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# Numerical Approximation of Matrix Functions and Applications

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## The Problem

Given  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , approximate

$$x = f(A)v$$

with  $f$  regular function such that  $f(A)$  is well defined

### Focus:

- $A$  large dimension
- $A$  symmetric pos. (semi)def., or  $A$  *positive real*

## Context

- $A$  of small dimension:

$$A \text{ symmetric, } A = X\Lambda X^{\top} \Rightarrow f(A) = Xf(\Lambda)X^{\top}$$

Similar, but more involved, the definition for  $A$  nonsymmetric

- $A$  medium to large dimension:

$$f(A) \quad \text{vs.} \quad f(A)v$$

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- Approximation by projection: Find  $V$  and

$$\tilde{x} \in \text{range}(V), \quad \dim \ll n$$

## Numerical approximation. II

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The important issues:

- ★ Measures for goodness of approximation?
- ★ Relation between  $f$  and quality of approximation
- ★ Relation between  $A$  and quality of approximation
- ★ Efficiency ?



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We consider the case of partial fraction expansion:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu,\nu}(\lambda) = q(\lambda) + \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} \frac{\omega_k}{\lambda - \xi_k} \quad (\mathcal{R}_{\nu} = \mathcal{R}_{\nu,\nu})$$

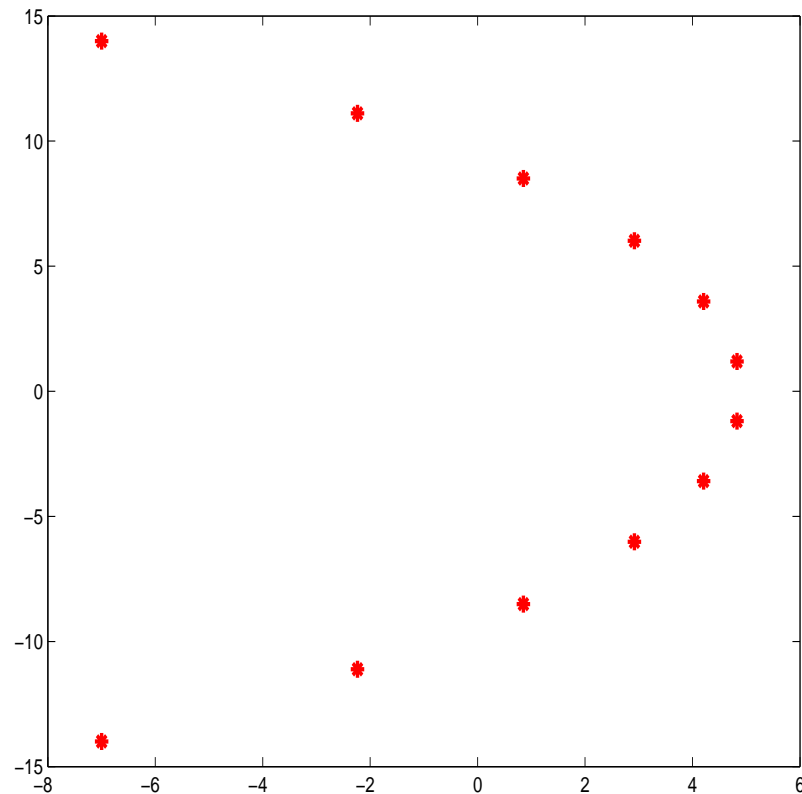
## Rational Approximation: poles

$$f(\lambda) = \exp(-\lambda)$$

$\mathcal{R}_\nu$ :  $\ell_\infty$  best approx

in  $[0, \infty)$ , Chebyshev

$$\|f - \mathcal{R}_\nu\|_\infty \approx 10^{-\nu}$$

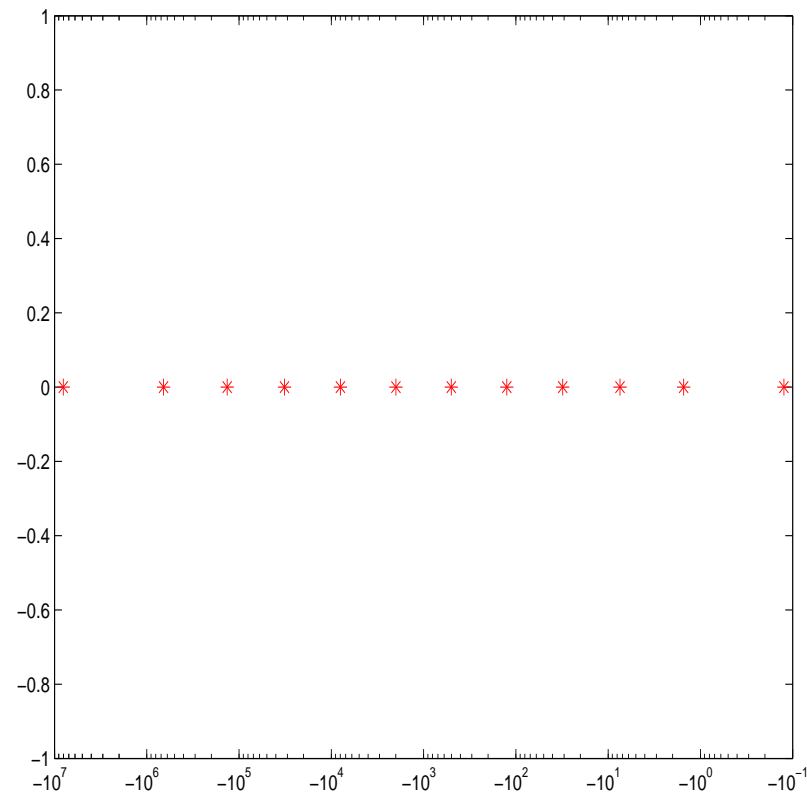


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$\mathcal{R}_\nu$ : Zolotarev approx

in  $[a, b] \subseteq (0, \infty)$

$$\|f - \mathcal{R}_\nu\| \approx e^{-\pi\sqrt{2\nu}}$$



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$\Rightarrow$  Iterative Methods for **shifted** linear systems

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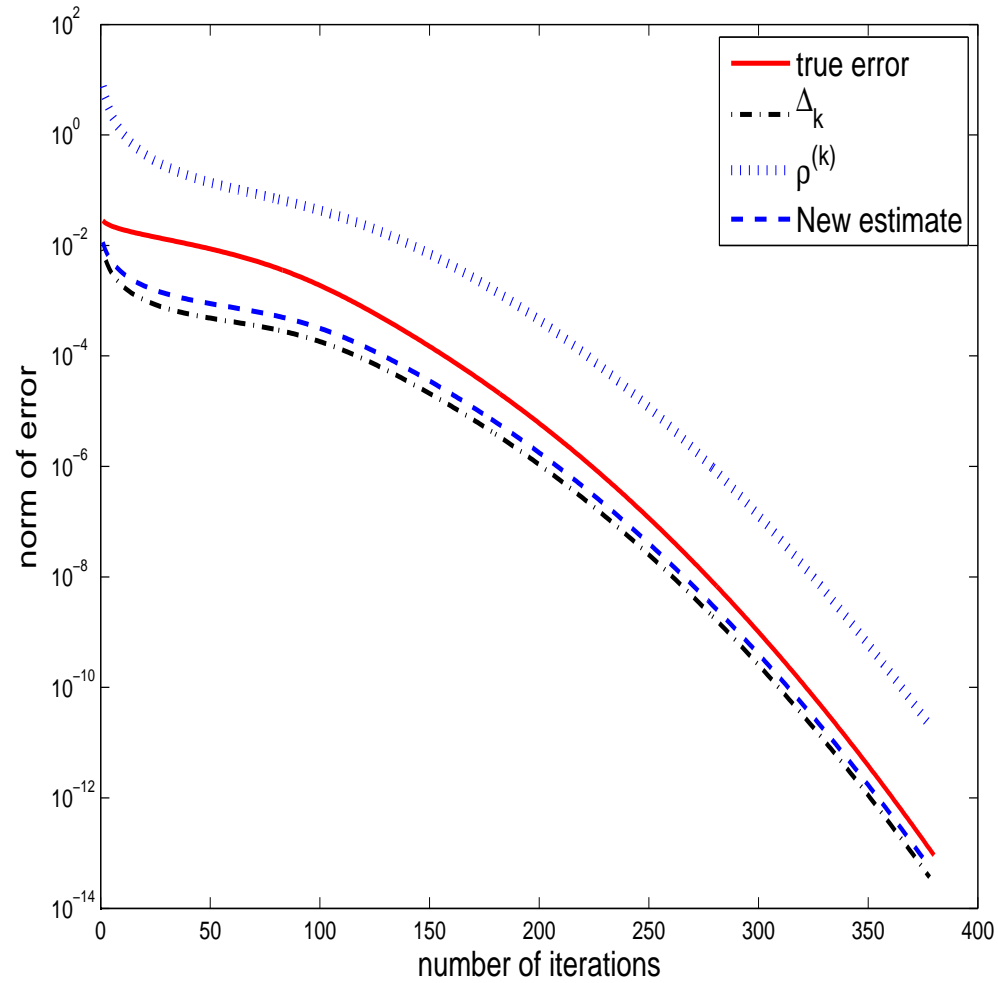
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Estimate:

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- ★ Computational cost only 3-5 additional iterations

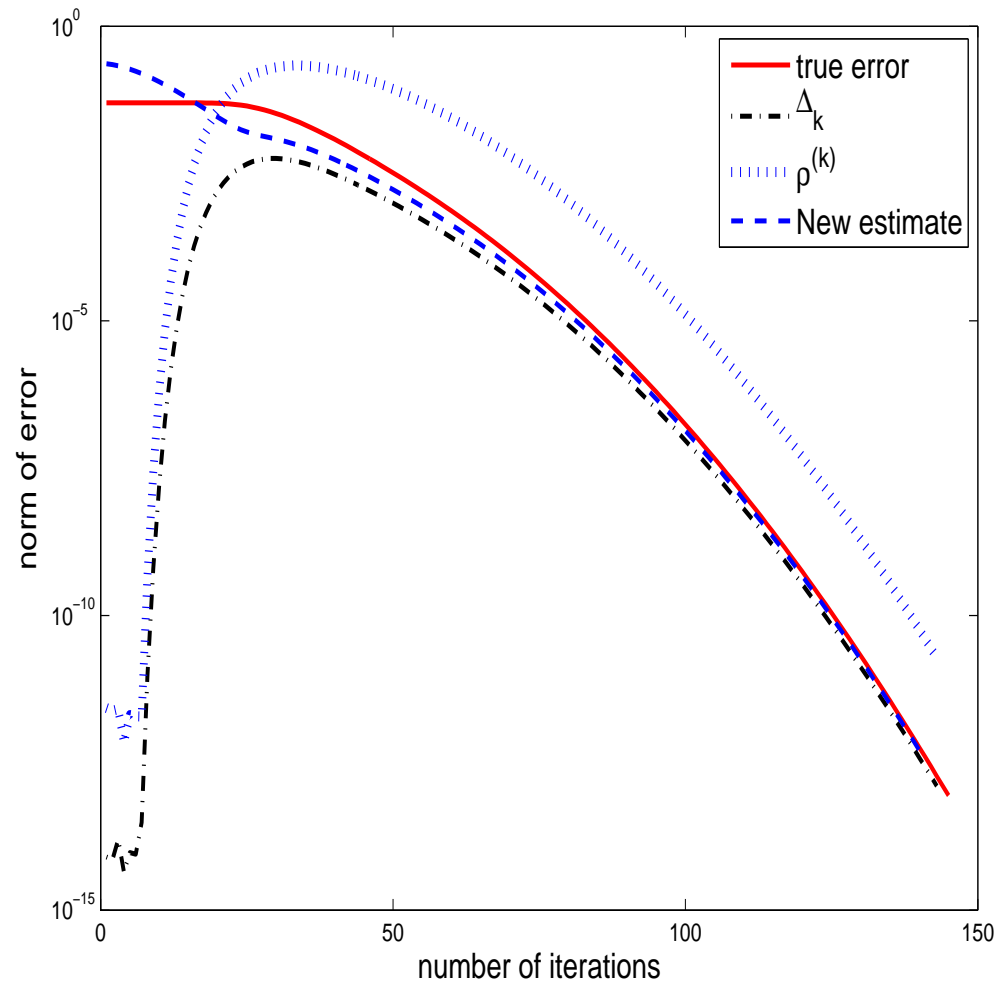
CG for  $A$  spd and  $f(\lambda) = \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  :  $A^{-\frac{1}{2}}v$



Note: superlinear convergence

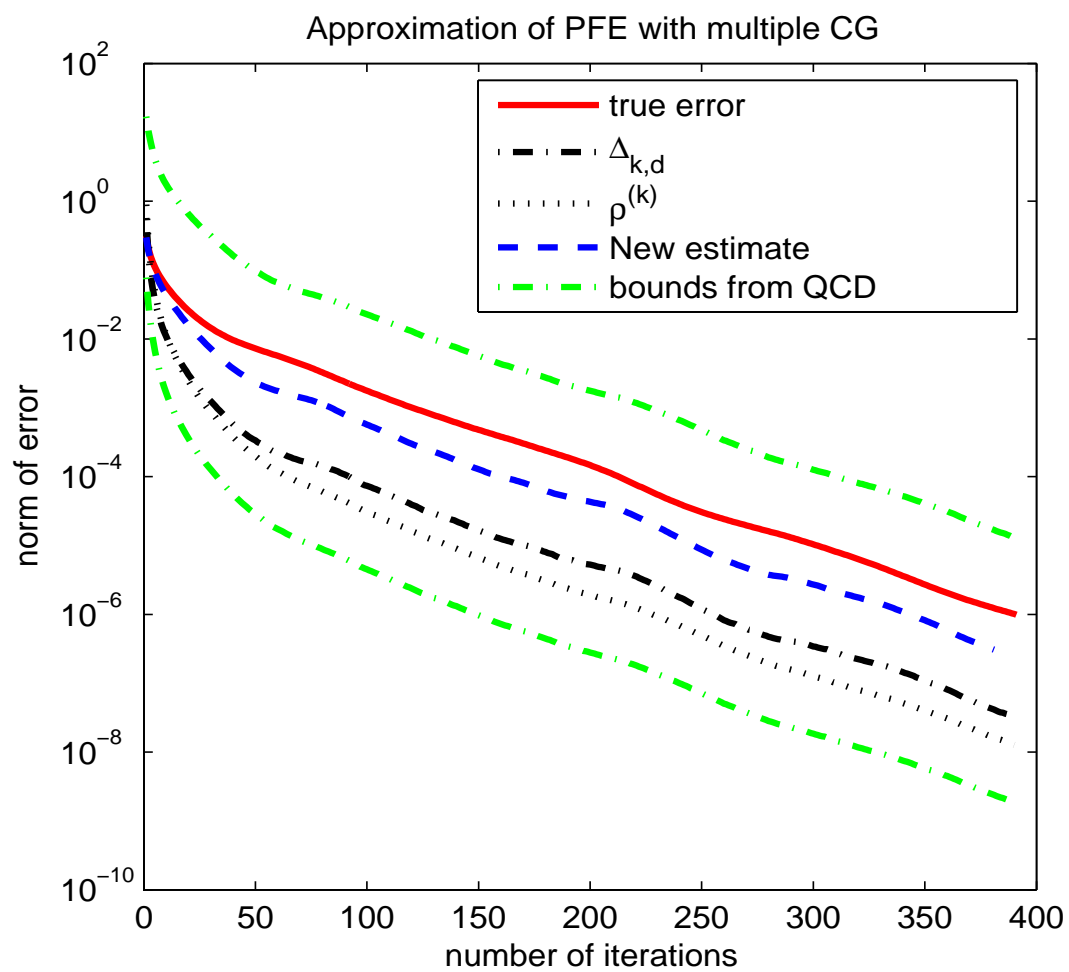


“complex” CG for  $A$  sym-spd and  $f(\lambda) = \exp(-\lambda)$  :  $\exp(-A)v$



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CG for  $A$  spd and  $f(\lambda) = \text{sign}(\lambda) = (\lambda^2)^{-1/2}\lambda$  :  $\text{sign}(A)v$



## Approximation with Krylov subspaces

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**“Classical” approach (e.g. Saad '92):**

$$\text{For } H_m = V_m^\top A V_m, \quad v = V_m e_1$$

$$f(A)v \approx x_m = V_m f(H_m) e_1 \quad \|v\| = 1$$

★  $x_m$  from interpolation pb. in Hermite sense:  $V_m f(H_m) e_1 = p_{m-1}(A)v$

## Krylov vs. Rational Approximation

$f \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_\nu$

$$\text{Krylov: } \mathcal{R}_\nu(A)v \approx V_m \mathcal{R}_\nu(H_m)e_1$$

$$\mathcal{R}_\nu(A)v = \omega_0 v + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \omega_j (A - \xi_j I)^{-1} v$$

$$\approx \omega_0 v + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \omega_j V_m (H_m - \xi_j I)^{-1} e_1$$

$$= V_m \left( \omega_0 e_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \omega_j (H_m - \xi_j I)^{-1} e_1 \right) \equiv V_m \mathcal{R}_\nu(H_m)e_1$$

$V_m \mathcal{R}_\nu(H_m)e_1$  term-by-term Galerkin projection

(van der Vorst, '87, Lopez & S., '06)

## Approximation of $\exp(-A)v$ in $\mathcal{K}_m$ . I

Typical convergence estimates (Hochbruck & Lubich '97)

$A$  sym. semidef.

$$\|\exp(-A)v - V_m \exp(-H_m)e_1\| \leq 10e^{-m^2/(5\rho)}, \quad \sqrt{4\rho} \leq m \leq 2\rho$$

$$\|\exp(-A)v - V_m \exp(-H_m)e_1\| \leq \frac{10}{\rho} e^{-\rho} \left(\frac{e\rho}{m}\right)^m, \quad m \geq 2\rho$$

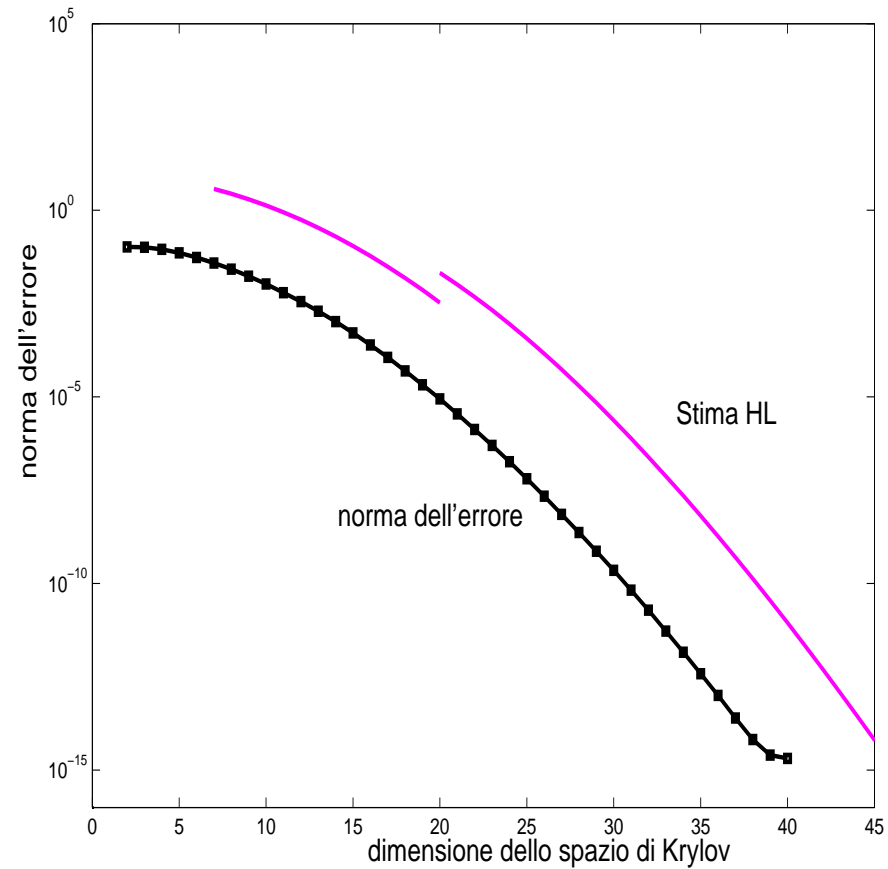
where  $\sigma(A) \subseteq [0, 4\rho]$

see also Tal-Ezer '89, Druskin & Knizhnerman '89, Stewart & Leyk '96

Other similar estimates for  $\lambda^{-1/2}$ ,  $\cosh$ , *ecc.*

## Typical plot for the error

$$\| \exp(-A)v - V_m \exp(-H_m)e_1 \|$$



Superlinear convergence

## Application. Evolution Problem

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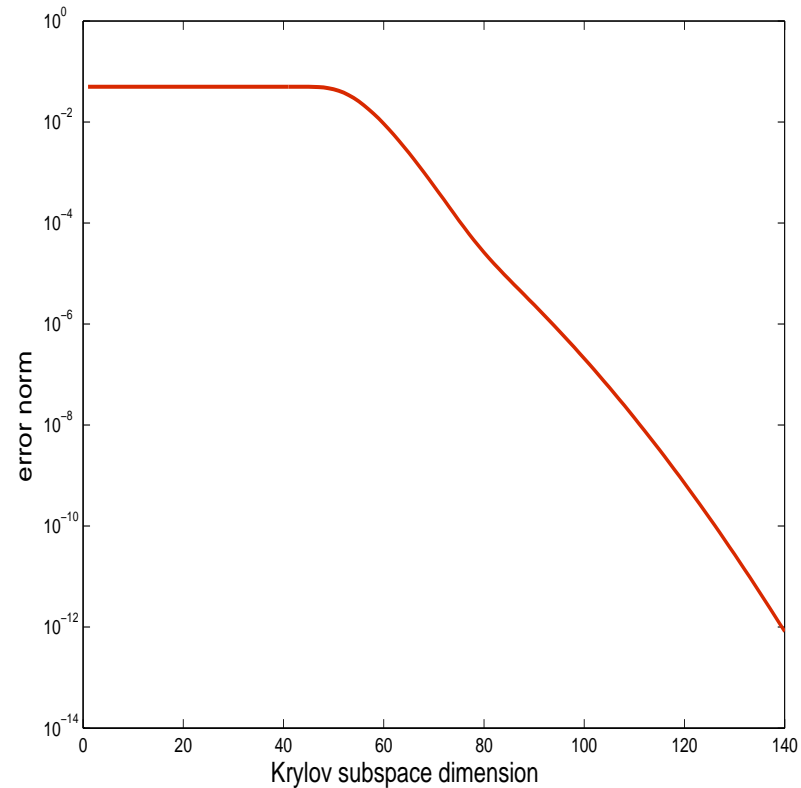
| step $\delta t$ | Euler |                   | Exp  |                       |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|
|                 | CPU   | error             | CPU  | error (#its*)         |
| 0.001           | 1.9   | $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 0.09 | $9 \cdot 10^{-4}(37)$ |
| 0.005           | 0.4   | $1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | 0.07 | $4 \cdot 10^{-3}(28)$ |
| 0.01            | 0.2   | $2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | 0.05 | $1 \cdot 10^{-2}(25)$ |

\* : Stopping criterion tolerance related to timestep

⇒ More general exponential integrators

...When things are not so easy

$$\| \exp(-A)v - V_m \exp(-H_m)e_1 \| \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{400 \times 400}, \|A\| = 10^5$$



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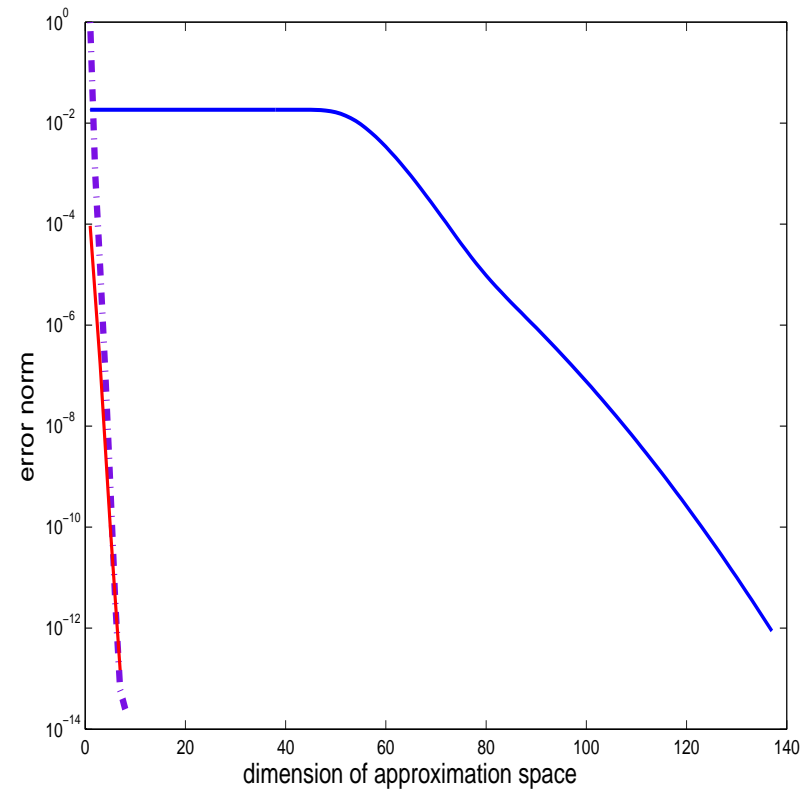
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### ★: Relaxing optimality properties

- *Local* orthogonality of the basis (Eiermann & Ernst '06)
- Limit costs of rational approx. with  $\mathcal{R}_\nu(A)v$  (Popolizio & S. '08)

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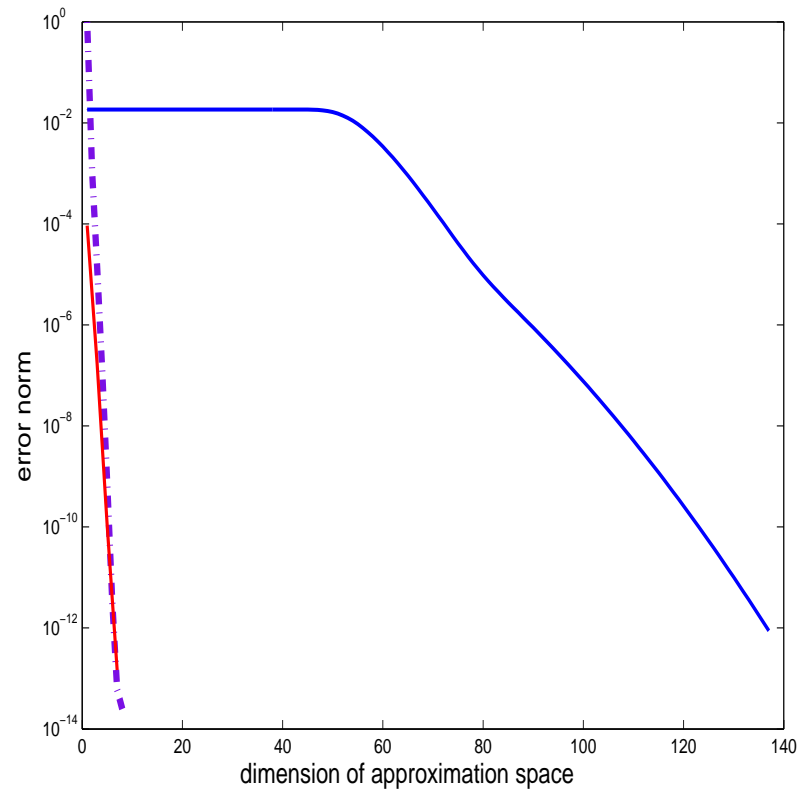
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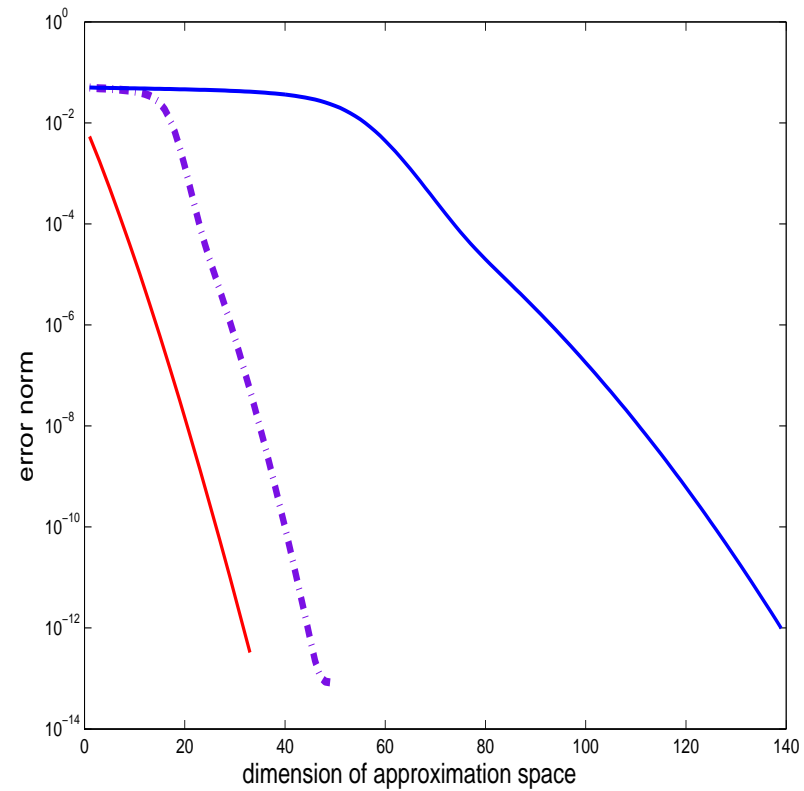
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Lyapunov Equation:

$$AX + XA^T + Q = 0$$

with  $-A$  dissipative,  $Q = BB^T$  low rank

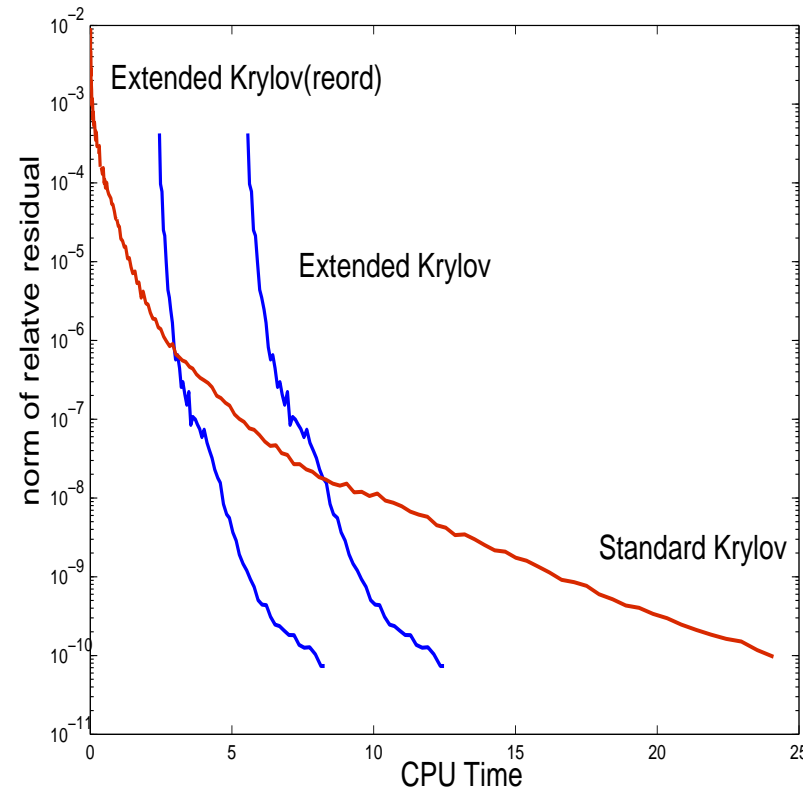
$$X = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-tA} BB^T e^{-tA^T} dt = \int_0^{\infty} xx^T dt$$

with  $x = \exp(-tA)B$



## An example. “Time-invariant” linear systems

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}_{xx} + \mathbf{x}_{yy} + \mathbf{x}_{zz} - 10x\mathbf{x}_x - 1000y\mathbf{x}_y - 10\mathbf{x}_z + \mathbf{b}(x, y)\mathbf{u}(t)$$



space dim. : 146 (Standard Krylov) 112 (“extended” Krylov)  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{18^3 \times 18^3}$

Simoncini, '07

## Applications. Ill-posed problem. I

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{zz} - Lu = 0, \quad (x, y, z) \in \Omega \times [0, z_1] \\ u(x, y, z) = 0, \quad (x, y, z) \in \partial\Omega \times [0, z_1] \\ u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in \Omega \\ u_z(x, y, 0) = \mathbf{0}, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega \end{array} \right.$$

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Separation of variables:  $u(x, y, z) = \cosh(z\sqrt{L})g$

★:  $L$  unbounded  $\Rightarrow \cosh(z\sqrt{L})g$  unstable (wrto data perturbations)

L. Eldén & S., in prep.

## Applications. Ill-posed problem. II

Regularization:  $\tilde{g}$  perturbed data

$$u(x, y, z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \cosh(\lambda_k z) \langle s_k, g \rangle s_k(x, y)$$

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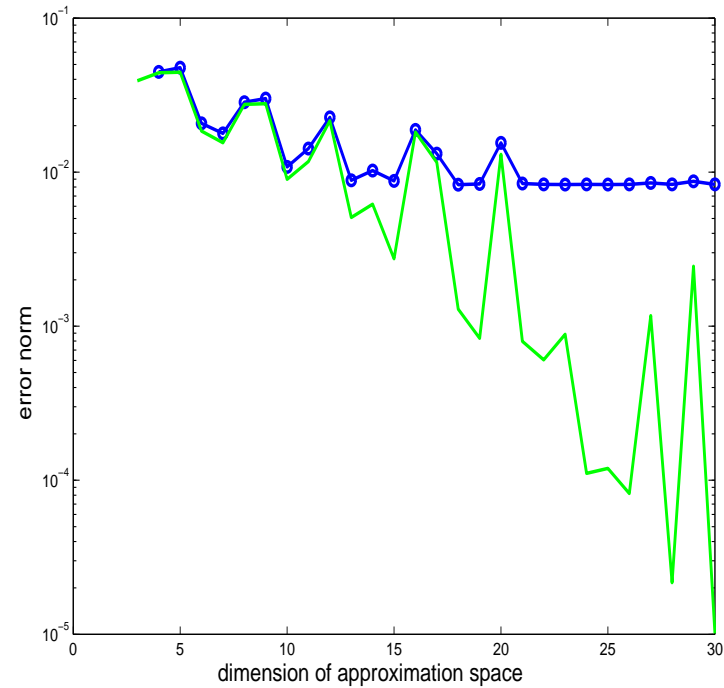
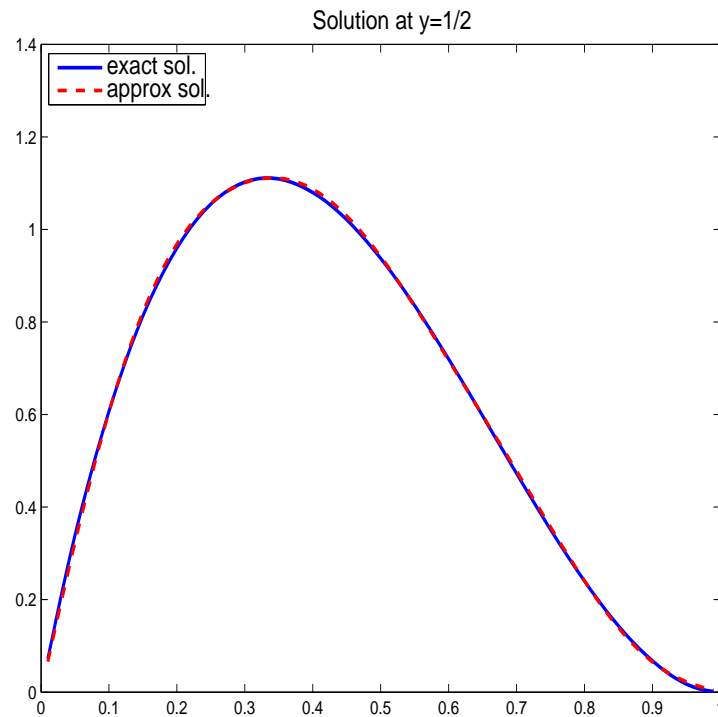
Approx, for instance, in Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_m(L, \tilde{g})$ :

$$u^{(m)}(z) = V_m \cosh(z \sqrt{H_m}) e_1 \|g\| \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow v^{(m)}(z) = V_m \sum_{\theta_j^{(m)} \leq \lambda_c} y_j^{(m)} \cosh(z \theta_j^{(m)}) (y_j^{(m)})^\top e_1 \| \quad \|$$

$((\theta_j^{(m)})^2, y_j^{(m)})$  eigenpairs of  $H_m$

## Applications. Ill-posed problem. III



Functional error: -  $\|v(z) - v^{(m)}(z)\| \quad z = 0.1$

Perturbation error : -  $\|u(z) - v^{(m)}(z)\| \quad z = 0.1$

## Conclusions

- Great potential of using  $f(A)v$  in application problems
- Exploit low cost of using  $A$  instead of  $f(A)$
- Further developments in acceleration techniques
- The case of  $A$  nonsymmetric

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