Graphical Krein Signature and its Applications

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For constrained minimimizers motion in some directions may be prohibited by an additional conserved quantity



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, $J = -J^*$, $L = L^*$.

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Linearized Energy

The operator *L* defines an indefinite linearized energy (u, Lu). The sign of the energy for the (simple) characteristic value ν is called the Krein signature

 $\kappa_L(\nu) = \operatorname{sign}(u, Lu).$

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Non-Simple Characteristic Values

If λ is a non-simple characteristic value with the root space U, then the number of positive (negative) eigenvalues of the matrix (U, KU) is the positive (negative) Krein index $\kappa^{\pm}(\lambda)$ of λ . Then the Krein signature of λ can be defined as

$$\kappa(\lambda) = \kappa^+(\lambda) - \kappa^-(\lambda).$$

Basic Properties of Krein Signature



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Properties of Krein Signature

Let ν is a simple characteristic value of $JLu = \nu u$. Then

- if $\nu \in i\mathbb{R}$ then $\kappa(\nu) = \pm 1$;
- if Re $\nu \neq 0$ then $\kappa(\nu) = 0$;
- if *L* is positive definite then $\sigma(JL) \subset i\mathbb{R}$.

If ν is not semi-simple then both $\kappa^{\pm}(\nu)$ are non-zero. For each chain of root vectors the difference $\kappa^{+} - \kappa^{-} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$.

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Operator Pencils

Nonlinear Characteristic Value Problems

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Krein Signature

Analogously one can define Krein indeces and signature of polynomial operator pencils (by extention from X to X^n):

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda)u = (\lambda^n L_n + \lambda^{n-1} L_{n-1} \cdots + L_0)u = 0.$$

Such a construction fails for nonpolynomial pencils (e.g., stability of solutions of $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bx(t - \tau)$)

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda)u = \left(\lambda - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{e}^{- au\lambda}\mathbf{B}\right)u = \mathbf{0}.$$

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Example: Avoided Collisions



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Example: Hamiltonian-Hopf Bifurcation



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Classical Theorem

Let \mathcal{L} be a selfadjoint holomorphic family of type (A) with compact resolvent, and assume that \mathcal{L} has an isolated real characteristic value λ_0 . Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) λ₀ has finite algebraic multiplicity *m* and geometric multiplicity 1 with a chain of root vectors {u^[0],..., u^[m-1]}.
- (b) There exist an analytic eigenvalue branch $\mu = \mu(\lambda)$, vanishing at $\lambda = \lambda_0$ to order m: $\mu^{(k)}(\lambda_0) = 0$ for $0 \le k < m$, while $\mu^{(m)}(\lambda_0) \ne 0$. The derivatives of the corresponding orthonormal analytic eigenvector branch $u = u(\lambda)$ allow to select the chain of root vectors as

$$u^{[k]} = \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k u}{d\lambda^k} (\lambda_0), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$$

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Differentiation

Differentiate with respect to λ :

$$(L - \lambda K - \mu)u = 0, \qquad \lambda = \lambda_0, \mu = \mu(\lambda_0) = 0.$$

$$(L - \lambda K - \mu)' u + (L - \lambda K - \mu) u' = 0.$$

$$((-K - \mu')u, u) + ((L - \lambda K - \mu)u', u) = 0.$$

$$\kappa_{\mathcal{K}}(\lambda_0) = \operatorname{sign}(\mathcal{K}u, u) = -\operatorname{sign} \mu'(\lambda_0)(u, u)$$

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Theorem: Agreement of Signatures

$$\kappa_{\mathcal{K}}(\lambda_0) = \kappa_{\mathcal{G}}(\lambda_0).$$

Spectrum Detecting Function

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For which λ do these spaces intersect?

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Wronskian [Evans (1974), AGJ (1990)]

$$E(\lambda) = a(x) \det(W^u_{-\infty}(x,\lambda), W^s_{\infty}(x,\lambda)) = 0$$
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Mutual Relation (Same Construction)

$$D(\lambda) = E(\lambda, 0)$$
.

Krein Signature from Evans Function

Formula for Krein Signature

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Krein Signature from Evans Function

Advantages

- Preserved dichotomy;
- The same construction as the traditional Evans function;
- Minimal changes to existing codes;
- Easy to calculate;
- Only continutity of spectrum necessary (for simple eigenvalues).

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Comparison of Evans functions



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Graphical Proof of Index Theorems

Graphical Count

Let $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ be a selfadjoint polynomial matrix pencil of odd degree $p = 2\ell + 1$ acting on $X = \mathbb{C}^N$. Then

$$N-2N_{-}(L_{0})-Z_{+}^{\downarrow}(\mathcal{L})-Z_{-}^{\downarrow}(\mathcal{L})-\sum_{\lambda>0}\kappa(\lambda)+\sum_{\lambda<0}\kappa(\lambda)=0.$$



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Also, the following inequalities hold true:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\pm}(\mathcal{L}) \geq \left|\mathcal{N}_{-}(L_0) + Z^{\downarrow}_{\pm}(\mathcal{L}) - \mathcal{N}_{\mp}(L_{
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ight|.$$



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Corollaries

The generalization for unbounded operators is sometimes straightfoward but sometimes requires technical tricks.

 Vakhitov-Kolokolov ['73], Grillakis-Shatah-Strauss ['87], Binding-Browne ['88], Kapitula-Kevrekidis-Sandstede ['04], Pelinovsky ['04]:

$$N_r + 2N_c + 2N_i^- = n(L) - n(D)$$
,

• Grillakis ['88], Jones ['88]:

$$\frac{1}{2}N_{\mathbb{R}}(JL) \geq |N_{-}(M_{+}) - N_{-}(M_{-})|, \qquad M_{\pm} := PL_{\pm}P.$$

 Various counts for quadratic eigenvalue pencils (Chugunova & Pelinovsky ['10]).

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Sufficient Condition

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Preservation of Branch Crossings

Perturbed system

Is there a Hamiltonian-Hopf bifurcation if one perturbes the problem

$$(L + tL_1 - \lambda K)u = 0 = \mu(\lambda)?$$



Arbitrary Perturbations

Generic Case

Two close eigenvalues of opposite Krein signature generically undergo an Hamiltonian-Hopf bifurcation. [MacKay & Saffman (1986)]



Periodic Systems

If L_1 is positive (or negative) definite then an Hamiltonian-Hopf bifurcation is avoided, i.e., an eigenvalue of any higher multiplicity unfolds according to Krein signatures of colliding eigenvalues [Krein & Ljubarskii (1970)].



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Surprise

Crossings of eigenvalue branches under a positive perturbation do not need to be preserved!



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Avoided Hamiltonian-Hopf Bifurcations

Preservation of Intersections

Preservation of an intersection of eigenvalue branches $\mu(\lambda)$

- a very singular case of implicit function theory;
- it requires an infinite set of conditions to be met;
- but it is common in simple examples.



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Sufficient Condition

Sparse Matrices

The intersection of two eigenvalue branches $\mu(\lambda)$ of

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda, t) = L + tL_1 - \lambda K$$
 at $t = 0, \mu = \mu_0, \lambda = \lambda_0$

is preserved for small $t \neq 0$ if

 $L - \mu_0 \mathbb{I} = U D U^{\dagger}, \qquad D$ is a diagonal matrix,

and

$$U^{\dagger} \mathcal{K} U = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 & * & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} , \ U^{\dagger} L_{1} U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Necessary Condition

The intersection of two eigenvalue branches $\mu(\lambda)$ of $\mathcal{L}(\lambda, t)$ at t = 0 is preserved for small $t \neq 0$ only if

$$k_{12}(\ell_{11}-\ell_{22})=\ell_{12}(k_{11}-k_{22}),$$

where

$$k_{ij} = u_i^{\dagger} K u_j, \qquad \ell_{ij} = u_i^{\dagger} L_1 u_j,$$

where Ker $(L_0 - \lambda_0 K) = \text{span} \{u_1, u_2\}.$

The condition is equivalent to vanishing of the Hessian:

$$\det\left(D_t^2\det(L_0-\lambda K+tL_1-\mu\mathbb{I})\right)=0,\quad t=0,\lambda=\lambda_0,\mu=\mu_0\,.$$

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Conclusions

- A geometric interpretation of Krein signature graphical Krein signature (generalizes beyond the scope of polynomial pencils).
- Introduction of the Evans-Krein function: allows to calculate Krein signature directly.
- Unified geometric interpretation of index theorems.
- A new mechanism for avoidance of Hamiltonian-Hopf bifurcations (necessary, necessary and sufficient, and various typical classes of sufficient conditions).

Quadratic Characteristic Value Problem

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Find $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$x = \lambda B x + \frac{1}{\lambda} C x$$

admits a nonzero solution on a Hilbert space X.

Assumptions

- B and C are compact self-adjoint operators on X;
- B is positive;
- *C* is non-negative with both infinitely dimensional kernel and range.

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Main Theorem



- (i) Re $\lambda > 0$.
- (ii) Im $\lambda \neq 0$, then $\frac{1}{2\|B\|} < |\lambda| < 2\|C\|$.
- (iii) Zero is the only possible accumulation point.
- (iv) Infinite sequence of real $\lambda \to 0$, and an infinite sequence of real $\lambda \to \infty$.

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$$x = \lambda B x + (1/\lambda) C x$$
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If $0 < \lambda \ll 1$ then λBx is very small

 $x \approx (1/\lambda)Cx$, or $\lambda x \approx Cx$.

Similarly for $\lambda \gg 1$ the term $(1/\lambda)Cx$ is small

 $(1/\lambda)x \approx Bx$.

Hence one expects

- a sequence λ → 0 due to the spectrum of the operator C (stratification);
- a sequence $\lambda \to \infty$ due to the spectrum of the operator *B* (dissipation).

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• Extend the problem to a space $X \times X$, substitute $\mu = \lambda - \frac{1}{\lambda}$ and reformulate the problem as

$$Az = \mu z$$
.

- The operator A is not self-adjoint, only if it is considered in an appropriate indefinite metric space (similar to linearized Hamiltonian systems $JLu = \nu u$).
- One needs a theory on spectra of self-adjoint operators in indefinite metric spaces.
- To relate the spectrum of A to spectrum of non-linear characteristic problem, mini-max estimates were used.

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Continuation of Characteristic Values

Perturbation Argument

Consider $\lambda \ll 1$:

$$\lambda u = Cu + \lambda^2 Bu = (C + \lambda^2 B)u$$
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Solution: Introduce a new small parameter ε into a problem.

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Modified Characteristic Value Problem

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Spectrum of $C + \varepsilon^2 B$

- Spectrum $\sigma(C) = \{0, \lambda_1^0, \lambda_2^0, \dots; \lambda_1^0 \ge \lambda_2^0 > \dots > 0\};$
- Spectrum $\sigma(C + \varepsilon^2 B) = \{\lambda_1^{\varepsilon}, \lambda_2^{\varepsilon}, \dots; \lambda_1^{\varepsilon} > \lambda_2^{\varepsilon} > \dots > 0\};$
- Individual eigenvalues of C + ε²B (a compact self-adjoint family) are continuous in ε [Kato 1976].
- Real eigenvalues λ = ε correspond to real characteristic values of non-linear problem.

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