

# Chebfun2: An extension of Chebfun to two dimensions

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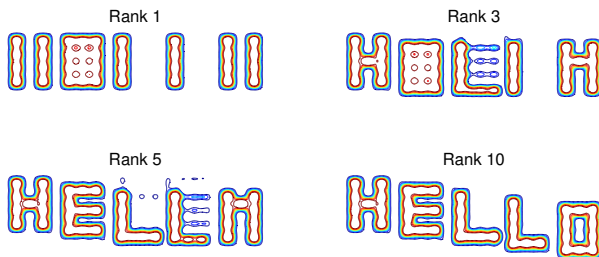
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# What is the Chebfun2 project?

- **Project:** An attempt to generalise Chebfun to rectangles.
- **Mathematical idea:** A continuous analogue of low-rank matrices and iterative Gaussian elimination.
- **Software:** 12,000 lines of MATLAB code and 203 m-files.



**Key point 1:** Numerically, many smooth functions are of low rank.

$$f(x, y) \approx \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j c_j(y) r_j(x).$$

## Definition (Numerical low rank)

A function of numerical rank  $k$  and numerical degree  $(m, n)$  is of **low rank** if

$$k \cdot (m + n) < m \cdot n.$$

We're interested in approximating functions by low rank functions expressed in a Chebyshev basis.

**Key point 2:** Gaussian elimination can be used for low rank function approximation. [T. & Trefethen, 2013a]

The standard point of view:

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 A & = & L \quad U
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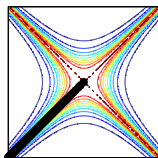
A different, equally simple point of view:

$$A \leftarrow A - A(j, :)A(:, k)/A(j, k) \quad (\text{GE step for matrices})$$

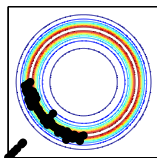
$$f \leftarrow f - f(x, :)f(:, y)/f(x, y) \quad (\text{GE step for functions})$$

Each step of GE is a rank-1 update.

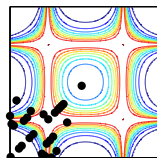
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f = chebfun2(@(x,y) cos(10*(x.^2+y))+sin(10*(x+y.^2)));  
contour(f, 'r')
```



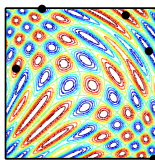
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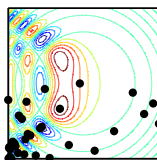
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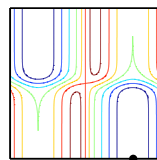
Rank = 28



Rank = 5



Rank = 33



Rank = 2

2D Chebyshev technology: vector calculus, global rootfinding, quadrature, phase portraits, surfaces, etc.

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Mario Bebendorf



Bebendorf, Goreinov,  
Oseledets, Savostyanov,  
Zamarashkin.

Gesenhues, Griebel,  
Hackbusch, Rjasanow.

Keith Geddes

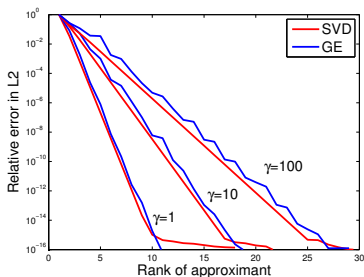


Carvajal, Chapman.

**Key point 3:** SVD is optimal, but Gaussian elimination can be better.

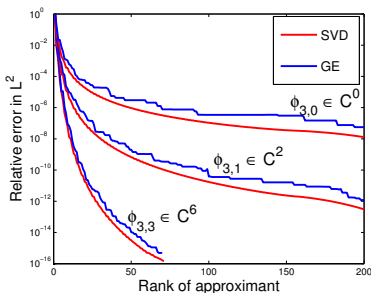
2D Runge function:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{1 + \gamma(x^2 + y^2)}.$$



Wendland's CSRBFs:

$$f_k(x, y) = \phi_{3,k}(\|x - y\|_2) \in \mathcal{C}^{2k}.$$



**Key point 4:** 2D computations can exploit 1D technology. [T. & Trefethen, 2013b]

$$f(x, y) \approx \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j c_j(y) r_j(x).$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(x, y) dx dy \approx \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j \int_{-1}^1 c_j(y) dy \int_{-1}^1 r_j(x) dx.$$

Integration takes  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n + kn)$  operations using 1D Clenshaw–Curtis quadrature.

```
F = @(x,y) exp(-(x.^2 + y.^2 + cos(4*x.*y)));
```

```
QUAD2D:  I = 1.399888131932670    time = 0.0717 secs
```

```
SUM2:    I = 1.399888131932670    time = 0.0097 secs
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### 2 Evaluation

$$\mathcal{E}f = f(x, y), \quad \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_y \otimes \mathcal{E}_x, \quad \mathcal{O}(kn^2) \text{ operations.}$$

Others include (Can you guess what they do?):

`sum2(f)`, `diff(f)`, `f(x,y)`, `sum(f)`, `cumsum2(f)`, `flipud(f)`,  
`trace(f)`, `gradient(f)`, `chebpolynomial2(f)`, `svd(f)`

**Key point 5:** High degree global rootfinding can be done in 2D!  
[Nakatsukasa, Noferini, & T., 2013]

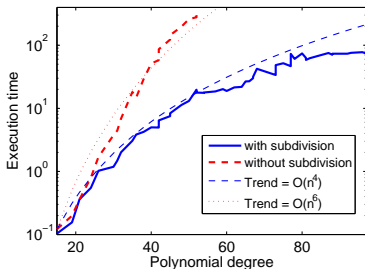
Problem: Find **all**  $(x, y)$  in  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Uses **Chebyshev basis**, **2D subdivision**, and Bézout resultants.

$$\begin{aligned} &\sin((x-1/10)y)\cos(1/(x+(y-9/10)+5)) \\ &= (y-1/10)\cos((x+(y+9/10)^2/4)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

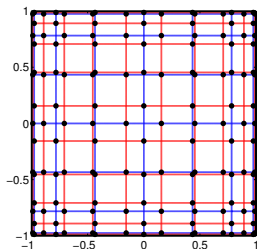
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Find the solutions to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_7(x) T_7(y) \cos(xy) \\ T_{10}(x) T_{10}(y) \cos(x^2 y) \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

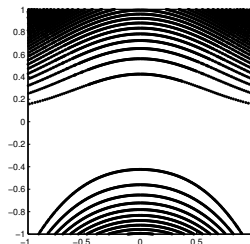
All the solutions line up along coordinate directions, but that's OK.



Find the solutions to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Ai}(-13(x^2 y + y^2)) \\ J_0(500x)y + xJ_1(500y) \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

which has numerical degree of 580. There are 5932 solutions found in 501 seconds.



Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a rank- $k$  matrix,

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^k u_j v_j^T.$$

The minimum entry is the solution to the following problem:

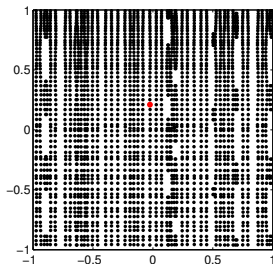
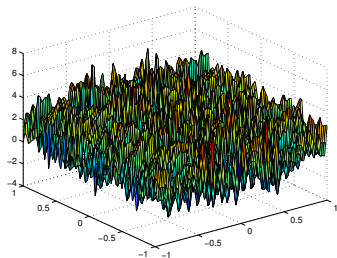
$$\min_{p,q} A_{pq} = \min_{p,q} \sum_{j=1}^k u_{pj} v_{qj} = \min_{p,q} \underline{u}_p^T \underline{v}_q.$$

For  $U = \{\underline{u}_1, \dots, \underline{u}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$  and  $V = \{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{p,q} \underline{u}_p^T \underline{v}_q &= \min \left\{ \underline{u}^T \underline{v} : \underline{u} \in U, \underline{v} \in V \right\} \\ &= \min \left\{ \underline{u}^T \underline{v} : \underline{u} \in \text{conv}(U), \underline{v} \in \text{conv}(V) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

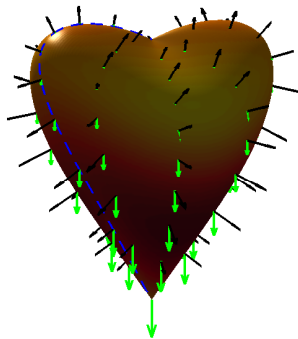
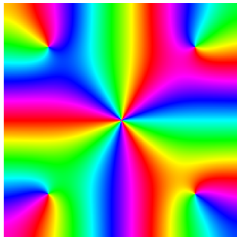
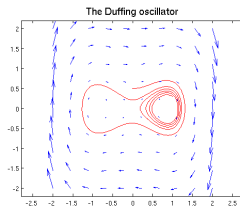
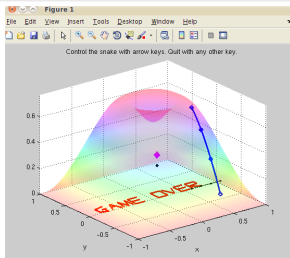
- 1 Find the minimum on a grid using convex hull.
- 2 Constrained Newton iteration.

$$f(x, y) = \left( \frac{x^2}{4} + e^{\sin(50x)} + \sin(70 \sin(x)) \right) + \left( \frac{y^2}{4} + \sin(60e^y) + \sin(\sin(80y)) \right) - \cos(10x) \sin(10y) - \sin(10x) \cos(10y).$$









Chebfun2 calculates the global minimum in 0.72 seconds.

# Lots of stuff we missed out



- More about Chebfun2's bivariate rootfinding. **Vanni Noferini's talk. You missed it.**
- More about Chebfun2 and surfaces. **See Rodrigo Platte's talk in San Diego.**
- What about higher dimensions? **Talk to Daniel Kressner.**
- What about PDEs on rectangles? **Talk to me in September.**
- What about on arbitrary domains? **Don't know. Help!**
- What else can Chebfun2 do? **Check out the website!**



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