

# Assessment of methods for the numerical solution of the Fredholm integral eigenvalue problem in the Karhunen-Loève expansion

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# Probability Puzzle

Four balls are placed in a bag. One is white, one is blue and the other two are red. The bag is shaken and someone draws two balls from it. He looks at the two balls and announces that at least one of them is red.

What are the chances that the other ball he has drawn out is also red?

# Probability Puzzle - Solution

RR

RW

RB

RW

RB

(BW)

Result: **20%**

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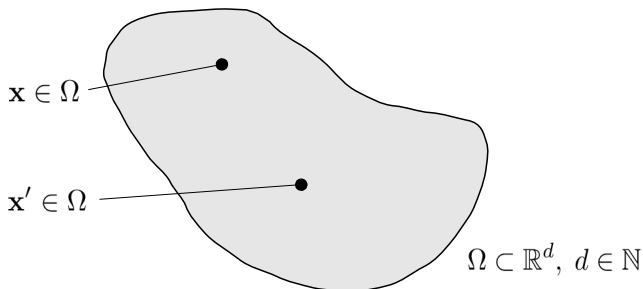
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# Notation



- random field (RF):  $H(\mathbf{x})$
- *Gaussian* random field - completely described by:
  - mean function  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$
  - covariance function  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{x}') \cdot \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ 
    - $\sigma(\mathbf{x})$ : standard deviation function
    - $\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ : correlation coefficient function

# Random field discretization

## Number of random variables (RVs) in a random field

- theoretically: *infinite* number of RVs ( $\infty$ )
  - for each  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ ,  $H(\mathbf{x})$  represents a RV
- discretized RF: *finite* number of RVs ( $M$ )

$$H(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{\text{discretization}} \hat{H}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (1)$$

## Categories of RF-discretization methods

- point discretization methods
- averaging discretization methods
- **series expansion methods**
  - Karhunen-Loève (KL) expansion
  - EOLE method

# Karhunen-Loève expansion

## KL-expansion

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_i} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \xi_i \quad (2)$$

- $\lambda_i$ : **eigenvalues** of the covariance kernel
- $\varphi_i$ : **eigenfunctions** of the covariance kernel
  - orthonormal:  $\int_{\Omega} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \varphi_j(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \delta_{ij}$
- $\xi_i$ : uncorrelated standard normal RVs
  - orthonormal:  $\mathbb{E}[\xi_i \xi_j] = \delta_{ij}$

## Integral eigenvalue problem

$$\int_{\mathbf{x}' \in \Omega} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}') \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \, d\mathbf{x}' = \lambda_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (3)$$



# Truncated KL-expansion

KL-expansion (*exact representation*)

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_i} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \xi_i \quad (4)$$

Truncated KL-expansion (*approximation*)

$$\tilde{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\lambda_i} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \xi_i \quad (5)$$

- $\lambda_i$ :  $M$  **largest** eigenvalues (in descending order)

... optimal with respect to:

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( H(\mathbf{x}) - \tilde{H}(\mathbf{x}) \right)^2 \right] d\mathbf{x} \quad (6)$$

# Fredholm Integral Eigenvalue Problem

Fredholm integral eigenvalue problem (KL-expansion)

$$\int_{\mathbf{x}' \in \Omega} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}') \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' = \lambda_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (7)$$

Numerical approximation

- ... of  $\hat{\lambda}_i$  and  $\hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x})$

Approximate KL-expansion

$$\tilde{H}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \hat{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_i} \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}) \xi_i \quad (8)$$

# Numerical Methods to Solve the Integral EVP

## Numerical methods

- **Nyström method**
- Projection methods
  - Collocation method
  - **Galerkin methods**
- Degenerate kernel methods

# Nyström method

Fredholm integral eigenvalue problem (KL-expansion)

$$\int_{\mathbf{x}' \in \Omega} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}') \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' = \lambda_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (9)$$

Approximate integral eigenvalue problem

$$\sum_{j=1}^N w_j \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j) \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}_j) = \hat{\lambda}_i \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (10)$$

Matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\sum_{j=1}^N w_j \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_j) \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}_j) = \hat{\lambda}_i \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, N \quad (11)$$

# Nyström method - Solution

## Matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i\mathbf{y}_i \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{W}^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{y}_i^* = \hat{\lambda}_i\mathbf{y}_i^* \quad (13)$$

- $\mathbf{C}_{kj} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_j)$
- $\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \delta_{ij}w_j \quad \mathbf{W}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \delta_{ij}\sqrt{w_j}$

## Approximation of the eigenfunctions

$$\hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}_i} \sum_{j=1}^N \sqrt{w_j} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j) (\mathbf{y}_i^*)_j \quad (14)$$

## Normalization of the eigenfunctions

$$\|\mathbf{y}_i^*\| = 1 \quad (15)$$

# EOLE method [Li & Der Kiureghian, 1993]

## Matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}_i^* = \hat{\lambda}_i^* \mathbf{y}_i^* \quad (16)$$

- $\mathbf{C}_{kj} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_j)$

## Random field approximation

$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_i^*}} \sum_{j=1}^N \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j) (\mathbf{y}_i^*)_j \quad (17)$$

## Normalization of the eigenvectors

$$\|\mathbf{y}_i^*\| = 1 \quad (18)$$

# Equivalence of Nyström and EOLE

## Matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i \mathbf{y}_i \Leftrightarrow \frac{|\Omega|}{N} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{y}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i \mathbf{y}_i \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}_i^* = \hat{\lambda}_i^* \mathbf{y}_i^* \quad (19)$$

## Nyström - Random field approximation

$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{|\Omega|}{N\hat{\lambda}_i}} \sum_{j=1}^N \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j) (\mathbf{y}_i^*)_j \quad (20)$$

## EOLE - Random field approximation

$$\hat{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_i^*}} \sum_{j=1}^N \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_j) (\mathbf{y}_i^*)_j \quad (21)$$

# Projection methods

## Residuum

$$\int_{\mathbf{x}' \in \Omega} \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}') \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' - \hat{\lambda}_i \hat{\varphi}_i(\mathbf{x}) = \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) \quad (22)$$

## Collocation method - pointwise minimization

$$\int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) \delta(\mathbf{x}_k) d\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, N \quad (23)$$

## Galerkin method

$$\int_{\Omega} \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{x}) N_k(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, N \quad (24)$$



# Matrix eigenvalue problem

## Matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{B} \mathbf{d}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i \mathbf{M} \mathbf{d}_i \quad (25)$$

where

$$B_{kn} = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} N_k(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\mathbf{x}' \in \Omega} N_n(\mathbf{x}') \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \, d\mathbf{x}' \, d\mathbf{x} \quad (26)$$

$$M_{ij} = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} N_i(\mathbf{x}) N_j(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \quad (27)$$

# Hierarchic Gegenbauer polynomials (1D)



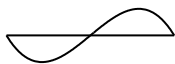
$$N_1(x)$$



$$N_2(x)$$



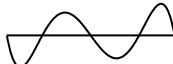
$$N_3(x)$$



$$N_4(x)$$



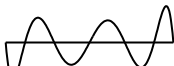
$$N_5(x)$$



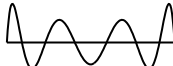
$$N_6(x)$$



$$N_7(x)$$

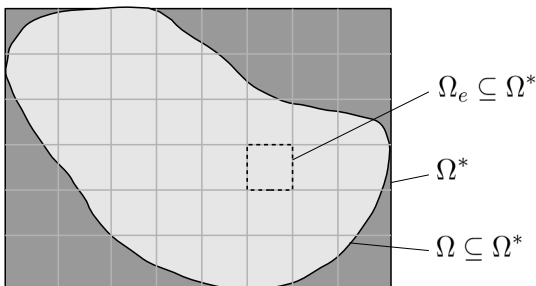


$$N_8(x)$$



$$N_9(x)$$

# Finite cell - notation



- global shape functions:  $N_i \in L^2(\Omega^*)$

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ 0 & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^* \setminus \Omega \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

# Finite cell approach of the pFEM-KL-expansion

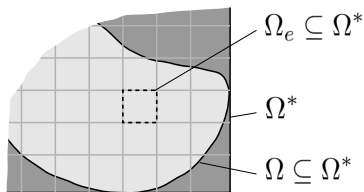
## Matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{B}d_i = \hat{\lambda}_i \mathbf{M}d_i \quad (29)$$

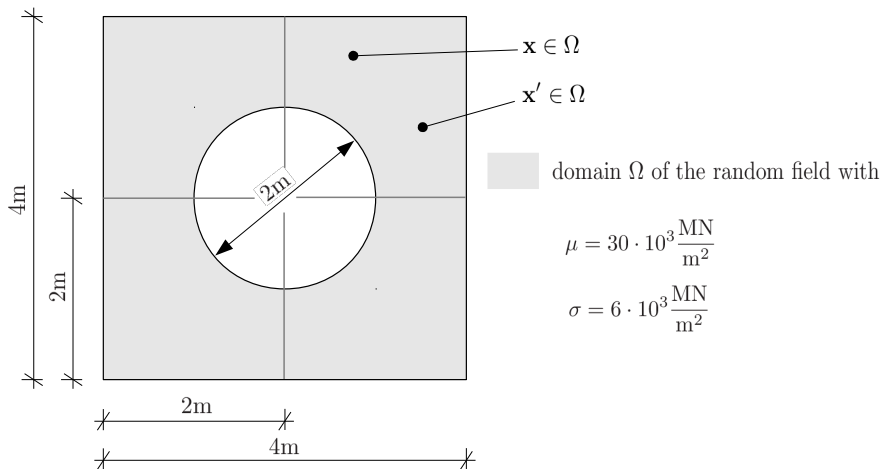
where

$$B_{kn} = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega^*} \alpha(\mathbf{x}) N_k(\mathbf{x}) \int_{\mathbf{x}' \in \Omega^*} \alpha(\mathbf{x}') N_n(\mathbf{x}') \text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' d\mathbf{x} \quad (30)$$

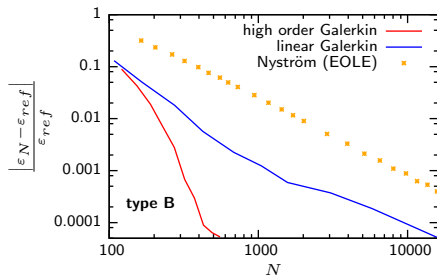
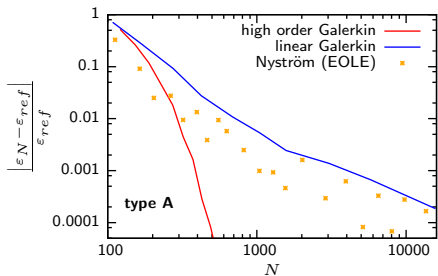
$$M_{ij} = \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega^*} \alpha(\mathbf{x}) N_i(\mathbf{x}) N_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad (31)$$



# Example of a plate with a hole



# $M = 100$ : relative error

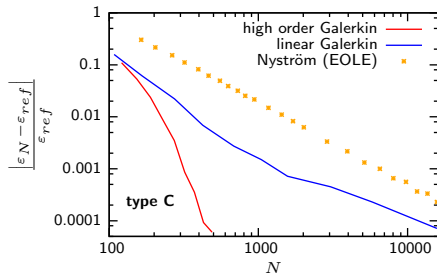


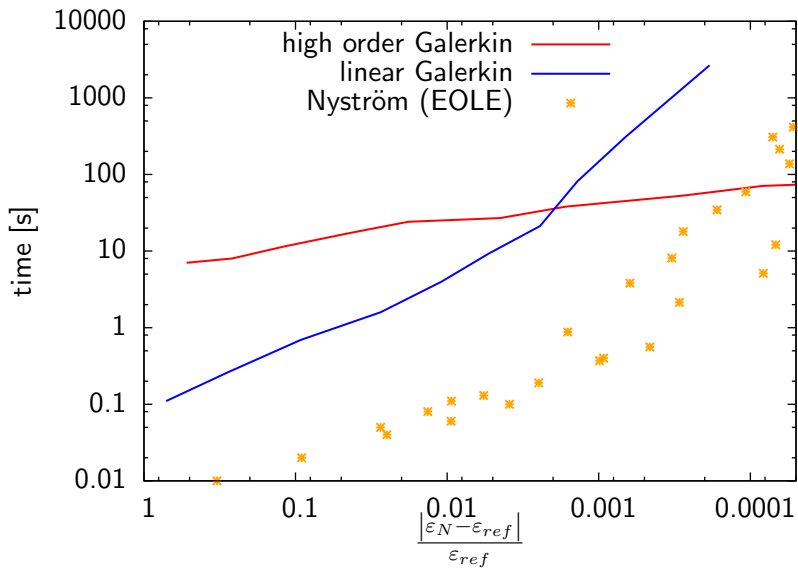
$$\mathbf{A}: \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|}{0.3325}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\mathbf{B}: \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|}{1.08}\right)$$

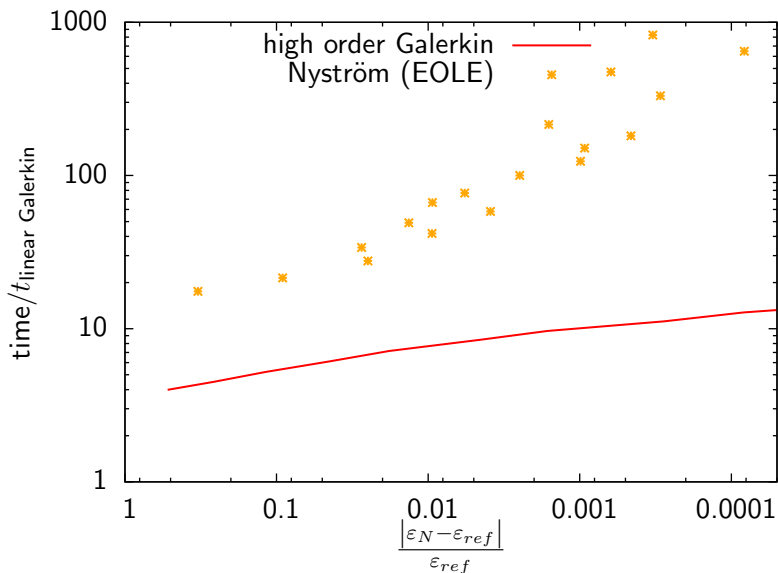
$$\mathbf{C}: \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|}{0.725}\right)^{1.2}}$$

where  $\varepsilon_{\text{ref}} \approx 10\%$



$M = 100$ : time to converge (type A)

# $M = 100$ : time to compute a realization (type A)





# Summary and Conclusion

## Disadvantages

- **Nyström method**
  - **realization** expensive to evaluate
- **Galerkin method**
  - **implementation** is difficult
  - **solution** of the random field approximation is computationally expensive to obtain

## Advantages

- **Nyström method**
  - straightforward **implementation**
  - fast **solution** of the random field approximation
- **Galerkin method**
  - realization computationally **cheap to evaluate**

## Unsolved Problem (Unsolved Question) ???

## Spectral stochastic finite elements

$$\mathbf{K}(\theta)\mathbf{U}(\theta) = \mathbf{F}(\theta) \quad (32)$$

## Solution Vector

$$\mathbf{U}(\theta) = \sum_{j=0}^{P-1} u_j \cdot \Phi_j(\xi(\theta)) \quad (33)$$

- Galerkin approach to minimize  $\mathbf{K}(\theta)\mathbf{U}(\theta) - \mathbf{F}(\theta) = \varepsilon$

## Size of the problem to solve

$$N_{FEM} \cdot P \quad \text{with} \quad P = \sum_{k=0}^p \binom{M+k-1}{k} \quad (34)$$