

Root Finding with Chebyshev Polynomials in 2 Dimensions

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The Problem

Global 2-D Root Finding Problem

We want to find all solutions $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ to

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$$

Additional assumptions

- Ω will be a bounded domain and rectangular for now
- Treat \mathbf{F} as $\begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and f, g are scalar functions
- Assume f, g are smooth enough (more on this later)
- Assume finitely many roots

Background and Motivation

The Big Picture: `chebtools`

- `chebtools` is a C++ library for working with Chebyshev expansions developed by Ian Bell
- Inspired by the Matlab library `chebfun`
- 2-D root finding will become a central feature of `chebtools`

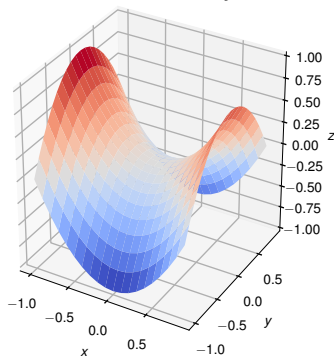
Applications:

- One example is determining thermodynamic properties of steam or water (Kunick, Kretzschmar, and Gampe 2008)
- With a higher level Python interface, `chebtools` could be useful for a wide range of users

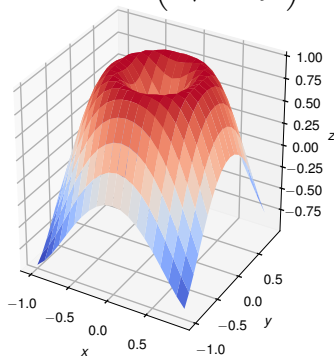
Example

$f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ and $g(x, y) = \sin\left(\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right)$ with the square domain $\Omega = [-1, 1]^2$

Surface of $x^2 - y^2$



Surface of $\sin\left(\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right)$



A Need for a Method to Find All Roots

- Iterative methods may converge to roots outside the domain of interest.
- Globalized Newton methods guarantee convergence to a root but only find them one at a time (Deuffhard, 2011)
- We need a method to find all solutions at once

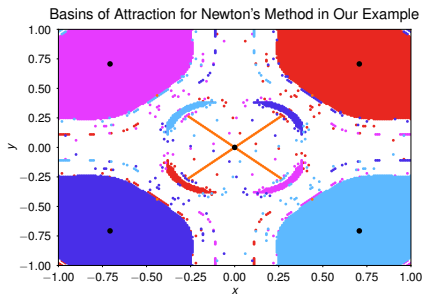


Figure: Initial guesses in white areas did not converge to roots in Ω

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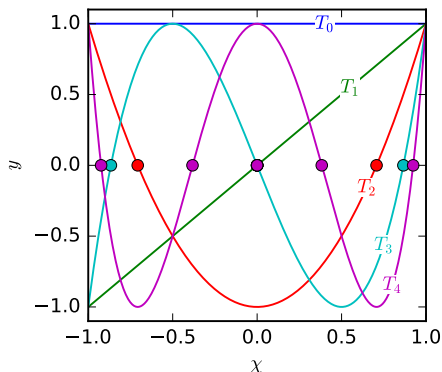
What are Chebyshev Polynomials?

Chebyshev polynomials

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos(x)), \quad x \in [-1, 1]$$

- Orthogonal under an inner product with weight $w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- Lipschitz continuity \implies uniform convergence of Chebyshev interpolations
- Analytic function \implies geometric convergence

Figure: First 5 Chebyshev Polynomials



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2-D Interpolation

- Define our first error function as $e_0(x, y) = f(x, y)$
- Define later error functions as $e_k(x, y) := e_{k-1}(x, y) - P_{k-1}(x, y)$ where P_{k-1} is our approximation

Algorithm Outline

- Find (x_k, y_k) s.t. $|e_k(x_k, y_k)| = \max |e_k(x, y)|$
- Do 1-D interpolations of $e_k(x, y_k)$ and $e_k(x_k, y)/e_k(x_k, y_k)$ denoted $p_x(x)$ and $p_y(y)$
- Compute new approximation $P_k(x, y) = P_{k-1}(x, y) + p_x(x)p_y(y)$

Interpolation From Our Example

Bézout Resultant Method

- From our Chebyshev approximations $p_f(x, y)$, $p_g(x, y)$, we can construct a Bézout matrix polynomial $B(x)$
- $\det(B(x_0)) = 0 \iff p_f(x_0, \cdot)$ and $p_g(x_0, \cdot)$ have common root

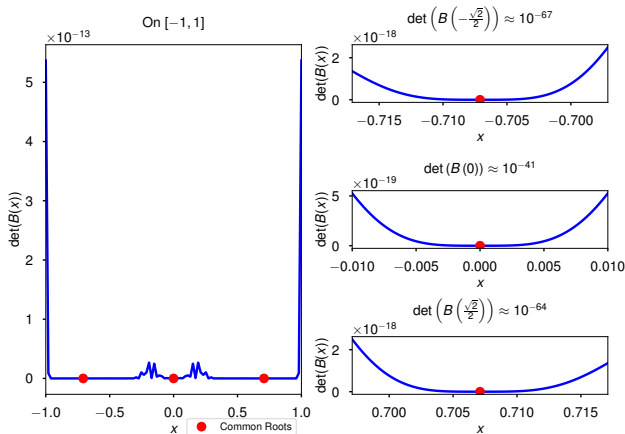
If p_f, p_g are of degree $(m_f, n_f), (m_g, n_g)$ respectively, then the resulting form of the matrix polynomial of degree M is

$$B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^M B_i T_i(x)$$

- B_i are square matrices of size $n = \max(n_f, n_g)$ and $M \leq m_f + m_g$.
- Solving $\det(B(x_0)) = 0$ involves linearizing $B(x)$ (Nakatsukasa et. al. 2016)
- Finally solve a generalized eigenvalue problem with computational complexity of $\mathcal{O}(M^3 n^3)$

Conditioning of the Bézout Matrix Polynomials

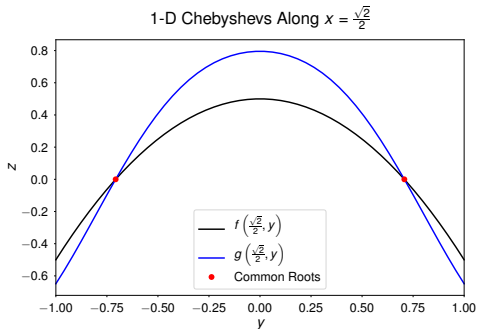
- The Bézout matrix polynomial technique can square the condition number of the common root.
- The `chebfun` algorithm refines the roots by recomputing the matrix polynomial problem on a zoomed in region of the root



1-D Root Finding

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- We now have the possible x values for where there are common roots
- Employ a companion matrix method finding the roots of 1-D Chebyshev polynomials



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First Results

Functions	chebtools		chebfun	
	2 Norm Error	Time (s)	2 Norm Error	Time (s)
$F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y)$	6.97×10^{-32}	0.004268	7.7×10^{-16}	0.522
$G_1(x, y), G_2(x, y)$	6.21×10^{-16}	214.059	2.92×10^{-10}	0.294
$H_1(x, y), H_2(x, y)$	3.24×10^{-16}	195.903	2.77×10^{-11}	0.296

$$F_1(x, y) = T_3(x) - 13T_1(x)$$

$$F_2(x, y) = T_3(y) - 13T_1(y)$$

$$G_1(x, y) = \cos(\pi x)(y - 2)$$

$$G_2(x, y) = (y - .9)(x - 2)$$

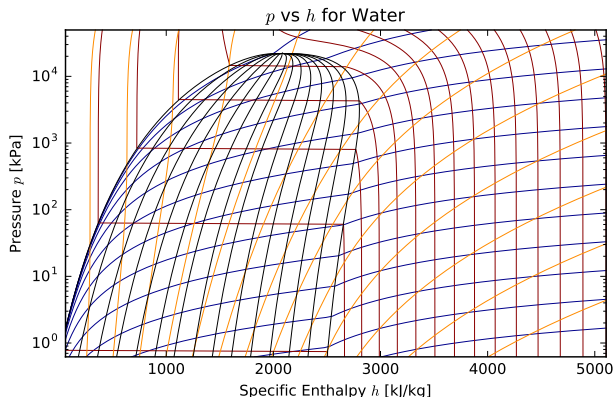
$$H_1(x, y) = \cos\left(\pi x - \frac{\pi}{10}\right)(y - 2)$$

$$H_2(x, y) = (y - .1)(y - .9)(x - 2)$$

- `chebfun` is much faster than `chebtools`
- `chebfun` has a domain subdivision strategy for reducing the size of the generalized eigenvalue problem

Application Motivates Future Work

- Empirical equations of state in thermodynamics have ranges of validity which are not rectangular domains
- Solutions outside the domain will not make physical sense
- Some properties are not defined at certain points (ex: Critical Point)



Current Work for Moving Beyond Rectangular Domains

Suppose we have

- Subdivided such that part of the boundary of the subdomain of interest, Ω_s , can be expressed as a function
- mapped the rectangle containing Ω_s has been mapped to a reference square $[-1, 1]^2$

Our Idea:

- Same 2-D interpolation procedure as with the rectangular domain
- Instead of 1-D interpolations, solve a least squares fitting problem with nodes inside Ω_s
- Constrain the least squares solution s.t. $p(\pm 1) \leq B$ for some bound B

For Non-Rectangular Domains

- Further develop ideas for Chebyshev approximation methods
- Provide analysis of the new method of approximations

Other Future Work

- Introduce GPU/parallel computing to the root finding process

Conclusions and Acknowledgements

Contributions:

- Made significant progress in replicating the 2-D root finding algorithm in `chebfun` with some modifications in C++11
- Began to develop ideas for extending the algorithm to non-rectangular domains

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