Talbot quadratures and rational approximations

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contour integrals via trapezoid rule Exponential accuracy of trapezoid rule for analytic functions

Periodic interval Poisson 1826, Davis 1959 Real line

Turing 1943, Goodwin 1949, Martensen 1968, Stenger 1981

error $e^{-2\pi a/\Delta x}$

Circle Davis 1959



Inverse Laplace transform contour Talbot 1979, Weideman 2005



(trap. rule after change of variables)

In complex analysis a particular interest is Cauchy integrals

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z-a} dz$$



where C encloses a, or for a matrix or operator,

$$f(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C (z - A)^{-1} f(z) dz \qquad \text{resolven} \\ \text{integral}$$

where C encloses spec(A). Use of a quadrature formula such as the trapezoid rule turns these into rational approximations:

$$f(a) \approx \frac{\mathbf{r}(a)}{2\pi i} \sum_{k} \frac{c_k f(z_k)}{z_k - a} \qquad f(A) \approx \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k} c_k f(z_k) (z_k - A)^{-1}$$

A special case of a Cauchy integral is the inverse Laplace transform e^A of $(z-A)^{-1}$:

"Bromwich integral"

$$e^A = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C (z-A)^{-1} e^z \, dz$$



C winds around ($-\infty$, 0]

This formula is valid if A is a matrix or hermitian operator with spectrum ≤ 0 . Generalizations e.g. to sectorial operators.

This talk is about this and similar problems with e^z or e^{tz} in the integrand, for which we consider two types of numerical method:

TW = Talbot/Weideman	based on quadrature formulas on contour
CMV = Cody-Meinardus-Varga	based on best approximation of e^z on $(-\infty, 0]$



Plan for the rest of the talk:

(1) Describe and compare TW contours vs. CMV best approxs.

(2) Show a couple of computed examples

TALBOT-WEIDEMAN COTANGENT CONTOUR

Talbot (1979) proposed transplanting the trap. rule from $[-\pi,\pi]$: $z(\theta) = \sigma + \mu(\theta \cot \theta + \nu i \theta)$

Weideman (2005) optimized the parameters:

 $z(\theta) = N \left[0.5017\theta \cot(0.6407\theta) - 0.6122 + 0.2645i\theta \right]$

with the exponential convergence rate

Error $\approx e^{-1.36N} \approx (3.89^{-N})$

Weideman has also found an optimal PARABOLIC CONTOUR

 $z(\theta) = N \left[0.1309 - 0.1194\theta^2 + 0.2500 \, i\theta \right]$

with convergence rate

Error $\approx e^{-1.05N} \approx (2.85^{-N})$

cf. Sheen & Sloan & Thomée 99 Gavrilyuk & Makarov 01

and an optimal HYPERBOLIC CONTOUR

 $z(\theta) = 2.246N \left[1 - \sin(1.1721 - 0.3443i\theta) \right]$

with convergence rate

Error
$$\approx e^{-1.16N} \approx (3.20^{-N})$$

cf. Sheen & Sloan & Thomée 03 López-Fernández & Palencia 04 López-Fernández & Palencia & Schädle 05 McLean & Thomée 04

These formulas are again written for $\theta \in [-\pi,\pi]$. (Artificial periodicity: exponentially small integrand at $|\theta| \approx \pi$.)

INTERPRETATION AS RATIONAL APPROXIMATIONS TO e^{z}

Suppose we approximate by quadrature

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C e^z f(z) dz \approx \sum_{k=1}^N c_k e^{z_k} f(z_k)$$

where f(z) is analytic for $z \notin (-\infty, 0]$. By residue calculus we can interpret this sum as

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C r(z) f(z) \, dz \,, \qquad r(z) \, = \, -\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{c_k e^{z_k}}{z - z_k}$$

assuming $|f(z)| \to 0$ as $|z| \to \infty$. In particular if $z = z(\theta)$ and we use the trapezoid rule for $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$, we get

$$c_k = \frac{-i}{N} (dz/d\theta)_k, \qquad r(z) = \frac{i}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{e^{z_k} (dz/d\theta)_k}{z - z_k} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{type (N-1, N) rational} \\ \text{approximation to} \quad e^{z} \end{array}$$









USE OF BEST APPROXIMATIONS ON $(-\infty, 0]$

Instead of obtaining rational approximants implicitly from quadrature formulas, we could construct them directly.

Cody, Meinardus & Varga (1969) made famous the problem of best approximation of e^z in the sup-norm on $(-\infty,0]$.

Here the convergence rate is famous:

Error
$$\approx e^{-2.2288N} \approx 9.28903^{-N}$$

Aptekarev, Magnus, Saff, Stahl, Totik, ...

Notice this is around twice as fast as for the quadrature methods.

Some CMV best approximation error curves





In practice we can compute these approximants effortlessly with CF = Carathéodory-Fejér approximation, based on SVD of Hankel matrix of transplanted Chebyshev coefficients.

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SUMMARY OF THE TWO APPROACHES

Given: inverse Laplace integral $g = \int_C f(z) e^z dz$

($\boldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}$ winds around ($-\infty,\,0]$)

Best approximation ("CMV")	Quadrature contours ("TW")
(1) Replace e^z by $r(z)$	(1) Deform ${m {\cal C}}$ to contour Γ
 (2) Deform C to contour Γ enclosing poles 	(2) Evaluate integral by quadrature formula (typically trapezoid rule after change of variables)
(3) Evaluate integral by residue	
calculus	 (3) Interpret this as evaluation by residues of a contour integral involving a rational function r(z)





Here are some references for these five applications:

	TW = quadrature over contours	CMV = best approximation on $(-\infty, 0]$
Laplace transforms & special functions	Luke 69 Talbot 79 Temme 96 Gil & Segura & Temme 02	Schmelzer 05
matrix exponential (e ^A or e ^A v)	Sidje 98 Kellems 05	Lu 98
parabolic PDE	Gavrilyuk & Makarov 01 Sheen & Sloan & Thomée 99 & 03 Mclean & Thomée 04 López-Fernández & Palencia 04	Varga 61 Cody & Meinardus & Varga 69 Cavendish & Culham & Varga 84 Gallopoulos & Saad 89, 92
stiff nonlinear PDE	Kassam & T. 03	Lu 05
Krylov subspace its.		Gallopoulos & Saad 89, 92

+ related work by Baldwin, Calvetti, Druskin, Eiermann, Freund, Hochbruck, Knizhnerman, Krogstad, Lubich, Minchev, Moret, Novarti, Ostermann, Reichel, Sadkane, Schädle, Sorensen, Tuckerman, Tal-Ezer, Wright...



IN CONCLUSION

Rational approximations, quadrature formulas, the complex plane... these sound old-fashioned!

But they are still the basis of some of the most powerful algorithms.