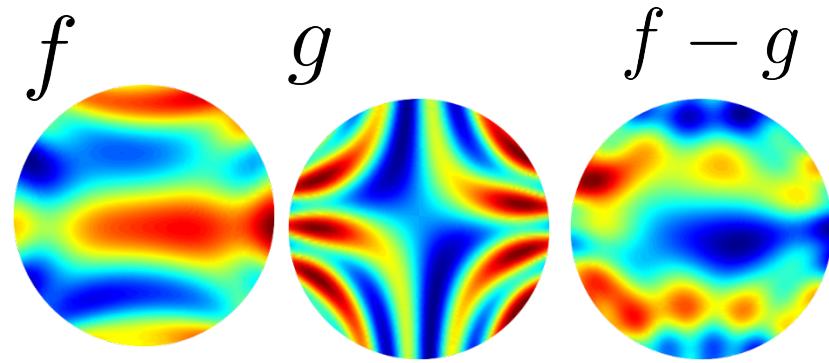
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^1 \tilde{g}(\theta, \rho) \rho d\rho d\theta \approx \sum_{j=1}^K d_j \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} r_j(\theta) d\theta \int_0^1 c_j(\rho) \rho d\rho$$

Total cost =  $\mathcal{O}(K(n))$  operations

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f = diskfun(@(x,y) -x.^2-3*x.*y -(y-1).^2, 'cart');
sum2(f)
ans =
-4.712388980384692
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Error:  $\text{abs}(\text{sum2}(f)+3*\pi/2)$  is  $1.7764 \times 10^{-15}$ .

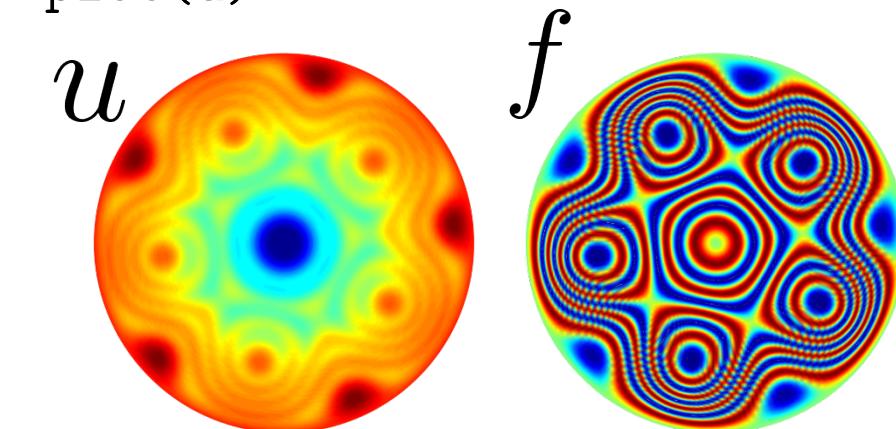
Algebra:



Poisson's equation:

$$\nabla^2 u = f$$

$u = \text{poisson}(f, \text{bc}, 1024)$   
 $\text{plot}(u)$

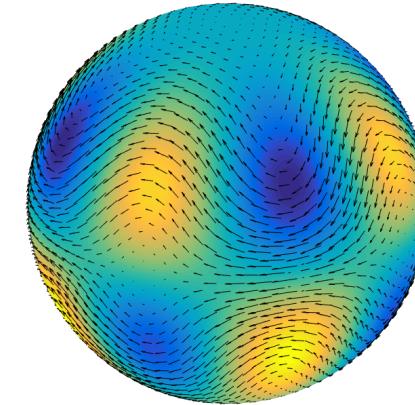


Calculus:

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} f d\Omega \rightarrow \text{sum2}(f)$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \rightarrow \text{diff}(f, 1)$$
$$\nabla^2 f \rightarrow \text{lap}(f)$$

Vector Calculus:

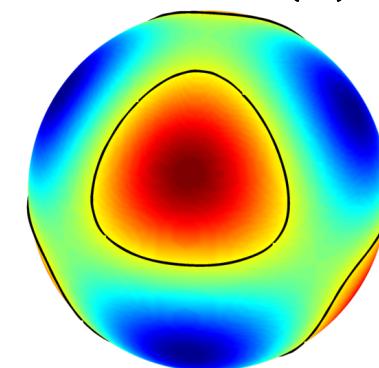
$$\zeta = (\nabla_S \times \mathbf{f}) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$



$$u = \text{curl}(f);$$
$$v = \text{vort}(u);$$
$$\text{quiver}(u)$$
$$\text{surf}(v)$$

Rootfinding:

$$r = \text{roots}(f)$$



$$r = \text{contour}(f)$$



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