

# Exploiting BiStructured Computational Problems

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- A satisfactory implementation may be unavailable, difficult or expensive. (. . . or **eig** is too easy to use.)

# Questions

By not using structure preserving numerical methods, one gives up elegance and reduced computational cost.

- What about numerical stability?
- Is there an easy, inexpensive way to recover the accuracy of a structured numerical method from the computed results of an unstructured method?



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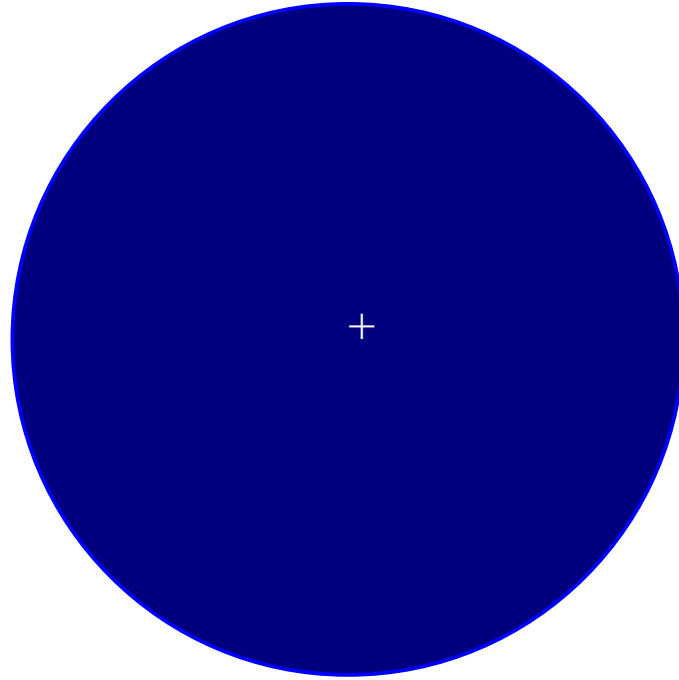
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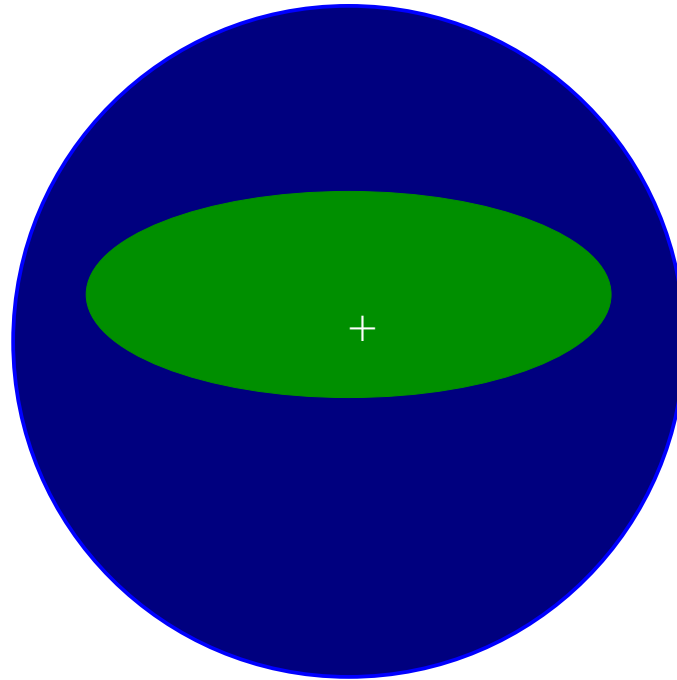
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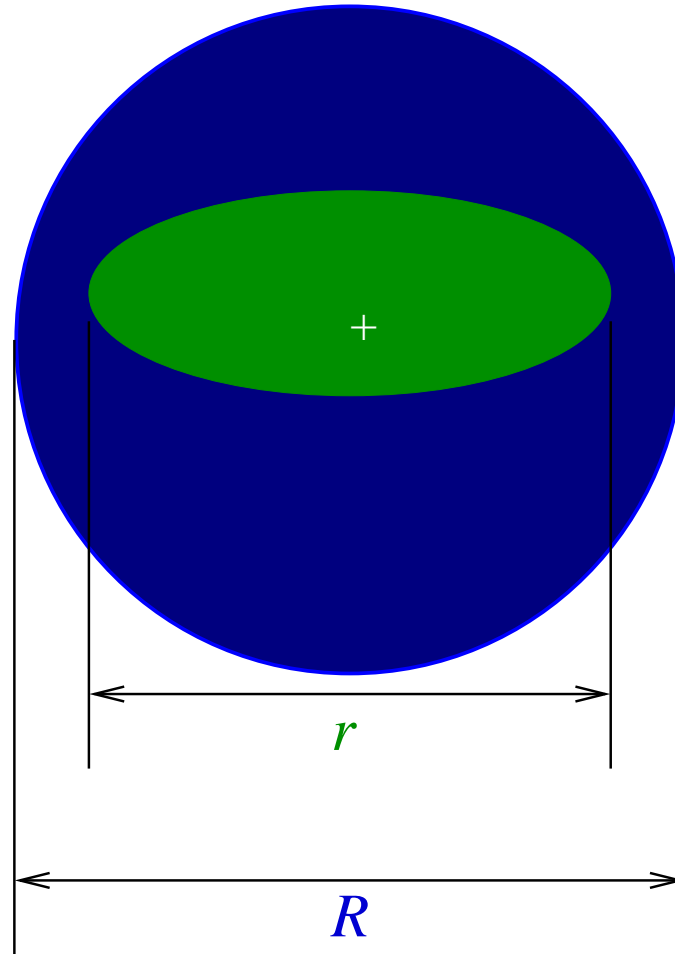
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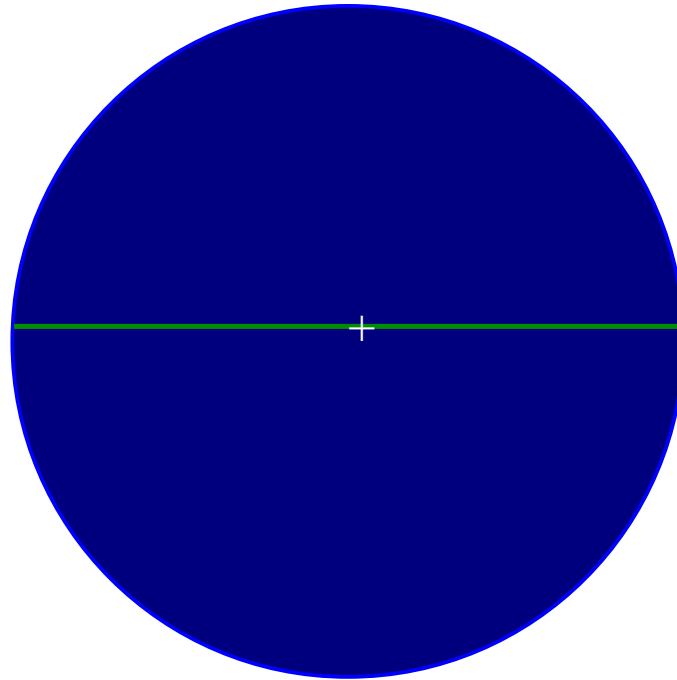
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B, Kressner (2004). See also Karow(2003)

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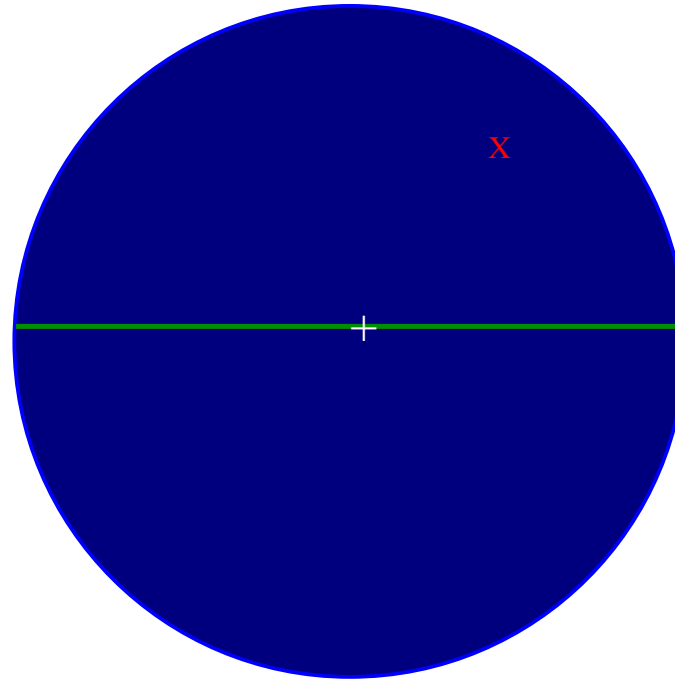
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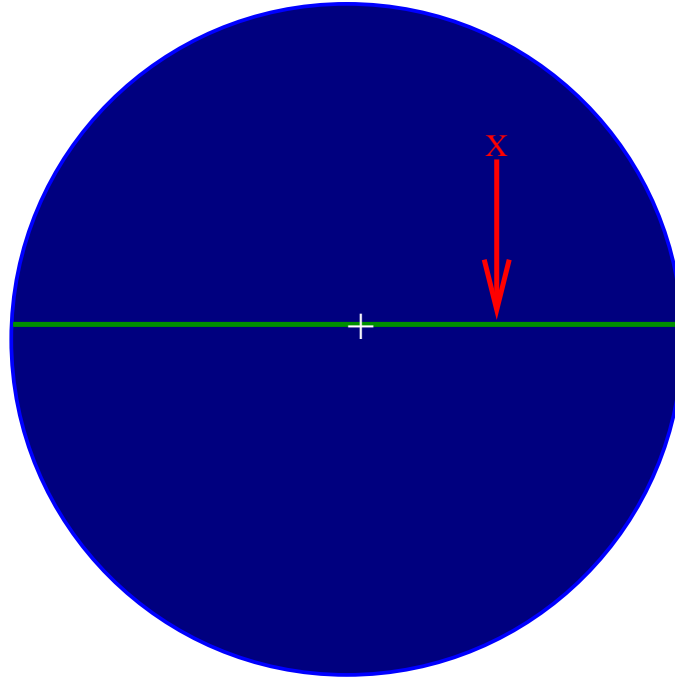
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Real arithmetic accuracy can be **easily recovered** for **isolated, real eigenvalues**: set the imaginary part of  $\lambda$  to zero.

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A complex matrix is a structured real matrix.

$$A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n} \hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_R & -A_I \\ A_I & A_R \end{bmatrix}.$$

These are related to quaternion matrices

$$A \in \mathbf{Q}^{n \times n} \hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & -\bar{A}_2 \\ A_2 & \bar{A}_1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \begin{array}{l} A_1 \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n} \\ A_2 \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n} \end{array}$$

quantum chemistry, for example.

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$$A \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A_R & -A_I \\ A_I & A_R \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$x \in \mathbf{C}^n \mapsto \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -ix \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ i\bar{x} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbf{C} \mapsto (\lambda, \bar{\lambda})$$

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$$(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}) \in \mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C} \mapsto (\lambda, \lambda), (\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\lambda}), \text{ multiple}$$



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is that the **condition of the eigenvalues is unchanged** by the embedding despite increased dimension and multiplicity. This is a consequence of Gerschgorin and special structure.

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- **Well conditioned eigenvectors of  $A$  may embed into ill-conditioned eigenvectors.**

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MATLAB:

```
AA = [real(A) -imag(A); imag(A) real(A)];
```

```
[V, D] = eig(AA);
```

```
diag(D)
```

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ans =
```

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0 + 25i
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v(:, [1 3])
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ans =
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```
0.7065          0.0168 - 0.0112i
0.0292 - 0.0022i -0.7068
-0.0022 - 0.2259i -0.0031 + 0.6739i
0.0006 - 0.6701i -0.0107 - 0.2140i
```

Not in  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ ix \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ -ix \end{bmatrix}$  form.

Which eigenvalues are extraneous?

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Perturbing with  $\|E\| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\|F\| < \varepsilon$ ,

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perturbs a desired simple eigenvector to

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- Consequently, possibly,  $\|q\|_2 \gg \|p\|_2$ , i.e., an unstructured algorithm may be **numerically unstable**, but...

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A simple *a posteriori* correction,

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{C}^n \times \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y + iz \\ -i(y + iz) \end{bmatrix}$$

reduces  $F$  and  $q$  to second order perturbations.

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```
W=[V(1:2,:) + i*V(3:4,:) ; -i*V(1:2,:) + V(3:4,:)] ;
```

```
W(:, [1 2])
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.9324 - 0.0022i    0.4806 - 0.0022i
```

```
0.6993 - 0.0016i   -0.6409 + 0.0029i
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-0.0022 - 0.9324i   -0.0022 - 0.4806i
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eigval = diag(W'*AA*W) ./ diag(W'*W)
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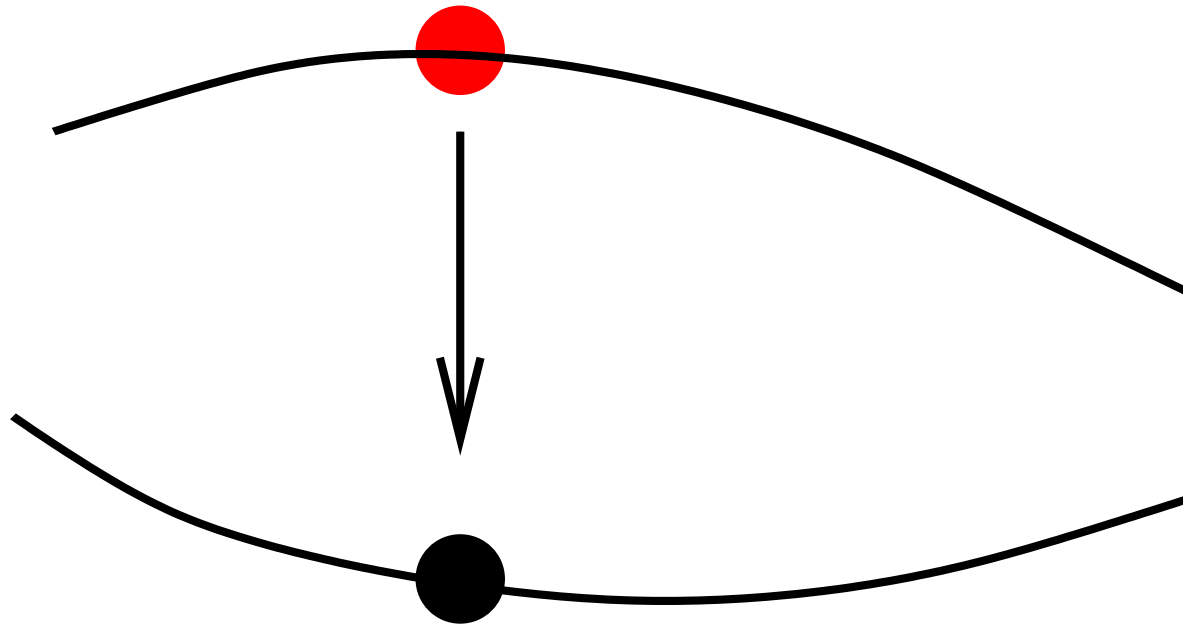
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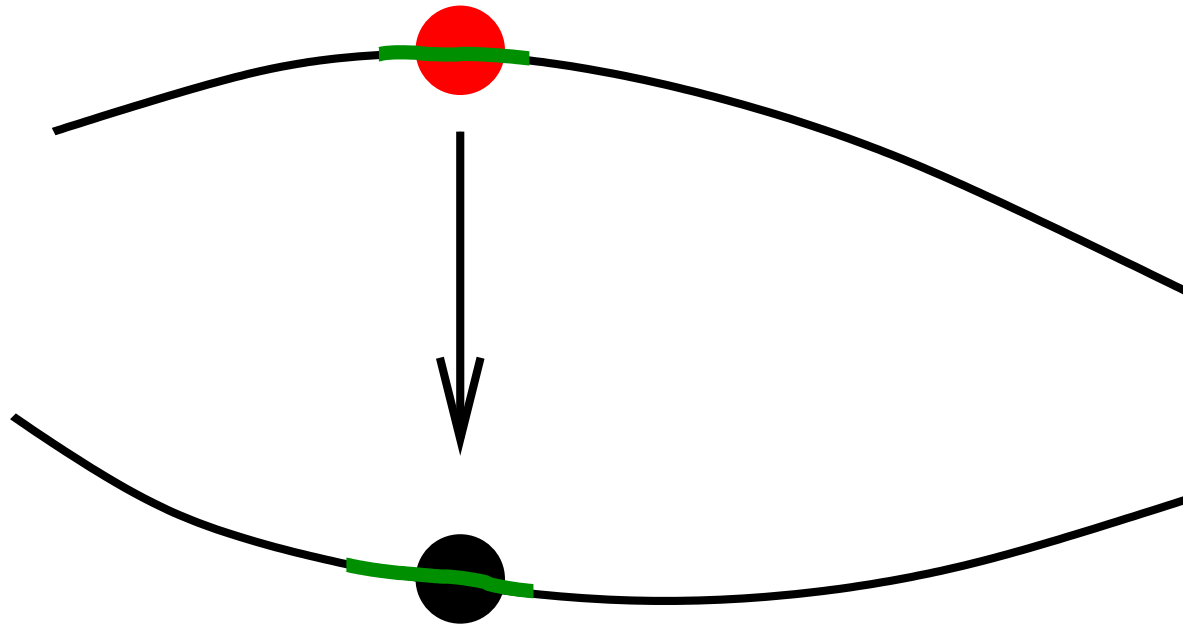
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A_R & -A_I \\ A_I & A_R \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbf{C} \text{ with } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -ix \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{C}^{2n}.$$

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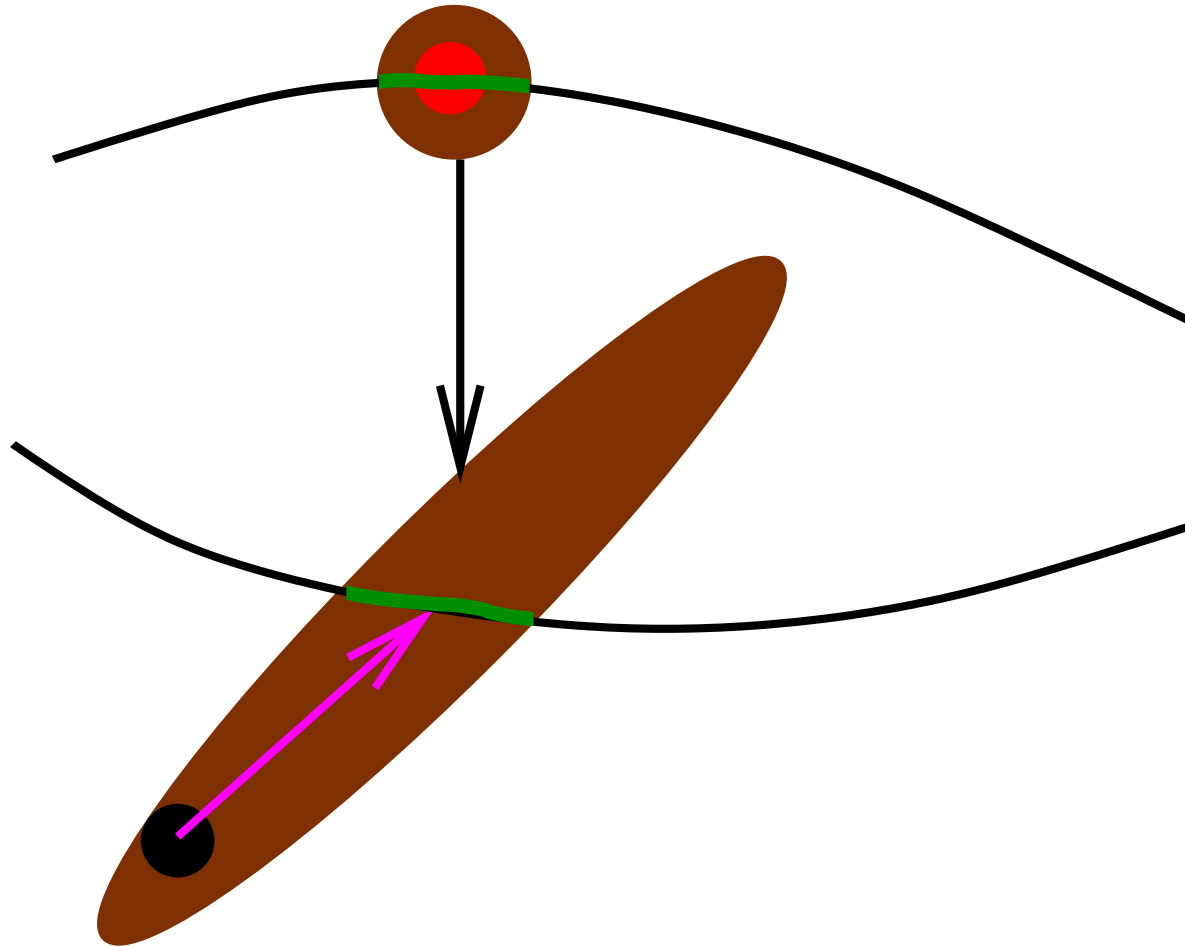
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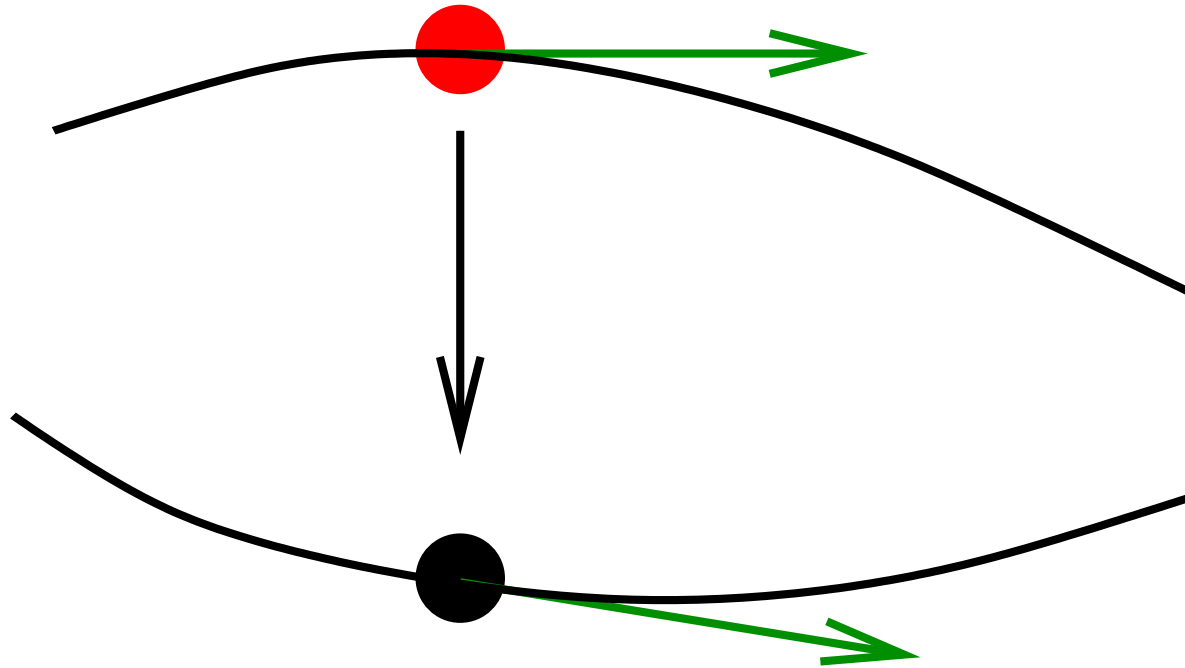


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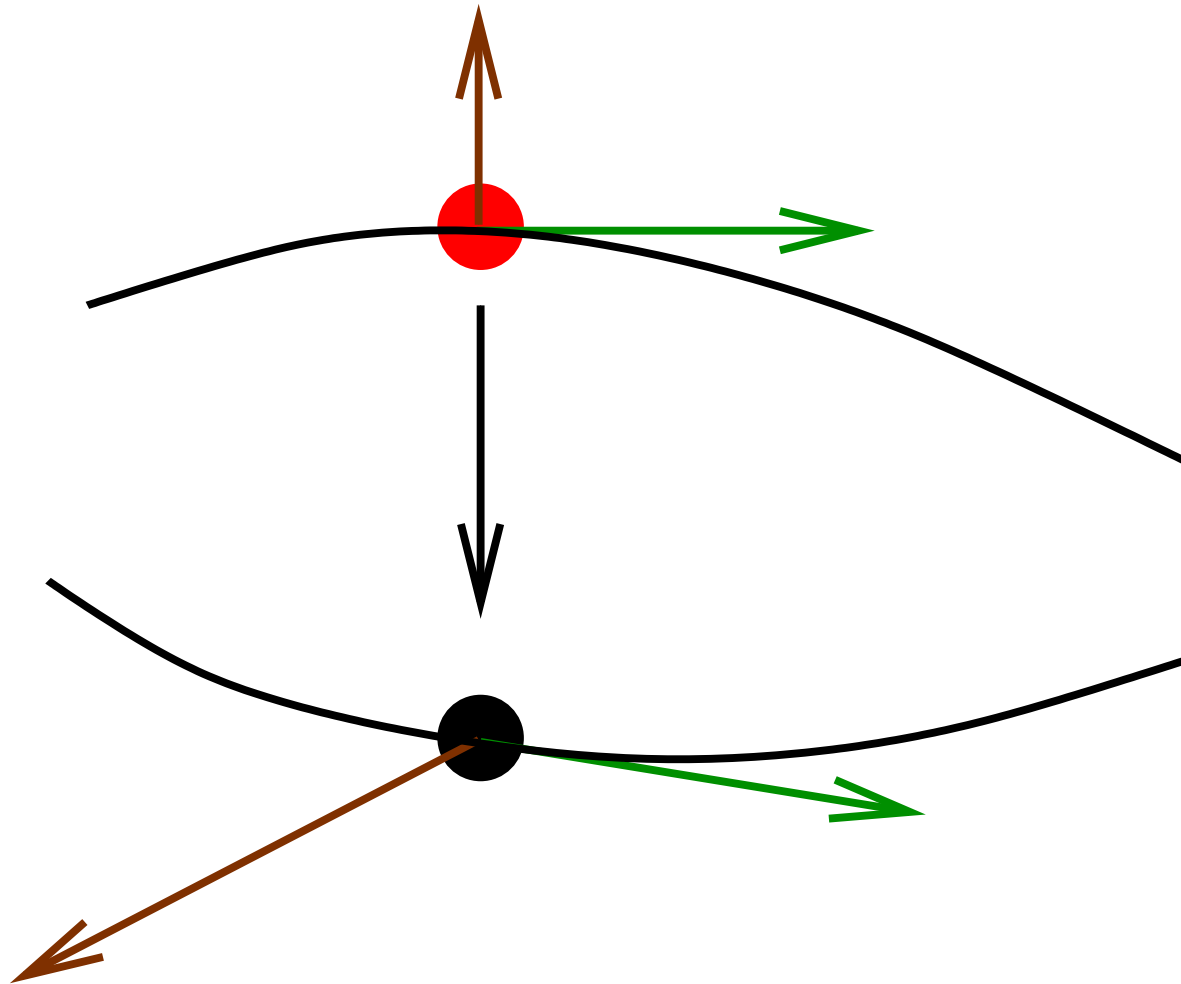
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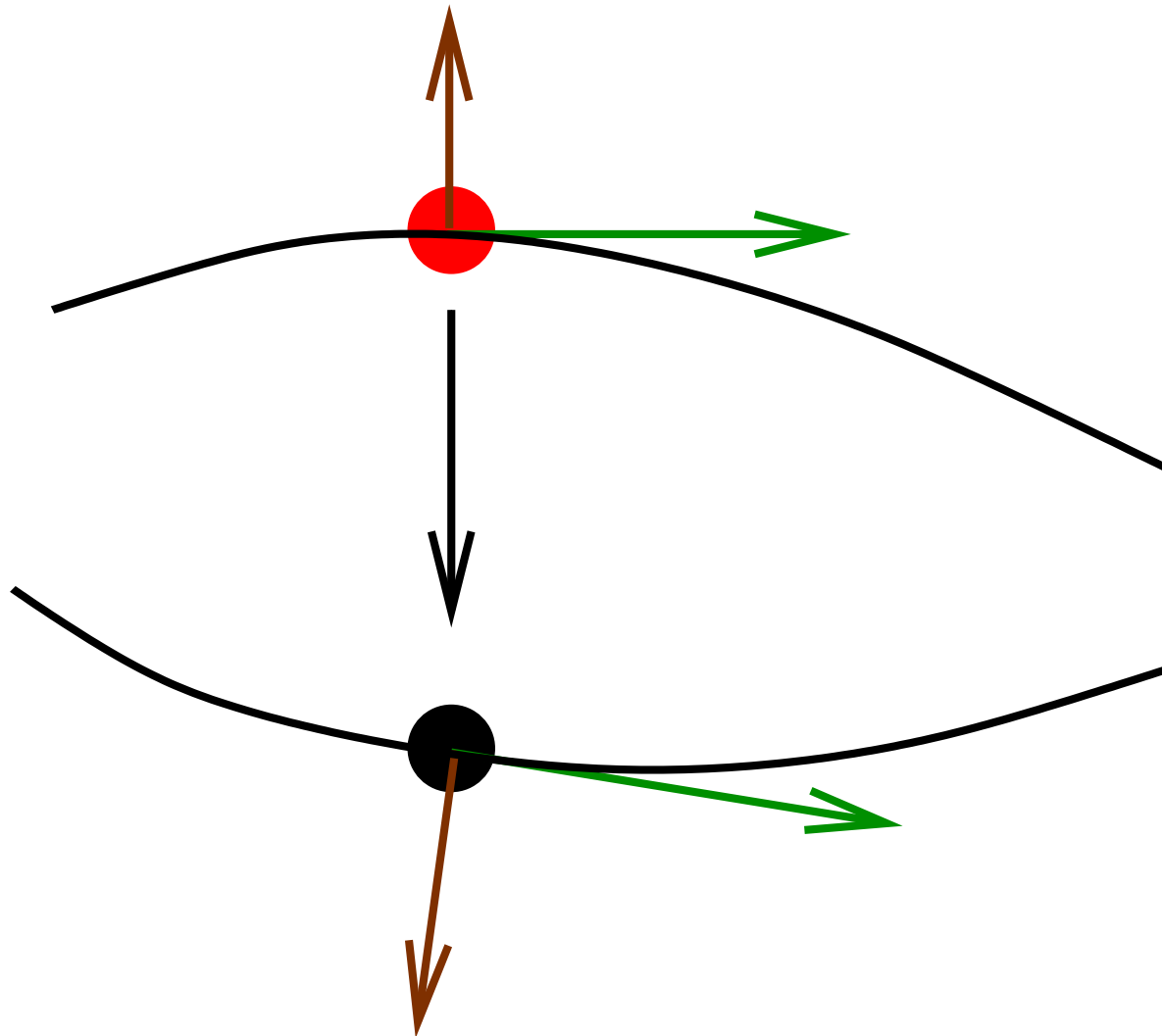
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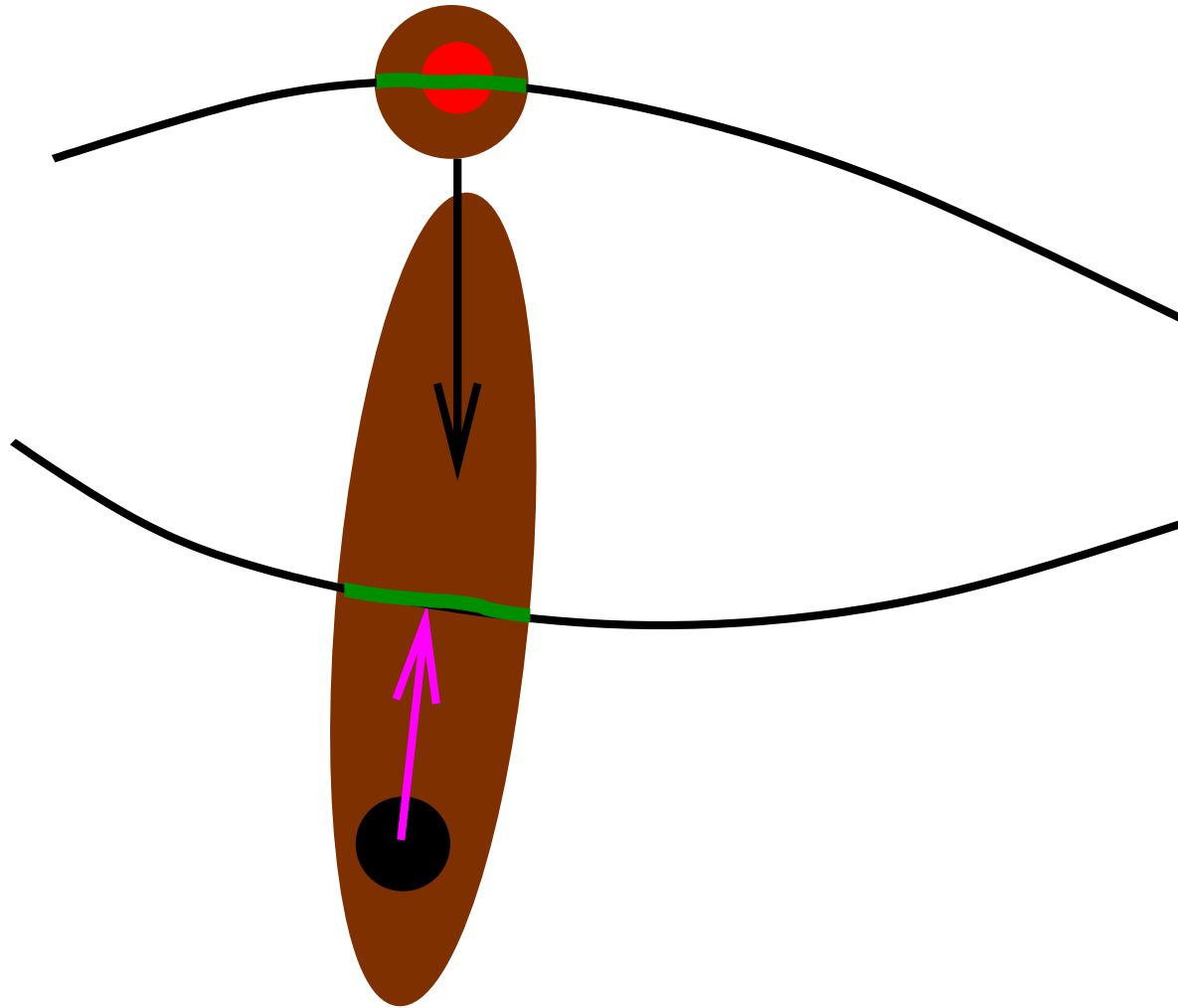
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# Block Hamiltonian-Schur Form

- $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $H \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times 2n}$  is Hamiltonian if  $(JH)^T = JH$ , i.e.,

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} A & G \\ F & -A^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = F^T, \quad G = G^T.$$

- $H \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times 2n}$  is skew-Hamiltonian if  $(JH)^T = -JH$ , i.e.,

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} A & G \\ F & A^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = -F^T, \quad G = -G^T.$$

- $S \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times 2n}$  is Symplectic if  $S^T J S = J$ .
- $V \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times n}$  is Lagrangian if  $V^T J V = 0$ .

# Block Hamiltonian-Schur Form

Given a Hamiltonian matrix  $H$ , calculate  $S$  and  $T$  such that

$$HS = ST = \begin{bmatrix} S_1 & -S_2 \\ S_2 & S_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & -T_1^T \end{bmatrix}$$

where

- $T$  is Hamiltonian
- $S$  is symplectic and orthogonal
- $\sigma(T_1) \subset \mathbf{C}_-$ , i.e., eigenvalues of  $T_1$  have non-positive real part.

# Block Hamiltonian-Schur Form

- Progress on a structure preserving algorithm for Hamiltonian-Schur Form by Ammar, Benner, Bunse-Gerstner, B, Chu, Faßbender, He, Golub, Laub, Mehrmann, Paige, Van Loan, Xu, . . .
- Note particularly work by Mehrmann and Chu 2005 or 2006.



# Laub Trick

Laub trick: (Laub circa 1985)

1. Calculate **unstructured** Schur form

$$HQ = QR = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & Q_3 \\ Q_2 & Q_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

where  $\sigma(R_{11}) \subset \mathbf{C}_-$ .

2.  $S = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & -Q_2 \\ Q_2 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix}$

In **exact arithmetic**  $\begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is Lagrangian and  $S$  is the symplectic-orthogonal factor of Hamiltonian-Schur Form.

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Gram-Schmidt-like Symplectic-reorthogonalization damages the invariant subspace.

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## Domain

Structure:  $H$  Hamiltonian, i.e.,  $(JH)^T = JH$

Tangent space:  $T_H = \{M \mid (JM)^T = JM\}$

Normal space:  $T_H^\perp = \{M \mid (JM)^T = -JM\}$

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Range

$$\text{Structure: } \left\{ Q \in \mathbf{R}^{2n \times n} \mid \begin{array}{l} Q^T J Q = 0 \\ Q^T Q = I \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Tangent space: } T_Q = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & -Q_2 \\ Q_2 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ W \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{l} Z^T = - \\ W^T = V \end{array} \right.$$

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$$DF(H) : T_H \rightarrow T_Q$$

$$DF(H) : T_H^\perp \rightarrow T_Q^\perp$$

Recover **structured algorithm accuracy** (to first order)  
by projecting computed solution back onto  $T_Q$

# Corrected Laub Trick

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2.  $Z = \frac{1}{2} (Q_1^T Q_2 - Q_2^T Q_1)$
3.  $\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -Q_2 \\ Q_1 \end{bmatrix} Z$
4.  $S = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & -V_2 \\ V_2 & V_1 \end{bmatrix}$

(No need to correct orthogonality.)

$$\underline{A \in \mathcal{M}, F(A) \in \mathcal{F}}$$

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