

# Approximated infinite dimensional operators and their Spectral Analysis: the GLT analysis

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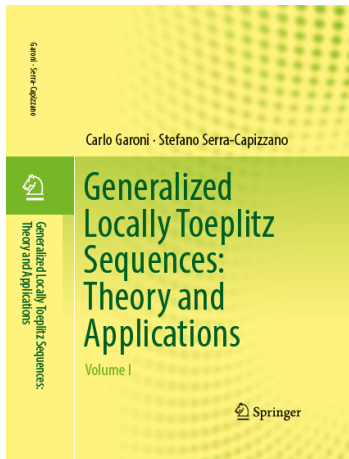
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# GLT Books: Vol. I ('17), II ('18), III, IV, V long BIT/ETNA papers ('20-'22), VI in preparation)



## From continuous to discrete

A continuous infinite-dimensional problem (PDEs, FDEs, IDEs etc) is transformed, via a suitable numerical approximation, into a linear (nonlinear) system of algebraic equations

- ▶ Structure inherited from the continuous counterpart
- ▶ Large dimensions (e.g.  $10^p$ ,  $p \geq 10$ )
- ▶ Spectral features described via a proper Symbol

**Goal:** solving the resulting linear system by **Optimal Methods** (operation count to obtain the solution of the same order of the matrix-vector multiplication)

**Goal:** understanding the spectral properties of the resulting matrices (Weyl formulas: **from discrete to continuous**; information for Engineers)

# From continuous to discrete

Linear PDE/FDE/IDE  $\mathcal{L}u = g$



Linear Numerical Method  $\rightarrow L_n \mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{g}_n$

- ▶  $\dim(L_n) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶  $\{L_n\}$  has an asymptotic **spectral distribution** described by a **spectral/sv symbol**

GLT sequences = a tool for computing spectral/sv symbols

GLT sequences = a tool for designing fast numer. methods

$\{L_n\}$  is usually a GLT sequence

## In the discrete case

- ▶ Large dimensions imply that direct solvers (Gaussian Elimination etc.) have to be avoided
- ▶ Iterative solvers: A) operation count per iteration of the same order of the matrix-vector multiplication B) the method is Optimal if the number of iterations  $\leq c(\epsilon)$ , with  $\epsilon$  desired precision.

Requirement B) depends on the spectrum of the involved matrices: it depends especially on the possibility of approximating the coefficient matrix in the ill-conditioned subspaces (i.e. associated to the eigenvectors with small eigenvalues).



For large classes of matrices coming from continuous problems, **the knowledge of the spectrum** is often compactly represented in a function, called the **symbol**, the GLT symbol: a wide generalization of the (local) Fourier Analysis, see e.g. T.Chan, H.Elman, SIREV 1989

# Main items

## Symbol for matrix sequences

1. Toeplitz, Diagonal structures and symbol
2. The GLT algebra and the notion of symbol
3. Approximation of Differential Operators

## Examples + (preconditioning, multigrid)

4. FEM of degree  $p$  in  $d$  dimensions
5. IgA of degree  $p$  in  $d$  dimensions
6. Approximation Q2Q1 of the Linear Elasticity
7. Curl-Div, Curl-Curl, Navier Stokes
8. FDEs and symbol approach
9. The symmetrization (next lecture)

# Collaborators

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- ▶ In blue consolidated collaborations on the themes of the talk;
- ▶ In green recently started collaborations (with the goal of variable-coeff. vector PDEs).



Elasticity, Navier-Stokes, MHD, evolution PDEs, FDEs ...

# The GLT components I: Toeplitz sequences

Let  $f \in L^1([-\pi, \pi])$  with Fourier coefficients

$$f_j = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) e^{-ij\theta} d\theta, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$T_n(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f_0 & f_{-1} & \cdots & \cdots & f_{-(n-1)} \\ f_1 & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & f_{-1} \\ f_{n-1} & \cdots & \cdots & f_1 & f_0 \end{pmatrix}$$



## The GLT components I: Toeplitz sequences

$$T_n(2 - 2 \cos(\theta)) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Its eigenvalues are a sampling of  $f(\theta) = 2 - 2 \cos(\theta)$ :

$$\lambda_j = 2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{j\pi}{n+1}\right), j = 1, \dots, n.$$

In general if  $f$  is real-valued a.e. then

$$\{T_n(f)\}_n \sim_\lambda f(\theta)$$

and

$$\{T_n(f)\}_n \sim_\sigma f(\theta).$$

The notions  $\sim_{\lambda, \sigma}$  generalize that of sampling: more precise definitions later on.

## The GLT components II: diagonal sampling matrices

Let  $a : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$D_n(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a(\frac{1}{n}) & & & \\ & a(\frac{2}{n}) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & a(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $D_n(a)$  are clearly the samplings of  $a(x)$  on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\{D_n(a)\}_n \sim_{\lambda, \sigma} a(x)$ .

# The GLT algebra: Toeplitz + Diagonal

GLT sequences = The algebra of matrix sequences containing  $\{D_n(a)\}$ ,  $a$  Riemann integrable,  $\{T_n(f)\}$ ,  $f$  Lebesgue integrable,  $\{X_n\}$  zero distributed sequences.

**GLT 1.** If  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa$  then  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\sigma} \kappa$ . If, moreover, the matrices  $A_n$  are Hermitian, then  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\lambda} \kappa$ .

**GLT 2.** If  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa$  and  $A_n = X_n + Y_n$ , where

- ▶  $\|X_n\|, \|Y_n\| \leq C$  for some constant  $C$  independent of  $n$ ,
- ▶ every  $X_n$  is Hermitian,
- ▶  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|Y_n\|_1}{n} = 0$ ,

then  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\lambda} \kappa$ .

**GLT 3.** We have

- ▶  $\{T_n(f)\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa(x, \theta) = f(\theta)$  if  $f \in L^1(-\pi, \pi)$ ,
- ▶  $\{D_n(a)\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa(x, \theta) = a(x)$  if  $a \in C_{\text{a.e.}}[0, 1]$ ,
- ▶  $\{Z_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa(x, \theta) = 0$  if and only if  $\{Z_n\}_n \sim_{\sigma} 0$ .

**GLT 4.** If  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa$  then  $\{A_n^*\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \bar{\kappa}$ .

## The GLT algebra: Toeplitz + Diagonal

- GLT 5.** If  $A_n = \alpha_1 A_n^{(1)} + \alpha_2 A_n^{(2)}$ , with  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\{A_n^{(i)}\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa = \alpha_1 \kappa_1 + \alpha_2 \kappa_2$ . If  $A_n = A_n^{(1)} A_n^{(2)}$ , with  $\{A_n^{(i)}\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$ .
- GLT 6.** If  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa$  and  $\kappa \neq 0$  a.e., then  $\{A_n^\dagger\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa^{-1}$ .
- GLT 7.** If  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa$  and each  $A_n$  is Hermitian, then  $\{f(A_n)\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} f(\kappa)$  for every continuous function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .
- GLT 8.**  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa$  if and only if there exist GLT sequences  $\{B_{n,m}\}_n \sim_{\text{GLT}} \kappa_m$  such that  $\{B_{n,m}\}_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.c.s.}} \{A_n\}_n$  and  $\kappa_m \rightarrow \kappa$  in measure over  $[0, 1] \times [-\pi, \pi]$ .

# The GLT idea: Toeplitz + Diagonal

As an example (not academical!)

- ▶  $A_n = D_n(a_1)T_n(f_1) + T_n(f_2)X_n + Y_n$ , with  $\{X_n\}$ ,  $\{Y_n\}$  zero distributed sequences
- ▶  $\{A_n\}$  has singular values approximated by an equispaced sampling of  $|\psi(x, \theta)|$ ,  $\psi(x, \theta) = a_1(x)f_1(\theta)$
- ▶ If  $\{A_n\}$  is quasi-Hermitian, then  $\{A_n\}$  has eigenvalues approximated by an equispaced sampling of  $\psi(x, \theta)$

## A GLT example: Toeplitz + Diagonal

$$\mathcal{L}_a(u) = -\left(a(x)u'\right)' \quad [\text{rod with variable section}].$$

$$K_n = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & -a_{3/2} & & & \\ -a_{3/2} & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -a_{n-1/2} & d_n \\ & & & & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$T_n(2-2\cos(\theta)), \quad D_n(a) = \text{diag}(a(jh)), \quad d_j = a_{j-1/2} + a_{j+1/2}, \quad h = \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} K_n &= D_n(a)T_n(2-2\cos(\theta)) + A_n, \quad \|A_n\| \rightarrow 0, \\ \psi(x, \theta) &= a(x)(2-2\cos(\theta)). \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $K_n$  are a sampling of  $\psi(x, \theta)$ : **this is a GLT result** using items GLT 3., GLT 5., GLT 1.

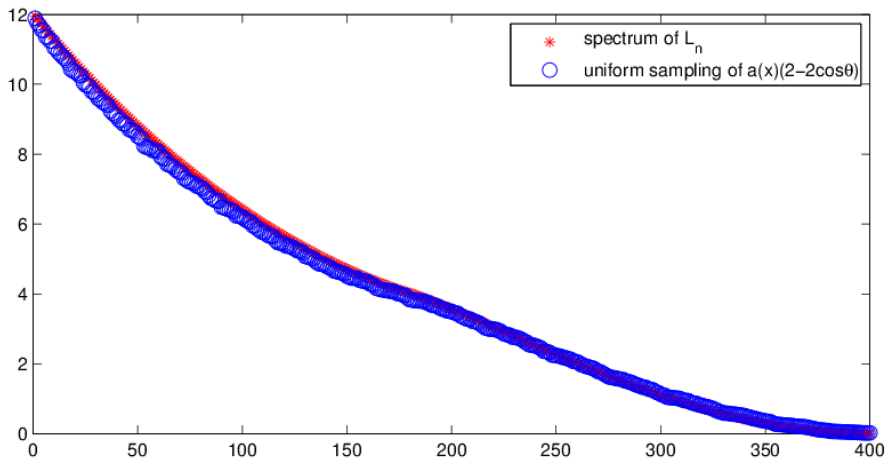


Figure:  $a(x) = 2 + \cos(3x)$ ,  $n = 400$ . The error on each eigenvalue is of order  $n^{-1}$ : can we do better?

# Asymptotic Expansion for Banded Symmetric Toeplitz Matrices (....toward matrix-less eigensolvers)

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_j(T_n(f)) &= f(\theta_{j,n}) + E_{j,n} \\ &= f(\theta_{j,n}) + \sum_{k=1}^{\alpha} c_k(\theta_{j,n}) h^k + E_{j,n,\alpha} \\ \theta_{j,n} &= \frac{j\pi}{n+1}, \quad f \text{ monotone}\end{aligned}$$

- 1) The same applies to preconditioned structures  $\mathcal{P}_n(f, g) = T_n^{-1}(g) T_n(f)$ , with  $g$  nonnegative not identically zero, and  $r = f/g$  (new GLT symbol) monotone;
- 2) The same applies to structures of the form  $M_n^{-1} K_n$ ,  $M_n$  mass matrix,  $K_n$  stiffness matrix (also in the variable coefficient case, Ekström's intuition (lgA, FEM)).



# Extrapolation Algorithm

We can compute a high precision approximation of  $\lambda_j(T_n(f))$  with the following extrapolation algorithm:

- ▶ choose  $m$  smaller matrices, such that  $j_i h_i = jh, i = 1, \dots, m$ ;
- ▶ compute the eigenvalues  $\lambda_{j_1}(T_{n_1}(f)), \dots, \lambda_{j_m}(T_{n_m}(f))$  using a standard eigensolver;
- ▶ compute the errors  $E_{j_i, n_i, 0} = \lambda_{j_i}(T_{n_i}(f)) - f(\bar{\theta})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , where  $\bar{\theta} = \theta_{j, n} = j\pi h$ ;
- ▶ compute  $p(h)$ , where  $p(\cdot)$  is the interpolation polynomial for the data  $(h_i, E_{j_i, n_i, 0}/h_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , plus  $(0, f(\bar{\theta}))$ ;
- ▶ return  $f(\bar{\theta}) + hp(h)$ .

# Numerics

$$f(\theta) = 2 - \cos(\theta) - \cos(3\theta)$$

$$\bar{\theta} = \pi/10$$

$m$	Error	$ \lambda_j(T_n(f)) - f(\bar{\theta}) - hp(h) , n = 10^6$
1		$7.61 \cdot 10^{-6}$
2		$2.94 \cdot 10^{-7}$
3		$8.76 \cdot 10^{-9}$
4		$2.13 \cdot 10^{-10}$
5		$8.27 \cdot 10^{-12}$

# The GLT glasses: a variable-coefficient-operative version of the Local Fourier Analysis

- a.1) Local methods (including FDs, FEs, IgA, FVs, VEMs) for approximating PDEs, IEs lead to GLT sequences, possibly after proper permutations
- a.2) No limitations on variable coefficients and on domains (grids should have some structure at least asymptotically)
- a.3) Information on the symbol leads to information on ill-conditioning, on the size of the ill-conditioned subspaces, on the nature of the ill-conditioned subspaces (low frequencies, high frequencies etc)

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- b.1) We exploit the symbol for understanding the reason of difficulties of known techniques, w.r.t. finess parameters, problem parameters, approximation parameters
- b.2) We exploit the symbol for designing new iterative solvers, new preconditioners or smoothers or prolongation operators, aiming at optimality and robustness

## Spectral Distribution: the qualitative idea

- ▶  $M_m(\mathbb{C})$  complex matrices of order  $m$ ,
- ▶  $\{A_n\}$ ,  $A_n \in M_{d_n}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $d_n < d_{n+1}$ ,
- ▶  $\psi$  measurable on  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^g$ ,  $g \geq 1$ ,
- ▶  $\psi$  being  $M_s(\mathbb{C})$ -valued,  $s \geq 1$ ,
- ▶  $0 < \mu\{D\} < \infty$ ,  $\mu\{\cdot\}$  can be the Lebesgue measure,

$$\{A_n\}_n \sim_\lambda (\psi, D).$$

*Informal meaning:  $s = 1$ .* If  $\psi$  is continuous, then a suitable ordering of the eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_j(A_n)\}$ , in correspondence with a equispaced gridding on  $D$ , reconstructs approximately the surface  $t \rightarrow \psi(t)$ .

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## Spectral Distribution: the definition

$F \in C_0$  (continuous with compact support):

$$\Sigma_\lambda(F, A_n) = \frac{1}{d_n} \sum_{j=1}^{d_n} F[\lambda_j(A_n)].$$

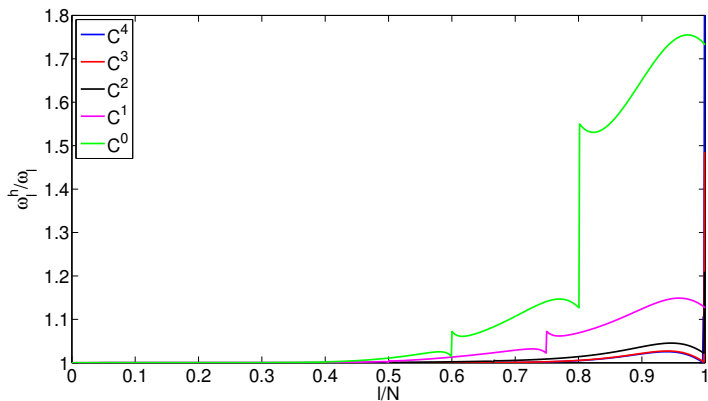
### Definition

We write  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_\lambda (\psi, D)$  if  $\forall F \in C_0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Sigma_\lambda(F, A_n) = \frac{1}{s\mu\{D\}} \int_D \text{trace}(F(\psi(t))) dt.$$

Moreover, we write  $\{A_n\}_n \sim_\sigma (\psi, D)$  replacing  $\lambda_j(A_n)$  by  $\sigma_j(A_n)$  (singular values) in  $\Sigma_\sigma(F, A_n)$  in place of  $\Sigma_\lambda(F, A_n)$  and replacing  $\psi(t)$  by  $|\psi(t)|$  in the integral. If  $s > 1$  then  $|\psi(t)| = (\psi^*(t)\psi(t))^{1/2}$ .

Comparison IgA-FEM (and furthermore the case of intermediate regularity):  $C^0 \rightarrow \text{FEM} \rightarrow s = p^d$ ,  
 $C^{p-1} \rightarrow \text{IgA} \rightarrow s = 1$ ,  $C^k \rightarrow \text{interm. regularity} \rightarrow s = (p - k)^d$  (figure by A. Reali)



## Toeplitz sequences generated by a symbol:

$\{T_n(f)\}_n \sim_\lambda (f, I_d)$  if  $f = f^*$

- ▶  $s, d$  positive integers,  $\mathbf{i}^2 = -1$ ;
- ▶  $f \in L^1(I_d, M_s(\mathbb{C}))$ ,  $I_d = (-\pi, \pi)^d$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ ;
- ▶  $f_j = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{I_d} f(s) e^{-\mathbf{i}j \cdot s} ds$ ,  $f_j \in M_s(\mathbb{C})$ .

For  $d = 1$  the matrix  $T_n(f)$  has size  $ns$ :

$$T_n(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f_0 & f_{-1} & \cdots & f_{1-n} \\ f_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & f_{-1} \\ f_{n-1} & \cdots & f_1 & f_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $d > 1$  we have a recursive formula.



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For  $d > 1$ , the  $d$ -level Toeplitz matrix  $T_n(f)$  has order  $Ns$ ,  $N = \prod n_j$ ,  $n = (n_1, \dots, n_d)$ , and takes the form

$$T_n(f) = \begin{pmatrix} T_0 & T_{-1} & \cdots & T_{1-n_1} \\ T_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & T_{-1} \\ T_{n_1-1} & \cdots & T_1 & T_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$T_j$  being  $(d-1)$ -level Toeplitz matrix. If  $\otimes$  denotes the Kronecker product

$$T_n(f) = \sum_{|j| \leq n-1} J_n^{[j]}, \quad J_n^{[j]} = J_{n_1}^{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes J_{n_d}^{j_d} \otimes f_j,$$

with  $(J_m^r)_{s,t} = 1$  if  $s - t = r$  and 0 otherwise.

## FEM: of degree $p$ on a $d$ dimensional domain

We consider the Laplacian over  $[0, 1]^d$  and we denote by  $A_n^{(p)}$  the degree  $p$  FEM matrix on quadrilaterals.

- ▶ There exists a permutation matrix  $\Pi$  such that

$$\Pi A_n^{(p)} \Pi^T \approx T_n(f);$$

- ▶  $f$  is defined over  $I_d = (-\pi, \pi)^d$  and Hermitian matrix-valued with size  $p^d$  (any comment is redundant!);
- ▶ hence, the eigs of  $A_n^{(p)}$  are divided into  $p^d$  branches (of the same cardinality), each of them represented by a different real-valued eigenvalue of  $f$ :  $\lambda_1(f) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{p^d}$ ;
- ▶ the spreading of the spectrum, measured by the ratio

$$\frac{\max(\lambda_{p^d})}{\max(\lambda_1)},$$

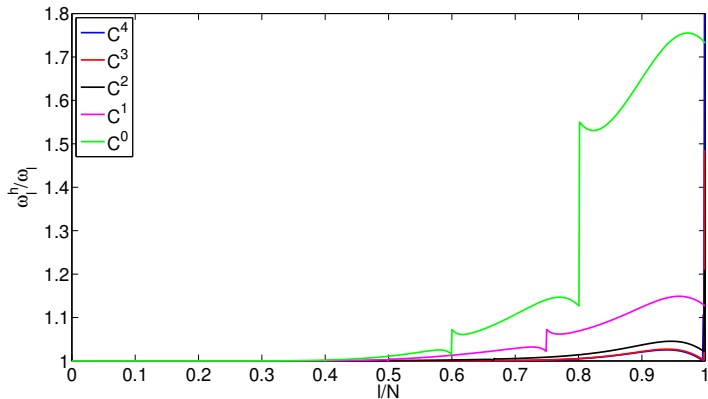
depends on the choice of the basis (Lagrange, integrated Legendre, Bernstein etc); not that of  $[M_n^{(p)}]^{-1} A_n^{(p)}$ .

## IgA: of degree $p$ on a $d$ dimensional domain

We consider the Laplacian over  $[0, 1]^d$  and we denote by  $A_n^{(p)}$  the spline-degree  $p$  IgA matrix.

- ▶ It holds  $A_n^{[p]} \approx T_n(f)$  so that  $\{A_n^{(p)}\}_n \sim_\lambda (f, I_d)$ ,  $I_d = (-\pi, \pi)^d$ ;
- ▶  $f$  is defined over  $I_d = (-\pi, \pi)^d$ , is scalar-valued, nonnegative with a unique zero at zero (as in the FD case: it is somehow the revenge of the smoothness);
- ▶ the function  $f$  tends exponentially to zero as  $p$  in every point of the type  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$  for which  $\theta_j = \pi$  for some  $j$ ;
- ▶ the latter property induces a bad conditioning in the high frequency subspace, growing exponentially with  $p$  and which is not expected for a differential problem: the knowledge of the symbol is an essential guide for finding the right preconditioner.

Comparison IgA-FEM (and furthermore the case of intermediate regularity): **the picture has a clear interpretation as the revenge of the smoothness**



# IgA, degree $p$ , $d$ dimensions: spectral distribution and classical multigrid

**Theorem**  $n^{d-2}A_n^{[p]} \approx T_n(f_p)$  and hence  $\{n^{d-2}A_n^{[p]}\}_n \sim_\lambda (f_p, I_d)$

$f_p$  has the expected zero of order 2 at zero, positive elsewhere but it collapses to zero exponentially with  $p$  at the boundaries of  $I_d = (-\pi, \pi)^d$ .

$n$	$p = 1$	$p = 3$	$p = 5$
16	0.16	0.64	0.96
28	0.17	0.64	0.96
40	0.18	0.64	0.96
52	0.18	0.65	0.96

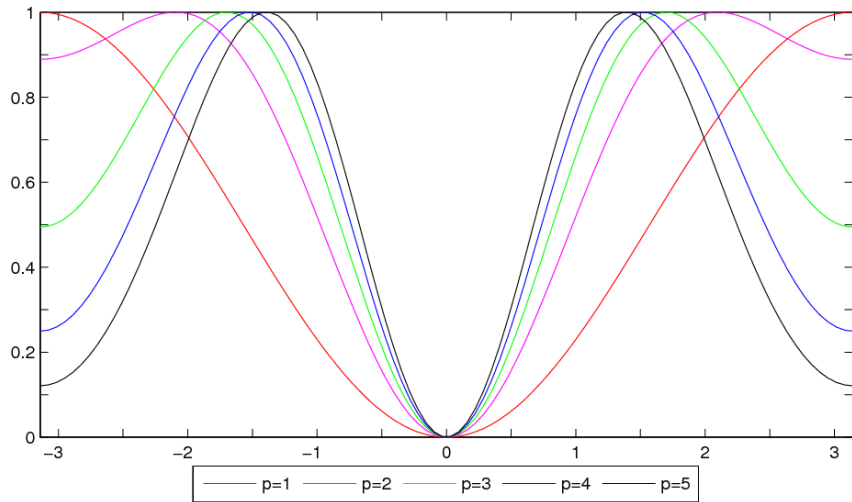
  

$n$	$p = 2$	$p = 4$	$p = 6$
17	0.27	0.88	0.99
29	0.27	0.88	0.99
41	0.29	0.88	0.99
53	0.30	0.88	0.99

Table: spectral radius: standard twogrid, 2D, relaxed GS as smoother

$\approx$  denotes equality up to matrix-sequences with zero symbol.

# The graph of $f_p$



IgA, degree  $p$ ,  $d$  dimensions: structured PCG/PGMRES and multigrid (const. coeff.... but the technique is equally effective for var. coeff. and singular mappings)

We consider the system  $nA_n^{[p]}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$  coming from the IgA approximation of

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = 1 & \text{in } (0, 1)^3 \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial(0, 1)^3 \end{cases}$$

For the solution: **V-cycle** and **W-cycle** multigrid

$n$	$p = 1$		$n$	$p = 3$		$n$	$p = 5$	
16	10	7	14	7	6	12	8	8
32	11	7	30	8	6	28	8	7
64	12	7	62	9	6	60	9	6
$n$	$p = 2$		$n$	$p = 4$		$n$	$p = 6$	
15	9	8	13	7	6	11	9	9
31	8	7	29	8	6	27	8	6
63	9	7	61	9	6	59	10	6

Table: number of iterations: 3D with structured PCG/PGMRES

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Only one (!) new ingredient in our fast V-cycle

- ▶ Standard restriction and prolongation operator;
- ▶ Standard smoother (GS) at coarse grids;
- ▶ V-cycle with PCG/PGMRES as smoother only at the finest grid;
- ▶ Preconditioner chosen by using the information contained in the symbol;
- ▶ The preconditioner has a very cheap tensor-banded structure



## Variable coefficients: symbol of the IgA matrix-sequences associated to a full elliptic Pb (a GLT sequence)

Full elliptic problem:

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot K \nabla u + \beta \cdot \nabla u + \gamma u = f & \text{on } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

**IgA approximation:** take a geometry map  $\mathbf{G} : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow \bar{\Omega}$  to transfer the problem from  $\Omega$  to  $[0, 1]^d$ ; on  $[0, 1]^d$  use again splines of deg.  $p$ .

$\mathcal{A}_n^{[p]}$  = resulting IgA approximation matrix

**Theorem**  $\{n^{d-2} \mathcal{A}_n^{[p]}\}_n$  matrix sequence belonging to the GLT algebra

$$\{n^{d-2} \mathcal{A}_n^{[p]}\} \sim_{\lambda} \mathbf{1} (|\det(J_{\mathbf{G}}(x_1, \dots, x_d))| K_{\mathbf{G}}(x_1, \dots, x_d) \circ H_p(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)) \mathbf{1}^T$$

$K_{\mathbf{G}} = (J_{\mathbf{G}})^{-1} K(\mathbf{G}) (J_{\mathbf{G}})^{-T}$ ,  $J_{\mathbf{G}}$  = Jacobian matrix of  $\mathbf{G}$

$H_p$  = symmetric  $d \times d$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$  entry represents the 'formula' used to approximate  $\partial^2 / \partial x_i \partial x_j$  (**pull-back idea**)

## Further Technical Insights

- \* The symbol can be recovered in the IgA Collocation/Galerkin setting with variable coefficient PDEs, general physical domain, general geometrical mapping (Bsplines, NURBS).
- \* The symbol can be recovered in the FEM setting with variable coefficient PDEs, general physical domain, general graded griddings.
- \* Concerning the numerical methods, the dimensionality  $d$  is not an issue and singular mappings are not an issue.
- \* We are now completing the analysis when the model space is given by GB.

# Conclusions

- ▶ In the case of constant coefficients PDEs the GLT approach and the Local Fourier Analysis lead to the same conclusions and to the same tools.
- ▶ The GLT tool has to be considered as an extension of the Local Fourier Analysis (for variable coefficients, irregular domains etc) and indeed the symbol analysis via GLT is more general and includes also integral problems, preconditioning, involved iteration matrices (PHSS), variable coefficients.
- ▶ **Future work:** Navier-Stokes and other vector problems to be considered, with the idea of using the spectral information and the symbol, in order to obtain faster and more robust (preconditioned) iterative solvers.

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# Symbol-based NLA for FDEs... and around it

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## Fractional Diffusion Equations (FDEs)

We are interested in the following initial-boundary value problem [1]

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} &= \int_1^2 \rho(\alpha) \frac{\partial^\alpha u(x,t)}{\partial |x|^\alpha} d\alpha + f(x,t), & (x,t) \in \Omega, \\ u(x,0) &= u_0(x), & x \in (a,b), \\ u(a,t) &= u(b,t) = 0, & t \in (0,T], \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where

- $\Omega = [a, b] \times [0, T]$ ,
- $\alpha \in (1, 2)$  is the fractional derivative order,
- $f(x, t)$  is the source term,
- $\rho(\alpha)$  is the kernel function and satisfies

$$\rho(\alpha) \geq 0, \quad 0 < \int_1^2 \rho(\alpha) c(\alpha) < \infty, \quad c(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2 \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})},$$

- $\frac{\partial^\alpha u(x,t)}{\partial |x|^\alpha}$  is the Riesz fractional derivative and defined as

## Fractional Diffusion Equations (FDEs)

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha u(x, t)}{\partial |x|^\alpha} = c(\alpha)({}_a D_x^\alpha u(x, t) + {}_x D_b^\alpha u(x, t)), \quad c(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{2 \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})} > 0.$$

The left-sided and right-sided Riemann-Liouville (RL) fractional derivatives  ${}_a D_x^\alpha u(x, t)$ ,  ${}_x D_b^\alpha u(x, t)$  are in turn defined as

$${}_a D_x^\alpha u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \int_a^x (x-y)^{1-\alpha} u(y, t) dy,$$

$${}_x D_b^\alpha u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \int_x^b (y-x)^{1-\alpha} u(y, t) dy,$$

with  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  being the gamma function.

## Fractional Diffusion Equations (FDEs)

In order to discretize the left and right RL fractional derivatives in space, we exploit the weighted and shifted Grünwald-Letnikov difference scheme given in [3], i.e.,

$${}_a D_x^\alpha u(x_i, t) = \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{q=0}^i \omega_q^{(\alpha)} u(x_{i-q+1}, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^2),$$
$${}_x D_b^\alpha u(x_i, t) = \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{q=0}^{n-i+1} \omega_q^{(\alpha)} u(x_{i+q-1}, t) + \mathcal{O}(h^2),$$

[11] Hao, Sun, Cao, *J. Comput. Phys.*, (2015)



## Fractional Diffusion Equations (FDEs)

where

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_0^{(\alpha)} &= \gamma_1(\alpha)g_0^{(\alpha)}, \quad \omega_1^{(\alpha)} = \gamma_1(\alpha)g_1^{(\alpha)} + \gamma_0(\alpha)g_0^{(\alpha)}, \\ \omega_k^{(\alpha)} &= \gamma_1(\alpha)g_k^{(\alpha)} + \gamma_0(\alpha)g_{k-1}^{(\alpha)} + \gamma_{-1}(\alpha)g_{k-2}^{(\alpha)}, \quad k \geq 2,\end{aligned}$$

in which

$$\gamma_1(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2}{12}, \quad \gamma_0(\alpha) = \frac{4 - \alpha^2}{6}, \quad \gamma_{-1}(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 2}{12},$$

$$g_0^{(\alpha)} = 1, \quad g_{k+1}^{(\alpha)} = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha + 1}{k + 1}\right) g_k^{(\alpha)}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

## A discretization

Let  $L, m, n$  be positive integers,  $\Delta\alpha = \frac{1}{L}$  be the integration step size,  $\Delta t = \frac{T}{m}$  be the time step size,  $h = \frac{b-a}{n+1}$  be the spatial width, and consider the following partitions

$$\alpha_k = (k + 1/2)\Delta\alpha + 1, \quad k = 0, \dots, l - 1,$$

$$x_i = a + ih, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n + 1,$$

$$t_j = j\Delta t, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, m.$$

- 1 discretization in time by an central difference scheme +
- 2 discretization in space of the fractional derivatives by the weighted and shifted Grünwald-Letnikov difference scheme +
- 3 quadrature formula for the distributed order

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unconditionally stable method<sup>[1]</sup>.

[1] Abbaszadeh, *Appl. Math. Lett.*, 2019

## Matrix form of the discretized problem

$$(I - A_n)u^{j+1} = (I + A_n)u^j + \Delta t f^{j+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (1.2)$$

with

$$A_n = \frac{\Delta t \Delta \alpha}{2} \sum_{k=1}^L \frac{\rho(\alpha_k) c(\alpha_k)}{h^{\alpha_k}} A_n(\alpha_k), \quad (1.3)$$

- $u^j = (u_1^j, u_2^j, \dots, u_n^j)^T$  with  $u_i^j \approx u(x_i, t_j)$ ,
- $f^{j+\frac{1}{2}} = (f_1^{j+\frac{1}{2}}, f_2^{j+\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, f_n^{j+\frac{1}{2}})^T$  with  $f_i^{j+\frac{1}{2}} = f(x_i, t_{j+\frac{1}{2}})$ ,
- $I$  denoting the identity of size  $n$ .
- Non-distributed problems: spectral analysis, multigrid, preconditioning. [6, 7, 2] (Barakitis, Donatelli, Ekström, Mazza, Vassalos).

## Matrix form of the discretized problem

$$A_n(\alpha_k) = \begin{bmatrix} 2\omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} + \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_3^{(\alpha_k)} & \dots & \omega_{n-1}^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_n^{(\alpha_k)} \\ \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} + \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & 2\omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} + \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_3^{(\alpha_k)} & \dots & \omega_{n-1}^{(\alpha_k)} \\ \vdots & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} + \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & 2\omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \omega_3^{(\alpha_k)} \\ \omega_{n-1}^{(\alpha_k)} & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 2\omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} + \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} \\ \omega_n^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_{n-1}^{(\alpha_k)} & \dots & \dots & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} + \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & 2\omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Matrix form of the discretized problem

Equivalently  $A_n(\alpha_k) = A_{\alpha_k, n} + A_{\alpha_k, n}^T$ , where

$$A_{\alpha_k, n} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \omega_{n-1}^{(\alpha_k)} & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_0^{(\alpha_k)} \\ \omega_n^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_{n-1}^{(\alpha_k)} & \dots & \dots & \omega_2^{(\alpha_k)} & \omega_1^{(\alpha_k)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is clear that  $A_n(\alpha_k)$  is a symmetric Toeplitz matrix. We rewrite the linear system in (1.2) as

$$M_n u^{j+1} = b^j, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $A_n$  is as in (1.3) and

$$M_n = I - A_n, \quad b^j = (I + A_n) u^j + \Delta t f^{j+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

## Preliminaries: generating function vs symbol

## Definition

Let  $f \in L^1([-\pi, \pi])$  and let  $\{f_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be the sequence of its Fourier coefficients defined as

$$f_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) e^{-ik\theta} d\theta, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then the matrix-sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $T_n = [f_{i-j}]_{i,j=1}^n$  is called the sequence of Toeplitz matrices generated by  $f$ , which in turn is called the **generating function** of  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $T_n$  is denoted by  $T_n(f)$ .

## Preliminaries: spectral distribution

## Definition (of the Spectral Symbol)

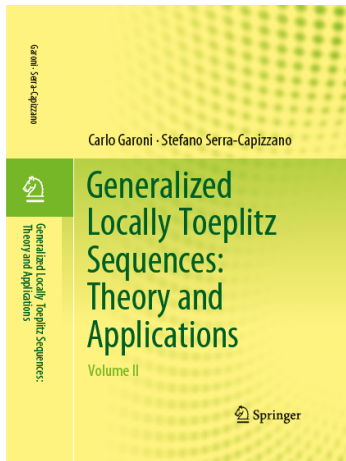
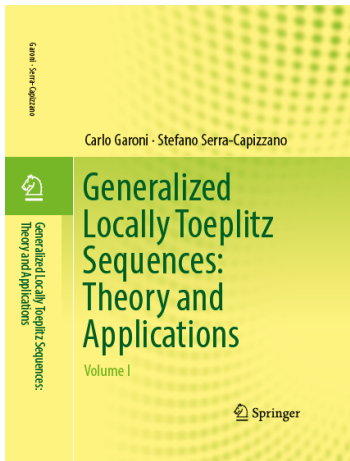
Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a measurable function, defined on  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\mathcal{C}_0(\mathbb{C})$  be the set of continuous functions with compact support over  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_n$  be a sequence of matrices of size  $n$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_j(\mathcal{A}_n)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . We say that  $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_n$  is **distributed as the pair  $(f, [a, b])$  in the sense of the eigenvalues**, and we write

$$\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_n \sim_\lambda (f, [a, b]),$$

if the following limit relation holds for all  $F \in \mathcal{C}_0(\mathbb{C})$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n F(\lambda_j(\mathcal{A}_n)) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b F(f(t)) dt.$$

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Generating function and spectral distribution of  $\{A_{\alpha,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ 

Recall the coefficient matrix

$$A_n = \frac{\Delta t \Delta \alpha}{2} \sum_{k=1}^L \frac{\rho(\alpha_k) c(\alpha_k)}{h^{\alpha_k}} A_n(\alpha_k),$$

with  $A_n(\alpha_k) = A_{\alpha_k, n} + A_{\alpha_k, n}^T$ .

### Proposition

Let  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ . The generating function associated to the Toeplitz matrix-sequence  $\{A_{\alpha, n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is given by

$$f_\alpha(\theta) = \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} \omega_{k+1}^{(\alpha)} e^{ik\theta} = \left[ \frac{8 - 2\alpha^2 + (\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2)e^{-i\theta} + (\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 2)e^{i\theta}}{12} \right] (1 + e^{i(\theta+\pi)})^\alpha.$$

Generating function and spectral distribution of  $\{A_{\alpha,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ 

## Corollary

Let  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ . The generating function associated to the Toeplitz matrix-sequence  $\{A_n(\alpha) = A_{\alpha,n} + A_{\alpha,n}^T\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is given by

$$g_\alpha(\theta) = f_\alpha(\theta) + f_\alpha(-\theta).$$

## Corollary

Let  $A_n$  be the matrix defined in (1.3) and assume that  $h^{\Delta\alpha} = o(1)$ . Then,

$$\left\{ \frac{h^{\alpha_L}}{\Delta t \Delta \alpha} A_n \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sim_\lambda (c_L g_{\alpha_L}(\theta), [0, \pi]), \quad \text{where } c_L = \frac{\rho(\alpha_L) c(\alpha_L)}{2}.$$

Symbol and spectral distribution of  $\{A_{\alpha,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ 

Similarly, for the matrix  $M_n$ , we prove the following spectral result.

## Corollary

For the matrix  $M_n$  defined as in (1.4), when  $h^{\alpha_L} = o(\Delta t \Delta \alpha)$  and  $h^{\Delta \alpha} = o(1)$  it holds

$$\left\{ \frac{h^{\alpha_L}}{\Delta t \Delta \alpha} M_n \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sim_{\lambda} (-c_L g_{\alpha_L}(\theta), [0, \pi]), \quad \text{where} \quad c_L = \frac{\rho(\alpha_L) c(\alpha_L)}{2}.$$

Conditioning and extremal spectral behavior in [4,5,13].

[4] Bogoya, Grudsy, Mazza, SSC, LAMA, 2023; [5] Bogoya, Mazza, SSC, Tablino-Possio BIT, 2022; [13] Mazza, SSC, Usman, ETNA, 2021

## Conjugate gradient method

Due to the symmetric positive definite nature of the coefficient matrices, we opt for the preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG) method and we compare the performances of our proposal with a Strang circulant alternative given in literature [12]. We propose the following two preconditioners (see also [2, 6, 7])

- Laplacian style preconditioner,
- generic  $\tau$ -preconditioner.

[2] Barakitis, Ekström, Vassalos, *NLAA*, (2022); [6,7] Donatelli, Mazza, Serra-Capizzano, *JCP*, (2016), *SISC*, (2018), [12] Huang, Fang, Sun, Zhang, *LAMA*, 2020

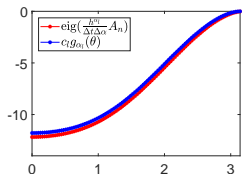
## Numerical Example

Under mild conditions on  $h^{\alpha_L}$ ,  $\Delta t$ ,  $\Delta \alpha$ , we prove

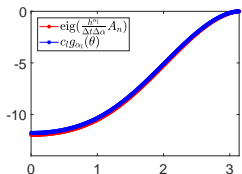
$$\{A_n(\alpha_L)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sim_{\lambda} (g_{\alpha_L}(\theta), [0, \pi]),$$

$$\left\{ \frac{h^{\alpha_L}}{\Delta t \Delta \alpha} A_n \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sim_{\lambda} (c_L g_{\alpha_L}(\theta), [0, \pi]), \text{ where } c_L = \frac{\rho(\alpha_L) c(\alpha_L)}{2}.$$

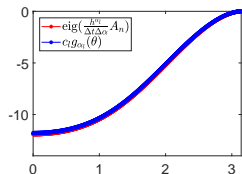
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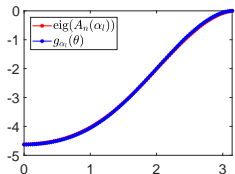
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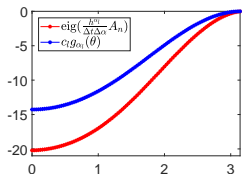
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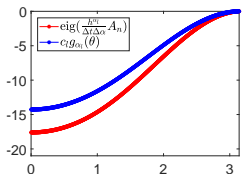
(d)  $n = 100$

**Figure:** (a)–(c) Comparison between the symbol  $c_L g_{\alpha_L}(\theta)$  and  $\text{eig}(\frac{h^{\alpha_L}}{\Delta t \Delta \alpha} A_n)$  for  $L = 2$  and  $n = 100, 500, 1000$ . (d) Comparison between the symbol  $g_{\alpha_L}(\theta)$  and  $\text{eig}(A_n(\alpha_L))$  for  $L = 2$  and  $n = 100$ .

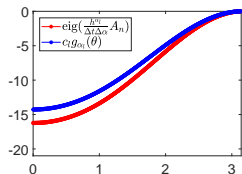
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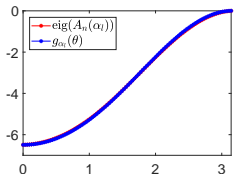
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(c)  $n = 10000$



(d)  $n = 100$

**Figure:** (a)–(c) Comparison between the symbol  $c_L g_{\alpha_L}(\theta)$  and  $\text{eig}(\frac{h^{\alpha_L}}{\Delta t \Delta \alpha} A_n)$  for  $L = 5$ , and  $n = 100, 1000, 10000$ . (d) Comparison between the  $g_{\alpha_L}(\theta)$  and  $\text{eig}(A_n(\alpha_L))$  for  $L = 5$  and  $n = 100$ .

## Numerical Example

We now discuss the performances of the PCG method when applied to the following example taken from [12]: assume that in problem equation (1.1) we set

$$u(x, 0) = x^2(1 - x)^2, \quad \rho(\alpha) = -2\Gamma(5 - \alpha) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, t) &= e^t x^2(1 - x)^2 - \int_1^2 \rho(\alpha) \frac{\partial^\alpha u(x, t)}{\partial |x|^\alpha} d\alpha \\ &= e^t x^2(1 - x)^2 - e^t [f_1(x) + f_1(1 - x)], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= \Gamma(5) \frac{1}{\ln x} (x^3 - x^2) - 2\Gamma(4) \left[ \frac{1}{\ln x} (3x^2 - 2x) - \frac{1}{(\ln x)^2} (x^2 - x) \right] \\ &\quad + \Gamma(3) \frac{1}{\ln x} \left[ 6x - 2 - \frac{5x}{\ln x} + \frac{3}{\ln x} + \frac{2x}{(\ln x)^2} - \frac{2}{(\ln x)^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$



## Numerical Example

The exact solution for this problem is

$$u(x, t) = e^t x^2 (1 - x)^2, \text{ and } (x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1].$$

As stopping criterion for the PCG method we consider

$$\frac{\|r^{(k)}\|_2}{\|r^{(0)}\|_2} < 10^{-8},$$

where  $r^{(k)}$  represents the residual vector after  $k$  iterations. In all tables, by “Iter” we mean the average number of iterations after 10 time-steps and by “CPU” the corresponding average timings in seconds.

## Numerical Example

$n = m$	Strang circulant		$\tau$ preconditioner		Laplacian		$E_2(h)$
	Iter	CPU(s)	Iter	CPU(s)	Iter	CPU(s)	
$2^4$	4.0	0.0000	4.0	0.0003	7.2	0.0001	1.37e-3
$2^5$	4.0	0.0000	4.0	0.0003	8.1	0.0001	3.49e-4
$2^6$	4.0	0.0001	4.0	0.0004	7.2	0.0002	8.66e-5
$2^7$	4.0	0.0003	4.0	0.0007	7.1	0.0006	2.13e-5
$2^8$	4.0	0.0007	4.0	0.0012	7.1	0.0011	5.23e-6
$2^9$	4.0	0.0059	4.0	0.0066	7.2	0.0077	1.28e-6
$2^{10}$	4.0	0.0166	3.8	0.0180	7.3	0.0284	3.15e-7
$2^{11}$	3.9	0.0608	3.0	0.0484	7.1	0.1067	7.76e-8
$2^{12}$	3.7	0.2322	3.1	0.1924	7.1	0.4326	1.92e-8

**Table:** PCG method performances with three different preconditioners.  
Here  $L = 5$ .

## Numerical Example

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$2^8$	4.0	0.0006	4.0	0.0013	7.1	0.0008	5.23e-6
$2^9$	4.0	0.0052	4.0	0.0065	7.1	0.0078	1.28e-6
$2^{10}$	4.0	0.0168	4.0	0.0189	6.7	0.0271	3.15e-7
$2^{11}$	4.0	0.0631	3.1	0.0500	6.1	0.0918	7.76e-8
$2^{12}$	4.0	0.2516	3.1	0.1984	5.1	0.3097	1.92e-8

**Table:** PCG method performances with three different preconditioners.  
Here  $L = n$ .

## Conclusions

- Asymptotic eigenvalue/singular value distribution for constant coefficient FDEs.
- Analysis of known preconditioned Krylov methods.
- Two new preconditioning (Laplacian style preconditioning and generic  $\tau$ -preconditioning).

### Further steps

Adaptations of the same strategies work in the more challenging multilevel setting (for 2D or 3D problems, Mazza, SSC, Sormani, 23). More analysis is needed for different versions of the fractional operators such as the tempered derivatives. Furthermore, there are connections with the notions of the Toeplitz and GLT momentary symbols: see Bolten, [Ekström](#), Furci, SSC, *LAA*, 22 and *ETNA*, 23.



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Thank you for your attention  
(Q/A) ... second part: an  
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# Algebra preconditionings for 2D Riesz distributed-order space-fractional diffusion equations on convex domains

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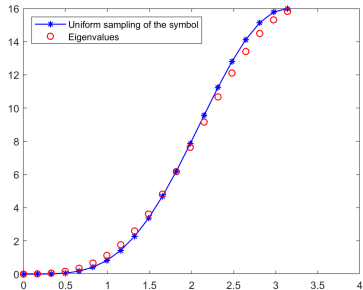
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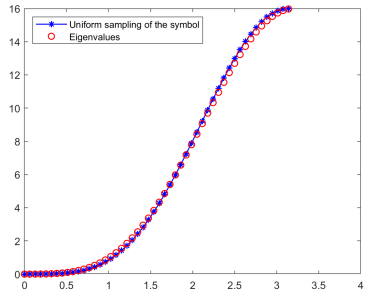
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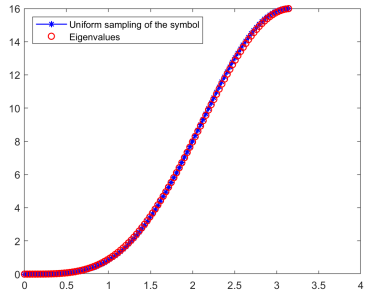
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GLT algebra  $\longrightarrow$  Symbols

$$\{A_N\}_N \longrightarrow F_a$$

is an **algebra homomorphism**



# PROBLEM SETTING AND DISCRETIZATION

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Consider the 2D distributed order space-fractional diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial u(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = \int_1^2 \left( \frac{\partial^\alpha u(x, y, t)}{\partial |x|^\alpha} + \frac{\partial^\alpha u(x, y, t)}{\partial |y|^\alpha} \right) \rho(\alpha) d\alpha + f(u, x, y, t),$$
$$(x, y) \in \Omega, t \in [0, T]$$

with initial and boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y), & (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ u(x, y, t) = 0, & (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega, t \in (0, T] \end{cases}$$

where  $\Omega$  is a convex region

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- Extra care needed for the boundary
- Difficult to implement
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## VOLUME-PENALIZATION METHOD

1. Embed the domain into a rectangle  $[a, b] \times [c, d] = \tilde{\Omega} \supseteq \Omega$
2. Extend the problem to  $\tilde{\Omega}$
3. Add a penalization term that dominates on  $\tilde{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$ , annihilating the solution

$$\frac{\partial u_\eta(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = \int_1^2 \left( \frac{\partial^\alpha u_\eta(x, y, t)}{\partial |x|^\alpha} + \frac{\partial^\alpha u_\eta(x, y, t)}{\partial |y|^\alpha} \right) \rho(\alpha) d\alpha + \tilde{f}(u_\eta, x, y, t) - \frac{1 - 1_\Omega(x, y)}{\eta} u_\eta(x, y, t), \quad (x, y) \in \tilde{\Omega}, t \in [0, T]$$

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where

- $\tilde{\Omega} = [a, b] \times [c, d] \supseteq \Omega$
- $\eta$  is the penalty parameter and  $u_\eta \xrightarrow{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} u$
- $1_\Omega$  is the characteristic function of  $\Omega$
- $\tilde{f}, \tilde{u}_0$  are zero extensions for  $f, u_0$

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## COEFFICIENT MATRIX

$$M_N = L_N + D_N, \quad M_N \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}, N = n_1 n_2$$

- $L_N$  corresponds to the **original problem** and is a 2-level Toeplitz

$$L_N = I_N - I_{n_2} \otimes B_{n_1}^x - B_{n_2}^y \otimes I_{n_1}$$

- $D_N$  corresponds to the added **penalization term** and is diagonal

$$D_N = \text{diag} [d_{i,j}]_{\substack{i=1,\dots,n_1 \\ j=1,\dots,n_2}} \quad d_{i,j} \neq 0 \iff (x_i, y_j) \in \tilde{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$$

- $M_N$  is symmetric and positive definite

# GLT SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

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To compute the symbol of

$$\begin{aligned}M_N &= I_N - I_{n_2} \otimes B_{n_1}^x - B_{n_2}^y \otimes I_{n_1} + D_N \\ &= I_N - A_N^x - A_N^y + D_N\end{aligned}$$

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## Theorem

With suitable hypothesis on the parameters,

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Comparison between the symbol  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha(x, y, \theta_1, \theta_2)$  and  $\text{eig}(t_x M_N)$

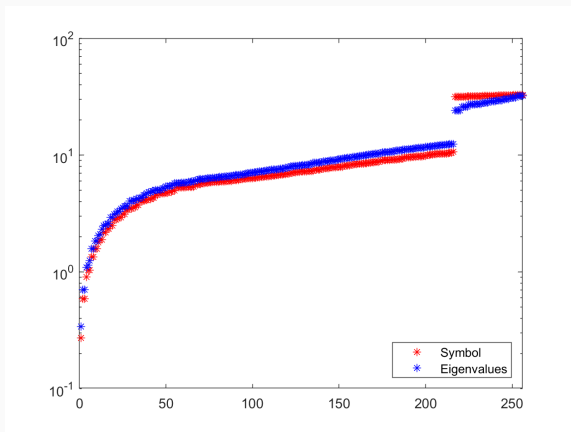


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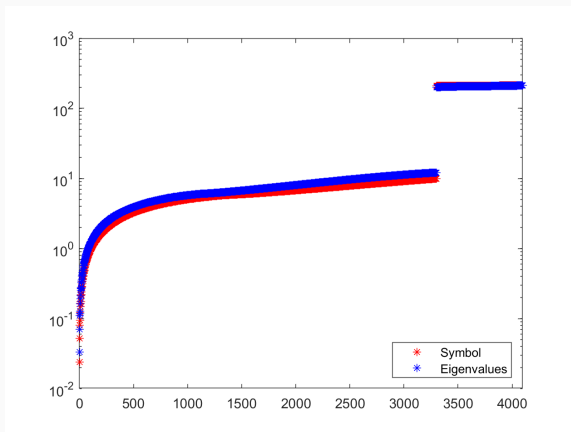


Figure 2:  $\eta = 10^{-6}$ ,  $n_1 = n_2 = 2^6$

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# NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

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- Worse matching of small eigenvalues

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$n_1 = n_2$	PCG			
	$\mathcal{S}_N$		$\mathcal{T}_N$	
	Iter	CPU	Iter	CPU
$2^7$	18.90	0.0708	5.10	0.0313
$2^8$	22.90	0.2479	5.10	0.0983
$2^9$	29.90	1.9227	5.20	0.4682
$2^{10}$	35.50	7.6379	5.80	1.9621

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$2^9$	27.20	1.9674	7.00	0.8897
$2^{10}$	32.80	9.3339	6.20	3.5411

$$\underline{\mathcal{S}_N, \mathcal{T}_N}$$

- Symbol does not balance the large outliers due to  $D_N$

$$\underline{\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{split}}, \mathcal{T}_N^{\text{split}}}$$

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Table 2:  $\eta = 10^{-3}$

	PCG		GMRES	
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	Iter	Iter	Iter	Iter
$n_1 = n_2$				
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$$\underline{\mathcal{S}_N, \mathcal{T}_N}$$

- Symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  PCG can be used
- 2 fast transforms less

$$\underline{\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{split}}, \mathcal{T}_N^{\text{split}}}$$

- Non-symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  Resort to GMRES
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$2^9$	1.5727	0.5657	1.9032	0.9314
$2^{10}$	8.7480	2.5431	9.9982	3.9584



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