

# Adaptive RBF-FD method for Poisson's equation

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**Adaptive procedure:**

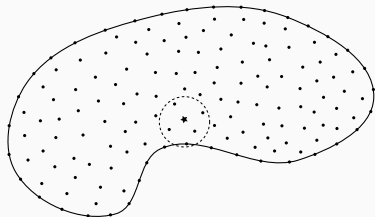
Discretize domain  $\Omega$  to obtain discretization  $\mathcal{X}^{(0)}$

For  $j = 0, \dots, I_{max}$

1. Solve the problem and obtain  $u^{(j)}$
2. Estimate errors  $e^{(j)}$
3. If  $\|e^{(j)}\| < \varepsilon$ , return  $u^{(j)}$
4. Refine the discretization  $\mathcal{X}^{(j)}$  using  $e^{(j)}$  to obtain  $\mathcal{X}^{(j+1)}$

Domain discretization:

- Points  $x_i$  on the boundary and in the interior
- Point neighborhoods  $N(x_i)$



Classical Finite Differences:

$$u''(x_i) \approx \frac{1}{h^2}u(x_{i-1}) - \frac{2}{h^2}u(x_i) + \frac{1}{h^2}u(x_{i+1})$$

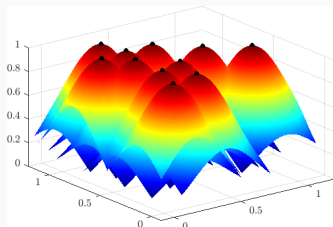
Generalized Finite Differences:

$$(\mathcal{L}u)(x_i) \approx \sum_{x_j \in N(x_i)} w_j^i u(x_j)$$

+ exactness for a certain set of functions (e.g. monomials)

Exactness is imposed for Radial Basis Functions

- Given nodes  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and a radial function  $\varphi = \varphi(r)$
- Generate  $\{\varphi_i := \varphi(\|\cdot - x_i\|), x_i \in X\}$



Imposing exactness of

$$(\mathcal{L}u)(x_i) \approx \sum_{x_j \in N(x_i)} w_j^i u(x_j)$$

for each  $\varphi_j$  for  $x_j \in N(x_i)$ , we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varphi(\|x_{j_1} - x_{j_1}\|) & \cdots & \varphi(\|x_{j_{n_i}} - x_{j_1}\|) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi(\|x_{j_1} - x_{j_{n_i}}\|) & \cdots & \varphi(\|x_{j_{n_i}} - x_{j_{n_i}}\|) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_{j_1}^i \\ \vdots \\ w_{j_{n_i}}^i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{L}\varphi_{j_1})(x_i) \\ \vdots \\ (\mathcal{L}\varphi_{j_{n_i}})(x_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

Enforce consistency up to certain order, e.g. for constants

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1}^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_\varphi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & P \\ P^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_\varphi \\ \ell_p \end{bmatrix},$$

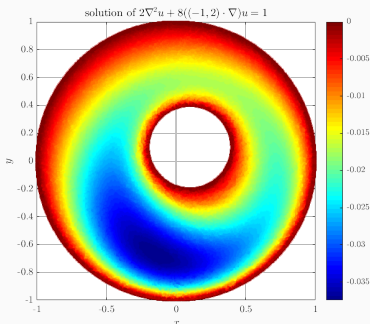
where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & p_s(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_1(\mathbf{x}_n) & \cdots & p_s(\mathbf{x}_n) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \ell_p = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{L}p_1)|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^*} \\ \vdots \\ (\mathcal{L}p_s)|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^*} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}u &= f && \text{on } \Omega, \\ u &= u_0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega,\end{aligned}$$

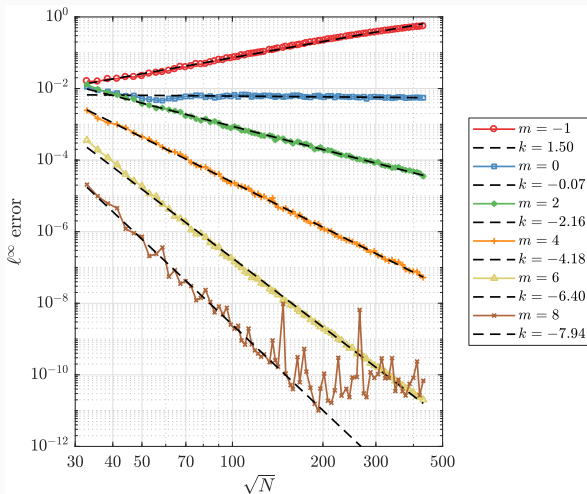
1. Discretize domain  $\Omega$
2. Find neighborhoods  $N(x_i)$
3. Compute weights  $w^i$  for approximation of  $\mathcal{L}$  over  $N(x_i)$
4. Assemble weights in a sparse system  $Wu = f$
5. Solve the sparse system  $Wu = f$
6. Approximate/interpolate the solution



Annulus domain,  
scattered nodes

convergence orders  
match  
augmentation

$l_1$  and  $l_2$  errors  
similar



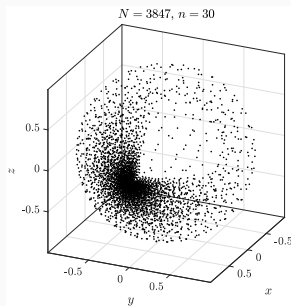
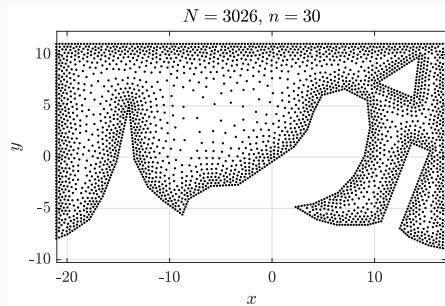


Fill domain  $\Omega$  with locally regular nodes according to arbitrary spacing function  $h(p)$ .

Recent algorithms for variable density node positioning in 3D:

Slak & Kosec, 2018: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.03160>

van der Sande & Fornberg, 2019: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.00636>



Simple error indicator:

$$\hat{u}(x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x_j \in N(x_i)} u(x_j)$$

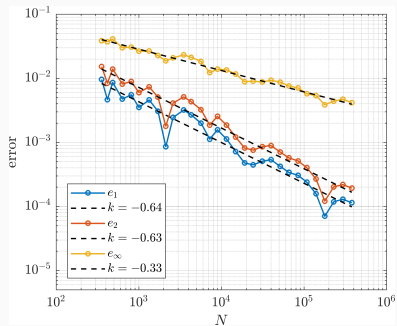
$$e_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x_j \in N(x_i)} |\hat{u}(x_i) - u(x_j)|^2$$

Refinement by appropriate modification of  $h$ . Three cases:

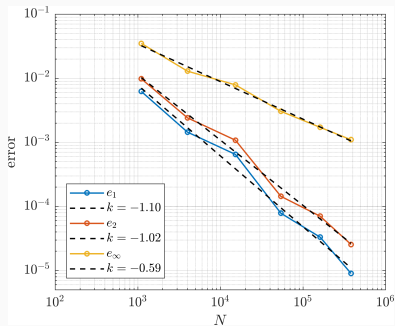
$$\begin{cases} \text{increase} & \text{if } e_i > \varepsilon \\ \text{no change} & \text{if } \eta \leq e_i \leq \varepsilon \\ \text{decrease} & \text{if } e_i < \eta \end{cases}$$

Increase/decrease proportional to  $e_i$ , maximal change for factor  $\alpha$ .

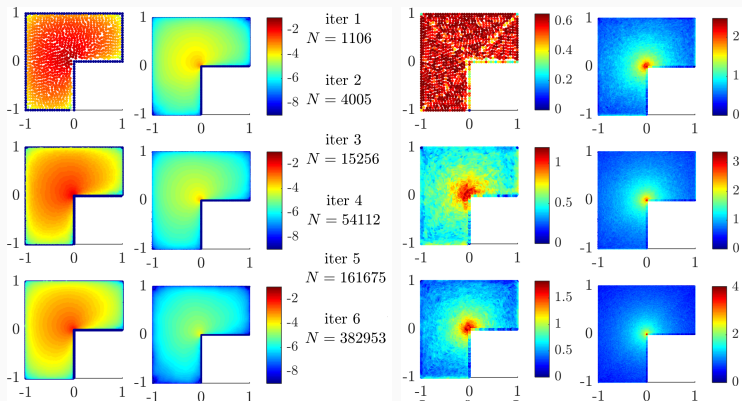
Uniform



Adaptive



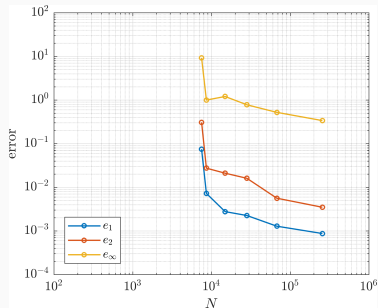
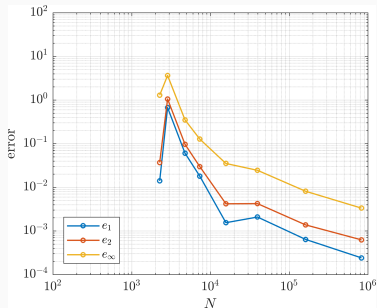
Adaptive iteration: error and node density  $\rho = -\log_2 \frac{d_i}{\max_j d_j}$ .

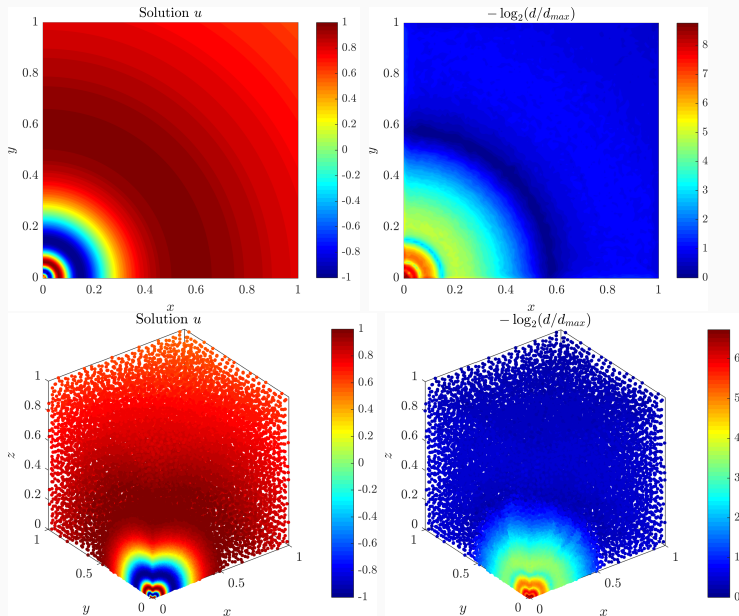


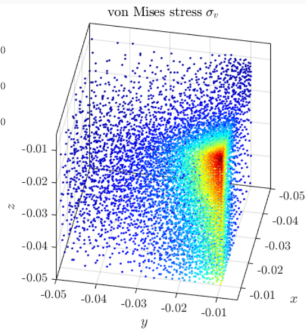
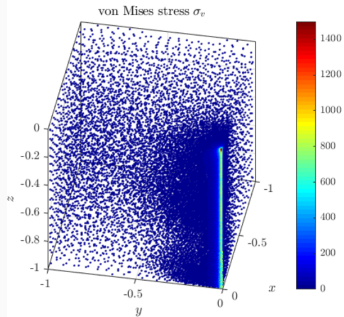
$$-\nabla^2 u + \frac{1}{(r + \alpha)^4} = f, \quad u(r) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{\alpha + r}\right)$$

2D

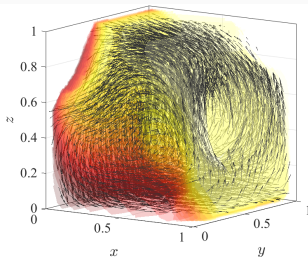
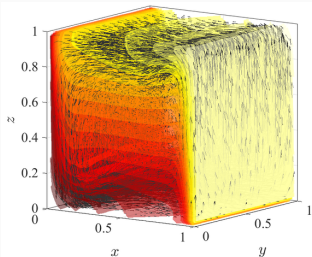
3D



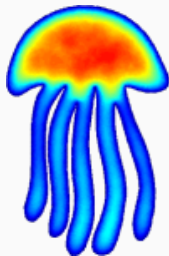




**Support**  
for: complex  
numbers,  
ghost nodes,  
coupled  
domains



All computations were done using open source Medusa library.



## Medusa

Coordinate Free Meshless Method  
implementation

<http://e6.ijs.si/medusa/>

Slides available at <http://e6.ijs.si/~jsslak/>.

Thank you for your attention!

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