

# Algorithms of Scientific Computing (Algorithmen des Wissenschaftlichen Rechnens) Adaptivity, Norms of Functions

## 1 One-dimensional Sparse Grids—An Adaptive Implementation

Last week we introduced Archimedes' approach to approximate the integral  $F(f, a, b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$  of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , respectively to approximate the function  $f$  itself.

For the one-dimensional case we want to formalize this approach and generalize it in the following ways:

- Let  $\phi(x)$  be the “mother of all hat functions” with

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 & \text{for } -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 1 - x & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- The data structure used to store the hierarchical coefficients is now called *Sparse Grid*.
- A sparse grid is defined by a particular set of interpolation points  $x_{l,i}$  and associated ansatz functions  $\phi_{l,i}(x)$  with

$$\phi_{l,i}(x) = \phi\left(2^l \cdot \left(x - i \cdot \frac{1}{2^l}\right)\right) = \phi(2^l \cdot x - i), \quad l \in \mathbb{N}^+, i \in \{1, 3, \dots, 2^l - 1\} \quad (2)$$

- Archimedes' approach from the lecture corresponds to a *regular* sparse grid.
- To improve the quality of approximation for arbitrary functions  $f$  we introduce spatial adaptivity.

Your task is to implement the missing parts in the members of the *SparseGrid1d* class and turn it into a fully working adaptive implementation of a one-dimensional sparse grid. Import and use the class *GridPoint* and look at the comments in the provided code snippets for some more details.

- a) The constructor `__init__` creates a grid containing all grid points on levels  $l \leq \text{minLevel}$ . A given function  $f$  is then evaluated at those points before *hierarchization* is performed eventually to obtain the hierarchical coefficients.  
Implement this behavior.
- b) Implement the member function `computeVolume` that computes an approximation for  $F(f, 0, 1)$  using the current sparse grid interpolant.

- c) Implement the member function *refineAdaptively* that takes a certain refinement criterion (see source code) and inserts new grid points accordingly.

## 2 Norms of Functions

When representing functions we are interested in the question how “large” a function actually is. Measuring the difference between a function and its interpolant can for example help to draw conclusions about the quality of approximation.

We only consider functions  $u : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $u(0) = u(1) = 0$  and will mainly be interested in three norms:

- The infinity norm (German: Maximumsnorm)

$$\|u\|_\infty := \max_{x \in [0,1]} |u(x)|$$

- The  $L^2$  norm

$$\|u\|_2 := \sqrt{\int_0^1 u(x)^2 dx},$$

defined through the  $L^2$  scalar product

$$(u, v)_2 := \int_0^1 u(x)v(x) dx$$

- The energy norm  $\|u\|_E := \|u'\|_2$

Note: We always assume the existence of maxima, derivatives and integrals.

1. Compute these norms for

$$f_k(x) := \sin(k\pi x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

and for

$$\phi_{l,i}(x) := \phi(2^l x - i) \quad l \in \mathbb{N}, i = 1, \dots, 2^l - 1$$

with  $\phi(x) := \max\{1 - |x|, 0\}$ .

2. For each of these norms prove the triangle inequality

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|.$$

For the  $L^2$  norm use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\|,$$

that holds for arbitrary scalar products, i.e. also for the  $L^2$  scalar product.