

# **Algorithms for Square Root of Semi-Infinite Quasi-Toeplitz** *M***-Matrices**

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# **Abstract**

A quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix *A* is an infinite *M*-matrix that can be written as the sum of a semi-infinite Toeplitz matrix and a correction matrix. This paper is concerned with computing the square root of invertible quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices which preserves the quasi-Toeplitz structure. We show that the Toeplitz part of the square root can be easily computed through evaluation/interpolation. This advantage allows us to propose algorithms solely for the computation of correction part, whence we propose a fixed-point iteration and a structure-preserving doubling algorithm. Additionally, we show that the correction part can be approximated by solving a nonlinear matrix equation with coefficients of finite size followed by extending the solution to infinity. Numerical experiments showing the efficiency of the proposed algorithms are performed.

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# **1 Introduction**

*M*-matrices in the context of infinite dimensional spaces are called *M*-operators, which, to our knowledge, were firstly investigated in [\[19](#page-18-0)], since then related theoretical properties have been developed in [\[1,](#page-17-0) [17,](#page-18-1) [19](#page-18-0)[–21](#page-18-2), [25](#page-18-3)]. Quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices are infinite *M*-matrices with an

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almost Toeplitz structure, they are encountered in the numerical solution of a quadratic matrix equation [\[10](#page-18-4)] involved in 2-dimensional Quasi-Birth-Death (QBD) stochastic processes [\[23\]](#page-18-5) and are recently studied in [\[22](#page-18-6)] in terms of their theoretical and computational properties.

In this paper, we are interested in the quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices that belong to the class  $Q\mathcal{T}_{\infty} = \{T(a) + E : a(z) \in \mathcal{W}, E \in \mathcal{K}_d(\ell^{\infty})\}$ , where  $T(a)$  is a semi-infinite Toeplitz matrix associated with the function  $a(z) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i z^i$  in the sense that  $(T(a))_{i,j} = a_{j-i}$ , *W* is the Wiener algebra, defined as the set  $W = \{a(z) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i z^i : z \in \mathbb{T}, \|a\|_W := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |a_i| < \infty\}$  $\infty$ }, and  $\mathcal{K}_d(\ell^{\infty}) = \{E = (e_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}^+}: \lim_i \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |e_{i,j}| = 0\}$ . It has been proved in [\[11,](#page-18-7) Theorem 2.16] that the class  $QT_{\infty}$  is a Banach algebra with the infinity matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ , which turns out to be  $||A||_{\infty} = \sup_i \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_{i,j}|$  for  $A = (a_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ . For  $A = T(a) + E \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  $QT_{\infty}$ ,  $T(a)$  is called the Toeplitz part with a symbol *a*, *E* is called the correction part. Matrices in the class  $QT_{\infty}$  have rich and elegant theoretical and computational properties, we refer the reader to  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  $[3, 6-13, 18, 24]$  for more details.

For a quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix  $A = T(a) + E_A \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$ , it has been proved in [\[22\]](#page-18-6) that if *A* is an (invertible) *M*-matrix, then *T* (*a*) is also an (invertible) *M*-matrix. Moreover, it shows that if *A* is invertible, there exists a unique quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix  $S = T(s) + E_S \in QT_{\infty}$ such that  $A = S^2$ . Concerning the computation of the matrix *S*, Binomial iteration and Cyclic Reduction (CR) algorithm have been proposed in [\[22\]](#page-18-6), where the CR algorithm seems to be better suited in the numerical computations. However, both the Binomial iteration and the CR algorithm exploit the quasi-Toeplitz structure indirectly by performing approximate operations of semi-infinite quasi-Toeplitz matrices in the format. It would be natural to ask whether the quasi-Toeplitz structure can be fully exploited to propose more efficient algorithms.

Suppose  $B = T(b) + E_B \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  satisfies  $(I - B)^2 = A$ , where  $A = T(a) + E_A$ is a given quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix, then we have for the symbols of the Toeplitz parts that  $(1-b(z))^2 = a(z)$ . Observe that for a positive integer  $n > 0$ , there is always a unique Laurent polynomial  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{i=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_i z^i$  that interpolates  $b(z)$  at the 2*n* roots of unity. Based on the technic of evaluation/interpolation, we investigate computation of the coefficients *bi* of  $b(z) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} b_i z^i$ , so that the Toeplitz part *T* (*b*) of the quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix *A* can be easily obtained.

Concerning the computation of the correction part, we propose a fixed-point iteration with a linear convergence rate, and a structure-preserving doubling algorithm, which is of quadratic convergence rate. Moreover, we show that the correction part can be approximated by extending a finite size matrix to infinity, where the finite size matrix solves a nonlinear matrix equation. Numerical experiments show that the proposed algorithms provide convergence acceleration in terms of CPU times comparing with the Binomial iteration and CR algorithm proposed in [\[22\]](#page-18-6), both of which keep the whole quasi-Toeplitz matrices in the computations.

This paper is organized as follows. In the remaining part of this introduction, we recall some definitions and properties concerning quasi-Toeplitz matrices and *M*-matrices. Sections [2](#page-2-0) and [3](#page-4-0) concern with algorithms that fully exploit the quasi-Toeplitz structure of square root of invertible quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices, in Sect. [2](#page-2-0) we show how the Toeplitz part is computed, while in Sect. [3,](#page-4-0) we design and analyze the convergence of algorithms that are applicable in computing the correction part. In Sect. [4,](#page-10-0) we show that the correction part can be approximated by extending to infinity of the solution of a nonlinear matrix equation with finite size coefficients. In Sect. [5,](#page-13-0) we show by numerical examples the efficiency of the proposed algorithms.

#### **1.1 Preliminary Concepts**

Let  $\ell^{\infty}$  be the space of sequences  $\{x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots)\}$  such that  $\sup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^+} |x_i| < \infty$ , one can see that quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices in the class  $\mathcal{Q}T_{\infty}$  are bounded linear operators from  $\ell^{\infty}$ to  $\ell^{\infty}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{B}(\ell^{\infty})$  the Banach space of bounded linear operators from  $\ell^{\infty}$  to itself, we first recall definition of *M*-operators on  $B(\ell^{\infty})$ . For definition of more general *M*-operators on a real partially ordered Banach space, we refer the reader to [\[17](#page-18-1), [21,](#page-18-2) [25](#page-18-3)] and the references therein. *M*-operators on the Banach space  $B(\ell^{\infty})$  are defined as

**Definition 1.1** An operator  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^{\infty})$  is said to be a *Z*-operator if  $A = sI - P$ , with  $s \ge 0$ ,  $P(\ell_+^{\infty}) \subseteq \ell_+^{\infty}$ , where  $\ell_+^{\infty} = \{x = (x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \in \ell_+^{\infty} : x_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i\}$ . A *Z*-operator is said to be an *M*-operator if  $s \ge \rho(P)$ , where  $\rho(P)$  is the spectral radius of *P*. *A* is an invertible *M*-operator if  $s > \rho(P)$ .

As matrices in  $QT_{\infty}$  can be represented by matrices of infinite size, we keep using the term *M*-matrix when referring *M*-operators in  $QT_{\infty}$ . This way, a matrix  $A \in QT_{\infty}$  is said to be an *M*-matrix if  $A = \beta I - B$  with  $B \ge 0$  and  $\beta \ge \rho(B)$ , and A is invertible if  $\beta > \rho(B)$ . Here  $B \ge 0$  means that *B* is an elementwise nonnegative infinite matrix.

<span id="page-2-2"></span>The following lemma contains a collection of properties of quasi-Toeplitz matrices and quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices, where properties (i) and (ii) have been proved in [\[2\]](#page-17-3), while properties (iii–v) can be found from [\[22\]](#page-18-6).

**Lemma 1.1** *If*  $A = T(a) + E_A \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$  *and*  $B = T(b) + E_B \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$ *, then the following properties hold:*

- *(i)*  $AB = T(ab) H(a^-)H(a^+) \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$ , where  $(H(a^-))_{i,i} = (a_{-i-i+1})_{i,i \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$  and  $(H(a^+))_{i,j} = (a_{i+j-1})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}^+};$
- *(ii) it holds that*  $||a||_{\mathcal{W}} = ||T(a)||_{\infty} \le ||A||_{\infty}$ ;
- *(iii)*  $T(a) > 0$  *if*  $A > 0$ *.*
- *(iv)*  $\|a\|_{\mathcal{W}} = a(1)$  *if*  $T(a) > 0$ .
- *(v) T(a) is an (invertible) M -matrix if A is an (invertible) M -matrix.*

<span id="page-2-1"></span>The following lemma shows that an invertible *M*-matrix in the class  $Q\mathcal{T}_{\infty}$  admits a unique quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix as a square root.

**Lemma 1.2** *[\[22](#page-18-6), Theorem 3.6] Suppose*  $A = \beta(I - A_1) \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  *satisfies*  $\beta > 0$ ,  $A_1 \geq 0$ *and*  $||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ , then there is a unique  $B \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  such that  $B \geq 0$ ,  $||B||_{\infty} < 1$ , and  $(I - B)^2 = I - A_1$ .

For quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix  $A = \gamma (I - A_1) \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$  such that  $A_1 \geq 0$  and  $||A_1||_\infty < 1$ , it can be seen from Lemma [1.2](#page-2-1) that it suffices to compute matrix *B* such that  $(I - B)^2 = I - A_1$ . In what follows, we propose algorithms for computing the Toeplitz part and the correction part of matrix *B*.

# <span id="page-2-0"></span>**2 Computing the Toeplitz Part**

Observe that the Toeplitz part  $T(b)$  is uniquely determined by the coefficients  $b_j$  of the symbol  $b(z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} b_j z^j$ . In this section, we show that  $b(z)$  can be approximated by  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{i=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_j z^j$  in the sense that  $||b - \hat{b}||_{\mathcal{W}} \le c\epsilon$  for some constant *c* and a given tolerance  $\epsilon$ .

Suppose  $B = T(b) + E_B$  satisfies  $\gamma (I - B)^2 = A$ , where  $A = \gamma (I - A_1) \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$  is such that  $A_1 \geq 0$  and  $||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ . Suppose  $T(a)$  is the Toeplitz part of A, we have from property (i) of Lemma [1.1](#page-2-2) that  $\gamma(1 - b(z))^2 = a(z)$ , that is,

<span id="page-3-3"></span>
$$
a(z)/\gamma = b(z)^2 - 2b(z) + 1,\tag{2.1}
$$

from which we obtain  $b(z) = 1 \pm \sqrt{a(z)/\gamma}$ . Since  $A_1 \ge 0$ , in view of properties (ii)-(iv) of Lemma [1.1,](#page-2-2) we have  $a_1(1) = ||a_1||_{\mathcal{W}} \le ||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ , where  $a_1(z)$  is the symbol of the Toeplitz part of *A*<sub>1</sub>, hence we deduce that  $a(1) = \gamma(1 - a_1(1)) > 0$ . On the other hand, it follows from  $B \ge 0$  that  $b(1) = ||b||_{\mathcal{W}} = ||T(b)||_{\infty} \le ||B||_{\infty} < 1$ , which, together with  $\sqrt{a(1)/\gamma} > 0$ , implies that  $b(1) = 1 - \sqrt{a(1)/\gamma}$  and therefore  $b(z) = 1 - \sqrt{a(z)/\gamma}$ .

Let  $n > 0$  be a positive integer, set  $m = 2n$ , then there is always a unique Laurent series  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_j z^j$  such that  $\hat{b}(\omega_m^{\ell}) = b(\omega_m^{\ell}), \ell = -n+1, \ldots, n$ , where  $\omega_m$  is the principal *m*-th root of 1, that is,  $\omega_m = \cos \frac{2\pi}{m} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{m}$ . Based on the evaluation/interpolation technique, where the interpolation can be done by the means of the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), an approximation  $b_i$ ,  $i = -n+1, ..., n$ , to the coefficients  $b_i$  of  $b(z)$  can be obtained. Since  $B \ge 0$ , we have from property (iii) of Lemma [1.1](#page-2-2) that  $T(b) \ge 0$ , so that  $b(z) = \overline{z}$  $\sum_{i\in\mathbb{Z}} b_i z^i$  has nonnegative coefficients. If in addition  $b''(z) \in \mathcal{W}$ , the following lemma provides a bound to  $|b_i - b_i|$ .

<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Lemma 2.1** *[\[10](#page-18-4), Lemma 3.1] For g*(*z*) =  $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} g_i z^i \in W$  *with nonnegative coefficients, let*  $\hat{g}(z) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} \hat{g}_j z^j$  *be the Laurent polynomial interpolating*  $g(z)$  *at the m-th roots of 1, i.e.,*  $g(w_m^i) = \hat{g}(w_m^i)$  *for i* = −*n* + 1, ..., *n*, where *m* = 2*n*. If  $g''(z) \in W$ , then  $g''(1) \ge 0$ *and*

$$
g''(1) - \hat{g}''(1) \ge 2n \Big( \sum_{j < -n+1} g_j + \sum_{j > n} g_j \Big).
$$

*Moreover,*  $0 \le \hat{g}_j - g_j \le \frac{1}{2n} (g''(1) - \hat{g}''(1))$  *for*  $j = -n + 1, ..., n$ .

For  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_j z^j$  interpolating  $b(z)$  at  $\omega_m^i$  for  $i = -n+1, \ldots, n$ , suppose  $b''(z) \in W$  and  $b''(1) > 0$ , we have from Lemma [2.1](#page-3-0) that

<span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
b''(1) - \hat{b}''(1) \ge 2n\left(\sum_{j < -n+1} b_j + \sum_{j > n} b_j\right),\tag{2.2}
$$

and

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
|\hat{b}_j - b_j| \le \frac{1}{2n} (b''(1) - \hat{b}''(1)), \ j = -n + 1, \dots, n. \tag{2.3}
$$

If  $b''(1) - \hat{b}''(1) < \epsilon$  for a given tolerance  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have from [\(2.3\)](#page-3-1) that  $|b_i - \hat{b}_i| \leq \epsilon/(2n)$ for  $j = -n + 1, \ldots, n$ , which together with [\(2.2\)](#page-3-2) implies that

$$
||b - \hat{b}||_{\mathcal{W}} = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} |b_j - \hat{b}_j| + \sum_{j \le n+1} b_j + \sum_{j>n} b_j
$$
  

$$
\le \epsilon + \frac{1}{2n} (b''(1) - \hat{b}''(1))
$$
  

$$
\le (1 + \frac{1}{2n})\epsilon.
$$

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Hence, in the computation of  $\hat{b}_i$ ,  $j = -n + 1, \ldots, n$ , under the evaluation/interpolation scheme, the approximation is accurate enough if  $b''(1) - \hat{b}''(1) < \epsilon$ . Actually, the values of  $b''(1) - b''(1)$  can be easily obtained. Indeed, once the coefficients  $\hat{b}_i$  of  $\hat{b}(z) =$  $\sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_j z^j$  are computed, one can easily obtain  $\hat{b}''(1) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} j(j-1)\hat{b}_j$ . On the other hand, we have from Eq.  $(2.1)$  that

$$
b'(z) = \frac{a'(z)}{2\gamma(b(z)-1)} \text{ and } b''(z) = \frac{a''(z)-2\gamma(b'(z))^2}{2\gamma(b(z)-1)},
$$

from which we easily obtain  $b'(1)$  and  $b''(1)$ .

Observe that equation  $(2.1)$  is a special case of the quadratic Eq.

$$
a_1(z)g(z)^2 + (a_0(z) - 1)g(z) + a_{-1}(z) = 0,
$$

where  $a_i(z)$  for  $i = -1, 0, 1$  are known functions in the class *W* and  $g(z)$  is the function to be determined. Algorithms for computing the approximations of the coefficients of  $g(z)$  has been proposed in [\[10\]](#page-18-4), based on which we propose the following Algorithm [1](#page-4-1) that is more efficient in computing the coefficients  $\hat{b}_j$  of the Laurent series  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^n \hat{b}_j z^j$ , so that we get an approximation *T* ( $\hat{b}$ ) to the Toeplitz part *T* (*b*) in the sense that  $||T(b) - T(\hat{b})||_{\infty} =$  $||b - \hat{b}||_{\mathcal{W}} \leq (1 + \frac{1}{2n})\epsilon$  for a given tolerance  $\epsilon$ .

#### <span id="page-4-1"></span>**Algorithm 1** Approximation of  $b(z)$

**Require:** The coefficients of  $a(z)$ , a scalar  $\gamma$  such that  $A = \gamma(I - A_1)$  and a tolerance  $\epsilon > 0$ . **Ensure:** Approximations  $\hat{b}_j$ ,  $j = -n + 1, \ldots, n$ , to the coefficients  $b_j$  of  $b(z)$  such that  $|\hat{b}_j - b_j| \le \epsilon/(2n)$ . 1: Set n=4, and compute  $b(1) = 1 - \sqrt{a(1)/\gamma}$  and  $b'(1) = \frac{a'(1)}{2\gamma(b(1)-1)}$  and  $b''(1) = \frac{a''(1)-2\gamma(b'(1))^2}{2\gamma(b(1)-1)}$ ; 2: Set  $m = 2n$  and  $w_m = \cos \frac{2\pi}{m} + \mathbf{i} \sin \frac{2\pi}{m}$ . Evaluate  $a(z)$  at  $z = w_m^i$  for  $i = -n + 1, \ldots, n$ ; 3: For  $i = -n + 1, \ldots, n$ , compute  $s_i = 1 - \sqrt{a(\omega_m^i) / \gamma}$ ; 4: Interpolate the values  $s_i$ ,  $i = -n+1, \ldots, n$ , by means of FFT and obtain the coefficients  $\hat{b}_i$  of the Laurent polynomial  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_j z^j$  such that  $b(w_m^i) = \hat{b}(w_m^i)$ ,  $i = -n+1, \ldots, n$ ; 5: Compute  $\hat{b}''(1) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} j(j-1)\hat{b}_j$  and  $\delta_m = b''(1) - \hat{b}''(1)$ ; 6: If  $\delta_m < \epsilon$  then exit, else set  $n = 2n$  and compute from Step 2.

It can be seen that the overall computational cost of Algorithm [1](#page-4-1) is  $O(n \log n)$  arithmetic operations. Now the Toeplitz part of matrix *B* is approximated by  $T(b)$ , it remains to compute the correction part of *B* in order to complete the computation of the square root. We show this subject in next section.

### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**3 Computing the Correction Part**

Suppose  $A = \beta(I - A_1) \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$ , where  $A_1 \geq 0$  and  $||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ , then for  $B = T(b) + E_B \geq 0$ 0 and  $\|B\|_{\infty}$  < 1 such that  $(I - B)^2 = I - A_1$ , we design and analyze the convergence of a fixed-point iteration and a structure-preserving doubling algorithm that can be used for the computation of  $E_B$ .

#### **3.1 Fixed-Point Iteration**

Consider the nonlinear matrix equation

<span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
(I - T(b) - X)^2 = I - A_1
$$

which can be equivalently written as

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
X^{2} - (I - T(b))X - X(I - T(b)) + Q = 0,
$$
\n(3.1)

where  $Q = A_1 + T(b)^2 - 2T(b)$ . It is clear that  $E_B$  solves Eq. [\(3.1\)](#page-5-0). On the other hand, it follows from Lemma [1.2](#page-2-1) that *I* −*A*<sup>1</sup> allows a unique quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix as a square root, so that  $E_B$  is the unique solution of Eq. [\(3.1\)](#page-5-0) such that  $T(b)+E_B \ge 0$  and  $|T(b)+E_B|_{\infty} < 1$ .

Observe that Eq. [\(3.1\)](#page-5-0) can be equivalently written as  $X = (2I - T(b) - X)^{-1}(Q + XT(b)),$ from which we propose the following iteration

$$
X_{k+1} = (2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1} (Q + X_k T(b))
$$
\n(3.2)

with  $X_0 = 0$ . We show that the sequence  $\{X_k\}$  converges to  $E_B$ . To this end, we first show the following result.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let*  $A = \beta(I - A_1) \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$  *with*  $A_1 \geq 0$  *and*  $||A_1||_\infty < 1$ *. Suppose*  $B =$  $T(b) + E_B \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$  *is the unique quasi-Toeplitz matrix such that*  $B \geq 0$ *,*  $||B||_\infty < 1$ *, and*  $(I - B)^2 = I - A_1$ . Then, the sequence  $\{X_k\}$  generated by iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) satisfies

*(i)* the sequence  $\{X_k\}$  is well defined;

*(ii)*  $T(b) + X_k \ge 0$  *and*  $||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty} < 1$ .

*Proof* Concerning item (i), observe that  $X_{k+1}$  is well defined as long as  $2I - T(b) - X_k$  is invertible. It follows from [\[16](#page-18-11), Lemma 3.1.5] that  $2I - T(b) - X_k$  is invertible if  $T(b) + T(c)$  $X_k||_{\infty}$  < 2, which can be verified if item (ii) is true. Hence, it suffices to prove item (ii).

We prove item (ii) by induction. For  $k = 0$ , we have  $T(b) + X_0 = T(b) \ge 0$ , where the inequality follows from property (iii) of Lemma [1.1](#page-2-2) and the fact  $B > 0$ . On the other hand, we have from property (ii) of Lemma [1.1](#page-2-2) that  $||T(b)+X_0||_{\infty} \le ||B||_{\infty} < 1$ . For the inductive step, assume that  $T(b) + X_k \ge 0$  and  $||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty} < 1$ , we show that  $T(b) + X_{k+1} \ge 0$ and  $||T(b) + X_{k+1}||_{\infty} < 1$ .

Observe that

$$
X_{k+1} = (2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1} (A_1 - (2I - T(b) - X_k)T(b))
$$
  
=  $(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1} A_1 - T(b),$ 

from which we have

$$
T(b) + X_{k+1} = (2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1}A_1.
$$

On the other hand, we have the following Neumann series expansion

$$
(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}(T(b) + X_k)\right)^i,
$$

so that  $(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1} \ge 0$  since  $T(b) + X_k \ge 0$ . Recall that  $A_1 \ge 0$ , we thus have  $(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1}A_1 \geq 0$ , that is,  $T(b) + X_{k+1} \geq 0$ .

It remains to show  $||T(b) + X_{k+1}||_{\infty} < 1$ . Observe that

$$
||T(b) + X_{k+1}||_{\infty} = ||(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1}A_1||_{\infty}
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq ||(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1}||_{\infty}||A_1||_{\infty}
$$
  
\n
$$
\leq \frac{||A_1||_{\infty}}{2 - ||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty}},
$$

where the last inequality holds since

$$
\|(2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1}\|_{\infty} \le \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|T(b) + X_k\|_{\infty}\right)^i
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{2 - \|T(b) + X_k\|_{\infty}}.
$$
(3.3)

Recall that  $||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty} < 1$  and  $||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ , one can check that

$$
\frac{\|A_1\|_{\infty}}{2 - \|T(b) + X_k\|_{\infty}} < 1,
$$

that is,  $||T(b) + X_{k+1}||_{\infty} < 1$ .

The following result shows the convergence of sequence  $\{X_k\}$ .

**Theorem 3.2** *Let*  $A = \beta(I - A_1) \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  *with*  $A_1 \geq 0$  *and*  $||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ *. Suppose*  $B =$  $T(b) + E_B \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  *is the unique quasi-Toeplitz matrix such that*  $B \geq 0$ ,  $||B||_{\infty} < 1$  *and*  $(I - B)^2 = I - A_1$ . Then the sequence  $\{X_k\}$  generated by iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) converges to  $E_B$ *in the sense that*  $\lim_{k\to\infty}$   $||E_B - X_k||_{\infty} = 0$ .

*Proof* Let  $W_k = E_B - X_k$ , a direct computation yields

 $W_{k+1} = (2I - T(b) - X_k)^{-1}W_kB,$ 

which, together with  $(3.3)$ , yields

<span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
||W_{k+1}||_{\infty} \le \frac{||B||_{\infty}}{2 - ||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty}} ||W_k||_{\infty}.
$$
\n(3.4)

Since  $||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty} < 1$ , it follows that  $\frac{||B||_{\infty}}{2 - ||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty}} < ||B||_{\infty}$ , so that

$$
||W_{k+1}||_{\infty} \leq ||B||_{\infty} ||W_k||_{\infty} \leq ||B||_{\infty}^k ||W_0||_{\infty}.
$$

Since  $||B||_{\infty} < 1$ , it implies that  $\lim_{k \to \infty} ||E_B - X_k||_{\infty} = 0$ .

We may observe from inequality  $(3.4)$  that the sequence  $\{X_k\}$  generated by iteration  $(3.2)$ satisfies  $||X_{k+1} - E_B||_{\infty} \le \frac{||B||_{\infty}}{2 - ||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty}} ||X_k - E_B||_{\infty}$ . The fact  $\frac{||B||_{\infty}}{2 - ||T(b) + X_k||_{\infty}} < ||B||_{\infty}$ <br>may provide some insights to say that the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1), which is used for the computation of the correction part, converges faster than the Binomial iteration [\[22](#page-18-6)] in the computation of the whole square root, as the sequence  ${Y_k}$  generated by the Binomial iteration  $Y_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(A_1 + Y_k^2)$  with  $Y_0 = 0$  satisfies that  $||Y_{k+1} - B||_{\infty} \le ||B||_{\infty} ||Y_k - B||_{\infty}$ .

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#### **3.2 Structure-Preserving Doubling Algorithm**

We show that a structure-preserving doubling algorithm (SDA) is applicable in the computation of  $E_B$  such that  $(I - T(b) - E_B)^2 = A$ , where *A* is an invertible quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix. This method has been motivated by the ideas in [\[5\]](#page-17-4), where the SDA that enables refining an initial approximation is applied to solve quadratic matrix equations with quasi-Toeplitz coefficients. We fist recall the design and convergence analysis of SDA. For more details of SDA, we refer the reader to [\[5\]](#page-17-4), [\[4,](#page-17-5) Chapter 5] and [\[15\]](#page-18-12).

In the finite dimensional space, the design of SDA is based on a linear pencil  $M - \lambda N$ , where *M* and *N* are  $2n \times 2n$  matrices of the form

<span id="page-7-0"></span>
$$
M = \begin{bmatrix} E & O \\ -P & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} I & -Q \\ O & F \end{bmatrix}, \tag{3.5}
$$

where  $E, F, P, Q$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, *I* and *O* are, respectively, the  $n \times n$  identity matrix and the zero matrix. Suppose there are  $n \times n$  matrices X and W such that

$$
M\left[\begin{array}{c}I\\X\end{array}\right]=N\left[\begin{array}{c}I\\X\end{array}\right]W,
$$

The columns of  $\begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix}$ is said to span a graph deflating subspace of the pencil  $M - \lambda N$ associated with the eigenvalues of *W* [\[5](#page-17-4)]. Consider the problem of computing the matrix *X*, which is equivalent to compute a graph deflating subspace of the pencil  $M - \lambda N$  associated with the eigenvalues of *W*, a new pencil  $M_k - \lambda N_k$  such that

<span id="page-7-1"></span>
$$
M_k \begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} = N_k \begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} W^{2^k}, \tag{3.6}
$$

is constructed, where the matrix sequences  ${M_k}$  and  ${N_k}$  are generated such that for  $k =$ 0, 1, 2, ..., det *N<sub>k</sub>* ≠ 0,  $N_{k+1}^{-1}M_{k+1} = (N_k^{-1}M_k)^2$  with  $N_0 = N$ ,  $M_0 = M$ . If *M* and *N* have the form as in  $(3.5)$ , it follows from [\[4,](#page-17-5) page 148] that

$$
M_k = \begin{bmatrix} E_k & O \\ -P_k & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad N_k = \begin{bmatrix} I & -Q_k \\ O & F_k \end{bmatrix},
$$

where  $E_0 = E$ ,  $F_0 = F$ ,  $P_0 = P$ ,  $Q_0 = Q$ , and

<span id="page-7-3"></span><span id="page-7-2"></span>
$$
E_{k+1} = E_k (I - Q_k P_k)^{-1} E_k,
$$
  
\n
$$
P_{k+1} = P_k + F_k (I - P_k Q_k)^{-1} P_k E_k,
$$
  
\n
$$
F_{k+1} = F_k (I - P_k Q_k)^{-1} F_k,
$$
  
\n
$$
Q_{k+1} = Q_k + E_k (I - Q_k P_k)^{-1} Q_k F_k.
$$
\n(3.7)

If  $\rho(W)$  < 1 and the sequence  $\{N_k\}$  is uniformly bounded, then it can be seen from [\(3.6\)](#page-7-1) that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} M_k \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda} \right]$ *X*  $= 0$ , from which we obtain  $\lim_{k\to\infty} P_k = X$ . The algorithm based on the above technique for computing the matrix *X* is known as SDA. That is, SDA consists in computing the sequences defined in  $(3.7)$ , and under suitable convergence properties, as shown in Lemma [3.1,](#page-7-3) the sequence  $\{P_k\}$  converges to the matrix *X*.

We mention that the scheme [\(3.7\)](#page-7-2) is quite related to the forms of matrices *M* and *N* in [\(3.5\)](#page-7-0), which is called the standard structured form-I. For different forms, say the standard structured form-II (see [\[4](#page-17-5), Chapter 5]), different schemes can be obtained.

Concerning the convergence results of SDA, it has been proved in [\[5\]](#page-17-4) that

**Lemma 3.1** *[\[5](#page-17-4), Theorem 2] Let X, Y, W, V be n*  $\times$  *n matrices such that* 

$$
M\begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} = N\begin{bmatrix} I \\ X \end{bmatrix} W, \quad M\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \end{bmatrix} V = N\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \end{bmatrix},
$$

*and it satisfies that*  $\rho(W) \leq 1$ ,  $\rho(V) \leq 1$ ,  $\rho(W)\rho(V) < 1$ . *If the scheme* [\(3.7\)](#page-7-2) *can be carried out with no breakdown, then*  $\lim_k ||X - P_k||^{1/2^k} \le \rho(W)\rho(V)$  *and*  $\lim_k ||Y - Q_k||^{1/2^k} \le$  $\rho(W)\rho(V)$ .

Concerning the feasibility of SDA in the infinite dimensional spaces, it has been shown in [\[5](#page-17-4), page 11] that the convergence results of SDA still hold when matrices belong to the Banach algebra  $QT_{\infty}$ . We are ready to show how SDA can be applied in the computation of  $E_B$ .

Suppose  $A = I - A_1 \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$  is such that  $A_1 \geq 0$  and  $||A_1||_\infty < 1$ , we have from Lemma [1.2](#page-2-1) that the matrix equation

<span id="page-8-0"></span>
$$
(I - X)^2 = I - A_1 \tag{3.8}
$$

has a unique nonnegative solution  $B \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  satisfying  $||B||_{\infty} < 1$ . Observe that equation [\(3.8\)](#page-8-0) can be equivalently written as

<span id="page-8-1"></span>
$$
X^2 - 2X + A_1 = 0,\t(3.9)
$$

so that *B* solves Eq. [\(3.9\)](#page-8-1) and is the unique solution such that  $B \ge 0$  and  $||B||_{\infty} < 1$ . Let  $V = (2I - B)^{-1}$ , it is easy to check that *V* solves the quadratic matrix equation

$$
A_1 Y^2 - 2Y + I = 0. \tag{3.10}
$$

Moreover, we have  $V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{2}B)^i \ge 0$  and  $||V||_{\infty} \le \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{2}||B||_{\infty})^i = \frac{1}{2 - ||B||_{\infty}} < 1$ 1.

Suppose  $T(b)$  with  $b \in \mathcal{W}$  is the Toeplitz part of *B*, replacing *X* by  $T(b) + H$  in Eq. [\(3.9\)](#page-8-1) results in the following quadratic matrix equation

<span id="page-8-2"></span>
$$
H2 + (T(b) – 2I)H + HT(b) + R = 0,
$$
\n(3.11)

where  $R = T(b)^2 - 2T(b) + A_1$ . Then, equation [\(3.11\)](#page-8-2) can be equivalently written as

$$
\widetilde{M}\left[\begin{array}{c}I\\H\end{array}\right]=\widetilde{N}\left[\begin{array}{c}I\\H\end{array}\right]B,
$$

where  $\widetilde{M} = \begin{bmatrix} T(b) & I \\ -R & 2I \end{bmatrix}$ −*R* 2*I* − *T* (*b*)  $\left[\right]$  and  $\widetilde{N}$  = *I* 0 0 *I* 1

On the other hand, according to [\[5](#page-17-4), Theorem 3], the pencil  $M - \lambda N$  can be transformed into the pencil  $\mathcal{M} - \lambda \mathcal{N}$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are of the form

$$
\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} SA_1 & 0 \\ -SR & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{N} = \begin{bmatrix} I & -S \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix},
$$

where  $S = (2I - T(b))^{-1}$ . It can be seen that *M* and *N* are of the same forms as those in  $(3.5)$ , and we have

$$
\mathcal{M}\left[\begin{array}{c} I \\ H \end{array}\right] = \mathcal{N}\left[\begin{array}{c} I \\ H \end{array}\right]B,
$$

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so that SDA can be applied to compute the matrix  $H$ , which consists of computing the sequences as defined in the scheme [\(3.7\)](#page-7-2) by setting

$$
P_0 = SR
$$
,  $E_0 = P_0 + T(b)$ , and  $Q_0 = F_0 = S$ .

On the other hand, it can be verified that the matrices  $M$  and  $N$  also satisfy

$$
\mathcal{M}\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \end{bmatrix} Z = \mathcal{N}\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \end{bmatrix},\tag{3.12}
$$

where  $Y = V(I - T(b)V)^{-1}$ ,  $Z = (I - T(b)V)V(I - T(b)V)^{-1}$ . It can be seen that *Z* has the same spectrum as *V* so that  $\rho(Z) = \rho(V) \le ||V||_{\infty} < 1$ , we then have from the fact  $\rho(B) \le ||B||_{\infty} < 1$  that  $\rho(B)\rho(Z) < 1$ . Hence, according to Lemma [3.1,](#page-7-3) we obtain the following convergence result of SDA in solving Eq. [\(3.11\)](#page-8-2).

**Theorem 3.3** *For*  $A = I - A_1 \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  *such that*  $A_1 \geq 0$  *and*  $||A_1||_{\infty} < 1$ *, suppose*  $I - B$ *with*  $B = T(b) + E_B \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  *is the unique quasi-Toeplitz M -matrix such that*  $(I - B)^2 = A$ . *If the scheme* [\(3.7\)](#page-7-2) *can be carried out with no breakdown, then the sequence* {*Pk* } *converges to*  $E_B$  *and it satisfies*  $\lim_k ||E_B - P_k||^{1/2^k} \le \rho(B)\rho(Z)$ *, where*  $Z = (I - T(b)V)(2I (B)^{-1}(I - T(b)V)^{-1}$  *and*  $V = (2I - B)^{-1}$ .

Actually, according to the ideas in [\[5\]](#page-17-4), the scheme [\(3.7\)](#page-7-2) allows to refine a given initial approximation to  $E_B$ , that is, if  $E_B = \tilde{E}_B + D$ , where  $\tilde{E}_B$  is given and it satisfies  $||T(b) + D||$  $E_B ||_{\infty}$  < 1, then SDA can be used to compute *D*. Indeed, if *H* in Eq. [\(3.11\)](#page-8-2) is replaced by  $E_R + D$ , it yields

<span id="page-9-0"></span>
$$
D^{2} + (T(b) + \tilde{E}_{B} - 2I)D + D(T(b) + \tilde{E}_{B}) + \tilde{R} = 0,
$$
\n(3.13)

where  $\tilde{R} = (T(b) + \tilde{E}_B)^2 - 2(T(b) + \tilde{E}_B) + A_1$ . Analogously to the analysis above, we obtain the matrix pencil  $M - \lambda N$  such that

$$
\widehat{\mathcal{M}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{S}A_1 & 0 \\ -\tilde{S}\tilde{R} & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad \widehat{\mathcal{N}} = \begin{bmatrix} I & -\tilde{S} \\ 0 & \tilde{S} \end{bmatrix},
$$

where  $\tilde{S} = (2I - T(b) - \tilde{E}_B)^{-1}$ , and it holds

$$
\widehat{\mathcal{M}}\begin{bmatrix} I \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \widehat{\mathcal{N}}\begin{bmatrix} I \\ D \end{bmatrix}B, \quad \widehat{\mathcal{M}}\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{Y} \\ I \end{bmatrix} \widetilde{Z} = \widehat{\mathcal{N}}\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{Y} \\ I \end{bmatrix},
$$

where  $\tilde{Y} = V(I - (T(b) + \tilde{E}_B)V)^{-1}$ ,  $\tilde{Z} = (I - (T(b) + \tilde{E}_B)V)V(I - (T(b) + \tilde{E}_B)V)^{-1}$ . Now we set

$$
\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E}_k & O \\ -\tilde{P}_k & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad \widehat{\mathcal{N}}_k = \begin{bmatrix} I & -\tilde{Q}_k \\ O & \tilde{F}_k \end{bmatrix}
$$

where  $P_0 = SR$ ,  $E_0 = SA_1$ ,  $Q_0 = F_0 = S$ , and

<span id="page-9-1"></span>
$$
\tilde{E}_{k+1} = \tilde{E}_k (I - \tilde{Q}_k \tilde{P}_k)^{-1} \tilde{E}_k \n\tilde{P}_{k+1} = \tilde{P}_k + \tilde{F}_k (I - \tilde{P}_k \tilde{Q}_k)^{-1} \tilde{P}_k \tilde{E}_k; \n\tilde{F}_{k+1} = \tilde{F}_k (I - \tilde{P}_k \tilde{Q}_k)^{-1} \tilde{F}_k; \n\tilde{Q}_{k+1} = \tilde{Q}_k + \tilde{E}_k (I - \tilde{Q}_k \tilde{P}_k)^{-1} \tilde{Q}_k \tilde{F}_k.
$$
\n(3.14)

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Then we obtain a new pencil  $\mathcal{M}_k - \lambda \mathcal{N}_k$  such that

$$
\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_k \left[ \begin{array}{c} I \\ D \end{array} \right] = \widehat{\mathcal{N}}_k \left[ \begin{array}{c} I \\ D \end{array} \right] B^{2^k}.
$$

Since  $\rho(B) \le ||B||_{\infty} < 1$ , if in addition the sequence  $\{N_k\}$  is uniformly bounded, we have  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_k \left[ \frac{I}{L} \right]$ *D*  $= 0$ , from which we obtain  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \tilde{P}_k = D$ .

Hence, SDA can be applied to solve Eq.  $(3.13)$ , which consists in computing the sequences defined in [\(3.14\)](#page-9-1). Observe that  $\rho(\tilde{Z}) = \rho(V) < 1$ , then according to Lemma [3.1](#page-7-3) it holds that  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \|\tilde{P}_k - D\|_{\infty}^{1/2^k} < \rho(B)\rho(V) < 1$ , that is, the sequence  $\{\tilde{P}_k\}$  converges to *D*, so that  $E_B = \tilde{E}_B + D$  is computed.

One alternative is to set  $\tilde{E}_B = (b(1)\mathbf{1} - T(b)\mathbf{1})e_1^T$ , where  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \ldots)^T$  and  $e_1 =$  $(1, 0, \ldots)^T$ , then  $T(b) + \tilde{E}_B$  is a nonnegative substochastic matrix such that  $(T(b) + \tilde{E}_B)$ **1** =  $b(1)$ **1**. Numerical experiments in Sect. [5](#page-13-0) shows that there are cases where a reduction in CPU time occurs when setting  $\tilde{E}_B = (b(1)\mathbf{1} - T(b)\mathbf{1})e_1^T$  and applying iteration [\(3.14\)](#page-9-1) for computing *D*.

We mention that when applying the fixed-point iteration and SDA to compute the correction part of a quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrix, the computations rely on the package CQT-Toolbox of [\[9](#page-18-13)] which implements the operations of semi-infinite quasi-Toeplitz matrices. In next section, we show that the fixed-point iteration and SDA can be applied to a finite dimensional nonlinear matrix equation, whose solution after extending to infinity is a good approximation to  $E_B$ .

### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**4 Truncation to a Finite Dimensional Matrix Equation**

Recall that the correction part of a quasi-Toeplitz matrix  $A = T(a) + E \in \mathcal{QT}_{\infty}$  satisfies  $\lim_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |e_{i,j}| = 0$  for  $E = (e_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ . Denote by  $E^{(k)}$  the infinite matrix that coincides with the leading principal  $k \times k$  submatrix of *E* and is zero elsewhere, it follows form [\[11,](#page-18-7) Lemma 2.9] that there is a matrix  $E^{(k)}$  such that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} ||E - E^{(k)}||_{\infty} = 0$ .

For an invertible *M*-matrix  $A = I - A_1 \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$ , suppose  $(I - T(b) - E_B)^2 = A$ , then for  $E_B$  and a given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a sufficiently large k such that

<span id="page-10-2"></span>
$$
||E_B^{(k)} - E_B||_{\infty} < \epsilon. \tag{4.1}
$$

If we partition  $E_B$  into  $E_B = \begin{pmatrix} E_{11} & E_{12} \\ E_{21} & E_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $E_{11}$  is the principal  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $E_B, E_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \infty}, E_{21} \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty \times k}$  and  $E_{22} \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty \times \infty}$ , it follows from  $||E_B^{(k)} - E_B||_{\infty} < \epsilon$  that  $||E_{12}||_{\infty} < \epsilon$ ,  $||E_{21}||_{\infty} < \epsilon$  and  $||E_{22}||_{\infty} < \epsilon$ .

Let  $W = 2T(b) - A_1 - T(b)^2$ , then  $T(b)$  and  $W$  can be partitioned into  $T(b) =$  $\left(\begin{array}{cc} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{array}\right)$  and  $W = \left(\begin{array}{cc} W_{11} & W_{12} \\ W_{21} & W_{22} \end{array}\right)$ , where  $T_{11}$  and  $W_{11}$  are, respectively, the principal  $k \times k$  submatrices of  $T(b)$  and *W*. Substituting  $E_B$ ,  $T(b)$  and *W* into the equation  $(I - T(b) - E_B)^2 = I - A_1$ , we get

<span id="page-10-1"></span>
$$
E_{11}^{2} - (I_{k} - T_{11})E_{11} - E_{11}(I_{k} - T_{11}) = W_{11} - E_{12}E_{21} - E_{12}T_{21} - T_{12}E_{21}, \quad (4.2)
$$

where  $I_k$  is the identity matrix of size  $k$ .

Consider the matrix equation

<span id="page-11-1"></span>
$$
G2 - (Ik - T11)G - G(Ik - T11) = W11,
$$
\n(4.3)

which is equivalent to

<span id="page-11-0"></span>
$$
(I_k - T_{11} - G)^2 = I - A_{11} - T_{12}T_{21},
$$
\n(4.4)

where  $A_{11}$  is the principal  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $A_1$ . Observe that  $A_{11} \geq 0$  and  $T_{12}T_{21} \geq 0$ , if in addition  $\rho(A_{11} + T_{12}T_{21}) < 1$ , which can be verified if  $||A_{11} + T_{12}T_{21}||_{\infty} < 1$ , then  $I - A_{11} - T_{12}T_{21}$  is a nonsingular *M*-matrix. In what follows we assume  $||A_{11} + T_{12}T_{21}||_{\infty}$  < 1, then  $I - A_{11} - T_{12}T_{21}$  admits a unique *M*-matrix as a square root (see [\[14](#page-18-14), Theorem 6.18]), so that Eq. [\(4.4\)](#page-11-0), as well as Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1), has a unique solution *G* such that  $T_{11} + G \ge 0$ and  $\rho(T_{11} + G)$  < 1. In fact, analogously to [\[22,](#page-18-6) Theorem 3.1], it is can be seen that  $||T_{11} + G||_{\infty} < 1.$ 

Subtracting Eq. [\(4.2\)](#page-10-1) form Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1) yields

<span id="page-11-2"></span>
$$
G2 - E112 - (G - E11)(Ik - T11) - (Ik - T11)(G - E11) = \Delta W,
$$
 (4.5)

where  $\Delta W = E_{12}E_{21} + E_{12}T_{21} + T_{12}E_{21}$ . It can be seen that

<span id="page-11-4"></span>
$$
\|\Delta W\|_{\infty} = \|E_{12}E_{21} + E_{12}T_{21} + T_{12}E_{21}\|_{\infty} \n\le \epsilon^2 + \|T_{21}\|_{\infty}\epsilon + \|T_{12}\|_{\infty}\epsilon \n\le (2\|b\|_{\mathcal{W}} + \epsilon)\epsilon,
$$
\n(4.6)

where the last inequality holds as  $||T_{12}||_{\infty} \le ||T(b)||_{\infty} = ||b||_{\mathcal{W}}$  and  $||T_{21}||_{\infty} \le ||T(b)||_{\infty} =$  $||b||_{\mathcal{W}}$ .

On the other hand, a direct computation of Eq. [\(4.5\)](#page-11-2) yields

<span id="page-11-3"></span>
$$
(2I_k - T_{11} - G)(G - E_{11}) - (G - E_{11})(T_{11} + E_{11}) = -\Delta W.
$$
 (4.7)

Observe that  $2I_k - T_{11} - G$  is a nonsingular *M*-matrix as  $T_{11} + G \ge 0$  and  $\rho(T_{11} + G) < 1$ . Moreover, we have  $||T_{11} + E_{11}||_{\infty} < 1$  as  $T_{11} + E_{11}$  is the principal  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $T(b) + E_B$  and  $||T(b) + E_B||_{\infty} < 1$ . Then one can check that

<span id="page-11-5"></span>
$$
G - E_{11} = -\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (2I_k - T_{11} - G)^{-j-1} \Delta W (T_{11} + E_{11})^j
$$
(4.8)

is well defined and it solves Eq. [\(4.7\)](#page-11-3).

Let  $\alpha = ||(2I_k - T_{11} - G)^{-1}||_{\infty}$  and  $\beta = ||T_{11} + E_{11}||_{\infty}$ , we have  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}||\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}(\frac{1}{2}(T_{11} +$ *G*))<sup>*j*</sup>  $\| \infty \le \frac{1}{2 - \|T_{11} + G\|_{\infty}}$ , so that  $\alpha \beta \le \frac{\beta}{2 - \|T_{11} + G\|_{\infty}}$  < 1 since  $\|T_{11} + G\|_{\infty}$  < 1 and  $\beta$  < 1. Then we deduce from [\(4.6\)](#page-11-4) and [\(4.8\)](#page-11-5) that

<span id="page-11-6"></span>
$$
||G - E_{11}||_{\infty} \le \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\alpha \beta)^{j} \alpha ||\Delta W||_{\infty}
$$
  

$$
\le \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha \beta} (2||b||_{w} + \epsilon)\epsilon.
$$
 (4.9)

Let  $E_G$  be the matrix that coincides in the leading principal  $k \times k$  submatrix with G and is zero elsewhere, then we have from  $(4.1)$  and  $(4.9)$  that

$$
||E_G - E_B||_{\infty} \le ||E_G - E_B^{(k)}||_{\infty} + ||E_B^{(k)} - E_B||_{\infty}
$$
  

$$
\le ||G - E_{11}||_{\infty} + \epsilon
$$

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<span id="page-12-0"></span>
$$
\leq (1 + \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha \beta} (2\|b\|_{w} + \epsilon))\epsilon.
$$
\n(4.10)

Hence, we can see from [\(4.10\)](#page-12-0) that for a given  $\epsilon > 0$  and sufficiently large k, if  $\alpha\beta \leq c < 1$ for some constant *c*, then  $E_G$  may serve as a good approximation to  $E_B$ . This implies that the correction part  $E_B$  can be approximated by firstly computing the numerical solution of Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1) and then extending the computed solution to infinity.

It is not difficult to see that the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA can be applied to Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1) for computing the solution *G*. Numerical experiments in next section show that when the size *k* is small, it is efficient to approximate the correction part  $E_B$  by computing the solution of Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1) and extending it to infinity, while when *k* is large, that is, the coefficients are large-scale matrices, both fixed-point iteration and SDA lose the effectiveness.

We provide some insight on how to select integer  $k$  such that the matrix  $G$  of size  $k \times k$ , after extending to infinity, is approximate enough to  $E_B$ . Observe that the substitution of  $E_G$ into the equation  $(I - T(b) - X)^2 = A$  yields

$$
A - (I - T(b) - E_G)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & GT_{12} - W_{12} \\ T_{21}G - W_{21} & -W_{22}, \end{pmatrix},
$$

from which we see that  $E_G$  is a good approximation to  $E_B$  if  $||GT_{12} - W_{12}||_{\infty} < c\epsilon$ ,  $||T_{21}G - W_{21}||_{\infty} < c\epsilon$  and  $||W_{22}||_{\infty} < c\epsilon$  for some constant *c* and a given  $\epsilon > 0$ . It can be seen that these inequalities hold if

<span id="page-12-1"></span>
$$
||GT_{12}|| < c_1\epsilon,
$$
\n
$$
(4.11)
$$

$$
||T_{21}G||_{\infty} < c_2 \epsilon,\tag{4.12}
$$

and

<span id="page-12-2"></span>
$$
\max\{\|W_{12}\|,\|W_{21}\|,\|W_{22}\|_{\infty}\} < c_3 \epsilon,\tag{4.13}
$$

for some constants  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_3$ . Hence, we can choose k such that inequalities [\(4.11\)](#page-12-1)–[\(4.13\)](#page-12-2) are satisfied.

Actually, since  $W$  is a correction matrix, one can check that inequality  $(4.13)$  holds if we choose *k* such that  $\|W - W^{(k)}\|_{\infty} < \epsilon$ , where  $W^{(k)}$  is the infinite matrix that coincides with the leading principal  $k \times k$  submatrix of *W* and is zero elsewhere. Hence, if the matrix *W* has a nonzero part of size  $n_1 \times n_2$ , we can choose k such that  $k > \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ .

We next show how to choose  $k$  such that inequalities  $(4.11)$  and  $(4.12)$  hold. Observe that for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $||E_B - E_B^{(n)}||_{\infty} < \epsilon$  for any  $n \ge N$ . Set  $k > N$  and  $G = \left(\frac{G_{11}}{G_{21}} \frac{G_{12}}{G_{22}}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ , where  $G_{11} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ,  $G_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (k-N)}$ ,  $G_{21} \in \mathbb{R}^{(k-N) \times N}$  and  $G_{22} \in \mathbb{R}^{(k-N)\times(k-N)}$ . Observe that

$$
||E_G - E_B^{(N)}||_{\infty} \le ||E_G - E_B||_{\infty} + ||E_B - E_B^{(N)}||_{\infty},
$$

which, together with inequality [\(4.10\)](#page-12-0) and the fact  $||E_B - E_B^{(N)}||_{\infty} < \epsilon$ , implies that  $||E_G - E_B^{(N)}||_{\infty}$  $E_B^{(N)} \|_{\infty} < \tilde{c}_1 \epsilon$  for some constant  $\tilde{c}_1$ . On the other hand, observe that  $E_G - E_B^{(N)}$  coincides in the leading principal  $k \times k$  submatrix with  $\begin{pmatrix} * & G_{12} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  and is zero elsewhere, where  $*$  is an *N* × *N* matrix, we thus have  $||G_{12}||_{\infty} < \tilde{c}_1 \epsilon$ ,  $||G_{21}||_{\infty} < \tilde{c}_1 \epsilon$  and  $||G_{22}||_{\infty} < \tilde{c}_1 \epsilon$ .

Suppose  $b(z) = \sum_{j=-q}^{p} b_j z^j$ , then from the partition of *T* (*b*) we know that  $T_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \tilde{T} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ *T*˜  $\bigg)$ 

where *O* is a zero matrix of size  $(k-p) \times \infty$  and  $\tilde{T}$  is a  $p \times \infty$  matrix with a  $p \times p$  nonzero submatrix located in the bottom leftmost corner. If *k* is selected such that *k*−*N* > *p*, we have from  $||G_{12}||_{\infty} < \tilde{c}_1 \epsilon$  and  $||G_{21}||_{\infty} < \tilde{c}_1 \epsilon$  that  $||G_{12}||_{\infty} \le \max\{||G_{12}||_{\infty}, ||G_{21}||_{\infty}\}||\tilde{T}||_{\infty} < c_1 \epsilon$ for some constant  $c_1$ . Similarly, if  $k - N > q$ , inequality [\(4.12\)](#page-12-1) holds.

The above analysis indicates that if the matrix *W* has a nonzero part of size  $n_1 \times n_2$  and the symbol *b*(*z*) of *T*(*b*) is a Laurent series *b*(*z*) =  $\sum_{j=-q}^{p} b_j z^j$ , then we can choose *k* such that

<span id="page-13-1"></span>
$$
k - N > p, K - N > q \text{ and } k > \max\{n_1, n_2\}.
$$
 (4.14)

Observe that the value of *N* in [\(4.14\)](#page-13-1) is unknown, hence we can obtain a necessary condition for determining k, that is,  $k > \max\{p, q, n_1, n_2\}$ . In our numerical experiments, we have set  $k = 3 \max\{p, q, n_1, n_2\}$  and it seems sufficient.

Note that equation [\(4.2\)](#page-10-1) is a special case of the following equation

$$
X^2 - AX -XA = B,
$$

where *A* is a large-scale nonsingular *M*-matrix with an almost Toeplitz structure, and *B* is a low-rank matrix. It seems interesting to investigate whether there are more efficient algorithms for computing the solution by exploiting the quasi-Toeplitz structure of *A* and the low-rank structure of matrix *B*. We leave this as a future consideration.

#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**5 Numerical Experiments**

In this section, we show by numerical experiments the effectiveness of the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA. The computations of semi-infinite quasi-Toeplitz matrices rely on the package CQT-Toolbox [\[9](#page-18-13)], which can be downloaded at [https://github.com/numpi/cqt-toolbox,](https://github.com/numpi/cqt-toolbox) while computation of the solution of Eq.  $(4.3)$  is implemented relying on the standard finite size matrix operations. The tests were performed in MATLAB/version R2019b on the Dell Precision 5570 with an Intel Core i9-12900 H and 64 GB main memory. We set the internal precision in the computations to threshold =  $1.e$ -15. For each experiment, the iteration is terminated if

$$
||(I - T(b) - X)^2 - A||_{\infty}/||A||_{\infty} \le 1.e - 13.
$$

The codes are available at [https://github.com/JieMeng00/structured\\_sqrtm\\_square\\_root\\_m](https://github.com/JieMeng00/structured_sqrtm_square_root_m-matrices)[matrices.](https://github.com/JieMeng00/structured_sqrtm_square_root_m-matrices)

We recall that a quasi-Toeplitz matrix  $A = T(a) + E_A$  is representable in MATLAB relying on the CQT-toolbox [\[9](#page-18-13)] by  $A = cgt$  (an, ap, E), where the vectors an and ap contain the coefficients of the symbol  $a(z)$  with non negative and non positive indices, respectively, and *E* is a finite matrix representing the non zero part of the correction *EA*.

*Example 5.1* Let  $A = I - S$  with  $S = \tilde{S}/(\|\tilde{S}\|_{\infty} + 1)$ , where the construction of  $\tilde{S}$  in MAT-LAB is done as  $\hat{\mathcal{S}} = \text{cqt}(s_n, s_p, E_g)$ . We set  $s_n = \text{rand}(32, 1), s_p = \text{rand}(30, 1),$  $s_{n(1)} = s_{p(1)=1}$ , for the first test, we set  $E<sub>Q</sub> = 0$ , while for the second test, we set  $E<sub>Q</sub> = rand(1000, 1000).$ 

Suppose  $B = T(b) + E_B$  is such that  $(I - B)^2 = A$ , we first compute by Algorithm [1](#page-4-1) an approximation  $\hat{b}(z) = \sum_{j=-n+1}^{n} \hat{b}_j z^j$  to the symbol  $b(z)$  of  $T(b)$ , then we apply the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA to compute  $E_B$ . In Fig. [1](#page-14-0) we show the graph of the computed coefficients  $\hat{b}_j$ ,  $j = -n+1, \ldots, n$ . In Fig. [2,](#page-14-1) we show the correction part  $E_B = (e_{i,j})_{i,j \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ in logarithmic scale, which is obtained by the fixed-point iteration. The number of iterations, CPU times required in the computations and the relative residuals are reported in Table [1.](#page-15-0)



<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Fig. 1** Toeplitz part of the computed  $B = T(b) + E_B$  in Test 1: the log-scale of the absolute value of coefficients *b<sub>i</sub>* of the symbol  $b(z) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} b_i z^i$ . The coefficients are computed by Algorithm [1](#page-4-1)

<span id="page-14-1"></span>



In Table [2](#page-15-1) we report the features of the computed matrix  $B = T(b) + E_B$ , where  $E_B$  is computed by the fixed-point iteration, including band of the Toeplitz part, the rank and the number of the nonzero rows and columns of the correction part.

It can be seen from Table [1](#page-15-0) that the number of iterations required by SDA is much less than the number of iterations required by the fixed-point iteration. Concerning the CPU time, we can see that the fixed-point iteration takes less time than SDA in Test 1, while in Test 2, the CPU time taken by SDA is about 1/3 of that taken by the fixed-point iteration. Together with the results in Table [2,](#page-15-1) it seems that the rank of the correction part concerns a lot, that is, when the rank of the correction part is small, it seems that the fixed-point iteration is faster than SDA, but when the correction part is large, SDA is more efficient.

Moreover, in test 1, when applying SDA to compute matrix *D* such that  $E_B = D + \tilde{E}_B$ , where  $\tilde{E}_B = (s(1)\mathbf{1} - T(s)\mathbf{1})e_1^T$ , it takes 119.56s, which provides a reduction in CPU time comparing with the case where SDA is applied directly for the computation of  $E_B$ .

The computation of square root of invertible quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices has been implemented in [\[22](#page-18-6)] by the Binomial iteration and CR algorithm, respectively. Numerical tests show that the CR algorithm appears to be better suited for quasi-Toeplitz matrices. The fol-

	Test 1			Test 2		
Iterations	res	iter	Time	res	iter	Time
<b>FPI</b>	$7.02e - 14$	55	$1.15 \cdot 10^{2}$	$9.62e - 14$	54	$2.52 \cdot 10^{2}$
<b>SDA</b>	$4.42e - 14$	6	$1.70 \cdot 10^{2}$	$6.61e-14$		$8.10 \cdot 10^{1}$

<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Table 1** Relative residual, number of iterations, CPU time in seconds in the computation  $E_B$ . FPI means the fixed-point iteration

<span id="page-15-1"></span>

<span id="page-15-2"></span>lowing example shows that the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and the SDA have their advantages in computing the square root when decompose the task into the computation of the Toeplitz part and the correction part.

*Example 5.2* Let  $A = I - S$  with  $S = T(s) + E_S \in \mathcal{QT}_\infty$ , where  $T(s) = s_0 I$  with  $s_0 < 1$ and  $E_B$  is the correction matrix with a  $(p + m + n) \times (p + m + n)$  leading submatrix  $E_S^P$  $\sqrt{2}$ *Vp* ⎞

and zero elsewhere. Here,  $E_S^P$  =  $\mathbf{I}$ *Om*  $-s_0 I_n$ , where  $O_m$  is the zero matrix of size

 $m \times m$ ,  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of size *n*, and the matrix  $V_p = \begin{pmatrix} U_{p \times q} \\ O_{(q-p)} \end{pmatrix}$ *O*(*q*−*p*)×*<sup>q</sup>* ) is a  $q \times q$ block matrix with

$$
U_{p \times q} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1p} & \cdots & u_{1q} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2p} & \cdots & u_{2q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & u_{pp} & \cdots & u_{pq} \end{pmatrix}_{p \times q}
$$

.

where  $u_{ii} = -s_0$  for  $i = 1, ..., p$ , and  $u_{i,j} \ge 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., p$  and  $j = i + 1, ..., q$ . Moreover, for  $i = 1, 2, ..., p$ , it satisfies that  $\sum_{j=i+1}^{q} u_{ij} < 1$ .

For different values of the parameters  $s_0$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  as listed in Table [3,](#page-15-2) we apply the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA to compute the matrix  $E_B$  such that  $(I - T(b) - E_B)^2 = A$ . It can be seen that the symbol  $b(z)$  satisfies  $(1 - b(z))^2 = 1 - s_0$ , which, together with the fact that  $||b||_{\mathcal{W}} = ||T(b)||_{\infty} < 1$ , implies  $b(z) = 1 - \sqrt{1 - s_0}$ , so that  $T(b)$  is a diagonal matrix with diagonal elements being  $1 - \sqrt{1 - s_0}$ .

Algorithms	Test 1		Test 2		Test 3	
	Time	res	Time	res	Time	res
<b>FPI</b>	$2.77 \cdot 10^{0}$	$1.01e-15$	$1.94 \cdot 10^{1}$	$3.00e - 15$	$3.43 \cdot 10^{1}$	$3.41e - 14$
<b>SDA</b>	$8.44 \cdot 10^{0}$	$1.40e - 15$	$2.53 \cdot 10^{1}$	$2.35e - 15$	$4.48 \cdot 10^{1}$	$6.79e - 14$
<b>CR</b>	$1.13 \cdot 10^{1}$	$1.83e - 15$	$4.50 \cdot 10^{1}$	$4.59e - 15$	$9.59 \cdot 10^{1}$	$7.48e - 14$
BI	$1.44 \cdot 10^{1}$	$7.65e - 16$	$4.84 \cdot 10^{1}$	$2.02e - 15$	$1.12 \cdot 10^{2}$	$5.22e - 14$

<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Table 4** Comparison of the fixed-point iteration  $(3.2)$  and SDA in computing  $E_B$  with the Binomial iteration and CR algorithm in computing  $B$ : the CPU time in seconds and relative residual in the computations

In this example, we observe that  $E_B$  can be obtained by the fixed-point iteration as well as SDA in just one or two steps. We also implement the Binomial iteration (BI) and the CR in [\[22\]](#page-18-6) for computing the whole matrix  $B = T(b) + E_B$ , the CPU time and residual error are compared with the fixed-point iteration and SDA in the computation of  $E_B$ , and are reported in Table [4.](#page-16-0) We mention that the residual error for BI and CR is obtained by  $r = ||(I - \hat{Y})^2 - A||_{\infty}/||A||_{\infty}$ , where  $I - \hat{Y}$  is the computed square root of *A*.

As we can see from Table [4,](#page-16-0) the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA take less CPU time comparing with the Binomial iteration and CR algorithm. Moreover, the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1), comparing with CR algorithm, has a speed-up in the CPU time by a factor of about 4 in Test 1 and 2.5 in Tests 2 and 3.

*Example 5.3* Let  $A = cI - T(s)$  with  $T(s) = cgt(s_n, s_p)$ , where  $c, s_n$  and  $s_p$  are constructed in MATLAB as

$$
s_p\hspace{-1mm}=\hspace{-.5mm}\text{rand}(p,1),\hspace{.1cm} s_n\hspace{-1mm}=\hspace{-.5mm}\text{rand}(q,1),\hspace{.1cm} s_{n(1)}\hspace{-1mm}=\hspace{-1mm}s_{p(1)=1},\hspace{.1cm} c\hspace{-1mm}=\hspace{-1mm}sum(s_n)\hspace{-1mm}+\hspace{-1mm}sum(s_p).
$$

It can be seen that  $||T(s)||_{\infty} = ||s||_{\mathcal{W}} < c$ , so that *A* is an invertible *M*-matrix. For different values of *p* and *q*, we apply the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA for computing matrix  $E_B$  such that  $c(I - T(b) - E_B)^2 = A$ , where the symbol  $b(z)$  is approximated by  $\hat{b}(z)$  that is computed by Algorithm [1.](#page-4-1)

We also apply the fixed-point iteration and SDA to equation  $(4.3)$  for computing its solution *G*, so that  $E_B$  can be approximated by extending *G* to infinity. Table [5](#page-17-6) reports the CPU time taken by the fixed-point iteration and SDA when applied to matrix Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1), as well as the CPU time needed in the computation of the  $E_B$  relying on the operations of quasi-Toeplitz matrices.

We observe from Table [5](#page-17-6) that when the values of p and q are both small, say  $p = 4$ ,  $q = 2$ , it seems that applying the fixed-point iteration [\(3.2\)](#page-5-1) and SDA to the truncated matrix equation [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1) takes less CPU time. For different values of *p* and *q* listed in Table [5,](#page-17-6) the rank of the correction matrix is *k*=501, 1539, 8496 and 3834, respectively, we observe that when *k* becomes large, the algorithms applied to the truncated matrix Eq. [\(4.3\)](#page-11-1) take more CPU times, and it can be seen that the algorithms relying on operations of quasi-Toeplitz matrices are more efficient.

# **6 Conclusions**

We have fully exploited the quasi-Toeplitz structure in the computation of the square root of invertible quasi-Toeplitz *M*-matrices. We propose algorithms for computing the Toeplitz

(p,q)	<b>FPI</b>	<b>SDA</b>
(4,2)	$2.79 \cdot 10^{-2}$ [1.09 $\cdot 10^{-1}$ ]	$1.95 \cdot 10^{-2}$ [1.13 $\cdot 10^{-1}$ ]
(12,10)	$4.19 \cdot 10^{0}$ [3.48 $\cdot 10^{0}$ ]	$2.45 \cdot 10^{0}$ [5.61 $\cdot 10^{0}$ ]
(20,2)	$6.90 \cdot 10^2$ [4.63 $\cdot 10^1$ ]	$6.56 \cdot 10^2$ [7.17 $\cdot 10^1$ ]
(20,20)	$7.52 \cdot 10^{1}$ [2.49 $\cdot 10^{1}$ ]	$3.53 \cdot 10^{1}$ [4.23 $\cdot 10^{1}$ ]

<span id="page-17-6"></span>**Table 5** CPU time in seconds, needed by the fixed-point iteration and SDA for computing a  $k \times k$  matrix, which, after extending to infinity, is a good approximation to  $E_B$ .

For comparison, the CPU time needed by FPI and SDA relying on the operations of quasi-Toeplitz matrices is written between bracket

part and the correction part respectively. The Toeplitz part is computed by Algorithm [1](#page-4-1) at the basis of evaluation/interpolation at the 2*n* roots of unique. We propose a fixed-point iteration and a structure-preserving doubling algorithm for the computation of the correction part. Moreover, we show that the correction part can be approximated by extending the solution of a nonlinear matrix equation to infinity. Numerical experiments show that SDA in general takes less CPU time than the fixed-point iteration. There are also cases where the fixed-point iteration is inferior to SDA. There are cases where both the fixed-point iteration and SDA work better than the Binomial iteration and CR algorithm that exploit the quasi-Toeplitz structure indirectly.

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