

Those were the days, my friend ...

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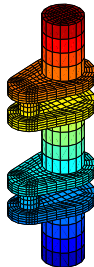


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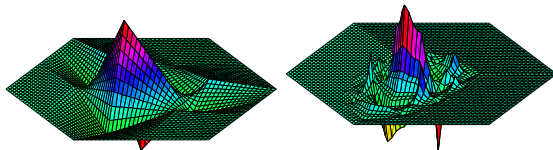


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Important: rescaled versions of Ψ **remain Riesz bases** for scales of spaces “around” \mathbb{V}

Besov Spaces

Wavelet characterization of function spaces:

$$\|\psi_{p,l}\|_{L_p} \approx 1, \quad \|\tilde{\psi}_{p,l}\|_{L_{p^*}} \approx 1, \quad v_l := \langle v, \tilde{\psi}_{p,l} \rangle$$

$$\|v\|_{B_p^s(L_p(\Omega))} \approx \left\| (|l|^{-s/d} v_l) \right\|_{\ell_p(\mathcal{I})}, \quad 0 < s < \gamma, \quad 0 < p < \infty$$

\rightsquigarrow

- ▶ Besov spaces are **interpolation spaces**
- ▶ Full landscape of “Sobolev” **embeddings**

[CDD] an unfinished book



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Let $\mathcal{R} := \{\eta \in \mathbb{R} : \eta > 1 \text{ or } \eta < 1 - 1/d\}$, then

$$\|(f_I)\|_{w\ell_1^{\eta}} := \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \varepsilon \left\{ \sum_{|f_I| > \varepsilon |I|^{\eta}} |I|^{\eta} \right\} \leq C \|f\|_{BV(\mathbb{R}^d)} \quad (1)$$

i.e., $\ell_1(I) \subset bv(I) \subset w\ell_1^{\eta}(I)$ iff $\eta \in \mathcal{R}$

$$\eta \in \mathcal{R}, \quad (s-1)p^*/d = \eta - 1, \quad t = (1-\theta)s + \theta, \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{p} + \theta, \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\|f\|_{B_q^t(L_q(\mathbb{R}^d))} \leq C \|f\|_{B_p^s(L_p(\mathbb{R}^d))}^{1-\theta} \|f\|_{BV(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{\theta}.$$

$$q = 2, t = 0, \theta = \frac{1}{2} \rightsquigarrow p = \infty, s = -1 \rightsquigarrow \|f\|_{L_2}^2 \lesssim \|f\|_{B_{\infty}^{-1}(L_{\infty})} \|f\|_{BV}$$

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Overarching Theme

- ▶ Problem formulation
- ▶ find performance benchmarks/measures
- ▶ constructive **nonlinear** solution concepts that ideally meet the benchmarks ... best n -term approximation, linear or nonlinear widths, Chebyshev radii ...



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... Played out in a Diversity of Areas ...

- ▶ Image compression/encoding
- ▶ Mathematical learning theory
- ▶ Adaptive methods for operator equations
- ▶ Compressed sensing
- ▶ Uncertainty Quantification, high dimensional approximation
- ▶ Model reduction
- ▶ Inverse problems: state- and parameter-estimation, parameter identification



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- ▶ Ψ Riesz basis for \mathbb{V} (typically) a **rescaled** version of an L_2 -Riesz basis

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Proof: For $v = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} v_I \psi_I =: \mathbf{v}^\top \Psi$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2} &\sim \|v\|_{\mathbb{V}} \sim \|Av\|_{\mathbb{V}'} \sim \|(Av)(\Psi)\|_{\ell_2} = \|\mathbf{v}^\top (A\Psi)(\Psi)\|_{\ell_2} \\ &= \|\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{A}\|_{\ell_2}, \quad \mathbf{v} \in \ell_2 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



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- **Coarsening lemma:** If $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2} \leq \eta$ threshold $\rightsquigarrow \mathbf{v}_\eta$ s.t. $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_\eta\|_{\ell_2} \leq \eta$

$$\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{A}^s \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}_\eta\|_{\ell_2} \leq 2\eta, \quad \#\mathbf{v}_\eta \lesssim \eta^{-1/s}$$



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$$\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{A}^s \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}_\eta\|_{\ell_2} \leq 2\eta, \quad \#\mathbf{v}_\eta \lesssim \eta^{-1/s}$$

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$$[\mathbf{AAP}, \mathbf{A}]_j \mathbf{v} := \mathbf{w}_j := \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{v}_{[0]} + \mathbf{A}_{j-1}(\mathbf{v}_{[1]} - \mathbf{v}_{[0]}) + \cdots + \mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{v}_{[j]} - \mathbf{v}_{[j-1]}) \rightsquigarrow$$

Theorem:

\mathbf{A} s^* -compressible, $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{A}^s$ $\mathbf{w}_\eta := [\mathbf{AAP}, \mathbf{A}]_\eta \mathbf{v} \Rightarrow$

$$\|\mathbf{w}_\eta - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2} \leq \eta, \quad \#\mathbf{w}_\eta, \text{ flops} \lesssim \eta^{-1/s}$$

Best n -Term Performance

Algorithm: $\mathbf{f} \mapsto \mathbf{u}(\varepsilon) \approx \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{f}$

- ▶ Derive accuracy-tolerances from fictitious iteration
- ▶ Compute approximate residuals using **Apply A**
- ▶ Coarsen

Theorem:

If \mathbf{A} is s^* -compressible, $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{A}^s$ ($s < s^*$), then $\mathbf{u}(\varepsilon)$ satisfies

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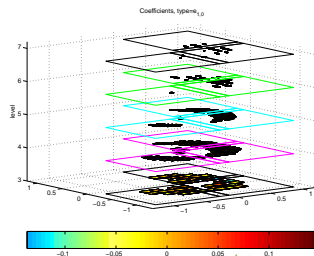
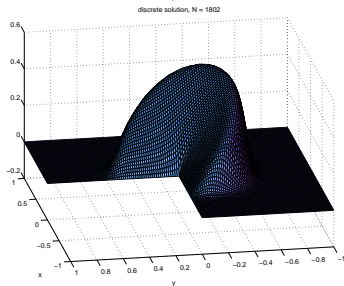
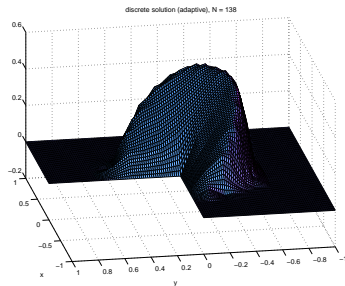
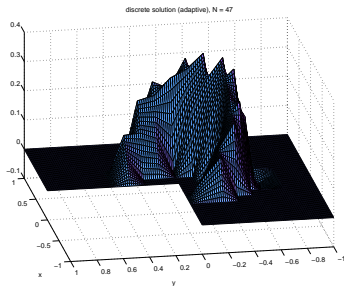


Figure: Poisson problem on an L-shaped domain



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Nonlinear approximation is governed by Besov regularity

Remark:

For $d = 2$ the strongest singularity solutions (u_S, p_S) of the Stokes problem on an L-shaped domain in \mathbb{R}^2 belong to the scale of Besov spaces for **any** $s > 0$. Sobolev regularity $\leq 1.544483\dots$, resp. $0.544483\dots$. Thus **arbitrarily high asymptotic rates** can be obtained by adaptive schemes of correspondingly high order.... **adaptivity stabilizes**

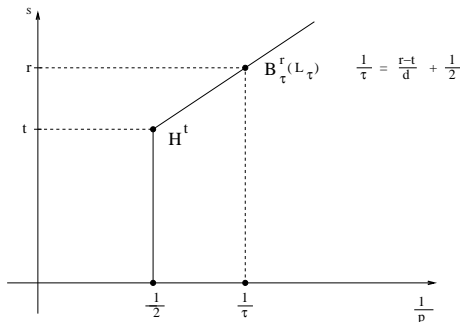


Figure: Embedding in H^t



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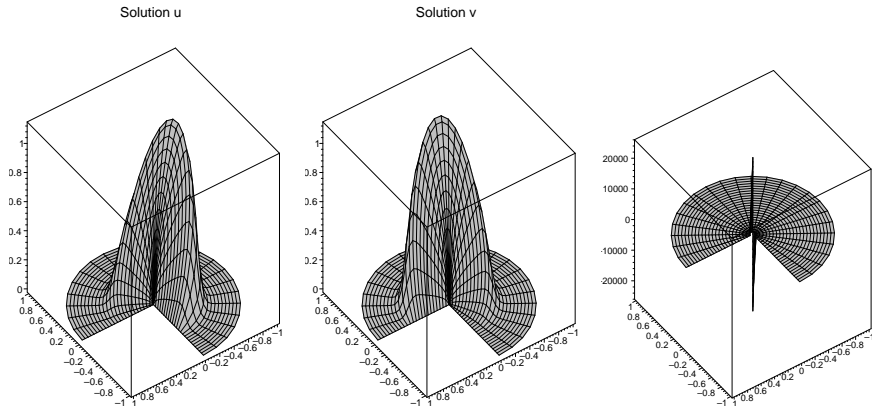


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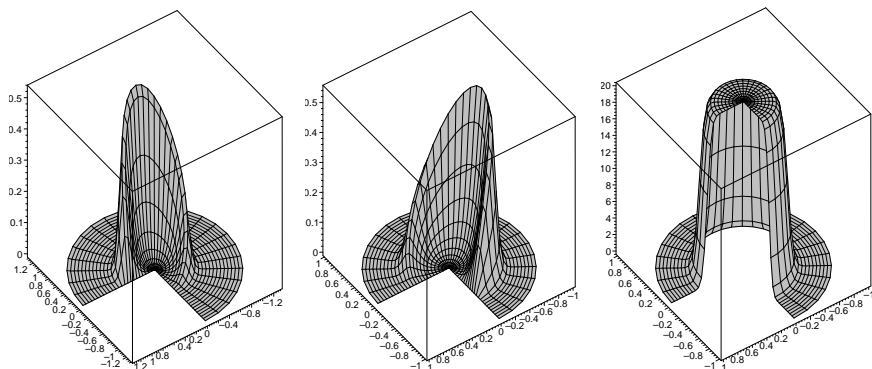


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Anything beyond?

- ▶ Indefinite and semilinear problems
- ▶ Boundary integral equations
- ▶ Adaptive eigenvalue problems
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- ▶ Low-rank and tensor methods



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Back to CDD - Low Rank and Tensor Methods for UQ

- ▶ Tensor product orthonormal (in \mathbf{p}) wavelet basis for $\mathbb{U} = L_2(\mathcal{Y}; H_0^1(\Omega))$
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- ▶ Compressibility of \mathbf{A} , adaptive application of \mathbf{A}
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Theorem: [BCDDPW], [DPW]

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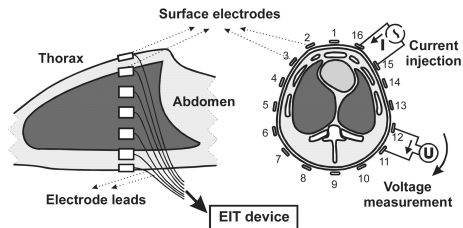
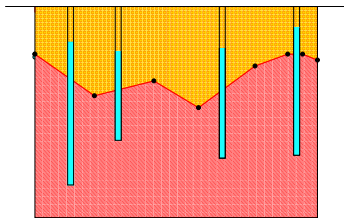


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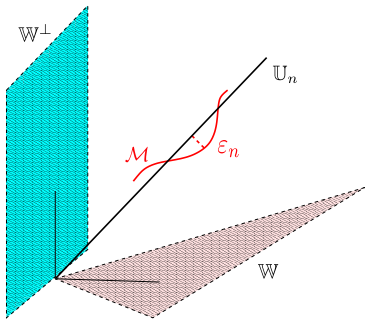
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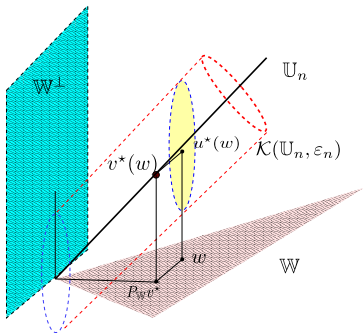


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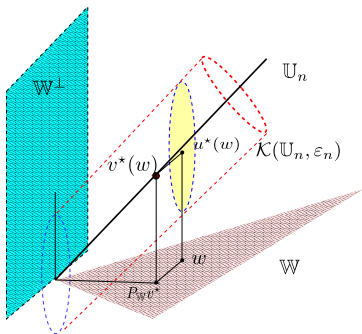


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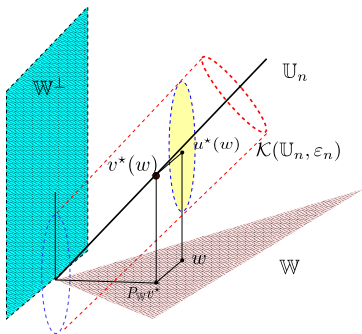
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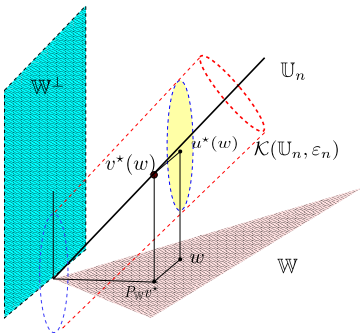
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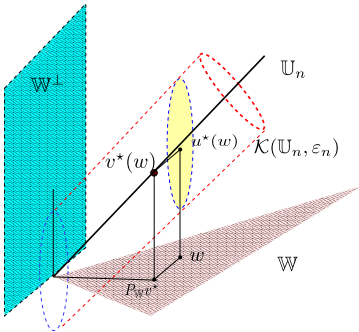
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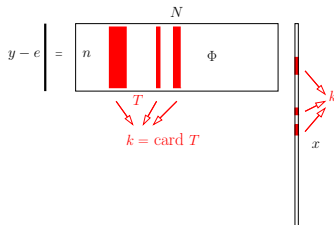
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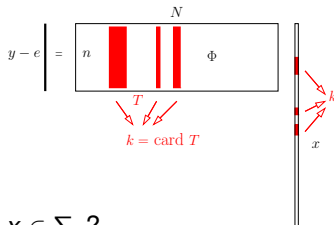
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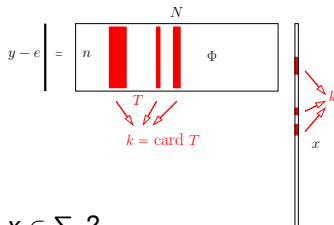
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Known since the 70's The Maximal Sparsity Range

$$E_{n,N}(\mathcal{K})_X := \inf_{(\Phi, \Delta) \in \mathcal{A}_{n,N}} \underbrace{\sup_{x \in \mathcal{K}} \|x - \Delta(\Phi x)\|_X}_{=: \sigma_k(\mathcal{K})_X}$$

$$\text{Kashin, Gluskin/Garnaev} \rightsquigarrow \sqrt{\frac{\log(N/n)+1}{n}} \sim d^n(U(\ell_1^N))_{\ell_2} \sim E_{n,N}(U(\ell_1^N))_{\ell_2} \lesssim k^{-1/2}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow k \leq c_0 n / \log(N/n)$$



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Null Space Property and Instance Optimality

$\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}(\Phi)$ null space of Φ ; $IO(X, k)$: $\|x - \Delta(\Phi x)\|_X \leq C_0 \sigma_k(x)_X$

Theorem:

- In essence: $\exists \Delta$ such that $(IO(X, k))$ iff $\|\eta\|_X \lesssim \sigma_{2k}(\eta)_X, \quad \eta \in \mathcal{N}$
- for $X = \ell_1^N$ **RIP** \implies Null Space Property

Restricted isometry property - **RIP**(k, δ)

$$(1 - \delta)\|z\|_{\ell_2} \leq \|\Phi z\|_{\ell_2} \leq (1 + \delta)\|z\|_{\ell_2}, \quad z \in \Sigma_k$$



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BUT: IOP “in probability” is feasible in ℓ_2

Theorem:

Let Φ from a family of random matrices that satisfy RIP of order $2k$ and BP with high probability. Then $\exists \Delta$ such that for each $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$, drawing Φ , yields

$$\|x - \Delta(\Phi x)\|_{\ell_2} \leq C_0 \sigma_k(x)_{\ell_2}, \quad k \lesssim n / \log(N/n) \quad \text{with high probability}$$

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Stability Limits Performance ...

\mathbb{X} Banach space

$$\delta_n(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbb{X}} := \inf_{E,D} \sup_{v \in \mathcal{K}} \|v - D(E(v))\|_{\mathbb{X}}, \quad D, E \text{ subject to constraints}$$

- ▶ D, E continuous \rightsquigarrow manifold widths
- ▶ D, E Lipschitz \rightsquigarrow stable widths
- ▶ **Carl's Inequality:** $e_n(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbb{X}} = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon}(\mathcal{K}) \leq 2^n\}$
 $D, D \circ E$ Lipschitz, $E(\mathcal{K})$ bounded \rightsquigarrow

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^r (\log_2 n)^{-r} e_n(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbb{X}} \leq C \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^r \delta_{\gamma,n}(\mathcal{K})_{\mathbb{X}}.$$

▶ **Operator Learning** ...

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Operator Learning ...

- ▶ no gain for classical smoothness classes
- ▶ perhaps more to come on model classes defined by structural sparsity ... better describing solution manifolds
- ▶ modifications?

$$\delta_n(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{K})_{\mathbb{X}_{\mathcal{K}}, \mathbb{U}} := \inf_{\substack{E: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ D: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{U}}} \max_{v \in \mathcal{K}} \|\mathcal{S}(v) - D(E(v))\|_{\mathbb{U}},$$

- ▶ Manifold widths of solution manifolds of high-dimensional transport equations avoid the Curse of Dimensionality

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