

**Master degree course on  
Approximation Theory and Applications,**  
Lab exercises on  
**Generalized Hermite interpolation and solution of elliptic PDEs**  
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1. With examples we try to illustrate the symmetric approach of Hermite interpolation on a problem that interpolates values and derivatives.

Consider

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\tanh(9(y-x)) + 1}{\tanh(9) + 1}, \quad (1)$$

whose first order partial derivatives can easily be computed.

By using multiquadrics (MQ) with  $\epsilon = 6$ , compare these 4 problems

- (a) Lagrange interpolation at  $N$  equispaced points on  $[0, 1]^2$ ;
- (b) Lagrange interpolation at  $3N$  clustered points with separation distance  $q = h/10$  (where  $h = 1/(\sqrt{N} - 1)$  is the fill distance of a set of equispaced points in the square);
- (c) as point (b) with  $q = h/100$ ;
- (d) Hermite interpolation of the values of the function and its first order derivatives on  $N$  equispaced points, as chosen in (a).

The files to be used are

- for (a), `RBFInterpolation2D.m` by a suitable substitution of line 1 (that is the definition of the RBF) and lines 2-6 (test function) with the expression of the function (1) ;
- for (b), again using `RBFInterpolation2D.m`, changing lines 8 and 9 with following ones (remember to compute or load the appropriate `dsites`)

```
q=0.1/(sqrt(N)-1);
grid=linspace(0,1,sqrt(N));
shifted=linspace(q,1+q,sqrt(N)); shifted(end)=1-q;
[xc1,yc1]=meshgrid(shifted,grid);
[xc2,yc2]=meshgrid(grid,shifted);
dsites=[dsites;xc1(:) yc1(:); xc2(:) yc2(:)];
```

- for (c), as in (b) with the appropriate changes
- for (d) use the script `RBFHermite_2D.m` (which makes use of the function `DifferenceMatrix.m`).

Produce two tables, showing for each problem the RMSE changes and the condition number of the interpolation matrices

	Lagrange		clustered $q = h/10$	
mesh	RMSE	Condition number	RMSE	Condition number

	clustered $q = h/100$		Hermite	
mesh	RMSE	Condition number	RMSE	Condition number

Consider the meshes with  $3 \times 3$ ,  $5 \times 5$ ,  $9 \times 9$ ,  $17 \times 17$  and  $33 \times 33$  points

We shall see that the Hermite interpolation approach w.r.t. *clustered points* by using Lagrange, improves the results especially with the mesh  $33 \times 33$ , where we can also appreciate an (small) improvement of the condition number and of the error.

2. Consider the Poisson equation with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 u(x, y) &= -\frac{5}{4}\pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right), \quad (x, y) \in \Omega = [0, 1]^2 \\ u(x, y) &= \sin(\pi x) \quad (x, y) \in \Gamma_1 \\ u(x, y) &= 0 \quad (x, y) \in \Gamma_2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\Gamma_1 = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 1, y = 0\}$  e  $\Gamma_2 = \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma_1$ .

The exact solution is  $u(x, y) = \sin(\pi x) \cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{2}\right)$ .

- Use the script `KansaLaplace_2D.m` for solving (2) with the non-symmetric Kansa method with IMQ and Gaussian, with  $\epsilon = 3$  (note: the script is based on IMQ!).

For using the script with the Gaussian we have to substitute the function and the laplacian as follows

```
rbf = @(e,r) exp(-(e*r).^2); ep=3;
Lrbf = @(e,r) 4*e^2 exp(-(e*r).^2).*((e*r).^2-1);
```

In both cases take  $N = 3^2, 5^2, 9^2, 17^2$  inner centers and  $M = 2^2, 4^2, 6^2, 8^2$  additional along the boundary (along the sides of the square or outside the border, as in the provided script).

Take the internal points as Halton or equispaced points.

Again produce a table with RMSE and condition number of the collocation matrix.

**Note.** Since it is necessary the laplacian and the bi-laplacian of the Gaussian, the formulas are (with  $\varphi(r) = \varphi(\|x\|)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\right) \varphi(\|x\|) &= \frac{d^2}{dr^2} \varphi(r) + \frac{1}{r} \varphi(r) \quad \text{laplacian} \\ \left(\frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} + 2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4}{\partial y^4}\right) \varphi(\|x\|) &= \frac{d^4}{dr^4} \varphi(r) + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d^3}{dr^3} \varphi(r) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} \varphi(r) + \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{d}{dr} \varphi(r) \quad \text{bi-lapl.} \end{aligned}$$

- Finally use `HermiteLaplace_2D.m` for solving (2) with the symmetric method of Fasshauer based on Hermite collocation approach. Perform the same experiments with IMQ and Gaussian.

For the scripts the link is

<http://www.math.unipd.it/~demarchi/TAA2010>