

# Nonlinear n-term Approximation by Newtonian Potentials

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- By  $\partial_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial e_k}$  we denote differential operator in direction  $e_k$ . Then  $\partial^\beta := \partial_1^{\beta_1} \dots \partial_d^{\beta_d}$  is a differential operator of order  $|\beta|$ ,  $\nabla := (\partial_1, \dots, \partial_d)$  and  $\Delta := \partial_1^2 + \dots + \partial_d^2$  stays for the Laplacian. By  $\Delta_0$  we denote the Laplace-Beltrami operator on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ .

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## Main theorem

Let  $d \geq 2$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ . There exists  $c = c(d, p, s)$  such that for every  $U \in B_\tau^{s\tau}$ ,  $1/\tau = s/(d-1) + 1/p$ , and every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $|a_k| > 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , such that

$$\|U - g\|_{H^p} \leq cn^{-s/(d-1)} \|U\|_{B_\tau^{s\tau}},$$

where

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k |a_k - x|^{-d+2}, \quad d \geq 3,$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \ln 1/|a_k - x|, \quad d = 2.$$

The theorem remains true if  $B_\tau^{s\tau}$  is replaced by  $F_\tau^{s\tau}$ .



# Scheme of proof

The proof consists of the following steps:

- 1 Equivalence between Besov spaces  $B_p^{sq}(B^d)$  of harmonic functions on the unit ball  $B^d$  and Besov spaces  $B_p^{sq}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$  of distributions on the unit sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$
- 2 Frame theory in quasi-Banach spaces
- 3 Construction of new frames by “small perturbation” of “nice” existing frames in quasi-Banach spaces
- 4 Construction of combinations of a fixed number of Newtonian potentials which are well localized on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ .
- 5 Frame elements consisting of a fixed number of Newtonian potentials;
- 6 Construction of nonlinear n-term approximation of harmonic functions by Newtonian potentials

# Spherical harmonics

- The restriction to  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  of a **harmonic homogenous** polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  of degree  $k$  is called a **spherical harmonic of order  $k$** .
- $\mathcal{H}_k = \mathcal{H}_k^d$  denotes the space of all spherical harmonics of order  $k$  on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ .
- If  $f \in \mathcal{H}_k$  and  $U(r\xi) = r^k f(\xi)$  for  $r \in [0, \infty)$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ , then  $\Delta U = 0$ .
- The dimension of  $\mathcal{H}_k$  is  $N(k, d) = \frac{2k+d-2}{k} \binom{k+d-3}{k-1} \sim k^{d-1}$ .
- Let  $\{Y_{kj} : j = 1, \dots, N(k, d)\}$  be any real valued orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}_k$ . The **kernel  $P_k(x \cdot y)$  of the orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{H}_k$**  has the representation

$$P_k(x \cdot y) = \sum_{j=1}^{N(k,d)} Y_{kj}(x) Y_{kj}(y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}.$$

# Coefficients of harmonic functions

- The coefficients  $c_{kj}(U)$  of  $U \in \mathcal{H}(B^d)$  are defined by

$$c_{kj}(U) := \frac{1}{\rho^k} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} U(\rho\eta) Y_{kj}(\eta) d\sigma(\eta)$$

for some  $0 < \rho < 1$ .

- $c_{kj}(U)$  are independent of the choice of  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ .
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- We shall be interested in harmonic functions  $U \in \mathcal{H}(B^d)$  such that

$$|c_{kj}(U)| \leq c(k+1)^\mu, \quad j = 1, \dots, N(k, d), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (1)$$

for some constants  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c > 0$  depending on  $U$ .

For any  $U \in \mathcal{H}(B^d)$ , obeying (1), and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  we define

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- The real interpolation methods preserve the system of spaces  $B_p^{sq}$  or  $F_p^{sq}$  for fixed  $p$ .

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- The **class of test functions**:  $\mathcal{S} := C^\infty(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$  consisting of all functions  $\phi$  on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  such that

$$\|P_k * \phi\|_2 \leq c(\phi, m)(1 + k)^{-m} \quad \forall k, m \geq 0.$$

The topology in  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined by the sequence of norms

$$Q_m(\phi) := \sum_{k \geq 0} (k+1)^m \|P_k * \phi\|_2 = \sum_{k \geq 0} (k+1)^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N(k,d)} |\langle \phi, Y_{kj} \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Distributions on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ 

- The space  $\mathcal{S}' := \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$  of distributions on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  is defined as the space of all continuous linear functionals on  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- The pairing of  $f \in \mathcal{S}'$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}$  will be denoted by  $\langle f, \phi \rangle := f(\phi)$ , which is consistent with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} fg d\sigma$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ .
- More precisely,  $\mathcal{S}'$  consists of all linear functionals  $f$  on  $\mathcal{S}$  for which there exist constants  $c > 0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that

$$|\langle f, \phi \rangle| \leq cQ_m(\phi) \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

- For any  $f \in \mathcal{S}'$  we define  $P_k * f$  by

$$P_k * f(x) := \langle f, P_k(x \cdot \bullet) \rangle.$$

Hence  $P_k * f \in \mathcal{H}_k$  and for some  $c > 0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have

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# Littlewood-Paley decomposition of distributions

Let the cut-off function  $\varphi \in C^\infty[0, \infty)$  be such that  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset [1/2, 2]$ ,  $\varphi(t) > 0$  for  $t \in [3/5, 5/3]$ , and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi(2^{-j}t) = 1 \quad \text{for } t \in [1, \infty).$$

Set

$$\Phi_0 := P_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_j := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{k}{2^{j-1}}\right) P_k, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

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Besov and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces on  $B^d$  and  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ :

- Greenwald 1974, 1977, Besov spaces termed “Lipschitz spaces” on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ;
- Oswald 1983,  $d = 2$ , “On Besov-Hardy-Sobolev spaces of analytic functions in the unit disc”

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We also assume that  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{b}(\mathcal{X})$  with quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathfrak{b}}$  is an associated to  $\mathfrak{B}$  quasi-Banach space of real-valued sequences with domain a countable index set  $\mathcal{X}$ . Coupled with a frame  $\Psi$  the sequence space  $\mathfrak{b}$  will be utilized for characterization of the space  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

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We also assume that  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{b}(\mathcal{X})$  with quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathfrak{b}}$  is an associated to  $\mathfrak{B}$  quasi-Banach space of real-valued sequences with domain a countable index set  $\mathcal{X}$ . Coupled with a frame  $\Psi$  the sequence space  $\mathfrak{b}$  will be utilized for characterization of the space  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

The triangle inequalities in  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are ( $\kappa^* \geq 1$ )

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Examples:  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathcal{B}_p^{sq}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ ,  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{b}_p^{sq}(\mathcal{X})$ ;  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathcal{F}_p^{sq}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ ,  $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{f}_p^{sq}(\mathcal{X})$

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We call  $\Psi$  the **“old frame”**. Examples for  $\Psi$ : needlet systems.

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**Remark.** If  $\mathfrak{B} = L^2$ , then **B2**, **B3** and **B4** follow from **B1**.

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**Problem.** How to compute or bounded the operator norm?

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where  $P_\nu$  is an algebraic polynomial of degree  $\nu$ , such that  $P_\nu(x \cdot y)$  is the kernel of the orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{H}_\nu^d$ .

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Needlet frames on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ : Narcowich, Petrushev, Wards 2006

# Function and sequence Besov spaces

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Sequence Besov space  $b_p^{sq}(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$

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Suppose  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ . Set  $\mathcal{J} = (d-1)/\min\{1, p, q\}$ . For a fixed  $\delta > 0$  assume that  $K, M \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $K \geq \max\{s, \mathcal{J} - s - d + 1\} + \delta$  and  $M \geq \mathcal{J} + \delta$ . Then  $\Omega_{K,M}$  is a bounded operator on  $f_p^{sq}$ .

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## Reformulated sufficient condition

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## Sufficient condition (repeated)

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## Technical theorem

Let  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $M > K + d - 1$ ,  $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $N_2 \geq N_1 \geq 1$ ,  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$ . Assume  $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ ,  $g \in W_\infty^K(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ , and  $\tilde{g}(x) := g(x/|x|)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ . Furthermore, assume that for some  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$

$$\left| \partial^\beta \tilde{g}(x) \right| \leq \frac{\kappa_1 N_1^{|\beta|+d-1}}{(1 + N_1 \rho(x_1, x))^M}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}, \quad 0 \leq |\beta| \leq K,$$

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Then

$$|\langle g, f \rangle| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} g(x) f(x) d\sigma(x) \right| \leq c \frac{\kappa_1 \kappa_2 (N_1/N_2)^K N_1^{d-1}}{(1 + N_1 \rho(x_1, x_2))^M},$$

where  $c$  depends only on  $d$ ,  $K$ , and  $M$ .

# Construction scheme

It will be convenient to approximate the  $L^1$  normalized frame elements  $\psi_\xi^\diamond(x) := \Psi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot x)$ , by  $L^1$  normalized new frame elements  $\{\theta_\xi^\diamond\}$ . The constructions of the new frame elements  $\{\theta_\xi^\diamond\}$  will be carried out in four steps:

- (a) Approximation of  $\Psi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot x)$ ,  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$ , by convolving with the potential  $F_\varepsilon$  for appropriate values of  $\varepsilon$ .
- (b) Discretization of the convolutions by using simple cubature weights.
- (c) Truncation of the resulting sums.
- (d) Approximation of the truncated sums by discrete versions of the operators involved.

These approximation steps will be governed by four small parameters:  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$ ,  $\gamma_3$ ,  $\gamma_4$ .

For  $N = 2^j$  and  $K \in 2\mathbb{N}$ , we set

$$\Psi_N(u) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) P_k(u) = \sum_{k=N/2}^{2N} \varphi\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) P_k(u),$$

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$$\Phi_N(u) := (-1)^{K/2} \sum_{k=N/2}^{2N} \varphi\left(\frac{k}{N}\right) [k(k+d-1)]^{-K/2} P_k(u),$$

where  $P_k(x \cdot y)$  is the kernel of the orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{H}_k^d$ . Hence

$$-\Delta_0 P_k(\xi \cdot x) = k(k+d-1)P_k(\xi \cdot x)$$

implying

$$\Delta_0^{K/2} \Phi_N(\xi \cdot x) = \Psi_N(\xi \cdot x), \quad \xi, x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}.$$

Here  $\Delta_0$  is the Laplace-Beltrami operator on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ .

For any  $\xi \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  and  $M > 0$  we have

$$\left| \partial^\beta \tilde{\Phi}_N(\xi; x) \right| \leq c \frac{N^{-K+|\beta|+d-1}}{(1+N\rho(x_0, x))^M}, \quad x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}, \quad 0 \leq |\beta| \leq K,$$

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The functions  $g_1(\xi; x)$ ,  $g_2(\xi; x)$  and  $g_3(\xi; x)$  should be viewed as consecutive approximations of  $\Phi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot x)$ .

We obtain consecutive approximations of  $\Psi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot x)$  by applying  $\Delta_0^{K/2}$  in the definitions of  $g_1, g_2, g_3$ . We set

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(\xi; x) &:= \Delta_0^{K/2} g_1(\xi; x) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \Phi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot y) \Delta_0^{K/2} F_\varepsilon(y \cdot x) d\sigma(y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \Psi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot y) F_\varepsilon(y \cdot x) d\sigma(y) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \Psi_{N_\xi}(x \cdot y) F_\varepsilon(y \cdot \xi) d\sigma(y), \\ h_2(\xi; x) &:= \Delta_0^{K/2} g_2(\xi; x) = \sum_{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_j} w_\zeta \Phi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot \zeta) \Delta_0^{K/2} F_\varepsilon(\zeta \cdot x), \\ h_3(\xi; x) &:= \Delta_0^{K/2} g_3(\xi; x) = \sum_{\substack{\zeta \in \mathcal{Z}_j \\ \rho(\zeta, \xi) \leq \delta_j}} w_\zeta \Phi_{N_\xi}(\xi \cdot \zeta) \Delta_0^{K/2} F_\varepsilon(\zeta \cdot x). \end{aligned}$$

We used that the operator  $\Delta_0$  is self-adjointed and the commutativity of the scalar product of zonal functions.

Observe that  $h_1$  is a zonal function, while, in general,  $h_2$  and  $h_3$  are not zonal functions. Furthermore,  $h_3(\xi; x)$  is a linear combination of finitely many (independent of  $\xi$ ) terms of type  $\Delta_0^{K/2} (\zeta \cdot \nabla)^\ell |(1 + \varepsilon)\zeta - x|^{-d+2}$ .



# Approximation of the Laplace-Beltrami operator

The rotation  $Q_{1,2,t} \in SO(d)$  is given by

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and  $Q_{i,\ell,t}\zeta$  is defined similarly for every  $1 \leq i < \ell \leq d$ . The translation operator corresponding to the rotation  $Q_{i,\ell,t}$ ,  $1 \leq i < \ell \leq d$ , is given by

$$T(Q_{i,\ell,t})f(\zeta) := f(Q_{i,\ell,t}^{-1}\zeta) = f(Q_{i,\ell,-t}\zeta).$$

Define the operator  $\mathfrak{L}_t$  by

$$\mathfrak{L}_t f(\zeta) := t^{-2} \sum_{1 \leq i < \ell \leq d} (T(Q_{i,\ell,t})f(\zeta) + T(Q_{i,\ell,-t})f(\zeta) - 2f(\zeta)).$$

Then  $\mathfrak{L}_t$  approximates  $\Delta_0 f(\zeta)$  for small  $t$ .

The powers of  $\mathfrak{L}_t$  are defined iteratively by  $\mathfrak{L}_t^k := \mathfrak{L}_t(\mathfrak{L}_t^{k-1})$ .

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### Theorem

Let  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $M > K + d - 1$ ,  $d \geq 2$ . Then for any  $\gamma_0 > 0$  there exist constants  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4 > 0$  depending only on  $d, K, M, \gamma_0$ , such that for every  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}$  there exists  $t > 0$  depending only on  $d, K, M, \gamma_0, N_\xi$  such that the element  $\theta_\xi^\diamond$  obeys

$$|\langle \psi_\eta^\diamond, \psi_\xi^\diamond - \theta_\xi^\diamond \rangle| \leq \gamma_0 \omega_{\xi, \eta}^\diamond, \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{X}.$$

# Construction

Every element  $\theta_\xi$  of the new frame  $\Theta$  is a linear combination of  $n_0$  Newtonian potentials.

Denote by  $S$  the frame operator,  $Sf = \sum_{\xi \in \mathcal{X}} \langle f, \theta_\xi \rangle \theta_\xi$ . Then

$$f = \sum_{\xi \in \mathcal{X}} \langle f, S^{-1}\theta_\xi \rangle \theta_\xi.$$

Let  $U \in B_\tau^{s\tau}(B^d)$  have the boundary distribution  $f_U \in \mathcal{B}_\tau^{s\tau}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ . The function norm of  $f_U$  in  $\mathcal{B}_\tau^{s\tau}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$  is equivalent to the norm of  $\{\langle f_U, S^{-1}\theta_\xi \rangle\}$  in the sequence Besov space  $b_\tau^{s\tau}(\mathcal{X})$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{\langle f_U, S^{-1}\theta_\xi \rangle\}\|_{b_\tau^{s\tau}(\mathcal{X})} = \\ \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi \in \mathcal{X}_j} \left( N_\xi^{(s+(d-1)/2-(d-1)/\tau)} |\langle f_U, S^{-1}\theta_\xi \rangle| \right)^\tau \right)^{1/\tau} \end{aligned}$$

with  $N_\xi = 2^j$  for  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}_j$ .

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and set

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The poles of  $g$  are located around the points

$$(1 + \gamma_1 N_\xi)\xi, \quad \xi \in \mathcal{Z}_n.$$

Thank you!