

Shanks sequence transformations and the ϵ -algorithms. Theory and applications

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and solving the linear system for the unknown **S** gives the following formula

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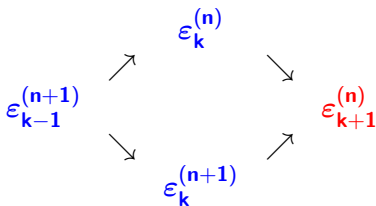
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Shanks transformation and the ε -algorithm are related to **Padé approximants**.

Indeed, let

$$f(t) = c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2 + \dots$$

If Shanks transformation is applied to the sequence of the **partial sums of f** , then

$$e_k(S_n) = \varepsilon_{2k}^{(n)} = [n + k/k]_f(t).$$

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For computing the unknown coefficients \mathbf{a}_i , we have to obtain **$k + 1$ equations in \mathbb{R}** from the preceding difference equation in \mathbf{E} .

Let \mathbf{y} be an arbitrary nonzero element of \mathbf{E}^* , the **dual space** of \mathbf{E} (which means that it is a linear functional).

We denote by $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ the duality product between $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{E}^*$ and $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{E}$.

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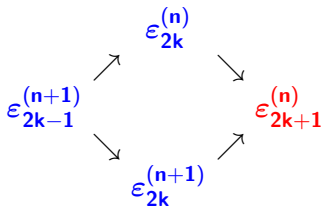
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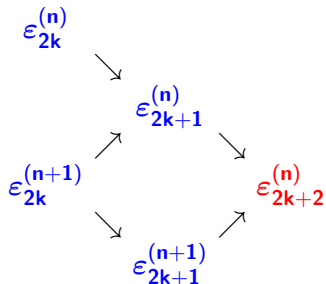
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Then, applying the **scalar ε -algorithm** to the sequence $(\mathbf{S}_n = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}_n \rangle)$, we have $\varepsilon_{2k}^{(n)} = \mathbf{e}_k(\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}_n \rangle)$.

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Remark: In all these formulas, only elements of E (even lower indexes) now appear in the rule of the algorithm.

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Convergence and acceleration

Thank to the form of the **simplified topological ε -algorithms**, and the fact that the vector **y** only intervenes in the initializations of the **scalar ε -algorithm**, and that the elements belonging to **E^*** are no longer needed, we are able **to prove some new convergence and acceleration results**.

We will not discuss them here.

- **The topological ε -algorithms: TEA1, TEA2**
 - **2 rules**
 - storage of the intermediate linear functionals $\varepsilon_{2k+1}^{(n)} \in \mathbf{E}^*$
 - computations involving the duality product with the $\varepsilon_{2k+1}^{(n)}$'s and with \mathbf{y} inside the algorithm
 - convergence and acceleration **results difficult to obtain** because the rules of the algorithm are complicated
 - **numerical instability** can be present
- **The simplified topological ε -algorithms: STEA1, STEA2**
 - **only 1 rule**
 - **much less storage:** only the elements $\varepsilon_{2k}^{(n)} \in \mathbf{E}$
 - application of the linear functional \mathbf{y} only to $\mathbf{S}_n \in \mathbf{E}$
 - no use of the duality product inside the algorithms
 - clearer role played by \mathbf{y} , but difficult to choose
 - **possibility to prove convergence and acceleration results**
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For computing \mathbf{x} , we can generate the **fixed point iterates** $\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}_n)$ starting for \mathbf{x}_0 , and **accelerate** this sequence by applying the simplified topological ε -algorithm by considering the sequence $(\varepsilon_{2k}^{(n)})_n$ for a fixed value of k , or the sequence $(\varepsilon_{2k}^{(0)})_k$.

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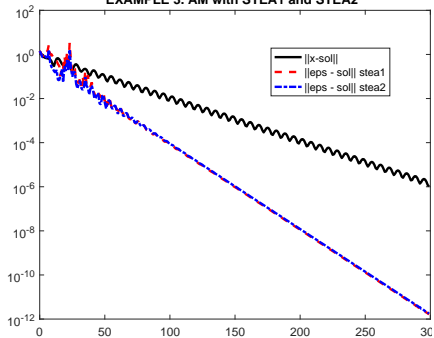
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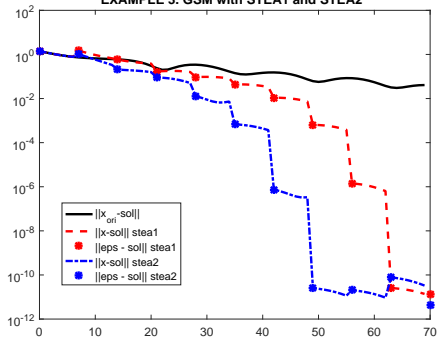
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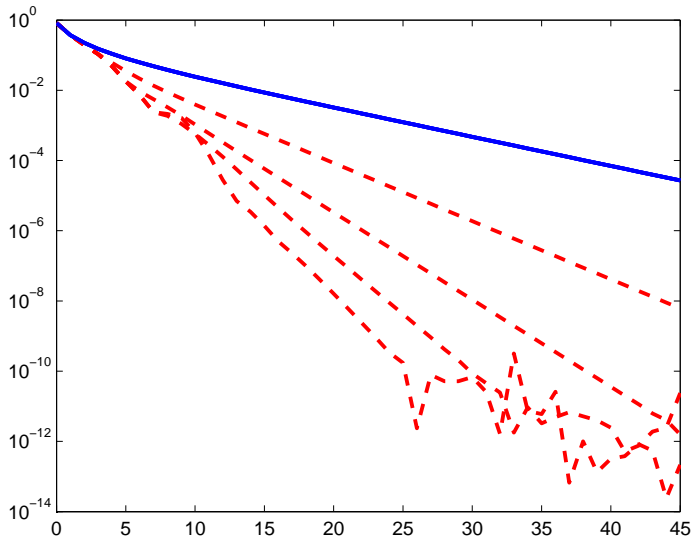
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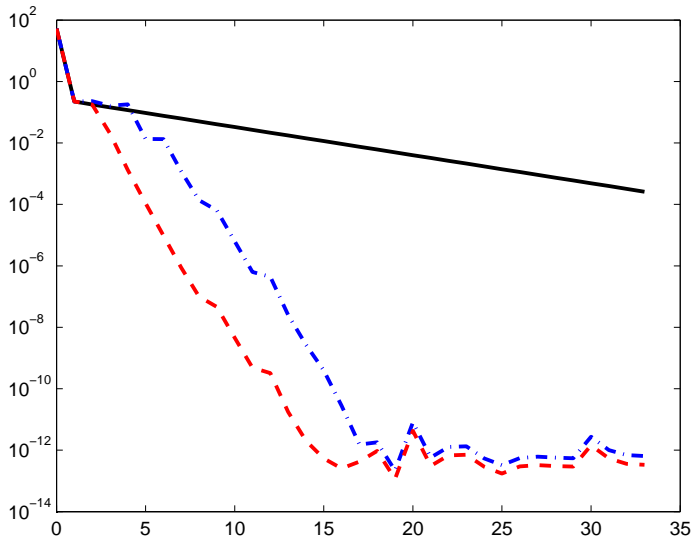
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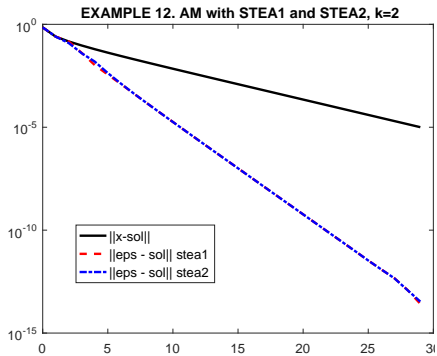
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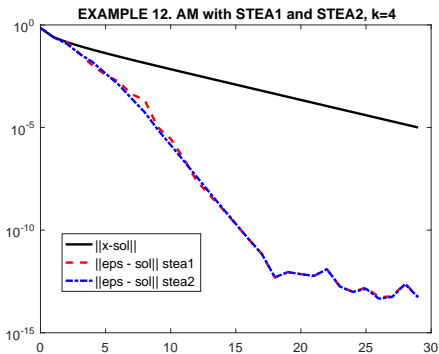
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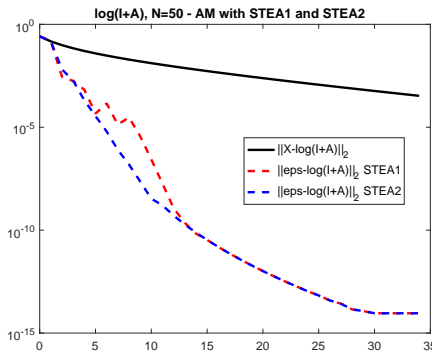
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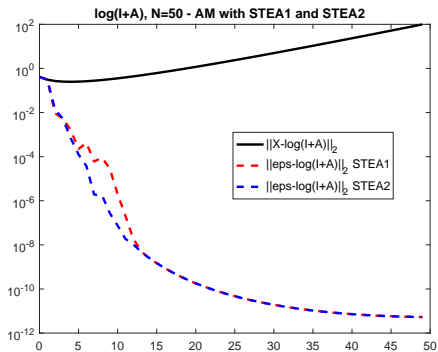
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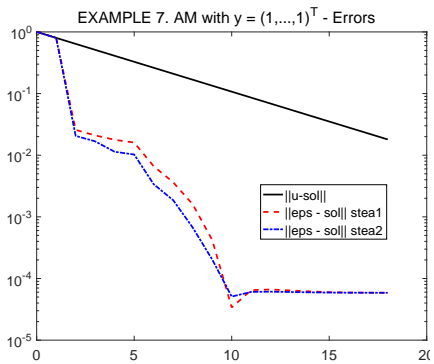
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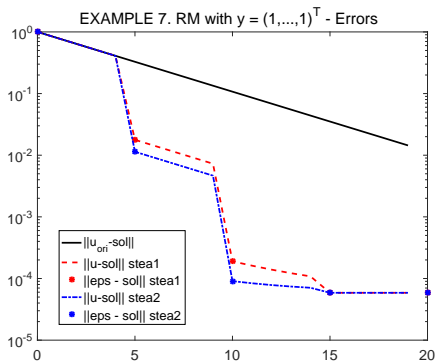
Consider the following example

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