

# NONLOCAL MODELS with NON-STANDARD INTERACTION DOMAINS

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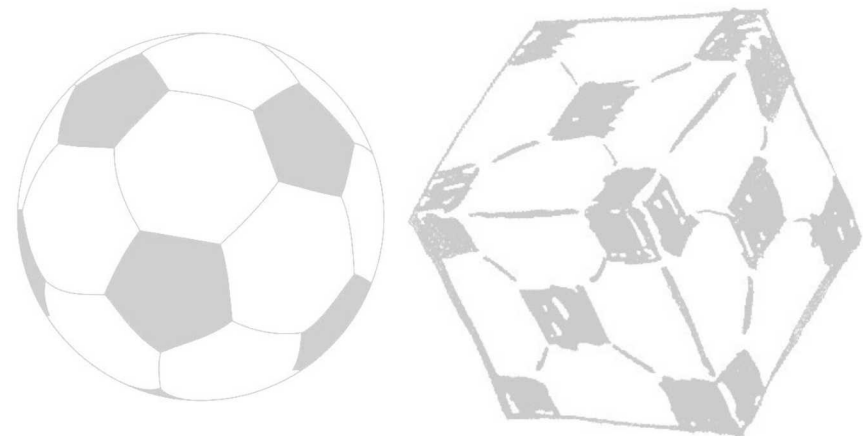


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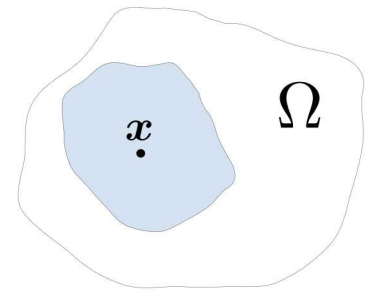
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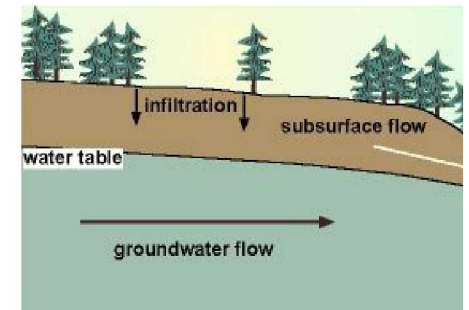
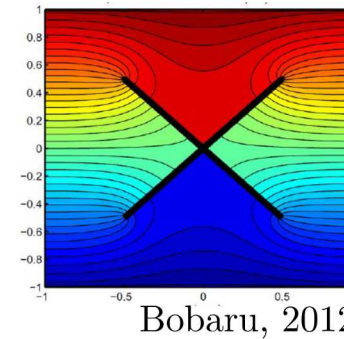
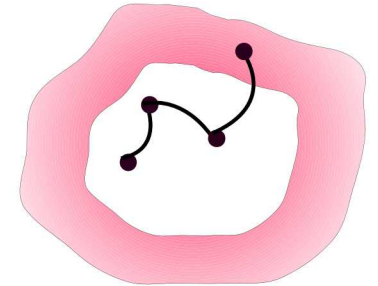


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- stochastic jump processes
- nonlocal heat conduction
- subsurface flow/porous media
- image processing



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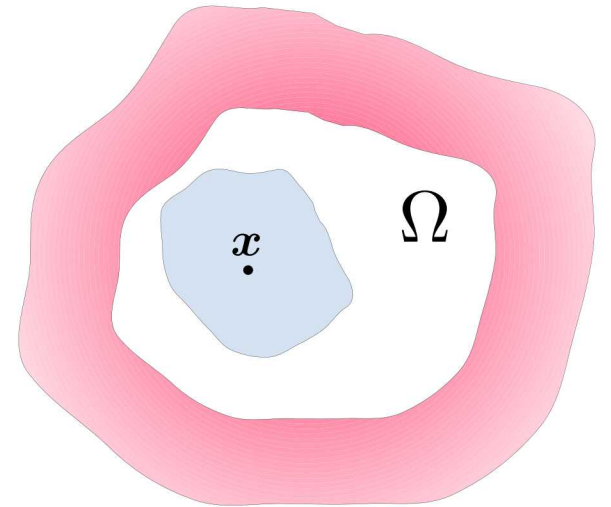
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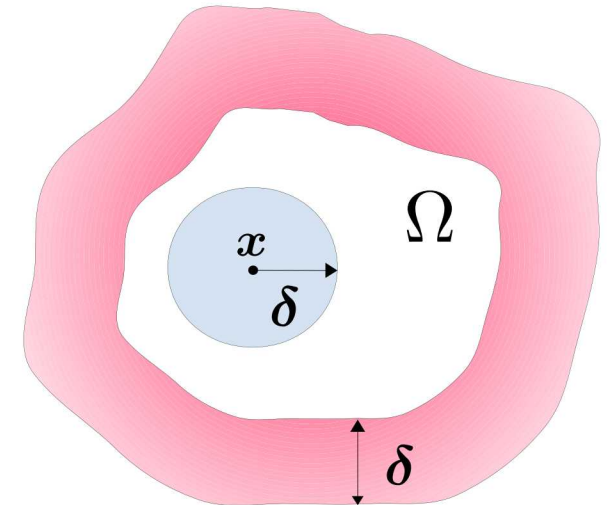
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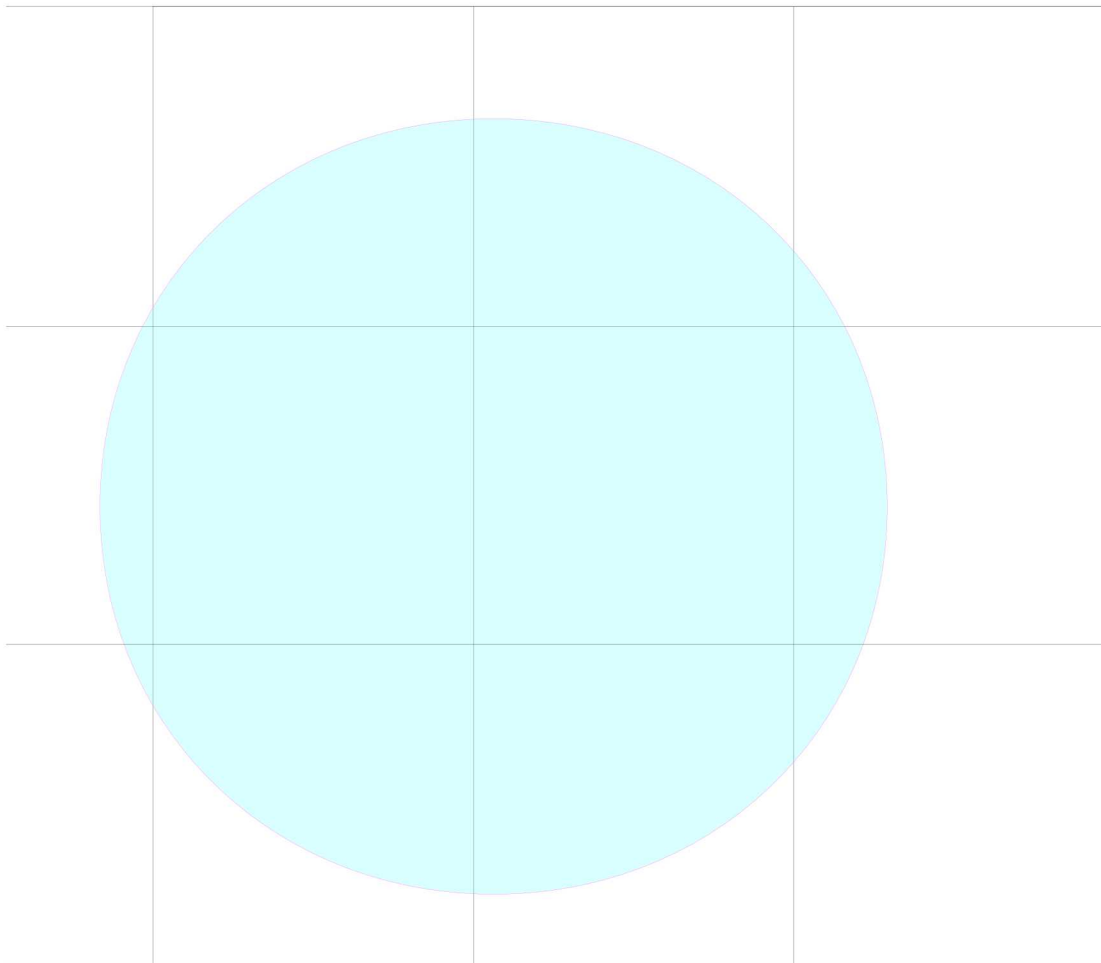
- facts:**
- a recently developed theoretical and numerical analysis allows us to study nonlocal problems **similarly** to the local (classical) counterpart
  - we have **numerical convergence** results for finite element approximations

**challenges:** the numerical solution might be **prohibitively expensive**

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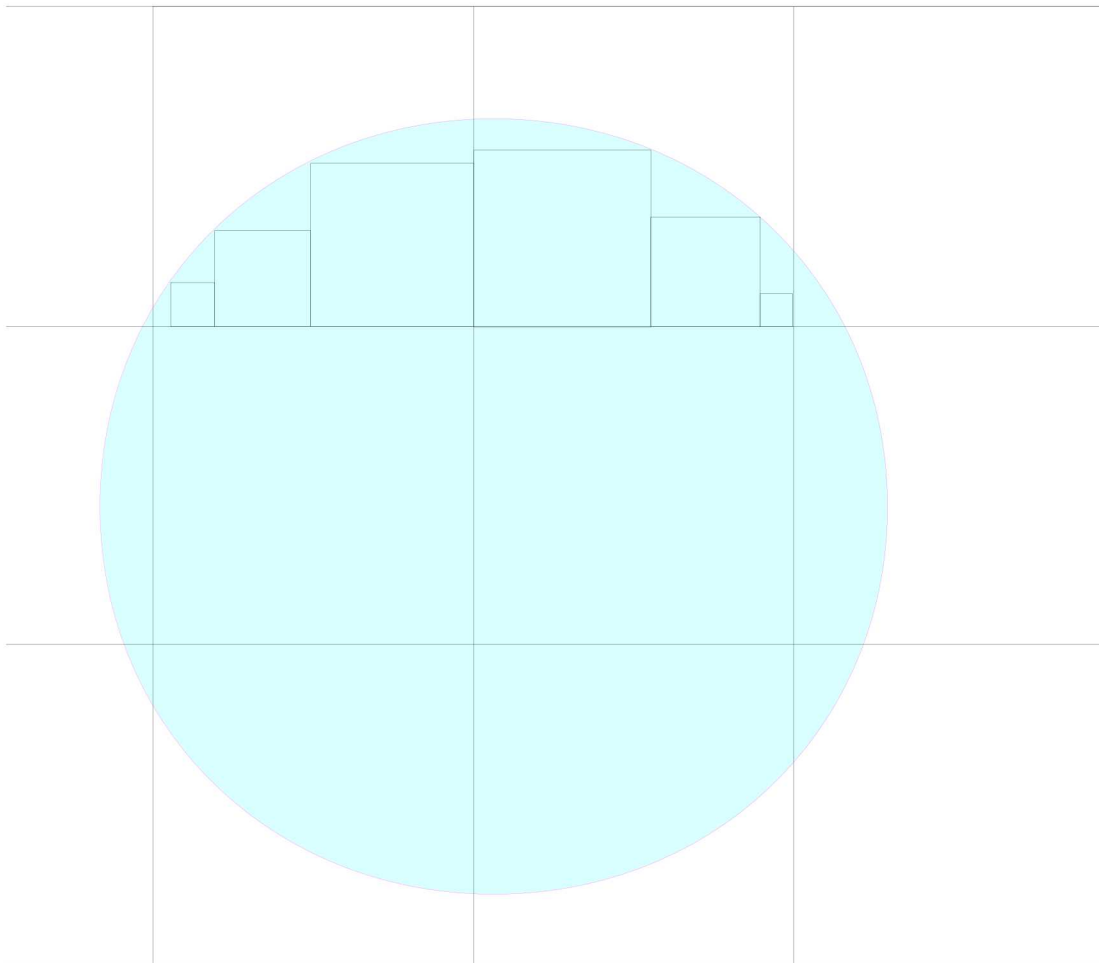
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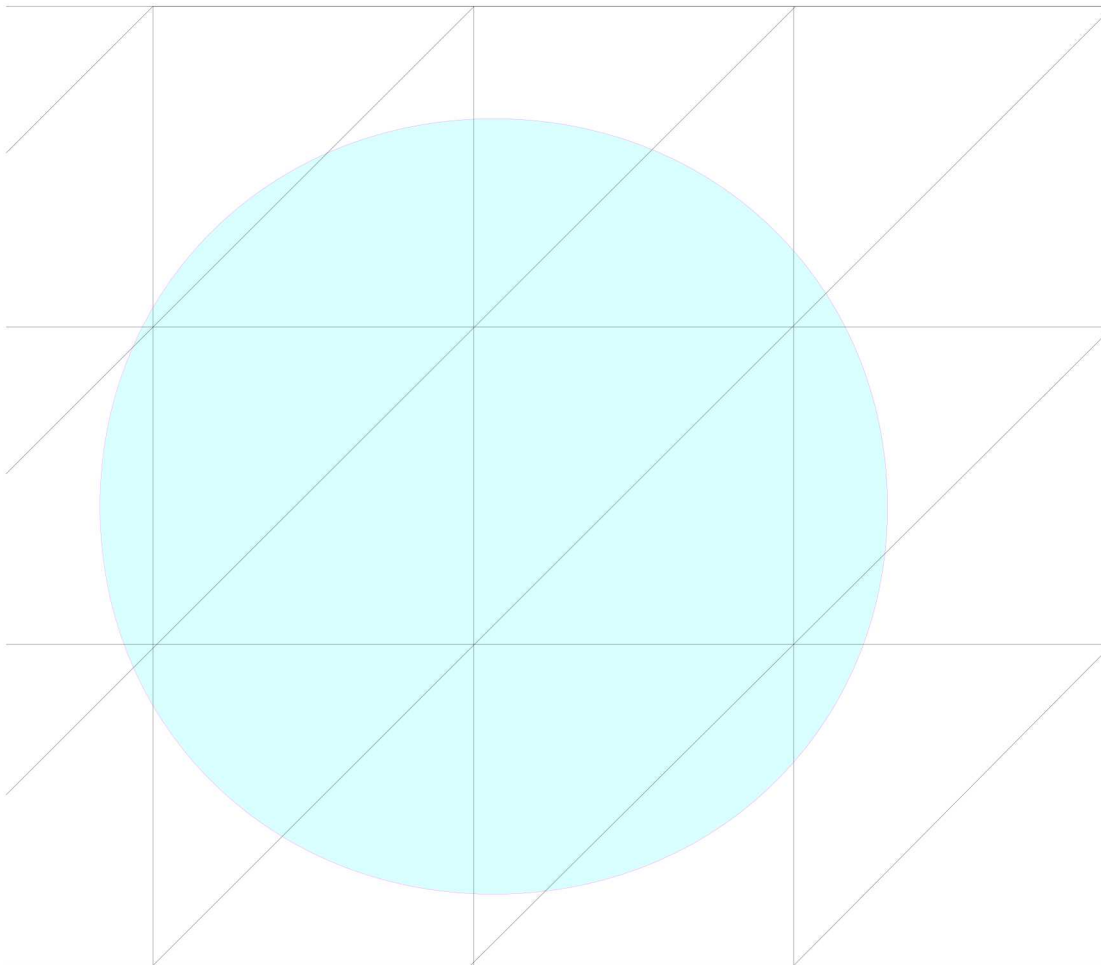
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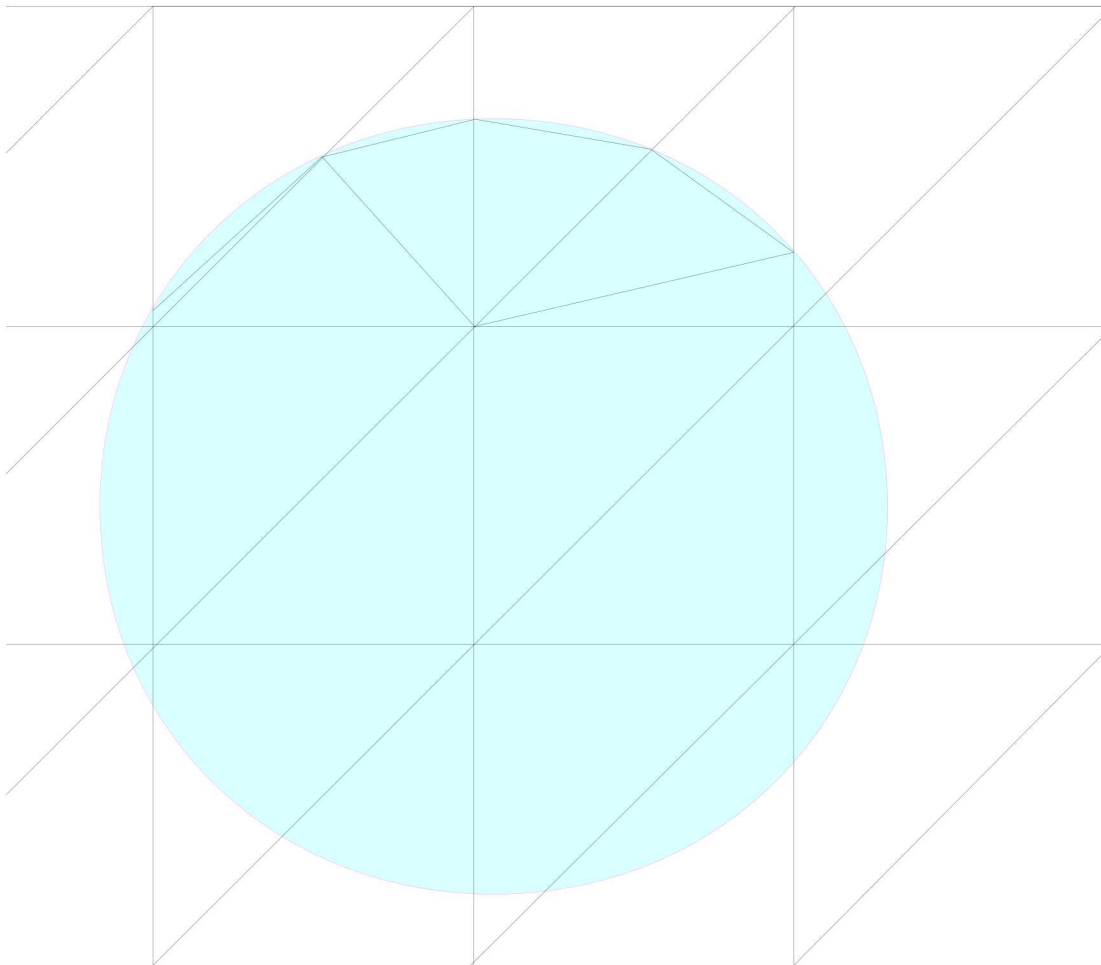
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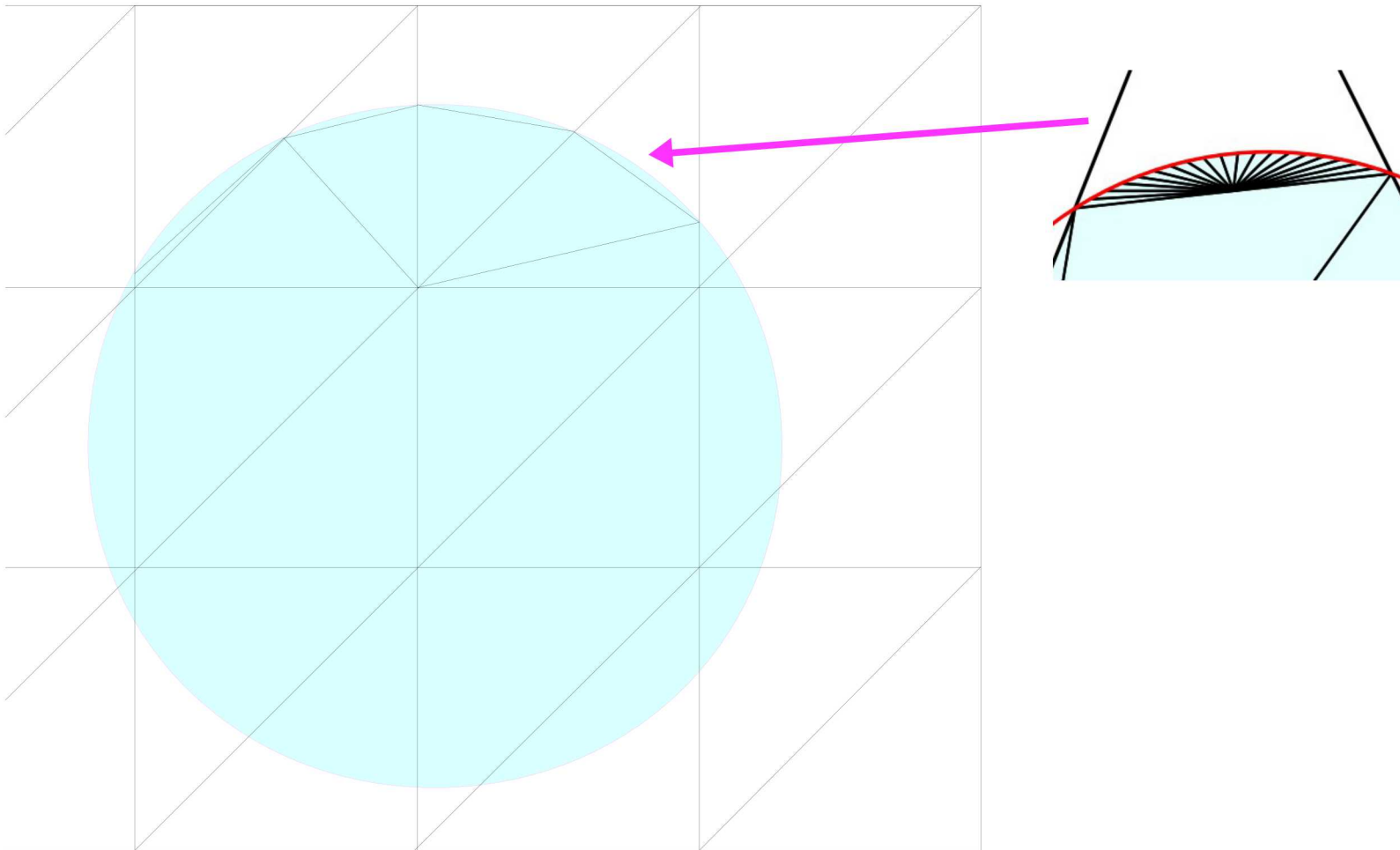
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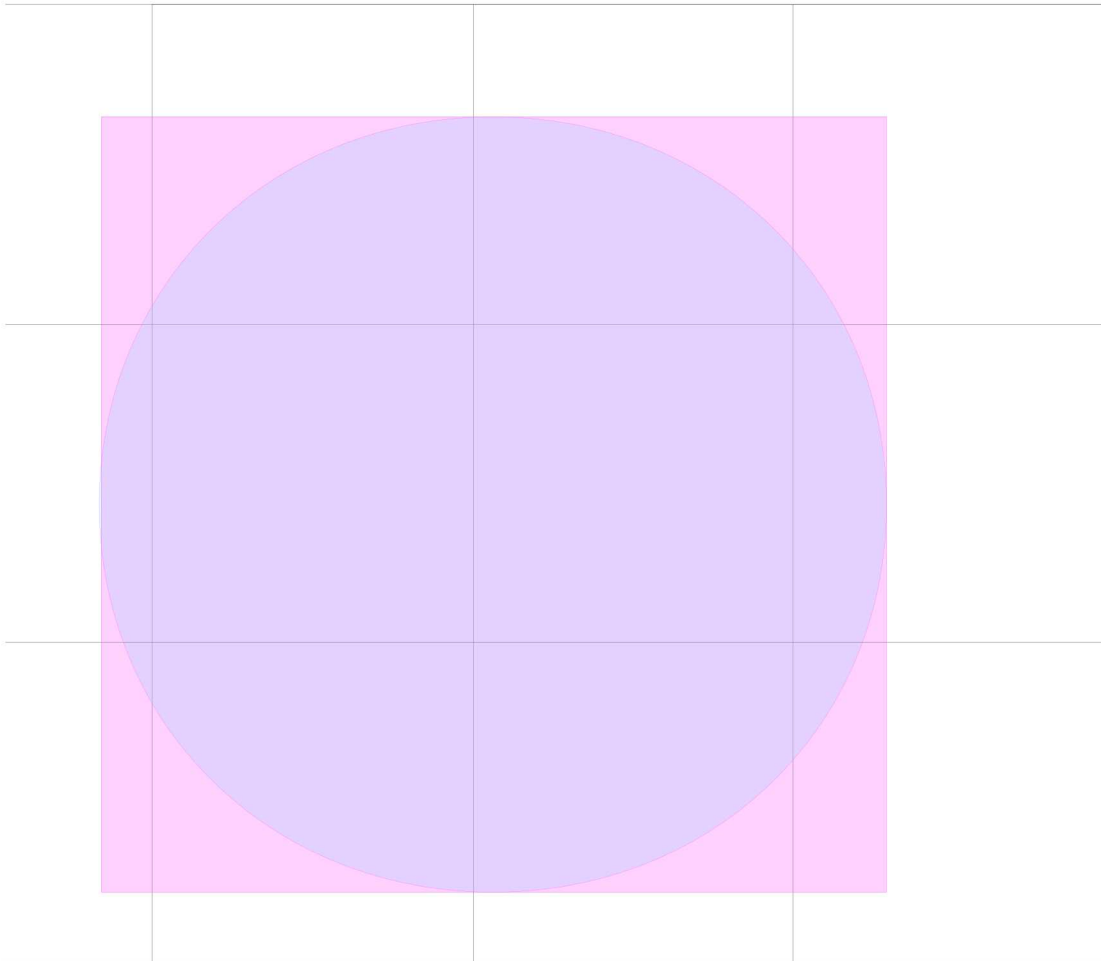


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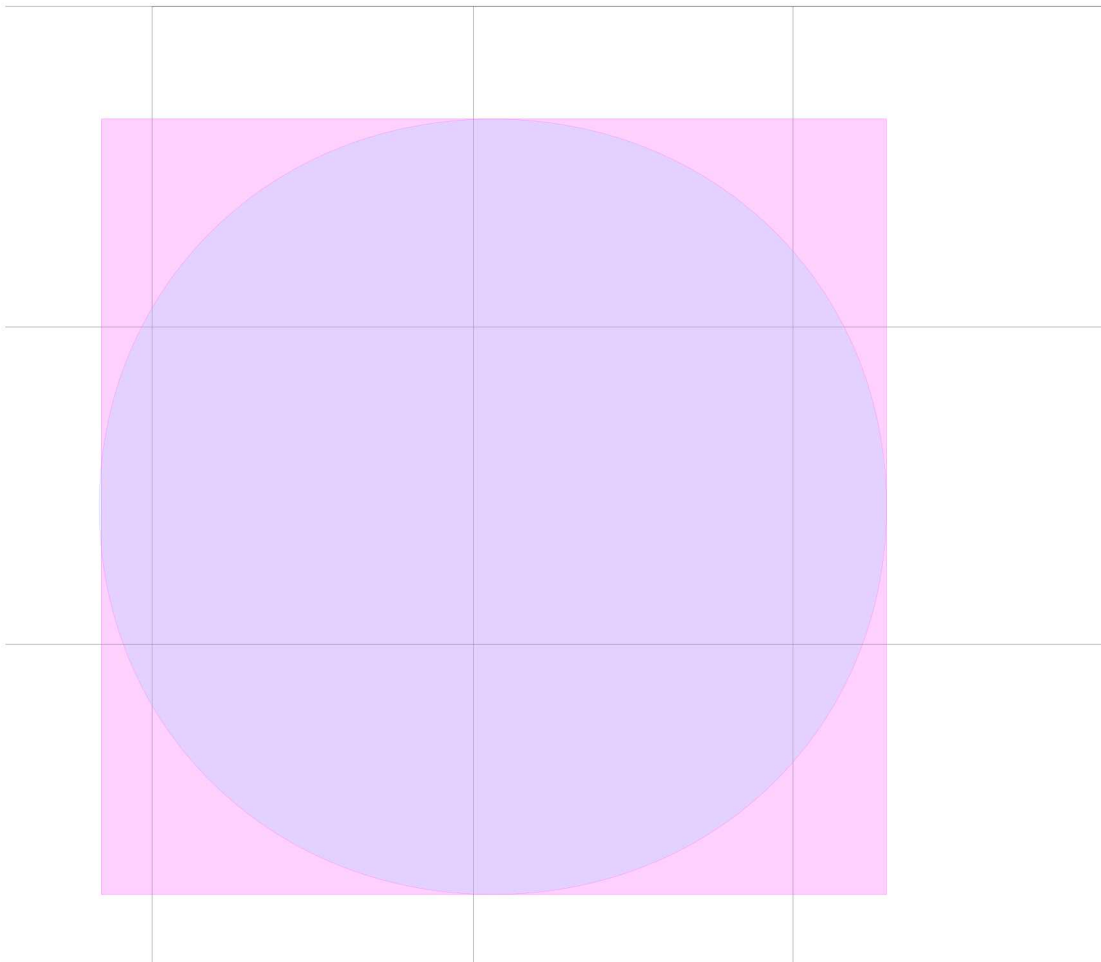


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- when even round balls are not required by physics
- when the nature of the problem calls for square balls

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## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

0. does the nonlocal vector calculus still apply?
1. do we recover local operators as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ?
2. do we recover fractional operators as  $\delta \rightarrow \infty$ ?
3. are there applications for which these are *models in their own right*?

# OUTLINE

- **Background:** a Nonlocal Vector Calculus
  
- **Non-standard neighborhoods**
  1. formulation and analysis
  2. numerical tests
  3. applications

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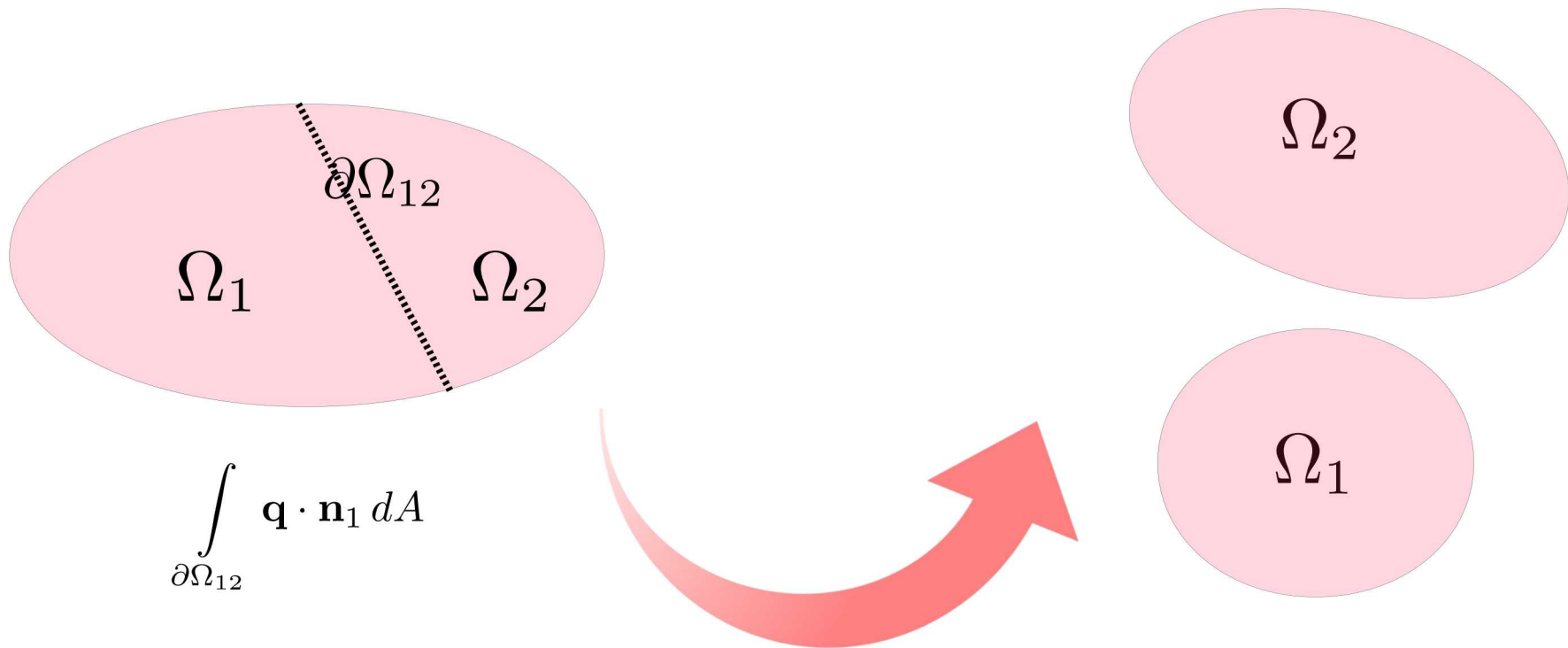
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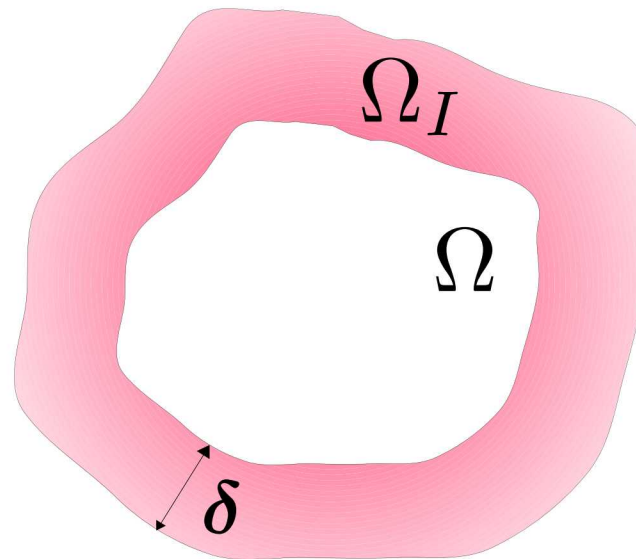
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**Interaction domain** of an open bounded region  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$

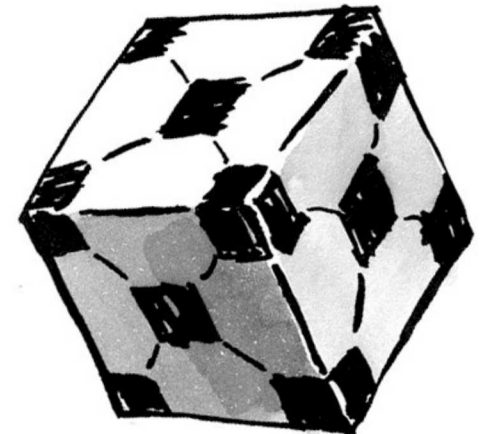
$$\Omega_I = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Omega : \alpha(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \neq 0, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega\},$$

$\delta$ : interaction length, interaction radius



# A NEW CONCEPT OF BALLS

– C. Vollman, M. D'Elia, M. Gunzburger, V. Schulz, Formulation and analysis of fast discretization methods for nonlocal FEM by using non-standard nonlocal neighborhoods, *in progress*.



# INTERACTION SETS

- **Non-degeneracy:**  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that

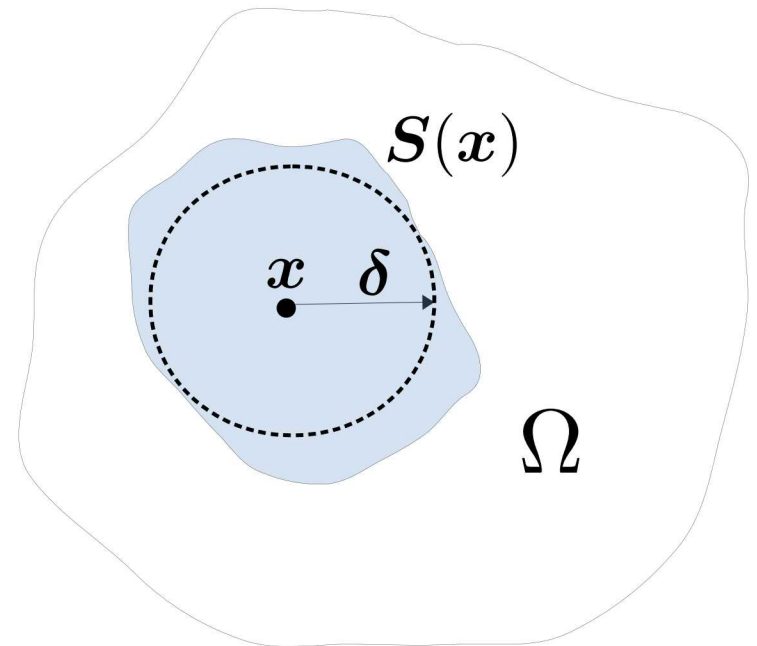
$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in (\Omega \cup \Omega_I), B_{\delta,2}(\mathbf{x}) \subset S(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{with } B_{\delta,2}(\mathbf{x}) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 < \delta\}$$

- **Symmetry:**  $\forall (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in (\Omega \cup \Omega_I)$

$$\mathbf{y} \in S(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathbf{x} \in S(\mathbf{y})$$

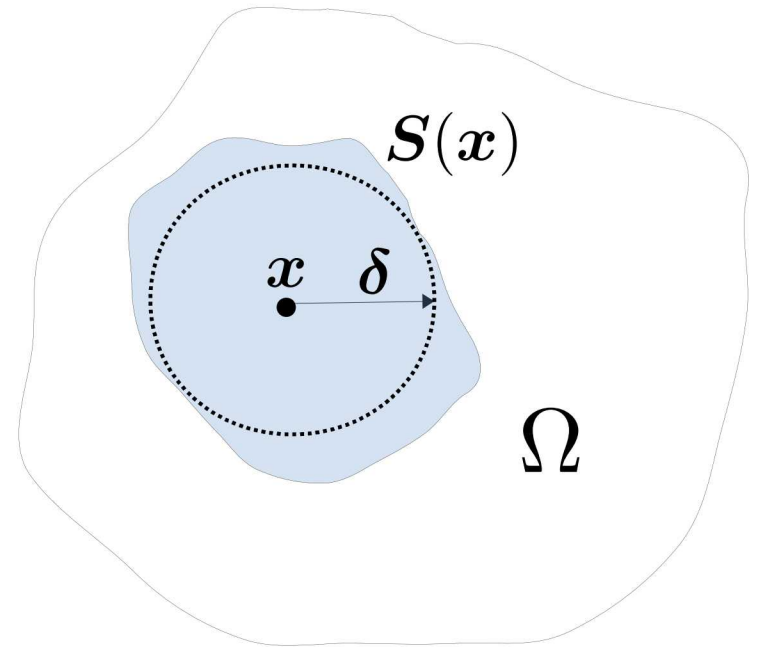
$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto \mathcal{X}_{S(\mathbf{x})}(\mathbf{y}) \text{ is symmetric in } (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$



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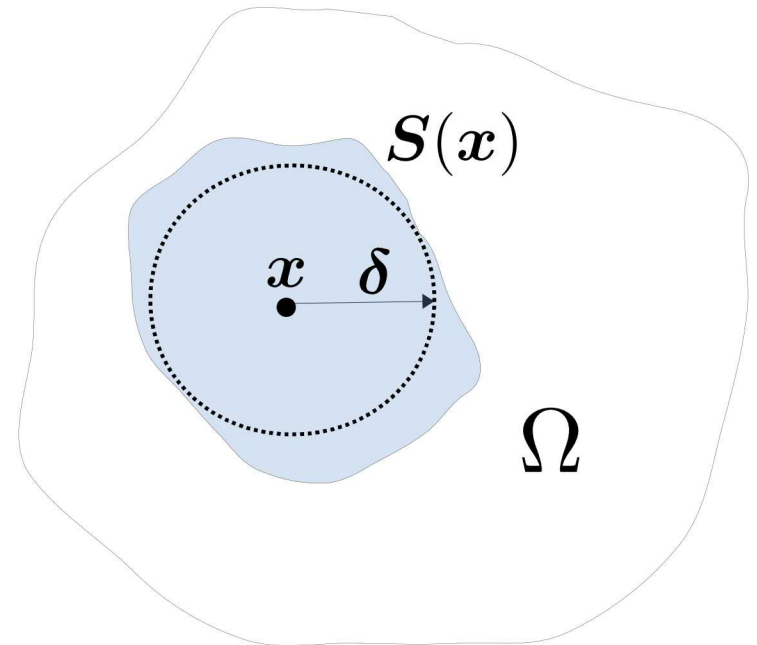
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where  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is referred to as **kernel function**



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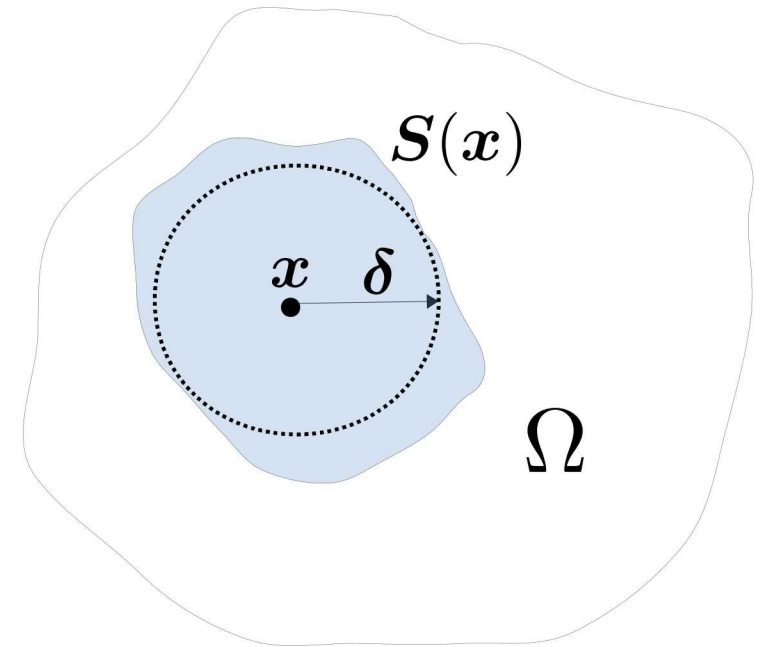
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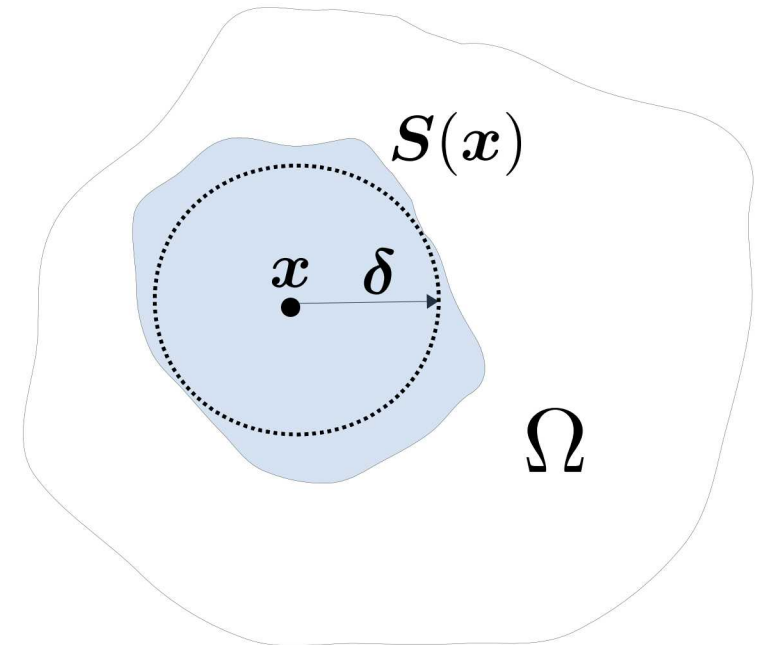
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**general interaction sets:**  $\eta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_{\bullet} - \delta$ , for an arbitrary norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\bullet}$ .

$\Rightarrow S(\mathbf{x})$  are balls  $B_{\delta,\bullet}(\mathbf{x}) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_{\bullet} < \delta\}$ .





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**example:**  $\gamma_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_2^{d+2s}} \chi_{S(\mathbf{x})}(\mathbf{y})$

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# CONVERGENCE TO FRACTIONAL OPERATORS

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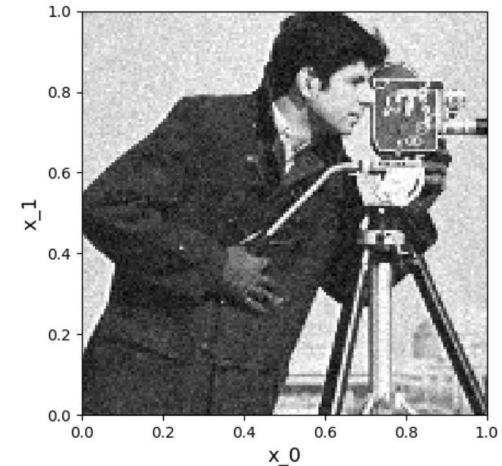
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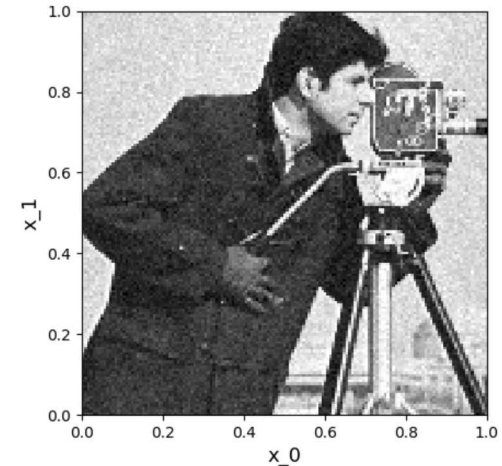
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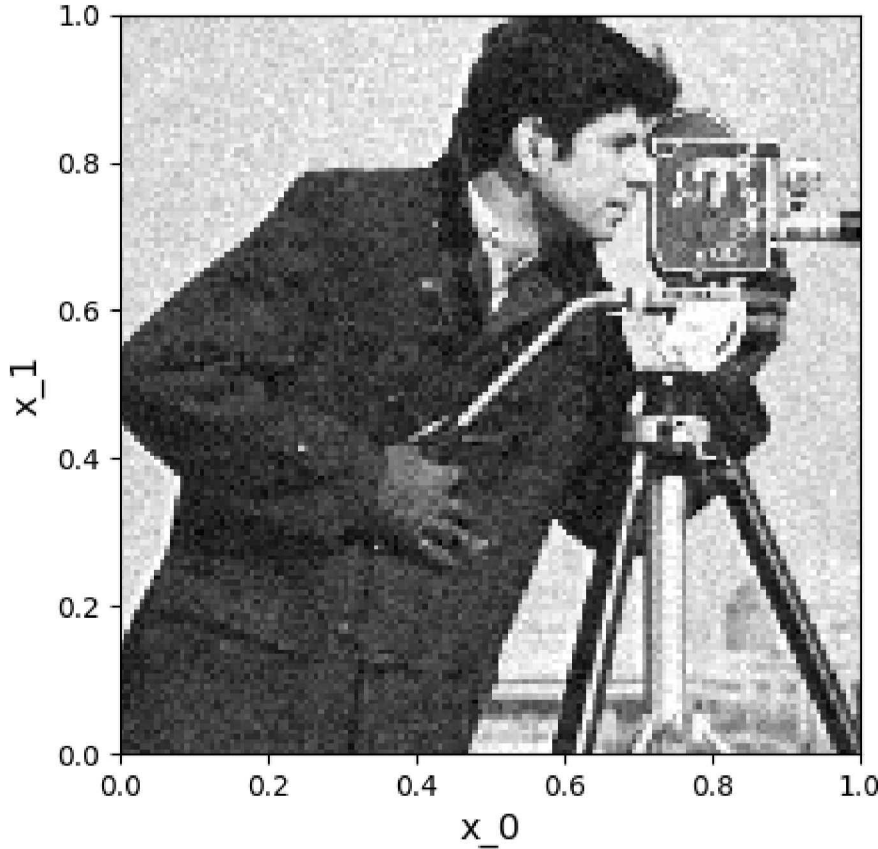
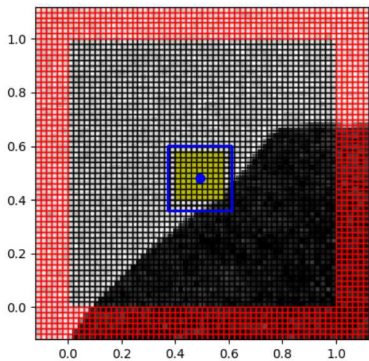
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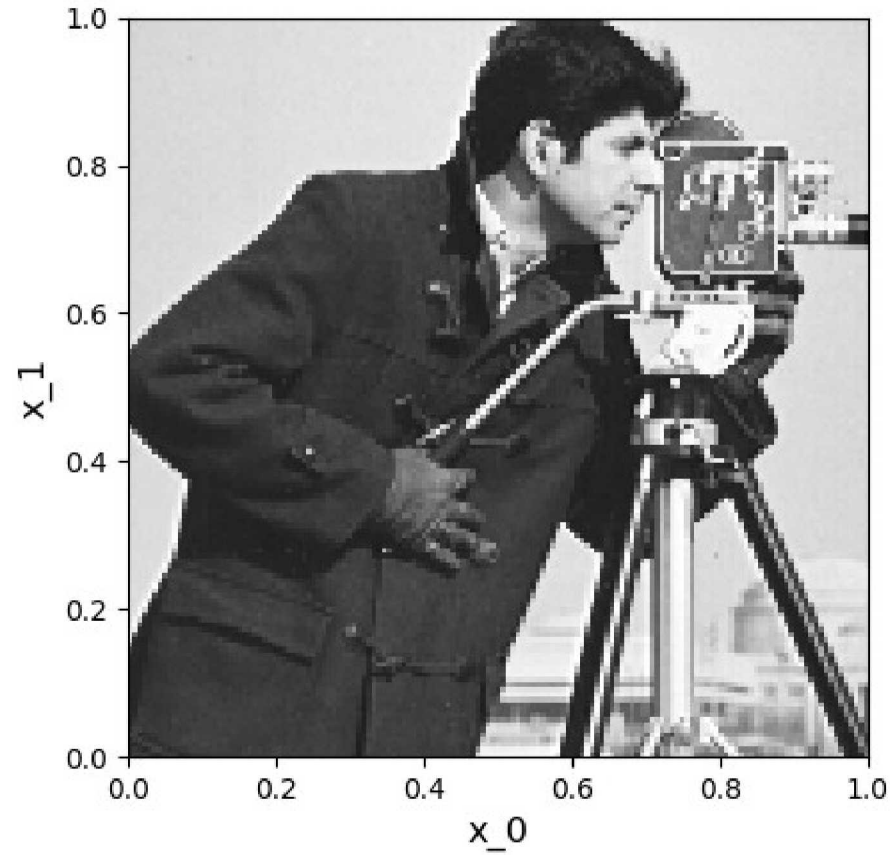
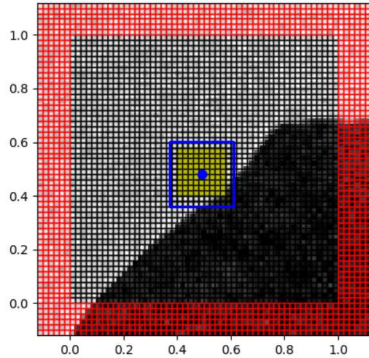
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**Thank you**



