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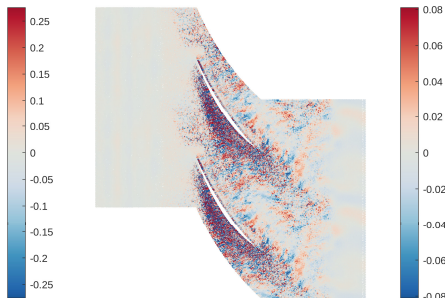
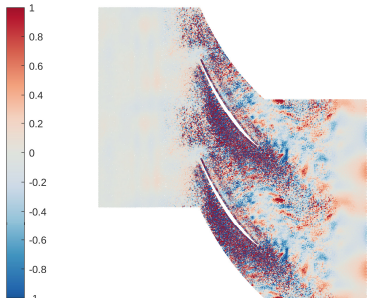
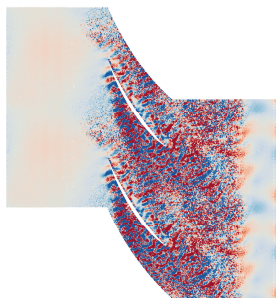
## A foundational framework for Numerical meets Data Analysis

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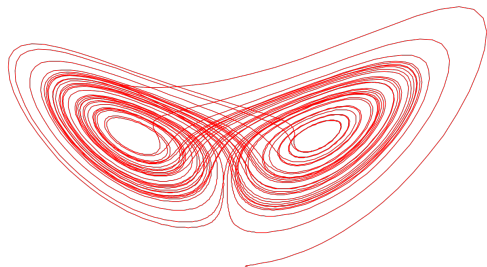
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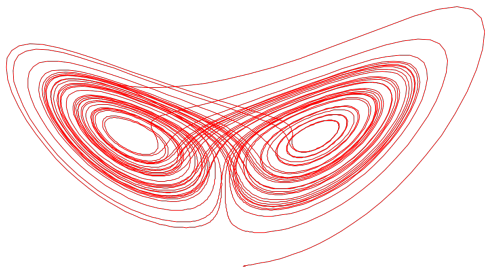
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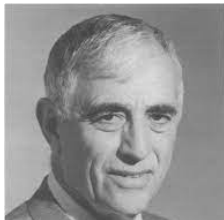
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## Immediate difficulties:

- $F$  is **unknown**
- $F$  is typically **nonlinear**
- system could be **chaotic**

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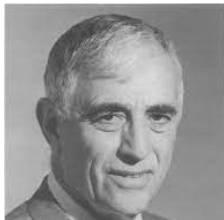
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**Part 1:** Computing residuals and spectra.

**General** Koopman operators.

Work in  $L^2(\Omega, \omega)$  with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

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**Solution:**  $K_{\text{EDMD}} = (\Psi_X^* W \Psi_X)^\dagger (\Psi_X^* W \Psi_Y)$  ( $W = \text{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_M)$ )

**Large data limit:**  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} [\Psi_X^* W \Psi_X]_{jk} = \langle \psi_k, \psi_j \rangle$  and  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} [\Psi_X^* W \Psi_Y]_{jk} = \langle \mathcal{K} \psi_k, \psi_j \rangle$

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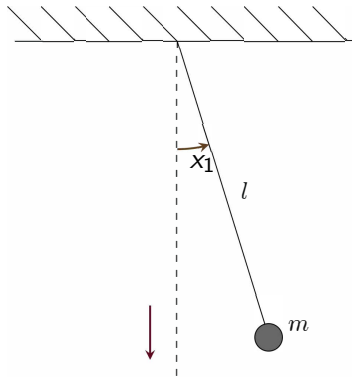
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**New matrix:**  $\Psi_Y^* W \Psi_Y$  with  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} [\Psi_Y^* W \Psi_Y]_{jk} = \langle \mathcal{K}\psi_k, \mathcal{K}\psi_j \rangle$

## Example: nonlinear pendulum

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = -\sin(x_1), \quad \text{with } \Omega = [-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}} \times \mathbb{R}.$$



Computed pseudospectra ( $\epsilon = 0.25$ ). Eigenvalues of  $K_{\text{EDMD}}$  shown as dots (spectral pollution).

## ResDMD: avoiding spectral pollution

$$\text{res}(\lambda, g)^2 = \frac{g^* [\Psi_Y^* W \Psi_Y - \lambda [\Psi_X^* W \Psi_Y]^* - \bar{\lambda} \Psi_X^* W \Psi_Y + |\lambda|^2 \Psi_X^* W \Psi_X] g}{g^* [\Psi_X^* W \Psi_X] g}.$$

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### Algorithm:

1. Compute  $K_{\text{EDMD}}$ , its eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
  2. For each eigenpair  $(\lambda, g)$ , compute  $\text{res}(\lambda, g)$ .
  3. Discard eigenpairs with  $\text{res}(\lambda, g) > \epsilon$ , for accuracy tolerance  $\epsilon > 0$ .
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**Theorem** (No spectral pollution, compute residuals from above.)

Let  $\Lambda_M$  denote the eigenvalue output of above algorithm. Then

$$\limsup_{M \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\lambda \in \Lambda_M} \|(\mathcal{K} - \lambda)^{-1}\|^{-1} \leq \epsilon.$$

**BUT:** typically does not capture all of spectrum!

## ResDMD: computing pseudospectra and spectra

$$\sigma_\epsilon(\mathcal{K}) := \cup_{\|\mathcal{B}\| \leq \epsilon} \sigma(\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{B}), \quad \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \sigma_\epsilon(\mathcal{K}) = \sigma(\mathcal{K})$$

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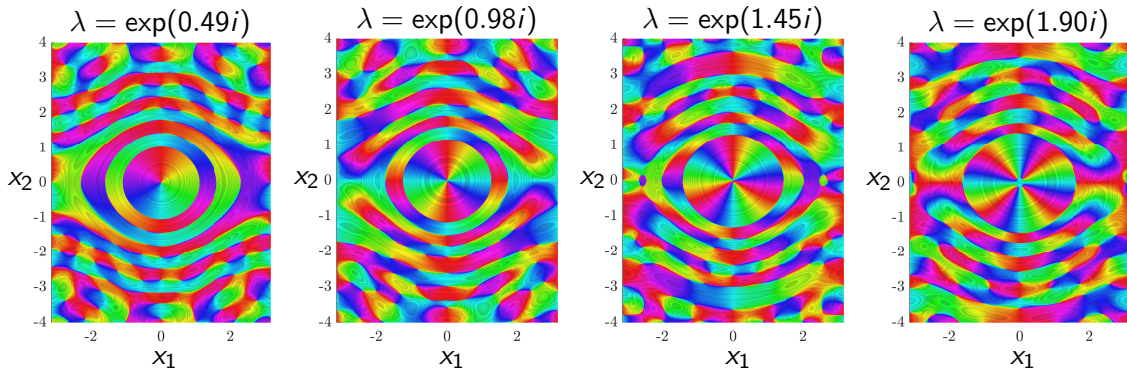
1. Compute  $\Psi_X^* W \Psi_X$ ,  $\Psi_X^* W \Psi_Y$ , and  $\Psi_Y^* W \Psi_Y$ .
  2. For each  $z_j$  in a computational grid, compute  $\tau_j = \min_{\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_K}} \text{res}(z_j, \sum_{k=1}^{N_K} \psi_k \mathbf{g}_k)$  and the corresponding singular vectors  $\mathbf{g}_{(j)}$  (generalised SVD problem).
  3. Output:  $\{z_j : \tau_j < \epsilon\}$  (estimate of  $\sigma_\epsilon(\mathcal{K})$ ) and  $\epsilon$ -pseudo-eigenfunctions  $\{\mathbf{g}_{(j)} : \tau_j < \epsilon\}$ .
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### Theorem

**No spectral pollution:**  $\{z_j : \tau_j < \epsilon\} \subset \sigma_\epsilon(\mathcal{K})$  (as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**Spectral inclusion:** Converges uniformly to  $\sigma_\epsilon(\mathcal{K})$  on bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$  as  $N_K \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Example: pseudo-eigenfunctions of nonlinear pendulum



Colour represents complex argument, lines of constant modulus shown as shadowed steps.  
All residuals smaller than  $\epsilon = 0.05$  (can be made smaller by increasing  $N_K$ ).

## Part 2: Dealing with continuous spectra - computing spectral measures.

In this part, we assume that dynamics are measure-preserving.  
E.g., Hamiltonian system, ergodic system, ...

This is equivalent to  $\mathcal{K}$  being an isometry<sup>a</sup>:

$$\|\mathcal{K}g\|_{L^2(\Omega,\omega)} = \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega,\omega)}, \quad \forall g \in L^2(\Omega,\omega).$$

Spectrum lives inside the **unit disk**.

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<sup>a</sup>For analysts: we actually consider unitary extensions of  $\mathcal{K}$  with 'canonical' spectral measures.

# Diagonalising infinite-dimensional operators

**Finite-dimensional:**  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with  $A^*A = AA^*$  has orthonormal basis of e-vectors  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^n$

$$v = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n v_j v_j^* \right) v, \quad v \in \mathbb{C}^n \quad Av = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j v_j v_j^* \right) v, \quad v \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

**Infinite-dimensional:** Operator  $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ , ( $\mathcal{H}$  = Hilbert space). Typically, no longer a basis of e-vectors. Spectral Theorem: Projection-valued spectral measure  $\mathcal{E}$

$$g = \left( \int_{\sigma(\mathcal{L})} d\mathcal{E}(\lambda) \right) g, \quad g \in \mathcal{H} \quad \mathcal{L}g = \left( \int_{\sigma(\mathcal{L})} \lambda d\mathcal{E}(\lambda) \right) g, \quad g \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{L}).$$

**Scalar-valued spectral measures:**  $\nu_g(U) = \underbrace{\langle \mathcal{E}(U) g, g \rangle}_{\text{projection}}.$

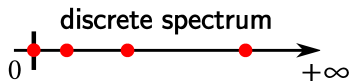
# Example: $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ and Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{projection-valued measure } \mathcal{E}$$

spectral theorem

$$x \in [-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}$$

$$\sigma(\mathcal{L}) = \{n^2 : n \in \mathbb{Z}_0\}$$



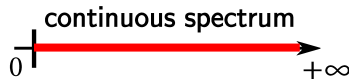
$$\hat{g}_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$[\mathcal{E}([a, b])g](x) = \sum_{a \leq k^2 \leq b} \hat{g}_k e^{ikx}$$

$$\nu_g([a, b]) = \sum_{a \leq k^2 \leq b} |\hat{g}_k|^2$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\sigma(\mathcal{L}) = [0, +\infty)$$



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# Koopman mode decomposition

$\nu_g$  are spectral measures on  $[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}$

**Lebesgue's decomposition theorem:**

$$d\nu_g(\lambda) = \underbrace{\sum_{\text{e-vals } \lambda_j} \langle \mathcal{P}_{\lambda_j} g, g \rangle \delta(\lambda - \lambda_j) d\lambda}_{\text{discrete part}} + \underbrace{\rho_g(\lambda) d\lambda + d\nu_g^{(\text{sc})}(\lambda)}_{\text{continuous part}}$$

$$g = \sum_{\text{e-vals } \lambda_j} c_{\lambda_j} \underbrace{\varphi_{\lambda_j}}_{\text{e-functions}} + \underbrace{\int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} \phi_{\theta, g} d\theta}_{\text{ctsly param e-functions}}$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}_n) = [\mathcal{K}^n g](\mathbf{x}_0) = \sum_{\text{e-vals } \lambda_j} c_{\lambda_j} \lambda_j^n \varphi_{\lambda_j}(\mathbf{x}_0) + \int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} e^{in\theta} \phi_{\theta, g}(\mathbf{x}_0) d\theta.$$

**Computing  $\nu_g$  provides diagonalisation of non-linear dynamical system!**

## Plemelj-type formula

$$\underbrace{K_\epsilon(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{(1+\epsilon)^2 - 1}{1 + (1+\epsilon)^2 - 2(1+\epsilon)\cos(\theta)}}_{\text{Poisson kernel for unit disc}}, \quad \underbrace{C_{\nu_g}(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} \frac{e^{i\theta} d\nu_g(\theta)}{e^{i\theta} - z}}_{\text{generalised Cauchy transform}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \nu_g^\epsilon(\theta_0) &= \underbrace{\int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} K_\epsilon(\theta_0 - \theta) d\nu_g(\theta)}_{\text{smoothed measure}} \\ &= C_{\nu_g}\left(e^{i\theta_0}(1+\epsilon)^{-1}\right) - C_{\nu_g}\left(e^{i\theta_0}(1+\epsilon)\right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{2\pi} \underbrace{\left[ \langle (\mathcal{K} - e^{i\theta_0}(1+\epsilon))^{-1}g, \mathcal{K}^*g \rangle + e^{-i\theta_0} \langle g, (\mathcal{K} - e^{i\theta_0}(1+\epsilon))^{-1}g \rangle \right]}_{\text{approximate using matrices } \Psi_X^* W \Psi_X, \Psi_X^* W \Psi_Y, \Psi_Y^* W \Psi_Y} \end{aligned}$$

**Compute smoothed approximations using ResDMD discretisations of size  $N_K$ .**

## Example on $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ with known spectral measure

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\alpha_0} & \overline{\alpha_1}\rho_0 & \rho_1\rho_0 & & & \\ \rho_0 & -\overline{\alpha_1}\alpha_0 & -\rho_1\alpha_0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & \overline{\alpha_2}\rho_1 & -\overline{\alpha_2}\alpha_1 & \overline{\alpha_3}\rho_2 & \rho_3\rho_2 & \\ & \rho_2\rho_1 & -\rho_2\alpha_1 & -\overline{\alpha_3}\alpha_2 & -\rho_3\alpha_2 & \ddots \\ & & 0 & \overline{\alpha_4}\rho_3 & -\overline{\alpha_4}\alpha_3 & \ddots \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_j = (-1)^j 0.95^{(j+1)/2}, \rho_j = \sqrt{1 - |\alpha_j|^2}.$$

Generalised shift, typical building block of many dynamical systems (e.g., Bernoulli shifts).

Fix  $N_K$ , vary  $\epsilon$

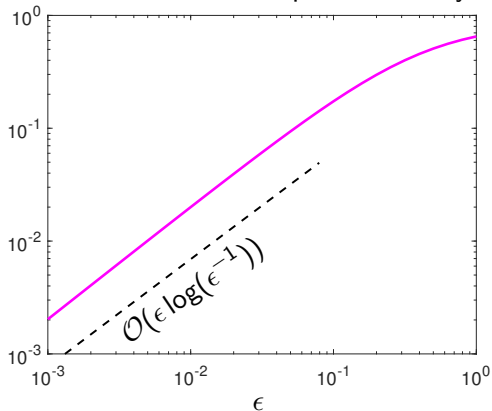
Fix  $\epsilon$ , vary  $N_K$

Adaptive  $N_K(\epsilon)$  (or  $\epsilon(N_K)$ ): New matrix  $\Psi_Y^* W \Psi_Y$  key!

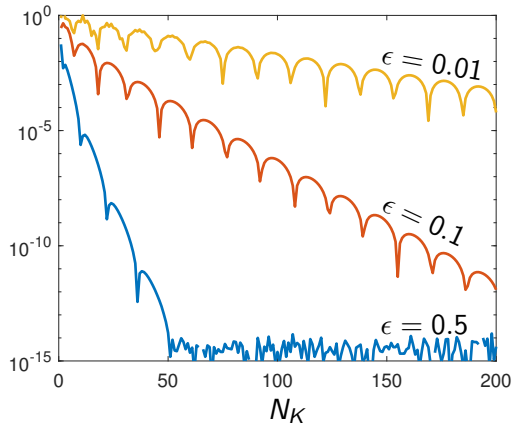
## Slow convergence!

**Problem:** As  $\epsilon \downarrow 0$ , error is  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon \log(\epsilon^{-1}))$  and  $N_K(\epsilon) \rightarrow \infty$ .

Pointwise error for spectral density



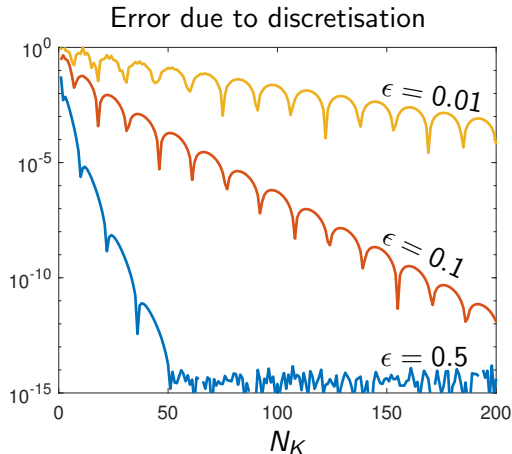
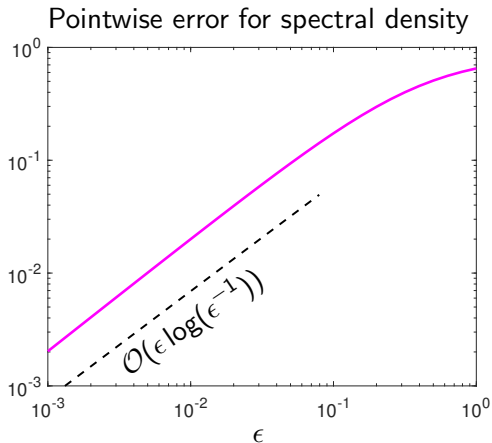
Error due to discretisation





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Critical in data-driven computations where we want  $N_K$  to be as small as possible.

**Question:** Can we improve the convergence rate in  $\epsilon$ ?

## High-order kernels

**Idea:** Replace the Poisson kernel by

$$K_{\epsilon}(\theta) = \frac{e^{-i\theta}}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \frac{c_j}{e^{-i\theta} - (1 + \epsilon \bar{z}_j)^{-1}} - \frac{d_j}{e^{-i\theta} - (1 + \epsilon z_j)} \right]$$

Simple way to select suitable  $z_j$ ,  $c_j$  and  $d_j$  to achieve high-order kernel.

$$\nu_{\mathcal{G}}^{\epsilon}(\theta_0) = \int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} K_{\epsilon}(\theta_0 - \theta) d\nu_{\mathcal{G}}(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ c_j \mathcal{C}_{\nu_{\mathcal{G}}} \left( e^{i\theta_0} (1 + \epsilon \bar{z}_j)^{-1} \right) - d_j \mathcal{C}_{\nu_{\mathcal{G}}} \left( e^{i\theta_0} (1 + \epsilon z_j) \right) \right]$$

$\mathcal{C}_{\nu_{\mathcal{G}}}(z)$  computed using ResDMD.

## High-order kernels

# Convergence

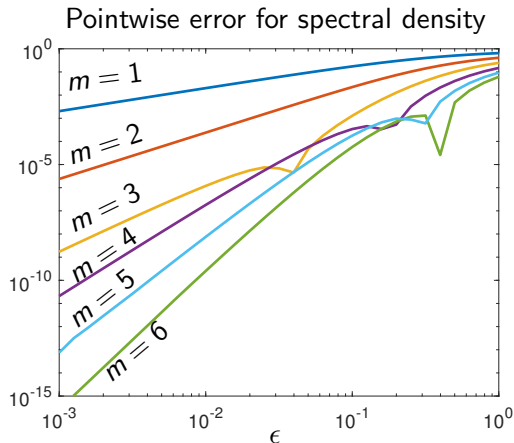
$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^m \log(\epsilon^{-1}))$  convergence for:

- Pointwise recovery of the density  $\rho_g$
- $L^p$  recovery of  $\rho_g$
- Weak convergence

$$\lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} \phi(\theta) \nu_g^\epsilon(\theta) d\theta = \int_{[-\pi, \pi]_{\text{per}}} \phi(\theta) d\nu_g(\theta),$$

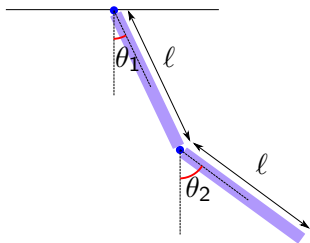
for periodic continuous  $\phi$ .

Also recover discrete part of measure.  
(i.e., eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{K}$ )



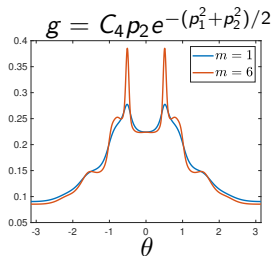
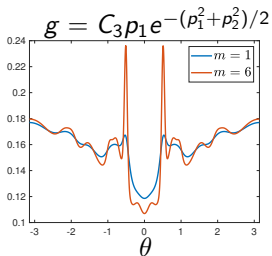
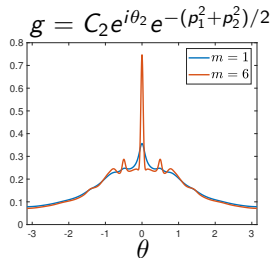
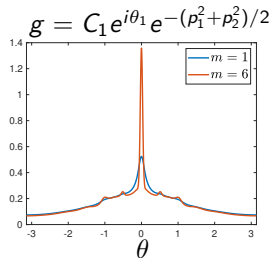
Evaluate at  $P$  values of  $\theta$ : Parallelisable  $\mathcal{O}(N_K^3 + PN_K)$  computation.

## Example: double pendulum (chaotic)



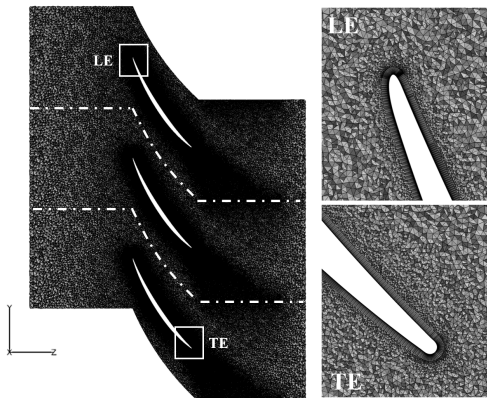
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta}_1 &= \frac{2p_1 - 3p_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{16 - 9 \cos^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}, \\ \dot{\theta}_2 &= \frac{8p_2 - 3p_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{16 - 9 \cos^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}, \\ \dot{p}_1 &= -3(\dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + \sin(\theta_1)), \\ \dot{p}_2 &= -3(-\dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(\theta_2)),\end{aligned}$$

where  $p_1 = 8\dot{\theta}_1 + 3\dot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$ ,  
 $p_2 = 2\dot{\theta}_2 + 3\dot{\theta}_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$



### **Part 3:** High-dimensional dynamical systems and learned dictionaries.

# Curse of dimensionality



## Scalar field

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d$  = number of grid/mesh points

E.g., polynomial dictionary up to tot. deg. 5.

Small grid:  $d = 5 \times 5 \Rightarrow N_K \approx 50,000$ .

**Example later:**  $d \approx 300,000 \Rightarrow N_K \approx 2 \times 10^{25}$   
 **$\gg$  number of stars in known universe!!!!**

**Conclusion:** Infeasible to use hand-crafted dictionary when  $d \gtrsim 25$ .

## Verified learned dictionaries

- Kernelized EDMD:  $\mathcal{O}(d)$  cost using “kernel trick”.
- Forms  $\tilde{K}_{\text{EDMD}} \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times M}$  with subset of eigenvalues of  $K_{\text{EDMD}} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_K \times N_K}$ .
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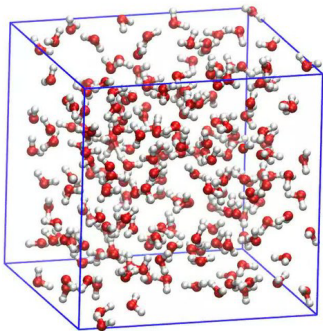
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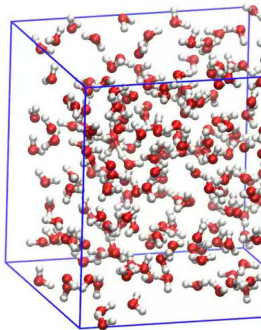
**When can you trust learning methods?**

**Combine with ResDMD:** Convergence theory and a posterior verification of dictionary!

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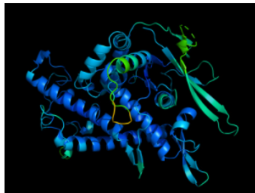
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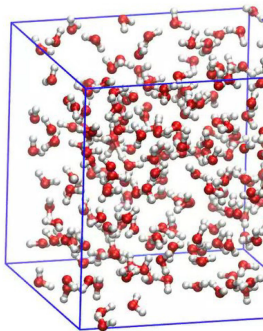
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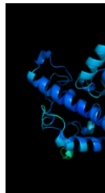
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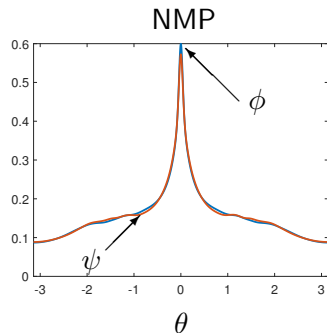
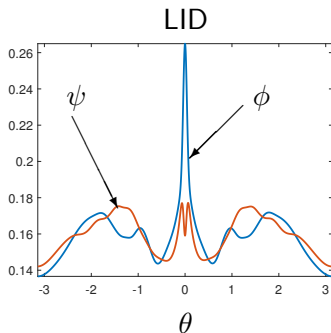
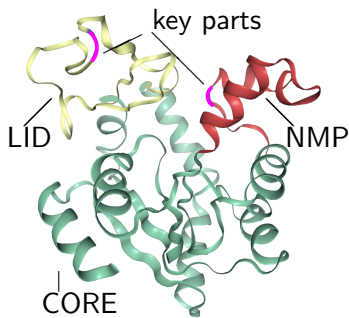
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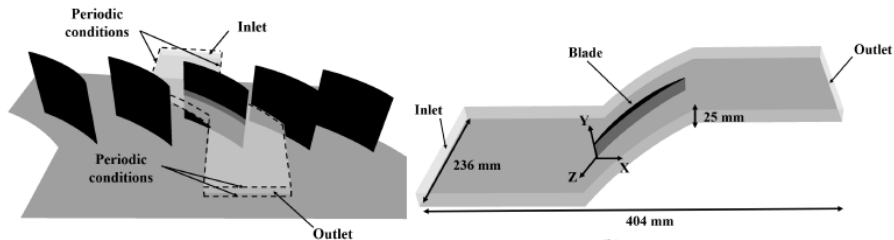
# Spectral measures in molecular dynamics, $d = 20,046$



**Left:** ADK with three domains: CORE (green), LID (yellow) and NMP (red).  
**Middle and right:** Spectral measures with respect to the dihedral angles of the selected parts.

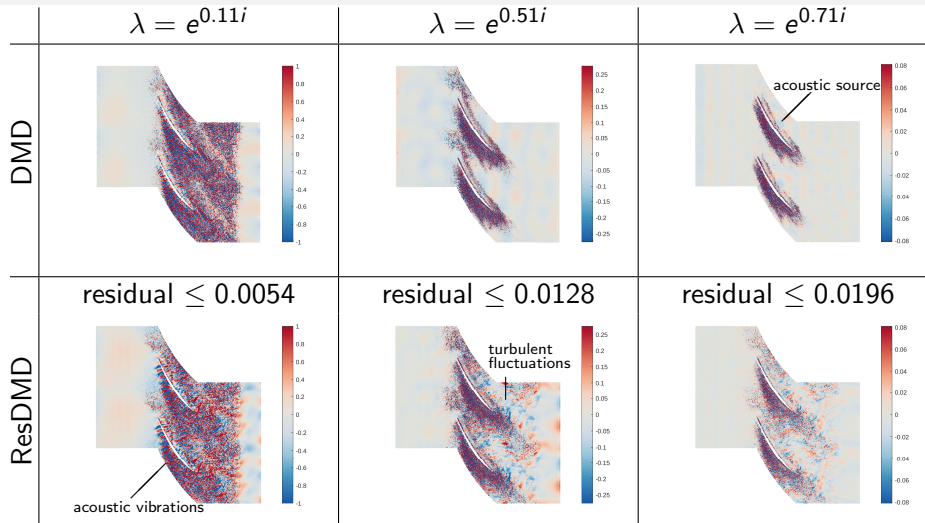
# Turbulent flow past a cascade of aerofoils, $d = 295,122$

(Reynolds number  $3.88 \times 10^5$ .)



**Motivation:** Reduce noise sources (e.g., turbines, wings etc.).

# Turbulent flow past a cascade of aerofoils, $d = 295,122$



**Top row:** Modes computed by DMD. **Bottom row:** Modes computed by ResDMD with residuals. Each column corresponds to different physical frequencies of noise pollution.



# Wider programme: classification of computational problems

**Example Question: What is possible in infinite-dimensional spectral computations?**

**How:** Replace 'truncate-then-solve' with **infinite-dimensional numerical linear algebra**.

⇒ Compute many spectral properties for the first time.

**Framework:** Classify problems in **Solvability Complexity Index hierarchy**, measuring intrinsic difficulty.

⇒ Algorithms realise the boundaries of what computers can achieve.

**Framework extends to:** Barriers and foundations of AI (e.g., do there exist algorithms that train stable and accurate neural networks?), PDEs (e.g., solving the time-dependent Shrödinger equation on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ), optimisation and precision analysis, computer-assisted proofs (e.g., which computations can be verified?), ...

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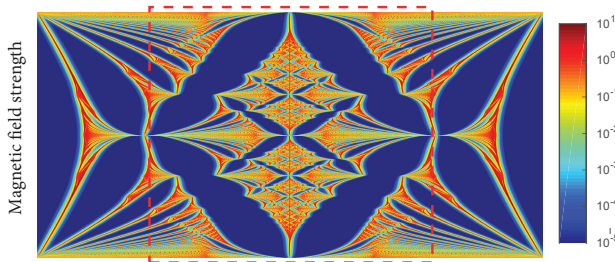
## Computing spectra with error control

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \left[ A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \right]_j = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{jk} x_k, \quad x \in l^2(\mathbb{N})$$

- Computes spectra with error control, i.e., output  $\Gamma_n(A)$  and computed bound  $E_n$  such that
  - $\Gamma_n(A) \rightarrow \sigma(A)$  **(converges to spectrum)**
  - $\sup_{z \in \Gamma_n(A)} \text{dist}(z, \sigma(A)) \leq E_n \downarrow 0$ . **(error control)**
- Avoids spectral pollution (spurious eigenvalues due to truncation)
- Rigorously compute approximate states.
- Extends to (certain) non-normal ( $AA^* \neq A^*A$ ) operators.
- Extends to partial differential operators.



# Computing spectral measures of self-adjoint operators



Horizontal slice = spectral measure at constant magnetic field strength.

## Software package:

**SpecSolve** available at <https://github.com/SpecSolve>

Current capabilities include: ODEs on real line & half-line, integral operators, and discrete operators.

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# Barriers of deep learning: stability and accuracy

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## The difficulty of computing stable and accurate neural networks: On the barriers of deep learning and Smale's 18th problem

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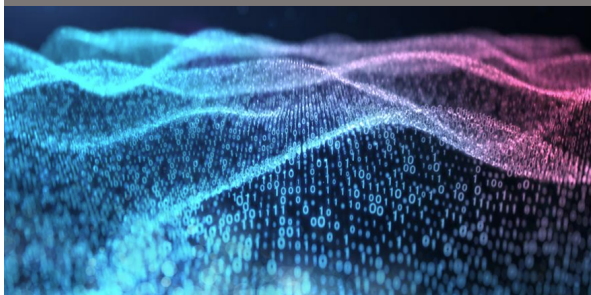


### Significance

Instability is the Achilles' heel of modern artificial intelligence (AI) and a paradox, with training algorithms finding unstable neural networks (NNs) despite the existence of stable ones. This foundational issue relates to Smale's 18th mathematical problem for the 21st century on the limits of AI. By expanding methodologies initiated by Gödel and Turing, we demonstrate limitations on the existence of (even randomized) algorithms for computing NNs. Despite numerous existence results of NNs with great approximation properties, only in specific cases do there also exist algorithms that can compute them. We initiate a classification theory on which NNs can be trained and introduce NNs that—under suitable conditions—are robust to perturbations and exponentially accurate in the number of hidden layers.



Mathematical paradox demonstrates the limits of AI



**Humans are usually pretty good at recognising when they get things wrong, but artificial intelligence systems are not. According to a new study, AI generally suffers from inherent limitations due to a century-old mathematical paradox.**

Like some people, AI systems often have a degree of confidence that far exceeds their actual abilities. And like an overconfident person, many AI systems don't know when they're making mistakes. Sometimes it's even more difficult for an AI system to realise when it's making a mistake than to produce a correct result.

Researchers from the University of Cambridge and the University of Oslo say that instability is the Achilles' heel of modern AI and that a mathematical paradox shows AI's limitations. Neural networks, the state-of-the-art tool in AI

**“There are fundamental limits inherent in mathematics and, similarly, AI algorithms can't exist for certain problems”**

— Matthew Colbrook

## Concluding remarks

**Summary:** Rigorous and practical algorithms that overcome the challenges of (C1) Continuous spectra, (C2) Lack of finite-dimensional invariant subspaces, (C3) Spectral pollution, and (C4) Chaotic behaviour.

**Part 1:** Computed spectra, pseudospectra and residuals of general Koopman operators.

**Idea:** New matrix for residual  $\Rightarrow$  ResDMD.

**Part 2:** Computed spectral measures of measure-preserving systems with high-order convergence. Density of continuous spectrum, discrete spectrum and weak convergence.

**Idea:** Convolution with rational kernels through the resolvent and ResDMD.

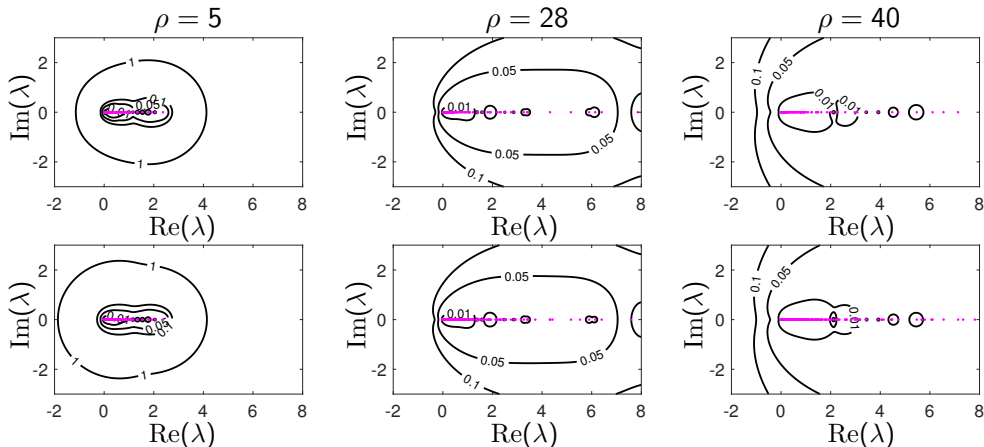
**Part 3:** Dealt with high-dimensional dynamical systems.

**Idea:** ResDMD to verify learned dictionaries.

**Part of a wider programme on foundations of computation and numerical analysis.**

## Example: Lorenz and extended Lorenz systems

$$\dot{X} = 10(Y - X), \quad \dot{Y} = X(\rho - Z) - Y, \quad \dot{Z} = XY - 8Z/3.$$



**Top row:** Lorenz system. **Bottom row:** Extended 11-dimensional Lorenz system.

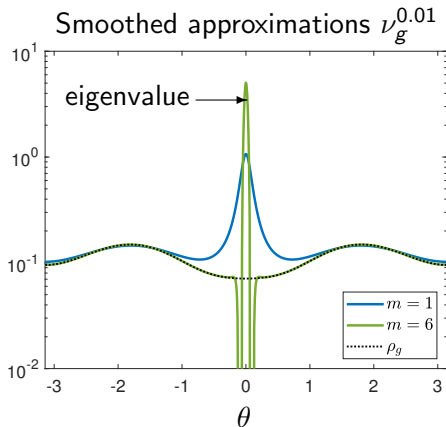
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$d = 3$		$d = 11$		$d = 3$		$d = 11$		$d = 3$		$d = 11$	
$\lambda_j$	$r_j$	$\lambda_j$	$r_j$	$\lambda_j$	$r_j$	$\lambda_j$	$r_j$	$\lambda_j$	$r_j$	$\lambda_j$	$r_j$
1.0108	4.9E-7	1.0108	8.6E-5	1.0423	5.1E-6	1.0346	2.6E-4	1.0689	4.6E-4	1.0046	6.2E-04
1.0217	3.8E-4	1.1550	1.1E-6	1.0712	7.9E-4	1.0423	1.9E-5	1.2214	2.9E-6	1.0868	1.1E-04
1.1550	5.1E-8	1.3339	1.0E-5	1.0862	6.3E-4	1.0472	4.8E-4	1.4191	9.9E-4	1.2214	1.3E-05
1.1675	7.6E-5	1.3380	5.2E-4	1.3839	7.5E-5	1.0594	7.7E-5	1.4823	4.9E-4	1.2419	8.3E-07
1.3340	1.3E-6	1.5410	4.0E-4	1.5810	4.4E-7	1.0598	2.0E-6	1.4916	4.8E-4	1.2452	6.7E-04
1.3385	6.9E-4			1.8065	7.4E-8	1.0685	9.8E-4	1.6216	5.2E-5	1.2526	1.2E-04
1.5410	3.1E-4			1.8829	5.8E-4	1.0707	9.4E-4	1.8527	1.7E-7	1.3498	1.7E-04
				2.8561	7.2E-5	1.0862	8.2E-4	2.1170	7.5E-8	1.3541	9.6E-04
				3.2633	2.9E-7	1.1964	2.4E-4	2.5857	3.7E-4	1.4251	1.5E-04
				5.8954	3.1E-4	1.3675	1.3E-6	3.9223	6.2E-5	1.4788	6.9E-04

Eigenvalues computed using Algorithm 1 with  $\epsilon = 0.001$  along with the computed residuals  $r_j$ .

Example: tent map,  $F(x) = 2 \min\{x, 1 - x\}$ ,  $\Omega = [0, 1]$

$$g(\theta) = C|\theta - 1/3| + C \sin(20\theta) + \begin{cases} C, & \theta > 0.78, \\ 0, & \theta \leq 0.78. \end{cases}$$



**Added benefit:** Avoid oversmoothing, and have better localisation of singular parts.