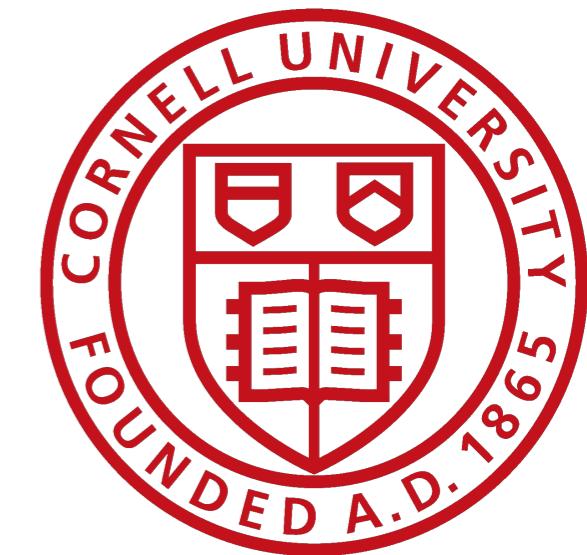


# Computing with rational approximations (with applications in signal processing)



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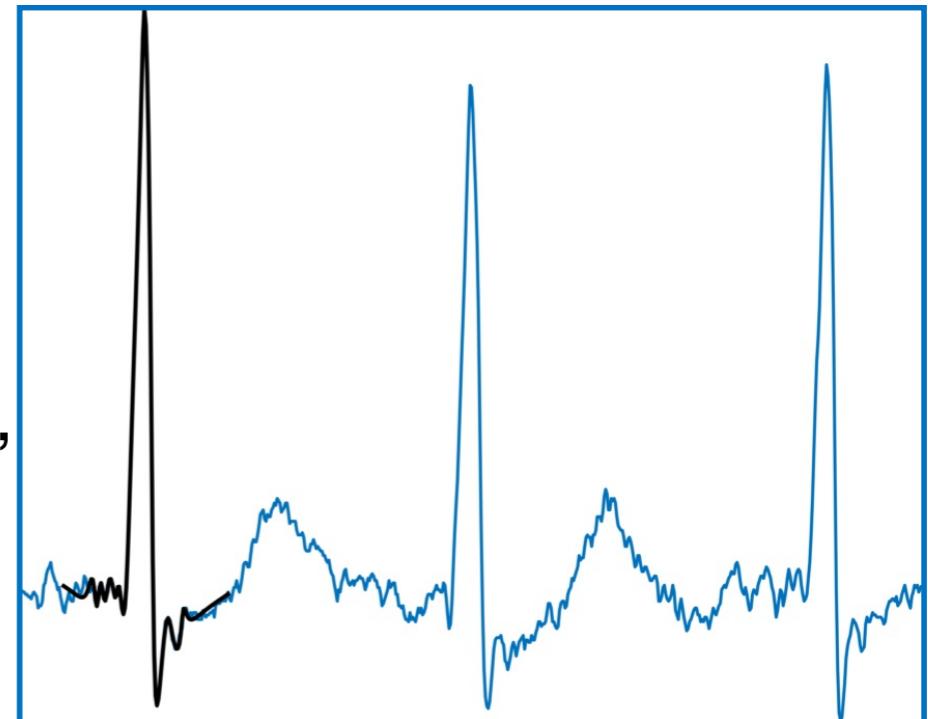
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# Computing with rational functions

Signal reconstruction: geophone/hydrophone/ECG monitoring, extrapolation, filtering

[Belykin & Monzón (2009), Moitra (2018), Fridli, Lósci & Schipp (2012), Vetterli, Marziliano, & Blu (2002)]



Feature extraction: abnormality detection, classification, parameter recovery

[Gilián (2016), Moitra (2018) , Peter & Plonka (2013), Potts & Tasche (2013)]

Modeling/PDEs/simulation: advection in discontinuous media, shock or cusp development, Painlevé equations

[Tee & Trefethen (2006), Beylkin, Haut & Monzon (2013) , Fasondini, Fornberg & Weideman (2017)]

Numerical linear algebra: nonlinear eigenvalue problems, evaluating matrix functions, solving matrix equations, reduced order modeling

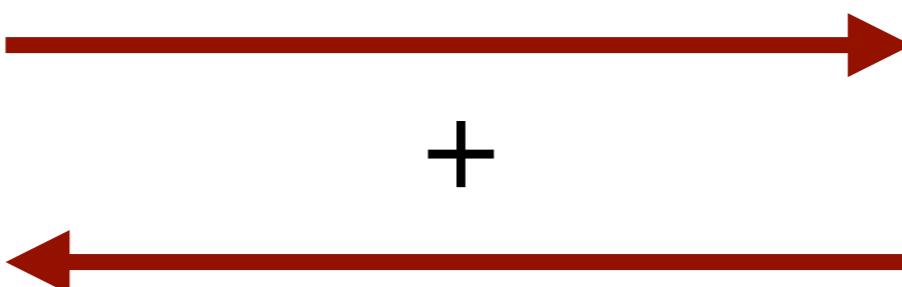
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# Computing with trigonometric rationals

**GOAL:** Develop software tools for working adaptively with trigonometric rational approximations to periodic functions.

- “Near-optimal” rational approximations
- No guiding parameters required
- Basic tools: algebraic operations (sum, product), calculus, filtering, rootfinding/polefinding, visualization
- Works with noisy data, undersampled/resolved data, missing data.

Approximate  
Prony  
(Fourier space)



Trigonometric  
AAA  
(value space)

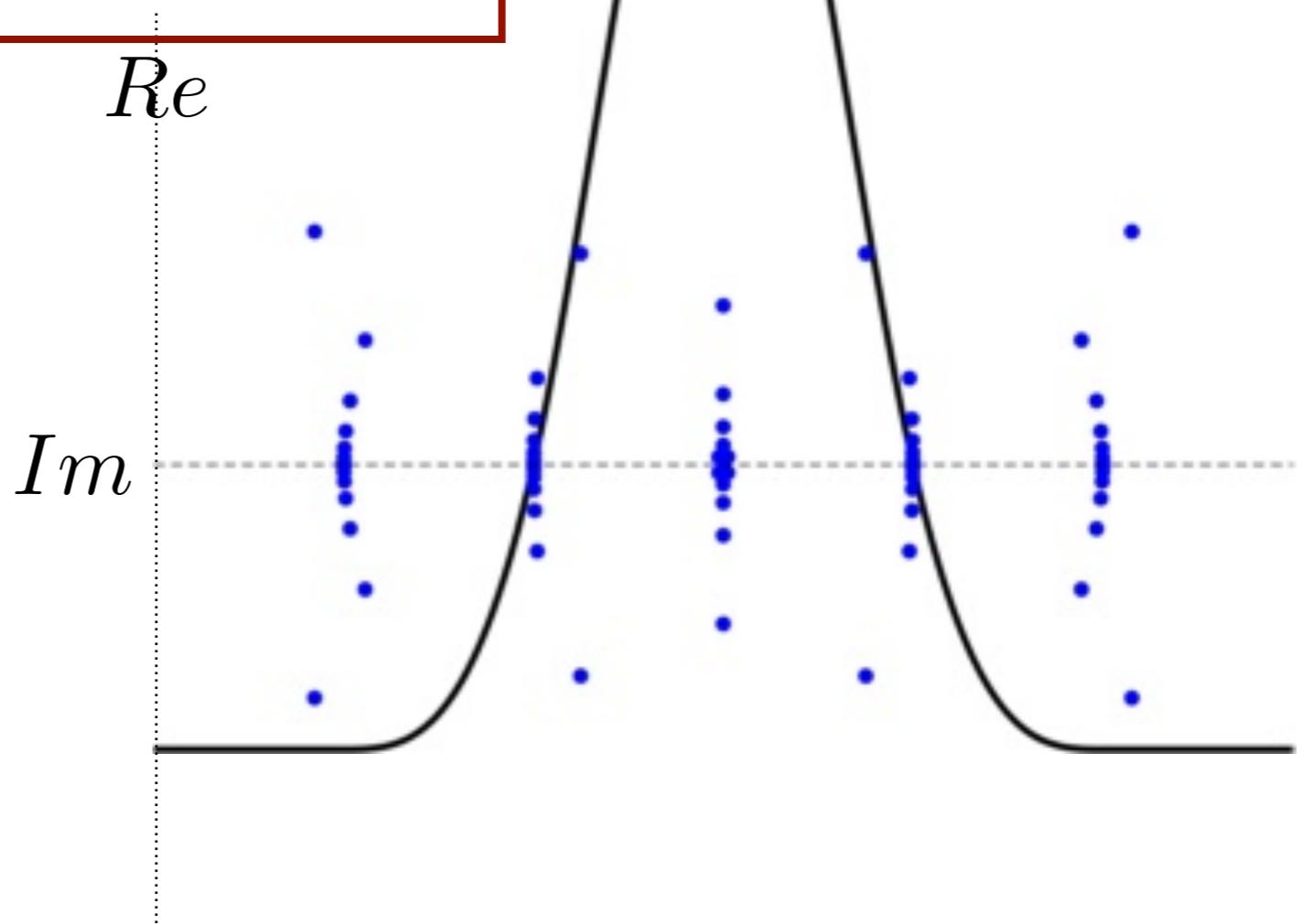
# Trigonometric rational functions in value space

$f$  is periodic, real-valued, continuous on  $[0, 1)$ ,  $\int_0^1 f(\theta) d\theta = 0$ .

We seek  $r_m \approx f$ , where

$$\bullet \quad r_m(\theta) = \frac{p_{m-1}(\theta)}{q_m(\theta)} = \frac{\sum_{k=-(m-1)}^{(m-1)} \hat{p}_k e^{2\pi i \theta}}{\sum_{k=-m}^m \hat{q}_k e^{2\pi i \theta}}.$$

- $$\bullet \quad r_m \text{ has } 2m \text{ simple poles, } \{\eta_j, \bar{\eta}_j\}_{j=1}^m.$$



# Barycentric rational interpolants



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(J.P. Berrut)

## Trigonometric Barycentric rational interpolants:

$$r(\theta) = \frac{n(\theta)}{d(\theta)} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{2M} u_k f_k \text{cst}(\pi\theta - \pi\theta_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2M} u_k \text{cst}(\pi\theta - \pi\theta_k)}, \quad \text{cst}\theta = \begin{cases} \csc\theta, & M \text{ is odd}, \\ \cot\theta, & M \text{ is even}. \end{cases}$$

### Key properties

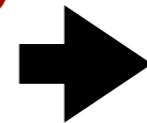
- interpolant at  $\theta_k : r(\theta_k) = f_k$
- degree of numerator, denominator controlled by choice of  $u_k$ .
- numerically stable evaluation, excellent compression when  $\theta_k, u_k$  chosen appropriately.



Barycentric nodes:  $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{2M})$

Barycentric weights:  $(u_1, \dots, u_{2M})$

Interpolation values:  $(f_1, \dots, f_{2M})$



Trigonometric AAA

# Trigonometric rational functions in Fourier space

**Key observation 1:** The Fourier series of  $r_m$  can be efficiently represented by a short sum of complex, decreasing exponentials.

If  $r_m(\theta) = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{\ell} e^{2\pi i \ell \theta}$ , then for  $\ell \geq 0$ ,

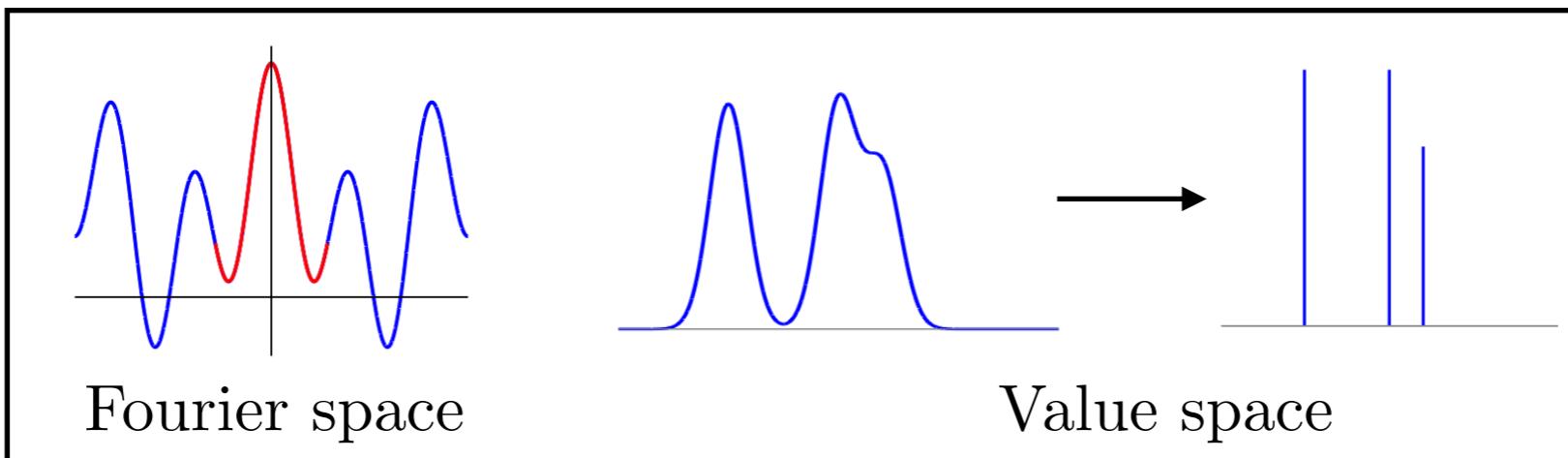
$$c_{\ell} = s_m(\ell) := \sum_{j=1}^M w_j e^{-\lambda_j \ell},$$

where  $\lambda_j = 2\pi i \eta_j$ ,  $w_j \neq 0$ .

**Key observation 2:**

- $s_M(\ell)$  can be exactly recovered by observing  $(c_0, \dots, c_{2M+1})$ .  
(Prony's method.)
- $r_m \approx f$  can be constructed by solving the approximate interpolation problem  $|\hat{f}_{\ell} - s_M(\ell)| < \epsilon$ ,  $0 \leq \ell \leq \hat{f}_{N_{\epsilon}}$ . (Approximate Prony's method.)

# The superresolution property



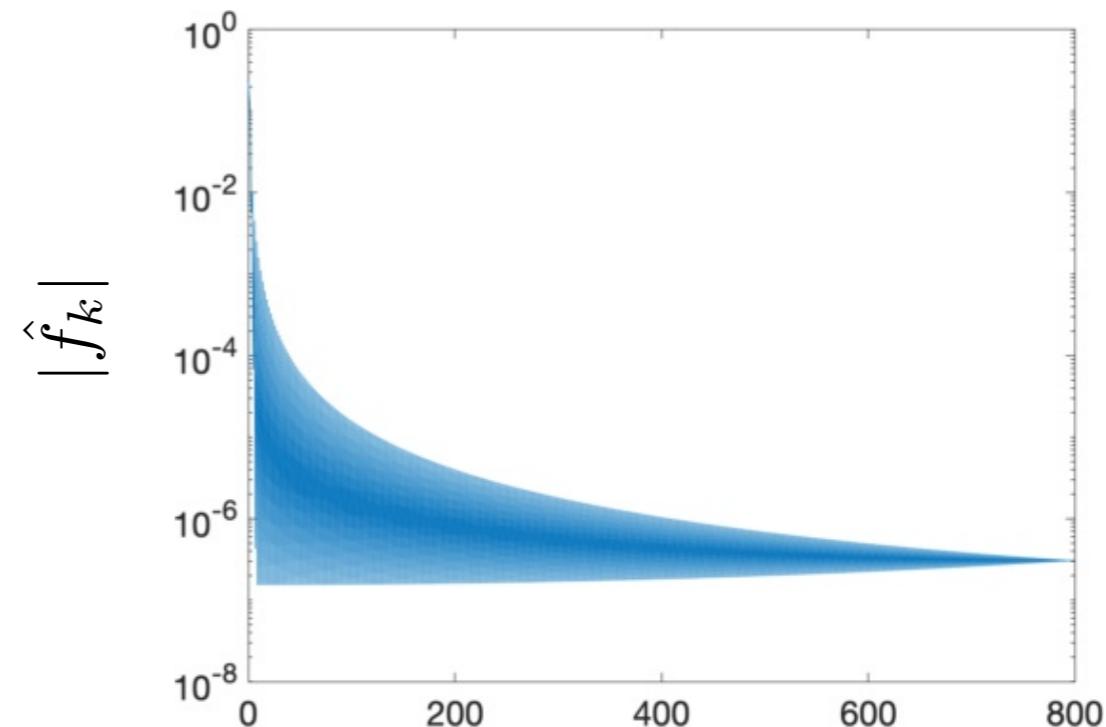
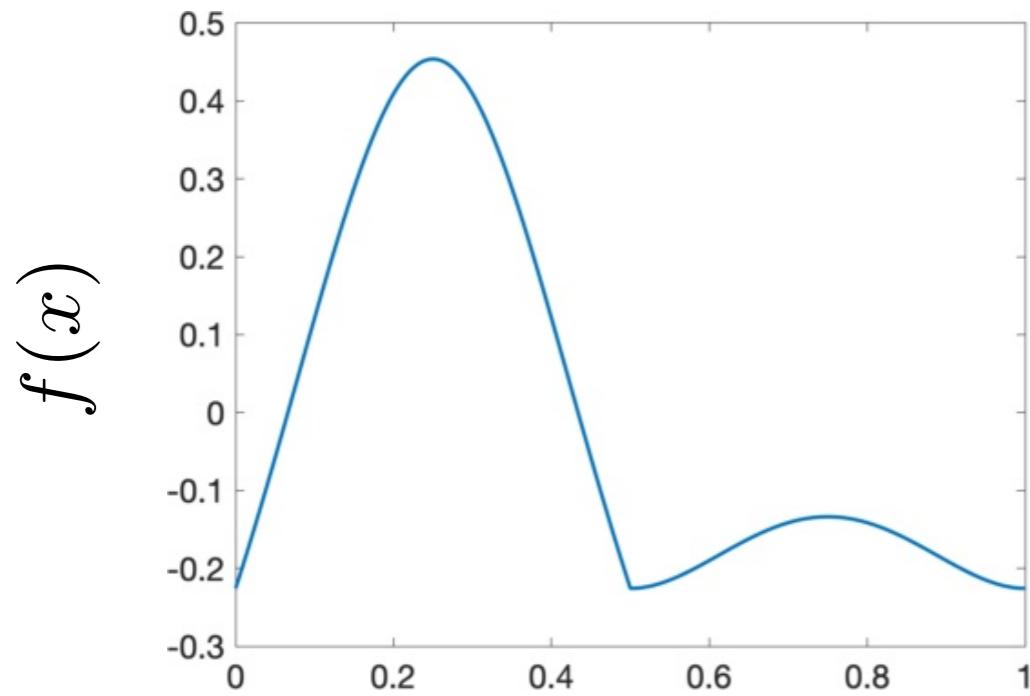
Extrapolation in Fourier space  $\iff$  superresolution in value space

Consider  $r_M(z) = \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\omega_j z_j}{z - z_j} + \frac{-\bar{\omega}_j/\bar{z}_j}{z - 1/\bar{z}_j}$ , where  $z_j = e^{-\lambda_j}$ .

$2M + 1$  Fourier coefficients of  $r_M \rightarrow s_M(\ell) = \sum_{j=1}^M \omega_j e^{-\lambda_j \ell}$ .

# AAA+Prony: Rational approximation in practice

Problem : Fourier coefficients decay slowly, sample is underresolved...  
How can I construct an exponential sum representation of  $r_m \approx f$ ?



(Fourier space)

$s_m$

$\mathcal{F}(r_m)$

(value space)

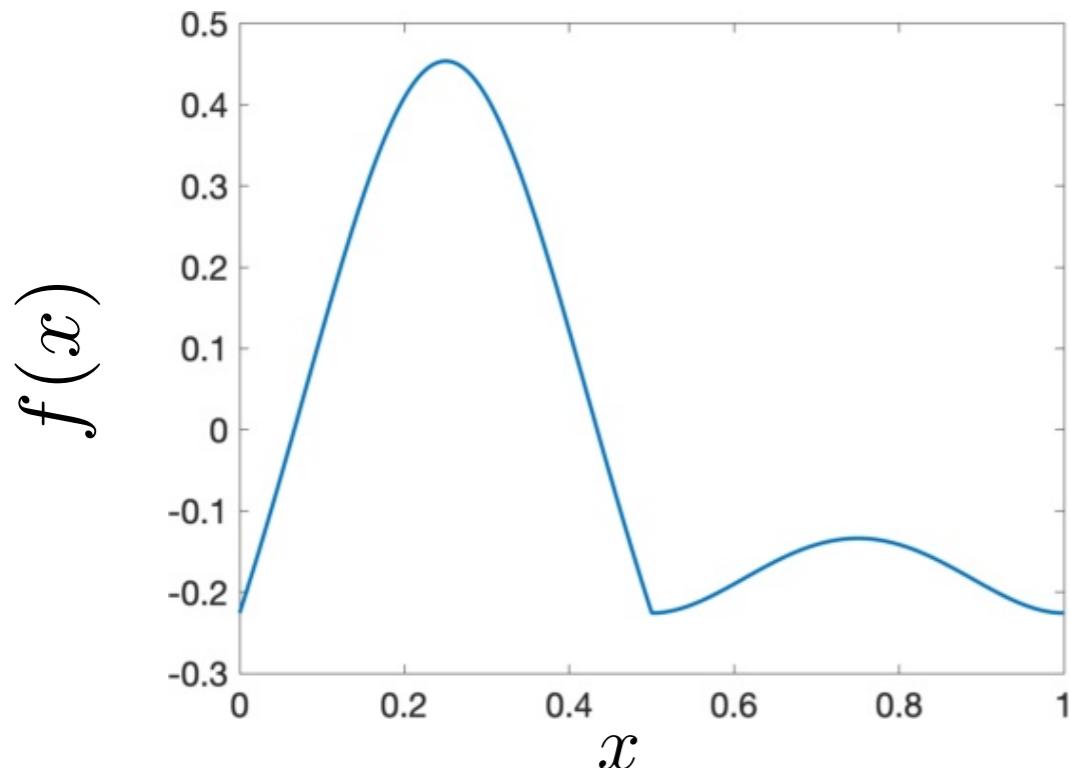
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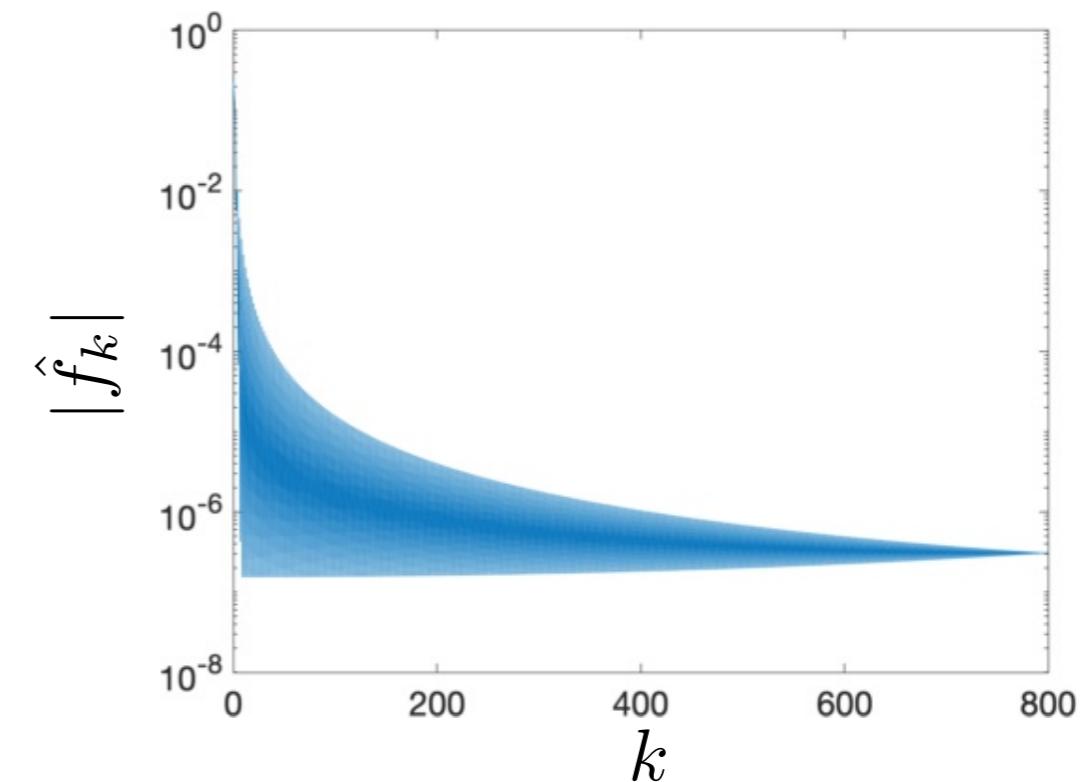


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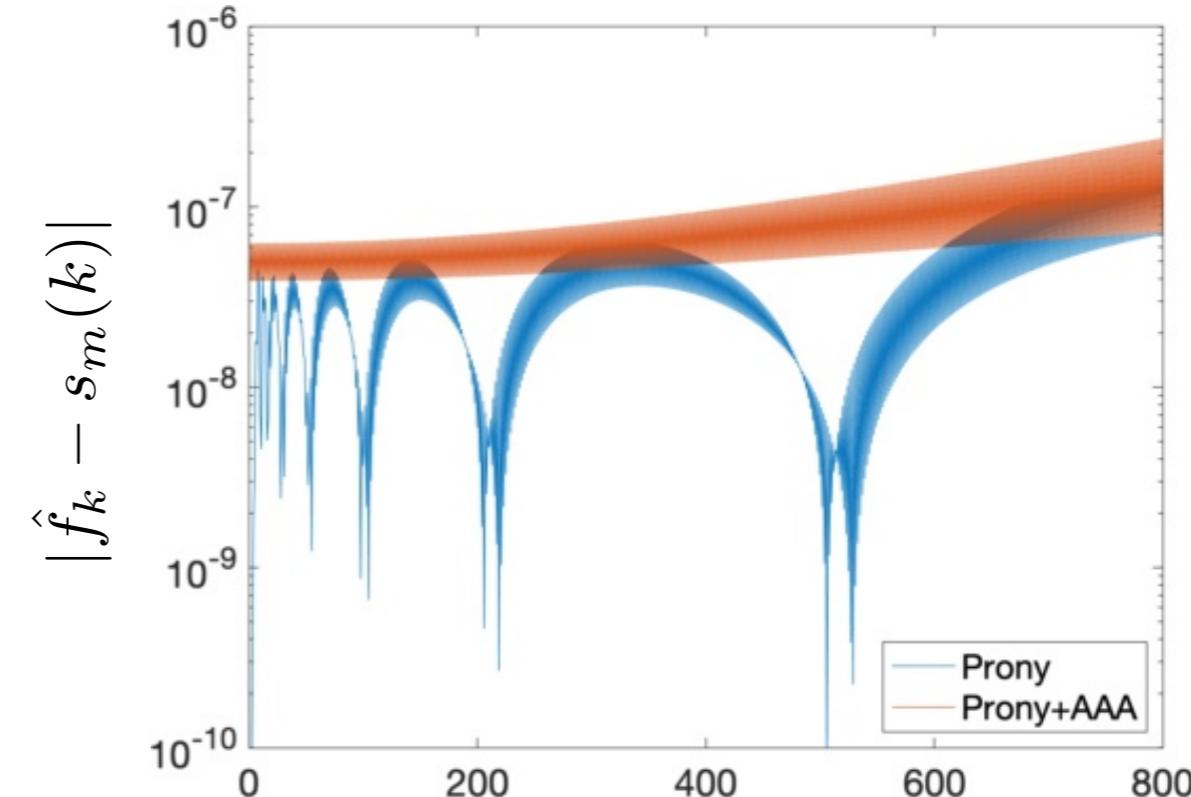
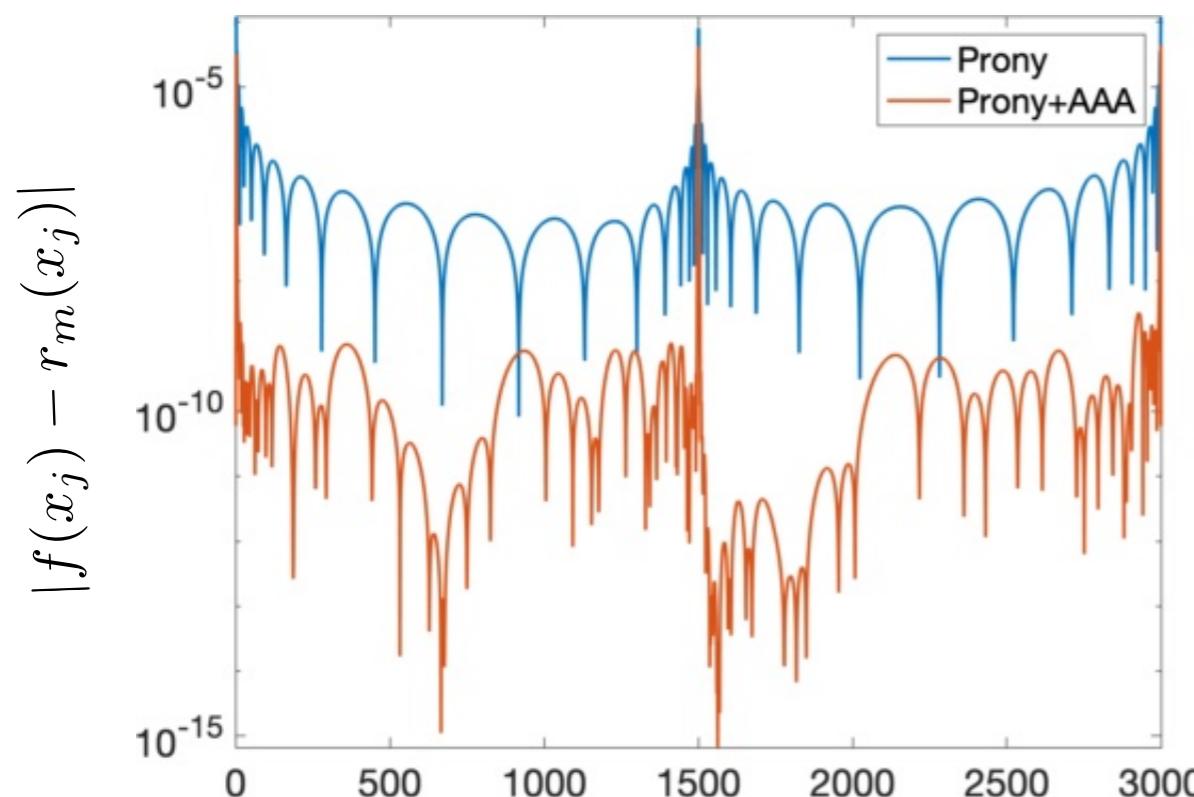
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Exp. sum format: value space error



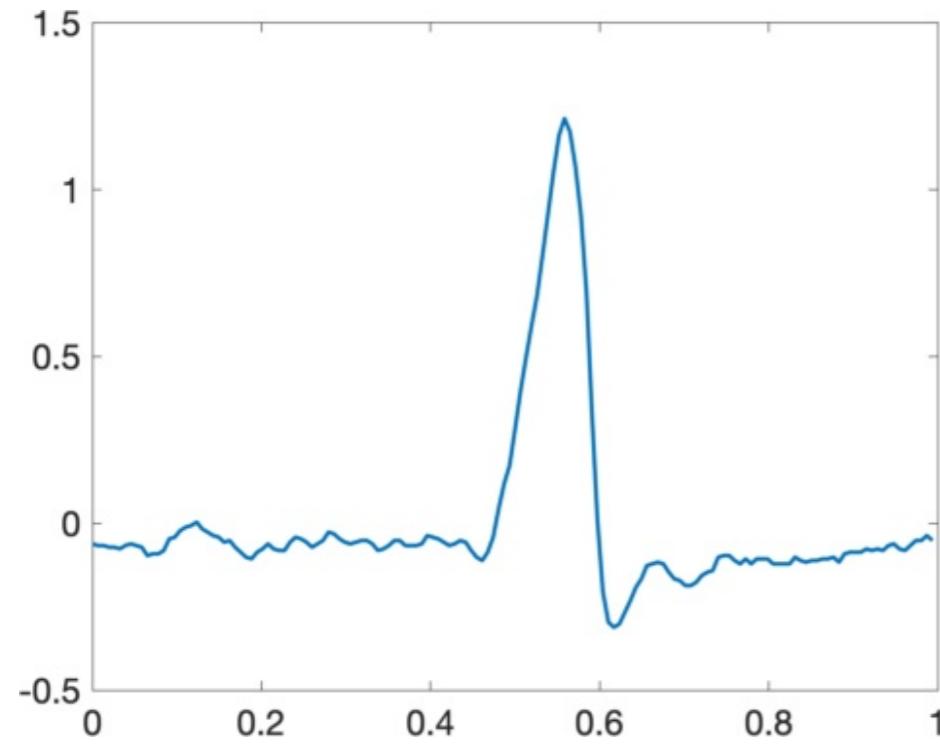
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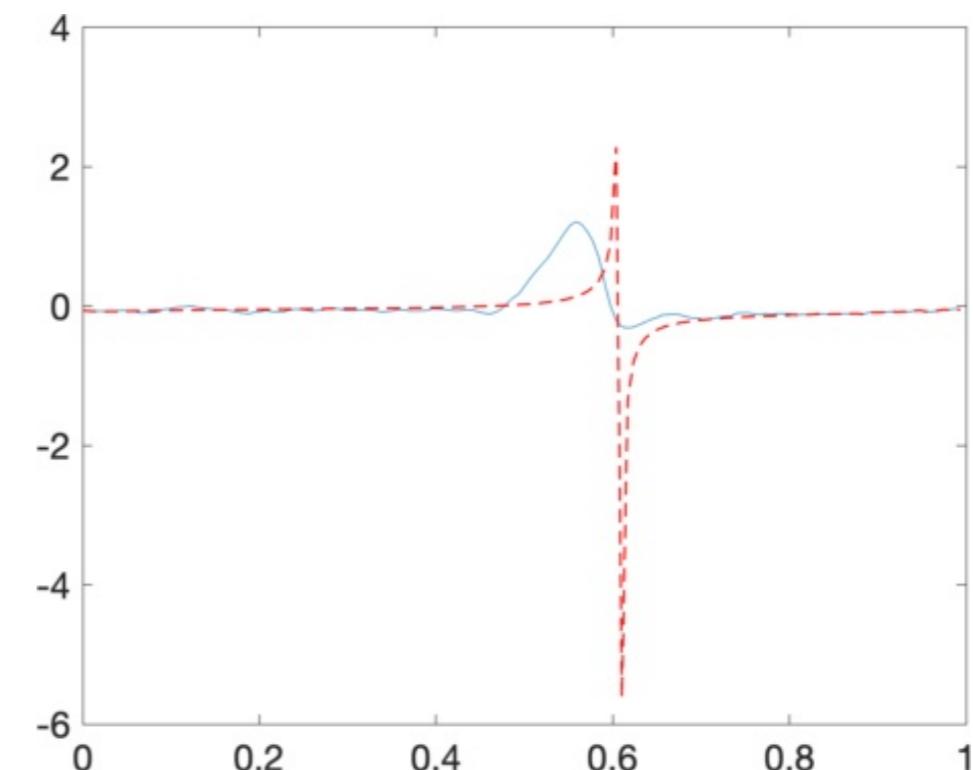
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How can I construct a barycentric representation of  $r_m \approx f$ ?



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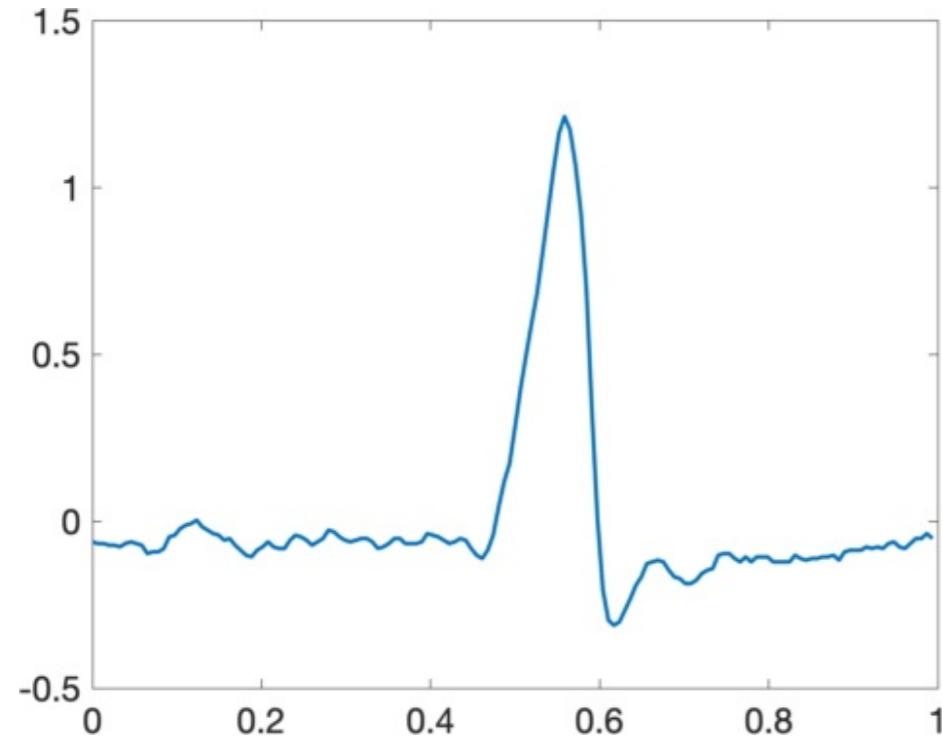


Try to find  $r_m$ , with trig-aaa, tol :=  $1e^{-2}$ .

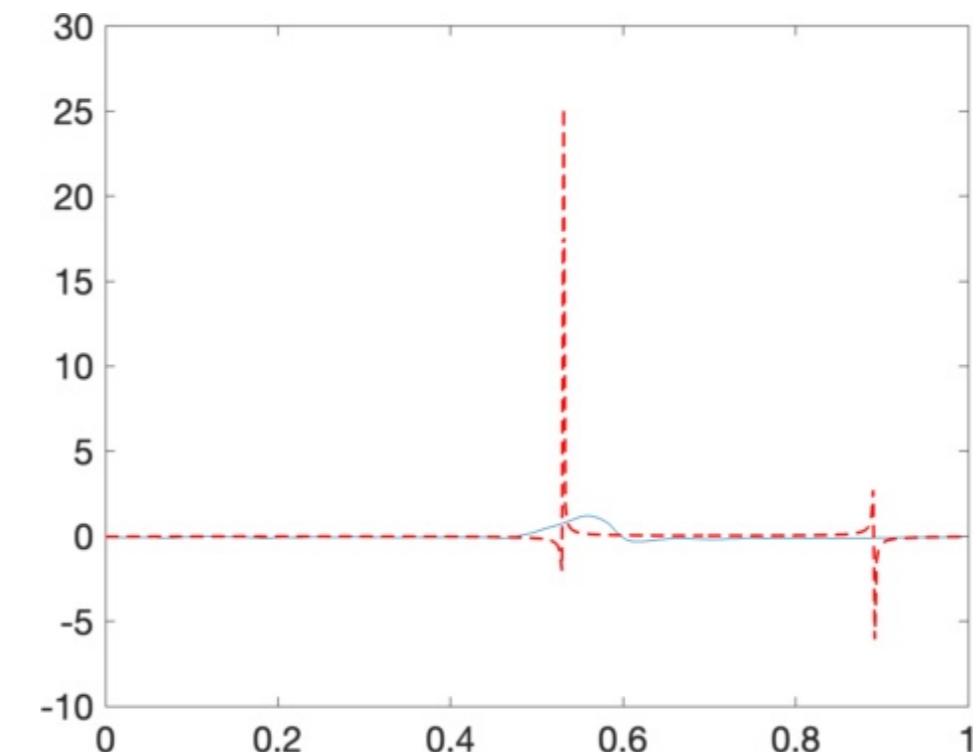
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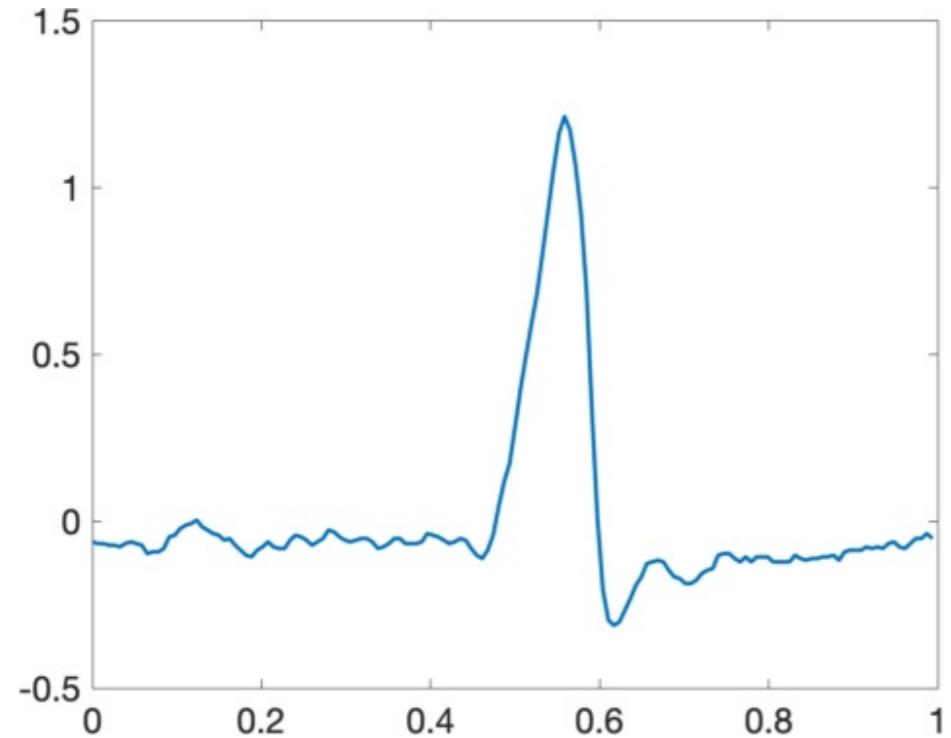


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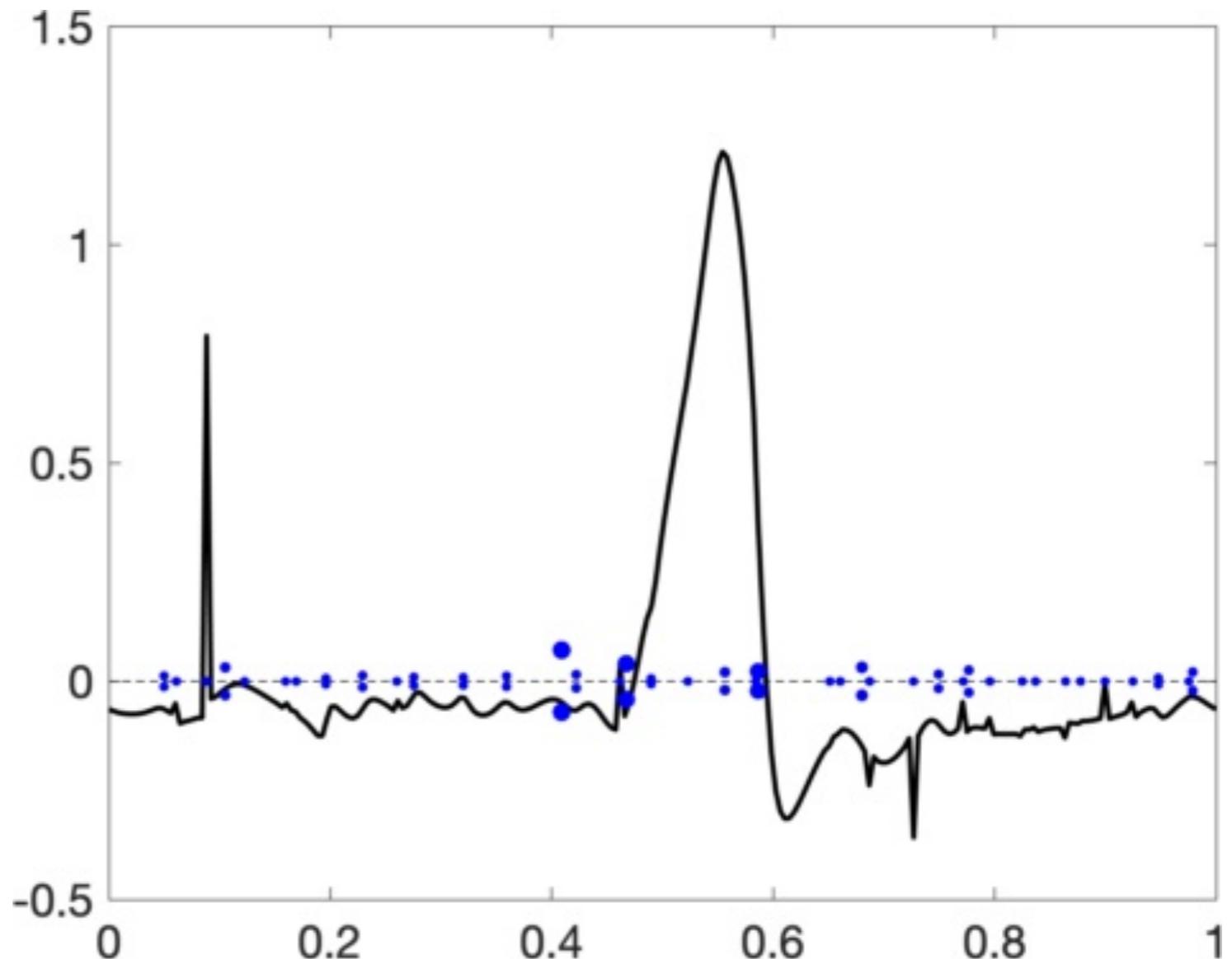
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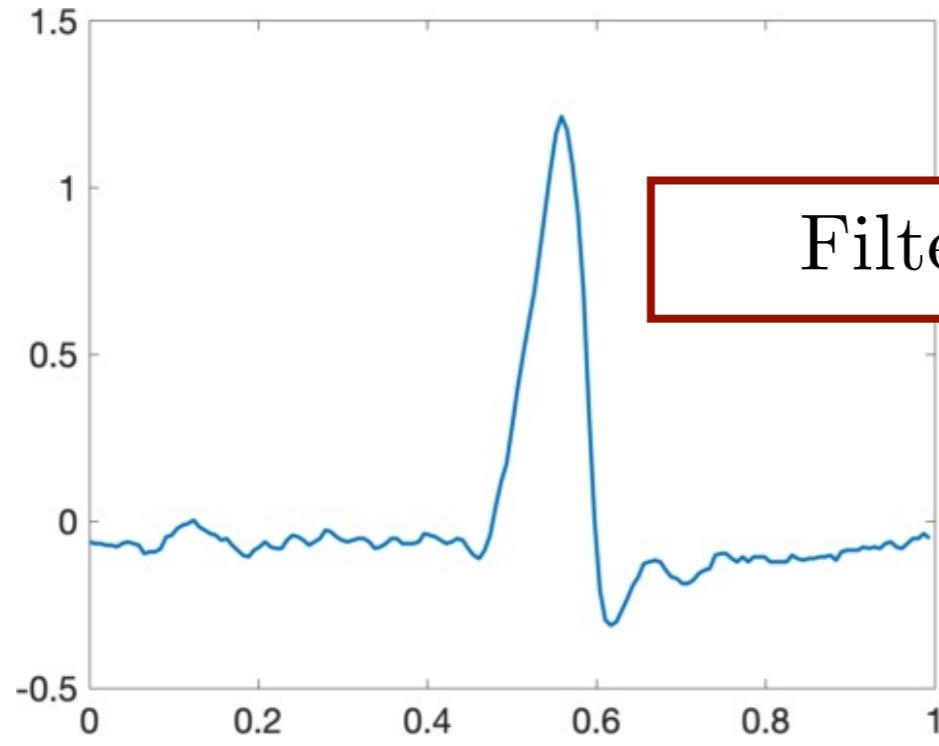


$m = 58$ . The poles on the complex plane are superimposed over a plot of the interpolant.

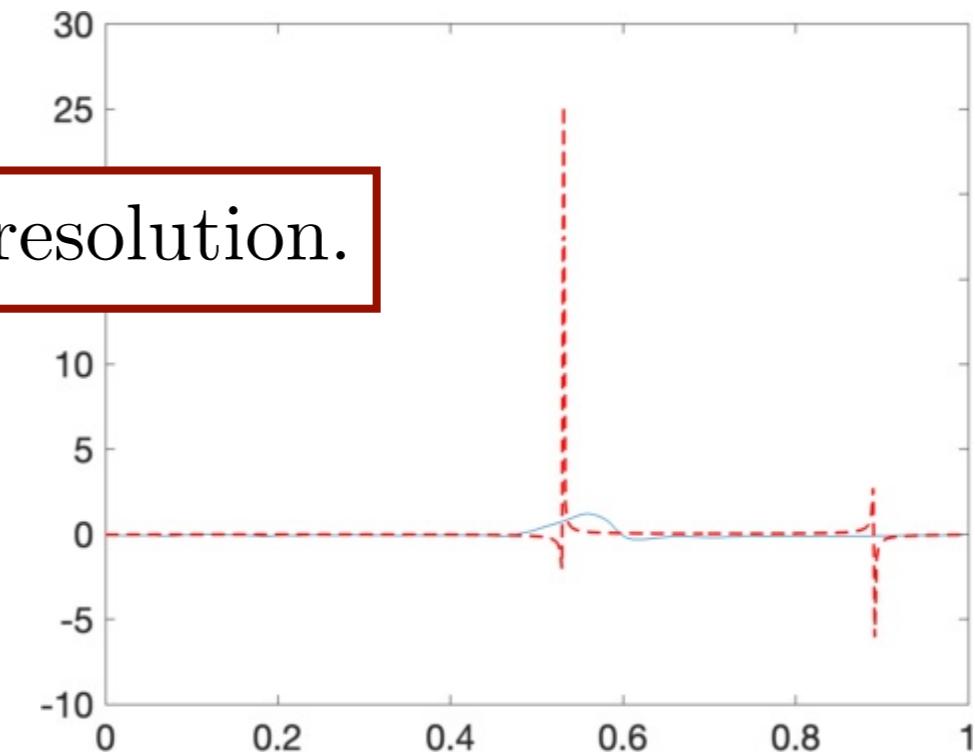
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Filter + superresolution.



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Try to find  $r_m$ , with  $\text{trig-aaa, tol} := 1e^{-1}$ .

(Fourier space)

Approximate  
Prony  
 $s_m$

$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(s_m)$

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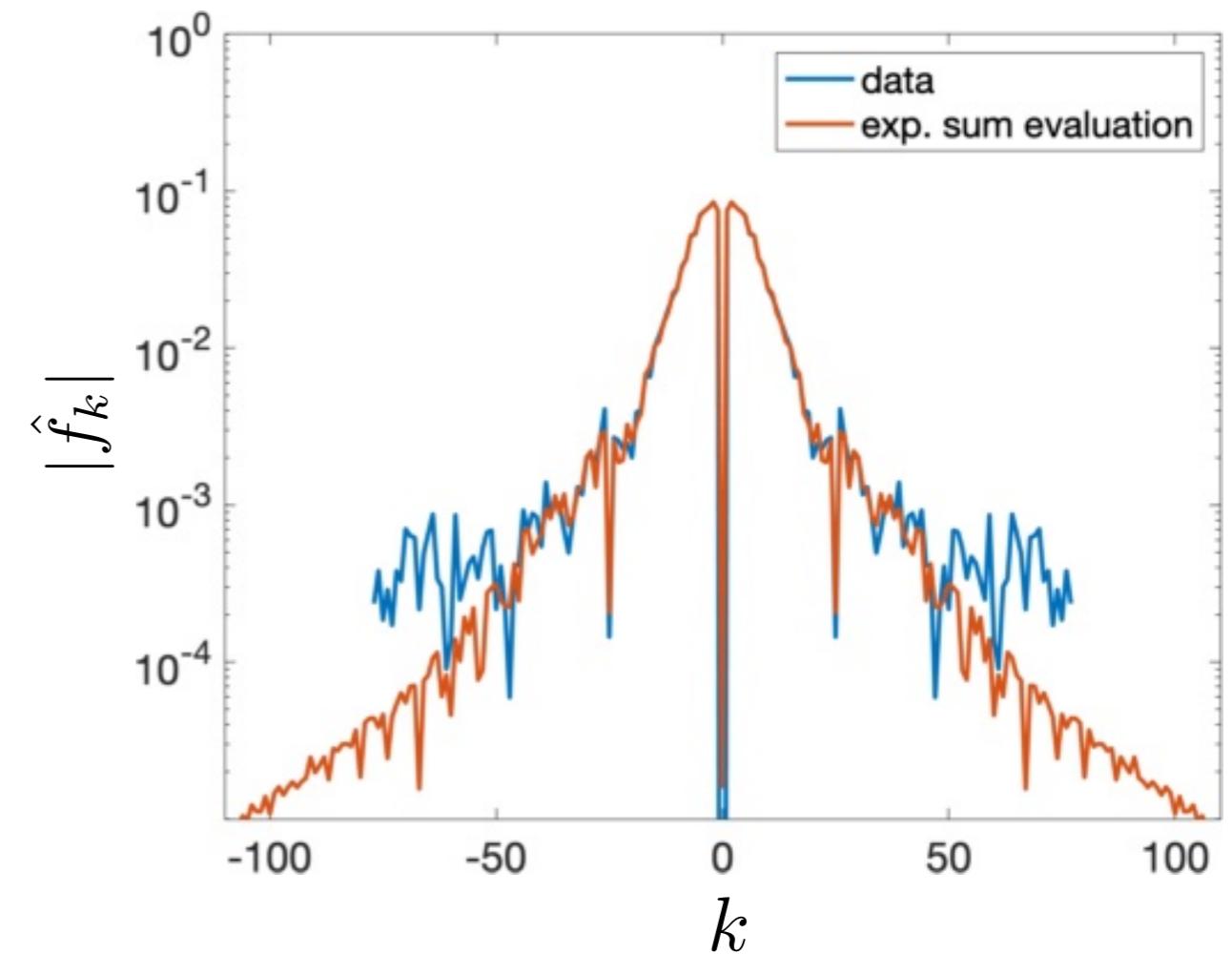
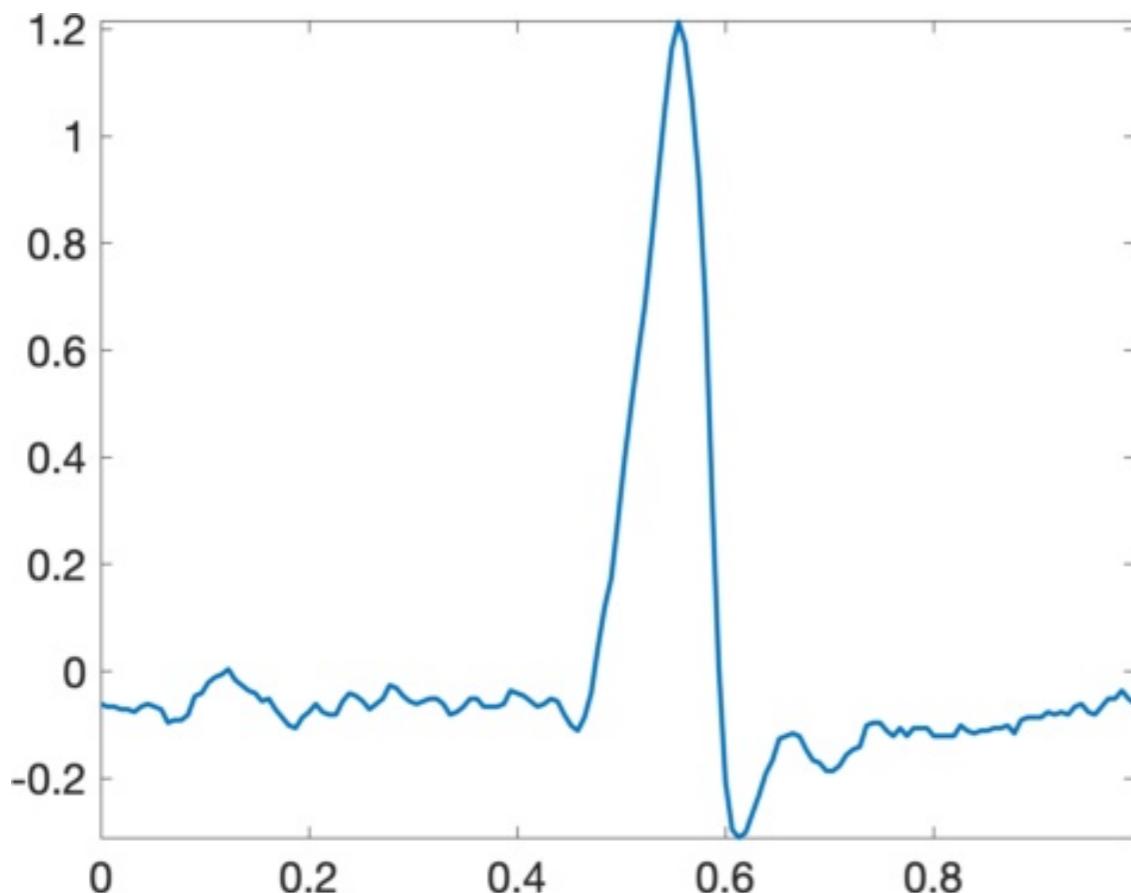
(value space)

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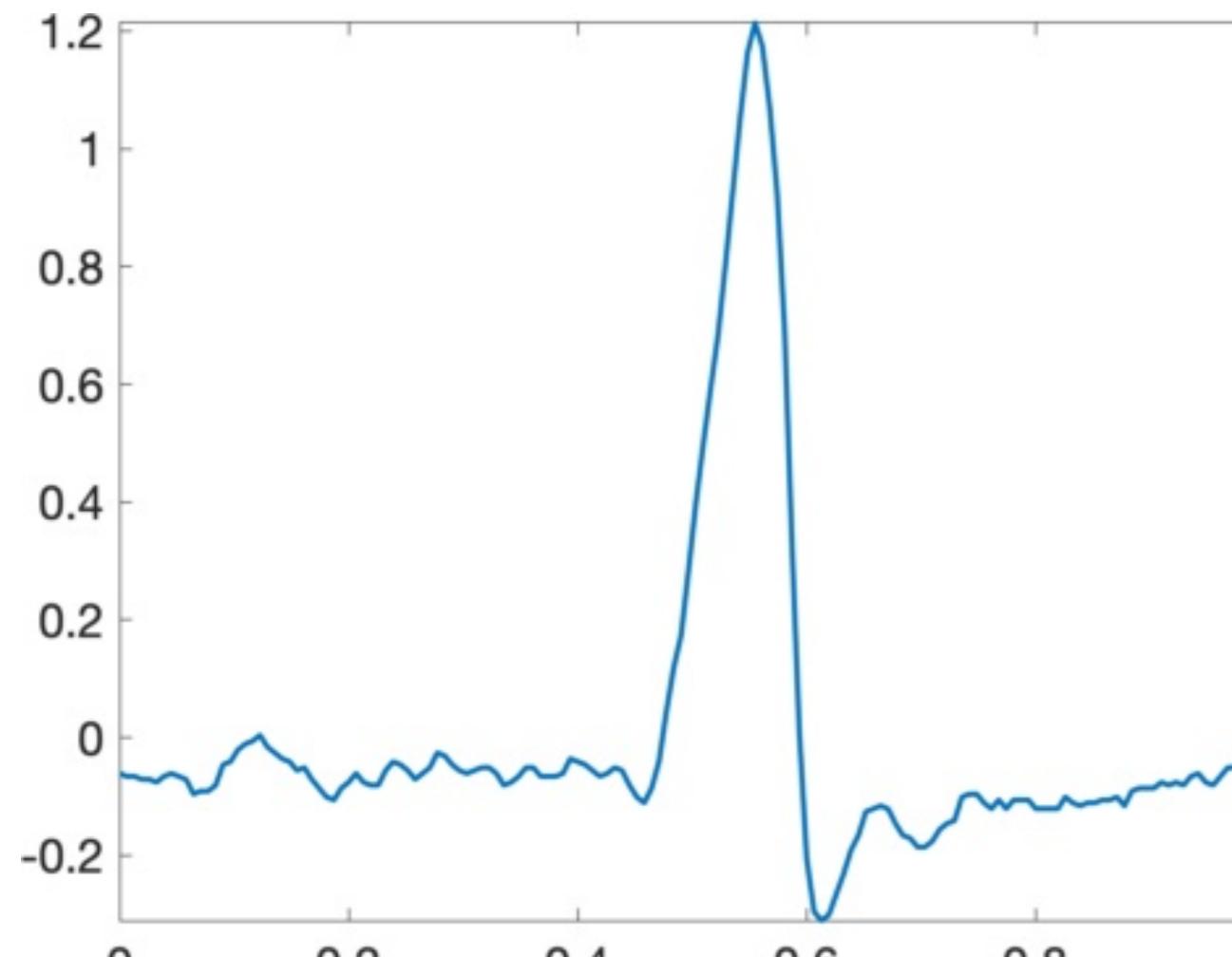
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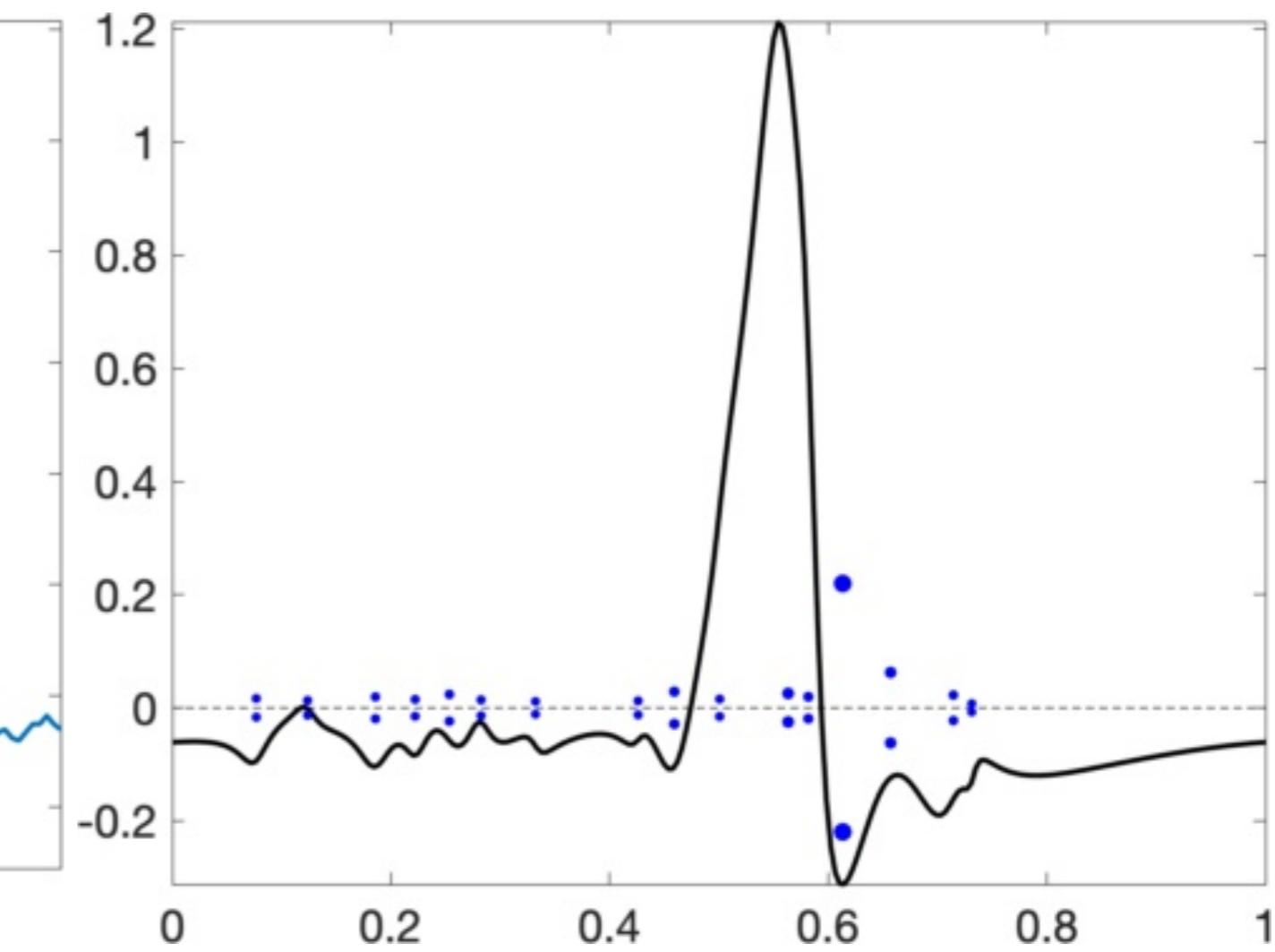
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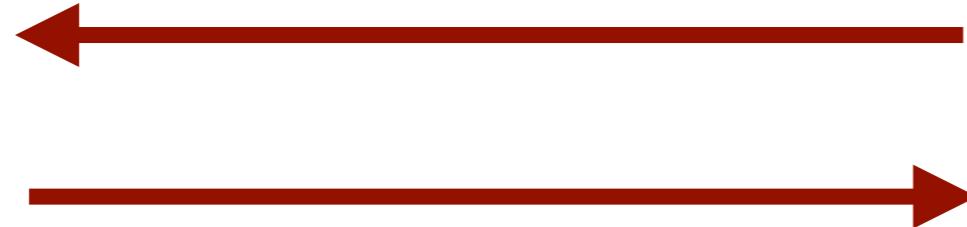
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# Computing with barycentric rationals

$$s(\ell) = \sum_{j=1}^M w_j e^{-\lambda_j \ell}$$

$$r(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{2M} u_k f_k \text{cst}(\pi\theta - \pi\theta_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2M} u_k \text{cst}(\pi\theta - \pi\theta_k)}$$



## Differentiation:

- closed form derivative formula. [Berrut, Baltensperger, Mittelmann (2005)]
- rational spectral collocation methods.[Tee & Trefethen (2006)]

## Rootfinding/Polefinding:

- $(2m + 1) \times (2m + 1)$  generalized eigenvalue problem.

## Missing data, nonequispaced samples: [Nakatsukasa, Trefethen, & Sète (2018),

- extremely flexible, works automatically with nonuniform samples.

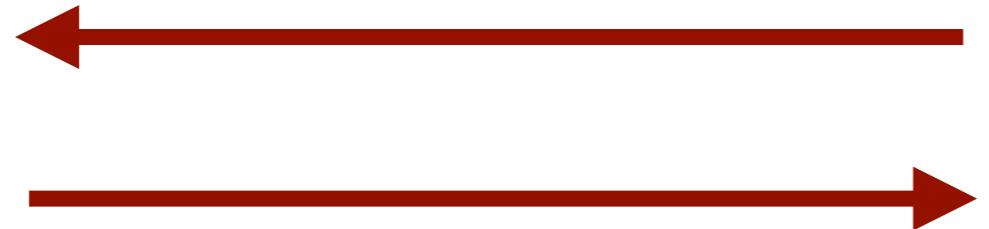
## Stable evaluation on the interval: [Higham (2004), Austin & Xu (2017)]

- stability if there are no spurious poles.

# Computing with exponential sums

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**Filters, convolution, sums, differentiation, etc:** Easy to apply to Fourier coefficients.

$$s_{M+L}(k) = s_M(k) + s_L(k) \rightarrow s_{\tilde{M}}(k)$$

- optimal recompression based on Hankel operator theory. [Beylkin, Haut & Monzon (2013)]
- simple, less theoretically grounded recompression based on Prony's method/rectangular Hankel matrices (at worst  $\mathcal{O}(N_\epsilon m^2)$ , often  $\mathcal{O}(m^3)$ ).

**Preserves pole symmetry:**

- The poles of  $r_M = \mathcal{F}(\sum_{j=1}^M w_j e^{-\lambda_j k})$  are  $\eta_j = -\lambda_j / 2\pi i, \bar{\eta}_j$

**Robustness to noise:** [Peter & Plonka (2013), Potts & Tasche (2013), M. Vetterli, P. Marziliano,

- Equivalent to the “annihilating filter” for denoising.

# barycentric to sums of exponentials

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**Key Idea:** Each  $\lambda_j$  can be expressed explicitly using the poles of  $r$ .

The poles of  $r(\theta)$  are  $\log(\mu_j)/(2\pi i)$ , where  $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{2m})$  are the finite generalized eigenvalues of the pencil  $Ev = \mu Bv$ , and

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & & & & iu_1 z_1 \\ & z_2 & & & iu_2 z_2 \\ & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & z_{2M} & iu_{2M} z_{2M} \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & iu_1 z_1 \\ & 1 & & & iu_2 z_2 \\ & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & 1 & iu_{2M} z_{2M} \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad z_j = \exp(2\pi i \theta_j).$$

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- Find the poles of  $r \rightarrow$  compute each  $\lambda_j$ .
- Evaluate  $r$  at  $2N$  points  $\rightarrow N$  Fourier coefficient
- Solve  $Vw = s$ , where  $s$  is an  $\mathcal{O}(M)$  subset of coefficients.  
and  $V_{\ell k} = e^{-\lambda_k(\ell-1)}$ .

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Naive idea:

- Evaluate  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(s)$  using pole-residue or FFT.
- Apply trig-aaa to data.

Results:

- best case scenario: we find a great approximation without increasing  $M$ .
- acceptable scenario:  $M$  is increased, but a good approximation is found.
- worst case scenario: spurious poles become unavoidable.

Accuracy or stability must suffer! (unacceptable)

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**Idea:** Try to preserve the poles of  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(s)$ .

If  $f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(s)$ , then for any set of distinct points  $(t_1, \dots, t_{2M})$ , there are weights  $(u_1, \dots, u_{2M})$  so that  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(s) = r$ .

It is numerically unstable to compute them directly!

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Use the fact that  $D_t u = 0$ , where

$$D_t = \begin{bmatrix} \cot(\pi p_1 - \pi t_1) & \cdots & \cot(\pi p_1 - \pi t_{2m}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \cot(\pi p_{2m} - \pi t_1) & \cdots & \cot(\pi p_{2m} - \pi t_{2m}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

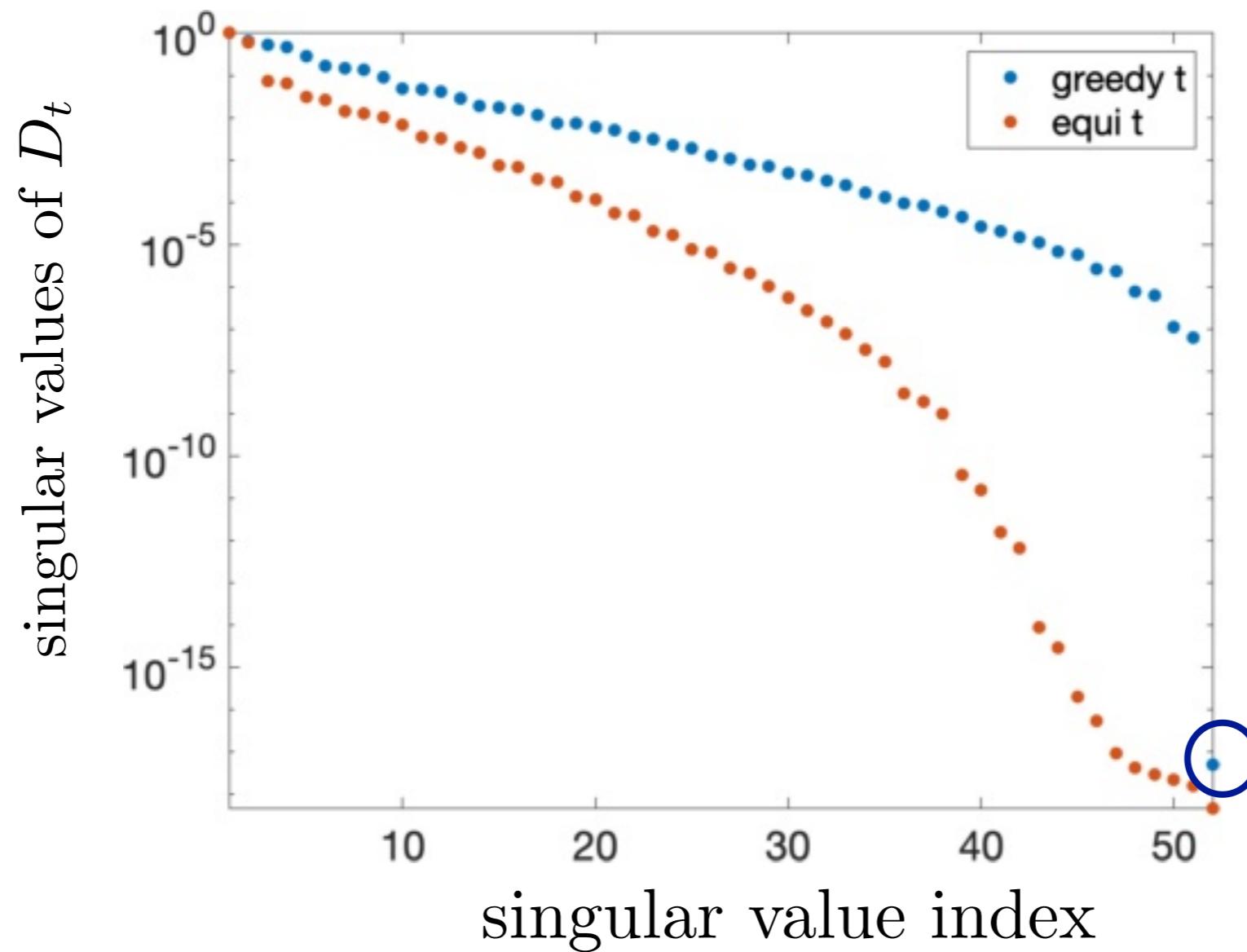
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Can I choose any points  $(t_0, \dots, t_{2M})$ ?



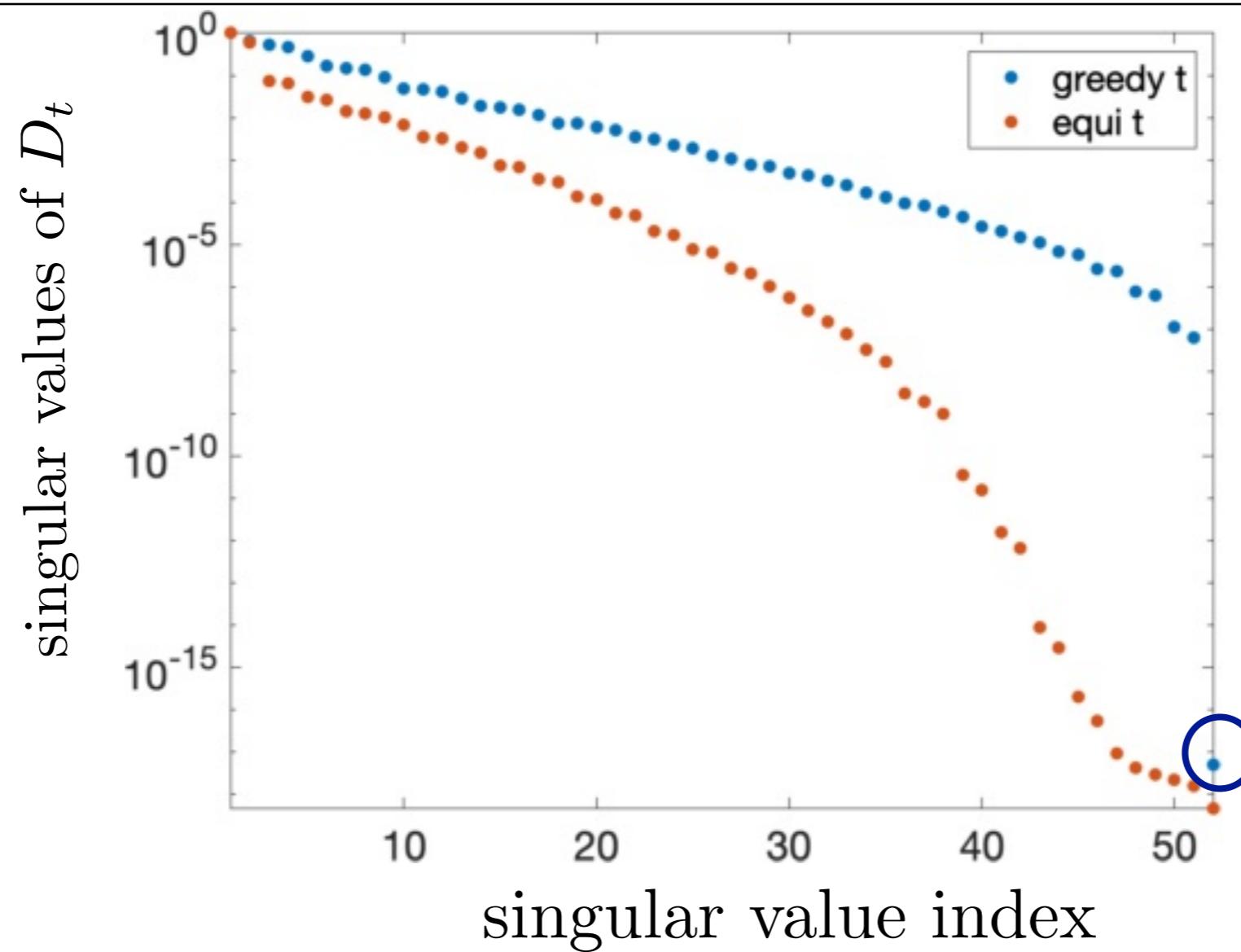
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- Given sample locations  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$ , and poles  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_{2M})$ , construct the  $2M \times N$  matrix  $(D_T)_{jk} = \cot(\pi p_j - \pi T_k)$ .
- Apply CPQR algorithm to choose a well-conditioned column subset of  $D_T$ . If column  $k$  is chosen, then  $T_k$  is chosen as an interpolating point.
- (Additional details incorporate a LS fit to samples)