Interpolation and approximation of discontinuities via mapped polynomials and discontinous kernels<sup>1</sup>

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# Data interpolation/approximation

of discontinuous functions



Approaches: optimal choice of interpolation points, rational approximation, sinc-approx, filtering, extrapolation,....



# Data interpolation in (medical) imaging

CT, MRI, PET, SPECT, MPI, satellite images





Approaches: geometric alignement, registration, reconstruction (CT, SPECT, MPI, satellite) , ...



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## PART I

## Polynomial interpolation with mapped bases: the "fake nodes approach"



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# Inspiring ideas

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- In [Adcock and Platte 2016] a similar idea was investigated for analytic functions on compact intervals by weighted least-squares of mapped polynomial basis via [Kosloff, Tal-Azer 1993] map

$$m_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{\sin(\alpha \pi x/2)}{\sin(\alpha \pi/2)}, \ \alpha \in (0,1]$$

giving rise to the space

$$\mathbb{P}_n^{\alpha} = \{ p \circ m_{\alpha}, \ p \in \mathbb{P}_n \}.$$



## Some notations

■  $I = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}, X_n \subset I$  (interpolation points),  $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $F_n := \{f(X_n)\}$  (*f* fnct to be reconstructed )

■  $P_{n,f}$ : interpolating polynomial,  $P_{n,f} \in M_n := \text{span}\{1, x, \dots, x^n\}$  or using  $L_n := \text{span}\{l_0, l_1, \dots, l_n\}$  Lagrange basis

$$P_{n,f}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} l_i(x) f(x_i), \ x \in I$$

with

$$l_i(x) = \frac{V_i(x_0, ..., x_{i-1}, x, x_i, ..., x_n)}{V(x_0, ..., x_n)}$$

ratio of two Vandermonde determinants

• Lebesgue constant:  $\Lambda_n := \max_{x \in I} \sum_{i=0}^n |I_i(x)|$  which is the stability constant, norm of the projection on  $M_n$  or conditioning of the interpolation problem.



# Mapping the basis

without resampling

Let  $S : I \to \mathbb{R}$  be the map and  $P_{n,g} : S(I) \to \mathbb{R}$  the interpolating polynomial at the mapped or "fake" nodes  $S(X_n)$ , that is

$$P_{n,g}(\bar{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \bar{x}^i, \ \bar{x} \in S(I)$$

for some  $g: S(I) \to \mathbb{R} \in C^{r}(I)$  s.t.

$$g_{|S(X_n)}=f_{|X_n}.$$

 $\hookrightarrow$  i.e. no resampling



### Cont' without resampling

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#### Equivalence

- **mapped bases** approach on *I*: interpolate *f* on the set  $X_n$  via  $R_{n,f}^s$  in the function space  $S_n$ .
- The "fake" nodes approach on S(I): interpolate g on the set  $S(X_n)$  via  $P_{n,g}$  in the polynomial space  $M_n$ .



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■ Necessity:  $S(x_i) \neq S(x_j)$ ,  $\forall x_i \neq x_j$ , i.e. *S* is injective on  $X_n$ .

$$V^{S} = \sigma(X_{n}, S) \cdot V(x_{0}, \ldots, x_{n}) \text{ with }$$

$$\sigma(S, X_n) = \prod_{0 \le i < j \le n} \frac{S_j - S_i}{x_j - x_i} \,. \tag{2}$$

here  $S_r = S(x_r)$ .



## Admissible S maps: cont'

#### Proposition [DeM et al. JCAM 2019]

Let  $l_i$  be the classical *i*-th Lagrange polynomial and let  $l_i^S$  be the S-Lagrange. Then,

$$I_i^S(x) = \gamma_i(x)I_i(x), \ x \in I,$$
(3)

where 
$$\gamma_i(x) \coloneqq \frac{\det(V_i^s(x))}{\sigma(S, X_n)\det(V_i(x))}$$
, with  $\sigma(S, X_n)$  as before.  
Actually,  $\gamma_i(x) = \frac{\beta_i(x)}{\alpha_i}$ , with

$$\beta_i(x) := \prod_{\substack{0 \le j \le n \\ j \ne i}} \frac{S(x) - S_j}{x - x_j}, \ \ \alpha_i := \prod_{\substack{0 \le j \le n \\ j \ne i}} \frac{S_i - S_j}{x_i - x_j}.$$



## Mapped Interpolant

$$R_{n,f}^{S}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_{i} l_{i}^{S}(x), \ x \in I$$

We can define the S-Lebesgue constant

$$\Lambda_{n}^{S} := \max_{x \in S(I)} \sum_{i=0}^{n} |I_{i}^{S}(x)|.$$
(4)

so that

$$\|f - R_{n,f}^{S}\|_{\infty} \le (1 + \Lambda_{n}^{s}) E_{n}^{s,\star}(f),$$
(5)



## Observations

#### Obs 1

[Gross and Richards 1986] gave a remarkable formula for points in the unit disk of  $\mathbb{C}$  for analytic map  $S_c(z) = (1 - z)^{-c}, \ c \ge 1$ .

Lettting  $s \in [-a, a]^n$  the determinant of the coefficient matrix can be factored as

$$\det M_n(s,s) = c_n V(s) V(s) \int_{U(n)} \det(I - susu^{-1})^{-(c+n-1)} du$$

where U(n) the group of unitary complex matrices (see also [Bos,DeM,Levenberg 2014] where we discussed Fekete points for ridge functions).

#### Obs 2

Generalized Vandermonde determinants give rise to similar factorization [DeM 2001, 2002]



## Lebesgue bound

#### Theorem [DeM et al. JCAM 2019]

We have that

$$\Lambda_n^S \leq \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)^n \Lambda_n,$$

where

$$L = \max_{j} \max_{x \in I} \left| \frac{S(x) - S_{j}}{x - x_{j}} \right|,$$
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**Sketch**. We proceed by giving an upper bound for  $|\beta_i|: |\beta_i(x)| \le \prod_{\substack{0 \le j \le n \\ j \ne i}} L_j^j$ , where  $L_i^j := \max_{x \in I} \left| \frac{S(x) - S_j}{x - x_j} \right|$ . Thus,  $|\beta_i(x)| \le L_i^n$ , We then give a lower bound for  $|\alpha_i|$  obtaining  $|\alpha_i| \ge D_i^n$ , where  $D_i := \min_{j \ne i} \left| \frac{S_i - S_j}{x_j - x_i} \right|$ . We have that

$$|\ell_i^s(x)| \le \left(\frac{L_i}{D_i}\right)^n |\ell_i(x)|.$$

Therefore, defining  $L := \max_i L_i$ ,  $D := \min_i D_i$  and considering the sum of the Lagrange polynomials, we obtain

 $\Lambda_n^S \leq \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)^n \Lambda_n$ .  $\Box$ 



## The "fake" nodes approach: summary

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- If  $I_i$  is the Lagrange polynomial at  $S(X_n)$ , then at  $\bar{x} = S(x) \in S(I)$

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 $\hookrightarrow$  Remark: find a suitable admissible map S.  $\leftarrow$ 



## S-Runge

AIM: find a *S* s.t the resulting set of fake nodes  $S(X_n)$  guarantees a stable interpolation process. The "natural" choice: Chebyshev-Lobatto (CL) nodes on the interval *I* 

#### Algorithm (S-Runge)

- **1** *Inputs: X<sub>n</sub>* (ordered left-right).
- **2** Main procedure: Let  $C_{n+1}$  be the CL nodes.
  - For x ∈ [x<sub>i</sub>, x<sub>i+1</sub>], i = 0,..., n − 1, define S as the piecewise linear interpolant

$$S(x) = \beta_{1,i}(x-x_i) + \beta_{2,i},$$

where

$$\beta_{1,i} = \frac{c_{i+1} - c_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i}, \quad \beta_{2,i} = c_i.$$

3 Outputs: S.



## S-Gibbs

#### Obs: jump discontinuities set of f is

$$D_m := \left\{ (\xi_i, d_i) \mid \xi_i \in (a, b), \ \xi_i < \xi_{i+1}, \ \text{ and } d_i := |f(\xi_i^+) - f(\xi_i^-)| \right\}, i = 0, \dots, m.$$

Remark: to identify jumps/discontinuities see e.g. [Canny IEEE 1986, Archibald et al. SINUM2005, Romani et al. JCAM 2019] and Sestini's talk, Pepe's poster.

#### Algorithm (S-Gibbs)

- **1** Inputs:  $X_n$ ,  $D_m$  and k > 0.
- 2 Main procedure:

- 1.  $\alpha_i := kd_i$ , i = 0, ..., m. 2. Letting  $A_i = \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j$ , define S as follows:

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{for } x \in [a, \xi_0[, \\ x + A_i, & \text{for } x \in [\xi_i, \xi_{i+1}[, 0 \le i < m, \text{ or } x \in [\xi_m, b]. \end{cases}$$

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- Our strategy consists in constructing the map S in such a way that it sufficiently increases the gap between the node right before and the one right after the discontinuity via the real parameters α<sub>i</sub>.
- About the shifting parameter k > 0. We experimentally observed that its selection is not critical. The resulting interpolation process is not sensitive to its choice, provided that it is sufficiently large, i.e. in such a way that in the mapped space the so-constructed function g has no steep gradients;



## Cardinals



**Figure:** Left-right, up-down: the original cardinals on 4 nodes, the cardinals around  $\xi = 0, k = 0$  the cardinals around  $\xi = 0.2, k = 1$ , the cardinals around  $\xi = 0, k = 0.5$ .



## Runge example

$$\begin{split} I &= [-5, 5], \ f_1 = 1/(1 + x^2), \ X_n: \text{ equal or random pts, } E_n \text{ evaluation pts.} \\ \text{Relative Maximum Absolute Error (RMAE)} \\ \text{RMAE} &= \max_{i=0,\dots,m} \frac{|R_{n,f}^s(\bar{x}_i) - f(\bar{x}_i)|}{|f(\bar{x}_i)|}. \\ E_n \text{ are equally spaced pts.} \end{split}$$



**Figure:** Interpolation with 13 points of the Runge function on [-5,5] using equispaced (left), CL (center) and fake nodes (right). The nodes are represented by stars, the original and reconstructed functions are plotted with continuous red and dotted blue lines, respectively.



**Figure:** The RMAE for the Runge function varying the number of nodes. The results with equispaced, CL and fake nodes are represented by black circles, blue stars and red dots, respectively.



Figure: Lebesgue functions of equispaced (left), CL (center) and fake CL (right) nodes.



## Gibbs example



**Figure:** Interpolation at 20 points of the function  $f_2$  on [-5, 5], using equispaced (left), CL nodes (center) and the discontinuous map (right). The nodes are represented by stars, the original and reconstructed functions are plotted with continuous red and dotted blue lines, respectively.



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## The abs function



Figure: Runge for f(x) = 7|x|



Figure: Gibbs for f(x) = 7|x|



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# Two gifs



## What we are doing

- Extensions to rational functions, in particular the Floater-Hormann (FH) and trigonometric FH (for periodic signals)
- In the 2d case, we have results on discontinuous functions on the square, using polynomial approximation at the Padua points or tensor product meshes;
- in 2d and 3d we can extract Approximate Fekete Points on various domains (disk, sphere, polygons, spherical caps, lunes, ... )
- In higher dimensions we could consider to the so-called Lissajous points or Varyably Scaled Discontinuos Kernels (VSDK) for scattered data (see part II)

Links: https://www.math.unipd.it/~marcov/CAA.html, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padua\_points, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runge%27s\_phenomenon# S-Runge\_algorithm\_without\_resampling



## Cont

#### Stability and error analysis

- We are working in improving the error analysis and bounding the Lebesgue constant(s).
- Applications: Image registration in nuclear medicine, periodic signals,...



Figure: Left: interpolation with PD60 of a function with a circular jump. Right: the same by mapping circularly the PD points, and using least-squares fake-Padua

### PART II

### Variably Scaled Discontinuous Kernels (VSDK)



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- 9 An application



 
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- native space  $N_{\kappa}(\Omega)$  (where K is the reproducing kernel)
- finite subspace  $N_{\kappa}(X) = \operatorname{span}\{K(\cdot, x) : x \in X, |X| = N\} \subset N_{\kappa}(\Omega).$

• 
$$P_{f,X} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} c_i K(\cdot, \mathbf{x}_i)$$
 is the kernel-based interpolant



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#### Separation distance, fill-distance and power function

$$\begin{split} q_X &:= \frac{1}{2} \min_{i \neq j} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2, \quad (\text{separation distance}) \\ P_{\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}, X}(\mathbf{x}) &:= \sqrt{\Phi_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{0}) - (\mathbf{u}^*(\mathbf{x}))^\mathsf{T} \, \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{u}^*(\mathbf{x})}, \quad (\text{power function}) \\ \end{split}$$



Figure: The fill-distance of 25 Halton points  $h \approx 0.2667$ 



Figure: Power function for the Gaussian kernel with  $\varepsilon = 6$  on a grid of 81 uniform, Chebyshev and Halton points, respectively.



# Pointwise error estimates

see Wendland's (2005) or Fasshauer's (2007) books

#### Theorem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $K \in C(\Omega \times \Omega)$  be PD on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  be a set of distinct points. Take a function  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Phi}(\Omega)$  and denote with  $P_f$  its interpolant on X. Then, for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ 

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - P_f(\mathbf{x})| \le P_{\Phi_{\varepsilon}, X}(\mathbf{x}) ||f||_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}}(\Omega)}.$$
(6)

#### Theorem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbf{K} \in C^{2\kappa}(\Omega \times \Omega)$  be symmetric and positive definite,  $X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$  a set of distinct points. Consider  $f \in \mathcal{N}_K(\Omega)$  and its interpolant  $P_f$  on X. Then, there exist positive constants  $h_0$  and C(independent of  $\mathbf{x}$ , f and  $\Phi$ ), with  $h_{X,\Omega} \leq h_0$ , such that

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - P_f(\mathbf{x})| \le C \, h_{\mathbf{X},\Omega}^{\kappa} \, \sqrt{C_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathbf{x})} ||f||_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}}(\Omega)} \,. \tag{7}$$

and  $C_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{|\beta|=2\kappa} \max_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z} \in \Omega \cup B(\mathbf{x}, cohron)} |D^{\beta} \Phi(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z})|$ 

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Trial and error strategy: interpolation of the 1d *sinc* function with Gaussian for  $\varepsilon \in [0, 20]$ , taking 100 values of  $\varepsilon$  and  $N = 2^k + 1, k = 1, \dots, 6$ equispaced data points.



## Trade-off principle



**Figure:** RMSE, MAXERR and 2-Condition Number with 30 values of  $\varepsilon \in [0.1, 20]$ , for interpolation of the Franke function on a grid of  $40 \times 40$  Chebyshev points

#### Trade-off or uncertainty principle [Schaback 1995]

- Accuracy vs Stability
- Accuracy vs Efficiency
- Accuracy and stability vs problem size



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#### Scale function

The classical tuning strategy of finding the optimal shape parameter, is now based on a scaling function which plays the role of a density function.



# Variably Scaled Kernels (VSK)

[Bozzini et al. 2015]

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Letting  $\Sigma \subseteq (0, +\infty)$  and  $\Phi$  a positive definite radial kernel on  $\Omega \times \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , depending on the shape parameter  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Given a scaling function  $\psi : \Omega \longrightarrow \Sigma$ , we define a VSK  $\Phi_{\psi}$  on  $\Omega$  as

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# Variably Scaled Kernels (VSK)

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• if  $\Phi$  is radial  $\Phi_{\psi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \Phi(||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}||^2 + (\psi(\mathbf{x}) - \psi(\mathbf{y}))^2)$ ,

In Machine Learning this is known as Kernel Trick.



# VSK interpolant

Set  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}, \psi(\mathbf{x})).$ 

The interpolant on the node set

$$\Psi(X) := \{ (\mathbf{x}_k, \psi(\mathbf{x}_k)), \ \mathbf{x}_k \in X \},\$$

(we choose  $\varepsilon = 1$ ) takes the form

$$P_f(\Psi(\boldsymbol{x})) = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \Phi(\Psi(\boldsymbol{x}), \Psi(\boldsymbol{x}_k)), \quad \boldsymbol{x} \in \Omega, \ \boldsymbol{x}_k \in X$$

Given interpolant  $P_f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ , we can project back on  $\Omega$  the points  $(x, \psi(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ . The VSK interpolant  $\mathcal{V}_f$  on  $\Omega$ , belongs to span{ $\Phi_{\psi}(\cdot, \mathbf{x}_k), k = 1, ..., N$ } and by using (8)

$$\mathcal{V}_{f}(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{k=1}^{N} c_{k} \Phi_{\psi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{k}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} c_{k} \Phi(\Psi(\mathbf{x}), \Psi(\mathbf{x}_{k})) = P_{f}(\Psi(\mathbf{x})).$$





## Variably Scaled Discontinous Kernels (VSDK)

#### References

- VSK for discontinuous functions [Rossini 2017],
- VSK-PU for elliptic PDEs [DeM et al, 2018].
- Variably Scaled Discontinuos Kernels presented [DeM, Marchetti, Perracchione, 2019]



# Learning 1d example [DeM, Marchetti, Perracchione, 2019]

Let  $\Omega = (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval and let  $\xi \in \Omega$ . We consider a function *f* that has a jump discontinuity in  $\xi$ 

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} f_1(x), & a < x < \xi, \\ f_2(x), & \xi \le x < b, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\lim_{x\to\xi^-}f_1(x)\neq f_2(\xi)\,.$$

#### Problem/Solution

- Problem: approximating *f* on node set  $X \subset \Omega$  originates the Gibbs phenomenon.
- Solution: consider VSK-like interpolants as follows.



## Cont '

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ ,  $\alpha \neq \beta$  and  $S = \{\alpha, \beta\}$ . As scaling function consider

$$\psi(x) := \left\{ egin{array}{ll} lpha, & x < \xi, \ eta, & x \geq \xi. \end{array} 
ight.$$

 $\psi$  is piecewise constant, having a jump discontinuity at  $\xi$  as the function f.

The interpolant 𝒱<sub>ψ</sub> on X = {x<sub>k</sub>, k = 1,..., N} is then a linear combination of discontinuous functions Φ<sub>ψ</sub>(·, x<sub>k</sub>) having a jump at ξ

• if 
$$a < x_k < \xi$$

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Dealing with functions having jumps becomes "natural" to use linear combination of  $\Phi_{\psi}(\cdot, x_k)$  functions having jumps at the same locations. But the error analysis requires another approach !



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#### Scaling function as pointwise limit

From Definition above it is straightforward to verify that  $\forall x \in \Omega$ 

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi_n(x)=\psi(x).$$



Take a functions with discontinuities at  $\xi_1 = -0.5$  and  $\xi_2 = 0.5$ . By using (10), we define the scaling function for the corresponding VSKs

$$\psi_{n}(x) \coloneqq \begin{cases} 1, & x \in (-1,\xi_{1}-1/n) \text{ or } x \in [\xi_{2}+1/n,1), \\ 2, & x \in [\xi_{1}+1/n,\xi_{2}-1/n), \\ (nx-\xi_{1}n+3)/2, & x \in [\xi_{1}-1/n,\xi_{1}+1/n), \\ (-nx+\xi_{2}n+3)/2, & x \in [\xi_{2}-1/n,\xi_{2}+1/n). \end{cases}$$
(11)

The  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi_n(x)$  is the discontinous scaling function of the VSDKs

$$\psi(x) \coloneqq \begin{cases} 1, & x \in (-1,\xi_1) \text{ or } x \in [\xi_2,1), \\ 2, & x \in [\xi_1,\xi_2). \end{cases}$$
(12)



## Example, cont'



**Figure:** The VSK interpolant using  $\psi_{10}$ ,  $\psi_{50}$ ,  $\psi_{500}$  and the VSDK interpolant  $\psi$ .  $f_1$  on X using Matérn kernel  $C^6$ .



# VSDK, convergence and error bound

#### Theorem (DeM, Marchetti, Perracchione 2019)

For every  $x, y \in \Omega$ ,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\Phi_{\psi_n}(x,y)=\Phi_{\psi}(x,y),$$

where  $\Phi_{\psi}$  is the kernel considered in Definition. The interpolant at the nodes  $X = \{x_k, k = 1, ..., N\}$  on  $\Omega$  is the limit

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\mathcal{V}_{\psi_n}(x)=\mathcal{V}_{\psi}(x),\quad\forall\,x\in\Omega\,.$$

#### Power function and error bound

$$P_{\Phi_{\psi,X}}(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P_{\Phi_{\psi_n},X}(x).$$

For all  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{K_{\mu}(\Omega)}$  we have

 $|f(x) - \mathcal{V}_{\psi}(x)| \leq P_{\Phi_{\psi}, X}(x) ||f||_{\mathcal{N}_{K_{\psi}(\Omega)}}, \quad x \in \Omega.$ 



# VSDK, multidimensional

#### Obs

VSDKs rely on classical RBFs and therefore they can be extended to any spatial dimension.

#### Partition

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open subset with Lipschitz boundary and discontinuous function  $f : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t. exists a disjoint partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{R_1, \ldots, R_m\}$  of regions having Lipschitz boundaries with jumps along (d-1)-dimensional manifolds, say  $\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_p$ 

$$\gamma_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m \partial R_i \setminus \partial \Omega, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, p.$$

#### Scaling function

Let  $\Omega$  as above,  $S = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  real distinct values and  $\mathcal{P}$  the partition of  $\Omega$ . A scaling functions  $\psi$  on  $\Omega$  is  $\psi(\mathbf{x})_{|B_i} := \alpha_i$ .



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We may consider continuous scaling functions  $\psi_n$  on  $\Omega$  s.t.  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ ,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\psi_n(\mathbf{x})=\psi(\mathbf{x}),$$

and

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\mathcal{V}_{\psi_n}(\mathbf{x})=\mathcal{V}_{\psi}(\mathbf{x}),$$

#### Theorem (Power function and error bound)

Let  $\Phi_{\psi}$  be a VSDK as in Definition 49. Suppose that  $X = \{\mathbf{x}_i, i = 1, ..., N\} \subseteq \Omega$  have distinct points. For all  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{K_{\psi}(\Omega)}$  we have

$$|f(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{V}_{\psi}(\mathbf{x})| \le P_{\Phi_{\psi}, X}(\mathbf{x}) ||f||_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{K}_{\psi}(\Omega)}}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega.$$

Note: error estimates in terms of the fill-distance are in [DeM, Erb et al, 2019].



## An example

Let 
$$\Omega = (-1, 1)^2$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}, & x_1^2 + x_2^2 \le 0.6, \\ x_1 + x_2, & x_1^2 + x_2^2 > 0.6, \end{cases}$$

We take 1089 Halton points on  $\Omega$  as interpolation nodes and we evaluate the approximant on equispaced points with mesh size 1.00E - 2. We interpolate the function *f* via classical RBF interpolation on the set of nodes *X*, using the Gaussian kernel function and selecting the optimal shape parameter  $\varepsilon$  via LOOCV. Then, we compare this results with VSDKs.





Figure: Classical RBF (left) and VSDK (right) interpolants.



## What we are doing

#### Obs

Applications to Magnetic Particle Imaging on Lissajous points via VSDK are discussed in the recent paper [DeM, Erb et al, 2019].



Figure: Comparison of different interpolation methods in MPI. The reconstructed data on the Lissajous nodes  $LS_2^{(33,32)}$  (left) is first interpolated using the polynomial scheme derived in [Erb et al 2016](middle left). Using a mask constructed upon a threshold strategy (middle right) the second interpolation is performed by the VSDK scheme (right).



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