# Algebraic Nevanlinna operator functions and applications to electromagnetics 

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## Outline

(1) Physical background - Electromagnetic (EM) waves
(2) The self-adjoint case
(3) Non-self-adjoint cases
(4) Ongoing work

## EM waves in (non-magnetic) dielectric medium

Maxwell's equations in $E$

$$
\text { curl curl } E+\frac{\partial^{2} D}{\partial t^{2}}=0, \quad x=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{3}
$$

with

$$
D(x, t)=\left\{E(x, t)+\int_{-\infty}^{t} K(x, t-\tau) E(x, \tau) d \tau\right\} .
$$

The Fourier transform $\hat{f}(\omega)=\int e^{i \omega t} f(t) d t$ gives

$$
\mathcal{S}(\omega) E=0, \quad \mathcal{S}(\omega)=\text { curl curl }-\omega^{2} \epsilon(x, \omega)
$$

where $\epsilon(x, \omega)=1+\hat{K}(x, \omega)$ is the permittivity and $\omega \in \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{C}$.

## What do we want to know?

Properties of the spectrum: $\sigma(\mathcal{S})=\{\omega \in \mathcal{D}: 0 \in \sigma(\mathcal{S}(\omega))\}$

Resolvent estimates: Behaviour of $\left\|\mathcal{S}^{-1}(\omega)\right\|$

Properties of the evolution Maxwell equations:
curl curl $E+\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial t^{2}}\left\{E(x, t)+\int_{-\infty}^{t} K(x, t-\tau) E(x, \tau) d \tau\right\}=0$

+ boundary and initial conditions.


## Drude-Lorentz $=$ damped harmonic oscillator

- d-damping
- $\sqrt{c}$ - resonant frequency of undamped oscillator
- $\sqrt{b}$ - plasma frequency
$\theta:=\sqrt{c-\frac{d^{2}}{4}} \neq 0$ (under/over - damping):

$$
K(t)=\frac{b}{\theta} e^{-t d / 2} \sin (\theta t)
$$

Assume $\theta:=0$ (critical damping):

$$
K(t)=b t e^{-t d / 2}
$$

- $\Omega=\Omega_{1} \cup \Omega_{2}$
- $\epsilon(x, \omega)=1+\hat{K}(x, \omega):=\chi_{\Omega_{1}}(x)+\epsilon_{2}(\omega) \chi_{\Omega_{2}}(x)$


## Analytic properties of $\mathcal{S}$ ?

$$
\epsilon_{2}(\omega)=1
$$

$\checkmark \omega \mapsto \omega \epsilon(\omega)$ maps $\mathbb{C}^{+}$on $\overline{\mathbb{C}}^{+}$,

- But is the operator function

$$
\mathcal{S}(\omega)=\text { curl curl }-\omega^{2} \epsilon(x, \omega)
$$

Nevanlinna (after change of variables)?

Consider $\mathcal{S}$ with the multi-pole Drude-Lorentz model:

$$
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$$

with $A_{0}=$ curl curl, and $M_{\ell}=b_{\ell} \chi_{\Omega_{2}}$.

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## Case $d_{\ell}=0$

Polynomial long division gives

$$
\lambda \epsilon(x, \lambda)=\lambda-\sum_{\ell=1}^{L} b_{\ell} \chi_{\Omega_{2}}(x)+\sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \frac{c_{\ell} b_{\ell}}{c_{\ell}-\lambda} \chi_{\Omega_{2}}(x)
$$

Set

- $A=A_{0}+\sum_{\ell=1}^{L} b_{\ell} \chi_{\Omega_{2}}$
- $B_{\ell}^{*}=\sqrt{c_{\ell} b_{\ell}} \chi_{\Omega_{2}}$, where $\chi_{\Omega_{2}}: L^{2}(\Omega)^{3} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{2}, \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{2}=\operatorname{ran} \chi_{\Omega_{2}}$.

Then

$$
\mathcal{S}(\lambda)=A-\lambda-\sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \frac{B_{\ell} B_{\ell}^{*}}{c_{\ell}-\lambda},
$$

## Equivalent block operator matrix

$\mathcal{S}(\lambda)=A-\lambda-\sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \frac{B_{\ell} B_{\ell}^{*}}{c_{\ell}-\lambda}, \quad \operatorname{dom} \mathcal{S}(\lambda)=\operatorname{dom} \mathrm{A}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \backslash\left\{\mathrm{c}_{1}, \mathrm{c}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{L}}\right\}$,
where $B_{\ell}: \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{2} \rightarrow L^{2}(\Omega)^{3}, \ell=1,2, \ldots, L$.

- $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}=L^{2}(\Omega)^{3} \oplus \widehat{\mathcal{H}}, \widehat{\mathcal{H}}=\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{2} \oplus \cdots \oplus \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{2}$
$\mathcal{S}$ is the Schur complement of $\mathcal{A}: \widetilde{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$,

$$
\mathcal{A}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
A & B \\
B^{*} & D
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
A & B_{1} & B_{2} & \cdots & B_{L} \\
B_{1}^{*} & c_{1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
B_{2}^{*} & 0 & c_{2} & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
B_{L}^{*} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & c_{L}
\end{array}\right), \quad \operatorname{dom} \mathcal{A}=\operatorname{dom} A \oplus \widehat{\mathcal{H}}
$$

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## Variational principles in ( $c_{\ell}, c_{\ell+1}$ )?

- $(\mathcal{S}(\lambda) u, u)=0$ has solution $p_{\ell+1}(u)$ in $\left(c_{\ell}, c_{\ell+1}\right)$

From the Nevanlinna property follows

$$
\frac{d}{d \lambda}(\mathcal{S}(\lambda) u, u)=-\|u\|^{2}-\sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \frac{\left\|B_{\ell}^{*}\right\|^{2}}{\left(c_{\ell}-\lambda\right)^{2}} \leqslant-\|u\|^{2}, \quad u \in \operatorname{dom} \mathcal{S}, \mathrm{u} \neq 0
$$

Morover, $\mathcal{S}(\lambda)=$ dom A independent of $\lambda$.

- These properties (and some additional) imply variational principles (M. Langer/Eschwé (2004))


## Simplified result for one rational term

Assume $A \geqslant c_{1}$. Then the eigenvalues of $\mathcal{A}$ (and $\mathcal{S}$ ) are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \lambda_{1, n}=\min _{\substack{\mathcal{L} \subset \operatorname{domA} A \\
\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{L}=\mathrm{n}}} \max _{\substack{u \in \mathcal{X} \\
u \neq 0}} p_{1}(u), \quad \lambda_{1, n} \rightarrow c_{1} \\
& \lambda_{2, n}=\min _{\substack{\mathcal{L} \subset \operatorname{domA} \\
\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{L}=\mathrm{n}}} \max _{\substack{u \in \mathcal{L} \\
u \neq 0}} p_{2}(u), \quad \lambda_{2, n} \rightarrow \infty,
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
p_{1,2}(u):=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{(A u, u)}{\|u\|^{2}}+c_{1}\right) \mp \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{(A u, u)}{\|u\|^{2}}-c_{1}\right)^{2}+\frac{\left\|B_{1}^{*} u\right\|^{2}}{\|u\|^{2}}} .
$$

Note that $p_{1,2}(u)$ are the solutions of $(P(\lambda) u, u)=0$, where

$$
P(\lambda):=\left(c_{1}-\lambda\right) \mathcal{S}(\lambda)=\lambda^{2}-\lambda\left(A+c_{1}\right)-B_{1} B_{1}^{*}
$$

## Main results in E./Langer/Tretter (2017)

$\checkmark$ gaps in the spectrum to the right of $c_{\ell}, \ell=1, \ldots, L$
$\checkmark c_{\ell}$ is an accumulation point of eigenvalues of $\mathcal{A}$ from the left
$\checkmark$ min-max characterisation of the eigenvalues:

$$
\lambda_{\ell, n}=\min _{\substack{\mathcal{L} \subset \operatorname{dom} \mathrm{A} \\ \operatorname{dim} \mathcal{L}=\mathrm{n}+\kappa_{\ell}}} \max _{\substack{u \in \mathcal{L} \\ u \neq 0}} p_{\ell}(u)
$$

where $\kappa_{\ell}$ is the number of negative eigenvalues of $\mathcal{S}\left(\eta_{\ell}^{+}\right)$.

- No index shift (i.e. $\kappa_{\ell}=0$ ) if $A>c_{L}$.



## Extensions to $d_{\ell}>0$ (joint work with Axel Torshage)

What can we say about the spectrum of

$$
\mathcal{S}(\omega)=A_{0}-\omega^{2}-\omega^{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \frac{M_{\ell}}{c_{\ell}-d_{\ell} \omega-\omega^{2}},
$$

when $d_{\ell}>0$ for some $\ell$ ?

- The tools used when $d_{\ell}=0$ can not be applied
- We need different tools and will use theory of bounded operator polynomials (Keldysh, Krein, Langer, Markus, Matsaev, Russu,... )


## Theory of polynomial operator functions

The theory is difficult to use since

- We need good knowledge of the numerical range

$$
W(\mathcal{S})=\{\omega \in \mathcal{D}: \exists u \in \operatorname{dom}(\mathrm{~A}) \backslash\{0\},\|\mathrm{u}\|=1, \text { so that }(\mathcal{S}(\omega) \mathrm{u}, \mathrm{u})=0\}
$$

- We can only show accumulation of eigenvalues in bounded components of the numerical range


## Basic steps to show accumulation when $d_{\ell}>0$

- Reformulate the problem as an operator polynomial $P$ with bounded operator coefficients (of a special form)
- Show that it exists operator polynomials $R$ and $Q$ such that

$$
P(\omega)=R(\omega) Q(\omega), \sigma(R)=\Gamma \cap \sigma(P), \sigma(Q) \subset \mathbb{C} \backslash \bar{\Gamma},
$$

where $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$ is bounded.

$\Gamma$ is the dotted line ( $\mathcal{S}$ has one rational term)

## Application to lossy photonic crystal



Poles at $\pm \sqrt{8}-i$ for $\mathcal{S}$ with one rational term

- We can prove accumulation of eigenvalues to the poles
- Solid lines bound the spectrum
- The circles are numerically computed eigenvalues ( $p$-FEM)


## Where are we going now?

## Other equations

- Full Maxwell's equations with double negative and lossy materials
- Wave equations with viscoelastic materials (Bolzmann integral)
- Scattering resonances (nonlinearity in the DtN-map)


## Evolution problems

- Get to know the resolvent $\rightarrow$ get to know the semigroup


Is $\left\|\mathcal{S}^{-1}(\lambda)\right\|$ a Mouse or an Elephant (or a Duck)?

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## Properties of the eigenvectors

Problem in 1D (E./Grubišić, 2015):


Problem in 2D:


- We can prove that the eigenvectors behave as in the 2D example if the eigenvalues do not accumulate too quickly
- This accumulation rate depends on the geometry!


## In general no gap for all $k$



- We can in some cases guarantee a band gap by using verified eigenvalue enclosures to show that $A_{k}>c_{2}$ Hoang/Plum/Wieners (2009)
- In general no accumulation for fixed $k$, but no gap for all $k$


## min-max principle for the rational function (main results)

- Define $p_{\ell}(u) \in\left[c_{\ell-1}, c_{\ell}\right]$ for $u \in \operatorname{dom}(\mathrm{~A})=\operatorname{dom}(\mathcal{S}(\lambda))$ by

$$
p_{\ell}(u):=\left\{\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{\ell}(u) & \text { if }\left(\mathcal{S}\left(\lambda_{\ell}(u)\right) u, u\right)=0 \text { for } \lambda_{\ell}(u) \in\left(c_{\ell-1}, c_{\ell}\right), \\
c_{\ell-1} & \text { if }(\mathcal{S}(\lambda) u, u)<0 \text { for all } \lambda \in\left(c_{\ell-1}, c_{\ell}\right), \\
c_{\ell} & \text { if }(\mathcal{S}(\lambda) u, u)>0 \text { for all } \lambda \in\left(c_{\ell-1}, c_{\ell}\right),
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

$\checkmark$ The spectrum of $\mathcal{S}$ consists of $L+1$ eigenvalue sequences $\left(\lambda_{\ell, j}\right)_{j=1}^{n_{\ell}} \subset\left(c_{\ell-1}, c_{\ell}\right), n_{\ell} \in \mathbb{N}_{0} \cup\{\infty\}$, which may be characterized as

$$
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