

# Solving Polynomial Eigenproblems by Linearization

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**Have very good ways of solving SEP, GEP but not QEP.**

# Applications of QEP

From, e.g., vibration analysis of structural systems,

$$M\ddot{q}(t) + C\dot{q}(t) + Kq(t) = f(t).$$

Leads to QEP

$$(\lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K)x = 0.$$

Damping term  $C$  is arbitrary.

## More applications

- Acoustic structural coupled systems
- Fluid mechanics
- MIMO systems in control theory
- Signal processing (time series forecasting)
- Constrained least squares problems

# Spectrum of $P$

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- $A_0$  singular implies  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue.
- $\lambda = \infty$  for  $P(\lambda)$  corr. to  $\lambda = 0$  for  $\lambda^{mn} P(1/\lambda)$ .

# Polynomial Zeros

The roots of

$$p(\lambda) = a_m \lambda^m + a_{m-1} \lambda^{m-1} + \dots + a_0, \quad a_m \neq 0,$$

are the eigenvalues of the **companion matrix**

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{m-1}/a_m & -a_{m-2}/a_{m-1} & \dots & \dots & -a_0/a_m \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

MATLAB's **roots** computes polynomial roots by applying **eig** to  $C$ .

**Nonlinear polynomial  $\Rightarrow$  linear eigenproblem.**

# Linearization

**Reduction of 2nd order DE to 1st order:**

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## Reduction of QEP to GEP:

$$(\lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K)x = 0.$$

Define  $y_1 = x$ ,  $y_2 = \lambda x$ . Then

$$\left( \lambda \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I \\ C & K \end{bmatrix} \right) y = 0.$$

# Linearization Definition

The pencil

$$L(\lambda) = \lambda X + Y, \quad X, Y \in \mathbb{C}^{mn \times mn}$$

is a **linearization** of  $P(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^m \lambda^i A_i$  if

$$E(\lambda)L(\lambda)F(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} P(\lambda) & 0 \\ 0 & I_{(m-1)n} \end{bmatrix}$$

for some **unimodular**  $E(\lambda)$  and  $F(\lambda)$ .

**Example:** Companion form linearization

$$E(\lambda) \left( \lambda \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C & K \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) F(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Some Linearizations of $\lambda^2 M + \lambda C + K$

**L1** :  $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C & K \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       **first companion**

**L2** :  $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C & -I \\ K & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       **second companion**

**L3** :  $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & -K \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C & K \\ K & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       DL(Q)

**L4** :  $\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 & M \\ M & C \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -M & 0 \\ 0 & K \end{bmatrix}$       DL(Q)

# Choice of Linearization?

- ★ Which best preserves **structure** (symmetry, Hamiltonian, ...) in  $Q$ ?
- ★ Which gives the **most accurate** computed eigenvalues?
- ★ Which is the **best conditioned** for a particular eigenvalue?
- ★ How does conditioning of  $L$  compare with that of  $Q$ ?

# $\mathbb{DL}(P)$ Linearizations

Mackey, Mackey, Mehl & Mehrmann (2005) identify an  $m$ -dimensional vector space of linearizations for  $P(\lambda)$  s.t.

- ▶ right (left) e'vecs of  $P$  can be recovered from right (left) e'vecs of  $L$ .

For  $Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 A + \lambda B + C$ ,  $\mathbb{DL}(Q)$  is the pencils

$$L(\lambda) = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} v_1 A & v_2 A \\ v_2 A & v_2 B - v_1 C \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 B - v_2 A & v_1 C \\ v_1 C & v_2 C \end{bmatrix}, \quad v \in \mathbb{C}^2.$$

- ▶ Right e'vecs of  $L$  are  $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda x \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $x =$  right e'vec of  $Q$ .

(Technicality:  $L$  is a linearization if no e'val of  $Q$  equals  $-v_2/v_1$ .)

# Condition Number for $P(\lambda)$

Simple  $\lambda$ ,  $P(\lambda)x = 0$ ,  $y^*P(\lambda) = 0$ .

$$\kappa_P(\lambda) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup \left\{ \frac{|\Delta\lambda|}{\epsilon|\lambda|} : \begin{array}{l} (P(\lambda + \Delta\lambda) + \Delta P(\lambda + \Delta\lambda))(x + \Delta x) = 0, \\ \|\Delta A_i\|_2 \leq \epsilon\omega_i, \quad i = 0:m \end{array} \right\}.$$

Tisseur (2000) showed

$$\kappa_P(\lambda) = \frac{(\sum_{i=0}^m |\lambda|^i \omega_i) \|y\|_2 \|x\|_2}{|\lambda| |y^* P'(\lambda)x|}.$$

# Minimizing the Condition Number $\kappa_L$

**Theorem 1** Consider pencils  $L = \lambda X + Y \in \mathbb{DL}(P)$ . Set relative weights  $\omega_i = \|A_i\|_2$ . Then

$$\kappa_L(\lambda; e_1) \leq \rho m^{3/2} \inf_v \kappa_L(\lambda, v) \quad \text{if } A_0 \text{ nonsing, } |\lambda| \geq 1,$$

$$\kappa_L(\lambda; e_m) \leq \rho m^{3/2} \inf_v \kappa_L(\lambda, v) \quad \text{if } A_m \text{ nonsing, } |\lambda| \leq 1,$$

where

$$\rho = \frac{\max_i \|A_i\|_2}{\min(\|A_0\|_2, \|A_m\|_2)}.$$

- For  $\rho = O(1)$ , **one of**  $v = e_1$  **and**  $v = e_m$  gives **near optimal**  $\kappa_L$  for  $\lambda$ .
- **Wrong choice** of  $v = e_1$  or  $v = e_m$  can be **disastrous**:  
 $\kappa_L(0, e_1) = \infty, \kappa_L(\infty, e_m) = \infty$ .

# QEP Case

For  $Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 A + \lambda B + C$ ,

$$v = e_1 \Rightarrow L_1(\lambda) = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -C \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$v = e_m \Rightarrow L_2(\lambda) = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A & B \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -A & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix}.$$



# Optimal $\kappa_L$ Versus $\kappa_P$

**Theorem 2** *Let  $\lambda$  be a simple eigenvalue of  $P$ . Then*

$$\frac{\inf_v \kappa_L(\lambda; v)}{\kappa_P(\lambda)} \leq m^2 \rho.$$

*If  $\rho = O(1)$ :*

- Best conditioned  $L \in \mathbb{DL}(P)$  for a given  $\lambda$  is about as well conditioned as  $P$  itself for  $\lambda$ .

Despite perturbations to  $L$  not respecting the block structure of  $X$  and  $Y$ !

- Combined with Thm. 1:  
**one of pencils with  $v = e_1$  and  $v = e_m$  is about as well conditioned as  $P$  itself for  $\lambda$ .**

# Quadratic Case: Scaling

$$Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 A + \lambda B + C, \quad a = \|A\|_2, \quad b = \|B\|_2, \quad c = \|C\|_2.$$

For optimality of  $\kappa_L(\lambda)$  for  $v = e_1, v = e_2$  need  $\rho = O(1)$ , i.e.

$$b \lesssim \max(a, c) \quad \text{and} \quad a \approx c.$$

With the scaling :  $\lambda^2 A + \lambda B + C \rightarrow \mu^2(\gamma^2 A) + \mu(\gamma B) + C$   
( $\lambda = \mu\gamma$ ),  $\gamma = \sqrt{c/a}$  [Fan, Lin & Van Dooren, 2004],  
it suffices that

$$b \lesssim \sqrt{ac}. \quad (*)$$

**(\*) is true**

- ▶ if problem is not too heavily damped,
- ▶ for elliptic QEPs.

# Companion Linearizations

$$\mathbf{L1} : \lambda \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{first companion}$$

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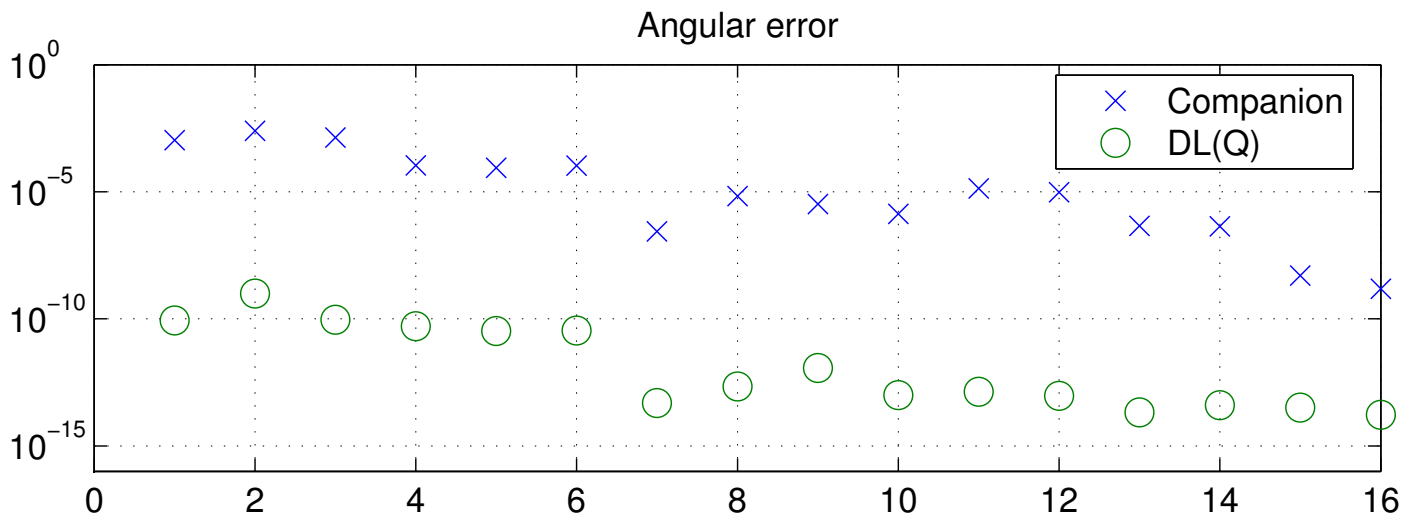
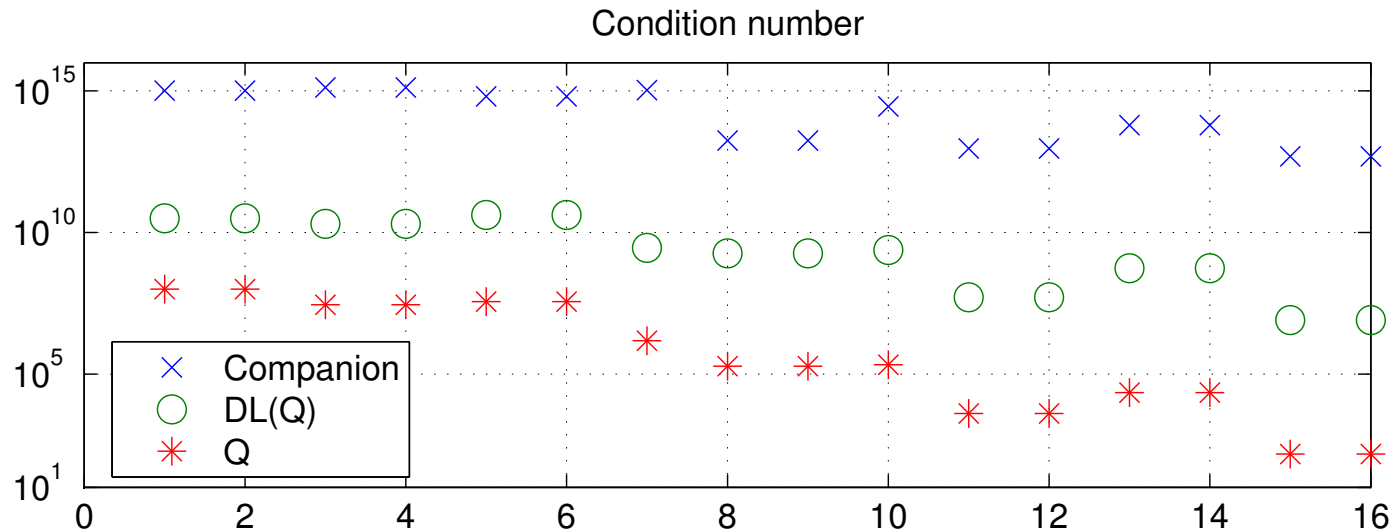
Further analysis shows these linearizations are

- ▶ as well conditioned as  $Q$  if  $a \approx b \approx c \approx 1$ ,
- ▶ potentially **worse conditioned** than  $Q$  if left e'vec of  $L$  is much larger than left e'vec of  $Q$ .

# Example 1: Nuclear Power Plant (1)

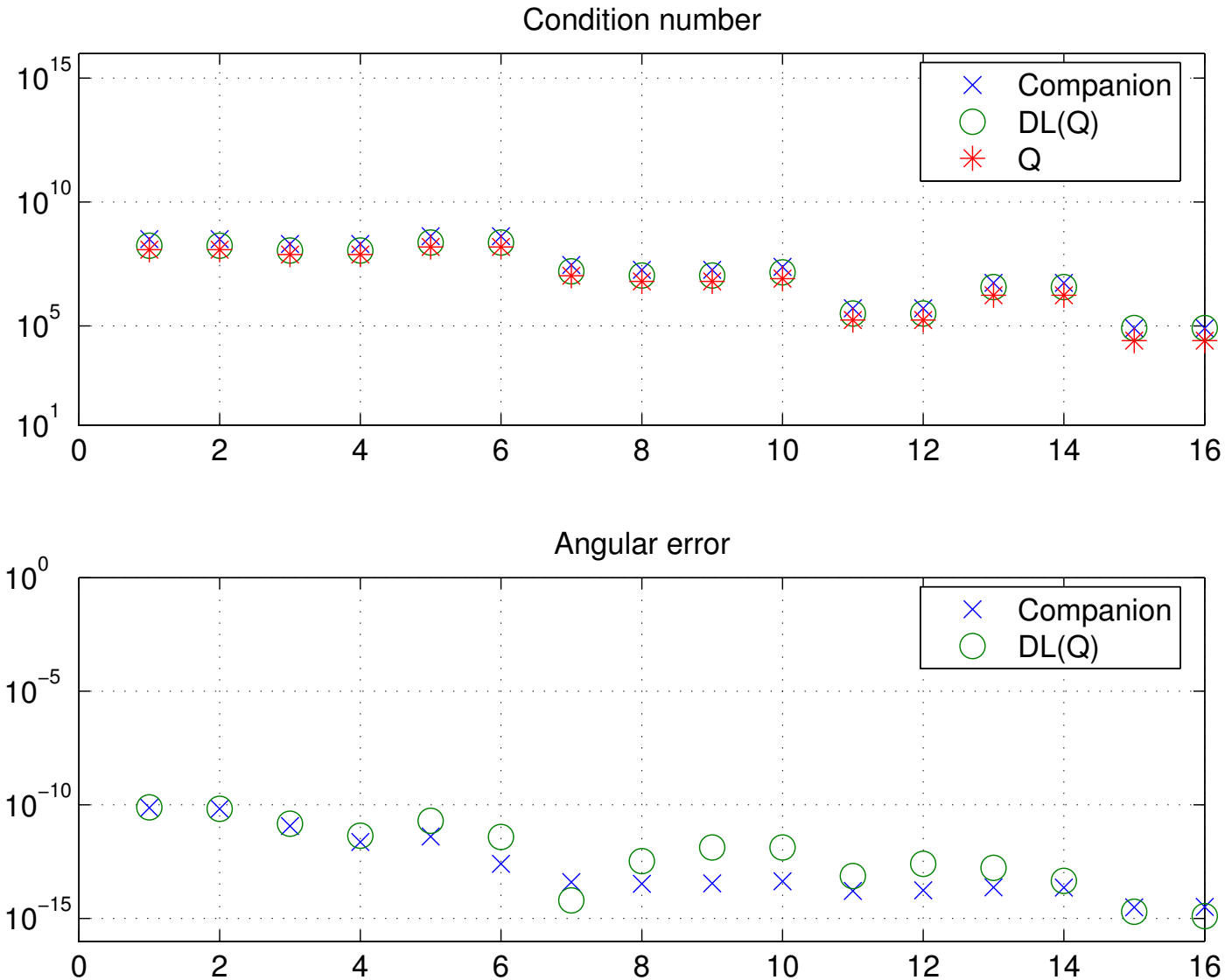
$n = 8$ ;  $\|A\|_2 = 2.3 \times 10^8$ ,  $\|B\|_2 = 4.3 \times 10^{10}$ ,  $\|C\|_2 = 1.7 \times 10^{13}$ .

$|\lambda| \in (17, 362)$ ; **Unscaled**;  $v = e_1$ ,  $\rho = 7 \times 10^4$ .



# Example 1: Nuclear Power Plant (2)

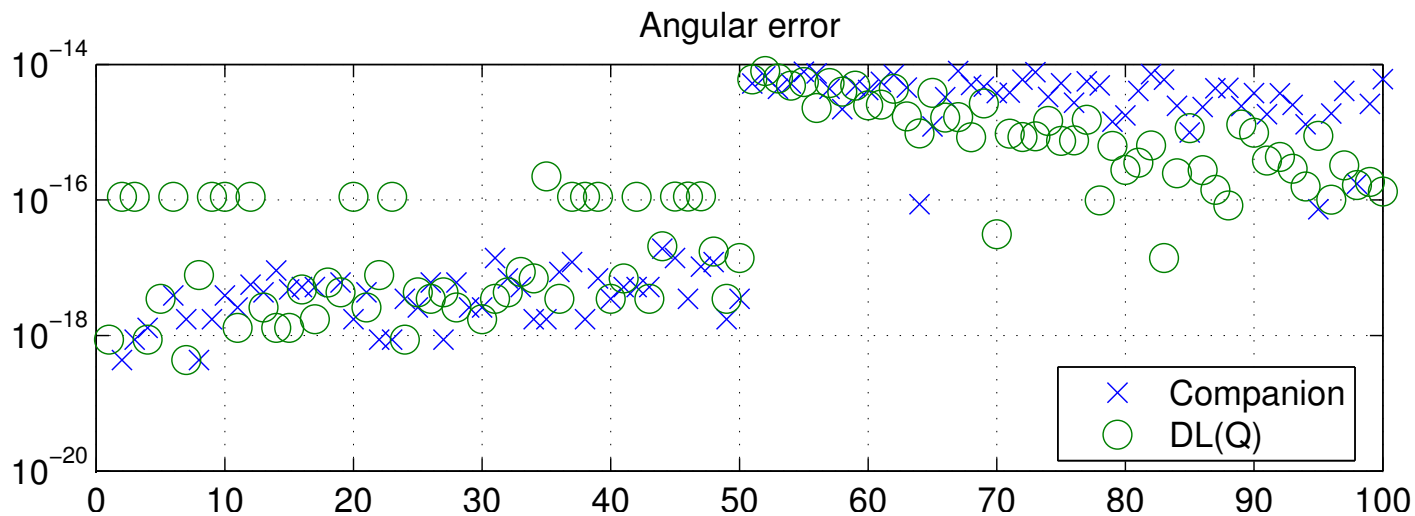
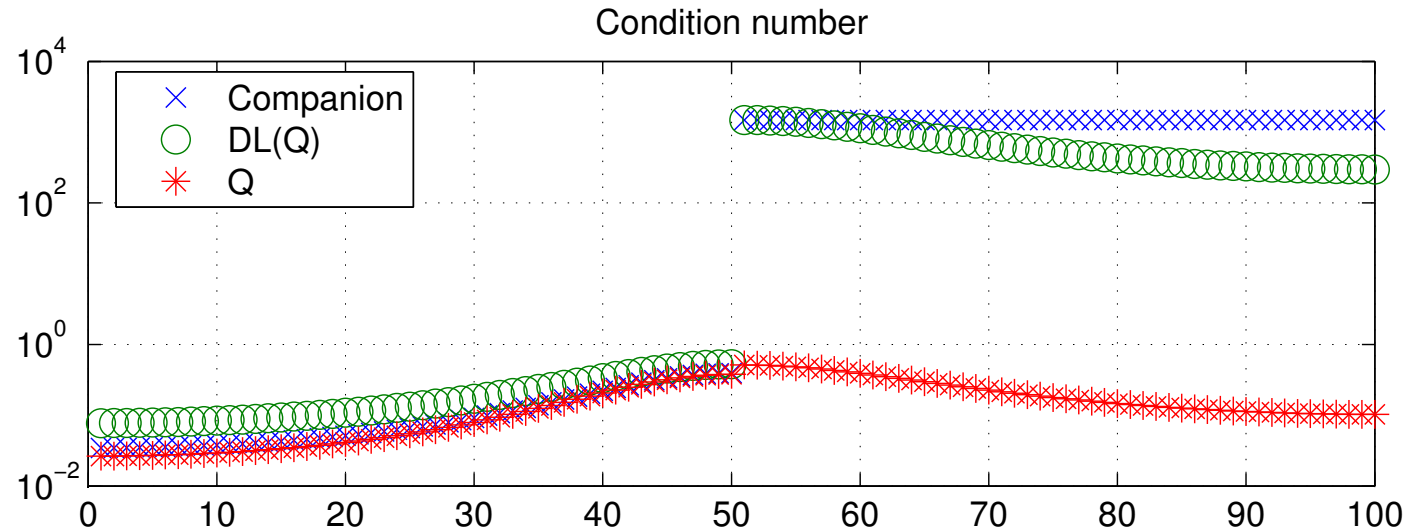
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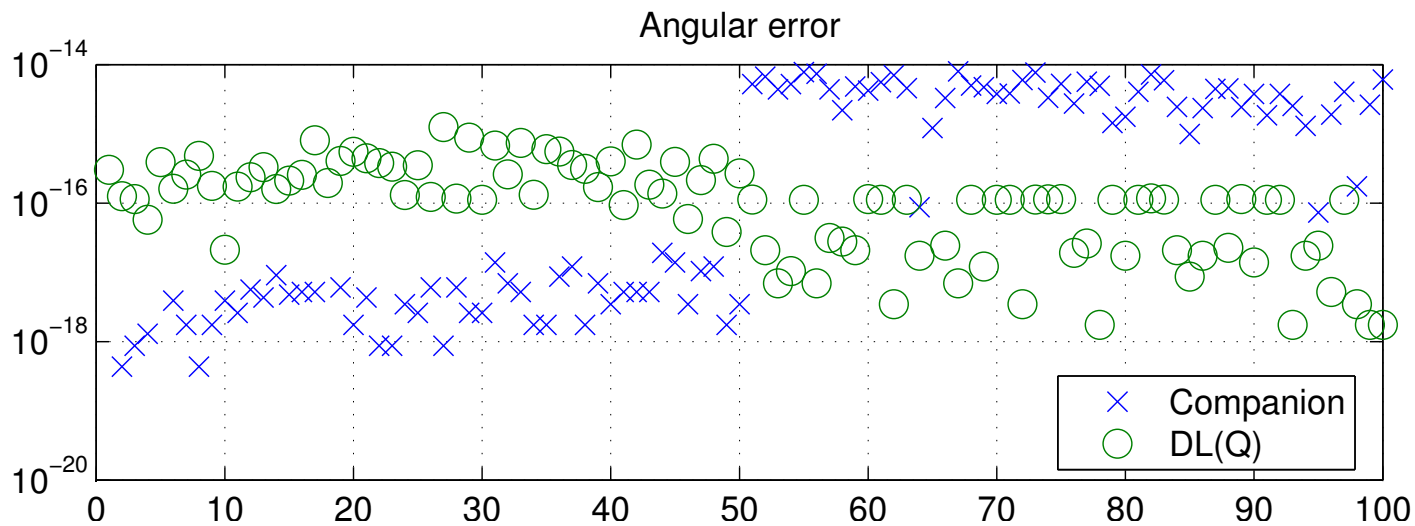
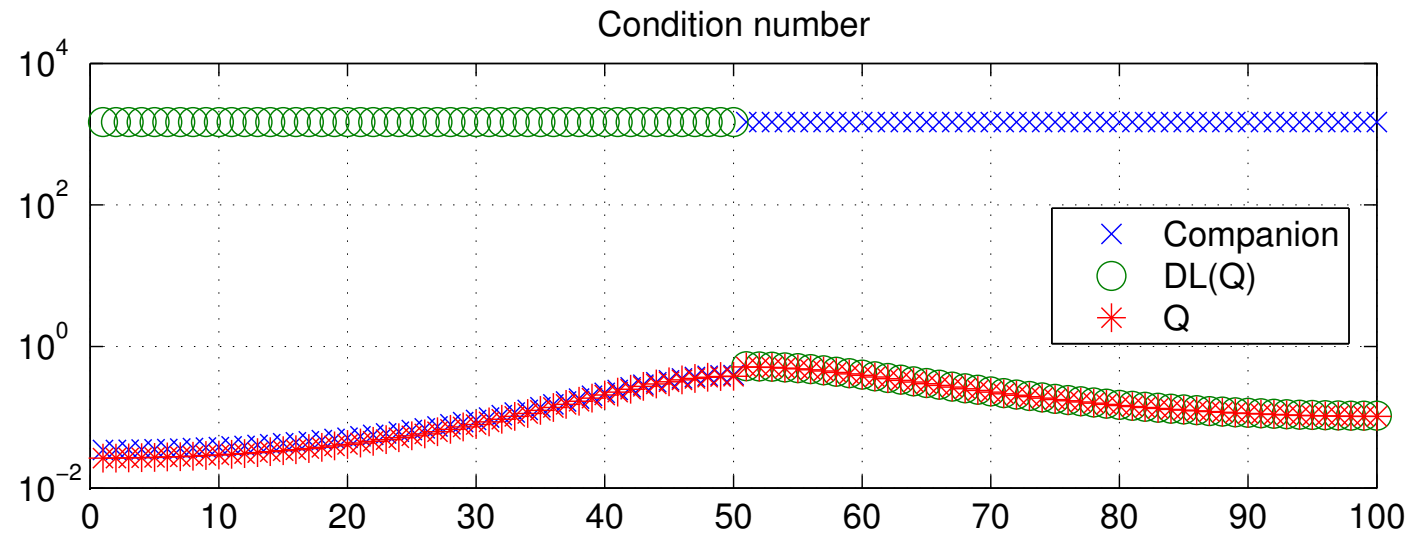
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