

An introduction to fractional calculus

Fundamental ideas and numerics

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 - 🔧 Runge-Kutta methods,
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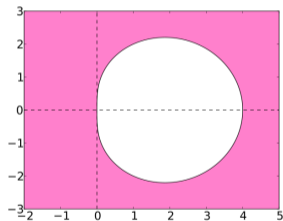
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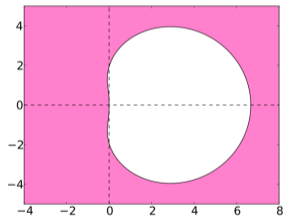
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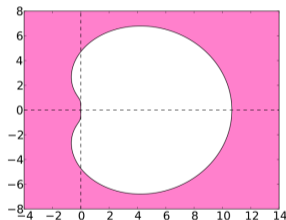
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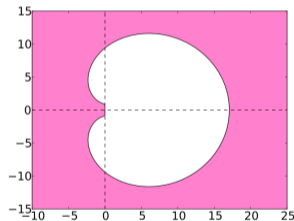
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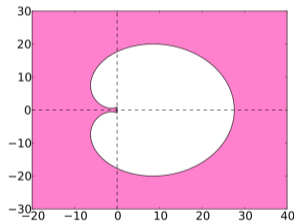
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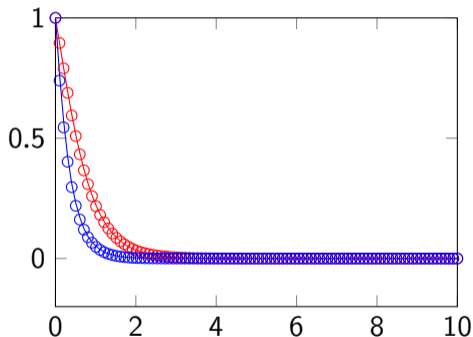
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L = [-2, 1; 0, -3]; % Problem
y0 = [1;1];
n = length(L);
% Discretize
m = 100;
T = linspace(0,10,m); h = T(2)-T(1);
r = zeros(m-1,1); c = zeros(m-1,1);
r(1:7)=[147/60,-6,15/2,-20/3,15/4,-6/5,1/6];
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A = toeplitz(r,c);
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In = speye(n,n);
Im = speye(m-1,m-1);
% Build rhs:
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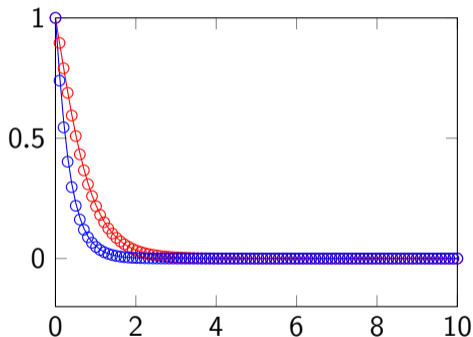


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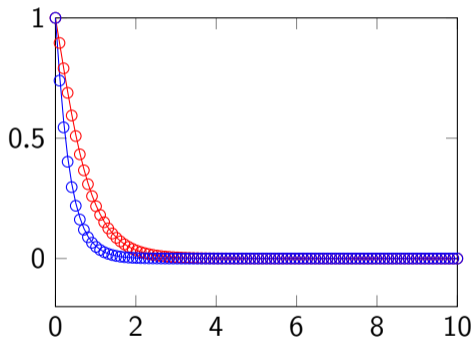


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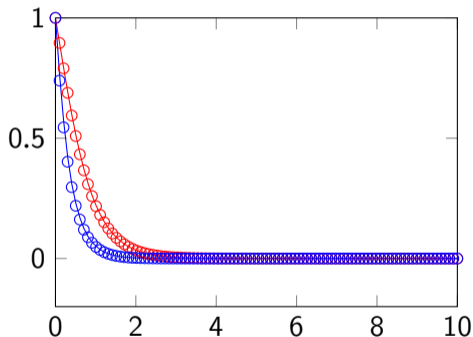


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Linear Multistep Methods in Boundary Value Form

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Finding the system

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👁 If $\nu = k$ ($\mu = 0$), these are the conditions for LMF 0-stability!

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$$\|T_n^{-1}\| \leq \gamma C_n + \eta \Delta_n,$$

with Δ_n the upper triangular Toeplitz matrix with last column $(\xi^{n-1}, \dots, \xi^2, \xi, 0)^T$.

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To have a livable life, one always consider family of methods for which the boundary of the (ν, μ) -Absolutely stability region is a *regular Jordan curve*. More specifically, having that

$$\mathcal{A}_{\nu, \mu} = \{q \in \mathbb{C} : \pi(z, q) \text{ is an } S_{\nu, \mu}\text{-polynomial}\},$$

has the origin on its boundary and is possibly equal to the whole \mathbb{C}^- .

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🔧 Let us build everything for using GBDFs and our fractional-in-space problem.

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function [ro,si] = rosi_bdf( k, j )
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end
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function f = vsolve( x, b )
f = b;
n = length( x )-1;
for k = 1:n
    for i = n+1:-1:k+1
        f(i) = f(i) - x(k)*f(i-1);
    end
end
for k = n:-1:1
    for i = k+1:n+1
        f(i) = f(i)/( x(i) - x(i-k) );
    end
    for i = k:n
        f(i) = f(i) - f(i+1);
    end
end
end
```

Generalized BDF

Then we use the `ro_si` routine to build the A_m and B_m matrices

```
function [a,b] = mab( k, n )
nu = fix( (k+2)/2 );
a = spalloc( n, n+1, (k+1)*n );
b = a;
for i = 1:nu
    [ro,si] = rosi_bdf( k, i );
    a(i,1:k+1) = ro.';
    b(i,1:k+1) = si.';
end
for i = nu+1:n-(k-nu)
    a(i,i+1+(-nu:k-nu)) = ro.';
    b(i,i+1+(-nu:k-nu)) = si.';
end
```

```
j = nu;
for i = n-(k-nu)+1:n
    j = j + 1;
    [ro,si] = rosi_bdf( k, j );
    a(i,n+1+(-k:0)) = ro.';
    b(i,n+1+(-k:0)) = si.';
end
end
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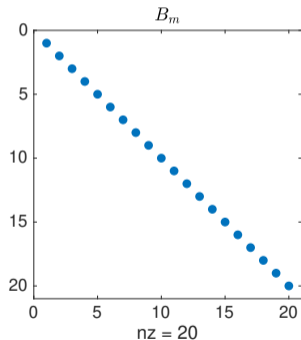
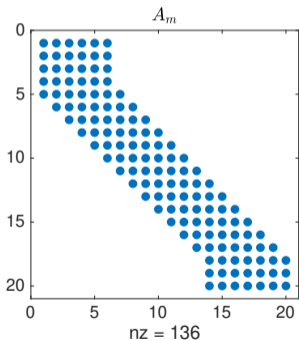
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Generalized BDF

We can use the routine to generate

```
[Alpha,Beta] = mab(k,m); A = Alpha(:,2:m+1); B = Beta(:,2:m+1);
```

and visualize them



👁 The first column contains the coefficients needed to compute the right-hand-side.

Generalized BDF

We now need to build the right-hand-side

```
nk=n*(m+1);  
b=zeros(nk,1); % Allocate the space for one more than needed  
for j=1:m % Use the source to build the rhs:  
    b(1+j*n:(j+1)*n)=f(x,t0+j*h);  
end  
b(n+1:n*(m+1))=h*kron(Beta,speye(n))*b; % Correct with the betas coeff.s  
b(1:n)=u0; % First block as the initial condition  
% Correction coefficients:  
Am = kron(Alpha(:,1),speye(n))-h*kron(Beta(:,1),L);  
b(n+1:nk)=b(n+1:nk)-Am*u0; % Finish building RHS
```

And then we can solve the linear system

```
Mat = kron(A,M) - h*kron(B,L); rhs = b(n+1:nk);  
u = Mat\rhs;
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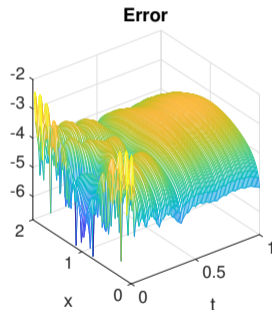
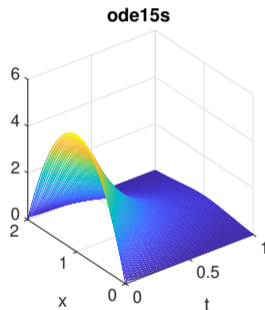
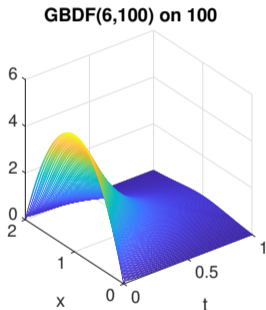
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```
U = [u0, reshape(u,n,m)]; t = t0:h:tf;
[TT,UU] = ode15s(@(t,y) L*y +
    ↪ f(x.',t),t,u0);
E = abs(U-reshape(UU,m+1,n).');
figure(2)
subplot(1,3,1)
mesh(t,x,U);
xlabel('t');
ylabel('x');
title('GBDF(6,100) on 100')
```

```
subplot(1,3,2)
mesh(t,x,reshape(UU,m+1,n).')
xlabel('t');
ylabel('x');
title('ode15s')
subplot(1,3,3)
mesh(t,x,log10())
xlabel('t');
ylabel('x');
title('Error')
```

Generalized BDF

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❓ What happens if we attempt solution via our matrix-equation solver?

Generalized BDF

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2	512	1024	49	7.31e-10
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3	512	1024	43	5.75e-10
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5	512	1024	46	5.53e-10
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? What can we say about the **clustering properties** of this preconditioner?

Theorem (Bertaccini 2000, Theorem 4.1)

Let $\mathcal{M} = A_m \otimes I_n - hB_m \otimes L_n$ for an $A_{\nu, k-\nu}$ -stable formulae with k steps. Let P be the block circulant preconditioner

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Then, for fixed $\delta > 0$, there exists $C_\delta \geq 0$, $m_\delta \geq k$ such that, for all $m \geq m_\delta$ ($m+1$ is the size of A and B),

$$P^{-1}M = I + M_\delta^{(1)} + M_\delta^{(2)},$$

where $\text{rank}(M_\delta^{(2)}) \leq n[2(k+1) + C_\delta]$ and $\|M_\delta^{(1)}\|_2 \leq \delta c_L$ does not depend on m . If P is defined as Strang's circulant preconditioner, then $C_\delta = \|M_\delta^{(1)}\| = 0$.

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Another available choice is using instead $\{\omega\}$ -Circulant matrices, i.e.,

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☰ A **tensor** is a **multilinear maps** with respect to a fixed finite-dimensional \mathbb{R} vector space V

$$\mathcal{A} : \underbrace{V^* \times \dots \times V^*}_p \times \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

☰ A **tensor** is an **element of the tensor product** of vector spaces

$$\mathcal{A} \in \underbrace{V \times \dots \times V}_p \otimes \underbrace{V^* \otimes \dots \otimes V^*}_q.$$

The definition we select depends on the operations we want to perform.

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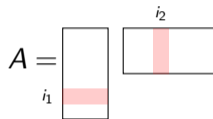
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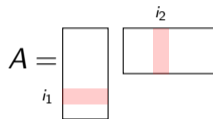
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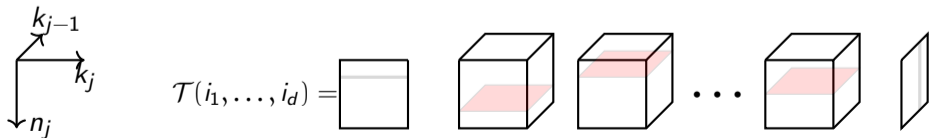
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If for any $1 \leq \mu \leq d - 1$ we group the first μ factors and last $d - \mu$ factors then

$$\mathcal{T}(i_1, \dots, i_\mu, i_{\mu+1}, \dots, i_d),$$

is the matrix-matrix product of two (large) matrices.

TT decomposition and matrix factorizations

The μ th unfolding of $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ is obtained by arranging the entries in a matrix

$$\mathcal{T}^{<\mu>} \in \mathbb{C}^{(n_1 \dots n_\mu) \times (n_{\mu+1} \dots n_d)}$$

where the corresponding index map is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ind} : \mathbb{N}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d} &\rightarrow \mathbb{N}^{(n_1 \dots n_\mu) \times (n_{\mu+1} \dots n_d)} \\ \text{ind}(i_1, \dots, i_d) &= (i_{\text{row}}, i_{\text{col}}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} i_{\text{row}} &= 1 + \sum_{s=1}^{\mu} (i_s - 1) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} n_t, \\ i_{\text{col}} &= 1 + \sum_{s=\mu+1}^d (i_s - 1) \prod_{t=\mu+1}^{s-1} n_t \end{aligned}$$

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We can compute the **compression** of the **tensor** by computing the SVD of the *unfoldings*.

Lemma (Oseledets 2011)

The **TT rank** of a tensor \mathcal{T} is given by

$$\text{tt-rank}(\mathcal{T}) = (\text{rank}(T^{<1>}), \dots, \text{rank}(T^{<d-1>})).$$

Input: Tensor \mathcal{T} , ranks k_1, \dots, k_d

Output: U_1, \dots, U_d .

$k_0 = k_d = 1$;

for $\mu = 1, \dots, d - 1$ **do**

Reshape \mathcal{T} into $T^{<2>} \in \mathbb{C}^{k_{\mu-1} n_{\mu} \times (n_{\mu+1} \dots n_d)}$;

Compute rank- k_{μ} approximation $T^{<2>} \approx U \Sigma V^T$ (e.g. via SVD);


Reshape U into $U_{\mu} \in \mathbb{C}^{k_{\mu-1} \times n_{\mu} \times k_{\mu}}$;


Update \mathcal{T} via $T^{<2>} \leftarrow U^T T^{<2>} = \Sigma V^T$;

end

Set $U_d = \mathcal{T}$;

Algorithm 1: TT-SVD($\mathcal{T}, k_1, \dots, k_d$)

 The **proof** is obtained by simply following the steps of the algorithm.

 We can use *tolerances* instead of fixed ranks.

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And we can estimate the resulting error using the best approximation properties of the SVD.



Theorem (Oseledets 2011)

Let \mathcal{T}_{SVD} denote the tensor in TT decomposition obtained from TT-SVD. Then

$$\|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{T}_{SVD}\| \leq \sqrt{\epsilon_1^2 + \dots + \epsilon_d^2}$$

where

$$\epsilon_\mu^2 = \|\mathcal{T}^{<\mu>} - U\Sigma V^T\|_F^2 = \sigma_{k_\mu+1}^2 + \sigma_{k_\mu+2}^2 + \dots$$

-  We can modify the algorithm to accommodate different compression algorithms than the SVD,
-  We can also compute the approximation via sketching algorithms, and avoiding using all the entries of \mathcal{T} .

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Conclusion and summary

- ✓ We have seen how to work with linear multistep methods in boundary value form,
 - ✓ We have discussed some structured preconditioning strategy for the resulting linear systems,
 - ✓ We have introduced the machinery for working with tensor equations in the Tensor Train format.
-  There are *many* open problems and possibilities to do better here.






Next up

-  Fractional Laplacians,
-  Rational approximations and matrix functions,
-  A couple of applications to complex network theory.




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