

Quadrature by fundamental solutions: kernel-independent layer potential evaluation for large collections of simple objects

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“Fast and high order solution techniques for boundary integral equations”

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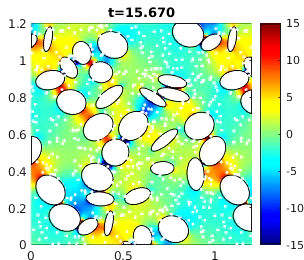
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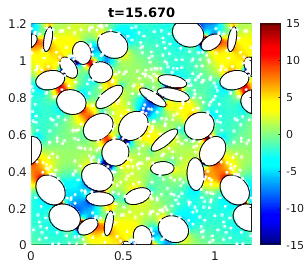
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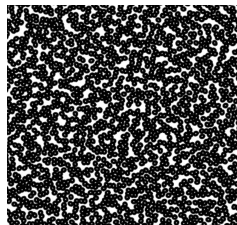
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- other apps: multiple scattering (acoustic/EM), electrohydrodynamics
- dense / non-Newtonian / bdry layers: *many/most* targets near bdry!
- accurate evaluation near bdry often slow, complex, PDE-specific

Goal: new BIE quadrature/evaluator tool, simply FMM-able, PDE-indep.

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Take $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \partial\Omega^+$ (ie exterior) and use *jump relations*, get BIE for τ :

$$\frac{\beta}{2}\tau + (\alpha\mathcal{S} + \beta\mathcal{D})\tau = f \quad \text{Id + cpt if } \partial\Omega \text{ smooth} \Rightarrow \text{Fredholm 2nd kind}$$

By quadrature + Nyström on $\partial\Omega$, approx BIE by: $A\tau = \mathbf{f}$

Tasks: $f_j = f(\mathbf{x}_j)$, \mathbf{x}_j nodes on $\partial\Omega$

A) Fill A matrix: equiv to on-surface LP evaluation

B) Eval (*) off-surf, given soln vec $\tau := \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^N$

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Incomplete history: (also see my CSE19 review slides)

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2D global product-quadr. analytic split (Kress '91)	N	N
2D panel analytic split, Lap+Helm (Helsing '08-'15)	Y	N
2D gen-Gauss. aux nodes (Rokhlin-Duan, Alpert, '99)	N	Y
3D radial interp, $r dr$ (Bruno-Kunyansky '01; Malhotra)	N	Y
3D global spherical harmonics (Ganesh, Corona...)	N	N
QBX+ (Klöckner-O'Neil-B-Greengard '12; Rachh, Wala, af K)	Y	if proxy
2D barycentric (Ioakimidis, Helsing, Wu-B-Veerapaneni '14)	Y	N
3D radial triangle-split gen-Gauss. (Bremer, Gimbutas)	N	Y
3D adaptive off-surf panels (Rachh, Greengard, O'Neil)	Y	Y
Density interpolation (2D,3D) (Perez-A., Turc, Faria '18)	Y	if proxy
off-surf radial + cancellation (Carvalho-Khatri-Kim '18)	Y	N
3D “hedgehog” extrapolation (Morse-Zorin '20)	Y	Y
zeta functions for global (2D,3D) (Wu-Martinsson '20)	N	N
Lap 3D quaternion line-integral (Zhu-Veerapaneni '21)	Y	N

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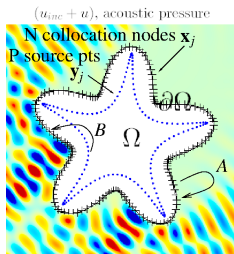
Beautiful idea: for exterior of $\partial\Omega$ =sphere, project LPs into (vector) spherical harmonics, eval those when close to $\partial\Omega$

(Corona–Veerapaneni, Yan, Shelley, etc)

Our plan: a global rep for general shape Ω , using point sources only, so plugs in to point FMM without per-target FMM bookkeeping?

- show 2D only, find useful for large # simple bodies
- we stick to global quadr each body separations $\gtrsim h^2$; ie not locally adapt.

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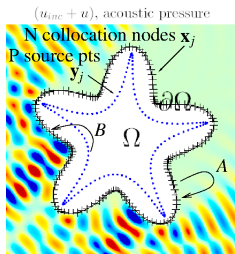
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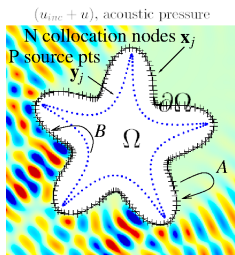
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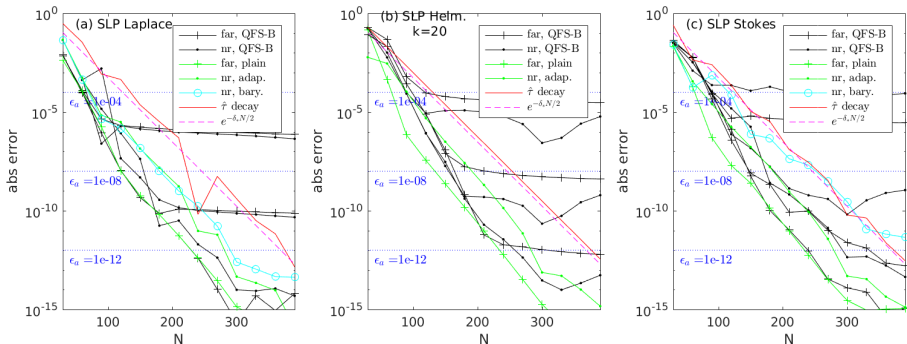
• when user inputs τ , two matvecs gives $\sigma = Y(Z\tau)$ bkw stab order!

Error convergence for SLP eval in 2D, three PDEs

Given $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^N$ sampling a density τ : QFS (black) vs gold-std (green):

gold-standards: “far” target = plain Nyström rule for (*)

“near” (dist 10^{-4}) = adaptive Gauss on trig poly interp of τ



Results: QFS similar to gold, then flattens at around ϵ ; DLP sim.

- exp. conv. rate \approx decay of Nyquist Fourier coeff $\hat{\tau}_{N/2}$ (red)

Raises qu's! Why stable? How choose \mathbf{y}_j ?

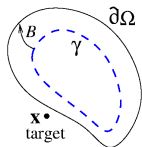
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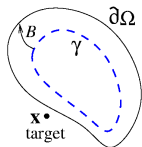


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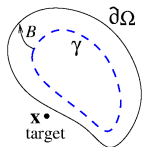
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Pf: Let v solve the int Lap Dir BVP for $v = u$ on γ

Green's rep. formula exterior to γ : $u = -\mathcal{S}_\gamma u_{\mathbf{n}} + \mathcal{D}_\gamma u$ by const $u_{\infty} = 0$

GRF (extinction) exterior to γ : $0 = \mathcal{S}_\gamma v_{\mathbf{n}} - \mathcal{D}_\gamma v$

Add them: $u = \mathcal{S}_\gamma (v_{\mathbf{n}} - u_{\mathbf{n}})$ outside γ , in particular on $\partial\Omega \Rightarrow$ soln

Uniqueness: jump relations & unique cont. from Cauchy data... \square

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How choose curve γ (2D)?

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$t \in [0, 2\pi)$ periodic, anal. in a strip

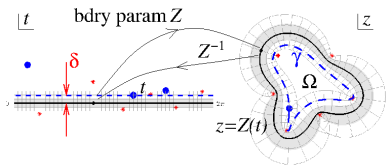
$\mathbf{x}_j = Z(2\pi j/N)$ periodic trap. rule (PTR)

User promised us N such that PTR achieves err ϵ for their τ

Thm (Davis '59): If $\tau(t)$ anal. in $|\text{Im } t| \leq \delta$, PTR error rate $\mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta N})$

Equate Davis to ϵ gives: $\delta \approx N^{-1} \log \epsilon^{-1}$ our rule for "close"

Then choose $\gamma = \{Z(t + i\delta) : t \in [0, 2\pi)\}$ "imaginary translation" of $\partial\Omega$



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this is the smooth-data, annular conformal map case of various MFS thms

MFS analysis incomplete, technical: exp.-weighted Sobolev

- Note: MFS exponential rate matches our δ rule

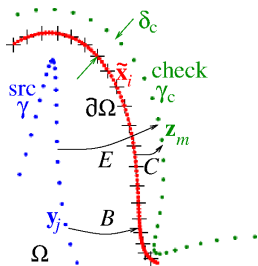
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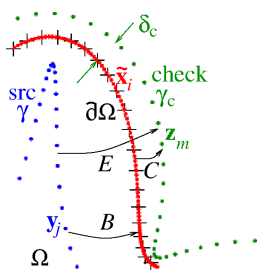


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upsample $\partial\Omega$ by factor ρ to get nodes $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$

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chk-eval. mat. $C = \tilde{C} L_{\rho N \times N}$ $L =$ spectral upsampling

Solve $E\sigma = C\tau$ for σ : as before take $E = U\Sigma V^*$

$Y = V\Sigma^{-1}$, $Z = U^*C$, then $\sigma = Y(Z\tau)$

Task B done, all off-surf! Finally $A \approx \tilde{A} = (BY)Z$

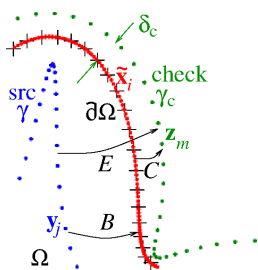
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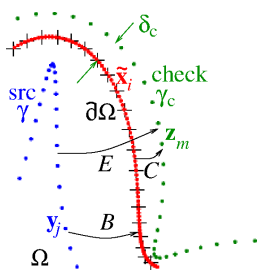
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Desingularized QFS: goodbye singular quadrature

Goal: also fill Nyström A (task A)

recall until now user had to supply A :(

Idea: match data u not on $\partial\Omega$, but on new exterior “check” curve γ_c



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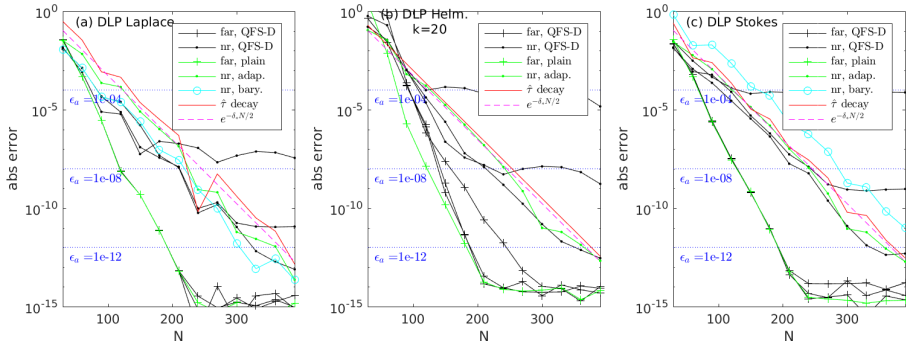
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- upper bnd on chk dist: $\frac{\delta}{\delta + \delta_c} \geq \frac{\log \epsilon}{\log \epsilon_{\text{mach}}}$ err growth of mode $M/2$, heuristic

in practice: $\epsilon = 10^{-8}$: $\delta_c \approx \delta$, $\rho \approx 2$ $\epsilon = 10^{-12}$: $\delta_c \approx \delta/3$, $\rho \approx 4$

Error convergence for desingularized QFS, three PDEs

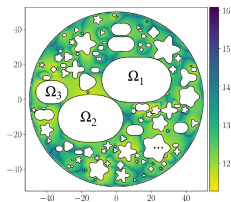
Again we compare QFS (black) vs gold-standard LP eval (green):



Results: QFS-D v. similar to gold, flattening around ϵ as expected

- Stokes: slight upsampling $P \approx 1.3N$, $M \approx 1.2P$, to get good $\text{spec}(\tilde{A})$.
- unlike QBX or hedgehog, no 2-sided averaging needed
- no SVD truncation needed since $\kappa(E) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{\text{mach}}^{-1/2})$ only

Fast solver for multi-body applications



Recall exterior BVP gives BIE $A\tau = f$

A = Nyström mat eg Lap. "completed" $A = \frac{1}{2} + D + S$

For $K > 1$ bodies, A has $K \times K$ block structure

- QFS-D fills dense diag blocks $A^{(k,k)}$ self-int, task A

- Apply all off-diag $A^{(j,k)}$, $j \neq k$, by a point FMM: QFS srcs $\{y_j\} \rightarrow$ bdry $\{x_j\}$
 task B: bundle close & far targets together, no bookkeeping/corrections
 each body's strength vector from its own QFS-D $\sigma = Y(Z\tau)$

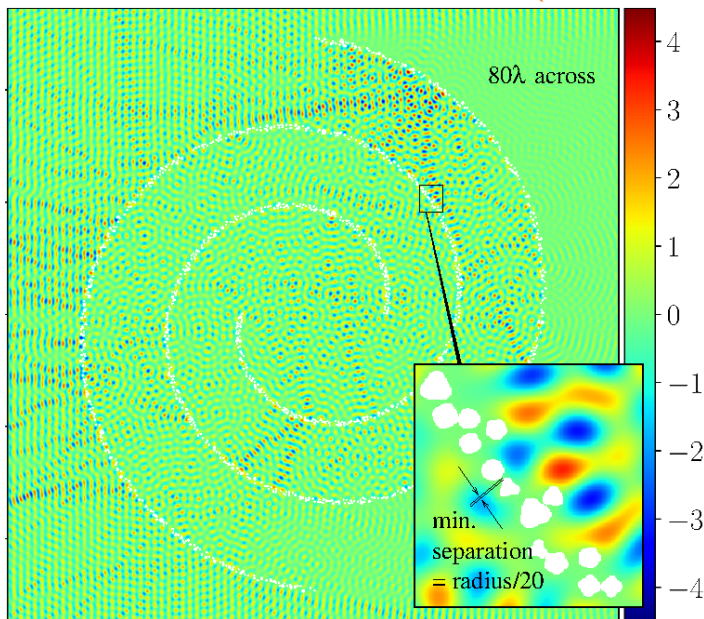
- To reduce iter count, block-diag right-precondition, so GMRES sees:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & A^{(1,2)}(A^{(2,2)})^{-1} & \dots \\ A^{(2,1)}(A^{(1,1)})^{-1} & I & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\tau}^{(1)} \\ \tilde{\tau}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f^{(1)} \\ f^{(2)} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Once solved, recover actual densities $\tau^{(k)} = (A^{(k,k)})^{-1} \tilde{\tau}^{(k)}$

- Eval solution u everywhere: again QFS-D task B

Application: multibody scattering (2D Helmholtz)



$K = 10^3$ bodies

$N \approx 190000$

$7e-10$ est max err
(2000^2 grid)

$1e-11$ diff vs Kress
+ upsampling

need 1237 iters
QFS, Kress same

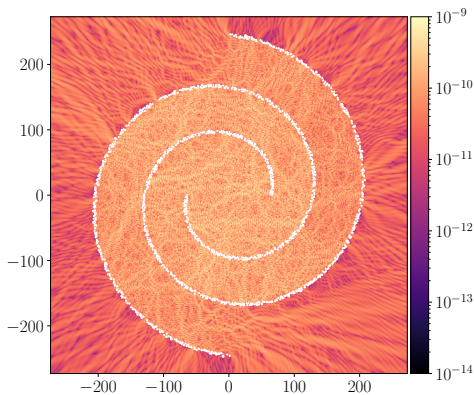
Solve: 13 min
(AMD server)

QFS setup:
0.14 core-hr

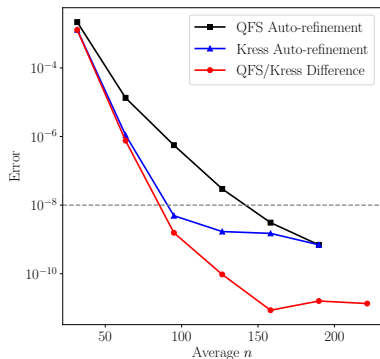
FMM: 9 core-hr

FMM effort: 80%

Error for multibody scattering (2D Helmholtz)



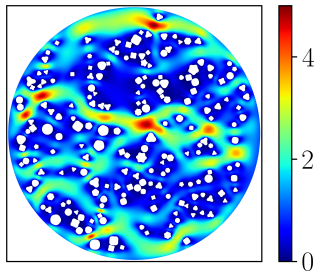
Max err convergence vs $n := \frac{N}{K}$



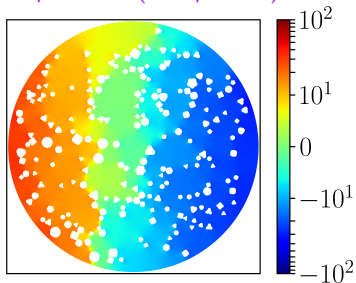
- QFS similar convergence rate to Kress
- resonant (errors 1 digit worse inside “leaky cavity”)

Application: multibody Stokes

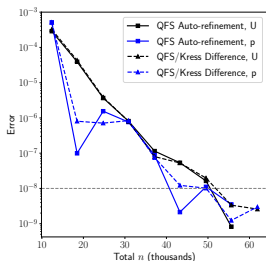
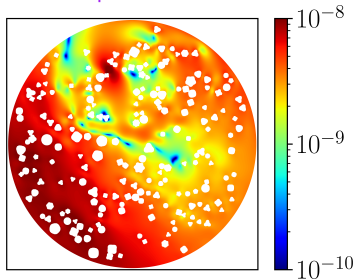
$|\mathbf{u}|$ solution (fluid speed):



p solution (fluid pressure):



Estim pointwise error:



$K = 200$ bodies
min. sep. = rad/20
 $N \approx 56000$ ($2N$ unkn.)
451 iters to $1e-8$

7 min (AMD server)
 $\geq 90\%$ FMM effort

Conclusions

QFS is a useful BIE quadrature tool when (many) “simple” bodies:

- *one* simple representation covers on-surface, near-surface, far-field
- fast & trivial to apply by point FMM, kills near-vs-far bookkeeping
- stably fills 1-body Nyström matrices w/o singular quadrature
- kernel-independent *current: Laplace, Helmholtz, modified Helmholtz, Stokes*
- as accurate (spectral) as slower gold-standard schemes *Kress + adaptive*

... PS: bkw. stab. apply of pseudoinv. needs *two* matvecs: $\sigma = Y(Z\tau)$

2D Py code/demos: <https://github.com/dbstein/qfs>

Future:

- dim-indep: works in 3D; smooth multi-body tests ongoing
- corners? Yes (MFS), but not full acc. (*Hochman '07, Liu-B '16, Gopal-Tref.'20*)
- more analysis for MFS/QFS (Stokes, disk, analytic domains, ...)