

Exponential Integrators for Fractional Partial Differential Equations

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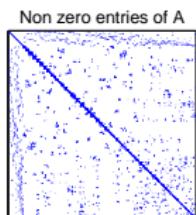
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- 2 Time-fractional PDEs
- 3 Exponential Integrators for fractional-order problems
- 4 Numerical approximation of the Mittag-Leffler function with matrix arguments
- 5 Numerical experiments

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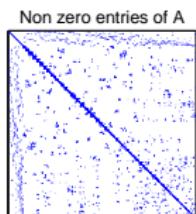
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Exponential integrators for ODEs: examples

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Integration on a grid $t_n = nh$

- $F(\tau, U(\tau))$ approximated by $F_n = F(t_n, U_n)$ on $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$

Exponential Euler : $U_{n+1} = e^{hA} U_n + h\varphi_1(hA)F_n$

- $F(\tau, U(\tau))$ approximated by linear interpolation $F_n + \frac{t_n - \tau}{t_n - t_{n-1}} (F_n - F_{n-1})$

Second order E.I. : $U_{n+1} = e^{hA} U_n + h\varphi_1(hA)F_n + h\varphi_2(hA)(F_n - F_{n-1})$

- Other approaches: Exponential Runge–Kutta, Exponential Adams methods, Exponential Rosenbrock-type methods, and so on ...

$$\varphi_1(z) = \frac{e^z - 1}{z}, \quad \varphi_2(z) = \frac{e^z - z - 1}{z^2}$$

Review papers and software package

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A review of exponential integrators for first order semi-linear problems

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EXPINT : A MATLAB package for exponential integrators¹.

available at <http://www.math.ntnu.no/num/expint/matlab.php>

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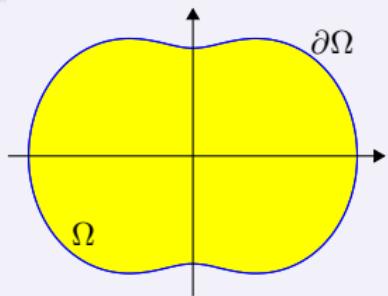
Fractional partial differential equation

Time-fractional diffusion

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial t^\alpha} u(t, x) = \nu \nabla^2 u(t, x) + f(t, x)$$

I.C. : $u(0, x) = u_0(x)$

B.C. : $u(t, x) = g(t, x), t > 0, x \in \partial\Omega$



$0 < \alpha < 1$: fractional diffusion equation

$1 < \alpha < 2$: fractional wave equation

Papers of Schneider and Wyss (1989)² and Mainardi (1996)³

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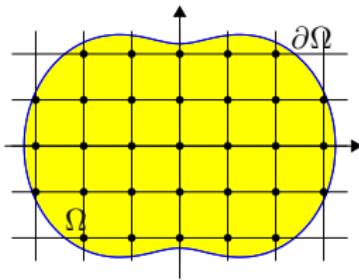
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Finite difference methods



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 u_{i,j}(t) &\approx \frac{u_{i-1,j}(t) - 2u_{i,j}(t) + u_{i+1,j}(t)}{(\Delta x_1)^2} + \\ &\quad \frac{u_{i,j-1}(t) - 2u_{i,j}(t) + u_{i,j+1}(t)}{(\Delta x_2)^2} \\ u_{i,j}(t) &= u(t, x_{1_i}, x_{2_j})\end{aligned}$$

$$U(t) = \left(u_{1,1}(t), u_{2,1}(t), \dots, u_{N_1,1}(t), \dots, u_{1,N_2}(t), \dots, u_{N_1,N_2}(t) \right)^T$$

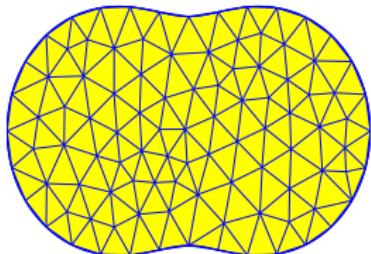
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Finite elements methods



$$u(t, x) \approx u_h(t, x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_h} U_j(t) \Phi_j(x)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_h} \frac{d^{\alpha}}{dt^{\alpha}} U_j(t) (\Phi_j, \Phi_k) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_h} U_j(t) (\nabla^2 \Phi_j, \nabla^2 \Phi_k) = (f, \Phi_k)$$
$$k = 1, \dots, N_h$$

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Examples of non linear time-fractional PDEs:

- Bonhoeffer-van der Pol and Brusselator⁴
- other problems⁵

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$$\hat{U}(s) = s^{\alpha-1} (s^\alpha I - A)^{-1} U_0 + (s^\alpha I - A)^{-1} \hat{F}(s)$$

\Downarrow in the time domain

$$\text{V.o.C. : } U(t) = e_{\alpha,1}(t; -A) U_0 + \int_0^t e_{\alpha,\alpha}(t-s; -A) F(s) ds$$

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Fractional exponential Euler method

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- 2 Approximate $F(s)$ by a constant value

$$F(s) \approx F_j = F(t_j), \quad s \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$$

- 3 Exactly integrate

$$U(t_n) = e_{\alpha,1}(t_n; -A)U_0 + h^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} W_{n-j} F_j$$

$$W_n = e_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(n; -h^\alpha A) - e_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(n-1; -h^\alpha A)$$

Adams Exponential Integrators for FDEs

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- 2 Approximate $F(s)$ by a L -degree polynomial in each interval $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$

$$F(s) = F(t_j + \theta h) \approx \sum_{\ell=0}^L (-1)^\ell \binom{-\theta + 1}{\ell} \nabla^\ell F_{j+1}$$

- ▶ $F_n = F(t_n)$
- ▶ $\nabla^\ell F_n$: backward differences of order ℓ
- ▶ $\binom{-\theta + 1}{\ell}$: binomial coefficients

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Adams Exponential Integrators for FDEs

$$U_n = S.T. + h^\alpha \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^L \varphi_{\alpha,\ell}(n-j; -h^\alpha A) \nabla^\ell F_{j+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_{\alpha,\ell}(n; z) &= (-1)^\ell \int_0^1 \binom{-\theta + 1}{\ell} e_{\alpha,\alpha}(n-\theta; z) d\theta \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} (p_{\ell,k} e_{\alpha,\alpha+k+1}(n; z) - q_{\ell,k} e_{\alpha,\alpha+k+1}(n-1; z))\end{aligned}$$

	$p_{\ell,0}$	$p_{\ell,1}$	$p_{\ell,2}$	$p_{\ell,3}$	$p_{\ell,4}$	$q_{\ell,0}$	$q_{\ell,1}$	$q_{\ell,2}$	$q_{\ell,3}$	$q_{\ell,4}$
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Main advantages: accuracy and stability⁶

- Order depends on the smoothness of the linear source term and not of the true solution

$$F(t) \in \mathcal{C}^{L+1} \implies \text{Error} = \mathcal{O}(h^{L+1})$$

- Stiffness due to large values in $\sigma(A)$ does not affect the stability

Some problems to solve:

- evaluation of $\varphi_{\alpha,\ell}(n; -h^\alpha A)$ (and hence the ML functions)

⁶R. Garrappa. "A family of Adams exponential integrators for fractional linear systems". In: *Comput. Math. Appl.* (2013), in print.

Application in control theory problems

Linear time-invariant system of FDEs

$$\begin{cases} D_0^\alpha x(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) = C^T x(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times p}$$

No need for direct evaluation of the state $x(t)$:

$$\text{V.o.C. : } y(t) = C^T e_{\alpha,1}(t; -A)x_0 + \int_0^t C^T e_{\alpha,\alpha}(t-s; -A)Bu(s)ds$$

$$\text{Fractional Exp. Adams: } y_n = S.T. + h^\alpha \sum_{j=L}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^L \varphi_{\alpha,\ell}(n-j; -h^\alpha A) \nabla^\ell u_{j+1}$$

$$\varphi_{\alpha,\ell}(n-j; Z) = C^T \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} (p_{\ell,k} e_{\alpha,\alpha+k+1}(n; Z) - q_{\ell,k} e_{\alpha,\alpha+k+1}(n-1; Z)) B$$

MIMO : external dimensions m and p smaller than the internal dimension N

SISO : scalar weights

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Fractional exponential Euler scheme:

$$U_n = e_{\alpha,1}(t_n; -A)U_0 + h^\alpha \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} W_{n-j}^{(1)} F_j$$

Fractional exponential trapezoidal scheme:

$$U_n = e_{\alpha,1}(t_n; -A)U_0 + h^\alpha \tilde{W}_n F_0 + h^\alpha \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} W_{n-j}^{(2)} F_j - W_0^{(2)} F_{n-2} + 2W_0^{(2)} F_{n-1} \right)$$

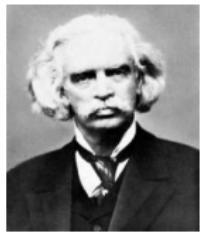
$$W_n^{(1)} = e_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(n; -h^\alpha A) - e_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(n-1; -h^\alpha A)$$

$$W_0^{(2)} = e_{\alpha,\alpha+2}(1; -h^\alpha A)$$

$$W_n^{(2)} = e_{\alpha,\alpha+2}(n-1; -h^\alpha A) - 2e_{\alpha,\alpha+2}(n; -h^\alpha A) + e_{\alpha,\alpha+2}(n+1; -h^\alpha A)$$

$$\tilde{W}_n = e_{\alpha,\alpha+2}(n-1; -h^\alpha A) + e_{\alpha,\alpha+1}(n; -h^\alpha A) - e_{\alpha,\alpha+2}(n; -h^\alpha A)$$

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A generalized Mittag–Leffler function

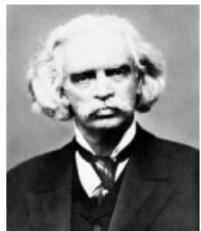
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The ML function and FDEs

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The **ML** function plays for FDEs the same role of the **exp** function for ODEs

ODE :
$$\begin{cases} Dy(t) + \lambda y(t) = 0 \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$
 True solution
 $y(t) = e^{-t\lambda} y_0$

FDE :
$$\begin{cases} {}_0^C D^\alpha y(t) + \lambda y(t) = 0 \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$
 True solution
 $y(t) = e_{\alpha,1}(t; \lambda) y_0$

ML function generalizes the **exp** function $e_{1,1}(t; \lambda) = e^{-t\lambda}$

- Books of Podlubny (1999) and Mainardi (2011)
- Code `mlf.m` available in the File Exchange service of **MATLAB CENTRAL**

Numerical evaluation of the ML function

Some challenging problems: **fast evaluation of $e_{\alpha,\beta}(t; \lambda)$**
extension to matrix arguments

$$e_{\alpha,\beta}(t; \lambda) = t^{\beta-1} E_{\alpha,\beta}(-t^\alpha \lambda), \quad E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}$$

Convergence of the series can be extremely slow

The Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}\left(e_{\alpha,\beta}(t; \lambda); s\right) = \frac{s^{\alpha-\beta}}{s^\alpha + \lambda}$$

Numerical quadrature in the inversion formula

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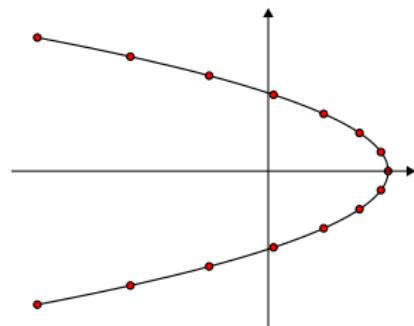
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Numerical inversion of the LT: choice of the contour

$$e_{\alpha,\beta}(t, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}} e^{st} \frac{s^{\alpha-\beta}}{s^\alpha + \lambda} ds,$$

Parabolic contour:

- simplicity of the contour
 $\mathcal{C} : z(u) = \mu(iu + 1)^2$
- extension to matrices with real spectrum
- good accuracy with fast computation
- availability of error estimates for \exp^7
- extension to the Mittag–Leffler function⁸



⁷J. A. C. Weideman and L. N. Trefethen. "Parabolic and hyperbolic contours for computing the Bromwich integral". In: *Math. Comp.* 76.259 (2007), pp. 1341–1356.

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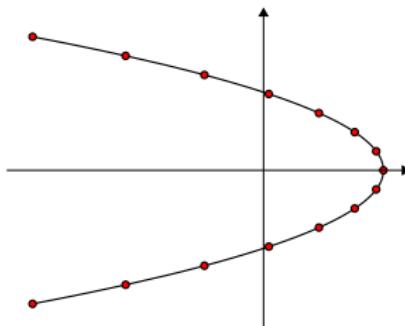
Numerical inversion of the LT on parabolic contours

$$e_{\alpha,\beta}(t, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}} e^{st} \mathcal{E}_{\alpha,\beta}(s) ds, \quad \mathcal{E}_{\alpha,\beta}(s) = \mathcal{L}\left(e_{\alpha,\beta}(t, \lambda); s\right) = \frac{s^{\alpha-\beta}}{s^\alpha + \lambda}$$

Main steps in numerical inversion of LT on parabolic contours:

Determination of:

- Geometry parameter μ for $\mathcal{C} : z(u) = \mu(iu + 1)^2$
- Number N of quadrature nodes $z_k = \mu(ikh + 1)^2, k = -N, \dots, N$
- Step-size h



$$e_{\alpha,\beta}^{[h,N]}(t, \lambda) = \frac{h}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=-N}^N e^{tz_k} z'_k z_k^{\alpha-\beta} (z_k^\alpha + \lambda)^{-1}$$

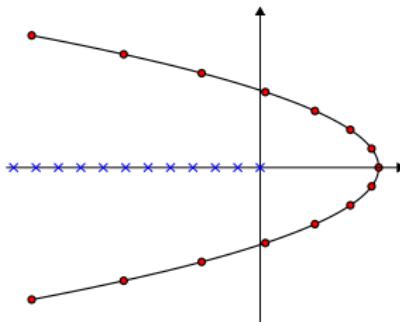
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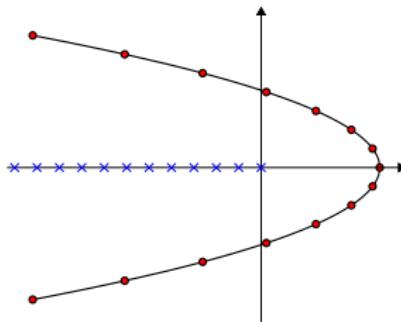
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Numerical inversion of the LT on parabolic contours

Selection of contour and quadrature parameters. Main goal:

$$\text{Error} = e_{\alpha,\beta}(t, \lambda) - e_{\alpha,\beta}^{[h,n]}(t, \lambda) = \text{DE} + \text{TE} \approx \epsilon$$

Discretization error :

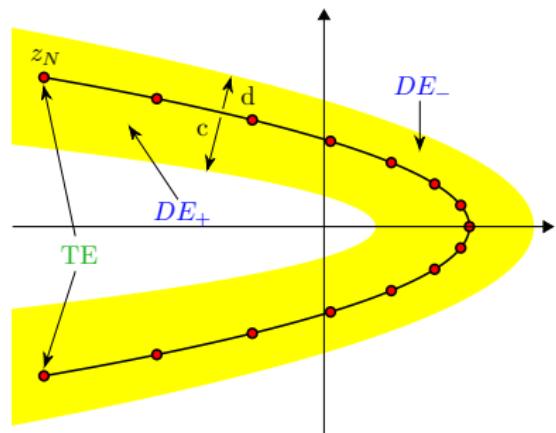
- $\text{DE} = \text{DE}_+ + \text{DE}_-$

- $\text{DE}_+ = \frac{M_+(\textcolor{red}{c})}{e^{2\pi\textcolor{red}{c}/h} - 1} \quad 0 < \textcolor{red}{c} \leq 1$

- $\text{DE}_- = \frac{M_-(\textcolor{red}{d})}{e^{2\pi\textcolor{red}{d}/h} - 1} \quad \textcolor{red}{d} > 0$

Truncation error :

- $\text{TE} = \mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{E}_{\alpha,\beta}(z_N)|)$

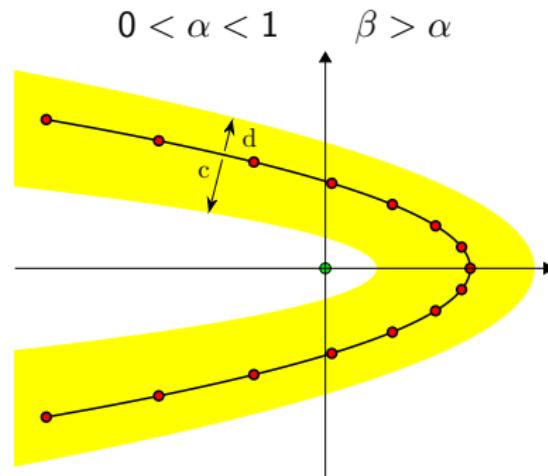


$$M_+(\textcolor{red}{c}) = \max_{0 < r \leq \textcolor{red}{c}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\mathcal{E}_{\alpha,\beta}(z(u+ir))| du$$

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Singularities of the LT of the ML

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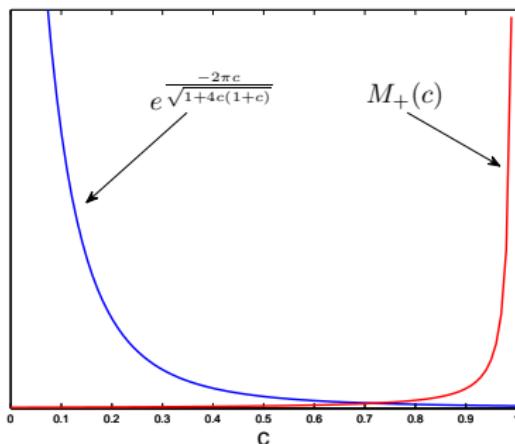
$$DE_+ = \frac{M_+(\textcolor{red}{c})}{e^{2\pi\textcolor{red}{c}/h} - 1} \quad \text{but} \quad M_+(\textcolor{red}{c}) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{when} \quad \textcolor{red}{c} \rightarrow 1$$

Error analysis for the ML function

$$DE_+ \approx DE_- \approx TE \approx \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Error} = M_+(c) e^{-2\pi c/h}$$

$$h = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4c(1+c)}}{N}$$



Balance $e^{-2\pi c/\sqrt{1+4c(1+c)}}$ and $M_+(c)$ to keep N at a low value⁹

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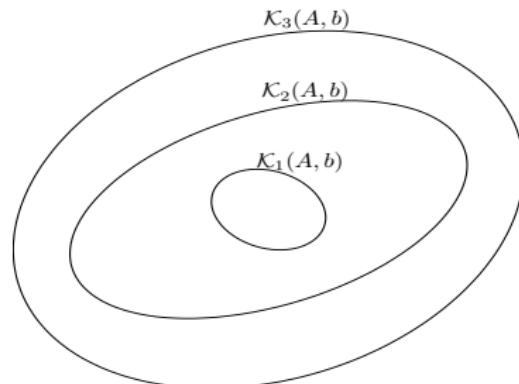
Krylov subspace methods

Originally devised to find the solution of

$$Ax = b$$

- Iterative methods
- Look for approximation $x_m \approx A^{-1}b$ in

$$\mathcal{K}_m(A, b) = \text{span}\{b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^{m-1}b\}$$



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① Construction of $\mathcal{K}_m(A, b)$

- Numerical instability with the basis $\{b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^{m-1}b\}$
- Need of orthogonal basis $v_i^T v_j = 0, i \neq j$

Arnoldi or Lanczos algorithm

$$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\} = \mathcal{K}_m(A, b)$$

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v1 = b / ||b||2
fork = 1, 2, ...
    Hi,k = vkT AT vi, i = 1, ..., k
    ĥk+1 = Avk - sumi=1k Hi,k vi
    Hk+1,k = ||ĥk+1||2
    vk+1 = ĥk+1 / Hk+1,k
end
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- Minimize the residual $r_m = \|b - Ax_m\|$
- Different norms
- GMRES, MINRES, FOM, CG, ...

Projections on Krylov subspaces

$$V_m^T A V_m = H_m \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

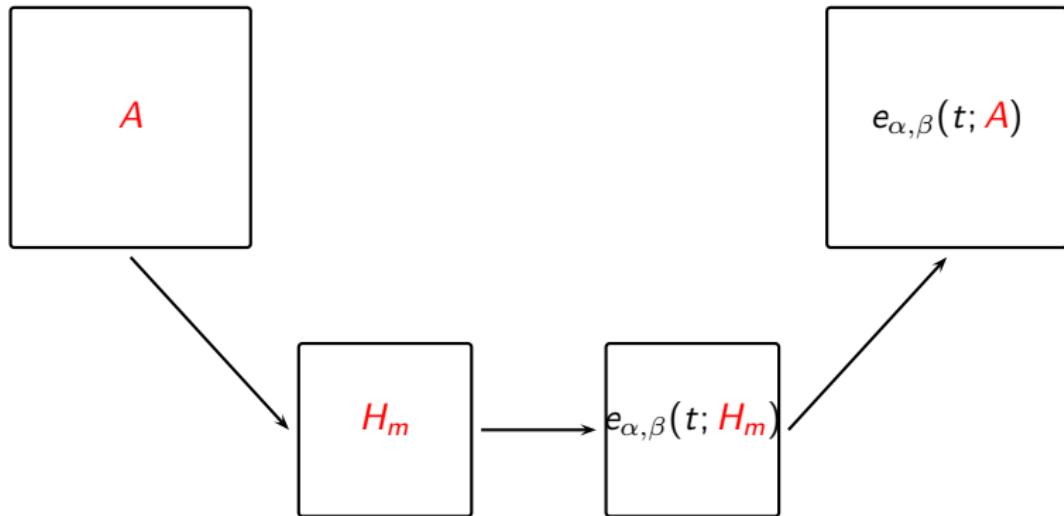
- $V_m = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}$ vectors of the basis $\mathcal{K}_m(A, b)$
- $V_m^T V_m = I \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$
- H_m is upper Hessenberg

$$\boxed{V_m^T} \cdot \boxed{A} \cdot \boxed{V_m} = \boxed{H_m}$$

Projections on Krylov subspaces

$$AV_m = V_m H_m + h_{m+1,m} v_{m+1} e_m^T$$

$$e_{\alpha,\beta}(t; A)b \approx V_m e_{\alpha,\beta}(t; H_m) V_m^T b = \|b\|_2 V_m e_{\alpha,\beta}(t; H_m) e_1$$



Krylov subspaces methods

Main features:

- ✓ Only matrix–vector products
- ✓ Exploit the sparsity of A
- ✓ Convergence in a finite number of steps
- ✓ Recent applications to the Mittag–Leffler function¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² ¹³

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Numerical test: 2D diffusion time-fractional equation

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial t^\alpha} u(t, x, y) = \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(t, x, y) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u(t, x, y) \right)$$

- ↪ 2D square domain : $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$
- ↪ Initial conditions : $u(0, x, y) = x(1 - x)y(1 - y)$
- ↪ Homogeneous boundary conditions : $u(t, x, y) = 0, \quad (x, y) \in \partial\Omega$

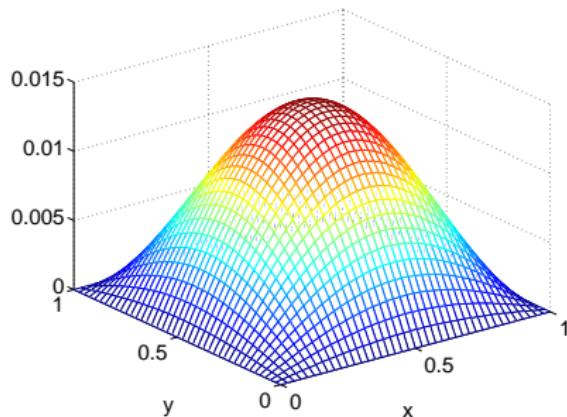
Spatial discretization - Equispaced grid on Ω :

$$\frac{d^\alpha}{dt^\alpha} U(t) = AU(t), \quad U(0) = U_0 \quad \implies \quad U(t) = e_{\alpha,1}(t; -A)U_0$$

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Time simulation at $t = 1$ for $\alpha = 0.7$ and $\nu = 0.1$

Numerical Solution



Difference with GL

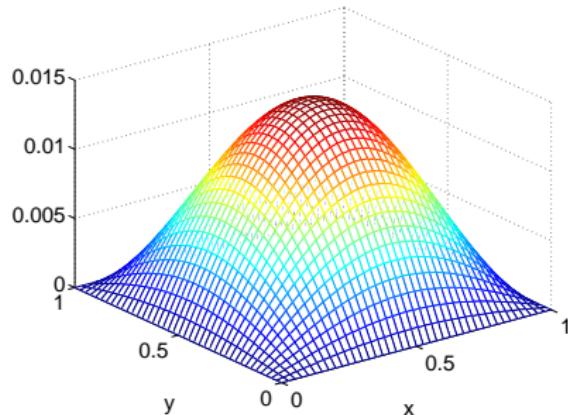
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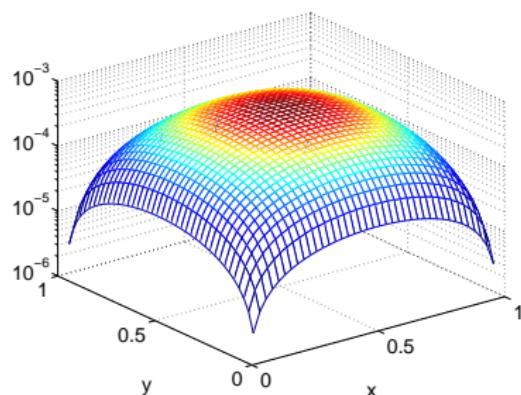
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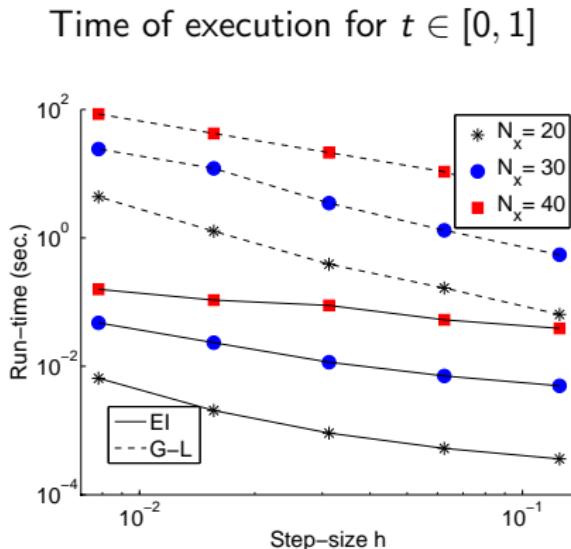
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$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial t^\alpha} u + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u = \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u + \frac{1}{2} u(u - \frac{1}{2})(u - 1)$$

- ↪ 1D domain : $\Omega = [0, 1]$
- ↪ Initial conditions : $u(0, x) = x(1 - x)$
- ↪ Boundary conditions : $u(t, 0) = 0, u(t, 1) = 0$

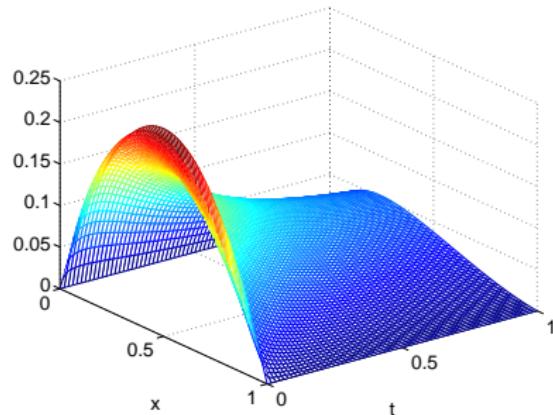
Spatial mesh-grid $N_x = 80$

$$\frac{d^\alpha}{dt^\alpha} U(t) = AU(t) + F(t, U(t)), \quad U(0) = U_0$$

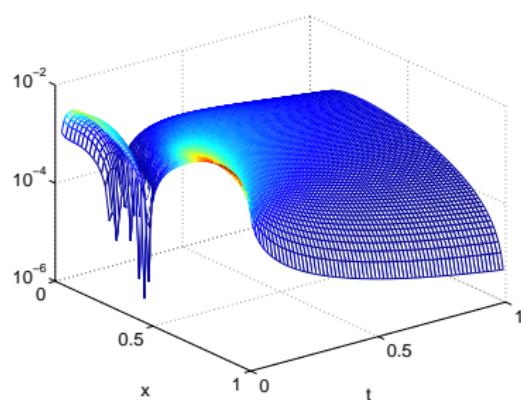
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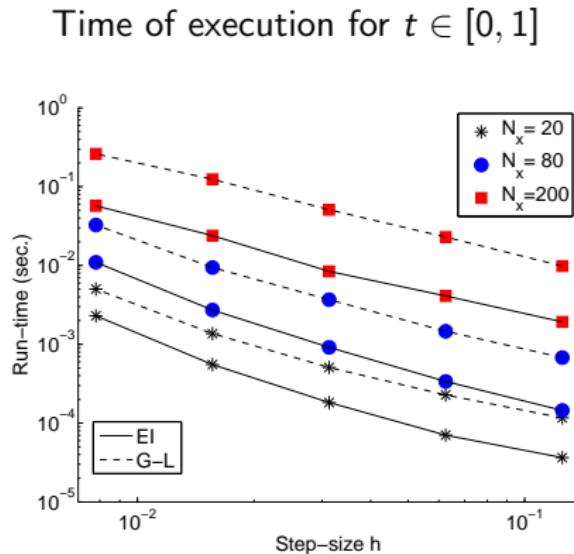
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Concluding remarks

- Exponential integrators seem to be promising for FPDEs
 - ▶ Good stability properties
 - ▶ Explicit schemes
 - ▶ Competitive computation with respect to classical methods
 - ▶ Higher accuracy for linear problems
- Open problems
 - ▶ Enhance the computation of the generalized ML functions
 - ▶ Efficient algorithms for the ML function with matrix arguments

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