

# ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS ON AND IN ALGEBRAIC CURVES AND SURFACES

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# OVERVIEW

- Computing with curves?
- Multivariate orthogonal polynomials
- Nonclassical domains:
  - Half-disks, trapeziums
  - Circles, arcs, spheres and polar caps (?)
  - Quadratic surfaces of revolution

- What is the “right” way to represent curves and surfaces?
  - “Right” implies spectrally accurate
- What is the “right” way to do function approximation on and inside curves and surfaces?
  - “Right” implies spectrally accurate, a la Chebyshev expansion



# USE ALGEBRAIC CURVES/SURFACES!

- Approximate general curves/surfaces by algebraic curves/surfaces
  - That is **zero sets of polynomials**
- Use restrictions of polynomials to algebraic curves for function approximation
  - Polynomials modulo the vanishing ideal
  - Orthogonalizing gives **multivariate orthogonal polynomials** with nice structure



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- Parameterisation
- Level set method

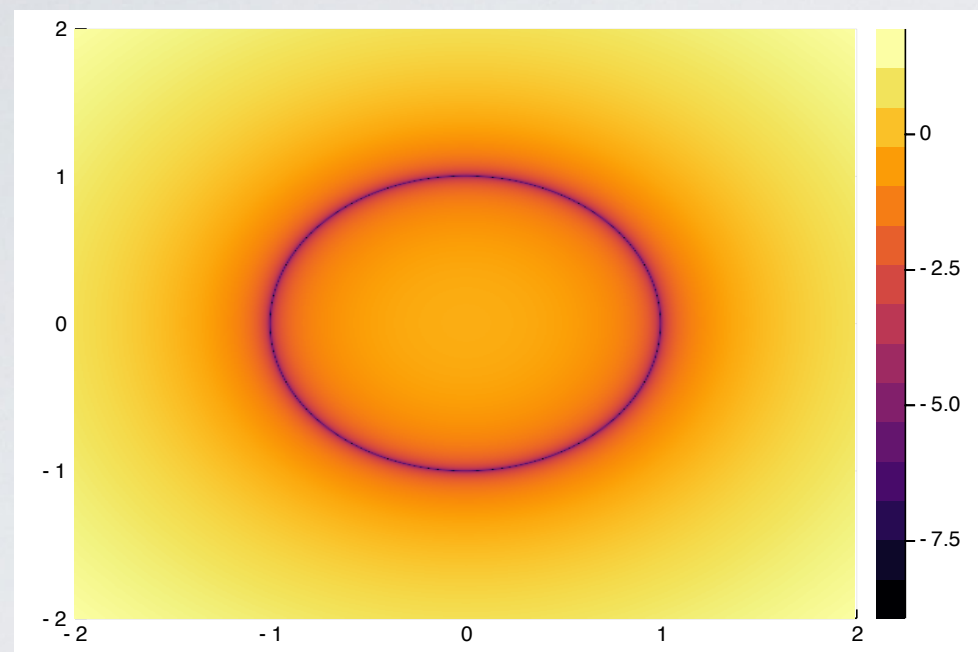
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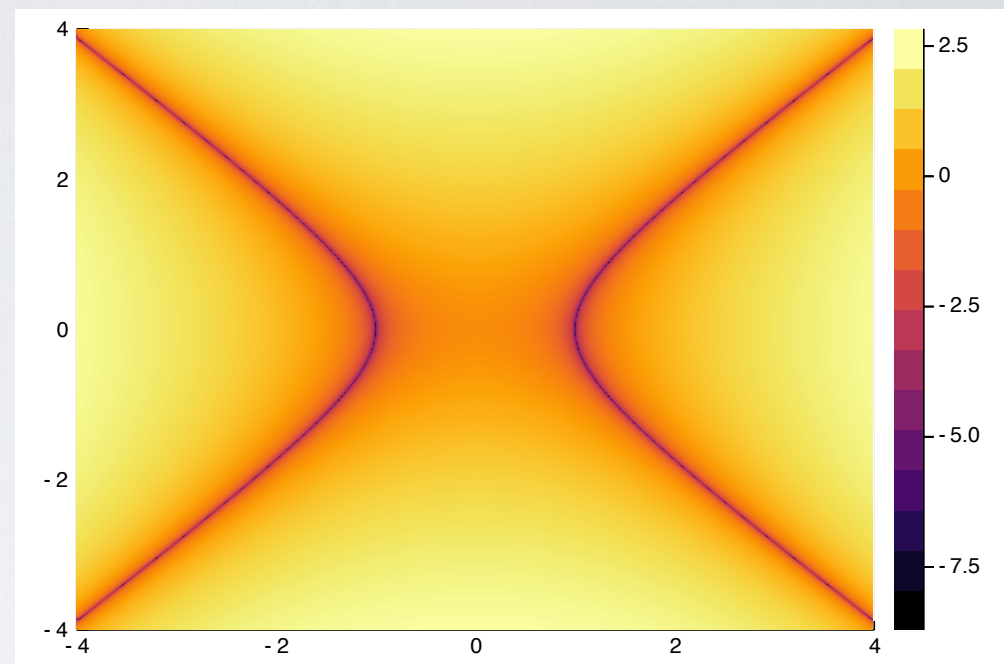
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using polynomials

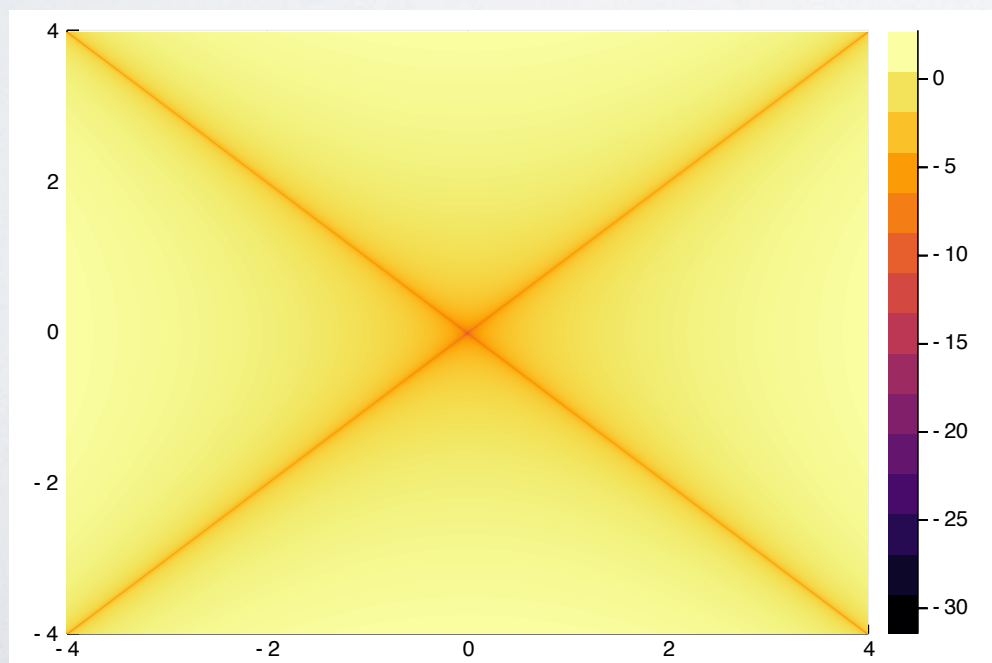
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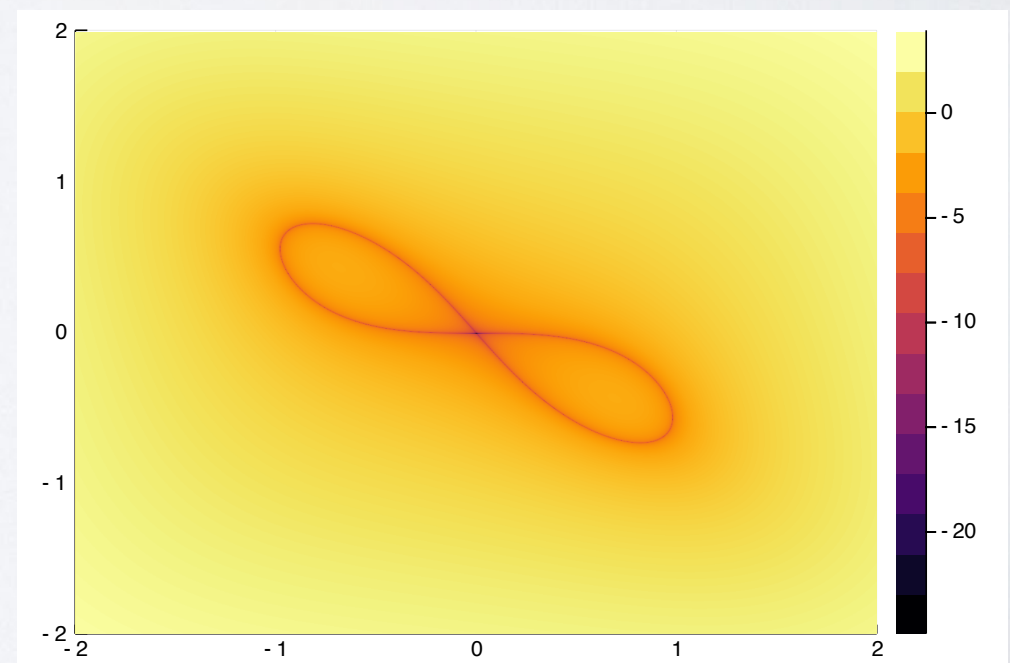
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$$x^2 - y^2$$



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## [HTML] On the approximation of convex bodies by convex algebraic level surfaces

A Kroó - *Journal of Approximation Theory*, 2010 - Elsevier

In this note we consider the problem of the approximation of convex bodies in  $R^d$  by level surfaces of convex algebraic polynomials. Hammer (1963)[1] verified that any convex body in  $R^d$  can be approximated by a level surface of a convex algebraic polynomial. In Kroó ...

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## [PDF] Approximate implicitization

T Dokken - *Mathematical methods for curves and surfaces*, 2001 - researchgate.net

... Page 10. Implicit Surfaces and Algebraic Distance The intention is to find a polynomial  $q$  describing an implicit surface that **approximates**  $f$  in the tetrahedral Bernstein basis of degree  $m$   $q = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} b_\alpha B_\alpha + 0$ . The task is to find the unknown values  $b_\alpha$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m$  that satisfy ..

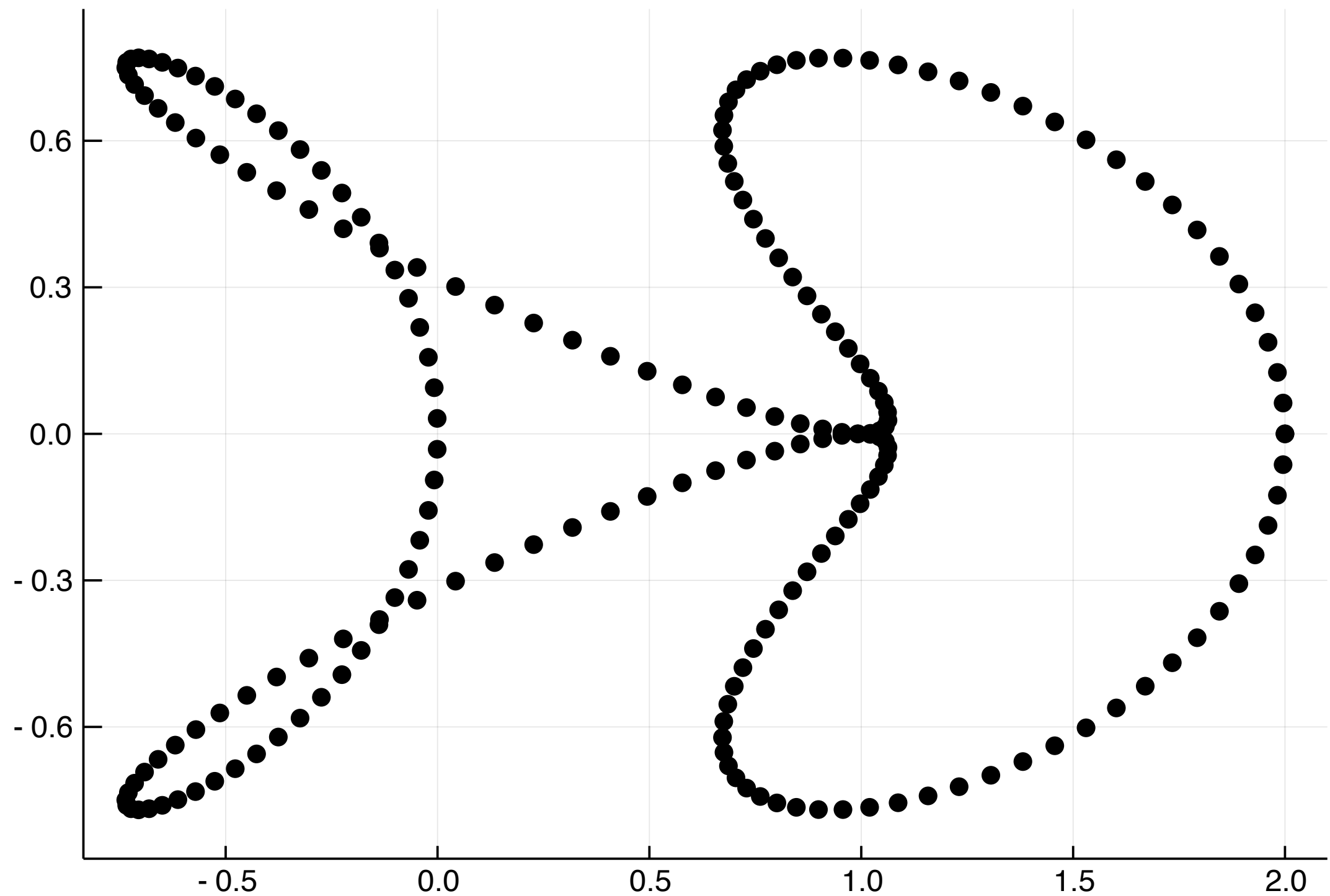
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# APPROXIMATE IMPLICITIZATION

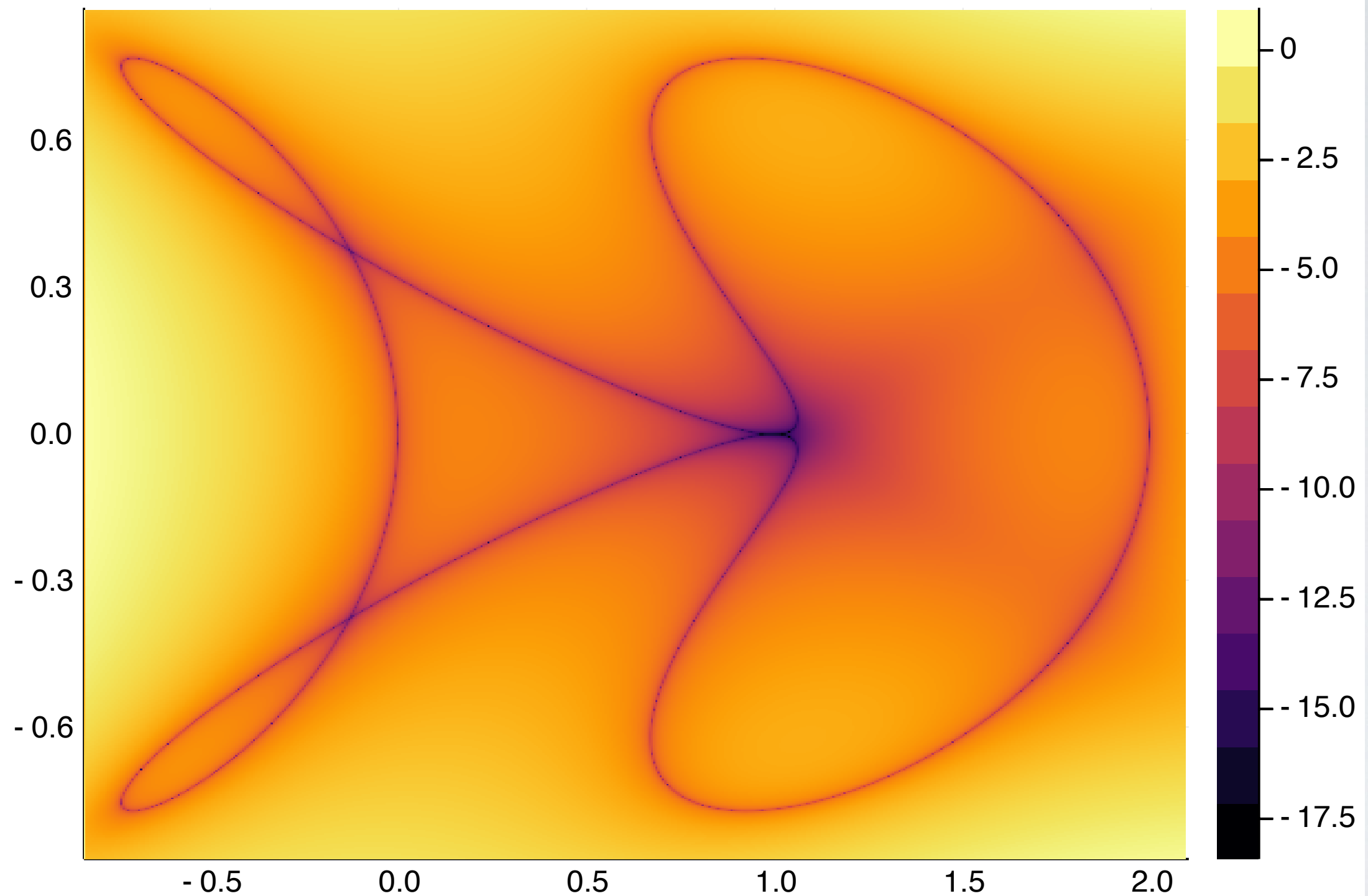
- Usually, curves are given by points  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)$
- There exists an easy way to numerically calculate a polynomial  $p(x, y)$  whose zero set approximates the desired curve:
- Embed the curve in a square, and represent  $p(x, y)$  as a degree  $n$  tensored Chebyshev expansion
- Construct the evaluation matrix at the points
- The null space of this matrix gives the coefficients of  $p(x, y)$
- Adaptively increase  $n$  until there is a nullspace

# APPROXIMATE IMPLICITISATION



Points given on a curve

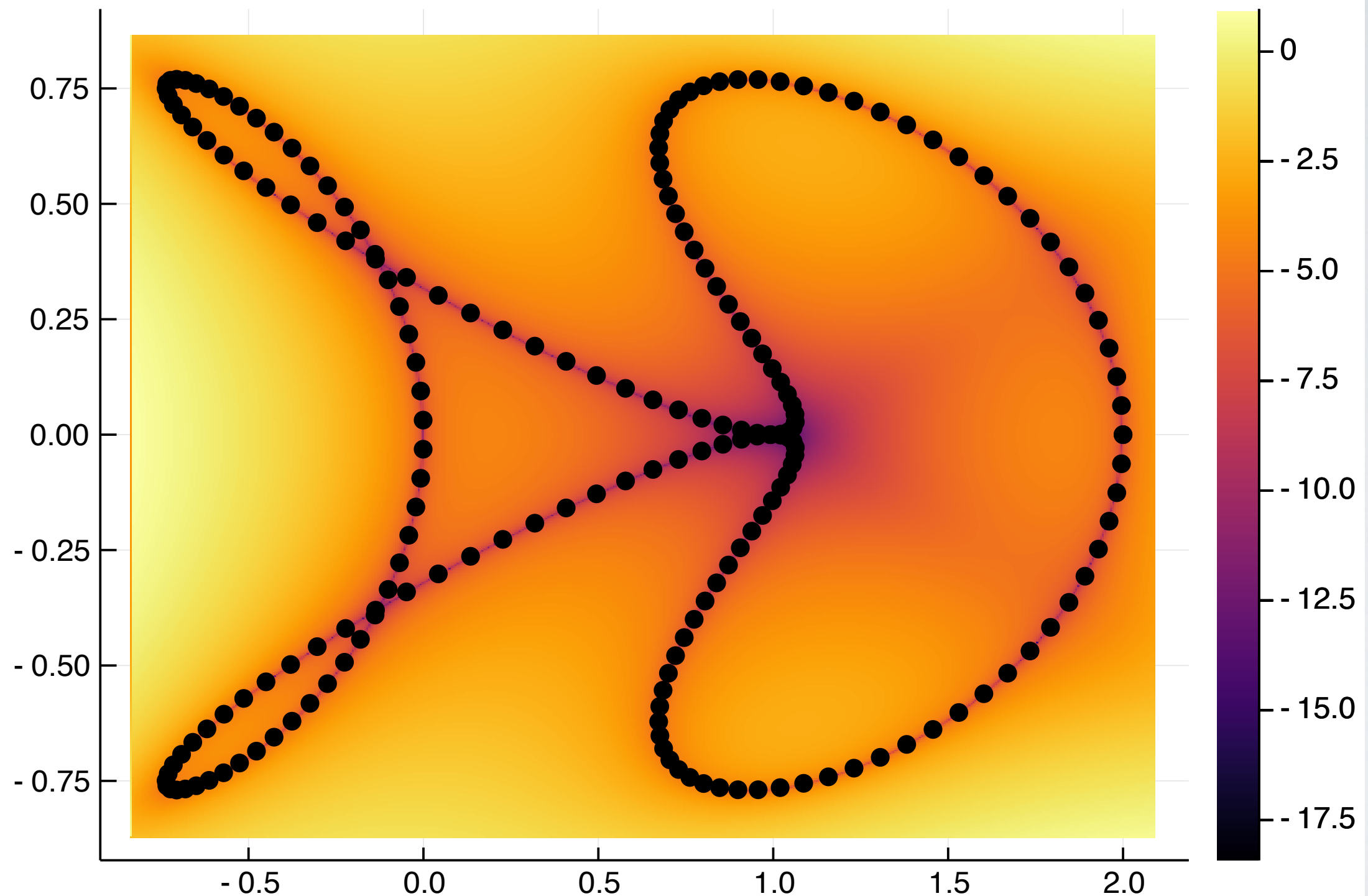
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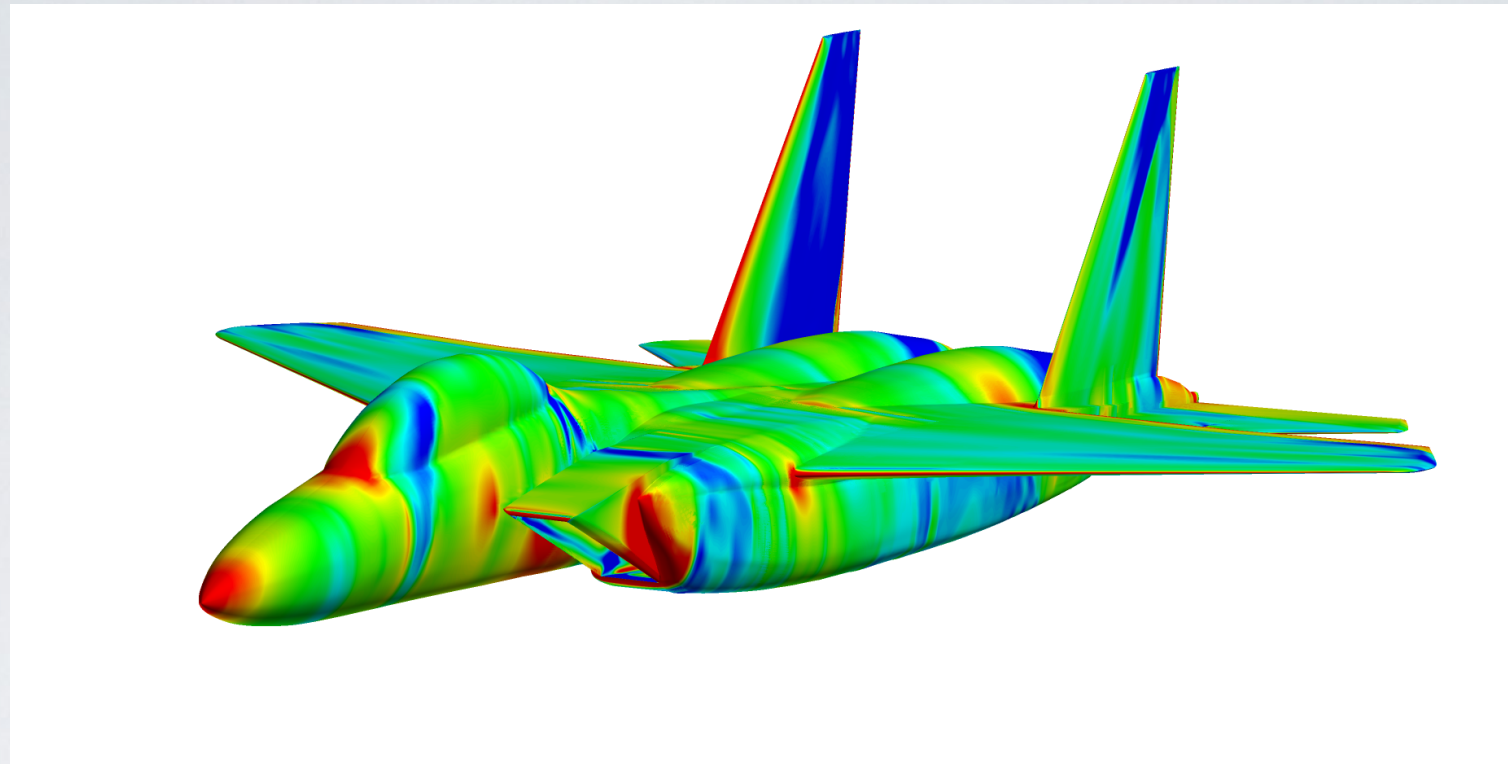
The calculated polynomial in tensor Chebyshev



# APPROXIMATE IMPLICITISATION



The zero set of the polynomial match the given points: its in the **kernel of the Vandermonde matrix**



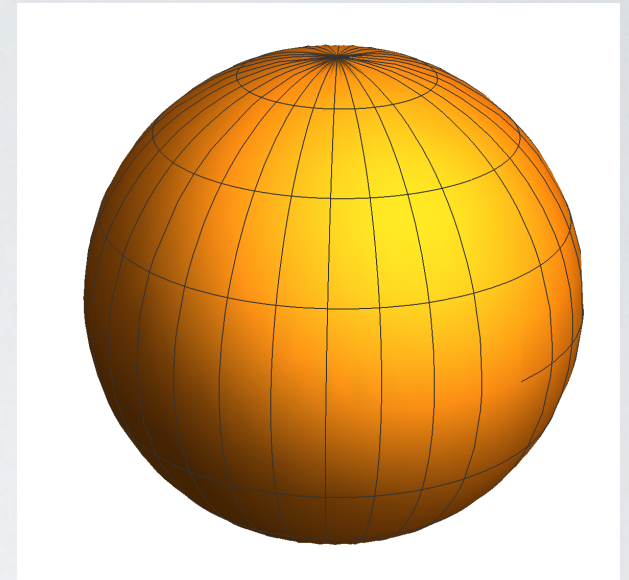
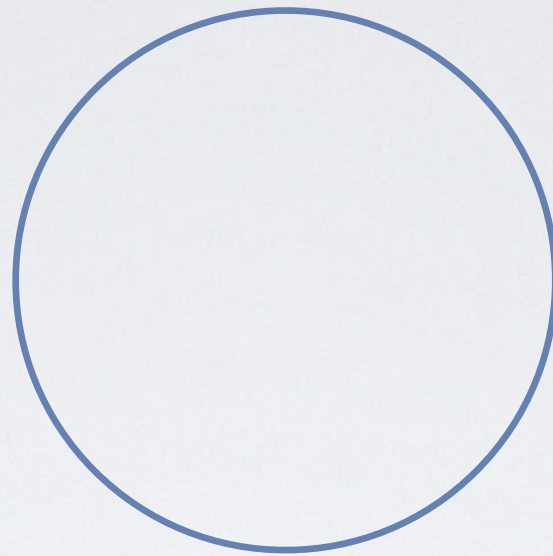
- Long term goal: computational methods on complicated domains as algebraic curves
  - Solve PDEs on surfaces, inside surfaces, etc. using orthogonal polynomials a la ultraspherical spectral method
  - Work with geometries defined via nonuniform rational B-splines (NURBS)
- Short term goal: do something (anything!) with OPs on and inside simple algebraic curves and surfaces

# MULTIVARIATE ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS

[Dunkl & Xu 2014]

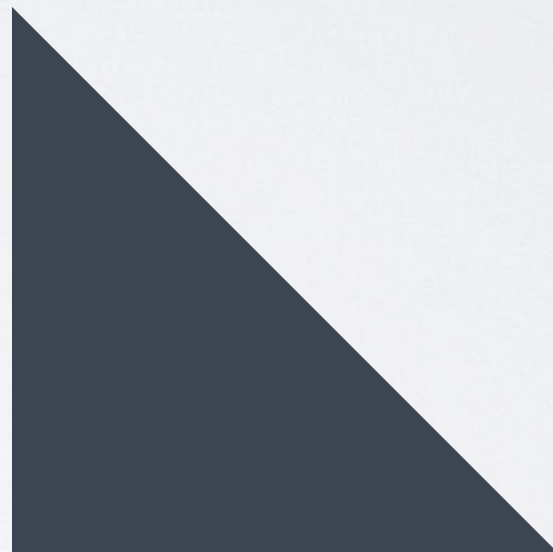
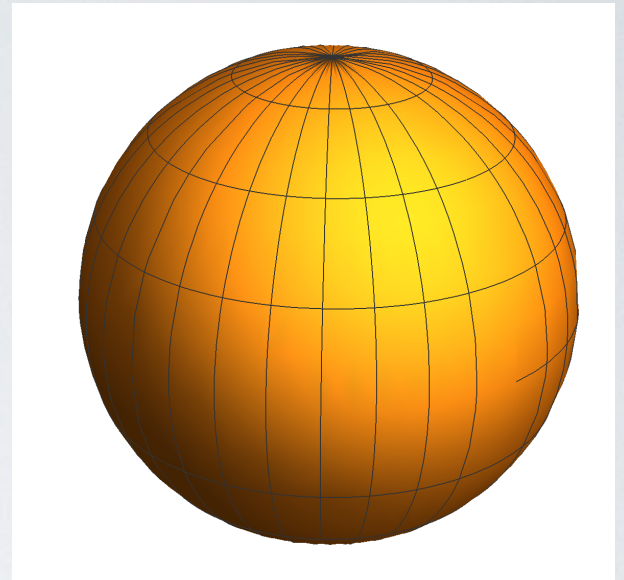
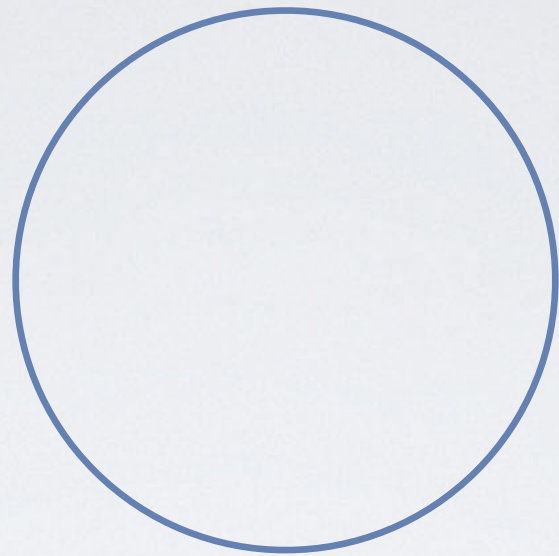
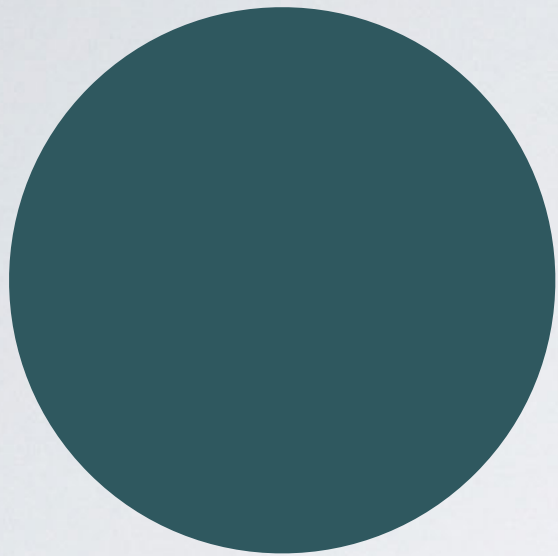


# CLASSICAL



Classical multivariate orthogonal polynomials  
allow function approximation and  
solving PDEs on  
balls, circles, squares, triangles, spheres

# CLASSICAL



Fast transforms in software thanks to Slevinsky

# 2D OPs ARE (KINDA) LIKE 1D OPs

- Non-uniqueness
- Three-term recurrence
- Jacobi operators
- Evaluation
- Clenshaw and multiplication operators



Domain

Weight

OPs



$$\sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-y^2}$$

$$T_{n-k}(x)T_k(y)$$



$$x^a y^b (1-x-y)^c$$

$$P_{n-k}^{(2k+b+c+1,a)}(x)(1-x)^k \times \\ P_k^{(c,b)}\left(\frac{2y}{1-x}-1\right)$$



$$1$$

$$U_n\left(x\cos\frac{k\pi}{n+1}+y\sin\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)$$

- Consider an inner product on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  of the form

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f(x, y)g(x, y)w(x, y) \, dV$$

- Consider orthonormal polynomials  $P_{nk}(x, y)$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, n$  with respect to this inner product

# NON-UNIQUENESS

- In 1D, OPs are only uniquely defined up to sign
  - If  $p_n(x)$  are orthogonal so are  $\pm p_n(x)$  for any choice of signs
- In 2D, OPs are only defined up to orthogonal transformations
  - For any  $Q_n \in O(n+1)$ ,  $Q_n \mathbb{P}_n$  are also orthonormal polynomials:

$$\langle Q_n \mathbb{P}_n, (Q_m \mathbb{P}_m)^\top \rangle = Q_n \langle \mathbb{P}_n, \mathbb{P}_m^\top \rangle Q_m^\top = \begin{cases} I_n & n = m \\ 0_{n \times m} & n \neq m \end{cases}$$



# THREE-TERM RECURRENCES

- In 1D, OPs satisfy three-term recurrences:

$$xp_n(x) = c_{n-1}p_{n-1}(x) + a_np_n(x) + b_np_{n+1}(x)$$

– This follows since for  $m < n - 1$ ,

$$\langle xp_n, p_m \rangle = \langle p_n, xp_m \rangle = 0$$

- In 2D, OPs satisfy two block three-term recurrences: for  $A_n^x, A_n^y \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ ,  $B_n^x, B_n^y \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+2)}$ ,  $C_n^x, C_n^y \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+2) \times (n+1)}$

$$x\mathbb{P}_n(x, y) = C_{n-1}^x\mathbb{P}_{n-1}(x, y) + A_n^x\mathbb{P}_n(x, y) + B_n^x\mathbb{P}_{n+1}(x, y)$$

$$y\mathbb{P}_n(x, y) = C_{n-1}^y\mathbb{P}_{n-1}(x, y) + A_n^y\mathbb{P}_n(x, y) + B_n^y\mathbb{P}_{n+1}(x, y)$$

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$$\langle y\mathbb{P}_n, \mathbb{P}_m^\top \rangle = \langle \mathbb{P}_n, y\mathbb{P}_m^\top \rangle = 0$$

# JACOBI OPERATORS

- 1D OPs have symmetric tridiagonal Jacobi operators:

$$J \begin{pmatrix} p_0(x) \\ p_1(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = x \begin{pmatrix} p_0(x) \\ p_1(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_0 & & \\ c_0 & a_1 & b_1 & \\ & c_1 & a_2 & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 2D OPs have a pair of commuting operators  $J_x$  and  $J_y$  satisfying

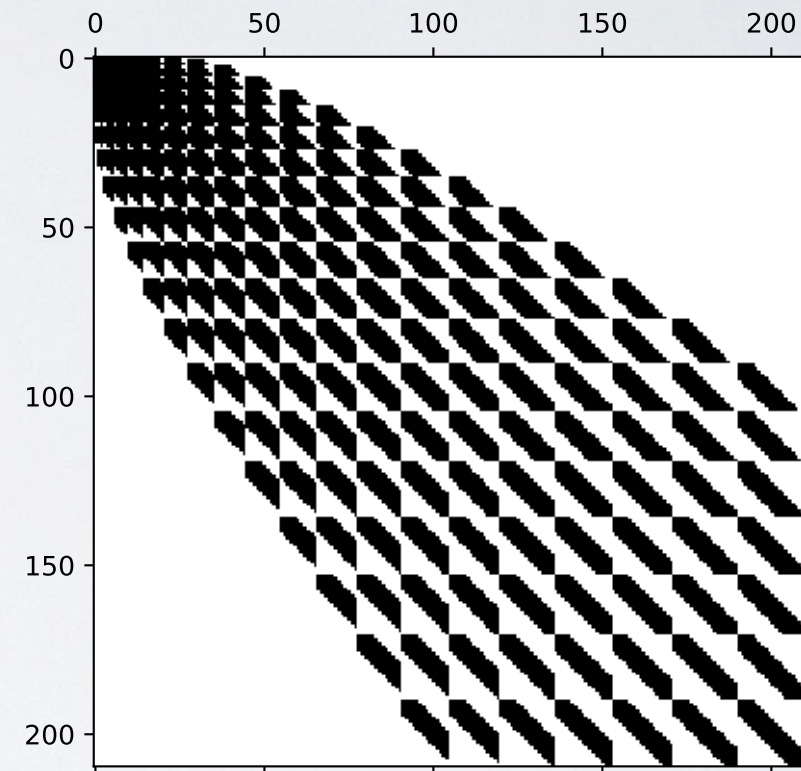
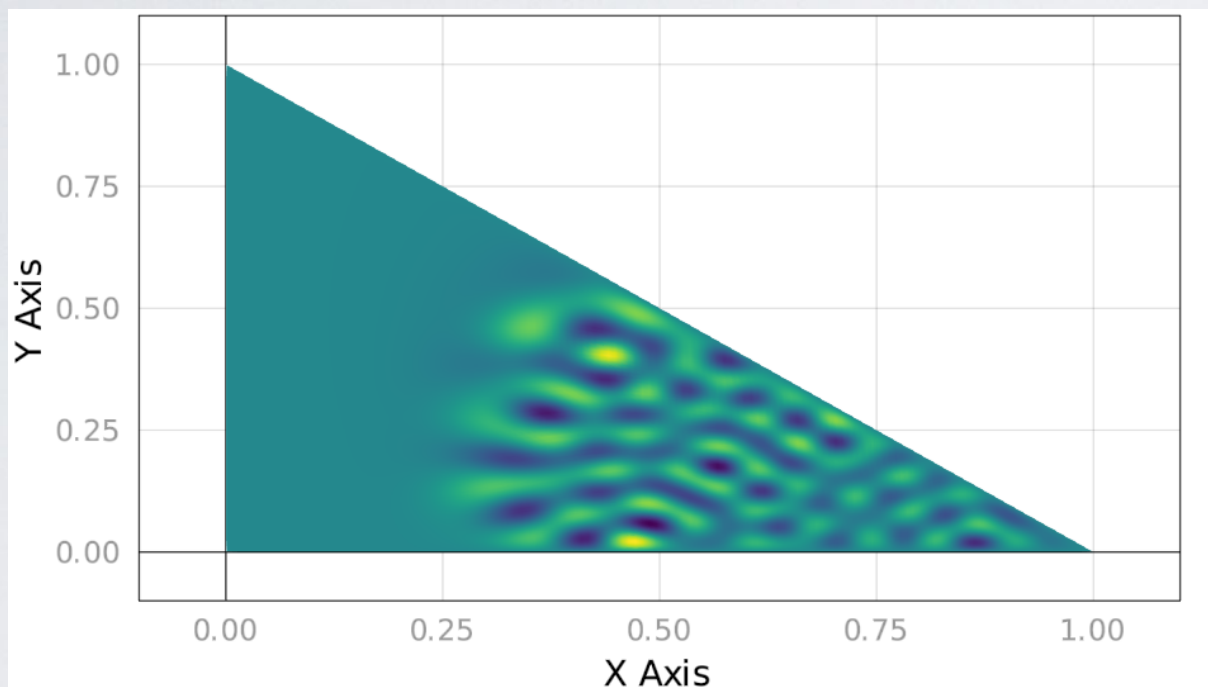
$$J_x \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x, y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x, y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = x \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x, y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x, y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J_y \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x, y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x, y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x, y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x, y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Here,  $J_x$  and  $J_y$  are block tridiagonal symmetric operators:

$$J_x = \begin{pmatrix} A_0^x & B_0^x & & \\ C_0^x & A_1^x & B_1^x & \\ & C_1^x & A_2^x & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J_y = \begin{pmatrix} A_0^y & B_0^y & & \\ C_0^y & A_1^y & B_1^y & \\ & C_1^y & A_2^y & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$



# OPs LEAD TO SPARSE DISCRETISATIONS OF PDEs



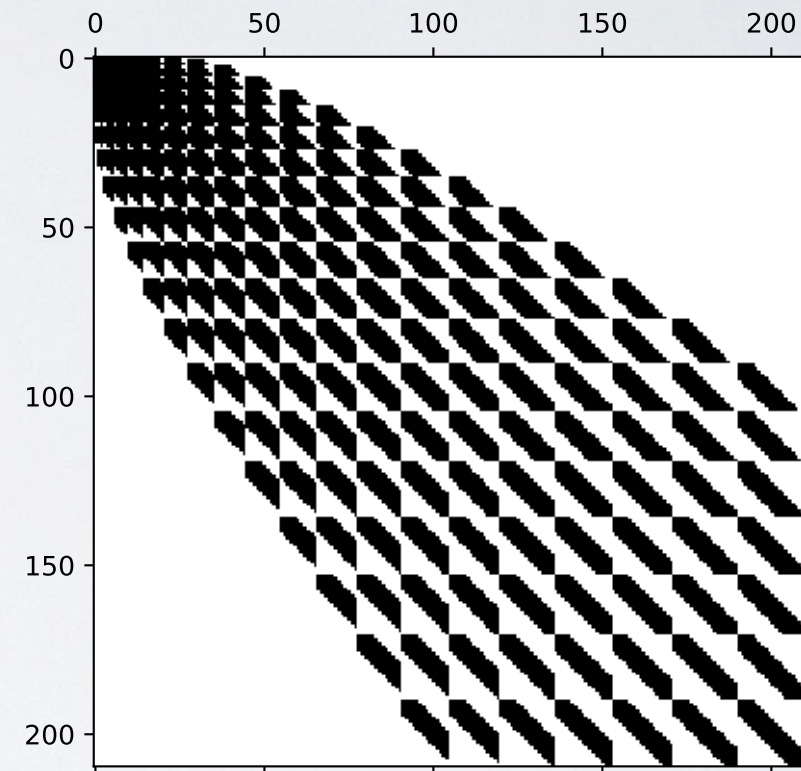
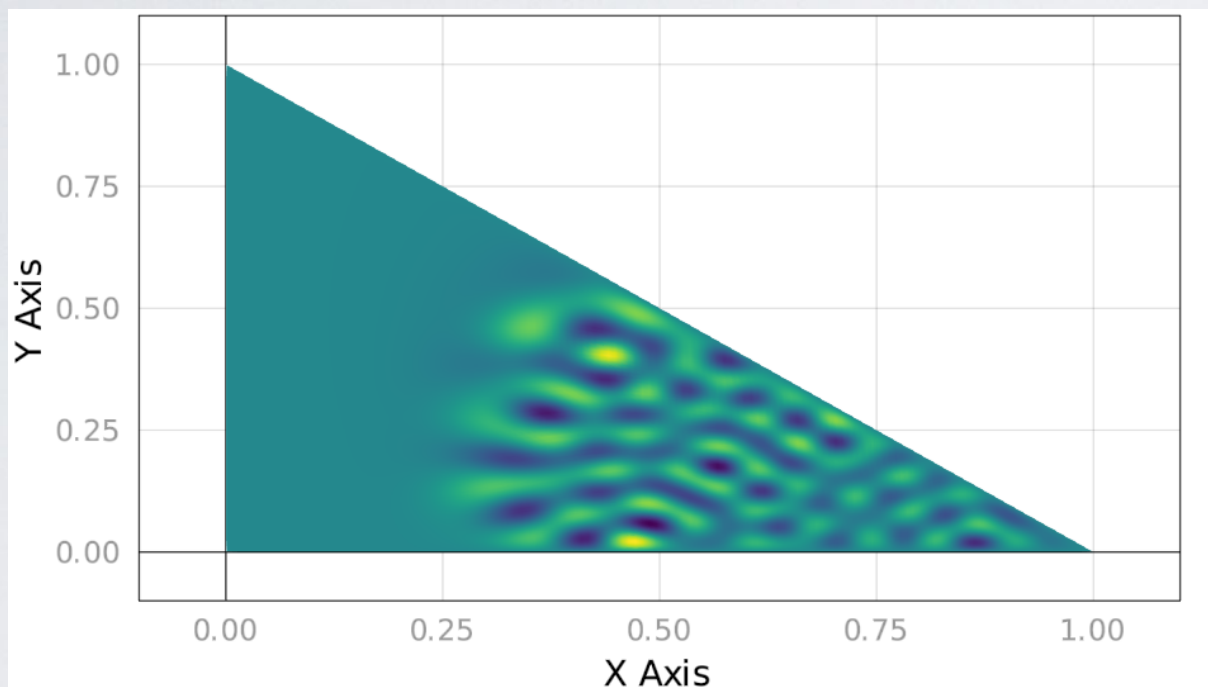
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Degree 2-polynomial

[Beuchler & Schoeberl 2006]  
[Li & Shen 2010]  
[SO, Townsend & Huybrechs 2019]

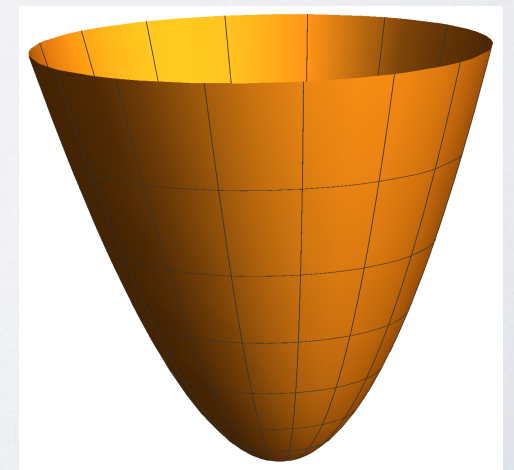
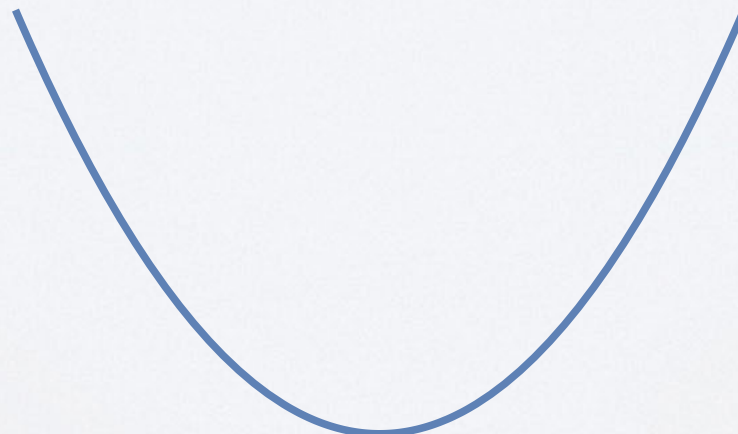
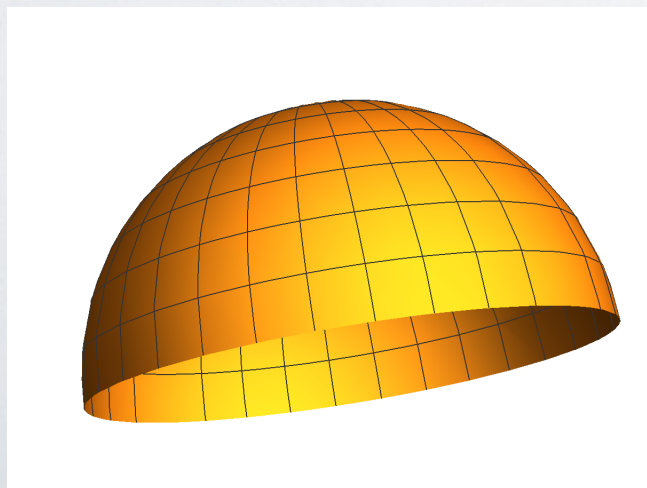
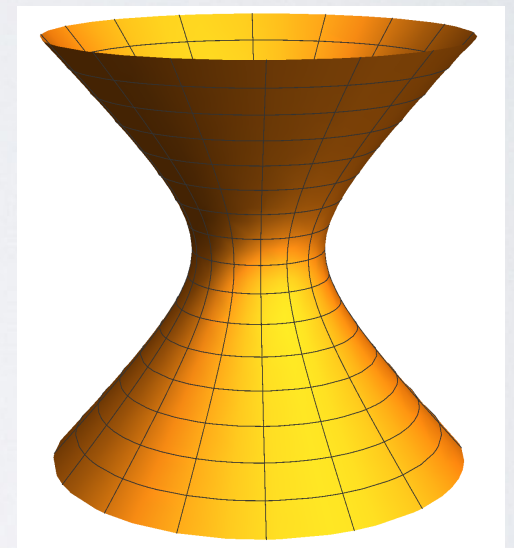
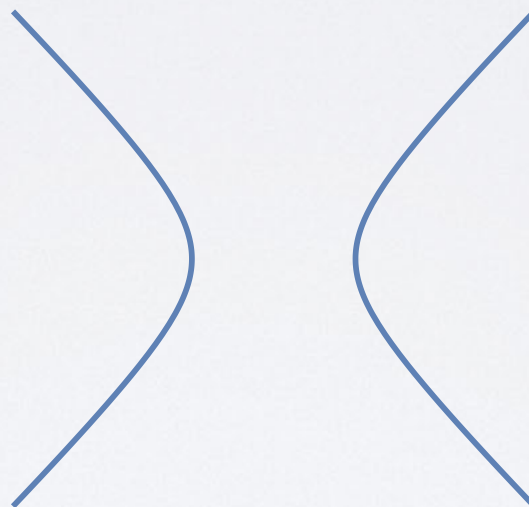
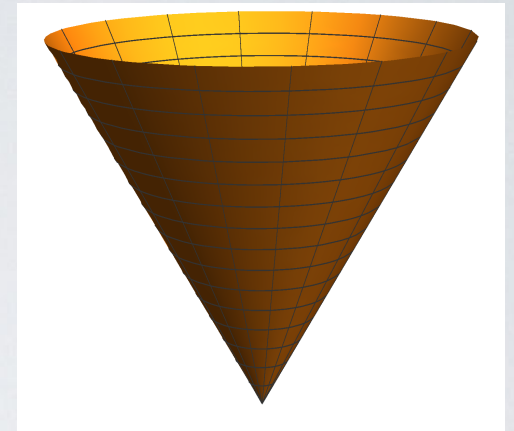
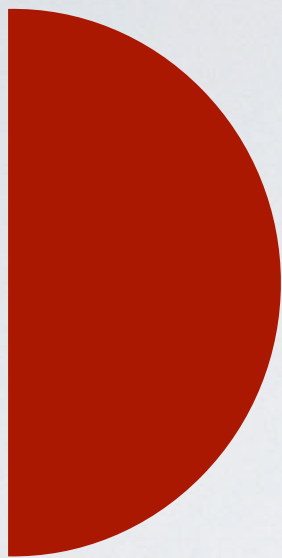


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Sparsity not specific to a triangle: guaranteed because boundary is **algebraic curve**!

# NON-CLASSICAL?



# EVALUATION

- 1D OPs can be constructed via forward recurrence build from the Jacobi operator

$$L_x \begin{pmatrix} p_0(x) \\ p_1(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e_0^\top \\ J - xI \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_0(x) \\ p_1(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ a_0 - x & b_0 & & \\ c_0 & a_1 - x & b_1 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_0(x) \\ p_1(x) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- However, 2D OPs have too much information:

$$\tilde{L}_{x,y} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x,y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x,y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ A_0^x - xI & B_0^x & & \\ A_0^y - yI & B_0^y & & \\ C_0^x & A_1^x - xI & B_1^x & \\ C_0^y & A_1^y - yI & B_1^y & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x,y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x,y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$



- We rectify this by finding a pseudo-inverse

$$\left( D_n^x \mid D_n^y \right) \begin{pmatrix} B_n^x \\ B_n^y \end{pmatrix} = I_{n+1}$$

- Define

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & (D_0^x \mid D_0^y) & & \\ & & (D_1^x \mid D_1^y) & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

- We obtain a lower triangular system

$$L_{x,y} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_0(x,y) \\ \mathbb{P}_1(x,y) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

for

$$L_{x,y} = R\tilde{L}_{x,y}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ D_0^x A_0^x - xD_0^x + D_0^y A_0^y - yD_0^y & I & & \\ D_1^x C_0^x + D_1^y C_0^y & D_1^x A_1^x - xD_1^x + D_1^y A_1^y - yD_1^y & I & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

# CLENSHAW'S ALGORITHM

- Evaluating an expansion is thus a back-substitution:

$$f(x, y) = (\mathbb{P}_0(x, y)^\top, \mathbb{P}_1(x, y)^\top \dots)^\top \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = e_0^\top L_{x,y}^{-\top} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- Constructing multiplication operators follows also by:

$$f(J_x, J_y)$$

- A recurrence of block-banded operator multiplications, that gives a **block-banded operator**

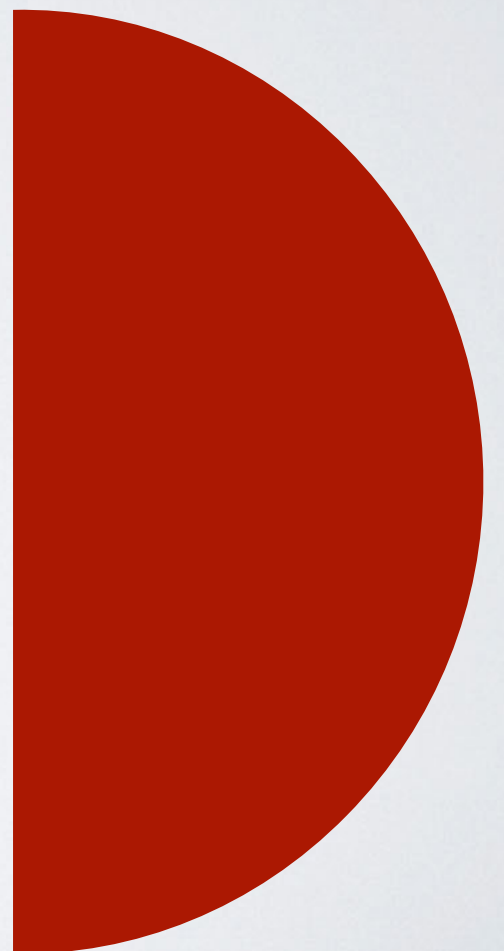
# HALF-DISK

- We can construct OPs ortho. w.r.t.  $x^a(1 - x^2 - y^2)^b$  on a half-disk:

$$H_{n,k}^{(a,b)}(x,y) := R_{n-k}^{(a,b+k+\frac{1}{2})}(x) (1 - x^2)^{k/2} P_k^{(b,b)}\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}\right)$$

where  $R_k^{(a,b)}(x)$  are ortho. w.r.t.  $x^a(1 - x^2)^{b/2}$  on  $0 < x < 1$

- Example of domain whose boundary is an algebraic curve
- Generalizes to trapeziums and disk-slices





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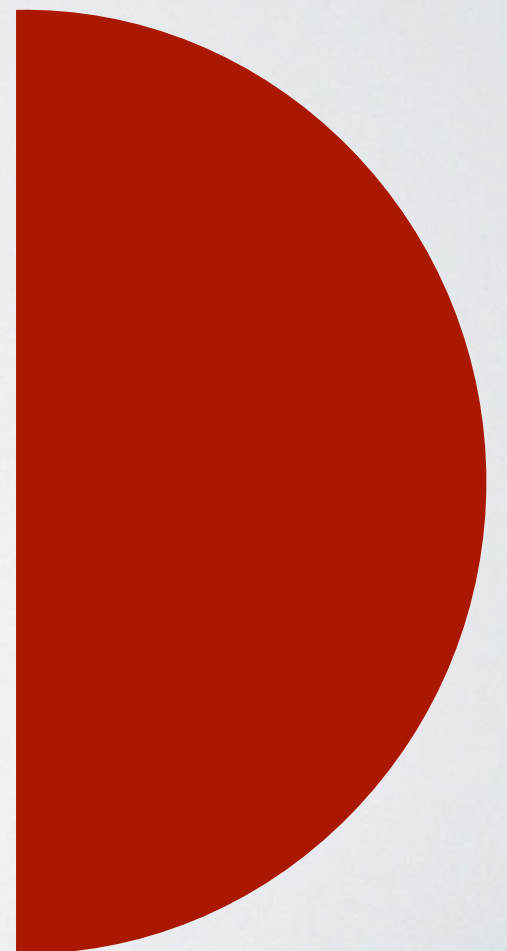
Surprisingly hard to construct (help!)

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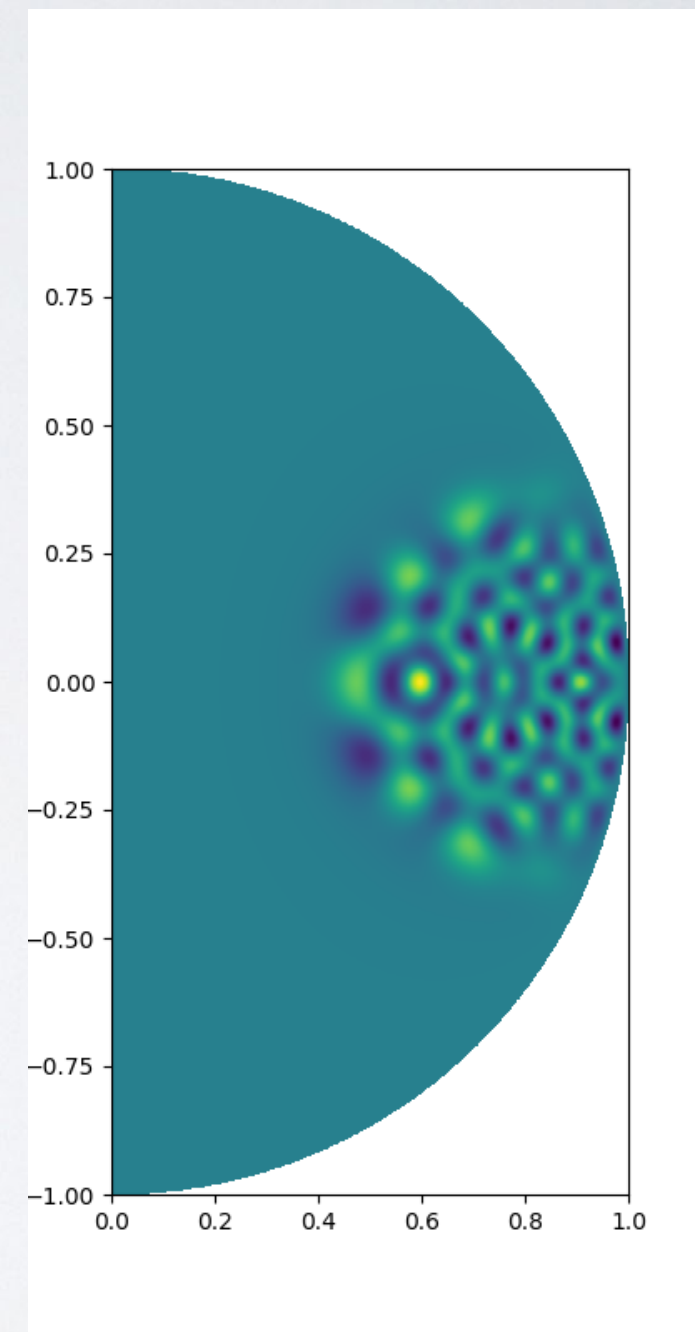
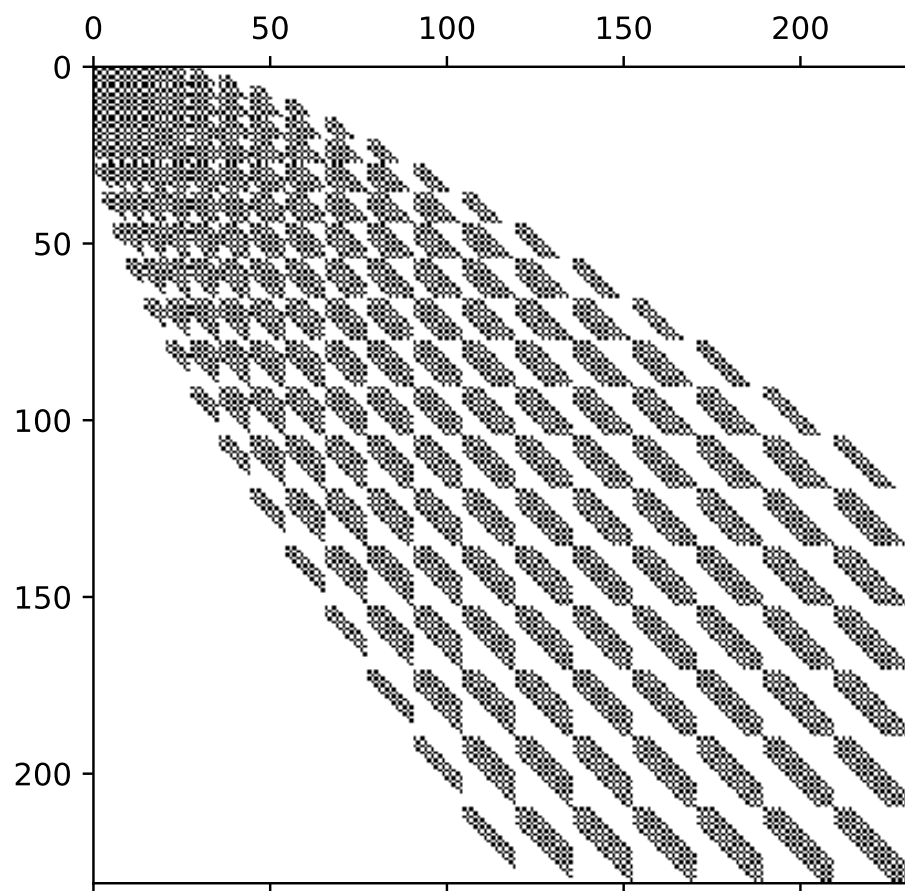
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# OPs LEAD TO SPARSE DISCRETISATIONS OF PDEs



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# CIRCLES AND ARCS



- What about inner products on curves?

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Gamma} f(x, y)g(x, y)w(x, y) \, ds$$

- When  $\Gamma$  is an algebraic curve it is the root of a polynomial
- The dimension of the degree  $n$  polynomials collapses
- But the structure of OPs is still there!
  - Three-term recurrences, Jacobi operators, etc.
- For special curves and weights, we can express in terms of 1D OPs

CIRCLES

# POLYNOMIALS ON A CIRCLE

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \hline x \\ y \\ \hline x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 \\ \hline x^3 \\ x^2y \\ xy^2 \\ y^3 \\ \hline \vdots \end{array}$$



# POLYNOMIALS ON A CIRCLE

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ \hline x \\ y \\ \hline x^2 \\ xy \\ y^2 = 1 - x^2 \\ \hline x^3 \\ x^2y \\ xy^2 = x - x^3 \\ y^3 = y - yx^2 \\ \hline \vdots \end{array}$$

# POLYNOMIALS ON A CIRCLE

$$\begin{array}{l}
 1 \\
 \hline
 x \\
 y \\
 \hline
 x^2 \\
 xy \\
 \del{y^2 - 1 - x^2} \\
 \hline
 x^3 \\
 x^2y \\
 \del{xy^2 - x - x^3} \\
 \del{y^3 - y - yx^2} \\
 \hline
 \vdots
 \end{array}$$

# POLYNOMIALS ON A CIRCLE

1

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$x$

$y$

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$x^2$

$xy$

~~$y^2 - 1 - x^2$~~

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$x^3$

$x^2y$

~~$xy^2 - x - x^3$~~

~~$y^3 - y - yx^2$~~

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$\vdots$

Dimension 2



# OPs ON THE CIRCLE (UNIFORM WEIGHT)

$$1$$

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$$x$$

$$y$$

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$$2x^2 - 1$$

$$2xy$$

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$$4x^3 - 3x$$

$$4x^2y - y$$

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$$8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$$

$$8x^3y - 4xy$$

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$$\vdots$$

# OPs ON THE CIRCLE (UNIFORM WEIGHT)

$1$		$T_0(x)$
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$x$		$T_1(x)$
$y$		$yU_0(x)$
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$2x^2 - 1$		$T_2(x)$
$2xy$		$yU_1(x)$
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$4x^2y - y$		$yU_2(x)$
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$8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1$		$T_4(x)$
$8x^3y - 4xy$		$yU_3(x)$
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$\vdots$		$\vdots$

# OPs ON THE CIRCLE (UNIFORM WEIGHT)

$\frac{1}{\text{---}}$		$\frac{T_0(x)}{\text{---}}$		$\frac{1}{\text{---}}$
$x$		$T_1(x)$		$\cos \theta$
$y$		$yU_0(x)$		$\sin \theta$
$\frac{2x^2 - 1}{\text{---}}$		$\frac{T_2(x)}{\text{---}}$		$\frac{\cos 2\theta}{\text{---}}$
$2xy$		$yU_1(x)$		$\sin 2\theta$
$\frac{4x^3 - 3x}{\text{---}}$	$\equiv$	$\frac{T_3(x)}{\text{---}}$	$\equiv$	$\frac{\cos 3\theta}{\text{---}}$
$4x^2y - y$		$yU_2(x)$		$\sin 3\theta$
$\frac{8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1}{\text{---}}$		$\frac{T_4(x)}{\text{---}}$		$\frac{\cos 4\theta}{\text{---}}$
$8x^3y - 4xy$		$yU_3(x)$		$\sin 4\theta$
$\vdots$		$\vdots$		$\vdots$



# OPs ON THE CIRCLE

- Not to be confused with OPs on the Unit Circle (OPUC) a la Simon, which are polynomials in  $z = x + \mathbf{i}y$ 
  - OPUC concerns spectral theory of orthogonal operators, where here we have commuting symmetric operators

- Consider weights with the symmetry  $w(x, y) = w(x, -y)$
- We can write the inner product as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \left[ f(x, \sqrt{1-x^2})g(x, \sqrt{1-x^2}) + f(x, \sqrt{1-x^2})g(x, -\sqrt{1-x^2}) \right] w(x) dx$$

- Define two weights on  $[-1, 1]$ :

$$w_p(t) = \frac{w(t)}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \quad w_q(t) = \sqrt{1-t^2}w(t)$$

and denote the corresponding OPs as  $p_n(t)$  and  $q_n(t)$

- A simple calculation shows that OPs on the circle are

$$\mathbb{P}_0(x, y) = p_0(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}_n(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} p_n(x) \\ yq_{n-1}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

# INTERPOLATION BY ARC POLYNOMIALS VIA QUADRATURE



# OPs ON THE ARC

- An important special case is uniform weight on an arc  $x > h$

$$w(x, y) = w(x, -y) = w(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > h \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Polynomials are invariant under rotations so any arc can be rotated to this canonical case

- We then get

$$\mathbb{P}_0(x, y) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}_n(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_n^h(x) \\ yU_{n-1}^h(x) \end{cases}$$

where  $T_k^h(x)$  are orthogonal with respect  $1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$  on  $[h, 1]$  and  $U_k^h(x)$  orthogonal with respect to  $\sqrt{1-x^2}$  on  $[h, 1]$

- We can calculate these using Stieltjes procedure / Lanczos

- In 1D, exactness of Gaussian quadrature means OPs are orthogonal with respect to a discrete inner product
  - Orthogonality w.r.t. a discrete inner product is sufficient to interpolate by quadrature
- Let  $x_1, \dots, x_M, w_1, \dots, w_M$  be the Gaussian quadrature rule associated with  $1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$  on  $[0, h]$ 
  - Recall its exact for polynomials of degree  $2M - 1$
- Define the  $2M$ -point discrete inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_M = \sum_{j=1}^M w_j [f(x_j, y_j) + f(x_j, -y_j)]$$

where  $y_j = \sqrt{1 - x_j^2}$

- The  $2M$  polynomials  $T_0^h(x), \dots, T_{M-1}^h(x), yU_0^h(x), \dots, yU_{M-1}^h(x)$  are orthogonal w.r.t. this discrete inner product



- The fact that orthogonality is preserved is sufficient to show that the interpolating polynomial is

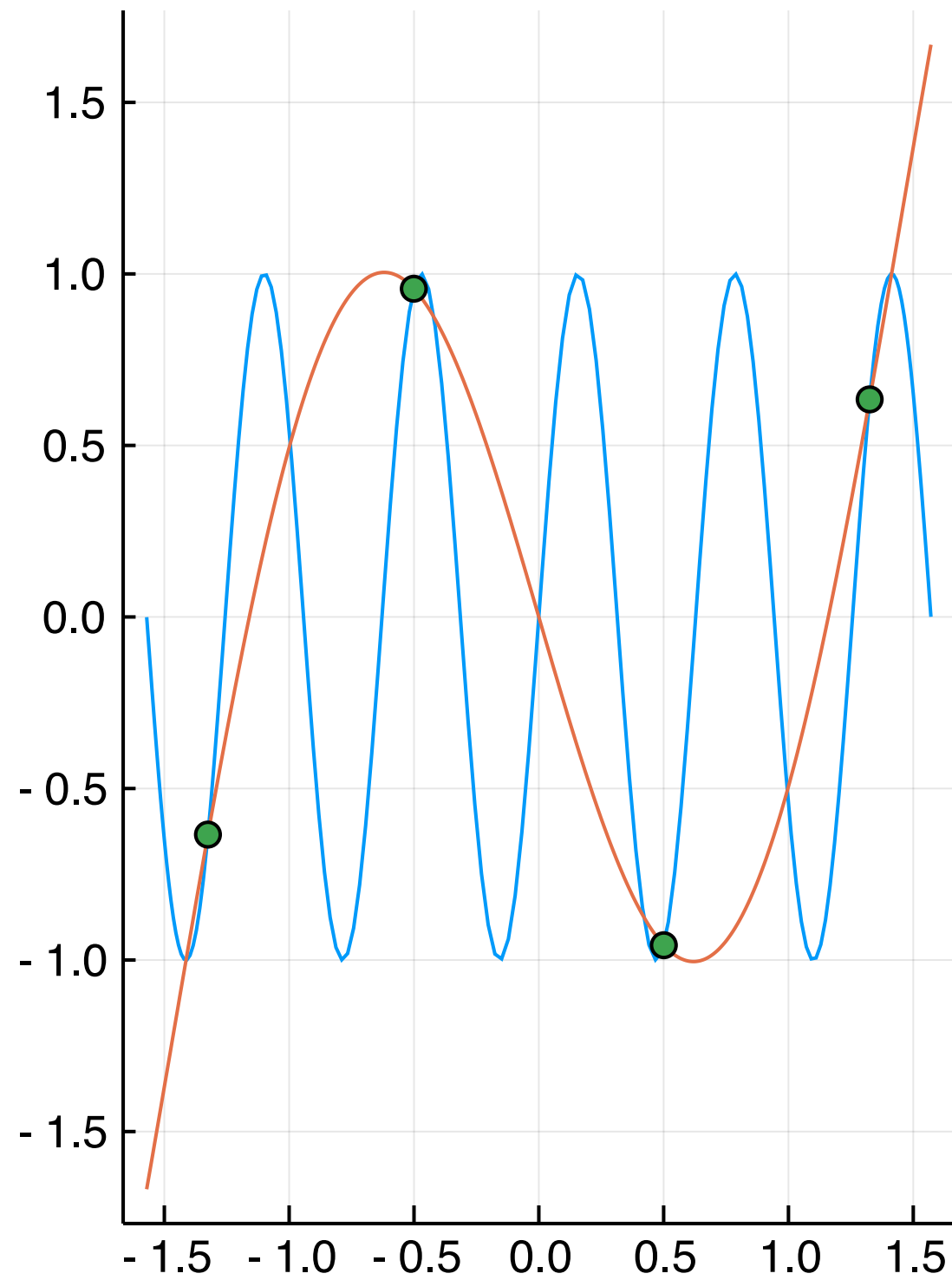
$$\begin{aligned}
 f_M(x, y) = & \langle T_0^h, f \rangle_M T_0^h(x) \\
 & + \sum_{n=1}^{M-1} [\langle T_n^h, f \rangle_M T_n^h(x) + \langle yU_{n-1}^h, f \rangle_M yU_{n-1}^h(x)] \\
 & + \frac{\langle yU_{M-1}^h, f \rangle_M}{\langle yU_{M-1}^h, yU_{M-1}^h \rangle_M} yU_{M-1}^h(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Writing  $x = \cos \theta$  and  $y = \sin \theta$ , this shows that we can interpolate by trigonometric polynomials on arcs
  - There is a connection with the Fourier extension problem

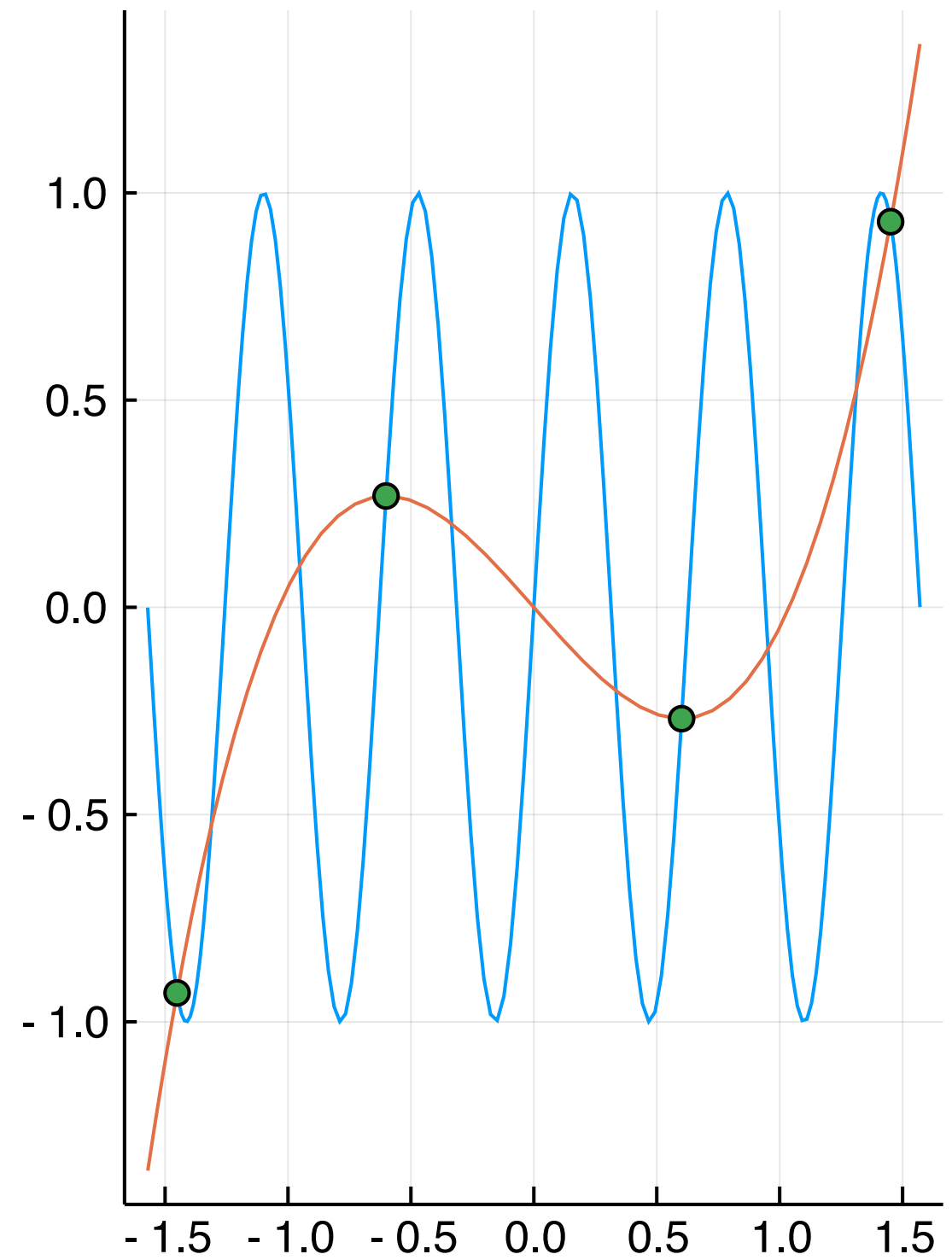


$$\sin 10\theta$$

Arc OPs



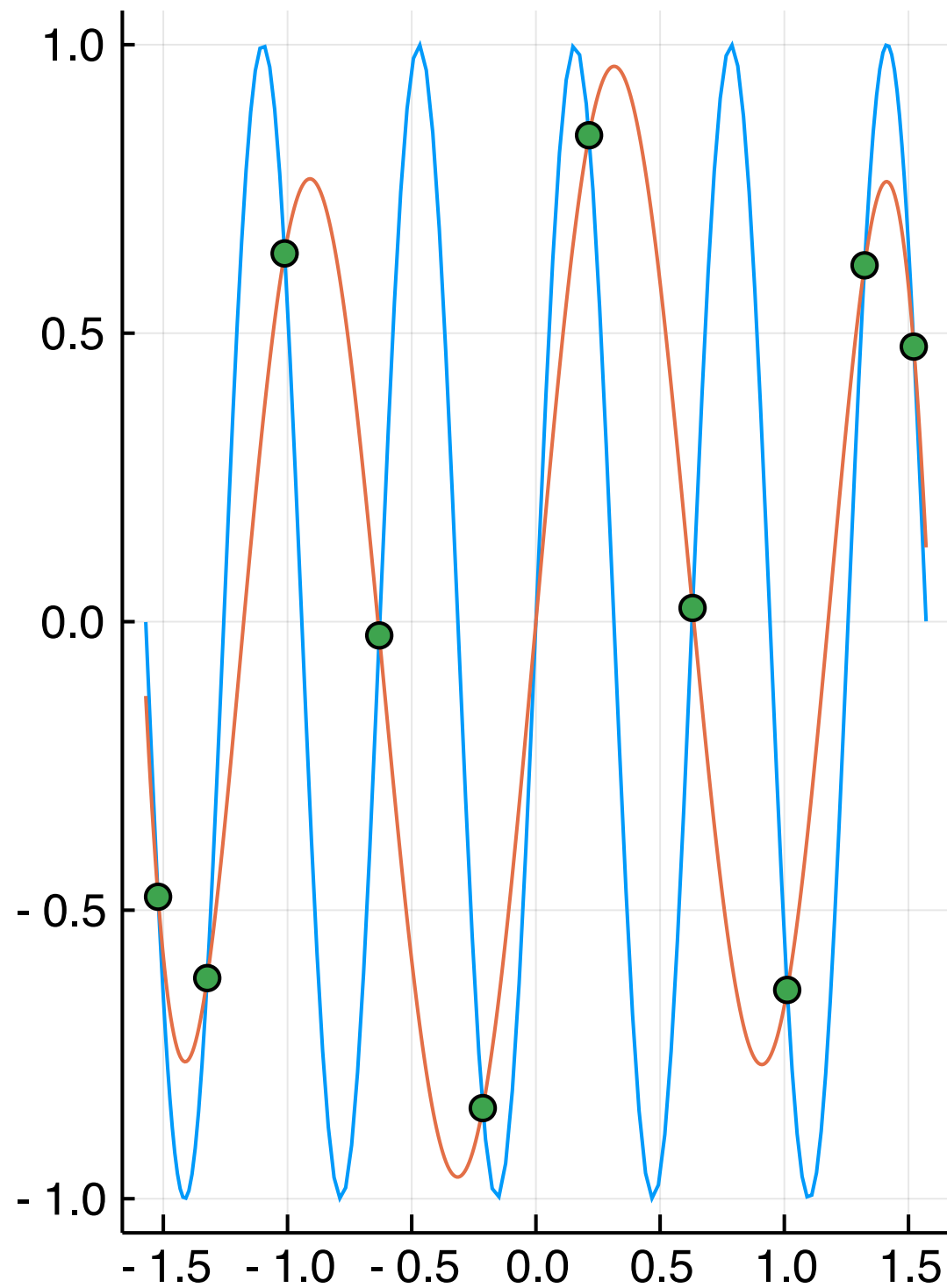
Chebyshev



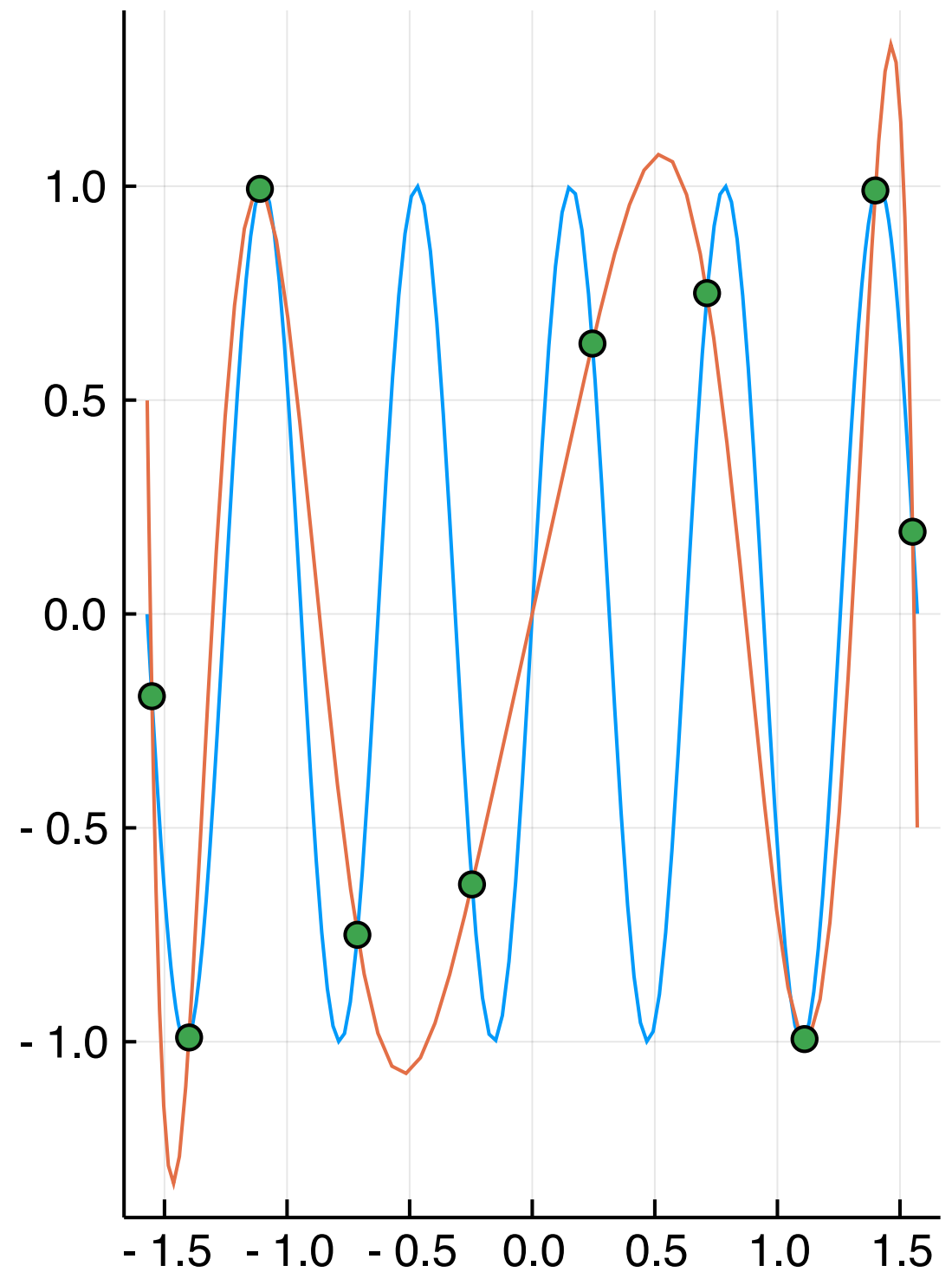
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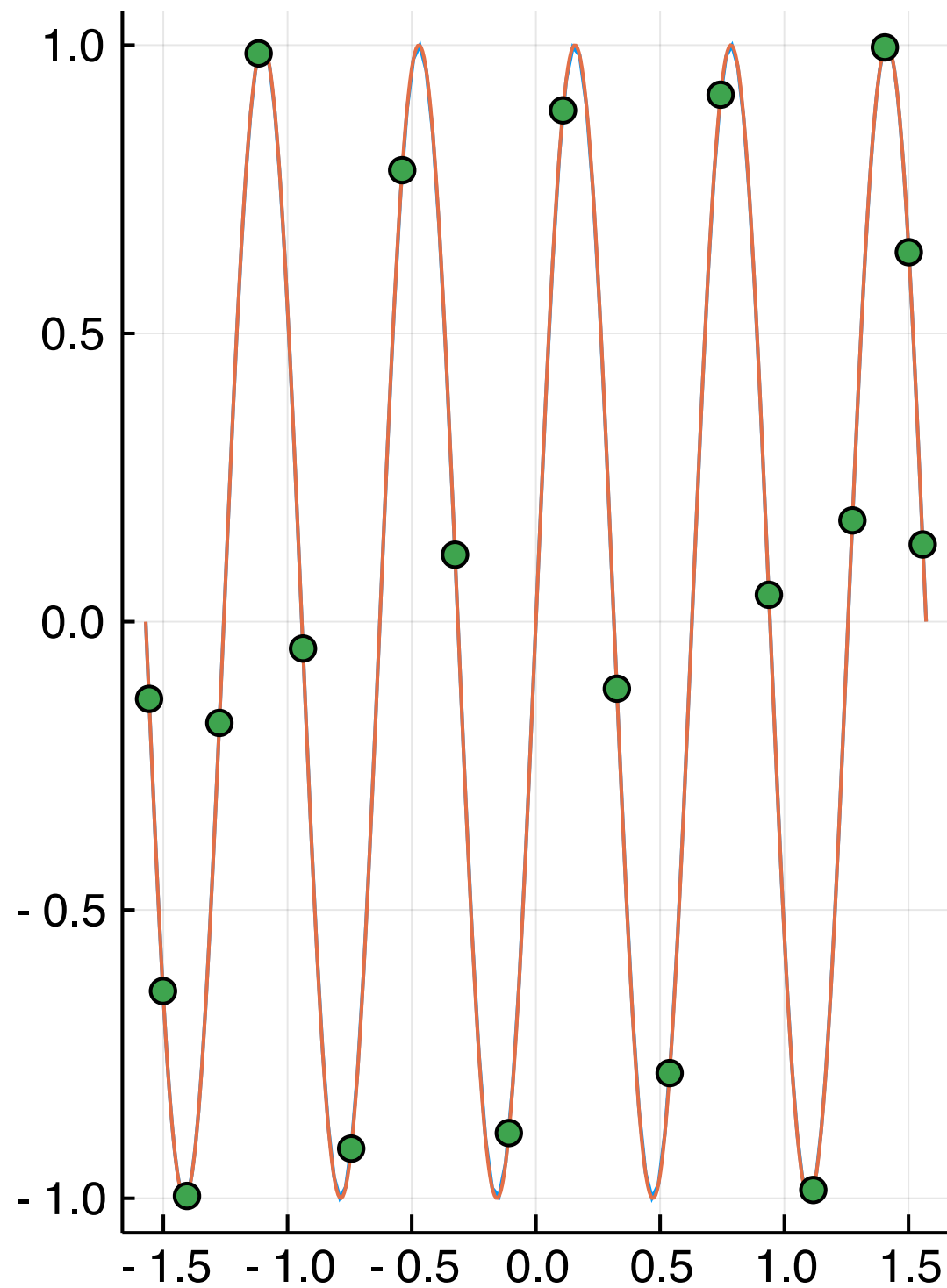
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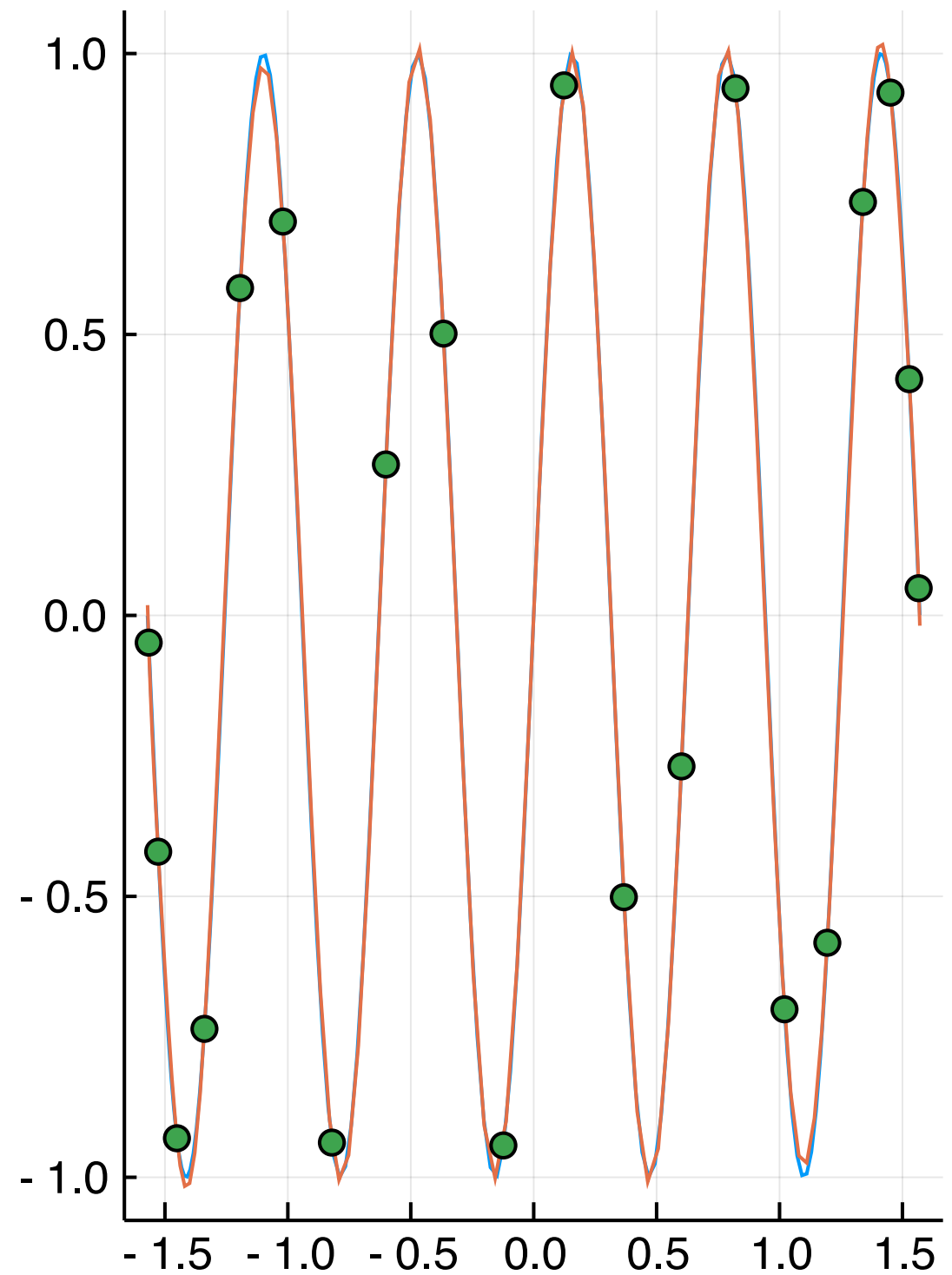
10 points

$$\sin 10\theta$$

Arc OPs



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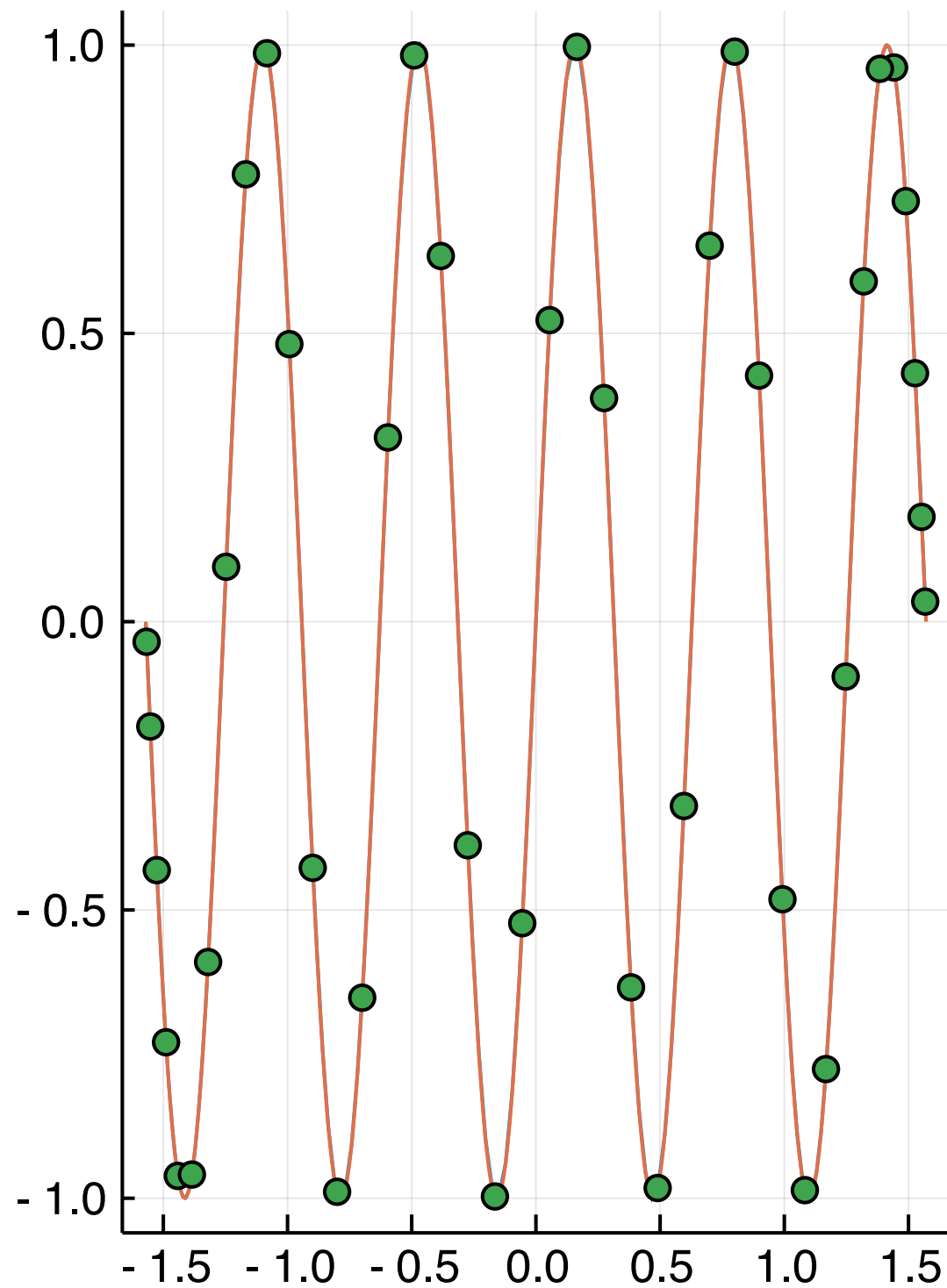


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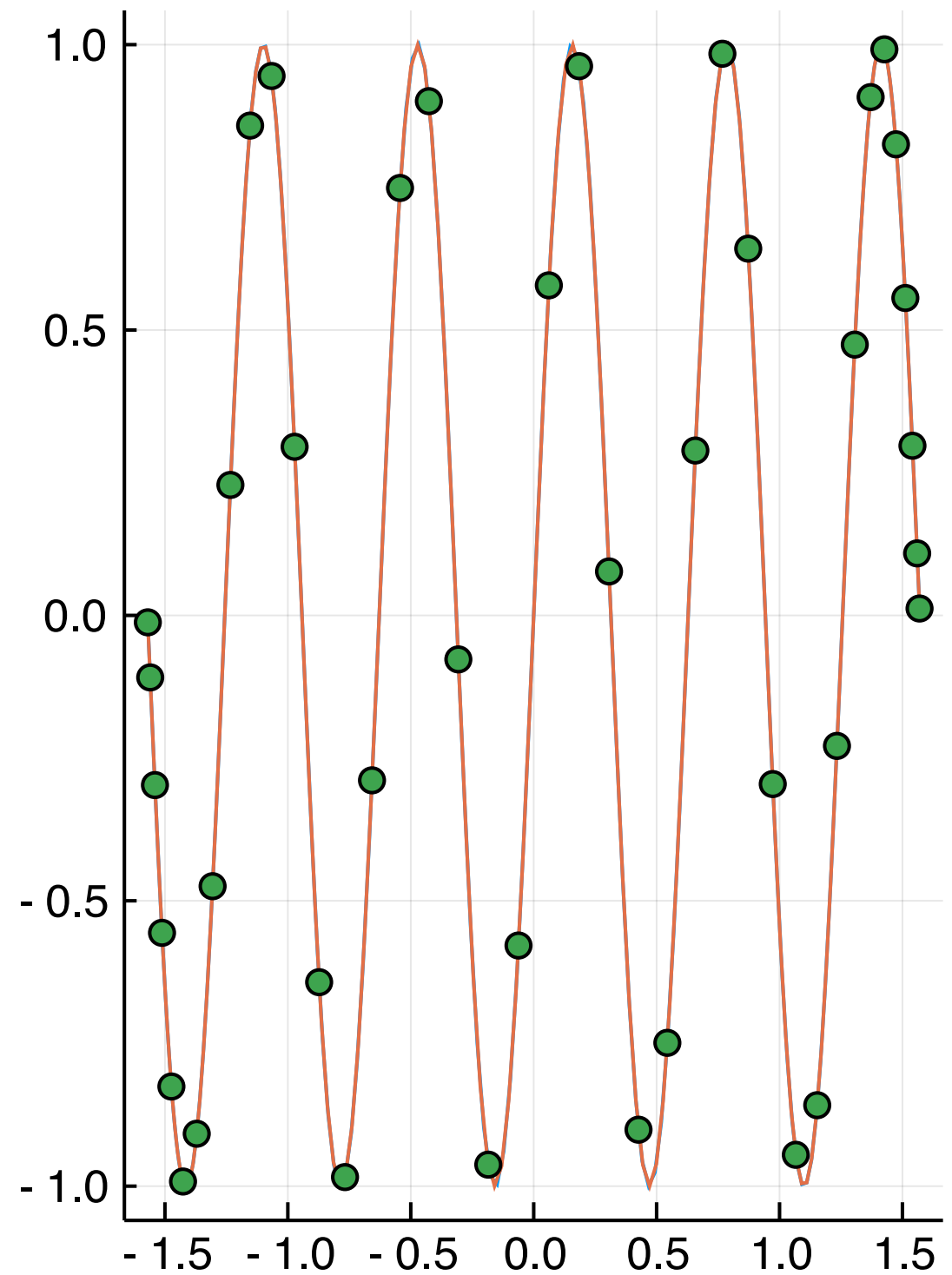


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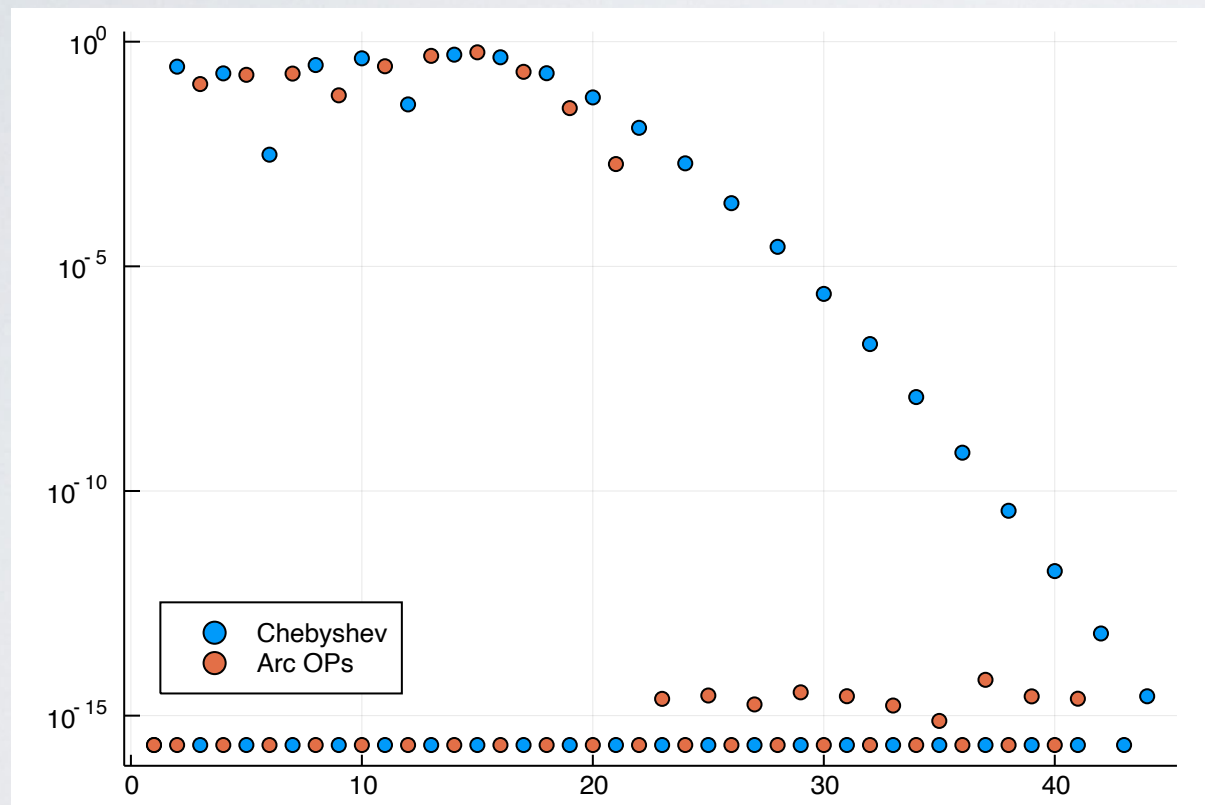
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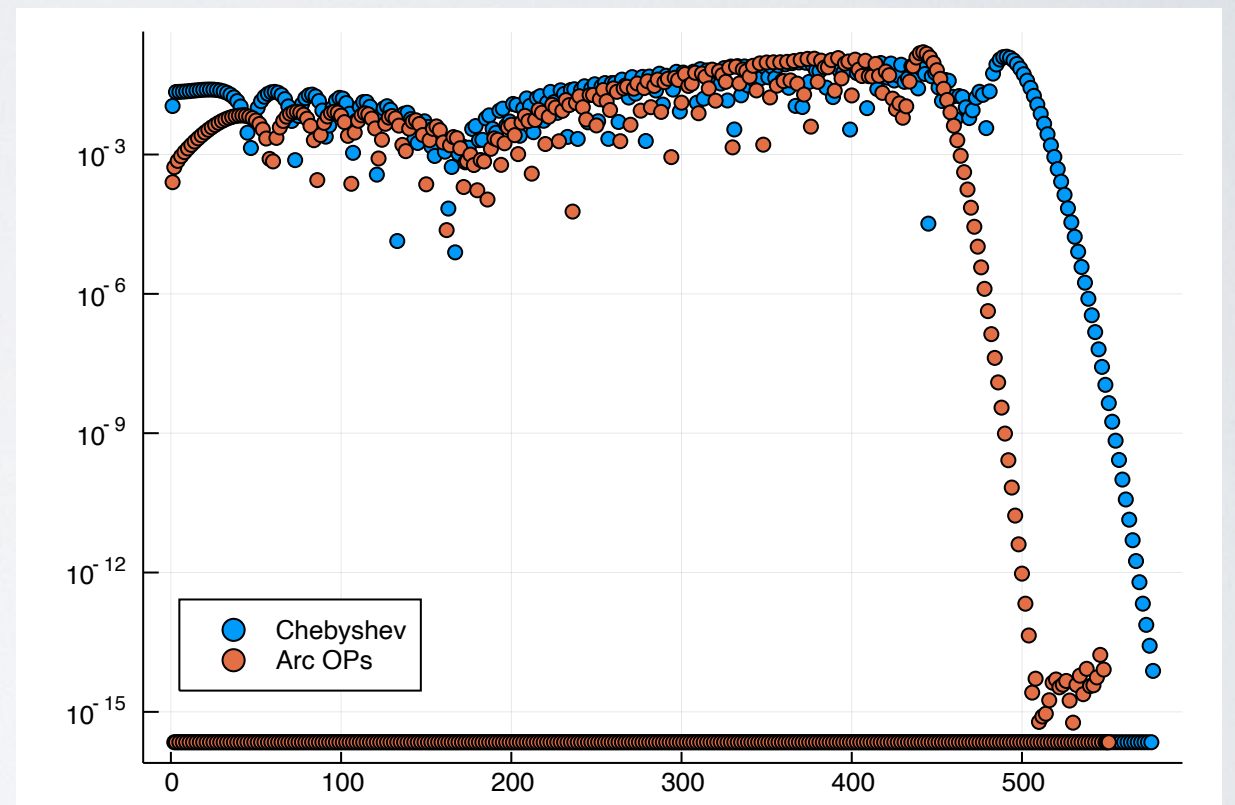
40 points, left is still exact, right is accurate to machine accuracy

# COEFFICIENT DECAY

$\sin 10\theta$



$$\left(1 + \frac{\theta^2}{\pi^2}\right) \cos \frac{10\theta}{\pi} \cos 100\theta$$



Right example from [Adcock & Huybrechs 2010]

SQUARES



# SPHERES AND POLAR CAPS (?)

- What about higher dimensional algebraic surfaces? Let's consider the sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

- The circle gave us Fourier, the sphere gives us spherical harmonics
- Spherical harmonics have the problem of too much structure
  - Irreducible representations of  $SO(3)$  (Clebsch–Gordan coefficients, ... )
  - Diagonalize the spherical Laplacian
  - Diagonalize the integral operator  $1/\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$
  - Millions of papers by physics, representation theorists, computational mathematicians, weather modellers...
- Idea: forget this all and treat them as *orthogonal polynomials* in  $x, y, z$
- Extends to polar caps!

Spherical harmonics  
(not typical basis)


$$P_{n,k}^{(-1/2)}(x, y), zP_{n,k}^{(1/2)}(x, y)$$



OPs with respect to  $(1 - x^2 - y^2)^\mu$  on disk




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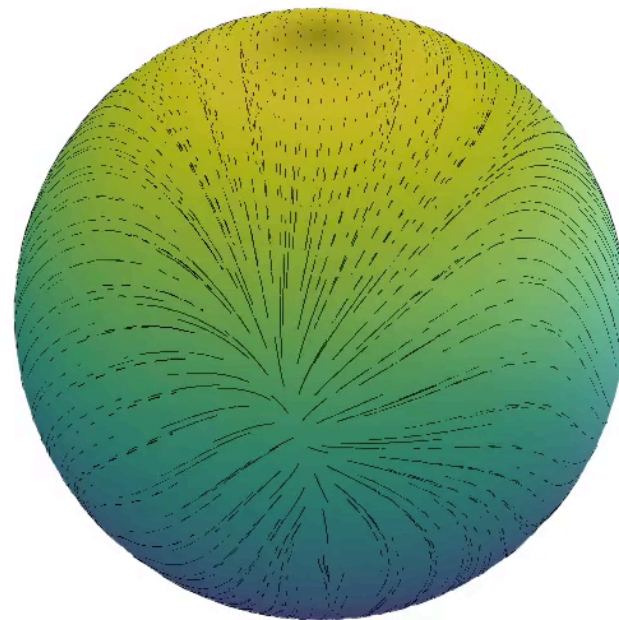
OPs with respect to  $(1 - x^2 - y^2)^\mu$  on disk slice

- Shallow water equation with coriolis force:

$$\mathbf{u}_t = -f(x, y, z) \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla h = 0$$

$$h_t = -H \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

- $h(x, y, z)$  is expanded in spherical harmonics,  $\mathbf{u}$  in the tangent space, and  $\mathbf{n} = (x, y, z)^\top$  is the unit normal
- $H$  is the reference height and  $f(x, y, z) = \frac{4\pi}{T} z$  where  $T$  is the length of 1 day in seconds

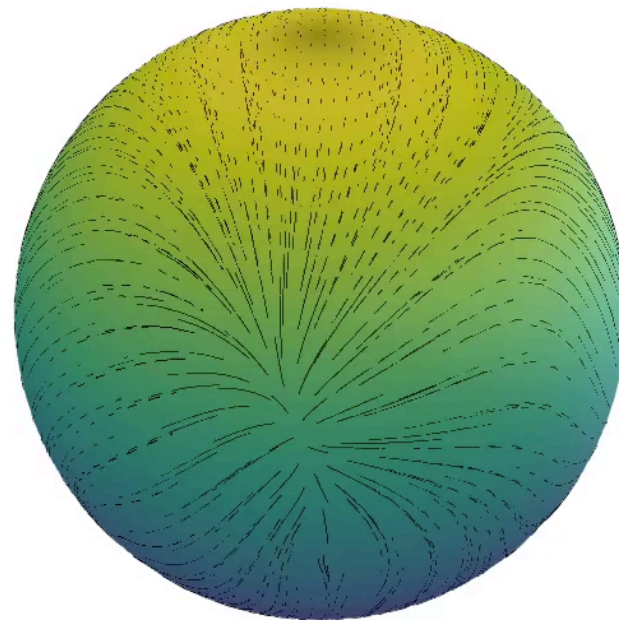


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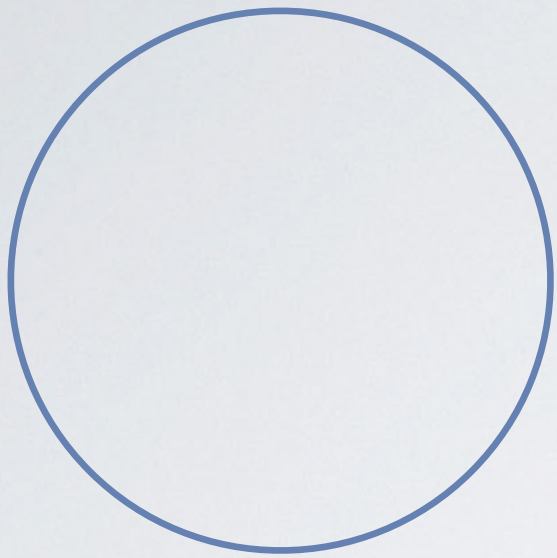
# QUADRATIC CURVES

- The circle is a bit boring, so let's push this idea further and consider general quadratic curves, that is, roots to polynomials of the form:

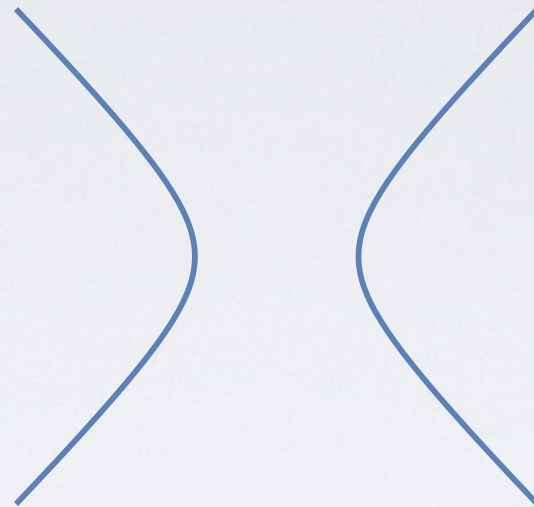
$$Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$$

- By affine transformations, we can reduce this to 5 canonical examples (circles, hyperbolas, parabolas, crosses, and parallel lines)
- Just as in the circle, in each case we have a collapse in dimension, so that the degree  $n \geq 1$  polynomials are of dimension 2

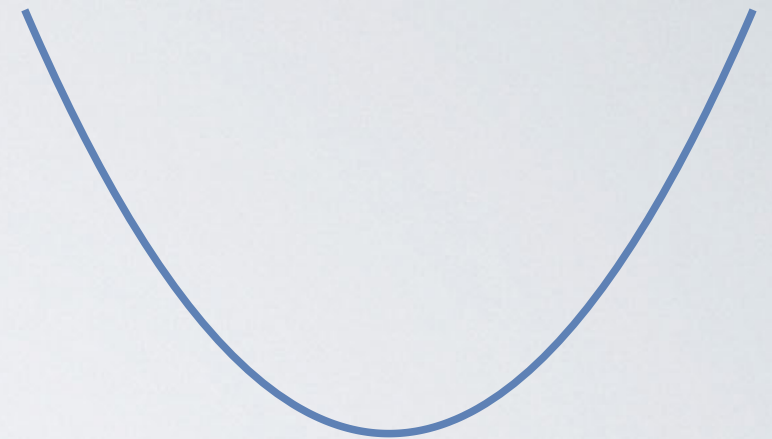
# 5 CANONICAL CASES



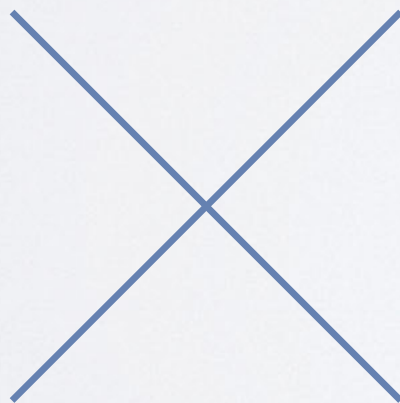
$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$



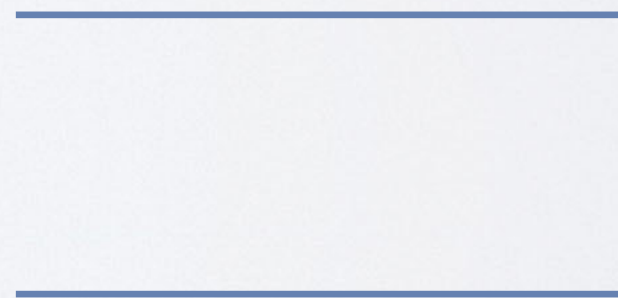
$$x^2 = y^2 + 1$$



$$y = x^2$$



$$x^2 = y^2$$

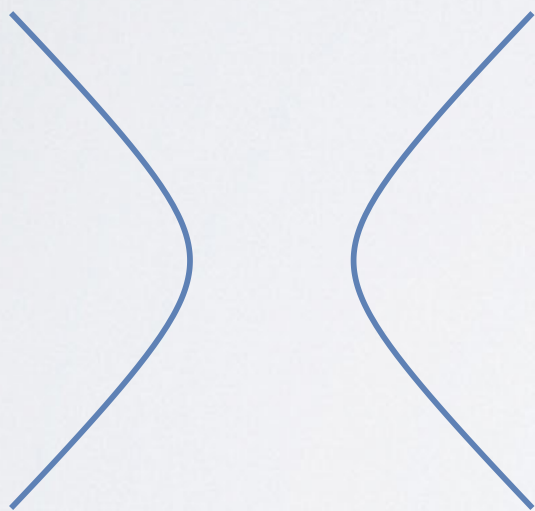


$$y^2 = 1$$



- For each of these 5 cases, we can on a case-by-case basis reduce the problem to two families of ID OPs, for weights with suitable symmetric properties
  - And in each of the 5 cases, we can construct an interpolative quadrature rule
- We consider only two cases: Hyperbola on one or two branches

Two branches



$$w(x, y) = w(-x, y) = w(y)$$

One branch



$$w(x, y) = w(x, -y) = w(x)$$

# OPs ON ONE BRANCH HYPERBOLA

- Consider weights of the form

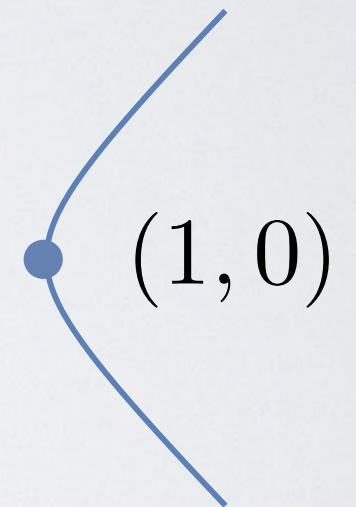
$$w(x, y) = w(x, -y)$$

supported on (possibly a subset of)  $x \geq 1$

- We can write the inner product as

$$\int_{x^2=y^2+1} f(x, y)g(x, y)w(x, y) \, ds = \int_1^\infty \left[ f(x, \sqrt{x^2-1})g(x, \sqrt{x^2-1}) + f(x, \sqrt{x^2-1})g(x, -\sqrt{x^2-1}) \right] w_0(x) \, dx$$

$$x^2 = y^2 + 1$$



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APPLICATION:  
INTERPOLATION OF  
NEARLY SINGULAR FUNCTIONS



- Consider a function on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  of the form

$$f(t) = f(t, \sqrt{t^2 + \epsilon^2})$$

where  $f(x, y)$  is smooth in  $x$  and  $y$  on the hyperbola  $x^2 = y^2 + \epsilon^2$

- As an example

$$f(t) = \sin(10t + 20\sqrt{t^2 + \epsilon^2})$$

becomes a "nice" function

$$f(x, y) = \sin(10x + 20y)$$

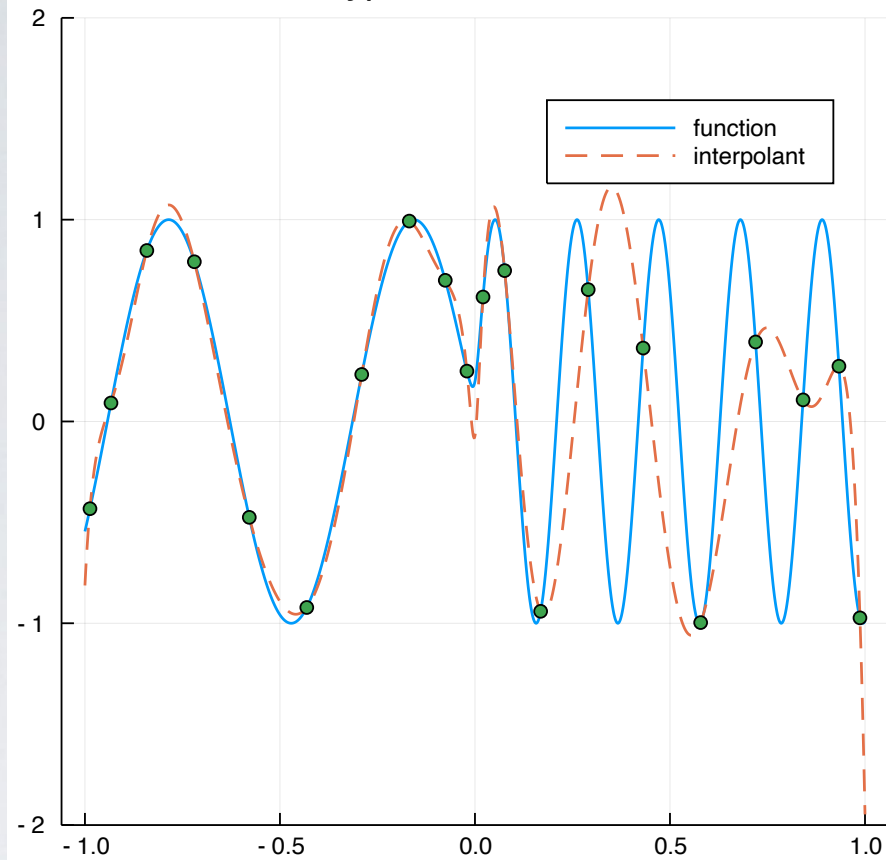
- Idea: interpolate  $f(x, y)$  by  $f_M(x, y)$  using OPs on the hyperbola at the points  $(x_j, y_j)$  coming from Gaussian quadrature from  $w_0$  so that

$$f_M(t) = f_M(t, \sqrt{t^2 + \epsilon^2})$$

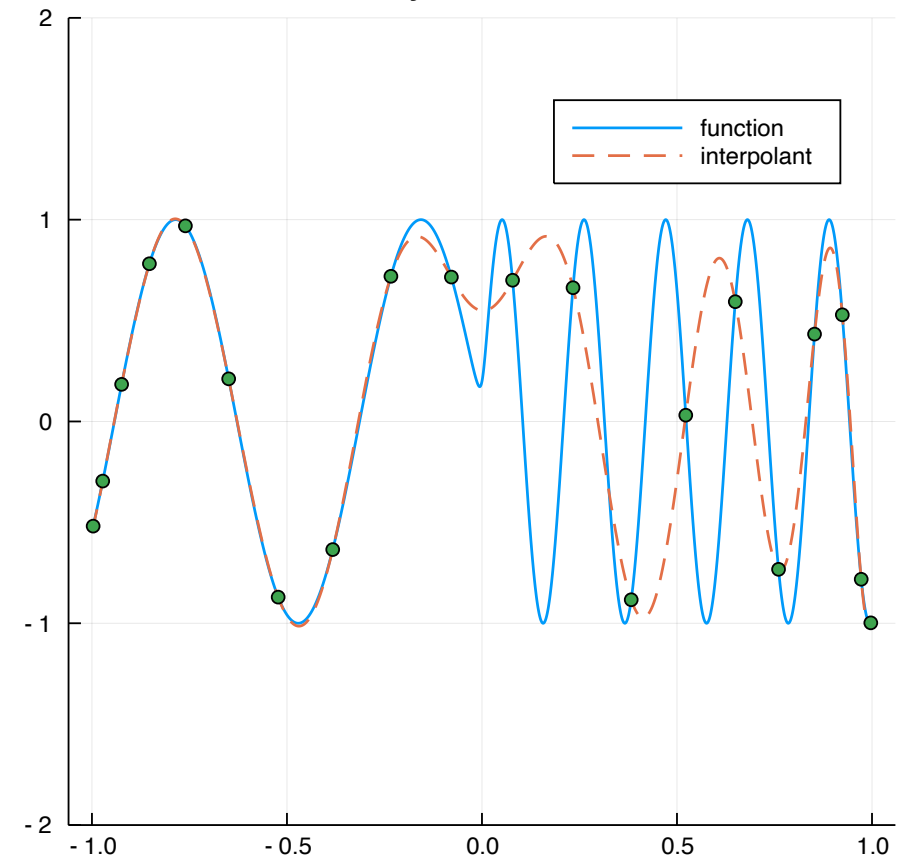
interpolates at the points  $x_j$

- Just like the arc, the interpolation coefficients come from quadrature

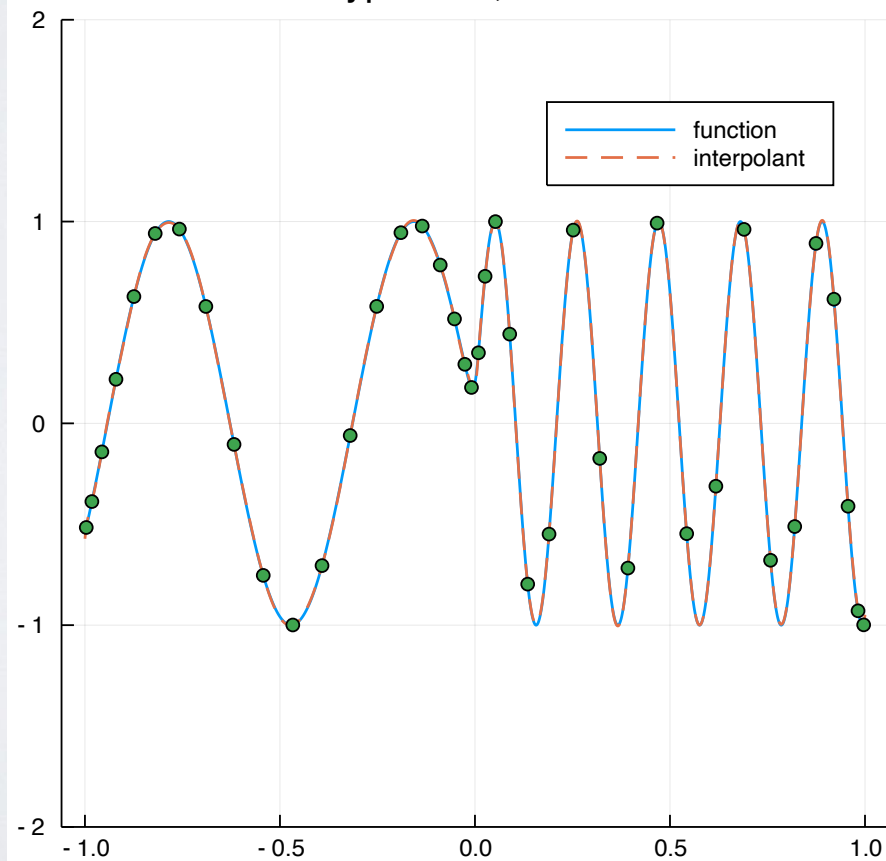
Hyperbola,  $M = 20$



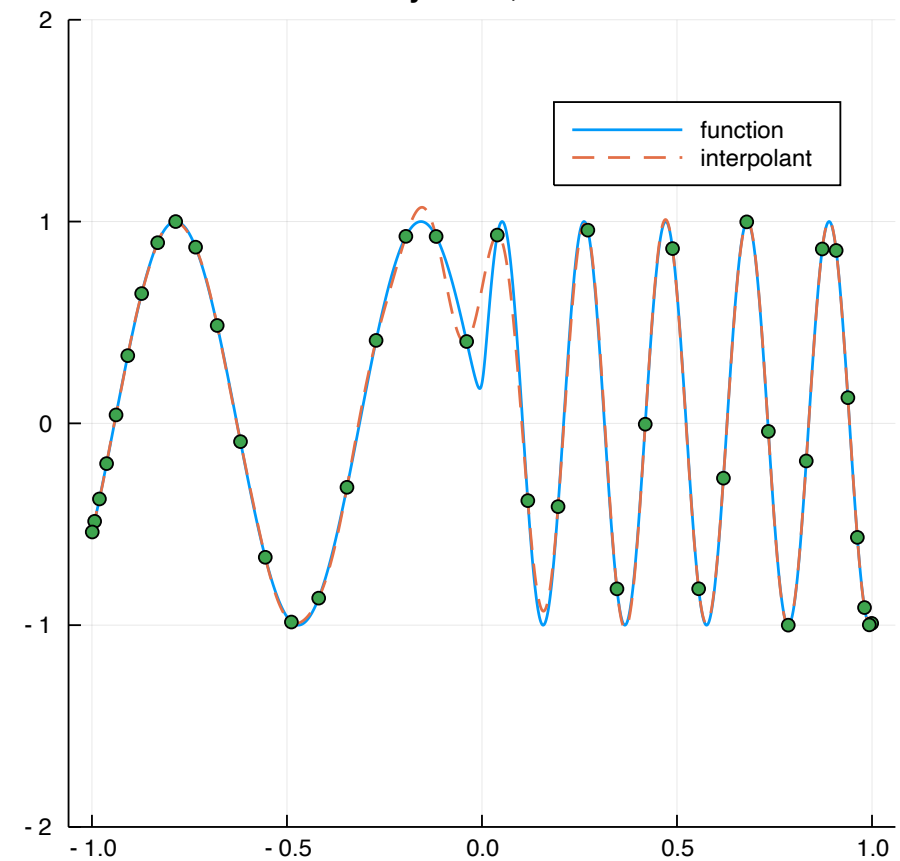
Chebyshev,  $M = 20$



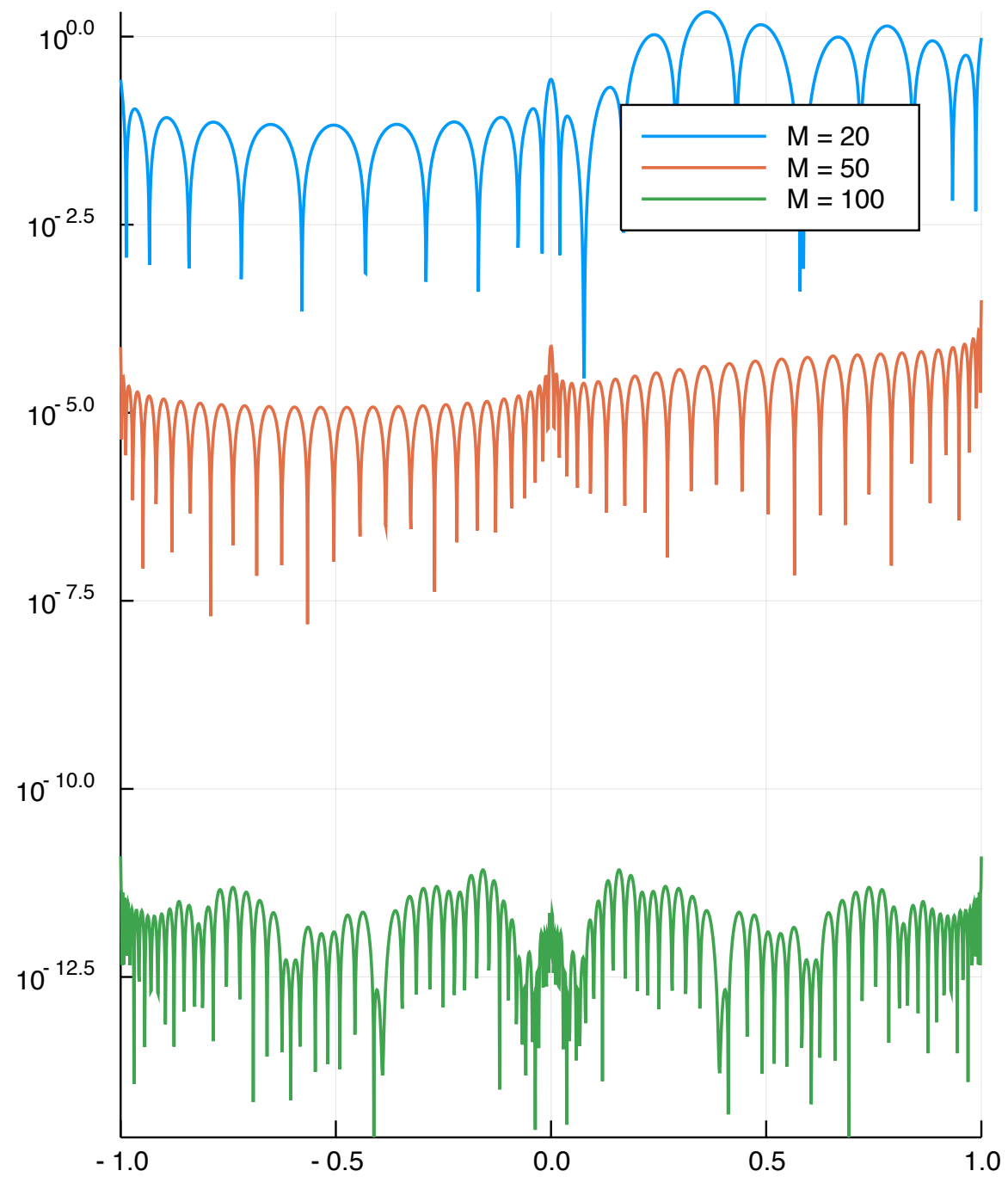
Hyperbola,  $M = 40$



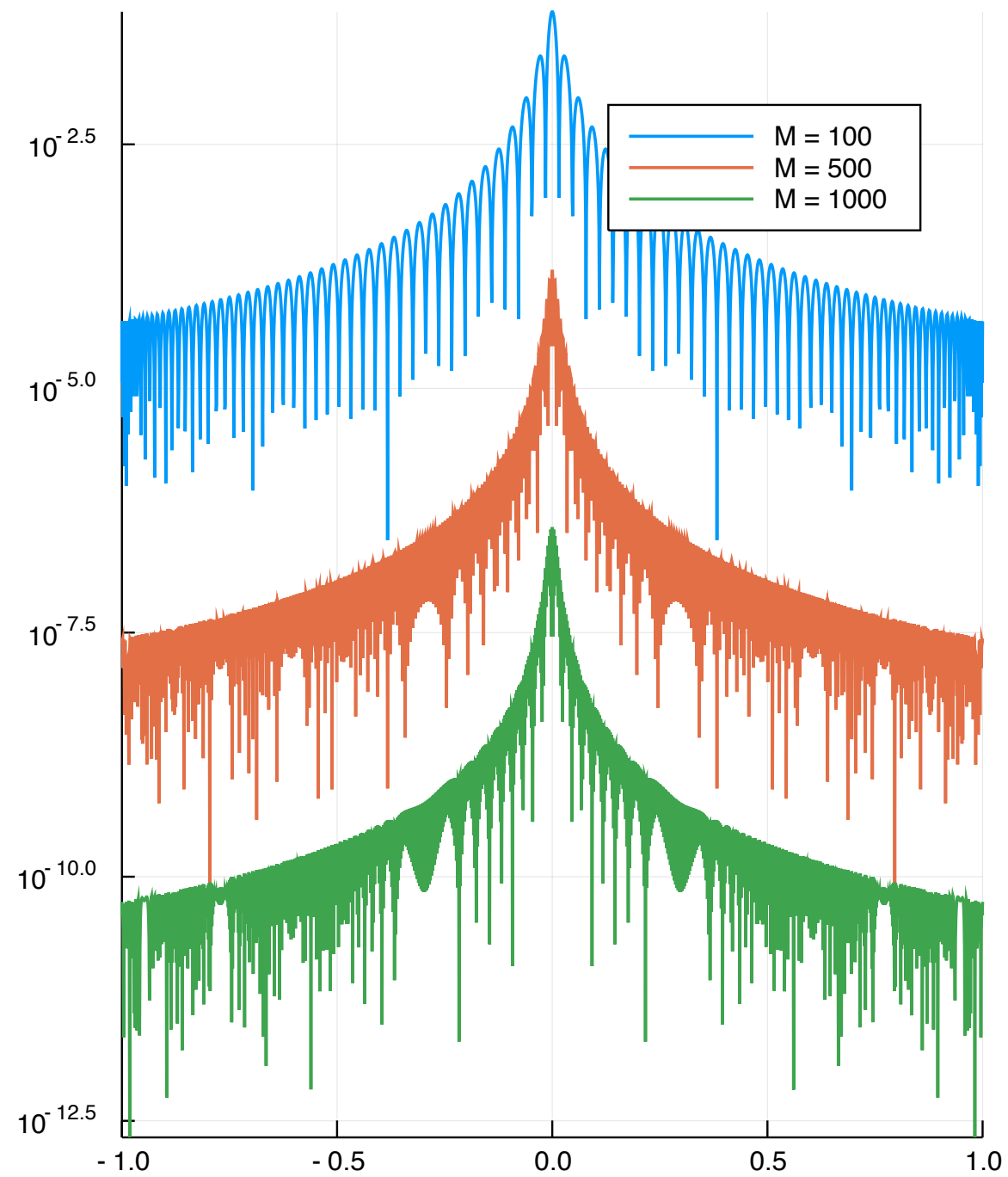
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### Hyperbola polynomial interpolation error

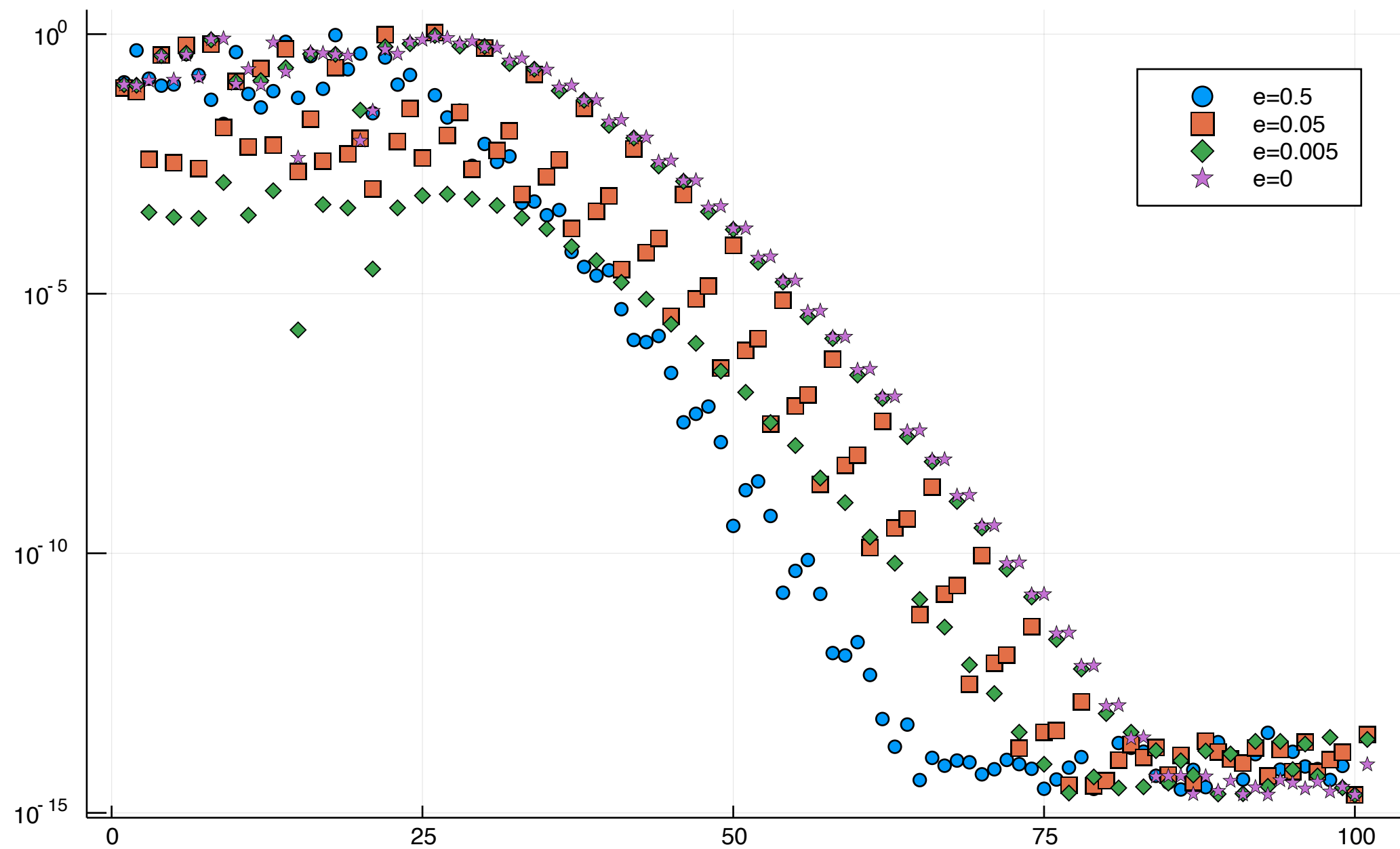


### Chebyshev interpolation error



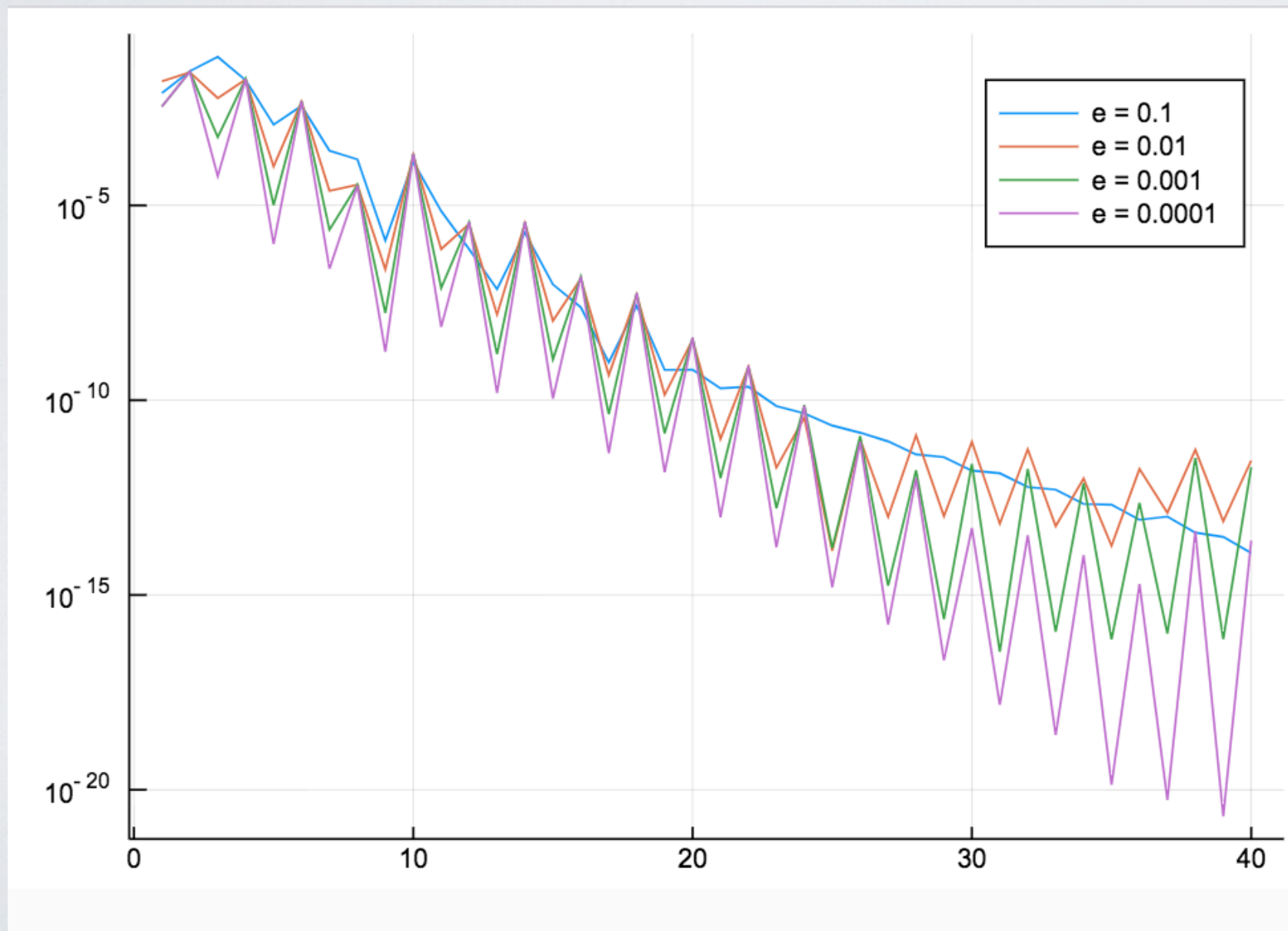


Coefficients for M=100



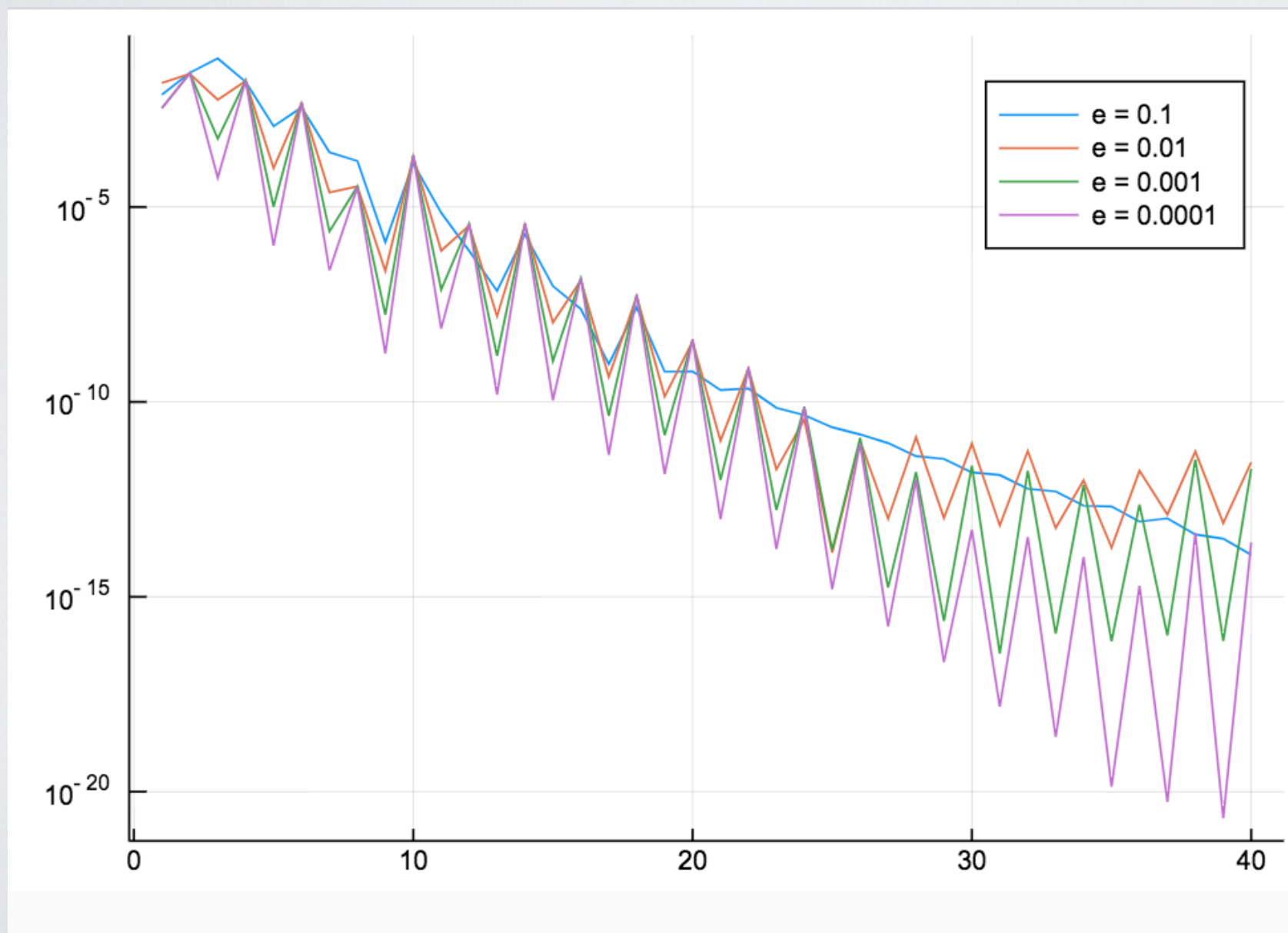
# COLLOCATION COEFFICIENTS

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Would require  
16k Chebyshev  
coefficients  
to even resolve  
variable coefficient



OPs ON  
TWO BRANCH HYPERBOLA

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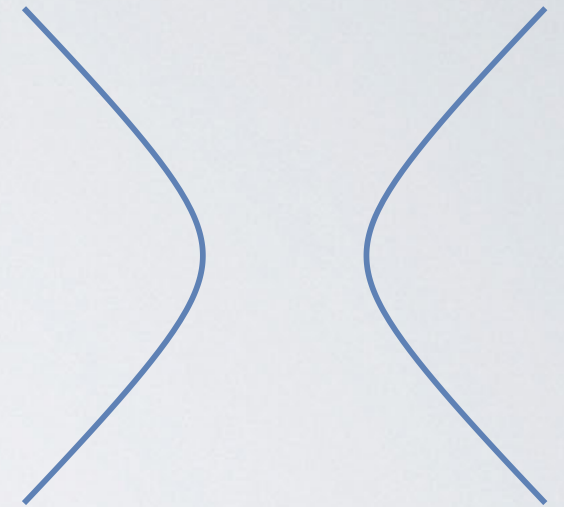
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- Let  $p_n(t)$  denote OPs with respect to  $w(t)$  and  $q_n(t)$  denote OPs with respect to  $w_1(t) = (1 + t^2)w(t)$
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$$x^2 = y^2 + 1$$



APPLICATION:  
INTERPOLATION  
OF  
FUNCTIONS WITH POLE SINGULARITIES



- Consider

$$f(t) = \sin(t + 2/t)$$

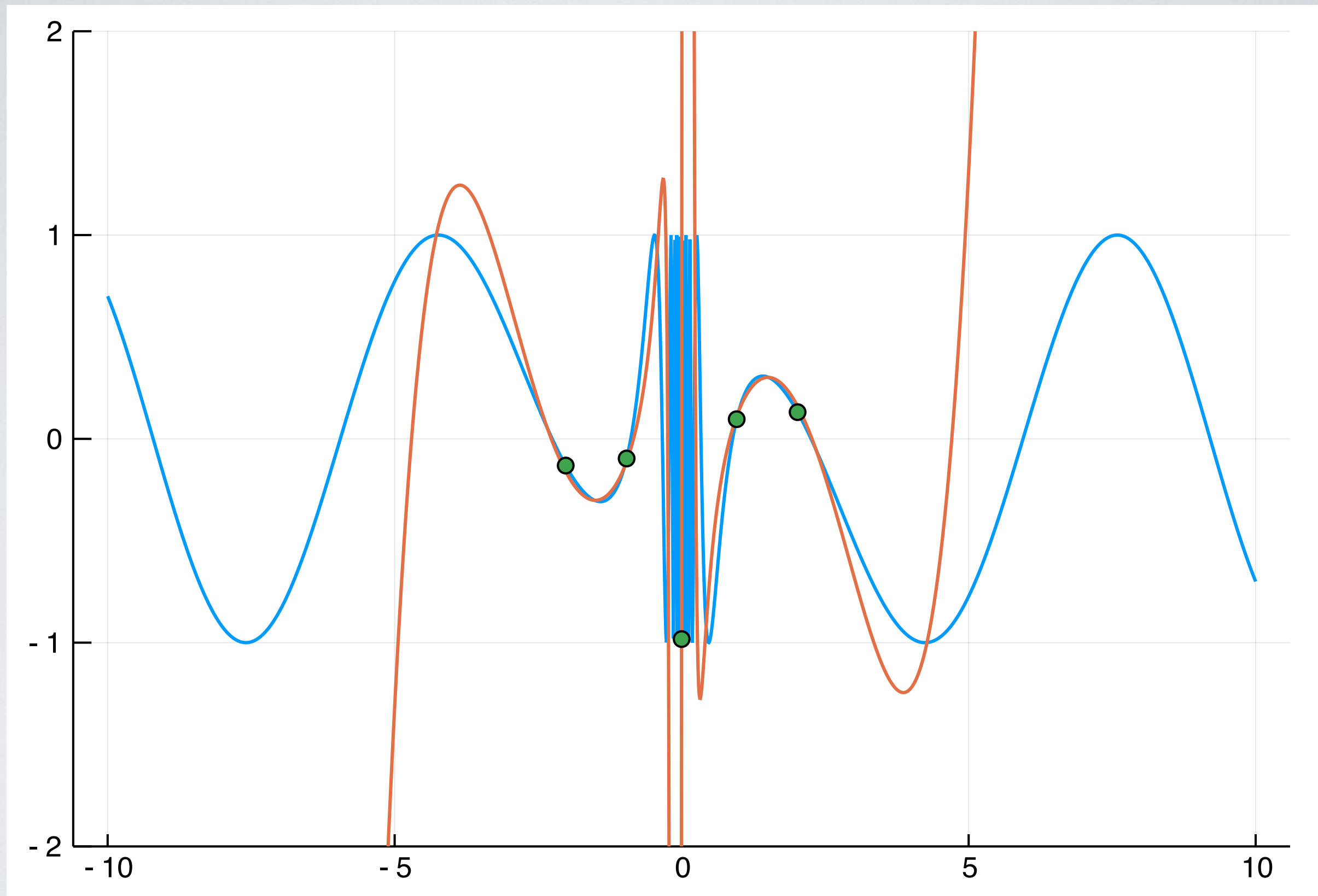
on the real line

- Project  $f$  to the two-branch hyperbola  $x^2 = y^2 + 1$  as

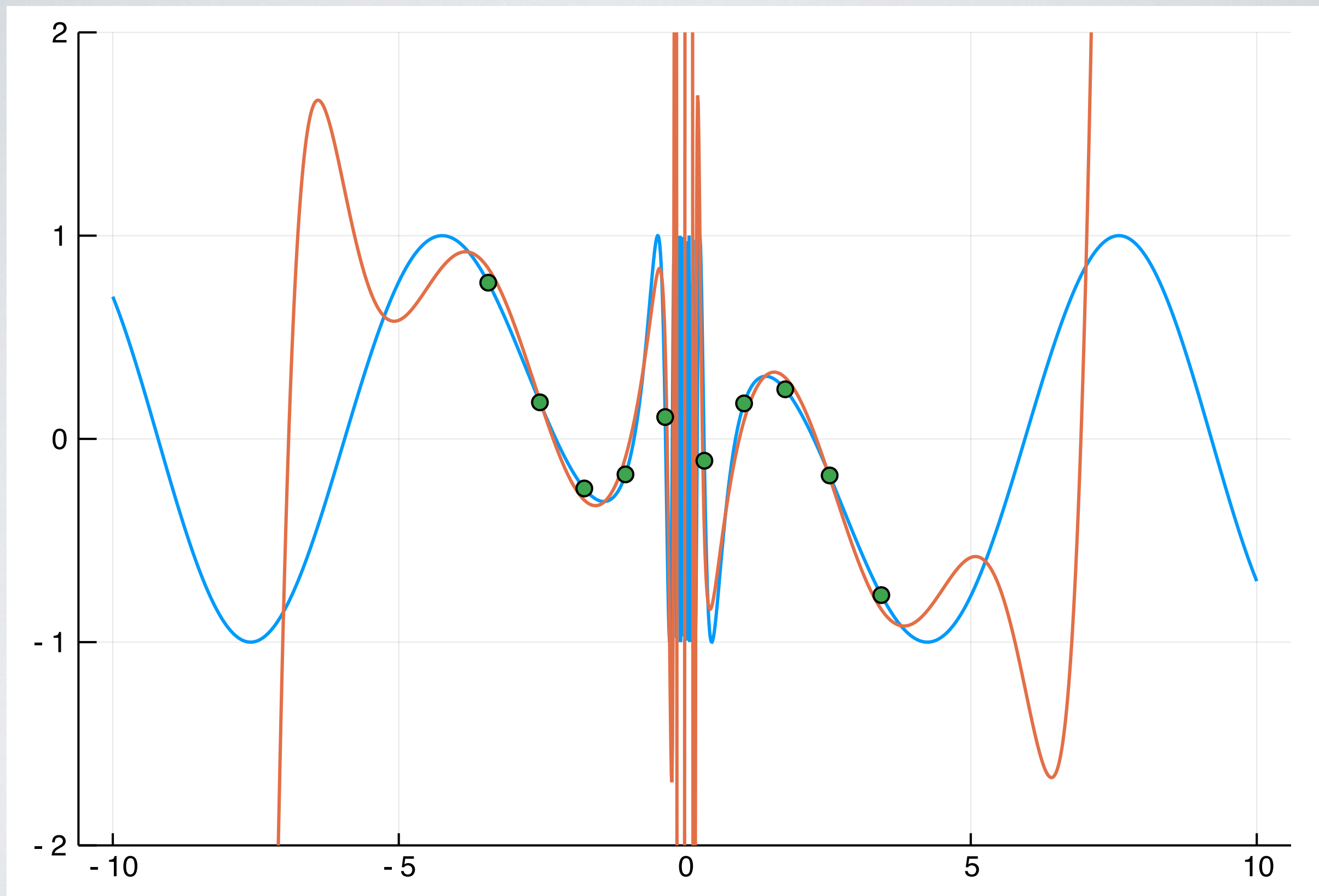
$$f(x, y) = f(x - y) = \sin(x - y + 2(x + y))$$

– Note  $t = x - y$  then  $t^{-1} = x + y$

- We use Gaussian weight  $w(t) = e^{-t^2}$  with Gauss–Hermite points, calculated with high precision arithmetic (**BigFloat**)
  - Again,  $w_1(t) = (1 + t^2)w(t)$  is non-classical so we use Stieltjes procedure with high precision arithmetic

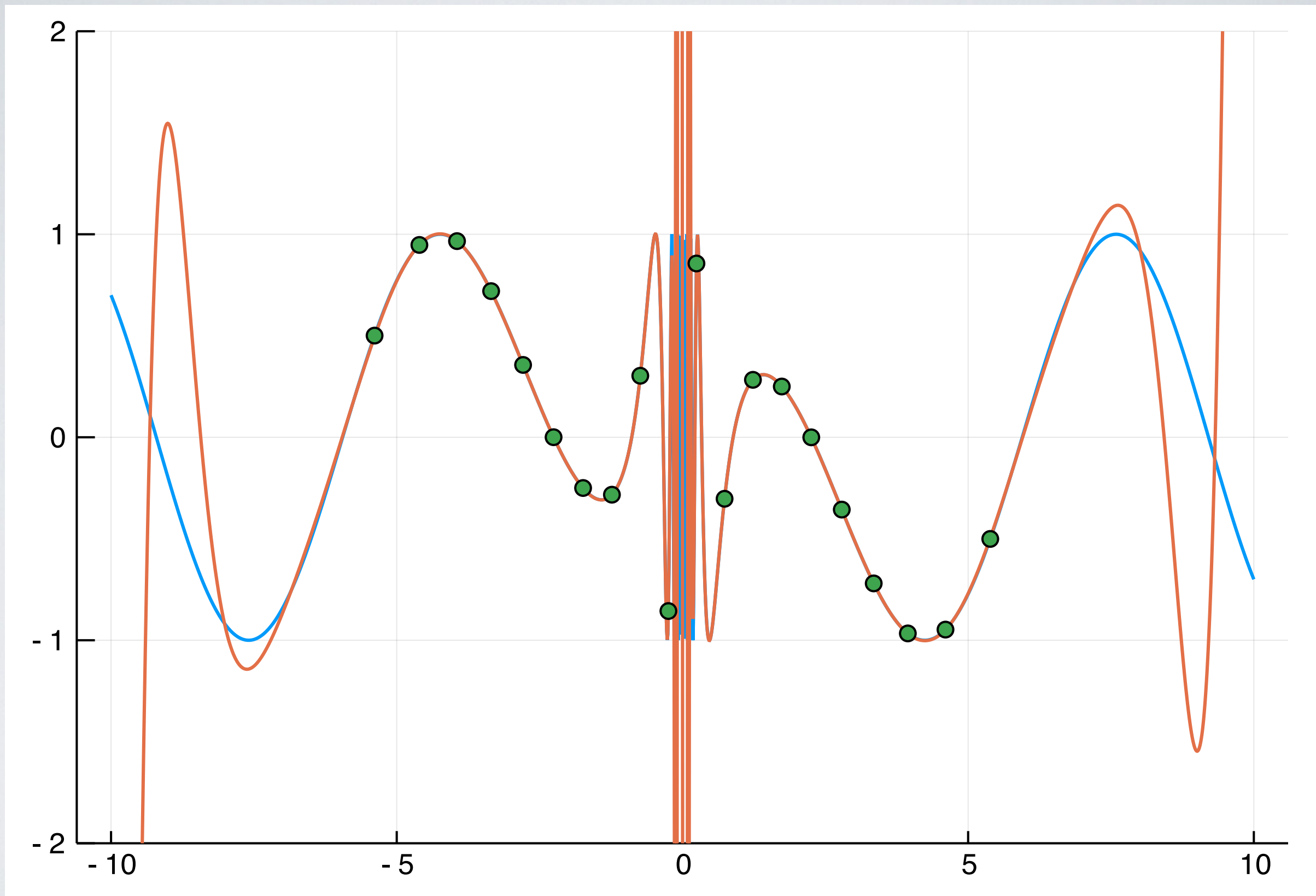


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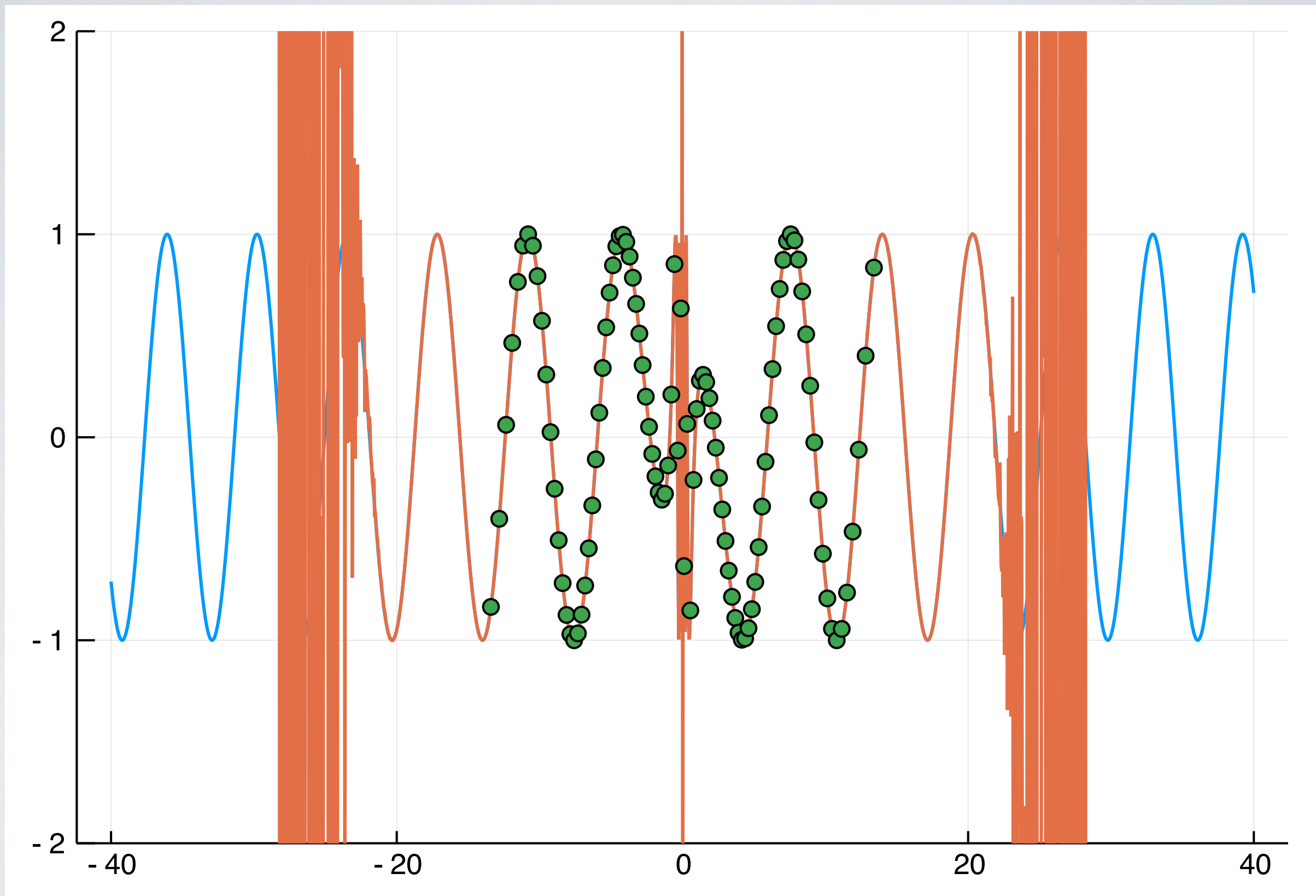


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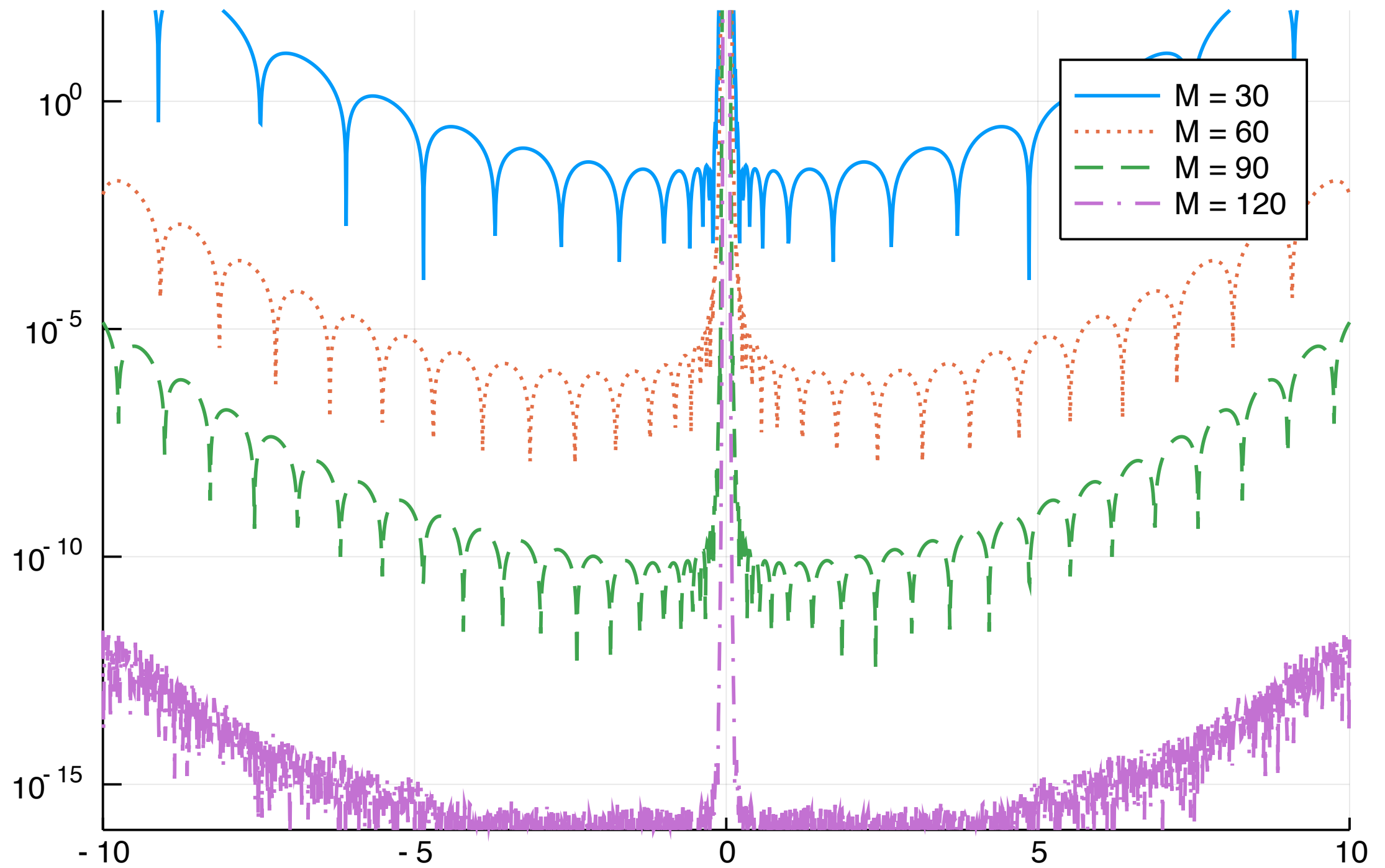


40 points



200 points

# Convergence of interpolant





SQUARES

- Consider solving PDEs on the square with Dirichlet conditions, using a polynomial basis
- The restriction operator maps polynomials inside the square to polynomials on the boundary of a square
- This is also an (4th order) algebraic curve:

$$(1 - x^2)(1 - y^2) = 0$$

What does the space of polynomials look like?

$$1$$

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$$x$$

$$y$$

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$$x^2$$

$$xy$$

$$y^2$$

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$$x^3$$

$$x^2y$$

$$xy^2$$

$$y^3$$

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$$x^4$$

$$x^3y$$

~~$$x^2y^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 1$$~~

$$xy^3$$

$$y^4$$

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$$x^5$$

$$x^4y$$

~~$$x^3y^2 = x^3 + xy^2 + x$$~~

~~$$x^2y^3 = x^2y + y^3 + y$$~~

$$xy^4$$

$$y^5$$

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$$\vdots$$



# OPs ON THE SQUARE

**Theorem 3.2.** For  $n = 0, 1, 2$ , a basis for  $\mathcal{BV}_n$  is denoted by  $Y_{n,i}$  and given by

$$Y_{0,1}(x, y) = 1, \quad Y_{1,1}(x, y) = x \quad Y_{1,2}(x, y) = y,$$

$$Y_{2,1}(x, y) = p_{1,1}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(x^2, y^2), \quad Y_{2,2}(x, y) = xy, \quad Y_{2,3}(x, y) = p_{1,2}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(x^2, y^2).$$

For  $n \geq 3$ , the four polynomials in  $\mathcal{BV}_n^2$  that are linearly independent modulo the ideal can be given by

$$Y_{2m,1}(x, y) = p_{m,1}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(x^2, y^2),$$

$$Y_{2m,2}(x, y) = p_{m,2}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}(x^2, y^2),$$

$$Y_{2m,3}(x, y) = xy p_{m-1,1}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma}(x^2, y^2),$$

$$Y_{2m,4}(x, y) = xy p_{m-1,2}^{\alpha+1,\beta+1,\gamma}(x^2, y^2)$$

for  $n = 2m \geq 2$ , and

$$Y_{2m+1,1}(x, y) = x p_{m,1}^{\alpha+1,\beta,\gamma}(x^2, y^2),$$

$$Y_{2m+1,2}(x, y) = x p_{m,2}^{\alpha+1,\beta,\gamma}(x^2, y^2),$$

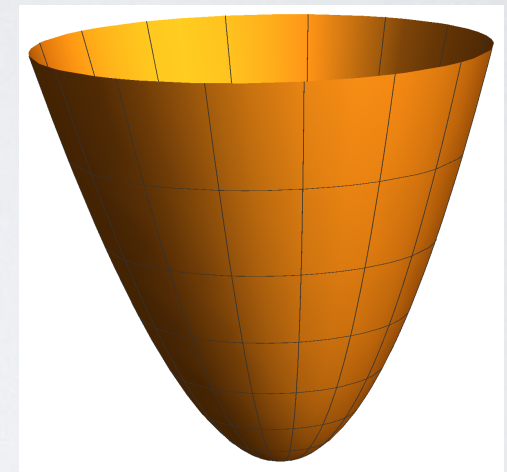
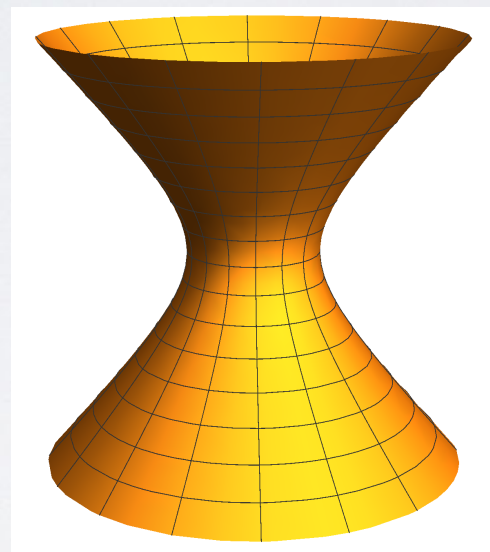
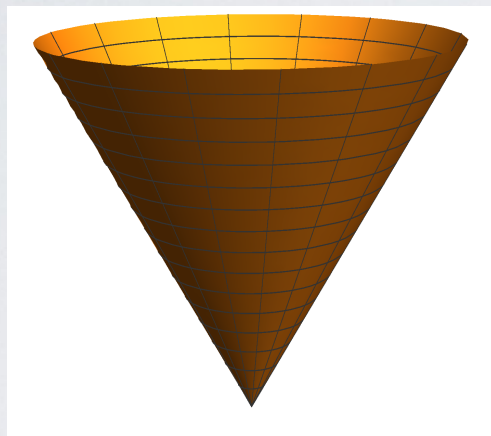
$$Y_{2m+1,3}(x, y) = y p_{m,1}^{\alpha,\beta+1,\gamma}(x^2, y^2),$$

$$Y_{2m+1,4}(x, y) = y p_{m,2}^{\alpha,\beta+1,\gamma}(x^2, y^2)$$

for  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 3$ . In particular, these bases satisfy the equation  $\partial_x^2 \partial_y^2 u = 0$ .

IS THERE A GOOD BASIS

# QUADRATIC SURFACES OF REVOLUTION



We can form OPs on and inside  
quadratic curves of revolution  
in arbitrary dimensions



On the cone

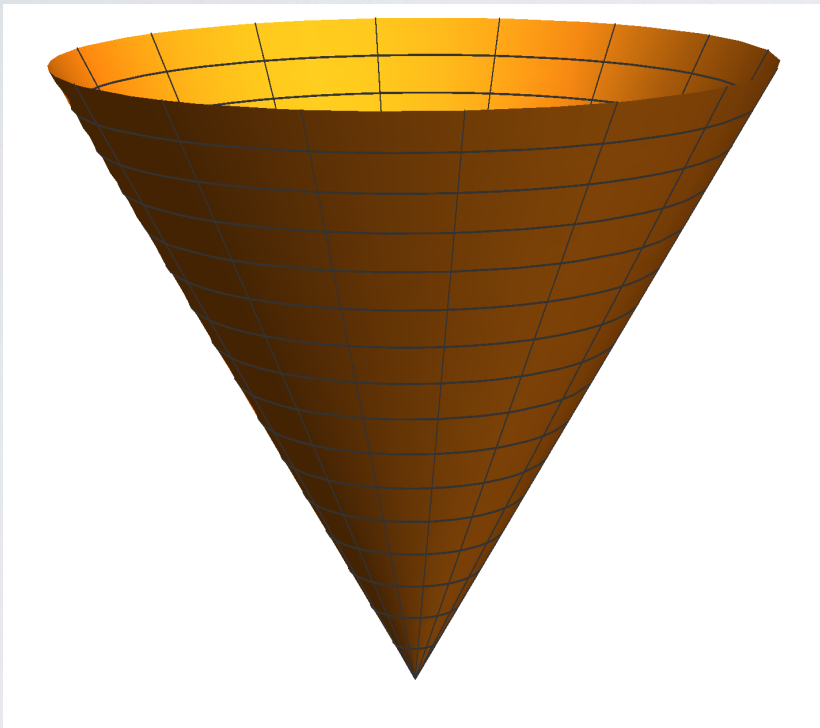
$$t^m P_{n-m}^{(2m+d-1,0)}(1-2t) Y_\ell^m(\mathbf{x})$$

Spherical harmonics

In the cone

$$Q_{m,\mathbf{k}}^n(\mathbf{x}, t) = P_{n-m}^{(2m+d-1,0)}(1-2t) t^m P_{\mathbf{k}}^m\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{t}\right)$$

Ball OPs



# INTRODUCING...

# CONEFUN!

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[julia> @time f = Fun((t,x,y) -> exp(cos(10x*y+t))/(x^2+y^2+(t-0.1)^2), Conic());  
1.183671 seconds (3.95 M allocations: 286.165 MiB, 4.20% gc time)  
  
[julia> length(f.coefficients)  
24964  
  
[julia> f(0.1, 0.1cos(0.2), 0.1sin(0.2))  
269.89743610716334  
  
[julia> @time f = Fun((t,x,y) -> 1/(t + 0.01), Cone(), 100_000);  
1.276525 seconds (3.02 M allocations: 631.528 MiB, 3.68% gc time)
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Uses Slevinsky's awesome FastTransforms package  
which has spherical harmonic, triangular OP, and disk OP transforms



- Just like 2D, we have block-tridiagonal Jacobi operators  $J_x, J_y, J_z$ 
  - In fact, the blocks are also tridiagonal (tridiagonal-block-tridiagonal)
  - And can be found in closed form via Jacobi polynomial manipulations
- Just like 2D, we can find a lower tridiagonal recurrence  $L_{x,y,z}$  using pseudo-inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} B_n^x \\ B_n^y \\ B_n^z \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - In fact, it can be written explicitly and is  $O(n)$
  - No poles!
- Just like 2D, we can use Clenshaw to construct  $f(J_x, J_y, J_z)$
- We thus can reduce, e.g, variable coefficient Helmholtz

$$(\Delta_S + a(x, y, z))u = 0$$

to a banded-block-banded matrix



# TANGENT SPACE OF SPHERE

- To do more complicated PDEs like shallow water, we need to work with  $\mathbf{u}$  in the tangent space of the sphere
- We will represent these using vector-valued polynomials  $p(x, y, z)$  restricted to the sphere in the ideal  $\mathbf{n}(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{p}(x, y, z) = 0$

– Here  $\mathbf{n}(x, y, z) = (x, y, z)^\top$  is the unit normal

- Sounds complicated... but turns out using the surface gradient of spherical harmonics

$$\nabla_S \mathbb{P}_n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{n} \times \nabla_S \mathbb{P}_n$$

are orthogonal and in this vector-valued polynomial space

– And they have the structure of OPs: including tridiagonal-block-tridiagonal Jacobi operators  $J^x, J^y, J^z$

- We thus get banded-block-banded matrix for all of the following operators:
  - Acting on spherical harmonics:  $\nabla_S, f(x, y, z)$
  - Acting on tangent space:  $\nabla_S \cdot, \mathbf{n} \times, f(x, y, z)$

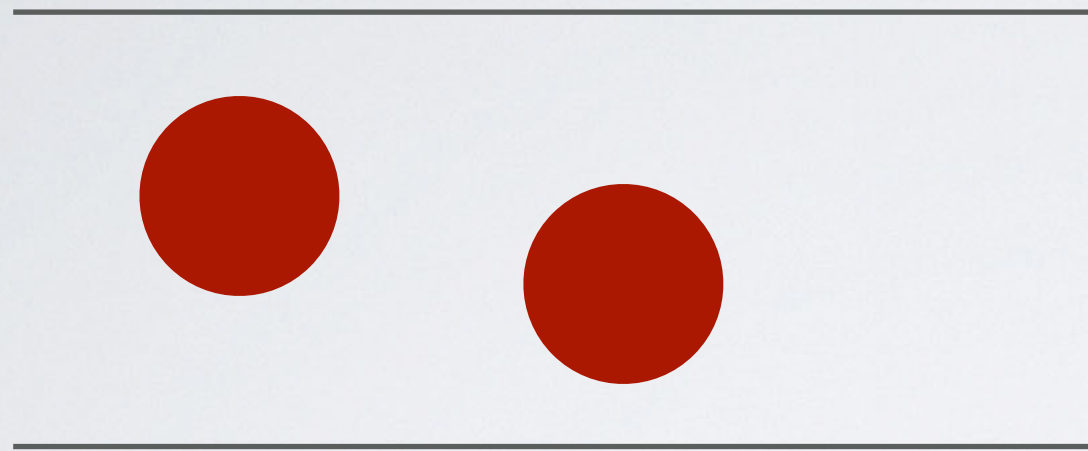
APPLICATION:  
SHALLOW WATER EQUATION  
WITH CORIOLIS FORCE



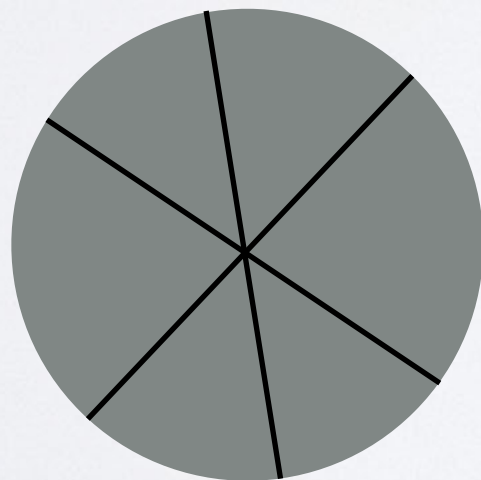
# FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- PDEs on spherical triangles
- PDEs in Minkowski spacetime (Hyperbolic ball)
  - Any good reason to solve with boundary conditions on the light cone??
- Sparse spectral methods for PDEs inside curves
- Other singular functions
  - $f(t) = f(t, \sqrt{t})$  on the parabola  $y^2 = x$
- Boundary integral methods?

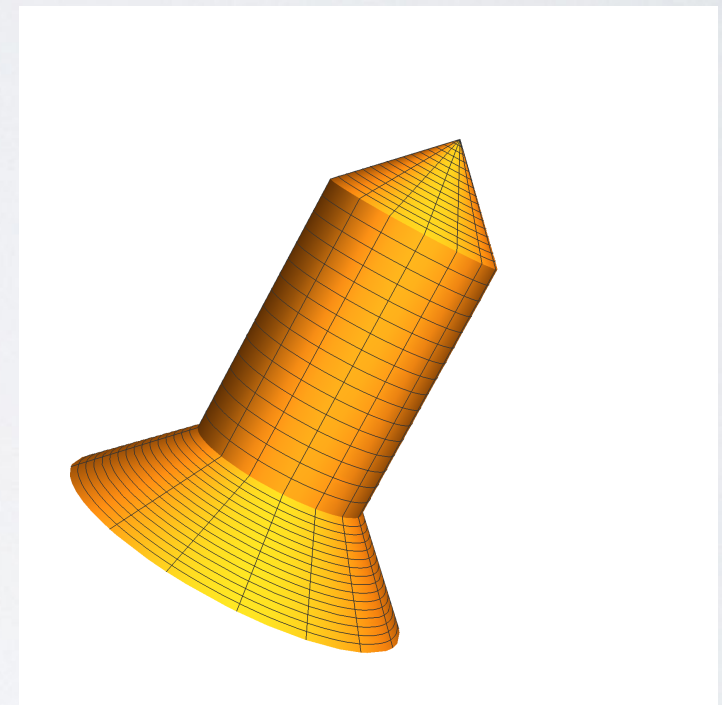
# PIECEWISE SIMPLE GEOMETRIES?



Flow in channel with obstacles



Spectral element method in pipe



Rockets!