

Ten Years of Space Junk and related Symbolic-Numeric Algorithms





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How it started?

How it's going?

Joint works with D. Arzelier, F. Bréhard, M. Masson, J.-B. Lasserre, B. Salvy, R. Serra

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Validated numerics:

Speed & reliability via set-based computations

efficient numerics + bounds on roundoff, discretization, truncation errors

(Moore'62, Kulisch, Kaucher, Miranker '80s, Makino&Berz '90, Tucker'99, Lessard'12, Nakao&Plum'19...)

Difficult task for generic classes of numerical routines.

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Validated Computing Challenges

Example: Orbital collision probability evaluation



Space debris population model (source : ESA)



Cerise hit by a debris in 1996 (CNES/D. Ducros)

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Conjunction illustration

Thomas Pesquet, when a debris whizzes past the ISS **

"Climb into an escape shuttle, wait and hope. This happened four times"

^{**}http://www.chron.com/news/science-environment/article/Thousands-of-tiny-satellites-are-about-to-go-into-11088984.php

Short-term encounter model and probability of collision

Two objects: primary P (operational satellite) and secondary S (space debris)

High relative velocity

Assumptions:

Rectilinear relative motion

No velocity uncertainty; Gaussian position uncertainty

Infinite encounter time horizon

 \rightsquigarrow Probability of collision: 2-D integral over a disk.

Formula

$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \int\limits_{\mathcal{B}((0,0),R)} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x_m)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{(y-y_m)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right) \mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}y$$

where R: radius of combined object x_m, y_m : mean relative coordinates σ_x, σ_y : standard deviations of relative coordinates







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Previous works:

2D: Numerical integration (Foster '92, Patera '01, Alfano '05); Power/Hermite series (Pelayo-Ayuso'16), with *trial and error* truncation, or simplifying assumptions ($\sigma_x = \sigma_y$) (Chan '97);

3D: Equivalent volume -cuboids, approx distribution- (Chan '08, Zhang '20)

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 f_i are positive \rightsquigarrow Reduced Cancellation

Positivity:

Consider
$$\bar{\varphi}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_i z^i$$
, for $|z| \le p^{-1}$, which is D-finite
 $\bar{\varphi}'(z) = \underbrace{\frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}}_{k=0} \bar{\varphi}(z), \quad \bar{\varphi}(0) = C > 0,$
 $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k z^k$
with $\beta_k = p^{k+1} + \dots > 0$, hence
 $(i+1)f_{i+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{i} \beta_k f_{i-k} > 0.$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_{k+n} z^{k+n}}{(k+n+1)!}$$

Closed-form; Conv. radius p^{-1}



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5	3	1	0.01	1	0
6	3	1	0.01	0	1
7	3	1	0.01	10	0
8	3	1	0.01	0	10
9	10	1	0.01	10	0
10	10	1	0.01	0	10
11	3	1	0.05	5	0
12	3	1	0.05	0	5

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Alfano's test	Probability of collision (-)				
case number	Alfano	New method	Reference (MC)		
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Examples: quality η and \log plot of terms in the series:



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(from [Alfano 2009])

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Integrand $e^{\varphi(\lambda_0+it)}$:

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Not sufficiently accurate Can we do better? 1. Neglect the tails

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+ Local deformation of the integration path to match the constant phase contour passing through λ_0



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with $c_n = (-1)^n \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(\varphi''(\lambda_0))^n} b_{2n+1}$

Asymptotic expansions of Laplace type integrals Examples (from 2D)



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Figure: Alfano'09 test case 4: \mathcal{P}_{inst} - Monte Carlo simulations (green stars), our algorithm (red dashed line), alternative methods AD (dashed dot purple line), EV (dotted orange line), EVC (solid blue line).

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400	0.2350/0.2705	52
1000	0.2495/0.2945	32.1
4000	0.3804/0.4503	0

Table: Mean/median timings (s) over 30 runs and percentages of calls of the divergent series.

Saddle-point method is faster, but currently lacks error bounds...

Asymptotic expansions of Laplace type integrals: error bounds

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2. Series Inversion: Bound truncation error

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3. Term-by-term integration: Bound extra added tails

Note: see works by e.g., Olver('60s), Wong ('80s) for some special functions

Long-term encounters

Multiple encounters

The issue of mega-constellations

ESA Operations ② @esaoperations · Sep 2, 2019 For the first time ever, ESA has performed a 'collision avoidance manoeuvre' to protect one of its satellites from colliding with a 'mega constellation' #SpaceTraffic



Other challenges: Fast and Reliable Computations for Space – Exemplified Roadmap



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Collision Risk Assessment/Mitigation, Mega-constellations



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Thank you for your attention!



a D-finite function.

Watson's Lemma

Let f be a function of positive real variable s.t. as $x \to 0^+,$

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{\frac{s+k}{\mu}-1},$$

with $s,\mu>0$

Then

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} f(x) \mathrm{d}x \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Gamma\left(\frac{s+k}{\mu}\right) \frac{a_k}{\lambda^{\frac{s+k}{\mu}}},$$

as $\lambda \to \infty$,

provided that the integral converges throughout its range for sufficiently large λ .

Note:
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k x^{\frac{s+k}{\mu}-1} + \mathcal{O}\left(x^{\frac{s+N}{\mu}-1}\right).$$