

A recursive algorithmic construction for spherical codes in dimensions \mathbb{R}^{2^k}

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Spherical code

A spherical code $\mathcal{C}(M, n)$ is a set of M points on the surface of the unit Euclidian sphere S^{n-1} :

$$\mathcal{C}(M, n) := \{x_1, \dots, x_M\} \subset S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

Sphere packing problem

This problem may be presented in two ways:

- (i) To distribute on S^{n-1} a given number M of points in a way that maximises their minimum mutual Euclidian distance;
- (ii) Given a minimum Euclidian distance $d > 0$, to find the largest possible number M of points on S^{n-1} with all mutual distances at least d .

Construction: basic case

Hopf foliation in \mathbb{R}^4

The sphere S^3 is foliated by tori T^2 with parametrisation given by:

$$(\eta, \xi_1, \xi_2) \mapsto (e^{i\xi_1} \sin \eta, e^{i\xi_2} \cos \eta), \quad \eta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], \quad \xi_j \in [0, 2\pi[, \quad j = 1, 2$$

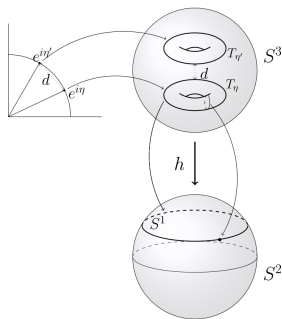


Figure: Hopf foliation and distance between tori in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Construction: generalisation

Generalisation for \mathbb{R}^{2n} : each S^{2n-1} is foliated by $S_{\sin \eta}^{n-1} \times S_{\cos \eta}^{n-1}$.

- 1 Varying η , choose a family of $S_{\sin \eta}^{n-1} \times S_{\cos \eta}^{n-1}$ distant of d .
- 2 On each S^{n-1} , do the distribution of the previous dimension up to scaling.

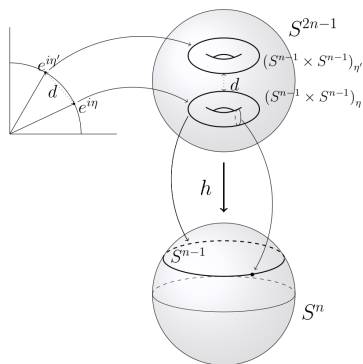


Figure: Hopf foliation and distance between leaves in \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

d	SCHF	TLSC	Apple-peeling	Wrapped	Laminated
0.4	280	308	342	*	*
0.2	2,656	2,718	2,822	*	*
0.1	22,016	22,406	22,740	17,198	16,976
0.01	2.27×10^7	2.27×10^7	1.97×10^7	$2.31 \times 10^{7\dagger}$	2.31×10^7

Table: Comparison with spherical codes in \mathbb{R}^4 [Torezzan et al., 2013].

n	d	SCHF	TLSC (k)	TLSC (hyperplanes)	TLSC (polygons)
8	0.9	64	8	8	40
	0.8	144	8	8	128
	0.3	104,512	45,252	61,060	89,945
	0.2	2.28×10^6	3.42×10^5	6.64×10^5	2.15×10^6
16	0.2	6.93×10^{10}	4.76×10^9	7.44×10^9	5.01×10^9
	0.1	4.16×10^{15}	2.41×10^{12}	7.32×10^{12}	2.39×10^{15}
32	0.1	8.66×10^{26}	6.81×10^{21}	1.50×10^{22}	7.02×10^{24}

Table: Comparison with TLSC implementations in \mathbb{R}^n [Naves, 2016].

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