

Accurate(?) Solution of Algebraic Bernoulli Equations

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Approximate the dynamical system

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x} &= Ax + Bu, \\ y &= Cx + Du, \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, & B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \\ C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, & D \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}, \end{matrix}$$

by reduced-order system

$$\hat{\Sigma} : \begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}} &= \hat{A}\hat{x} + \hat{B}u, \\ \hat{y} &= \hat{C}\hat{x} + \hat{D}u, \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \hat{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}, & \hat{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}, \\ \hat{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}, & \hat{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}, \end{matrix}$$

of order $r \ll n$, such that

$$\|y - \hat{y}\| < \text{tolerance} \cdot \|u\|.$$

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Computation of Gramians for Unstable Systems

If (A, B) stabilizable, (A, C) detectable, and $\Lambda(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \emptyset$, then P, Q are solutions of the Lyapunov equations

$$(A - BB^T X)P + P(A - BB^T X)^T + BB^T = 0,$$

$$(A - YC^T C)^T Q + Q(A - YC^T C) + C^T C = 0,$$

where X and Y are the stabilizing solutions of the **dual ABEs**

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- Coprime factorization problems for rational transfer functions,
- computing (sub-)optimal H_∞ controllers using a mixed sensitivity approach (\mathcal{S} -over- \mathcal{KS} design).

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with (A, B) controllable. Then

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For $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $\Lambda(Z) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \emptyset$ and Jordan canonical form

$$Z = S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} J^+ & 0 \\ 0 & J^- \end{bmatrix} S$$

the **matrix sign function** is

$$\text{sign}(Z) := S \begin{bmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & -I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix} S^{-1}.$$

Computation of $\text{sign}(Z)$

$\text{sign}(Z)$ is root of $I_n \implies$ use Newton's method to compute it:

$$Z_0 \leftarrow Z, \quad Z_{j+1} \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(c_j Z_j + \frac{1}{c_j} Z_j^{-1} \right), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$\implies \text{sign}(Z) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} Z_j.$

($c_j > 0$ is scaling parameter for convergence acceleration and rounding error minimization.)

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Theorem [B. 2006]

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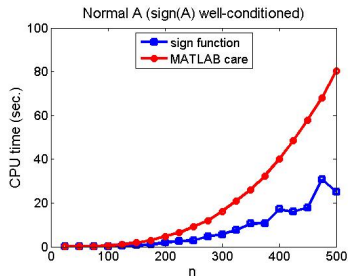
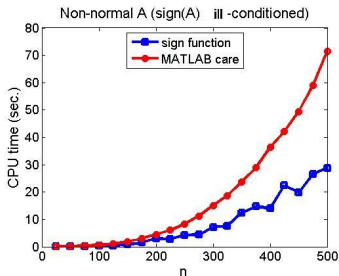
$$A^T X + XA - XBB^T X = 0.$$

If $B_\infty = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B_k$ is obtained from the factorized form of the sign function iteration for the ABE, then a full-rank factor $Y_+ \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ of X_+ is given by

$$Y_+ = \sqrt{2} Q_Y R^{-1}, \quad (2)$$

where the columns of Q_Y form a basis of $\ker(I - \text{sign}(A)^T)$ and R is the upper triangular factor in the “skinny” QR factorization of $B_\infty^T Q_Y$.

Random ABE with $n = 25 : 25 : 500$, $m = n/5$.



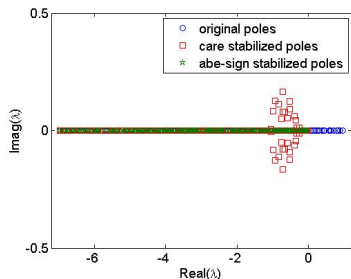


Numerical Examples

$$\text{Numerical Accuracy: } \frac{\|A^T X_+ + X_+ A - X_+ B B^T X_+\|_1}{\|X_+\|_1}.$$

Example	n	care	#Iter.	sign	sign_fac
CAREX 1.1	2	8.08e-22	2	8.08e-22	8.08e-22
CAREX 1.2	2	1.18e-15	3	1.26e-14	1.14e-14
CAREX 2.1	2	0.00e+00	3	0.00e+00	9.77e-16
CAREX 2.3	2	6.68e-46	4	1.00e+06	0.00e+00
CAREX 2.4	2	0.00e+00	3	1.61e-09	8.24e-12
CAREX 2.5	2	1.78e-15	3	1.78e-15	2.49e-15
CAREX 2.6	3	1.98e-09	5	2.82e-09	3.22e-09
CAREX 2.7	4	1.85e-10	5	7.92e-12	5.30e-10
CAREX 2.8	4	3.40e-12	3	5.55e-11	5.55e-11
CAREX 3.1	39	7.61e-16	4	9.71e-11	6.14e-16
CAREX 3.2	64	6.75e-15	24	1.73e-09	1.72e-14
CAREX 4.1a	21	1.97e-20	6	1.00e+00	1.00e+00
CAREX 4.1b	21	3.30e+00	6	8.66e-01	6.54e-08
CAREX 4.3	60	6.78e-15	21	2.85e-12	8.16e-15
RLC	199	2.72e-16	30	6.08e-11	1.41e-15

Here, mimic finite-differences discretization of control problem for linear reaction-diffusion problem on unit square:
 $A = -\Delta_h + I$, $B = I_{n,m}$,
 where $h = 1/21$, $m = 20$.



Results for different solvers:

	$\frac{\ B(X_+)\ _1}{\ X_+\ _1}$	CPU time
care:	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$	13.8 sec
sign:	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$	8.0 sec
sign_fac:	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$	7.4 sec

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