

# Nonmodal stability analysis

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## Introduction to Stability Theory

# A Brief History of Hydrodynamic Stability Theory

Hydrodynamic stability theory is an established and mature field of fluid dynamics concerned with the description of *disturbance behavior*.

## Historical highlights

- 1883** Reynolds' experiment
- 1907/08** Orr-Sommerfeld equation
- 1929/33** Tollmien-Schlichting waves
- 1963** Compressible theory (Mack)
- 1965** Spatial stability theory (Gaster)
- 1976** Maximum energy growth (Joseph)
- 1983** Secondary instability theory (Orszag, Patera, Herbert)
- 1990** Absolute/convective instabilities (Huerre, Monkewitz)
- 1992** Parabolized stability equations (Bertolotti, Herbert)



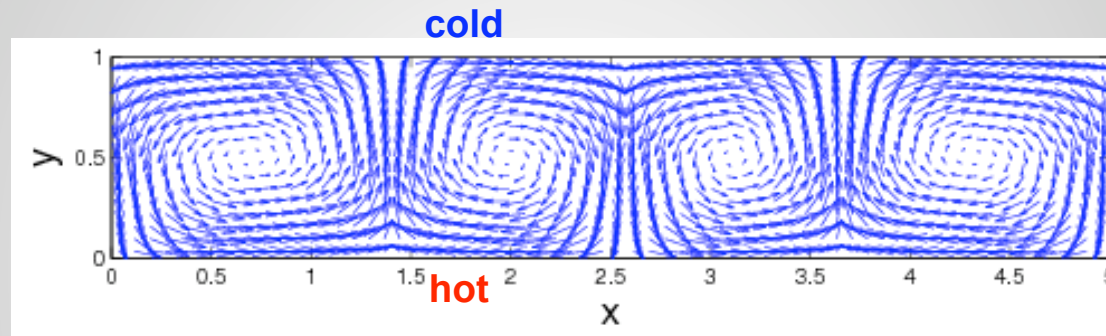
## Two concepts of stability

Linear stability: we are interested in the *minimum* critical parameter above which a specific initial condition of *infinitesimal* amplitude grows *exponentially*

Energy stability: we are interested in the *maximum* critical parameter below which a general initial condition of *finite* amplitude decays *monotonically*

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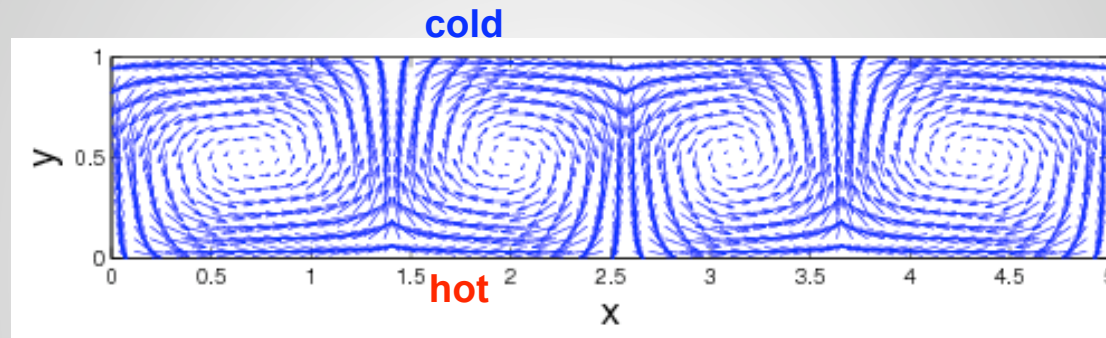


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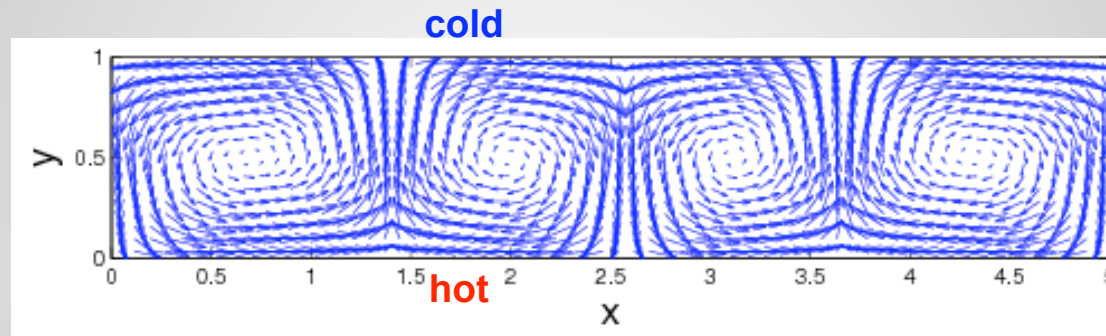


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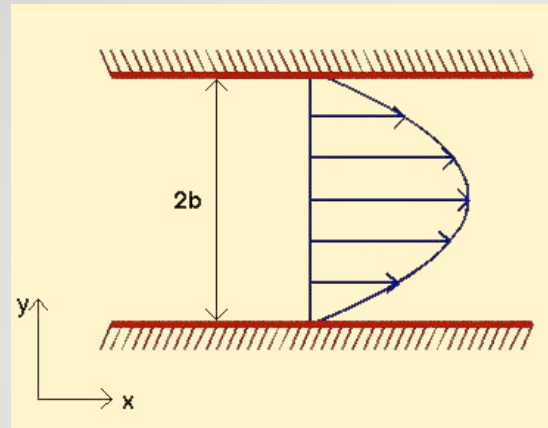


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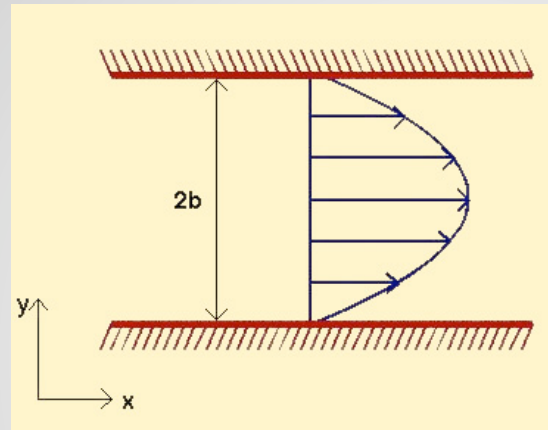


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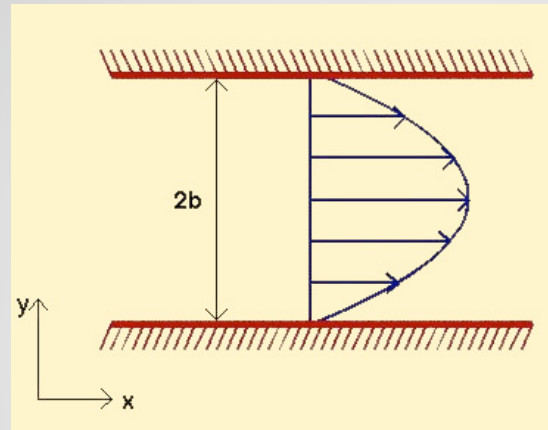
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Reynolds number (a non-dimensionalized velocity) is the governing parameter

**Experiments:** show the breakdown of the parabolic velocity profile at a critical Reynolds number of about **1000**

## Two examples

Linear stability theory, energy stability theory and experiments are in excellent agreement for Rayleigh-Bénard convection

Linear stability theory, energy stability theory and experiments show significant discrepancies for plane Poiseuille flow

### *Questions:*

Can we explain the success and failure of stability theory for the above two examples?

Is there a better way of investigating the stability of plane Poiseuille flow (and many other wall-bounded shear flows)?



## A paradox

### **Fact:**

The nonlinear terms in the Navier-Stokes equations conserve energy.

### **Fact:**

During transition to turbulence we observe a substantial increase in kinetic perturbation energy, even for Reynolds numbers below the critical one.

### **Conclusion:**

The increase in energy for subcritical Reynolds numbers has to be accomplished by a linear process, without relying on an exponential instability; i.e. we need a linear instability without an unstable eigenvalue.

# Linear stability theory as a two-step procedure

Standard linear stability calculations consist of a two-step procedure:

**linearization and diagonalization.**

Most of the failures and shortcomings of linear stability theory have traditionally been blamed on the first step: *linearization*.

The second step, *diagonalization*, has only been questioned recently.

## Linearization: the governing equations

Starting point are the Navier-Stokes equations (assuming incompressible flow)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \quad \text{momentum}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{mass}$$

Linearization step: assuming a steady mean flow  $\mathbf{U}$

decomposition of the flow field into mean and perturbation

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{U} + \varepsilon \mathbf{u}'$$

## Linearization: the governing equations

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further simplifying assumptions: uni-directional mean flow dependent on one spatial coordinate, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{U} = U(y) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

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further simplifying assumptions: wave-like perturbation in the homogeneous directions

$$\mathbf{u} = \hat{\mathbf{u}}(y) \exp(i\alpha x + i\beta z)$$

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$$\hat{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

with

$$\hat{\nabla} = \begin{pmatrix} i\alpha \\ \mathcal{D} \\ i\beta \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\nabla}^2 = \mathcal{D}^2 - \underbrace{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)}_{k^2} \quad \mathcal{D} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

## Linearization: the governing equations

it is convenient to eliminate the pressure (and the continuity equation) by choosing the normal velocity and normal vorticity as the dependent variables

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{v} \\ \hat{\eta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{OS} & 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_C & \mathcal{L}_{SQ} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{v} \\ \hat{\eta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathcal{L}_{OS}$  = Orr-Sommerfeld operator

$\mathcal{L}_{SQ}$  = Squire operator

$\mathcal{L}_C$  = coupling operator

## Linearization: the governing equations

Final step: discretization in the inhomogeneous direction ( $y$ ) using spectral, compact- or finite-difference methods

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \eta \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} L_{OS} & 0 \\ L_C & L_{SQ} \end{pmatrix}}_L \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}}_q$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} q = Lq$$



## Linearization: the governing equations

Formally, this equation has a solution in form of the matrix exponential of  $L$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = Lq$$

$$q = \exp(tL)q_0$$

$$q_0 = q(t = 0)$$

The matrix exponential of  $L$  is the stability operator after the linearization step.

## Linearization: the governing equations

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We can redefine the concept of stability based on the matrix exponential by considering the growth of perturbation energy over time.

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## Diagonalization: eigenvalue analysis

In general, the matrix exponential is difficult to compute. In its place, eigenvalues of  $L$  have been used as proxies.

$$L = S\Lambda S^{-1} \quad \text{eigenvalue decomposition}$$

$$\|\exp(tL)\|^2 = \|\exp(tS\Lambda S^{-1})\|^2 = \|S \exp(t\Lambda) S^{-1}\|^2$$

traditional stability analysis



In traditional stability analysis, the behavior of  $G(t)$  is deduced from the eigenvalues of  $L$ .

**Do the eigenvalues of  $L$  capture the behavior of  $G(t)$  ?**

## Diagonalization: eigenvalue analysis

We can answer this question by computing upper and lower bounds (estimates) on  $G(t)$ .

The energy cannot decay at a faster rate than the one given by the least stable eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}$

$$\textit{lower bound} \quad e^{2t\lambda_{\max}} \leq \|\exp(tL)\|^2$$

For the upper bound we use the eigenvalue decomposition of  $L$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{upper bound} \quad \|\exp(tL)\|^2 &= \|S \exp(t\Lambda) S^{-1}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 e^{2t\lambda_{\max}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$e^{2t\lambda_{\max}} \leq \|\exp(tL)\|^2 \leq \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 e^{2t\lambda_{\max}}$$

Two cases can be distinguished:

$$\kappa(S) = \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 = 1$$

upper and lower bound coincide: the energy amplification is governed by the least stable eigenvalue

$$\kappa(S) = \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 \gg 1$$

upper and lower bound can differ significantly: the energy amplification is governed by the least stable eigenvalue **only for large times**

# Diagonalization: eigenvalue analysis

This suggests distinguishing two different classes of stability problems.

$$\kappa(S) = \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 = 1 \quad \text{normal stability problems}$$

- orthogonal eigenvectors
- eigenvalue analysis captures the dynamics

$$\kappa(S) = \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 \gg 1 \quad \text{nonnormal stability problems}$$

- non-orthogonal eigenvectors
- eigenvalue analysis captures the asymptotic dynamics, but not the short-time behavior

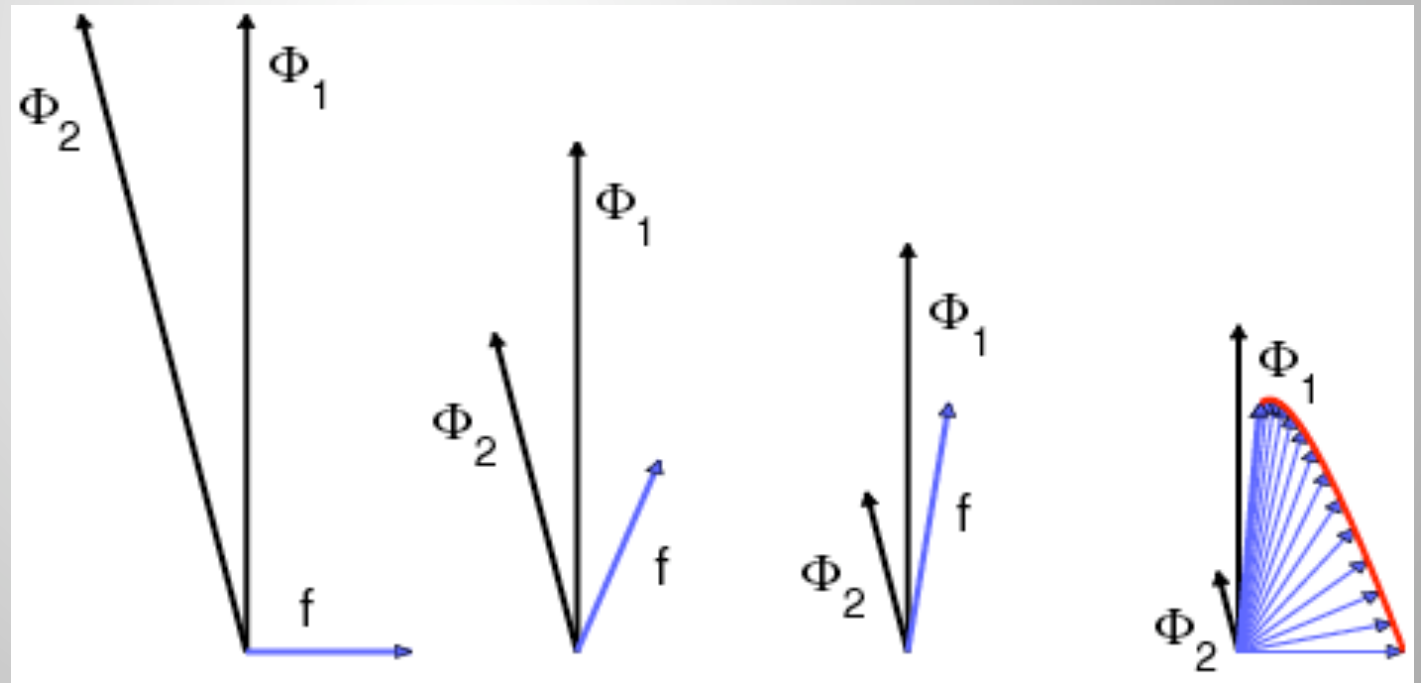


# Diagonalization: eigenvalue analysis

The nonnormality of the system can give rise to transient energy amplification.

Even though we experience exponential decay for large times, the non-orthogonal superposition of eigenvectors can lead to short-time growth of energy.

Geometric interpretation:



# Nonmodal stability analysis

Is there a better way of describing the short-time dynamics of nonnormal stability problems ?

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We start with a Taylor expansion of the matrix exponential about  $t=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= \langle q, q \rangle = \|q\|^2 \\ &= \langle \exp(tL)q_0, \exp(tL)q_0 \rangle \\ &\approx \langle (I + tL)q_0, (I + tL)q_0 \rangle \\ &\approx \langle q_0, q_0 \rangle + t \langle q_0, (L + L^H)q_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## Nonmodal stability analysis

$$E(t) \approx \langle q_0, q_0 \rangle + t \langle q_0, (L + L^H)q_0 \rangle$$

The initial energy growth rate is given by

$$\frac{1}{E} \left. \frac{dE}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \frac{\langle q_0, (L + L^H)q_0 \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle}$$

$(L + L^H)$  is Hermitian (symmetric)

$$\frac{1}{E} \left. \frac{dE}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \lambda_{\max}(L + L^H)$$

numerical abscissa of  $L$

## Nonmodal stability analysis

The numerical abscissa can be generalized to the *numerical range*.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \|q\|^2 &= \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} q, q \right\rangle + \left\langle q, \frac{d}{dt} q \right\rangle \\ &= \langle Lq, q \rangle + \langle q, Lq \rangle \\ &= 2\text{Real} \{ \langle Lq, q \rangle \}\end{aligned}$$

Definition of the numerical range:

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Three important properties of the numerical range:

1. The numerical range is convex.
2. The numerical range contains the spectrum of  $L$ .
3. For normal  $L$ , the numerical range is the convex hull of the spectrum.

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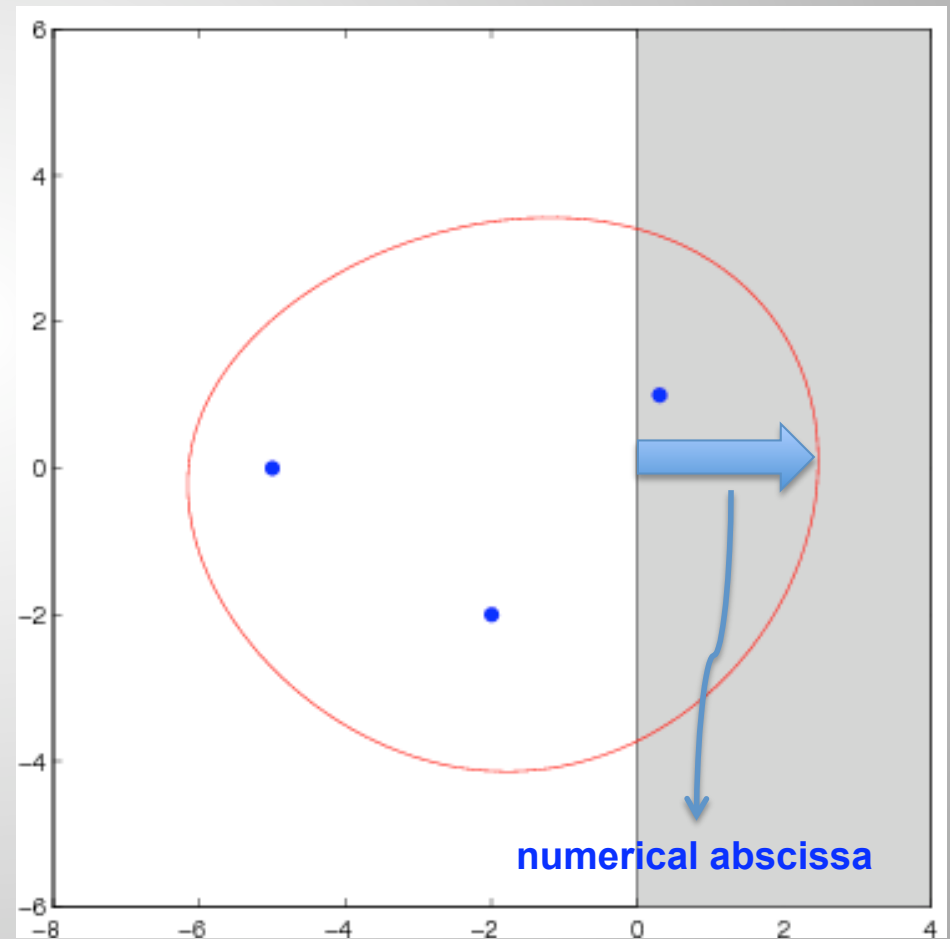
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Illustration:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 4 & 4 \\ & -2 - 2i & 4 \\ & & -0.3 + i \end{pmatrix}$$

The numerical range is substantially larger than the convex hull of the spectrum.



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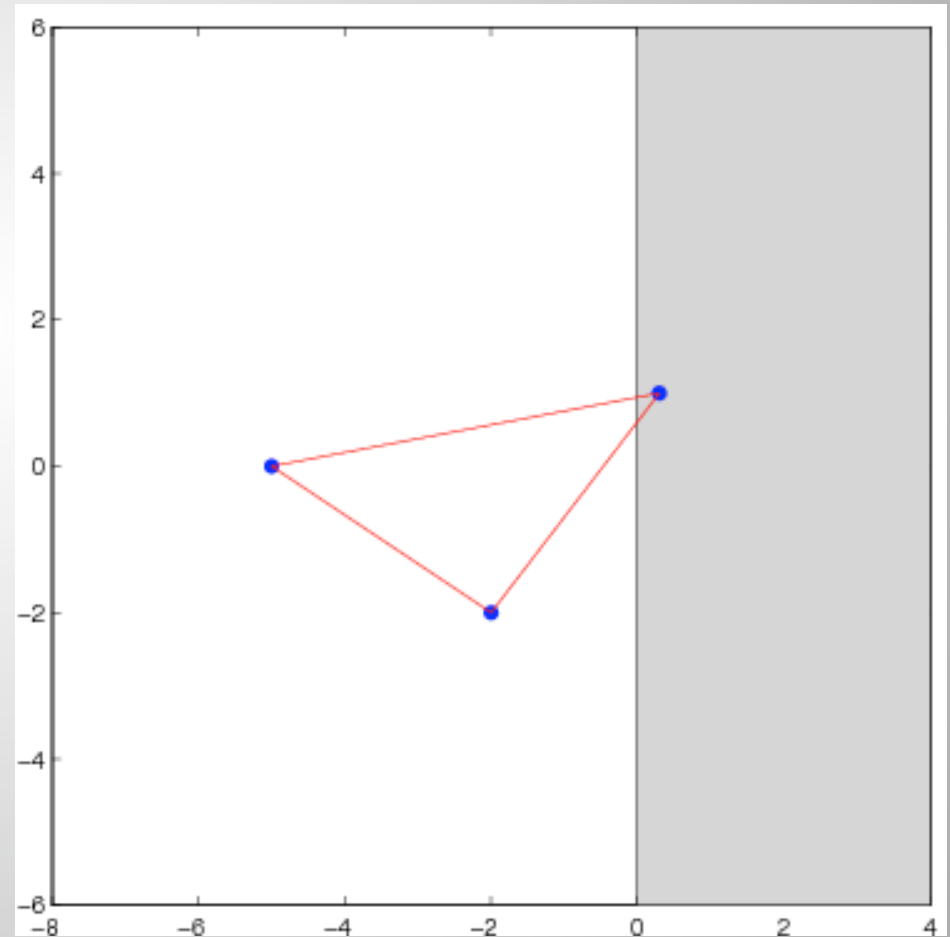
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revisit Rayleigh-Bénard convection and plane Poiseuille flow

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Rayleigh-Bénard convection is a normal stability problem



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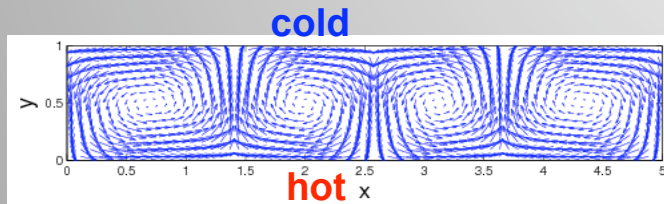
The numerical range and the spectrum cross into the unstable half-plane at the same Rayleigh number.



Initial energy growth and asymptotic instability occur at the same Rayleigh number.



$$Ra_{lin} = Ra_{ener} = 1708$$



The spectrum governs the perturbation dynamics at all times.

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plane Poiseuille flow is a nonnormal stability problem

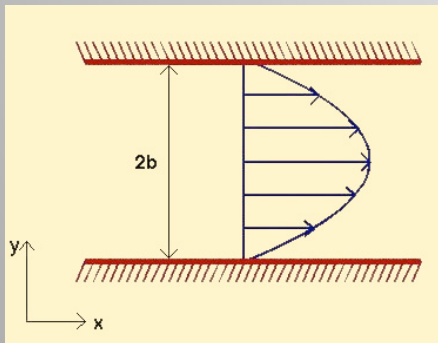
↪ The numerical range is larger than the convex hull of the spectrum.

↪ The numerical range crosses into the unstable half-plane « before » the spectrum crosses into the unstable half-plane.

↪ Initial energy growth is possible « before » asymptotic instability occurs.

↪  $Re_{lin} = 5772 \gg Re_{ener} = 49.6$

↪ The spectrum governs the perturbation dynamics only in the asymptotic limit of  $t \rightarrow \infty$



# Nonmodal stability analysis

For intermediate time, can we determine or estimate the amount of maximum transient growth?

taking the Laplace transform of the matrix exponential

$$q = \exp(tL)q_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \tilde{q} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \exp(tL)q_0 \, dt = (L - sI)^{-1}q_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(L - sI)^{-1}\| &\leq \int_0^{\infty} \|\exp(tL)\| |e^{-st}| \, dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\text{Real}\{s\}} \max_{t \geq 0} \|\exp(tL)\| \end{aligned}$$

$$G_{\max} \geq \max_{\text{Real}\{s\}} \|(L - sI)^{-1}\|$$

**lower bound** for maximum transient growth (Kreiss constant)

How far does the resolvent contours protrude into the unstable half-plane?

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recalling Cauchy's integral formula

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} f(z)(z - a)^{-1} dz$$

applying matrix-version of Cauchy's integral formula to exponential function

$$\exp(tL) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Lambda} e^{zt} (zI - L)^{-1} dz$$

$$G_{\max} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\Lambda} \|(zI - L)^{-1}\| |dz|$$

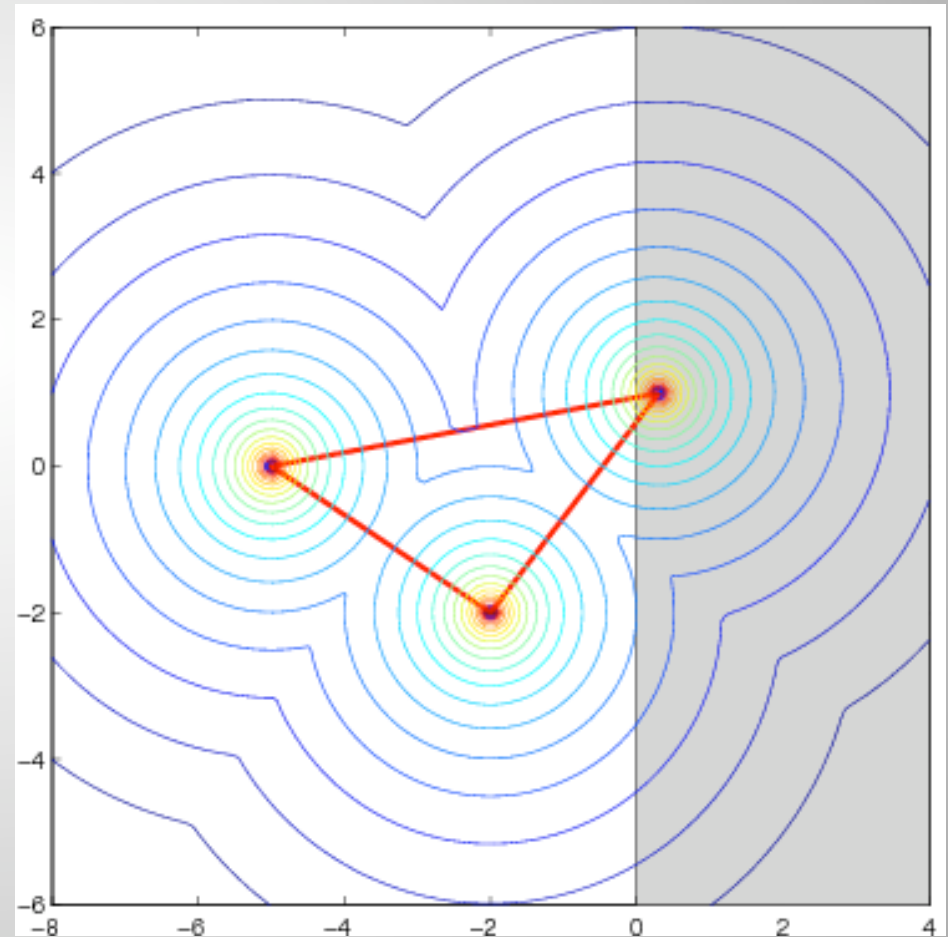
**upper bound** for maximum transient growth (Cauchy integral)

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normal matrix



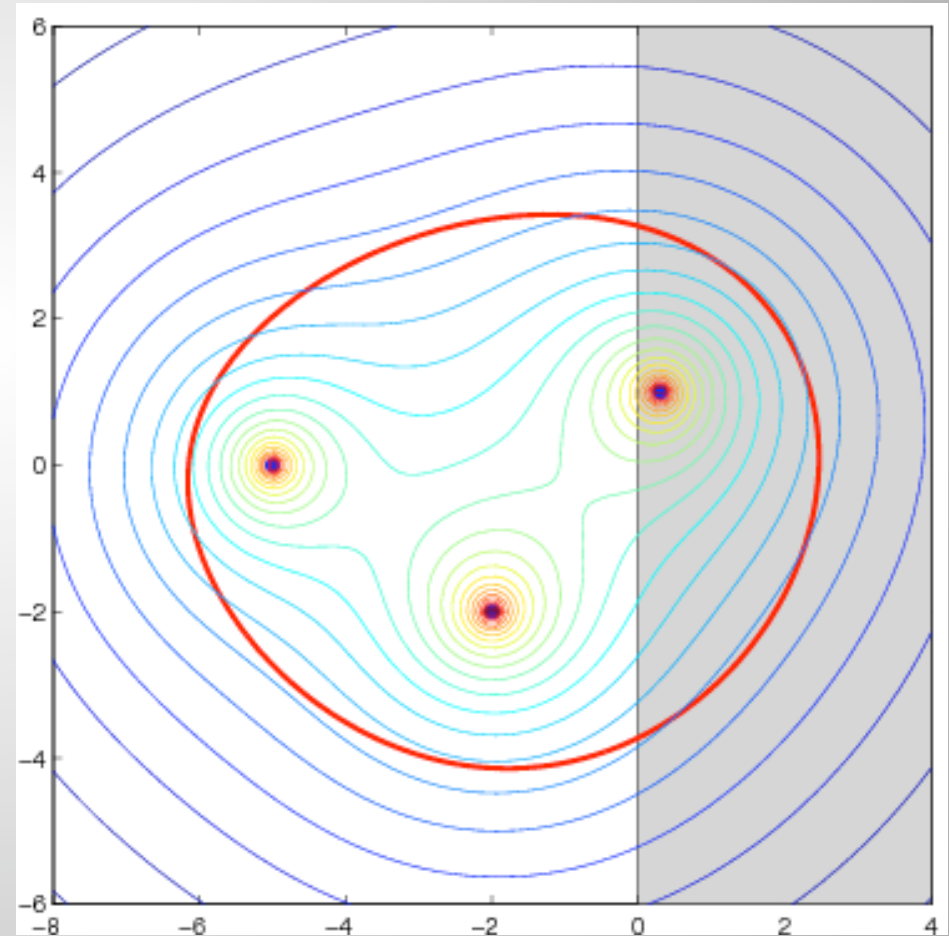


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## Summary

short time

$$\frac{1}{E} \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{t=0+} = \lambda_{\max}(L + L^H)$$

(numerical abscissa)

intermediate time

$$\max_{\text{Real}\{s\}} \text{Real}\{s\} \|(L - sI)^{-1}\| \leq G_{\max} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\Lambda} \|(zI - L)^{-1}\| |dz|$$

(resolvent norm)

long time

$$G(t \rightarrow \infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\exp(tL)\| = e^{t\lambda_{\max}}$$

(eigenvalues)



# Nonmodal stability analysis

additional interpretation of the resolvent norm: eigenvalue sensitivity

For a well-posed system we expect small perturbations to have a small effect.

Let us perturb our matrix  $L$  by random matrices of small norm and estimate the effect on the eigenvalues.

$$(L + E - \lambda I)u = 0 \quad \|E\| = \varepsilon$$

$$(L - \lambda I)u = -Eu$$

$$\|(L - \lambda I)u\| \leq \varepsilon \|u\|$$

$$\|(L - \lambda I)^{-1}\| \geq \varepsilon^{-1}$$


The resolvent contours contain eigenvalues of the perturbed matrix.

Highly sensitive eigenvalues are often the « first sign » of non-normality.

# Nonmodal stability analysis

The energy amplification curve  $G(t)$  is the envelope over many individual growth curves.

For each point on this curve, a specific initial condition reaches its maximum energy amplification at this point (in time).

Can we recover the initial condition that results in the maximum energy amplification at a given time?  optimal initial condition

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equation that governs the optimal initial condition

$$\exp(t^* L) q_0 = q(t^*)$$

$q_0$  input (initial condition)  
 $q(t^*)$  output (final condition)

Assume that the initial condition satisfies  $\|q_0\| = 1$  and normalize the output such that  $\|\bar{q}(t^*)\| = 1$

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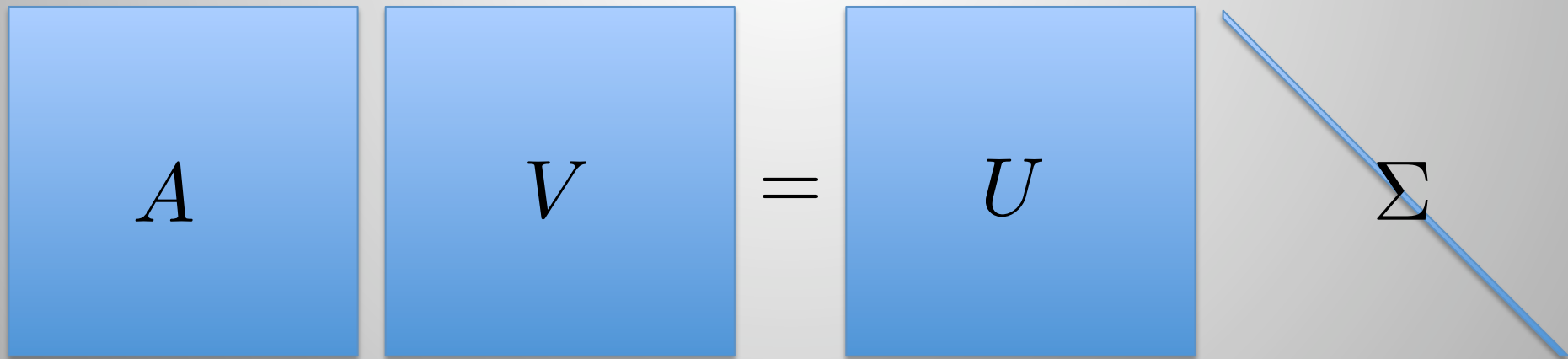
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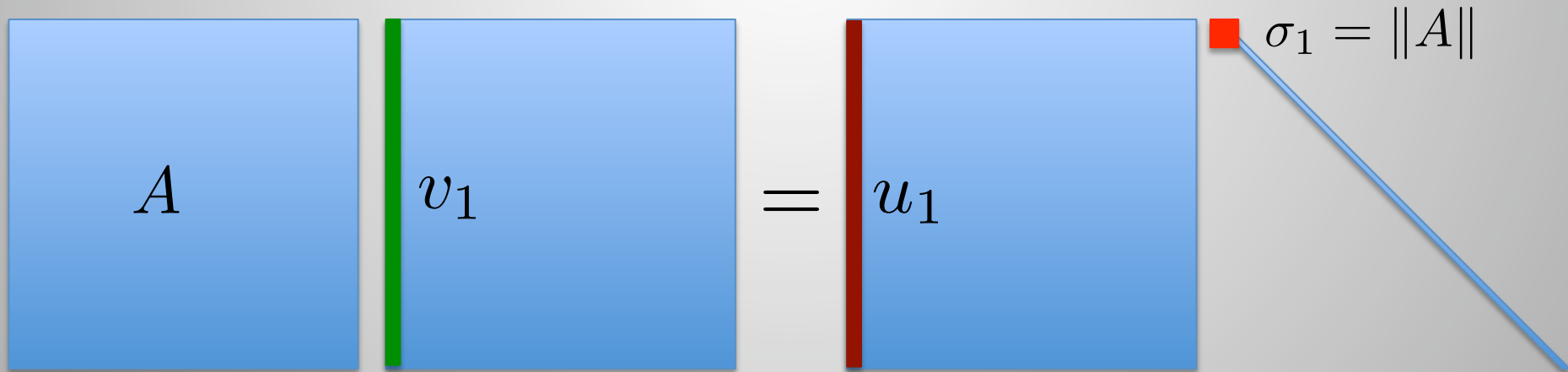
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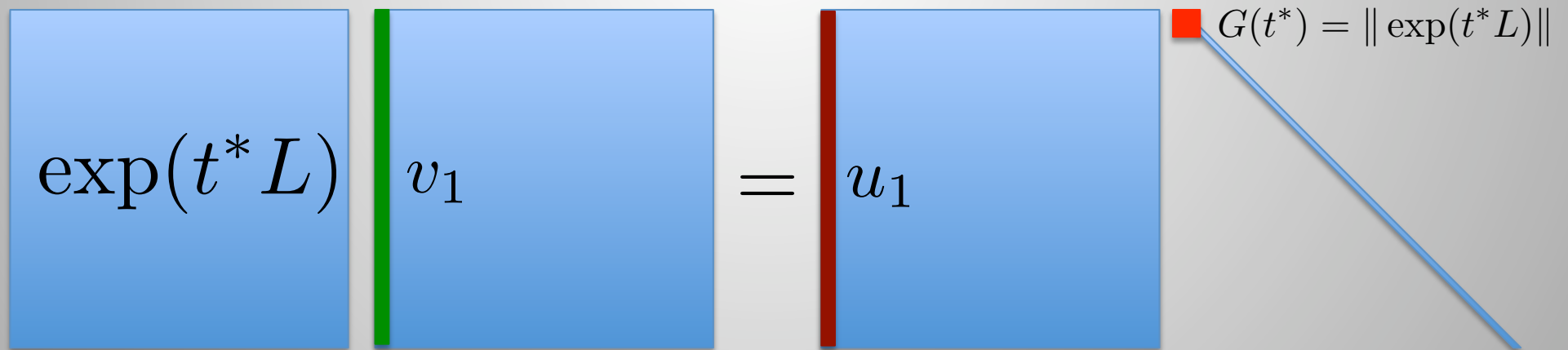
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The singular-value decomposition of our matrix exponential at  $t^*$  is

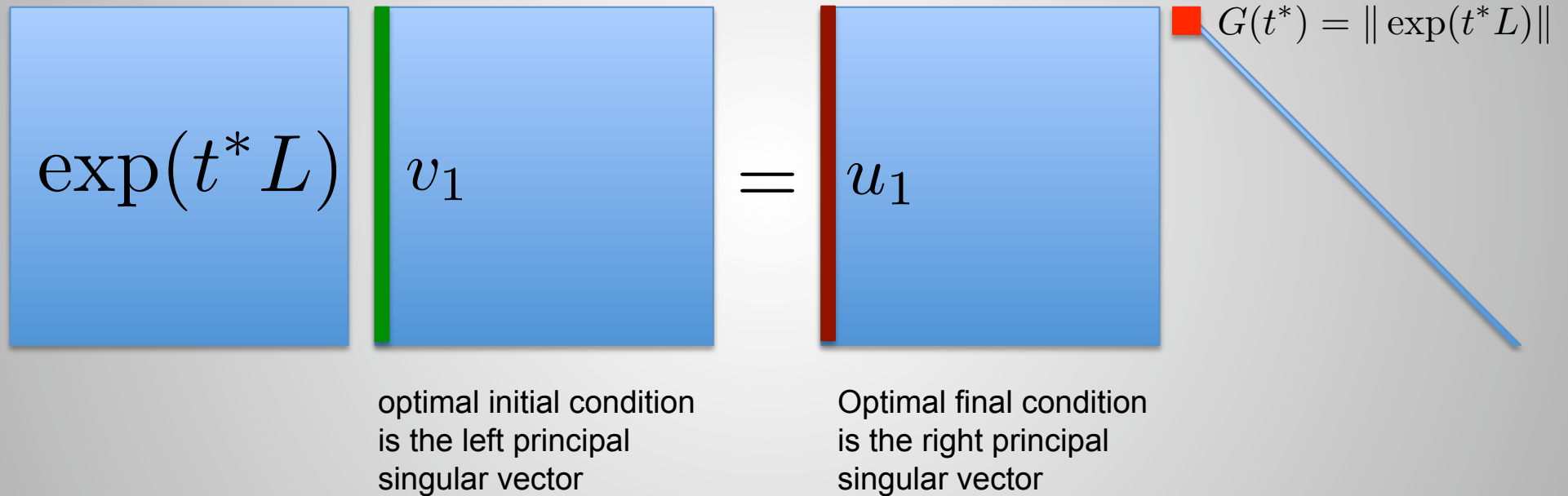
$$\text{svd}(\exp(t^* L)) = U \Sigma V^H$$





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# Nonmodal stability analysis

often we are interested in the response of our fluid system to external forces (modelling free-stream turbulence, acoustic waves, wall-roughness etc.)

in this case, our governing equation can be formulated as

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = Lq + f \quad f \text{ model of external forces}$$

the response to forcing (particular solution, i.e., zero initial condition) is

$$q_p = \int_0^t \exp((\tau - t)L) f(\tau) d\tau$$

(memory integral)

## Nonmodal stability analysis

for the special case of harmonic forcing  $f = \hat{f}e^{i\omega t}$

this simplifies to

$$\hat{q}_p = (i\omega - L)^{-1} \hat{f}$$

and the optimal response (optimized over all possible forcing functions) becomes

$$R(\omega) = \max_{\hat{f}} \frac{\|\hat{q}_p\|}{\|\hat{f}\|} = \max_{\hat{f}} \frac{\|(i\omega - L)^{-1} \hat{f}\|}{\|\hat{f}\|} = \|(i\omega - L)^{-1}\|$$

(resolvent norm)

# Nonmodal stability analysis

eigenvalue-based analysis recovers the classical resonance condition

$$\|(i\omega - L)^{-1}\| = \|S(i\omega - \Lambda)^{-1}S^{-1}\| \leq \kappa(S) \frac{1}{\text{dist}\{i\omega, \Lambda\}}$$

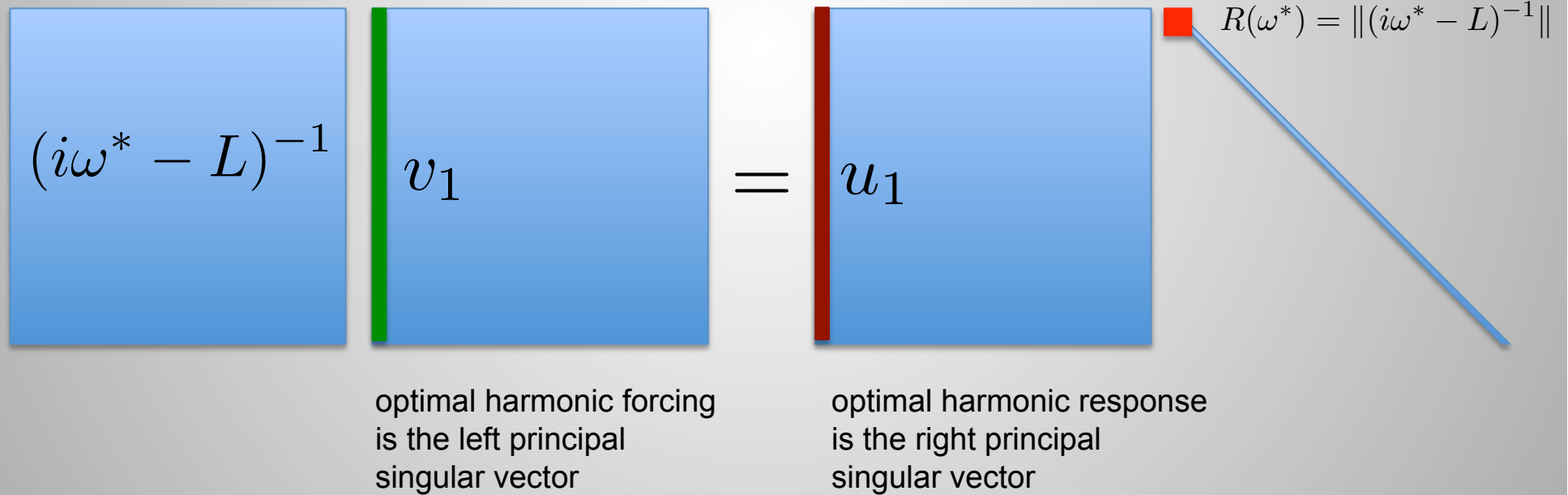
for a **normal** system, the classical resonance condition (closeness of forcing frequency to one of the eigenfrequencies) holds

for a **non-normal** system, we can have a **pseudo-resonance** (large response to outside forcing) even though the forcing frequency is far from an eigenfrequency of the linear system

# Nonmodal stability analysis

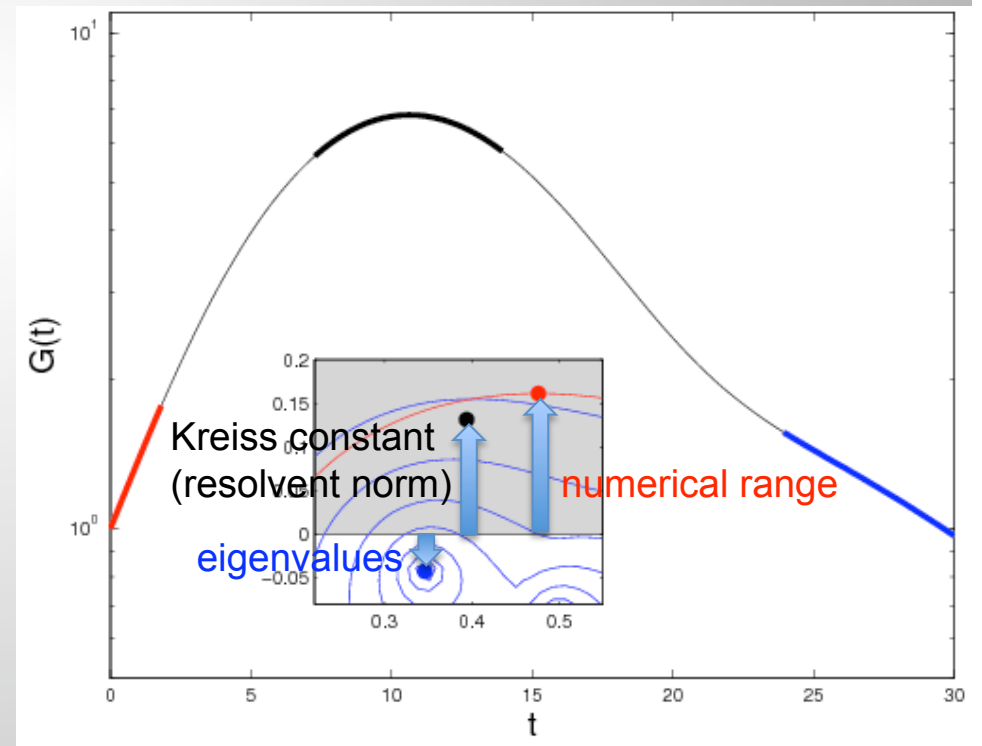
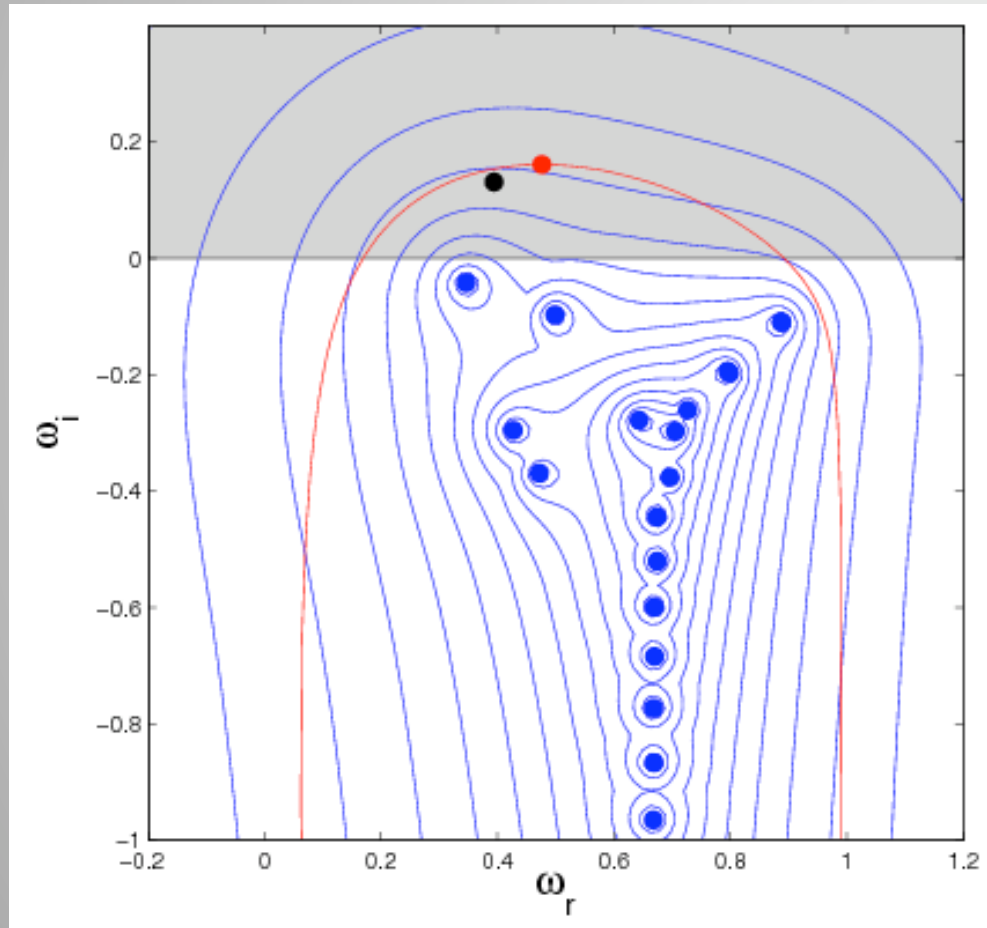
to obtain the optimal forcing we proceed as before (i.e., take the svd)

$$\underbrace{(i\omega^* - L)^{-1}}_{\text{transfer function}} \underbrace{\bar{f}}_{\text{forcing (unit energy)}} = \underbrace{\| (i\omega^* - L)^{-1} \|}_{\text{amplification}} \underbrace{\bar{q}_p}_{\text{response (unit energy)}}$$



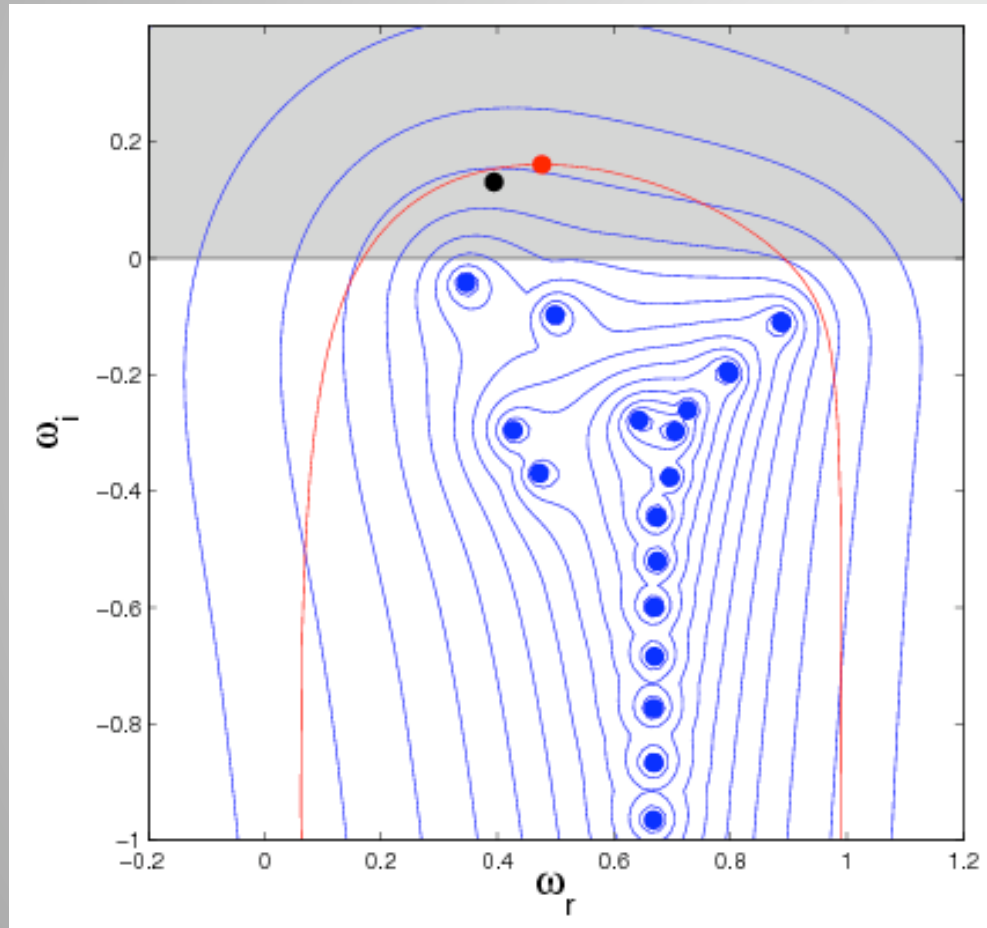
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Example: plane Poiseuille flow

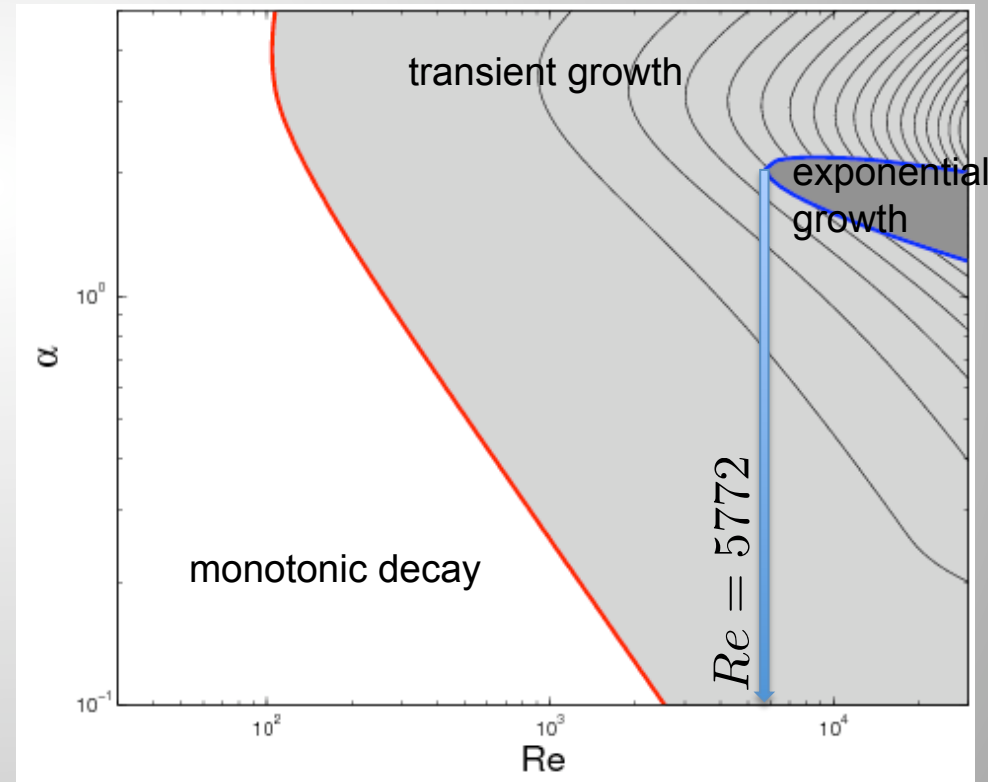


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neutral curve

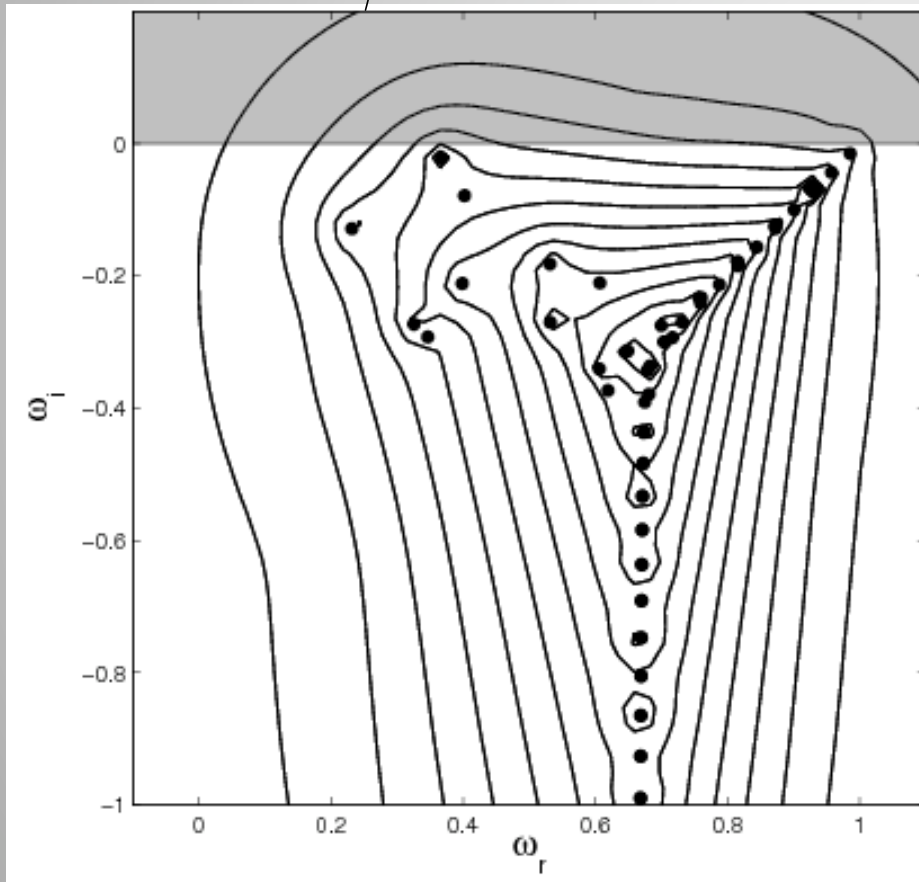




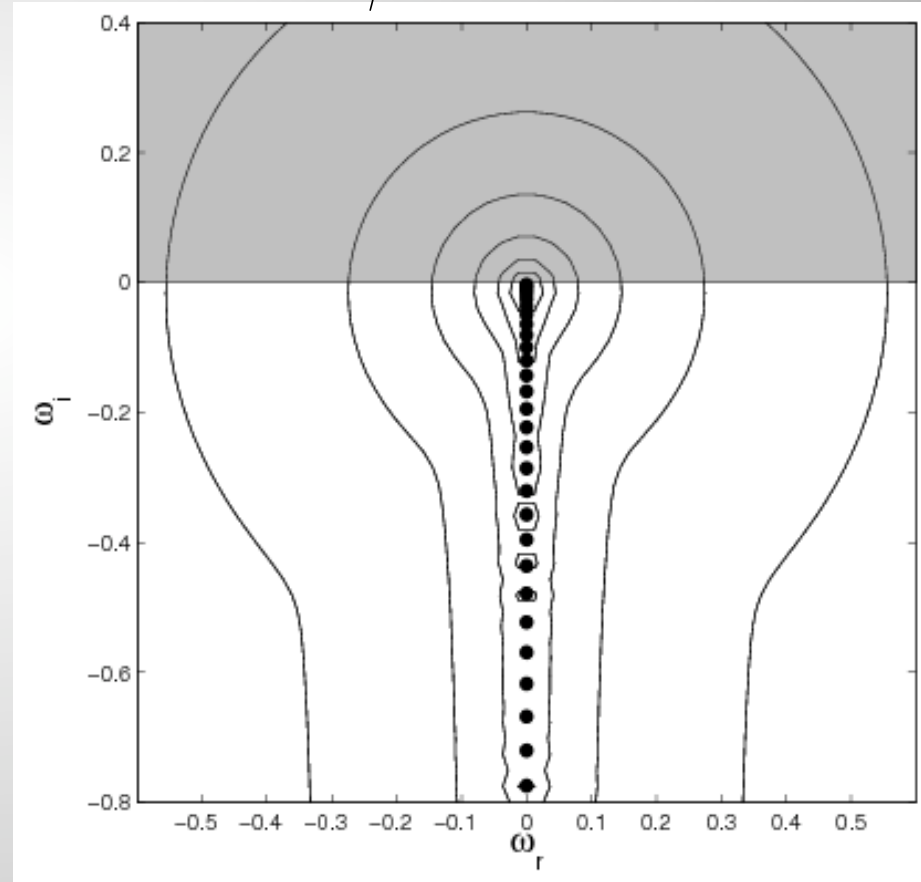
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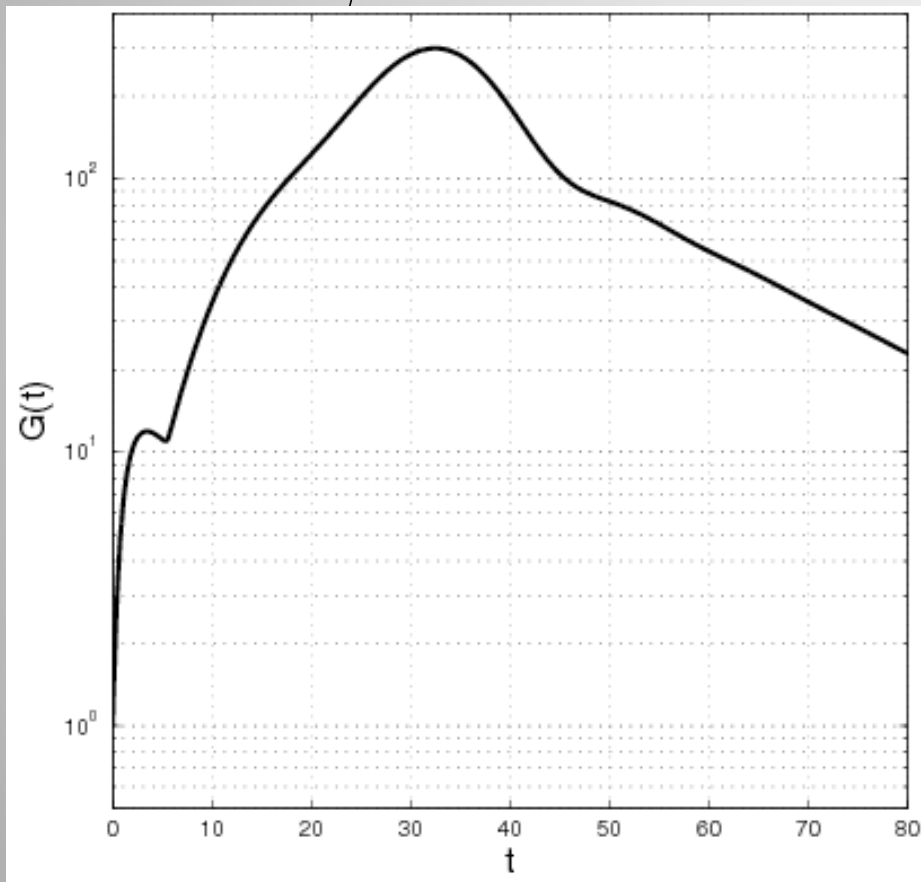




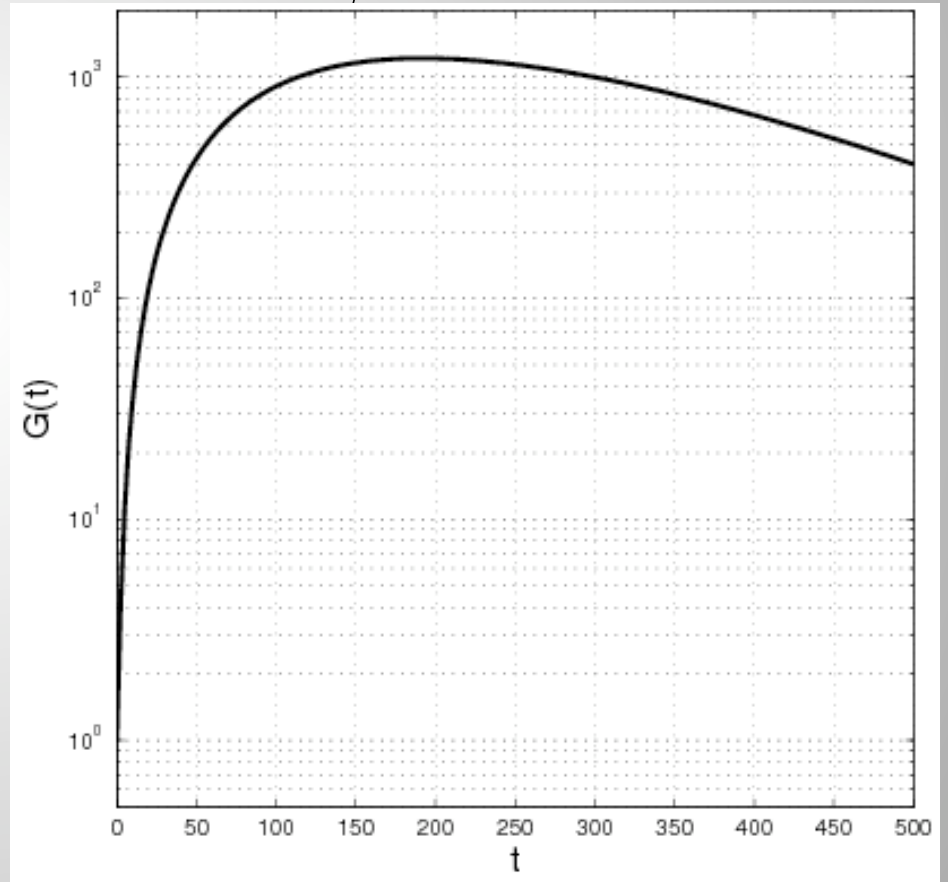
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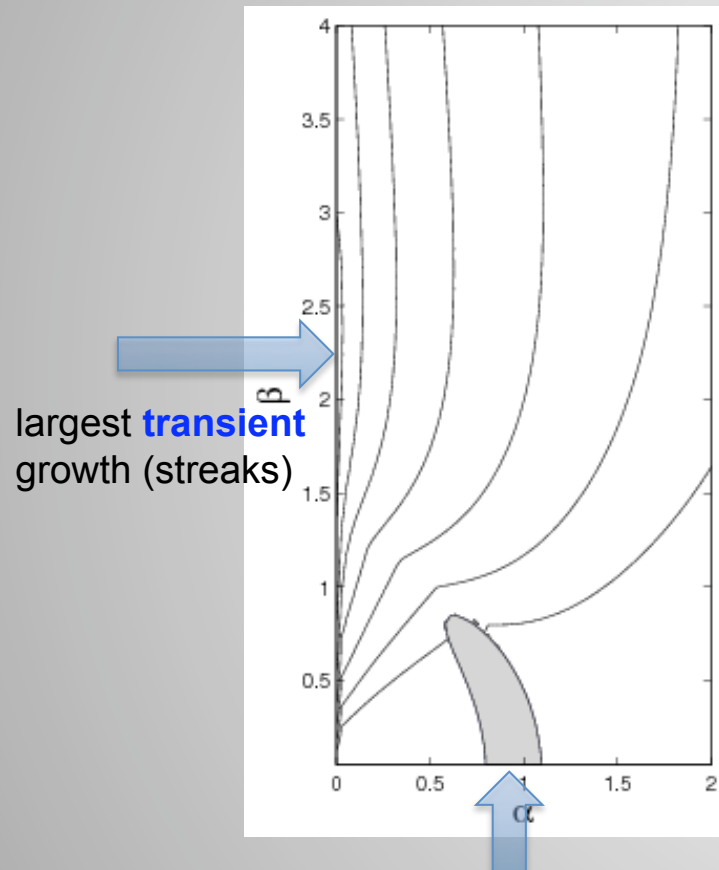


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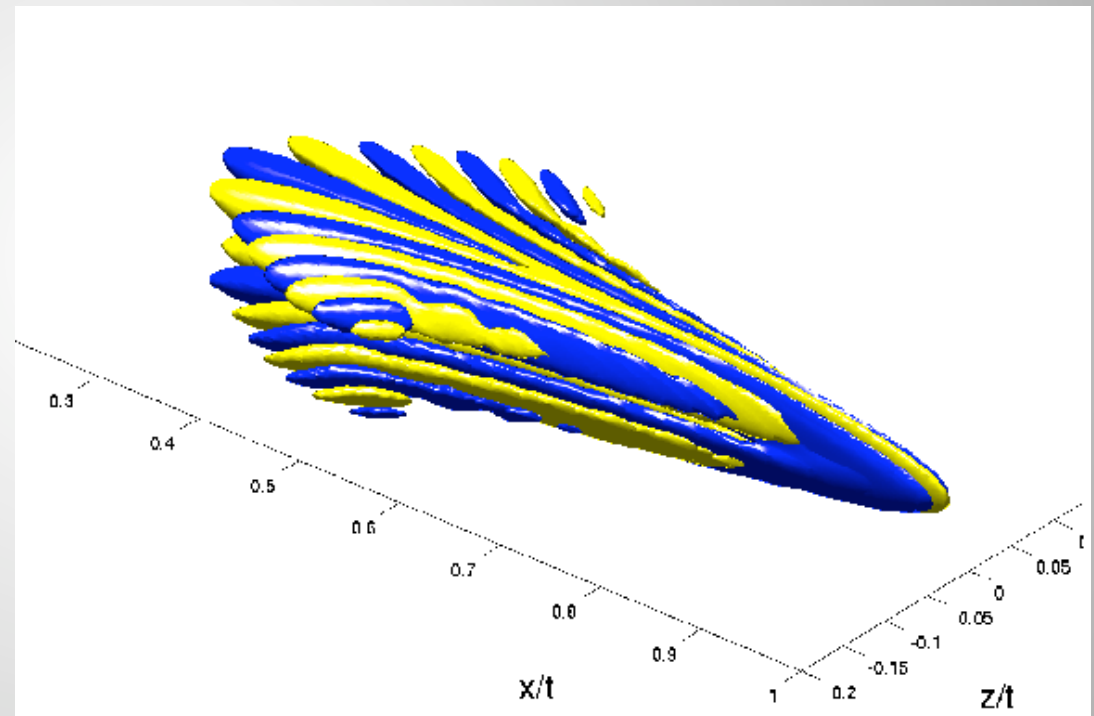


# Nonmodal stability analysis

Example: plane Poiseuille flow



three-dimensional impulse response



largest **exponential** growth (Tollmien-Schlichting wave)






# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

Various generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis are possible which allow us to account for additional physical effects, such as

- stochastic forcing
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- time-periodic and generally time-dependent flow
- nonlinear perturbation dynamics
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# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

time-periodic and generally time-dependent flow



pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

In many industrial applications (e.g., turbomachinery) the mean flow is periodic in time due to an oscillatory pressure gradient

We have

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = L(t)q \qquad L(t + T) = L(t)$$

period T

with the formal solution

$$\text{final solution } q(t) = A(t)q_0 \text{ initial condition}$$

propagator

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

periodicity requires that

$$A(t + T) = A(t) \quad A(T) = A(t) C$$



monodromy matrix  
(mapping over one period)

$$q_n = C q_{n-1} = C^n q_0$$

initial state



# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

time-periodic and generally time-dependent flow



pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

$$q_n = C q_{n-1} = C^n q_0$$

energy amplification from period to period

$$G_n^2 = \max_{q_0} \frac{\|q_n\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} = \max_{q_0} \frac{\|C^n q_0\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} = \|C^n\|^2$$

The eigenvalues of  $C$  are known as Floquet multipliers.

Question: Do the Floquet multipliers describe the behavior of  $\|C^n\|^2$ ?



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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
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as before, let us compute bounds

$$\rho^{2n} \leq \|C^n\|^2 \leq \kappa^2(S) \rho^{2n}$$

largest Floquet  
multiplier

**Conclusion:** only for normal monodromy matrices does the largest Floquet multiplier describe the behavior from period to period

for nonnormal monodromy matrices there is a potential for transient amplification from period to period; only the asymptotic behavior  $n \rightarrow \infty$  is governed by the largest Floquet multiplier

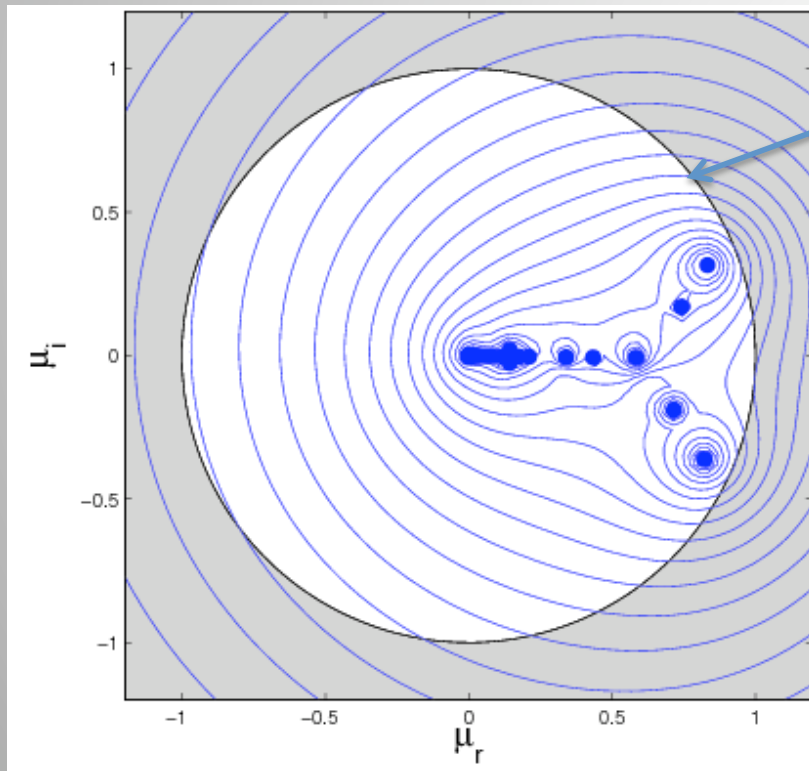
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Example: pulsatile channel flow



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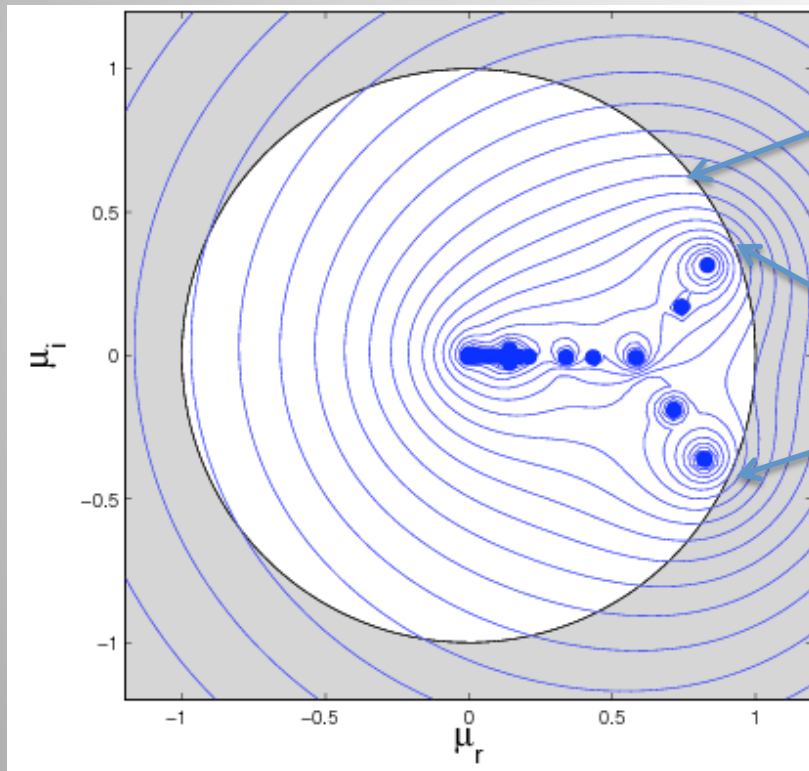
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the resolvent contours reach outside the unit disk suggesting initial transient growth from period to period

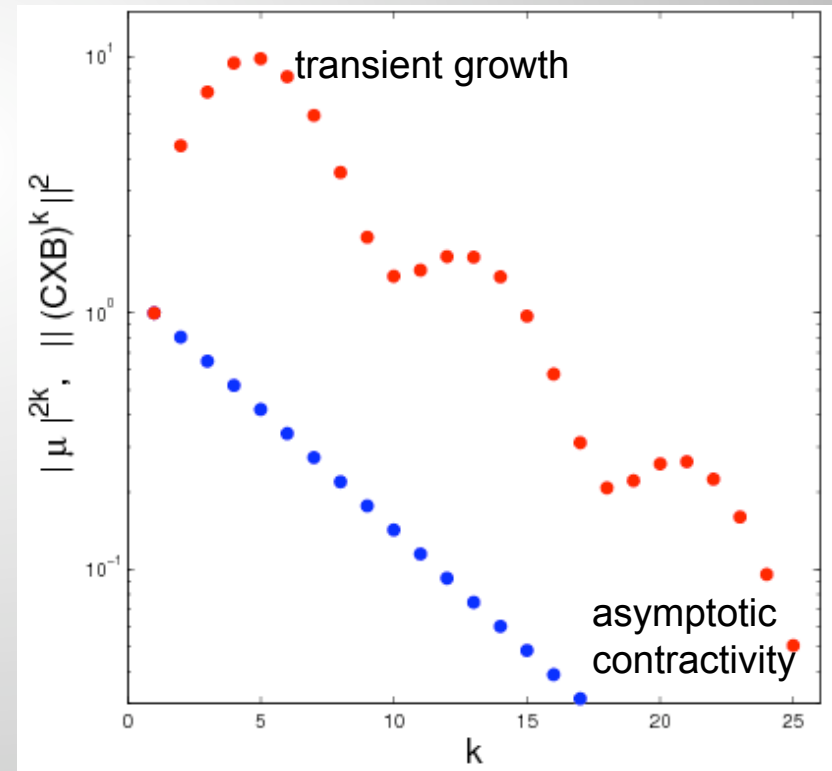
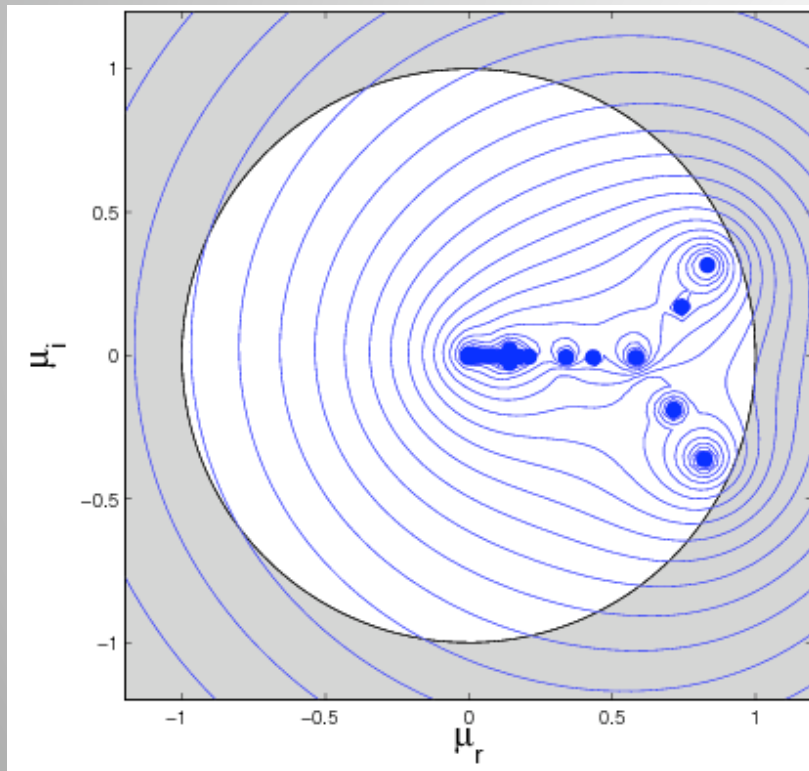
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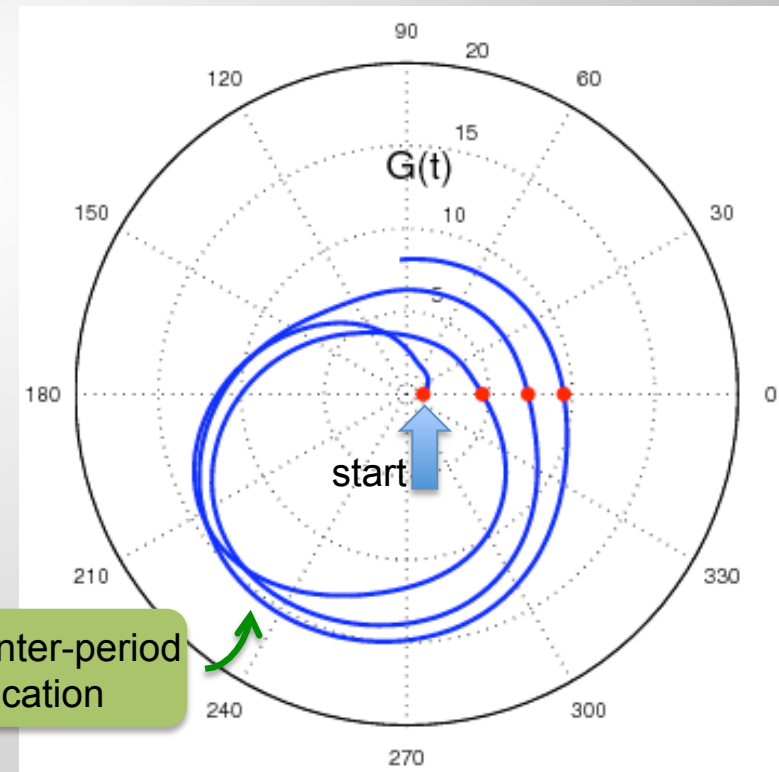
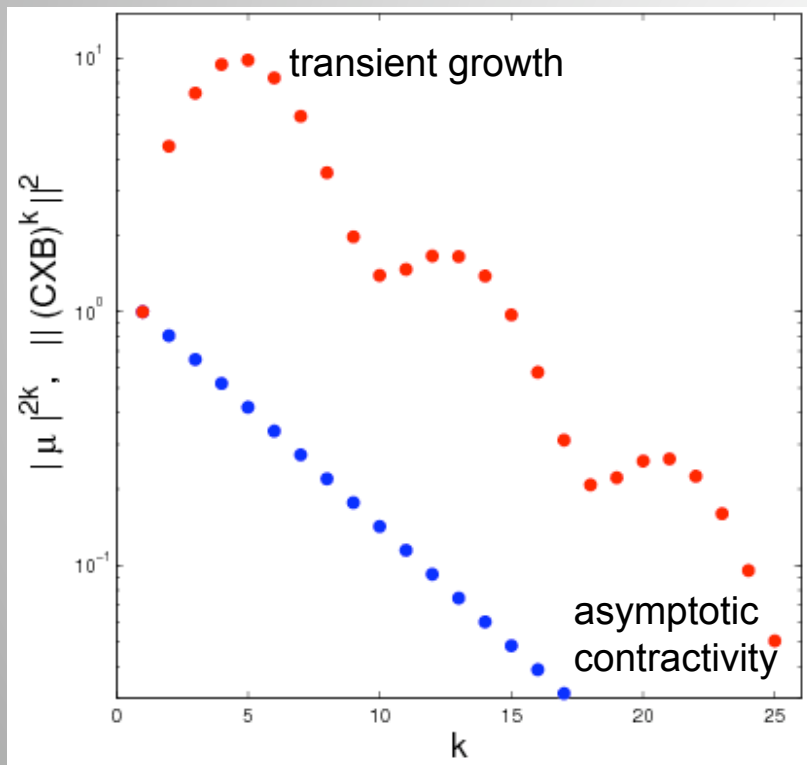
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large inter-period  
amplification

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Example: pulsatile channel flow

Can we analyze the amplification of energy between one period, i.e., for a non-periodic system matrix ?

We have

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = L(t)q$$

with the formal solution

$$q(t) = A(t) q_0$$

final solution                      propagator                      initial condition



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Example: pulsatile channel flow

We can formulate the optimal amplification of energy as

$$\begin{aligned} G(t)^2 &= \max_{q_0} \frac{\langle q, q \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle} \\ &= \max_{q_0} \frac{\langle A(t)q_0, A(t)q_0 \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle} \\ &= \max_{q_0} \frac{\langle A^H(t)A(t)q_0, q_0 \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle} \end{aligned}$$



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Example: pulsatile channel flow

$$G(t)^2 = \max_{q_0} \frac{\langle A^H(t) A(t) q_0, q_0 \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle}$$

$A^H A$  is a **normal** matrix

→ the maximum is achieved for the principal eigenvector of  $A^H A$

→ the principal eigenvector (and eigenvalue) can be found by power iteration

$$q_0^{(n+1)} = \rho^{(n)} A^H A q_0^{(n)}$$

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Example: pulsatile channel flow

$$q_0^{(n+1)} = \rho^{(n)} A^H \boxed{A q_0^{(n)}}$$

break to power iteration into two pieces

first step

$$w(t) = A q_0^{(n)}$$

propagation of initial condition forward in time

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second step

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propagation of final condition backward in time

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

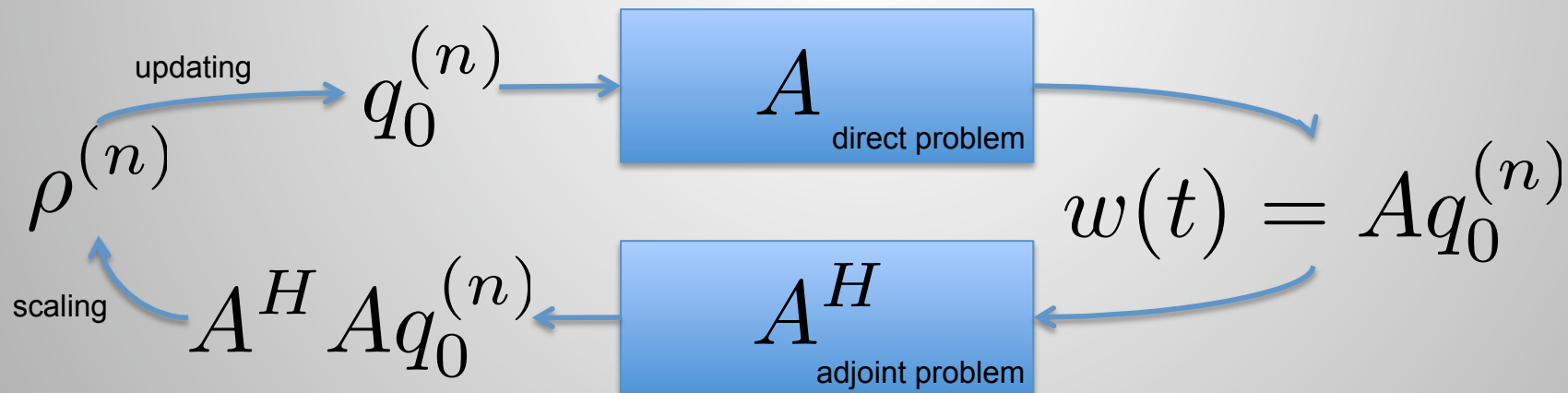
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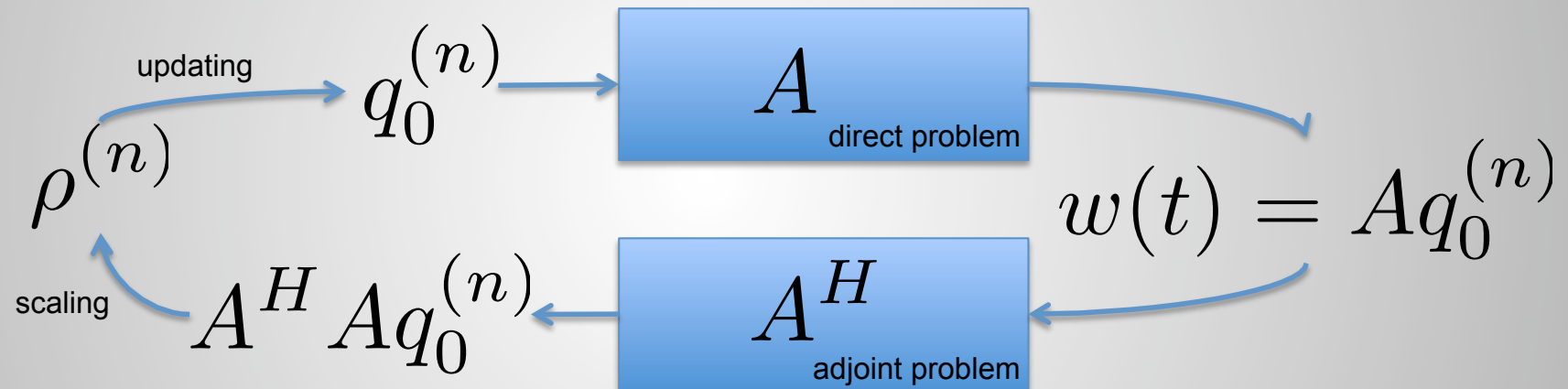
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$A$  can be any discretized solution operator. The above technique (adjoint looping) can be applied to general time-dependent stability problems.

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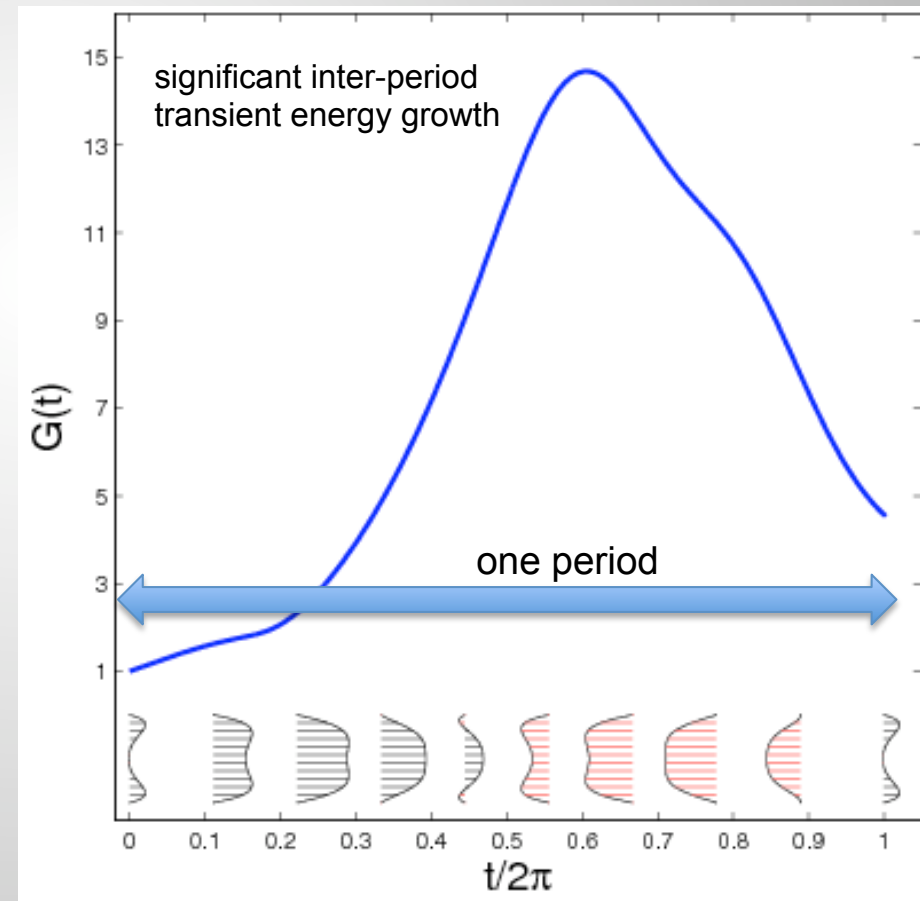
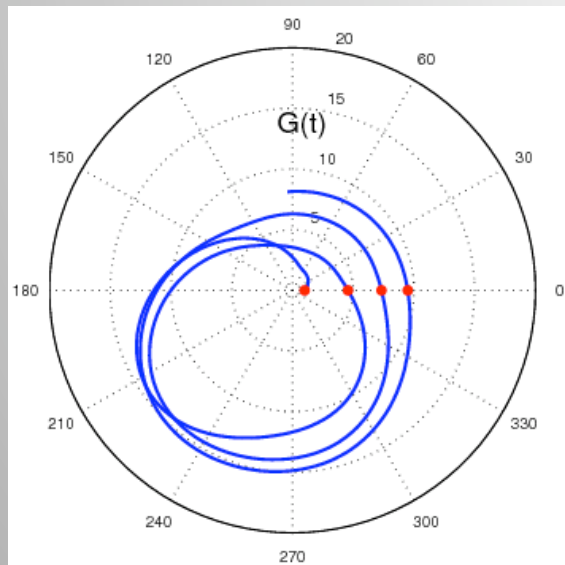
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Example: pulsatile channel flow

applying adjoint looping to the pulsatile (inter-period) stability problem



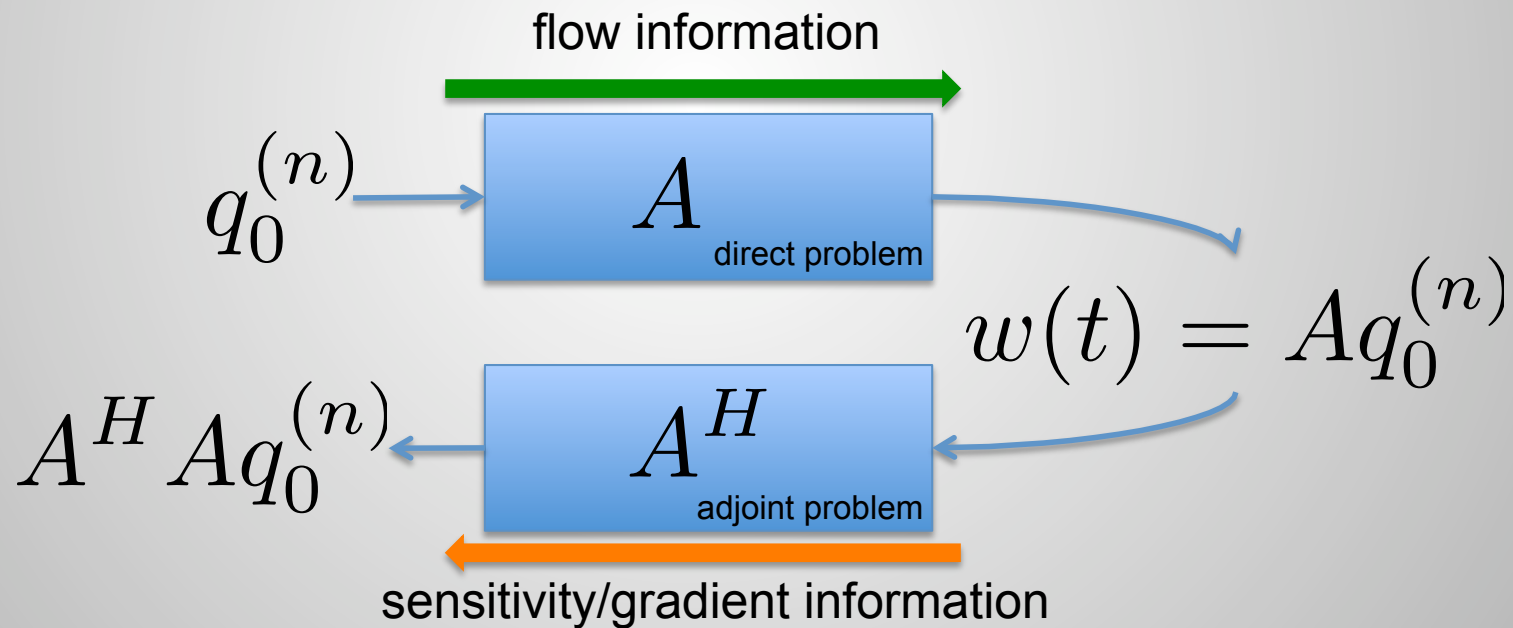
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Another look at the direct-adjoint system





# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

time-periodic and generally time-dependent flow



pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

reformulate the optimal growth problem variationally

we wish to optimize

$$J = \frac{\|q\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} \rightarrow \max$$

subject to the constraint

$$\frac{d}{dt}q - Lq = 0$$

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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

rather than substituting the constraint directly into the cost functional ...

$$J = \frac{\|q\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} = \frac{\|\exp(tL)q_0\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} \rightarrow \max$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}q - Lq = 0$$

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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

... we enforce the equation via a Lagrange multiplier  $\tilde{q}$

$$J = \frac{\|q\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} - \left\langle \tilde{q}, \left( \frac{d}{dt}q - Lq \right) \right\rangle \rightarrow \max$$

This has the advantage that the solution to the governing equation does not have to be known explicitly.

Other constraints (such as initial and boundary conditions) can be added.

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

for an optimum we have to require all first variations of J to be zero

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$$\left\langle \left( -\frac{d}{dt}\tilde{q} - L^H\tilde{q} \right), \delta q \right\rangle = 0$$

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direct problem

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta q} = 0$$



$$-\frac{d}{dt}\tilde{q} - L^H\tilde{q} = 0$$

adjoint problem



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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

adjoint variables can be interpreted as sensitivities

$$J = \text{obj} - \left\langle \tilde{q}, \left( \frac{d}{dt} q - Lq \right) \right\rangle \rightarrow \max$$

let us add an external body force to the governing equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} q - Lq = f$$

external force

$$\delta J = -\langle \tilde{q}, \delta f \rangle$$

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$$\nabla_f J = -\tilde{q}$$

sensitivity to external body force

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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

Example: which adjoint variable measures the sensitivity to a mass source/sink?

$$J = \text{obj} - \underbrace{\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, NS(\mathbf{u}) \rangle}_{\text{enforcing momentum conservation}} - \underbrace{\langle \xi, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \rangle}_{\text{enforcing mass conservation}}$$

$$- \langle \xi, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \rangle \xrightarrow[\text{by parts}]{\text{integration}} \langle \nabla \xi, \delta \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

$\xi$  is the adjoint pressure

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assuming a mass source/sink

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = Q$$

$$\delta J = \langle \xi, \delta Q \rangle$$

adjoint pressure =  
sensitivity to a mass source/sink

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pseudo-Floquet analysis  
adjoint analysis

for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations

← forcing | sensitivity →

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \text{advdiff}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{u}) + \nabla p = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = Q$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_w \quad \text{on} \quad y = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{F}} J = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\nabla_Q J = \tilde{p}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}_w} J = \tilde{\sigma}|_w$$

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

nonlinear perturbation dynamics



adjoint analysis  
with check-pointing

the variational formulation also allows us to add **nonlinear** constraints to the cost functional

$$J = \text{obj} - \left\langle \tilde{q}, \left( \frac{d}{dt} q - N(q) \right) \right\rangle \rightarrow \max$$

nonlinear Navier-Stokes equations

How does this affect the adjoint looping ?

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

nonlinear perturbation dynamics



adjoint analysis  
with check-pointing

Example: nonlinear advective terms

$$\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{u} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{first variation}} \langle -\mathbf{u} \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \delta \mathbf{u} \rangle$$

We have **direct** terms appearing in the **adjoint** equation.



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nonlinear perturbation dynamics



adjoint analysis  
with check-pointing

$q_0^{(n)}$

$\mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{u}$   
direct nonlinear problem

$\mathbf{u}(0) \dots \dots \dots \mathbf{u}(t)$

$-\mathbf{u} \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$   
linear adjoint problem

## checkpointing

the flow fields at the forward sweep have to be saved and injected into the backward sweep

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

multiple inhomogeneous directions/complex geometry



global mode analysis

for most industrial applications we cannot assume the existence of homogeneous directions that can be treated by a Fourier transform

rather, the eigenfunction will depend on more than one inhomogeneous coordinate direction

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global mode analysis

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \vdots \\ q_N \end{pmatrix}$$

state vector

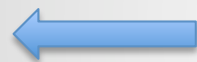
$$L \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$$

stability matrix

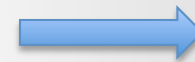
$$\sim N^3$$

operation count

one inhomogeneous direction



state vector



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state vector

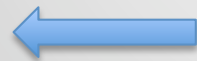
$$L \in \mathbb{C}^{N^2 \times N^2}$$

stability matrix

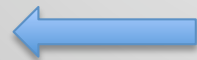
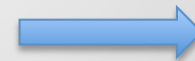
$$\sim N^6$$

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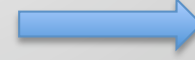
two inhomogeneous directions



stability matrix



operation count



# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

multiple inhomogeneous directions/complex geometry



global mode analysis

→ direct eigenvalue algorithms quickly become prohibitively expensive

→ iterative eigenvalue algorithms (Arnoldi technique) have to be used

# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

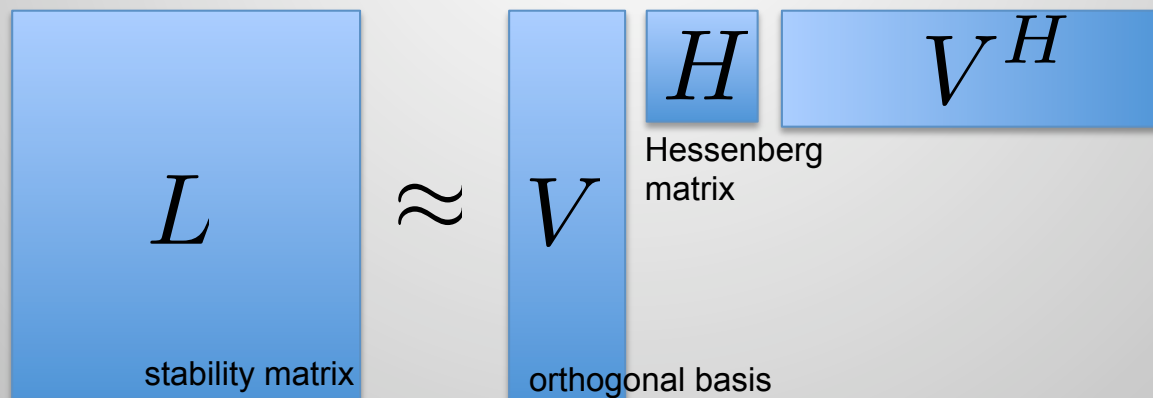
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global mode analysis

Arnoldi algorithm

represent the (large) stability matrix by a low-rank approximation based on an orthogonal basis



# Generalizations of nonmodal stability analysis

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global mode analysis

$$q_k = L q_{k-1}$$

for  $j = 1 : k - 1$

$$H_{j,k-1} = \langle q_j, q_k \rangle$$

$$q_k = q_k - H_{j,k-1} q_j$$

end

$$H_{k,k-1} = \|q_k\|$$

$$q_k = q_k / H_{k,k-1}$$

only multiplications by L are necessary

$$\rightarrow \text{eig}\{L\} \approx \text{eig}\{H\}$$

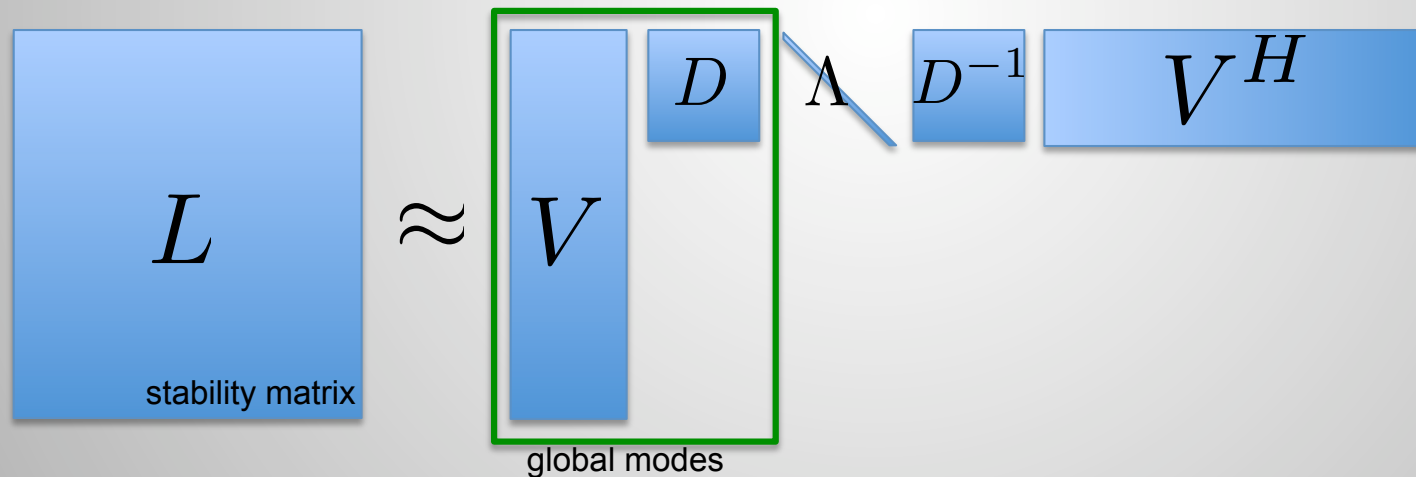
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computing global modes by diagonalizing  $H = D\Lambda D^{-1}$





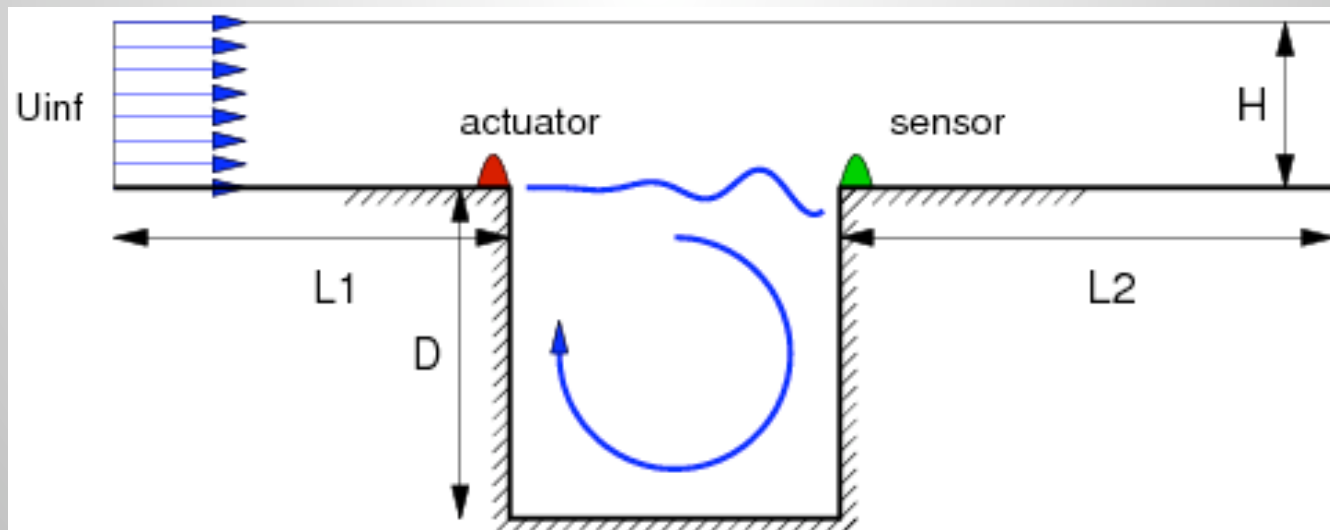
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Examples of global modes: open cavity flow (two-dimensional)



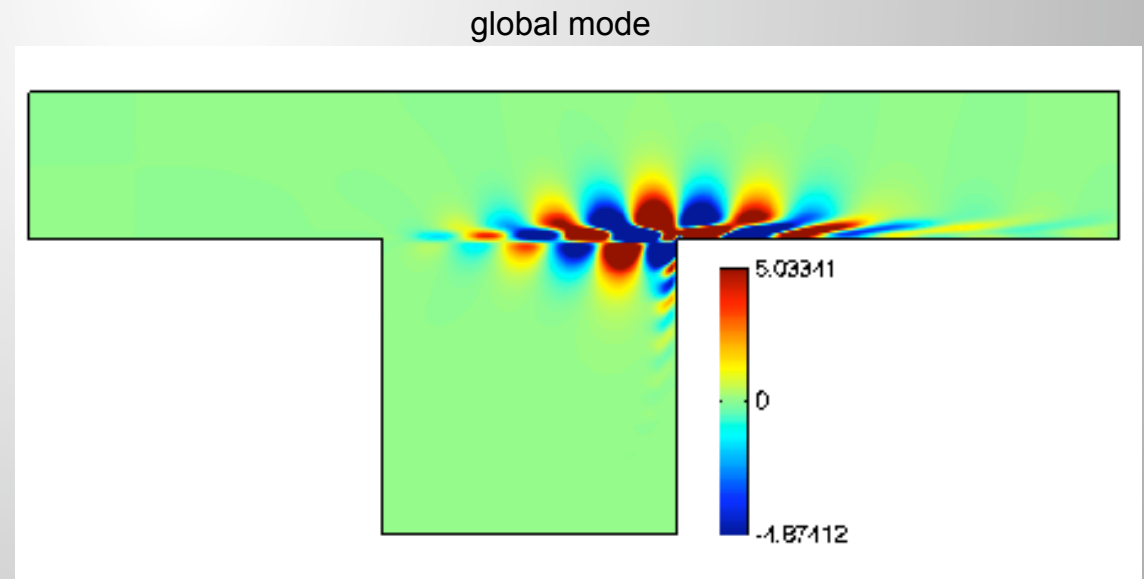
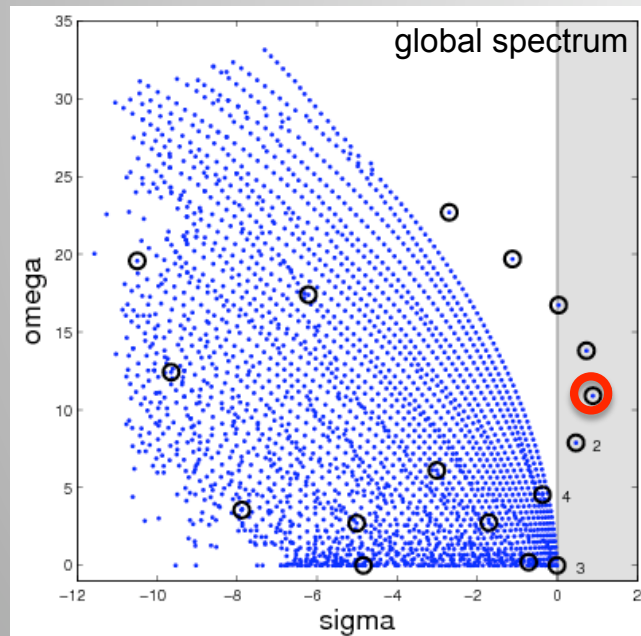
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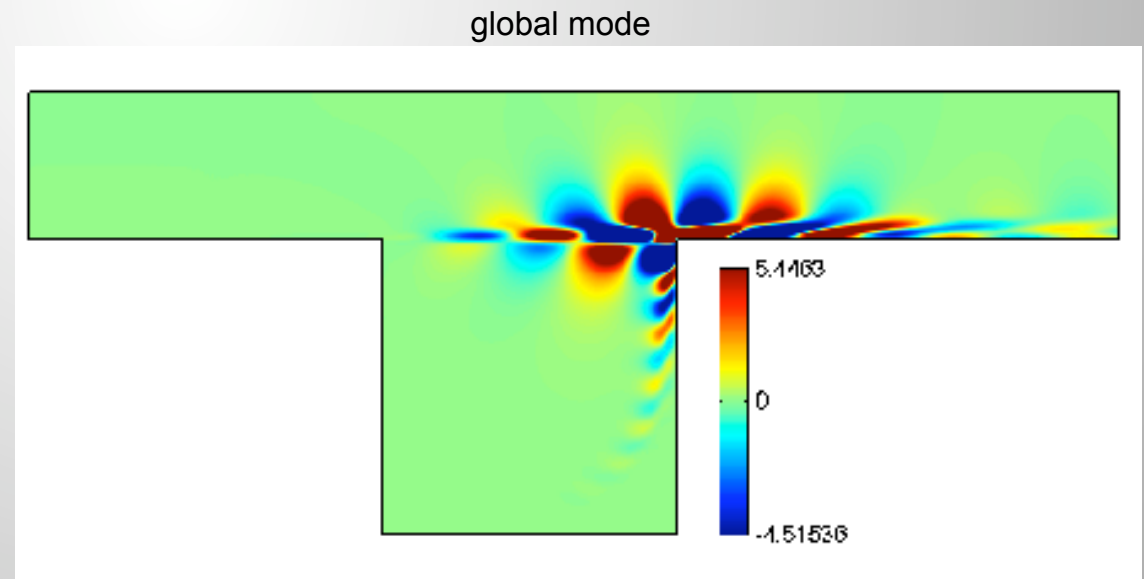
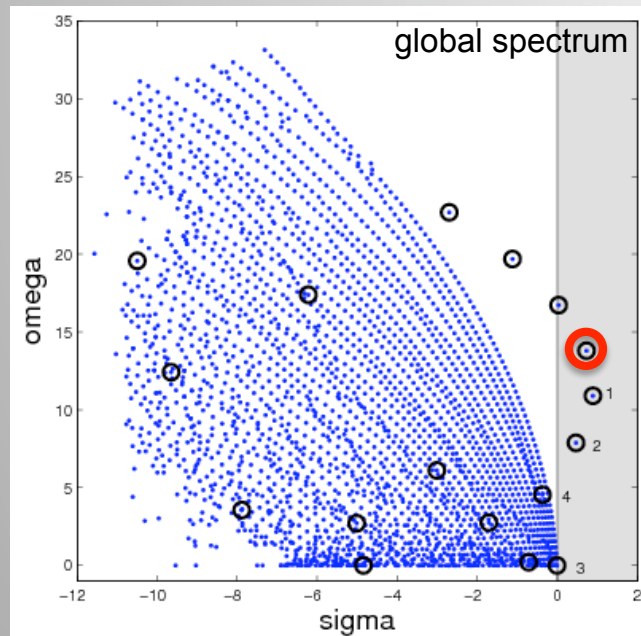
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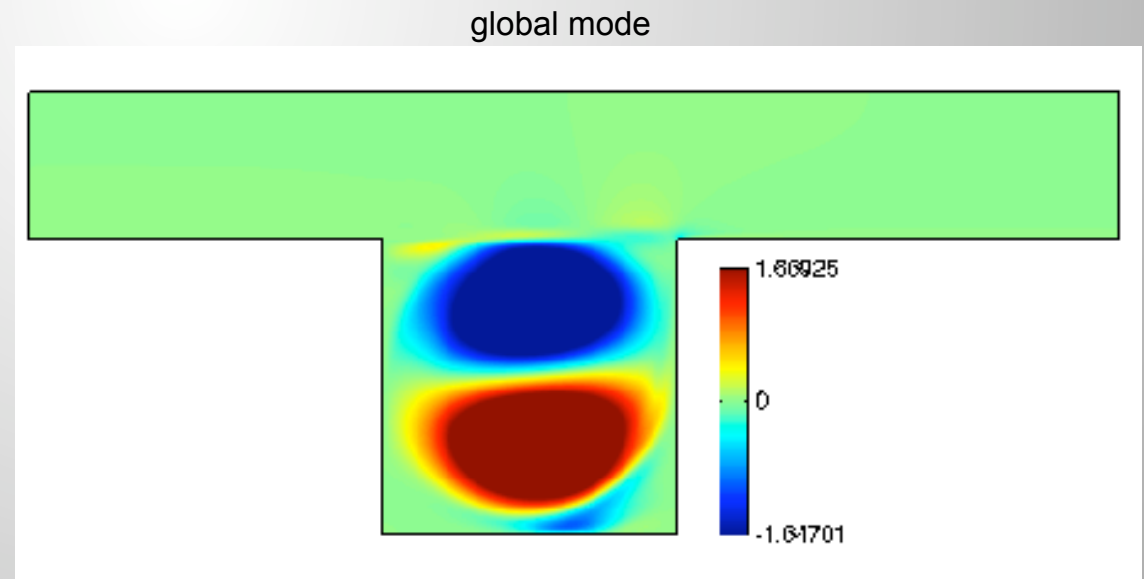
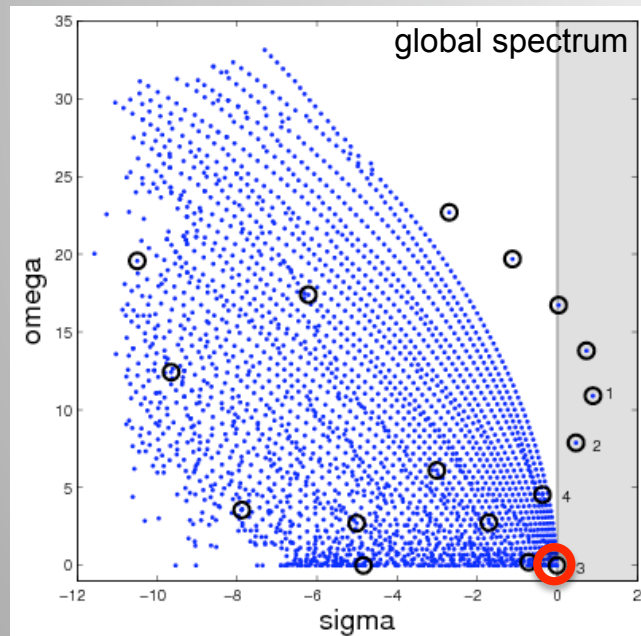
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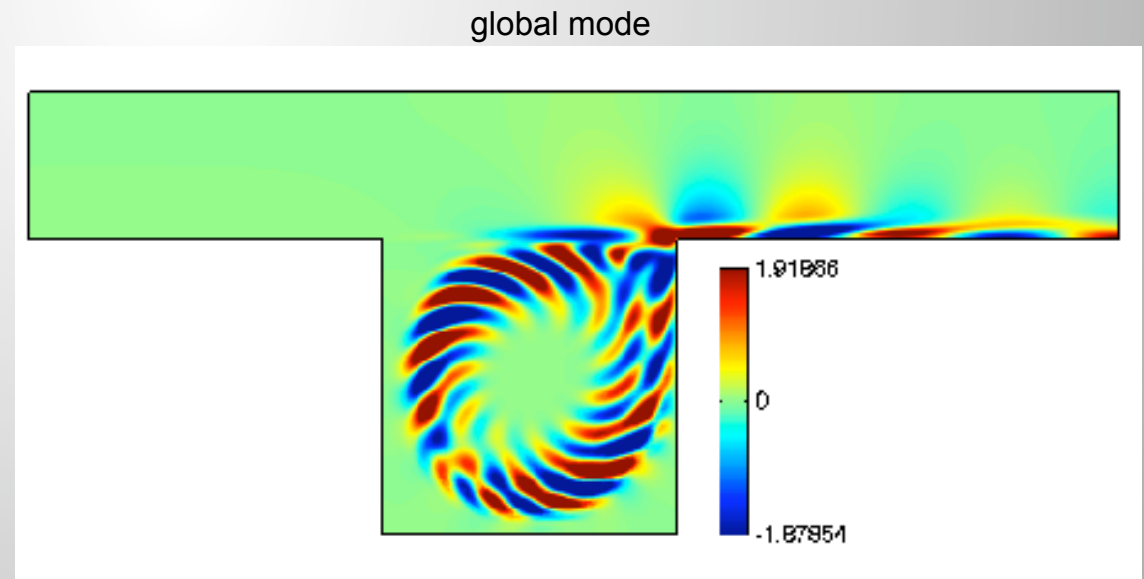
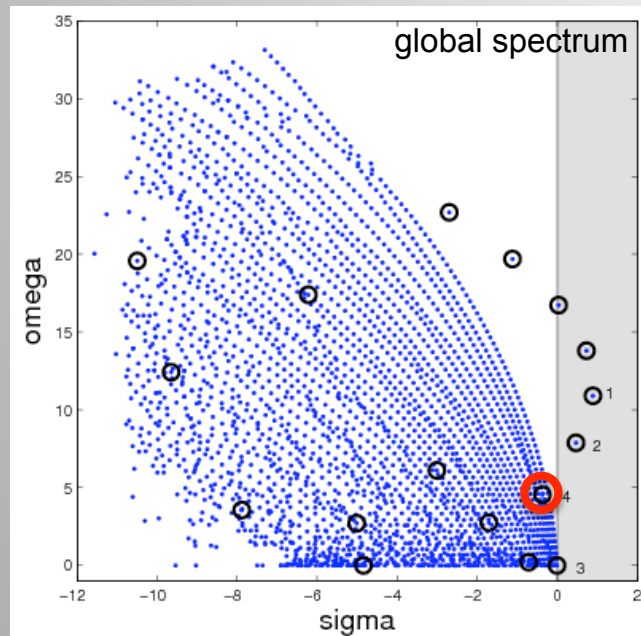
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