

# The uniform sparse FFT

with application to PDEs with random coefficients

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## ① Introduction

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The key idea

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## ③ Numerical examples

Affine random coefficient

Lognormal random coefficient

## General aim

Approximation (by using samples) of the solution  $u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  of the PDE

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) &= f(\mathbf{x}), \\
 u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x} \in D, \mathbf{y} \in D_{\mathbf{y}} \\
 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial D, \mathbf{y} \in D_{\mathbf{y}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

spatial variable  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{x} \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_{\mathbf{x}}}, d_{\mathbf{x}} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

random variable  $\mathbf{y}$

$$\mathbf{y} = (y_j)_{j=1}^d \in D_{\mathbf{y}}, d \text{ very large}$$

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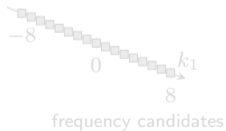
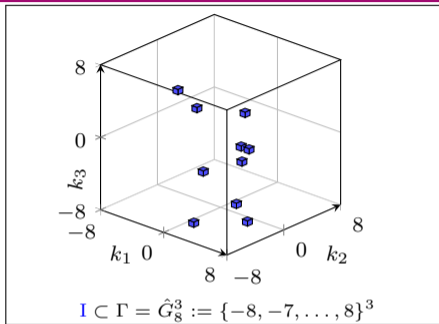
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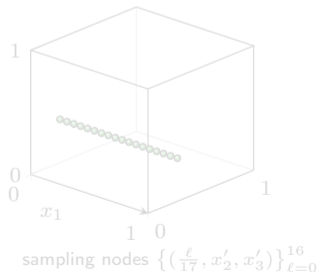
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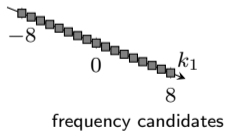
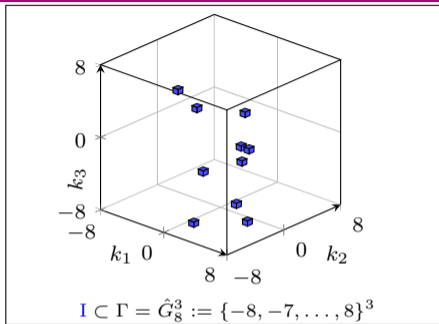
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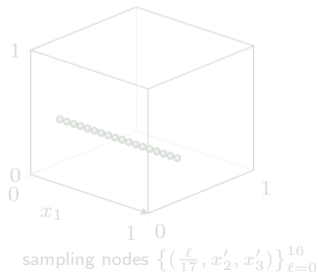
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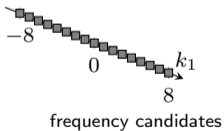
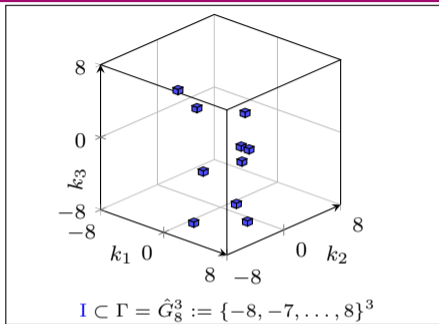




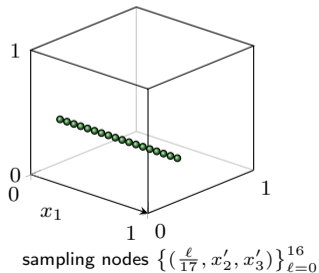
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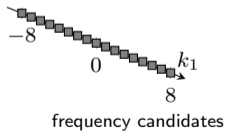
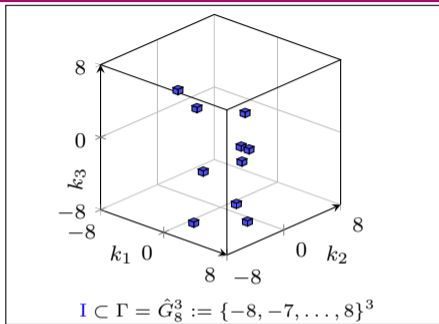


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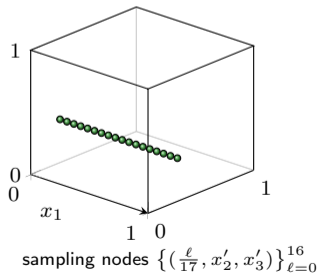
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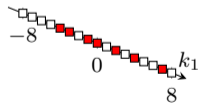
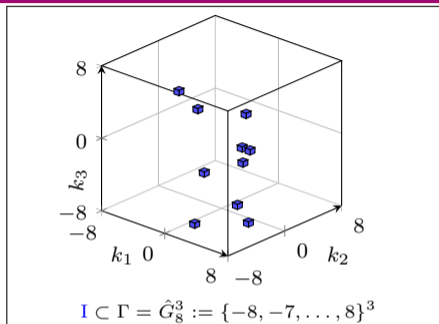
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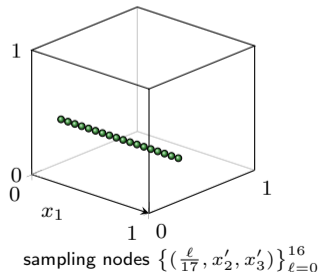


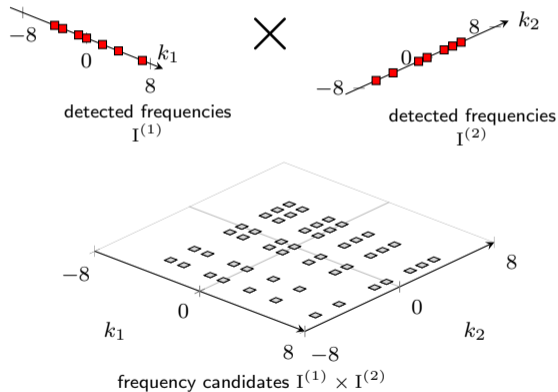
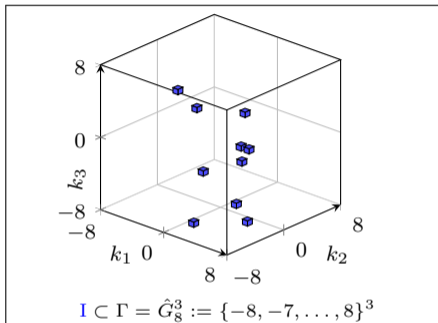

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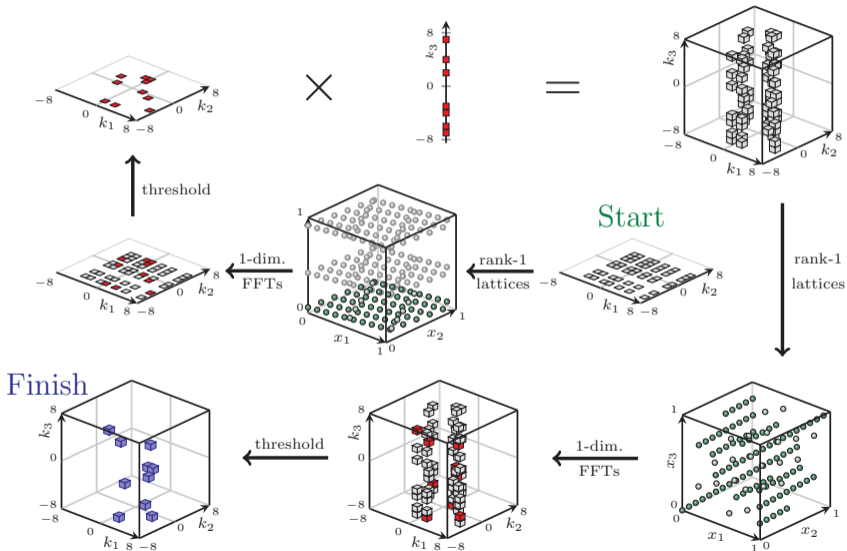
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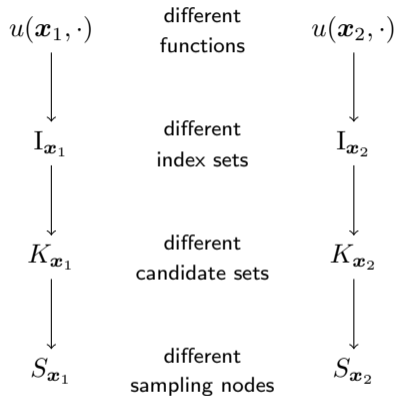
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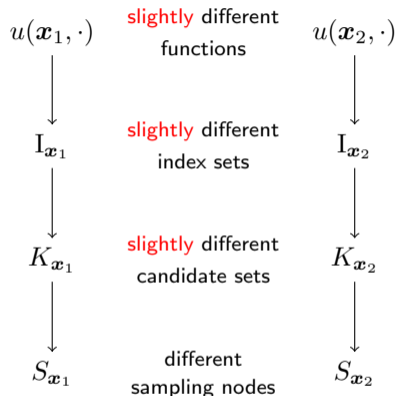
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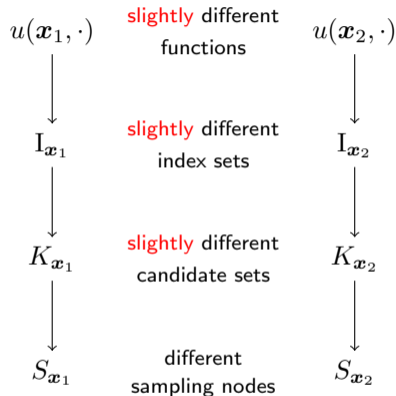
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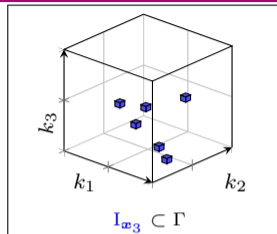
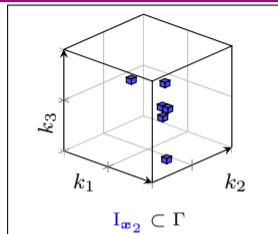
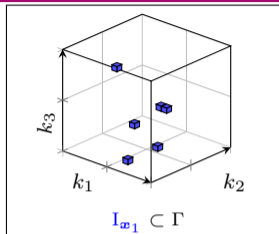
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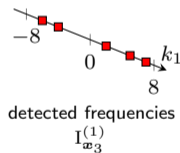
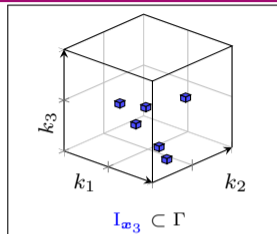
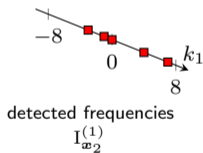
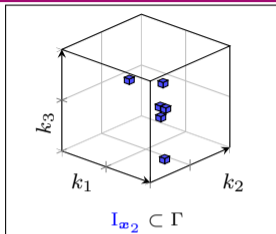
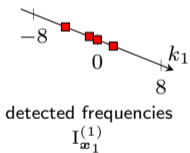
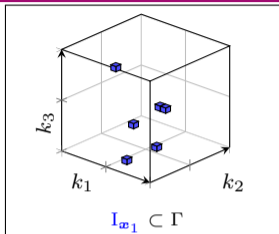
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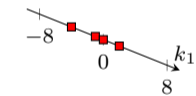
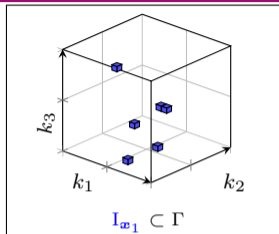
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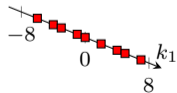
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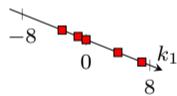
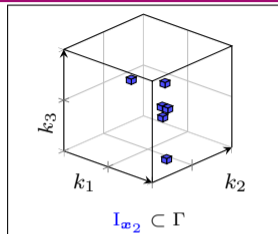




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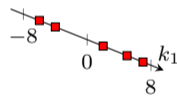
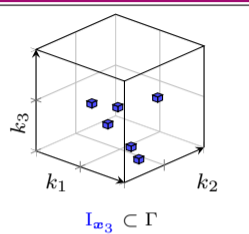


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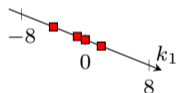
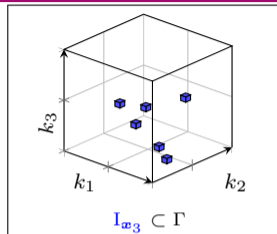
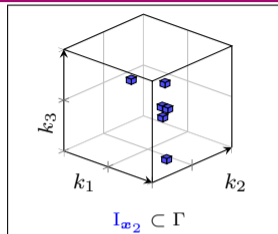
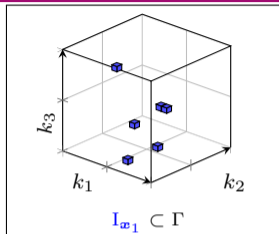


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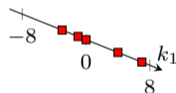


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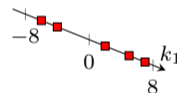
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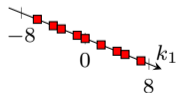


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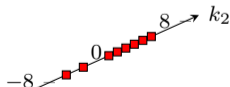


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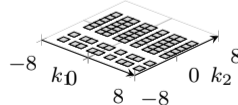
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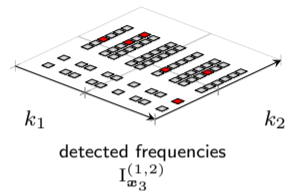
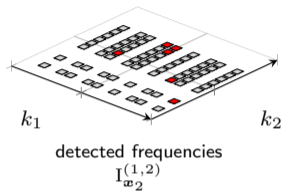
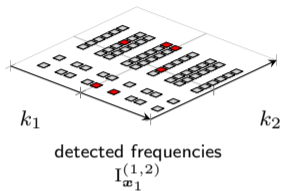


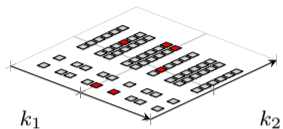
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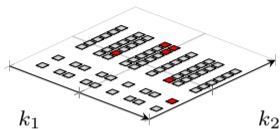
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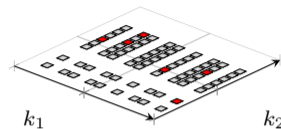
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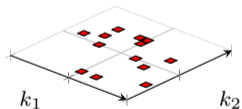
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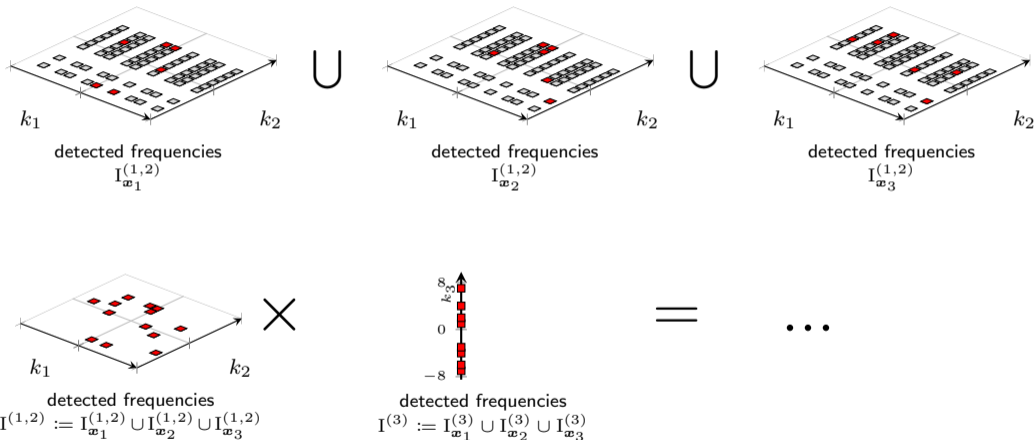
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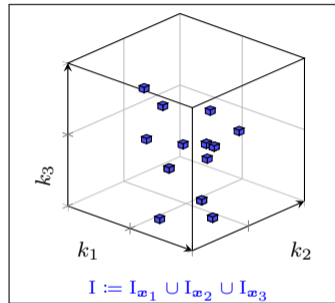


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► Result:

$$u(\mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{y}) \approx u^{\text{usFFT}}(\mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{y}) := \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in I} c_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}_g}^{\text{usFFT}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \quad g = 1, \dots, G$$

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## PDE (Example from [Eigel, Gittelson, Schwab, Zander 14'])

$$-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in D, \mathbf{y} \in D_{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial D, \mathbf{y} \in D_{\mathbf{y}}$$

### Spatial domain

$$D = (0, 1)^2$$

### Random domain

$$D_{\mathbf{y}} = [-1, 1]^{20}$$

### Distribution

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1]^{20})$$

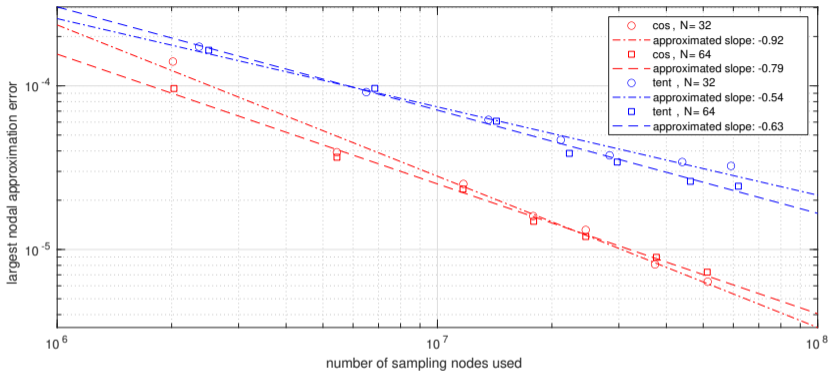
## Affine random coefficient

$$a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{20} y_j \psi_j(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{with} \quad \psi_j(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{0.9}{\zeta(2)} j^{-2} \cos(2\pi m_1(j)x_1) \cos(2\pi m_2(j)x_2)$$

and

$j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	...
$m_1(j)$	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	4	...
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**Figure:** Largest error  $\text{err}_2^\eta$  w.r.t. the nodes  $\mathbf{x}_g$  for different parameter settings, i.e.,  $s \in \{100, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000\}$ , for the affine example.

$$\text{err}_2^\eta(\mathbf{x}_g) := \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_{\text{test}}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\text{test}}} |\tilde{u}(\mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{y}^{(j)}) - u^{\text{usFFT}}(\mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{y}^{(j)})|^2}$$

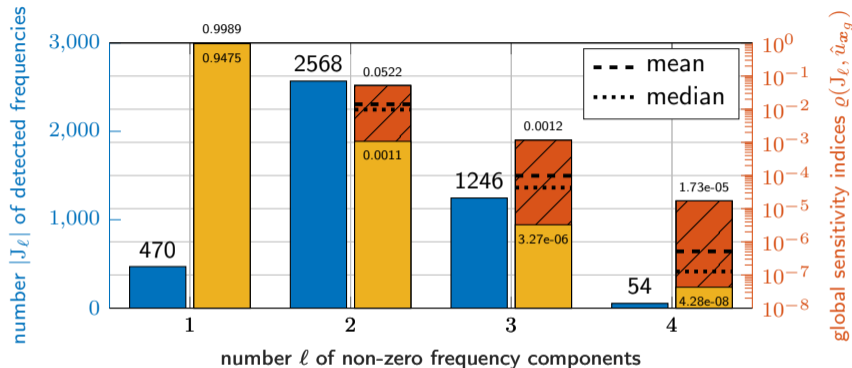


Figure: Analysis of the approximation for the affine example with  $s = 2000$ ,  $N = 32$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}
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with  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sin(1.3\pi x_1 + 3.4\pi x_2) \cos(4.3\pi x_1 - 3.1\pi x_2)$

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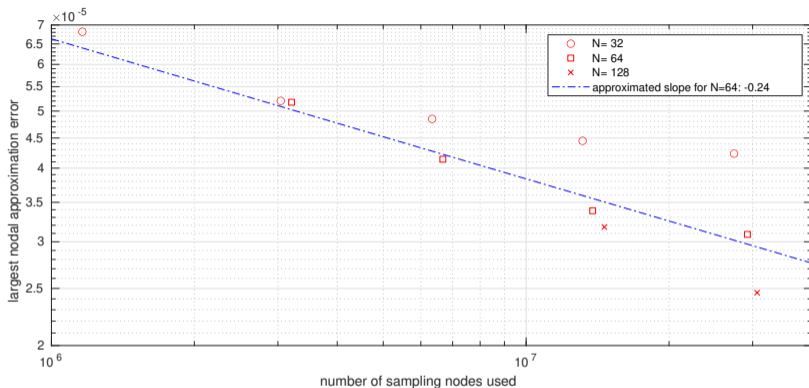
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### Distribution

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

## Lognormal random coefficient

$$\log a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^{10} \frac{y_j}{j} \sin(2\pi j x_1) \cos(2\pi(11-j)x_2)$$



**Figure:** Largest error  $\text{err}_2^\eta$  w.r.t. the nodes  $\mathbf{x}_g$  for different parameter settings, i.e.,  $s \in \{100, 250, 500, 1000, 2000\}$ , for the lognormal example.

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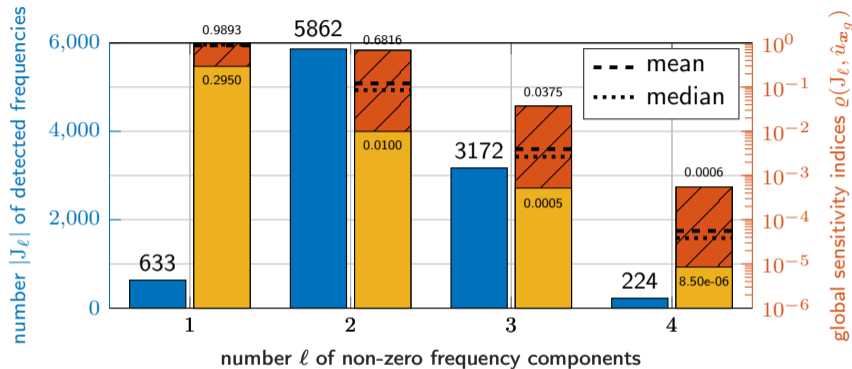


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