

# $L^2$ Rational Approximation, Model Reduction and Applications

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# What is the use of rational approximation ?

## General problem

Find a mathematical model from measured data

→ **Applications** : model reduction, identification, realization problem, simulation, control, prediction

- Which model ?  
Linear time invariant (LTI) systems represented by their transfer function a rational matrix-valued function  $H(z)$ .
- Which data ?
  - Time series :  $u(t_k), y(t_k), k = 1, \dots, N$
  - Frequency data :  $H(i\omega_k), k = 1, \dots, N$
- Which method ?
  - Projection
  - Optimization (criterion ?)

# Rational approximation and system theory

A fertile interaction :

- Minimal partial realization/moment matching
- Nonlinear least-squares
- AAK approximation/ Hankel norm approximation
- Subspace methods
- $H^2$  rational approximation

A still active field.

# Stability and Analyticity

## Stability

A bounded input  $\|u\|_\infty < \infty$  produces a bounded output  $\|y\|_\infty < \infty$

- Impulse response  $h(t)$  integrable
- Transfer function  $H(s)$  analytic in the right half-plane  $\{\text{Re } s \geq 0\}$

Analytic functions have a **rigid structure**, they are completely determined by their values on certain subsets of their domain of definition, or of their boundary.

# The $H^2$ norm

$H^2$  Hardy spaces of functions analytic in the right half-plane, square integrable on the imaginary axis

$$\|H\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |H(i\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

A rich structure: analyticity + Hilbert space

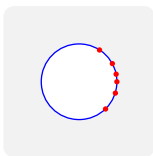
- $L^2 \rightarrow L^\infty$  stability
- Comes from a scalar product (orthogonality principle, differentiable)
- Stochastic interpretation : minimize the mean square output error due to a white noise
- **Cauchy formula** :  $f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial} \frac{f(z)}{z-a} dz, \operatorname{Re} a > 0$   
 $f$  completely determined by its boundary values on the imaginary axis  $\partial = i\mathbb{R}$ .

# From continuous-time to discrete-time



s-plane

$$s = \frac{z+1}{z-1}$$



z-plane

$$z = \frac{s+1}{s-1}$$

$$H(s) \text{ strictly proper} \quad \tilde{H}(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{z-1} H\left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int |H(i\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |\tilde{H}(e^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta.$$

Preserves the  $H^2$ -norm and the order or McMillan degree

## General inverse problem

Recover an analytic function on a domain from (pointwise band-limited) data on the boundary

# Rational $L^2$ approximation

$H_2^\perp$  Hardy space of **matrix valued** functions, **analytic** outside  $\mathbb{D}$ , **vanishing** at  $\infty$  (stable transfer functions)

$$\|F\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{Tr} \left\{ \int_0^{2\pi} F(e^{it}) F(e^{it})^* dt \right\}$$

## Rational approximation

Given  $F \in H_2^\perp$ , minimize

$$\|F - H\|^2$$

$H$  rational, stable, of McMillan degree  $n$

$F(z)$  given: a method for **model reduction**



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# A difficult problem

- **Nonlinear** optimization problem
- The set of approximants (stable systems of order  $n$ ) has a **complex structure**, specially in the MIMO case. It is difficult to get 'good' parameters.
- $L^2$  norm  $\mapsto$  **great number of local minima**

## How we cope with ?

- **Eliminate the linear variables** obtaining a function that involves only the nonlinear parameters (**separable least square**)
- **Use a 'good' parametrization** for the reduced optimization space
- Use an optimization strategy : start from an initial point given by another method or iterative search on the order

**Implementation:** RARL2 a matlab software

J. P. Marmorat, M.O. (2004)

# Optimization space reduction

Given  $F(z) \in H_{\perp}^2$  find  $H(z)$  of degree  $n$  which minimizes  $\|F - H\|^2$ .

## Elimination of linear variables: two points of view

- Lossless-unstable factorization Douglas-Shapiro-Shields (1970)

$$H(z) = \underbrace{\Phi(z)}_{\text{poles}} \underbrace{G(z)}_{\text{zeros}}, \quad \Phi(z) \text{ lossless}, \quad G(z) \in H^2.$$

$$\text{Vec}(\Phi) = \{H(z) \in H_{\perp}^2, H(z) = \Phi(z)G(z)\}$$

- State-space framework

$$\text{Vec}(C, A) = \{H(z) \in H_{\perp}^2, H(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}\beta\}$$

## Connection: lossless embedding

$$(C, A) \text{ output-normal pair: } \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \text{ unitary matrix}$$
$$A^*A + C^*C = I \quad \Phi(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D \text{ lossless}$$

# The concentrated criterion

The projection theorem (orthogonality principle) in a Hilbert space allows to compute

- $G(z)$  from  $\Phi(z)$
- $\beta$  from  $(C, A)$

## Concentrated criterion

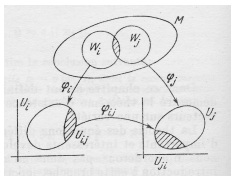
$$J(C, A) = \min_{H \in \text{Vec}(C, A)} \|F - H\|^2$$

### Advantages:

- The dimension of the parameter space is reduced but we also get a better-conditioned problem
- **Lossless matrices enter the picture** (transfer functions of conservative systems)

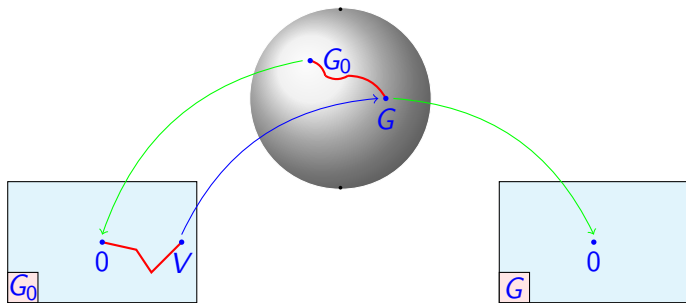
# Which parametrizations for lossless systems?

- An atlas of local coordinate maps: **identifiability**, **differentiability**



- Parametrizations with a double interpretation
  - **Schur analysis and interpolation theory**  
A nice way to address the constraint metric  $\|F\|_\infty \leq 1$ .  
Big impact in system theory.  
Kailath (1986), Kimura, Ball, Gohberg and Rodman (1990)
  - **Balanced state-space canonical forms**  
Useful in computations; physical interpretation  
Hanzon, M.O., Peeters, LAA (2006),  
Marmorat, M.O., Automatica(2007)

# Optimization process in RARL2



- $V \mapsto G(z) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  computed from  $V$  and  $G_0$  as a product of two unitary matrices (well-conditioned)
- Optimization with respect to local coordinates  $V$  (**fmincon**)  
Nonlinear condition reached  $\rightarrow$  change of chart
- Nonlinear condition:  $\text{eig min } Q \geq \epsilon$  where  $Q$  is the solution to  $Q - A^*QA_0 = C^*C_0$ .

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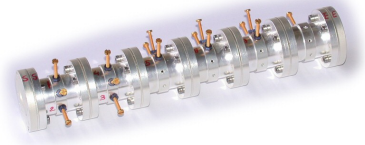
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# Identification of hyperfrequency filters



- Electro-magnetic waves filter made of resonant cavities, interconnected by coupling irises (orthogonal double slits). Each cavity has 3 screws.
- Works around the GHz, Passband: a few Mhz
- Used in space telecommunication (satellites transmission) for multiplexing purposes.

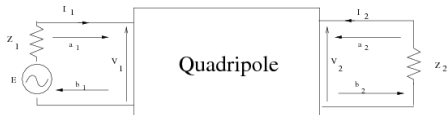
**Identification problem:** given measurements performed on the device find the values of parameters from the physical model

**What for ?** Tuning (adjusting the screws)

# An equivalent electrical model (1)

- Maxwell equations
- Input and output : one spacial mode (waveguide)  
    electric field  $\approx$  voltage  
    magnetic field  $\approx$  current

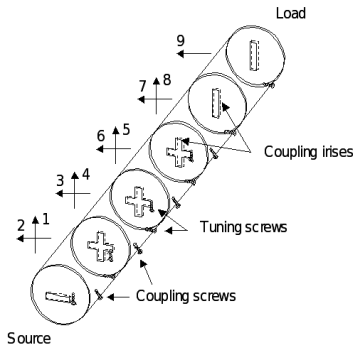
The filter can be seen as a quadripole, with two ports.



- The electrical field in each cavity is decomposed along two orthogonal modes (approximation valid in the range of frequencies)
- For each mode, a good approximation of the Maxwell equations is given by the solution of a second order differential equation.

One mode in one cavity  $\mapsto$  a RLC circuit (order 2)

## An equivalent electrical model (2)



**Screws** act as capacitors

**Iris** results in a coupling between two horizontal (or two vertical) modes of adjacent cavities

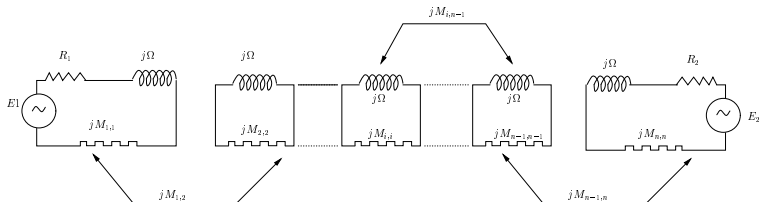
**Order** =  $2 \times 9$  (two times the number of modes)

# Low-pass equivalent electrical model

Original filter: two (conjugate) bandwidths in the high frequencies

↓ low-pass transformation

Low-pass equivalent : one bandwidth around 0



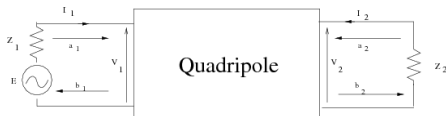
one mode = one circuit (order 1)

order = number of modes

$M_{i,j}$  coupling

# State-space representation

We are interested in the power which is transmitted and reflected.



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Ba(t) \\ b(t) = Cx(t) + a(t) \end{cases} \quad a(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1(t) \\ a_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad b(t) = \begin{bmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Scattering matrix:**  $S(z) = I + C(zI - A)^{-1}B$

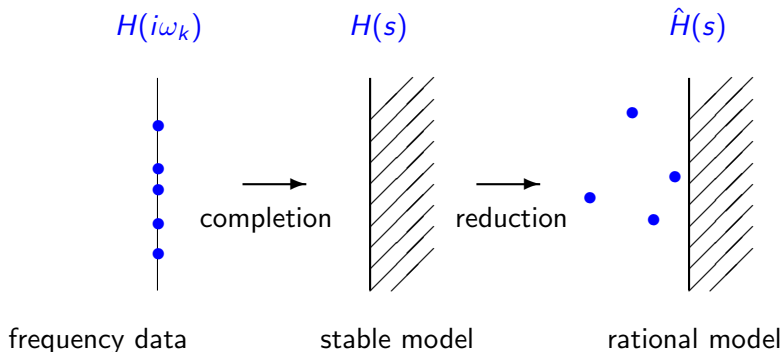
lossless symmetric with **complex coefficients**

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} j\sqrt{2R_1} & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & j\sqrt{2R_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad B = C^t$$

$$A = -R - jM, \quad A = A^t \quad 2R = -C^t C$$

$M$  coupling matrix

# Identification vs Model Reduction

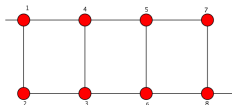


A difficult problem:

- Interpolate and extrapolate the data (band-limited)
- Ensure stability
- Find a small order model

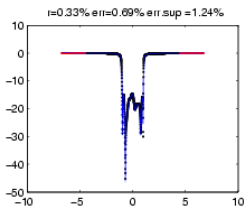
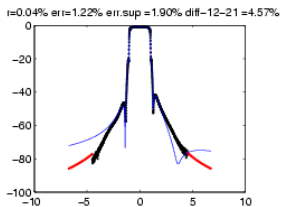
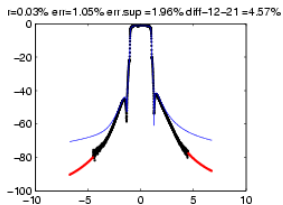
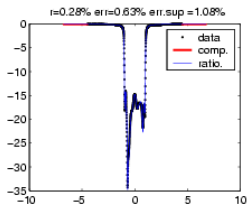
# Resolution in 3 steps

- **Interpolation/extrapolation of the frequency data** dedicated method
- **Model reduction** by rational  $L^2$ -approximation **RARL2**
- **Computation of the physical parameters** from a realization in a particular form (coupling matrix) **DEDALE (F.Seyfert)**



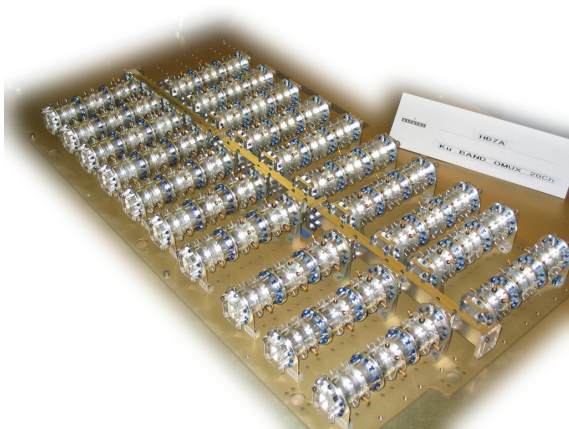
**Presto-HF (F. Seyfert)** is a matlab based toolbox dedicated to the identification problem of low pass coupling parameters of band pass microwave filters. Used by CNES, IRCOM, Alcatel.

# Numerical results





# The future



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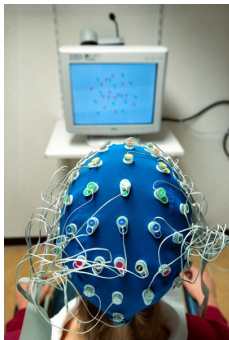
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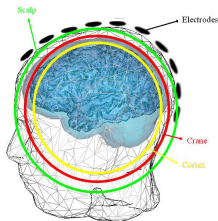
# Inverse EEG (electroencephalography) problem



From measurements by electrodes of the electric potential  $u$  on the scalp, recover a distribution of  $m$  pointwise dipolar current sources  $C_k$  with moments  $p_k$  located in the brain (modeling the presence of epileptic foci).

L. Baratchart, M. Clerc, J. Leblond, J.P. Marmorat, M. Zghal

# Mathematical model



The head  $\Omega$  is modeled as a set of 3 spherical nested regions  $\Omega_i \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$  (brain, skull, scalp), with piecewise constant conductivity  $\sigma_i$ , separated by interfaces  $S_i$ .

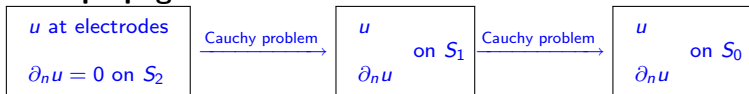
Macroscopic model + quasi-static approximation of Maxwell equations

→ Spatial behavior of  $u$  in  $\Omega$

$$(P) \begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\sigma \nabla u) = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k \cdot \nabla \delta_{C_k} & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = \text{ and } \partial_n u & \text{given on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

# Resolution of this inverse problem in 3 steps

- **Data propagation**



- **Anti-harmonic projection**

$$(P) \text{ in } \Omega_0 \begin{cases} \Delta u = \frac{1}{\sigma_0} \sum_{k=1}^m p_k \cdot \nabla \delta_{C_k} & \text{in } \Omega_0 \\ u \text{ and } \partial_n u & \text{given on } S_0 \end{cases}$$

The solution  $u$  to  $(P)$  in  $\Omega_0$  assumes the form:

$$u(x) = h(x) + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\langle p_k, x - C_k \rangle}{4\pi \|x - C_k\|^3} = \underbrace{h(x)}_{\text{harmonic}} + \underbrace{u_a(x)}_{\text{anti-harmonic}}$$

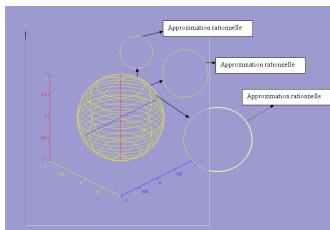
$u_a$  obtained by expanding  $u$  on bases of spherical harmonics

$u_a$  contains the information on the sources

- **Best rational approximation on planar sections**

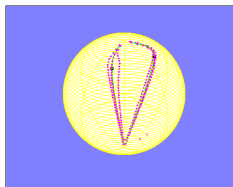
Source localization

# Best rational approximation on planar sections

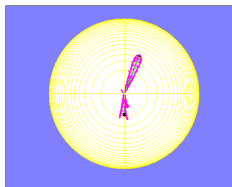


- Slice  $\Omega_0$  along a family of planes  $\Pi_p$ :  
 $\Pi_p \cap \Omega_0 = \Gamma_p$  (disks)  $\Pi_p \cap S_0 = \Gamma_p$  (circles)
- From pointwise values on  $\Gamma_p$ , compute the best  $L^2$  rational approximation to  $f_p = (u_a|_{\Gamma_p})^2$  on  $\Gamma_p$

# Why does it works ?



2 sources

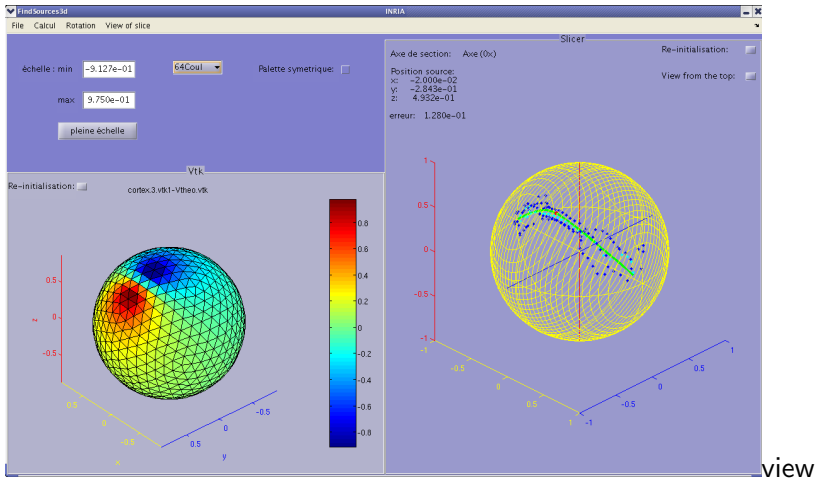


above view

- $f_p$  is a (meromorphic) function whose singularities  $\zeta_{k,p}$  inside  $D_p$  are strongly and explicitly linked with the sources  $C_k$ .
  - $(\zeta_{k,p})$  are aligned together and also with the complex coordinates  $\zeta_k$  of  $C_k$ .
  - $|\zeta_{k,p}|$  is maximum at  $\zeta_{k,p} = \zeta_k$  (the  $k^{\text{th}}$  source's section)
- The poles  $\tilde{\zeta}_{k,p}$  of the best  $L^2$  rational approximation to  $f_p$  on  $\Gamma_p$  accumulate to the singularities  $\zeta_{k,p}$

Leblond, Baratchart, Yattselev

# FindSource3D



of  $u$  on  $S_2$  then of  $C_1$  into  $\Omega_0$

R. Bassila, M. Clerc, J. Leblond, J.P. Marmorat



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# Wavelets in analog circuits

The **continuous-time wavelet transform** of a signal  $f(t)$

$$W_{\psi}(\tau, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int f(t) \psi \left( \frac{t - \tau}{\sigma} \right) dt$$

- Widely used signal processing technique in medical applications (cardiac signal processing)
- Provides combined time and frequency localization

Can be implemented with a linear system:

$$f * h(t) = \int f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau, \quad h(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \psi \left( \frac{-t}{\sigma} \right)$$

Only the implementation of **strictly causal stable filters** is feasible !  
To ensure causality, a **time-shifted** (truncated) time-reversed mother wavelet  $\tilde{\psi}(t) = \psi(t_0 - t)$  is considered.

# $L^2$ -approximation of wavelets functions

## Motivation of an $L^2$ -approximation criterion

- Wavelet transform involves an  $L^2$ -inner product
- Due to Parseval's theorem,  $L^2$ -approximation in the time domain can be reformulated as  $L^2$ -approximation in the frequency domain

$$\min_h \|\tilde{\psi}(t) - h(t)\| \equiv \min_H \|\tilde{\Psi}(s) - H(s)\|$$

An important admissibility property: wavelets needs to have (at least) one **vanishing moment**

$$\int \tilde{\psi}(t) dt = 0$$

Approximation method (sampling, choice of a clever initial point, use an iterative local search optimization technique)

Karel, Haddad, Westra, Serdijn, Peeters (2009)

# Model reduction using RARL2

- The given function  $F(z)$ : the approximation obtained by Karel & al. converted into a discrete-time transfer function.
- The vanishing moment condition yields on the discrete-time approximant  $H(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}\beta$  the linear condition on  $\beta$

$$C(I + A)^{-1}\beta = 0$$

- It can be handled by a slightly different concentrated criterion

$$J(A, C) = \min_{\beta} \|F(z) - H(z)\|^2$$

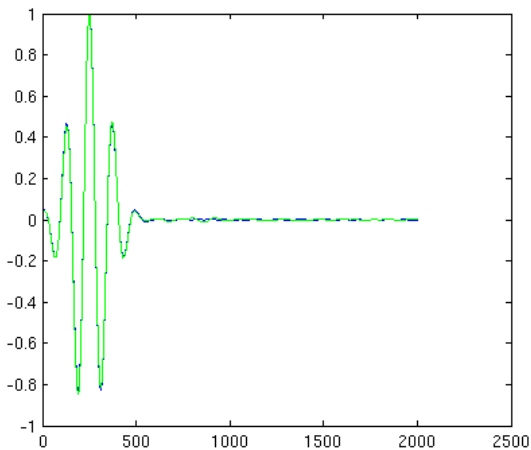
subject to  $C(I + A)^{-1}\beta = 0$

$\beta$  is easily computed from  $A$  and  $C$  using Lagrange multipliers. Same optimization space and parametrization.

- Incremental search on the order

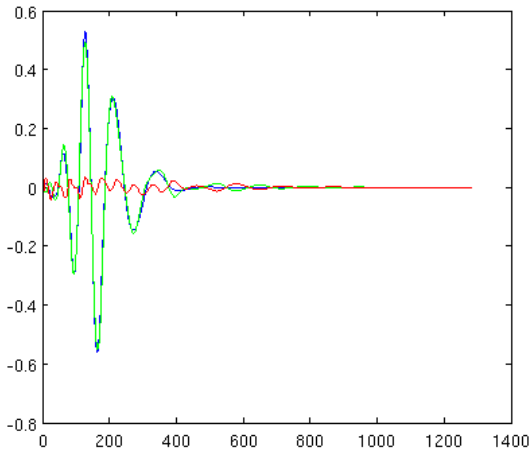
# Approximation of Morlet wavelet

Initial approximation order 20 / RARL2 approximation order 8



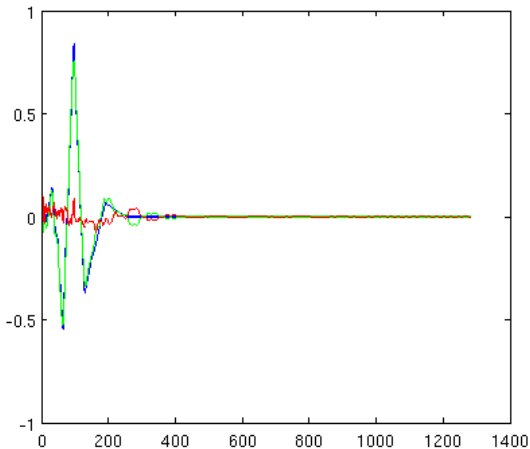
# Approximation of DB7 wavelet

Initial approximation order 136 / RARL2 approximation order 8



# Approximation of DB3 wavelet

Initial approximation order 225 / RARL2 approximation order 12



# Perspectives

- Convex constraints on the approximant can be handled with the same optimization space (output normal pairs)
  - Vanishing moments (wavelets)
  - Positive real, bounded real ( $\beta$  solution to an LMI)
- The same optimization space can be used for other criterions (separable least-square)  
RARL2 subroutines divides into two independant libraries :
  - arl2lib**: computation of the concentrated criterion, gradient with respect to  $A, C$
  - boplib**: parametrization of balanced output pairs  $C, A$ 
    - Multi-objective control ( $\beta$  solution to an LMI Scherer)
    - (weighted) Nonlinear least-square

<http://www-sop.inria.fr/apics/RARL2/rarl2-eng.html>