

MAIT 627 Fast Multipole Methods

Lecture 16

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Outline

- Laplace equation in 2D and 3D: Problem statement
- Laplace equation in 2D: $O(p^2)$ method
 - Normalized basis functions
 - Translation operators
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 - Normalized basis functions
 - Translation operators
 - Error bounds

Problems resulting in summation of large amount of singularities for Laplace equation

- Stellar and molecular dynamics
- Boundary element method (fluid dynamics, electrostatics, etc.)
- Vortex element method (fluid dynamics)
- Theory of functions of complex variable
- Many more...

Example 1: Stellar and molecular dynamics

N -body motion under Newton's gravity forces

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = -G \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N \frac{m_j}{r_{ij}^3} (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) = G \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N m_j \nabla \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j|} \Bigg|_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_i}$$
$$= \nabla \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N q_j \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j|} \Bigg|_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}_i}, \quad q_j = Gm_j.$$

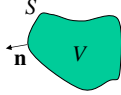
or

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N q_j \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j|}, \quad \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r}_i).$$

Similarly potential for Coulomb electrostatic forces.

Example 2: Boundary element

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{x}) &= 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in V, \\ \alpha \phi + \beta \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} &= \gamma, \quad \mathbf{x} \in S. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\mathbf{y}) &= \int_S \left(G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x})} - \phi(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x})} \right) dS(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{y} \in V, \\ \frac{1}{2} \phi(\mathbf{y}) &= \int_S \left(G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x})} - \phi(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x})} \right) dS(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{y} \in S, \\ G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|}, \quad d = 3, \\ G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|}, \quad d = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Boundary element method(2)

Surface discretization: $\int_S = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{S_i}$

$$\int_{S_i} G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x})} dS(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)}{\partial n(\mathbf{x}_i)} S_i K_i(\mathbf{y}),$$

$$\int_{S_i} \phi(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x})} dS(\mathbf{x}) \approx \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) S_i L_i(\mathbf{y}),$$

$$K_i(\mathbf{y}) \approx G(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}), \quad L_i(\mathbf{y}) \approx \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y})}{\partial n(\mathbf{x}_i)}, \quad |\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{y}| > R.$$

System to solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) &= \sum_{i=1}^N K_{ji}(\mathbf{x}_j) S_i \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)}{\partial n(\mathbf{x}_i)} - \sum_{i=1}^N L_{ji}(\mathbf{x}_j) S_i \phi(\mathbf{x}_i), \\ \alpha(\mathbf{x}_j) \phi(\mathbf{x}_j) + \beta(\mathbf{x}_j) \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)}{\partial n} &= \gamma(\mathbf{x}_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, N. \end{aligned}$$

Use iterative methods with fast matrix-vector multiplier:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N K_{ji} u_i = \sum_{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j| < R} K_{ji} u_i + \sum_{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j| > R} K_{ji} u_i = \sum_{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j| < R} K_{ji} u_i + \sum_{|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j| > R} G(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) u_i$$

Non-FMM'able, but sparse

FMM'able, dense

2D Laplace Equation

2D Laplace equation

Laplace equation: $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega,$

Cauchy-Riemann conditions: $\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y},$

Complex potential: $g(z) = \Phi(x, y) + i\Psi(x, y), \quad z = x + iy, \quad i^2 = -1,$

Problem of summation of sources: $g(z) = \sum_{j=1}^N q_j G(z - z_j), \quad G(z) = \ln \frac{1}{z}.$

Green's function

Normalized basis functions

$$R_n(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} z^n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad z = x + iy,$$

$$S_0(z) = \ln \frac{1}{z}, \quad S_n(z) = \frac{(n-1)!}{z^n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Green's function expansion

$$G(z - z_0) = \ln \frac{1}{z - z_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R_n(-z_0) S_n(z), \quad |z| > |z_0|,$$

Prove that! (Hint: $\ln(1-x) = -(x + x^2/2 + \dots + x^n/n + \dots)$, $|x| < 1$).

R|R-translation operator

$$R_n(z+t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (R|R)_{nm}(t) R_m(z),$$

$$R_n(z+t) = \frac{(-1)^n (z+t)^n}{n!} = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{n! (-1)^n}{n! m! (n-m)!} z^m t^{n-m}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\frac{(-1)^m}{m!} z^m \right) \left(\frac{(-1)^{n-m}}{(n-m)!} t^{n-m} \right) = \sum_{m=0}^n R_{n-m}(t) R_m(z).$$

$$(R|R)_{nm}(t) = \begin{cases} R_{n-m}(t), & n \geq m \\ 0, & n < m. \end{cases}$$

S|S-translation operator

$$S_n(z+t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (S|S)_{nm}(t) S_m(z), \quad |t| < |z|.$$

$n = 0$:

$$S_0(z+t) = \ln \frac{1}{z+t} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} R_m(t) S_m(z), \quad |t| < |z|.$$

$n > 0$:

$$S_n(z+t) = \frac{(n-1)!}{(z+t)^n} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)! (m+n-1)! (-1)^m t^m}{(n-1)! m! z^{m+n}} = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{(m-1)! (-1)^{m-n} t^{m-n}}{(m-n)! z^m} =$$

$$= \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^{m-n} t^{m-n}}{(m-n)!} \right) \left(\frac{(m-1)!}{z^m} \right) = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} R_{m-n}(t) S_m(z), \quad |t| < |z|.$$

$$(S|S)_{nm}(t) = \begin{cases} R_{m-n}(t), & m \geq n \\ 0, & m < n. \end{cases} = (R|R)_{nm}(t).$$

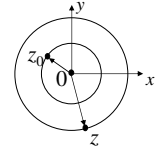
SIR-translation operator

$$S_n(z+t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (S|R)_{nm}(t) R_m(z), \quad |z| < |t|.$$

$$S_n(z+t) = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} R_{m-n}(z) S_m(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} S_{m+n}(t) R_m(z)$$

$$(S|R)_{nm}(t) = S_{m+n}(t).$$

Error bounds



Error of the S-expansion:

$$G(z-z_0) = \ln \frac{1}{z-z_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R_n(-z_0) S_n(z) = \ln \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{z_0}{z} \right)^n, \quad |z| > |z_0|.$$

$$|\epsilon_p| = \left| G(z-z_0) - \ln \frac{1}{z} - \sum_{n=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{z_0}{z} \right)^n \right| = \left| \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{z_0}{z} \right)^n \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=p}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right|^n = \left[\frac{1}{p} \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right|^p + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+p} \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right|^{n+p} \right]$$

$$< \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right|^p \left[\frac{1}{p} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right|^n \right] = \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right|^p \left[\frac{1}{p} - \ln \left(1 - \left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right| \right) \right].$$

In the FMM with 1-neighborhoods:

$$\left| \frac{z_0}{z} \right| < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} < 0.471405, \quad |\epsilon_p| < (0.471405)^p \left[\frac{1}{p} + 0.637532 \right].$$

Error bounds (2)

Translation errors: No error in SIS and RIR translations.

The error of the truncated SIR-translation can be evaluated from the theorem on the error bound of the truncated translation:

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_p^{(SR)}(a,b)| &\leq \left[(1 + |\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a,b)|)^2 - 1 \right] = 2|\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a,b)| + O(|\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a,b)|^2) \\ &\approx 2|\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a,b)| < 2 \left| \frac{a}{b} \right|^p \left[\frac{1}{p} + \ln \frac{1}{1 - |a/b|} \right]. \\ \frac{a}{b} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2(2 - \sqrt{2}/2)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2} - 1} < 0.54692. \end{aligned}$$

$$|\epsilon_p^{(SR)}(a,b)| \lesssim 2(0.54692)^p \left[\frac{1}{p} + 0.79168 \right].$$

3D Laplace Equation

Translation and Differentiation Properties for Laplace Equation

If

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = 0, \quad \mathbf{r} \in \Omega.$$

then shifted function $\Phi(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$ also satisfies the Laplace equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0, \quad \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0 \in \Omega.$$

Also the Laplace operator is commutative with differential operators

$$D_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad D_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad D_z = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \text{or} \quad D_t = \mathbf{t} \cdot \nabla,$$

So

$$D_t \nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla^2 D_t \Phi(\mathbf{r}).$$

Introduction of Multipoles for Laplace Equation

$$\Phi_n(\mathbf{r}) = (-1)^n D_{t_1} D_{t_2} \dots D_{t_n} \Phi(\mathbf{r})$$

also satisfy the Laplace equation. In case when $\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = G(\mathbf{r}) = |\mathbf{r}|^{-1}$ functions

$$G_n(\mathbf{r}) = (-1)^n D_{t_1} D_{t_2} \dots D_{t_n} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|}, \quad |\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \neq 0$$

are called MULTIPOLES OF DEGREE n centered at $\mathbf{r} = 0$. Vectors $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots, \mathbf{t}_n$ are called multipoles generating vectors. Also $G_n(\mathbf{r})$ can be represented as

$$G_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i+j+k=n} Q_{ijk}^{(n)} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^i \partial y^j \partial z^k} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|},$$

where $Q_{ijk}^{(n)}$ are called 'components of the multipole momentum'.

$n = 0$: 'monopole'

$n = 1$: 'dipole'

$n = 2$: 'quadrupole'

$n = 3$: 'octupole'.

Multipole Expansion of Laplace Equation Solutions

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n G_n(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$G_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i+j+k=n} Q_{ijk}^{(n)} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^i \partial y^j \partial z^k} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|}.$$

Legendre Polynomials

Legendre polynomials $P_n(\mu)$ can be introduced via generating function

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2\mu x + x^2}} = \begin{cases} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\mu) x^n, & |x| < 1, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\mu) x^{-n-1}, & |x| > 1. \end{cases}$$

First few polynomials

$$P_0(\mu) = 1,$$

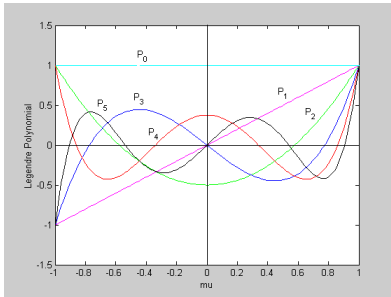
$$P_1(\mu) = \mu = \cos \theta,$$

$$P_2(\mu) = \frac{1}{2}(3\mu^2 - 1) = \frac{1}{4}(3 \cos 2\theta + 1),$$

...

Legendre Polynomials (2)

First six polynomials ($n = 0, \dots, 5$):



Legendre Polynomials (3)

Some Properties:

- The Rodrigues' formula

$$P_n(\mu) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{d\mu^n} (\mu^2 - 1)^n.$$

- Form orthogonal complete basis in $L_2[-1, 1]$:

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n(\mu) P_m(\mu) d\mu = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{2n+1}, & m = n, \\ 0, & m \neq n. \end{cases}$$

A lot of other nice properties!

Expansion/Translation of Fundamental Solution

$$G(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{r}, \quad r = |\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) &= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 - 2\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}_0 + r_0^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 - 2r r_0 \cos \theta + r_0^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 - 2\mu r r_0 + r_0^2}} \\ &= \begin{cases} r_0^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\mu) (r/r_0)^n, & r < r_0, \\ r^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\mu) (r_0/r)^n = r_0^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(\mu) (r/r_0)^{-n-1}, & r > r_0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

At $r = r_0$ the series also converges, if $\cos \theta \neq 1$ ($\mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{r}_0$).

Addition Theorem for Spherical Harmonics

Spherical Harmonics

$$P_n(\cos \theta) = \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \sum_{m=-n}^n Y_n^{-m}(\theta', \varphi') Y_n^m(\theta, \hat{\varphi}),$$

order

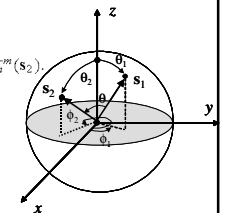
$$Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!}} P_n^m(\mu) e^{im\varphi}, \quad \mu = \cos \theta.$$

where θ is the angle between two points on a sphere with spherical angles (θ', φ') and $(\theta, \hat{\varphi})$.

degree

$$P_n(\mathbf{s}_1 \cdot \mathbf{s}_2) = \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \sum_{m=-n}^n Y_n^{-m}(\mathbf{s}_1) Y_n^m(\mathbf{s}_2) = \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \sum_{m=-n}^n Y_n^m(\mathbf{s}_1) Y_n^{-m}(\mathbf{s}_2).$$

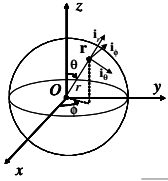
Vector form of the addition theorem



S- and R- expansions of Fundamental Solution

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \frac{4\pi}{r_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^n \sum_{m=-n}^n Y_n^{-m}(\theta', \varphi') Y_n^m(\theta, \hat{\varphi}), \quad r < r_0,$$

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \frac{4\pi}{r_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{n+1} \sum_{m=-n}^n Y_n^{-m}(\theta', \varphi') Y_n^m(\theta, \hat{\varphi}), \quad r > r_0.$$



$$\mathbf{r} = r(\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta),$$

$$R_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = r^n Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi),$$

$$S_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = r^{-n-1} Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi), \quad \text{Multipole (!)}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n \frac{1}{2n+1} S_n^m(\mathbf{r}_0) R_n^m(\mathbf{r}), \quad r < r_0,$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n \frac{1}{2n+1} R_n^m(\mathbf{r}_0) S_n^m(\mathbf{r}), \quad r > r_0.$$

'Multipole expansion' means S-expansion

Compare

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n G_n(\mathbf{r}), \quad G_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i+j+k=n} Q_{ijk}^{(n)} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^i \partial y^j \partial z^k} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|}.$$

and

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n \frac{1}{2n+1} R_n^{-m}(\mathbf{r}_0) S_n^m(\mathbf{r}), \quad r > r_0.$$

$$b_n \sum_{i+j+k=n} Q_{ijk}^{(n)} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^i \partial y^j \partial z^k} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|} = \sum_{m=-n}^n \frac{1}{2n+1} R_n^{-m}(\mathbf{r}_0) S_n^m(\mathbf{r}).$$

Generally

$$\sum_{i+j+k=n} Q_{ijk}^{(n)} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^i \partial y^j \partial z^k} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|} = \sum_{m=-n}^n g_n^m S_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} \sum_{m=-n}^n g_n^m Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi).$$

Associated Legendre Functions

$$P_n^m(\mu) = \frac{(-1)^m (n+m)!}{2^m (n-m)! m!} (1-\mu^2)^{m/2} F\left(m-n, m+n+1; m+1, \frac{1-\mu}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^m (n+m)!}{2^m (n-m)! m!} (1-\mu^2)^{m/2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-m} \frac{(-1)^j (n-m-j)! (n+m+1)_j}{2^j j! (m+1)_j} (1-\mu)^j,$$

where $(n)_j$ is the Pochhammer's symbol:

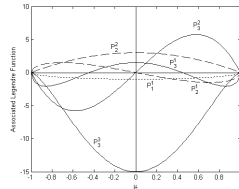
$$(n)_0 = 1, \quad (n)_j = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-j)!}.$$

This formula yields the following particular functions:

$$P_1^1(\mu) = -(1-\mu^2)^{1/2}, \quad P_2^1(\mu) = -3\mu(1-\mu^2)^{1/2}, \quad P_2^2(\mu) = 3(1-\mu^2).$$

$$(P_n^m, P_l^m) = \int_{-1}^1 P_n^m(\mu) P_l^m(\mu) d\mu = \frac{2}{2n+1} \frac{(n+m)!}{(n-m)!} \delta_{nl}.$$

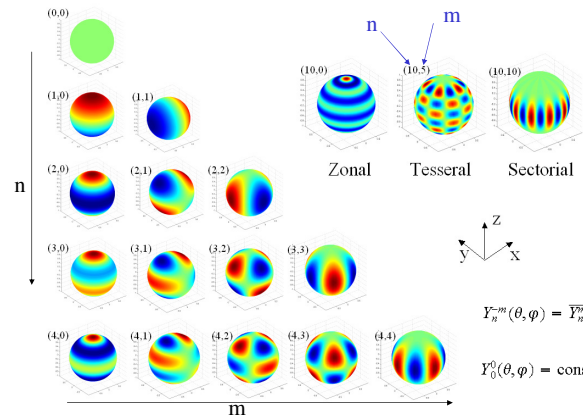
Orthogonal!



Spherical Harmonics

$$Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi) = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{4\pi} \frac{(n-m)!}{(n+m)!}} P_n^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\varphi},$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots; \quad m = -n, \dots, n.$$



$$Y_n^{-m}(\theta, \varphi) = Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi).$$

$$Y_0^0(\theta, \varphi) = \text{const} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}}.$$

Orthonormality of Spherical Harmonics

The scalar product of two spherical harmonics in $L_2(S_u)$ is

$$(Y_n^m, Y_n^{m'}) = \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi) \bar{Y}_n^{m'}(\theta, \varphi) d\varphi = \delta_{mm'} \delta_{nn'}.$$

Expansion of an arbitrary surface function over the basis of spherical harmonics:

$$F(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n F_n^m Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi).$$

$$(F, Y_n^{m'}) = \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} F(\theta, \varphi) Y_n^{m'}(\theta, \varphi) d\varphi.$$

$$(F, Y_n^{m'}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n F_n^m (Y_n^m, Y_n^{m'}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n F_n^m \delta_{mm'} \delta_{nn'} = F_n^{m'}.$$

$$F_n^{m'} = \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} F(\theta, \varphi) Y_n^{m'}(\theta, \varphi) d\varphi.$$

R- and S- expansions of arbitrary solutions of the 3D Laplace equation

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n [A_n^m R_n^m(\mathbf{r}) + B_n^m S_n^m(\mathbf{r})],$$

Functions regular at $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n A_n^m R_n^m(\mathbf{r}),$$

Functions decaying at $|\mathbf{r}| \rightarrow \infty$:

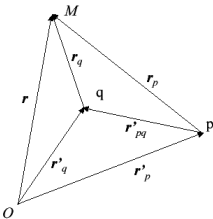
$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n B_n^m S_n^m(\mathbf{r}).$$

Translations of elementary solutions of the 3D Laplace equation

$$S_n^m(\mathbf{r}_p) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=-l}^l (S|R)_{ln}^{sm}(\mathbf{r}'_{pq}) R_l^s(\mathbf{r}_q), \quad |\mathbf{r}_q| < |\mathbf{r}'_{pq}|, \quad p \neq q.$$

$$S_n^m(\mathbf{r}_p) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=-l}^l (S|S)_{ln}^{sm}(\mathbf{r}'_{pq}) S_l^s(\mathbf{r}_q), \quad |\mathbf{r}_q| > |\mathbf{r}'_{pq}|,$$

$$R_n^m(\mathbf{r}_p) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=-l}^l (R|R)_{ln}^{sm}(\mathbf{r}'_{pq}) R_l^s(\mathbf{r}_q).$$



Renormalized S- and R- functions

Definition:

$$\tilde{S}_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = O_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{(-1)^n i^{|m|}}{\alpha_n^m} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}} S_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{(-1)^n i^{|m|}}{\alpha_n^m} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}} \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi),$$

$$\tilde{R}_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = I_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = i^{-|m|} \alpha_n^m \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}} R_n^m(\mathbf{r}) = i^{-|m|} \alpha_n^m \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}} r^n Y_n^m(\theta, \varphi),$$

where

$$\alpha_n^m = \alpha_n^{-m} = \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{(n-m)!(n+m)!}}.$$

In the renormalized basis translation matrices are simple

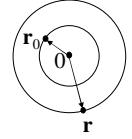
$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{S}|\tilde{R})_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{t}) &= (O|I)_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{t}) = O_{n+n'}^{m-m'}(\mathbf{t}) = \tilde{S}_{n+n'}^{m-m'}(\mathbf{t}), \\ (\tilde{S}|\tilde{S})_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{t}) &= (O|O)_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{t}) = I_{n'-n}^{m-m'}(\mathbf{t}) = \tilde{R}_{n'-n}^{m-m'}(\mathbf{t}), \\ (\tilde{R}|\tilde{R})_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{t}) &= (I|I)_{n'n}^{m'm}(\mathbf{t}) = I_{n-n'}^{m-m'}(\mathbf{t}) = \tilde{R}_{n-n'}^{m-m'}(\mathbf{t}). \end{aligned}$$

Derivation of these relations can be found in

M.A. Epton and B. Dembart,

Multipole translation theory for the three-dimensional Laplace and Helmholtz equations, *SIAM J. Sci. Comput.*, **16**(4), 1995, 865-897. (Also in the thesis of Greengard (1988), MIT Press).

Error bounds



Error of the S-expansion:

$$G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} = \frac{1}{r_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n P_n(\mu), \quad r > r_0, \quad \mu = \cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{r}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r_0 r}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_p| &= \left| G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) - \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=0}^p \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n P_n(\mu) \right| = \frac{1}{r} \left| \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n P_n(\mu) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n |P_n(\mu)| \leq \frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^n = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{p+1} \frac{1}{1 - r_0/r} \\ &= \frac{1}{r - r_0} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{p+1} \leq \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0|} \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{p+1} = \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^p G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0). \end{aligned}$$

In the FMM with 1-neighborhoods:

$$\frac{r_0}{r} < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} < 0.5773503, \quad |\epsilon_p| < (0.5773503)^p G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0).$$

Error bounds (2)

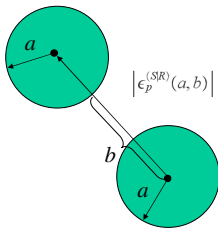
Translation errors: No error in SIS and RIR translations.

The error of the truncated SIR-translation can be evaluated from the theorem on the error bound of the truncated translation:

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_p^{(SIR)}(a, b)| &\leq \left[(1 + |\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a, b)|)^2 - 1 \right] = 2|\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a, b)| + O(|\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a, b)|^2) \\ &\approx 2|\epsilon_p^{(S)}(a, b)| < \frac{2}{b-a} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^p. \end{aligned}$$

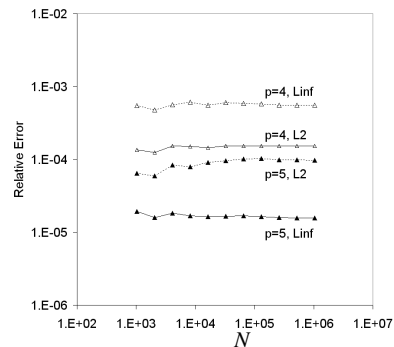
$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2(2 - \sqrt{3}/2)} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3} - 1} < 0.763708.$$

$$|\epsilon_p^{(SIR)}(a, b)| \leq \frac{2}{b-a} (0.763708)^p.$$



Error bounds (3)

Normally algorithms with moderate p, much smaller than this perform well. Real example:



100 random points are selected to evaluate the error.

$$\epsilon_1^{(ab)} = \max_{j=1, \dots, M} |\phi_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{r}_j) - \phi_{\text{approx}}(\mathbf{r}_j)|,$$

$$\epsilon_2^{(ab)} = \left[\frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M |\phi_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{r}_j) - \phi_{\text{approx}}(\mathbf{r}_j)|^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

$$\|\phi_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{r})\|_2 = \left[\frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M |\phi_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{r}_j)|^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

$$\epsilon_{a1} = \frac{\epsilon_1^{(ab)}}{\|\phi_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{r})\|_2}, \quad \epsilon_{a2} = \frac{\epsilon_2^{(ab)}}{\|\phi_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{r})\|_2}.$$