

# Adaptive algorithms for kernel-based collocation methods

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# Overview

**Objective:** Design a block-box for solving elliptic PDEs

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Consider a PDE, with solution  $u^*$ , given by

$$\mathcal{L}u = f \text{ in } \Omega \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B}u = g \text{ on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega.$$

An RBF is a smooth scalar function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which usually is induced from a kernel  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in today's applications.

$$\phi(\|x - y\|_2) = \Phi(x, y)$$

**Aim:** Identify an approximation to  $u^*$  from the *trial space*

$$\mathcal{U}_Z = \mathcal{U}_{Z, \Omega, \Phi} := \text{span}\{\Phi(\cdot - z_j) : z_j \in Z\}$$

for some set of trial centers  $Z = \{z_1, \dots, z_{n_Z}\} \subset \overline{\Omega}$

Equivalently, we need to identify the unknown  $\lambda_j$  in

$$u = \sum_{j=1}^{n_Z} \lambda_j \phi(\|\cdot - z_j\|_2) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_Z} \lambda_j \Phi(\cdot, z_j)$$

We do so by imposing some *collocation conditions* at some sets of collocation points

$$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n_x}\} \subset \Omega \quad \& \quad Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_{n_y}\} \subset \Gamma$$

and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}u(x_i) &= \sum \lambda_j \mathcal{L}\phi(\|x_i - z_j\|) \quad \text{for } x_i \in X \text{ and } z_j \in Z \\ \mathcal{B}u(y_i) &= \sum \lambda_j \mathcal{B}\phi(\|y_i - z_j\|) \quad \text{for } y_i \in Y \text{ and } z_j \in Z \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

- ▶ if  $Z = X \cup Y$ , exactly determined (original) Kansa system
  - ▶ unsymmetric
  - ▶ matrix could be singular
  - ▶ works fine in practice
- ▶ if  $n_Z < n_X + n_Y$ , overdetermined system
  - ▶ solved by  $\ell^\infty$ -minimization (LL, Schaback 08')
  - ▶ solved by least-squares (Cheung, LL, Schaback)
  - ▶ in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , define *weighted LS solutions* by

$$U_Z := \arg \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}_Z} \left\{ \|\mathcal{L}u - f\|_{\ell^2(X)}^2 + \left( \frac{h_Y^{d-4}}{h_X^d} \right) \|u - g\|_{\ell^2(Y)}^2 \right\}$$

- ▶ some convergence analysis available

# Schematic point sets

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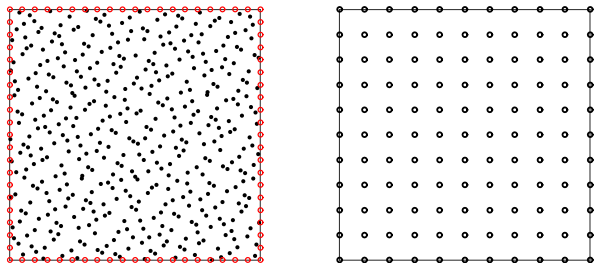
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**Figure:** Collocations  $X$  and  $Y$  (left), and trial  $Z$  (right), used to solve various PDEs.

## Theorem (Convergence estimate)

Suppose that

- ▶ Domain  $\Omega$  is nice and  $\partial\Omega$  is smooth
- ▶ Differential operator is second order strongly elliptic and the PDE has a classical solution  $u^*$
- ▶ Kernel  $\Phi$  reproduces  $H^m(\Omega)$  with  $m > 2 + d/2$
- ▶ Over-sampling  $(h_X^{m-2} + h_Y^{m-2})/q_Z^{m-2} < C_{\Omega, \Phi, \mathcal{L}}$

Then, for  $m > 2 + \frac{d}{2}$ ,

$$\|U_Z - u^*\|_{2, \Omega} \leq Ch_Z^{m - \frac{d}{2} - 2} \|u^*\|_{m, \Omega}$$

and, for  $m > 3 + \frac{d}{2}$ ,

$$\|U_Z - u^*\|_{2, \Omega} \leq Ch_Z^{m-2} \|u^*\|_{m, \Omega}$$

with some  $C = C_{\Omega, \Phi, \mathcal{L}, \nu, \rho_X, \rho_Y, \rho_Z, \gamma_X, \gamma_Y}$

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## Example

A symmetric positive definite kernel  $\Phi_m$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with smoothness  $m$  that satisfies

$$c_{\Phi_m} (1 + \|\omega\|_2^2)^{-m} \leq \widehat{\Phi_m}(\omega) \leq C_{\Phi_m} (1 + \|\omega\|_2^2)^{-m}$$

for all  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$  with two constants  $0 < c_{\Phi_m} \leq C_{\Phi_m}$ .

- ▶ For any  $m > d/2$ , its native space  $\mathcal{N}_{\Phi_m, \mathbb{R}^d}$  is norm-equivalent to  $H^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- ▶ Standard *Whittle-Matérn-Sobolev* kernel with exact Fourier transform  $(1 + \|\omega\|_2^2)^{-m}$  that takes the form

$$\Phi_m(x) := \|x\|_2^{m-d/2} \mathcal{K}_{m-d/2}(\|x\|_2) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_\nu$  is the Bessel functions of the second kind

- ▶ The compactly supported piecewise polynomial Wendland functions are another examples



# Sketch of proof

- ▶ Boundary regularity estimate:

$$\|u\|_{k,\Omega} \leq C_{\Omega,\mathcal{L},k} \left( \|\mathcal{L}u\|_{k-2,\Omega} + \|u\|_{k-1/2,\Gamma} \right)$$

for  $2 \leq k \leq m$  and all  $u \in H^m(\Omega)$

- ▶ Inverse inequality for trial functions:

$$\|u\|_{m,\Omega} \leq C_{\Omega,\Phi_m,k} q_Z^{-m+k} \|u\|_{k,\Omega}$$

for  $d/2 < k \leq m$  and all  $u \in \mathcal{U}_Z$

- ▶ Sampling inequality  $\rightarrow$  Stability

$$\|u\|_{k,\Omega} \leq C_{\Omega,\Phi_m,\mathcal{L},k} \left( h_X^{\frac{d}{2}+2-k} \|\mathcal{L}u\|_X + h_Y^{\frac{d}{2}-k} \|u\|_Y \right)$$

for  $2 \leq k \leq m$  and all  $u \in \mathcal{U}_Z$  if  $h_X, h_Y$  small

- ▶ Consistency via interpolant  $I_{\Phi,Z}u^*$

# Kansa methods for surface PDEs

(Cheung, LL & Chen, LL)

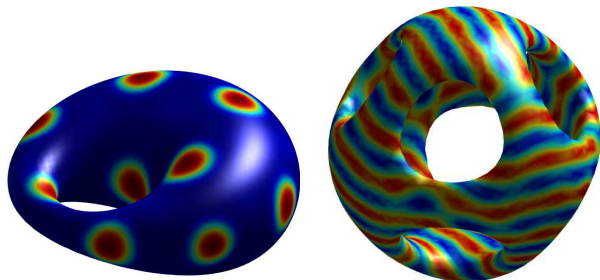


Figure: Turing spot and stripe patterns

## The catch:

Still no convergence theory for Kansa methods when we use Gaussian, multiquadrics, and many other RBFs

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Motivation: ( $r \leftarrow \varepsilon r$ )

Kernel	$\varepsilon$	# basis	$L^\infty$ error
MQ	2	961	0.0039
	1	813	5.4408(-5)
	0.5	251	8.6928(-5)
GA	2	413	1.7666(-5)
	1	163	1.6022(-8)
	0.5	77	0.2747

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# Quasi-random kernels

To setup Kansa methods, users have to provide the following point sets:

- ▶ Interior collocation points  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n_X}\} \subset \Omega$
- ▶ Boundary collocation points  $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_{n_Y}\} \subset \Gamma$ ,
- ▶ Trial centers  $Z = \{z_1, \dots, z_{n_Z}\} \subset \bar{\Omega}$

If ones adopt the variable-shape formulation, shape parameters have to be specified at each trial centers by

- ▶ Shape parameters  $\mathcal{E} = \{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_{n_Z}\} \subset \mathbb{R}_+$

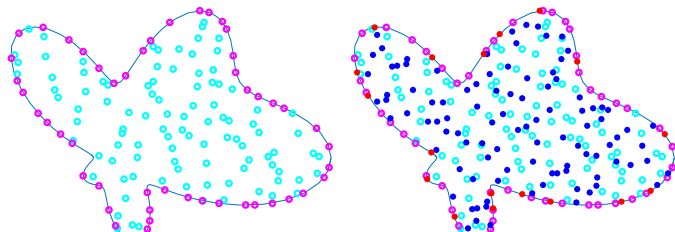
and use kernel

$$\Phi_{\epsilon_i}(\cdot) = \phi(\epsilon_j \|\cdot - z_j\|_2)$$

# A schematic demonstration of data refinement.

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(a)  $n_X = 100$ ,  $n_Y = 48$       (b)  $n_{X'} = 200$ ,  $n_{Y'} = 66$

**Figure:** (a) Request  $n_X = 100$  interior point and estimate that  $n_Y = 48$  is required to maintain a similar fill distance.

**Figure:** (b) Request an extended set of  $n_{X'} = n_X + 100$  interior points that requires  $n_{Y'} = 48 + 18$  boundary points to maintain  $h_{X'} \sim h_{Y'}$ .

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- ▶ Focus on low-discrepancy sequences by quasi-Monte Carlo methods

Examples: Faure, Halton, Sobol', etc.

- ▶ Interior points: by a quasi-random sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
and

$$\text{sign}(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & x \notin \bar{\Omega} \\ 0 & x \in \partial\Omega \\ -1 & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Estimate  $n_Y = n_Y(n_X, \Omega)$  s.t.  $h_{X,\Omega} \sim h_{Y,\Gamma}$
- ▶ Boundary points: by a quasi-random sequence in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
and by a PDF generated from the metric tensor of  $\Gamma$

# Adaptive trial space selection

In hand, we have

- ▶ Interior collocation:  $X_1 \subset X_2 \subset \dots \subset X_k \subset \dots$
- ▶ Boundary collocation:  $Y_1 \subset Y_2 \subset \dots \subset Y_k \subset \dots$
- ▶ Trial centers:  $Z_1 \subset Z_2 \subset \dots \subset Z_k \subset \dots$

Along with sets of points, we generate a quasi-random numbers  $\theta_j \in [0, 1]$  for each  $z_j \in Z$

- ▶ Cheap to compute
- ▶ Contain “implicit” spatial information
- ▶ Can be used to generate shape parameter  $\epsilon_j$  for kernel at  $z_j$

**Aim:** Deals with the corresponding Kansa system



# Basic idea

Consider the matrix system:

$$A\boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}.$$

- ▶ Preselect  $1 \times 1$  subsystem: row-3 & column-2
- ▶ To expand to  $2 \times 2$ , solve

$$[6] \boldsymbol{\eta}^{(1)} = [6]$$

with solution  $\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(1)} = 1$

- ▶ Evaluate residual  $A\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}^{(1)} - \mathbf{b} = [2, 1, 0]^T$
- ▶ Select row-1

To complete the subsystem expansion, we have to select a column.

$$A\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \eta = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}.$$

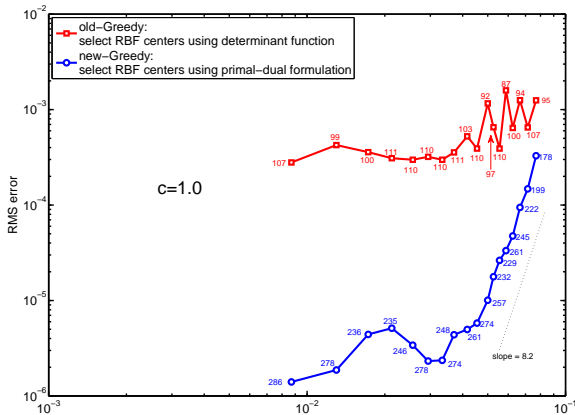
- ▶ Determinant criterion (LL, Opfer, Schaback 06'):

Treat the to-be-determined  $2 \times 2$  matrix as a function of column index

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{=A_{2 \times 2}(1)} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=A_{2 \times 2}(3)},$$

- ▶  $|\det(A_{2 \times 2}(1))| = 6$  and  $|\det(A_{2 \times 2}(3))| = 14$
- ▶ Select **column-1**
- ▶ Latest criterion: Dual residual (LL, Schaback 09')

## Example

Using unscaled multiquadrics RBF, reduce  $h_Z$ 

- ▶ Sequential approach is slow....
- ▶ To speed up, we need to update in **block-form** (LL 16')
- ▶ By the same 4 basic steps:
  - Step-1: Compute local residuals
  - Step-2: Select rows to be added
  - Step-3: Select columns to be added
  - Step-4: Check condition number

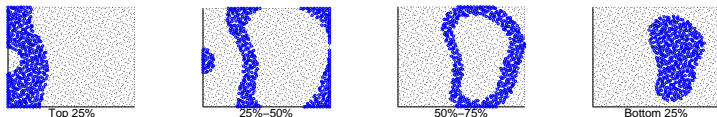
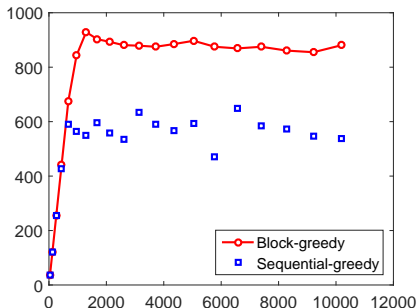


Figure: Partitioning trial centers by dual residuals.

## Theorem

Let  $A$  be an  $M \times N$  matrix with full rank  $M$ ; choose a large  $M \times K$  submatrix formed by  $K \leq M$  columns of  $A$  such that it is numerically of full rank. The block-greedy algorithm can be implemented so that

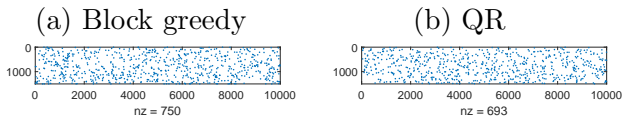
complexity  $\lesssim \mathcal{O}(NK^2)$  and storage  $\sim K(M+N) + \frac{1}{2}K^2$



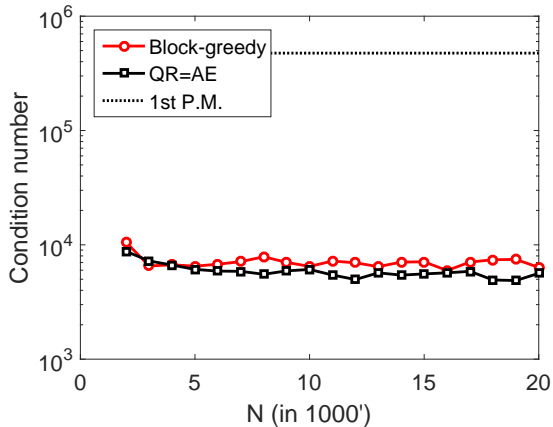
## Example

### Block-greedy vs permuted-QR

- ▶ Fix  $M = 1500$  and let  $2000 \leq N \leq 20000$
- ▶ Generate  $M \times N$  random matrices
- ▶ Select  $K = M$  columns

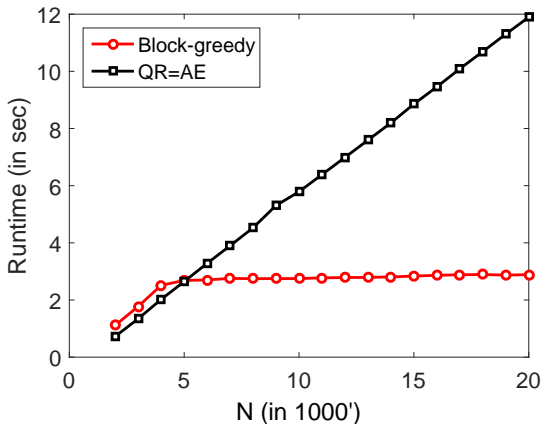


**Figure:** Entries of  $B^{-1}A$  with absolute values greater than 1, where  $B$  is the  $M \times M$  submatrix formed by the selected  $M$  columns out of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  with  $M = 1500$  and  $N = 10000$



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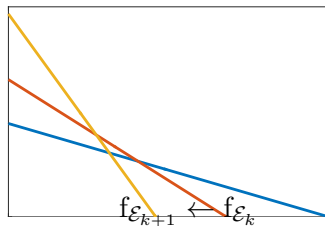
# System-free algorithm

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(Chiu, LL)

- ▶ A modification to the block-greedy algorithm
- ▶ Run on  $X_k, Y_k, Z_k, \mathcal{E}_k$
- ▶ Using the selected shape parameters, we design a *distribution* for  $\mathcal{E}_{k+1}$



- ▶ Keep running the block-greedy algorithm until condition number is too large

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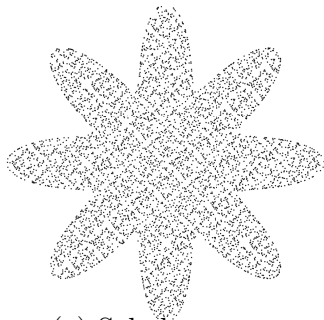
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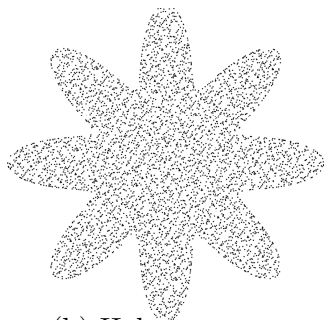
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Quasi-random points  $X \cup Y$  by different generators



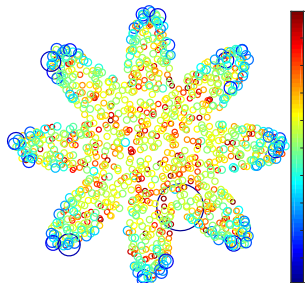
(a) Sobol sequence



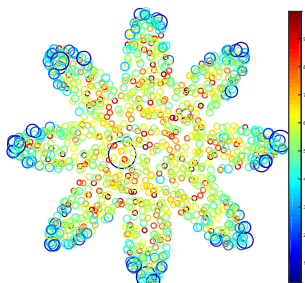
(b) Halton sequence

## Example

System-free algorithm selected flat basis functions with shape parameters  $\leq 10$ ; peaky ones were omitted from this illustration



(a) Sobol sequence



(b) Halton sequence

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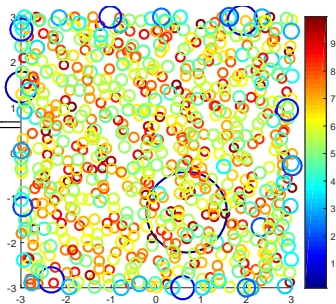
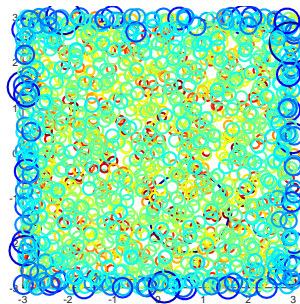
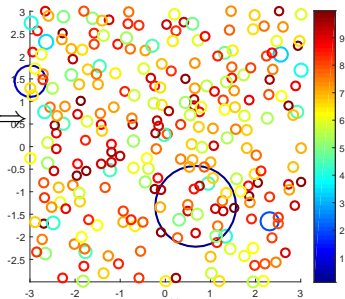
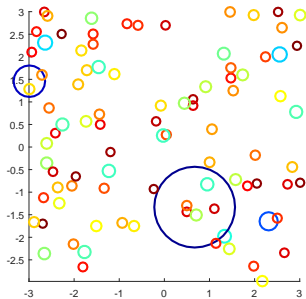
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peaks, 30 runs

GA $\epsilon_{\max}$	Bad Run	$n_Z$		$L^2(\Omega)$		$L^\infty(\Omega)$	
		Min	Max	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
25	0	635	739	2.6347e-07	5.1091e-07	8.5665e-06	1.7673e-05
50	0	887	1175	1.1854e-09	1.6752e-09	3.7677e-08	5.3122e-08
100	2	1021	1749	4.7907e-09	2.5103e-08	4.9567e-08	2.5110e-07
MQ $\epsilon_{\max}$	Bad Run	$n_Z$		$L^2(\Omega)$		$L^\infty(\Omega)$	
		Min	Max	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
25	0	1023	2013	1.8662e-07	9.4187e-07	1.8582e-06	9.2901e-06
50	2	2015	3909	1.7300e-08	5.6953e-08	1.7804e-07	4.5865e-07
100	1	2007	7343	5.6439e-06	1.8148e-05	6.9103e-05	2.1448e-04
MS $\epsilon_{\max}$	Bad Run	$n_Z$		$L^2(\Omega)$		$L^\infty(\Omega)$	
		Min	Max	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
25	0	401	429	7.2527e-05	7.4555e-05	1.7176e-03	2.4994e-03
50	0	673	745	6.5219e-07	1.0320e-06	1.6340e-05	3.1292e-05
100	0	923	1003	2.7574e-08	3.3238e-08	7.3817e-07	1.0683e-06

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		Min	Max	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
25	0	655	733	9.6738e-04	1.3783e-03	2.8117e-02	4.0347e-02
50	0	823	1217	2.4058e-04	4.8471e-04	8.3423e-03	1.7349e-02
100	2	1015	1777	5.7304e-06	7.5535e-06	2.5603e-04	4.0785e-04

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25	0	397	423	2.5519e-03	2.0556e-03	5.6153e-02	6.8083e-02
50	0	677	749	4.3585e-04	3.8856e-04	1.0987e-02	1.3409e-02
100	0	911	1227	1.5049e-04	4.6402e-04	4.8690e-03	1.6973e-02

$$f(x, y) = \max(0, x)^3 - \max(0, y)^3$$

GA $\epsilon_{\max}$	Bad Run	$n_Z$		$L^2(\Omega)$		$L^\infty(\Omega)$	
		Min	Max	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
25	0	623	757	1.4682e-05	2.5899e-05	3.7926e-04	7.6777e-04
50	0	869	1007	1.2687e-05	1.9572e-05	4.3372e-04	6.9755e-04
100	2	1023	1785	1.4470e-06	7.7554e-07	3.9665e-05	5.5451e-05

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		Min	Max	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
25	0	403	427	2.0743e-05	1.0798e-05	3.5904e-04	3.9292e-04
50	0	671	733	7.9690e-06	8.9910e-06	1.6165e-04	2.9417e-04
100	0	927	1009	4.5236e-06	4.4479e-06	1.0258e-04	1.5014e-04

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The way to run is

- ▶ Give users a quick approximation
- ▶ Based on the PDE residual, readers can decide if refinement is needed

$\max n_Z$	256	512	1024	Terminate
GA	2.1239e+00	7.2920e-01	1.1103e-03	3.8550e-09 ( $n_Z = 1893$ )
MS	2.6413e+00	6.9293e-03	2.3652e-07	6.5507e-08 ( $n_Z = 1611$ )

# Thank You