



A hybrid Chebyshev-Tucker tensor format with applications to multi-particle modelling

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or $\mathbf{F}$ contains projection of f on some basis functions

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Remark

- $\delta = \max_{k, \ell} \|q_k^{(\ell)} - g_k^{(\ell)}\|_\infty$, ε is the RHOSVD truncation error.
- $\delta \lesssim e^{-C_1 m}$ for smooth $q_k^{(\ell)}$
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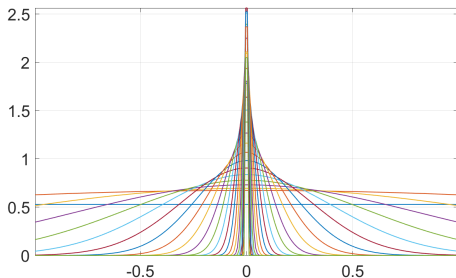


Analytic CP approximation for Newton kernel

- $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$: projection-collocation tensor of Newton kernel $p(x) = 1/\|x\|$ on a $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$ 3D uniform grid:

$$p_{\mathbf{i}} := \int_{[-1,1]^3} \frac{\psi_{\mathbf{i}}(x)}{\|x\|} dx = \frac{1}{h^3} \int_{t_{i_1-1}^{(1)}}^{t_{i_1}^{(1)}} \int_{t_{i_2-1}^{(2)}}^{t_{i_2}^{(2)}} \int_{t_{i_3-1}^{(3)}}^{t_{i_3}^{(3)}} \frac{1}{\|x\|} dx_1 dx_2 dx_3,$$

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ChebTuck approximation of the Newton kernel

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- ChebTuck storage: $\mathcal{O}(dmr + r^3)$

$$\text{err} := \max_{i_1, i_2} \left| \mathbf{P}_R(i_1, i_2, n/2) - \hat{f}_{\mathbf{m}}(t_{i_1}, t_{i_2}, t_{n/2}) \right| / \max_{i_1, i_2} |\mathbf{P}_R(i_1, i_2, n/2)|$$

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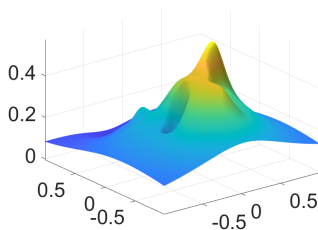
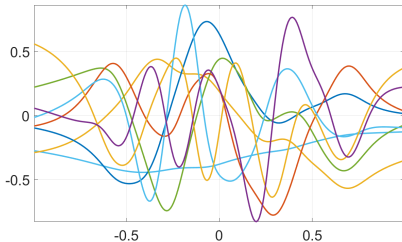
Good approximation accuracy with $m \ll n$!

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- For a protein-like molecule with $N = 500$. Plot of canonical vectors of $\mathbf{P}_l$ and $\mathbf{P}_l(:, :, n/2)$.



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ChebTuck approximation error for a protein-like molecule

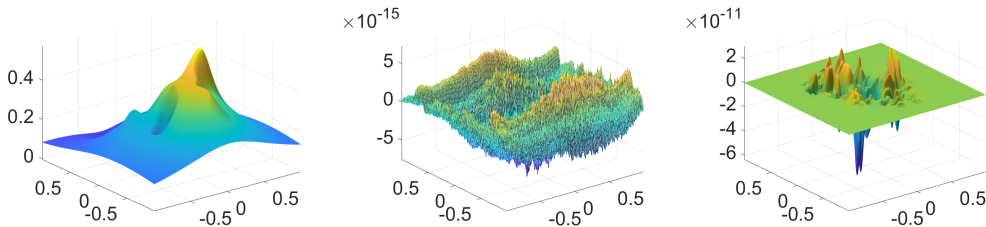


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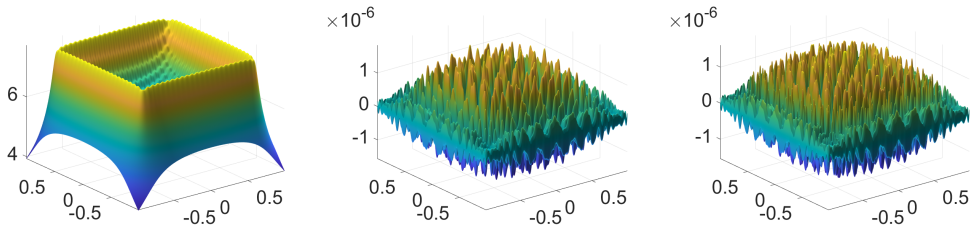


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