Sampling with Halton Points on n-Sphere

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- Sampling on n-sphere (S^n) has a wide range of applications, such as:
 - ▶ Spherical coding in MIMO wireless communication
 - ► Multivariate empirical mode decomposition
 - Filter bank design
- ▶ We propose a simple yet effective method which:
 - ▶ Utilizes low-discrepancy sequence
 - Contains only 10 lines of MATLAB code in our implementation!
 - ▶ Allow incremental generation.
- Numerical results show that the proposed method outperforms the randomly generated sequences and other proposed methods.

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Desirable properties of samples over S^n

- ▶ Uniform
- Deterministic
- ▶ Incremental
 - ► The uniformity measures are optimized with every new point.
 - ▶ Reason: in some applications, it is unknown how many points are needed to solve the problem in advance

Motivation

- ▶ The topic has been well studied for sphere in 3D, i.e. n = 2
- ▶ Yet it is still unknown how to generate for n > 2.
- ▶ Potential applications (for n > 2):
 - ▶ Robotic Motion Planning (S^3 and SO(3)) [YJLM10]
 - ▶ Spherical coding in MIMO wireless communication [UL06]:
 - Cookbook for Unitary matrices
 - A code word = a point in S^n
 - ▶ Multivariate empirical mode decomposition [RM10]
 - ▶ Filter bank design [M⁺11]

Halton Sequence on S^n

- ▶ Halton sequence on S^2 has been well studied [CF97] by using cylindrical coordinates.
- ▶ Yet it is still little known for S^n where n > 2.
- ► Note: The generalization of cylindrical coordinates does NOT work in higher dimensions.

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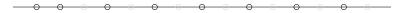
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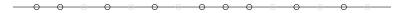
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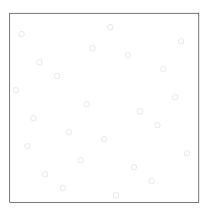


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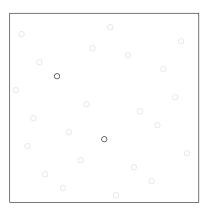
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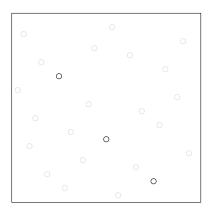
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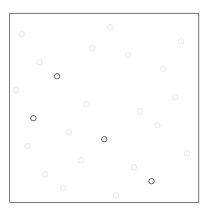
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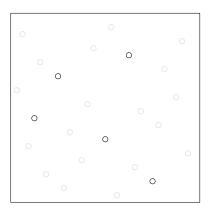
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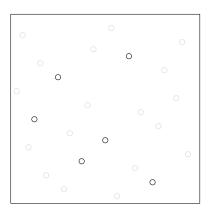
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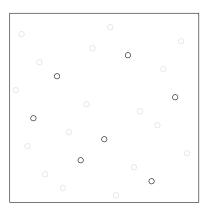
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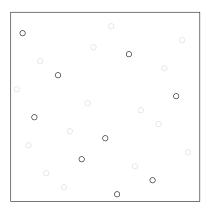
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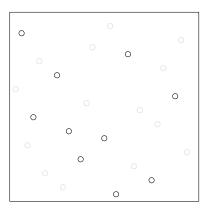
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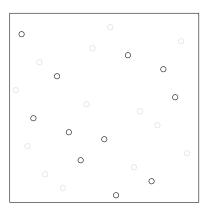
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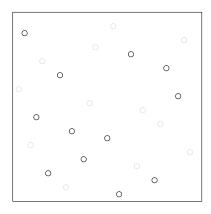
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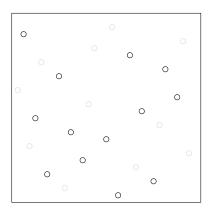
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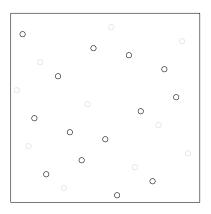
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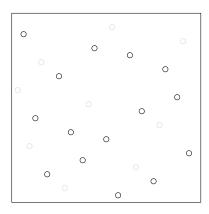
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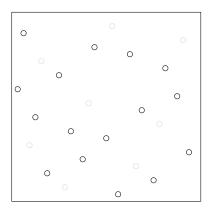
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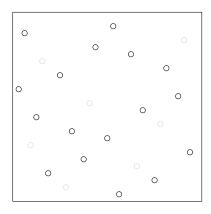
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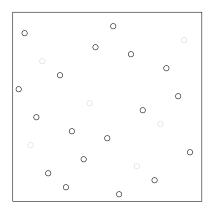
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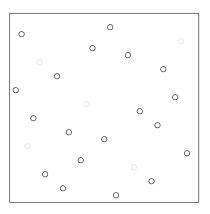
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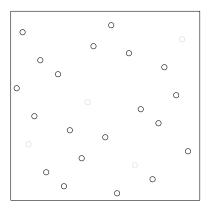
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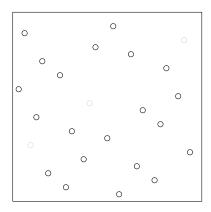
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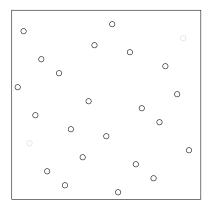
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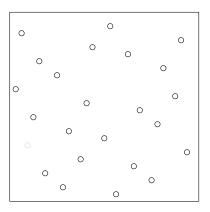
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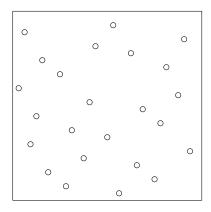
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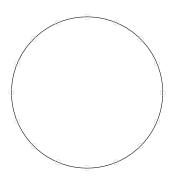
Unit Hypercube $[0,1]^n$

▶ Generally we can generate Halton sequence in a unit hypercube $[0, 1]^n$:

$$[x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_n]=[\operatorname{vd}(k,b_1),\operatorname{vd}(k,b_2),\ldots,\operatorname{vd}(k,b_n)]$$

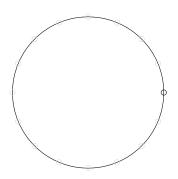
▶ A wide range of applications on Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods (QMC).

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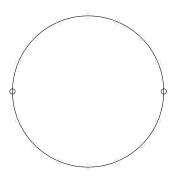
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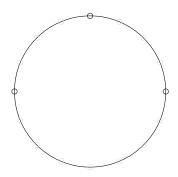
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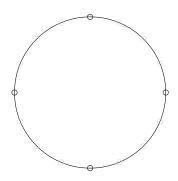
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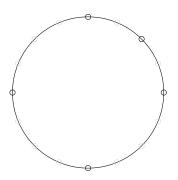
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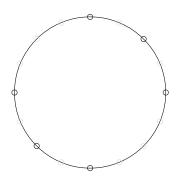
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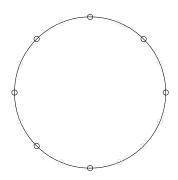
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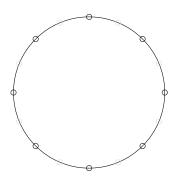
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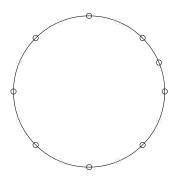
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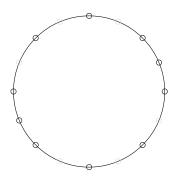


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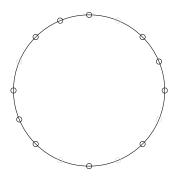


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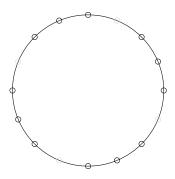
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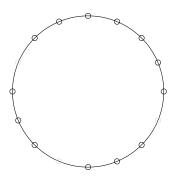
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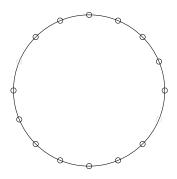


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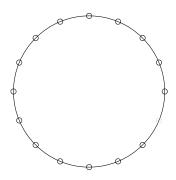


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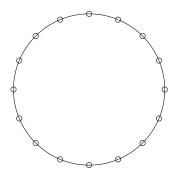
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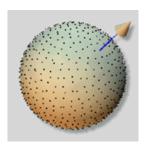
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Unit Sphere S^2

Has been applied for computer graphic applications [WLH97]

- $\begin{aligned} & \blacktriangleright & [z, x, y] \\ & = [\cos \theta, \sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi] \\ & = [z, \sqrt{1 z^2} \cos \varphi, \sqrt{1 z^2} \sin \varphi] \end{aligned}$
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- $z = 2 \cdot \text{vd}(k, b_2) 1 \%$ map to [-1, 1]



Sphere S^3 and SO(3)

- ▶ Deterministic point sets
 - ▶ Optimal grid point sets for S³, SO(3) [Lubotzky, Phillips, Sarnak 86] [Mitchell 07]
- ▶ No Halton sequences so far to the best of our knowledge

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SO(3) or S^3 Hopf Coordinates

- ► Hopf coordinates (cf. [YJLM10])
 - $x_1 = \cos(\theta/2)\cos(\psi/2)$

 - $x_4 = \sin(\theta/2)\sin(\varphi + \psi/2)$
- ▶ S^3 is a principal circle bundle over the S^2



Hopf Coordinates for SO(3) or S^3

Similar to the Halton sequence generation on S^2 , we perform the mapping:

- $ightharpoonup \varphi = 2\pi \cdot \operatorname{vd}(k, b_1) \%$ map to $[0, 2\pi]$
- $\psi = 2\pi \cdot \text{vd}(k, b_2)$ % map to $[0, 2\pi]$ for SO(3), or
- $\psi = 4\pi \cdot \operatorname{vd}(k, b_2) \%$ map to $[0, 4\pi]$ for S^3
- ▶ $z = 2 \cdot \text{vd}(k, b_3) 1 \%$ map to [-1, 1]
- $\theta = \cos^{-1} z$

10 Lines of MATLAB Code

3-sphere

Polar coordinates:

- $x_0 = \cos \theta_3$
- $x_1 = \sin \theta_3 \cos \theta_2$
- $x_2 = \sin \theta_3 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_1$
- $x_3 = \sin \theta_3 \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_1$

n-sphere

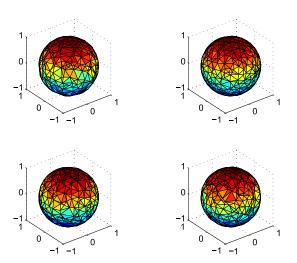
► Polar coordinates:

- $x_0 = \cos \theta_n$ $x_1 = \sin \theta_n \cos \theta_{n-1}$
- $x_2 = \sin \theta_n \sin \theta_{n-1} \cos \theta_{n-2}$
- **•**
- $x_n = \sin \theta_n \sin \theta_{n-1} \sin \theta_{n-2} \cdots \sin \theta_1$

How to Generate the Point Set

- p₀ = [cos θ₁, sin θ₁] where θ₁ = 2π · vd(k, b₁)
 Let f_j(θ) = ∫ sin^j θdθ, where θ ∈ (0, π). Note: f_j(θ) is a monotonic increasing function in (0, π)
 Map vd(k, b_j) uniformly to f_j(θ): t_i = f_i(0) + (f_i(π) - f_i(0))vd(k, b_i)
- $\blacktriangleright \ \text{Let} \ \theta_j = f_j^{-1}(t_j)$
- ▶ Define p_n recursively as: $p_n = [\cos \theta_n, \sin \theta_n \cdot p_{n-1}]$

S^3 projected on four different spheres



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Testing the Correctness

- ▶ Compare the dispersion with the random point-set
 - ▶ Construct the convex hull for each point-set
 - ▶ Dispersion roughly measured by the difference of the maximum distance and the minimum distance between every two neighbour points:

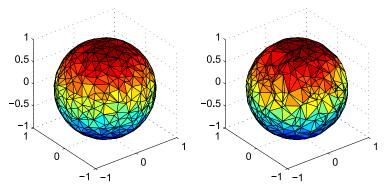
$$\max_{a \in \mathcal{N}(b)} \{D(a,b)\} - \min_{a \in \mathcal{N}(b)} \{D(a,b)\}$$

where
$$D(a, b) = \sqrt{1 - a^{\mathrm{T}}b}$$

Random sequences

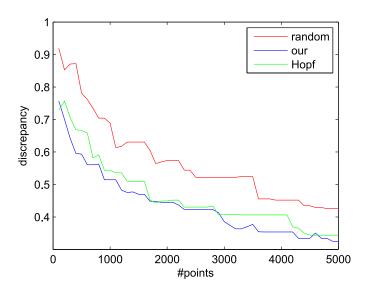
- ▶ To generate random points on S^n , spherical symmetry of the multidimensional Gaussian density function can be exploited.
- ▶ Then the normalized vector $(x_i/||x_i||)$ is uniformly distributed over the hypersphere S^n . [Fishman, G. F. (1996)]

Convex Hull with \approx 400 points

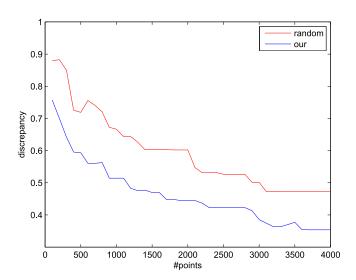


Left: our, right: random

Result for S^3



Result for S^4



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- Proposed method generates low-discrepancy point-set in nearly linear time
- ► The result outperforms the corresponding random point-set, especially when the number of points is small
- ► The MATLAB source code is available in public (or upon request)

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