

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Installation and running

When installing MathGL there are some things to note:

1. You must make sure the dynamic linker finds the MathGL library  
(under Linux: add `export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/lib` to your `~/.bashrc`)
2. MathGL only works with the GNU Standard. So compile with `g++`, add the flag `-std=gnu++11` or add:  

```
set(CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER /usr/bin/g++)  
set(CMAKE_C_COMPILER /usr/bin/gcc)
```

to your `CMakeLists.txt`.  
Additionally when using the Clang compiler make sure you have the OpenMP library (`omp.h`).  
If you already the GNU Compiler you can copy & paste it from `gcc`'s includes to `clang`'s includes.
3. When using with Eigen there are some incompatibilites due to the usage of C-libraries in MathGL, so you have to modify your `mg12/config.h` by changing:  
`MGL_HAVE_C99_COMPLEX 1` to `MGL_HAVE_C99_COMPLEX 0`

When compiling the code then simply add the `-lmgl` flag.

With GNU: `g++ -lmgl test.cpp`

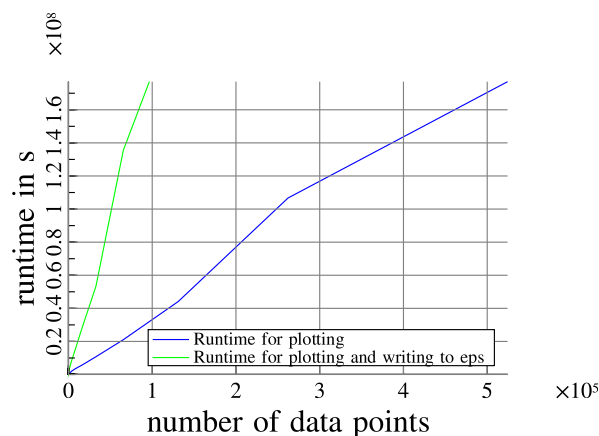
With Clang: `clang++ -lmgl -std=gnu++11 test.cpp`

## 1.2 Comparison to Matlab

Most of the MATLAB function regarding plotting have an MathGL equivalent. The implementation is usually just a few lines longer. For more detailed information see “translator.pdf” or the example-codes below.

## 1.3 Plotting runtimes

Here a small experiment on how fast MathGL is:



## 2 Usage with Eigen

### 2.1 Polynomial evaluation

This example compares naive polynomial evaluation to evaluation with the horner scheme.

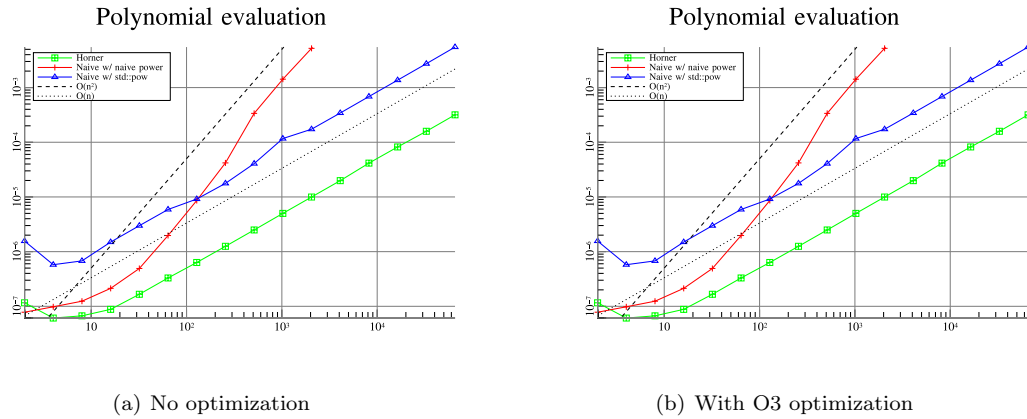


Figure 1: Note the order of magnitude difference in the runtimes

Code:

```
1  # include <iostream>
2  # include <chrono>
3  # include <mgl2/mgl.h>
4  # include <Eigen/Dense>
5
6  using std::chrono::high_resolution_clock;
7  using std::chrono::nanoseconds;
8  using std::chrono::duration_cast;
9
10 using Eigen::VectorXd;
11
12 template <typename Scalar1, typename Scalar2>
13 void print_pair(std::pair<Scalar1, Scalar2> p){
14     std::cout << "(" << p.first << ", " << p.second << " )\n";
15 }
16
17 template <typename Scalar>
18 Scalar pow(Scalar x, int n){
19     Scalar res = x;
20     for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i)
21         res *= x;
22     return res;
23 }
24
25 template <typename Scalar, typename CoeffVec>
26 Scalar hornerEval(const CoeffVec& c, const Scalar x){
27     Scalar res = c(0);
28     for (int i = 1; i < c.size(); ++i)
29         res = x*res + c(i);
30     return res;
31 }
32
33 template <typename Scalar, typename CoeffVec>
```

```

34 Scalar naiveEval(const CoeffVec& c, const Scalar x, bool superb = true){
35     Scalar res = 0;
36     if (superb){
37         for (int i = c.size() - 1; i >= 1; --i)
38             res += c(i)*pow(x, i);
39     }
40     else {
41         for (int i = c.size() - 1; i >= 1; --i)
42             res += c(i)*std::pow(x, i);
43     }
44     return res;
45 }
46
47 int main(){
48     double x = 0.123;
49     const unsigned int N = 100000;
50     const unsigned int repeats = 1;
51
52     std::vector<double> evals, horner, naive, supernaive;
53     evals.reserve(N);
54     horner.reserve(N);
55     naive.reserve(N);
56     supernaive.reserve(N);
57
58     // testing for: horner scheme - naive with naive power-function
59     // - naive with efficient power function
60     for (unsigned int d = 2; d < N; d *=2){
61         Eigen::VectorXd c(d);
62         for (unsigned int i = 0; i < d; ++i)
63             c(i) = i + 1;
64         // saving degrees for which we evaluated
65         evals.push_back(d);
66         double buffer;
67
68         // horner scheme
69         auto ht = high_resolution_clock::now();
70         for (unsigned int i = 0; i < repeats; ++i)
71             buffer = hornerEval(c, x);
72         horner.push_back(duration_cast<nanoseconds>(high_resolution_clock::now() -
73             ht).count()/double(1e9)); // normalize data to seconds
74         std::cout << buffer; // to make sure the loop doesnt get optimized away
75
76         // naive evaluation with naive power function
77         auto nt = high_resolution_clock::now();
78         for (unsigned int i = 0; i < repeats; ++i)
79             buffer = naiveEval(c, x);
80         supernaive.push_back(duration_cast<nanoseconds>(high_resolution_clock::now() -
81             nt).count()/double(1e9));
82         std::cout << buffer;
83
84         // naive evaluation with std::pow
85         auto nt2 = high_resolution_clock::now();
86         for (unsigned int i = 0; i < repeats; ++i)
87             buffer = naiveEval(c, x, false);
88         naive.push_back(duration_cast<nanoseconds>(high_resolution_clock::now() -
89             nt2).count()/double(1e9));
90         std::cout << buffer;
91     }
92
93     // preparing data for plot
94     mglData evalsd(evals.data(), evals.size());
95     mglData hornerd(horner.data(), horner.size());

```

```

96   mglData supernaived(supernaive.data(), supernaive.size());
97   mglData naived(naive.data(), naive.size());
98
99   // plotting results
100  mglGraph gr;
101  gr.SubPlot(1,1,0,"<_"); // this places the title directly on top of the plot
102  gr.SetFontSizePT(6); // setting the font size to 6pt
103  gr.Title("Runtimes of polynomial evaluation");
104  gr.SetRanges(evalsd.Minimal(), evalsd.Maximal(), hornerd.Minimal(), naived.Maximal());
105  gr.SetFunc("lg(x)", "lg(y)");
106
107  gr.Axis();
108  gr.Grid("", "h");
109
110  // plot data
111  gr.Plot(evalsd, hornerd, "g#+");
112  gr.Plot(evalsd, supernaived, "r+");
113  gr.Plot(evalsd, naived, "b^");
114
115  // using FPlot for comparison-lines
116  gr.FPlot("x/3e7", "k:");
117  gr.FPlot("x^2/2e8", "k;");
118
119  gr.AddLegend("Horner", "g#+");
120  gr.AddLegend("Naive w/ naive power", "r+");
121  gr.AddLegend("Naive w/ std::pow", "b^");
122  gr.AddLegend("O(n^2)", "k;");
123  gr.AddLegend("O(n)", "k:");
124  gr.Legend(0,1);
125
126  // save plot
127  gr.WriteEPS("runtimes.eps");
128
129  return 0;
130 }

```

## 2.2 Interpolation

### 2.2.1 Global polynomial interpolation

In this example we compare equidistant nodes and chebychev nodes for global polynomial interpolation for the Runge-function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad (1)$$

The code is divided into the `library` with the interpolation function and the `main` function, where the interpolation function is called.

Main:

```

1  include <iostream>
2  # include <cmath>
3  # include <vector>
4  # include "interpol.hpp" // interpol already includes Eigen/Dense
5  # include <mgl2/mgl.h>
6
7  double interpol(Eigen::VectorXd t, mglGraph* gr = 0)
8  {
9      Eigen::VectorXd y = (1/(1 + t.array()*t.array())).matrix();

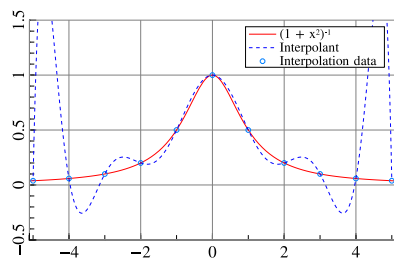
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10
11     Interpol intp(t, y);
12
13     long N = 500;
14     Eigen::VectorXd t_intp = Eigen::VectorXd::LinSpaced(N, -5, 5);
15     Eigen::VectorXd y_intp(t_intp.size());
16     for (long i = 0; i < N; ++i)
17         y_intp(i) = intp(t_intp(i));
18
19     if (gr != 0){
20         // plot interpolation
21         mglData td(t.data(), t.size());
22         mglData yd(y.data(), y.size());
23         mglData td_intp(t_intp.data(), t_intp.size());
24         mglData yd_intp(y_intp.data(), y_intp.size());
25
26         gr->SetRanges(-5.1,5.1,-0.5,1.5);
27         gr->Axis();
28         gr->Grid("", "h");
29         gr->FPlot("1/(1+x^2)", "r");
30         gr->Plot(td, yd, " no");
31         gr->Plot(td_intp, yd_intp, "b;");
32
33         gr->AddLegend("\\(1 + x^2)^{-1}", "r");
34         gr->AddLegend("Interpolant", "b;");
35         gr->AddLegend("Interpolation data", " no");
36         gr->Legend();
37     }
38     // compute maximal error
39     double max_err = ((1/(1 + t_intp.array()*t_intp.array())).matrix() - y_intp).maxCoeff();
40     return max_err;
41 }
42
43 int main()
44 {
45     /** Plotting for n = 10 nodes */
46     long n = 10;
47     // equidistant nodes
48     Eigen::VectorXd t_equi = Eigen::VectorXd::LinSpaced(n + 1, -5, 5);
49     // chebychev nodes
50     Eigen::VectorXd t_cheb(n + 1);

```

Equidistant nodes



Chebyshev nodes

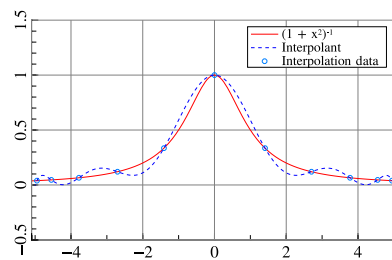


Figure 2: Global polynomial interpolation

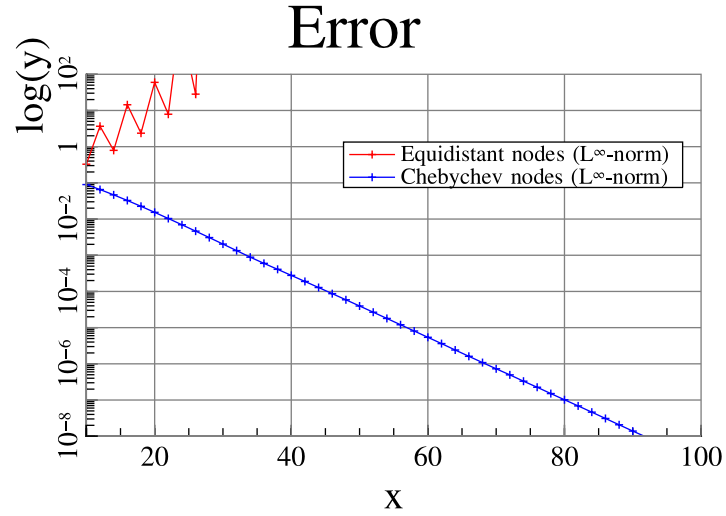


Figure 3: Error of the interpolant

```

52  const double pi = 4*atan(1);
53  for (int i = 0; i <= n; ++i)
54      t_cheb(i) = -5 + 5*(cos((2*i + 1)*pi/(2*n + 2)) + 1);
55
56  mglGraph gr_equi, gr_cheb;
57  gr_equi.Title("Equidistant nodes");
58  interpol(t_equi, &gr_equi);
59  gr_equi.WriteEPS("intp-equi.eps");
60
61  gr_cheb.Title("Chebychev nodes");
62  interpol(t_cheb, &gr_cheb);
63  gr_cheb.WriteEPS("intp-cheb.eps");
64
65  /** Plotting error */
66  long N = 100;
67
68
69  // computing error
70  std::vector<double> err_equi, err_cheb, evals;
71  err_equi.reserve(N/2);
72  err_cheb.reserve(N/2);
73  evals.reserve(N/2);
74
75  for(long n = 10; n < N; n += 2){
76      evals.push_back(n);
77      // equidistant nodes
78      Eigen::VectorXd t_equi = Eigen::VectorXd::LinSpaced(n + 1, -5, 5);
79
80      // chebychev nodes
81      Eigen::VectorXd t_cheb(n + 1);
82      for (int i = 0; i <= n; ++i)
83          t_cheb(i) = -5 + 5*(cos((2*i + 1)*pi/(2*n + 2)) + 1);
84
85      err_equi.push_back(interpol(t_equi));
86      err_cheb.push_back(interpol(t_cheb));
87  }

```

```

88
89 // preparing data for plot
90 mglData evals_data(evals.data(), evals.size());
91 mglData cheb_data(err_cheb.data(), err_cheb.size());
92 mglData equi_data(err_equi.data(), err_equi.size());
93
94 // plotting
95 mglGraph gr_error;
96 gr_error.Title("Error");
97 gr_error.SetRanges(10, N, 1e-8, 1e2);
98 gr_error.SetFunc("", "lg(y)");
99 gr_error.Label('x', "x", 0);
100 gr_error.Label('y', "log(y)", 0);
101
102 gr_error.Plot(evals_data, equi_data, "r-+");
103 gr_error.Plot(evals_data, cheb_data, "b-+");
104
105 gr_error.AddLegend("Equidistant nodes ( $L^{\infty}$ -norm)", "r-+");
106 gr_error.AddLegend("Chebychev nodes ( $L^{\infty}$ -norm)", "b-+");
107 gr_error.Legend(1, 0.8);
108
109 gr_error.Axis();
110 gr_error.Grid("", "h");
111
112 gr_error.WriteEPS("error.eps");
113
114
115 return 0;
116 }

```

Library (Declaration):

```

1 # ifndef INTERPOL_HPP
2 # define INTERPOL_HPP
3
4 # include <Eigen/Dense>
5
6 class Interpol {
7 public:
8     Interpol(Eigen::VectorXd& t, Eigen::VectorXd& y);
9     double operator()(double x);
10
11 private:
12     Eigen::VectorXd t_;
13     Eigen::VectorXd y_;
14     Eigen::VectorXd lambda_;
15 };
16
17 # endif

```

Library (Implementation):

```

1 # include <interpol.hpp>
2 # include <algorithm>
3 # include <numeric> // accumulate
4 # include <functional> // multiplies
5
6 Interpol::Interpol(Eigen::VectorXd& t, Eigen::VectorXd& y)
7 {
8     assert(t.size() == y.size()); // should be implemented with try and catch
9     const long n = t.size() - 1; // t = t_0, ..., t_n -> size = n + 1
10     Eigen::VectorXd lambda = Eigen::VectorXd::Zero(n + 1);

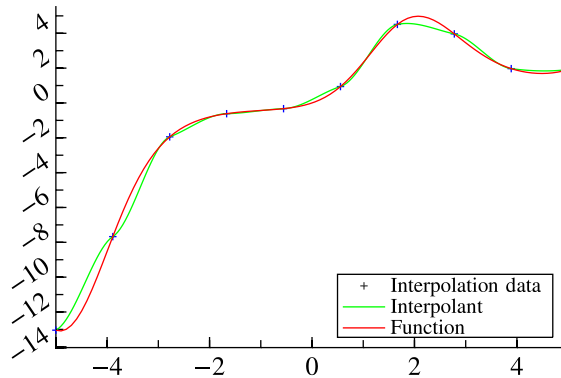
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11
12     for (long i = 0; i < n + 1; ++i){
13         std::vector<double> T;
14         T.reserve(n);
15         for (long j = 0; j < n + 1; ++j){
16             if (i != j)
17                 T.push_back(t(i) - t(j));
18         }
19
20         // following line computes the product of the elements in T
21         double T_prod = std::accumulate(T.begin(), T.end(), 1.0, std::multiplies<double>());
22         lambda(i) = 1./T_prod;
23     }
24     t_ = t;
25     y_ = y;
26     lambda_ = lambda;
27 }
28
29 double Interpol::operator()(double x){
30     auto ind_ptr = std::find(t_.data(), t_.data() + t_.size(), x);
31     int ind = ind_ptr - t_.data(); // get index as number
32     // if x has the same value as a node we must avoid division by
33     // zero and return the value at the node
34     if (ind_ptr != t_.data() + t_.size())
35         return y_(ind);
36     // else use barycentric formula
37     Eigen::VectorXd mu = (lambda_.array()/(x - t_.array())).matrix();
38     double result = (mu.array()*y_.array()).sum()/mu.sum();
39     return result;
40 }

```

## 2.2.2 Natural splines



Here the code is also divided in library and main function.  
Main:

```

1 # include <natcsi.hpp>
2 # include <Eigen/Dense>

```



```

3  # include <mgl2/mgl.h>
4  # include <iostream>
5  # include <fstream>
6
7  int main(){
8      // build data, function f(t) = t*exp(sin(t))
9      Eigen::VectorXd t = Eigen::VectorXd::LinSpaced(10, -5, 5);
10     Eigen::VectorXd y = (t.array()*t.array().sin().exp()).matrix();
11     NatCSI N(t, y);
12     const std::size_t n = 200;
13     Eigen::VectorXd t_interp = Eigen::VectorXd::LinSpaced(n, t.minCoeff(), t.maxCoeff());
14     Eigen::VectorXd y_interp(n);
15     for (std::size_t i = 0; i < n; ++i){
16         y_interp(i) = N(t_interp(i));
17     }
18     // prepare data for plotting
19     mglData td, yd, td_interp, yd_interp;
20     td.Set(t.data(), t.size()); td_interp.Set(t_interp.data(), t_interp.size());
21     yd.Set(y.data(), y.size()); yd_interp.Set(y_interp.data(), y_interp.size());
22
23     // plot
24     mglGraph gr;
25     gr.SetRanges(t_interp.minCoeff(), t_interp.maxCoeff(), y_interp.minCoeff() - 1,
26                 y_interp.maxCoeff() + 1);
27     gr.Axis();
28     gr.Plot(td, yd, "+"); // interpolation data
29     gr.Plot(td_interp, yd_interp, "g"); // interpolant
30     gr.FPlot("x*exp(sin(x))", "r"); // function
31
32     gr.AddLegend("Interpolation data", "+");
33     gr.AddLegend("Interpolant", "g");
34     gr.AddLegend("Function", "r");
35     gr.Legend(1,0);
36
37     gr.WriteEPS("interpolation.eps");
38
39
40     return 0;
41 }

```

Library (Declaration):

```

1  # ifndef NATCSI_HPP
2  # define NATCSI_HPP
3
4  # include <Eigen/Dense>
5
6  class NatCSI {
7  public:
8      NatCSI(const Eigen::VectorXd& t, const Eigen::VectorXd& y);
9      double operator()(double x) const;
10
11  private:
12      Eigen::MatrixXd t_;
13      Eigen::VectorXd y_;
14      Eigen::VectorXd c_;
15  };
16
17  # endif

```

Library (Implementation):

```

1  # include "natcsi.hpp"
2  # include <Eigen/Dense>

```

```

3  # include <Eigen/Sparse>
4  # include <Eigen/SparseCholesky>
5  # include <vector>
6  # include <algorithm>
7  # include <cassert>
8
9  // PRE: sorted vector of t and corresponding interpolation values y
10 // POST: create object of NatCSI
11 NatCSI::NatCSI(const Eigen::VectorXd& t, const Eigen::VectorXd& y)
12 : t_(t), y_(y)
13 {
14     assert(t.size() == y.size());
15     const std::size_t n = t.size() - 1; // t = t0, ..., tn -> #t = n+1
16     // build helper-definitions
17     const Eigen::VectorXd h = t.tail(n) - t.head(n); // #h = n
18     const Eigen::VectorXd b = (1./h.array()).matrix(); // #b = n
19     const Eigen::VectorXd a = 2*(b.head(n-1) + b.tail(n-1));
20     const Eigen::VectorXd diff_y = y.tail(n) - y.head(n);
21     Eigen::VectorXd rhs_constr = (diff_y.array()/h.array()/h.array()).matrix();
22
23     // build rhs
24     Eigen::VectorXd rhs = Eigen::VectorXd::Zero(n + 1);
25     rhs.head(n) = rhs_constr;
26     // need to save it temporarily otherwise Eigen starts overwriting
27     // the old vector while we still need it
28     Eigen::VectorXd rhs_tail_tmp = rhs.tail(n);
29     rhs.tail(n) = rhs_tail_tmp + rhs_constr;
30
31     // build system matrix
32     typedef Eigen::Triplet<double> T;
33     std::vector<T> triplets;
34     triplets.reserve(3*(n + 1) - 2);
35
36     // first row:
37     triplets.push_back( T(0, 0, 2*b(0)) );
38     triplets.push_back( T(0, 1, b(0)) );
39
40     // rows 2 to n:
41     for (std::size_t i = 1; i < n; ++i){
42         triplets.push_back( T(i, i, a(i - 1)) );
43         triplets.push_back( T(i, i - 1, b(i - 1)) );
44         triplets.push_back( T(i, i + 1, b(i)) );
45     }
46
47     // last row:
48     triplets.push_back( T(n, n - 1, b(n - 1)) );
49     triplets.push_back( T(n, n, b(n - 1)) );
50
51     Eigen::SparseMatrix<double> sysmat(n + 1, n + 1);
52     sysmat.setFromTriplets(triplets.begin(), triplets.end());
53
54     // solve LSE
55     Eigen::SimplicialLDLT<Eigen::SparseMatrix<double>> solver;
56     solver.analyzePattern(sysmat);
57     solver.factorize(sysmat);
58     c_ = solver.solve(rhs);
59 }
60
61 // PRE: x in between t_0 and t_end
62 double NatCSI::operator() (double x) const{
63     // find out between which nodes x is
64     unsigned int index;

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65 // the case of x being equal to the last node must be
66 // handled separately because the find_if will fail due to the "<"
67 if (x == t_.size() - 1){
68     return y_(t_.size() - 1);
69 }
70 else
71 {
72     auto f = [x](double node){ return x < node; };
73     auto index_pointer = std::find_if(t_.data(), t_.data() + t_.size(), f);
74     index = index_pointer - t_.data();
75 }
76 double h = t_(index) - t_(index - 1);
77 x = (x - t_(index - 1))/h;
78 double a1 = y_(index) - y_(index - 1);
79 double a2 = a1 - h*c_(index - 1);
80 double a3 = h*c_(index) - a1 - a2;
81 double s = y_(index - 1) + (a1 + (a2 + a3*x)*(x - 1))*x;
82 return s;
83 }

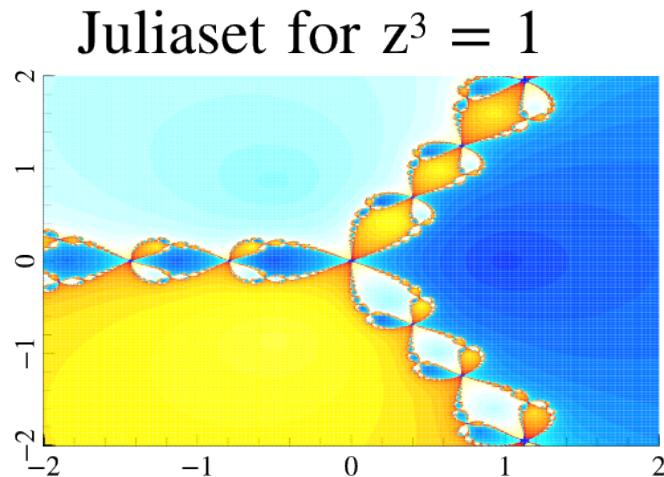
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## 2.3 Newton's method

This example is about convergence of Newton's method for

$$z^3 - 1 = 0, z \in \mathbb{C} \quad (2)$$

The following tile plot shows to which of the three roots the method convergence with a given start value. The Julia set is the number of points for which the method does not converge.



Code:

```

1 # include <Eigen/Dense>
2 # include <iostream>
3 # include <mgl2/mgl.h>
4 # include "grid.hpp"
5
6 typedef Eigen::VectorXd Vec;
7 typedef Eigen::MatrixXd Mat;

```

```

8
9
10 // define F and its derivative
11 class F {
12 public:
13     Vec operator()(Vec& x)
14     {
15         Vec fx(2);
16         fx << x(0)*x(0)*x(0) - 3*x(0)*x(1)*x(1) - 1,
17              3*x(0)*x(0)*x(1) - x(1)*x(1)*x(1);
18         return fx;
19     }
20 };
21
22 class DF {
23 public:
24     Mat operator()(Vec& x)
25     {
26         Mat dfx(2,2);
27         dfx << 3*x(0)*x(0) - 3*x(1)*x(1),
28              -6*x(0)*x(1),
29              6*x(0)*x(1),
30              3*x(0)*x(0) - 3*x(1)*x(1);
31         return dfx;
32     }
33 };
34
35 int main()
36 {
37     // exact roots of  $f(z) = z^3 - 1$ ,  $z$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ 
38     Vec z1(2), z2(2), z3(2);
39     z1 << 1, 0;
40     z2 << -0.5, 0.5*std::sqrt(3);
41     z3 << -0.5, -0.5*std::sqrt(3);
42     const unsigned int maxit = 20;
43     const double tol = 1e-4;
44     const unsigned int N = 500;
45     Vec x = Vec::LinSpaced(N, -2, 2);
46
47     std::pair<Mat, Mat> Grid = meshgrid(x, x);
48     Mat X = Grid.first;
49     Mat Y = Grid.second;
50
51     Vec C = Vec::Ones(X.size());
52
53     F Func; DF Jac;
54     for (int i = 0; i < X.size(); ++i){
55         Vec v(2); v << *(X.data() + i), *(Y.data() + i);
56
57         // newton iteration
58         for (unsigned int k = 1; k <= maxit; ++k){
59             v -= Jac(v).lu().solve(Func(v));
60
61             // termination criterium: stop when close to one of the roots
62             if ((v - z1).norm() < tol){
63                 C(i) = 1 + k;
64                 break;
65             }
66             else if ((v - z2).norm() < tol){
67                 C(i) = 1 + k + maxit;
68                 break;
69             }

```

```

70         else if ((v - z3).norm() < tol){
71             C(i) = 1 + k + 2*maxit;
72             break;
73         }
74     }
75 }
76
77
78 // normalize results for plot
79 C = (C.array()/double(C.maxCoeff())).matrix();
80
81 mglData Xd(X.rows(), X.cols(), X.data());
82 mglData Yd(Y.rows(), Y.cols(), Y.data());
83 mglData Cd(X.rows(), X.cols(), C.data());
84
85 mglGraph gr;
86 gr.SubPlot(1,1,0,"<-");
87 gr.SetRanges(-2,2,-2,2);
88 gr.SetRange('c', 0, 1);
89 gr.Title("Juliaset for \\z^3 = 1");
90 gr.Axis();
91 gr.Colorbar("bcwyr");
92 gr.Tile(Xd, Yd, Cd, "bcwyr");
93 gr.WriteEPS("set.eps");
94
95 return 0;
96 }

```

The used library grid.hpp:

```

1  # ifndef GRID_HPP
2  # define GRID_HPP
3
4  # include <Eigen/Dense>
5
6  typedef Eigen::MatrixXd Mat;
7  typedef Eigen::VectorXd Vec;
8  std::pair<Mat, Mat> meshgrid(Vec& a, Vec& b)
9  {
10     long m = a.size();
11     long n = b.size();
12     Mat X(n,m), Y(n,m);
13     for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
14         X.block(i, 0, 1, m) = a.transpose();
15     for (int j = 0; j < m; ++j)
16         Y.block(0, j, n, 1) = b;
17     return std::pair<Mat,Mat>(X,Y);
18 }
19
20 # endif

```