

Discrete Dipole Approximation of Volume Integral Equations: A perfect method for perfect equations?

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An integral equation with simple discretization:

Consider the following integral equation

$$\lambda u(x) - \int_{\Omega} K(x, y) u(y) dy = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$

and imagine the following system of equations as its discretization

$$\lambda u_m - \sum_{x_n \in \Omega, n \neq m} h^m K(x_m, x_n) u_n = f(x_m), \quad x_m \in \Omega$$

where $h = 1/N$

Discrete Dipole Approximation (DDA)

Let $\Omega = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \Omega_i$, $x_i \in \Omega_i$, collocate Eq. (asli) at points x_i and approximate the integrals by one-point quadrature rule, then:

$$\mathcal{A}_\kappa \mathbf{E}(x_i) \simeq \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^3 \sum_{j \neq i} k(x_i, x_j) \mathbf{E}(x_j) + \alpha_i^{-1} \mathbf{E}(x_i),$$

where

$$k(x, y) = -(\nabla \operatorname{div} + \kappa^2) G_\kappa(x - y) = -(D^2 + \kappa^2) G_\kappa(x - y).$$

The idea of DDA is introduced in:



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with Clausius-Mossotti polarizability as α_i 's:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i^{\text{CM}} &= \frac{3d^3}{4\pi} \frac{\varepsilon_i - 1}{\varepsilon_i + 2}, \\ &= \frac{3V}{4\pi N} \frac{\varepsilon_i - 1}{\varepsilon_i + 2} \end{aligned}$$

$\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon(x_i)$, dielectric function at location x_i , $d^3 = V/N$ and $V = \operatorname{Vol}(\Omega)$.

Another option for α_j 's in order to answer the question: " for what polarizability α will an infinite lattice of polarizable points have the same dispersion relation as a continuum of refractive index $m = \sqrt{\epsilon}$? ",

$$\alpha_j^{\text{LDR}} = \frac{\alpha^{\text{CM}}}{1 + \frac{\alpha^{\text{CM}}}{a^3} [(b_1 + m^2 b_2 + m^2 b_3 S)(kd)^2 - (2/3)i(kd)^3]},$$

with

$$b_1 = -1.891531; b_2 = 0.1648469; b_3 = -1.7700004; S = \sum_{j=1}^3 (a_j e_j)^3,$$

is discussed in:



DRAINE, B. T., AND GOODMAN J.: **Beyond Clausius-Mossotti-Wave propagation on a polarizable point lattice and the discrete dipole approximation.** *ApJ*, 405, pp. 685-697, (1993).

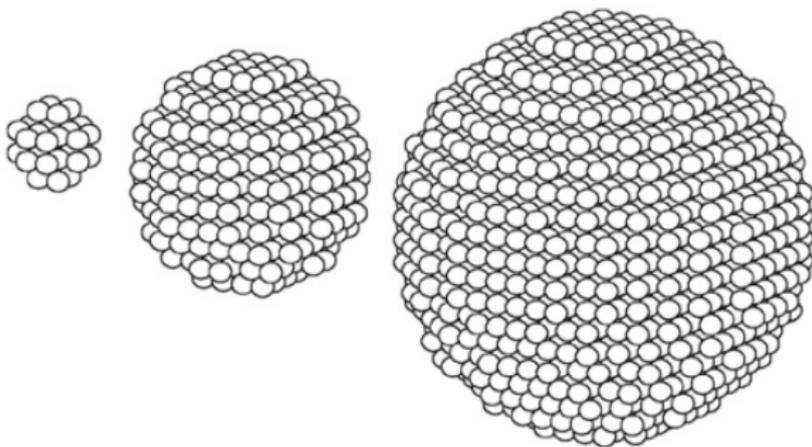


Figure: Pseudospheres made from 32, 552 and 3112 dipoles, arranged in cubic lattice



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function TMat(k,N)
    Np = N+1;  Np3 = Np^3;
    Line = collect(range(0,1,length=Np));
    Point = zeros(Np3,3); # Point(m,:)=x_m
    m = 0;
    for i in 1:Np for j in 1:Np for l in 1:Np
        m = m+1;
        Point[m,:] = [Line[i]; Line[j]; Line[l]]
    end end end
    TM11 = complex(zeros(Np3,Np3));
    TM12 = similar(TM11); TM13 = similar(TM11);
    TM21 = similar(TM11); TM22 = similar(TM11); TM23 = similar(TM11);
    TM31 = similar(TM11); TM32 = similar(TM11); TM33 = similar(TM11);
    for m in 1:Np3 for n in 1:Np3
        Kmn = K(k,Point[m,:]-Point[n,:]);
        TM11[m,n] = Kmn[1,1];      TM12[m,n] = Kmn[1,2];      TM13[m,n] = Kmn[1,3];
        TM21[m,n] = Kmn[2,1];      TM22[m,n] = Kmn[2,2];
        TM23[m,n] = Kmn[2,3];      TM31[m,n] = Kmn[3,1];
        TM32[m,n] = Kmn[3,2];      TM33[m,n] = Kmn[3,3];
    end end
    TM = [TM11 TM12 TM13; TM21 TM22 TM23; TM31 TM32 TM33];
    # multiply by element area
    h = 1/N;  TM = h^3*TM;  return TM
end

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Figure: A piece of Julia code for DDA matrix

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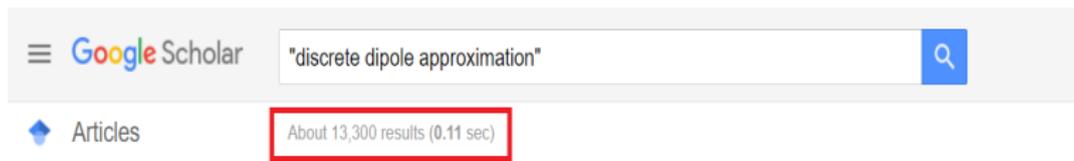
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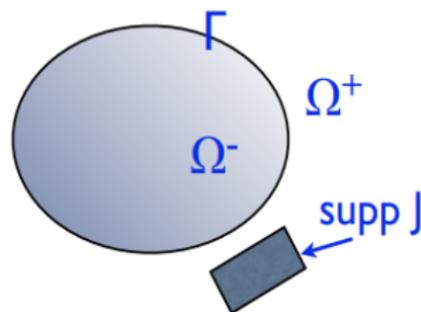
- ★ In continuous level: \mathcal{A}_κ is a strongly singular operator. So compared to boundary integral operators, it is less discussed.

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, bounded domain:

Time-harmonic Maxwell Equations:

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} - i\kappa \mu \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} = 0; \quad \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{H} + i\kappa \varepsilon \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{J}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= \varepsilon_r \text{ in } \Omega, \quad \varepsilon = 1 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \bar{\Omega}, \\ \eta &= 1 - \varepsilon_r: \text{ has compact support} \\ \mu &= \mu_r \text{ in } \Omega, \quad \mu = 1 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \bar{\Omega}, \\ \nu &= 1 - \frac{1}{\mu_r} \end{aligned}$$



Supp \mathbf{J} compact in $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \Omega$

Transition condition on the boundary $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$:

$$[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{n}]_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad [\mathbf{n} \cdot \mu \mathbf{H}]_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad [\mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{n}]_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad [\mathbf{n} \cdot \varepsilon \mathbf{E}]_{\Gamma} = 0$$

+ Sommerfeld Radiation Condition

$$\mathbf{curl} \frac{1}{\mu} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} - \kappa^2 \varepsilon \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{J}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} - \kappa^2 \mathbf{E} &= i\kappa \mathbf{J} - \kappa^2(1 - \varepsilon) \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{curl} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mu}\right) \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} \\ &= i\kappa \mathbf{J} - \kappa^2 \eta \chi_{\Omega} \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{curl} \nu \chi_{\Omega} \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} \end{aligned}$$

It is seen that

$$\left(\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{curl} - \kappa^2 \mathbb{I} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\kappa^2} \nabla \operatorname{div} + \mathbb{I} \right) = -(\Delta + \kappa^2 \mathbb{I})$$

so \mathbf{E} is obtained from the convolution with the fundamental solution

$$g_{\kappa}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\kappa^2} \nabla \operatorname{div} + \mathbb{I} \right) G_{\kappa}(x), \quad G_{\kappa}(x) = \frac{\exp(i\kappa|x|)}{4\pi|x|}$$

We get an VIE for the electric part \mathbf{E} :

$$\mathbf{E} = \kappa^2 g_\kappa * (\eta \chi_\Omega \mathbf{E}) + g_\kappa * (\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \chi_\Omega \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}) + i\kappa g_\kappa * \mathbf{J},$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(x) = & \kappa^2 \int_{\Omega} g_\kappa(x-y) \eta(y) \mathbf{E}(y) dy + \int_{\Omega} g_\kappa(x-y) \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}(y) \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E}(y) dy \\ & + i\kappa \int_{\Omega} g_\kappa(x-y) \mathbf{J}(y) dy, \end{aligned}$$

Let

Dielectric problem: $\mu \equiv \text{const}, \mathbf{v} = 0$

then

$$\mathbf{E}(x) = -(\nabla \text{div} + \kappa^2 \mathbb{I}_d) \int_{\Omega} G_\kappa(x-y) \eta(y) \mathbf{E}(y) dy + \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}}(x).$$

We get

$$\mathbf{E}(x) - \mathcal{A}_\kappa(\eta\mathbf{E})(x) = \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}}(x)$$

with

$$(\mathcal{A}_\kappa u)(y) = -(\nabla \operatorname{div} + \kappa^2 \mathbb{I}_d) \int_{\Omega} G_\kappa(x-y)u(y)dy.$$

Applying Fourier transform on \mathcal{A}_κ :

$$\sigma_\kappa(\xi) := \mathcal{F}\{\mathcal{A}_\kappa u\}(\xi) = \frac{\xi\xi^T - \kappa^2 \mathbb{I}_d}{|\xi|^2 - \kappa^2} \hat{u}(\xi),$$

the inversion Fourier transform gives:

$$(\mathcal{A}_\kappa u)(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_\kappa(\xi) \hat{u}(\xi) \exp(-i\xi \cdot x) d\xi.$$

So \mathcal{A}_κ has a inverse Fourier representation with specific kernel called **symbol** of the operator. Such operators are called **pseudo-differential operators**.

The operator \mathcal{A}_κ can be represented as a **strongly singular integral operator**:

$$\mathcal{A}_\kappa \mathbf{E}(x) = \text{p.v.} \int_{\Omega} \nabla_x \nabla_y G_\kappa(x-y) \mathbf{E}(y) dy + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{E}(x),$$

where **p.v** denotes the Cauchy Principle Value:

$$T_\kappa \mathbf{E}(x) := \text{p.v.} \int_{\Omega} \nabla_x \nabla_y G_\kappa(x-y) \mathbf{E}(y) dy = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Omega \setminus B_\varepsilon(x)} \nabla_x \nabla_y G_\kappa(x-y) \mathbf{E}(y) dy.$$

Is the problem

$$\mathbf{E} - \mathcal{A}_\kappa(\eta \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}} \quad (\text{asli})$$

or its **equivalence**

$$\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{E} - \mathcal{A}_\kappa \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}^{\text{inc}}$$

well-posed in the sense of Hadamard (existence, uniqueness and stability)?

Some properties of \mathcal{A}_κ

- ✓ The operator \mathcal{A}_κ can be extended to $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ as a bounded operator;
- ✓ $\mathcal{A}_\kappa - \mathcal{A}_0$ is a **compact** operator in $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$;

Let spectrum:

$$\text{Sp}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda\mathbb{I} - T)^{-1} \text{ does not exist}\}$$

and essential spectrum

$$\text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\lambda\mathbb{I} - T) \text{ is not Fredholm}\}$$

then

✓ Let $\Sigma := \text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I} + K') \subset (0, 1)$, then for **Lipschitz** Γ :

$\text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}_0) = \{0, 1\} \cup \Sigma$ and for **smooth** Γ : $\text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}_0) = \{0, 1/2, 1\}$. K' is

boundary integral operator adjoint to the Helmholtz double layer potential operator.

- ★ DDA as a popular method between physicists and engineers is really **accurate** as it is shown by numerical examples?
- ★ Is it a **consistent**, **convergent** and **stable** method?
- ★ Is there any estimation for the **rate of convergence**?



YURKIN, M. A., VALERI P. M., AND A. G. HOEKSTRA: **Convergence of the discrete dipole approximation. I. Theoretical analysis**, *JOSA A*, 23(10), pp. 2578-2591 (2006).

$$\|(\mathcal{A}_\kappa \mathbf{E})(\mathbf{x}_j) - \mathcal{A}_\kappa^{\text{DDA}}(\mathbf{E})_j\|_{L^1(\bar{\Omega})} = ch + \mathcal{O}(h^2 \log(h)) \text{ for } \mathbf{E} \in C^4(\bar{\Omega})$$

Lax equivalence theorem:

For a **consistent** numerical algorithm:

$$\text{stability} \Leftrightarrow \text{convergence}$$

Q: Is DDA stable?

Let $Au = f$ and the discrete form as $A_N u_N = f_N := r_N f$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{A} & X \\ \downarrow r_N & & \downarrow r_N \\ X_N & \xrightarrow{A_N} & X_N \end{array}$$

Consistency error (truncation error): $E_N[v] = A_N r_N v - r_N A v$

Discrete error: $e_N = r_N u - u_N$

$$A_N e_N = A_N r_N u - A_N u_N = A_N r_N u - r_N f = A_N r_N u - r_N A u = E_N[u]$$

\Downarrow

$$\|e_N\| \leq \|(A_N)^{-1}\| \|E_N[u]\|$$

If $\exists C > 0$ s.t. $\|(A_N)^{-1}\| \leq C$, uniformly, then the method is stable and truncation error gives an estimation for discrete error.

DDA in 3D: Ω is unit cube; $h = 1/N$; N the number of dipoles

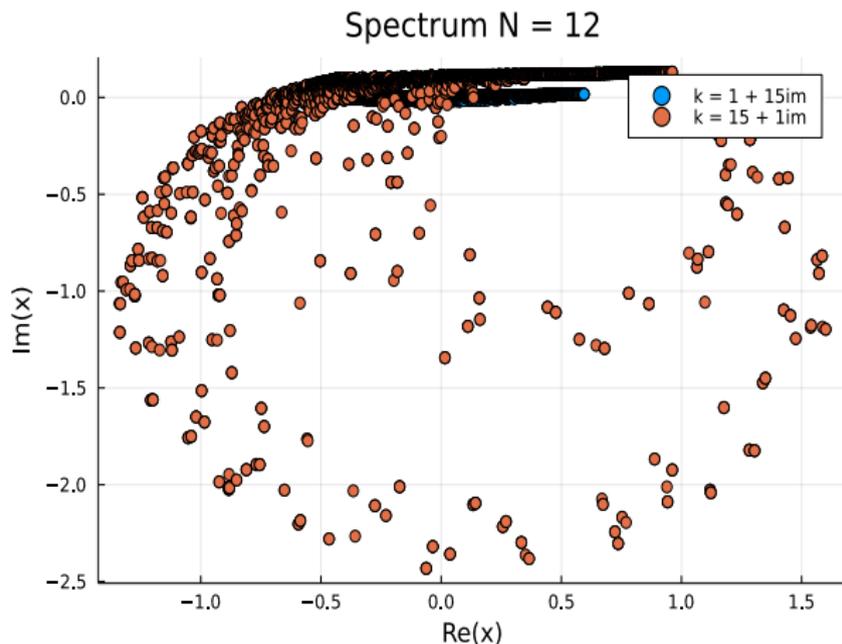


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An example: convergence of the spectrum

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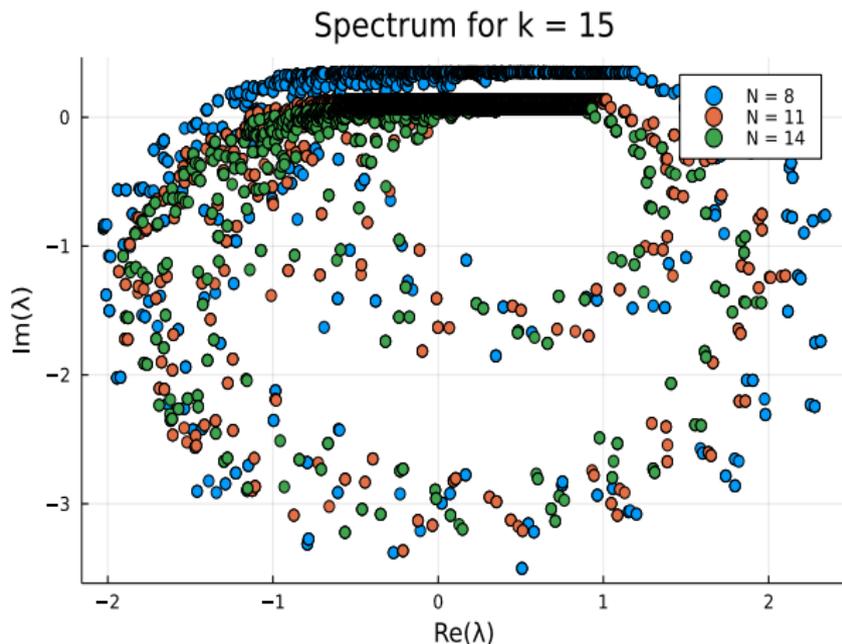


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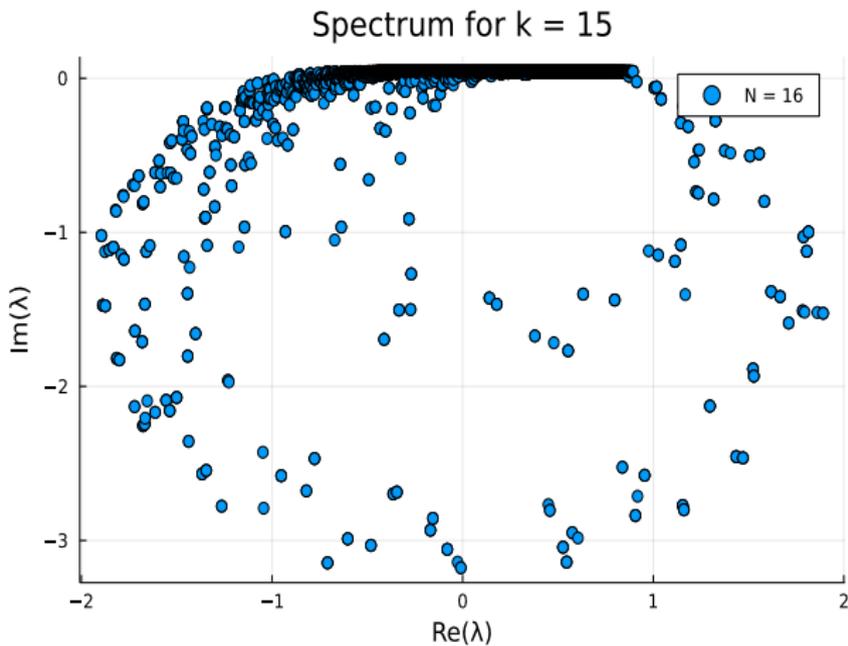


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We have

$$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \quad K_\kappa = -(D^2 + \kappa^2)G_\kappa \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_\kappa u = K_\kappa * (\chi_\Omega u)$$

and

$$T_\kappa u = \text{p.v.} \int_\Omega K_\kappa(x-y)u(y)dy$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_\kappa u = T_\kappa u + \frac{1}{d}u$$

then

$$\left(\frac{1}{\eta}\mathbb{I}_d - \mathcal{A}_\kappa\right)u = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{1}{d}\right)}_{\text{diagonal terms}}u - T_\kappa u$$

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$$= \frac{3}{4\pi N} \frac{\varepsilon_i - 1}{\varepsilon_i + 2}$$

DDA system matrix:

$$T_N^K = (N^{-d} K_\kappa(x_m - x_n))_{n,m \in \omega^N}, \quad K_\kappa(0) = 0, \quad \omega^N = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d \mid x_n = \frac{n}{N} \in \Omega\}.$$

To get an approximation for $\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbb{I}_d - \mathcal{A}_\kappa$, we see that

$$\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbb{I}_d - \mathcal{A}_\kappa = \left(\frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{1}{d}\right) \mathbb{I}_d - T_\kappa,$$

for T_κ^N as an approximation for T_κ , $\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N$ is an approximation for $\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbb{I} - \mathcal{A}_\kappa$.

The **stability**: $\|(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N)^{-1}\| < M$. Let $\tilde{a}(\xi) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a(m) e^{im \cdot \xi}$,

$a(m) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_Q \tilde{a}(t) e^{-im \cdot \xi} d\xi$, then the quadratic form of the DDA system is

$$(u_N, (\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N) u_N)_{\rho(\omega^N)} = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_Q \overline{\tilde{u}_N(\xi)} (\lambda \mathbb{I} - \underbrace{\tilde{K}_\kappa^N(\xi)}_{:= F_\kappa^N(\xi)}) \tilde{u}_N(\xi) d\xi,$$

where $Q = [-\pi, \pi]^d \simeq \mathbb{R}^d \setminus (2\pi \mathbb{Z}^d)$. Let $\lambda = \frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{1}{d}$ and $\eta = 1 - \varepsilon_r$, then $\lambda = \frac{d-1+\varepsilon_r}{d(1-\varepsilon_r)}$. Especially, for $d = 3$, $\lambda = \frac{2+\varepsilon_r}{3(1-\varepsilon_r)}$.

$A : X \rightarrow X$ a bounded linear operator in Hilbert space H and $a(u, v) = (Au, v)$ the corresponding sesquilinear form

Definition: $W(A) = \{(Au, u) \mid u \in X, \|u\| = 1\}$

- ✓ $W(A)$ is convex;
- ✓ $\text{Sp}(A) \subset \overline{W(A)} \subset \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq \|A\|\}$;
- ✓ (Au, u) is coercive iff $0 \notin \overline{W(A)}$, and coercivity constant $\gamma = \inf_{z \in W(A)} |z|$
- ✓ Let $X_N \subset X$ and $A_N : X_N \rightarrow X_N$ with $A_N = a(u, u)|_{X_N}$, then $W(A_N) \subset W(A)$ and furthermore for $\lambda \notin \overline{W(A)}$,

$$\|(\lambda \mathbb{I} - A_N)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\lambda, W(A))}$$

Theorem(Zachlin & Hochstenbach)

The numerical range of a Hermitian matrix T is a closed interval on the real axis, whose endpoint are formed by the extreme eigenvalue of T .

Due to symmetry and $\text{Tr}(F_0(t)) = 0$, for $d = 2$, $F_0(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a(t) & b(t) \\ b(t) & -a(t) \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem A

There exists an interval $\Sigma := [\Lambda_-, \Lambda_+]$ such that $\Sigma = \cup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} W(T_0^N)$. Then for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma$, DDA method $(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_0^N)u = f$ is l^2 -stable and

$$\|(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_0^N)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\lambda, \Sigma)}.$$

It is seen that the spectrum of T_0 is $[-1/d, 1 - 1/d]$ which is contained in $[\Lambda_-, \Lambda_+]$, so for

$$\Lambda_- \leq \lambda < -1/d \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - 1/d < \lambda < \Lambda_+$$

the VIE is well-posed in $L^2(\Omega)$ but DDA is **unstable**.

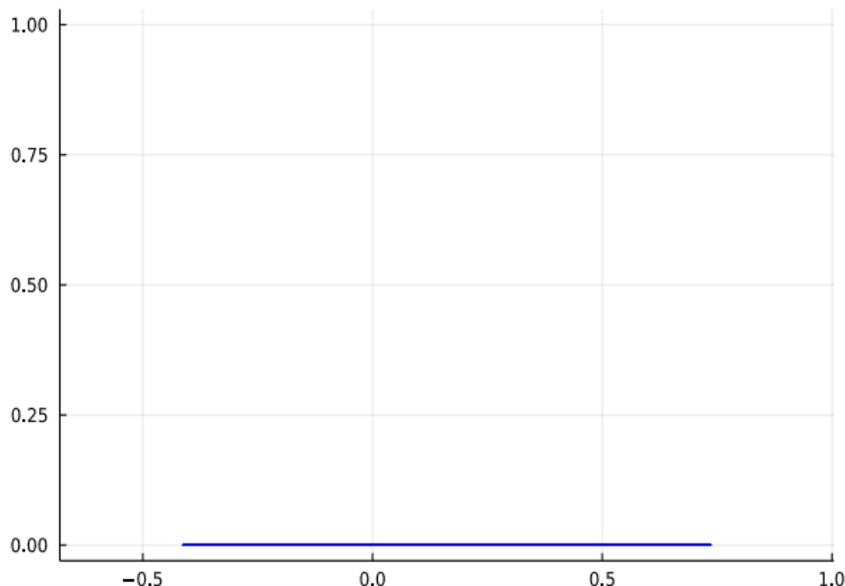
For $d = 2$

$$-\Lambda_- = \Lambda_+ \geq \Lambda_0 = \frac{\Gamma(1/4)^4}{32\pi^2} = 0.5471\dots$$

for $d = 3$

$\Lambda_- \sim -0.42$ and $\Lambda_+ \sim 0.77$ Conjecture: $\Lambda_+ = \Lambda_0$

numerical range of T_0 for $N=8$



Theorem B

Let $\alpha \in \arg \kappa \in (-\pi, \pi) \setminus \{0\}$ and

$$W_\kappa = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \left| z - \frac{1}{2}(z - i \cot(2\alpha)) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2|\sin(2\alpha)|}, \operatorname{Im} z \cdot \operatorname{Im}(\kappa^2) < 0 \right\}.$$

The compact bounded set $[\Lambda_-, \Lambda_+] + W_\kappa$ is bounded set for the spectrum of the VIE and it bounds the numerical range

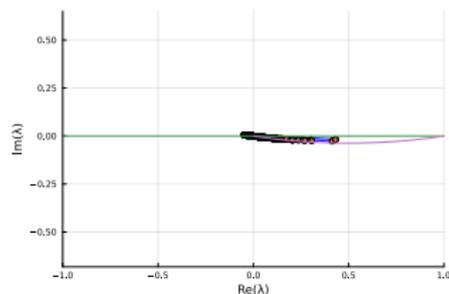
Corollary

Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus ([\Lambda_-, \Lambda_+] + W_\kappa)$. Then the sequence of matrices $(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ is β^2 -stable in the following sense: Given any $\varepsilon > 0$ that satisfies $\varepsilon < d_\kappa := \operatorname{dist}(\lambda, [\Lambda_-, \Lambda_+])$, there exists $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $N \geq N_0$ the matrix $\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N$ is invertible, and for the β^2 -matrix norm we have the estimate

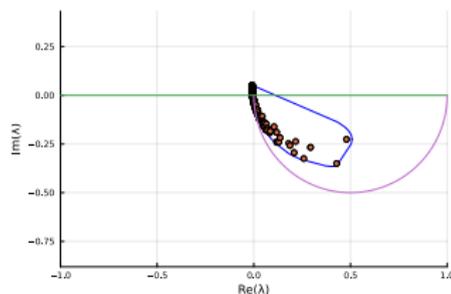
$$\|(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{d_\kappa - \varepsilon}$$

Ω is unit cube, $|\kappa| = 5$ and $N = 8$

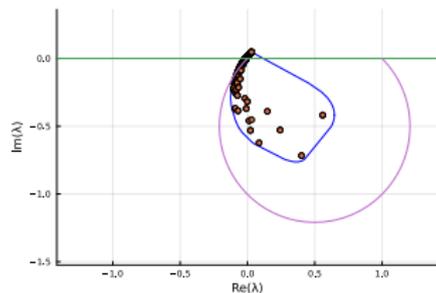
Matrix $T_{\kappa}^N - T_0^N$: eigenvalues, numerical range, and proven bounds



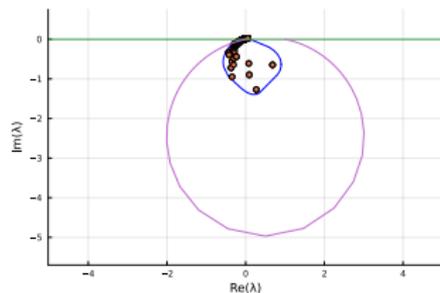
$$\kappa = 0.37 + 4.99i$$



$$\kappa = 3.53 + 3.53i$$



$$\kappa = 4.62 + 1.91i$$



$$\kappa = 4.97 + 0.5i$$

Theorem C

Let

$$\mu_+(\kappa) = \frac{d-1}{2^d \Gamma(\frac{d}{2}) \pi^{d/2-1}} \kappa^d \quad (d=2, \mu_+(\kappa) = \frac{\kappa^2}{8} \text{ and } d=3, \frac{\kappa^3}{6\pi})$$

then

$$W(\text{Im}(T_\kappa^N)) \subset [\mu_-^N, \mu_+^N],$$

with $\mu_+^N = \mu_+(\kappa)N^{-d}$ and $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu_-^N = -\mu_+(\kappa)|\Omega|$.

Corollay

If $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is such that either $\text{Im}\lambda > 0$ or $\text{Im}\lambda < -\mu_+(\kappa)|\Omega|$, then for large enough N the matrix $\lambda\mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N$ is invertible, and the l^2 matrix norms $\|(\lambda\mathbb{I} - T_\kappa^N)^{-1}\|$ are bounded uniformly in N . The invertibility holds if either $\text{Im}\lambda > \mu_+(\kappa)N^{-d}$ or $\text{Im}\lambda < -\mu_+(\kappa)\frac{|\omega^N|-1}{N^d}$.

Ω unit cube, $\kappa = 10$

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For operator

$$\mathcal{A}_\kappa = \mathcal{A}_0 + \underbrace{(\mathcal{A}_\kappa - \mathcal{A}_0)}_{\text{compact}}$$

the principle part is \mathcal{A}_0 and $\mathcal{A}_0 u = -D^2 G_0 * (\chi_\Omega u)$

The kernel $K(x) = -D^2 g_0(x)$ and

$$G_0(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log |x|, & d = 2 \\ \frac{1}{4\pi|x|}, & d = 3 \end{cases}$$

K is homogenous of degree $-d$

VIE: $\lambda u - Tu = f$ with $Tu(x) = \text{p.v.} \int_\Omega K(x-y)u(y)dy$

Discretization: $\lambda u_n - N^{-d} \sum_{m, n \in \omega^N, m \neq n} K(x_n - x_m) u_m = f_n, n \in \omega^N$

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a bounded domain and $\omega^N = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d | x_n \in \Omega\}$

System matrix

$$T^N = (t_{mn})_{m, n \in \omega^N = \mathbb{Z}^d \cap N\Omega}, \quad t_{mn} = \begin{cases} N^{-d} K(x_m - x_n) = K(m-n), & m \neq n \\ 0, & m = n \end{cases}$$

The elements of t_{mn} of the system matrix are independent of N .

Let $T^\infty = (K(m-n))_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$, $K(0) = 0$.

T^N is **Finite Section** of the infinite block Toeplitz matrix.

Diagonalization via Fourier series leads to symbol

$$\tilde{t}(\xi) = \sum_{m \neq 0} K(m) e^{im \cdot \xi}$$

Parseval and convolution theorems for Fourier series:

$$(u, T^N u)_{\ell^2(\omega^N)} = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_Q \bar{u}^T(\xi) \tilde{t}(\xi) \tilde{u}(\xi) d\xi$$

Lemma

$$W(T^N) \subset W(T^\infty) \subset \overline{\text{conv}} \cup_{\xi \in Q} W(t(\tilde{\xi}))$$

Fourier series is not absolutely convergent. 

Are there some bounds for $\tilde{t}(\xi)$?

Recall **Poisson summation formula**:

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f(m) \exp(im \cdot t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathcal{F}\{f\}(t + 2n\pi)$$

then

$$\tilde{t}(\xi) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sigma(\xi + 2n\pi) \text{ for } \sigma(\xi) = \mathcal{F}\{K\}(\xi) = \frac{\xi \xi^T}{|\xi|^2}.$$

$\sigma(\xi)$ is homogeneous of degree **zero** (the kernel is homogenous of degree $-d$), we have thus replaced a slowly converging Fourier series by a lattice sum that does not converge at all 

Remedy for slowly converging or diverging lattice sums: **Ewald's method**.



EWALD, PAUL PETER **Ewald summation**. *Ann. Phys*, 369, pp. 1–2, (1921).

The idea is to split f into $f = f^F + f^P$ such that f^F and Fourier transform of f^P are rapidly decreasing at infinity .

Thus the Fourier series for f^F is absolutely convergent and the Poisson sum for f^P is also absolutely convergent, hence

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f(m) e^{im \cdot t} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f^F(m) e^{im \cdot t} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathcal{F}\{f^P\}(\xi + 2\pi k)$$

and both sums on the right converge absolutely and boundedness of $\mathcal{F}\{f\}$ follows. Applying this for $f(x) = K(x)$, Theorem A is proved:

Theorem A

There exists an interval $\Sigma := [\Lambda_-, \Lambda_+]$ such that $\Sigma = \cup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} W(T_0^N)$. Then for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma$, DDA method $(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_0^N)u = f$ is l^2 -stable and

$$\|(\lambda \mathbb{I} - T_0^N)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{\text{dist}(\lambda, \Sigma)}.$$

Details for the case $d = 3$: We write

$$K_{\kappa}(x) = -(D^2 + \kappa^2)G_{\kappa}(x) = (K_{\kappa,ij})_{i,j=1,2,3}$$

as integral (Mellin transform) of Gaussians

$$K_{\kappa}(x) = (K_{\kappa,ij})_{i,j=1,2,3},$$

with

$$\frac{1}{2\pi^{d/2}} \int_0^{\infty} (2z^2 \delta_{ij} - 4z^4 x_i x_j - \kappa^2 \delta_{ij}) z^{d-1} \exp(-|x|^2 z^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{4z^2}) dz, \quad \text{Re} \kappa^2 < 0$$

For $\beta > 0$, we split the integral over z at $z = \beta$:

$$K_{\kappa} = K_{\kappa}^F + K_{\kappa}^P,$$

with

$$K_{\kappa,ij}^F = \frac{1}{2\pi^{3/2}} \int_{\beta^2}^{\infty} (2z^2 \delta_{ij} - 4z^4 x_i x_j - \kappa^2 \delta_{ij}) z^2 \exp(-|x|^2 z^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{4z^2}) dz.$$

It is shown that

$$K_{\kappa,ij}^F(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi^{3/2}} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa/2)^{2q}}{q!} \left(-4\beta^{4-2q} \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2} \right. \\ \left. + ((2-4q)\delta_{ij} - 4(3/2-q) \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2}) I(3/2-q, \beta^2, r^2) \right)$$

where $I(m, x, z) = z^{-m} \Gamma(m, zx)$.

For K_{κ}^P , we use the Fourier transformed (Poisson summation formula)

$$\mathcal{F}\{K_{\kappa}^P\}(\xi) = \frac{\xi \xi^T - \kappa^2 \mathbb{I}_d}{|\xi|^2 - \kappa^2} \exp\left(\frac{-|\xi|^2 + \kappa^2}{4\beta^2}\right)$$

and $K_{\kappa}^F(0) = -K_{\kappa}^P(0)$ get the final Ewald summation:

$$F_{\kappa}^N(t) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \{0\}} K_{\kappa/N}(m) e^{im \cdot t} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} K_{\kappa/N}^F(m) e^{im \cdot t} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathcal{F}\{K_{\kappa/N}^P\}(t + 2\pi n)$$

Homogeneity: $\sigma_{\rho\kappa}(\rho\xi) = \sigma_{\kappa}(\xi)$ leads to $N^{-d} K_{\kappa}(m/N) = K_{\kappa/N}(m)$.

It is shown that

$$K_{\kappa,ij}^F(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi^{3/2}} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa/2)^{2q}}{q!} (-4\beta^{4-2q} \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2} + ((2-4q)\delta_{ij} - 4(3/2-q) \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2}) I(3/2-q, \beta^2, r^2))$$

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It is now evident that both the Fourier sum with K^F and the lattice sum with K^P converge exponentially.

The characteristic function \tilde{t} is a bounded 2π -periodic function on \mathbb{R}^3 whose values are real symmetric 3×3 matrices of trace 0 with elements

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{t}_{ij}(\xi) = & \sum_{m_1, m_2, m_3 = -M}^M \frac{1}{4\pi^{3/2}} \left(-4\beta^4 \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2} + (2\delta_{ij} - 6 \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2}) I(3/2, \beta^2, r^2) \right) e^{im \cdot \xi} \\ & + \sum_{n_1, n_2, n_3 = -N}^N \frac{(\xi_j + 2\pi n_j)(\xi_i + 2\pi n_i)}{|\xi + 2\pi n|^2} e^{-\frac{|\xi + 2\pi n|^2}{4\beta^2}} + R_{ij}^{(MN)}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

where in the first sum in the term with $m = (0, 0, 0)$ is understood to be $-(\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\pi}})^3$. As $M, N \rightarrow \infty$, the remainders $R^{(MN)}$ converge to zero uniformly exponentially fast.

Lemma

$\tilde{t}_\kappa(\xi) = \sigma_\kappa(\xi) + v(\kappa, \xi)$ where v is continuous on $B_\pi(0) \times Q$ and

$$v(\kappa, \xi) = -\frac{1}{d} + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2)$$

To bound $W(\sigma_\kappa(\xi))$, we notice that

$$\sigma_\kappa(\xi) = \frac{\xi \xi^T - \kappa^2 \mathbb{I}_d}{|\xi|^2 - \kappa^2} = \mathbb{I}_d + \frac{|\xi|^2}{\kappa^2 - |\xi|^2} (\mathbb{I}_d - \frac{\xi \xi^T}{|\xi|^2})$$

so $W(\sigma_\kappa(\xi)) = \{1\} + \frac{|\xi|^2}{\kappa^2 - |\xi|^2} [0, 1]$

Bound depending on $\arg \kappa(-\pi, \pi) \setminus \{0\}$ lead to **Theorem B**

Lemma: Plane wave representation for the imaginary part

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Im} G_{\kappa}(x) &= \frac{\kappa^{d-2}}{2^{d+1}\pi^{d-1}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} e^{i\kappa\xi \cdot x} \mathrm{d}s(\xi) \\ \operatorname{Im} K_{\kappa}(x) &= \frac{\kappa^{d-2}}{2^{d+1}\pi^{d-1}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} (\xi\xi^T - \mathbb{I}_d) e^{i\kappa\xi \cdot x} \mathrm{d}s(\xi)\end{aligned}$$

Let $F(u(\xi)) := \sum_{m \in \omega_N} (u_m - (u_m \cdot \xi)\xi) \exp(-i\kappa\xi \cdot m)$, then

$$\langle \bar{u}, \operatorname{Im} T_{\kappa}^N u \rangle = \frac{-\kappa^d}{2^{d+1}\pi^{d-1}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} |F(u(\xi))|^2 \mathrm{d}s(\xi) + \mu_+(\kappa) \|u\|_{\rho^2}^2$$

and $0 \leq |\tilde{u}(\xi)|^2 \leq |\omega_N| \|u\|_{\rho^2}^2$ results **Theorem C**.



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