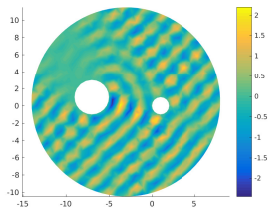
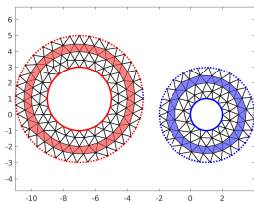


# Employing the Overlapping Solution FEM to Multiple Scatterers

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## Abstract

The  $H^1$ -conforming overlapping solution FEM will be employed to compute the scattered field in the setting of multiple scatterers. In particular, the variational forms in the context of a single computational domain as well as *multiple* (disjoint) domains will be compared. This is followed by some preliminary computational results - single and iterative solves.

## Outline

- The original problem
  - Truncate the domain  $(R, u^{sca}, \mathcal{L})$
  - Variational form -  $H^1$  conforming
  - Numerical example with two scatterers
- New problem - Multiple Meshes
  - Modified variational form
  - Numerical example with two scatterers
  - Single solve
  - Iterative scheme
- Concluding Remarks

# The Problem We Consider-Domain and Boundaries

Consider the bounded scatterer  $D$  (with smooth boundary  $\Gamma$ ) and set  $\widehat{\Omega}$  to be the unbounded complement of  $\overline{D}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Determine  $u$  satisfying

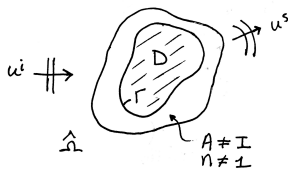
$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u + k^2 n u = f \quad \text{in } \widehat{\Omega}, \quad (1)$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{r} \left( \frac{\partial u^s}{\partial r} - i k u^s \right) = 0, \quad (3)$$

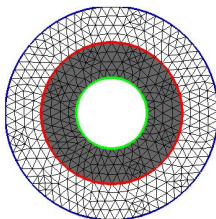
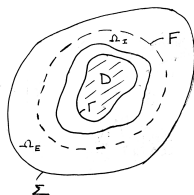
$$u = u^i + u^s \quad \text{in } \widehat{\Omega} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a complex  $2 \times 2$  bounded matrix and  $n$  is piecewise uniformly continuous in  $\widehat{\Omega}$ .



# The Truncated Problem

- Let  $F$  be a closed uniformly Lipschitz curve surrounding  $D$  and  $\Sigma$  a closed uniformly Lipschitz curve surrounding  $F$ .
- $\Gamma$ ,  $F$  and  $\Sigma$  have no point in common.
- The curve  $\Sigma$  serves as the outer boundary for the new truncated domain.
- $\Omega$  is the bounded part of  $\widehat{\Omega}$  inside of  $\Sigma$
- $\Omega_I$  and  $\Omega_E$  are the parts of  $\Omega$  that are located interior and exterior to  $F$ , respectively.

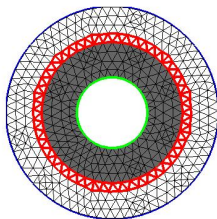


# Cut-Off Function

Define the cut-off function denoted by  $R(\mathbf{y})$  such that  $R = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $\Sigma$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(\Sigma)$ , and  $R = 1$  in a neighborhood of  $F$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(F)$ . That is to say, for  $\mathbf{x} \in \Sigma$ ,

$$R(\mathbf{y})\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \begin{cases} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) & \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{N}(F), \\ 0 & \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{N}(\Sigma). \end{cases}$$

where  $\Phi$  is the fundamental solution to the general helmholtz equation (1).



$R \neq 0$  shown in red.

# Representation of Scattered Field

Represent the scattered field for  $\mathbf{x}$  outside of  $F$  (using Green's first identity):

$$\begin{aligned} u^s(\mathbf{x}) &= \int_{\Omega_E} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} u^s(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} R(\mathbf{y}) \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) dA_{\mathbf{y}} - k^2 \int_{\Omega_E} R(\mathbf{y}) \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u^s(\mathbf{y}) dA_{\mathbf{y}} \\ &\quad - \int_F u^s(\mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\mathbf{y}}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) ds_{\mathbf{y}} := I^R[u^s, \Phi](\mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

If we define the boundary operator on  $\Sigma$  as

$$\mathcal{L}(u) := \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\mathbf{x}}} - i\lambda u \right) \Big|_{\Sigma}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\},$$

where  $\mathbf{n}_{\mathbf{x}}$  is the outward normal to  $\Sigma$ , a reduced problem is to find  $u \in W$  such that

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u + k^2 n u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (5)$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(u - I^R[u, \Phi]) = \mathcal{L}(u^{inc}) \quad \text{on } \Sigma, \quad (7)$$

where

$$W := \{f \in L^2(\Omega) : f_x, f_y \in L^2(\Omega) \text{ and } f|_{\Gamma} = 0\}.$$

The variational formulation is to determine  $u \in W$  such that

$$a(u, v) = \ell(v) \quad \forall v \in W$$

where  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the sesquilinear form defined on  $W$  by

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) = & \int_{\Omega} \overline{\nabla v} \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u \, dA - k^2 \int_{\Omega} \overline{v} n u \, dA \\ & - \int_{\Sigma} \overline{v} \mathcal{L} \left( I^R[u, \Phi] \right) \, ds - i\lambda \int_{\Sigma} \overline{v} u \, ds \end{aligned}$$

and  $\ell(\cdot)$  is the semilinear form given by

$$\ell(v) = \int_{\Sigma} \overline{v} \mathcal{L} \left( u^{inc} \right) \, ds.$$



## Two Circular Scatterers

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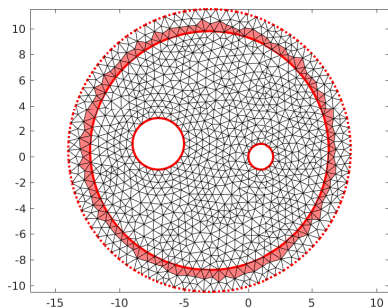
$D_2$ : centered at  $(1, 0)$  with radius 1

Wave number  $k = \pi$  or  $\lambda = 2$

Uniform degree of approximation  $p = 8$

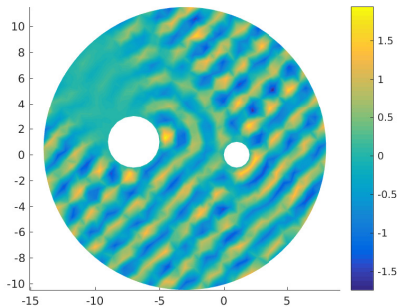
Lagrangian basis functions

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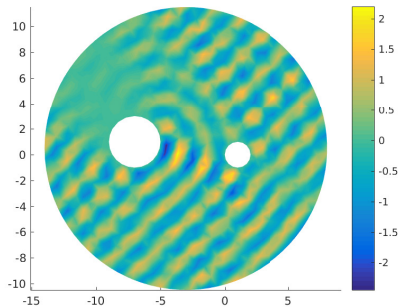


Note that  $\|u - u_{hp}\|_W \leq h^p \|u\|_{\Omega, p+1}$ .

# Numerical Results - Two Plots



(a) Real part total field



(b) Imaginary part total field

Two circular scatterers

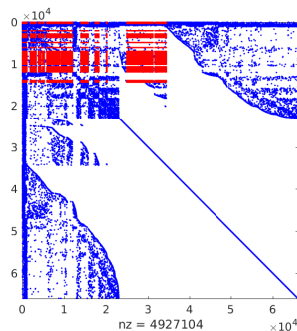
Number of triangles: 2,046

Total Dofs: 65,991

Nonzero entries: 8,797,387 (0.2 %)

Symmetric and nonsymmetric entries

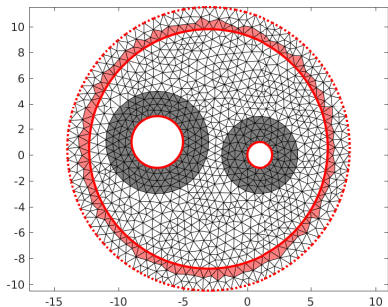
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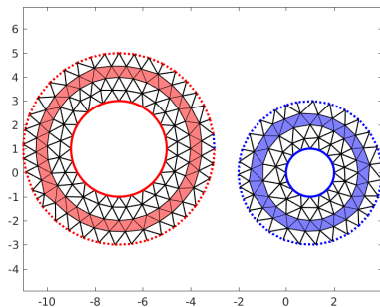
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# Multiple Domain (Disjoint) Formulation

The aim is to proceed by truncating the unbounded domain  $\widehat{\Omega}$  locally.



Original mesh

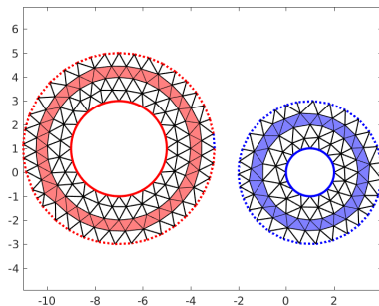


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\*Marcus J. Grote and Christoph Kirsch, *Nonreflecting boundary condition for time-dependent multiple scattering*, Journal of Computational Physics, 2007

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For  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\widehat{\Omega}_i$

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$u_i^{sca}$  is determined by its values on  $\Omega_{F_i} \cup F$ .



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For  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\widehat{\Omega}_i$ ,  $u_i^{sca}(\mathbf{x}) := IR[F_i; u_i^s, \Phi](\mathbf{x})$ .

The idea is then to *couple*  $u^{sca}$  with  $u_1^{sca}$  and  $u_2^{sca}$  by requiring that

$$u^{sca} = u_1^{sca} + u_2^{sca}$$

on  $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ .

A new set of equations related to the reduced problem is to find  $u \in W$  such that

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u + k^2 n u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_i, \quad (10)$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma, \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_i (u - I^{R_i}[F_i; u, \Phi] - I^R[F_j; u, \Phi]) = \mathcal{L}_i (u^{inc}) \quad \text{on } \Sigma_j \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_i$  corresponds to the operator  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_i} - i\lambda \right) \Big|_{\Sigma_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \Big|_{\Sigma_i} &= \mathcal{L}_i(u) + i\lambda u \\ &= \mathcal{L}_i(u^{inc}) + \mathcal{L}_i(u^{sca}) + i\lambda u \\ &= \mathcal{L}_i(u^{inc}) + \mathcal{L}_i (I^R[F_1; u, \Phi] + I^R[F_2; u, \Phi]) + i\lambda u. \end{aligned}$$

The weak form would then be

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) : &= \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2} \overline{\nabla v} \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u \, dA - k^2 \int_{\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2} \overline{v} n u \, dA - i\lambda \int_{\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2} \overline{v} u \, ds \\ &\quad - \int_{\Sigma_1} \overline{v} \mathcal{L}_1 (I^R[F_1; u, \Phi] + I^R[F_2; u, \Phi]) \, ds \\ &\quad - \int_{\Sigma_2} \overline{v} \mathcal{L}_2 (I^R[F_1; u, \Phi] + I^R[F_2; u, \Phi]) \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Sigma_1} \overline{v} \mathcal{L}_1 (u^{inc}) \, ds + \int_{\Sigma_2} \overline{v} \mathcal{L}_2 (u^{inc}) \, ds \\ &:= \ell(u^{inc}). \end{aligned}$$

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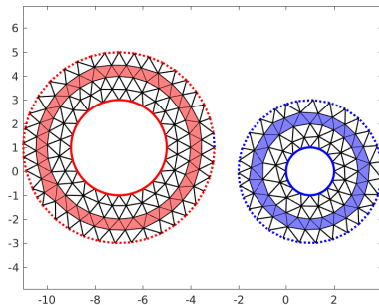
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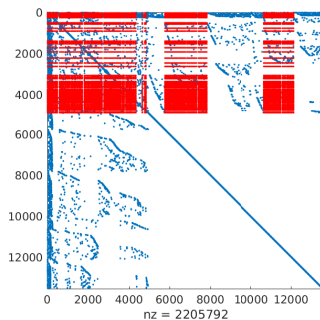
Number of triangles: 410

Total Dofs: 13,552

Nonzero entries: 2,989,744 (1.6 %)

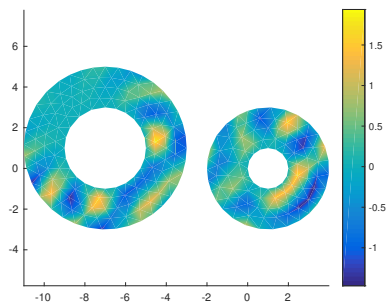
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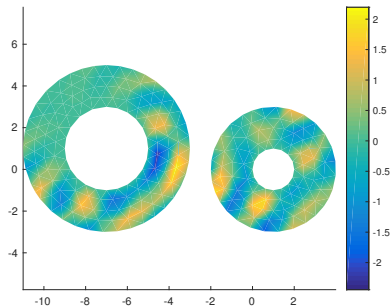


System Matrix

# Numerical Results - Two Plots



(a) Real part total field



(b) Imaginary part total field

$$\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{one mesh}} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{two meshes}}\|_F = 2.2117e - 07$$

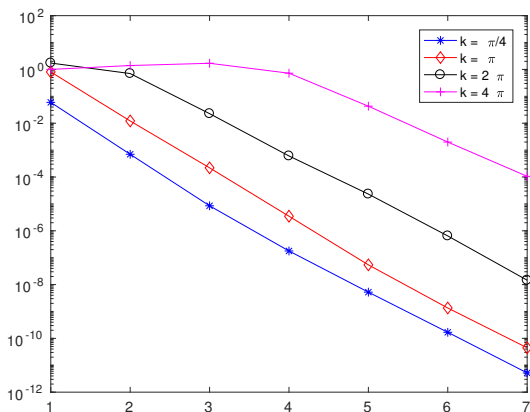
## Numerical Results - Increasing order of uniform approximation

Degree	Num. Dofs	Num. Nonzero	Percent Nonzero
1	259	8894	13.3
2	928	54,544	6.3
3	2,007	16,7073	4.1
4	3,496	379,064	3.1
5	5,395	725,560	2.5
6	7,704	1,244,064	2.1
7	10,423	1,974,539	1.8
8	13,552	2,989,744	1.6

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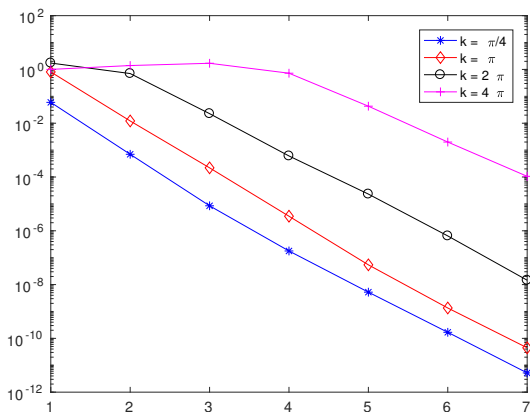




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$H^1$ -norm of the difference between the computed solution and the *true* solution versus the uniform order of approximation.

- Degree of approx ranges from  $p = 1$  to  $p = 7$
- The so-called *true* solution is the solution computed on the single mesh with  $p = 8$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 a(u, v) &= \sum_i \left( \int_{\Omega_i} \bar{\nabla} v \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u dA - k^2 \int_{\Omega_i} \bar{v} n u dA - i \lambda \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v} u ds \right) \\
 &- \sum_i \left( \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v} \mathcal{L}_i \left( I^R[F_i; u, \Phi] \right) ds \right) - \sum_{i,j;i \neq j} \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v} \mathcal{L}_i \left( I^R[F_j; u, \Phi] \right) ds \\
 &= \sum_i \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v} \mathcal{L}_i \left( u^{inc} \right) ds \\
 &= \ell(u).
 \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$\begin{aligned}
 [M]_{m,n} &= \sum_i \int_{\Omega_i} \bar{\nabla} v_m \cdot \mathcal{A} \nabla u_n dA, \\
 [G]_{m,n} &= \sum_i \int_{\Omega_i} \bar{v}_m n u_n dA, \\
 [S]_{m,n} &= \sum_i \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v}_m u_n ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

It should be noted that  $M$ ,  $G$  and  $S$  are block diagonal. That is to say, if denote  $M^{(i)}$ ,  $G^{(i)}$  and  $S^{(i)}$  as the parts of  $M$ ,  $G$  over  $\Omega_i$  and  $S$  over  $\Sigma_i$ , then

$$M = \text{blockdiag}[M^{(1)}, M^{(2)}, \dots, M^{(n)}]$$

with similar forms for  $G$  and  $S$ .

The remaining term contains the (artificial) boundary conditions on the individual  $\Omega_i$ 's

$$[E^{(i)}]_{m,n} = \sum_i \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v}_m \mathcal{L}_i (I^R[F_i; u_n, \Phi]) ds$$

as well as the nonlocal coupling due to the representation of the outgoing fields

$$[C^{(i,j)}]_{m,n} = \sum_i \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v}_m \mathcal{L}_i (I^R[F_j; u_n, \Phi]) ds.$$

The system matrix is then written as

$$A = G - k^2 M - i\lambda S - B$$

where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} E^{(1)} & C^{(1,2)} & \dots & C^{(1,n)} \\ C^{(2,1)} & E^{(2)} & \dots & C^{(2,n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C^{(n,1)} & C^{(n,2)} & \dots & E^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The entire system is then given by

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}$$

where  $\mathbf{L}$  is the column vector

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{L}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{L}^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

defined as

$$[\mathbf{L}^{(i)}]_n = \int_{\Sigma_i} \bar{v}_n \mathcal{L}_i (u^{inc}) ds.$$

This is the straightforward *all in one solve*.

## Iteration Scheme

- 1 Determine an initial solution to the individual problems

$$(G^{(i)} - k^2 M^{(i)} - i\lambda S^{(i)} - B^{(i)} - E^{(i)})\mathbf{x}_0^{(i)} = L^{(i)}$$

- 2 Then, *until some criteria* solve for  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$(G^{(i)} - k^2 M^{(i)} - i\lambda S^{(i)} - B^{(i)} - E^{(i)})\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)} = L^{(i)} + \sum_{i,j,i \neq j} C^{(i,j)} \mathbf{x}_{j-1}^{(i)}.$$

Two circular scatterers

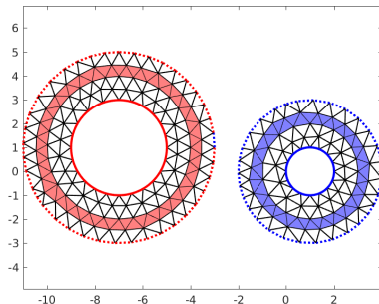
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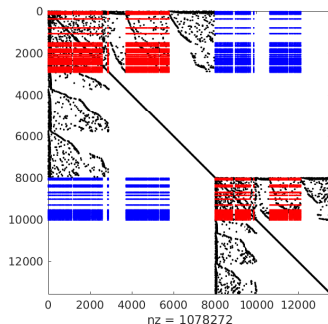
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Note:

$$A^{(i)} = G^{(i)} - k^2M^{(i)} - i\lambda S^{(i)} - B^{(i)} - E^{(i)}.$$



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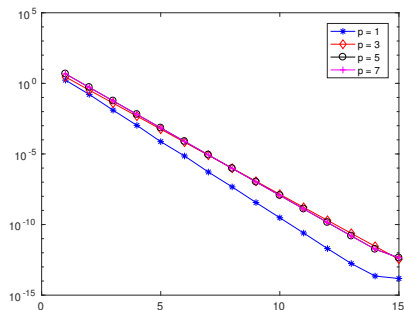
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for  $j = 1, \dots$

$$\|x_j - x_{true}\|_F$$



Using  $j = 1, \dots, 15$  with  $k = 2\pi$



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