Optimal spline spaces and outlier-removal strategies in isogeometric analysis

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Looking for a discrete approximation $u_n(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i(t)B_i(\mathbf{x})$ and using a Galerkin method leads to the semi-discrete problem

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where

$$M_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} B_i(\mathbf{x}) B_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}, \quad K_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla B_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla B_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

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Requirement: Smallest eigenvalues must not change!



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Mass lumping in Isogeometric Analysis

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: L^2 -norm

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$$\omega_j := \lambda_j (-\Delta)^{1/2}$$

• $\omega_{h,j} := \lambda_j (K, M)^{1/2}$



 $\blacktriangleright p - k$ branches

only a single branch approximates the true spectrum

• maximal smoothness (k = p - 1) no spurious branches

See [Cottrell et al. 2006], [Hughes et al. 2008], [Garoni et al. 2019]...

Outliers

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Note that the constant $C = d_n(A^r)$ can also be achieved for other projections than Π_n (for example for Ritz projections).

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 The above limit is not 1 for C⁰ (FEM/SEM) or C⁻¹ (DG) [Bressan and S. 2019].

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Even derivatives



Odd derivatives



Figure: Basis functions for $\mathbb{S}_{p,n,1}$ of degree p = 0, 1, 2, 3 for n = 5. Similar to the 'reduced spline spaces' in [Takacs and Takacs 2016]

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The argument also covers the tensor-product case and the biharmonic/polyharmonic case [Manni, S., Speleers 2023].

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Spline approximation constant



Figure: Numerical values of $C_{p,k,r}^{\text{Spline}}$ for r = p + 1 and different choices of $p \ge 1$ and $-1 \le k \le p - 1$, see [S., Manni, Speleers 2020].

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Example: Laplacian in 1D



Mass lumping in higher dimensions: Strategy 1



Figure: Example: Block tridiagonal matrix \mathcal{P}_2 constructed from a block septadiagonal matrix $\mathcal B$

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It requires computing the last r eigenvalues $\lambda_j(K, P_i)$, $j = n - r + 1, \dots n$ and their corresponding eigenfunctions. Using Lanczos method has essentially the same computational cost as time-stepping forward.

Example: Laplacian on trimmed domain



Figure: Shifted and rotated square

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It was observed in [Leidinger 2020] that the diagonal row-sum lumping strategy does not need to be mass scaled when trimming. However, there are outliers among the lowest eigenvalues.

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- Due to the relatively small amount of outlier-frequencies when using maximally smooth splines we have seen that a classical deflation technique works very well in this case.

Thank you for your attention!