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Sometimes **FAST** transform + less modes needed → competitive

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Galerkin approximation “weighted residuals”. For PDE

$$A(u) = f$$

require **residue** to be orthogonal to each ϕ_m :

$$\langle A(u) - f, \phi_m \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } m = 1, \dots, N$$

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Poisson problem

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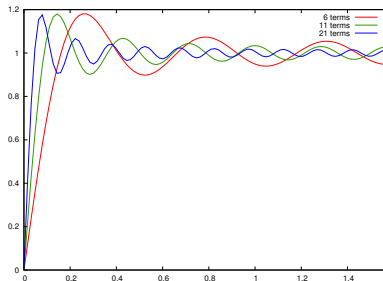
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with point-wise convergence
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Hence function $|x|$ on $-1 < x < 1$
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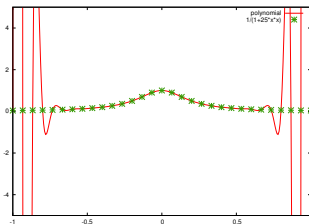
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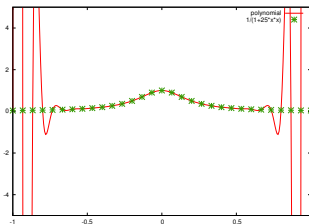
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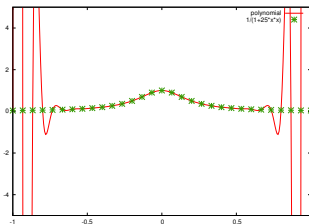
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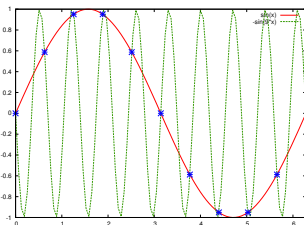
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E.g. $N = 10$ equispaced points cannot distinguish between $\sin \theta$
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