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New Approaches to Compute the $\mathcal{H}_\infty$-Norm of Large-Scale Systems

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Natural norm for the space $\mathcal{H}_\infty^{p\times m}$:

$$\|G\|_{\mathcal{H}_\infty} := \sup_{s\in\mathbb{C}^+} \sigma_{\max}(G(s)) = \sup_{\omega\in\mathbb{R}} \sigma_{\max}(G(\mathrm{i}\omega)).$$

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Connection to the $\mathcal{H}_\infty$-norm

$$r_{\mathbb{C}}(E, A, B, C) = \begin{cases} \|G\|_{\mathcal{H}_\infty}^{-1} & \text{if } G \not\equiv 0, \\ \infty & \text{if } G \equiv 0. \end{cases}$$

[Hinrichsen, Pritchard '86, Benner, V. '13]

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- set of finite poles of $G(\cdot)$ denoted by $\Pi_{\mathrm{f}}(E, A, B, C)$,
- structured pseudospectrum $\Pi_\varepsilon(E, A, B, C)$:

$$\Pi_\varepsilon(E, A, B, C) = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : s \in \Pi_{\mathrm{f}}(E, A + B\Delta C, B, C) \text{ for } \Delta \in \mathbb{C}^{m\times p} \text{ with } \|\Delta\|_2 < \varepsilon\},$$

- structured pseudospectral abscissa $\alpha(\varepsilon)$:

$$\alpha(\varepsilon) := \max\{\operatorname{Re} s : s \in \Pi_\varepsilon(E, A, B, C)\}.$$

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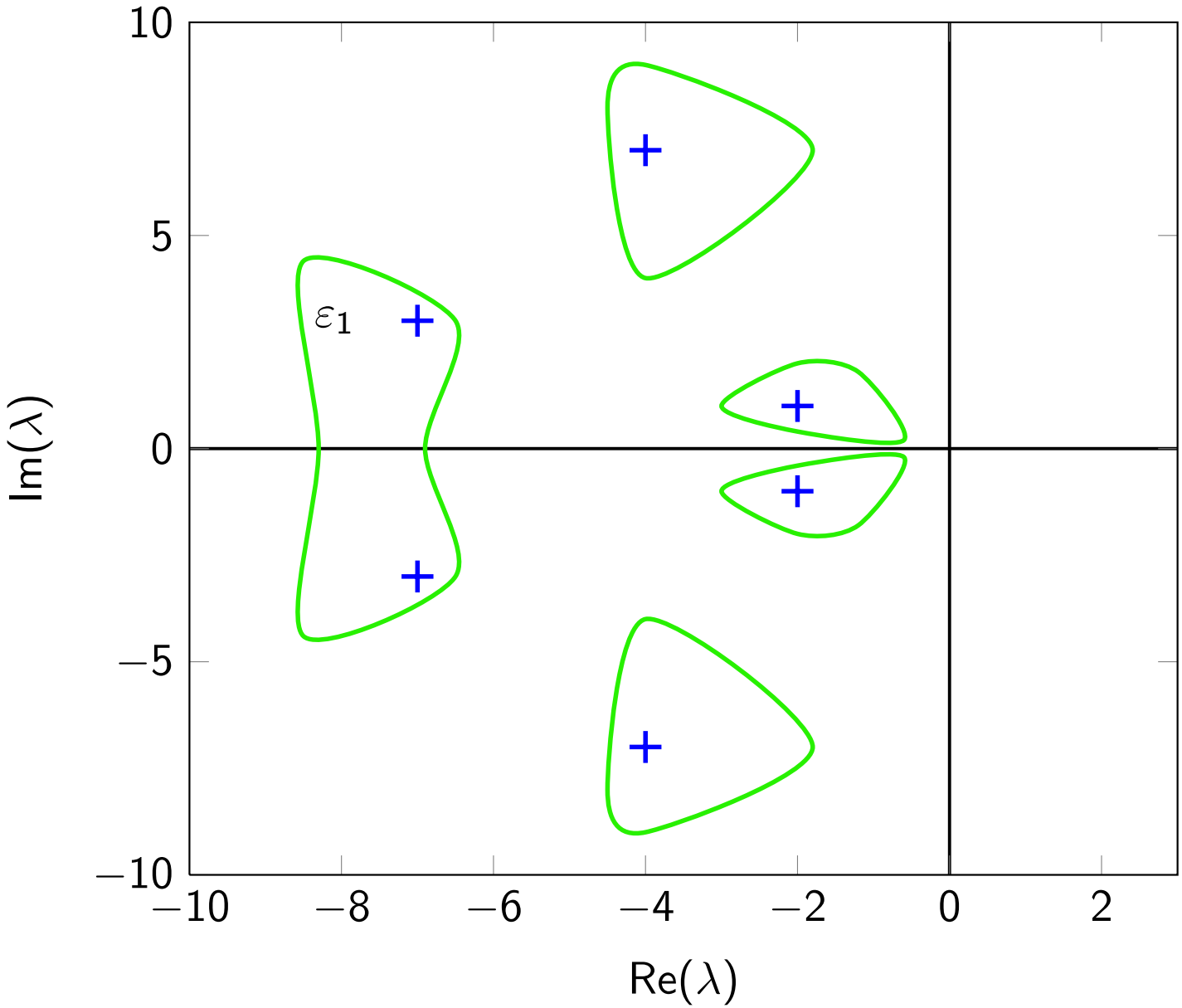

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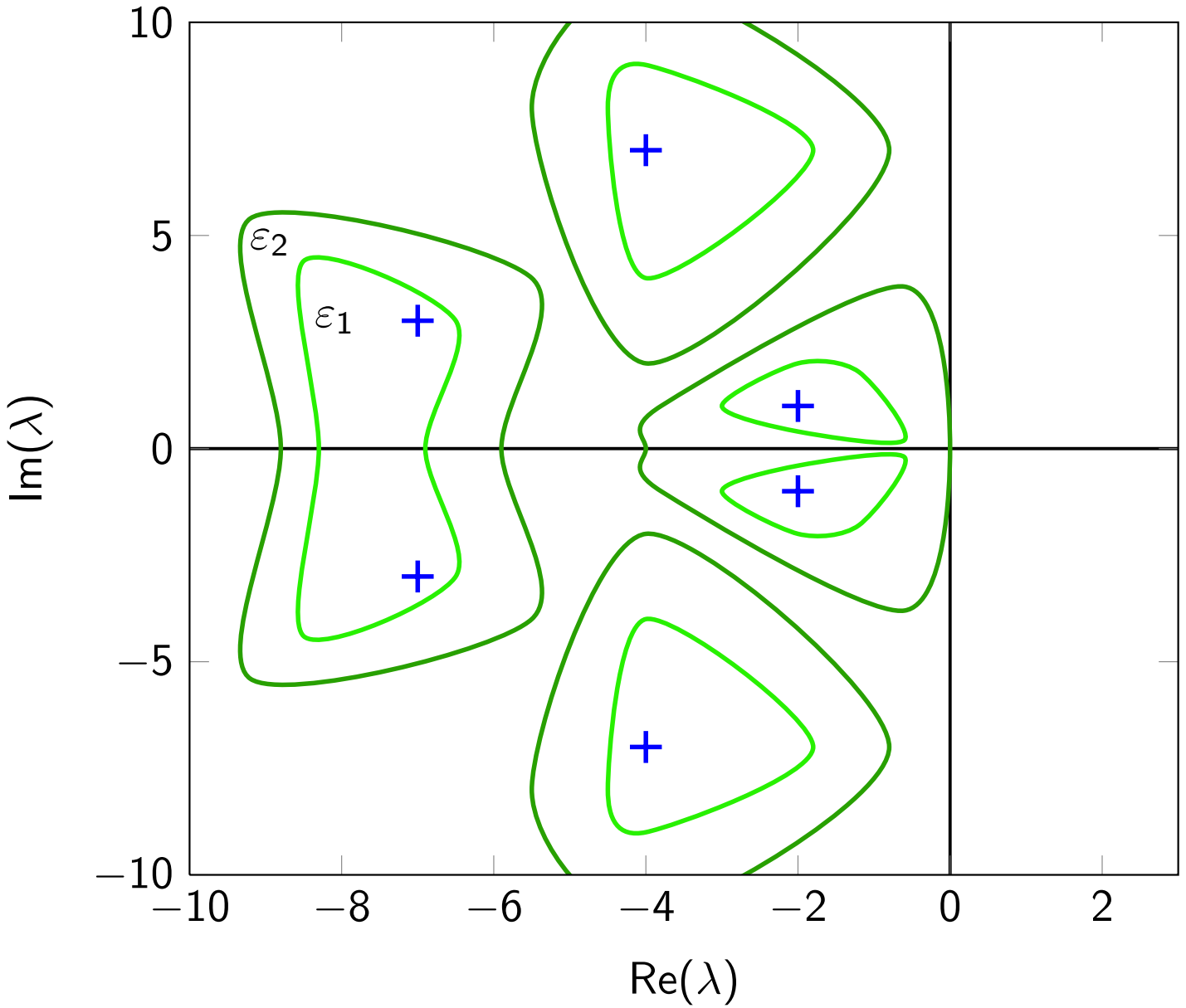

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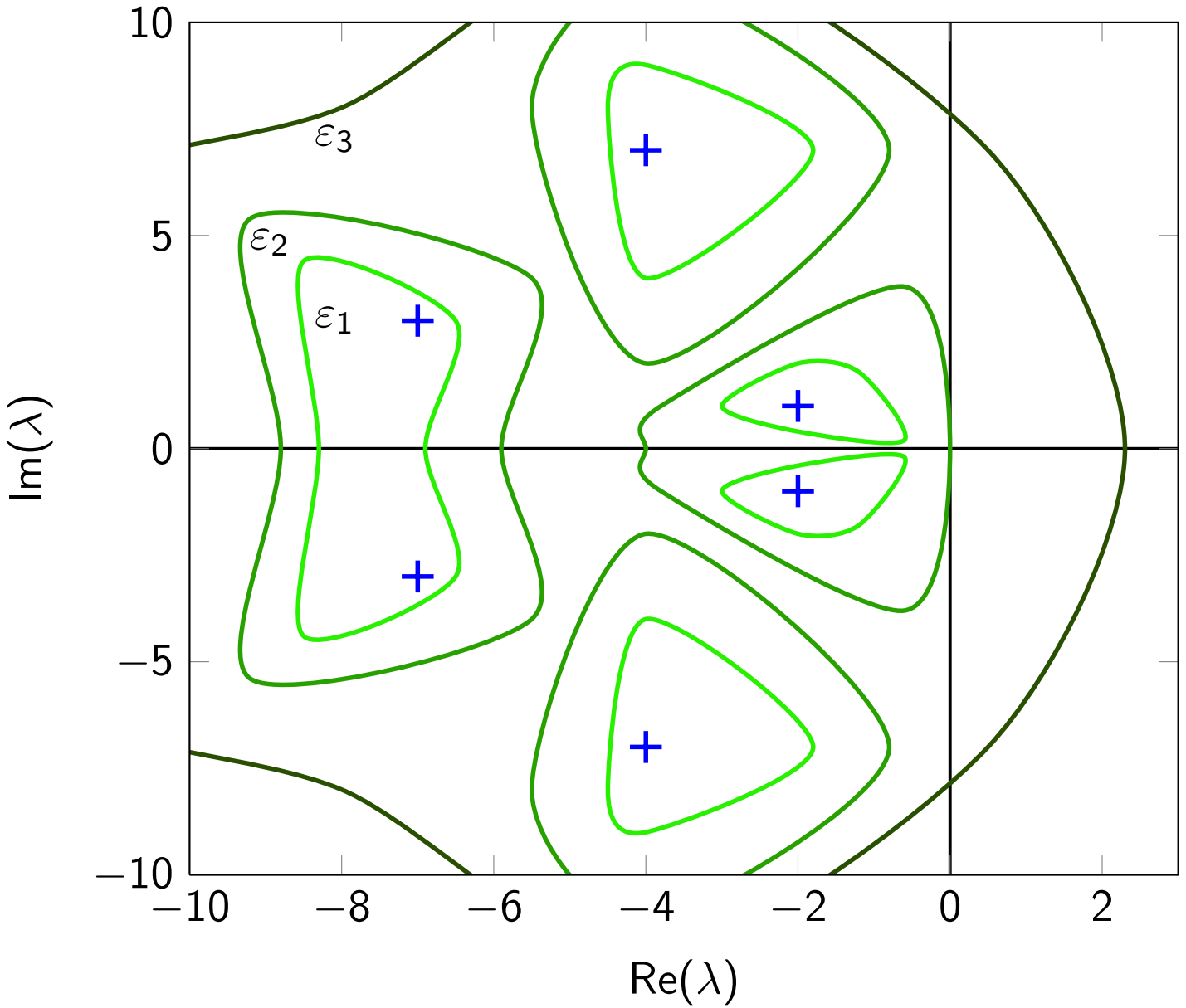

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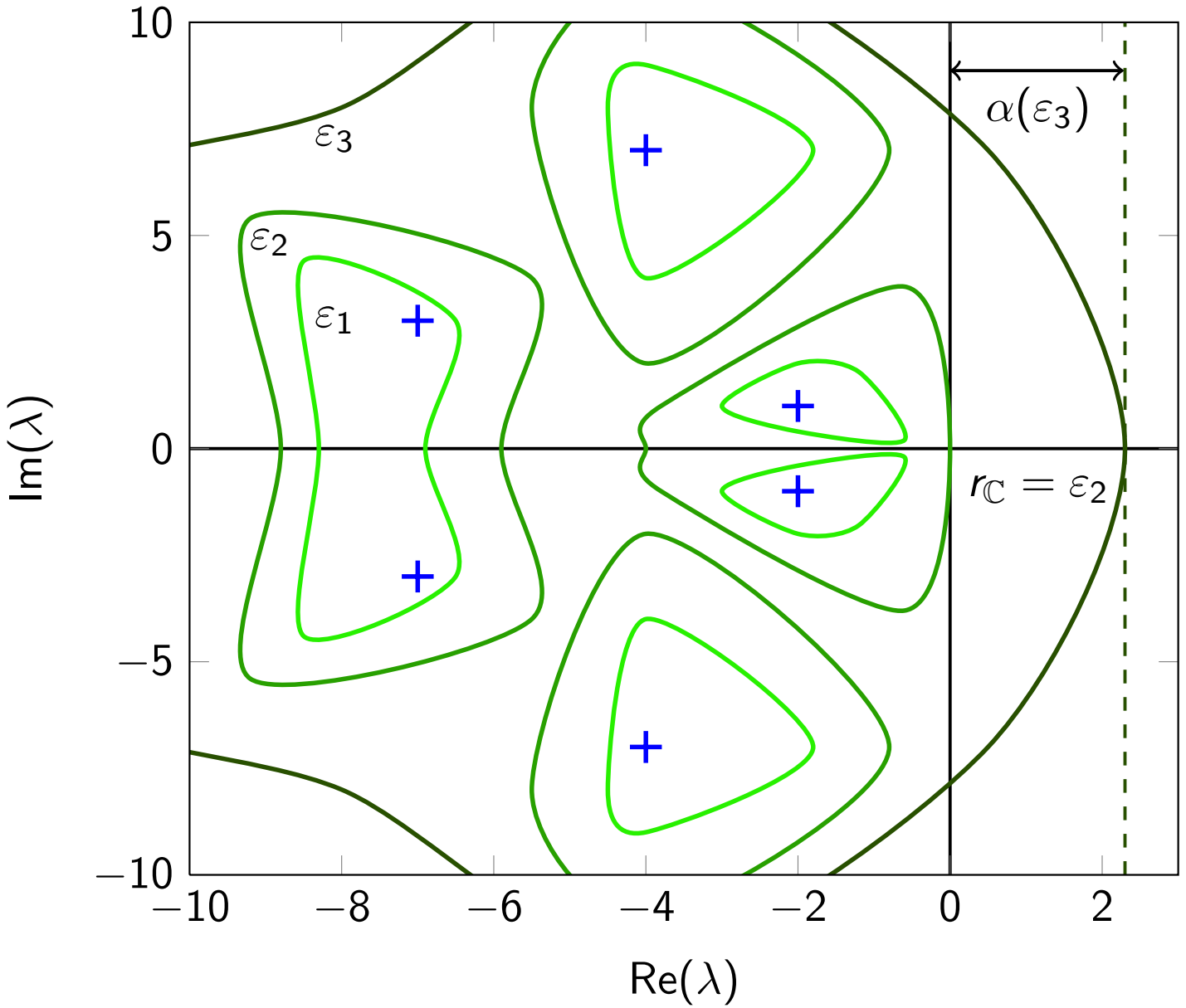

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Strategy

[Guglielmi, Overton '11]

Compute a sequence of suitable structured rank-1 perturbed pencils $\lambda E - (A + \varepsilon B u v^H C)$ such that one of the perturbed eigenvalues converges to the rightmost pseudoeigenvalue of $\lambda E - A$!

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Corollary

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$\Longrightarrow$ Subspace Accelerated MIMO Dominant Pole Algorithm (SAMDP)

[Rommes, Martins '06]

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Remark

The dominant pole algorithm is also used to determine the initial ε!

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Phase 1: Searching initial pole:
1. inner iteration: psa = -0.0679449.
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3. inner iteration: psa = 0.00302846.
4. inner iteration: psa = 0.00303551.
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Phase 2: Iteration over epsilon:
1. inner iteration: psa = 1.61449e-08.
2. inner iteration: psa = 1.62557e-08.
3. inner iteration: psa = 1.62568e-08.

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1. outer iteration: epsilon = 0.258224, psa = 1.62568e-08.

The H-infinity-norm is attained for fopt = 5064.12. The norm value is 3.8726.
The algorithm needed 2 outer and 8 inner iterations.
The runtime is 4.03271 seconds.

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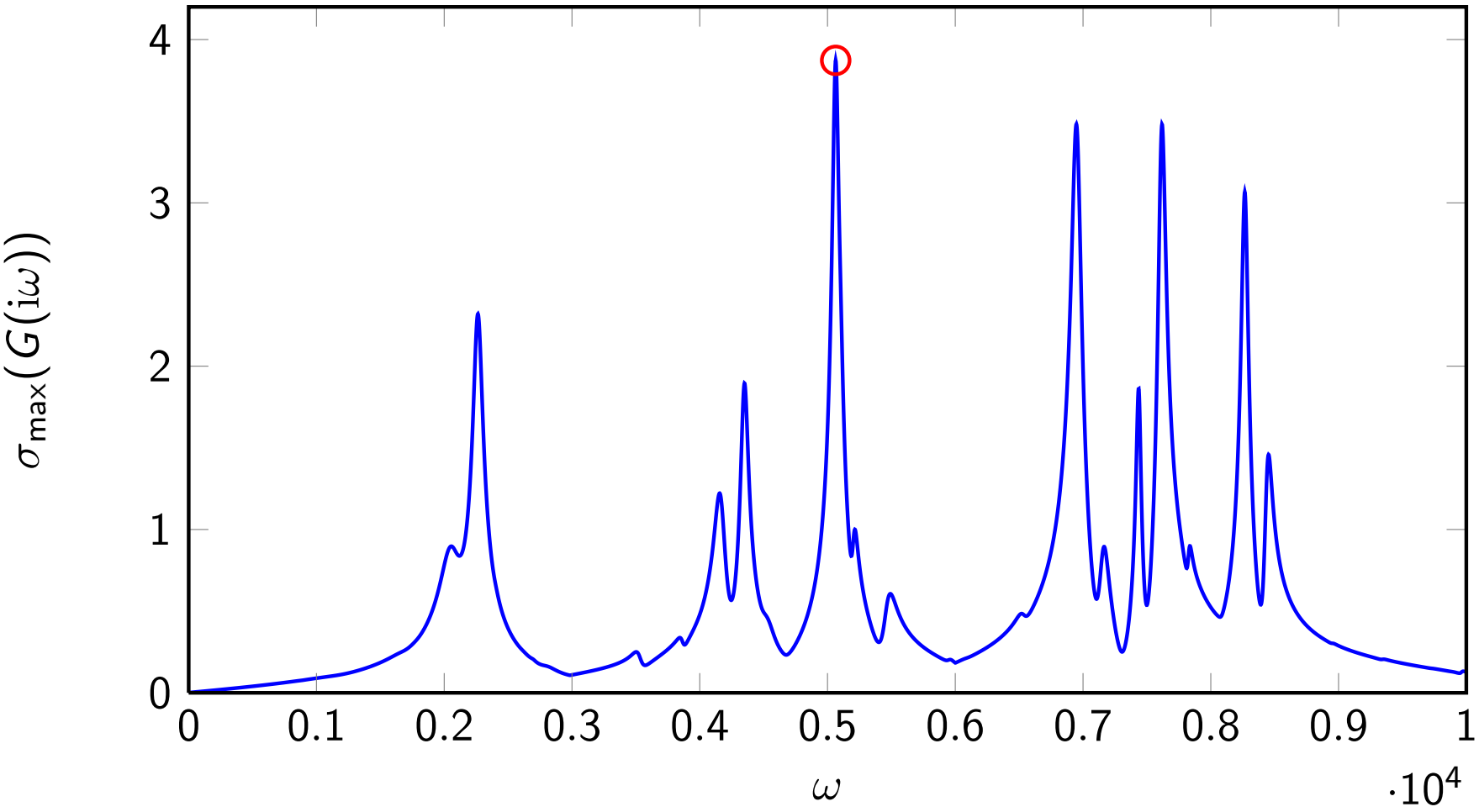

Figure: Transfer function plot with computed norm value

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"Theorem" [Benner, Sima, V. '12]

let $\gamma > \min_{\omega\in\mathbb{R}} \sigma_{\max}(G(\mathrm{i}\omega))$. Then, under some technical conditions $\|G\|_{\mathcal{H}_\infty} \geq \gamma$ if and only if $\mathcal{H}_\gamma(\lambda)$ has purely imaginary eigenvalues.

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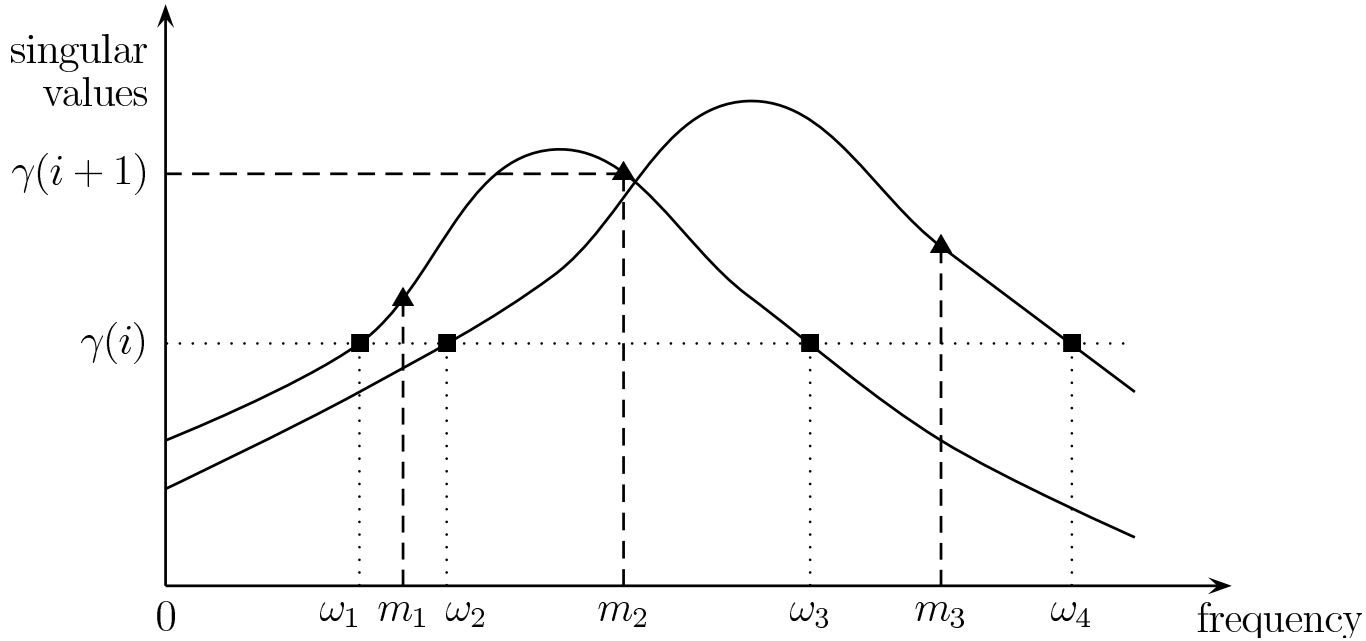

General Algorithm

1. Choose an initial value for γ.
2. Determine purely imaginary eigenvalues of $\mathcal{H}_\gamma(\lambda)$.
3. If imaginary eigenvalues exist, increase γ and repeat Step 2.
4. If no imaginary eigenvalues exist, γ is an upper bound for $\|G\|_{\mathcal{H}_\infty}$.

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[Lowe, V. '13]

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The 6 most dominant poles with associated dominance values are:
-28.763 + 5064.528i with dominance 3.714211
-41.310 + 6951.137i with dominance 3.413362
-32.264 + 7614.848i with dominance 3.376605
-28.867 + 8266.724i with dominance 3.046229
-36.085 + 11972.542i with dominance 2.313766
-39.964 + 2263.478i with dominance 2.141803

The 6 most dominant poles are used to calculate the initial gamma value.

The initial lower bound of gamma is 3.872214 at fopt = 5064.528178.

For cycle 1:
The positive imaginary eigenvalues for shift = 5067.060442039i are:
lambda = 5063.711555996i
lambda = 5064.524040687i
There are 6 shifts, and 1 shifts that produce imaginary eigenvalues.
There are 24 eigenvalues, and 4 imaginary eigenvalues.
The lower bound of gamma is 3.872601 at fopt = 5064.117782.

For cycle 2:
There are 1 shifts, and 0 shifts that produce imaginary eigenvalues.
There are 4 eigenvalues, and 0 imaginary eigenvalues.

The L-infinity-norm is 3.8726 at fopt = 5064.12.
The runtime is 1.72567 seconds.

Some More Timings

Table: Timings for some larger test examples

example	n	m	p	time in s	
				pseudospectra	even pencil
bips07_1693	13275	4	4	167.10	31.98
bips07_1998	15066	4	4	102.11	29.99
bips07_2476	16861	4	4	146.18	31.62
bips07_3078	21128	4	4	91.05	34.73
xingo_afonso_itaipu	13250	1	1	39.24	16.80
mimo8x8_system	13309	8	8	78.47	23.25
mimo28x28_system	13251	28	28	85.36	35.45
mimo46x46_system	13250	46	46	115.91	49.13

Comparison of the Methods

"Pseudospectra method"

- \+ smaller number of user-defined parameters, easier to use
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