

# Lanczos-based typicality methods for Quantum Thermodynamics

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## This talk

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**Topic:** We'll see some recent progress on the **design and analysis** of typicality methods for spectral densities.

**Throughout:** I'll try to provide an accessible introduction to ideas from numerical analysis that might be relevant to computational physicists.

**Takeaway:** numerical analysis and computational physics can benefit from more collaboration.

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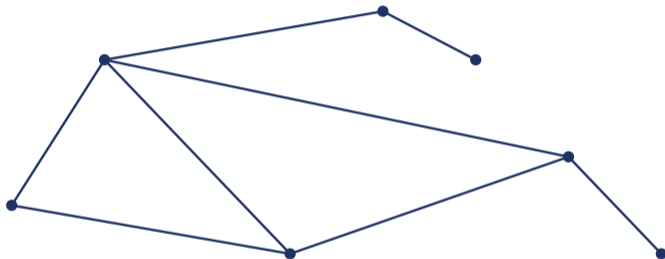
Applications in many fields: physics, chemistry, biology, statistics, high performance computing, machine learning, etc.

Common functions: inverse, exponential, square root, sign function.

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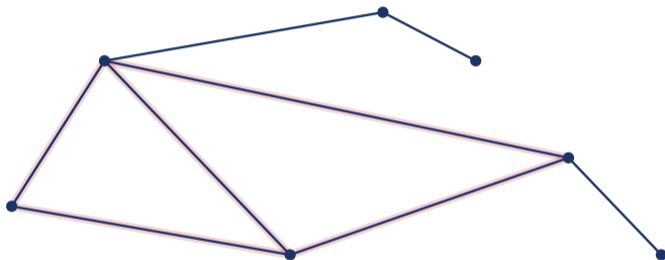
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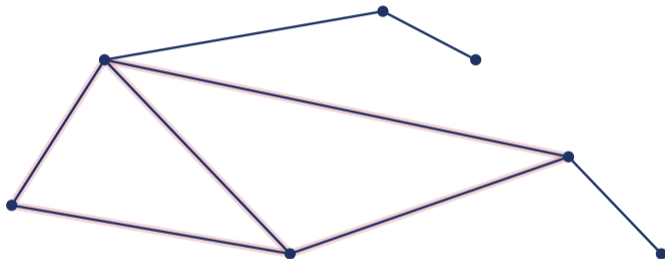
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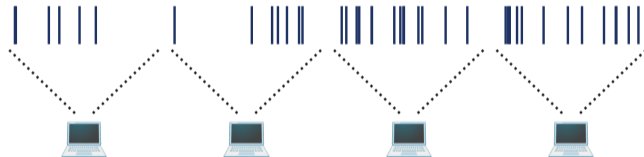
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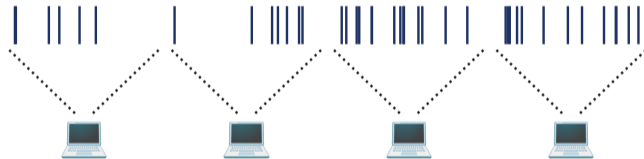
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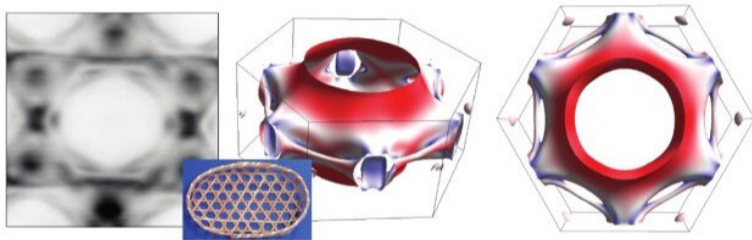
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Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the **Hamiltonian** of a quantum system.



If the system is held in thermal equilibrium at inverse temperature  $\beta = k_B/T$ , then thermodynamic observables such as the specific heat, magnetization, heat capacity, etc. can be obtained from the **partition function**:

$$Z(\beta) = \text{tr}(\exp(-\beta\mathbf{A})).$$

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<sup>0</sup><https://phys.org/news/2023-06-quantum-materials-electron.html>

# Part I

Algorithms and convergence theory

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Iteratively compute

$$|\mathbf{r}\rangle, \quad \mathbf{H}|\mathbf{r}\rangle, \quad \mathbf{H}^2|\mathbf{r}\rangle = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}|\mathbf{r}\rangle), \quad \dots$$

Then use  $\mathbf{H}^i|\mathbf{r}\rangle$  and  $\mathbf{H}^j|\mathbf{r}\rangle$  to compute

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{H}^j \mathbf{H}^i | \mathbf{r} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{H}^{i+j} | \mathbf{r} \rangle.$$

## Typicality

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If  $|\mathbf{r}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}(|\mathbf{u}_1\rangle + \dots + |\mathbf{u}_d\rangle)$ , then  $|\langle\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{u}_n\rangle|^2 = d^{-1}$  and LDOS is exactly DOS.

Let  $|\mathbf{r}\rangle$  be a (uniform) random state. By symmetry  $|\langle\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{u}_n\rangle|^2$  all have the same distribution, so

$$|\langle\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{u}_n\rangle|^2 \approx d^{-1}$$

and hence

$$\hat{\rho}(x) \approx \rho(x).$$

Algorithmically, this lets us approximate DOS with LDOS (perhaps averaged over several random states).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>can also be used for partial traces Chen and Cheng 2022

## Implicit trace estimation

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In numerical analysis and theoretical computer science we use this idea for **trace estimation**. Other distributions for  $|\mathbf{r}\rangle$  are common (e.g.  $\pm 1$  entries, Gaussian entries).

If  $|\mathbf{r}_1\rangle, \dots, |\mathbf{r}_m\rangle$  are independent copies of  $|\mathbf{r}\rangle$ , we can get concentration inequalities<sup>2</sup> such as:

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ \left| d^{-1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \langle \mathbf{r}_i | \mathbf{A} | \mathbf{r}_i \rangle \right| > \epsilon \right] < 2 \exp \left( -C \frac{d\epsilon^2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_2^2} \right).$$

This roughly says we can approximate  $d^{-1} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A})$  to accuracy  $\epsilon$  using  $O(d^{-1}\epsilon^{-2})$  matrix-vector products with  $\mathbf{A}$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Reimann 2007; Popescu, Short, and Winter 2006; Avron and Toledo 2011; Roosta-Khorasani and Ascher 2014; Cortinovis and Kressner 2021.

## Implicit trace estimation: beyond Monte Carlo

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Recent trace estimation algorithms<sup>3</sup> can improve this to  $O(d^{-1}\epsilon^{-1})$ . These produce a low-rank approximation  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  to  $\mathbf{A}$  and make use of the fact that

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{A} - \tilde{\mathbf{A}}).$$

This is closely related to deflation.<sup>4</sup>

A number of improvements:

- Practical parameters<sup>5</sup>
- More efficient deflation<sup>6</sup>
- What if  $\mathbf{A} = f(\mathbf{H})$ ?<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Meyer, Musco, Musco, and Woodruff 2021.

<sup>4</sup>Girard 1987; Weiße, Wellein, Alvermann, and Fehske 2006; Gambhir, Stathopoulos, and Orginos 2017.

<sup>5</sup>Persson, Cortinovis, and Kressner 2022.

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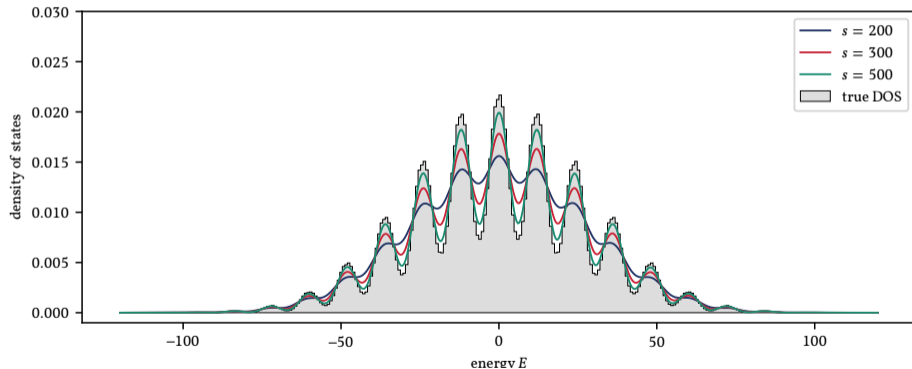
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## Numerical Example

The higher the degree  $s$ , the better the approximation: resolution  $\sim s^{-1}$ .



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$$\mathbf{H} \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_0 & \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_k \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{v}_0 & \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_k \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 & \beta_0 & & \\ \beta_0 & \alpha_1 & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \beta_{n-1} \\ & & \beta_{n-1} & \alpha_k \end{bmatrix} + \beta_k |\mathbf{q}_{n+1}\rangle\langle\mathbf{e}_k|.$$

The orthogonality of the  $\{|\mathbf{v}_n\rangle\}$  implies:

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{H} \mathbf{V}.$$

## A distribution function?

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Define

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where  $\theta_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{H}_k$  and  $\mathbf{s}_n$  are the eigenvectors. Since this is a discrete distribution, it is common to replace  $\delta(\mathbf{x} - \theta_n)$  with a blurred version (i.e. a Gaussian of a given width).

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$$\int f(\mathbf{x}) \rho_{\text{SLQ}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \langle \mathbf{e}_1 | f(\mathbf{H}_k) | \mathbf{e}_1 \rangle.$$

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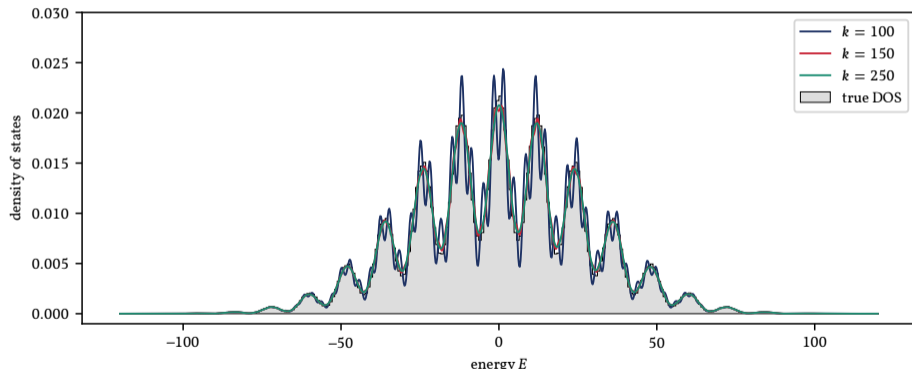
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## Numerical Example

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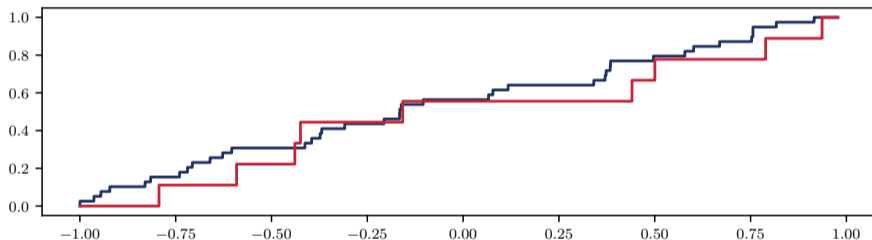


Cost to get moments should be balanced how well LDOS approximates DOS.

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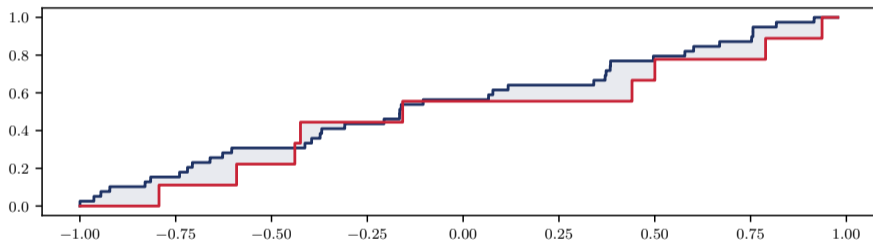
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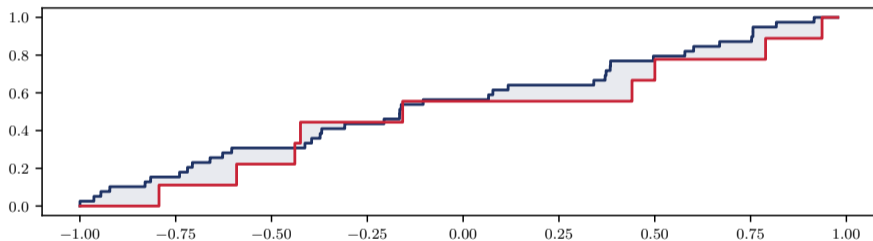
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## Theoretical analysis (high level)<sup>9</sup>

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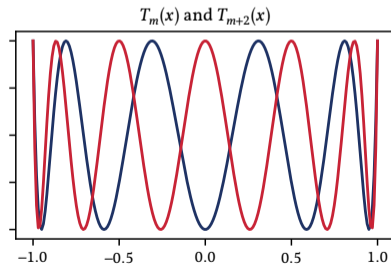
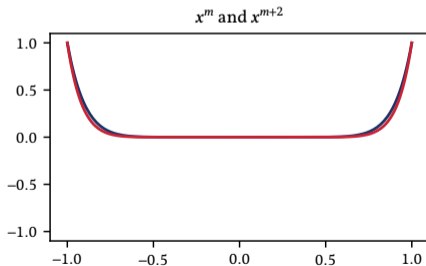
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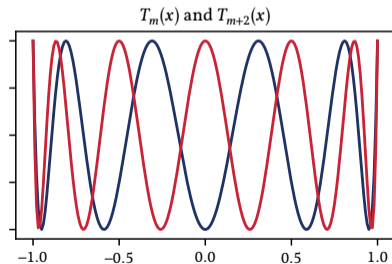
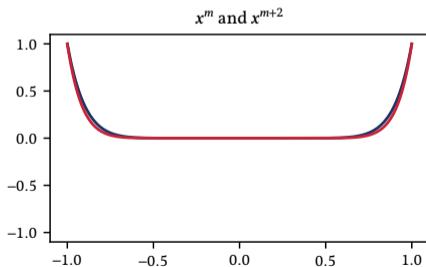


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# Part II

Implementation and finite precision arithmetic

## A spectrum adaptive KPM<sup>12</sup>

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In the KPM, the only expensive computation was computing moments:  $\langle \mathbf{r} | p_n(\mathbf{H}) | \mathbf{r} \rangle$ .

If we've compute  $\mathbf{H}_k$  using Lanczos, then we know for polynomials  $p(x)$  of degree  $< 2k$ :

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | p(\mathbf{H}) | \mathbf{r} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{e}_1 | p(\mathbf{H}_k) | \mathbf{e}_1 \rangle.$$

So, we can use Lanczos to implement KPM!

This means we can test out lots of different reference densities  $\sigma(x)$  for essentially free (i.e. without accessing  $\mathbf{H}$  again).

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<sup>12</sup>Chen 2023.

## Demo

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Some basic functionality is implemented in the `spectral_density` package.<sup>13</sup>

```
pip install spectral_density
```

The design paradigm for `spectral_density` is that computation and approximation should be decoupled. In particular, approximations are obtained in two steps:

- **computation**: repeatedly run the Lanczos algorithm on the matrix of interest with random starting vectors
- **approximation**: use the output of the previous step to obtain spectral density approximations

This package focuses only on the second step; users are free to use any Lanczos implementation for the first step.

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<sup>13</sup>[https://github.com/tchen-research/spectral\\_density](https://github.com/tchen-research/spectral_density)

## Demo: setup

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```
import spectral_density as spec

# import Hamiltonian
H = sp.io.mmread('./Ga41As41H72.mtx')
H.tocsr()
d = H.shape[0]

# run Lanczos several times
m = 3
aβ_list = []
for _ in range(m):
    v = np.random.randn(d)
    v /= np.linalg.norm(v)

    k = 150
    aβ_list.append(spec.lanczos(H,v,k,reorth=False))
```

## Demo: SLQ

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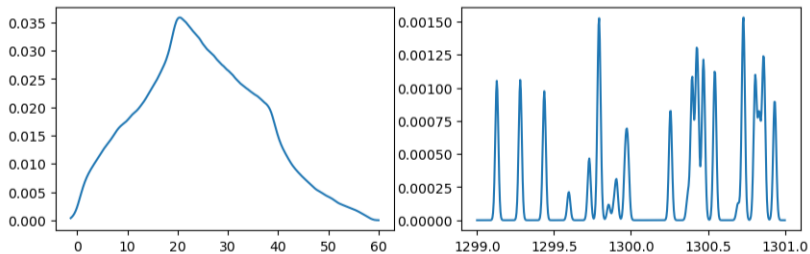
```
 $\rho_{SLQ} = \text{spec.SLQ}(a\beta\_list)$ 
```

```
# build SLQ instance
```

```
axs[0].plot(x, $\rho_{SLQ}(x,width=.6)$ )
```

```
# plot (specifying width)
```

```
axs[1].plot(x, $\rho_{SLQ}(x,width=.01)$ )
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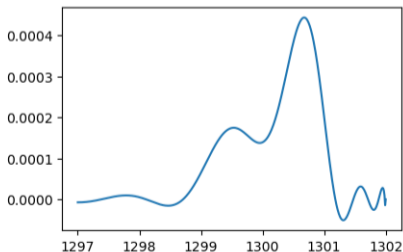
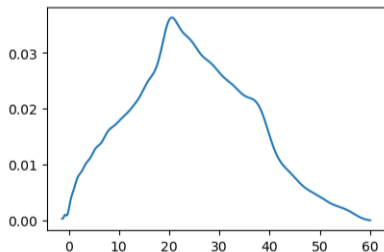


## Demo: KPM

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```
 $\sigma$  = spec.get_arcsin_density(-2,1302)    # specify reference density  
 $\rho_{\text{KPM}}$  = spec.KPM( $\alpha\beta_{\text{list}}$ , $\sigma$ )    # build KPM instance
```

```
axs[0].plot(x, $\rho_{\text{KPM}}$ (x))                  # plot  
axs[1].plot(x, $\rho_{\text{KPM}}$ (x))
```



## Demo: KPM

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```
# use Lanczos output to determine two intervals containing spectrum
```

```
a_L = np.min( $\rho_{\text{SLQ}}.\theta$ )-4e-1
```

```
b_L = np.max( $\rho_{\text{SLQ}}.\theta[\rho_{\text{SLQ}}.\theta < 200]$ )+4e-1
```

```
a_R = np.min( $\rho_{\text{SLQ}}.\theta[\rho_{\text{SLQ}}.\theta > 1200]$ )-4e-1
```

```
b_R = np.max( $\rho_{\text{SLQ}}.\theta$ )+4e-1
```

```
# build a density on each interval
```

```
 $\sigma_L$  = spec.get_uniform_density(a_L,b_L)
```

```
 $\sigma_R$  = spec.get_semicircle_density(a_R,b_R)
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```
# combine densities to specify reference density
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 $\sigma$  = .95* $\sigma_L$  + .05* $\sigma_R$ 
```

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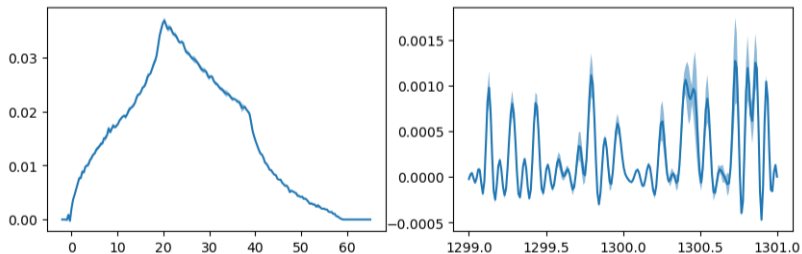
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## Wait, isn't Lanczos unstable?

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In the previous demo, we used the output of Lanczos without reorthogonalization!

There is a general fear of using Lanczos-based methods without **expensive** reorthogonalization schemes<sup>14</sup>

But... there is plenty of evidence that SLQ and related algorithms work fine without reorthogonalization: Long, Prelovšek, Shawish, Karadamoglou, and Zotos 2003; Schnack, Richter, and Steinigeweg 2020, etc.

In fact, there is even **theory**.

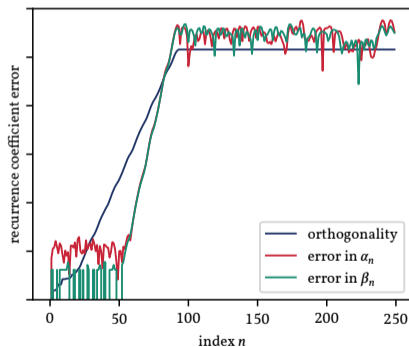
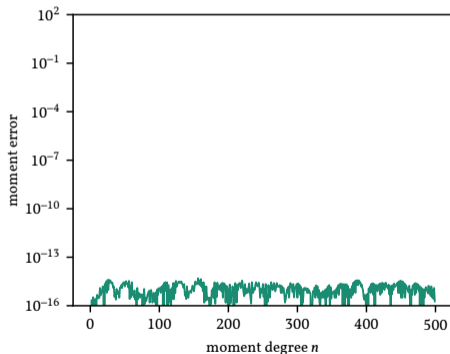
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<sup>14</sup>Jaklič and Prelovšek 1994; Aichhorn, Daghofer, Evertz, and Linden 2003; Weiße, Wellein, Alvermann, and Fehske 2006; Ubaru, Chen, and Saad 2017; Granzio, Wan, and Garipov 2019.

## Numerical Example

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People worry about a loss of orthogonality, and appearance of “ghost eigenvalues”.  
But do these impact the moments used for KPM?



## Finite precision theory

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In finite precision arithmetic, while  $\mathbf{V}$  may no longer be orthogonal, we still have<sup>15</sup>

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From this, one can derive<sup>16</sup>

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$$|\mathbf{d}_n\rangle = U_{n-1}(\mathbf{H})\mathbf{F}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_0\rangle + 2 \sum_{i=2}^n U_{n-i}(\mathbf{H})\mathbf{F}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{i-1}\rangle.$$

Note that Chebyshev- $U$  polynomials don't grow quickly, so this implies  $|\mathbf{d}_n\rangle$  is small!



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$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{d}_n\rangle &= (2\mathbf{H}|\mathbf{t}_{n-1}\rangle - |\mathbf{t}_{n-2}\rangle) - (2\mathbf{V}\mathbf{H}_k|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{n-1}\rangle - \mathbf{V}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{n-2}\rangle) \\ &= 2(\mathbf{H}|\mathbf{t}_{n-1}\rangle - (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{V} - |\mathbf{v}\rangle\langle\mathbf{e}_k| - \mathbf{F})|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{n-1}\rangle) - (|\mathbf{t}_{n-2}\rangle - \mathbf{V}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{n-2}\rangle) \\ &= 2\mathbf{H}|\mathbf{d}_{n-1}\rangle - |\mathbf{d}_{n-2}\rangle - \mathbf{F}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{n-1}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

This is a **perturbed Chebyshev recurrence**. One can show:

$$|\mathbf{d}_n\rangle = U_{n-1}(\mathbf{H})\mathbf{F}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_0\rangle + 2 \sum_{i=2}^n U_{n-i}(\mathbf{H})\mathbf{F}|\bar{\mathbf{t}}_{i-1}\rangle.$$

Note that Chebyshev- $U$  polynomials don't grow quickly, so this implies  $|\mathbf{d}_n\rangle$  is small!

## Outlook

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- While Lanczos is unstable, the instability has structure
- partial traces Chen and Cheng 2022; Chen, Chen, Li, Nzeuton, Pan, and Wang 2023

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