

# High-order Vector Decomposition with Radial Basis Functions

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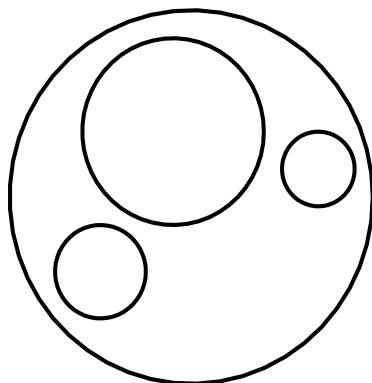
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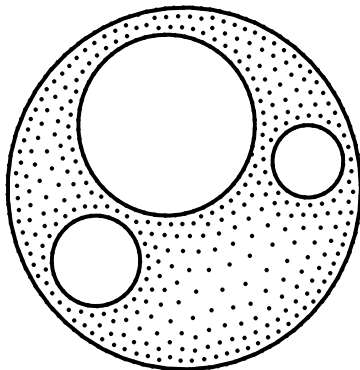
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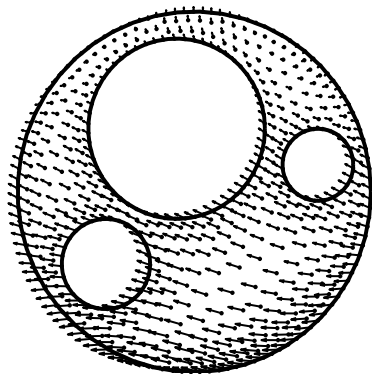
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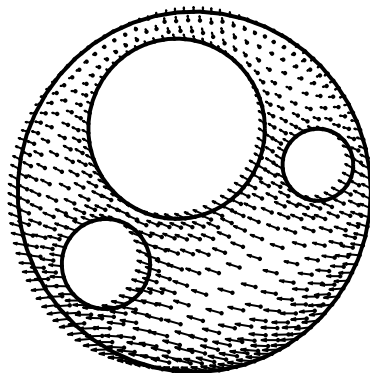
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(Leray projection)



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# Customized Matrix-Valued Kernels

Let  $\phi(\|\mathbf{x}\|)$  be a scalar-valued RBF. (1990s Amodei, M.N. Benbourhim. Handscomb. Narcowich, Ward.)

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Matrix Kernel  $\Psi$

Columns of  $\Psi$

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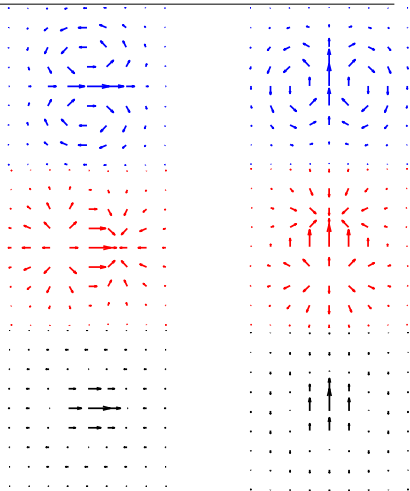
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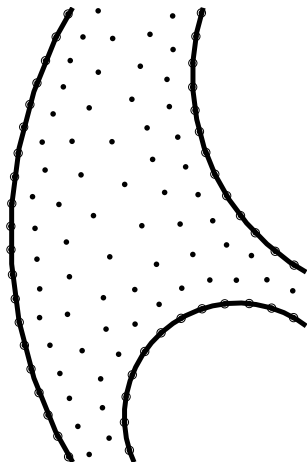
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Studied by Amodèi, Benbourhim (1991), Dodu, Rabut (2002, 2004), when  $\phi =$  polyharmonic spline

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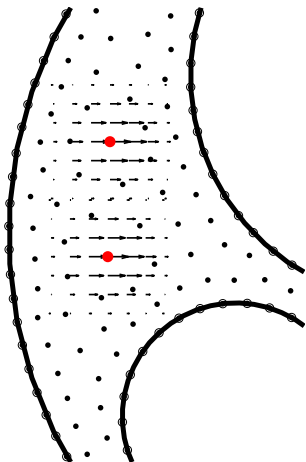
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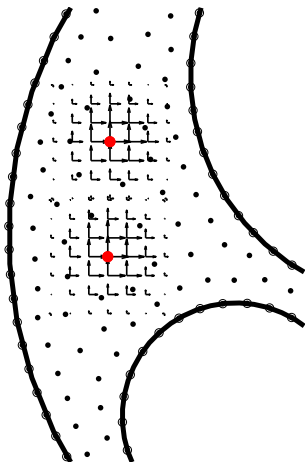
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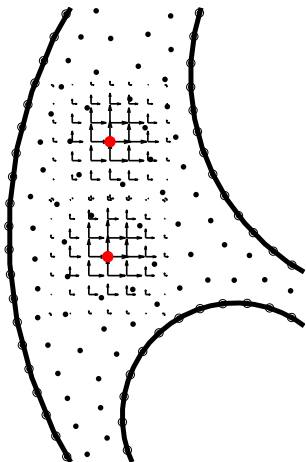
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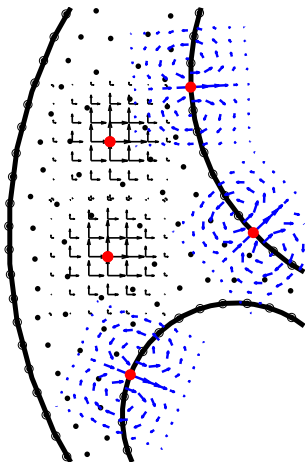
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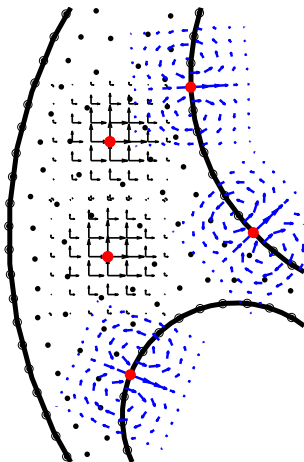
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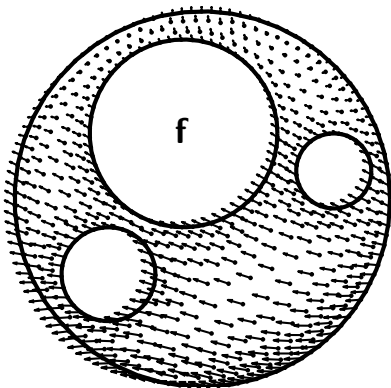
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## Theorem

If the RBF generator  $\phi$  is positive definite, then for any  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $A_{div}$  is symmetric and positive definite — so (2) is always invertible.

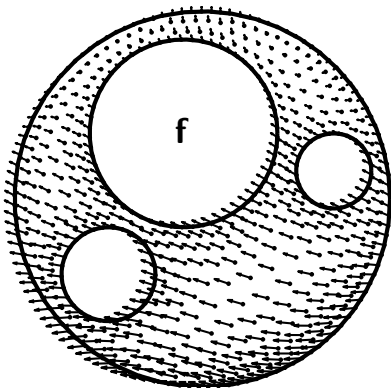
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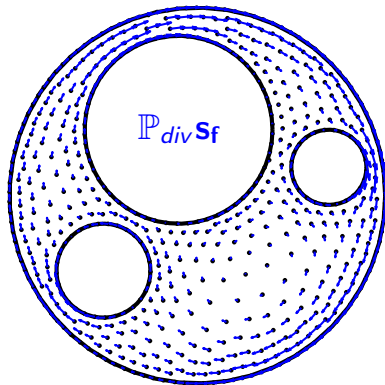
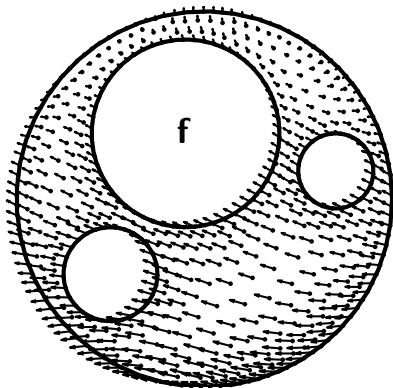
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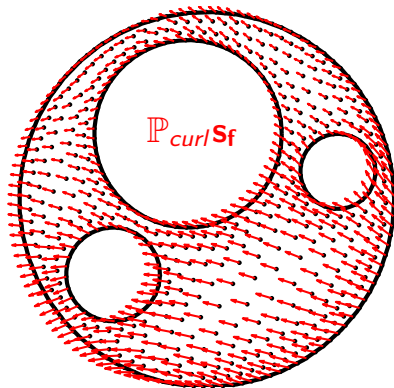
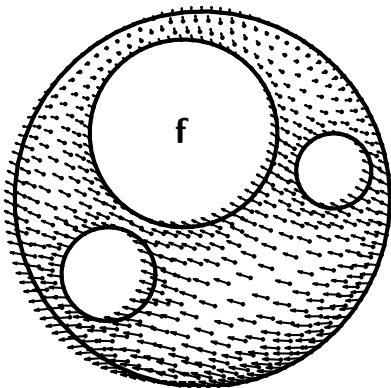
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Let  $\Omega$  be “admissible.” Then there is a continuous extension operator  $E : \mathbf{H}^\tau(\Omega) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^\tau(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that for all  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{H}^\tau(\Omega)$  we have  $\mathbb{P}_{div} E\mathbf{f}|_\Omega = \mathbb{P}_L \mathbf{f}$ .



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Let  $\phi$  be such that  $\mathcal{N}_\phi(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset H^\tau(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for all  $\tau > 0$ .

Given  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbb{P}_L \mathbf{f} + \nabla g$ , we must now assume that

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- $\psi, g \in \mathcal{N}_\phi(\Omega)$ .

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Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d = 2, 3$ ) be compact with smooth boundary, and let  $X \subset \Omega$ ,  $Y \subset \Gamma$ . Fix any  $\tau > 0$ . Then for any  $\mathbf{f}$  as above we have

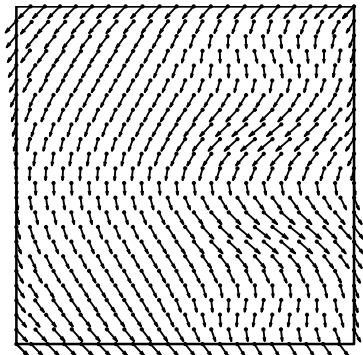
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6	9410	0.016	—

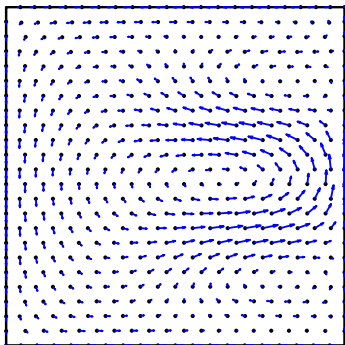


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3	1902	0.036	0.00677
4	2927	0.029	0.00719
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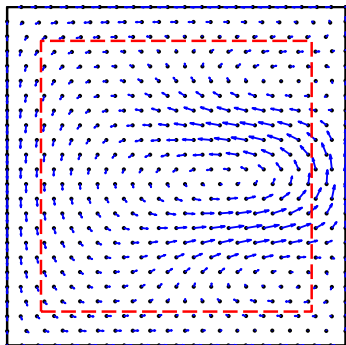
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1	490	0.073	0.00209
2	1066	0.048	0.00025
3	1902	0.036	0.00019
4	2927	0.029	0.00008
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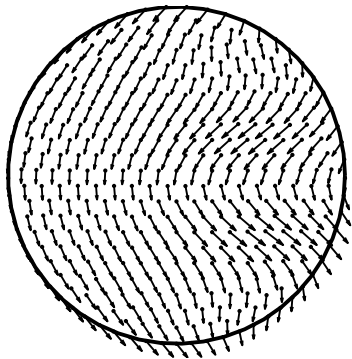
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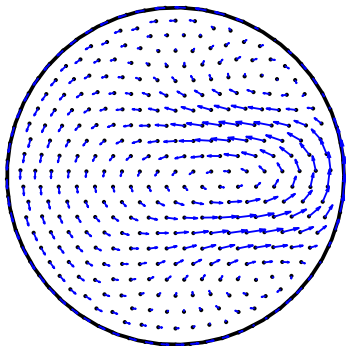
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1	362	0.075	0.0010432
2	808	0.050	0.0001678
3	1452	0.037	0.0000383
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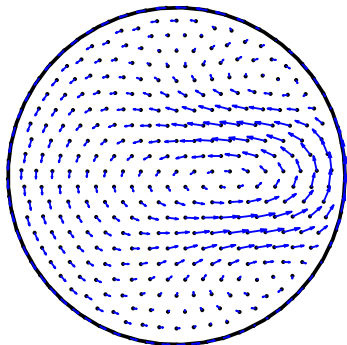
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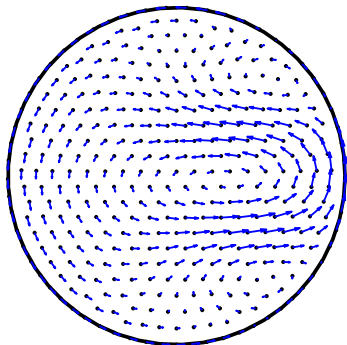
$j$	$N$	$h$	$ \mathbb{P}_{div}(\mathbf{s}_f^{(j)} - \mathbf{s}_f^{(j+1)}) _\infty$
1	362	0.075	0.0025466
2	808	0.050	0.0002744
3	1452	0.037	0.0000193
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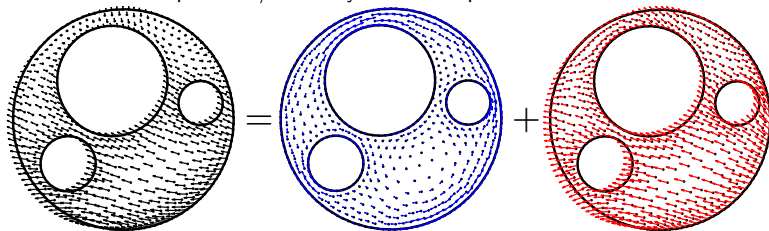
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$$\text{Experimental Error} = \mathcal{O}(h^{6.85})$$

(excluding  $j=5$ )

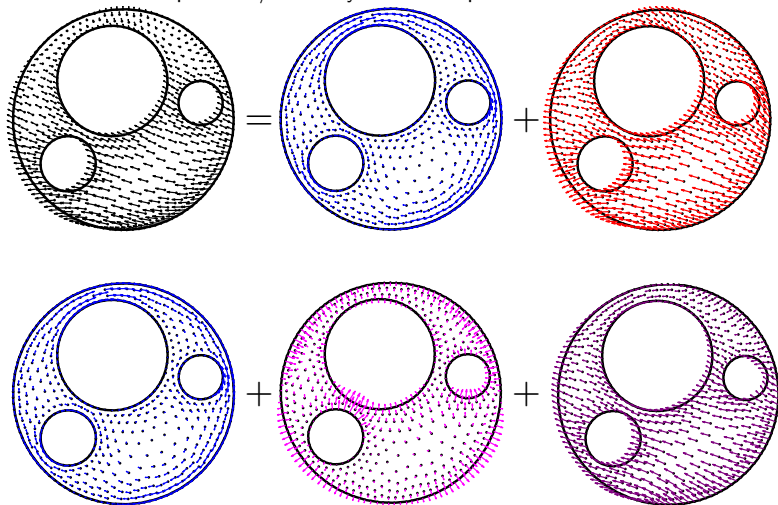
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