

An overview of the Kadath library

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KADATH is a library that implements spectral methods in the context of theoretical physics.

- It is written in C++, making extensive use of object oriented programming.
- Versions are maintained via git.
- Website : *www.kadath.obspm.fr*
- The library is described in the paper : *JCP 220, 3334 (2010)*.
- Designed to be very modular in terms of geometry and type of equations.
- LateX-like user-interface.
- More general than its predecessor LORENE.

A test problem

Find the conformal factor Ψ of the Schwarzschild black hole in QI coordinates.

System of equations

- Bulk : $\Delta\Psi = 0$.
- Inner BC : $\Psi_{,r} + \frac{1}{2a}\Psi = 0$
- Outer BC : $\Psi = 1$

a is the radius of the black hole and the solution is

$$\Psi(r) = 1 + \frac{a}{r}.$$

Concept in 1D

Given a set of orthogonal functions Φ_i on an interval Λ , spectral theory gives a recipe to approximate f by

$$f \approx I_N f = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i \Phi_i$$

Properties

- the Φ_i are called the basis functions.
- the a_i are the coefficients : it is the quantity stored on the computer.
- Multi-dimensional generalization is done by direct product of basis.
- The computation of the a_i comes from the Gauss quadratures.

Coefficient and configuration spaces

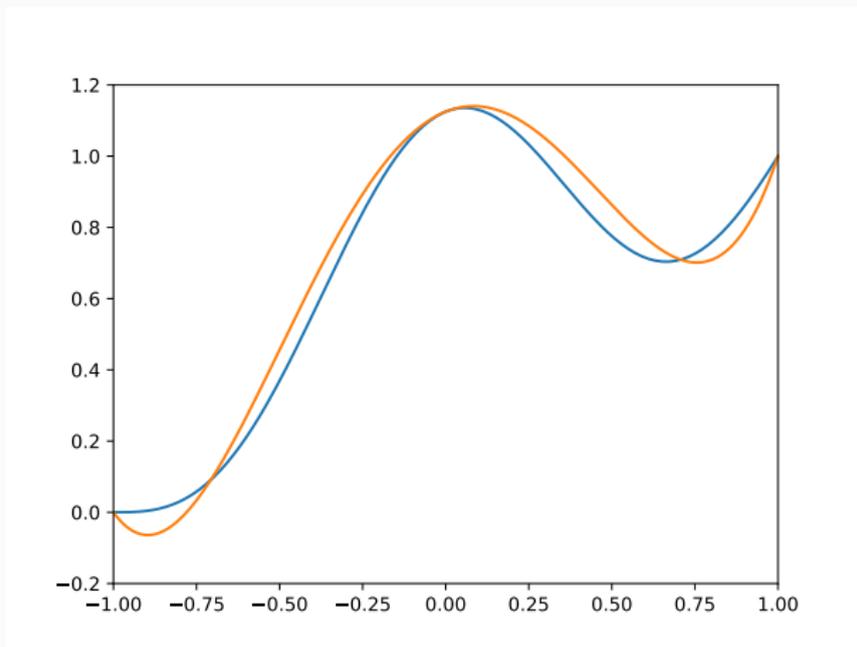
There exist $N + 1$ point x_i in Λ such that

$$f(x_i) = I_N f(x_i)$$

Two equivalent descriptions

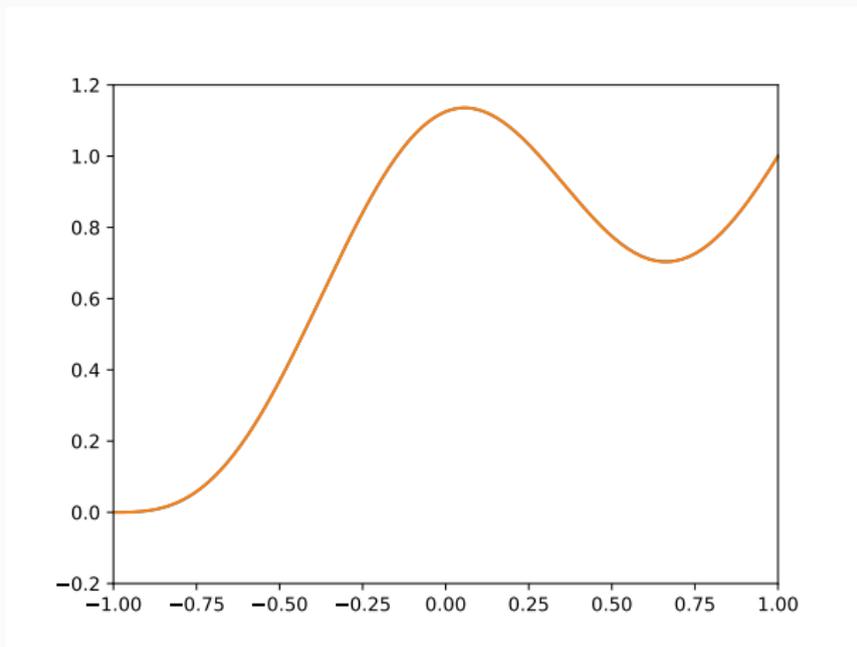
- Formulas relate the coefficients a_i and the values $f(x_i)$.
- Complete duality between the two descriptions.
- One works in the coefficient space when the a_i are used (for instance for the computation of f').
- One works in the configuration space when the $f(x_i)$ are employed (for the computation of $\exp(f)$)

Example of interpolant for $N = 4$



blue curve $f(x) = \cos^3(\pi x/2) + (x+1)^3/8$; orange : $I_4 f$.

Example of interpolant for $N = 8$



blue curve $f(x) = \cos^3(\pi x/2) + (x+1)^3/8$; orange : $I_8 f$.

Sturm-Liouville problems

Eigenvalue problem of the form :

$$-(pu')' + qu = \lambda wu$$

- p strictly positive and continuous (can vanish at the boundaries).
- q continuous, non-negative and bounded.
- w continuous, non-negative and integrable (can diverge at the boundaries for instance).

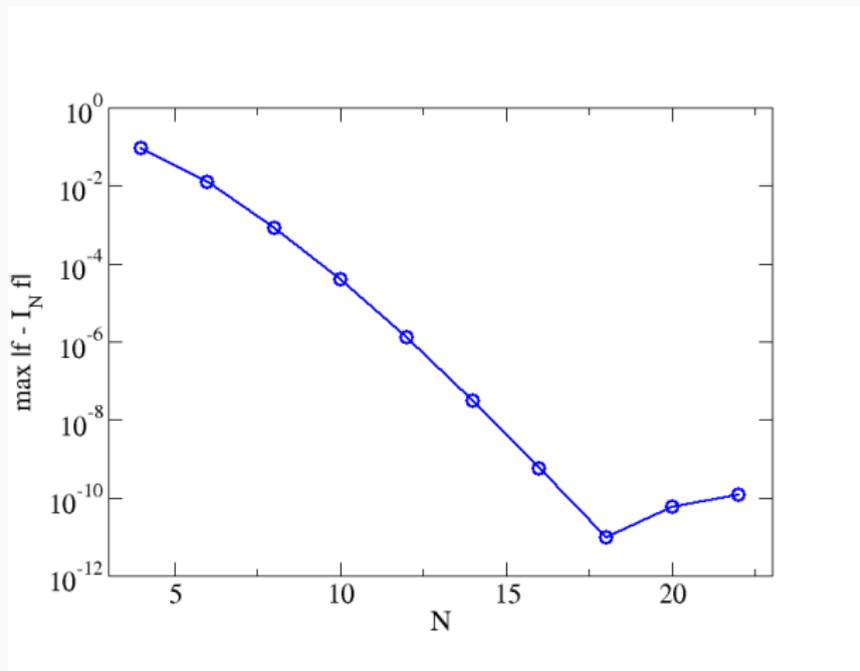
The solutions are :

- the eigenvalues λ_n
- the eigenfunctions u_n .
- orthogonality : $(u_n, u_m)_w = 0$ for $m \neq n$.

Spectral convergence

- Singular problem if and only if p vanishes at the boundaries of Λ .
- If the basis functions are solutions of a singular Sturm-Liouville problem, then $I_N f$ converges to f (when N increases), faster than any power-law of N (typically exponentially) **for smooth functions** (i.e. C^∞).
- This is called **spectral convergence**.
- this is to be contrasted with finite difference schemes.
- One of the main reason to use spectral methods.
- Legendre or Chebyshev polynomials are solutions of singular SL problems.

Example convergence



Discrete Fourier transform

Discrete version of standard Fourier transform

$$I_N f = \sum_{n=0}^{N/2} \tilde{a}_n \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{N/2} \tilde{b}_n \sin(nx)$$

$$\tilde{a}_n = \frac{2}{(N+1)(1+\delta_0^n)} \sum_{i=0}^N f(x_i) \cos(nx_i)$$

$$\tilde{b}_n = \frac{2}{(N+1)} \sum_{i=0}^N f(x_i) \sin(nx_i).$$

A spectral expansion with :

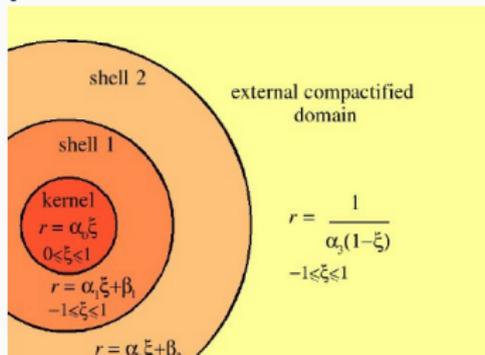
- $\Lambda = [0, 2\pi]$
- $x_i = \frac{2\pi i}{N+1}$.
- $w_i = 1$.

Multi-domain setting

Numerical coordinates

- Space is divided into several numerical domains.
- In each domain there is a link between the physical coordinates X and the numerical ones X^* .
- Spectral expansion is performed with respect to X^* .
- Non-periodic coordinates are expanded wrt to polynomials.
- Periodic coordinates (i.e. angles) are described by trigonometrical functions.

Example spherical space

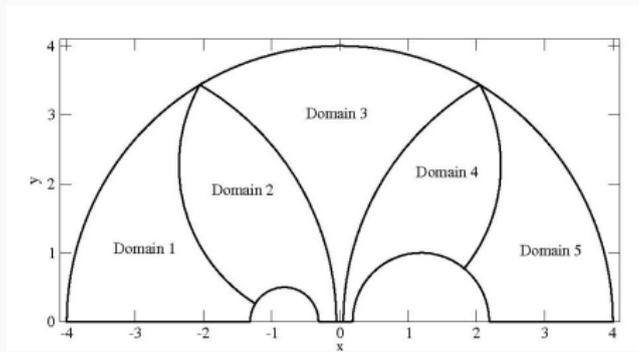


Setting the space in KADATH

```
// 3D :  
int dim = 3 ;  
  
// Number of points in each dimension  
Dim_array res (dim) ;  
res.set(0) = 13 ; res.set(1) = 5 ; res.set(2) = 4 ;  
  
// Center of the coordinates  
Point center (dim) ;  
for (int i=1 ; i<=dim ; i++)  
    center.set(i) = 0 ;  
  
// Number of domains and boundaries :  
int ndom = 4 ;  
Array<double> bounds (ndom-1) ;  
// Radius of the BH  
double aa = 1.323 ;  
bounds.set(0) = aa ; bounds.set(1) = 1.7557*aa ; bounds.set(2) = 2.9861*aa ;  
  
// Chebyshev or Legendre :  
int type_coloc = CHEB.TYPE ;  
  
// Spherical space :  
Space_spheric space(type_coloc , center , res , bounds) ;
```

Other spaces available

- Cylindrical space.
- Bispherical space.
- Spaces with periodic time coordinates.
- Spaces with adaptable domains.
- Spaces with various symmetries.
- Additional ones relatively easy to include.



Setting the fields

For a scalar field, in each domain

- one array for the values at the collocation points.
- one array for the values of the coefficients.
- one object describing the spectral basis.
- should be transparent to the user.

The standard spectral base

- A scalar field is regular if it is expressed as a sum of polynomials of Cartesian coordinates $x^m y^n z^p$.
- From that assumption one can deduce some appropriate choice of spectral basis by expressing x, y, z in terms of r, θ, φ , for instance.
- Details depend on the space considered.
- For a spherical space it leads to :
 - for φ : $\cos(m\varphi)$ and $\sin(m\varphi)$.
 - for θ : $\cos(2j\theta)$ for m even and $\sin((2j+1)\theta)$ for m odd.
 - Chebyshev polynomials with respect to r^*
 - In the nucleus : $T_{2i}(r^*)$ for m even and $T_{2i+1}(r^*)$ for m odd.

- For every computation, KADATH tries to assert the basis of the result.
- Straightforward for things like the product, inverse, sum etc...
- For other computations (like `exp`, `cos`, `√`) the base cannot be directly obtained and is lost.
- **Important rule** set the base by hand if and only if it is required.
- Be careful when enforcing the standard base. For instance $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ is not expanded onto the standard base.
- Most of the errors in using KADATH come from inappropriate setting of the basis.

Setting the fields in KADATH

```
// Initial guess for the conformal factor :  
Scalar conf (space) ;  
conf = 1. ;  
conf.std_base() ;  
  
// The analytic solution (except in the nucleus)  
Scalar sol (space) ;  
sol.set_domain(0) = 0. ;  
for (int d=1 ; d<ndom ; d++)  
    sol.set_domain(d) = 1 + aa / space.get_domain(d)->get_radius() ;  
sol.std_base() ;
```

Construction

- Valence
- Types of the various indices (COV or CON).
- The tensorial basis of decomposition (Cartesian or Orthonormal spherical basis essentially).

Spectral basis of the components

- For a Cartesian tensorial basis : same thing as for scalars (with parity wrt to $z = 0$).
- For a spherical basis : deduced from the Cartesian one by making use of the formulae between the tensorial basis.

Solving equations ; a linear problem

$$Lu(x) = S(x) \quad x \in U$$

$$Bu(y) = 0 \quad y \in \partial U$$

- L is a second order linear differential operator.
- B is a first order linear differential operator on the boundary.

The weighted residual method

Objective : discretize the field equations

- Given a scalar product, one makes the residual $R = Lu - S$ small in the sense

$$(R, \xi_i)_w = 0 \quad ; \quad i \in [0, N].$$

- The ξ_i are called the test functions.
- There are several different choice for the test functions.
- KADATH implements the τ -method where the ξ_i are the basis functions.

The τ -method

- The ξ_i are the basis functions.
- One solves $R = 0$ by demanding the the coefficients of R vanish.
- The conditions corresponding to the highest order coefficients are relaxed to enforce the boundary conditions.

Galerkin method

- Used to enforced regularity conditions (axis, origin etc).
- Galerkin basis : each term individually fulfills the conditions.
- For instance use $\cos(2j\theta) - 1$ for a function that must vanish on the axis $\theta = 0$.
- The solution is sought as a sum of Galerkin terms.

The discrete system

Original system

- Unknowns : tensorial fields.
- Equations : partial derivative equations.

Discretized system

- Unknowns : coefficients \vec{u} .
- Equations : algebraic system $\vec{F}(\vec{u}) = 0$.

Properties

- For a linear system $\vec{F}(\vec{u}) = 0 \iff A_j^i u^j = S^i$
- In general $\vec{F}(\vec{u})$ is even not known analytically.
- \vec{u} is sought numerically.

Newton-Raphson iteration

Given a set of field equations with boundary and matching equations, KADATH translates it into a set of algebraic equations $\vec{F}(\vec{u}) = 0$, where \vec{u} are the unknown coefficients of the fields.

The non-linear system is solved by Newton-Raphson iteration

- Initial guess \vec{u}_0 .
- Iteration :
 - Compute $\vec{s}_i = \vec{F}(\vec{u}_i)$
 - If \vec{s}_i is small enough \implies solution.
 - Otherwise, one computes the Jacobian : $\mathbf{J}_i = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial \vec{u}}(\vec{u}_i)$
 - One solves : $\mathbf{J}_i \vec{x}_i = \vec{s}_i$.
 - $\vec{u}_{i+1} = \vec{u}_i - \vec{x}_i$.

Convergence is very fast for good initial guesses.

Computation of the Jacobian

Explicit derivation of the Jacobian can be difficult for complicated sets of equations.

Automatic differentiation

- Each quantity x is supplemented by its infinitesimal variation δx .
- The dual number is defined as $\langle x, \delta x \rangle$.
- All the arithmetic is redefined on dual numbers. For instance $\langle x, \delta x \rangle \times \langle y, \delta y \rangle = \langle x \times y, x \times \delta y + \delta x \times y \rangle$.
- Consider a set of unknown \vec{u} , and a its variations $\delta \vec{u}$. When \vec{F} is applied to $\langle \vec{u}, \delta \vec{u} \rangle$, one then gets : $\langle \vec{F}(\vec{u}), \delta \vec{F}(\vec{u}) \rangle$.
- One can show that

$$\delta \vec{F}(\vec{u}) = \mathbf{J}(\vec{u}) \times \delta \vec{u}$$

The full Jacobian is generated *column by column*, by taking all the possible values for $\delta \vec{u}$, at the price of a computation roughly twice as long.

Numerical resources

Consider N_u unknown fields, in N_d domains, with d dimensions. If the resolution is N in each dimension, the Jacobian is an $m \times m$ matrix with :

$$m \approx N_d \times N_u \times N^d$$

For $N_d = 5$, $N_u = 5$, $N = 20$ and $d = 3$, one reaches $m = 200\,000$

Solution

- The matrix is distributed on several processors.
- Easy because the Jacobian is computed column by column.
- The library SCALAPACK is used to invert the distributed matrix.

- $d = 1$ problems : sequential.
- $d = 2$ problems : 100 processors (mesocenters).
- $d = 3$ problems : 1000 processors (national supercomputers).

Solving the system with KADATH

```
// Solve the equation in space outside the nucleus
System_of_eqs syst (space, 1, ndom-1);
// Only one unknown
syst.add_var ("P", conf);
// One user defined constant
syst.add_cst ("a", aa);

// Inner BC
syst.eq_eq_bc (1, INNER_BC, "dn(P)+0.5/a*P=0");

for (int d=1; d<ndom; d++) {
    // Bulk equation (2nd order)
    syst.add_eq_inside (d, "Lap(P)=0");
    if (d!=ndom-1) {
        // Matching of the solution
        syst.add_eq_matching (d, OUTER_BC, "P");
        // Matching of the radial derivative
        syst.add_eq_matching (d, OUTER_BC, "dn(P)");
    }
}
// Outer BC
syst.add_eq_bc (ndom-1, OUTER_BC, "P=1");

// Newton-Raphson
double conv;
bool endloop = false;
int ite = 1;
while (!endloop) {
    endloop = syst.do_newton(1e-8, conv);
    cout << "Newton_iteration_" << ite << "_" << conv << endl;
    ite++;
}
```

Advanced topics : definitions

- When an expression of the unknowns appears often.
- That expression can be made into a definition.
- Simplifies the writing of the equations.
- Makes the code faster as the definitions are computed only when needed.

```
// Extrinsic curvature tensor  
syst.add_def (" K_ij=(D_i_B_j+D_j_B_i)/N" ) ;  
  
// Can be used in other expressions  
// Hamiltonian constraint  
syst.add_def (" H=R-K_ij*K^ij" ) ;  
// Momentum constraints  
syst.add_def (" M^i=D_j_K^ij" ) ;
```

Advanced topics : metrics

- Special type of second order tensor.
- Enables the index manipulation.
- Enables the use of covariant derivative.
- Enables the use of Riemann and Ricci tensors

```
// Definition of a metric (from a second order tensor)  
// Here met is an unknown also (use Metric_const otherwise)  
Metric_general met (gmet) ;  
  
// Associates the metric to the system  
met.set_system (syst , "g" ) ;  
  
// Now you can compute things like  
syst.add_def ("derN=D.i.N" ) ;  
// The Ricci is known  
syst.add_def ("Ricci_ij=R.ij" ) ;
```

Advanced topics : global unknowns

- Some unknowns are numbers, not fields.
- Associated with integral equations.

```
double omega = 0. ;  
  
// Omega is an unknown  
syst.add_var ("ome", omega) ;  
  
// Equality of the ADM and Komar masses forces the right value of omega  
// Can be expressed as  
space.add_eq_int_inf (syst, "integ(dn(N)+2*dn(P))=0" ) ;
```

Example of a complex problem

Kerr black hole in 3+1 formalism

- Based of the paper : P. Grandclément, J. Nicoules, Phys. Rev. D, 105, 104011 (2022).
- Unknowns : N the lapse, B^i the shift and γ_{ij} the spatial metric.
- Maximal slicing $K = 0$.
- Spatial harmonic gauge $g^{kl}\Gamma_{kl}^i = 0$.

Bulk equations

$$H : R - D_k V^k - K_{ij} K^{ij} = 0$$

$$M_i : D^j K_{ij} = 0$$

$$E_{ij} : \mathcal{L}_B K_{ij} - D_i D_j N + N \left(R_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} (D_i V_j + D_j V_i) - 2K_{ik} K_j^k \right) = 0$$

where $V^i = g^{kl} \Gamma_{kl}^i$ and $K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} (D_i B_j + D_j B_i)$.

Outer boundary equations

- $N = 1$
- $B^i = 0$
- $\gamma_{ij} = f_{ij}$.

Inner boundary equations

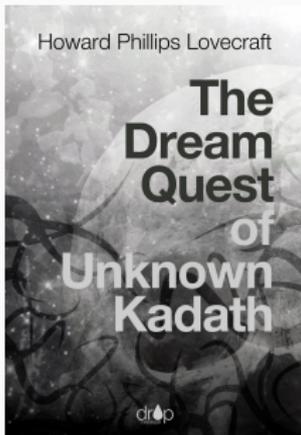
- $N = N_{\text{const}}$ (time coordinate freedom).
- $B^i = N\tilde{s}^i + \Omega(\partial_\varphi)^i$ (horizon at fixed location, with no shear).
- $\gamma_{r\theta} = 0$ and $\gamma_{r\varphi} = 0$ (spatial gauge freedom).
- $E_{\theta\theta} = 0$, $E_{\theta\varphi} = 0$ and $E_{\varphi\varphi} = 0$ (degenerate equations).
- $\gamma_{rr} = g_{\text{const}}$ for $l = m = 0$ and $\Theta = 0$ otherwise.

Last words

- Additional specialized features (adapted domains).
- Many successful applications (boson stars, hairy black holes, initial data for general relativity).
- Additional functionalities are included regularly.
- The number of users increases, at last...

Try it...

Kadath website (<https://kadath.obspm.fr>) has some tutorials... Have fun...



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KADATH SPECTRAL SOLVER

Kadath is a library that implements spectral methods in the context of theoretical physics.
The library is fully parallel but a sequential version can be installed (should be rather slow for real problems).
The library is written in C++.
Kadath is a free software under the [GNU General Public License](#)

A detailed presentation of the tool can be found in : [J. Comput. Phys., 229, 3334 \(2010\)](#)

The name of the library is a reference to HP Lovecraft's mythical dwelling place of the Great Ones.
** There were towers on that titan mountaintop; horrible domed towers in noxious and incalculable tiers and clusters beyond any dreamable workmanship of man; battlements and terraces of wonder and menace, all lined tiny and black and distant against the stary pshent that glowed malevolently at the uppermost rim of sight. Capping that most measureless of mountains was a castle beyond all mortal thought, and in it glowed the daemon-light. **

The dream-quest of unknown Kadath by HP Lovecraft

