



# Model Reduction for Dynamical Systems

— Lectures 2/3 —

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# Numerical Linear Algebra

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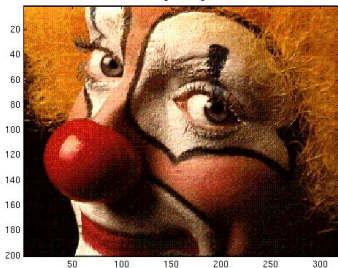
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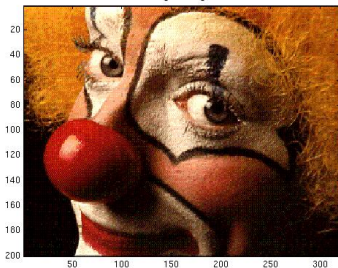
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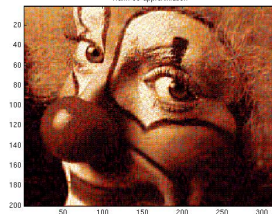


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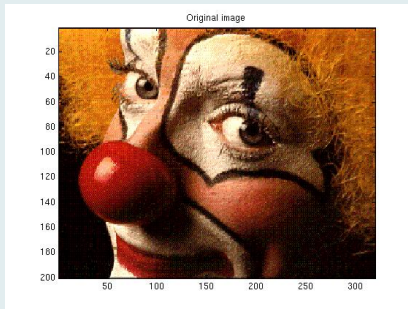
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Rank-50 approximation



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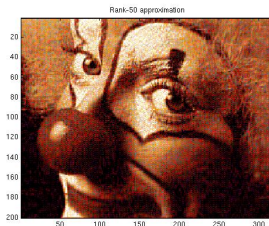
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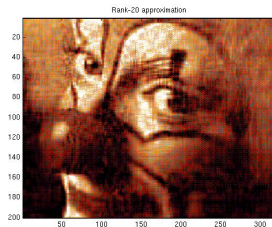
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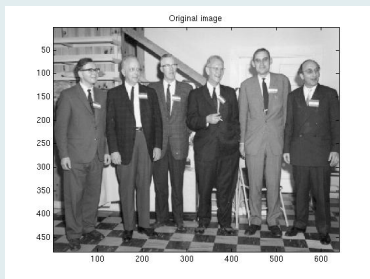




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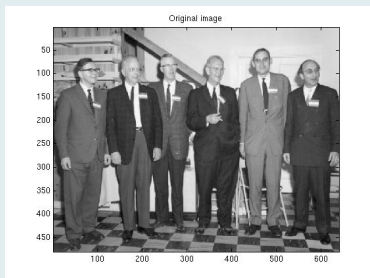


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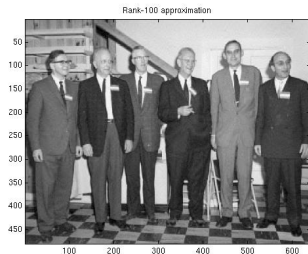
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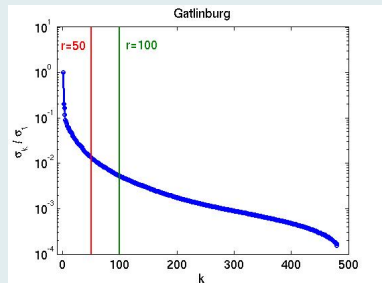
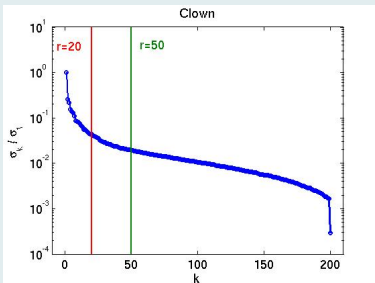
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# Background: Singular Value Decay

Image data compression via SVD works, if the singular values decay (exponentially).

## Singular Values of the Image Data Matrices



# A different viewpoint

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Note: for ease of notation, in the following we will use lower-case letters for both, a function and its Laplace transform!

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## The Model Reduction Problem as Approximation Problem in Frequency Domain

### Linear Systems in Frequency Domain

Application of Laplace transform  $(x(t) \mapsto x(s), \dot{x}(t) \mapsto sx(s))$  to linear system

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**Goal:** **Fast evaluation** of mapping  $u \rightarrow y$ .

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### Formulating model reduction in frequency domain

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by reduced-order system

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⇒ Approximation problem:  $\min_{\text{order}(\hat{G}) \leq r} \|G - \hat{G}\|.$

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Further properties to be discussed:

- Controllability/reachability
- Observability
- Stabilizability
- Detectability

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### Definition

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for arbitrary  $A_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j \times n_j}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ ,  $B_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times m}$ ,  $C_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n_2}$  and any  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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A realization  $(A, B, C, D)$  of a linear system is minimal  $\iff$   
 $(A, B)$  is controllable and  $(A, C)$  is observable.

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$$P = Q = \text{diag} \{ \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n \} \quad (\text{w.l.o.g. } \sigma_j \geq \sigma_{j+1}, j = 1, \dots, n-1).$$



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$$T_b := \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^T R,$$

where  $P = S^T S$ ,  $Q = R^T R$  (e.g., Cholesky decompositions) and  $SR^T = U \Sigma V^T$  is the SVD of  $SR^T$ .

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**Proof.** In balanced coordinates, the HSVs are  $\Lambda(PQ)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Now let

$$(\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C}, D) = (TAT^{-1}, TB, CT^{-1}, D)$$

be any transformed realization with associated controllability Lyapunov equation

$$0 = \hat{A}\hat{P} + \hat{P}\hat{A}^T + \hat{B}\hat{B}^T = TAT^{-1}\hat{P} + \hat{P}T^{-T}A^T T^T + TBB^T T^T.$$

This is equivalent to

$$0 = A(T^{-1}\hat{P}T^{-T}) + (T^{-1}\hat{P}T^{-T})A^T + BB^T.$$

The uniqueness of the solution of the Lyapunov equation implies that  $\hat{P} = TP T^T$  and, analogously,  $\hat{Q} = T^{-T}QT^{-1}$ . Therefore,

$$\hat{P}\hat{Q} = TPQT^{-1},$$

showing that  $\Lambda(\hat{P}\hat{Q}) = \Lambda(PQ) = \{\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2\}$ .

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For non-minimal systems, the Gramians can also be transformed into diagonal matrices with the leading  $\hat{n} \times \hat{n}$  submatrices equal to  $\text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{\hat{n}})$ , and

$$\hat{P}\hat{Q} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_{\hat{n}}^2, 0, \dots, 0).$$

see [LAUB/HEATH/PAIGE/WARD 1987, TOMBS/POSTLETHWAITE 1987].

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*Sketch of proof:*

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$\Rightarrow$  compute reduced-order model such that  $\|G - \hat{G}\|_\infty < tol!$

Note: error bound holds in time- and frequency domain due to Paley-Wiener!

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### $\mathcal{H}_2$ approximation error for impulse response ( $u(t) = u_0\delta(t)$ )

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### Theorem (Practical Computation of the $\mathcal{H}_2$ -norm)

$$\|F\|_2^2 = \text{tr} \left( B^T Q B \right) = \text{tr} \left( C P C^T \right),$$

where  $P, Q$  are the controllability and observability Gramians of the corresponding LTI system.

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$\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm	best approximation problem for given reduced order $r$ in general open; <b>balanced truncation</b> yields suboptimal solution with computable $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm bound.
$\mathcal{H}_2$ -norm	necessary conditions for best approximation known; (local) optimizer computable with <b>iterative rational Krylov algorithm (IRKA)</b>
Hankel-norm $\ G\ _H := \sigma_{\max}$	optimal Hankel norm approximation (AAK theory).

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## Computable error measures

Evaluating system norms is computationally very (sometimes too) expensive.

## Other measures

- absolute errors  $\|G(j\omega_j) - \hat{G}(j\omega_j)\|_2$ ,  $\|G(j\omega_j) - \hat{G}(j\omega_j)\|_\infty$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_\omega$ );
- relative errors  $\frac{\|G(j\omega_j) - \hat{G}(j\omega_j)\|_2}{\|G(j\omega_j)\|_2}$ ,  $\frac{\|G(j\omega_j) - \hat{G}(j\omega_j)\|_\infty}{\|G(j\omega_j)\|_\infty}$ ;
- "eyeball norm", i.e. look at **frequency response/Bode (magnitude) plot**: for SISO system, log-log plot frequency vs.  $|G(j\omega)|$  (or  $|G(j\omega) - \hat{G}(j\omega)|$ ) in decibels,  $1 \text{ dB} \simeq 20 \log_{10}(\text{value})$ .

For MIMO systems,  $q \times m$  array of plots  $G_{ij}$ .

