

# Modal Approximations to Damped Systems

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The total energy identity

$$\|y\|^2 = \dot{x}^T M \dot{x} + x^T K x.$$

The quadratic eigenvalue problem

$$(\lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K)x = 0 \quad (2)$$

is equivalent to  $Ay = \lambda y$ .

Spectral decomposition of  $A$ , needed for  $e^{At}$ , may not exist at all, even for physically relevant systems.

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**Simultaneous diagonalizability  $\iff D$  commutes with  $\Omega$ .**



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Start with perturbation bounds. They will comprise

- ▶ Undamped approximation (as a prelude)
- ▶ Modal approximations

Both are performed by

- ▶ Spectral norm bounds
- ▶ Gershgorin type bounds

# Undamped approximation.

In the phase space we have  $A = A_0 + B$ :

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Remedy: Turn back to the quadratic eigenvalue formulation. The inverse

$$(\lambda^2 I + \lambda D + \Omega^2)^{-1} = (\lambda^2 I + \Omega^2)^{-1} (I + \lambda D (\lambda^2 I + \Omega^2)^{-1})^{-1}$$

exists, if

$$\|(\lambda^2 I + \Omega^2)^{-1}\| \|D\| = \max_j \frac{\|D\|}{|\lambda - i\omega_j| |\lambda + i\omega_j|} < 1$$

Hence the bound:

$$\sigma(A) \subseteq \cup_j \mathcal{C}(i\omega_j, -i\omega_j, \|D\|).$$

Here

$$\mathcal{C}(\lambda_+, \lambda_-, r) = \{\lambda : |\lambda - \lambda_+||\lambda - \lambda_-| \leq |\lambda|r\}$$

are *stretched Cassini* ovals with foci  $\lambda_{\pm}$  and extension  $r$ . May consist of one or two components; the latter when  $r$  is small with respect to  $|\lambda_+ - \lambda_-| = 2\omega_j$ . Then

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# Modal approximation.

The standard methods in the phase space get clumsy. The quadratic eigenvalue approach stays elegant:  $D = D^0 + D'$ ,  $D^0 = \text{diag}(\text{diag}(D))$  and

$$(\lambda^2 I + \lambda D + \Omega^2)^{-1}$$

exists, if

$$\frac{|\lambda| \|D'\|}{\min_j (|\lambda - \lambda_+^j| |\lambda - \lambda_-^j|)} < 1$$

where  $\lambda_{\pm}^j$  are given by

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Hence: the coarser block diagonal part is extracted, the smaller norm (and better eigenvalue bound) is obtained. This requires multiplicities among  $\omega_j$  (tight clusterings would also do).

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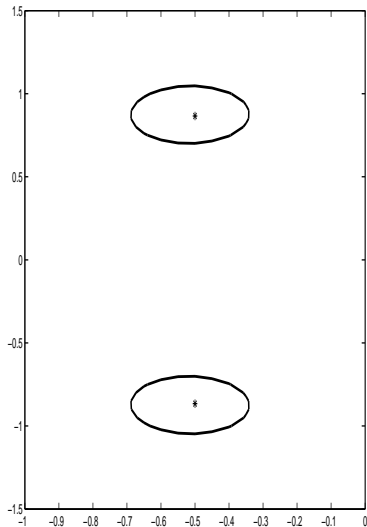
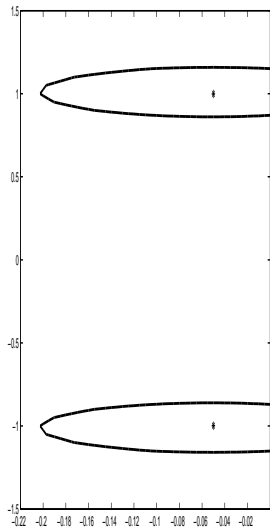
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Relevant only for small  $d_{jj}$ , but then our ovals are about twice as narrow as the circles above. **Need: tight bounds for the diameters of stretched ovals.**

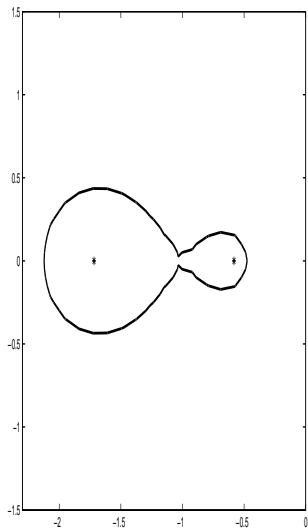
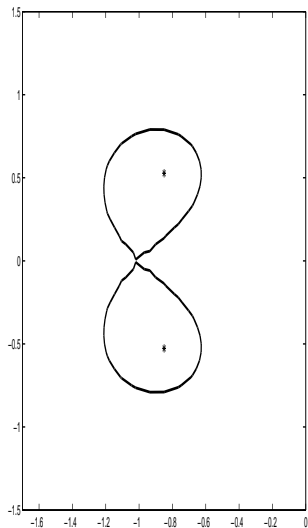
Coarser block estimates also possible, when allowed by multiple  $\omega_j$ .  
Often, but not always, better bounds.

We plot some stretched ovals.

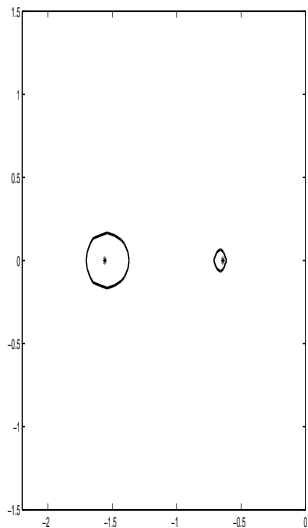
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Brauer-like ovals can also be incorporated. The spectrum is contained in the union of *double ovals*

$$\mathcal{D}(\lambda_+^p, \lambda_-^p, \lambda_+^q, \lambda_-^q, r_p r_q) =$$

$$\{\lambda : |\lambda - \lambda_+^p| |\lambda - \lambda_-^p| |\lambda - \lambda_+^q| |\lambda - \lambda_-^q| \leq r_p r_q |\lambda|^2\},$$

where the union is taken over all pairs  $p \neq q$  and  $\lambda_{\pm}^p$  are the solutions of  $\lambda^2 + d_{pp}\lambda + \omega_p^2 = 0$  and similarly for  $\lambda_{\pm}^q$ .

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Allows to obtain bounds for the exponential decay of  $\|e^{At}\|$ .

The computation or simple estimation of  $2 \times 2$  exponential is not quite trivial (ask Beresford). We plot the norm of

$$\exp \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2\theta \end{bmatrix} \tau \right)$$

for various  $\theta$  and the 'absolute time'  $\tau \in [1, 6]$ :

