
Algorithms, Implementation and Applications of pFFT++: More on projection and interpolation

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Outline

- **Error bound**
- **Loss of accuracy in double-layer potential**
- **Consistent polynomials**
- **Compact stencil**
- **Selection of three stencil sizes**
- **Implementation details**

1D polynomial fit

Suppose the function is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

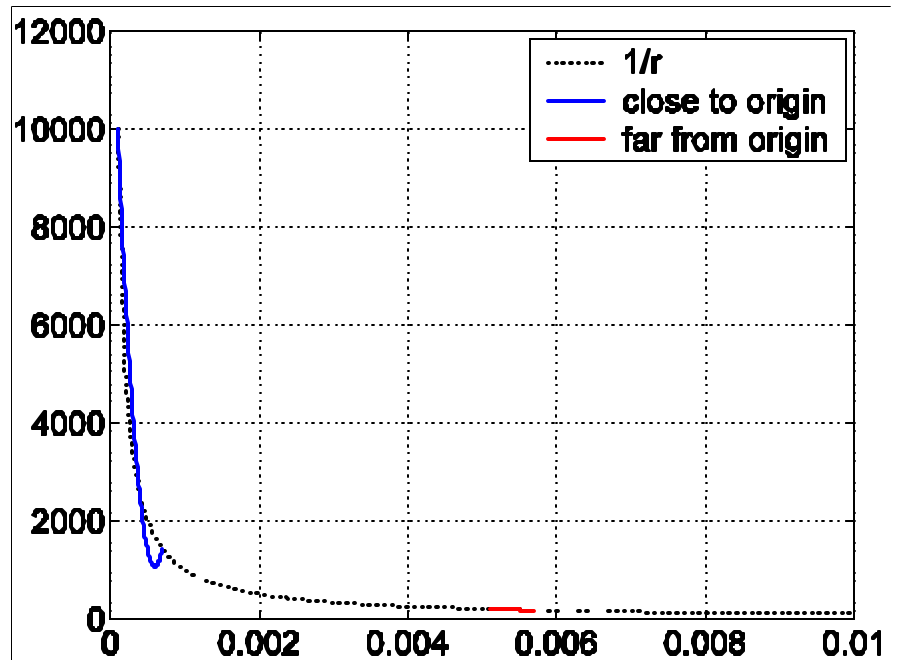
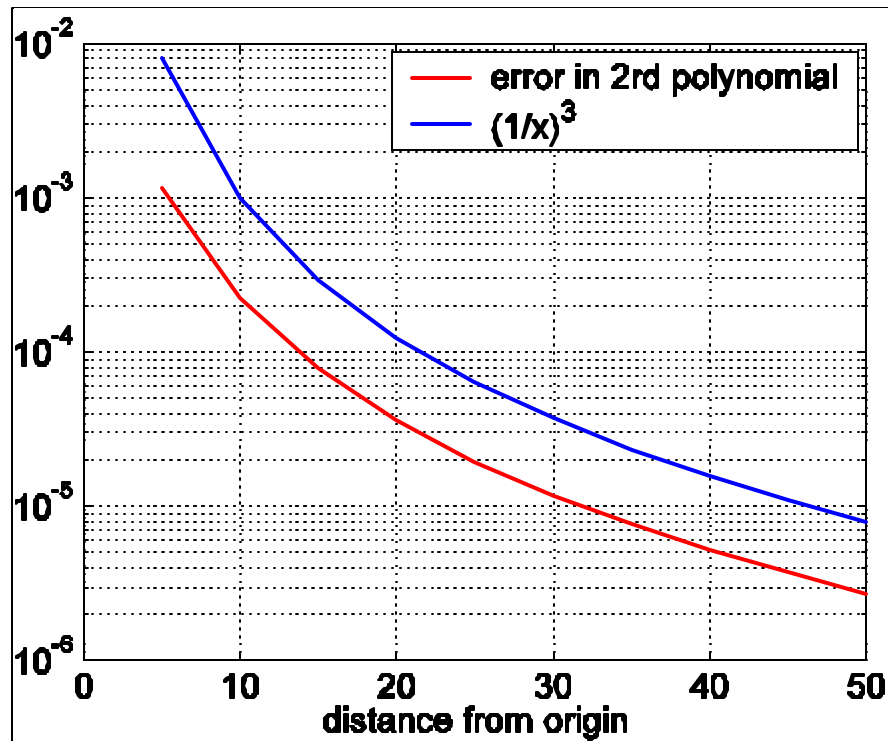
Using a second-order polynomial to interpolate around x_0 , the relative error is

$$e \approx \left(\frac{h}{x_0} \right)^3$$

where h is the uniform grid spacing.

See “Introduction to numerical analysis” by Stoer and Bulirsch

1D polynomial fit



Error bound in pfft++:

Two factors in determining the error:

1. Direct stencil size

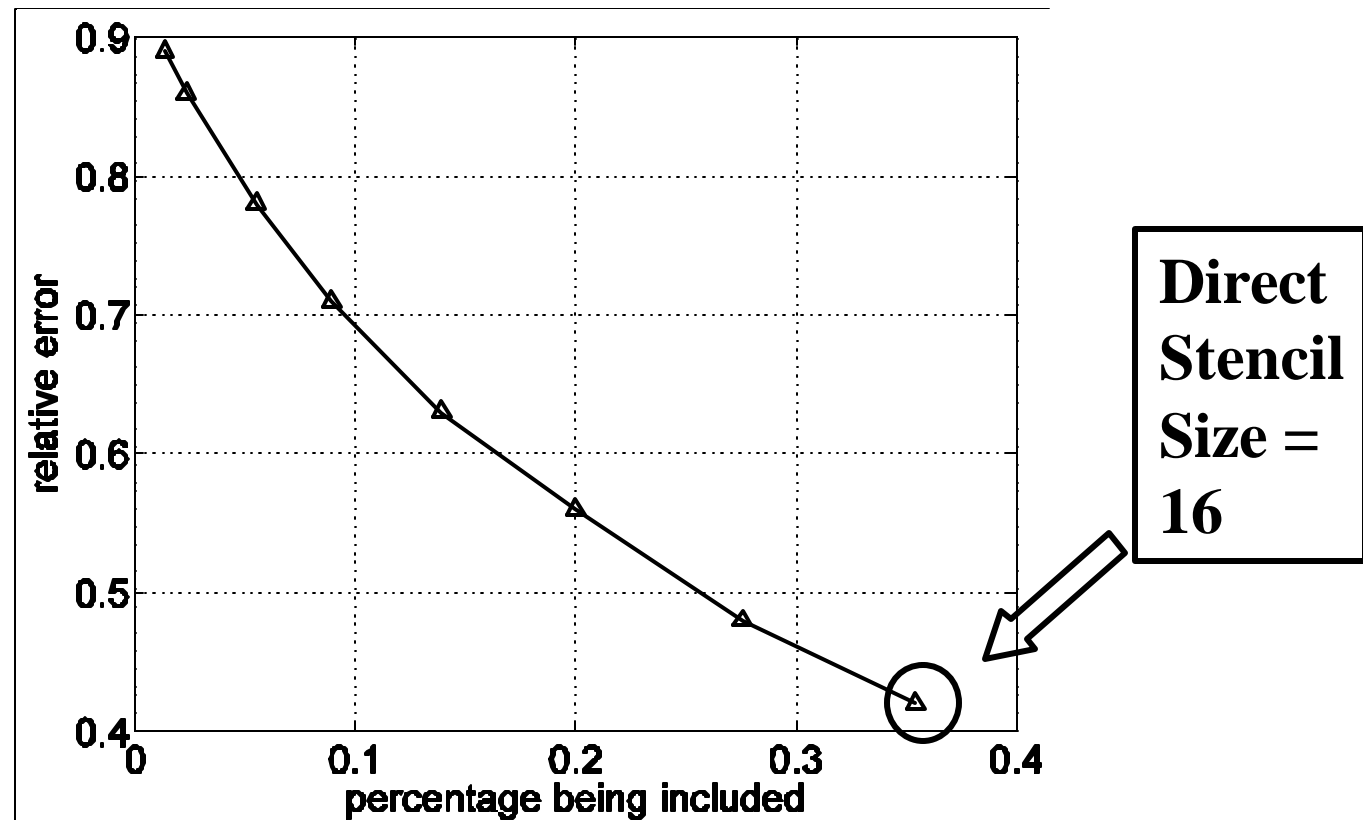
Larger size means more interactions are calculated directly and larger distance to non-neighbor elements.

2. Interpolation and projection size

Higher order means lower interpolation error.

Error bound in pfft++: Truncation error

Suppose we only keep the direct interaction and ignore far field completely, i.e. let $[A] = [D]$. We effectively truncate the system matrix.



Error bound in pfft++: 3D interpolation error

Given (x_l, y_l, z_l) and $f_l = f(x_l, y_l, z_l)$, use n -th order polynomial to approximate $f(x, y, z)$

$$P_n(x, y, z) = \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} C_{ij} x^i y^j z^{m-i-j}$$

Let

$$F(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) - P_n(x, y, z) - \mathbf{w}_{n+1}(x, y, z)$$

where

$$\mathbf{w}_{n+1}(x, y, z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^{n+1-i} k_{ij} (x - x_l)^i (y - y_l)^j (z - z_l)^{n+1-i-j}$$

is the leading error term

Error bound in pfft++: 3D interpolation error

For 1/r kernel, the leading term in error is

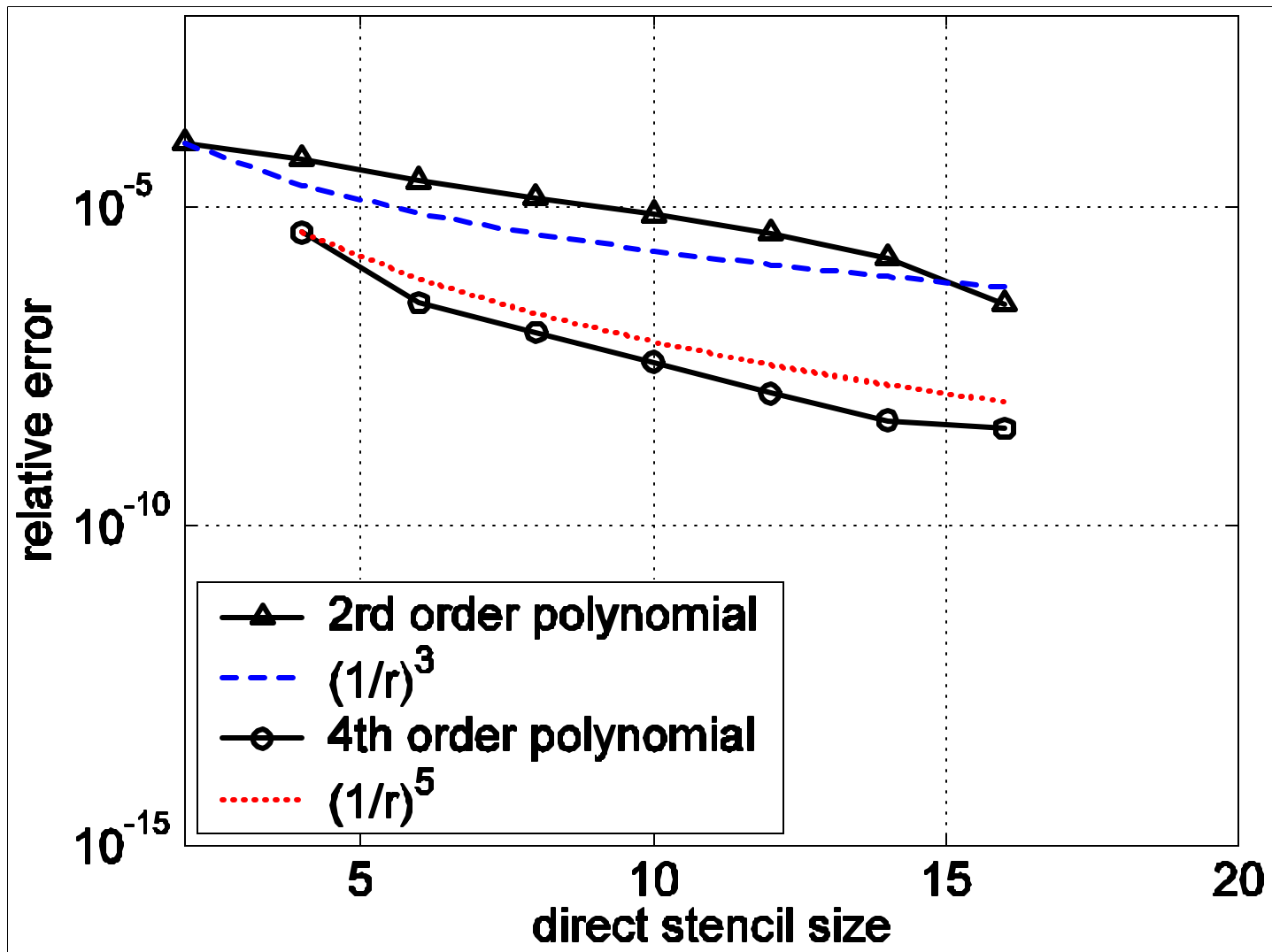
$$\frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{h}{r} \right)^{n+1} \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^{n+1-i} \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)^i \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right)^j \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right)^{n+1-i-j}$$

So the relative error is $e \approx \left(\frac{h}{r_0} \right)^{n+1}$

where h is the uniform grid spacing and r_0 is the distance between the source and the evaluation point.

Derivation shown with chalk and board

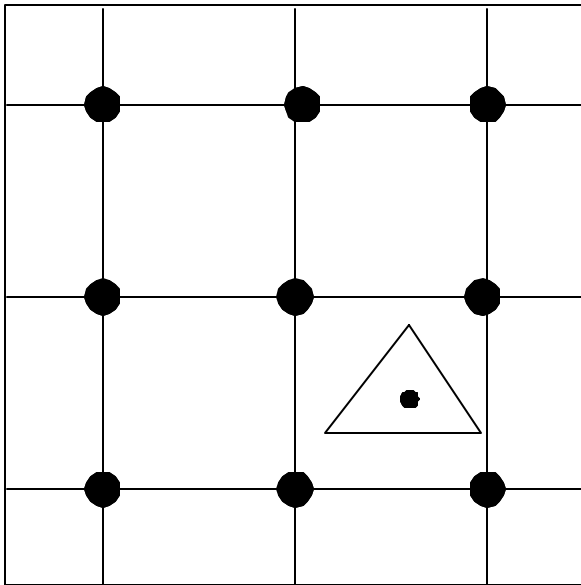
Error bound in pfft++



Loss of Accuracy in double-layer potential

	$P = 3$	$P = 5$	$P = 7$
$1/r$	8.4e-5	1.3e-6	4.3e-9
$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} 1/r$	8.5e-3	1.1e-4	8.4e-7
e^{ikr}/r $kR = 1.1e-9$	8.3e-5	1.3e-6	1.7e-9
$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} e^{ikr}/r$ $kR = 1.1e-9$	6.0e-3	7.5e-5	5.9e-7
e^{ikr}/r $kR = 11.1$	4.9e-4	1.1e-5	4.0e-7
$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} e^{ikr}/r$ $kR = 11.1$	1.4e-2	2.8e-4	6.5e-6

Reminder of Interpolation Algorithm



Given \bar{f}_g

Compute $f(x, y)$

Reminder of Interpolation Algorithm

$$\mathbf{f}(x, y) = \sum_k c_k f_k(x, y) = \bar{\mathbf{f}}^t(x, y) \bar{\mathbf{c}}$$

An example of $f_k(x, y)$:

$$1, x, x^2, y, xy, x^2 y, y^2, xy^2, x^2 y^2$$

Reminder of Interpolation Algorithm

If the kernel has a differential operator outside:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial n(\bar{r})} \int_S dS' G(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') \mathbf{r}(\bar{r}')$$

The operator works on the interpolation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial n(\bar{r})} \mathbf{f}(\bar{r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\bar{r})} \bar{\mathbf{f}}^t(\bar{r}) F^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{f}}_g$$

Loss of Interpolation Order

$$\frac{\partial \bar{f}^t}{\partial n} = n_x \frac{\partial \bar{f}^t}{\partial x} + n_y \frac{\partial \bar{f}^t}{\partial y}$$

$$\bar{f}^t = 1, x, x^2, y, xy, x^2 y, y^2, y^2 x, y^2 x^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{f}^t}{\partial x} = 0, 1, 2x, 0, y, 2xy, 0, y^2, 2y^2 x$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{f}^t}{\partial y} = 0, 0, 0, 1, x, x^2, 2y, 2yx, 2yx^2$$

**We automatically lose interpolation order.
This is why double-layer is less accurate.**

Loss of Interpolation Order

- **Double-layer still has reasonable accuracy because of smoothness of far field.**
- **We can simply increase interpolation order to compensate the loss of degree in derivative**
- **But stencil size grows exponentially**

order	2	4	6
# monomials	27	125	343
# stencil grid points	27	125	343

Consistent Polynomials

Suppose the highest order is n , using consistent polynomial, we have

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} c_{ijk} x^i y^j z^{m-i-j}$$

total number of terms = $(n+1)(n+2)(n+3) / 6$

n	2	4	6
# monomials	10	35	84

Compact Stencil

Number of interpolation terms is much fewer than number of regular interpolation or projection stencil points. We have a least square problem

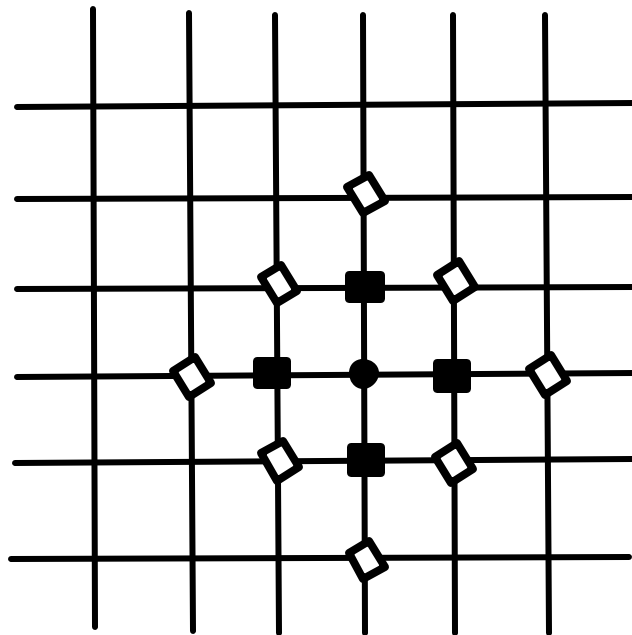
$$[F]_{n_s \times n_p}^{-1}$$

where n_s is number of stencil points and n_p is number of monomials. We could pick points from regular stencil points. Many options are possible.

Compact Stencil: 2D Example

**Union of points equal distance from
the origin of the interpolation stencil**

$$\text{Cube stencil} = S_0 \cup S_1 \cup \frac{1}{2} S_2$$



$$\text{Compact stencil} = S_0 \cup S_1 \cup S_2$$

S_0 : 1 solid dot

S_1 : 4 solid squares

S_2 : 8 empty diamonds

New Interpolation Scheme

- **Same order of accuracy but with much fewer monomials and stencil points.**
- **Particularly useful for high-order interpolation**

order	2	4
# monomials	27	35 (consistent)
# stencil grid points	27	57

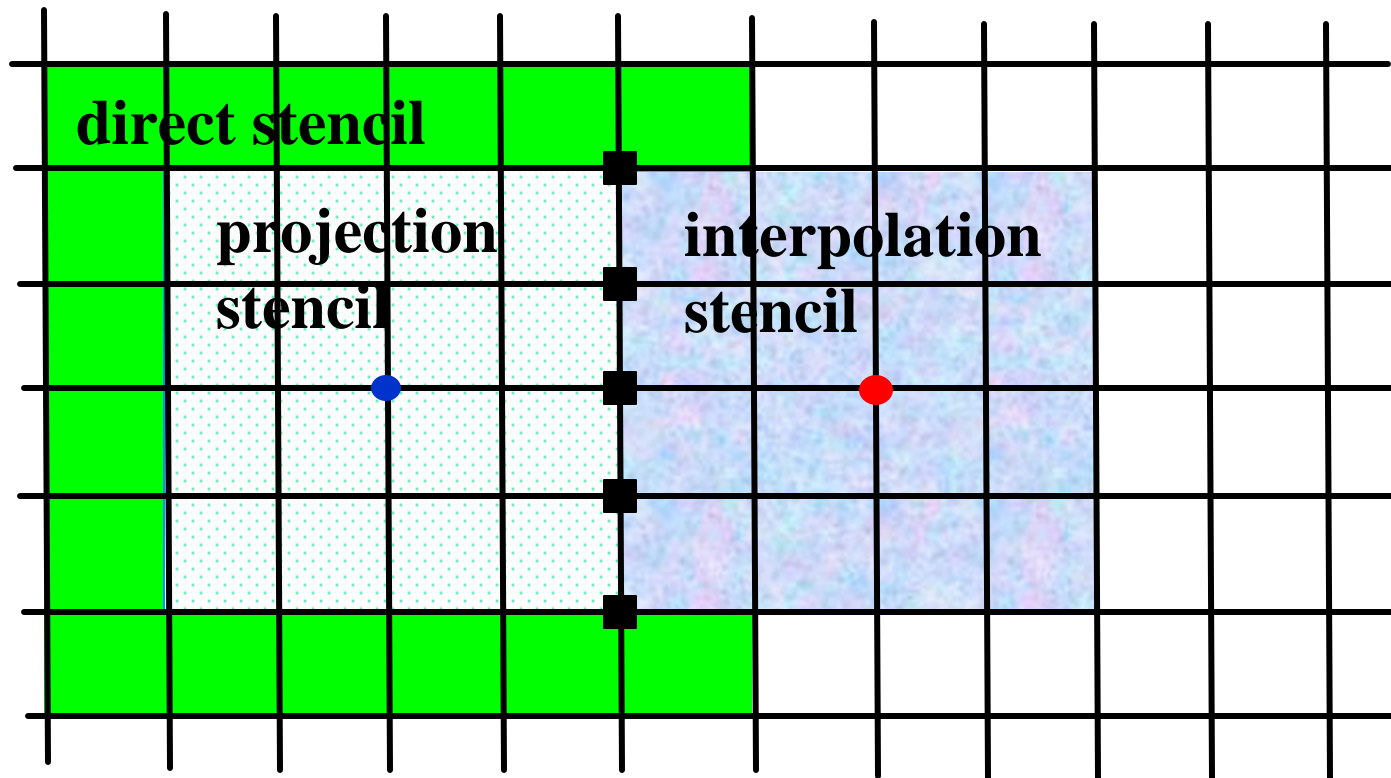
Compact stencil S_{012345} is used here.

Selection of Three Stencil Sizes

- **Increase of direct stencil size is not cost effective**
 - accuracy improves slowly
 - density of $[D]$ increases relatively fast
- **Increase of interpolation or projection stencil size improves accuracy exponentially.**
 - Consistent polynomial makes the cost low
- **There exists a constrain on these three stencil sizes.**

Selection of Three Stencil Sizes

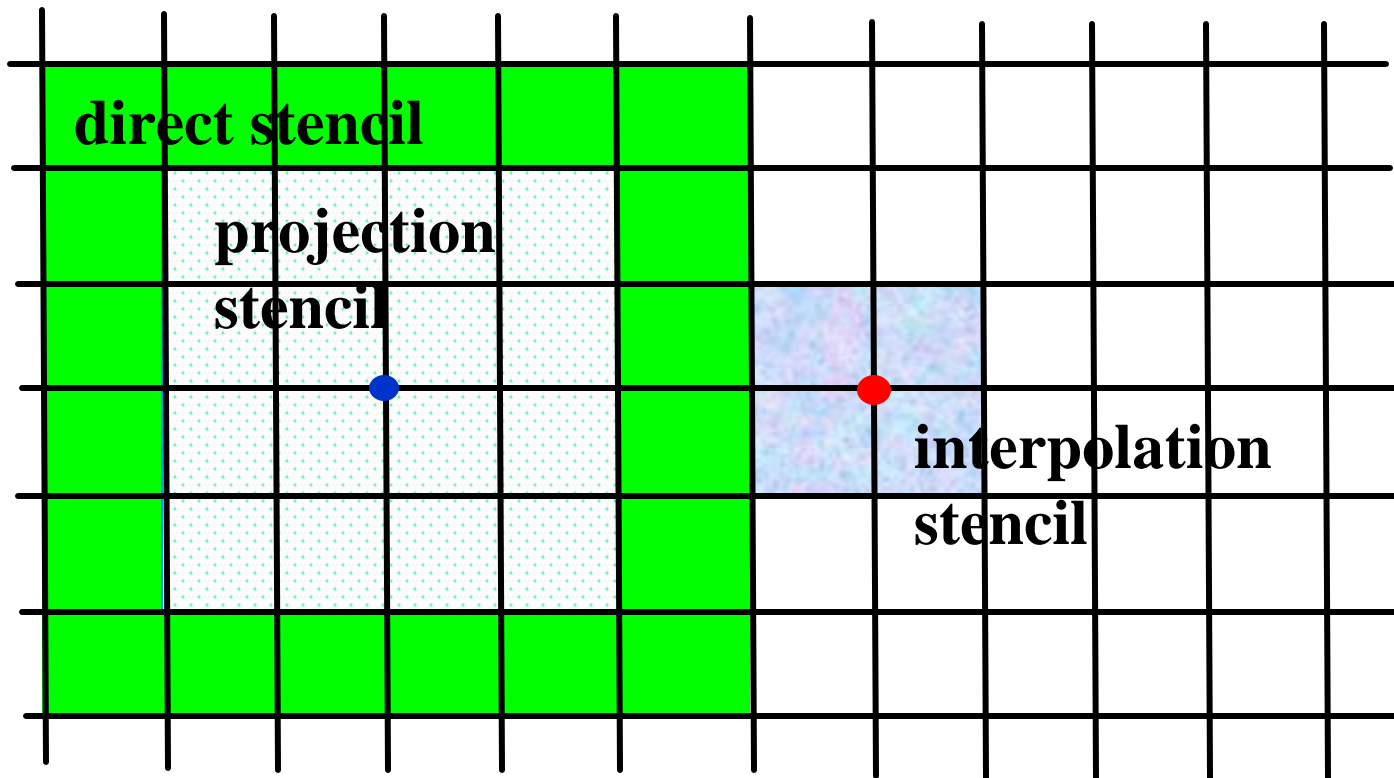
- points shared by projection and interpolation stencil, corresponding entries in $[H]$ are zero!



- Center of direct and projection stencil
- Center of interpolation stencil

Selection of Three Stencil Sizes

To make sure interpolation and projection Stencil don't touch, enforce
 $\text{directStencilSize} \geq \text{projectStencilSize} + \text{interpStencilSize}$



Selection of Three Stencil Sizes: rule of thumb

- **Single-layer**
 - **3-4 digit: $I=P=1, D=2$**
 - **4-5 digit: $I=P=1, D=3$**
 - **5-6 digit: $I=P=2, D=4$**
- **Double-layer**
 - **2-3 digit: $I=P=1, D=3$**
 - **4-5 digit: $I=P=2, D=4$**
 - **5-6 digit: $I=P=2, D=5$ or 6**
- **ffft++ supports $I=P=3$, but try not to use it.
It is too costly.**

Numerical Experiments

On the surface of a sphere with radius R

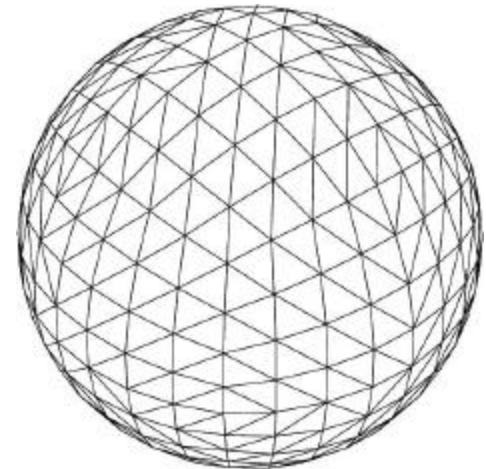
$$\int_S dS' K(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \mathbf{r}(\vec{r}') \Rightarrow A\mathbf{x}$$

Let \mathbf{x} be a random vector

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = A\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \text{pfft}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{error} = \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2\|_2}{\|\mathbf{y}_1\|_2}$$



New Accuracy in double-layer potential

	$l=P=1,$ D=3	$l=P=2, D=4$ (Consistent poly)
$\frac{1}{r}$	8.4e-5	1.3e-6
$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \frac{1}{r}$	8.5e-3	3e-4
$\frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$ $kR = 11.1$	4.9e-4	1.1e-5
$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$ $kR = 11.1$	1.4e-2	6.2e-4

Implementation: Source codes

- **See stencil.cc**
- **See pfft.h**

Next Lecture

- **Direct matrix and pre-correction**
- **Grid selection**