

# Randomized Estimation of Spectral Densities

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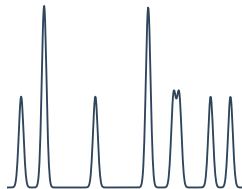
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# Introduction

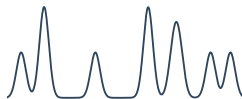
- Spectral density  $\phi$  of symmetric  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$(1) \quad \phi(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(t - \lambda_i)$$



- Smooth spectral density  $\phi_\sigma$

$$(2) \quad \phi_\sigma(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n g_\sigma(t - \lambda_i)$$



- Smoothing kernel  $g_\sigma$

$$(3) \quad g_\sigma(s) = \frac{1}{n\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{s^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



- Conversion to trace estimation

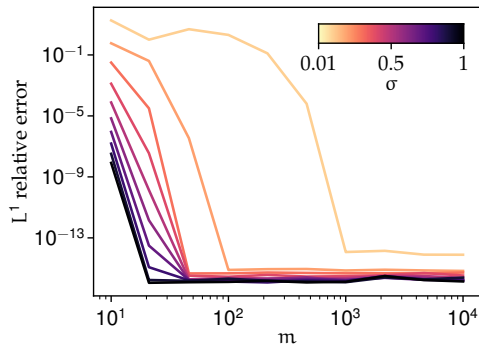
$$(4) \quad \phi_{\sigma}(t) = \text{Tr}(g_{\sigma}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))$$

- Chebyshev expansion of matrix function

$$(5) \quad g_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}) = \sum_{l=0}^m \mu_l(t) T_l(\mathbf{A})$$

- Expanded spectral density

$$(6) \quad \phi_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) = \text{Tr}(g_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))$$



- Delta-Gauss-Chebyshev (DGC)

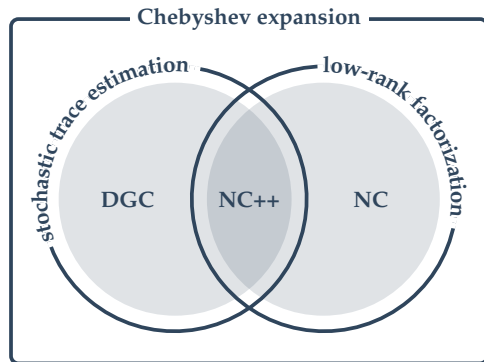
$$(7) \quad \tilde{\phi}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) = H_{n_{\psi}}(g_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))$$

- Nyström-Chebyshev (NC)

$$(8) \quad \hat{\phi}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) = \text{Tr}(\hat{g}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))$$

- Nyström-Chebyshev++ (NC++)

$$(9) \quad \check{\phi}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) = \hat{\phi}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) + \tilde{\phi}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) - H_{n_{\psi}}(\hat{g}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))$$



# Theoretical analysis

## Theorem: Error of Delta-Gauss-Chebyshev method

$\tilde{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}(t)$  with DGC method on symmetric  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with spectrum in  $[-1, 1]$  and Gaussian smoothing kernel  $g_\sigma$ . With high probability

$$(10) \quad \|\phi_\sigma - \tilde{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}\|_1 \leq \underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sigma^2} (1 + \sigma)^{-m} \left( 2 + c_\Psi \frac{1}{\sqrt{nn_\Psi}} \right)}_{\text{interpolation error and bias}} + \underbrace{c_\Psi \frac{1}{\sqrt{nn_\Psi}}}_{\text{trace estimation}}$$

for some constant  $c_\Psi \geq 0$ .

- Even for “good” Chebyshev expansion, only  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-2})$  approximation

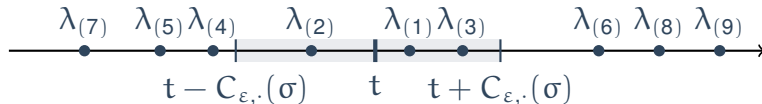


► Numerical rank

$$(11) \quad r_{\varepsilon, \cdot}(g_{\sigma}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A})) \leq \#\{i : |t - \lambda_i| < C_{\varepsilon, \cdot}(\sigma)\}$$

► Constant (e.g. for nuclear norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$ )

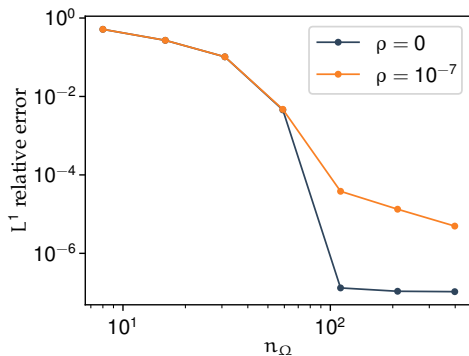
$$(12) \quad C_{\varepsilon, *}( \sigma) = \sigma \sqrt{-2 \log(\sqrt{2\pi n} \sigma \varepsilon)}$$



- ▶ Most results for Nyström approximation only valid for PSD matrices
- ▶ Problem: Chebyshev expansion  $g_{\sigma}^{(m)}$  may be negative
- ▶ Solution: Expand shifted kernel

$$(13) \quad \underline{g}_{\sigma} = g_{\sigma} + \rho$$

which is non-negative for large enough  $\rho$



## Theorem: Error of Nyström-Chebyshev method with shift

$\hat{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}(t)$  with NC method on symmetric  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with spectrum in  $[-1, 1]$  and shifted Gaussian smoothing kernel  $\underline{g}_\sigma = g_\sigma + \rho$ . If  $\rho$  large enough and  $n_\Omega \gg r_{\varepsilon,*}(g_\sigma(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))$  for all  $t$ , then with high probability

$$(14) \quad \|\underline{\phi}_\sigma - \hat{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}\|_1 \lesssim \underbrace{\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sigma^2}(1+\sigma)^{-m}}_{\text{interpolation error}} + \underbrace{4n(\varepsilon + 2\rho n)}_{\text{biased approximation error}}$$

- Significant approximation error because  $\underline{g}_\sigma$  has a heavy tail

### Theorem: Error of Nyström-Chebyshev++ method with shift

$\check{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}(t)$  with NC++ method on symmetric  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with spectrum in  $[-1, 1]$  and shifted Gaussian smoothing kernel  $\underline{g}_\sigma = g_\sigma + \rho$ . If  $\rho$  large enough and  $n_\Psi = n_\Omega = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-1})$ , then with high probability

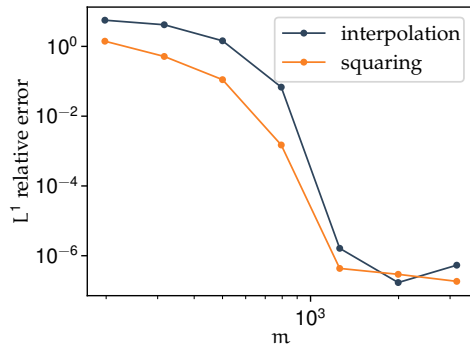
$$(15) \quad \|\underline{\phi}_\sigma - \check{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}\|_1 \leq \underbrace{(1 + \varepsilon) \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sigma^2} (1 + \sigma)^{-m}}_{\text{interpolation error}} + \underbrace{\varepsilon(1 + 2n\rho)}_{\text{approximation error}}$$

Algorithmic improvements

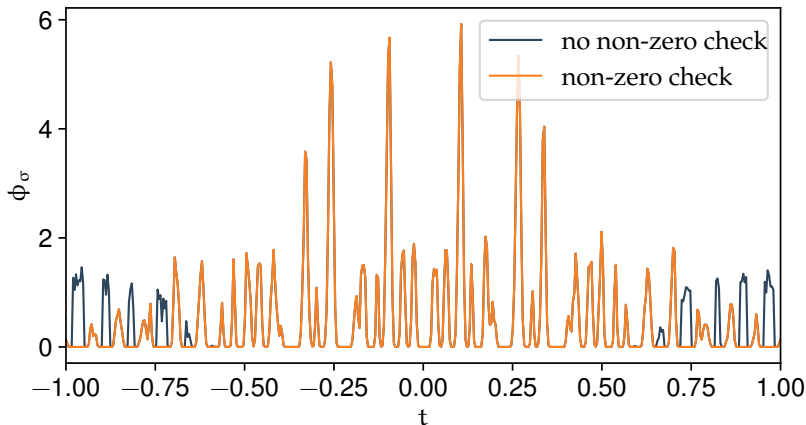
- Expansion  $f^{(m)}(s) = \sum_{l=0}^m \mu_l T_l(s)$  with discrete cosine transform (DCT)

$$(16) \quad \{f(\cos(\pi i/m))\}_{i=0}^m \xleftrightarrow{\text{DCT}} \{\mu_l\}_{l=0}^m$$

- In the NC method we need to know  $(g_\sigma(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))^2$ , e.g., with
  - $(g_\sigma^2)^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A})$  (interpolation)
  - $(g_\sigma^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}))^2$  (squaring)



- Problem: If  $g_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}) \approx \mathbf{0}$ , then  $(\mathbf{\Omega}^{\top} g_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{\Omega})^{\dagger}$  bad idea
- Solution: If  $\frac{1}{n_{\Omega}} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Omega}^{\top} g_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{\Omega}) < \kappa$  directly set  $\hat{\phi}_{\sigma}^{(m)}(t) = 0$



# Numerical results

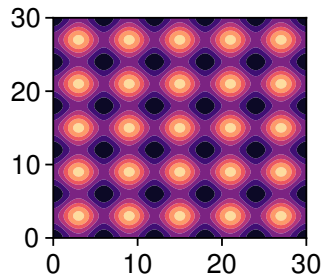
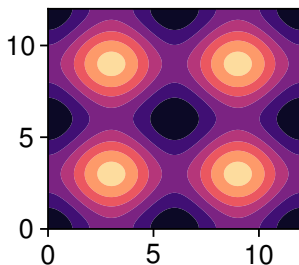
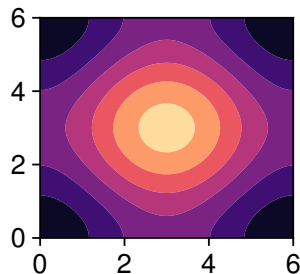


- ▶ Three-dimensional finite difference discretization [Lin, 2017]

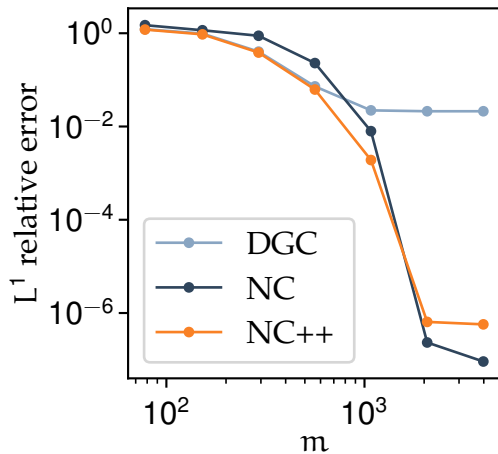
$$(17) \quad \mathcal{A}u(\mathbf{x}) = -\Delta u(\mathbf{x}) + V(\mathbf{x})u(\mathbf{x})$$

- ▶ Periodic Gaussian wells

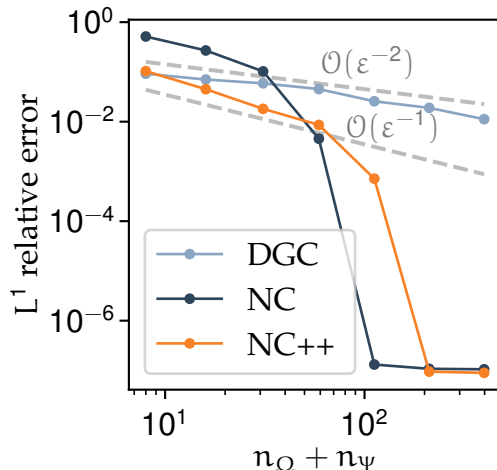
$$(18) \quad \alpha \exp\left(-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}{2\beta^2}\right)$$



► Fix  $n_\Omega + n_\Psi$ , vary  $m$

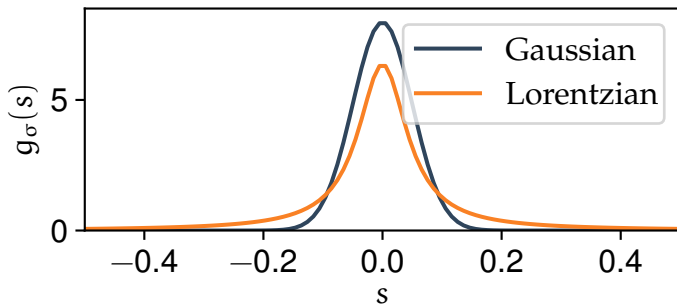


► Fix  $m$ , vary  $n_\Omega + n_\Psi$

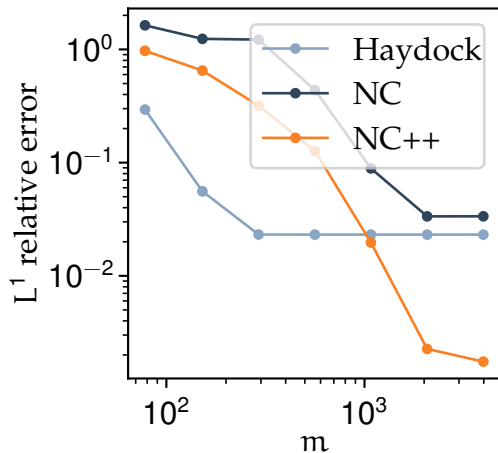


- Lorentzian smoothing kernel  $\implies$  Haydock method [Lin et al., 2016]

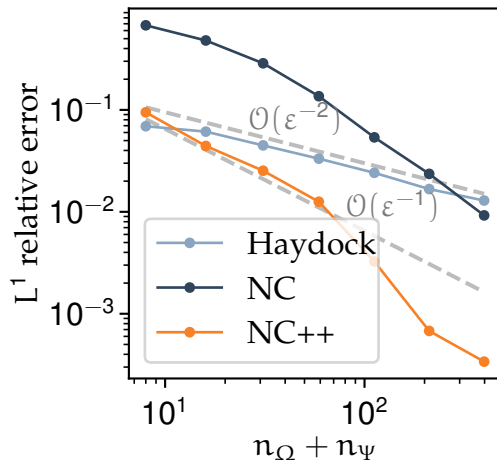
$$(19) \quad g_{\sigma}(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sigma}{s^2 + \sigma^2}$$



► Fix  $n_\Omega + n_\Psi$ , vary  $m$



► Fix  $m$ , vary  $n_\Omega + n_\Psi$



## Main contributions

- ▶ Developed a unified family of algorithms
- ▶ Introduced multiple improvements over [Lin, 2017]
- ▶ Derived error bounds for all methods

## Outlook

- ▶ Make theoretical analysis without shift
- ▶ Find alternative to interpolation

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Additional slides



Lemma: Chebyshev expansion (based on [Trefethen, 2008])

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  symmetric with spectrum in  $[-1, 1]$ . Then

$$(20) \quad \|\phi_\sigma - \phi_\sigma^{(m)}\|_1 \leq \frac{C_1}{\sigma^2} (1 + C_2 \sigma)^{-m}.$$

Lemma: Parameter-dependent Girard-Hutchinson  
[He et al., 2024]

$\mathbf{B}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  symmetric and continuous in  $t \in [a, b]$ . With high probability

$$(21) \quad \int_a^b |\text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}(t)) - H_{n_\Psi}(\mathbf{B}(t))| dt \leq c_\Psi \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_\Psi}} \int_a^b \|\mathbf{B}(t)\|_F dt.$$

**Theorem: Error of Delta-Gauss-Chebyshev method**

Let  $\tilde{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}(t)$  be computed with the DGC method on a symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with its spectrum contained in  $[-1, 1]$  using a Gaussian smoothing kernel  $g_\sigma$  with smoothing parameter  $\sigma > 0$ , degree of expansion  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and number of Hutchinson's queries  $n_\psi \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $\delta \in (0, e^{-1})$  it holds with probability  $\geq 1 - \delta$ , that

$$(22) \quad \|\phi_\sigma - \tilde{\phi}_\sigma^{(m)}\|_1 \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sigma^2} (1 + \sigma)^{-m} \left( 2 + c_\psi \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\sqrt{nn_\psi}} \right) + c_\psi \frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\sqrt{n_\psi}}$$

for  $c_\psi \geq 24e$ .

- Parameter-dependent Nyström approximation

$$(23) \quad \widehat{f}(\mathbf{A}, t) = (f(\mathbf{A}, t)\mathbf{\Omega})(\mathbf{\Omega}^\top f(\mathbf{A}, t)\mathbf{\Omega})^\dagger (f(\mathbf{A}, t)\mathbf{\Omega})^\top$$

**Theorem: Parameter-dependent Nyström [He et al., 2024]**

$f(\mathbf{A}, t)$  function of symmetric  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  which continuously depends on  $t \in [a, b]$ . Standard Gaussian  $\mathbf{\Omega} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n_\Omega}$  with  $n_\Omega > r + 3$ . With high probability

$$(24) \quad \int_a^b |\text{Tr}(f(\mathbf{A}, t)) - \text{Tr}(\widehat{f}(\mathbf{A}, t))| dt < c(1+r) \int_a^b \sum_{i=r+1}^n \sigma_i(t) dt$$

where  $\sigma_i(t)$  are the (ordered) eigenvalues of  $f(\mathbf{A}, t)$  at  $t$ .

### Theorem: Error of Nyström-Chebyshev method with shift

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$$(25) \quad \|\underline{\phi}_{\sigma} - \hat{\underline{\phi}}_{\sigma}^{(m)}\|_1 \leq 2\gamma^2(1 + r)(2\varepsilon + 4\rho(n - r)) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sigma^2}(1 + \sigma)^{-m}$$

holds with probability  $\geq 1 - \gamma^{-p}$ .

- Goal: prove  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-1})$  result for Nyström-Chebyshev++ method

**Lemma: Parameter-dependent Nyström 2.0 [He et al., 2024]**

$\mathbf{B}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  symmetric positive semi-definite (PSD) and continuous in  $t \in [a, b]$ . With high probability

$$(26) \quad \int_a^b \|\mathbf{B}(t) - \widehat{\mathbf{B}}(t)\|_F dt \leq c_\Omega \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_\Omega}} \int_a^b \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}(t)) dt.$$

- Parameter-dependent result for [Meyer et al., 2021]

$$(27) \quad \text{Tr}^{++}(\mathbf{B}(t)) = \text{Tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{B}}(t)) + \mathbf{H}_{n_\Psi}(\Delta(t))$$

### Theorem: Parameter-dependent trace estimation

$\mathbf{B}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric PSD and continuous in  $t \in [a, b]$ , and

(28)

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}(t)) = \text{Tr}(\widehat{\mathbf{B}}(t)) + \text{Tr}(\Delta(t)) \text{ and } \int_a^b \|\Delta(t)\|_F dt \leq c_\Omega \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_\Omega}} \int_a^b \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}(t)) dt.$$

With high probability

$$(29) \quad \int_a^b |\text{Tr}^{++}(\mathbf{B}(t)) - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}(t))| dt \leq c \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_\Psi n_\Omega}} \int_a^b \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}(t)) dt.$$

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$$(30) \quad \|\underline{\Phi}_{\sigma} - \check{\underline{\Phi}}_{\sigma}^{(m)}\|_1 \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sigma^2} (1 + \sigma)^{-m} + \varepsilon(1 + 2n\rho).$$

- Problem: Values just slightly outside range of  $g_\sigma$  are filtered out
- Solution: Add tolerance  $\eta$  to range  $[0, (1 + \eta)/n\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}]$

