

# Dynamics via Nonlinear Pseudospectra

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# The NEP Picture

$$T(\lambda)v = 0, \quad v \neq 0.$$

where

- $T : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  analytic,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  simply connected
- Regularity:  $\det(T) \not\equiv 0$

Nonlinear spectrum:  $\Lambda(T) = \{z \in \Omega : T(z) \text{ singular}\}$ .

What do we want?

- Qualitative information (e.g. no eigenvalues in right half plane)
- Error bounds on computed/estimated eigenvalues
- Assurances that we know all the eigenvalues in some region

Why? Because of dynamics connections!

# Why Eigenvalues?

$$y' - Ay = 0 \xrightarrow{y(t)=e^{\lambda t}v} (\lambda I - A)v = 0$$
$$y_{k+1} - Ay_k = 0 \xrightarrow{y_k=\lambda^k v} (\lambda I - A)v = 0$$

One standard use: analyze dynamics of LTI systems

- Special solutions characterizing full system
- General solutions as linear combinations of special solutions
- *Asymptotic* stability analysis and decay rates

# Why Nonlinear Eigenvalues?

We want special solutions and asymptotic decay rates for

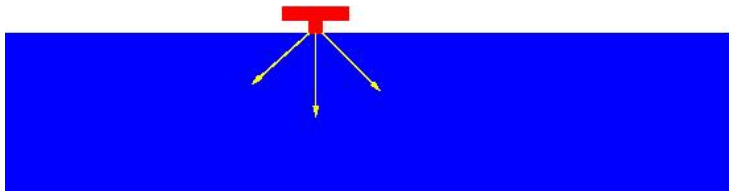
$$y'' + By' + Ky = 0 \xrightarrow{y=e^{\lambda t}v} (\lambda^2 I + \lambda B + K)v = 0$$

$$y' - Ay - By(t-1) = 0 \xrightarrow{y=e^{\lambda t}v} (\lambda I - A - Be^{-\lambda})v = 0$$

$$T(d/dt)y = 0 \xrightarrow{y=e^{\lambda t}v} T(\lambda)v = 0$$

- Higher-order ODEs
- Delay differential equations
- Boundary integral equation eigenproblems
- Radiation boundary conditions
- Dynamic element formulations

# My Motivation



$$T(\omega)v \equiv (K - \omega^2 M + G(\omega))v = 0$$

# Hidden Variables

Many real NEPs come from a decision to “hide” some state by dealing with it semi-analytically:

- Higher-order ODEs —  
hide extra derivatives
- Delay differential equations —  
hide lagged state (e.g. in delay lines)
- Boundary integral equation eigenproblems —  
hide domain unknowns
- Radiation boundary conditions —  
hide behavior outside computational domain

# Linearization

Ex: Second-order ODE and quadratic eigenvalue problem

$$y'' + Dy' + Ky = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -K & -D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 y + \lambda Dy + Ky = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \lambda \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \lambda y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -K & -D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \lambda y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Trade **nonlinearity vs size** more generally:

$$T \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) y = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{du}{dt} - \mathcal{A}u = 0 \text{ and } y = Cu$$

$$T(\lambda)y = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \lambda u - \mathcal{A}u = 0 \text{ and } y = Cu$$

... but  $u$  may be infinite dimensional (e.g. DDE case).

# Exact Dynamics

Laplace transforms:

$$T\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)y = f \quad \longrightarrow \quad T(z)Y(z) = F(z) + \text{I.C. terms}$$

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[Y](t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} Y(z)e^{zt} dz$$

or first-order connection:

$$T\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)y = f \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{du}{dt} - \mathcal{A}u = Bf, \quad y = Cu$$

$$y(t) = C \exp(t\mathcal{A})u_0 + \int_0^t [C \exp((t-s)\mathcal{A})B] f(s) ds$$

But what do I do if I'm too lazy and ignorant to solve exactly?



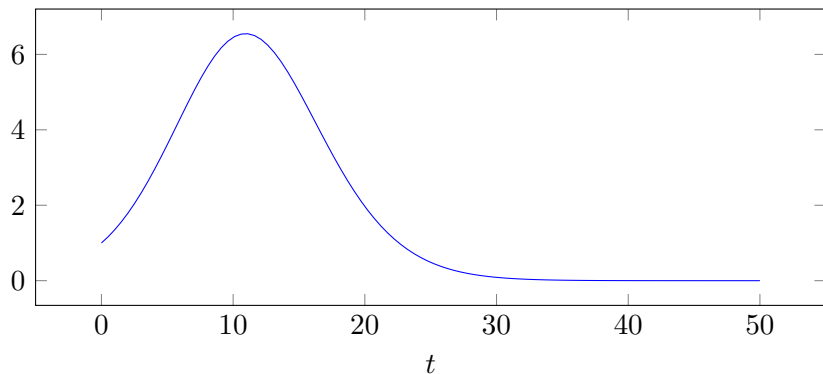
# Asymptotics

First approach:

- Observe  $y(t) \sim \exp(\alpha t)$  where  $\alpha \equiv \max_{\lambda \in \Lambda(T)} \operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$ .
- Bound  $\alpha$  somehow.
- Go explore Barcelona.

But this approach hides too much...

## Beyond (Before?) Asymptotics



*But this long run is a misleading guide to current affairs.  
In the long run we are all dead.*

— John Maynard Keynes  
A Tract on Monetary Reform (1923)

# Asymptotic Behavior and First-Order IVPs

Consider a first-order problem:

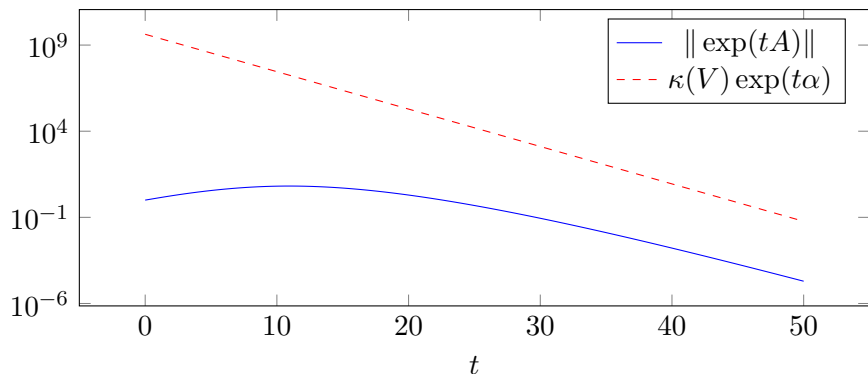
$$y' = Ay + f, \quad y(0) = y_0$$
$$y(t) = \exp(tA)y_0 + \int_0^t \exp((t-s)A)f(s) ds$$

Bounds if  $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$  and  $\|f(t)\| \leq \gamma$ :

$$\|\exp(tA)\| = \|V \exp(t\Lambda) V^{-1}\| \leq \kappa(V) \exp(t\alpha)$$
$$\|y(t)\| \leq \kappa(V) \left( \exp(t\alpha) \|y_0\| + \frac{\gamma}{-\alpha} (1 - \exp(t\alpha)) \right)$$

where  $\alpha = \max \operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$  is the spectral abscissa.

## Pre-Asymptotic Behavior for IVP *aka* the Hump



Simple bounds if  $A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$

$$\|\exp(tA)\| = \|V \exp(t\Lambda) V^{-1}\| \leq \kappa(V) \exp(t\alpha)$$

where  $\alpha = \max \operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$ . Nothing says  $V$  need be well-conditioned!

# The Complex Connection

General solutions to LTI problems via Laplace transforms

$$(zI - A)^{-1} = \mathcal{L} [e^{tA}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-zt} e^{tA} dt$$
$$\exp(tA) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} [(zI - A)^{-1}] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} (zI - A)^{-1} e^{zt} dz$$

for large enough  $\text{Re}(z)$  and for appropriate  $\Gamma$ , e.g.:

- $\Gamma$  a closed contour surrounding spectrum.
- $\Gamma$  a vertical line to the right of the spectrum.

## A Basic Tool

Begin from the contour integral representation:

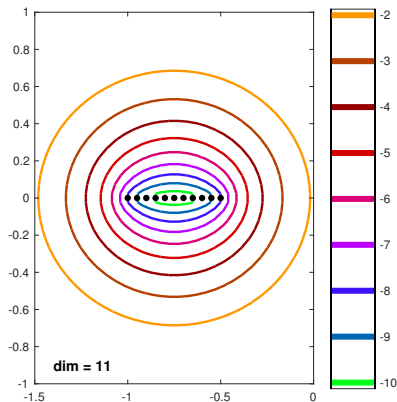
$$\exp(tA) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} (zI - A)^{-1} e^{zt} dz$$

Convert bounds on resolvent to bounds on  $\exp(tA)$

$$\|\exp(tA)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \|(zI - A)^{-1}\| |e^{zt}| d\Gamma.$$

We need “only” summarize how  $\|(zI - A)^{-1}\|$  behaves.

# Pseudospectra



Summarize  $\|(zI - A)^{-1}\|$  with

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_\epsilon(A) &\equiv \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \|(zI - A)^{-1}\| > \epsilon^{-1}\} \\ &= \bigcup_{\|E\| < \epsilon} \Lambda(A + E)\end{aligned}$$

Pseudospectral abscissa is

$$\alpha_\epsilon(A) \equiv \max_{z \in \Lambda_\epsilon(A)} \operatorname{Re}(z)$$

[Trefethen and Embree, 2005]

## Pseudospectral Bounds

Set  $\Gamma = \partial\Lambda_\epsilon(A)$  and  $L_\epsilon$  the length of  $\Gamma$ . Then:

$$\|\exp(tA)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \|(zI - A)^{-1}\| |e^{zt}| d\Gamma \leq \frac{L_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon} \exp(t\alpha_\epsilon).$$

NB: If eigenvectors (columns of  $V$ ) are normalized,

$$\kappa(V) \leq \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{L_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon} = \sum_j \|V^{-1}e_j\| \leq \sqrt{n}\kappa(V)$$

Can also get a lower bound: for any  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|\exp(-\omega t) \exp(tA)\| \geq \frac{\alpha_\epsilon - \omega}{\epsilon}.$$



# Beyond First-Order Systems

Approach: Exploit same Laplace transform pairing as before

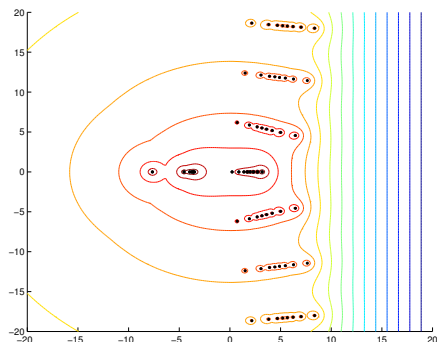
$$\begin{aligned}\exp(tA) &\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} (zI - A)^{-1} \\ \Psi(t) &\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} T(z)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Here  $\Psi(t) = C \exp(tA)B$  and  $T(z)^{-1} = C(zI - \mathcal{A})^{-1}B$ .

As before, to control behavior of  $\Psi(t)$ :

- Asymptotic stability / decay: look at spectral abscissa
- Pre-asymptotic behavior: consider “resolvent” norm  $\|T(z)^{-1}\|$

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[Bindel and Hood, 2015]

## Aside: Comparing Pseudospectra

Suppose  $T, \hat{T} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and

$$\|T(z) - \hat{T}(z)\| \leq \eta, \quad \forall z \in \Omega.$$

Then

$$\Lambda_\epsilon(T) \subset \Lambda_{\epsilon+\eta}(\hat{T}).$$

So we can approximate  $T$  by a polynomial  $\hat{T}$  locally and bound pseudospectra (for example)... but we usually won't get all of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Can also work with easier-to-compute sets (e.g. Gershgorin regions).

# Pseudospectral Bounds

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$$\|\Psi(t)\| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \|T(z)^{-1}\| |e^{zt}| d\Gamma \leq \frac{L_\epsilon}{2\pi\epsilon} \exp(t\alpha_\epsilon).$$

But this may be useless (e.g.  $L_\epsilon = \infty$ ) — need to be careful!

Can also get a lower bound: for any  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \|\exp(-\omega t)\Psi(t)\| \geq \frac{\alpha_\epsilon - \omega}{\epsilon}.$$

## Example: Delay Differential Equation

DDE is

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + Bu(t - \tau)$$

Characteristic function:

$$T(z) = zI - A - Be^{-\tau z}$$

Assume  $A$  symmetric,  $\alpha(A) < 0$ , and  $\alpha(T) < 0$ .

**Problem:** Infinitely many eigenvalues! Have to be more clever.

# Sketch of Approach

- Seek a simpler reference problem ( $\hat{u}' = A\hat{u}$ ).
- Split into reference + difference term.
- Choose a congenial contour right of both spectra.
- Bound contour integral involving difference term.

## Reference Comparison

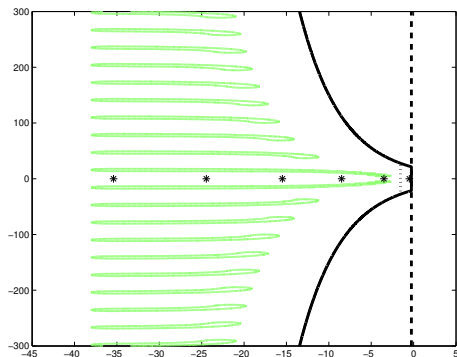
Define  $R(z) = (zI - A)^{-1}$ ; for proper choices of  $\Gamma$ ,

$$\Psi(t) = \exp(tA) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} [T(z)^{-1} - R(z)] e^{zt} dz$$

Could choose difference reference (e.g. characteristic fn for PEP).

Now we need a contour on which we can control  $\|T(z)^{-1} - R(z)\|$ .

# Choice of Contour



Choose  $\Gamma$  right of  $\Lambda(T)$  and  $\Lambda(A)$  but in LHP:

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\infty} \cup \Gamma_0$$

$$\Gamma_{\infty} = \{x(y) + iy : |y| > y_0\}$$

$$x(y) = -\frac{1}{\tau} \log(|y|\eta)$$

$$\Gamma_0 = \{x_0 + iy : |y| \leq y_0, x_0 = x(y_0)\}.$$



## Control on Contour

Let  $E(z) = T(z)^{-1} - R(z)$ , contour as before:

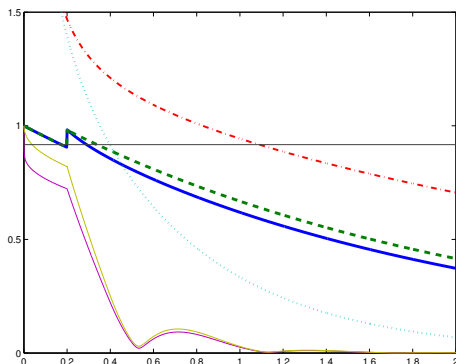
$$\int_{\Gamma_0} \|E(z)\| |e^{zt}| d\Gamma \leq 2 \exp(x_0 t) \int_0^{y_0} \|E(x_0 + iy)\| dy$$
$$\int_{\Gamma_\infty} \|E(z)\| |e^{zt}| d\Gamma \leq \exp(x_0 t) \frac{C\tau}{t}$$

using boundedness of  $\|E(z)\|$  on  $\Gamma$  together with curvature into RHP.

**Bound:**

$$\|\Psi(t)\| \leq \|\exp(tA)\| + e^{x_0 t} \left( I_0 + \frac{C\tau}{t} \right)$$

# Choices



- Could choose vertical contour (lose  $1/t$  factor in second term)
- Drop  $R$  (bigger constants, but faster decay)
- Probably many more options!

# Summary

For both first-order systems and more complex problems:

- Eigenvalues describe asymptotic dynamics
- Pre-asymptotic behavior requires more information:
  - Complete eigendecomposition: Nice if you can get it.
  - Conditioning of  $V$ : A blunt tool for blunt bounds.
  - Pseudospectra and company: A sharper tool for complex bounds.
- Pseudospectra alone don't suffice — choices of contours, comparison problems, *etc* make a difference.

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