

Meshfree Approximation with MATLAB

Lecture VI: Nonlinear Problems: Nash Iteration and Implicit Smoothing

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- $K_\nu > 0 \implies \Phi_{s,\beta} > 0$



Examples

Let $r = \varepsilon \|\mathbf{x}\|$, $t = \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|}{\varepsilon}$

β	$\Phi_{3,\beta}(r)/\sqrt{2\pi}$	$\varepsilon^3 \widehat{\Phi}_{3,\beta}(t)$
3	$(1+r) \frac{e^{-r}}{16}$	$(1+t^2)^{-3}$
4	$(3+3r+r^2) \frac{e^{-r}}{96}$	$(1+t^2)^{-4}$
5	$(15+15r+6r^2+r^3) \frac{e^{-r}}{768}$	$(1+t^2)^{-5}$
6	$(105+105r+45r^2+10r^3+r^4) \frac{e^{-r}}{7680}$	$(1+t^2)^{-6}$

Table: Matérn functions and their Fourier transforms for $s = 3$ and various choices of β .



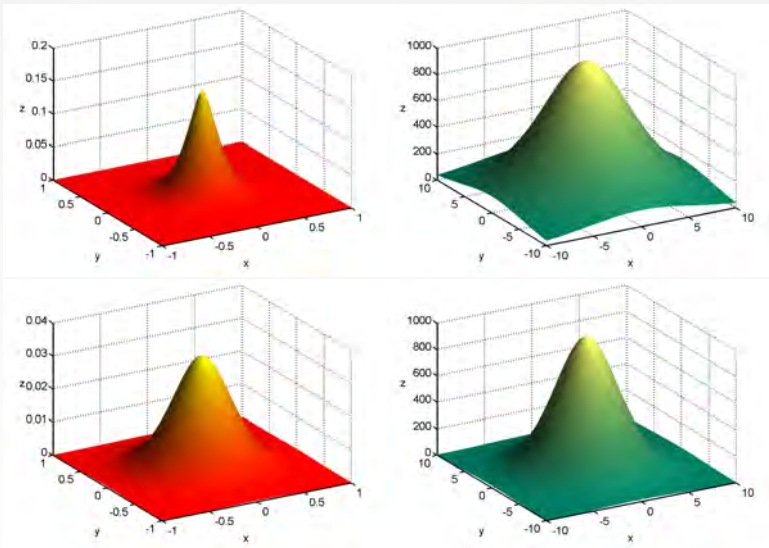


Figure: Matérn functions and Fourier transforms for $\Phi_{3,3}$ (top) and $\Phi_{3,6}$ (bottom) centered at the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 ($\varepsilon = 10$ scaling used).



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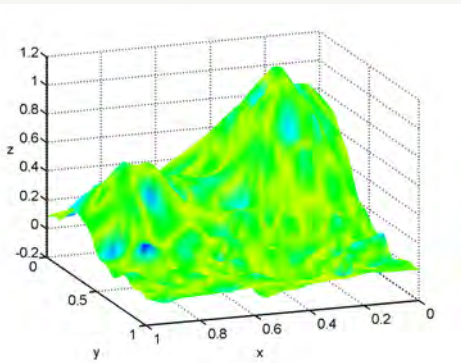
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$$\begin{aligned} u * \Phi_{s,\alpha} &= \left[\sum_{j=1}^N c_j \Phi_{s,\beta}(\cdot - \mathbf{x}_j) \right] * \Phi_{s,\alpha} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \Phi_{s,\alpha+\beta}(\cdot - \mathbf{x}_j) \\ &=: S_\alpha u \end{aligned}$$



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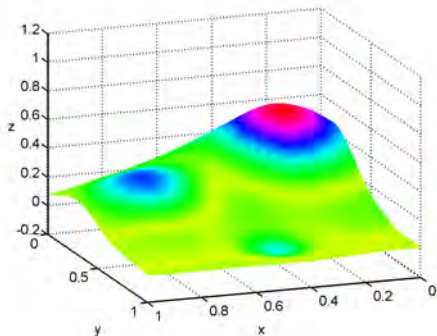
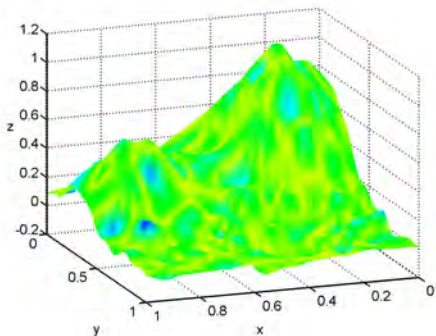


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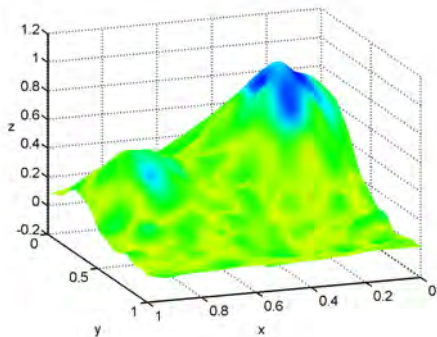
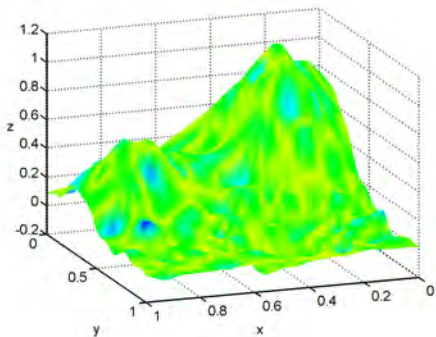


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Note: Jackson and Bernstein theorems known for **interpolation** with Matérn functions, but **not for smoothing** [Beatson & Bui (2007)]



Non-symmetric RBF Collocation

Linear(ized) BVP

$$\begin{aligned} Lu(\mathbf{x}) &= f(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^s \\ Bu(\mathbf{x}) &= g(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Use *Ansatz* $u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j \varphi(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_j\|)$ [Kansa (1990)]

Collocation at $\underbrace{\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_l\}}_{\in \Omega}, \underbrace{\{\mathbf{x}_{l+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}}_{\in \partial\Omega}$ leads to linear system

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y}$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_L \\ \mathbf{A}_B \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{g} \end{bmatrix}$$



Computational Grids for $N = 289$

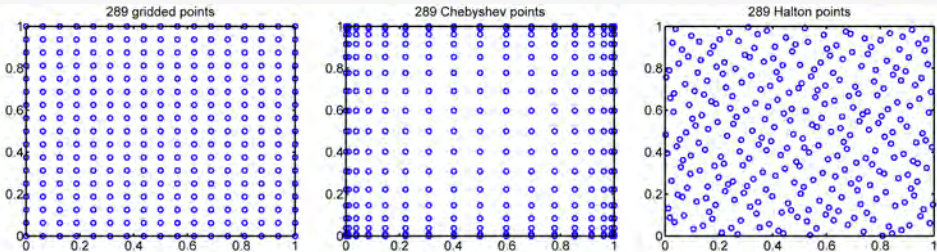


Figure: Uniform (left), Chebyshev (center), and Halton (right) collocation points.



Numerical Illustration

- Nonlinear PDE: $\mathcal{L}u = f$

$$\begin{aligned} -\mu^2 \nabla^2 u - u + u^3 &= f, & \text{in } \Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1) \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- Linearized equation: $L_u v = f - \mathcal{L}u$

$$-\mu^2 \nabla^2 v + (3u^2 - 1)v = f + \mu^2 \nabla^2 u + u - u^3$$

- Computational grids: uniformly spaced, Chebyshev, or Halton points in $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$
- Use $\mu = 0.1$ for all examples



Numerical Illustration (cont.)

- RBFs used: Matérn functions

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$$\nabla^2 \Phi_{s,\beta}(\mathbf{0}) = \frac{\varepsilon^2 \Gamma(\beta - \frac{s}{2} - 1)}{\sqrt{2^s}\Gamma(\beta)}$$

- Fixed shape parameter $\varepsilon = \sqrt{N}/2$



```
function rbf_definitionMatern
global rbf Lrbf
rbf = @(ep,r,s,b) matern(ep,r,s,b); % Matern functions
Lrbf = @(ep,r,s,b) Lmatern(ep,r,s,b); % Laplacian
```

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function rbf = matern(ep,r,s,b)
scale = gamma(b-s/2)*2^(-s/2)/gamma(b);
rbf = scale*ones(size(r));
nz = find(r~=0);
rbf(nz) = 1/(2^(b-1)*gamma(b))*besselk(b-s/2,ep*r(nz))...
.*(ep*r(nz)).^(b-s/2);
```

```
function Lrbf = Lmatern(ep,r,s,b)
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Exact solution and initial guess

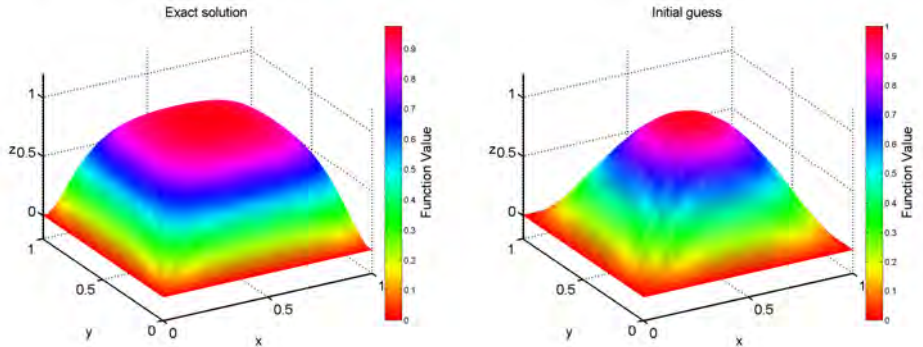


Figure: Solution u (left), initial guess $u(x, y) = 16x(1 - x)y(1 - y)$ (right).



Newton and Nash Iteration on Single Uniform Grid

N	Newton		Nash		
	RMS-error	K	RMS-error	K	ρ
25(41)	$1.356070 \cdot 10^{-1}$	7	$1.064151 \cdot 10^{-1}$	5	0.328
81(113)	$2.404571 \cdot 10^{-2}$	9	$2.183223 \cdot 10^{-2}$	10	0.527
289(353)	$4.237178 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9	$2.276646 \cdot 10^{-3}$	20	0.953
1089(1217)	$8.982388 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	$3.450676 \cdot 10^{-4}$	37	0.999
4225(4481)	$1.855711 \cdot 10^{-4}$	10	$7.780351 \cdot 10^{-5}$	32	0.999

Matérn parameters: $s = 3$, $\beta = 4$, uniform points

Nash smoothing: $\alpha = \rho^{\theta b^k}$ with $\theta = 1.1435$, $b = 1.2446$

Sample MATLAB calls: `Newton_NLPDE(289, 'u', 3, 4, 0)`,

`Newton_NLPDE(289, 'u', 3, 4, 0.953)`



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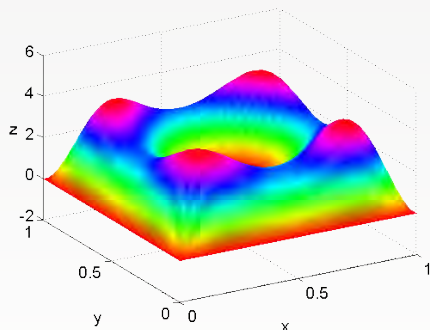
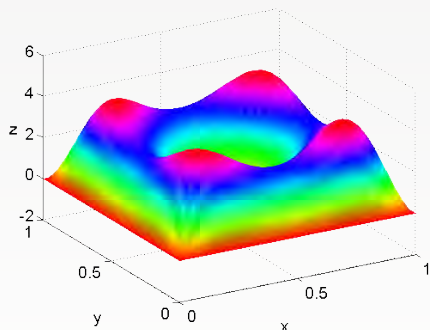


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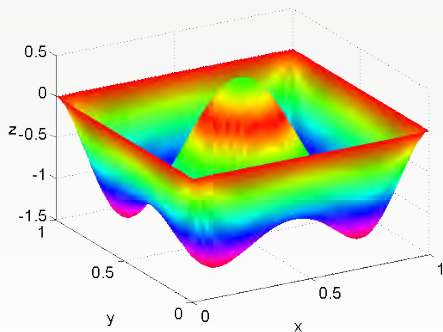
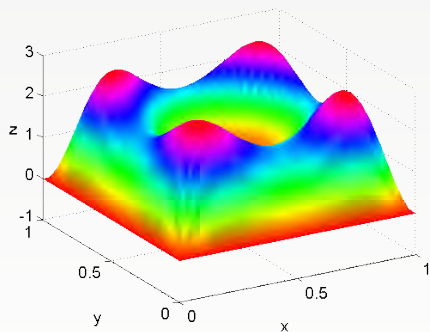


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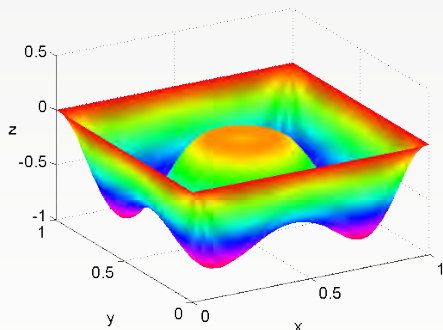
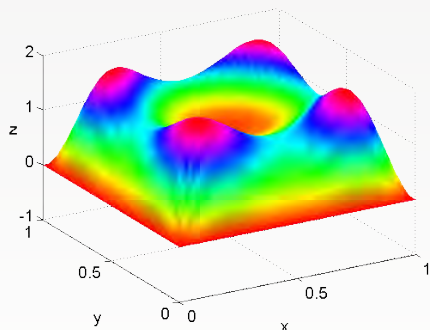


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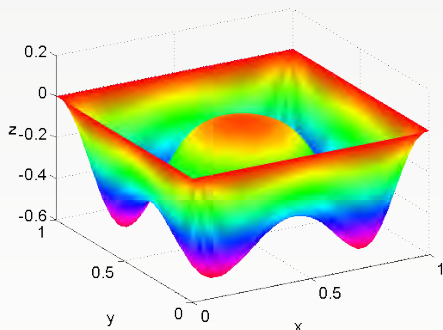
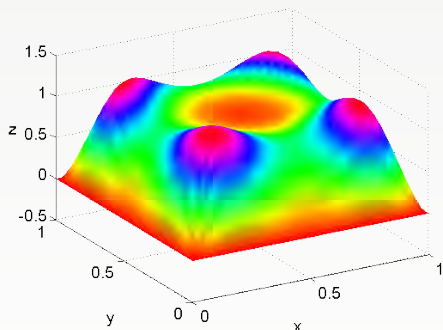


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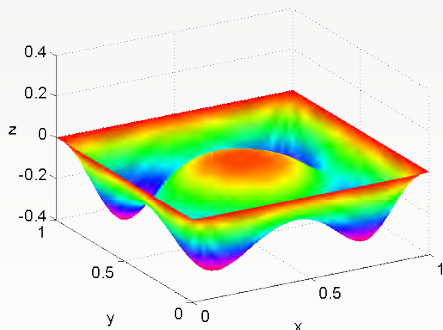
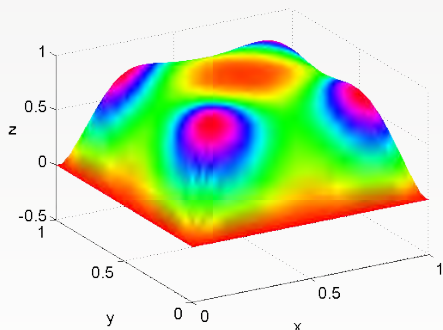


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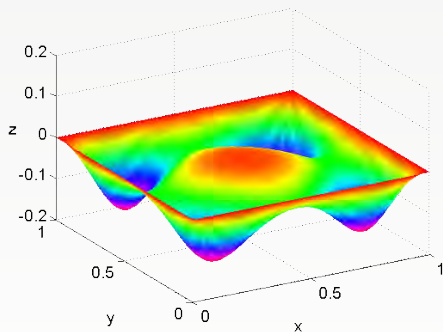
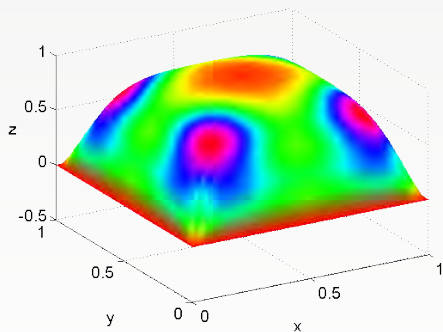


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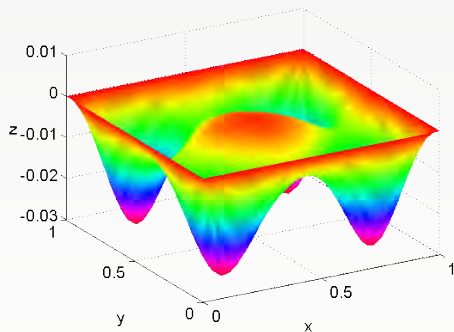
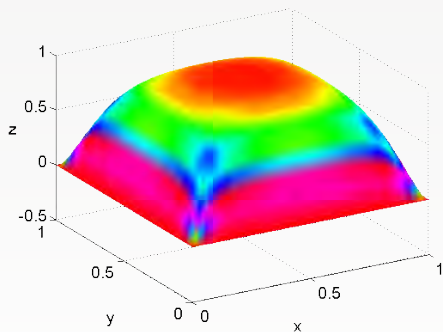


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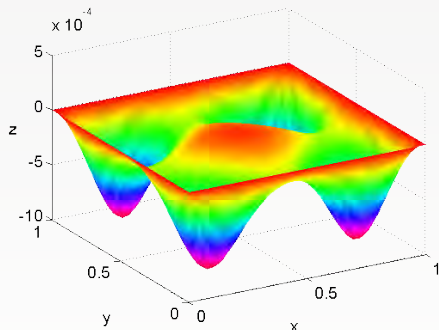
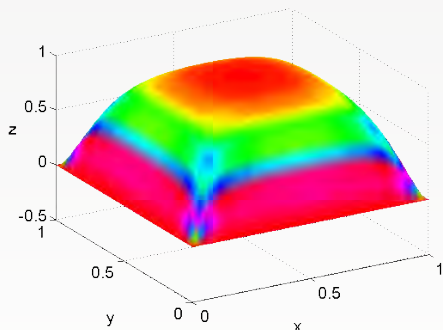


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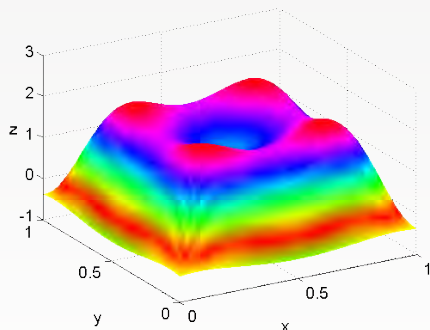
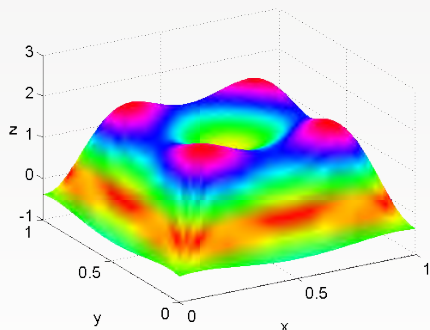


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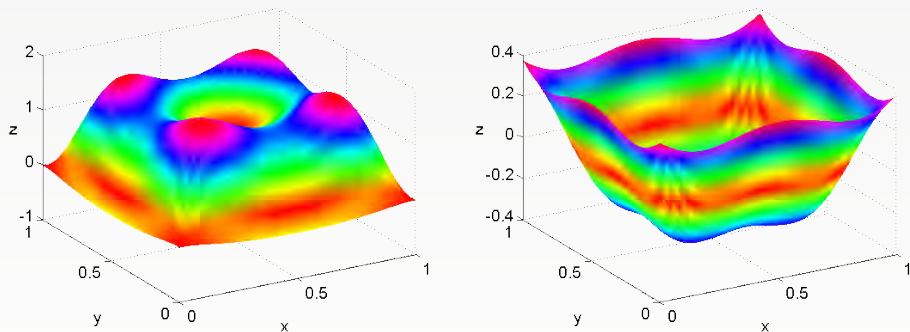


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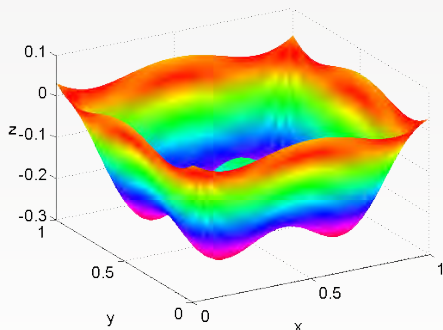
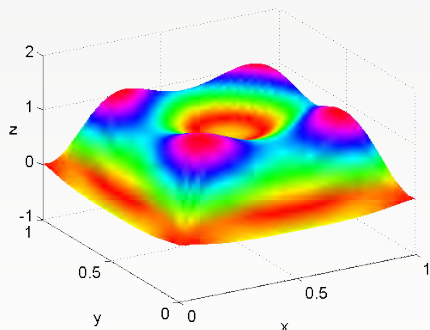


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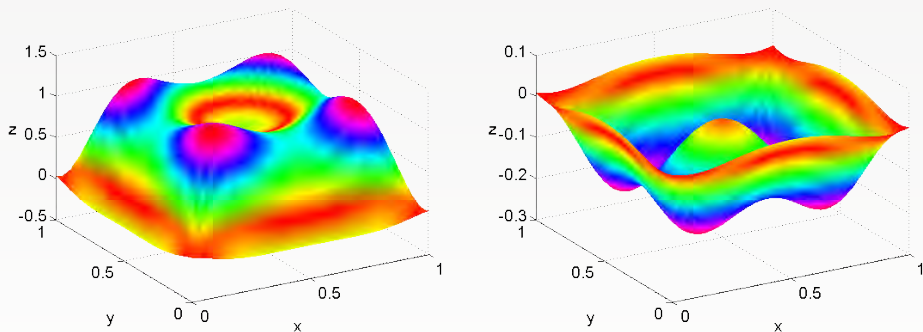


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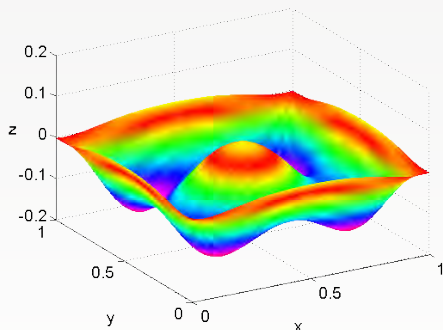
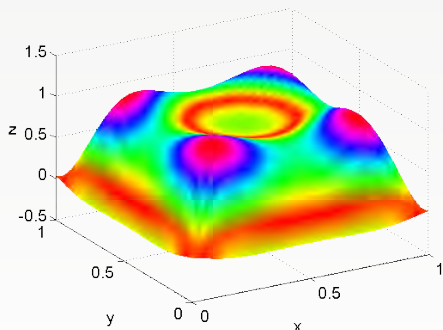


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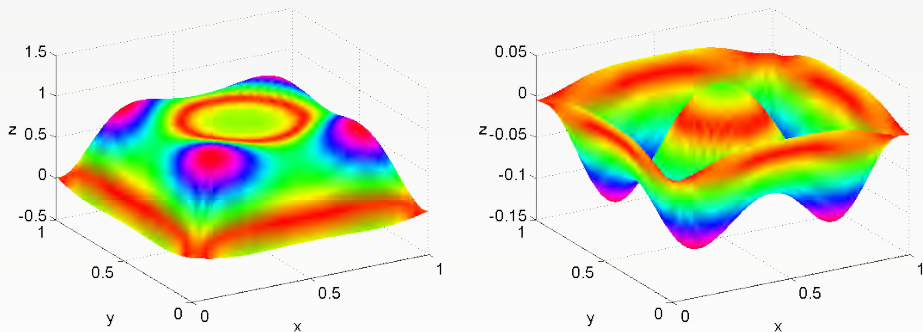


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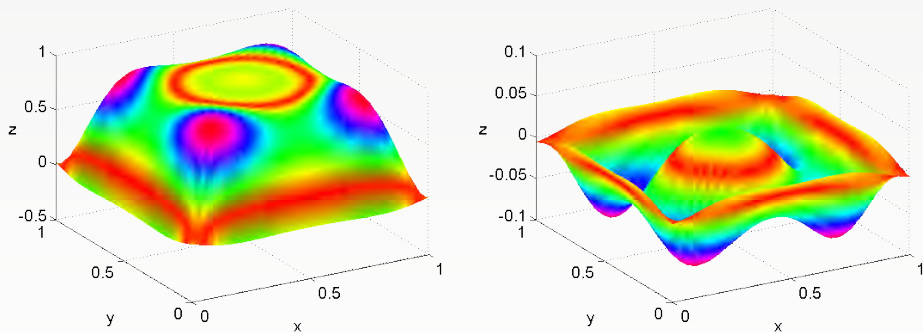


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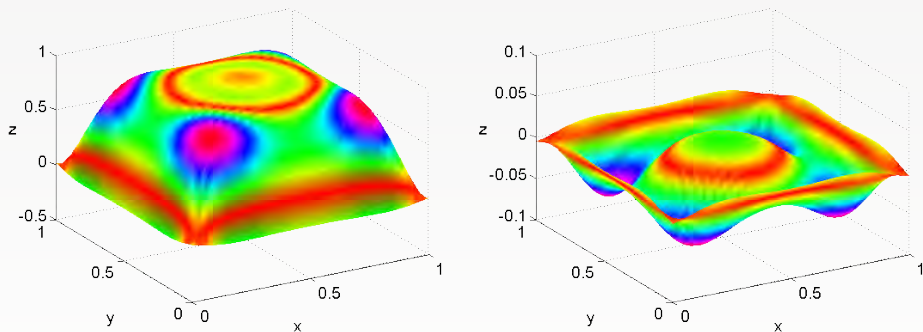


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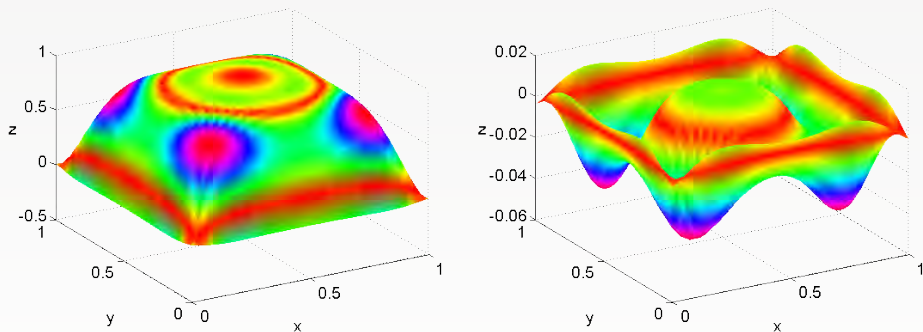


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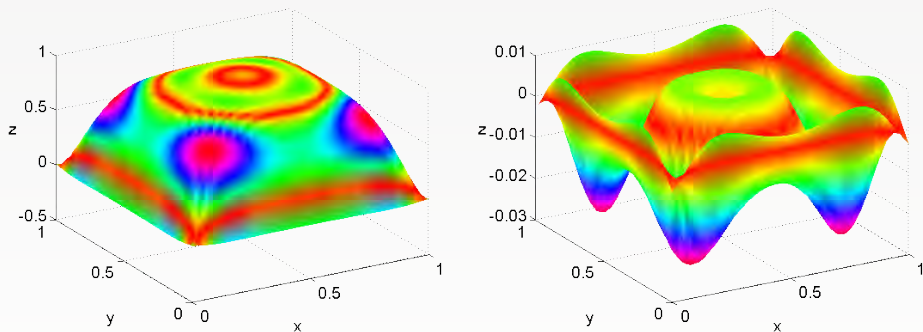


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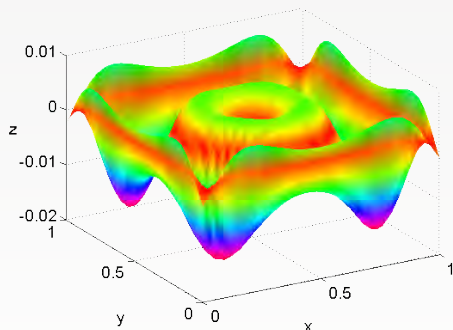
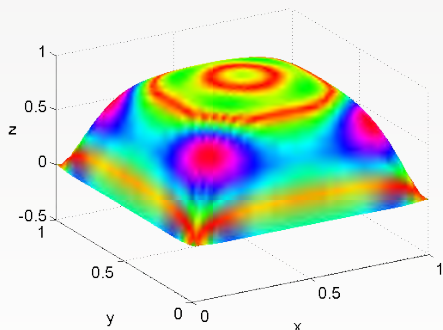


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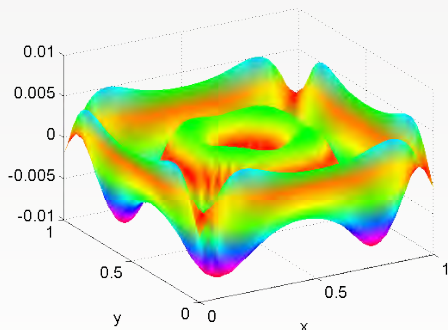
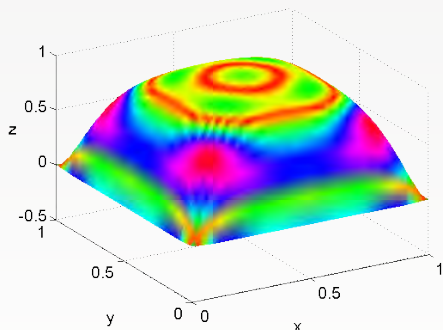


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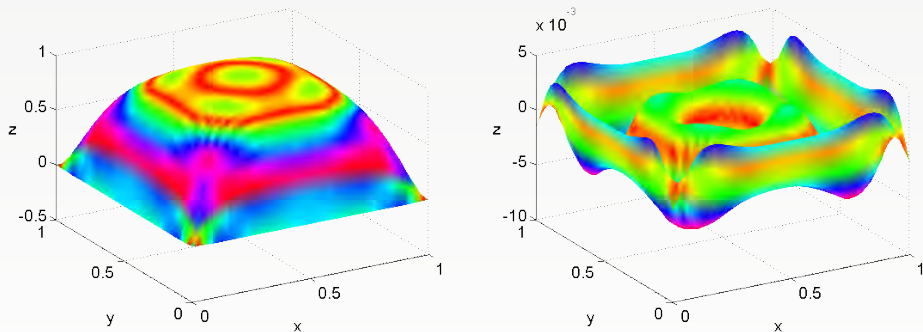


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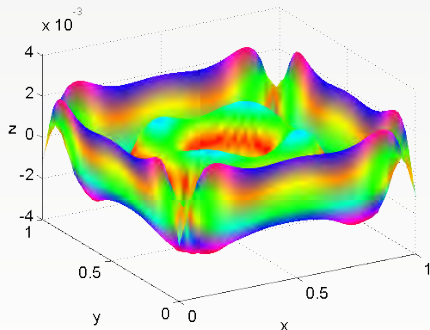
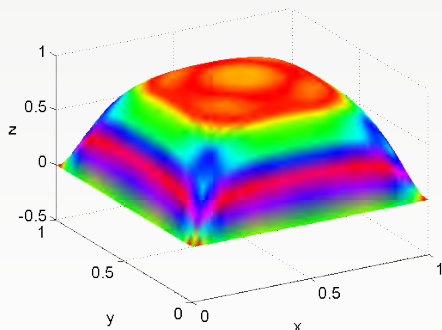


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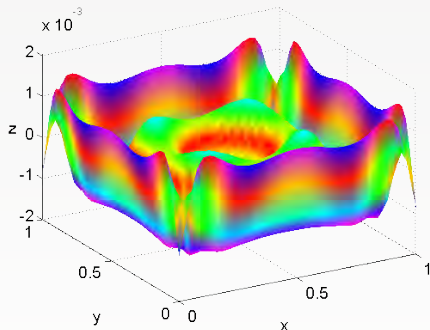
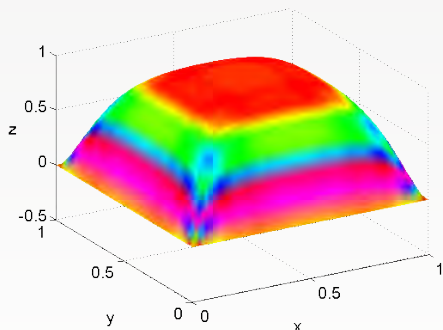


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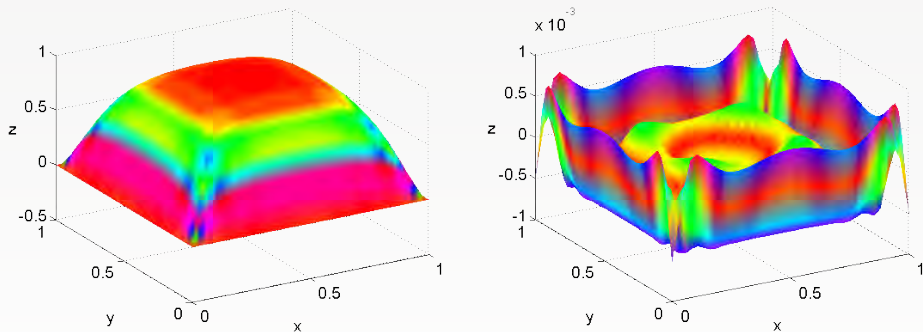


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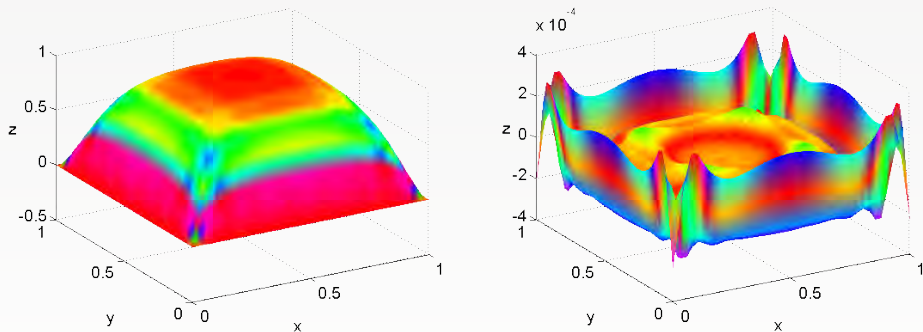


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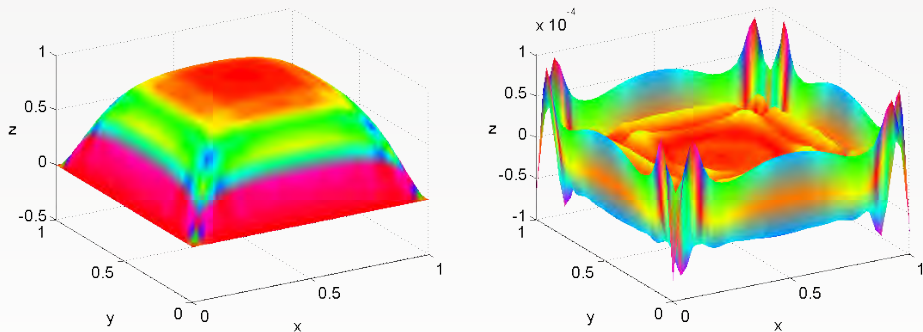


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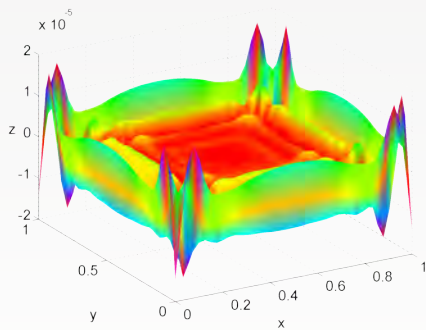
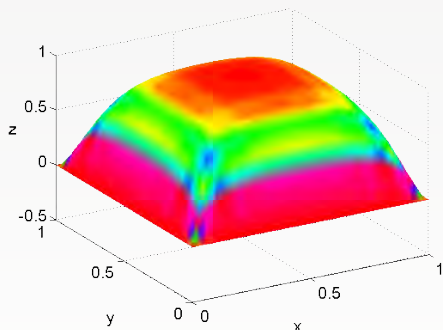


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Error drops and smoothing parameters for $N = 289$

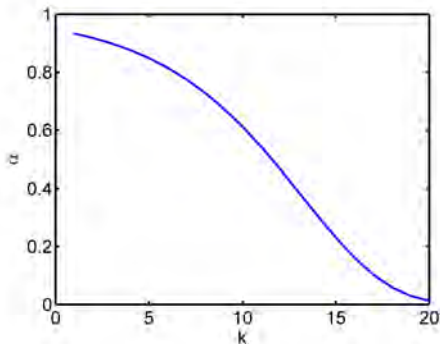
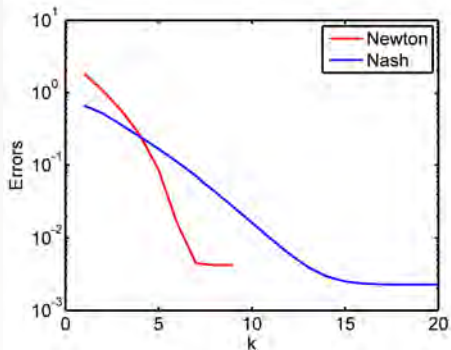


Figure: Drop of RMS error (left), and smoothing parameter α (right).



Newton and Nash Iteration on Single Chebyshev Grid

N	Newton		Nash		
	RMS-error	K	RMS-error	K	ρ
25(41)	$8.809920 \cdot 10^{-2}$	8	$7.825548 \cdot 10^{-2}$	8	0.299
81(113)	$3.546179 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9	$3.277817 \cdot 10^{-3}$	8	0.541
289(353)	$6.198255 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	$8.420461 \cdot 10^{-5}$	35	0.999
1089(1217)	$1.495895 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8	$5.470357 \cdot 10^{-6}$	37	0.999
4225(4481)	$3.734340 \cdot 10^{-4}$	7	$7.790757 \cdot 10^{-6}$	35	0.999

Matérn parameters: $s = 3$, $\beta = 4$, Chebyshev points

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	RMS-error	K	RMS-error	K	ρ
25(41)	$3.160062 \cdot 10^{-2}$	7	$2.597881 \cdot 10^{-2}$	7	0.389
81(113)	$9.828342 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9	$8.125240 \cdot 10^{-3}$	13	0.791
289(353)	$2.896087 \cdot 10^{-3}$	9	$1.981563 \cdot 10^{-3}$	15	0.953
1089(1217)	$9.480208 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	$3.305680 \cdot 10^{-4}$	36	0.999
4225(4481)	$3.563199 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8	$1.330167 \cdot 10^{-4}$	37	0.999

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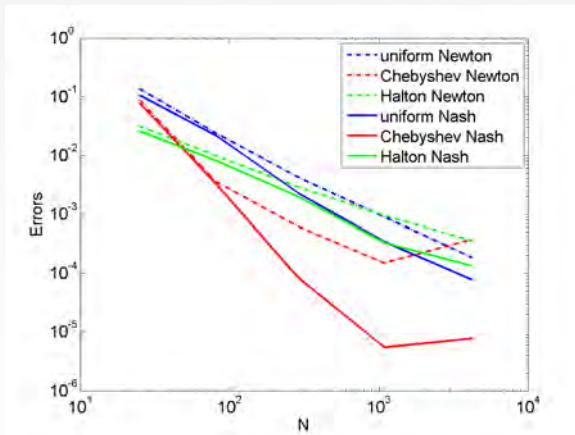


Figure: Convergence of Newton and Nash iteration for different choices of collocation points.



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β	Newton		Nash		
	RMS-error	K	RMS-error	K	ρ
3	$4.022065 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7	$9.757401 \cdot 10^{-4}$	38	0.999
4	$6.198255 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	$8.420461 \cdot 10^{-5}$	35	0.999
5	$1.803903 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	$9.620937 \cdot 10^{-5}$	8	0.447
6	$2.715679 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8	$1.259029 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8	0.376
7	$2.279834 \cdot 10^{-4}$	8	$1.237608 \cdot 10^{-4}$	9	0.320

Matérn parameters: $N = 289$, $s = 3$, Chebyshev points

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Convergence for Different Matérn Functions

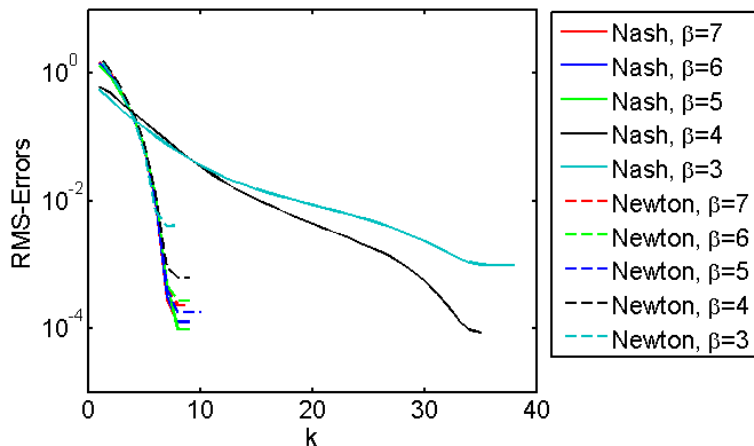


Figure: Convergence of Newton and Nash iteration for different Matérn functions (β).



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● Future Work


- Try mesh refinement within Newton algorithm via adaptive collocation
- Further investigate use of different Matérn parameters
- Couple smoothing parameter to current residuals
- Do smoothing with an **approximate** smoothing kernel
- Apply similar ideas in RBF-PS framework





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