

# Multilevel discrete least squares polynomial approximation

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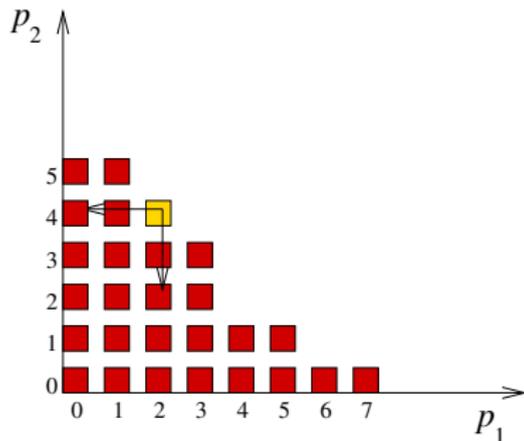
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# Polynomial approximation on downward closed sets

Assume  $f \in L^2_\mu(\Gamma)$ . We seek an approximation of  $f$  in a finite dimensional polynomial subspace

$$V_\Lambda = \text{span} \left\{ \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{p_n}, \quad \text{with } \mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_N) \in \Lambda \right\}$$

with  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}^N$  a downward closed index set.



**Definition.** An index set  $\Lambda$  is downward closed if

$$\mathbf{p} \in \Lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q} \leq \mathbf{p} \quad \implies \quad \mathbf{q} \in \Lambda.$$

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# Optimality of discrete least squares approximation

## Theorem ([Cohen-Migliorati 2017][Cohen-Davenport-Leviatan 2013])

For arbitrary  $r > 0$  define

$$\kappa_r := \frac{1/2(1 - \log 2)}{1 + r} \quad \text{and} \quad K_{\Lambda, w} := \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma} \left( w(\mathbf{y}) \sum_{j=1}^{|\Lambda|} \phi_j(\mathbf{y})^2 \right).$$

If  $\frac{M}{\log M} \geq \frac{K_{\Lambda, w}}{\kappa_r}$ , then

- $P(\|G - I\| \leq \frac{1}{2}) > 1 - 2M^{-r}$ .
- $\|f - \hat{\Pi}_M f\|_{L^2_\mu} \leq (1 + \sqrt{2}) \inf_{v \in V_\Lambda} \|f - v\|_{L^\infty_{\sqrt{w}}}$  with prob.  $> 1 - 2M^{-r}$ .
- $\mathbb{E} \left[ \|f - \hat{\Pi}_M^c f\|_{L^2_\mu}^2 \right] \leq C_M \inf_{v \in V_\Lambda} \|f - v\|_{L^2_\mu}^2 + 2\|f\|_{L^2_\mu}^2 M^{-r}$   
where  $\hat{\Pi}_M^c f = \hat{\Pi}_M f \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{\|G - I\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}}$  and  $C_M = \left(1 + \frac{4\kappa_r}{\log M}\right) \xrightarrow{M \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .

## Sufficient number of points - uniform measure

- Uniform measure:  $\mu = \mathcal{U} \left( \prod_{i=1}^N \Gamma_i \right)$   
[Chkifa-Cohen-Migliorati-Nobile-Tempone 2015] When sampling from the same distribution ( $\nu = \mu$  and  $w = 1$ ), then

$$|\Lambda| \leq K_{\Lambda,1} \leq |\Lambda|^2.$$

Hence, (unweighted) discrete least square is stable and optimally convergent under the condition

$$\frac{M}{\log M} \geq \frac{|\Lambda|^2}{\kappa_r} \quad (\text{quadratic proportionality}).$$

## Sufficient number of points - optimal measure

- [Cohen-Migliorati 2017] For arbitrary  $\mu$ , when sampling from the optimal measure

$$\frac{d\nu^*}{d\mu}(\mathbf{y}) = \rho^*(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{j=1}^{|\Lambda|} \phi_j(\mathbf{y})^2 \quad \implies \quad K_{\Lambda, w^*} = |\Lambda|.$$

Hence, weighted discrete least squares stable and optimal with

$$\frac{M}{\log M} \geq \frac{|\Lambda|}{\kappa_r} \quad (\text{linear proportionality}).$$

- Sampling algorithms from the optimal distribution are available (marginalization [Cohen-Migliorati 2017], acceptance rejection

[H.-Nobile-Tempone-Wolfers, 2017])

However, the optimal distribution depends on  $\Lambda$ . Not good for adaptive algorithms

## Sufficient number of points - Chebyshev measure

- Alternatively, for uniform measure  $\mu$  (or more generally a product measure  $\mu = \otimes_{j=1}^N \mu_j$ , with  $\mu_j$  doubling measure, i.e.  $\mu_j(2I) = L\mu_j(I)$ ) one can sample from the arcsin (Chebyshev) distribution.

$$K_{\Lambda,w} \leq C^N |\Lambda|, \quad \frac{M}{\log M} \geq \frac{C^N}{\kappa_r} |\Lambda|.$$

Still linear scaling but with a constant exponentially dependent on  $N$ .

Advantage: the sampling measure does not depend on  $\Lambda$ .  
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- For the Multilevel algorithm to be effective, we have to rely on certain “mixed regularity”.
- Let  $(F, \|\cdot\|_F) \hookrightarrow (L^2_\mu, \|\cdot\|_{L^2_\mu})$  be a normed vector space of “smooth” functions (e.g. Hölder / Sobolev / analytic regularity).

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## Proposition

Let  $u_n$  be a finite element approximation of order  $r \geq 1$  with maximal element diameter  $h = n^{-1}$  and  $f_n(\mathbf{y}) = Q(u_n(\mathbf{y}))$ .

- If  $a \in C^r(D \times \Gamma)$ , then

$$\|f - f_n\|_{L^2_\mu(\Gamma)} \lesssim h^{r+1}, \quad \|f - f_n\|_{C^{r-1}(\Gamma)} \lesssim h^2.$$

- If  $a \in C^{r,s}(D \times \Gamma) = \{v : D \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \|\partial_x^{\mathbf{r}} \partial_y^{\mathbf{s}} v\|_{C^0(D \times \Gamma)} < \infty, \forall |\mathbf{r}|_1 \leq r, |\mathbf{s}|_1 \leq s\}$ , then

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## ML least squares complexity – mixed regularity

Consider the coefficient

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1 + \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^r + \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^s \in C^{r-1,1}(D) \otimes C^{s-1,1}(\Gamma).$$

- smoother space:  $F = C^{s-1,1}(\Gamma)$ ;
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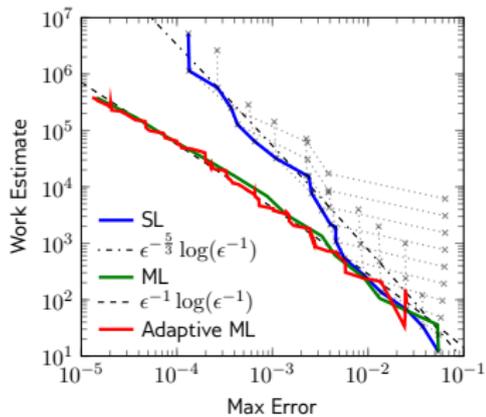
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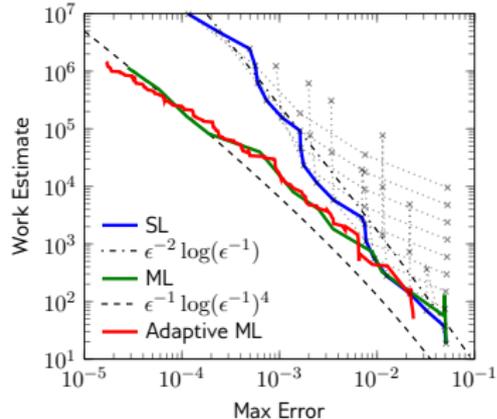
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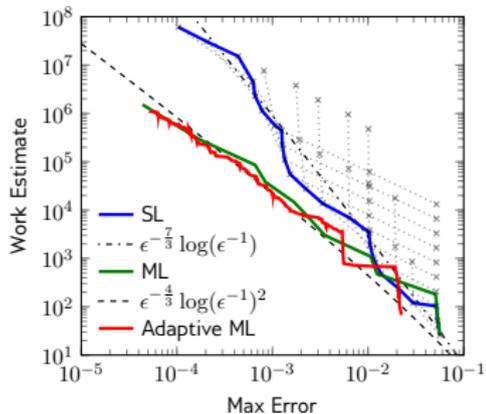
- In our experiment:  $d = 2, r = 1, s = 3$  and  $N = 2, 3, 4, 6$ .



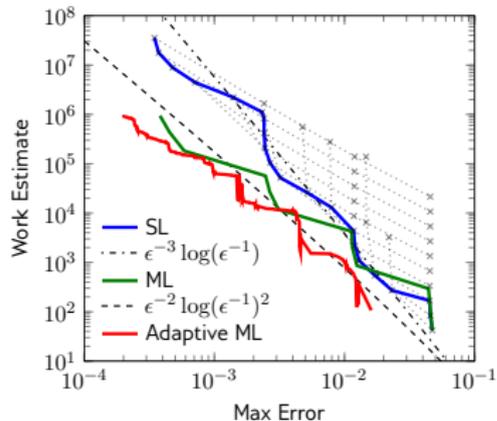
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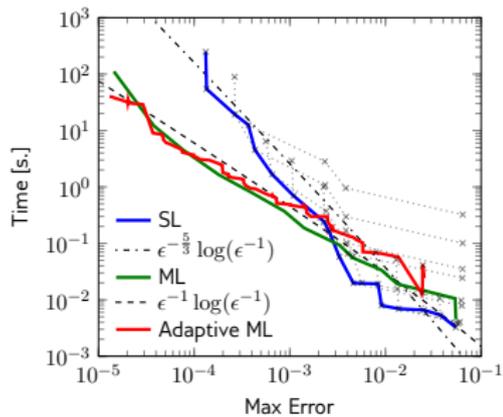
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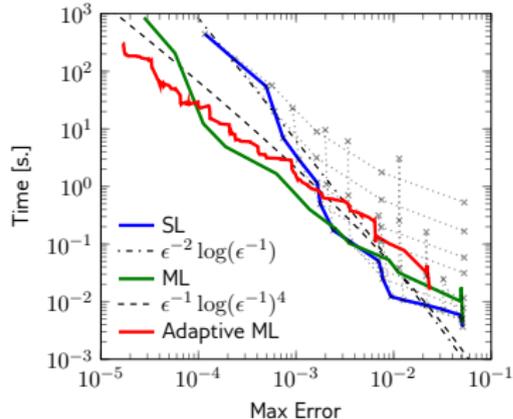
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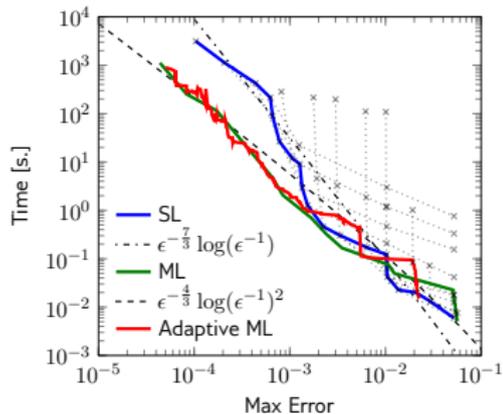
Again split the three cases  $\gamma/\beta_s <, =, > \sigma/\alpha_p$  and notice that the first term  $e^{-\frac{L\beta_w}{\gamma+\beta_s}}$  is always negligible as  $\beta_w > \beta_s$ .



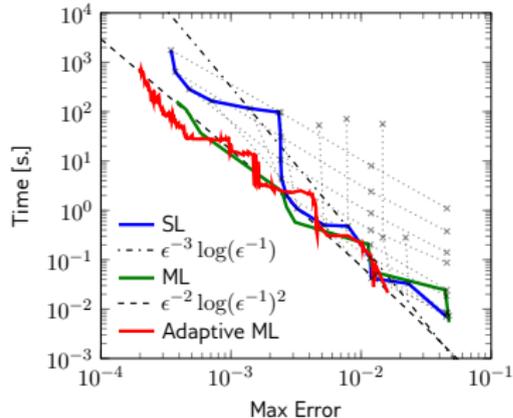
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