# Analysis of a Monte-Carlo Nystrom method and well-posedness of the Foldy-Lax approximation 

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Figure: Samples of $N$ random points drawn randomly and independently from the uniform distribution in the unit disk.

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- The well-conditionning of the linear system (1)
- The point-wise convergence $z_{i, N} \rightarrow z\left(y_{i}\right)$.


## Result 3: point-wise convergence

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\begin{align*}
& z_{i, N}+\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} z_{j, N} k\left(y_{i}, y_{j}\right)=f\left(y_{i}\right), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N  \tag{1}\\
& z(y)+\int_{\Omega} z\left(y^{\prime}\right) k\left(y, y^{\prime}\right) \rho\left(y^{\prime}\right) \mathrm{d} y^{\prime}=f(y), \quad y \in \Omega \tag{2}
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## Proposition

For the same event $\mathcal{H}_{N_{0}}$ satisfying $\mathbb{P}\left(\mathcal{H}_{N_{0}}\right) \rightarrow 1$ as $N_{0} \rightarrow+\infty$ :

1. (1) is invertible for $N \geqslant N_{0}$ when $\mathcal{H}_{N_{0}}$ is realized
2. the vector $\left(z_{N, i}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ converges to the point-wise values $\left(z\left(y_{i}\right)\right)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ at rate $O\left(N^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ in a mean-square sense:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\left.\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N}\left|z_{N, i}-z\left(y_{i}\right)\right|^{2} \right\rvert\, \mathcal{H}_{N_{0}}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C N^{-\frac{1}{2}}
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\end{equation*}
$$

with $z_{N}=\left(z_{i, N}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ and $F=\left(f\left(y_{i}\right)\right)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ and where $\left(A_{N}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ is the random matrix defined by

$$
A_{N, i j}=\left\{\begin{array}{r}
\frac{1}{N} k\left(y_{i}, y_{j}\right) \text { if } i \neq j, \\
0 \text { if } i=j
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Proposition

Assume (i), (ii) and (iii). Then with probability one, there exists $N_{0} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the matrix I $+A_{N}$ is invertible for any $N \geqslant N_{0}$, and there exists a constant $C>0$ independent of $N$ such that

$$
\forall N \geqslant N_{0},\| \|\left(\mathrm{I}+A_{N}\right)^{-1}\| \|_{2} \leq C
$$

where $\|\|\cdot\|\|_{2}$ is the operator norm $\left(\|A\|\left\|_{2}:=\sup _{\|x\|_{2}=1}\right\| A x \|_{2}\right)$.
So (1) is well-posed if the continuous problem is well-posed.

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- Since the vector $v_{N}:=\left(v_{N, i}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ defined by $v_{N, i}:=z_{N, i}-z\left(y_{i}\right)$ satisfies

$$
\left(\mathrm{I}+A_{N}\right) v_{N}=-r_{N}
$$

with $\mathbb{E}\left[\left|r_{N}\right|_{2}^{2}\right]=O\left(N^{-1 / 2}\right)$, we obtain the point-wise bound.

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