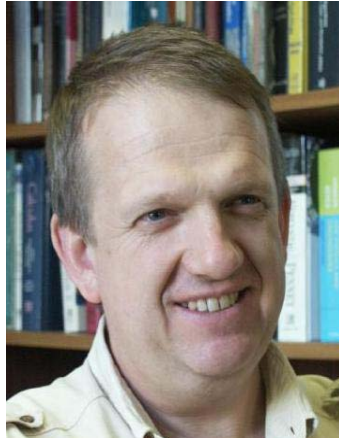


# Matrix functions, quadrature formulas, and rational approximation

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1. Cauchy integral + trapezoid rule =  $f(A)$

From Golub & Van Loan:

### 11.1.1 A Definition

There are many ways to establish rigorously the notion of a matrix function. See Rinehart (1955). Perhaps the most elegant approach is in terms of a line integral. Suppose  $f(z)$  is analytic inside on a closed contour  $\Gamma$  which encircles  $\lambda(A)$ . We define  $f(A)$  to be the matrix

$$f(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} f(z)(zI - A)^{-1} dz. \quad (11.1.1)$$

They go on to say...

Although fairly useless from the computational point of view, the definition (11.1.1) can be used to derive more practical characterizations of  $f(A)$ .

# Exponential accuracy of trapezoid rule for analytic functions

## Periodic interval

Poisson 1826, Davis 1959



## Real line

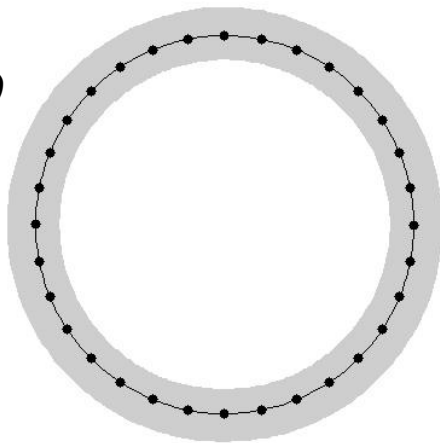
Turing 1943, Goodwin 1949,  
Martensen 1968, Stenger 1981



error  $e^{-2\pi a / \Delta x}$

## Circle

Davis 1959



If the Cauchy integral contour  $\Gamma$  is circular, the trapezoid rule should be superb !

## Toy example—computing $J_0(A)$ for a 3x3 random $A$

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f = @(z) besselj(0,z);  
A = randn(3)/4; I = eye(3);  
for n = 10:10:40  
    z = exp(2i*pi*(1:n)/n);  
    B = zeros(3);  
    for i = 1:n, B = B + inv(z(i)*I-A)*z(i)*f(z(i))/n; end  
    n, B  
end
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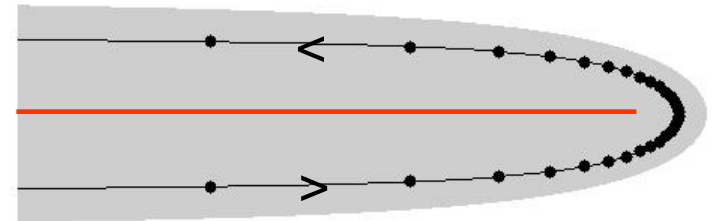
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2. Talbot contours for  $f = \exp$   
and other integrals involving  $\exp(z)$

A special case of a Cauchy integral is the  
**inverse Laplace transform**  $e^A$  of  $(z - A)^{-1}$ :

*"Bromwich integral"*

$$e^A = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C (z - A)^{-1} e^z dz$$



$C$  winds around  $(-\infty, 0]$

To a Laplace transform person,  
 this is a relationship  $e^A \leftrightarrow (z - A)^{-1}$ .

To a resolvent integrals person,  
 it is a relationship  $e^A \leftrightarrow e^z$ .

For this and similar problems with  $e^z$  in the  
 integrand, we shall explore two types of method:

This formula is valid  
 if  $A$  is a matrix or  
 hermitian operator  
 with spectrum  $\leq 0$ .  
 Generalizations e.g.  
 to sectorial operators.

**TW = Talbot/Weideman**

based on quadrature  
 formulas on contour

**CMV = Cody-Meinardus-Varga**

based on best approximation  
 of  $e^z$  on  $(-\infty, 0]$



# TALBOT-WEIDEMAN COTANGENT CONTOUR

Talbot (1979) proposed transplanting the trap. rule from  $[-\pi, \pi]$ :

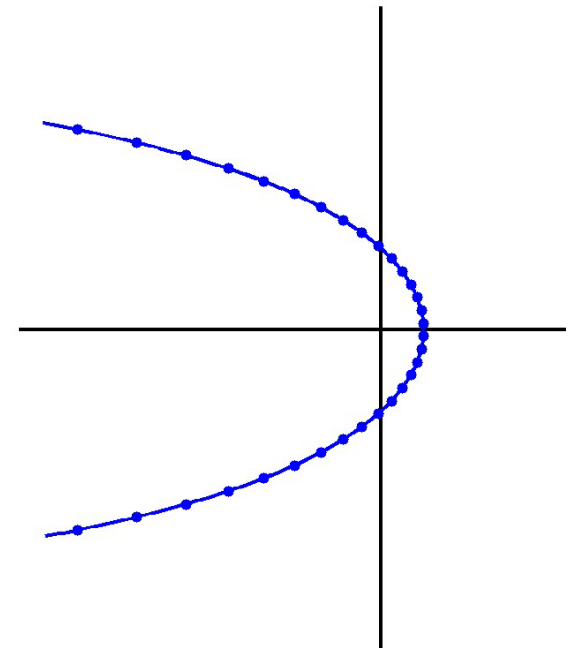
$$z(\theta) = \sigma + \mu(\theta \cot \theta + \nu i \theta)$$

Weideman (2005) optimized the parameters:

$$z(\theta) = N [0.5017 \theta \cot(0.6407 \theta) - 0.6122 + 0.2645 i \theta]$$

with the exponential convergence rate

$$\text{Error} \approx e^{-1.36N} \approx 3.89^{-N}$$



Weideman has also found an optimal **PARABOLIC CONTOUR**

$$z(\theta) = N [0.1309 - 0.1194\theta^2 + 0.2500i\theta]$$

with convergence rate

$$\text{Error} \approx e^{-1.05N} \approx 2.85^{-N}$$

cf. Sheen & Sloan & Thomée 99  
Gavrilyuk & Makarov 01



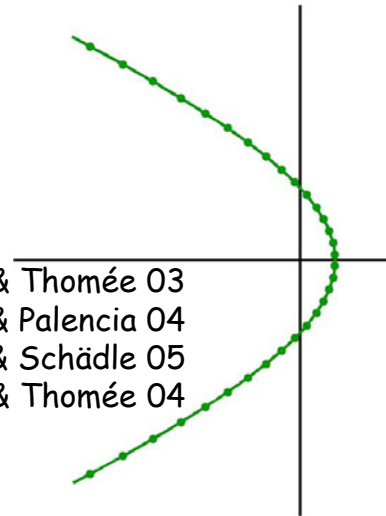
and an optimal **HYPERBOLIC CONTOUR**

$$z(\theta) = 2.246N [1 - \sin(1.1721 - 0.3443i\theta)]$$

with convergence rate

$$\text{Error} \approx e^{-1.16N} \approx 3.20^{-N}$$

cf. Sheen & Sloan & Thomée 03  
López-Fernández & Palencia 04  
López-Fernández & Palencia & Schädle 05  
McLean & Thomée 04



These formulas are again written for  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .

(Artificial periodicity: exponentially small integrand at  $|\theta| \approx \pi$ .)

3. Quadrature = rational approximation

# INTERPRETATION AS RATIONAL APPROXIMATIONS TO $e^z$

Suppose we approximate by quadrature

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C e^z f(z) dz \approx \sum_{k=1}^N c_k e^{z_k} f(z_k)$$

where  $f(z)$  is analytic for  $z \notin (-\infty, 0]$ .

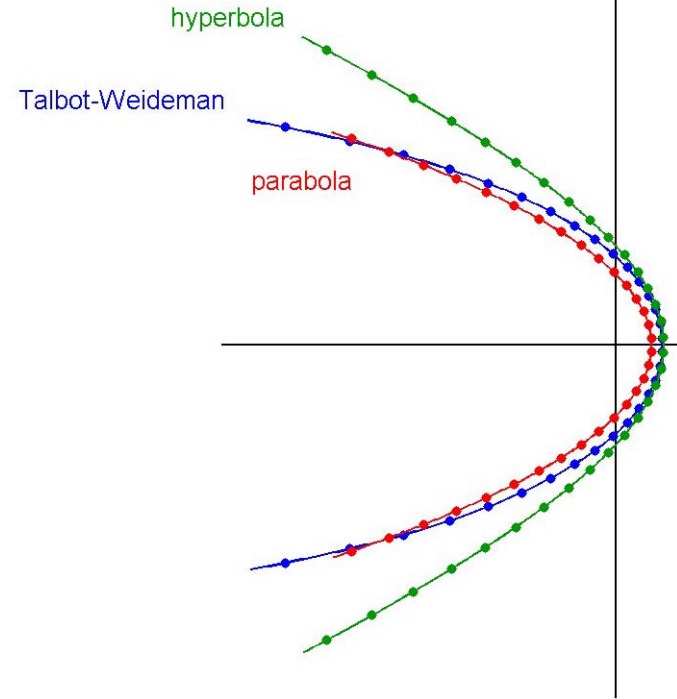
By residue calculus we can interpret this sum as

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C r(z) f(z) dz, \quad r(z) = - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{c_k e^{z_k}}{z - z_k}$$

assuming  $|f(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . In particular if  $z = z(\theta)$  and we use the trapezoid rule for  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , we get

$$c_k = \frac{-i}{N} (dz/d\theta)_k,$$

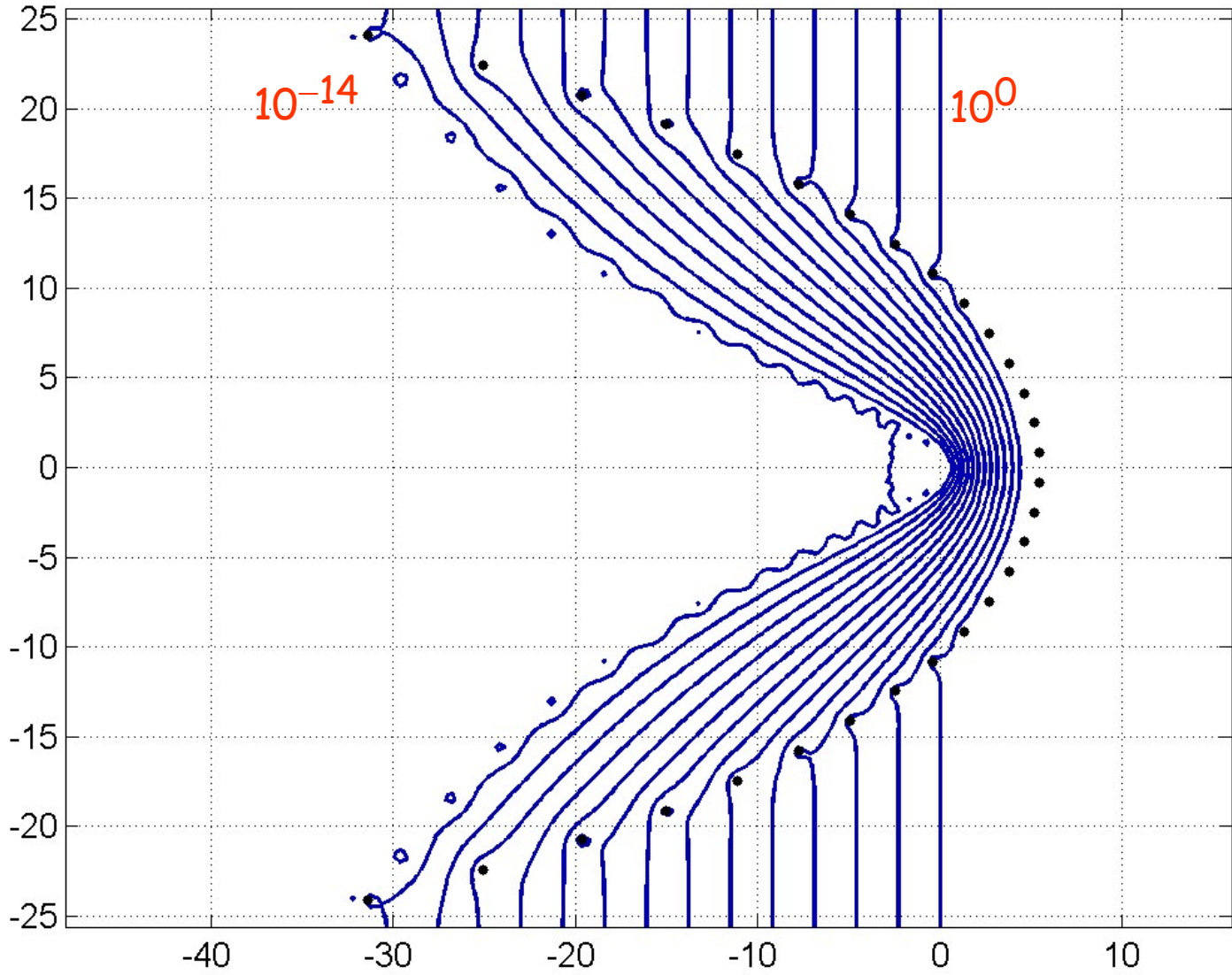
$$r(z) = \frac{i}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{e^{z_k} (dz/d\theta)_k}{z - z_k}$$



**type  $(N-1, N)$  rational approximation to  $e^z$**

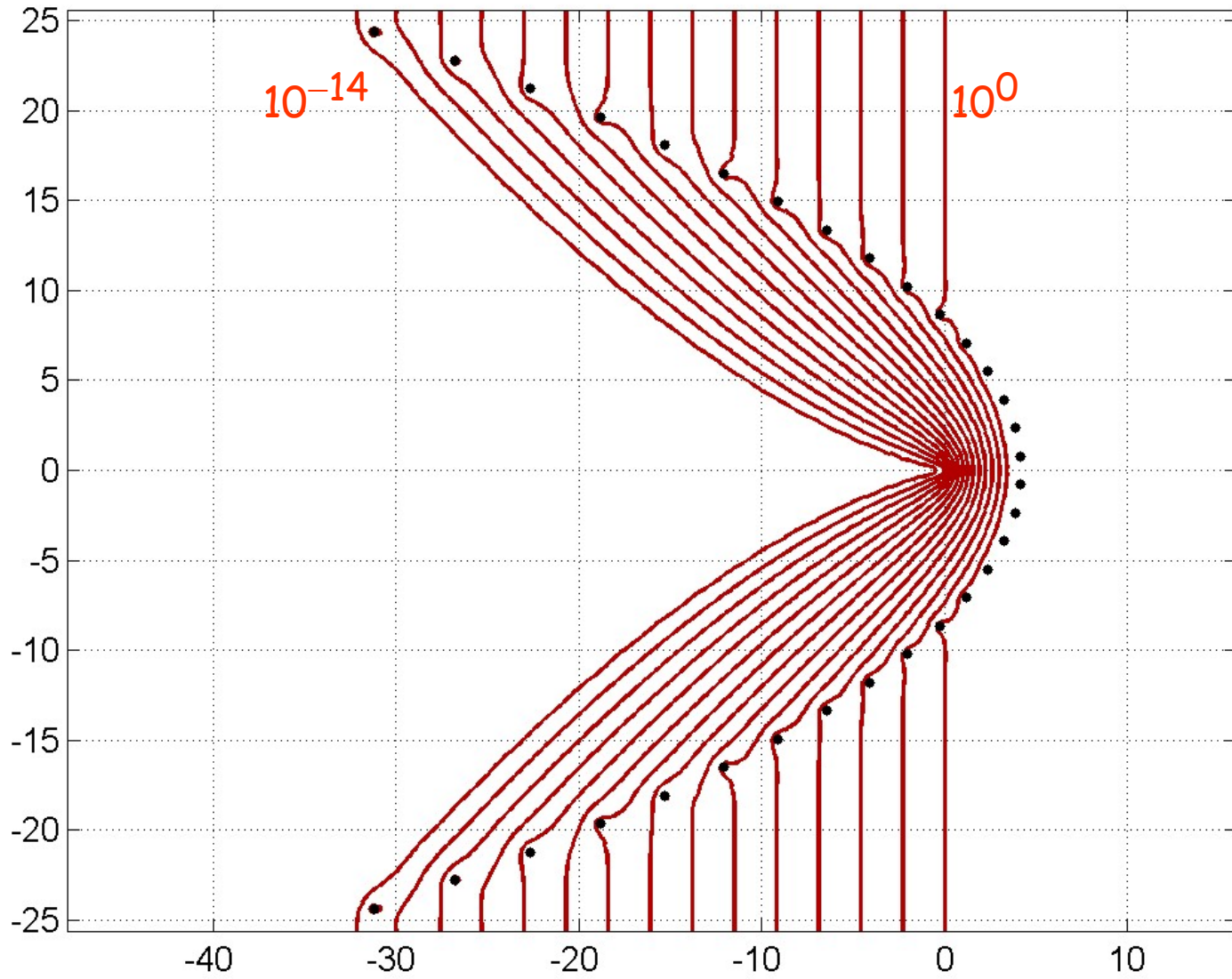
$$|e^z - r(z)|$$

Talbot-Weideman N = 32



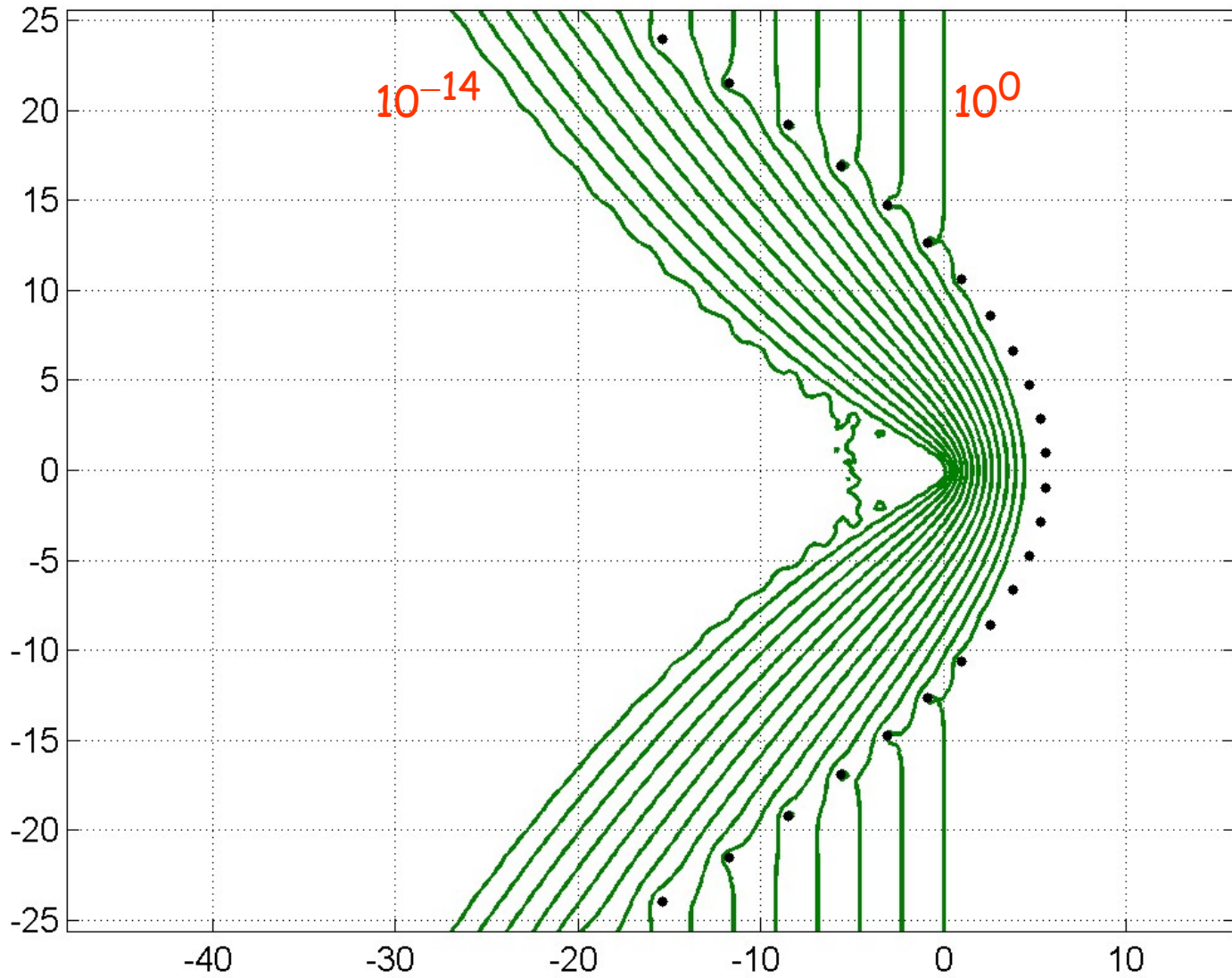
$$|e^z - r(z)|$$

parabola N = 32



$$|e^z - r(z)|$$

hyperbola N = 32



## USE OF BEST APPROXIMATIONS ON $(-\infty, 0]$

Instead of obtaining rational approximants implicitly from quadrature formulas, we could construct them directly.

*Cody, Meinardus & Varga* (1969) made famous the problem of best approximation of  $e^z$  in the sup-norm on  $(-\infty, 0]$ .

Here the convergence rate is famous:

$$\text{Error} \approx e^{-2.2288N} \approx 9.28903^{-N}$$

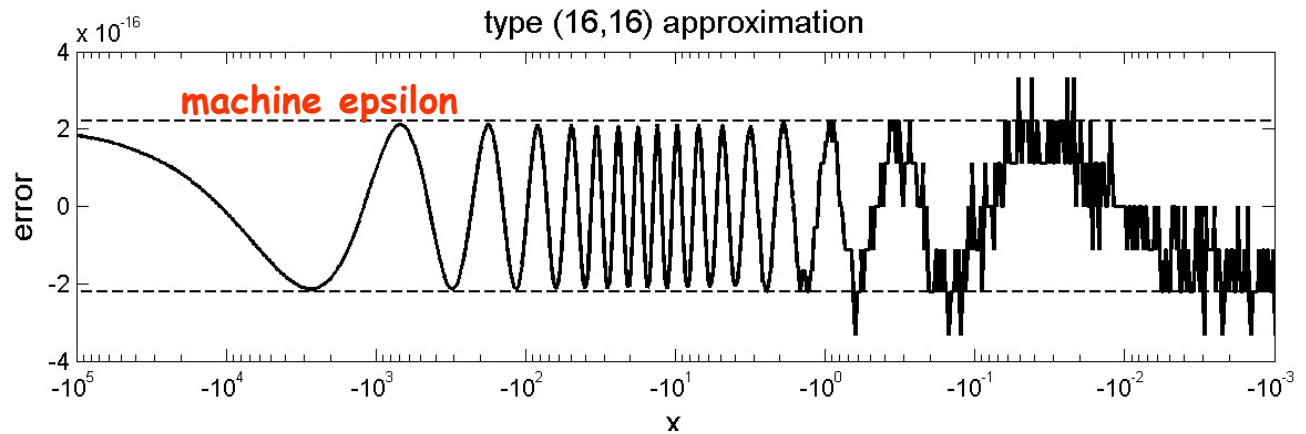
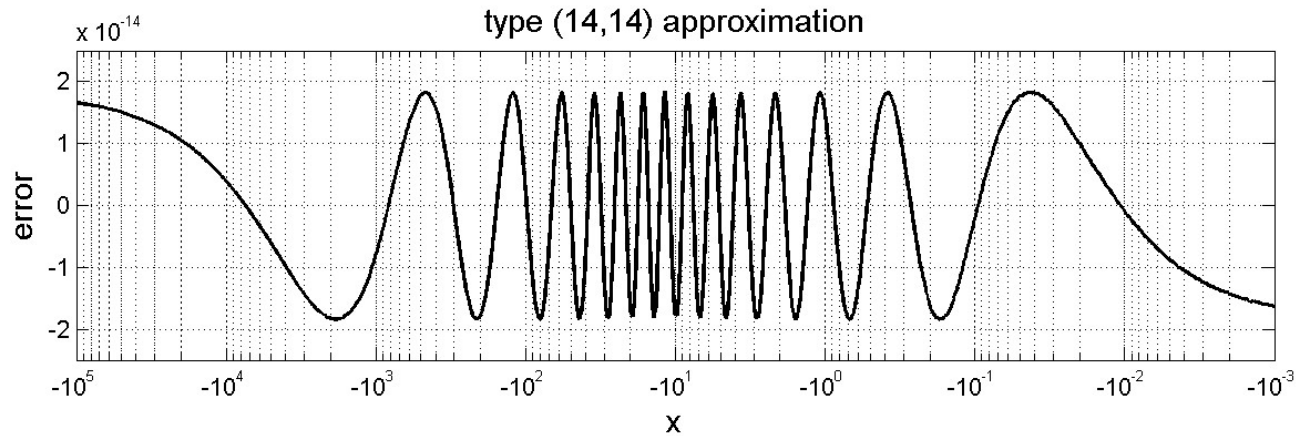
*Gonchar &  
Rakhmanov 1987*

*Aptekarev, Magnus, Saff, Stahl, Totik, ...*

Notice this is around twice as fast as for the quadrature methods.



Some CMV best approximation error curves

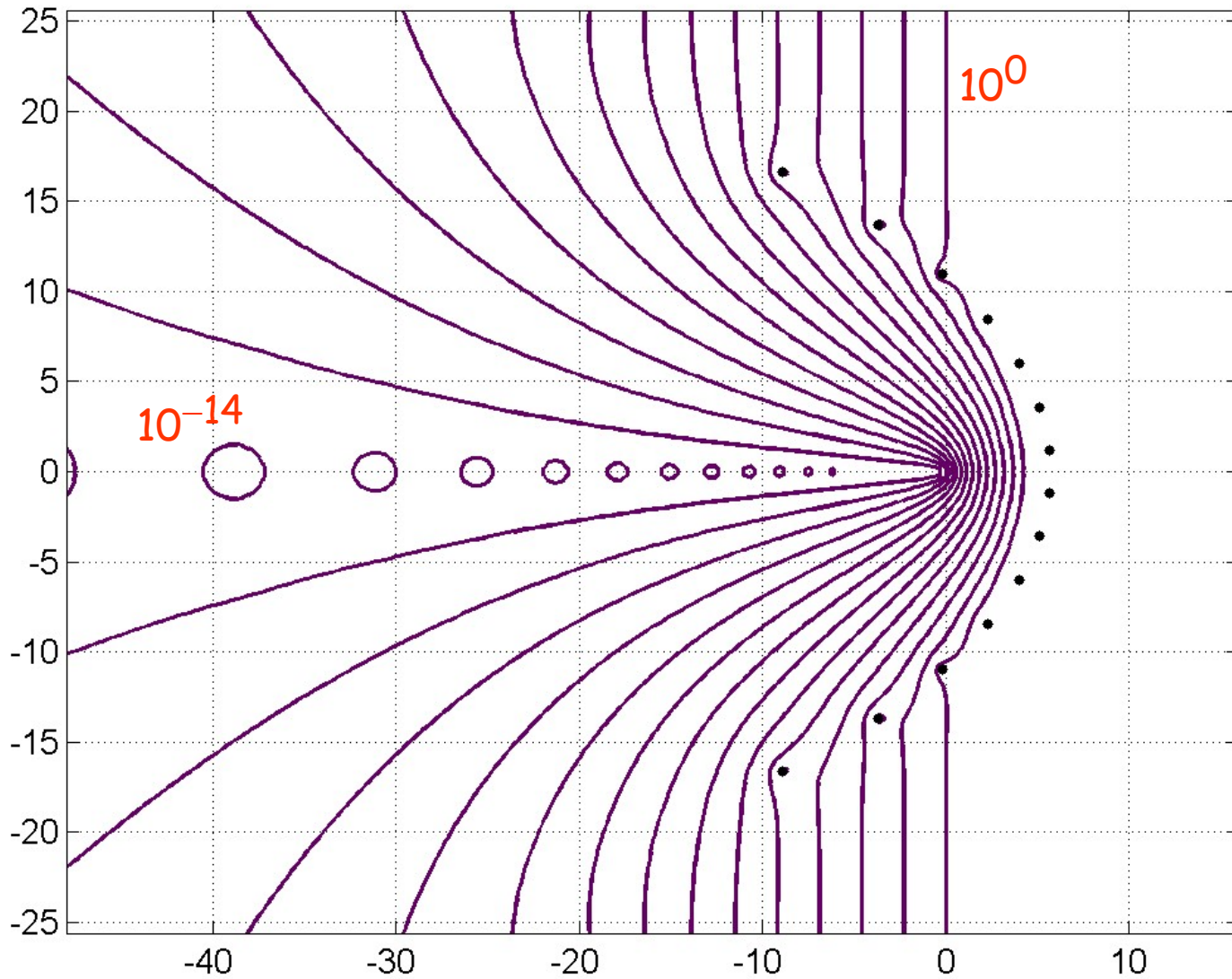


In practice we can compute these approximants easily with CF = Carathéodory-Fejér approximation, based on SVD of Hankel matrix of transplanted Chebyshev coefficients.

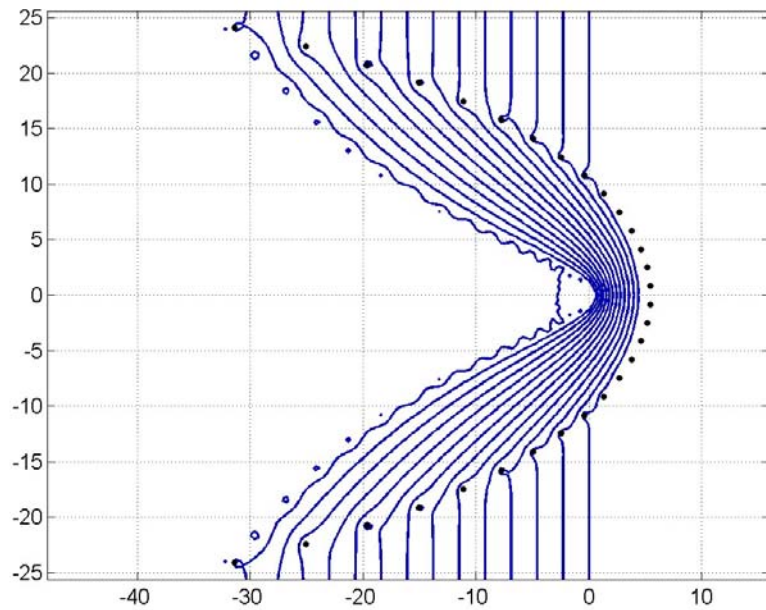
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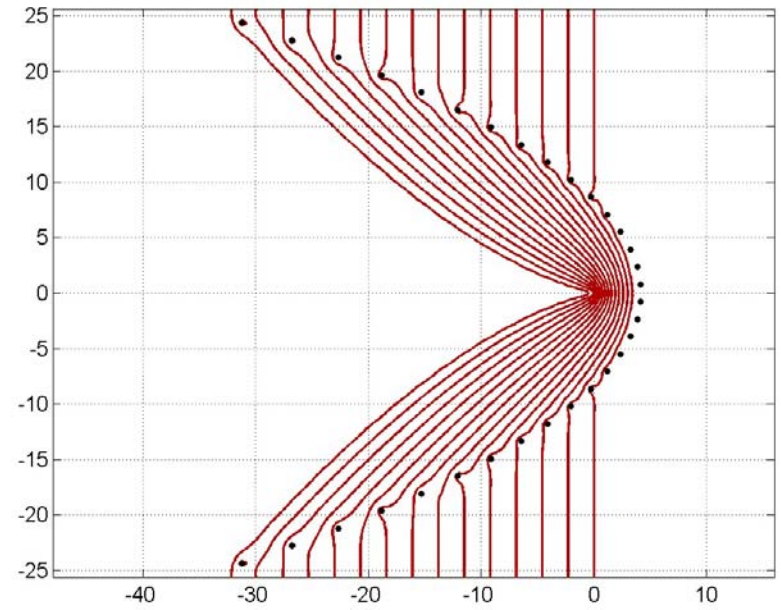
Cody-Meinardus-Varga  $N = 14$



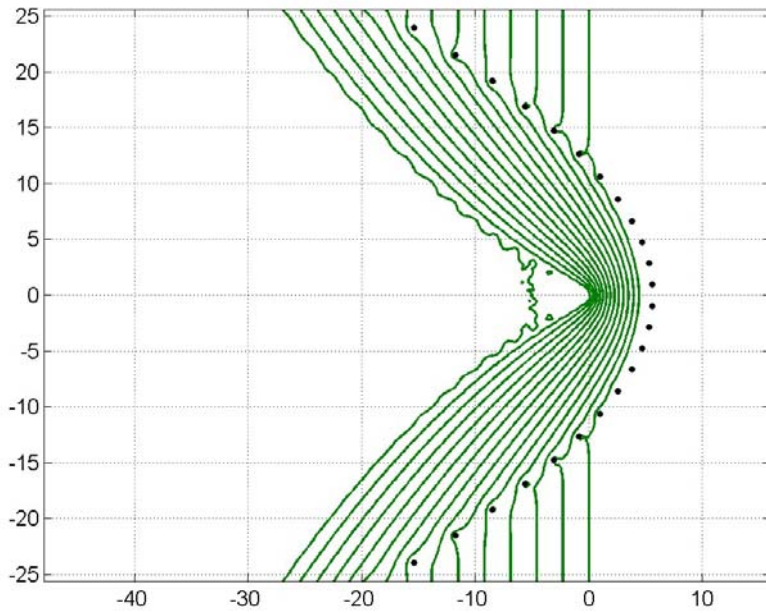
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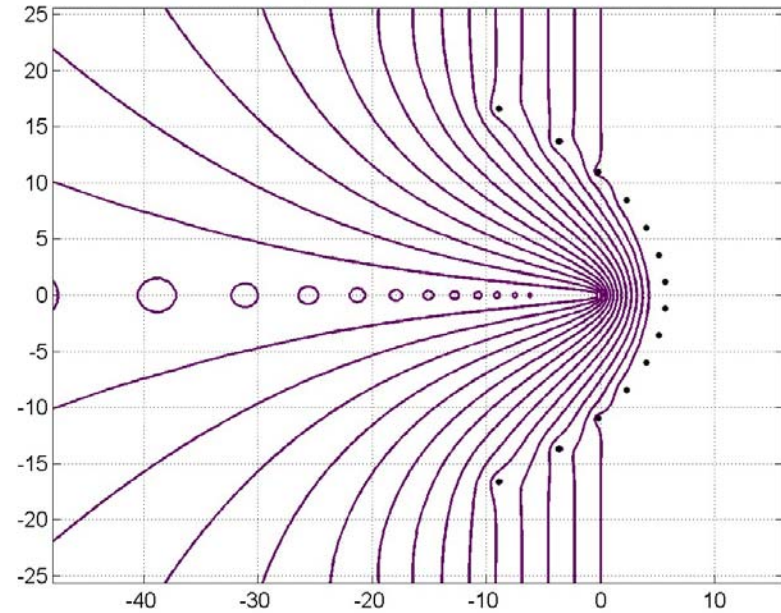
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Cody-Meinardus-Varga N = 14



# SUMMARY OF THE TWO APPROACHES

Given: inverse Laplace integral  $g = \int_C f(z) e^z dz$

(  $C$  winds around  $(-\infty, 0]$  )

## Best approximation ("CMV")

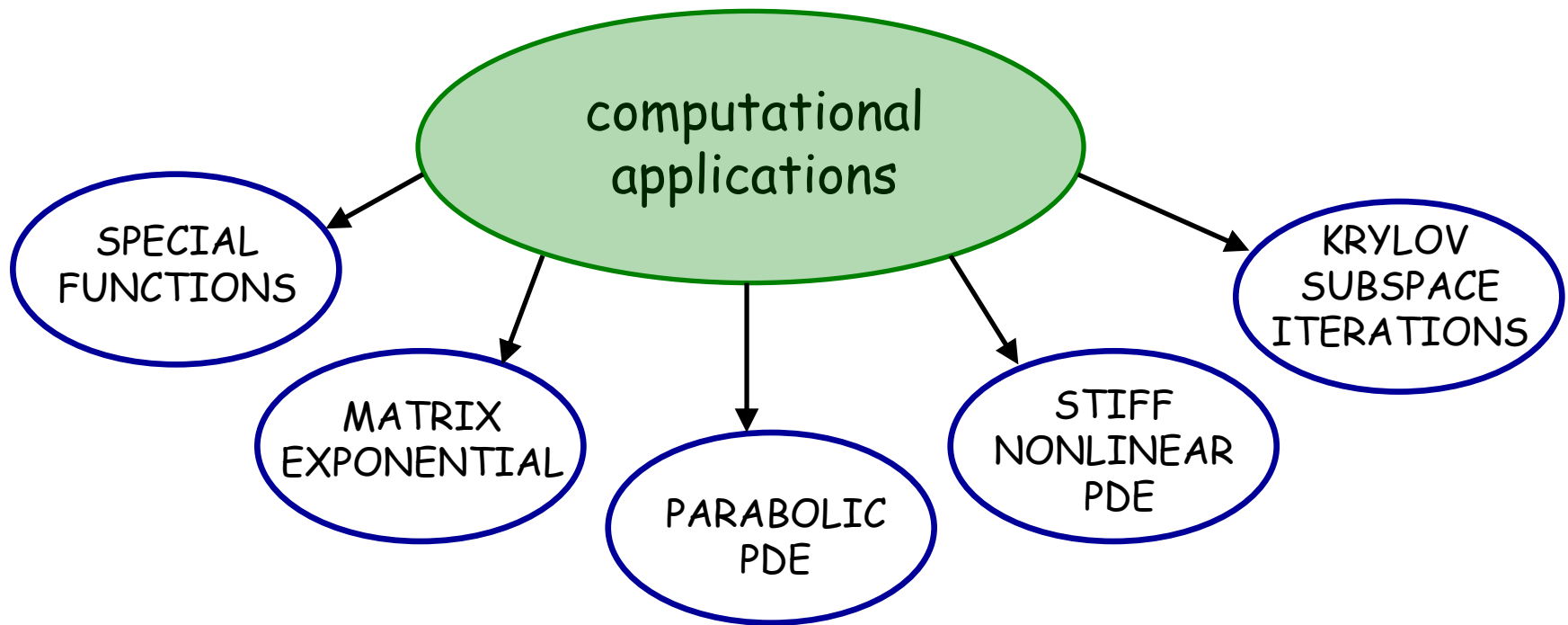
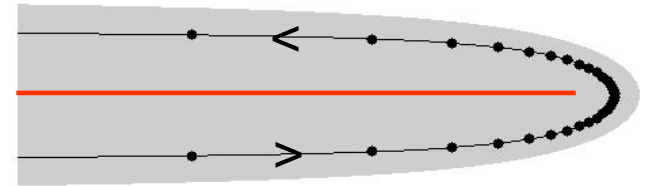
- (1) Replace  $e^z$  by  $r(z)$
- (2) Deform  $C$  to contour  $\Gamma$  enclosing poles
- (3) Evaluate integral by residue calculus

## Quadrature contours ("TW")

- (1) Deform  $C$  to contour  $\Gamma$
- (2) Evaluate integral by quadrature formula (typically trapezoid rule after change of variables)
- (3) Interpret this as evaluation by residues of a contour integral involving a rational function  $r(z)$

$$e^A = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C (z - A)^{-1} e^z dz$$

and similar integrals



TW = quadrature  
over contours

CMV = best approximation  
on  $(-\infty, 0]$

Laplace transforms  
& special functions

Luke 69  
Talbot 79  
Temme 96  
Gil & Segura & Temme 02

Schmelzer & T. 07

matrix exponential  
( $e^A$  or  $e^{Av}$ )

Sidje 98  
Kellems 05

Lu 98

parabolic PDE

Gavrilyuk & Makarov 01  
Sheen & Sloan & Thomée 99 & 03  
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Varga 61  
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Cavendish & Culham & Varga 84  
Gallopoulos & Saad 89, 92

stiff nonlinear PDE

Kassam & T. 03

Lu 05

Krylov subspace its.

Gallopoulos & Saad 89, 92

+ much related work by Baldwin, Calvetti, Druskin, Eiermann, Freund, Hochbruck, Knizhnerman, Krogstad, Lubich, Minchev, Moret, Novarti, Ostermann, Reichel, Sadkane, Schädle, Sorensen, Tuckerman, Tal-Ezer, Wright...

# IN CONCLUSION

Rational approximations, quadrature formulas, the complex plane... these sound old-fashioned!

Still, they are the basis of powerful algorithms for  $f(A)$  and  $f(A)b$ .

Two big advantages:  $f(A)b$  is easy; minimal dependence on  $f$

We've considered entire functions  $f$ .

For more complicated functions, see next talk by Nick Hale.