

# Adaptive wavelet algorithms for solving operator equations

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# Overview

Ideal benchmark: Nonlinear approximation

Optimal adaptive wavelet algorithm

Numerical illustration



# Elliptic operator equation

$$Au = f$$

- $u \in \mathcal{H}$  (separable Hilbert space),  $f \in \mathcal{H}'$
- $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'$  linear, self-adjoint,  $\mathcal{H}$ -elliptic

$$\langle Av, v \rangle \geq c \|v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \quad v \in \mathcal{H}$$

- Example: Reaction-diffusion equation  $\mathcal{H} = H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$\langle Au, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \kappa^2 uv$$



# Adaptive wavelet algorithms

- Wavelet basis  $\Psi = (\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  ( $\|\sum_i a_i \psi_i\|_{\mathcal{H}} \approx \| (a_i)_i \|_{\ell_2}$ )
- $U_\varepsilon : f \mapsto \tilde{u} = \sum_{i \in E} a_i \psi_i$  ( $E \subset \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\|\tilde{u} - u\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \varepsilon$ )
- **Non-adaptive**:  $E = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  for some  $k$
- **Adaptive**: no (or mild) constraint

## Computational model 1

Complexity measure:  $\#E$  as a function of  $\varepsilon$



# Best $N$ -term approximation

Given  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ , approximate  $u$  using  $N$  wavelets

$$\Sigma_N := \left\{ \sum_{i \in E} a_i \psi_i : \#E \leq N, a_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Linear

$$S_N := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \psi_i : a_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$



# Nonlinear vs. linear approximation in $H^t(\Omega)$

Using wavelets of order  $d$

## Nonlinear approximation

If  $u \in B_p^{t+ns}(L_p)$  with  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} + s$  for some  $s \in (0, \frac{d-t}{n})$

$$\text{dist}(u, \Sigma_N) \leq cN^{-s}$$

## Linear approximation

If  $u \in H^{t+ns}$  for some  $s \in (0, \frac{d-t}{n}]$ , uniform refinement

$$\text{dist}(u, S_N) \leq cN^{-s}$$

Poisson on polygon:  $u \in H^{1+2s}$  for only  $s < \frac{\pi}{\alpha}$ ,  $u \in B_p^{1+ns}(L_p)$  for  $\forall s > 0$



# Approximation spaces

- **Approximation space**  $\mathcal{A}^s := \{v \in \mathcal{H} : \text{dist}(v, \Sigma_N) \leq cN^{-s}\}$
- **Quasi-norm**  $|v|_{\mathcal{A}^s} := \|v\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \sup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} N^s \text{dist}(v, \Sigma_N)$
- $B_p^{t+ns}(L_p) \subset \mathcal{A}^s$  with  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} + s$  for  $s \in (0, \frac{d-t}{n})$



# Model of computation

With **unit cost**:

- Real number model:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\dots$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , function evaluations
- multiplication by a scalar, addition in  $\mathcal{H}$ , e.g.,  $a_i\psi_i$   
 $U_\varepsilon(f)$  lin. comb. of  $N$  wavs.  $\Rightarrow \text{cost}(U_\varepsilon, f) \geq N$
- Availability of certain subroutine(s)





# Complexity of the problem

- $U_\varepsilon : F \ni f \mapsto \tilde{u}$  algorithm for solving  $Au = f$
- $\text{cost}(U_\varepsilon, F) := \sup_{f \in F} \text{cost}(U_\varepsilon, f)$
- $\text{comp}(\varepsilon, F) := \inf\{\text{cost}(U_\varepsilon, F) : \text{over all } U_\varepsilon\}$

Since  $v \in \mathcal{A}^s \Leftrightarrow \text{dist}(v, \Sigma_N) \leq cN^{-s}$ , we have

$$\text{comp}(\varepsilon, A(\mathcal{A}^s)) \geq C\varepsilon^{-1/s}$$



# Equivalent problem in $\ell_2$

[Cohen, Dahmen, DeVore '01, '02]

- Wavelet basis  $\Psi = (\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$
- **Stiffness**  $\mathbf{A} = (\langle A\psi_i, \psi_k \rangle)_{i,k}$  and **load**  $\mathbf{f} = (\langle f, \psi_i \rangle)_i$

Linear equation in  $\ell_2$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}, \quad \mathbf{A} : \ell_2 \rightarrow \ell_2 \text{ SPD and } \mathbf{f} \in \ell_2$$

- $u = \sum_i \mathbf{u}_i \psi_i$  is **the solution** of  $Au = f$
- $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2} \approx \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}$  with  $v = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i \psi_i$



# Galerkin solutions

- $\|\cdot\| := \langle \mathbf{A}\cdot, \cdot \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is a **norm** on  $\ell_2$
- $E \subset \mathbb{N}$
- $\mathbf{I}_E : \ell_2(E) \rightarrow \ell_2$  incl.,  $\mathbf{P}_E := \mathbf{I}_E^*$
- $\mathbf{A}_E := \mathbf{P}_E \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_E : \ell_2(E) \rightarrow \ell_2(E)$  SPD
- $\mathbf{f}_E := \mathbf{P}_E \mathbf{f} \in \ell_2(E)$

## Lemma

A unique solution  $\mathbf{u}_E \in \ell_2(E)$  to  $\mathbf{A}_E \mathbf{u}_E = \mathbf{f}_E$  exists, and

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_E\| = \inf_{\mathbf{v} \in \ell_2(E)} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$$



# Galerkin orthogonality

$$\mathbf{A}_E \mathbf{u}_E = \mathbf{f}_E$$

- for  $\mathbf{v}_E \in \ell_2(E)$ :

$$0 = \langle \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_E, \mathbf{v}_E \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_E), \mathbf{v}_E \rangle$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_E - \mathbf{v}_E\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_E\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}_E\|^2$$



# Error reduction

$$E_0 \subset E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{E_0} \mathbf{u}_{E_0} = \mathbf{f}_{E_0}, \quad \mathbf{A}_{E_1} \mathbf{u}_{E_1} = \mathbf{f}_{E_1}$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{E_1}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{E_0}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{u}_{E_1} - \mathbf{u}_{E_0}\|^2$$

## Lemma [CDD01]

Let  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ , and  $E_1 \supset E_0$  be s.t.

$$\|\mathbf{P}_{E_1}(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_{E_0})\|_{\ell_2} \geq \mu \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_{E_0}\|_{\ell_2}$$

Then we have

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{E_1}\| \leq \sqrt{1 - \kappa(\mathbf{A})^{-1} \mu^2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{E_0}\|$$



# Ideal algorithm

**SOLVE** $[\varepsilon] \rightarrow \mathbf{u}_k$

$k := 0; E_0 := \emptyset$

do

Solve  $\mathbf{A}_{E_k} \mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{f}_{E_k}$

$\mathbf{r}_k := \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_k$

determine a set  $E_{k+1} \supset E_k$ , with minimal cardinality, such that  $\|\mathbf{P}_{E_{k+1}} \mathbf{r}_k\|_{\ell_2} \geq \mu \|\mathbf{r}_k\|_{\ell_2}$

$k := k + 1$

while  $\|\mathbf{r}_k\| > \varepsilon$



# Approximate iterations

Assume:  $u \in \mathcal{A}^s$  for some  $s \in (0, \frac{d-t}{n})$

**RHS** $[\varepsilon] \rightarrow \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon$  with  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon\|_{\ell_2} \leq \varepsilon$

- $\#\text{supp } \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon \leq C\varepsilon^{-1/s}$
- $\text{cost} \leq C(\varepsilon^{-1/s} + 1)$

**APPLY** $_A[\mathbf{v}, \varepsilon] \rightarrow \mathbf{w}_\varepsilon$  with  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}_\varepsilon\|_{\ell_2} \leq \varepsilon$

- $\#\text{supp } \mathbf{w}_\varepsilon \leq C\varepsilon^{-1/s}$
- $\text{cost} \leq C(\varepsilon^{-1/s} + \#\text{supp } \mathbf{v} + 1)$

**RES** $[\mathbf{v}, \varepsilon] := \mathbf{RHS}[\varepsilon/2] - \mathbf{APPLY}_A[\mathbf{v}, \varepsilon/2]$



# The subroutine $\mathbf{APPLY}_A$

- $(\psi_i)_i$  are piecewise polynomial wavelets that are **sufficiently smooth** and have **sufficiently many vanishing moments**
- $A$  is either **differential** or **singular integral** operator

Then we can construct  $\mathbf{APPLY}_A$  satisfying the requirements.

Ref: [CDD01], [Stevenson '04], [Gantumur, Stevenson '05,'06], [Dahmen, Harbrecht, Schneider '05]





# Optimal expansion

**Lemma** [Gantumur, Harbrecht, Stevenson '05]

Let  $\mu \in (0, \kappa(\mathbf{A})^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ . Then **the smallest set**  $E \supset \text{supp } \mathbf{w}$  with

$$\|\mathbf{P}_E(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w})\|_{\ell_2} \geq \mu \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}\|_{\ell_2}$$

satisfies

$$\#(E \setminus \text{supp } \mathbf{w}) \leq C \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w}\|_{\ell_2}^{-1/s}$$



# Optimal complexity

## Theorem [GHS05]

**SOLVE** $[\varepsilon] \rightarrow \mathbf{w}$  terminates with  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}\|_{\ell_2} \leq \varepsilon$ . Whenever  $u \in \mathcal{A}^s$  with  $s \in (0, \frac{d-t}{n})$ , we have

- $\#\text{supp } \mathbf{w} \leq C\varepsilon^{-1/s}$
- $\text{cost} \leq C\varepsilon^{-1/s}$

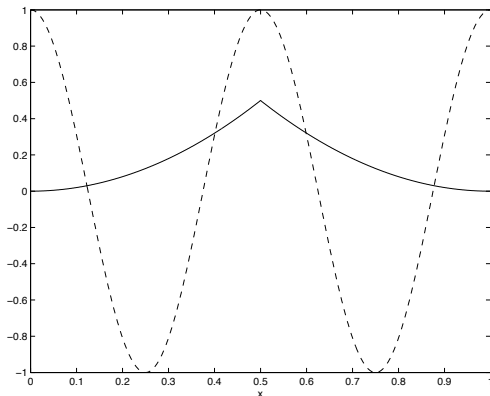
## Further result

- Can be extended to mildly nonsymmetric and indefinite problems [Gantumur '06]



# Numerical illustration

- The problem:  $-\Delta u + u = f$  on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  ( $t = 1$ )
- $u \in H^{1+s}$  only for  $s < \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $u \in B_{\tau,\tau}^{1+s}$  for any  $s > 0$



# Convergence histories

- B-spline wavelets of order  $d=3$  with 3 vanishing moments from [Cohen, Daubechies, Feauveau '92]  $\Rightarrow u \in \mathcal{A}^s$  for any  $s < \frac{d-t}{n} = \frac{3-1}{1} = 2$

