

# Shifted Power Method for Computing Tensor Eigenvalues

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# Maximizing a Homogeneous Form

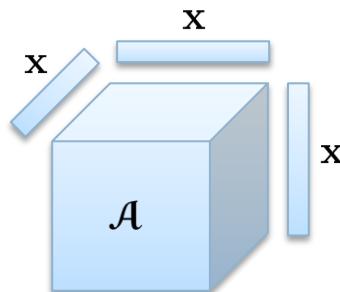
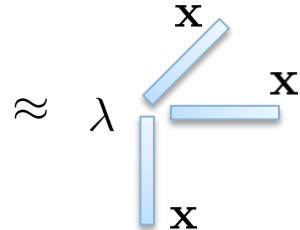
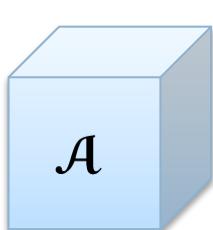
Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an  $n \times n \times \cdots \times n$  symmetric **tensor** of order  $m$ .

$$\text{Homogeneous Form: } \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m \equiv \sum_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_m} a_{i_1 i_2 \cdots i_m} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_m}$$

Every summand has degree  $m$ .

Best Rank-1 Approximation: Equivalent to extreme point of **homogenous** form.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & \|\mathcal{A} - \lambda \mathbf{x} \circ \mathbf{x} \circ \cdots \circ \mathbf{x}\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \lambda = \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m, \quad \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{array} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max & |\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m| \\ \text{s.t.} & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{array}$$



# Homogeneous Form & Eigenpairs

Lim (2005)

Need to do both  
min and max.

$$\max \quad f(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m$$

$$\text{s.t. } \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1) = 0$$

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mu) = \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m + \mu \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 - 1)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mu) = m\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} + \mu\mathbf{x}$$

We can define a real eigenpair as any KKT point of the constrained homogeneous form. (Analogous to the matrix case.)

KKT Conditions:

$$m\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} + \mu\mathbf{x} = 0 \text{ and } \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$$



Eigenpair:

$$\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \text{ and } \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$$

$$(\text{with } \lambda = -\mu/m)$$

# More General Definition of Tensor Eigenpairs

Qi (2005), Lim (2005)

Definition: Assume  $\mathcal{A}$  is a symmetric  $m^{\text{th}}$  order  $n$ -dimensional real-valued tensor. We say that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an **eigenvalue** if there exists  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}^\dagger \mathbf{x} = 1.$$

The vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is called the **eigenvector**.

Theorem: # of distinct complex eigenvalues is  $((m-1)^n - 1)/(m-2)$

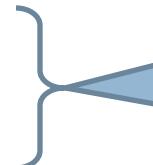
Cartwright/Sturmels 2010

*Eigenpairs are not “unique” but define an equivalence class:*

$$\mathcal{A}(e^{i\varphi}\mathbf{x})^{m-1} = e^{i(m-1)\varphi}\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} = e^{i(m-1)\varphi}\lambda\mathbf{x} = (e^{i(m-2)\varphi}\lambda)(e^{i\varphi}\mathbf{x})$$

Our Focus:  
Real Eigenpairs

- $m$  even  $\Rightarrow (\lambda, -\mathbf{x})$  is an eigenpair
- $m$  odd  $\Rightarrow (-\lambda, -\mathbf{x})$  is an eigenpair



These are eigen-pairs in the same equivalence class.

# Symmetric Higher-Order Power Method (S-HOPM)

De Lathauwer, De Moor, Vandewalle 2000

## Symmetric Power Method

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k / \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k\|$$

$$\lambda_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_{k+1}$$

## S-HOPM

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- Guaranteed to converge to the “leading” eigenpair
  - Leading eigenpair is the one with the largest magnitude eigenvalue
- Not guaranteed to converge in general
- In fact, may diverge or show chaotic behavior
- But sometimes works really well!

Interesting result because operating on unit sphere which is not convex.

# S-HOPM Analysis

Kofidis and Regalia (2002)

- Theorem: S-HOPM  $\lambda_k$  converges to eigenvalue if  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex or concave on unit ball
- Key Lemma: Assume  $f(\mathbf{x})$  convex on unit ball and let  $\mathbf{v}$  be such that  $\|\mathbf{v}\|=1$ .
  - If  $\mathbf{w} = \nabla f(\mathbf{v})/\|\nabla f(\mathbf{v})\|$
  - Then  $f(\mathbf{w}) \geq f(\mathbf{v})$
- Importance: If  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex, then S-HOPM has  $\lambda_{k+1} \geq \lambda_k$  for all  $k$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Assumes  $m$  even.

Let  $l = m/2$ .

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m = (\underbrace{\mathbf{x} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{x}}_{l \text{ times}})^T \mathbf{A} (\underbrace{\mathbf{x} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{x}}_{l \text{ times}})$$

$$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{I} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{x} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{x}}_{l-1 \text{ times}})^T \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{I} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{x} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{x}}_{l-1 \text{ times}})$$

# S-HOPM Failure Example

Kofidis and Regalia (2002)

- $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$  Symmetric Tensor

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- Optimum:  $|\lambda| = 1.09$
- S-HOPM fails on this problem for every starting point we tried

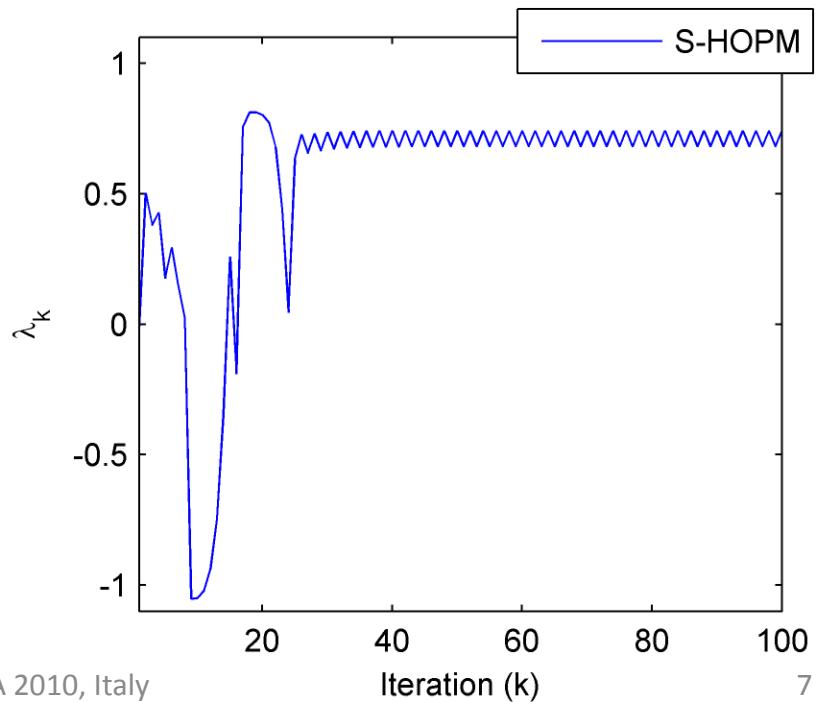


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# Fixing & Analyzing S-HOPM

# Forcing Convexity with a Shift

A quadratic function is convex if all the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are positive (and concave if all are negatives).

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & f(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{array} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max & \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t.} & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{array}$$

An analogue for even-order tensors:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & f(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathcal{A} \mathbf{x}^m \\ \text{s.t.} & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{array} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max & \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv (\mathcal{A} + \alpha \mathcal{E}) \mathbf{x}^m \\ \text{s.t.} & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{array}$$

Identity Tensor  
 $\mathcal{E} \mathbf{x}^{m-1} = \mathbf{x} \quad \forall \mathbf{x}$

# A More General Shift for Convexity

Modify objective function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv f(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x})^{m/2}$$

Max problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \max \quad & \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m + \alpha \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$  convex for large positive  $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda_k$  inc.

Min problem:

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$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$  concave for large negative  $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda_k$  dec.

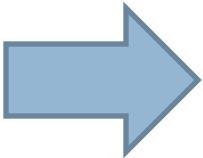
# Shifted S-HOPM (SS-HOPM) Converges

## S-HOPM

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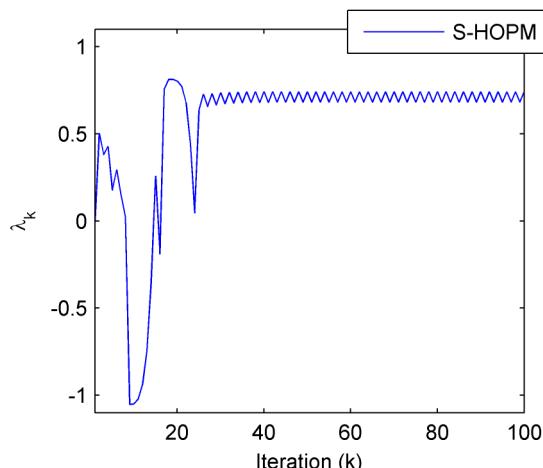


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For suitably large  $\alpha$ ...

- Nondecreasing  $\lambda_k$
- $\lambda_k \rightarrow \lambda_*$
- $\mathbf{x}_k$  has a limit point  $\mathbf{x}_*$
- $(\lambda_*, \mathbf{x}_*)$  is an eigenpair

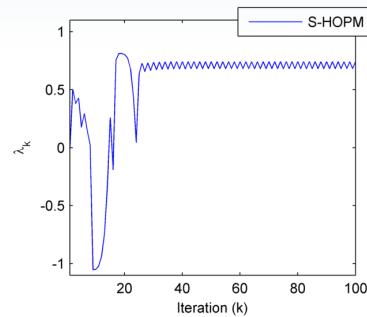
# Example Convergence

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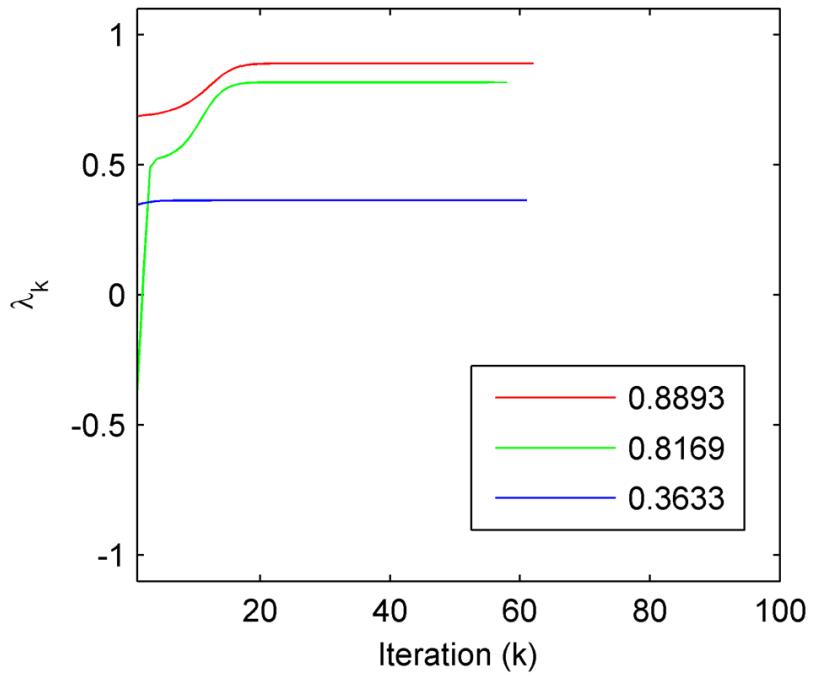
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- Optimum:  $|\lambda| = 1.09$
- Experiment
  - 100 Random Starting Points
  - Use  $\alpha = 2$  (forces concavity)
- Results:

Occurrences	$\lambda$
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SS-HOPM with  $\alpha = 2$



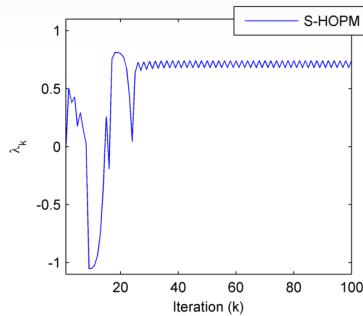
# Different Eigenvalues with Negative Shift

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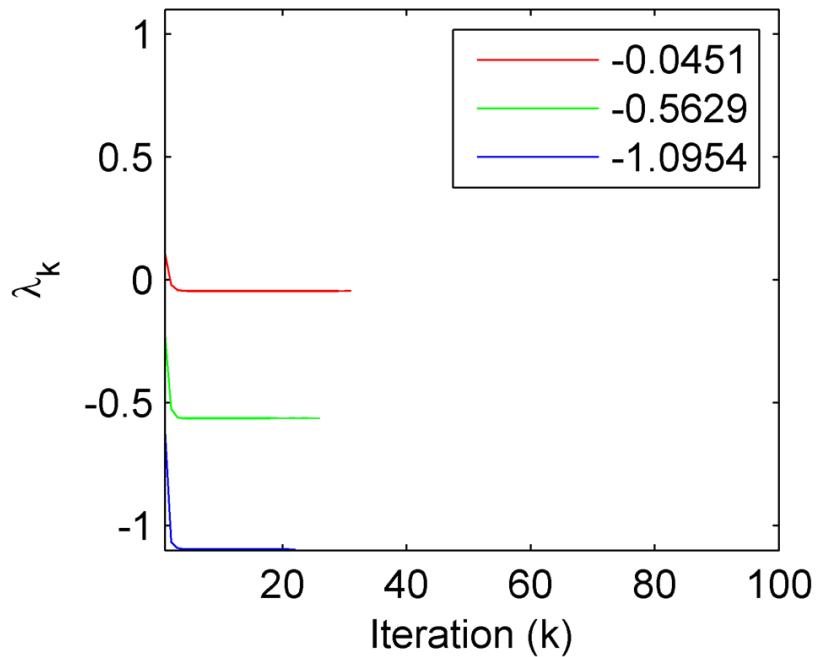
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- Optimum:  $|\lambda| = 1.09$
- Experiment
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  - Use  $\alpha = -2$  (forces convexity)
- Results:

Occurrences	$\lambda$
15	-0.0451
40	-0.5629
45	-1.0954



SS-HOPM with  $\alpha = -2$



# SS-HOPM Convergence Theory (Part 1)

- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n \times \cdots \times n$  symmetric **tensor** of order  $m$
- For appropriate choice of  $\alpha$ , SS-HOPM is **guaranteed** to converge to a tensor eigenpair for any starting point
  - Moreover, sequence of  $\lambda_k$  values is monotonic
- But...
  - How does the choice of  $\alpha$  matter?
  - How fast does it converge?

## SS-HOPM

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

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# Fixed Point Analysis

Fixed Point of  $\phi$ :  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$

Let  $J(\mathbf{x})$  denote the  $n \times n$  Jacobian of  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ .

Fact 1:  $\mathbf{x}$  is an **attracting** fixed point if  $\sigma \equiv \rho(J(\mathbf{x})) < 1$ .

Fact 2: The convergence is linear with rate  $\sigma$  (smaller is faster).

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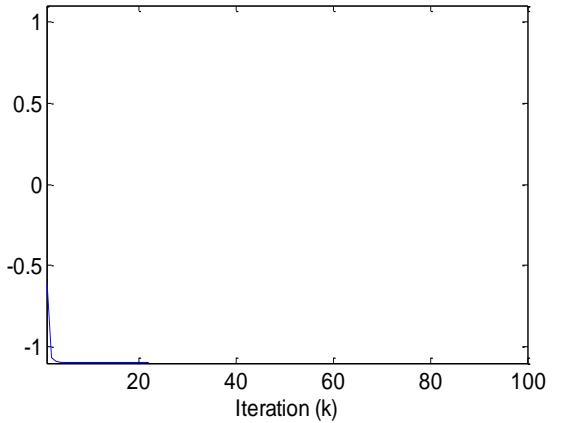
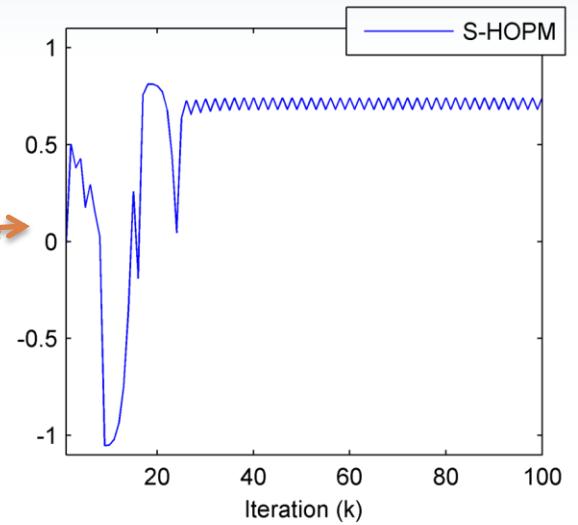
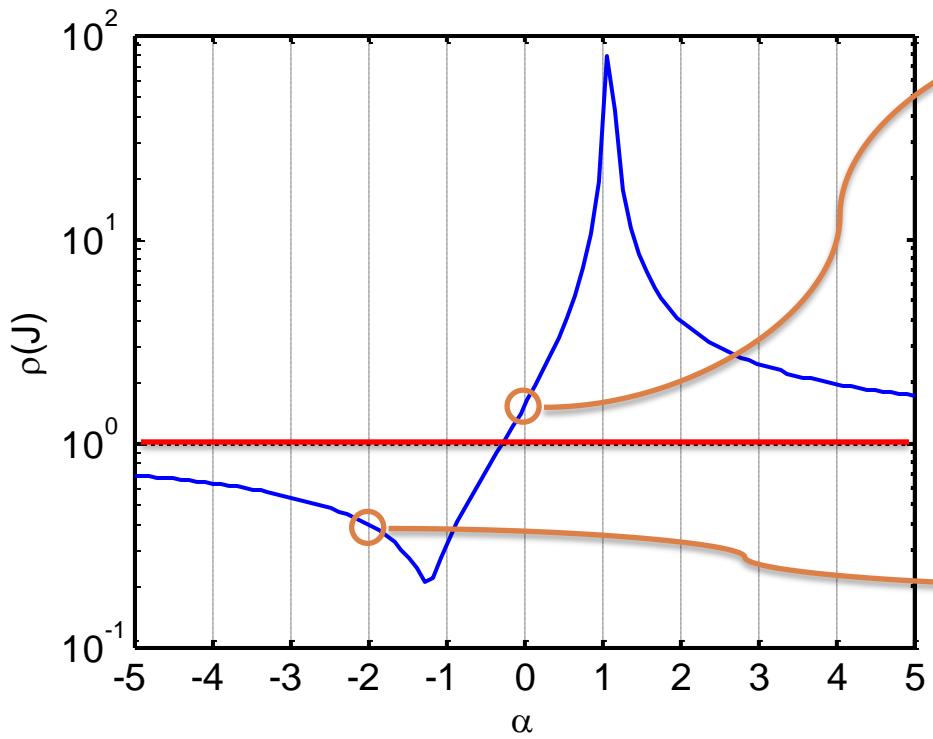
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$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} + \alpha\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{m-1} + \alpha\mathbf{x}\|}$$

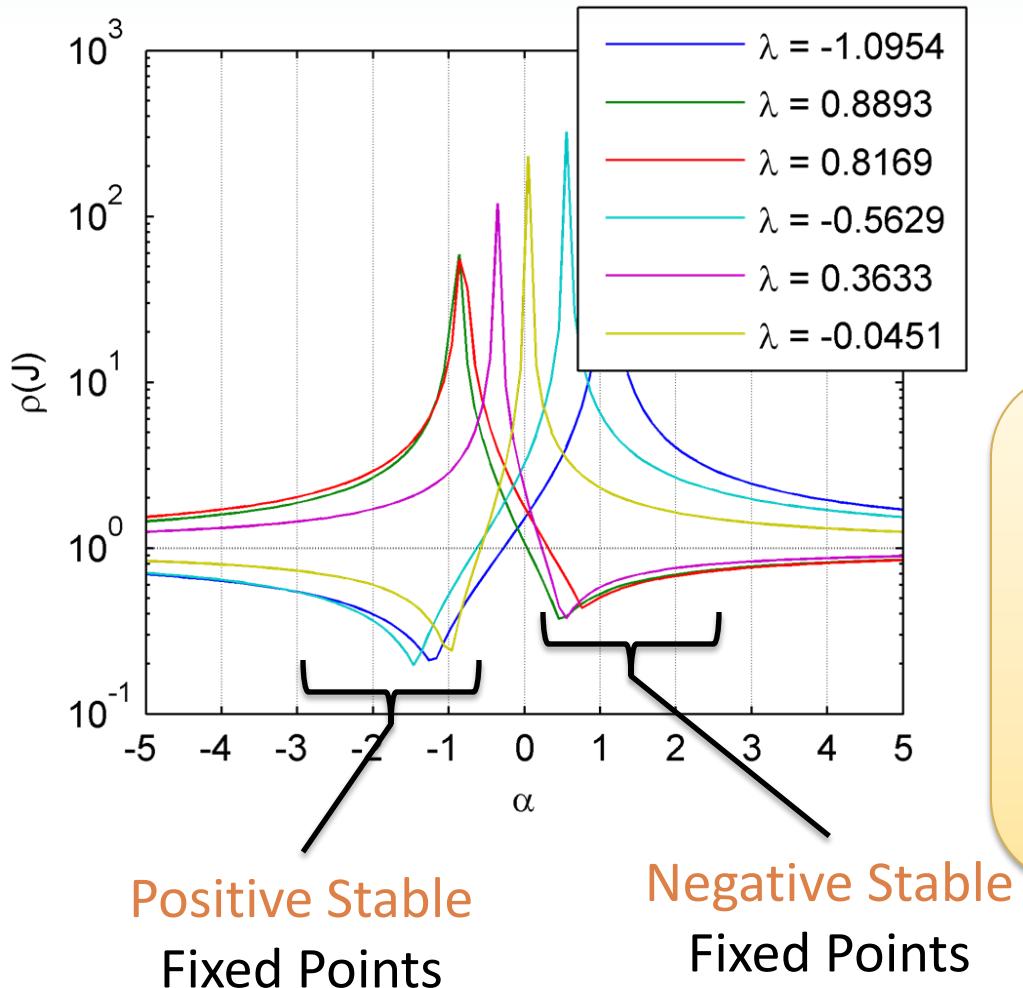
For our problem, any fixed point is an eigenpair and vice versa.

# Understanding via Fixed Point Analysis

Spectral radius of Jacobian for eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = -1.09$



# What choices of $\alpha$ create fixed points?



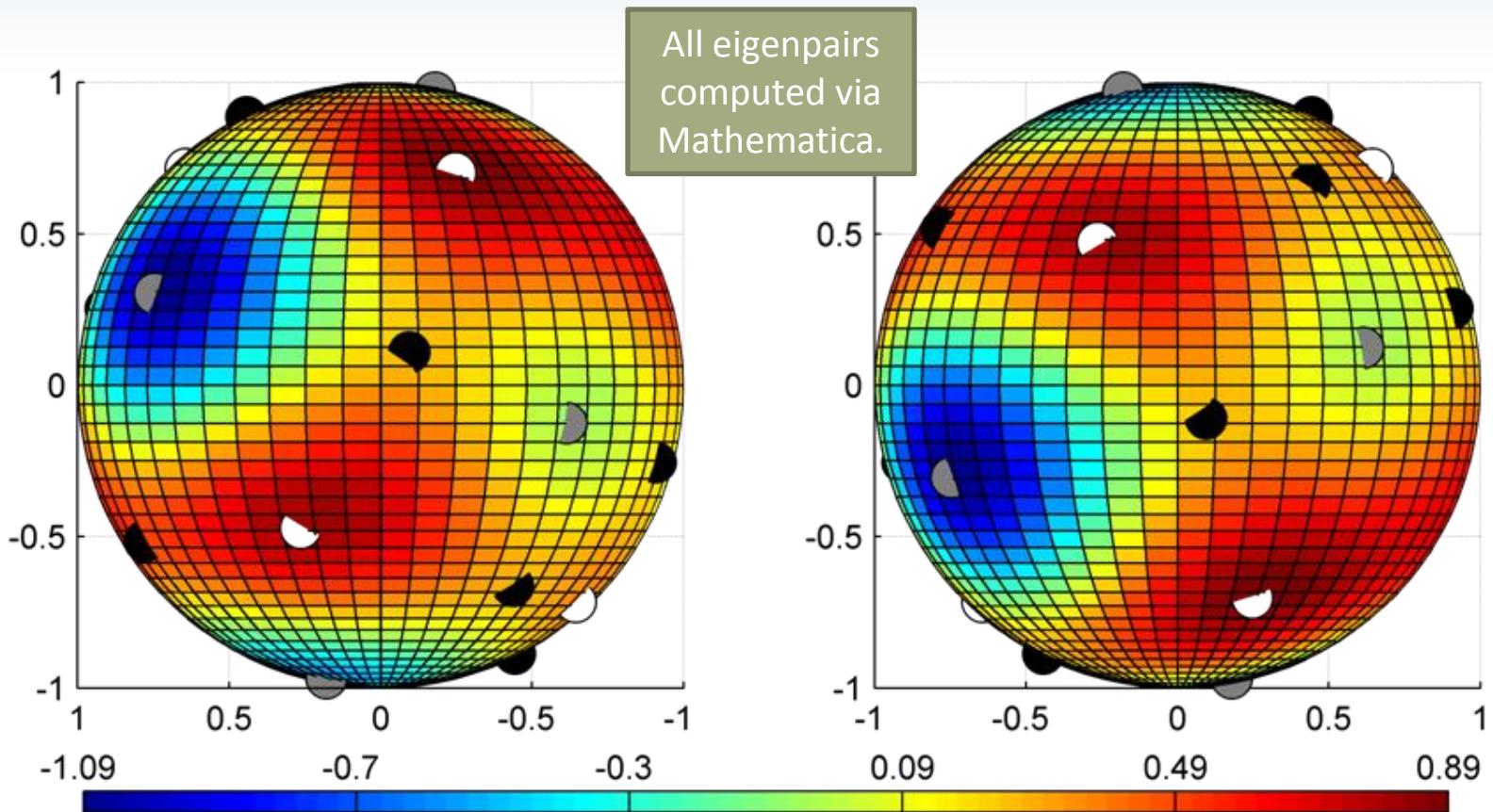
Not shown: **Unstable** Fixed Points (never attracting for any value of  $\alpha$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \quad \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^m \\ & \text{s.t. } \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

### Connections:

- Positive Stable – Local Minimum
- Negative Stable – Local Maximum
- Unstable – Saddle Point

# Function Values for Example



White = Negative Stable, Gray = Positive Stable, Black = Unstable

# SS-HOPM Convergence Theory (Part 2)

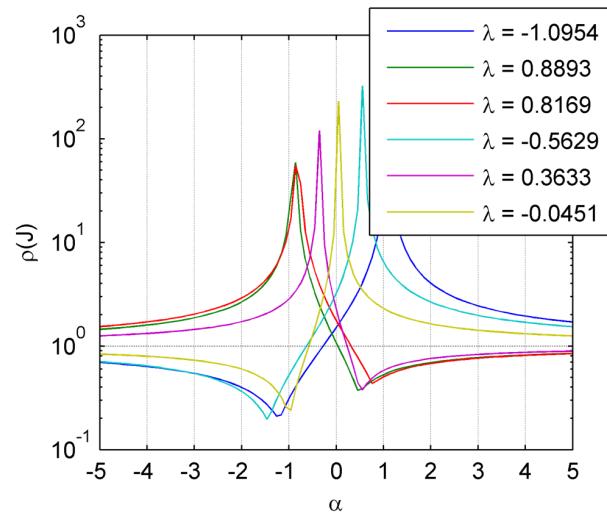
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- We can **classify** all eigenpairs as...
  - Positive stable
  - Negative stable
  - Unstable
- For appropriate choice of  $\alpha$ , SS-HOPM can find all the positive and negative stable eigenpairs
  - Rate of convergence is determined by  $\alpha$

## SS-HOPM

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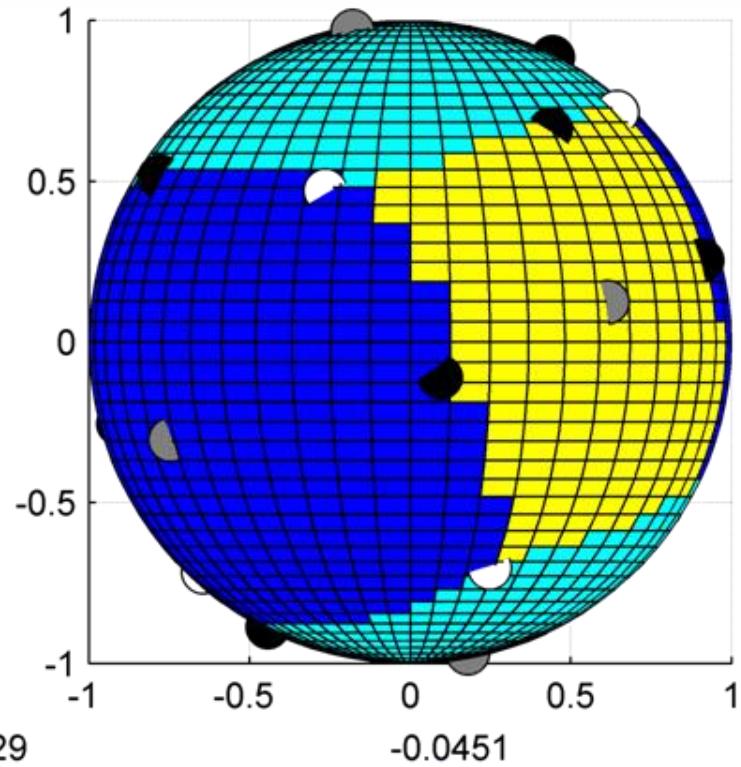
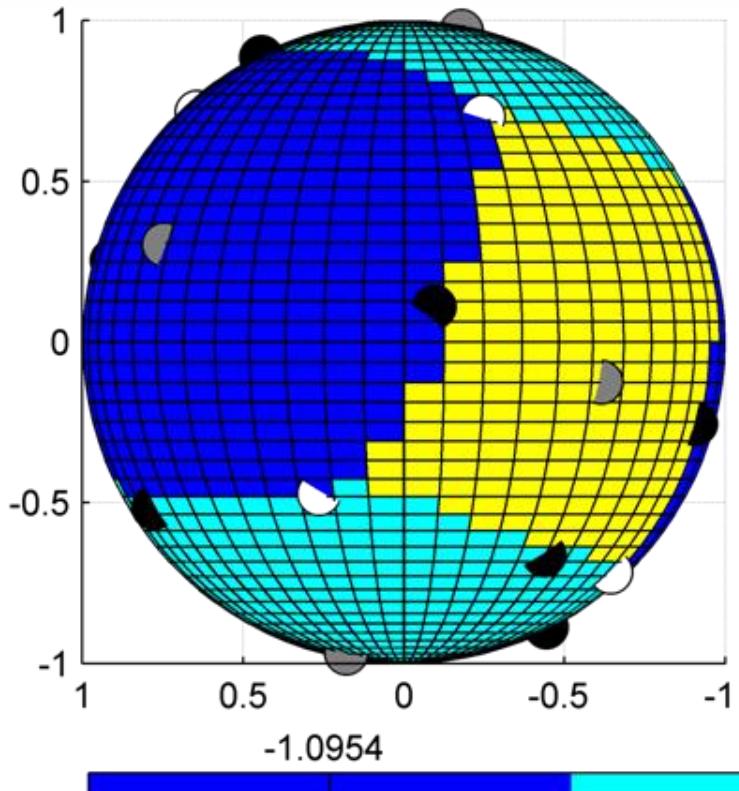
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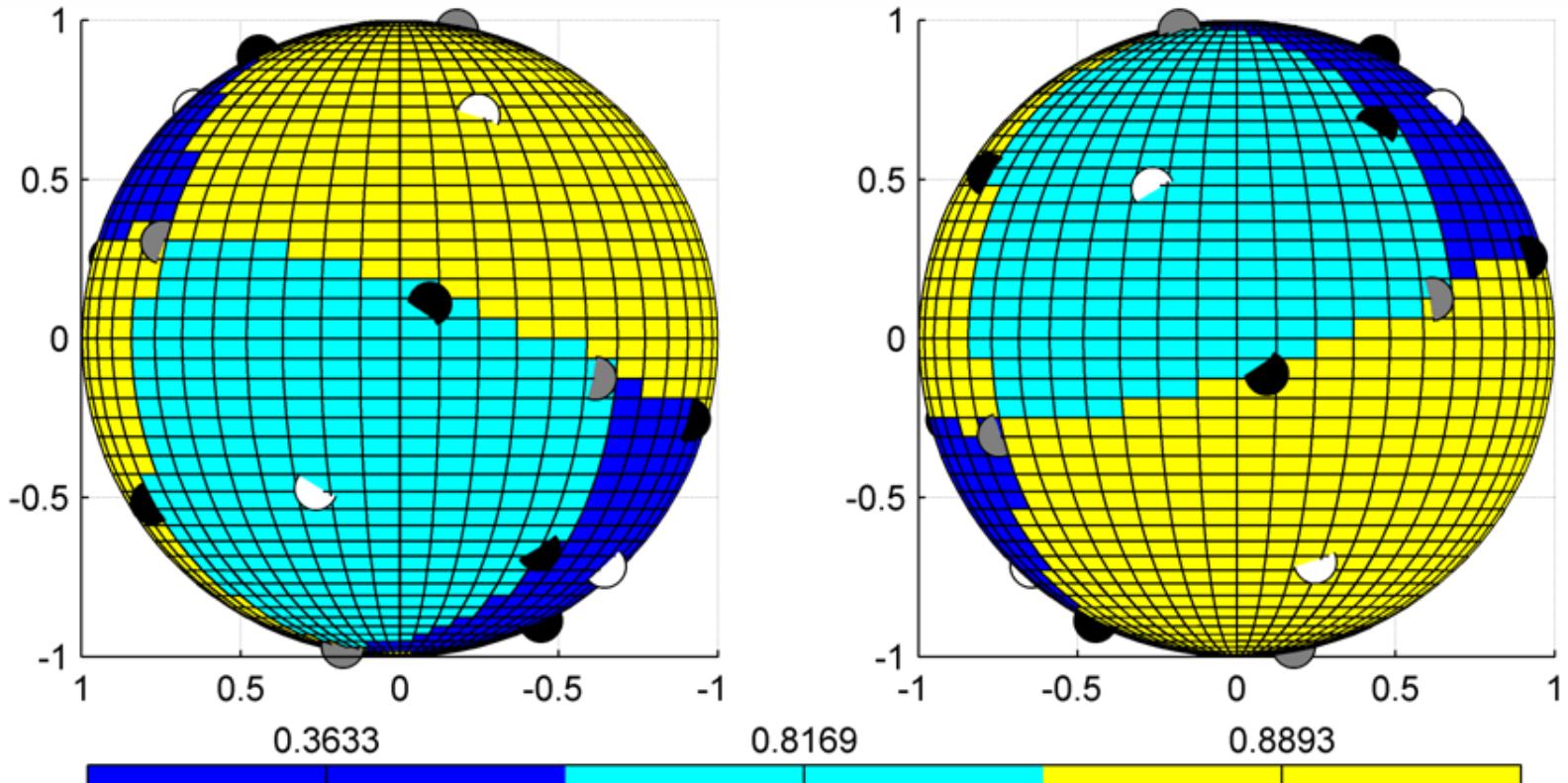


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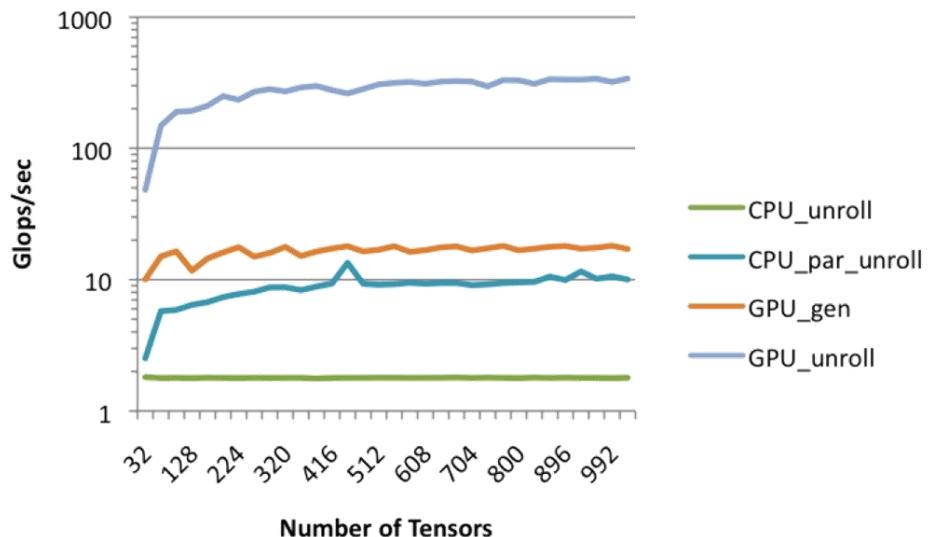
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# SS-HOPM on a GPU gets 340 Gflops/s

Ballard, K., Plantenga (2010)

- Motivating application
  - Diffusion-weighted MRI
  - Need to solve millions of  $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$  tensor eigen-problems
  - Use 128 starting vectors per tensor
- New storage format for symmetric tensors
  - Storage  $\sim (n^m) / m!$
  - Cost of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^m \sim (n^m) / (m-1)!$
  - Cost of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(m-1)} \sim (mn^m) / (m-1)!$
- GPU implementation
  - One “thread block” per tensor
  - One “thread” per starting point
  - Loop unrolling gives up to 20x speed-up

Compute Engine	Gflops/s
Intel Nahelem (1 core)	1.79
Intel Nahelem (4 cores)	10.03
nVidia Tesla 2050 (Fermi) 16 streaming multiprocessors (SMPs) 32 cores per SMP	339.96



# Complex SS-HOPM

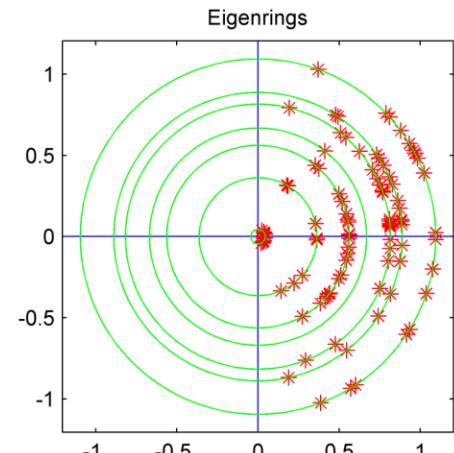
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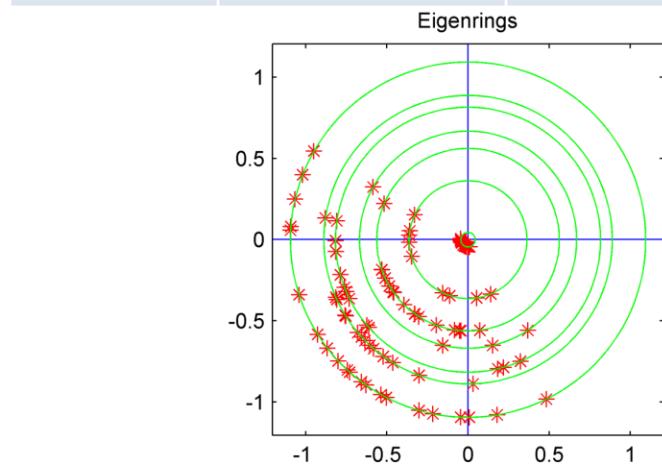
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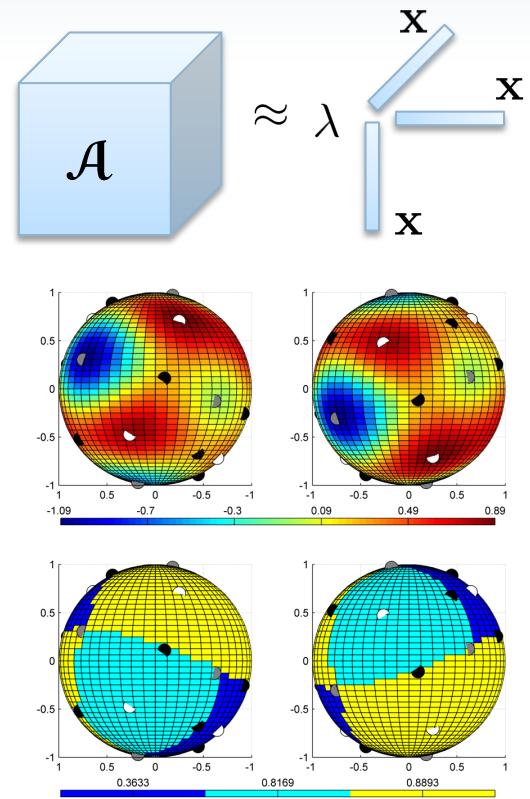


$ \lambda $	$\alpha = 2$	$\alpha = 2^{1/2}(1+i)$
1.0954	18	22
0.8893	18	15
0.8169	21	12
0.6694	1	4
0.5629	22	16
0.3633	8	9
0.0451	12	20



# Conclusions & Future Work

- SS-HOPM is a convergent method for finding positive or negative stable real tensor eigenpairs
  - Convexity/concavity of (shifted) function sufficient
  - Even if function is not convex, fixed point analysis provides an alternative theoretical explanation
- Easily parallelizable
  - GPU implementation of SS-HOPM by Grey Ballard
- Applications
  - Signal Processing [Kofidis and Regalia 2002]
  - Diffusion tensor imaging [Schultz and Seidel 2008]
  - Molecular conformation [Rogers, unpublished]
- A few open problems
  - Perturbation analysis
  - Computing unstable eigenpairs
  - Eigendecomposition of a tensor?
  - Storage for symmetric tensors
  - Analysis of complex algorithm



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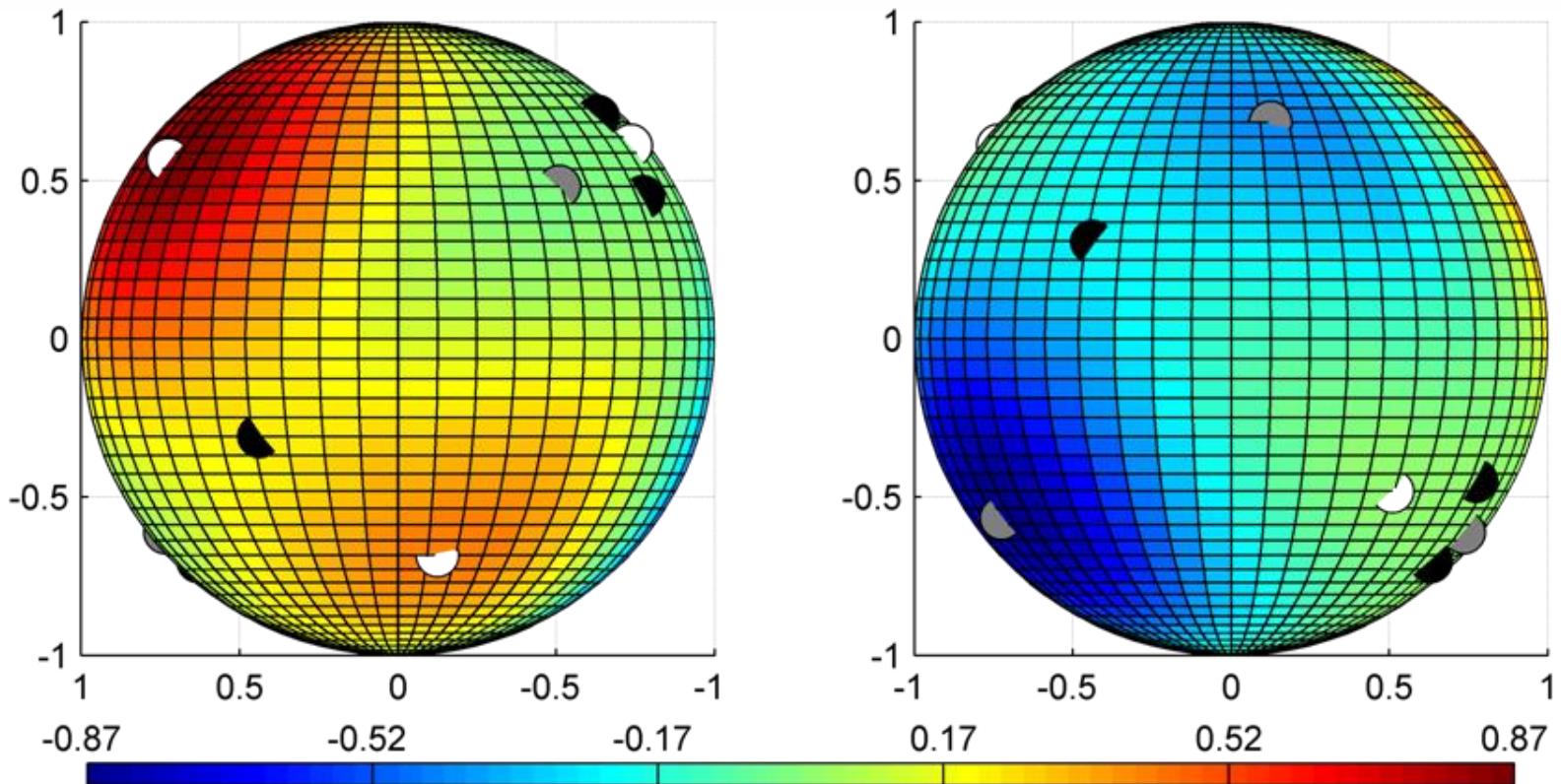
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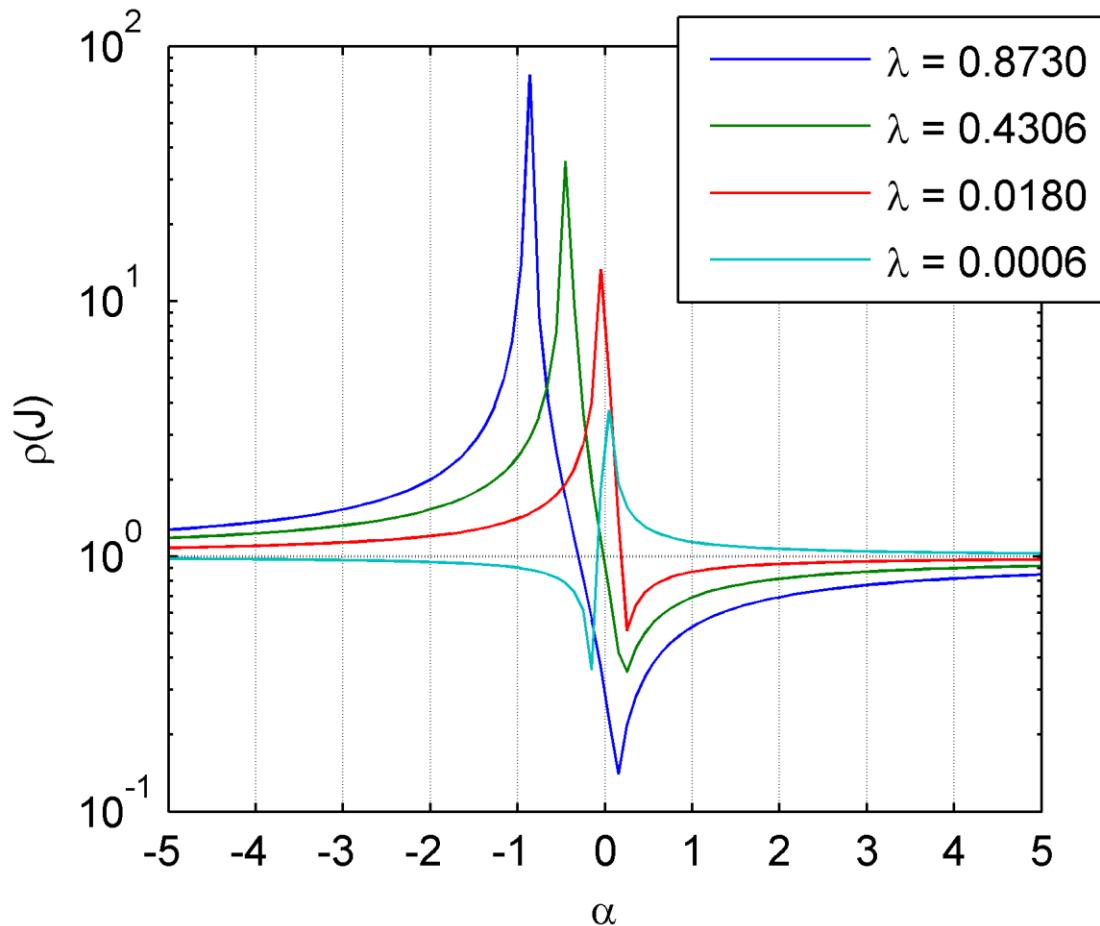
# Another Example

# Third-Order Example

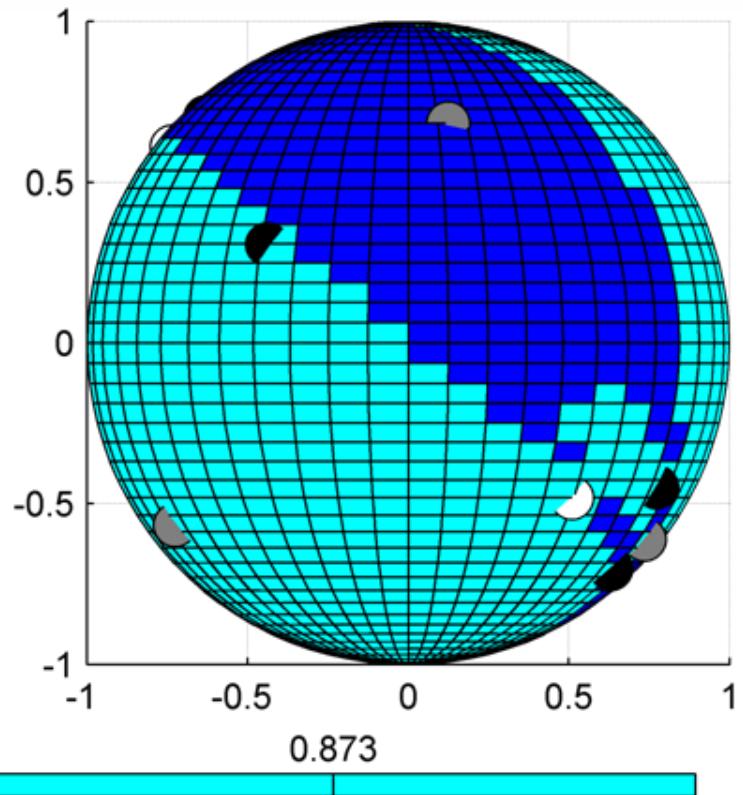
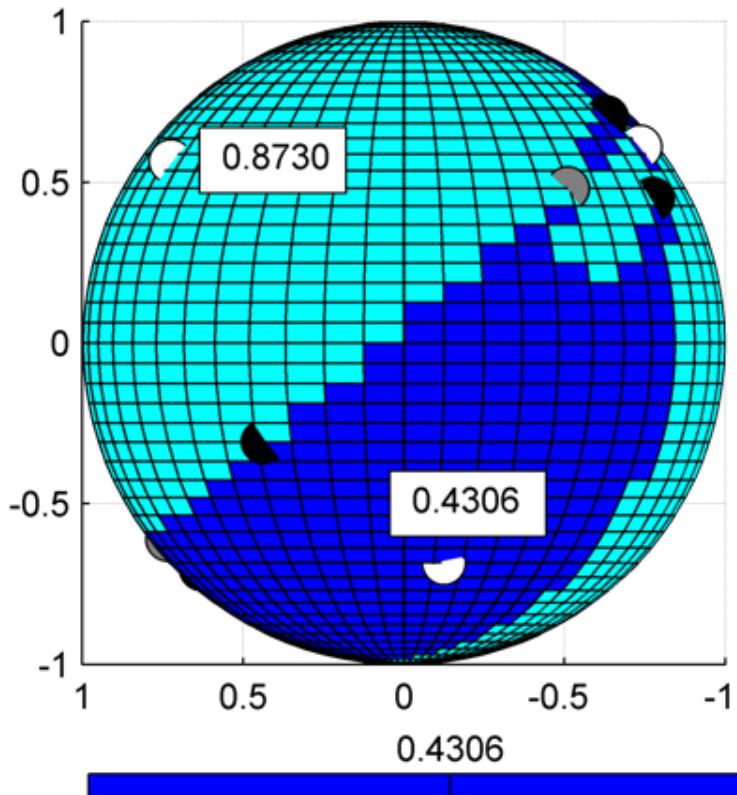


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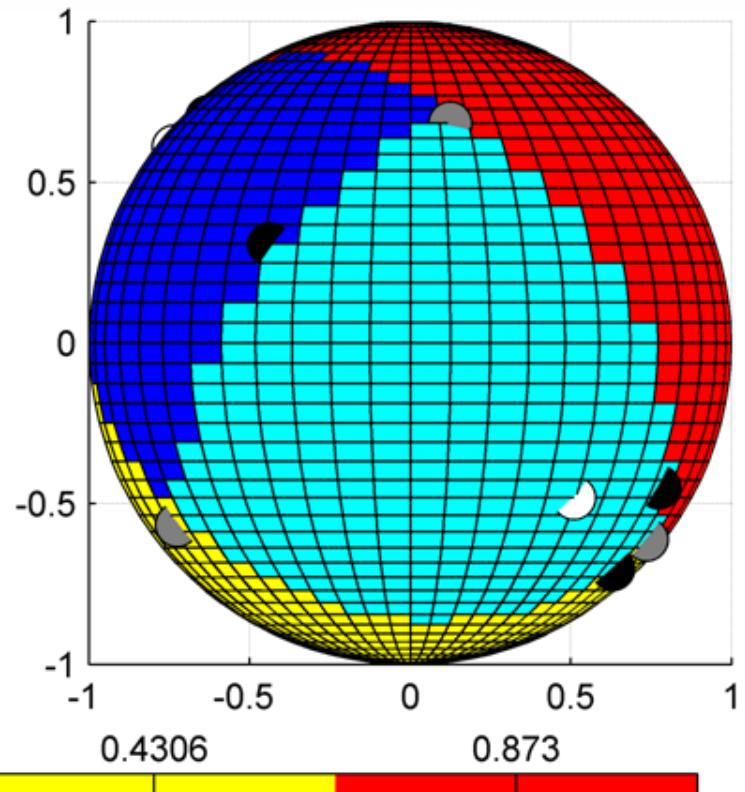
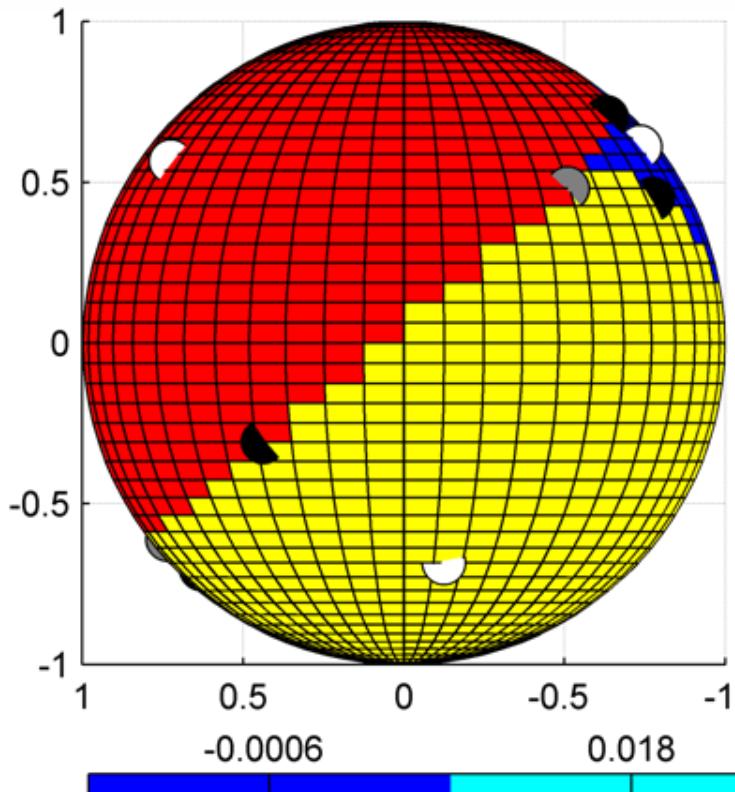


# Jacobian explains Convergence



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# Basins of Attraction



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