# Adaptive RBF-FD method (Adaptivna RBF-FD metoda)

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## Overview



- Thesis repo (includes this presentation): https://gitlab.com/jureslak/phd
- Thesis overview
  - 1. RBFs and their properties
  - 2. Local strong form operator approximations
  - 3. Domain discretization generation
  - 4. Fully automatic adaptivity
  - 5. Implementation
- Main results (chapters 3, 4, and 5)
  - Node generation algorithms
  - *h*-adaptivity for RBF-FD
  - Implementation

## Classification of RBF-FD



	mesh/grid-based	meshless
strong-form	FDM	FPM, RBF-FD, GFDM
weak form	FEM, IGA BI	EM EFG, MLPG



## **RBF-FD** method: **RBFs**



RBF: function of form  $\varphi(||x||)$ 



[Wen04] H. Wendland, *Scattered data approximation*, Cambridge Monographs on Applied and Computational Mathematics **17**, Cambridge University Press, 2004



Strong form approximations:

$$(\mathcal{L}u)(p) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i u(p_i)$$

Enforce exactness for a class of functions:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varphi(\|p_1 - p_1\|) \cdots \varphi(\|p_n - p_1\|) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \varphi(\|p_1 - p_n\|) \cdots \varphi(\|p_n - p_n\|) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}\varphi(\|p - p_1\|) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{L}\varphi(\|p - p_n\|) \end{bmatrix},$$

Obtain  $w_{\mathcal{L},p} \approx \mathcal{L}|_p$ . Solvable? Yes!

## RBF-FD method: accuracy and conditioning

Sometimes computable in closed form:

$$w = \left\{ \frac{\frac{4h^2 e^{\frac{3h^2}{\sigma^2}}}{\sigma^4 \left(e^{\frac{2h^2}{\sigma^2}} - 1\right)^2}, -\frac{2\left(\sigma^2 e^{\frac{4h^2}{\sigma^2}} + e^{\frac{2h^2}{\sigma^2}}\left(4h^2 - 2\sigma^2\right) + \sigma^2\right)}{\sigma^4 \left(e^{\frac{2h^2}{\sigma^2}} - 1\right)^2}, \frac{4h^2 e^{\frac{3h^2}{\sigma^2}}}{\sigma^4 \left(e^{\frac{2h^2}{\sigma^2}} - 1\right)^2}\right\}$$

Approximation error:

$$w^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{u} = u''(x_0) + h^2 \left(\frac{u(x_0)}{\sigma^4} + \frac{u''(x_0)}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{12}u^{(4)}(x_0)\right) + O\left(h^3\right)$$



Some proposed solutions:

- Stable computation of  $w_{\mathcal{L},p}$
- Polyharmonic RBF  $\varphi(r)=r^k$  and monomial augmentation



Challenges: computational time, stability wrt. nodal positioning

Develop a fully automatic adaptive solution procedure for RBF-FD.

- 1. Discretize the domain
- 2. Solve the problem
- 3. Estimate the error
- 4. If the error is below threshold, return the solution. Else:
- 5. Refine the discretization
- 6. Go to 2

Many different ways of estimation and refinement.

Our choice: *h*-refinement, "re-meshing" approach, gradient-based error indicators

## Domain discretization

Domain discretization: boundary nodes + internal nodes + stencils

Stencils: k closest nodes

Domain generation algorithm requirements:

- Sufficient quality
- Variable density
- 2D and 3D (and more?)
- Boundaries and interiors
- Computational complexity

Result: new algorithms for node generation

J. Slak and G. Kosec, *On generation of node distributions for meshless PDE discretizations*, SIAM J. Sci. Comput. 41(5):A3202–A3229, 2019.

U. Duh, G. Kosec, and J. Slak, Fast variable density node generation on

parametric surfaces with application to mesh-free methods, arXiv:2005.08767,

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For uniform nodes:

Definition (Fill distance)

$$h_{X,\Omega} = 2 \sup_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \Omega} \min_{j=1,\dots,n} \|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_j\|$$

#### Definition (Separation distance)

$$s_X = \min_{1 \le i < j \le n} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{x}_j\|.$$

Definition (Node set ratio)

$$\gamma_{X,\Omega} = \frac{h_{X,\Omega}}{s_X}.$$

#### Node set regularity



Approximation theorems: convergence:  $h_{X,\Omega}$ , stability:  $s_X$ .





- Enqueue the "seed nodes"
- In each iteration, remove a node p and generate candidates at a radius h(p).
- Enqueue the accepted candidates
- Repeat until the queue is empty



#### Node generation in domain interior





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**Time complexity:** using a structure *S*:

 $T_{S}(N) = I_{S}(N) + O(N(T_{h} + n_{c}(T_{\Omega} + Q_{S}(N)))) + NI_{S}(N)$ 

k-d tree:  $O(N \log N)$ , k-d grid (uniform data): O(N)

**Finiteness:** Bounded domain and positive h are not enough. h must be bounded away from 0.

Minimal spacing



Assume seed notes are valid. Constant h:

$$\|p_i - p_j\| \ge h$$

Theorem (Minimal spacing guarantee)

$$\|p_i - p_j\| \ge h(p_{\beta(j)})$$

Other options h:



 $\|p_i - p_j\| \ge \max(h_i, h_j), \min(h_i, h_j), h_i, h_j$ 

Examples





## **Quasi-uniformity**







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Execution time







Regular parametrization:

$$r \colon \Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_\Lambda} o \partial \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$

Place parameters, map to points.



 $\boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda} + \alpha \vec{s}) = \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) + \alpha \nabla \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \vec{s} + \boldsymbol{R}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \alpha, \vec{s})$ 



Finding the distance  $\alpha$ :

$$egin{aligned} h(m{r}(m{\lambda})) &= \|m{r}(m{\lambda}) - m{r}(m{\lambda}) - lpha 
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Actual distance:

$$\hat{h}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \vec{s}) = \left\| \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) - \boldsymbol{r} \left( \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \frac{h(\boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}))}{\|\nabla \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})\vec{s}\|} \vec{s} \right) \right\|.$$





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#### More general embedded manifolds: non-orientable, co-dimension







$$\begin{split} |\Delta h(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \vec{s})| &\leq \max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \Lambda} \left( \frac{\sqrt{d_{\Lambda}}}{2} h(\boldsymbol{p})^2 \frac{\max_{i=1,...,d_{\Lambda}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\zeta} \in \bar{B}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \rho_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}) \cap \Lambda} \sigma_1((\nabla \nabla r_i)(\boldsymbol{\zeta}))}{\sigma_{d_{\Lambda}}(\nabla \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}))^2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\sqrt{d_{\Lambda}}}{2} h_M^2 \frac{\sigma_{1,M}(\nabla \nabla \boldsymbol{r})}{\sigma_{d_{\Lambda},m}^2(\nabla \boldsymbol{r})}, \\ \text{where} \qquad h_M^2 &= \max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \Lambda} h(\boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}))^2, \\ &\sigma_{1,M}(\nabla \nabla \boldsymbol{r}) = \max_{i=1,...,d_{\Lambda}} \max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \Lambda} \sigma_1((\nabla \nabla r_i)(\boldsymbol{\lambda})), \\ &\sigma_{d_{\Lambda},m}(\nabla \boldsymbol{r}) = \min_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \Lambda} \sigma_{d_{\Lambda}}(\nabla \boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})), \end{split}$$

## Variable density







Also explored in the thesis:

- Node quality for surface node placing
- Node quality for variable density distributions
- Better node quality measures
- Execution time for variable density distributions
- Time complexity for surface nodes

One final item: Behavior of the method on generated nodes.

#### PDE accuracy





Solving a Poisson problem in  $\Omega_2$  and  $\Omega_3$  using RBF-FD with  $\varphi(r) = r^3$ , n closest neighbor stencils and uniform discretization. Each gray point is one run.

The node placing algorithm and the method work well together.



With robust node generation, we can move on to adaptivity.

**Result:** A fully automatic *h*-adaptive "re-meshing" procedure for RBF-FD.

[SK19a] J. Slak and G. Kosec. *Refined Meshless Local Strong Form solution of Cauchy–Navier equation on an irregular domain*, Engineering analysis with boundary elements **100**:3–13, 2019.

[SK19b] J. Slak and G. Kosec, *Adaptive radial basis function-generated finite differences method for contact problems*, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering **119**(7):661–686, 2019.



Adapt the spacing function, not the discretization.

$$h_i^{(j+1)} := \max\{\min\{h_i^{(j)}/f_i^{(j)}, h_{\sf d}({\bm x}_i)\}, h_{\sf r}({\bm x}_i)\},$$
 where the density increase factor  $f_i^{(j)}$  is defined as

$$f_i^{(j)} = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{\varepsilon_{\mathsf{d}} - \hat{e}_i^{(j)}}{\varepsilon_{\mathsf{d}} - m^{(j)}} (\frac{1}{\alpha_{\mathsf{d}}} - 1), & \hat{e}_i^{(j)} \le \varepsilon_{\mathsf{d}}, \\ 1, & \varepsilon_{\mathsf{d}} < \hat{e}_i^{(j)} < \varepsilon_{\mathsf{r}}, \\ 1 + \frac{\hat{e}_i^{(j)} - \varepsilon_{\mathsf{r}}}{M^{(j)} - \varepsilon_{\mathsf{r}}} (\alpha_{\mathsf{r}} - 1), & \hat{e}_i^{(j)} \ge \varepsilon_{\mathsf{r}}, \end{cases}$$

## Refinement



#### Testing how the method behaves with variable density.



[SK19] Slak, Jure, and Gregor Kosec. "Refined Meshless Local Strong Form solution of Cauchy–Navier equation on an irregular domain." *Engineering analysis with boundary elements* 100 (2019): 3–13.

#### Fully automatic adaptivity - sample









Spacing adapts to the error (proportional to 2nd derivative).



*L*-shaped domain and Fichera corner.



Not the cases where adaptivity truly shines, because we still get convergence with uniform refinement. Good for analysis.

## Analysis





### Compressed disk







 $H\approx 1923a$ 

Closed form solution is complicated, but known.

## Hertzian contact





#### Hertzian contact









Derefinement works. Extreme refinement, distance ratio of 3 million.

#### Hertzian contact





Nodes with  $\rho_i < 1$  cover 97% of the domain, but 95% of all nodes are in  $[-3a, 3a] \times [-3a, 0]$  (which is 0.000027% of domain area).

#### 3D case – point contact



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## **Technical aspects**

**Result:** an open source Medusa library for solving PDEs with strong-form methods. Submitted to TOMS, response: minor rev. [SK20] J. Slak and G. Kosec, Medusa: A C++ library for solving PDEs using strong form mesh-free methods, arXiv:1912.13282



## Medusa

Coordinate Free Meshless Method implementation http://e6.ijs.si/medusa/

More details about the design and further examples in the thesis.

#### Future work

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- Node generation from CAD models
- Parallel node generation
- Proofs on upper bound on  $h_{X,\Omega}$
- Partial discretization modification
- Error indicators
- Approximation types RBF-FD vs. WLS
- Effect of stencil size
- Sensitivity to nodal positions (scattered uniform)
- Sensitivity to nodal positions (gradual density increase)
- *h*-based adaptivity instead of *k*-nn
- *hp*-adaptivity
- Time-dependent equations

Thank you for your attention. <jjNaturally, feel free to ask questions.