

**Existence of Solutions to
Underdetermined Equations and
Spherical Designs**

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Underdetermined Equations

$c : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuously differentiable, $m < n$.

$$c(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Suppose

$$c(\hat{x}) \approx 0$$

and $c'(\hat{x})$ has full row rank, i.e

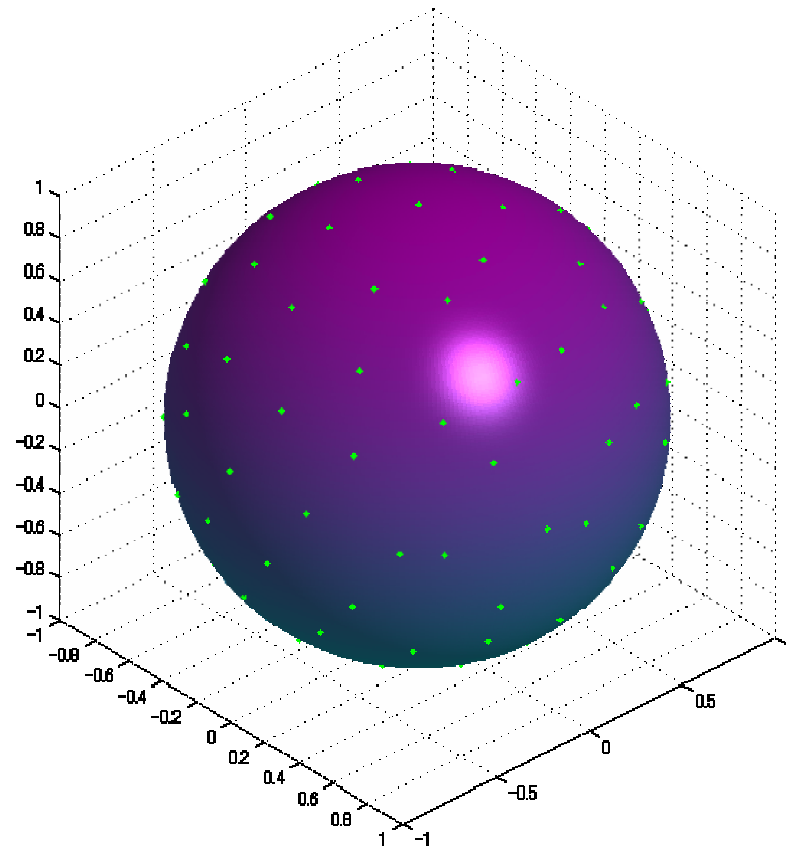
$$\text{rank}(c'(\hat{x})) = m.$$

We are interested in the existence of a solution of (1) in a neighborhood of \hat{x} .

Underdetermined equations arising in construction of spherical t -design on the unit sphere

$$S^2 = \{y \in R^3 : \|y\|_2 = 1\}$$

P_t : polynomials in 3 variables, restricted to S^2 .



A spherical t -design (Delsarte-Goethals 1977)

is a set of N points $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\} \subset S^2$

such that

$$\int_{S^2} p(y) dy = \frac{4\pi}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N p(y_j)$$

for every polynomial $p \in \mathbf{P}_t$.

A quadrature rule, exact for all $p \in P_t$

The existence of a spherical t -design was proved (Seymour-Zaslavsky, 1984).

Open Questions:

For Given t , number of points ?

how to find $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\}$.

Our interest

What is the best choice of points on the sphere for interpolatory integration rule

The dimension of the space \mathbf{P}_t is $(t + 1)^2$.

Lower bound on the smallest number N_t^* of points required to give a spherical t -design are

$$N_t^* \geq \frac{(t + 1)(t + 3)}{4} \text{ if } t \text{ is odd}$$

$$N_t^* \geq \frac{(t + 2)^2}{4} \text{ if } t \text{ is even.}$$

Our aim

Prove the existence of spherical t -designs with $(t+1)^2$ points and good conditioning interpolation matrix.

Main Results

- 1 Verify the existence of solutions to (1) using the Brouwer fixed point theorem.
- 2 Reformulate the problem finding a spherical t -design with $(t+1)^2$ points as underdetermined equations (1) with $m = (t+1)^2 - 1$ and $n = 2(t+1)^2 - 3$.
- 3 Provide error bounds of a computed spherical t -design to an exact spherical t -design.
- 4 Apply to high-order numerical integration on the sphere.

1. Verification method for $c(x) = 0$

\hat{x} : a computed solution of $c(x) = 0$.

\mathcal{B} : an index set $\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\}$ such that

$c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x}) \in R^{m \times m}$ is nonsingular.

$\mathcal{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} / \mathcal{B}$.

$X = \{x \mid \|x_{\mathcal{B}} - \hat{x}_{\mathcal{B}}\| \leq r_1, \|x_{\mathcal{N}} - \hat{x}_{\mathcal{N}}\| \leq r_2\}$.

Theorem 1 Suppose that $c : R^n \rightarrow R^m$ is continuously differentiable, $c'(\hat{x}) = m$ and

$$\|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(x) - c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})\| \leq K\|x - \hat{x}\|, \text{ for } x \in X.$$

Let

$$h := \|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})^{-1}\| \left(\frac{1}{2}K(r_1 + r_2)r_1 + \max_{x \in X} \|c'_{\mathcal{N}}(x)\|r_2 \right).$$

- There is a solution of (1) in X if $\|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})^{-1}c(\hat{x})\| + h \leq r_1$.
- There is no solution of (1) in X if $\|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})^{-1}c(\hat{x})\| - h > r_1$.

2. Reformulation

Given positive integer t

$$d_t = (t + 1)^2 := \dim \mathbf{P}_t$$

A set of points $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_{d_t}\} \subset S^2$

A spherical parametrization $\theta_j \in [0, \pi]$

and $\phi_j \in [0, 2\pi]$ of Y has

$$n = 2d_t - 3$$

variables as

$$y_j = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi_j \sin \theta_j \\ \sin \phi_j \sin \theta_j \\ \cos \theta_j \end{bmatrix},$$

$\theta_1 = 0, \phi_1 = 0$ and $\phi_2 = 0$ and

$$(\theta_2, \phi_3, \dots, \phi_{d_t}, \theta_{d_t}) =: x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

2. Reformulation

Let

$$J_t(z) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{i=0}^t (2i+1)L_i(z), \quad z \in [-1, 1],$$

where $L_j : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the Legendre polynomial.

The Gram matrix $G(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_t \times d_t}$,

$$G_{i,j}(x) = J_t(y_i^T y_j) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{2d_t-3}$$

Let

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{R}^{(d_t-1) \times d_t}$$

and

$$e = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T \quad \mathbb{R}^{d_t}$$

2. Reformulation

Theorem 2 Suppose that $G(x^*)$ is nonsingular. Then x^* corresponds to a spherical t -design with $(t + 1)^2$ points if and only if x^* is a solution of

$$c(x) = EG(x)e = 0.$$

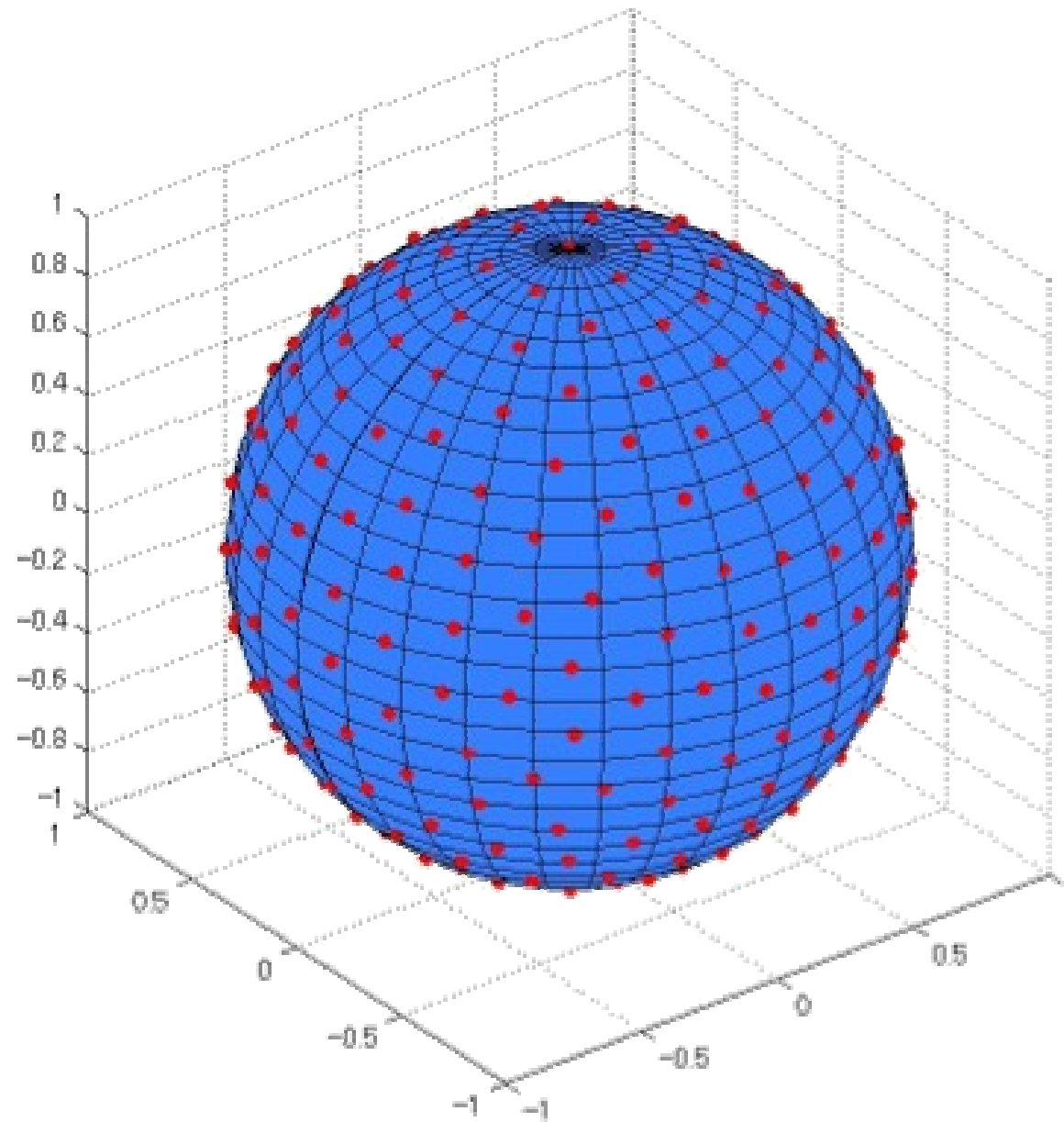


Image Spherical 16-design with 289 points

3. Error bounds for Computed Spherical Designs

Find spherical designs near the extremal points \bar{Y} :

$$\log \det G(\bar{Y}) = \max_{Y \subset S^2} \log \det(G(Y)).$$

$G(\bar{Y})$ is symmetric positive definite.

$$\log \det G(\bar{Y}) \approx (\leq) (t+1)^2 \log\left(\frac{(t+1)^2}{4\pi}\right)$$

Let

\bar{x} correspond to the extremal points \bar{Y}

x^* correspond to the exact spherical designs Y^*

\hat{x} correspond to the computed spherical designs \hat{Y} .

3. Error bounds for Computed Spherical Designs

Starting from \bar{x} , we find \hat{x} such that

$G(\hat{x})$ is nonsingular, and

$$\rho := K \|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})^{-1} c(\hat{x})\| \|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Then

$$\|\hat{Y} - Y^*\|_{\infty} \leq 2 \|\hat{x} - x^*\|_{\infty} \leq 2r_1$$

where

$$r_1 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 2\rho}}{K \|c'_{\mathcal{B}}(\hat{x})^{-1}\|}.$$

4. Numerical integration on the sphere

The condition for the integration rule

$$Q_{d_t}(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{d_t} w_i f(\hat{y}_i)$$

to be exact for all polynomials in \mathbf{P}_t is that w is the solution of

$$G(\hat{x})w = e.$$

Theorem 3. Suppose that $G(\hat{x})$ is nonsingular.

Let $w = G(\hat{x})^{-1}e$. Then

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq d_t} |w_1 - w_i| \leq \frac{4}{\|G(\hat{x})e\|_\infty} \|G(\hat{x})^{-1}\|_\infty \|c(\hat{x})\|_\infty.$$

Our Numerical results

$$\left| w_i - \frac{4\pi}{d_t} \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq d_t} |w_1 - w_i| \leq 10^{-13}$$

for $t \leq 20$.

Weights are positive and almost same!

4. Numerical integration on the sphere

Sloan-Womersley (2004) The worst-case for the interpolatory integration rule

$$\left| \int_{S^2} f(y) d(y) - \frac{4\pi}{d_t} \sum_{j=1}^{d_t} f(\hat{y}_j) \right| = 4\pi D(\hat{Y}) =: e(E_t),$$

where $D(\hat{Y})$ is the Cui-Freeden generalized discrepancy for the points \hat{Y}

$$D(\hat{Y}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}d_t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{d_t} \sum_{i=1}^{d_t} \left(1 - 2\log(1 + \sqrt{(1 - \hat{y}_i^T \hat{y}_j)/2}) \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

Numerical results

$$D(\hat{Y}) < D(\bar{Y}) < D(CF(Y))$$

Table 1 :Extremal point \bar{x} , computed spherical design \hat{x} ,exact spherical design x^* , $\|\hat{x} - x^*\| \leq r_1$, $x \in R^{2(t+1)^2-3}$

t	$\ c(\hat{x})\ $	$\log\det G(\bar{x})$	$\log\det G(\hat{x})$	r_1
2	4.4e-16	-3.21	-3.21	1.0e-15
3	2.6e-15	3.38	2.57	2.3e-15
4	7.3e-15	16.13	15.93	1.8e-14
5	7.5e-15	36.17	35.48	1.3e-14
6	2.6e-14	64.09	62.64	3.4e-14
7	6.0e-14	100.69	100.41	5.0e-14
8	1.9e-13	146.19	144.36	1.1e-13
9	4.5e-13	201.55	186.22	1.8e-13
10	8.0e-13	266.31	265.50	6.1e-11
11	2.7e-12	342.15	341.67	1.8e-13
12	6.0e-12	428.03	427.41	1.4e-12
13	1.4e-11	525.16	524.27	2.4e-11
14	3.7e-11	633.52	632.71	5.5e-11
15	9.6e-11	753.48	752.48	3.08e-11

Table 2: Worst case for the equal-weight rule E_t and generalized discrepancy for Computed spherical designs

t	d_t	$e(E_t)$	$D(\hat{Y})$
2	9	0.349478	0.027811
3	16	0.229009	0.018239
4	25	0.162440	0.012927
5	36	0.123579	0.009834
6	49	0.098188	0.007814
7	64	0.079817	0.006352
8	81	0.067223	0.005349
9	100	0.058809	0.004680
10	121	0.049576	0.003945
11	144	0.043472	0.003459
12	169	0.038495	0.003063
13	196	0.034438	0.002741
14	225	0.031033	0.002469
15	256	0.028180	0.002242