

# Directional Compression of Helmholtz Potentials

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# Helmholtz equation

**Goal:** Solve the Helmholtz equation

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u(x) + \kappa^2 u(x) &= 0 && \text{for all } x \in \Omega, \\ u(x) &= f(x) && \text{for all } x \in \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

**Approach:** Boundary integral formulation

$$u(x) = \int_{\partial\Omega} g(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(y) dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial g}{\partial n(y)}(x, y) u(y) dy \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega$$

with fundamental solution

$$g(x, y) = \frac{\exp(i\kappa\|x - y\|)}{4\pi\|x - y\|}.$$

**Challenge:** Standard discretization leads to dense matrix.

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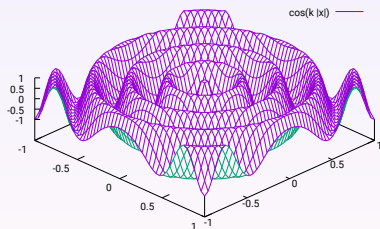
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Challenge: Helmholtz kernel oscillates rapidly if  $\kappa$  large.



$$g(x, y) = \frac{\exp(i\kappa\|x - y\|)}{\|x - y\|}.$$

Consequence: Standard approximation schemes require high rank  $k$ .

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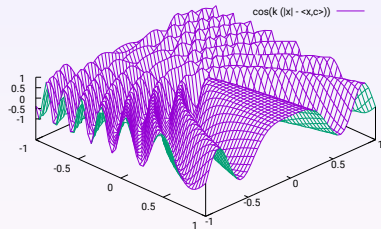
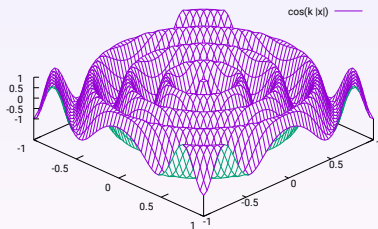
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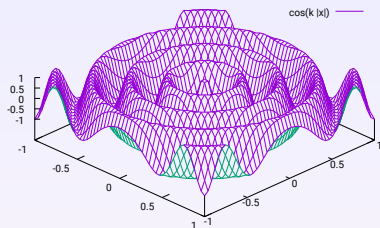
Idea: Divide spherical wave by plane wave in direction  $c$ ,  $\|c\| = 1$ :

$$g(x, y) = \exp(i\kappa \langle x - y, c \rangle) \underbrace{\frac{\exp(i\kappa(\|x - y\| - \langle x - y, c \rangle))}{4\pi\|x - y\|}}_{=g_c(x, y)}.$$



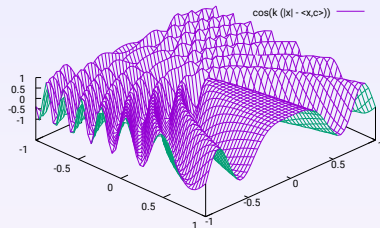
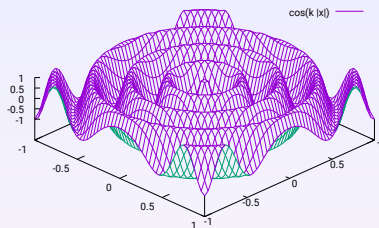
Brandt (1991), Engquist/Ying (2007),  
Messner/Schanz/Darve (2012), Bebendorf/Kuske/Venn (2015)

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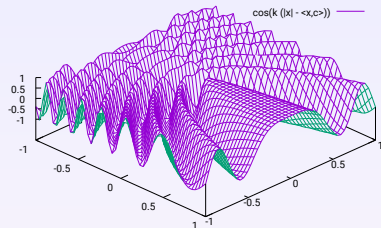
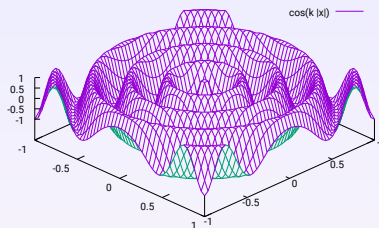
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$$\begin{aligned}\kappa(\|x - y\| - \langle x - y, c \rangle) &= \kappa\|x - y\|(1 - \cos \angle(x - y, c)) \\ &\approx \frac{\kappa}{2}\|x - y\| \sin^2 \angle(x - y, c).\end{aligned}$$

# Admissibility

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**Directional condition:** Given midpoints  $m_\tau \in \tau$ ,  $m_\sigma \in \sigma$ , we require

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**Result:** If both conditions are satisfied,  $g_c$  should be smooth.

# Factorization

**Approach:** Apply interpolation to smoothed function  $g_c$ .

$$\tilde{g}_c(x, y) = \sum_{\nu, \mu} \mathcal{L}_{\tau, \nu}(x) g_c(\xi_{\tau, \nu}, \xi_{\sigma, \mu}) \mathcal{L}_{\sigma, \mu}(y).$$

**Directional approximation** given by

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, y) &= \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x - y, c \rangle) g_c(x, y) \\ &\approx \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x - y, c \rangle) \tilde{g}_c(x, y) \\ &= \sum_{\nu, \mu} \underbrace{\exp(\iota \kappa \langle x, c \rangle) \mathcal{L}_{\tau, \nu}(x)}_{=: \mathcal{L}_{\tau c, \nu}(x)} g_c(\xi_{\tau, \nu}, \xi_{\sigma, \mu}) \underbrace{\exp(-\iota \kappa \langle y, c \rangle) \mathcal{L}_{\sigma, \mu}(y)}_{=: \overline{\mathcal{L}_{\sigma c, \mu}(y)}} \\ &= \sum_{\nu, \mu} \mathcal{L}_{\tau c, \nu}(x) g_c(\xi_{\tau, \nu}, \xi_{\sigma, \mu}) \overline{\mathcal{L}_{\sigma c, \mu}(y)}. \end{aligned}$$



# Reinterpolation

**Goal:** Establish nested hierarchy of directional bases to make our algorithms more efficient.

**Approach:** Choose  $\tau' \subseteq \tau$ , directions  $c'$  and  $c$ , and reinterpolate:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\tau c, \nu}(x) &= \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x, c \rangle) \mathcal{L}_{\tau, \nu}(x) \\ &= \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x, c' \rangle) \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x, c - c' \rangle) \mathcal{L}_{\tau, \nu}(x) \\ &\approx \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x, c' \rangle) \sum_{\nu'} \underbrace{\exp(\iota \kappa \langle \xi_{\tau', \nu'}, c - c' \rangle) \mathcal{L}_{\tau, \nu}(\xi_{\tau', \nu'})}_{=: e_{\tau' c, \nu' \nu}} \mathcal{L}_{\tau', \nu'}(x) \\ &= \exp(\iota \kappa \langle x, c' \rangle) \sum_{\nu'} e_{\tau' c, \nu' \nu} \mathcal{L}_{\tau', \nu'}(x) = \sum_{\nu'} e_{\tau' c, \nu' \nu} \mathcal{L}_{\tau' c', \nu'}(x).\end{aligned}$$

**Result:** We only have to handle  $\mathcal{L}_{\tau c, \nu}$  for small domains  $\tau$  and can use **transfer matrices**  $E_{\tau' c}$  for larger ones.

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# Tensor interpolation

**Algorithm:** Use  $m$ -th order tensor Chebyshev interpolation

$$\tilde{g}_c := \mathcal{I}_{\tau \times \sigma}[g_c]$$

in the axis-parallel box  $\tau \times \sigma$ .

**Tensor analysis:** We only have to investigate interpolation of one-dimensional functions

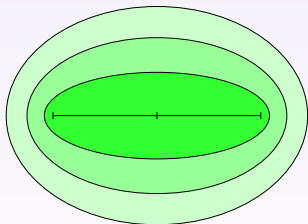
$$g_{cdp} : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad t \mapsto g_c(d + tp).$$

# Interpolation of analytic functions

**Best approximation result:** If  $f$  is analytic in the Bernstein ellipse

$$\mathcal{E}_\varrho := \left\{ x + iy : \left( \frac{2x}{\varrho + 1/\varrho} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{2y}{\varrho - 1/\varrho} \right)^2 \leq 1 \right\}, \quad \varrho > 1,$$

polynomial approximations in  $[-1, 1]$  converge at a rate of  $1/\varrho$ .



**Idea:** Construct holomorphic extension of  $g_{cdp}$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\varrho$ .

**Challenge:**  $\exp(\iota\kappa z)$  grows exponentially as  $\Im(z) \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Convergence result

**Directional interpolation:** Assume  $\tau \times \sigma$  admissible. We have

$$\|g - \tilde{g}\|_{\infty, \tau \times \sigma} \leq \frac{C_{\text{in}}(\eta_1, \eta_2)}{4\pi \text{dist}(\tau, \sigma)} \varrho^{-m} \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N}$$

with the convergence rate

$$\varrho := \min \left\{ 2, \frac{3}{2\eta_2} + 1 \right\}.$$

The estimate is **independent of the wave number  $\kappa$** .

**Remark:** We can reach any rate  $\varrho < \frac{2}{\eta_2} + 1$  if we are prepared to make the constant  $C_{\text{in}}(\eta_1, \eta_2)$  larger.



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# Reinterpolation

**Problem:** Instead of  $\mathcal{L}_{\tau C}$ , we use reinterpolated functions

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\tau C}(x) := \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_{\tau C}(x) & \text{if } \tau \text{ small,} \\ \sum_{\nu'} \mathbf{e}_{\tau' C, \nu'} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\tau' C'}(x) & \text{otherwise, with } \tau' \ni x. \end{cases}$$

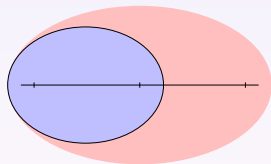
If we reinterpolate  $L$  times, each step contributes to the total error.

**Idea:** Assume  $\text{diam}(\tau') \leq q \text{diam}(\tau)$  with  $q < 1$ .

We can find  $\tilde{q} < 1$  such that

ellipses of radius  $\varrho/\tilde{q}$  around  $\tau'$  contained in  
ellipses of radius  $\varrho$  around  $\tau$ .

→  $m \sim \log(L)$  yields stability and convergence.



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# Discretization

**Goal:** Approximate Galerkin matrix  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{I} \times \mathcal{I}}$  given by

$$g_{ij} = \int_{\partial\Omega} \varphi_i(x) \int_{\partial\Omega} g(x, y) \psi_j(y) dy dx.$$

**Standard approach:** Choose admissible  $\tau \times \sigma$ , fix subsets  $\hat{\tau}, \hat{\sigma} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  with

$$\text{supp } \varphi_i \subseteq \tau, \quad \text{supp } \psi_j \subseteq \sigma \quad \text{for all } i \in \hat{\tau}, j \in \hat{\sigma}.$$

Replacing  $g$  by directional approximation yields

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ij} &\approx \sum_{\nu, \mu} \underbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega} \varphi_i(x) \mathcal{L}_{\tau\mathcal{C}, \nu}(x) dx}_{=: \mathbf{V}_{\tau\mathcal{C}, i\nu}} \underbrace{g_{\mathcal{C}}(\xi_{\tau, \nu}, \xi_{\sigma, \mu})}_{=: \mathbf{S}_{\tau\sigma, \nu\mu}} \underbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega} \psi_j(y) \overline{\mathcal{L}_{\sigma\mathcal{C}, \mu}(y)} dy}_{=: \mathbf{W}_{\sigma\mathcal{C}, j\mu}} \\ &= (\mathbf{V}_{\tau\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{S}_{\tau\sigma} \mathbf{W}_{\sigma\mathcal{C}}^*)_{ij} \quad \text{for all } i \in \hat{\tau}, j \in \hat{\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$



# Directional cluster tree

**Goal:** Organize subdomains  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma$ , and  $\tau \times \sigma$  in hierarchies to improve efficiency.

**cluster tree**  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{I}}$  for an index set  $\mathcal{I}$ :

- Each node is a subdomain  $\tau \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ , associated with  $\hat{\tau} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ .
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- Each block is associated with a direction  $c_{\tau\sigma} \in \mathcal{D}_{\tau} \cap \mathcal{D}_{\sigma}$ .

# Directional cluster basis

Reinterpolation for  $\tau' \in \text{sons}(\tau)$  yields

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tau C, \nu}(x) \approx \sum_{\nu'} \mathbf{e}_{\tau' C, \nu' \nu} \mathcal{L}_{\tau' C', \nu'}(x).$$

Discretization leads to

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\tau C, i\nu} &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \varphi_i(x) \mathcal{L}_{\tau C, \nu}(x) dx \approx \sum_{\nu'} \mathbf{e}_{\tau' C, \nu' \nu} \int_{\partial\Omega} \varphi_i(x) \mathcal{L}_{\tau' C', \nu'}(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{\nu'} v_{\tau' C', i\nu'} \mathbf{e}_{\tau' C, \nu' \nu} = (V_{\tau' C'} E_{\tau' C})_{i\nu}. \end{aligned}$$

Directional cluster basis ( $V_{\tau C}$ ) described by

- **leaf matrices**  $V_{\tau C}$  for leaf clusters  $\tau$ ,
- **transfer matrices**  $E_{\tau' C}$  non-leaf clusters,  $\tau' \in \text{sons}(\tau)$ .

# $\mathcal{DH}^2$ -matrix

Assume that  $\mathcal{T}_I$  and  $\mathcal{T}_{I \times I}$  are given.

- **Directional cluster bases** represented by leaf matrices and transfer matrices,  $V_{TC}|_{\hat{\tau} \times k} = V_{T'C'} E_{T'C}$ .
- **Admissible blocks** represented by cluster bases and coupling matrices,  $G|_{\hat{\tau} \times \hat{\sigma}} = V_{TC} S_{T\sigma} W_{\sigma C}^*$ .

## Results:

- Storage  $\mathcal{O}(kn + k^2 \kappa^2 \log n)$  for  $k$  interpolation points.
- Matrix-vector multiplication in  $\mathcal{O}(kn + k^2 \kappa^2 \log n)$  operations.
- High-frequency case:  $\kappa^2 \sim n$ , complexity  $\mathcal{O}(nk^2 \log n)$ .



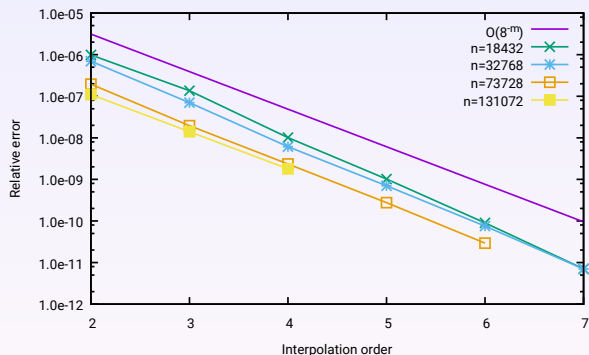
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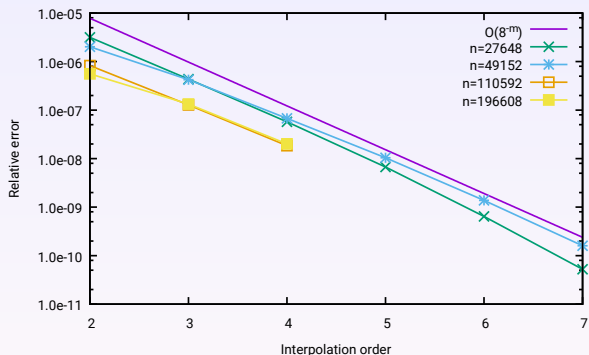
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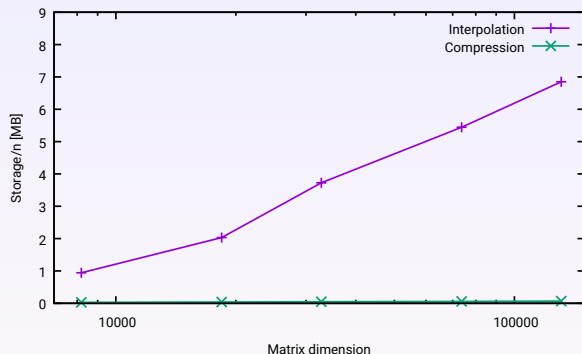
**Experiment:** Approximate Galerkin discretization of Helmholtz boundary element operator on the surface of the reference cube.



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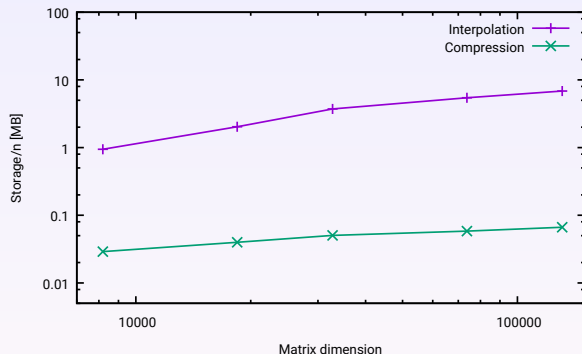
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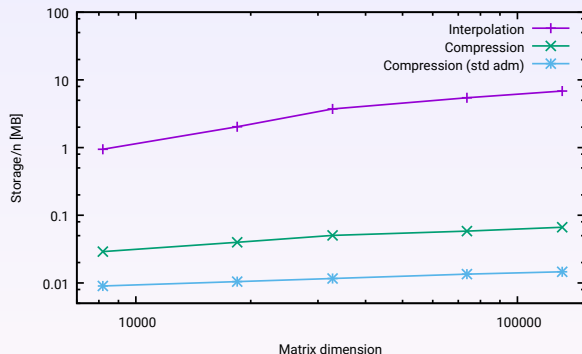
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**Result:** Algebraic compression is necessary to reach useful efficiency.

# Summary

**Directional interpolation** yields reliable and robust  $\mathcal{DH}^2$ -matrix approximation, complexity  $\mathcal{O}(nk + \kappa^2 k^2 \log n)$ .

**Convergence analysis** by extension to Bernstein ellipses in the complex plane yields  $\kappa$ -independent convergence rates.

**Algebraic compression** crucial to reduce storage requirements and allow us to treat **large high-frequency problems**.

**Software** available at <http://www.h2lib.org>  
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