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1 **COMPUTING ENCLOSURES FOR THE MATRIX EXPONENTIAL\***

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3 **Abstract.** We present a review of old and develop new interval arithmetic techniques for  
 4 computing enclosures for all entries of the *exact* exponential of a matrix. This means that all the  
 5 rounding and truncation errors committed in the course of computation are rigorously taken into  
 6 account and the result is mathematically guaranteed to contain the correct matrix exponential. We  
 7 consider algorithms relying on verified spectral decomposition, two variants relying on Taylor series  
 8 expansion, a Padé approximation and a contour integration approach together with a Chebyshev  
 9 approximation based method which is designed for Hermitian matrices. Most of our methods use  
 10 the scaling and squaring framework and are examined when applied to both the original matrix as  
 11 well as to an approximate diagonalization. In addition to a comparative study of algorithms, several  
 12 illustrative numerical examples are given.

13 **Key words.** matrix exponential, interval arithmetic, automatic result verification, INTLAB,  
 14 scaling and squaring

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16 **1. Introduction.** The task of computing the exponential  $\exp(A)$  of a matrix  $A \in$   
 17  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  arises in a variety of applications such as in exponential integrators for ODEs  
 18 and semi-discretizations of PDEs, in network analysis or in continuous-time Markov  
 19 models. The development of stable and efficient methods for computing  $\exp(A)$  has  
 20 thus been a topic of intensive research, see the survey paper [26] from 1978 and its  
 21 update [27] from 2003. Presently, a Padé approximation type method [13] combined  
 22 with a scaling and squaring approach recently improved in [1] may be considered state  
 23 of the art. This approach is, in particular, implemented in MATLAB's `expm` function.  
 24 Roughly speaking, the approach determines a scaling parameter  $s$  and a degree  $q$  with  
 25 the ultimate goal that the *backward* error in computing  $\exp(A)$  via squaring a  $(q, q)$   
 26 type Padé approximation of the scaled matrix is in the order of the unit round-off  $u^1$ .  
 27 Specifically, it is shown in [1] how to choose  $s$  and  $q \in \{3, 5, 7, 9, 13\}$  to achieve this  
 28 goal in double precision.

29 An important question is now how well the result of a computation indeed approx-  
 30 imates  $\exp(A)$ . In this paper, we develop new approaches which, together with the  
 31 approximation to  $\exp(A)$ , also compute mathematically guaranteed error bounds for  
 32 each entry of the matrix. Such approaches will be termed *verified* computations. We  
 33 compare them with existing ones with respect to the tightness of the bounds obtained  
 34 and the computational complexity. Conceptually, all these verified computations rely  
 35 on theoretical results on approximation errors as well as on the use of (machine) in-  
 36 terval arithmetic to control the rounding errors related to the use of floating point  
 37 arithmetic.

38 The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 briefly reviews those properties of  
 39 interval arithmetic which matter in our setting. Section 3 presents known and develops  
 40 new approaches to the verified computation of  $\exp(A)$ . Section 4 shows how these

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<sup>1</sup>Denoting  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$  the difference between the smallest floating point number  $> 1$  and 1, the  
 unit roundoff  $u$  is  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}/2$  when the rounding mode is rounding to nearest and  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$  for directed  
 roundings.

41 approaches can be combined with approximate diagonalization. We then present a  
 42 variety of numerical experiments and comparisons in Section 5. Some conclusions are  
 43 formulated in Section 6.

44 **2. Interval arithmetic.** This section summarizes those aspects of interval arith-  
 45 metic which are most important for this paper. For a more thorough treatment we  
 46 refer to the textbooks [23, 28] and the review paper [39].

47 Let  $\mathbb{IR}$  denote the set of all compact intervals  $\mathbf{x} = [\underline{x}, \bar{x}]$  on the real line. (Interval  
 48 quantities will always be denoted in boldface.) The (standard) interval arithmetic  
 49 operations  $+, -, \cdot, /$  on  $\mathbb{IR}$  are defined in the set theoretic sense. They again yield  
 50 an element from  $\mathbb{IR}$ , the bounds of which can be obtained from the bounds of the  
 51 interval operands. One way to extend the interval concept to the complex plane is to  
 52 take  $\mathbb{IC}_{\text{disc}}$  as the set of all compact disks  $\mathbf{z}$  in the complex plane with center  $\text{mid}(\mathbf{z})$   
 53 and radius  $\text{rad}(\mathbf{z})$  and to define the result of an arithmetic operation  $\mathbf{z}_1 \circ \mathbf{z}_2$  as the  
 54 disk with center  $\text{mid}(\mathbf{z}_1) \circ \text{mid}(\mathbf{z}_2)$  and smallest radius such that it still contains  
 55  $\{\mathbf{z}_1 \circ \mathbf{z}_2 : \mathbf{z}_1 \in \mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2 \in \mathbf{z}_2\}$ . This radius can be computed from the midpoints and  
 56 radii of the operands. This *circular* interval arithmetic can also be used on  $\mathbb{IR}$  by  
 57 restriction to the real axis. The results of multiplication and division are then, in  
 58 general, supersets of what one gets from the standard interval arithmetic on  $\mathbb{IR}$ .

59 In a floating point environment, it is important that for any arithmetic operation  
 60  $\circ \in \{+, -, \cdot, /\}$  interval arithmetic preserves the very crucial *enclosure property*

$$61 \quad (2.1) \quad \{x \circ y : x \in \mathbf{x}, y \in \mathbf{y}\} \subseteq \mathbf{x} \circ \mathbf{y}.$$

62 This means that in the floating point computation of the lower and upper bound of  
 63 the result (or its midpoint and radius), we have to use different directed rounding  
 64 modes. On a given modern hardware, changing the rounding mode is a very time  
 65 consuming operation as compared to the floating point computation itself. Efficient  
 66 implementations of machine interval arithmetic as in the MATLAB Toolbox INTLAB  
 67 [37] or the C++ library C-XSC [18, 16] therefore try to do as few changes of the  
 68 rounding mode as possible, and this can be achieved by using an operator concept  
 69 which works on whole arrays in the same spirit as the well-known BLAS (basic linear  
 70 algebra subprograms). On  $\mathbb{IR}$ , circular arithmetic has then to be used, see [36]. It  
 71 cannot be emphasized enough that these savings in switchings of the rounding modes  
 72 affect run times very substantially: Interval computations then perform comparably  
 73 fast than floating point computations, whereas without these techniques they are  
 74 likely to be slower by at least two orders of magnitude.

75 Trivially, the enclosure property (2.1) carries over to any rational expression  
 76  $r(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$$77 \quad \{r(x_1, \dots, r(x_n) : x_i \in \mathbf{x}_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n\} \subseteq r(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n).$$

78 If any of the variables  $x_i$  appears several times in  $r$  we typically encounter the phe-  
 79 nomenon of *overestimation* inherent in the use of interval arithmetic, which treats  
 80 each occurrence of a variable as being independent of its other occurrences. A very  
 81 simple case is the expression  $r(x) = x * x$ , which for an interval  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{IR}$  with  $0 \in \mathbf{x}$   
 82 gives

$$83 \quad r(\mathbf{x}) = [-|\underline{x}\bar{x}|, \max\{\underline{x}^2, \bar{x}^2\}] \supseteq [0, \max\{\underline{x}^2, \bar{x}^2\}] = \{r(x) : x \in \mathbf{x}\}.$$

84 We face a similar situation when we use interval arithmetic to compute the square

85  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}$  of an *interval matrix*  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{a}_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$ . In the expression

$$86 \quad \mathbf{b}_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{a}_{ik} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{kj}$$

87 the entry  $\mathbf{a}_{ij}$  is the only one which occurs more than once, either in  $\mathbf{a}_{ij}\mathbf{a}_{jj}$  and  
 88  $\mathbf{a}_{ii}\mathbf{a}_{ij}$  if  $i \neq j$  or in  $\mathbf{a}_{ii}\mathbf{a}_{ii}$  if  $i = j$ . INTLAB as well as virtually any other interval  
 89 software provides a function  $(\cdot)^2$  for intervals which returns (up to roundings) the  
 90 exact range of the second power for any interval argument. Using this and replacing  
 91  $\mathbf{a}_{ij}\mathbf{a}_{jj} + \mathbf{a}_{ii}\mathbf{a}_{ij}$  by  $(\mathbf{a}_{ii} + \mathbf{a}_{jj})\mathbf{a}_{ij}$  in case  $i \neq j$  will thus give, in general, narrower  
 92 intervals for the diagonal of  $\mathbf{B}$ , but for computational efficiency it is important that  
 93 the whole computation can still be cast into operations on arrays without explicit  
 94 loops and case distinctions. The following self-explaining MATLAB-INTLAB code  
 95 shows how this can be achieved using pointwise multiplication:

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96 function S = square(A)
97 n = size(A,1);
98 c = diag(A);
100 A(1:n+1:end) = intval(0); % A(i,i) = intval(0) = [0,0];
101
102 C = ones(n,1)*c' + c * ones(1,n);
103 C = C.*A;
104 C(1:n+1:end) = c.^2; % C(i,i) = c(i)^2;
105
106 S = A*A + C;
107 end

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109 As was observed in [19], proceeding this way we obtain, up to roundings, the *interval*  
 110 *hull*  $\mathcal{S}$  of the set  $\mathcal{S} := \{A^2 : A \in \mathbf{A}\}$ , i.e. the intersection of all interval matrices  
 111 containing  $\mathcal{S}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{S}$  itself is not an interval matrix. So if we perform another  
 112 squaring with  $\mathcal{S}$ , we will get the interval hull of all the squares of matrices from  $\mathcal{S}$   
 113 which is in general *more* than the interval hull of the squares of the matrices from  $\mathcal{S}$   
 114 and is thus larger than the interval hull of the set  $\{A^4 : A \in \mathbf{A}\}$ . It will be important  
 115 to be aware of this *wrapping effect* when considering scaling and squaring approaches  
 116 in this paper.

117 If the two end-points of an interval coincide it is termed a *point interval*. Perform-  
 118 ing machine interval arithmetic with point intervals yields non-point intervals which  
 119 contain the exact value of the computation. Interval arithmetic can thus be used as  
 120 a tool for an automated forward error analysis yielding lower and upper bounds for  
 121 (arithmetic) expressions involving point quantities. For a more involved computation,  
 122 though, such a naive use of interval arithmetic will typically end up with quite wide  
 123 intervals. To obtain narrow enclosures, specific interval methods have to be used.  
 124 For example, rather than just performing Gaussian elimination in interval arithmetic  
 125 to solve a linear system  $Ax = b$ , a narrow enclosure for the solution is obtained by  
 126 a correction  $\mathbf{x}$ , an interval vector, to an approximate solution  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ , obtained via some  
 127 floating point computation. The vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is determined in a such a way that

$$128 \quad (2.2) \quad -R(A\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - b) + (I - RA)\mathbf{x} \subseteq \text{int}\mathbf{x}$$

129 with  $R$  being an approximate inverse for  $A$ , again computed in standard floating  
 130 point arithmetic. By a result from [20, 35], based on Brouwer's fixed point theorem,  
 131  $A$  is non-singular then and  $A^{-1}b \in \tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{x}$ . As a side remark let us mention that it

132 was recently shown in [2] that if one uses the restriction of circular arithmetic to the  
 133 reals to evaluate the left hand side in (2.2), a much simpler fixed point theorem than  
 134 Brouwer's can be used to show that  $A^{-1}b \in \tilde{x} + \mathbf{x}$ . The outlined method is the basis  
 135 of the INTLAB function `verifylss.m`, see also [41], which will be heavily used in our  
 136 algorithms.

137 As a final remark in this section, let us note that when computing a higher power  
 138  $\mathbf{A}^k$ ,  $k \geq 3$  of an interval matrix, the result will typically depend on the order that we  
 139 choose for its evaluation. This means that in general we have

$$140 \quad (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}),$$

141 with both sets containing  $\{A^3; A \in \mathbf{A}\}$ . In order to reduce wrapping effects, higher  
 142 powers of interval matrices should be computed in a way to minimize the number  
 143 of matrix multiplications. For example, for  $k = 2^s$  we need just  $s$  multiplications if  
 144 we work recursively  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{S} \leftarrow \mathbf{S}^2$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ , and if  $k$  is not a power of 2,  
 145 the Patterson-Stockmeyer approach [32] also aims at keeping the number of matrix  
 146 multiplications small.

147 **3. Enclosure methods for the matrix exponential.** We start this section  
 148 with a detailed discussion in the scaling and squaring approach which turns out to be  
 149 crucial for the enclosure methods, too. We then proceed by introducing the different  
 150 enclosure methods, grouping them by the respective approaches they use to approxi-  
 151 mate the exponential of the scaled matrix and discussing the variants resulting from  
 152 different ways to perform the interval arithmetic operations involved.

153 **3.1. The scaling and squaring framework.** It is easier to well approximate  
 154  $\exp(A)$  when  $\|A\|$  is small. This is why scaling and squaring is an ingredient to the  
 155 majority of methods to compute  $\exp(A)$ . It relies on the simple identity

$$156 \quad \exp(A) = \left( \exp\left(\frac{A}{2^s}\right) \right)^{2^s}.$$

157 Higham [15] notes that the main issue in the accuracy of a scaling and squaring  
 158 method is the significant rounding errors which might occur as a result of severe  
 159 numerical cancellation in the squaring phase. The fundamental problem can be seen  
 160 in the result [12, sec. 3.5]

$$161 \quad \|A^2 - fl(A^2)\|_p \leq \gamma_n \|A\|_p^2,$$

162 in which  $p \in \{1, \infty, F\}$  and  $\gamma_n := \frac{nu}{1-nu}$ . Here  $u$  is the unit roundoff and  $fl$  denotes  
 163 the result obtained in floating point arithmetic. This shows that the errors in the  
 164 computed squared matrix are small compared with the square of the norm of the  
 165 original matrix but not necessarily small compared with the matrix being computed.  
 166 It is therefore important to keep the number  $s$  of squaring steps small. The current  
 167 state of the art is the algorithm called `expm_new` from [1] used in MATLAB's `expm`  
 168 function. It improves over the classical approach which chooses  $s$  based on  $\|A\|$  alone  
 169 by now also involving  $\|A^k\|^{1/k}$  for modest powers  $k$ . Since  $\rho(A) \leq \|A^k\|^{1/k} \leq \|A\|$  for  
 170  $k = 1, \dots, \infty$  this new approach tends to yield smaller values for  $s$ .

171 From our experiments and the results in [10] it is apparent that enclosure methods  
 172 for the matrix exponential have to rely on the scaling and squaring technique, too.  
 173 For two reasons we use the classical scaling and squaring strategy, based solely on  
 174  $\|A\|$  in our enclosure methods: First, in a guaranteed, interval-arithmetic method we

175 also have to involve bounds on the approximation error. The second reason is related  
 176 to the fact that we consider two variations of each algorithm as explained in the  
 177 beginning of section 4 below; we have observed that in the second variation, where we  
 178 apply our algorithms to a transformation  $\tilde{A}$  of  $A$ , the old and new scaling strategies  
 179 compute the *same* scaling factor  $s$ , and so the second variation of our algorithms  
 180 already prevents overscaling.

181 **3.2. Spectral decomposition for diagonalizable matrices.** Assume that  $A$   
 182 is diagonalizable, i.e.

$$183 \quad A = VDW,$$

184 where  $VW = I$  and  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  is diagonal. The exponential of  $A$  is then  
 185 given as

$$186 \quad \exp(A) = V \exp(D)W.$$

187 An enclosure method results if we are able to compute interval matrices  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$   
 188 such that  $V \in \mathbf{V}, W \in \mathbf{W}$  and intervals  $\mathbf{d}_i$  containing the eigenvalues  $d_i$ . We then  
 189 have

$$190 \quad (3.1) \quad \exp(A) \in \mathbf{V} \cdot \text{diag}(\exp(\mathbf{d}_1), \dots, \exp(\mathbf{d}_n)) \cdot \mathbf{W},$$

191 where we assume that we are able to evaluate the exponential function on intervals  
 192 in a way that the result is guaranteed to contain its range over that interval. This is  
 193 possible with the standard function implementations for intervals present in INTLAB  
 194 or C-XSC, e.g.

195 The approach outlined here is taken by the `vermatfun.m` routine of the VERSOFT  
 196 package [34], which, by calling the `verifyeig.m` function of INTLAB [37], uses interval  
 197 arithmetic to first compute enclosures  $(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{d}_i)$  for all eigenpairs  $(v_i, d_i), i = 1, \dots, n$   
 198 and then obtains  $\mathbf{W}$  by computing an interval matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  which is guaranteed to  
 199 contain all solutions  $\tilde{W}$  to all linear systems of the form  $\tilde{V}\tilde{W} = I$  for  $\tilde{V} \in \mathbf{V} :=$   
 200  $[\mathbf{v}_1 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{v}_n]$ . This is done using the INTLAB function `verifylss.m`. Note that  
 201 `vermatfun.m` is applicable to general matrix functions, not just the exponential.

202 This approach has two drawbacks. First, since computing an enclosure for just  
 203 one eigenpair has complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ , its overall complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(n^4)$ . Second, if the  
 204 eigenvector matrix is ill conditioned,  $\mathbf{W}$  will consist of relatively wide intervals such  
 205 that the right hand side of (3.1) will have wide interval entries, too. As illustrated in  
 206 section 5, the same issue arises in the presence of eigenvalue clusters.

207 Recently, Miyajima [25] presented an enclosure method which requires an ap-  
 208 proximate spectral decomposition  $A \approx VDV^{-1}$  only, and then constructs an interval  
 209 matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  which uses an enclosure  $\mathbf{S}$  for the residual quantity  $V^{-1}(AV - VA)$  ob-  
 210 tained using interval arithmetic and additional bounds for other quantities to obtain  
 211 the enclosure  $\exp(A) \in V^{-1} \exp(D)\mathbf{M}V$ . This algorithm has complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ , and  
 212 its accuracy crucially depends on the quality of the enclosure  $\mathbf{S}$ , for which evaluat-  
 213 ing  $AV - VA$  in interval arithmetic is not sufficient. We will discuss this somewhat  
 214 more in section 5. The paper [25] also presents an extension to defective matrices,  
 215 where the spectral decomposition is replaced by what is called a *numerical Jordan*  
 216 *decomposition*. The complexity then increases to  $\mathcal{O}(n^4)$ .

217 **3.3. Taylor approximations.** Since for any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  we have

$$218 \quad \exp(A) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k,$$

219 we can use the first  $d + 1$  terms of this Taylor expansion to obtain the approximation

$$220 \quad (3.2) \quad T_d(A) := I + A + \frac{1}{2!}A^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{d!}A^d.$$

221 The following results on bounds for the truncation error hold, where the first part is  
222 due to Liou [21] and the second to Suzuki, see [14, 45].

223 **THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be the operator 1-, 2- or  $\infty$ -norm and assume  $d + 2 > \|A\|$ .  
224 Then we have*

$$225 \quad (3.3) \quad \|\exp(A) - T_d(A)\| \leq \vartheta(d, \|A\|) := \frac{\|A\|^{d+1}}{(d+1)!(1 - \frac{\|A\|}{d+2})}.$$

226 Moreover,  $T_{d,s}(A) := (T_d(A/s))^s$  for  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfies

$$227 \quad \|\exp(A) - T_{d,s}(A)\| \leq \frac{\|A\|^{d+1}}{s^d(d+1)!} \exp(\|A\|).$$

228 A consequence of (3.3) is

$$229 \quad (3.4) \quad \exp(A) \in T_d(A) + \vartheta(d, \|A\|)\mathbf{E},$$

230 where here as in the sequel  $\mathbf{E}$  denotes the interval matrix with all entries equal to  
231  $[-1, 1]$ .

232 In Oppenheimer's PhD thesis [30], it was suggested to use the centered form of  
233 the truncated Taylor series (3.2) in order to enclose  $\exp(A)$ . The algorithm, published  
234 later in [31], bounds the truncation error by Liou's error bound (3.3). Taylor series  
235 are also used in [43] for the accurate computation of the exponential of essentially  
236 nonnegative matrices.

237 Goldsztejn and Neumaier [10] proposed an enclosure method using scaling and  
238 squaring based on the truncated Taylor series, the enclosure (3.4) and a variant of  
239 Horner's scheme to evaluate  $T_d(A)$  in interval arithmetic according to

$$240 \quad (3.5) \quad T_d(A) = I + A(I + \frac{1}{2}A(I + \cdots + \frac{1}{d-1}A(I + \frac{1}{d}A)\cdots)).$$

241 We formulate their method as Algorithm 3.1.

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**Algorithm 3.1** Outline of the truncated Taylor series based enclosure method [10]

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- 1: Scale the matrix so that  $\|\frac{1}{2^s}A\| \leq 0.1$ , i.e.  $s = \max\{0, \lceil \log_2(10 \cdot \|A\|) \rceil\}$
  - 2: Determine the smallest integer  $d$  such that the truncation error bound from Theorem 3.1 is less than  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$ . ( $d = 9$  in double precision.)
  - 3: Obtain the interval matrix  $\mathbf{T}_d$  by evaluating  $T_d$  for the (scaled) matrix using interval arithmetic (to account for rounding errors).
  - 4: Use interval arithmetic to compute an upper bound  $\bar{\vartheta}$  for  $\vartheta(d, \frac{1}{2^s}\|A\|)$  from (3.4) and compute  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{T}_d + \bar{\vartheta}\mathbf{E}$ .
  - 5: Perform  $s$  repeated squarings starting with  $\mathbf{C}$ . The final result is an enclosure for  $\exp(A)$ .
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242 In [10],  $\|\cdot\|$  is taken to be the  $\infty$ -norm and  $\mathbf{T}_d$  is obtained via Horner's scheme  
243 (3.5). The squarings are done in an optimal way according to the function `square` from  
244 section 2. The choice for the  $\infty$ -norm is in particular motivated by the fact that for this



245 norm one can show that the radii of the computed enclosures decrease monotonically  
 246 with  $d$ , the degree of the truncated Taylor approximation. Interestingly, if the norm  
 247 of the scaled matrix is less than 0.1,  $d = 9$  already achieves  $\bar{\vartheta} < \varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$  in double  
 248 precision. It is also shown in [10] that the Horner scheme (3.5) yields substantially  
 249 narrower intervals as compared to a “standard” interval arithmetic evaluation of  $T_d(A)$   
 250 which first computes all powers of  $A$  and then their scaled sum.

251 In an attempt to obtain smaller radii for the computed enclosures, we implemented  
 252 Algorithm 3.1 with the following two modifications:

$$253 \quad (3.6) \quad \begin{cases} \text{replace the } \infty\text{-norm by the 2-norm} \\ \text{evaluate } T_d(A) \text{ using the Paterson-Stockmeyer approach} \end{cases}$$

254 Using the 2-norm is motivated by the fact that, typically, the 2-norm is smaller  
 255 than the  $\infty$ -norm – it is certainly not larger than the  $\infty$ -norm for Hermitian matrices –  
 256 so that using  $\|A\|_2$  is likely to require less scalings and also to yield a smaller value for  
 257  $\bar{\vartheta}$  from (3.3). In INTLAB, an interval enclosure, and thus an upper bound, for  $\|A\|_2$  is  
 258 computed with  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$  operations, see [40], and thus at a cost comparable to the other  
 259 computations of the algorithm. Using the Paterson-Stockmeyer approach reduces the  
 260 number of matrix-matrix multiplications and thus the number of wrappings in interval  
 261 arithmetic. Details on the Paterson-Stockmeyer approach can be found in [32]; here  
 262 we just give it for the case  $d = 9$  where  $T_9(A)$  is evaluated according to

$$263 \quad T_9(A) = I + A + \frac{1}{2!}A^2 + A^3 \left( \left( \frac{1}{3!}I + \frac{1}{4!}A + \frac{1}{5!}A^2 \right) + A^3 \left( \frac{1}{6!}I + \frac{1}{7!}A + \frac{1}{8!}A^2 + \frac{1}{9!}A^3 \right) \right),$$

264 which requires just one squaring (for  $A^2$ ) and three matrix-matrix multiplications  
 265 (including one for  $A^3 = A \cdot A^2$ ). Note that evaluation of  $T_9(A)$  according to Horner’s  
 266 scheme (3.5) requires nine matrix-matrix multiplications.

267 **3.4. Padé approximation.** The type  $(k, m)$  Padé approximation to the scalar  
 268 exponential function is given as

$$269 \quad \exp(z) = \frac{p_k(z)}{q_m(z)} + r^{km}(z),$$

270 where  $p_k(z)$  and  $q_m(z)$  are polynomials of degree  $k$  and  $m$ , respectively, with  $q_m(0) =$   
 271 1, and the remainder term  $r^{km}(z)$  satisfies  $r^{km}(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^{k+m+1})$ , see [14, p. 79].

272 In the matrix case, the type  $(k, m)$  Padé approximation to  $\exp(A)$  is thus

$$273 \quad \exp(A) \approx P_{km}(A) = q_m(A)^{-1}p_k(A),$$

274 and we have

$$275 \quad q_m(A) \cdot \exp(A) = p_k(A) + t^{km}(A),$$

276 where  $t^{km}(A) = q_k(A)r^{km}(A)$ . The following theorem gives bounds for every entry  
 277 of the matrix  $T^{km} := t^{km}(A)$ .

278 **THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be any submultiplicative matrix norm. Then*

$$279 \quad (3.7) \quad \|T^{km}\| \leq \pi(k, m, \|A\|) := \frac{k! m!}{(k+m)! (k+m+1)!} \|A\|^{k+m+1} \exp(\|A\|),$$

280 and if  $\|\cdot\|$  is the 1-, 2- or  $\infty$ -norm, then  $T^{km}$  satisfies

$$281 \quad T^{km} \in \pi(k, m, \|A\|)E.$$



282 *Proof.* A classical result from [49] (see also [14, p. 241]) establishes the represen-  
283 tation

$$284 \quad (3.8) \quad r^{km}(A) = \frac{(-1)^m}{(k+m)!} A^{k+m+1} q_m(A)^{-1} \int_0^1 \exp(tA)(1-t)^k t^m dt.$$

285 Multiplying both sides of (3.8) by  $q_m(A)$  and using the fact that rational functions of  
286 the same matrix commute (see, e.g., [14, Thm. 1.13]), we get

$$287 \quad (3.9) \quad T^{km} = q_m(A) r_{km}(A) = \frac{(-1)^m}{(k+m)!} A^{k+m+1} \int_0^1 \exp(tA)(1-t)^k t^m dt.$$

288 Since the Taylor series of the exponential has positive coefficients only, we have that  
289  $\|\exp(A)\| \leq \exp(\|A\|)$  for any submultiplicative matrix norm. Taking norms in (3.9)  
290 thus gives

$$\begin{aligned} 291 \quad \|T\| &\leq \frac{\|A\|^{k+m+1}}{(k+m)!} \int_0^1 \exp(t\|A\|)(1-t)^k t^m dt \\ 292 &= \frac{\|A\|^{k+m+1}}{(k+m)!} \exp(\theta\|A\|) \int_0^1 (1-t)^k t^m dt, \quad \theta \in [0, 1] \\ 293 &= \frac{\|A\|^{k+m+1}}{(k+m)!} \exp(\theta\|A\|) \frac{k! m!}{(k+m+1)!} \\ 294 &\leq \frac{k! m!}{(k+m)! (k+m+1)!} \|A\|^{k+m+1} \exp(\|A\|) = \pi(k, m, \|A\|). \end{aligned}$$

295 The equality in the second line holds by the generalized mean value theorem. We  
296 thus have established the first part of the theorem, and its second part holds because  
297 the 1-, 2- and  $\infty$  norms of a matrix are all larger than or equal to the absolute value  
298 of any of the matrix entries.  $\square$

299 An important aspect of Padé approximation is its efficiency compared to Taylor  
300 series, see the discussion in [14], e.g. Since we work with IEEE double precision in  
301 all our numerical computations, we choose  $m = k = 7$  which gives  $\pi \approx 6.06 \times 10^{-16}$   
302 for  $\|A\| \leq 1$  which is our target value for the scaling phase. The coefficients  $b =$   
303  $(b_0, \dots, b_7)$  of the polynomial  $p_7(x) = \sum_{i=0}^7 b_i x^i$  are the integers

$$304 \quad b = [17, 297, 280 \quad 8, 648, 640 \quad 1, 995, 840 \quad 277, 200 \quad 25, 200 \quad 1, 512 \quad 56 \quad 1],$$

305 see [14, p. 246]. Moreover,  $q_m(x) = p_m(-x)$  for all  $m$ . Our implementation represents  
306 an interval arithmetic extension of the method outlined in [14, p. 244] to compute the  
307 interval matrices  $\mathbf{P} \ni p_k(A)$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \ni q_m(A)$ . To be specific, we take  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{U}$  and  
308  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{U}$  where

$$309 \quad (3.10) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{U} := A(b_7 \mathbf{A}_6 + b_5 \mathbf{A}_4 + b_3 \mathbf{A}_2 + b_1 I), \\ \mathbf{V} := b_6 \mathbf{A}_6 + b_4 \mathbf{A}_4 + b_2 \mathbf{A}_2 + b_0 I, \end{cases}$$

310 and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  is the (optimal) enclosure for  $A^2$  obtained via the function square from sec-  
311 tion 2 applied to  $A$ , and, similarly,  $\mathbf{A}_4$  is an enclosure for  $A^4$  computed as the square  
312 of  $\mathbf{A}_2$ , while  $\mathbf{A}_6$  is an enclosure for  $A^6$  computed as  $\mathbf{A}_2 \cdot \mathbf{A}_4$ . In this way,  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are  
313 computed with only two interval matrix-matrix multiplications and two squarings.

314 Once  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are computed, we use Theorem 3.2, which shows that  $\exp(A)$  is  
315 contained in the solution set of the interval linear system

$$316 \quad (3.11) \quad \mathbf{Q}X = \mathbf{P} + \bar{\pi} \mathbf{E},$$

317 where  $\bar{\pi}$  is an upper bound for  $\pi(k, m, \|A\|)$  from (3.7) obtained using an interval  
 318 arithmetic evaluation. We take INTLAB's function `verifylss.m` to compute an  
 319 interval enclosure for the solution set of (3.11).

320 Algorithm 3.2 summarizes the enclosure method based on Padé approximation  
 321 when working in double precision where a (7, 7) Padé approximation is sufficient to  
 322 bound the approximation error by  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$  for matrices with norm  $\leq 1$ .

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**Algorithm 3.2** Outline of the Padé approximation based enclosure method

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- 1: Scale the matrix so that  $\|\frac{1}{2^s}A\| \leq 1$ , i.e.  $s = \max\{0, \lceil \log_2(\|A\|) \rceil\}$
  - 2: Compute enclosures  $P = U + V$  and  $Q = U - V$  for the two polynomials in the (7, 7) Padé approximation, with  $U, V$  computed according to (3.10)
  - 3: Compute an upper bound  $\bar{\pi}$  for  $\pi(7, 7, \frac{1}{2^s}\|A\|)$  via an interval arithmetic evaluation of (3.7)
  - 4: Use INTLAB's function `verifylss.m` to obtain an interval matrix  $C$  containing the solution set of the interval linear system (3.11)
  - 5: Perform  $s$  repeated squarings starting with  $C$ . The final result is an enclosure for  $\exp(A)$ .
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323 For the same reasons as in the Taylor series approach, we chose the norm to be  
 324 the 2-norm in our computations.

325 It should be noted that Bochev [5] has already applied a Padé-based algorithm  
 326 for enclosing  $\exp(A)$  which also uses the representation (3.8) of the error. The Padé  
 327 approach we present here is different in at least two important aspects: Our approach  
 328 relies directly on Theorem 3.2 and does thus not need to compute a rough enclosure  
 329 for  $\exp(A)$  which is required in [6, 5] in a preliminary step. Moreover, [6, 5] has  
 330 to use the computationally expensive staggered correction format [44] to accurately  
 331 bound the polynomials  $p_k$  and  $q_k$  and to enclose solutions of the interval linear system  
 332 (3.11). Staggered correction formats or other (expensive) means to enhance floating  
 333 point accuracy are not required in our approach.

334 **3.5. Contour integration.** For the exponential as for any other analytic func-  
 335 tion, Cauchy's formula

$$336 \quad (3.12) \quad \exp(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\exp(z)}{z - a} dz,$$

337 where  $\Gamma$  is a contour in the complex plane that encloses the point  $a$ , carries over to  
 338 the matrix function case as

$$339 \quad (3.13) \quad \exp(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \exp(z)(zI - A)^{-1} dz,$$

340 provided the spectrum of  $A$  is enclosed by  $\Gamma$ , see [14]. We now develop an enclosure  
 341 method based on quadrature for (3.12) and a rigorous bound for the remainder term.  
 342 We will scale  $A$  such that  $\|A\| < 1$ , and therefore take  $\Gamma$  to be the unit circle

$$343 \quad e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

344 Then (3.12) becomes

$$345 \quad \exp(a) = \int_0^{2\pi} v(\theta) d\theta, \text{ where } v(\theta) = \frac{\exp(e^{i\theta})}{2\pi(e^{i\theta} - a)} e^{i\theta} \text{ (with } |a| < 1).$$

346 The function  $v$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic, which is why the standard trapezoidal rule

$$347 \quad \exp(a) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N v(\theta_k)}_{:=I_N(v)} + R_N(v)$$

348 with  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\theta_k = 2\pi k/N, k = 1, \dots, N$ , has a small error  $R_N$ . Indeed, the  
349 following result holds, see [48, Thm. 3.2],[51].

350 **LEMMA 3.3.** *Suppose  $v$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic and analytic and satisfies  $|v(\theta)| \leq M(c)$  in  
351 the strip  $-c < \Im(\theta) < c$  for some  $c > 0$ . Then for any  $N \geq 1$ ,*

$$352 \quad \left| \int_0^{2\pi} v(\theta) d\theta - I_N(v) \right| \leq \frac{4\pi M(c)}{e^{cN} - 1},$$

353 and the constant  $4\pi$  is as small as possible.

354 In order to use this result for the matrix case, recall that by Banach's lemma (see  
355 [7, p. 33], e.g.), we have that for any operator norm  $\|\cdot\|$

$$356 \quad (3.14) \quad |z| > \|A\| \Rightarrow \|(zI - A)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{|z| - \|A\|}.$$

357 If  $\|\cdot\|$  is the 1-, 2- or  $\infty$ -norm, this implies in particular

$$358 \quad (3.15) \quad |[(zI - A)^{-1}]_{ij}| \leq \frac{1}{|z| - \|A\|}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{for } |z| > \|A\|.$$

359 **THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $\|A\| < 1$  where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the 1-, 2- or  $\infty$ -norm, let  $c$  be such that  
360  $e^{-c} > \|A\|$ , and let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $z_k = e^{2\pi i k/N}, k = 1, \dots, N$ . Then with*

$$361 \quad (3.16) \quad \gamma(c, N, \|A\|) := \frac{2e^c \exp(e^c)}{(e^{cN} - 1)(e^{-c} - \|A\|)}$$

362 we have

$$363 \quad (3.17) \quad \exp(A) \in \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N z_k \exp(z_k) (z_k I - A)^{-1} + \gamma(c, N, \|A\|) \cdot \mathbf{E},$$

364 In particular, if  $e^{-c} > 2\|A\|$ , we have

$$365 \quad (3.18) \quad \exp(A) \in \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N z_k \exp(z_k) (z_k I - A)^{-1} + \gamma(c, N) \cdot \mathbf{E},$$

366 where

$$367 \quad (3.19) \quad \gamma(c, N) := \frac{4e^{2c} \exp(e^c)}{e^{cN} - 1}.$$

368 *Proof.* We first note that (3.18) follows directly from (3.17), since  $e^{-c} > 2\|A\|$   
369 implies  $\frac{1}{e^{-c} - \|A\|} \leq 2e^c$ . With  $\Gamma$  the unit circle  $z = e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , Cauchy's formula  
370 (3.13) expresses each entry  $[\exp(A)]_{ij}$  of the matrix  $\exp(A)$  as

$$371 \quad [\exp(A)]_{ij} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \underbrace{\exp(e^{i\theta}) [(e^{i\theta} I - A)^{-1}]_{ij}}_{=:v_{ij}(\theta)} e^{i\theta} d\theta.$$

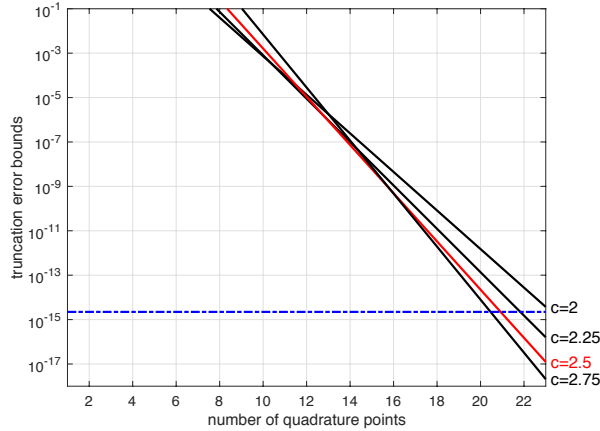


FIG. 1. Bounds for the quadrature error of the periodic trapezoidal rule. The blue line represents  $2.2 \times 10^{-15}$ .

372 Herein, by (3.14),  $v_{ij}$  is defined and analytic on an open superset of the strip  $D^c =$   
 373  $-c \leq \Im(\theta) \leq c$  for  $c$  with  $e^{-c} > \|A\|$ , and it is  $2\pi$  periodic. Using (3.15), one then  
 374 obtains

$$375 \quad \max_{\theta \in D^c} |v_{ij}(\theta)| \leq \frac{\exp(e^c)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{e^{-c} - \|A\|} e^c =: M(c).$$

376 By Lemma 3.3, we thus get

$$377 \quad \left| [\exp(A)]_{ij} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N z_k \exp(z_k) [(z_k I - A)^{-1}]_{ij} \right| \leq \frac{2M(c)}{e^{cN} - 1},$$

378 which gives (3.17).  $\square$

379 The enclosure method based on contour integration will have to compute an  
 380 enclosure for each of the inverses  $(z_k I - A)^{-1}$ . Using `verifylss.m` to that purpose  
 381 will for each  $k$  give results where each entry has at least a relative width of  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$ .  
 382 Since we expect to have  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  of these systems to solve, it is adequate to require  
 383 the bound on the quadrature error to be approximately  $10\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$ . In order to keep  
 384 the computational cost low, in our algorithm we therefore choose  $c$  such that  $N$  is  
 385 minimal under all pairs  $(N, c)$  which satisfy

$$386 \quad \frac{4e^{2c} \exp(e^c)}{(e^{cN} - 1)} \leq 10\varepsilon_{\text{mach}} \approx 2.2 \times 10^{-15}.$$

387 Figure 1 illustrates that this is (approximately) achieved for  $c = 2.5$  with  $N = 21$ ,  
 388 implying that  $A$  is scaled such that  $\|\frac{1}{2^s} A\| \leq 0.03$ . This might seem restrictive, but  
 389 note that if we relax the scaling to just satisfy  $\|\frac{1}{2^s} A\| \leq 0.18$ , for example, then we  
 390 would need  $c = 1$  and  $N = 40$ , thus doubling the computational cost. Also note that  
 391 in our numerical experiments other choices than  $c = 2.5, N = 21$  gave comparable if  
 392 not larger radii for the enclosure obtained for  $\exp(A)$ .

393 Algorithm 3.3 summarizes our approach based on contour integration. In Step 2  
 394 we use INTLAB's `verifypoly.m` to obtain as narrow as possible enclosures  $z_k$  for the  
 395 roots  $z_k$  of the polynomial  $z^N - 1$ ; see [29, 38] for an overview of relevant techniques.  
 396 Let us also note that in case that  $A$  is real we have that  $z_k I - A = (z_{N-k-1} I - A)$ ,

**Algorithm 3.3** Outline of the contour integration based enclosure method

- 1: Choose  $c = 2.5$  and scale the matrix so that  $\|\frac{1}{2^s}A\| \leq \frac{1}{2}e^{-c}$ , i.e.  $s = \max\{0, \lceil \log_2(2e^c\|A\|) \rceil\}$
- 2: Put  $N = 21$  and compute interval enclosures  $z_k$  for the roots of unity  $z_k = e^{2\pi ik/N}, k = 1, \dots, N$ .
- 3: Use INTLAB's `verifylss.m` to compute an interval matrix  $S_k$  containing  $\{(zI - A)^{-1} : z \in z_k\}$ .
- 4: Compute an upper bound  $\bar{\gamma}$  for  $\gamma(N, c)$  via an interval arithmetic evaluation of (3.19) to get the enclosure  $C = \sum_{k=1}^N S_k + \bar{\gamma}E$  for the exponential of the scaled matrix
- 5: Perform  $s$  repeated squarings starting with  $C$ . The final result is an enclosure for  $\exp(A)$ .

397 so  $(z_k I - A)^{-1} = \overline{(z_{N-k-1} I - A)^{-1}}$  which can be used to approximately halve the  
 398 computational cost. Specifically, we then invert only 11 interval matrices rather than  
 399  $N = 21$ .

400 As the Padé approach, the contour integration approach is based on a rational  
 401 approximation. In the Padé scheme we have to once enclose the solution of the interval  
 402 linear system (3.11) where all entries of the system matrix and of the right hand side  
 403 are intervals. In the contour integration approach we have to enclose the inverses of  
 404 several matrices where only the diagonals contain non-point quantities, and we need  
 405 more squarings.

406 **3.6. Chebyshev approximation.** The Chebyshev polynomials  $T_k$  for the in-  
 407 terval  $[-1, 1]$  are the orthogonal polynomials with respect to the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle =$   
 408  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} f(x)g(x)dx$  on the space of continuous functions on  $[-1, 1]$ . They satisfy  
 409  $T_k(x) = \cos(k \arccos x)$  for  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and obey the recurrence

$$410 \quad (3.20) \quad \begin{cases} T_0 = 1, T_1 = x, \\ T_k = 2xT_{k-1} - T_{k-2}, k = 2, 3, \dots, \end{cases}$$

411 and the (formal) Chebyshev series of a Lipschitz continuous function  $f$  on  $[-1, 1]$  is  
 412 given as

$$413 \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle f, T_k \rangle}{\langle T_k, T_k \rangle} T_k.$$

414 For  $f = \exp$  the coefficients of the Chebyshev series are given via the modified Bessel  
 415 functions of the first kind  $I_k(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \exp(t \cos(\theta)) \cos(k\theta) d\theta$  as

$$416 \quad \frac{\langle \exp, T_0 \rangle}{\langle T_0, T_0 \rangle} = I_0(1), \quad \frac{\langle \exp, T_k \rangle}{\langle T_k, T_k \rangle} = 2I_k(1), k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

417 see [22, p. 109] and [46, p. 23] e.g.

418 The use of Chebyshev series for approximating  $\exp(A)b$  where  $A$  is Hermitian  
 419 and  $b$  is a vector was suggested by Druskin and Knizhnerman [9]. In [3],  $\exp(A)$   
 420 is computed for sparse  $A$  using the degree 17 truncated Chebyshev series. Its advantage  
 421 is that, typically, for the same degree, the polynomial approximation given by the  
 422 truncated Chebyshev series will give a more accurate approximation than a Taylor  
 423 polynomial if one considers the whole interval  $[-1, 1]$ . For interval arithmetic based  
 424 enclosure methods this means that we can scale less and thus save some squarings

425 and the associated wrappings as compared to the Taylor approach. This motivates  
 426 our investigation of Chebyshev approximation in this work. Its use is restricted to  
 427 Hermitian matrices  $A$ , however, because we do not have a useable error bound for  
 428 general  $A$ . To state an enclosure result for the Hermitian case, recall that the Bernstein  
 429 ellipse  $E_\rho$  is an ellipse with center at zero and foci at  $\pm 1$  whose parameter  $\rho > 1$  is  
 430 the sum of its semi-axis lengths. The following result can be found in [46, Thm. 8.2],  
 431 e.g.

432 LEMMA 3.5. *Let  $f$  be analytic in  $[-1, +1]$  and analytically continuable to the open*  
 433 *Bernstein ellipse  $E_\rho$ , where it satisfies  $|f(z)| \leq M(\rho)$ . Then, for each  $d \geq 0$ , the*  
 434 *truncated Chebyshev series  $p_d = \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{\langle f, T_k \rangle}{\langle T_k, T_k \rangle} T_k$  satisfies*

$$435 \quad |f(x) - p_d(x)| \leq \frac{2M(\rho)\rho^{-d}}{\rho - 1} \text{ for } x \in [-1, 1].$$

436 THEOREM 3.6. *Let  $A$  be Hermitian with spectrum in  $[-1, 1]$  and let  $p_d(A)$  be the*  
 437 *degree  $d$  truncated Chebyshev series approximation*

$$438 \quad (3.21) \quad p_d(A) = I_0(1)I + \sum_{k=1}^d 2I_k(1) \cdot T_k(A)$$

439 for  $\exp(A)$ . Then, with  $\tau(\rho, d)$  defined for  $\rho \geq 1$  as

$$440 \quad (3.22) \quad \tau(\rho, d) := 2e^{\frac{\rho+1}{2}} \frac{\rho^{-d}}{\rho-1}$$

441 we have

$$442 \quad \exp(A) \in p_d(A) + \tau(\rho, d)\mathbf{E}.$$

443 *Proof.* Since  $A$  is Hermitian we have  $A = VDV^{-1}$  with  $V$  being orthonormal  
 444 and  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_i)$  is the diagonal matrix containing the eigenvalues. Also,  $T_k(A) =$   
 445  $VT_k(D)V^{-1}$  for all  $k$  and, thus,  $p_d(A) = Vp_d(D)V^{-1}$ . We thus have

$$446 \quad |r_{ij}| \leq \|R\|_2 = \|\exp(A) - p_d(A)\|_2 = \|V(\exp(D) - p_d(D))V^{-1}\|_2$$

$$447 \quad = \|\exp(D) - p_d(D)\|_2 = \|\exp(D) - p_d(D)\|_\infty$$

$$448 \quad = \max_i |\exp(\lambda_i) - p_d(\lambda_i)|.$$

449 The fact that the maximum value of the exponential on  $E_\rho$  is  $e^{\frac{\rho+1}{2}}$ , see [47], together  
 450 with Lemma 3.5 now completes the proof.  $\square$

451 In an algorithm, we want to choose  $\rho$  and  $d$  such that  $\tau(\rho) \approx \varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$  for  $d$  as  
 452 small as possible. Figure 2 reports a Chebfun-enabled [8] experiment. It suggests  
 453 that  $d = 14$  (and  $\rho = 32$ ) is an appropriate choice when working in double precision.

454 Also, in an interval arithmetic based enclosure method we need to use intervals  
 455 enclosing the exact values  $I_k(1)$  of the Bessel functions, and these should be as narrow  
 456 as possible. We have used the Arb package [17], a C library for arbitrary-precision  
 457 interval arithmetic to obtain enclosures  $\mathbf{I}_k$  of relative radii of about  $\varepsilon_{\text{mach}}$  in double  
 458 precision for the exact values of  $I_k(1)$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 14$ . Note that those must be  
 459 computed only once and can then be stored for every later use.

460 Before summarizing our approach in Algorithm 3.4, we discuss how we evaluate  
 461 the truncated Chebyshev sum  $p_d(A)$ . The direct way to evaluate  $p_d(A)$  would be to  
 462 precompute  $T_k(A)$  for  $k = 0, \dots, d$  using the recurrence (3.20) and to subsequently

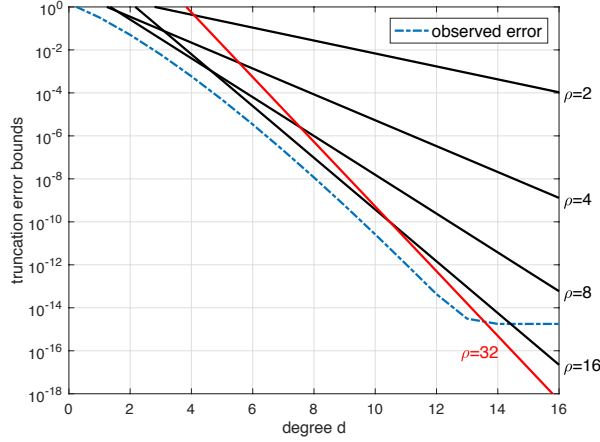


FIG. 2. Truncation error in chopping Chebyshev series.

463 evaluate the sum  $I_0(1)I + \sum_{k=1}^d 2I_k(1)T_k(A)$ . For the scalar case, and a general  
 464 Chebyshev approximation  $p_d(x) = \sum_{k=0}^d a_k T_k(x)$ , it is known that the use of the  
 465 *Clenshaw recurrence*, which interleaves the evaluation of the Chebyshev polynomials  
 466 with the summation,

$$467 \quad \begin{cases} b_{d+2} = b_{d+1} = 0, \\ b_j = 2xb_{j+1} - b_{j+2} + a_j, \quad j = d, d-1, \dots, 0, \end{cases}$$

468 and then  $p_d(x) = b_0 - xb_1$ , is more stable, see [33, p. 173], e.g. Both, the direct  
 469 way and the Clenshaw recurrence rely on three-term recurrences. When applied on  
 470 matrices and using interval arithmetic, we thus not only experience the wrapping effect  
 471 but also the fact that interval arithmetic treats the same variable occurring several  
 472 times as being independent variables, thus having the tendency to further increase  
 473 the width of the computed intervals. Analogous phenomena have been observed when  
 474 enclosing scalar Chebyshev expansions of high-degree [11]. To alleviate this problem  
 475 we suggest to use the matrix analogue of the product formulae

$$476 \quad (3.23) \quad \begin{cases} T_{2k}(x) = 2T_k^2(x) - 1 \\ T_{2k+1}(x) = 2T_{k+1}(x)T_k(x) - x \end{cases}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

477 with  $T_0 = 1, T_1 = x$  to evaluate  $T_k(A)$  using interval arithmetic. Therein, the squares  
 478 can be computed using the method from section 2. This approach makes the total  
 479 number of multiplications, and thus of the associated wrappings, small. For example,  
 480  $T_8(A)$  is computed with just 3 squarings (for  $T_8, T_4$  and  $T_2$ ), and  $T_{14}$  is computed  
 481 with 3 squarings (for  $T_{14}, T_4$  and  $T_2$ ) and two matrix multiplications (for  $T_7$  and  $T_3$ ).

482 **4. Approximate diagonalization.** If  $V$  is non-singular and

$$483 \quad D = V^{-1}AV \iff A = VDV^{-1},$$

484 we have, in exact arithmetic,  $\exp(A) = V \exp(D)V^{-1}$ . In floating point arithmetic,  
 485 if we compute an enclosure  $\mathbf{W}$  for  $V^{-1}$  and then  $\mathbf{D}$  as  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{W}AV$  using interval  
 486 arithmetic, we have

$$487 \quad (4.1) \quad \exp(A) \in V\mathbf{E}\mathbf{W},$$



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**Algorithm 3.4** Outline of the Chebyshev-based enclosure algorithm ( $A$  Hermitian)

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- 1: Scale the matrix so that  $\|\frac{1}{2^s}A\| \leq 1$ , i.e.  $s = \max\{0, \lceil \log_2(\|A\|) \rceil\}$
  - 2: Use interval arithmetic to compute enclosures for  $T_k(A)$  for  $k = 0, \dots, 14$  via (3.23) and to then subsequently evaluate  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{14} 2\mathbf{I}_k T_k(A)$ , an enclosure for the value of the truncated Chebyshev series for the scaled matrix.
  - 3: Compute an upper bound  $\bar{\tau}$  for  $\tau(32, 14)$  via an interval arithmetic evaluation of (3.22) to get the enclosure  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{S} + \bar{\tau}\mathbf{E}$  for the exponential of the scaled matrix
  - 4: Perform  $s$  repeated squarings starting with  $\mathbf{C}$ . The final result is an enclosure for  $\exp(A)$
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488 where  $\mathbf{E}$  is enclosure for  $\{\exp(D) : D \in \mathbf{D}\}$ , and to compute  $\mathbf{E}$ , we can rely on any of  
 489 the techniques presented in the previous section, replacing  $A$  by the interval matrix  
 490  $\mathbf{D}$ .

491 This observation can be used in an attempt to reduce the wrapping effect. Indeed,  
 492 if  $\mathbf{D}$  were diagonal, there would be no wrapping effect at all when computing powers  
 493 of  $\mathbf{D}$ , and when the off-diagonal elements of  $\mathbf{D}$  are small compared to the diagonal,  
 494 the wrapping effect is also small. The price we pay are additional wrappings due to  
 495 the multiplications with  $V$  and  $\mathbf{W}$ , and here the wrapping effect becomes large when  
 496  $V$  is ill-conditioned.

497 In our numerical examples we used two variants of this *transformation approach*.  
 498 The first takes  $V$  as a computed approximation of the eigenvector matrix if we can  
 499 expect  $A$  to be diagonalizable and  $V$  to have small condition, e.g. when  $A$  is Her-  
 500 mitian. The second uses the MATLAB routine `bdschur` from the Control System  
 501 Toolbox which, for a general matrix  $A$ , produces a *block diagonal* matrix  $D$  and a well  
 502 conditioned matrix  $V$ , computed in floating point arithmetic, such that  $A \approx VDV^{-1}$ ;  
 503 see [4]. In either case we use `verifylss.m` to compute an interval enclosure  $\mathbf{W}$  for  
 504  $V^{-1}$ . Note that the matrix  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{W}AV$  will in general have small non-zero entries  
 505 outside its (block) diagonal.

506 **5. Numerical examples.** We compare the performance of the various algo-  
 507 rithms for different classes of matrices with dimensions ranging from  $n = 50$  to  
 508  $n = 600$ . Table 1 lists all methods together with their acronyms used in the fig-  
 509 ures to come. For the methods `SpecDec` and `PadéBM` we use the MATLAB-INTLAB  
 510 implementations of Miyajima [24].

511 We report two quantities for all methods. The first is the *average relative precision*  
 512 (arp) of  $\mathbf{X}$  defined by

$$513 \quad (5.1) \quad \text{arp}(\mathbf{X}) := \left( \prod_{i,j=1,n} (\text{rp}(\mathbf{X}_{ij})) \right)^{1/n^2},$$

514 where

$$515 \quad \text{rp}(\mathbf{x}) := \min(\text{relerr}(\mathbf{x}), 1),$$

516 is the *relative precision* of an interval  $\mathbf{a}$  with `relerr` defined as

$$517 \quad \text{relerr}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{rad}(\mathbf{x})}{|\text{mid}(\mathbf{x})|}, & 0 \notin \mathbf{x}, \\ \text{rad}(\mathbf{x}), & 0 \in \mathbf{x}. \end{cases}$$

518 as an indicator of the quality of the computed enclosures. Roughly speaking, the quan-  
 519 tity  $-\log_{10}(\text{arp}(\mathbf{X}))$  represents the average number of known correct digits within  $\mathbf{X}$ .

acronym	corresponding enclosure method
TayH	Taylor-Horner: Alg. 3.1, Horner's scheme to evaluate the polynomial [10]
TayPS	Taylor-Patterson-Stockmeyer: Alg. 3.1 with the modifications from (3.6)
Padé	Alg. 3.2
Cont	Contour integration: Alg. 3.3
Cheb	Chebyshev: Alg. 3.4
SpecDec	Miyajima's method relying on spectral decomposition [25]
PadéBM	Padé-based method of Bochev and Markov [6], $q = 7$ as implemented in [24]
VER	VERSOF's routine <code>vermatfun.m</code> [34]
Acronym-ad is method Acronym using approximate diagonalization; see section 4	

TABLE 1  
Acronyms used in figures.

520 The second reported quantity is wall clock time (in seconds) as an indicator for the  
521 efficiency of the method. Note that we undertook quite some efforts in our imple-  
522 mentations to obtain good (interval) arithmetic performance, using built-in INTALB  
523 functions systematically and casting operations as matrix operations whenever possi-  
524 ble.

525 All numerical results were obtained using INTLAB Version 11 and MATLAB  
526 R2017a on a Mac OS X with 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7 processor and 16 GB of RAM. The  
527 random number generator mode is always fixed by the command `rng(1, 'twister')`  
528 for all the tests involving matrices with random entries. Most of our examples are  
529 from MATLAB's gallery of test matrices, accessible via `gallery.m`.

530 **5.1. Nonsymmetric matrices.** We compare the performance of all the eleven  
531 methods from Table 1 which are applicable to non-symmetric matrices.

532 *EXAMPLE 1.*  $A$  is the  $n \times n$  Helmert matrix, which is a permutation of a lower  
533 Hessenberg matrix, whose first row is  $\mathbf{ones}(1:n)/\mathit{sqrt}(n)$ . It is in MATLAB's gallery  
534 as the *orthog* matrix of type 4.

535 The results are depicted in Figure 3. The most narrow enclosures are obtained  
536 by TayPS and the second most accurate results are obtained by Padé. TayPS is not  
537 only the most accurate but also among the fastest. Methods applied to the original  
538 matrix provide more accuracy as compared to the corresponding method applied to  
539 the approximately diagonalized matrix, and the difference is the more pronounced  
540 the larger the dimension. While SpecDec is ranked third with respect to accuracy,  
541 it is up to almost 600 times slower than TayPS. This drawback of SpecDec and VER  
542 as well as, to a lesser extent, also PadéBM will be visible in all other experiments,  
543 too, just as the fact that VER typically yields the poorest enclosures. We will not  
544 repeat this observation explicitly for the other examples. Note that SpecDec has to  
545 use INTLAB's accurate dot product `AccDot.m` to obtain sufficiently narrow enclosures  
546 for the entries of some matrix-matrix product, an approach which is not recommended  
547 in [42] because of the interpretation overhead. For VER, the long run times result from  
548 its complexity being  $\mathcal{O}(n^4)$  rather than, as in all the other methods,  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ . The bad  
549 timings for PadéBM, finally, result from the method requiring an "exponent safe bound  
550 evaluation" step that, as implemented in [24], has to enclose solutions for up to  $\sqrt{n}$   
551 linear systems with a matrix right hand side using `verifylss.m`. Finally, we note  
552 that Cont the contour integral approach is about one order of magnitude slower than  
553 the best performing method, and that its accuracy is substantially less than that of  
554 TayPS, TayH and Padé.

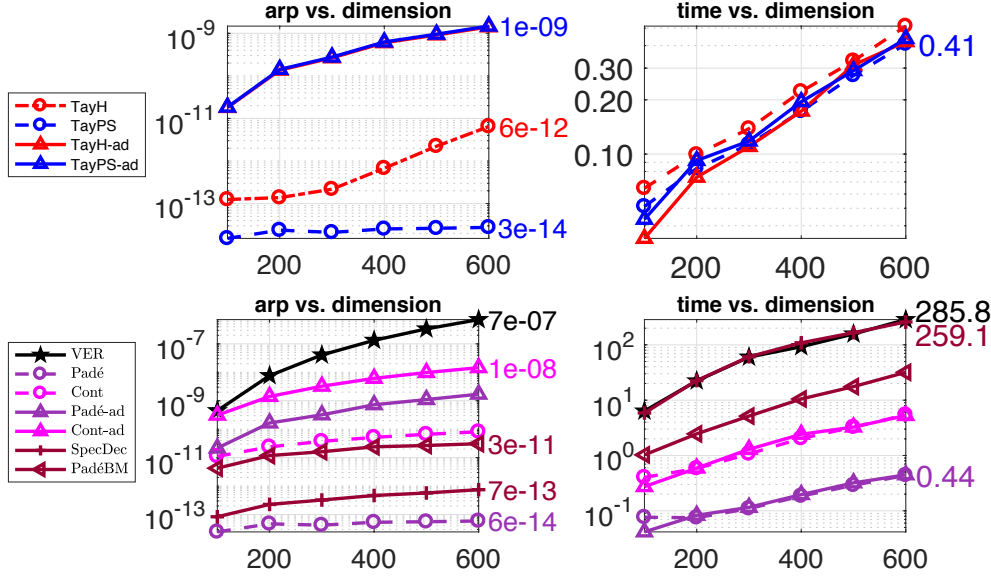


FIG. 3. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the Hermert matrix, Example 1.

555 EXAMPLE 2.  $A$  is the forsythe matrix [50] from MATLAB's gallery.  $A$  consists  
 556 of one single  $n \times n$  Jordan block with eigenvalue zero except that its  $(n, 1)$  entry is  
 557 equal to  $\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{mach}}}$ .

558 This time, Padé gives the narrowest enclosures. The second most accurate results  
 559 are obtained via TayH and TayPS which perform very similarly and are not easy to  
 560 distinguish in the middle of Figure 4 (left). Padé gives about one more digit of  
 561 accuracy compared with both TayH and TayPS. Also, like Example 1, the methods  
 562 applied to  $A$  generally give enclosures that are narrower than those obtained when  
 563 applied to the approximately diagonalized matrix  $D$ . The fastest method is TayH,  
 564 but TayPS and Padé are comparable with respect to speed.

565 EXAMPLE 3.  $A$  is the  $\text{lesp}$  matrix from MATLAB's gallery. It has the property  
 566 that the condition of its eigenvalues increases exponentially with the dimension  $n$ .

567 Because of the ill-conditioned eigenvalues SpecDec and VER fail, returning NaNs  
 568 for any  $n > 50$  and  $n > 100$ , respectively. Figure 5 shows that the most accurate  
 569 enclosures are obtained either with Padé or PadéBM obtaining one to two more digits of  
 570 accuracy compared with TayH and TayPS which are the next most accurate approaches.  
 571 Padé-ad loses about one digit in accuracy compared to Padé. The computing time  
 572 of Padé, TayH and TayPS are of the same order.

573 EXAMPLE 4. We take  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  of the form  $A := WDW^{-1}$ , where  $W$  is  
 574 a matrix with normally distributed random entries and  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with  
 575 its diagonal entries taken as  $n$  equidistant points in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

576 Much to the opposite of Example 3, the matrices of this example fit particularly  
 577 well the SpecDec approach. Figure 6 shows that this is indeed the most accurate  
 578 algorithm. The much faster approaches TayPS-ad, Padé-ad and Cont-ad which are  
 579 the second most accurate, but their accuracy is significantly lower (up to 7 decimal

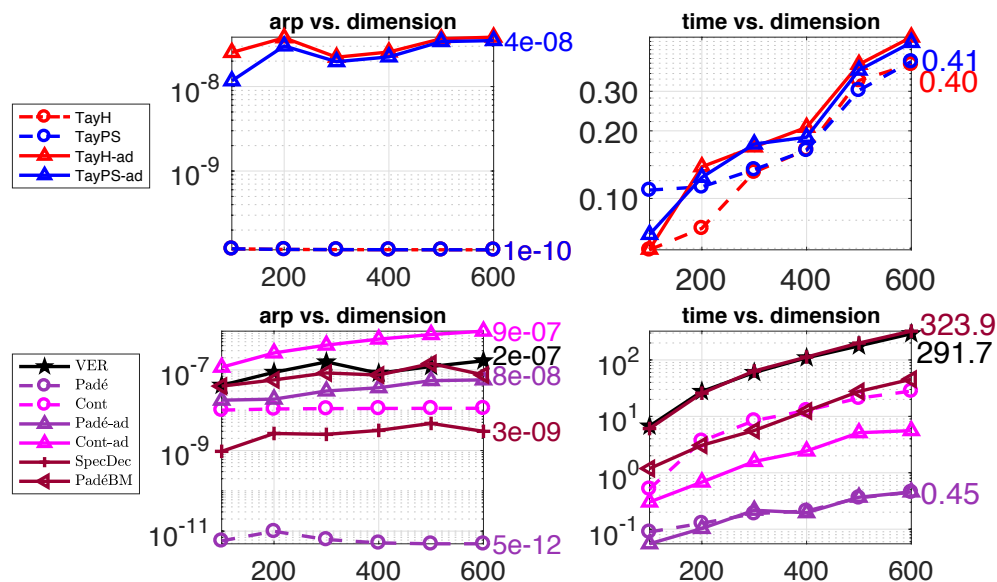


FIG. 4. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the `forsythe` matrix, Example 2.

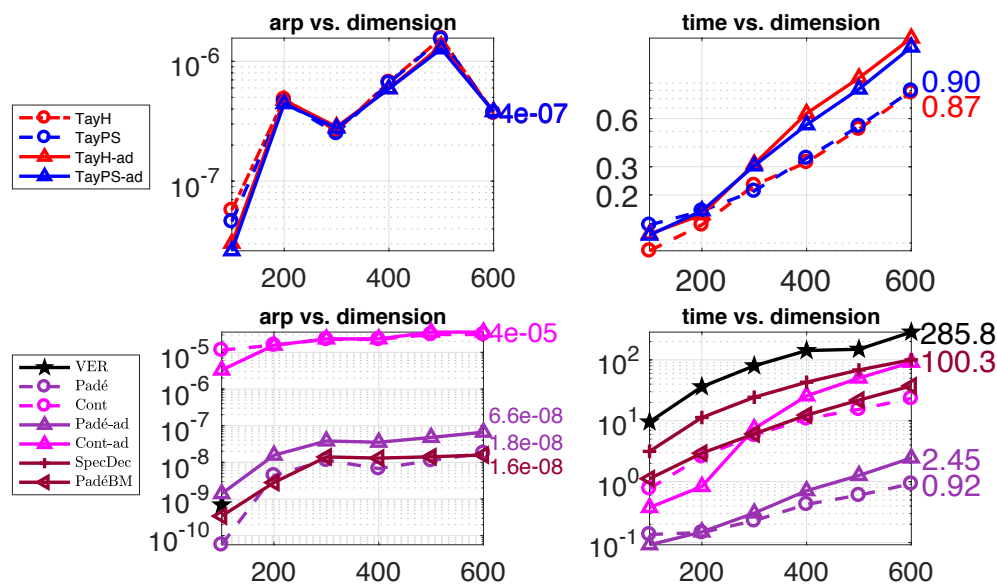


FIG. 5. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the `lesp` matrix, Example 3.

580 digits). Approaches without approximate diagonalization yield very poor accuracy.  
 581 The reason is that  $W$  has a high condition number, so that  $\|A\|_\infty$  and  $\|A\|_2$  are large.  
 582 This implies that the algorithms perform quite many scaling steps ( $s = 14, \dots, 16$   
 583 for  $n = 400$ , e.g.), whereas with approximate diagonalization this goes down to

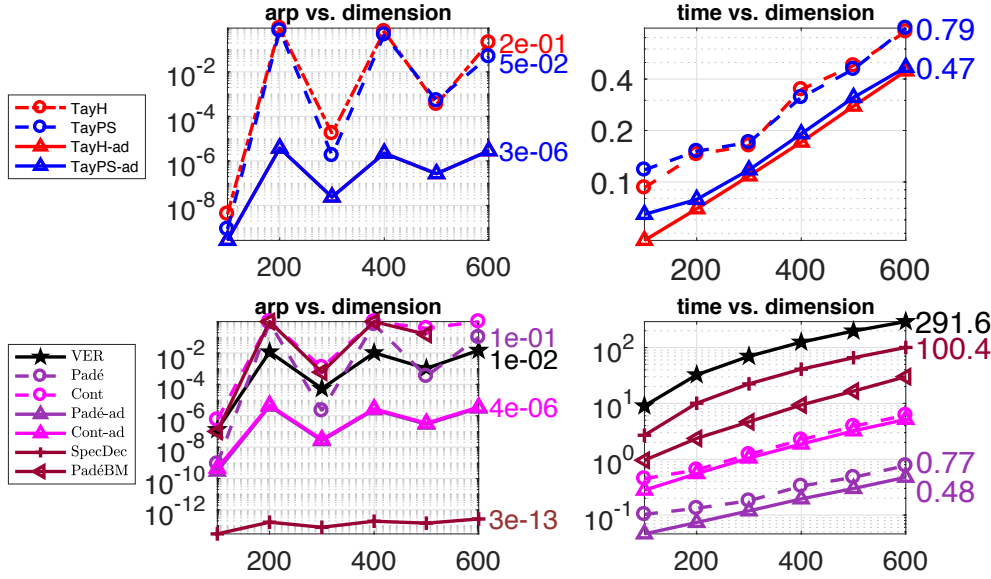


FIG. 6. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the random diagonalizable matrix whose eigenvalues are equispaced points on  $[-1, 1]$ . See Example 4.

584  $s = 1, \dots, 4$ . So approximate diagonalization allows to save a significant number  
 585 of squarings and thus reduces the otherwise predominant wrapping effect.

586 **EXAMPLE 5.**  $A$  is the *triv* matrix from MATLAB’s gallery.  $A$  is upper triangular  
 587 and ill-conditioned both with respect to inversion and eigenvalue computation.

588 Here, Padé gives the narrowest enclosures and most of the time it is the fastest  
 589 method as well, see Figure 7. The quality of enclosures computed via approximate  
 590 diagonalization is the same as that obtained when applied to the original matrix.  
 591 SpecDec fails, returning NaNs, for all sizes  $n$  due to the ill-conditioning, and similarly  
 592 for VER for  $n = 100, \dots, 400$ . Since VER already takes more than 19 minutes for  
 593  $n = 400$  we did not run it for  $n = 500$  and  $n = 600$ . VER is therefore not at all  
 594 depicted in Figure 7, while we kept the run times for SpecDec.

595 **EXAMPLE 6.** We take the point analogue of the matrices considered in [10] and  
 596 define  $A_n \in \mathbb{R}^{3n \times 3n}$  as the  $3n \times 3n$  block diagonal matrix which for each  $k = 1, \dots, n$   
 597 has one diagonal block of size 1 with entry  $2k+1$  and one diagonal block of size 2 with  
 598 entries  $2k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and eigenvalues  $2k(1 \pm i)$ . Then  $A$  is taken as  $A = P^{-1}A_nP$  where  
 599  $P$  is a random orthogonal matrix, obtained as the  $Q$ -factor in the  $QR$  decomposition  
 600 of a random  $3n \times 3n$  matrix with normally distributed entries.

601 The numerical results in Figure 8 show that the most accurate methods are TayPS  
 602 and Padé, and these are the fastest methods as well. This is a quite extreme example  
 603 for larger dimensions  $n$ , since the moduli of the eigenvalues of  $\exp(A)$  range from  $e$   
 604 to  $e^{2n}$ .

605 **5.2. Symmetric matrices.** If  $A$  is symmetric, then so is  $\exp(A)$ . In our algo-  
 606 rithms, whenever we know that a point matrix for which we compute an enclosure is  
 607 symmetric we can thus “symmetrize”, and at the same time narrow, this enclosure

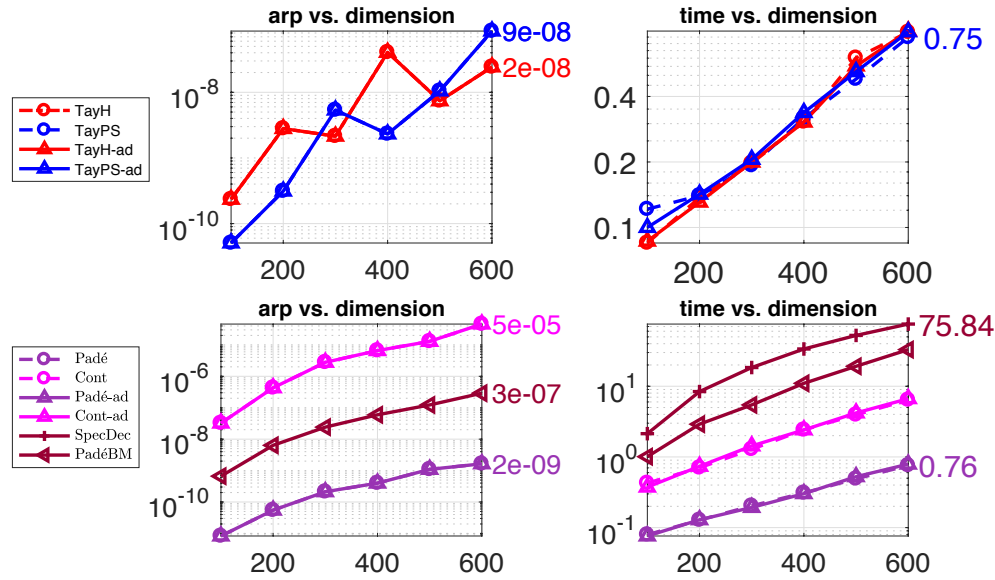


FIG. 7. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the `triw` matrices, Example 5.

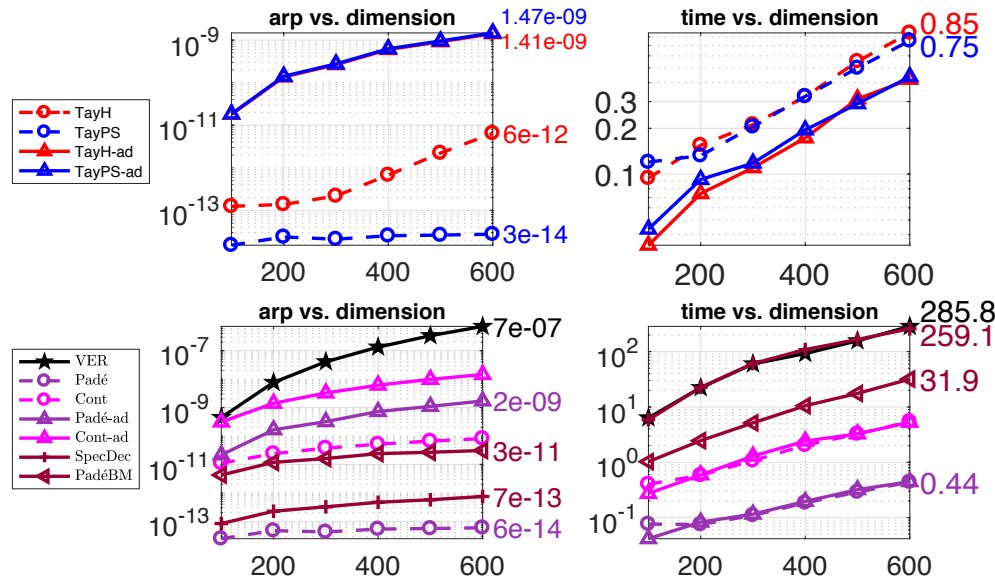


FIG. 8. Average relative precision (left) and time (right) for the (point) matrix from [10], Example 6.

608 by replacing it by the intersection with its adjoint. We do this whenever adequate in  
 609 our implementations involving symmetric matrices.

610 The tested methods for symmetric matrices now also include those based on the  
 611 truncated Chebyshev series.



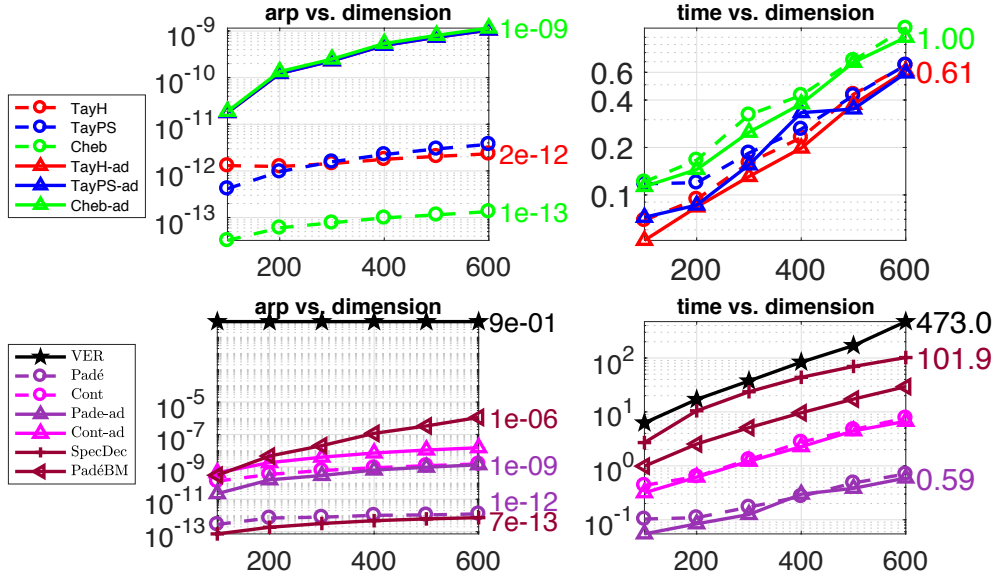


FIG. 9. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the symmetric matrix *ris*. See Example 7.

612 EXAMPLE 7. *A* is the Hankel matrix *ris* from MATLAB’s gallery. *A* is a normal  
 613 matrix whose eigenvalues cluster around  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$ .

614 Figure 9 shows that while the narrowest enclosures are obtained by **Cheb**, the  
 615 fastest method is usually **Padé** with the Taylor approaches, **Cheb** being less than a  
 616 factor of 2 off. Even though *A* is symmetric, **VER** gives wide enclosures because, due to  
 617 the clustering of the eigenvalues, the computed enclosures for the eigenvalues used  
 618 in **VER** are already wide; see also Example 10. As a further illustration, for  $n = 400$   
 619 we report the relative radii of all entries of the computed enclosing interval matrix  
 620 for  $\exp(A)$ . For six different methods this is depicted in the left part of Figure 10,  
 621 where the ordinate represents the 160,000 entries in ascending order of their relative  
 622 radii. The figure shows that most of the entries have similar relative width and only  
 623 a few have substantially larger or smaller width. This is a quite typical situation thus  
 624 justifying that “arp” is indeed a good way of measuring the quality of enclosures.

625 The right part of Figure 10 gives a histogram reporting a comparison of the  
 626 number of “known correct digits” of the floating point approximation  $C = \text{expm}(A)$   
 627 obtained using MATLAB’s `expm` function and of the mid point  $\text{mid } C$  of the interval  
 628 matrix  $C$  obtained with **Cheb**. For an entry  $\text{mid } C_{ij}$ , the number of its known correct  
 629 digits is the number to which the upper and lower bounds coincide. Similarly, the  
 630 number of known correct digits of an entry  $C_{ij}$  is the number of digits which coincide  
 631 with those of both, the lower and the upper bound of  $C_{ij}$ . If an entry  $C_{ij}$  of  $C$  is not  
 632 contained in  $\text{mid } C_{ij}$ , its number of correct digit is guaranteed to be smaller than or at  
 633 most equal to that of  $\text{mid } C_{ij}$ , and for these cases we report the difference between the  
 634 known exact digits of  $\text{mid } C_{ij}$  and the number of exact digits of  $C_{ij}$  in the right-most  
 635 histogram. For this example, this difference is 1 or 2 for about 60% of the entries.  
 636 So the results obtained with the enclosure method not only give intervals which are  
 637 guaranteed to contain the exact values, but their midpoints are also (slightly) more



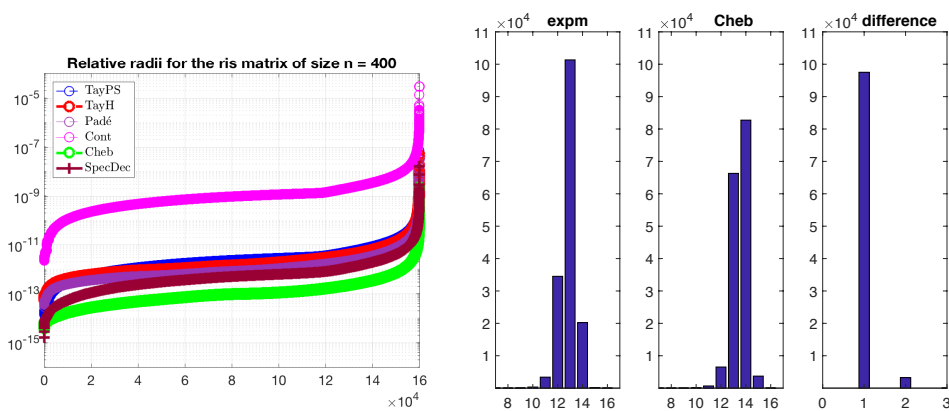


FIG. 10. Relative radii of the 160,000 entries of the computed enclosure for the symmetric matrix `ris` of size  $400 \times 400$  for six different approaches (left), histogram of known correct digits in MATLAB's `expm`, midpoint of the interval matrix computed via Cheb, and increase in correct digits obtained by Cheb (right), Example 7

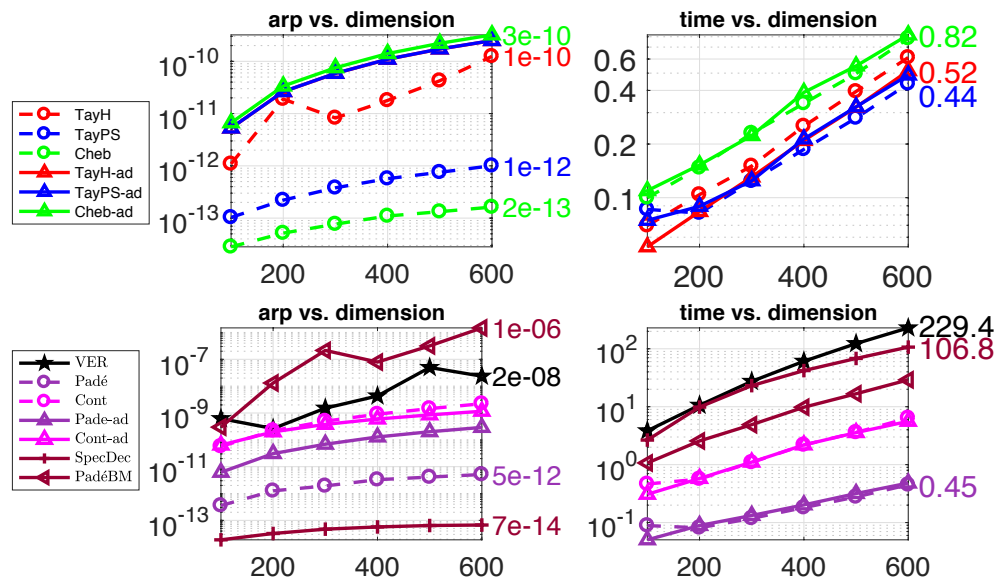


FIG. 11. Average relative precision versus dimension (left) and time versus dimension (right) for the symmetric matrix `orthog` of type two, Example 8.

638 accurate than the values obtained with `expm`.

639 EXAMPLE 8. *A* is the symmetric *orthog* matrix of type 2 from MATLAB's gallery. ■

640 Figure 11 shows that for this example Cheb appears as the best method. Its  
 641 accuracy is second best, only marginally lower than that of `SpecDec`, and slightly  
 642 better than `Padé`. We also observe a better quality of the enclosures computed by  
 643 `TayPS` compared with `TayH`.

644 EXAMPLE 9. *A* is generated as a symmetric random matrix by filling the upper  
 645 triangle of a matrix with normally distributed random entries and complementing the

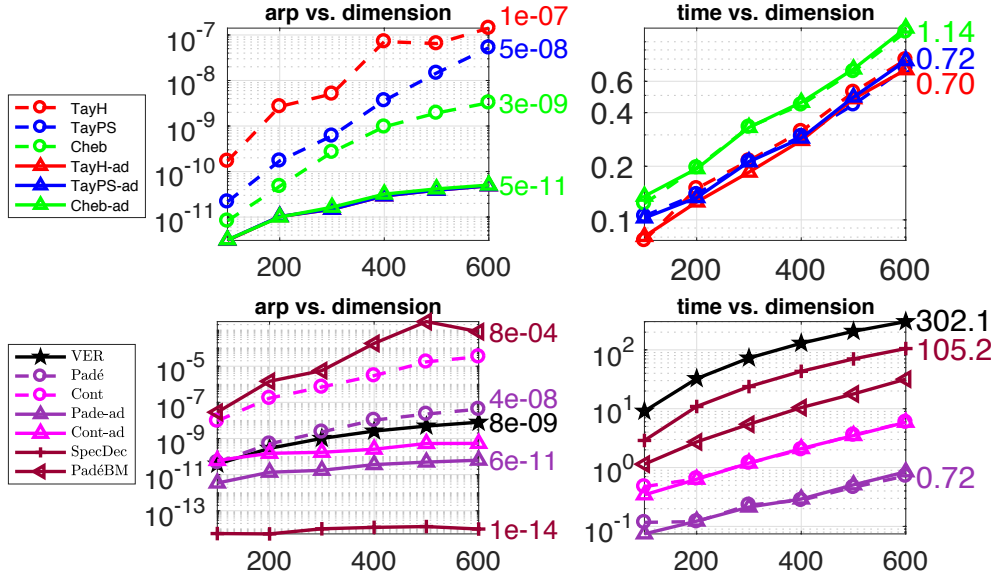


FIG. 12. Average relative precision (left) and time (right) for the symmetric random matrix, Example 9.

646 lower triangle symmetrically.

647 Figure 12 shows that among the methods with acceptable run time, those with  
 648 approximate diagonalization (Pade-ad, TayH-ad, TayPS-ad and Cheb-ad) perform  
 649 similarly and obtain about 2 additional digits of accuracy when compared with their  
 650 counterparts without approximate diagonalization.

651 EXAMPLE 10. *A* is the symmetric positive definite *prolate* matrix from MAT-  
 652 LAB’s gallery. It was also used as a test case in [25]. The matrix is Toeplitz and  
 653 perfectly well conditioned with respect to the eigenvalues but ill-conditioned with re-  
 654 spect to inversion or matrix multiplication.

655 The results in Figure 13 show that this time the most accurate results are ob-  
 656 tained either by Cheb or TayPS which show comparable speed. The eigenvalues of  
 657 the *prolate* matrix tend to cluster around 0 and 1 which is why, as in Example 7,  
 658 VER obtains poor enclosures. The cluster at 0 also explains why approximate diago-  
 659 nalization deteriorates the quality of the enclosures significantly: When we compute  
 660 the almost diagonal matrix  $D$ , the size of the off-diagonal entries is comparable to  
 661 that of the eigenvalues clustering at 0. Then the computed enclosure for  $\exp(D)$   
 662 will have off-diagonal entries which are not small relative to the diagonal elements,  
 663 too, and this will spoil the relative accuracy when performing the two matrix-matrix  
 664 multiplications in the back transformation (4.1).

665 EXAMPLE 11. We take *A* as the symmetric and positive definite *poisson* ma-  
 666 trix from MATLAB’s gallery. It represents the finite difference discretization of the  
 667 Laplace operator on an equispaced  $N \times N$  grid with Dirichlet boundary conditions. This  
 668 example is also considered in [25]. We took matrices of size  $n = 100 = 10^2$ ,  $196 =$   
 669  $14^2$ ,  $289 = 17^2$ ,  $400 = 20^2$ ,  $484 = 22^2$  and  $n = 625 = 25^2$ .

670 Figure 14 shows that the most accurate results are obtained with Padé. The

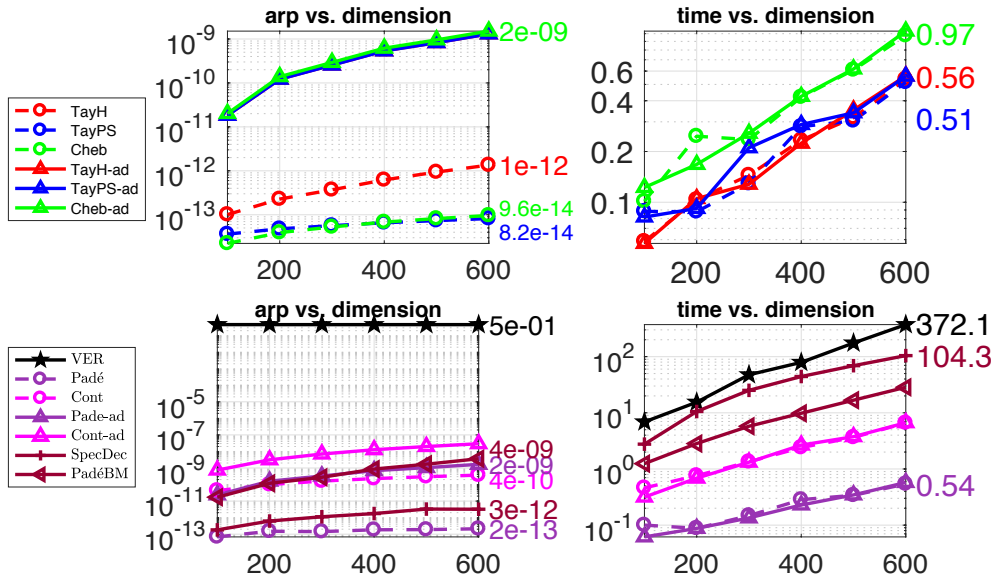


FIG. 13. Average relative precision (left) and time (right) for the prolate matrix, Example 10.

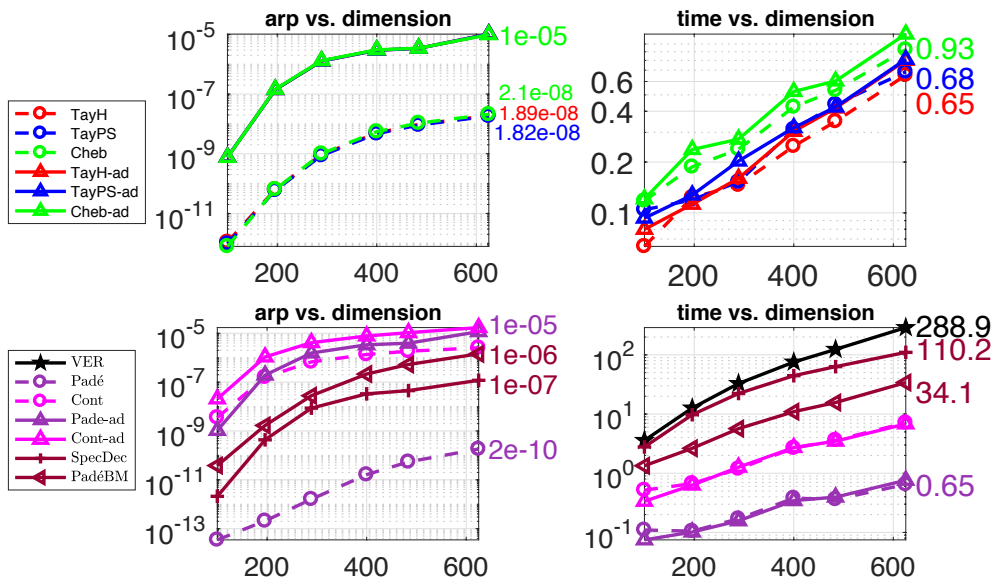


FIG. 14. Average relative precision (left) and time (right) for the poisson matrix, Example 11.

671 results with SpecDec are not as accurate as those for Cheb, TayPS and TayH. The  
 672 fastest methods are Taylor-type techniques, but Padé is not significantly slower. VER  
 673 returns NaNs for all dimensions.

674 **6. Conclusions.** We have presented improvements of several known and some  
 675 new methods for computing enclosures for the exponential of a matrix. The methods

676 **TayH**, **TayPS**, **Cheb** rely exclusively on matrix-matrix multiplications so that, as a rule,  
 677 the methods which require the less of those yield the tightest enclosures since they  
 678 reduce the wrapping effect. The methods **Padé** and **Cont** involve a linear system solve  
 679 with a (interval) matrix right hand side. For this task, state-of-the-art interval meth-  
 680 ods are available (implemented as `verifylss.m` of INTLAB, e.g.), which compute  
 681 tight enclosures for the solution set.

682 We performed a number of numerical experiments comparing the quality of the  
 683 computed enclosure and the run time of these methods for a variety of test matrices.  
 684 For general matrices, our new **Padé** is typically the best compromise in terms of ac-  
 685 curacy and speed, closely followed by our Patterson-Stockmeyer variant **TayPS** of the  
 686 Taylor approximation approach. For symmetric matrices, the new **Cheb** or **Padé** are  
 687 generally superior to all other methods. The methods which rely on an either verified  
 688 (**VER**) or approximate (**SpecDec**) spectral decomposition of the matrix suffer from a  
 689 much higher wall clock time and do not, in general, provide tighter enclosures than  
 690 **Padé** and **Cheb**. Moreover, these methods may fail completely for non-diagonalizable  
 691 matrices. Method **Cont** requires the computation of enclosures for several linear sys-  
 692 tems which results in higher computational cost and less accurate overall enclosures  
 693 than **Padé**. Finally, approximate diagonalization can be beneficial or detrimental to  
 694 the quality of the computed enclosures, and it seems hard to characterize classes of  
 695 matrices for which either of these observations would hold in general.

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