

The Lanczos Tau Framework for Time-Delay Systems

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(See Breda et al. [3] for collocation.)

Why Lanczos tau?



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with
$$\varepsilon_{\theta}\xi = \xi(\theta)$$
 and $(\mathcal{D}\xi)(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta}\xi(\theta)$.

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$$\mathbf{y}(t) \approx C \varepsilon_0 \xi_{tN},$$

with $\mathcal{T}_{N-1}\xi = \xi - \langle \xi, \phi_N \rangle \phi_N$.

(Initially presented by Ito and Teglas [4].)

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$$\mathbf{y}_N(t) = \mathcal{C}_N \xi_{tN}$$

Interpretation in frequency domain

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Corollary

Then H_N is H with $s \mapsto e^{-\tau s}$ replaced by an (N, N) Padé approximant around zero.

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Simple example of an $(\mathcal{E}_N, \mathcal{A}_N)$ pencil at n(N + 1) = 22.

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What is the steady-state power of the output response to unit white noise?

The H²-norm

Definition (stable system)

$$\|H\|_{H^2} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \|H(i\omega)\|_F^2 d\omega\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where $H(s) = C(sI_n - A_0 - A_1e^{-\tau s})^{-1}B$.

Computing the H^2 -norm of an ODE

$$E\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t), \qquad ||H||_{H^2} = \sqrt{\mathrm{tr}(CVC^T)}, \text{ where}$$
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t), \qquad AVE^T + EVA^T = -BB^T.$$

with *E* invertible.

(See Zhou et al. [8, Lemma 4.6].)

Approximating the *H*²-norm of a RDDE

$$\mathcal{E}_{N}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathcal{A}_{N}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathcal{B}_{N}\mathbf{u}(t), \qquad ||H||_{H^{2}} \approx \sqrt{\mathrm{tr}(\mathcal{C}_{N}V\mathcal{C}_{N}^{T})}, \text{ where}$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) \approx \mathcal{C}_{N}\mathbf{x}(t), \qquad \qquad \mathcal{A}_{N}V\mathcal{E}_{N}^{T} + \mathcal{E}_{N}V\mathcal{A}_{N}^{T} = -\mathcal{B}_{N}\mathcal{B}_{N}^{T}.$$

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Convergence



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$$\begin{split} \|H\|_{H^2} &\approx \|H_N\|_{H^2} = \sqrt{\mathrm{tr}\big(C\varepsilon_0 U\varepsilon_0^T C^T\big)}, \, \text{where} \\ \begin{cases} \mathcal{D}U\varepsilon_0^T + \mathcal{T}_{N-1} U\big(\varepsilon_0^T A_0^T + \varepsilon_{-\tau}^T A_1^T\big) = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathcal{D}U\mathcal{T}_{N-1}^T + \mathcal{T}_{N-1} U\mathcal{D}^T = \mathbf{0}, \\ \varepsilon_\theta U\varepsilon_{\theta'}^T &= \big(\varepsilon_{\theta'} U\varepsilon_{\theta}^T\big)^T, \\ (A_0\varepsilon_0 + A_1\varepsilon_{-\tau})U\varepsilon_0^T + \varepsilon_0 U\big(\varepsilon_0^T A_0^T + \varepsilon_{-\tau}^T A_1^T\big) = -BB^T. \end{split}$$

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some constraints on U.





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Proposition

Under this assumption

$$|r_N(i\omega, -\tau)| = 1, \quad \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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Contributions

Operator formulation of the Lanczos tau method for time-delay systems.

Equivalence to rational approximation in frequency domain, with explicit expressions.*

Construction of sparse, self-nesting discretizations.

Equivalence to pseudospectral collocation, with the non-zero collocation points the zeroes of ϕ_N .*

Equivalence to Padé approximation when using a Legendre basis.

Illustrated super-geometric convergence, and proved for some cases super convergence,* for the H^2 -norm.

^{*}Not in this talk, see E. Provoost and W. Michiels. The Lanczos Tau Framework for Time-Delay Systems: Padé Approximation and Collocation Revisited. 2024. arXiv: 2403.03895 [math.NA].