
Spherical Harmonics Least Square approximation on the Cubed-Sphere grid

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Abstract

In previous works, we have considered the problem how to associate a Spherical Harmonics subspace to the Cubed Sphere, (1, 2, 3). In this talk we will show that a least squares approximation is numerically more efficient than an interpolatory approach, in particular regarding condition numbers of the matrices involved. Accurate quadrature rules have been obtained with our approach. These rules serve in turn to define discretized differential operators. In this talk, we will summarize our approximation procedure, its main properties and numerical results for various PDE's on the sphere, including convection and diffusion PDE's of interest for climate modelling. This work was supported by the French National program LEFE (Les Enveloppes Fluides et l'Environnement).

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