

outline

Helmholtz problems at large wavenumber k

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joint work with

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- 1 domain-based methods: convergence analysis for hp -FEM
- 2 discussion of some non-standard FEMs
- 3 BEM for Helmholtz problems



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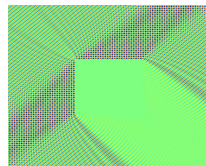
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Helmholtz model problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\Delta u - k^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\
 &b.c. && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\
 (\text{radiation condition}) &&& \text{at } \infty
 \end{aligned}$$



Examples:

- acoustic scattering problems
- electromagnetic scattering problems

goals:

- efficient and reliable numerical methods also for large $k > 0$.

Discretization

- domain-based discretizations \rightsquigarrow FEM
- integral equation based discretizations \rightsquigarrow BEM

the discretizations have the abstract form:

$$\text{find } u_N \in V_N \text{ s.t. } a_k(u_N, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in W_N.$$

how to choose V_N, W_N, a_k for large k ?

fundamental issues

- **approximability**: approximate u from V_N well:
 - standard (polynomial based) approximation
 - nonstandard approximation (e.g., info from asymptotics)
- **stability**: ideally: (asymptotic) quasi-optimality, i.e.,

$$\|u - u_N\| \leq C \inf_{v \in V_N} \|u - v\|$$

with some C independent of k in a norm $\|\cdot\|$ of interest

model problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 Lu := -\Delta u - k^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \quad \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \text{ bounded,} \\
 Bu := \partial_n u - \mathbf{i}k u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

weak formulation

$$\text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } a(u, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega)$$

where

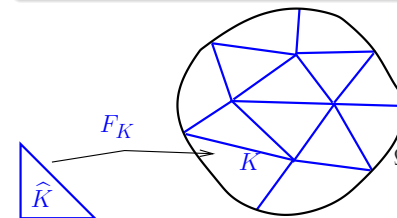
$$\begin{aligned}
 a(u, v) &:= \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \bar{v} - k^2 \int_{\Omega} u \bar{v} - \mathbf{i}k \int_{\partial\Omega} u \bar{v}, \\
 l(v) &:= \int_{\Omega} f \bar{v}.
 \end{aligned}$$

hp-FEM spaces V_N

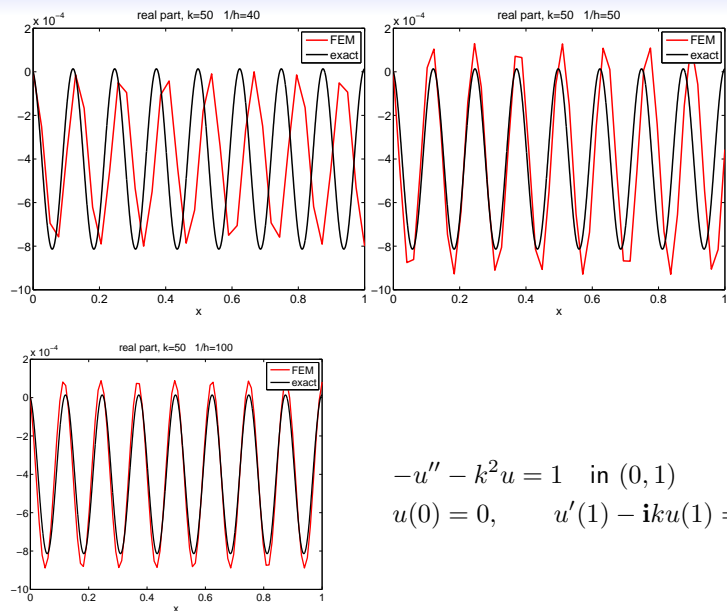
abstract FEM discretization

given $V_N \subset H^1(\Omega)$ find $u_N \in V_N$ s.t.

$$a(u_N, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in V_N.$$



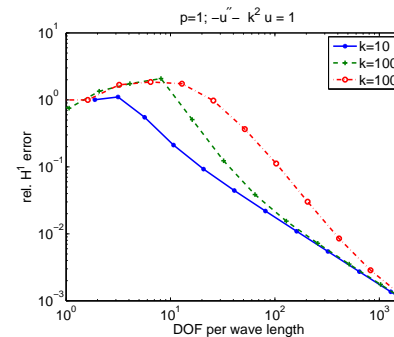
- \mathcal{T} = triangulation of $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ with element maps F_K
- $\text{diam } K \sim h$ for all $K \in \mathcal{T}$
- $V_N := S^p(\mathcal{T}) := \{u \in H^1(\Omega) \mid u \circ F_K \in \mathcal{P}_p\}$
- $N := \dim V_N \sim h^{-d} p^d$



$$-u'' - k^2 u = 1 \quad \text{in } (0, 1)$$

$$u(0) = 0, \quad u'(1) - ik u(1) = 0$$

stability/onset of asymptotic quasioptimality



- $kh = \text{constant}$ is **not** sufficient to obtain **given** (relative) accuracy ("pollution")

mathematical analysis:

- Babuška & Ihlenburg: 1D, uniform meshes, arbitrary, fixed p
- Ainsworth: $d > 1$, infinite tensor product mesh, p -explicit

dispersion analysis: p.w. linear, uniform mesh

$$-u'' - k^2 u = f, \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u'(1) - ik u(1) = 0$$

cont. Green's fct: $G(x, y) = k^{-1} \begin{cases} \sin kx e^{iky} & 0 < x < y \\ \sin ky e^{ikx} & y < x < 1 \end{cases}$

disc. Green's fct: $G_h(x, y) = \frac{1}{h \sin k'h} \begin{cases} \sin k'x (A \sin k'y + \cos k'y) & 0 < x < y \\ \sin k'y (A \sin k'x + \cos k'x) & y < x < 1 \end{cases}$

where

- $A = A(k, k', h) \in \mathbb{C}$ is a constant
- $k' = \text{discrete wave number}$
- **dispersion relation** $\cos k'h = \cos \frac{6 - 2k^2 h^2}{6 + k^2 h^2}$

For kh small, we get $k'h = kh - \frac{1}{24}(kh)^3 + \dots$ and therefore

$$k' = k - \frac{1}{24} k^3 h^2 + \dots$$

discrete dispersion analysis, I

Theorem (Babuska & Ihlenburg)

For the 1D model problem and piecewise polynomial approximation of degree $p \geq l$ on a uniform mesh, there holds for $kh < \pi$ and solution $u \in H^{l+1}(0, 1)$:

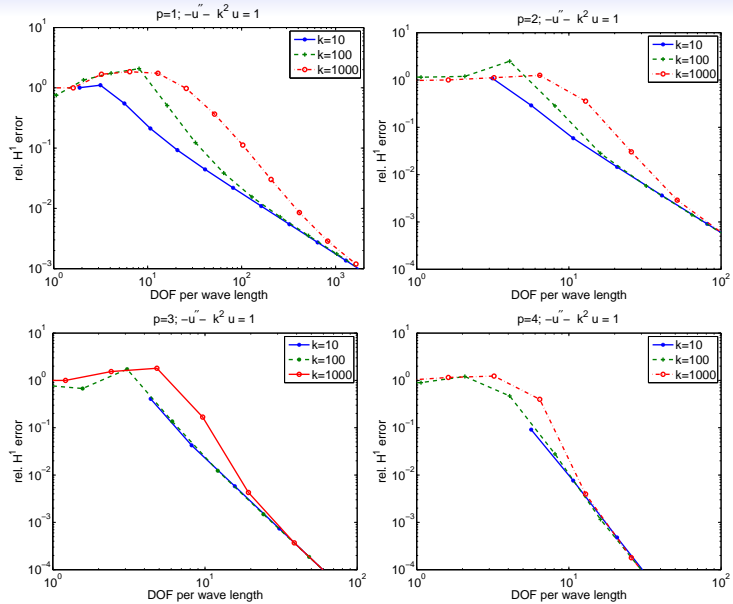
$$\|u - u_N\|_{H^1(0,1)} \leq C_{p,l} \underbrace{\left[1 + k \left(\frac{kh}{2p} \right)^p \right]}_{\text{pollution}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{h}{2p} \right)^l}_{\text{best approximation error}} |u|_{H^{l+1}(0,1)}$$

conclusion

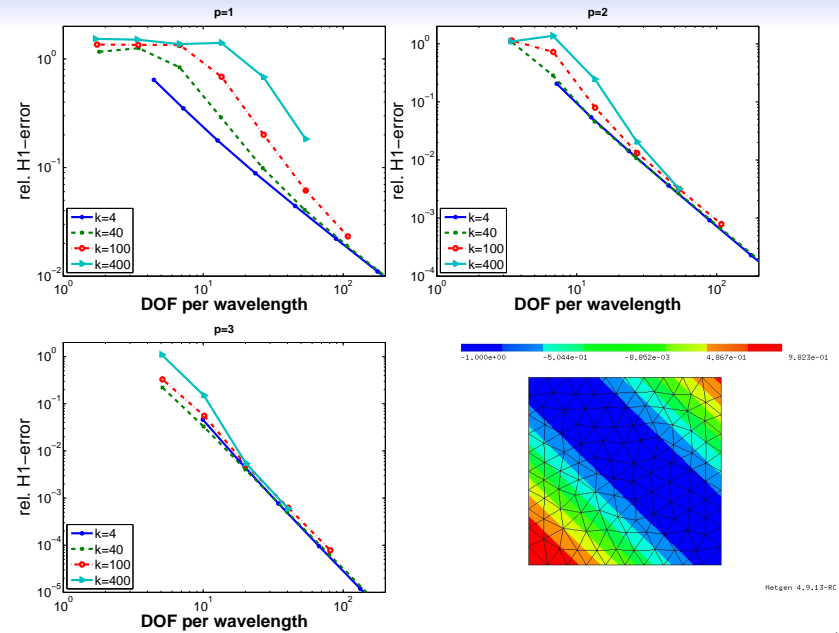
- the phase error ("pollution") is not as pronounced for higher order elements as for lower order elements.
- suggests that

$$k \left(\frac{kh}{\sigma p} \right)^p \quad \text{small}$$

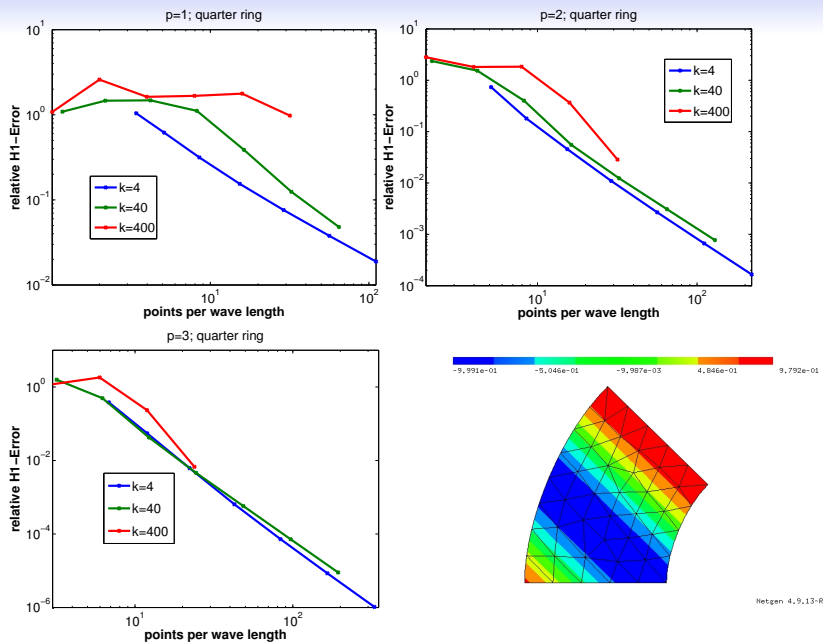
is an important condition



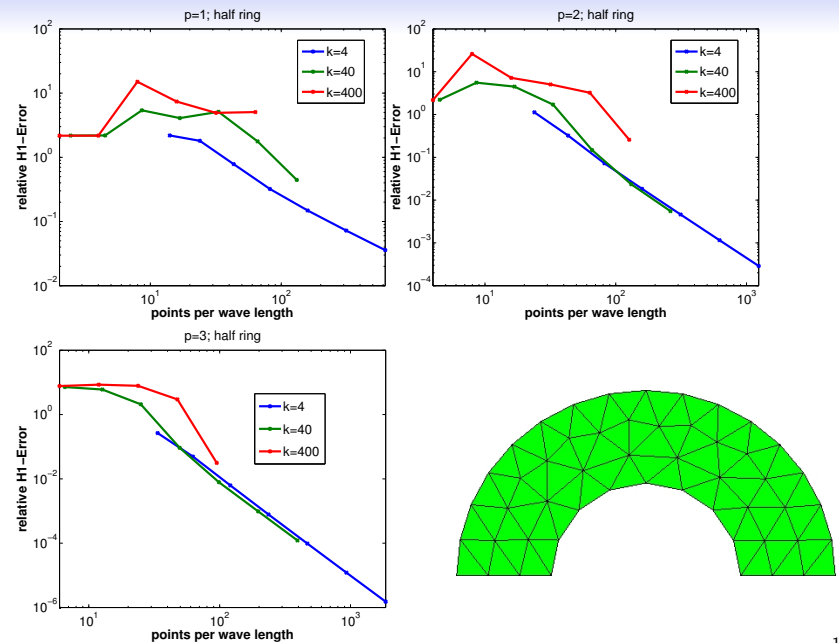
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stability analysis of hp -FEM

goals:

- show that the scale resolution conditions

$$\frac{kh}{p} \text{ small} \quad \text{together with} \quad p \geq C \log k$$

is sufficient to guarantee quasi-optimality of the hp -FEM

- no uniform meshes (\rightarrow no discrete Green's function)
- use only stability of the **continuous** problem

assumptions:

- geometry is (piecewise) analytic
- solution operator $f \mapsto u$ grows only polynomially in k (in a suitable norm)

techniques:

- view Helmholtz problems as " H^1 -elliptic plus compact perturbation"
- study regularity of suitable adjoint problems

stability of the continuous problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u - k^2 u &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ \partial_n u - iku &= g && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ be a bounded Lipschitz domain. Then

$$\|u\|_{1,k} \leq Ck^{5/2} [\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|g\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)}]$$

where

$$\|v\|_{1,k}^2 := |v|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + k^2 \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

remark

If Ω is star-shaped with respect to a ball, then

$$\|u\|_{1,k} \leq C [\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|g\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)}]$$

remarks on stability of the continuous problem

- one option to get *a priori* estimates is the use of judicious test functions.
- For **star shaped** domains, an interesting test fct is $v = x \cdot \nabla u$ and then clever integration by parts (Rellich identities)
- here: use estimates for layer potentials

Theorem (quasioptimality of hp -FEM)

Let $\partial\Omega$ be analytic. Then there exist $c_1, c_2, C > 0$ independent of h, p, k s.t. for

$$\frac{kh}{p} \leq c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad p \geq c_2 \log k$$

there holds:

$$\|u - u_N\|_{1,k} \leq C \inf_{v \in V_N} \|u - v\|_{1,k}$$

where $\|v\|_{1,k}^2 = |v|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 + k^2 \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$.

Remark

- if $p = O(\log k)$ then there is no ‘‘pollution’’
- choice $p \sim \log k$ and $h \sim p/k$ leads to quasioptimality for a fixed number of points per wavelength
- generalization to polygonal Ω possible (see below)

the adjoint problem

$$a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \bar{v} - k^2 \int_{\Omega} u \bar{v} - ik \int_{\partial\Omega} u \bar{v}.$$

adjoint solution operator S_k^* :

$$u^* = S_k^*(f) \text{ solves } a(v, u^*) = \int_{\Omega} v \bar{f} \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega)$$

strong formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u^* - k^2 u^* &= f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \partial_n u^* + ik u^* &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

notation

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notation

- **k -dependent norm:** $\|v\|_{1,k}^2 := \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + k^2 \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$
- **continuity:** $|a(u, v)| \leq C_c \|u\|_{1,k} \|v\|_{1,k}$ (C_c indep. of k)
- **adjoint approximation property:**

$$\eta_N := \sup_{f \in L^2(\Omega)} \inf_{v \in V_N} \frac{\|S_k^* f - v\|_{1,k}}{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}$$

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Theorem (quasioptimality)

If

$$2C_c k \eta_N \leq 1$$

then the Galerkin-FEM is quasi-optimal and $e := u - u_N$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \|e\|_{1,k} &\leq 2C_c \inf_{v \in V_N} \|u - v\|_{1,k}, \\ \|e\|_{L^2(\Omega)} &\leq C_c \eta_N \|e\|_{1,k} \end{aligned}$$

- \rightarrow study adjoint approximation property η_N
- \rightarrow need regularity for S_k^*

quasioptimality: proof

- $a(u, v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v)_{L^2(\Omega)} - k^2(u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} - \mathbf{ik}(u, v)_{L^2(\partial\Omega)}$
 - $\|v\|_{1,k}^2 = \|\nabla v\|_{L^2}^2 + k^2\|v\|_{L^2}^2 = \operatorname{Re} a(v, v) + 2k^2\|v\|_{L^2}^2$ Gårding ineq.
 - $\eta_N = \sup_{f \in L^2} \inf_{v \in V_N} \frac{\|S_k^* f - v\|_{1,k}}{\|f\|_{L^2}}$
 - assumption: $C_c k \eta_N \leq 1/2$
 - define ψ by $a(\cdot, \psi) = (\cdot, e)_{L^2}$, i.e. $\psi = S_k^* e$
 - $\|e\|_{L^2}^2 = a(e, \psi) = a(e, \psi - \psi_N) \leq C_c \|e\|_{1,k} \|\psi - \psi_N\|_{1,k}$
 - $\implies \|e\|_{L^2}^2 \leq C_c \|e\|_{1,k} \eta_N \|e\|_{L^2} \implies \|e\|_{L^2} \leq C_c \eta_N \|e\|_{1,k}$
- $$\begin{aligned} \|e\|_{1,k}^2 &= \operatorname{Re} a(e, e) + 2k^2 \|e\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\leq \operatorname{Re} a(e, u - v_N) + 2k^2 (C_c \eta_N)^2 \|e\|_{1,k}^2 \\ &\leq C_c \|e\|_{1,k} \|u - v_N\|_{1,k} + \frac{1}{2} \|e\|_{1,k}^2 \end{aligned}$$
- $$\implies \|e\|_{1,k} \leq 2C_c \inf_{v \in V_N} \|u - v\|_{1,k}.$$

Theorem (k -explicit regularity by decomposition)

Let $\partial\Omega$ be analytic. Then $u = S_k^*(f)$ can be written as

$$u = u_{H^2} + u_{\mathcal{A}},$$

where for $C, \gamma > 0$ independent of k :

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{H^2}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} &\leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \\ \|\nabla^n u_{\mathcal{A}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} &\leq C k^{3/2} \gamma^n \max\{n, k\}^n \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \end{aligned}$$

implication for adjoint approximation η_N :

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{v \in S^p(\mathcal{T}_h)} k \|u_{H^2} - v\|_{1,k} &\lesssim \left(\frac{kh}{p} + \frac{k^2 h^2}{p^2} \right) \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ \inf_{v \in S^p(\mathcal{T}_h)} k \|u_{\mathcal{A}} - v\|_{1,k} &\lesssim \left[k^{7/2} \left(\frac{kh}{\sigma p} \right)^p + \dots \right] \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\implies k \eta_N \text{ small, if } \frac{kh}{p} + k^{7/2} \left(\frac{kh}{\sigma p} \right)^p \text{ small} \end{aligned}$$

proof the decomposition result

- 1 analyze the Newton potential, i.e., the full space problem
- 2 analyze the bounded domain case by a fixed point argument

properties of the Newton potential \mathcal{N}_k

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \mathcal{N}_k(f) := G_k \star f \\ u \text{ solves } &-\Delta u - k^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \end{aligned}$$

$$G_k(z) := \begin{cases} -\frac{e^{ik|z|}}{2ik} & d = 1, \\ \frac{i}{4} H_0^{(1)}(k\|z\|) & d = 2, \\ \frac{e^{ik\|z\|}}{4\pi\|z\|} & d = 3. \end{cases}$$

$$\widehat{G}_k(\xi) = c_d \frac{1}{|\xi|^2 - k^2}, \quad c_d \in \mathbb{R}$$

key ingredient of analysis: study the symbol of \mathcal{N}_k , i.e., $\widehat{G}_k(\xi)$

properties of the Newton potential, I

Theorem

Let $u = \mathcal{N}_k(f)$ and $\text{supp } f \subset B_R$. Then:

$$k^{-1} \|u\|_{H^2(B_R)} + \|u\|_{H^1(B_R)} + k \|u\|_{L^2(B_R)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(B_R)}$$

proof: localize the represen. $u = G_k \star f$ and analyze the symbol

- for $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\chi \equiv 1$ on B_{2R} set

$$u_R(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x-y) \chi(x-y) f(y) dy = (G_k \chi) \star f.$$

- Then: $u_R = u$ on B_R
- analyze symbol $\widehat{G_k \chi}$.
- Parseval gives estimates for $\|u_R\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}$, $|u_R|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$, $|u_R|_{H^2}$.

properties of the Newton potential \mathcal{N}_k , II

Theorem (decomposition lemma)

Let $\text{supp } f \subset B_R$ and $u = \mathcal{N}_k(f) = G_k \star f$. Then, for every $\eta > 1$ the function $u|_{B_R}$ can be written as $u = u_{H^2} + u_A$ where

$$\|\nabla^s u_{H^2}\|_{L^2(B_R)} \leq C \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta^2 - 1}\right) (\eta k)^{s-2} \|f\|_{L^2}, \quad s \in \{0, 1, 2\},$$

$$\|\nabla^s u_A\|_{L^2(B_R)} \leq C \eta \left(\sqrt{d} \eta k\right)^{s-1} \|f\|_{L^2} \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Corollary

For every $q \in (0, 1)$, one can decompose $u|_{B_R} = u_{H^2} + u_A$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} k \|u_{H^2}\|_{L^2(B_R)} + |u_{H^2}|_{H^1(B_R)} &\leq q k^{-1} \|f\|_{L^2} \\ \|u_{H^2}\|_{H^2(B_R)} &\leq C \|f\|_{L^2} \\ u_A &\text{ analytic} \end{aligned}$$

proof

- **key idea:** decomposition $u = u_{H^2} + u_A$ follows from decomposition of f in Fourier space (recall: $u = \mathcal{N}_k(f)$)
- select $\eta > 1$.
- write $f = L_{\eta k} f + H_{\eta k} f$, where the low pass filter $L_{\eta k}$ and the high pass filter $H_{\eta k}$ are

$$\mathcal{F}(L_{\eta k} f) = \chi_{B_{\eta k}} \widehat{f}, \quad \mathcal{F}(H_{\eta k} f) = \chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B_{\eta k}} \widehat{f},$$

- define $u_{H^2} := \mathcal{N}_k(H_{\eta k} f)$.
- define $u_A := \mathcal{N}_k(L_{\eta k} f)$.

bounds for u_{H^2}

- $u_{H^2} = \mathcal{N}_k(H_{\eta k} f) \implies$

$$\widehat{u}_{H^2} = \widehat{G}_k \cdot \left(\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B_{\eta k}} \widehat{f}\right) = c_d \frac{\chi_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B_{\eta k}} \widehat{f}}{|\xi|^2 - k^2}$$

- observe that for $|\xi| \geq \eta k$ (recall: $\eta > 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\xi|^2 - k^2} &\leq \frac{\eta^2}{\eta^2 - 1} \frac{1}{(\eta k)^2}, & \frac{|\xi|}{|\xi|^2 - k^2} &\leq \frac{\eta^2}{\eta^2 - 1} \frac{1}{(\eta k)^1} \\ \frac{|\xi|^2}{|\xi|^2 - k^2} &\leq \frac{\eta^2}{\eta^2 - 1} \frac{1}{(\eta k)^0} \end{aligned}$$

- hence, for $s \in \{0, 1, 2\}$:

$$|u_{H^2}|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} = \| |\xi|^s \widehat{u}_{H^2} \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C (\eta k)^{s-2} \| \widehat{f} \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

key steps of the decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u - k^2 u &= f \in L^2(\Omega) && \text{in } \Omega \\ \partial_n u - \mathbf{i}k u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Let S_k denote the solution operator for this problem.

① decompose $f = L_{\eta k} f + H_{\eta k} f$. Set

- $u_{\mathcal{A},1} := S_k(L_{\eta k} f)$.

Then, $\|u_{\mathcal{A},1}\|_{1,k} \leq Ck^{5/2} \|L_{\eta k} f\|_{L^2}$. Furthermore, $u_{\mathcal{A},1}$ is analytic and satisfies the desired bounds (elliptic regularity)

- $u_{H^2,1} := \mathcal{N}_k(H_{\eta k} f)$.

$$\|u_{H^2,1}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|H_{\eta k} f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

$$\|u_{H^2,1}\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq Ck^{-1} \|H_{\eta k} f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ck^{-1} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

② the remainder $\delta' := u - (u_{H^2,1} + u_{\mathcal{A},1})$ solves

$$-\Delta \delta' - k^2 \delta' = 0$$

$$\partial_n \delta' - \mathbf{i}k \delta' = \partial_n u_{H^2,1} - \mathbf{i}k u_{H^2,1} =: g$$

together with $\|g\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \|u_{H^2,1}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$

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δ' solves

$$-\Delta \delta' - k^2 \delta' = 0$$

$$\partial_n \delta' - \mathbf{i}k \delta' = g, \quad \|g\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

③ Decompose g as $g = L_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g + H_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g$ with

$$L_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g \quad \text{analytic}$$

$$\|H_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g\|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \frac{1}{\eta k} \|g\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \frac{1}{\eta k} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

④ define $u_{\mathcal{A},2}$ and $u_{H^2,2}$ as solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u_{\mathcal{A},2} - k^2 u_{\mathcal{A},2} &= 0 \\ \partial_n u_{\mathcal{A},2} - \mathbf{i}k u_{\mathcal{A},2} &= L_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u_{H^2,2} + k^2 u_{H^2,2} &= 0 \\ \partial_n u_{H^2,2} - \mathbf{i}k u_{H^2,2} &= H_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g \end{aligned}$$

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⑤ $L_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega}$ is analytic $\implies u_{\mathcal{A},2}$ is analytic with appropriate bounds

⑥ standard *a priori* bounds for $u_{H^2,2}$ ("positive definite Helmholtz problem"):

$$\|u_{H^2,2}\|_{1,k} \leq C \|H_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g\|_{H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \frac{1}{\eta k} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

$$\|u_{H^2,2}\|_{H^2} \leq C \|H_{\eta k}^{\partial\Omega} g\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

⑦ $\delta := u - (u_{\mathcal{A},1} + u_{\mathcal{A},2} + u_{H^2,1} + u_{H^2,2}) = \delta' - (u_{\mathcal{A},2} + u_{H^2,2})$ solves

$$-\Delta \delta - k^2 \delta = -2k^2 u_{H^2,2} =: f_\delta,$$

$$\partial_n \delta - \mathbf{i}k \delta = 0,$$

and $\|f_\delta\|_{L^2} = 2k^2 \|u_{H^2,2}\|_{L^2} \leq C \frac{1}{\eta} \|f\|_{L^2}$.

\implies selecting η sufficiently large concludes the argument.

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Theorem (decomposition for convex polygons)

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a convex *polygon*. Then the solution u of

$$-\Delta u - k^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \partial_n u - \mathbf{i}k u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

can be written as $u = u_{H^2} + u_{\mathcal{A}}$, where

$$\|u_{H^2}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

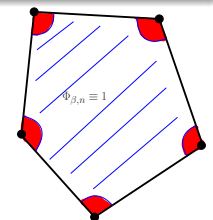
$$\|\Phi_{\beta,n} \nabla^{n+2} u_{\mathcal{A}}\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \gamma^n \max\{n, k\}^{n+1} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

for some $C, \gamma > 0$ and $\beta \in [0, 1)$.

$r(x) :=$ min. distance to vertices

$$r_c := \min\left\{1, \frac{n+1}{k}\right\}$$

$$\Phi_{\beta,n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_c \geq 1 \\ \left(\frac{r}{\min\{1, \frac{n+1}{k}\}}\right)^{n+\beta} & \text{if } r_c < 1 \end{cases}$$



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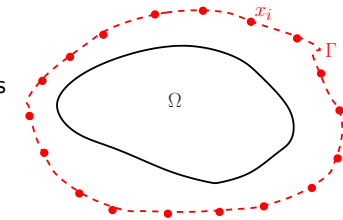
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Trefftz type ansatz functions

idea: approximate solutions of $-\Delta u - k^2 u = 0$ with functions that solve the equation as well.

examples (2D):

- plane waves:
 $W(p) := \text{span}\{e^{ik\omega_n \cdot (x,y)} \mid n = 1, \dots, p\}, \quad \omega_n = (\cos \frac{2\pi n}{p}, \sin \frac{2\pi n}{p})$
- cylindrical waves:
 $V(p) := \text{span}\{J_n(kr) \sin(n\varphi), J_n(kr) \cos(n\varphi) \mid n = 0, \dots, p\}$
- fractional Bessel functions (near corners of polygons):
 $\text{span}\{J_{n\alpha}(kr) \sin(n\alpha\varphi) \mid n = 1, \dots, N\}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$
- fundamental solutions:
 $\text{span}\{G_k(|x - x_i|) \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$
- more generally: "discretized" potentials



Trefftz type ansatz functions

reasons:

- improved approximation properties (error vs. DOF)
- greater potential for adaptivity (directionality)
- hope of reduction of pollution

stability analysis

- not clear that approach "coercive + compact perturbation" can be made to work for interesting cases
- \rightarrow often, different, **stable** numerical formulations used such as
 - least squares
 - DG

Approximation properties of systems of plane waves for the approximation of u satisfying $-\Delta u - k^2 u = 0$ on $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$W(p) := \text{span}\{e^{ik\omega_n \cdot (x,y)} \mid n = 1, \dots, p\}, \quad \omega_n = (\cos \frac{2\pi n}{p}, \sin \frac{2\pi n}{p})$$

Theorem (h -version: Moiola, Cessenat & Després)

Let K be a shape regular element with diameter h . Let $p = 2\mu + 1$. Then there exists $v \in W(2\mu + 1)$ s.t.

$$\|u - v\|_{j,k,K} \leq C_p h^{\mu-j+1} \|u\|_{\mu+1,k,K}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq \mu + 1$$

where $\|v\|_{j,k,K}^2 = \sum_{m=0}^j k^{2(j-m)} |v|_{H^m(K)}^2$.

Remarks:

- Extension to 3D possible
- analogous results for cylindrical waves

Approximation properties of systems of plane waves II

Theorem (p-version, exponential convergence)

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$. Then:

$$\inf_{v \in W(p)} \|u - v\|_{H^1(\Omega')} \leq C e^{-bp/\log p},$$

Theorem (p-version, algebraic conv.)

Let Ω be star shaped with respect to a ball and satisfy an exterior cone condition with angle $\lambda\pi$. Let $u \in H^k(\Omega)$, $k \geq 1$. Then:

$$\inf_{v \in W(p)} \|u - v\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \left(\frac{\log^2(p+2)}{p+2} \right)^{\lambda(k-1)}.$$

Remarks:

- simultaneously h and p -explicit bounds possible (2D, Moiola)
- extension to 3D possible (Moiola)

approximation methods using special ansatz functions

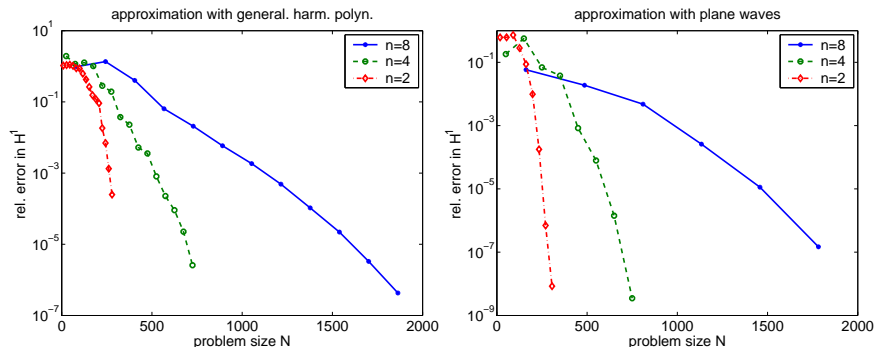
- 1 **partition-of-unity methods** (Babuška & Melenk, Bettes & Laghrouche, Astley, etc.) employ “standard” variational formulation and construct H^1 -conforming ansatz spaces based on the chosen ansatz function
- 2 **Least squares method**: approximate with special fcts **elementwise** and penalize jumps across interelement boundaries (Treffitz, Stojek, Monk & Wang, Betcke, Desmet)
- 3 **Discontinuous enrichment method** (Farhat et al.): approximate with plane waves elementwise and enforce interelement continuity by a Lagrange multiplier
- 4 **ultra weak formulation**: (Cessenat & Després, Monk & Huttunen, Hiptmair & Moiola & Perugia, Feng et al.) DG-like variational formulation that is only posed on the “skeleton”; solution defined as L -harmonic extension into the elements

$$-\Delta u - k^2 u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega = (0, 1)^2, \quad \partial_n u + \mathbf{i}k u = g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

exact solution: $u(x, y) = e^{\mathbf{i}k(\cos\theta, \sin\theta) \cdot (x, y)}$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{16}$, $k = 32$.

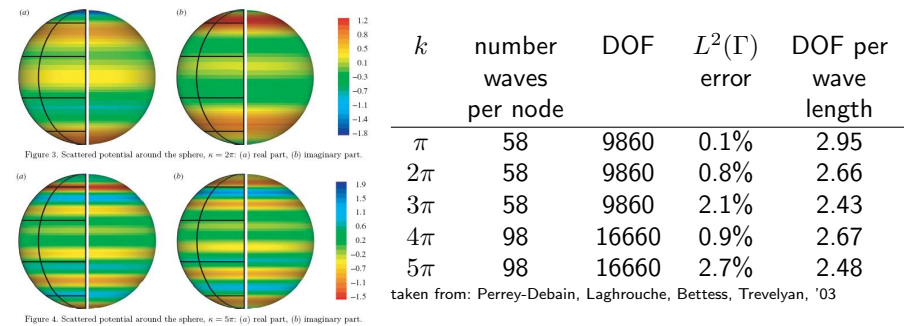
partition of unity: bilinears φ_i on uniform $n \times n$ grid

Note: $\dim V(p) = 2p + 1$, $\dim W(p) = p$



performance of PUM: scattering by a sphere

- scattering by a sphere B_1 (radius 1) of an incident plane wave
 - sound hard b.c. on $\Gamma = \partial B_1$ (i.e., Neumann b.c.)
 - computational domain: ball of diameter $1 + 4\lambda$ ($\lambda = 2\pi/k$)
 - b.c. $\partial_n u^s + (\frac{1}{r} - \mathbf{i}\kappa)u^s = 0$ on outer boundary
 - mesh: 4 layers in rad. dir., 8×5 elem./layers; \rightarrow 160 elem.;
- 170 nodes



Theorem (Monk/Bufa, Hiptmair/Moiola/Perugia)

- use p plane waves elementwise, $p \geq 2s + 1$
- Let kh be bounded
- for the L^2 -estimate: \mathcal{T}_N quasi-uniform and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ convex

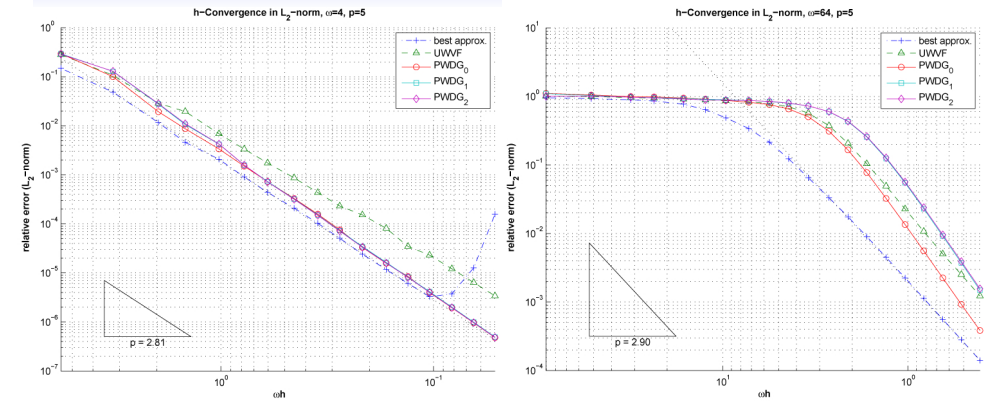
Then, for α, β, δ constant (independent of h, k, p):

$$\|u - u_N\|_{DG} \leq Ck^{-1/2}h^{s-1/2} \left(\frac{\log p}{p}\right)^{s-1/2} \|u\|_{s+1,k,\Omega}$$

$$k\|u - u_N\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ch^{s-1} \left(\frac{\log p}{p}\right)^{s-1/2} \|u\|_{s+1,k,\Omega}$$

where $\|u\|_{s,k,\Omega}^2 = \sum_{j=0}^s k^{2(s-j)} |u|_{H^j(\Omega)}^2$

remark: for Hiptmair/Moiola/Perugia choice of α, β, δ :
optimal rates in $\|\cdot\|_{DG}$ but same convergence result in L^2 .



h -version performance (smooth sol.): left: $k = 4$, right: $k = 64$

geometry: $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$, exact solution: $H_0^{(1)}(k|x - x_0|)$, $x_0 = (-1/4, 0)^T$
5 plane waves per element

source: Gittelsohn/Hiptmair/Perugia '08

summary for volume-based methods

- standard hp -FEM:
 - quasi-optimality can be achieved with a fixed number of a DOF per wavelength, if high order methods are used
 - proof relies on the fact that one has a Gårding and k -explicit regularity estimates for the adjoint problem
- nonstandard approximation spaces:
 - significant progress has been made to understand the approximation properties of these spaces
 - stability: available (so far) only for discretizations for which coercivity can be shown

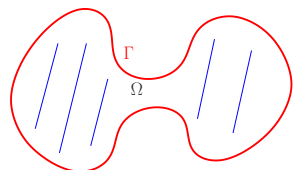
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exterior Dirichlet problem (sound soft scattering)

$$-\Delta u - k^2 u = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\Omega},$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \Gamma := \partial\Omega,$$

Sommerfeld radiation condition at ∞



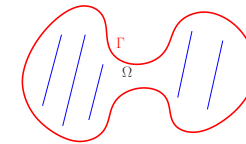
- $d \in \{2, 3\}$
- Γ analytic

reformulations as 2nd kind BIEs

- 1 "Brakhage-Werner":
find φ s.t. $A\varphi = g$
 - 2 "Burton-Miller": $\partial_n u$ solves
 $A' \partial_n u = f$ (f given in terms of g)
- fact:** A and $A' : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma)$
boundedly invertible

potential operators

$$G_k(z) := \begin{cases} -\frac{e^{ik|z|}}{2ik} & d = 1, \\ \frac{i}{4} H_0^{(1)}(k||z||) & d = 2, \\ \frac{e^{ik||z||}}{4\pi||z||} & d = 3. \end{cases}$$



Newton potential $\mathcal{N}_k(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G_k(x-y)f(y) dy$

single layer potential $\tilde{V}_k(f) := \int_{\Gamma} G_k(x-y)f(y) ds_y$

double layer potential $\tilde{K}_k(f) := \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n}(y) \cdot \nabla_y G_k(x-y)f(y) ds_y.$

facts: $\tilde{V}_k f$ and $\tilde{K}_k f$ satisfy

- the (homogeneous) Helmholtz equation piecewise
- the Sommerfeld radiation condition at ∞

the BIOs V_k, K_k, K'_k, D_k

the 4 operators

V_k, K_k, K'_k, D_k : functions on $\Gamma \rightarrow$ functions on Γ

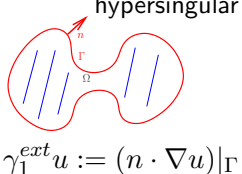
are defined by taking traces:

single layer V_k : $V_k \varphi := \gamma_0^{ext} \tilde{V}_k \varphi$

double layer K_k : $\left(\frac{1}{2} + K_k\right) \varphi := \gamma_0^{ext} \tilde{K}_k \varphi$

adjoint double layer K'_k : $\left(-\frac{1}{2} + K'_k\right) \varphi := \gamma_1^{ext} \tilde{V}_k \varphi$

hypersingular op. D_k : $D_k \varphi := -\gamma_1^{ext} \tilde{K}_k \varphi$



jump relations:

$$[\tilde{V}_k \varphi] = 0, \quad [\partial_n \tilde{V}_k \varphi] = -\varphi$$

$$[\tilde{K}_k \varphi] = \varphi, \quad [\partial_n \tilde{K}_k \varphi] = 0.$$

representation formula and Calderón identities

representation formula/Green's identity

Let u solve the homogeneous Helmholtz eqn in $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\Omega}$ (and Sommerfeld radiation condition). Then:

$$u(x) = (\tilde{K}_k \gamma_0^{ext} u)(x) - (\tilde{V}_k \gamma_1^{ext} u)(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\Omega}$$

taking the trace γ_0^{ext} and the conormal trace γ_1^{ext} on Γ leads to

Calderón identities

$$\gamma_0^{ext} u = \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} + K_k\right) \gamma_0^{ext} u - V_k \gamma_1^{ext} u$$

$$\gamma_1^{ext} u = -D_k \gamma_0^{ext} u + \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K'_k\right) \gamma_1^{ext} u$$

indirect methods

Ansatz: the solution of the Dirichlet problem is sought as a potential

- (first attempt): $u = \tilde{V}_k \varphi$ for an **unknown** density φ . \rightarrow BIE

$$V_k \varphi = g \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

However: V_k **not** injective for some k

- (second attempt) $u = \tilde{K}_k \varphi$. Again no good solvability theory for all k
- (combined field ansatz) $u = (\mathbf{i}\eta \tilde{V}_k + \tilde{K}_k) \varphi$ for some parameter $\eta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. \rightarrow

$$g = \gamma_0^{ext} u = \mathbf{i}\eta V_k \varphi + \left(\frac{1}{2} + K_k \right) \varphi =: A \varphi$$

Brakhage-Werner

$A : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma)$ is boundedly invertible for every $\eta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

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direct methods

starting point: **Calderón projector:**

$$\gamma_0^{ext} u = \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} + K_k \right) \gamma_0^{ext} u - V_k \gamma_1^{ext} u \quad | \cdot (-\mathbf{i}\eta)$$

$$\gamma_1^{ext} u = -D_k \gamma_0^{ext} u + \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} - K'_k \right) \gamma_1^{ext} u$$

linear combination yields

$$\left[\mathbf{i}\eta \left(\frac{1}{2} - K_k \right) - D_k \right] \gamma_0^{ext} u = \left[\mathbf{i}\eta V_k + \left(\frac{1}{2} + K'_k \right) \right] \gamma_1^{ext} u =: A' \gamma_1^{ext} u.$$

Dirichlet problem: given $\gamma_0^{ext} u = g$, solve for $\gamma_1^{ext} u$.

Representation formula gives u :

$$u = -\tilde{V}_k \gamma_1^{ext} u + \tilde{K}_k \gamma_0^{ext} u.$$

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the BIOs A and A'

- $A = \frac{1}{2} + K_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k, \quad A' = \frac{1}{2} + K'_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k$
- coupling parameter η with $|\eta| \sim k$.
- Γ smooth $\implies A$ and A' are **compact** perturbations of $\frac{1}{2} \text{Id} \rightarrow$ Fredholm theory available

question

how does k enter the mapping properties of A, A' and their inverses $A^{-1}, (A')^{-1}$?

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Galerkin discretizations

- given $(V_N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L^2(\Gamma)$
 - find $\varphi_N \in V_N$ s.t. $\langle A \varphi_N, v \rangle_{L^2(\Gamma)} = \langle f, v \rangle_{L^2(\Gamma)} \quad \forall v \in V_N$
 - **asymptotic** quasioptimality: $\exists N_0$ s.t. $\forall N \geq N_0$
- $$\|\varphi - \varphi_N\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq 2 \inf_{v \in V_N} \|\varphi - v\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}$$
- **question:** how does N_0 depend on k ?

hp-BEM spaces $S^{p,0}(\mathcal{T}_h)$

- $\mathcal{T}_h =$ mesh on Γ , mesh width h
- element maps analytic (+ suitable scaling properties)
- $S^{p,0}(\mathcal{T}_h) \subset L^2(\Gamma)$
- $S^{p,0}(\mathcal{T}_h) =$ piecewise (mapped) polynomials of degree p

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Theorem (Quasi-optimality of hp -BEM)

Assumption:

- (adjoint) well-posedness: $\|(A')^{-1}\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq Ck^\alpha$

Then: $\exists c_1, c_2 = c_2(\alpha)$ independent of k s.t. the

- scale resolution condition $\frac{kh}{p} \leq c_1$ and $p \geq c_2 \log k$

implies

$$\|\varphi - \varphi_N\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq 2 \inf_{v \in S^{p,0}(\mathcal{T}_h)} \|\varphi - v\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}$$

Corollary

Selecting $p = O(\log k)$ and $h \sim \frac{p}{k}$ leads to quasi-optimality for an hp -BEM space of dimension $N \sim k^{d-1}$.

remarks on assumption of well-posedness

Assumption of well-posedness

for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ there holds

$$\|(A')^{-1}\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq Ck^\alpha$$

- $\alpha = 0$ for star shaped domains (Chandler-Wilde & Monk)
- often observed in practice
- $\|(A')^{-1}\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \geq Ce^{\gamma k_m}$: for certain trapping domains and $k_m \rightarrow \infty$ (Betcke/Chandler-Wilde/Graham/Langdon/Lindner)

possible to show:

$$\|\varphi - \varphi_N\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq (1 + \varepsilon_{h,p}) \inf_{v \in S^{p,0}(\mathcal{T}_h)} \|\varphi - v\|_{L^2(\Gamma)}$$

where $\varepsilon_{h,p} \rightarrow 0$ if $\frac{kh}{p} \rightarrow 0$ (and $p \gtrsim \log k$)

regularity through decomposition

- idea: decompose operators into a
 - part with k -independent bounds
 - part with smoothing properties and k -explicit bounds

- example:

$$A^{-1} = A_1 + \mathcal{A}_1$$

- A_1 order zero operator; k -independent bounds for $\|A_1\|$
- \mathcal{A}_1 maps into space of analytic functions

- example:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} + K_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k = \frac{1}{2} + K_0 + R + \mathcal{A}$$

- \mathcal{A} : maps into space of analytic functions; k -explicit bounds
- R : "small", order -1, k -explicit bounds

decomposition of V_k

Theorem

Let Γ be analytic and choose $q \in (0, 1)$. Then:

$$V_k = V_0 + S_V + \mathcal{A}_V$$

where

- (i) $S_V : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H^3(\Gamma)$ and

$$\|S_V\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \lesssim qk^{-1}, \quad \|S_V\|_{H^1 \leftarrow L^2} \lesssim q, \quad \|S_V\|_{H^3 \leftarrow L^2} \lesssim k^2$$

- (ii) $\mathcal{A}_V : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow$ space of analytic functions and

$$\|\nabla^n \mathcal{A}_V \varphi\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \lesssim k^{3/2} \max\{k, n\}^n \gamma^n \|\varphi\|_{H^{-3/2}(\Gamma)} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

analogous result for K_k

decomposition of \tilde{V}_k

- **study:** $\tilde{V}_k - \chi \tilde{V}_0$ ($\chi =$ smooth cut-off fct, $\chi \equiv 1$ near Γ)
- given $\varphi \in H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)$ set $u := \tilde{V}_k \varphi$ and $u_0 := \tilde{V}_0 \varphi \in H^1(B_R)$.
- Then $\delta := u - \chi u_0 = \tilde{V}_k \varphi - \chi \tilde{V}_0 \varphi$ solves

$$-\Delta \delta - k^2 \delta = k^2 u_0 \chi + 2 \nabla \chi \cdot \nabla u_0 + u_0 \Delta \chi =: f$$

$$[\delta] = 0 \quad [\partial_n \delta] = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad \delta \text{ satisfies radiation condition}$$
- $\rightarrow \delta = \mathcal{N}_k(f) = \mathcal{N}_k(H_{\eta k} f) + \mathcal{N}_k(L_{\eta k} f)$, where $H_{\eta k}$ and $L_{\eta k}$ are the high and low pass filters, $\eta > 1$.
- $L_{\eta k} f$ analytic $\implies \mathcal{N}_k(L_{\eta k} f)$ analytic
- $\mathcal{N}_k(H_{\eta k} f)$ is
 - an element of $H^3(B_R)$ (since $f \in H^1(B_R)$)
 - small in $H^1(B_R)$ for large $\eta > 1$:

$$|\mathcal{N}_k(H_{\eta k} f)|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C k^{-1} \|H_{\eta k} f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \frac{1}{\eta k^2} \|f\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$$\leq C \frac{1}{\eta} \|\varphi\|_{H^{-1/2}(\Gamma)}.$$

Theorem (decomposition of \tilde{V}_k)

Let Γ be analytic, $s \geq -1$, and choose $q \in (0, 1)$. Then:

$$\tilde{V}_k = \chi \tilde{V}_0 + \tilde{S}_V + \tilde{A}_V$$

where

- (i) $\tilde{S}_V : H^{-1/2+s}(\Gamma) \rightarrow H^2(B_R) \cap H^{3+s}(B_R \setminus \Gamma)$ and

$$\|\tilde{S}_V \varphi\|_{H^{s'}(B_R \setminus \Gamma)} \lesssim q^2 (q/k)^{1+s-s'} \|\varphi\|_{H^{-1/2+s}(\Gamma)},$$

$$0 \leq s' \leq 3+s$$
- (ii) $\tilde{A}_V : H^{-1/2+s}(\Gamma) \rightarrow$ space of p.w. analytic functions and

$$\|\nabla^n \tilde{A}_V \varphi\|_{L^2(B_R \setminus \Gamma)} \lesssim \gamma^n k \max\{k, n\}^n \|\varphi\|_{H^{-3/2}(\Gamma)} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

decomposition of A^{-1}

Theorem

Let Γ be analytic.

Assume: $\|A^{-1}\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq C k^\alpha$ for some $\alpha \geq 0$
Then: $A^{-1} = A_1 + \mathcal{A}_1$

where

- (i) $A_1 : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma)$ with $\|A_1\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq C$ independent of k
- (ii) $\mathcal{A}_1 : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow$ space of analytic functions with

$$\|\nabla^n \mathcal{A}_1 \varphi\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq C k^\beta \max\{k, n\}^n \|\varphi\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

for suitable $\beta \geq 0$.

Remark: Analogous decomposition for $(A')^{-1}$

sketch of the proof

- the operators V_k and K_k can be decomposed as $V_k = V_0 + R_V + \mathcal{A}_V$ and $K_k = K_0 + R_K + \mathcal{A}_K$, where

$$\|R_V\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq q k^{-1}, \quad \|R_K\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq q.$$

- hence, decompose $A = \frac{1}{2} + K_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k$ as (use $\eta = O(k)$)

$$A = \frac{1}{2} + K_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k = \left(\frac{1}{2} + K_0 + \mathbf{i}V_0 \right) + R + \mathcal{A}$$

$$=: (A_0 + R) + \mathcal{A} =: \hat{A}_0 + \mathcal{A}$$

where

- 1 $A_0 : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma)$ is boundedly invertible
- 2 $\|R\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \leq q$ with arbitrary $q \in (0, 1)$
- 3 \mathcal{A} maps into a space of analytic functions
- 4 $\hat{A}_0 : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma)$ is boundedly invertible (with norm independent of k)

sketch of the proof, II

$$A = \widehat{A}_0 + \mathcal{A}$$

- $\widehat{A}_0 : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma)$ is boundedly invertible
- \mathcal{A} maps into a space of analytic functions
- Then

$$A^{-1} = \widehat{A}_0^{-1} - A^{-1}\mathcal{A}\widehat{A}_0^{-1} =: A_1 + \mathcal{A}_1$$

is the desired decomposition of A^{-1} if we can show that A^{-1} maps analytic functions to analytic functions

- more specifically:
 - structure of \mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} is constructed by taking traces of potentials $\rightarrow \mathcal{A}\varphi = [z]$ for a **piecewise** analytic function (depending on φ)
 - \rightarrow will need that A^{-1} maps traces of jumps of piecewise analytic functions to jumps of piecewise analytic functions

Theorem (analytic data)

Let $\partial\Omega$ be analytic. Let f be the jump of a piecewise analytic function. Let $\varphi \in L^2(\Gamma)$ solve

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} + K_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k\right)\varphi = A\varphi = f$$

Then $\varphi = [u]$ for a piecewise analytic function u .

ideas of the proof:

- 1 define $u = \widetilde{K}_k\varphi + \mathbf{i}\eta\widetilde{V}_k\varphi$.
- 2 jump conditions: $\varphi = [u]$.
- 3 $\gamma_0^{ext}u = \left(\frac{1}{2} + K_k + \mathbf{i}\eta V_k\right)\varphi = f \rightarrow$ get bounds for u on $B_R \setminus \overline{\Omega}$
- 4 $[u] = \varphi$ and $[\partial_n u] = \mathbf{i}\eta\varphi$ implies $[\partial_n u] + \mathbf{i}\eta[u] = 0$.
- 5 once $u|_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Omega}$ is known, we have an elliptic equation in Ω with Robin boundary data \rightarrow estimates for $u|_{\Omega}$.

set-up of numerical examples

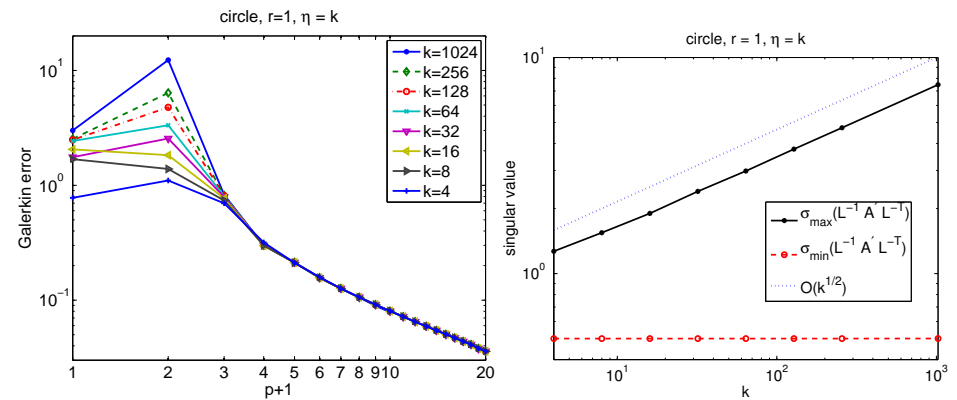
- $A' = \frac{1}{2} + K'_k + \mathbf{i}kV_k$
- mesh \mathcal{T}_h is quasi-uniform and $h \sim 1/k$
- for fixed mesh \mathcal{T}_h , degree p ranges from 1 to 14.
- Galerkin projector $P_{h,p} : L^2(\Gamma) \rightarrow S^{p,0}(\mathcal{T}_h)$
- approximate quasi-optimality constant

$$\|\text{Id} - P_{h,p}\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2} \approx \sup_{v \in S^{20,0}(\mathcal{T}_h)} \frac{\|(\text{Id} - P_{h,p})v\|_{L^2}}{\|v\|_{L^2}}$$

- indications for $\|A'\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2}$ and $\|(A')^{-1}\|_{L^2 \leftarrow L^2}$
- usually $\eta = k$ (some computations: $\eta = 1$)
- recall **scale resolution condition**:

$$\frac{kh}{p} \text{ small} \quad \text{and} \quad p \geq c \log k.$$

circle (radius 1)

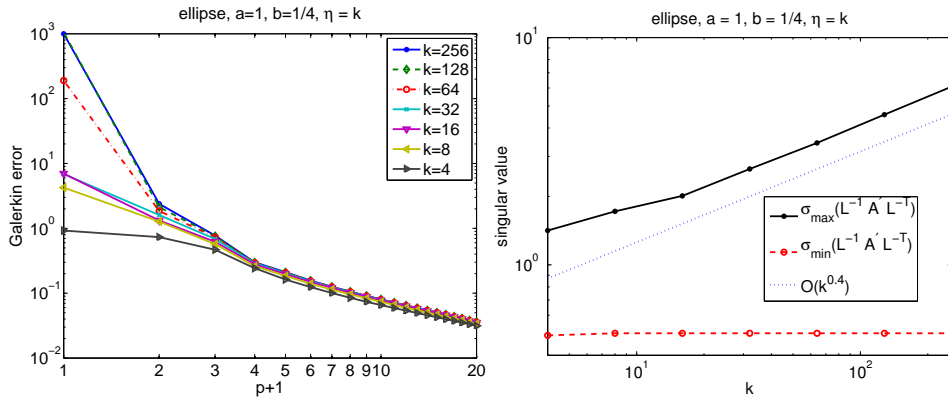


- Number of elements $N = k$
- Galerkin Error = $\sqrt{\|\text{Id} - P_{h,p}\|^2 - 1}$

- quasioptimality constant:

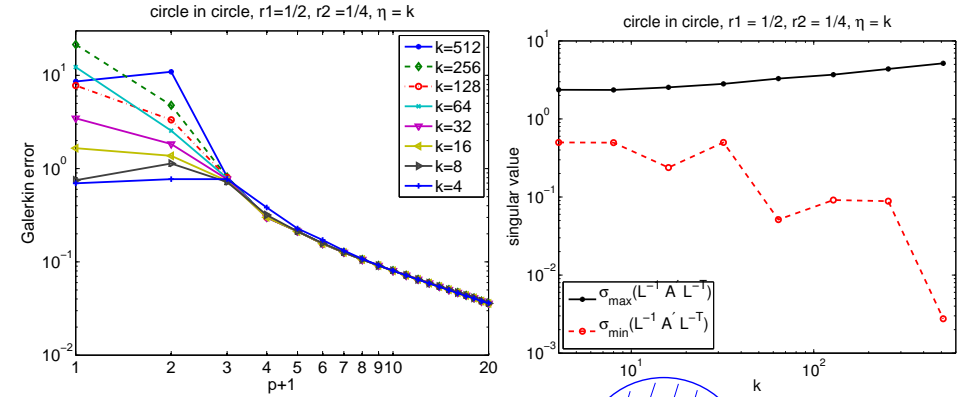
$$C_{opt} = \sqrt{1 + \text{Galerkin Error}^2}$$

ellipse (semi-axes 1, 1/4)



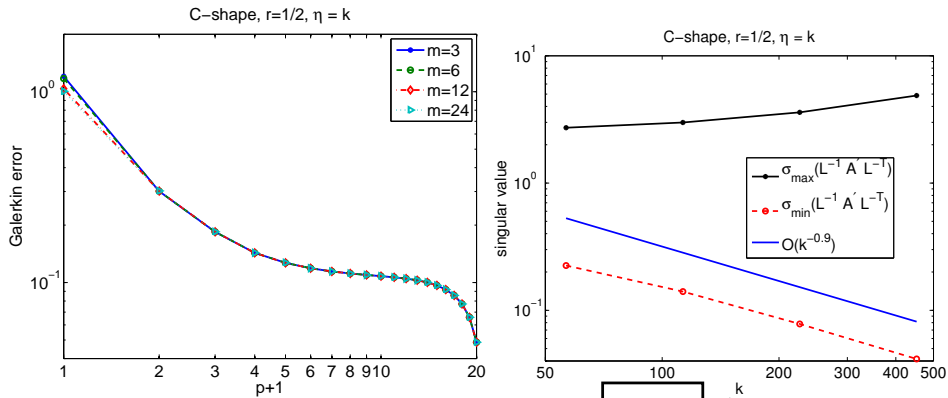
- Number of elements $N = k$
- Galerkin Error = $\sqrt{\|\text{Id} - P_{h,p}\|^2 - 1}$

circle in circle (radii: 1/2, 1/4)



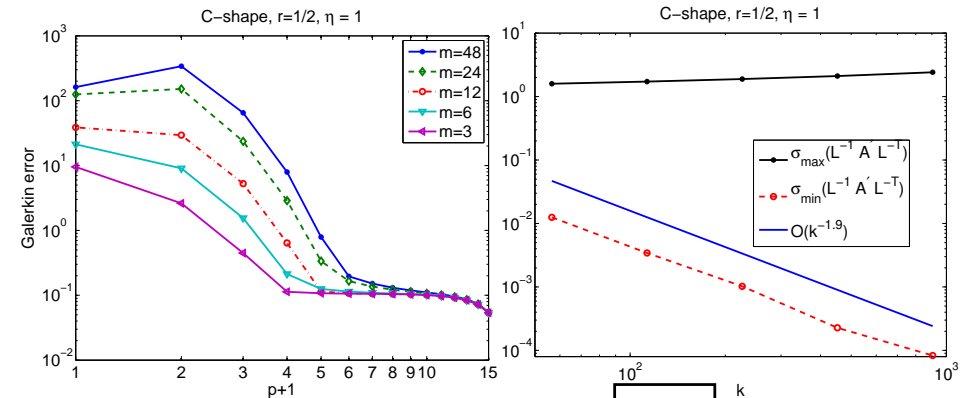
- Number of elements $N = 2k$
- Galerkin Error = $\sqrt{\|\text{Id} - P_{h,p}\|^2 - 1}$

C-shaped domain ($\eta = k$)



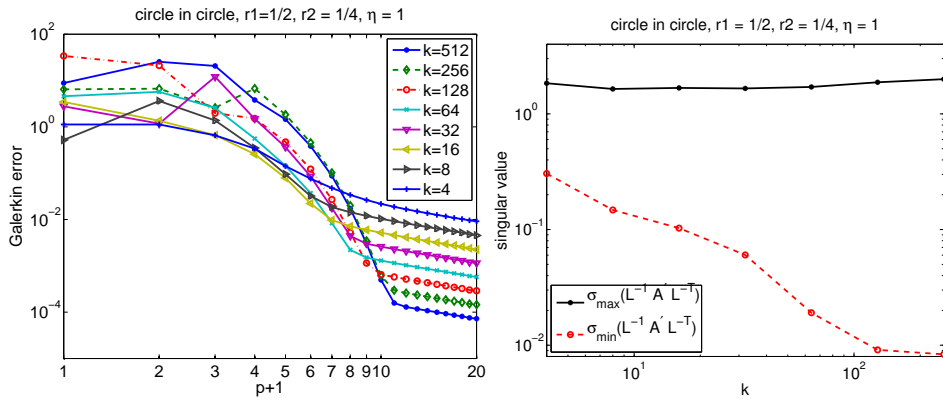
- Number of elements $N = 20m$
- $k = 3\pi m/r$

C-shaped domain ($\eta = 1$)



- Number of elements $N = 20m$
- $k = 3\pi m/r$

circle in circle (radii 1/2, 1/4, $\eta = 1$)



• Number of elements $N = 2k$

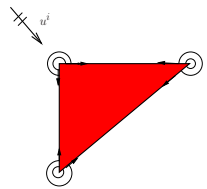
Conclusions for classical hp -BEM

- decomposition of A and A^{-1} into
 - parts with k -independent bounds
 - parts with smoothing properties and k -explicit bounds
- hp -BEM quasi-optimal with k -independent constant if

$$\frac{kh}{p} \text{ is sufficiently small} \quad \text{and} \quad p \geq c \log k$$

- quasi-optimality for problem size $N = O(k^{d-1})$ possible (select $p = O(\log k)$ and $h = O(p/k)$)
- often observe quasi-optimality already for " $\frac{kh}{p}$ small"
- **caveat:** the continuous problem needs to be well-posed, i.e., $\|A^{-1}\|$ grows only polynomially in k

non-standard BEM: a sound soft scattering problem



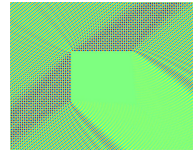
$\Omega =$ polygonal obstacle

$$u^i(\mathbf{x}) := \exp(\mathbf{i}k \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{x}), \quad |\mathbf{d}| = 1$$

$$-\Delta u - k^2 u = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\Omega}$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$u^s := u - u^i \quad \text{satisfies } (\partial_r - \mathbf{i}k)u^s = o(r^{-(d-1)/2}),$$



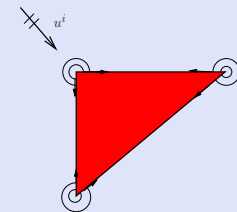
goal: determine $\partial_n u$ on $\partial\Omega$

question: find space V_N from which $\partial_n u$ can be approximated well

multiscale approximation spaces

Kirchhoff approximation of $\partial_n u$:

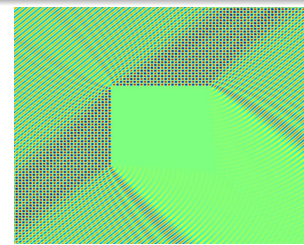
$$\partial_n u \sim \Psi := \begin{cases} 2\partial_n u^i & \text{on lit side} \\ 0 & \text{on shadow side} \end{cases}$$



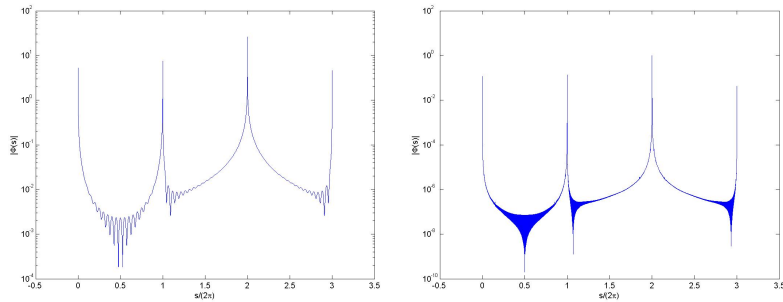
Ansatz

$$\partial_n u = \Psi + k\phi$$

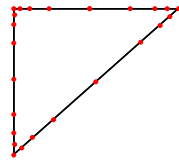
for a function ϕ to be determined



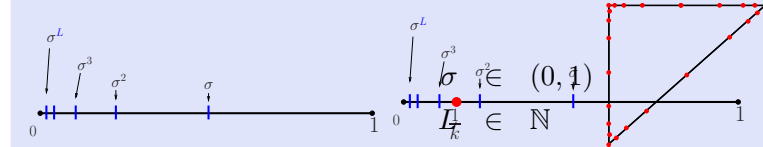
$\partial_n u$ for $k = 10$ and $k = 10240$



- sharp gradient at corners
- highly oscillatory
- piecewise smooth



geometric mesh \mathcal{T}_L with L layers



Theorem

$$V_N^+ := \exp(iks) \times p.w. \text{ polynomials of degree } p \text{ on } \mathcal{T}_L,$$

$$V_N^- := \exp(-iks) \times p.w. \text{ polynomials of degree } p \text{ on } \mathcal{T}_L,$$

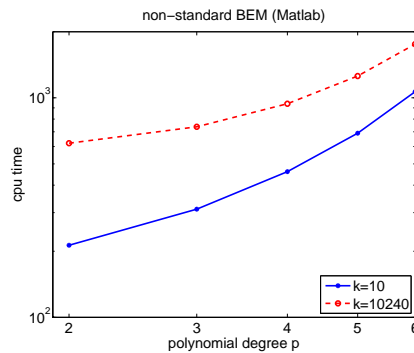
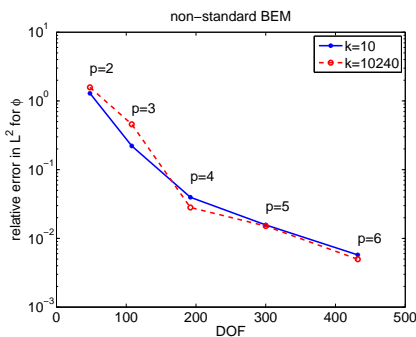
$$p \sim L \gtrsim \log k.$$

Then: $V_N := V_N^+ + V_N^-$ satisfies

$$\inf_{v \in V_N} \|\phi - v\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} \lesssim k^{-1/2} e^{-bp},$$

$$\dim V_N \sim p^2$$

nonstandard BEM: $k = 10$ and $k = 10240$



composite Filon quadrature

- k -robust exponential convergence (absolute error)
- cost of quadrature formula independent of k

conclusions for nonstandard BEM

- possible to design special approximation spaces that incorporate both the oscillatory nature of the solution and the corner singularities
- approximation properties are only weakly dependent on k
- possible to design (in 2D) exponentially convergent quadrature rule to set up BEM stiffness matrix with work depending only weakly on k