

# Convergence Analysis of a Generalized-Laguerre-Fourier-Hermite Method for the Gross-Pitaevskii Equation with Rotation Term

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## Gross-Pitaevskii equation with rotation term

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$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(t) = Au(t) + B[u(t)]u(t)$$

A... linear differential operator

$$Au(x, y) = \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma (x^2 + y^2) - \Omega L_z \right) u(x, y)$$

where  $L_z$ ... angular momentum operator

$$L_z = -i \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

B... nonlinear multiplication operator (cubic nonlinearity)

$$(B[u]u)(x, y) = V(x, y)u(x, y) + \beta |u(x, y)|^2 u(x, y)$$

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Proposed by Weizhu Bao, Hailiang Li, and Jie Shen (2009)

Use eigenfunctions of linear operator  $A$  as spectral basis functions

$$\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) = \tilde{L}_{k,|m|}^\gamma(r) e^{im\theta}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

where  $\tilde{L}_{k,|m|}^\gamma(r)$ ... scaled generalized-Laguerre functions

$$\tilde{L}_{km}^\gamma(r) = \frac{\gamma^{(m+1)/2}}{\sqrt{\pi C_k^m}} r^m e^{-\gamma r^2/2} L_k^m(\gamma r^2)$$

where  $C_k^m = (k+m)!/k!$  and  $L_k^m(r)$ ... generalized-Laguerre polynomials

$$L_k^m(r) = \frac{r^{-m} e^r}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dr^k} \left( e^{-r} r^{k+m} \right)$$

(Orthogonality:  $\int_0^\infty r^m e^{-r} L_k^m(r) L_l^m(r) dr = C_k^m \delta_{kl}$ ,  $k, l, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

Then it holds

$$A \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma(x, y) = \lambda_{km} \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma(x, y)$$

with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_{km} = \gamma(2k + |m| + 1) - m\Omega$$

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$A: D(A) \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  self-adjoint, positive definite for  $|\Omega| \leq \gamma$   
Eigenfunctions  $\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma$  form complete orthonormal system in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma, \mathcal{L}_{k',m'}^\gamma \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \overline{\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma(x,y)} \mathcal{L}_{k',m'}^\gamma(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty r \tilde{L}_{k,|m|}^\gamma(r) \tilde{L}_{k',|m'|}^\gamma(r) e^{i(m'-m)\theta} dr d\theta \\ &= \delta_{kk'} \delta_{mm'}\end{aligned}$$

Spectral representation for  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ :

$$u = \sum_{(k,m)} c_{km}(u) \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma, \quad c_{km}(u) = \langle \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma, u \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$

Orthogonal projection  $\mathcal{P}_{KM}: L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow X_{KM}$ ,

$$\mathcal{P}_{KM}(u) = \sum_{(k,m) \in \mathcal{M}_{KM}} c_{km}(u) \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma$$

onto subspace  $X_{KM} = \text{span}\{\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma : (k,m) \in \mathcal{M}_{KM}\}$ , where  
 $\mathcal{M}_{KM} = \{(k,m) \in \mathcal{M} : k = 0, \dots, K-1, m = -M/2, \dots, M/2-1\}$

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$$c_{km}(u) = \langle \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma, u \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty r \tilde{L}_{k,|m|}^\gamma(r) e^{-im\theta} u(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) dr d\theta$$

Here, approximate

inner integral... by the Laguerre-Gauss quadrature formula of order

$K + M/2$  (points and weights  $\rho_j, \omega_j$ ) after substituting  $r = \sqrt{\rho/\gamma}$

outer integral... by the trapezoidal rule (points  $\theta_s = 2\pi s/M$ , weights  $1/M$ )

$\leadsto$  Spectral “interpolant”

$$Q_{KM}(u) = \sum_{(k,m) \in \mathcal{M}_{KM}} \tilde{c}_{km}(u) \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma$$

with

$$\tilde{c}_{km}(u) = \sum_{(j,s) \in \mathcal{K}_{KM}} \frac{\omega_j}{M} \overline{\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma(r_j \cos \theta_s, r_j \sin \theta_s)} u(r_j \cos \theta_s, r_j \sin \theta_s)$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_{KM} = \{(j, s) : j = 1, \dots, K + M/2, s = 0, \dots, M - 1\}$  and

$r_j = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_j}{\gamma}}$ ,  $\omega_j = \frac{\pi \omega_j e^{\rho_j}}{\gamma}$  ... scaled Laguerre-Gauss points and weights

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Semidiscretization in time (Strang splitting):

$$u^{n+1} = \Phi^{\Delta t} u^n = e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} e^{-i\Delta t B} [e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} u^n] e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} u^n$$

Full discretization (Strang splitting):

$$u_{KM}^{n+1} = \Phi_{KM}^{\Delta t} u_{KM}^n = e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} Q_{KM} e^{-i\Delta t B} [e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} Q_{KM} u_{KM}^n] e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} Q_{KM} u_{KM}^n$$

Numerical realization:

$$e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2}A} Q_{KM} u = \sum_{(k,m) \in \mathcal{M}_{KM}} e^{-i\lambda_{km} \frac{\Delta t}{2}} \tilde{c}_{km}(u) \mathcal{L}_{km}^{\gamma}$$

$$e^{-i\Delta t B[u]} u(x, y) = e^{-i\Delta t (V(x,y) + \beta |u(x,y)|^2)} u(x, y)$$

at the points  $(x, y) = (r_j \cos \theta_s, r_j \sin \theta_s)$

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# Convergence Analysis

Based on previous work by

Ch. Lubich (2008)

L. Gauckler (2010)

M. Thalhammer (2012)

for

Fourier pseudospectral method:  $A = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta$

Hermite pseudospectral method:  $A = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + \frac{\gamma x}{2}x^2 + \dots$

Now generalized-Laguerre-Fourier method:

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + \frac{\gamma}{2}(x^2 + y^2) - \Omega L_z$$

Note: Nonlinear part  $B$  formally the same for all three methods

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$A$  positive definite; powers of  $A$  for arbitrary exponents  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$A^\alpha : D(A^\alpha) \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^2),$$

$$A^\alpha u = \sum_{(k,m)} c_{km}(u) \lambda_{km}^\alpha \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma, \quad u \in D(A^\alpha),$$

$$D(A^\alpha) = \left\{ u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) : \|A^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 = \sum_{(k,m)} |c_{km}(u)|^2 \lambda_{km}^{2\alpha} < \infty \right\}.$$

Fractional power spaces:  $X_\alpha = D(A^\alpha)$

Norms on these spaces:

$$\|u\|_{X_\alpha} = \|A^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \sqrt{\sum_{(k,m) \in \mathcal{M}} |c_{km}(u)|^2 \lambda_{km}^{2\alpha}}.$$

In particular,  $X_0 = L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

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**Lemma.** For any  $\alpha \geq 0$  it holds

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \|xu\|_{X_\alpha} \\ \|yu\|_{X_\alpha} \\ \|\partial_x u\|_{X_\alpha} \\ \|\partial_y u\|_{X_\alpha} \end{array} \right\} \leq C \|u\|_{X_{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad u \in X_{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}}$$

with a constant  $C$  independent of  $u$ .

Proof for Hermite pseudospectral method based on identity

$$x\mathcal{H}_k^\gamma(x) = \frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{H}_{k-1}^\gamma(x) + \frac{\sqrt{k+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{H}_{k+1}^\gamma(x)$$

+ similar identity for  $\partial_x \mathcal{H}_k^\gamma$  (both follow from construction of Hermite functions  $\mathcal{H}_k^\gamma$  by ladder operators)

Proof for generalized-Laguerre-Fourier pseudospectral method based on

$$x\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma = \begin{cases} -\frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k-1,m+1}^\gamma + \frac{\sqrt{k+m}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k,m-1}^\gamma + \frac{\sqrt{k+m+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k,m+1}^\gamma - \frac{\sqrt{k+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k+1,m-1}^\gamma, & m > 0, \\ -\frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k-1,+1}^\gamma + \frac{\sqrt{k+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k,-1}^\gamma + \frac{\sqrt{k+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k,+1}^\gamma - \frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k-1,-1}^\gamma, & m = 0, \\ -\frac{\sqrt{k}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k-1,m-1}^\gamma + \frac{\sqrt{k-m}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k,m+1}^\gamma + \frac{\sqrt{k-m+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k,m-1}^\gamma - \frac{\sqrt{k+1}}{2\sqrt{\gamma}} \mathcal{L}_{k+1,m+1}^\gamma, & m < 0; \end{cases}$$

+ similar identities for  $y\mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma$ ,  $\partial_x \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma$ ,  $\partial_y \mathcal{L}_{km}^\gamma$

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**Lemma.** For any  $\alpha \geq 1$  it holds

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C\|u\|_{H^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C\|u\|_{X_\alpha}, \quad u \in X_\alpha$$

and

$$\|uv\|_{X_0} \leq C\|u\|_{X_0}\|v\|_{X_\alpha}, \quad u \in X_0, v \in X_\alpha.$$

For any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$  it holds

$$\|uv\|_{X_\alpha} \leq C\|u\|_{X_\alpha}\|v\|_{X_\alpha}, \quad u, v \in X_\alpha.$$

Proof using the previous lemma is formally the same both for Hermite and for generalized-Laguerre-Fourier pseudospectral method

**Lemma.** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$  and let  $\zeta = 0$  or  $\zeta = \alpha$ . Then for  $u \in X_\alpha$ ,  $v \in X_\zeta$  it holds

$$\begin{aligned} \|B[u]v\|_{X_\zeta} &\leq C(\|v\|_{X_\alpha} + |\beta|\|u\|_{X_\alpha}^2)\|v\|_{X_\zeta}, \\ \|e^{-itB[u]}v\|_{X_\zeta} &\leq e^{C(\|v\|_{X_\alpha} + |\beta|\|u\|_{X_\alpha}^2)t}\|v\|_{X_\zeta}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, for  $u, v, w \in X_\alpha$  it holds

$$\|(B[u] - B[v])w\|_{X_\zeta} \leq C|\beta|(\|u\|_{X_\alpha} + \|v\|_{X_\alpha})\|w\|_{X_\alpha}\|u - v\|_{X_\zeta}.$$

Proof is formally the same both for Hermite and for generalized-Laguerre-Fourier pseudospectral method

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Sobolev-type inequality (1D) for an interval  $(a, b)$ :

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} |u(x)| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{b-a}} \|u\|_{L^2(a, b)} + \sqrt{b-a} \|\partial_x u\|_{L^2(a, b)}$$

Sobolev-type inequality (2D) for a rectangle  $\Omega = (a, b) \times (c, d)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{(x, y) \in \bar{\Omega}} |u(x, y)| &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{(b-a)(d-c)}} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \frac{\sqrt{b-a}}{\sqrt{d-c}} \|\partial_x u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{d-c}}{\sqrt{b-a}} \|\partial_y u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + 2\sqrt{(b-a)(d-c)} \|\partial_x \partial_y u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

Using such inequalities + results about the asymptotic distribution of scaled Hermite-Gauss points and weights  $z_j, w_j$  one obtains (Guo et al., 2003)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{Q}_{MM} u\|_{x_0} &= \sqrt{\sum_{j_x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j_y=0}^{M-1} w_{j_x} w_{j_y} |u(z_{j_x}, z_{j_y})|^2}, \quad u \in X_\alpha, \alpha \geq 1 \\ &\leq C \left( \|u\|_{x_0} + M^{-1/6} \|A^{1/2} u\|_{x_0} + M^{-1/3} \|Au\|_{x_0} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for 2D Hermite pseudospectral method

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In the case of generalized-Laguerre-Fourier one needs Sobolev-type inequality (2D) for curved rectangles

$$R = \{(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) : r \in (r_A, r_B), \theta \in (\theta_A, \theta_B)\}:$$

$$\max_{(x,y) \in \bar{R}} |u(x, y)| \leq A_0 \|u\|_{L^2(R)} + (A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{13}) (\|\partial_x u\|_{L^2(R)} + \|\partial_y u\|_{L^2(R)}) \\ + A_2 (\|\partial_x \partial_x u\|_{L^2(R)} + \|\partial_y \partial_y u\|_{L^2(R)} + \|\partial_x \partial_y u\|_{L^2(R)}),$$

where

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Vol}R}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(r_B^2 - r_A^2)(\theta_B - \theta_A)}},$$

$$A_{11} = \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta_B - \theta_A}} \sqrt{\log \frac{r_B}{r_A}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta_B - \theta_A}} \sqrt{\frac{r_B^2 - r_A^2}{2r_A^2}},$$

$$A_{12} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}(\theta_B - \theta_A)(r_A + r_B)}{r_B - r_A}},$$

$$A_{13} = 2\sqrt{(\theta_B - \theta_A) \log \frac{r_B}{r_A}} \leq 2\sqrt{\theta_B - \theta_A} \sqrt{\frac{r_B^2 - r_A^2}{2r_A^2}},$$

$$A_2 = 2\sqrt{\text{Vol}R} = 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(r_B^2 - r_A^2)(\theta_B - \theta_A)}.$$

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Results about the asymptotic distribution of scaled Laguerre-Gauss points and weights  $r_j$ ,  $w_j$ :

$$C_1 N^{-1} \leq r_j^2 \leq C_2 N, \quad C_1 N^{-1} \leq w_j \leq C_2 N^{1/3}$$

$$C_1 w_j \leq r_j^2 - r_{j-1}^2 \leq C_2 w_j, \quad w_j \frac{r_j^2 - r_{j-1}^2}{r_{j-1}^2} \leq C N^{-1/3}$$

Follow from results in

*E. Levin and D. Lubinsky: Orthogonal polynomials for exponential weights  $x^{2\rho} e^{-2Q(x)}$  on  $[0, d]$ . Journal of Approximation Theory (2005, 2006)*

Discrete norm:

$$\|u\|_{NM} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{s=0}^{M-1} w_j |u(r_j \cos \theta_s, r_j \sin \theta_s)|^2}, \quad u \in C(\mathbb{R}^2).$$

$$\|Q_{KM} u\|_{x_0} \leq \|u\|_{K+M/2, M} \leq C \left( \|u\|_{x_0} + M^{-1/6} \|A^{1/2} u\|_{x_0} + M^{-1/2} \|Au\|_{x_0} \right)$$

Here,  $N = K + M/2$  and  $K$  proportional to  $M$

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$\alpha \dots$  integer  $\geq 1$ .

Estimates for Lie commutators of  $\hat{A}(u) = -iAu$  and

$\hat{B}(u) = -iB[u]u = -i(V + |u|^2)u$ :

$$\|\hat{A}, \hat{B}\|_{X_\alpha} \leq C\|u\|_{X_{\alpha+1}}^3, \quad \|[\hat{A}, [\hat{A}, \hat{B}]](u)\|_{X_\alpha} \leq C\|u\|_{X_{\alpha+1}}^3, \quad u \in X_{\alpha+1}$$

Local error bound ( $u(\cdot, 0) \in X_{\alpha+1}$ ,  $\Phi^{\Delta t} \dots$  semidiscrete Strang splitting):

$$\|\Phi^{\Delta t} u(\cdot, 0) - u(\cdot, \Delta t)\|_{X_\alpha} \leq C\Delta t^2,$$

$$\|\Phi^{\Delta t} u(\cdot, 0) - u(\cdot, \Delta t)\|_{X_0} \leq C\Delta t^3$$

Stability ( $u, v \in X_\alpha$ ):

$$\|\Phi^{\Delta t} u - \Phi^{\Delta t} v\|_{X_\alpha} \leq e^{C\Delta t} \|u - v\|_{X_\alpha},$$

$$\|\Phi^{\Delta t} u - \Phi^{\Delta t} v\|_{X_0} \leq e^{C\Delta t} \|u - v\|_{X_0}$$

**Theorem.** Exact solution  $u$  in  $X_{\alpha+1}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Then

$$\|u^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{X_\alpha} \leq C\Delta t,$$

$$\|u^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{X_0} \leq C\Delta t^2,$$

$0 \leq t_n = n\Delta t \leq T$  for all  $\Delta t \leq \Delta t_0$ , where  $C$  and  $\Delta t_0$  depend on  $\alpha$ ,  $T$ , and  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{X_{\alpha+1}}$ .

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$\alpha \dots$  integer  $\geq 1$ ;  $K$  proportional to  $M$ .

Interpose time-semidiscrete solution  $u^n$ :

$$\|u_{KM}^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{X_0} \leq \|u^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{X_0} + \|u_{KM}^n - u^n\|_{X_0}$$

Stability ( $u, v \in X_{KM}$ ,  $\Phi_{KM}^{\Delta t} \dots$  semidiscrete Strang splitting):

$$\|\Phi_{KM}^{\Delta t} u - \Phi_{KM}^{\Delta t} v\|_{X_0} \leq e^{C\|u\|_{X_\alpha} \|v\|_{X_\alpha}} \|u - v\|_{X_0}$$

Local error bound ( $u \in X_\alpha$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Phi_{KM}^{\Delta t} Q_{KM} u - Q_{KM} \Phi_{KM}^{\Delta t} u\|_{X_0} \\ & \leq C \Delta t M^{-(\alpha-1-1/2)} \left( e^{C\Delta t \|Q_{KM} u\|_{X_\alpha} \|Q_{KM} u\|_{X_\alpha}} \|u\|_{X_\alpha} + \|\Phi^{\Delta t} u\|_{X_\alpha} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem.** Exact solution  $u$  in  $X_{\alpha+1}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Then

$$\|u_{KM}^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{X_0} \leq C(\Delta t^2 + M^{-(\alpha-1-1/2)}),$$

$0 \leq t_n = n\Delta t \leq T$  for all  $\Delta t \leq \Delta t_0$ ,  $M \geq M_0$ . Here,  $C$ ,  $\Delta t_0$ , and  $M_0$  depend on  $\alpha$ ,  $T$ , and  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{X_{\alpha+1}}$ .

Note: For 2D Hermite  $2/3$  instead of  $1/2$  in the exponent

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