

Power Iteration

- finding eigenvalues is mathematically equivalent to finding zeros of polynomials
 - [Abel-Ruffini Theorem](#): general polynomial equations of degree higher than 4 do not admit solutions by radicals (i.e., solutions via rational numbers using the addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and k th roots)
 - all eigenvalue solvers must be iterative
- [power iteration/method](#): a method of numerically computing an eigenvalue and an eigenvector of a given matrix
- simple but provides the idea for a bunch of eigenvalue algorithms
- not the best in convergence speed
- suitable for large-scale sparse eigenvalue problems, e.g., PageRank (similar to cases in linear systems and LS, solving eigenvalue problems for large sparse matrices is an important topic)
- a comprehensive coverage of various computational methods for the eigenvalue problem can be found in the textbook [\[Golub-Van Loan'13\]](#)

Power Iteration

- assumptions:

- \mathbf{A} admits an eigendecomposition $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$
- λ_i 's are ordered such that $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$
- we have an initial guess $\mathbf{q}^{(0)}$ that satisfies $[\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{q}^{(0)}]_1 \neq 0$ (random guess should do)

- consider $\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}$. Let $\alpha = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{q}^{(0)}$, and observe

$$\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}^{(0)} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^k \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{q}^{(0)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \lambda_i^k \mathbf{v}_i = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^k \left(\mathbf{v}_1 + \underbrace{\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1} \right)^k \mathbf{v}_i}_{=\mathbf{r}_k} \right)$$

where \mathbf{r}_k is a residual and has

$$\|\mathbf{r}_k\|_2 \leq \sum_{i=2}^n \left| \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_1} \right| \left| \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1} \right|^k \|\mathbf{v}_i\|_2 \leq \left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|^k \sum_{i=2}^n \left| \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_1} \right|$$

- convergence: let $c_k = \frac{|\alpha_1| |\lambda_1|^k}{\alpha_1 \lambda_1^k}$, i.e., the sign of $\alpha_1 \lambda_1^k$ (note $|c_k| = 1$). We have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_k \frac{\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}^{(0)}}{\|\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}^{(0)}\|_2} = \mathbf{v}_1$$

Power Iteration

Algorithm: Power Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and a starting vector $\mathbf{q}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

$k = 0$

repeat

$$\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}^{(k)}$$

$$\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} / \|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)}\|_2 \quad \% \text{ normalization}$$

$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = R(\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)}) = (\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}^{(k+1)}$$

$$k := k + 1$$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}, \lambda^{(k)}$

- by induction on k , it can be verified that $\mathbf{v}^{(k)} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}^{(0)}}{\|\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}^{(0)}\|_2}$
- it finds the **dominant eigen-pair**, i.e., **dominant eigenvalue** λ_1 (largest eigenvalue in modulus) and **dominant eigenvector** \mathbf{v}_1 only, unless $\alpha_1 = 0$
- complexity per iteration: $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$, or $\mathcal{O}(\text{nnz}(\mathbf{A}))$ for sparse \mathbf{A}

Power Iteration

- convergence rate depends on $\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|$
 - $\|\mathbf{q}^{(k)} - \mathbf{v}_1\|_2 = \mathcal{O} \left(\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|^k \right)$ and $|\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda_1| = \mathcal{O} \left(\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|^k \right)$ ($\mathcal{O} \left(\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|^{2k} \right)$ for Hermitian \mathbf{A})
 - slower if $|\lambda_2|$ is closer to $|\lambda_1|$, i.e., $\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|$ is closer to 1
 - reduction per iteration is a constant, i.e., linear convergence
- now what if $|\lambda_1| = |\lambda_2| = \dots = |\lambda_K| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$ for some K ?
 - by extending the convergence analysis, it can be shown $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}$ will converge to a vector in the subspace of $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_K\}$
 - an important special case: for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, if its complex eigenvalues come in conjugate pairs, then $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}$ will always be in the subspace spanned by the eigenvectors corresponding to the two eigenvalues

Power Iteration With Deflation

- the power method finds the largest eigenvalue (in modulus) and the corresponding eigenvector only
- how can we compute all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors?
- there are many ways and let's first consider a simple method called **deflation**
- consider a Hermitian \mathbf{A} with $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_n|$, and note the outer-product representation

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^H = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^H.$$

- **Hotelling's deflation:** use the power iteration to obtain \mathbf{v}_1, λ_1 , do the subtraction

$$\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{A} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^H = \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^H,$$

and repeat until all the eigenvectors and eigenvalues are found

- there are more deflation techniques which are not just for Hermitian matrices (learn by yourself)

Power Iteration With Shift

- $\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I}$ is with eigenvalue $(\lambda_i - \mu)$'s and the same eigenvector \mathbf{v}_i 's as \mathbf{A}
- if λ_1 is known (approximately), convergence can be made faster by applying power iteration for $\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I}$ s.t.
 - $(\lambda_1 - \mu)$ is the largest eigenvalue in modulus for $\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I}$
 - $\max_{i=2,\dots,n} \left| \frac{\lambda_i - \mu}{\lambda_1 - \mu} \right|$ is as smaller as possible than $\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|$
- obviously, in practice hard to decide μ ; the extent of acceleration is limited
- shift technique is commonly used together with [inverse iteration](#) and [QR iteration](#) to be introduced later

Inverse Iteration

- $(\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I})^{-1}$ is with eigenvalue $(\lambda_i - \mu)^{-1}$'s and the same eigenvector \mathbf{v}_i 's as \mathbf{A}
- **inverse (power) iteration with shift**: apply power iteration on $(\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I})^{-1}$
- if $\mu \approx \lambda_J$ for some J , $|(\lambda_J - \mu)^{-1}|$ may be far larger than $|(\lambda_i - \mu)^{-1}|$ for $i \neq J$, so power iteration can converge rapidly

Algorithm: Inverse Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and a starting vector $\mathbf{q}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

$k = 0$

repeat

$$\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{q}^{(k)} \quad \% \text{ solve } (\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I})\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{q}^{(k)}$$

$$\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} / \|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)}\|_2 \quad \% \text{ normalization}$$

$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = R(\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)}) = (\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}^{(k+1)}$$

$$k := k + 1$$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}, \lambda^{(k)}$

- $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}$ converges to eigenvector \mathbf{v}_J if parameter μ is close to λ_J
- complexity per iteration: $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ (matrix $(\mathbf{A} - \mu\mathbf{I})$ is processed in advance)

Inverse Iteration

- convergence rate with

$$\begin{aligned} - \|\mathbf{q}^{(k)} - \mathbf{v}_J\|_2 &= \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\max_{i=1, \dots, n} \left| \frac{\lambda_J - \mu}{\lambda_i - \mu} \right| \right)^k \right) \\ - |\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda_J| &= \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\max_{i=1, \dots, n} \left| \frac{\lambda_J - \mu}{\lambda_i - \mu} \right| \right)^k \right) \end{aligned}$$

where λ_J is the closest eigenvalue to μ

- reduction per iteration is a constant, i.e., linear convergence
- standard method for determining any eigenvector given an eigenvalue
- a linear system needs to be solved; similar to power iteration, can only compute one eigenpair
- **inverse iteration without shift**: taking $\mu = 0$ the algorithm converges to the eigenvector corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} (in modulus)

Rayleigh Quotient Iteration

- parameter μ is constant in inverse iteration, but convergence is better for μ close to the eigenvalue
- improvement: setting μ as the last computed Rayleigh quotient at each iteration

Algorithm: Rayleigh Quotient Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and a starting vector $\mathbf{q}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

$k = 0$

$\mu^{(k)} = R(\mathbf{q}^{(k)})$

repeat

$\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{q}^{(k)}$ % solve $(\mathbf{A} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I})\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{q}^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)} / \|\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(k+1)}\|_2$ % normalization

$\mu^{(k+1)} = \lambda^{(k+1)} = R(\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)}) = (\mathbf{q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}^{(k+1)}$

$k := k + 1$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{q}^{(k)}, \lambda^{(k)}$

- at least quadratic convergence, but uncertain to which eigenvalue it will converge
- complexity per iteration: $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ (solving a different linear system each iteration)

Orthogonal Iteration

- for the previous methods, only find one eigenpair each time
 - what if we want more eigenvalues rather than λ_1
 - what if λ_1 and λ_2 are close or equal and we cannot decide shift μ ; in this case, we might want to look for an invariant subspace associated with λ_1 and λ_2
- **subspace iteration**: starting with a set of linearly independent vectors or a subspace $\mathcal{Q}^{(0)} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{q}_1^{(0)}, \mathbf{q}_2^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_r^{(0)}\}$, $\mathcal{Q}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^k \mathcal{Q}^{(0)}$ will converge (under suitable assumptions) to a subspace spanned by eigenvectors associated with the r largest eigenvalues in magnitude, i.e., the **dominant invariant subspace**
 - in contrast, the power iteration is sometimes called **vector iteration**
 - use thin QR to get the bases $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ as $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \mathbf{R}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^k [\mathbf{q}_1^{(0)} \mathbf{q}_2^{(0)} \dots \mathbf{q}_r^{(0)}]$
- the above subspace iteration is an **unnormalized simultaneous (power) iteration**; since all of $\{\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}_1^{(0)}, \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}_2^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{q}_r^{(0)}\}$ will converge to a multiple of \mathbf{v}_1 , columns of $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ will form an extremely ill-conditioned basis for $\mathcal{Q}^{(k)}$
- in practice, we use the **orthogonal (simultaneous power) iteration** also called **block power iteration**

Orthogonal Iteration

- suppose there is a gap between the r ($1 \leq r \leq n$) largest eigenvalues and λ_{r+1} in magnitude, i.e, $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_r| > |\lambda_{r+1}|$

Algorithm: Orthogonal Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and a starting semi-unitary matrix $\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times r}$

$k = 0$

repeat

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k+1)} \quad \% \text{ orthogonalization; perform thin QR}$$

$$\{\lambda_1^{(k+1)}, \lambda_2^{(k+1)}, \dots, \lambda_r^{(k+1)}\} = \sigma((\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)})$$

$$k := k + 1$$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}, \{\lambda_1^{(k+1)}, \lambda_2^{(k+1)}, \dots, \lambda_r^{(k+1)}\}$

- it can be verified that $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}) = \mathcal{R}(\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^{(k)}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{(k-1)})$ (recall QR Topic)
- then $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{Q}^{(0)})$ (verify by yourself)

Orthogonal Iteration

- denote the Schur decomposition of \mathbf{A} by $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}^H$, s.t. $|t_{11}| \geq |t_{22}| \geq \cdots \geq |t_{rr}| > |t_{r+1,r+1}| \geq \cdots \geq |t_{nn}|$
- $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ converges linearly to an orthonormal basis for the dominant invariant subspace associated with the r largest eigenvalues in magnitude $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}(:, 1:r))$
- $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^{(k)} & \lambda_2^{(k)} & \cdots & \lambda_r^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag} \left((\mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}^{(k)} \right) \rightarrow [\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_r]$
- $\left| \lambda_i^{(k)} - \lambda_i \right| = \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\max_{i=1,\dots,r} \left| \frac{\lambda_{i+1}}{\lambda_i} \right| \right)^k \right), i = 1, 2, \cdots, r$

Orthogonal Iteration

- let's take a look at the span of the columns in $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$
- given $\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$, notice that the first p ($p = 1, \dots, r$) columns $\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$ satisfies the recurrence

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}(:, 1:p) = \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}(:, 1:p)\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}(1:p, 1:p) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}(:, 1:p)$$

$$\text{then } \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}(:, 1:p)) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{Q}^{(0)}(:, 1:p))$$

- over iterations, the first p columns of $\mathbf{Q}^{(k)}$ converge to a basis for the dominant p -dimensional invariant subspace
- setting the initial $\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, directly get a n -dimensional invariant subspaces
 - when $r = n$, orthogonal iteration resembles the [QR iteration](#) (or QR algorithm)

LR Iteration

- The QR iteration was preceded by the LR iteration (or LR algorithm), which uses LU (a.k.a. LR) decomposition instead of QR decomposition as building blocks.

Algorithm: LR Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{A}$

$k = 0$

repeat

$\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ % perform LU decomp. for $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}$

$k := k + 1$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

- $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ is similar to $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)}$ in that $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{L}^{-(k+1)}\mathbf{A}^{(k)}\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}$
 - and hence to $\mathbf{A}^{(0)}$ since $\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = (\mathbf{L}^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{L}^{(k)})\mathbf{A}^{(k)}(\mathbf{L}^{-(k)} \dots \mathbf{L}^{-(1)})$
- under some mild assumptions, $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ converges linearly to an upper-triangular matrix with eigenvalues on its diagonal

QR Iteration

Algorithm: QR Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{A}$

$k = 0$

repeat

$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ % perform QR decomp. for $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$

$k := k + 1$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

- $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ is **unitarily similar** to $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)}$ in that $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$
 - and hence to $\mathbf{A}^{(0)}$ since $\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}) \mathbf{A}^{(k)} (\mathbf{Q}^{(1)} \dots \mathbf{Q}^{(k)})^H$
- denote the Schur decomposition of \mathbf{A} by $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}^H$; under some mild assumptions, $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ converges linearly to \mathbf{T}
 - if our problem is to compute all the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} , picking the diagonal elements of $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ for a sufficiently large k would do

QR Iteration

- QR iteration is equivalent to orthogonal iteration with $\mathbf{Q}^{(0)} = \mathbf{I}$ (verify by yourself)
- the most popular method for computing all the eigenvalues of a general \mathbf{A}
 - the practical QR algorithm used in modern software is more sophisticated
- how to find the eigenvectors?
 - for λ_i , solve the eigen-equation $(\mathbf{T} - \lambda_i \mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, which is an upper-triangular linear system
 - for λ_i , use the inverse iteration
- as a counterpart to power iteration, to accelerate the convergence speed of orthogonal iteration there exist orthogonal simultaneous inverse iteration, orthogonal simultaneous iteration with shift, etc.
 - in the next we investigate QR iteration with shift

QR Iteration With Shift

Example: consider matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{(0)}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}^{(0)}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}^{(0)}} = \mathbf{A}^{(0)}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(0)} \mathbf{Q}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{(0)}$$

no convergence of $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ observed

- shift can also help to make QR iteration converge, i.e., $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ converge to a upper triangular matrix

QR Iteration With Shift

Algorithm: QR Iteration With Shift

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{A}$

$k = 0$

repeat

 choose a shift $\mu^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}$ % perform QR for $\mathbf{A}^{(k)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}$

$k := k + 1$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

- similar to QR iteration, $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ is unitarily similar to $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)}$
 - $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)})^H (\mathbf{A}^{(k)} - \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{(k)}\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$
- shift $\mu^{(k)}$ may differ from iteration to iteration

QR Iteration With Shift

- Rayleigh quotient shift

- $\mu^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)}(n, n)$ which will converge to the smallest eigenvalue in modulus
- no guarantee on convergence
- if converged, at least quadratic convergence

- Wilkinson shift

- denote the lower-rightmost 2×2 matrix of $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ by

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{(k)}(n-1, n-1) & \mathbf{A}^{(k)}(n-1, n) \\ \mathbf{A}^{(k)}(n, n-1) & \mathbf{A}^{(k)}(n, n) \end{bmatrix}$$

- chose the eigenvalue of $\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{(k)}$ closer to $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}(n, n)$
- always converge with at least linear convergence **[Wilkinson'68]**

QR Iteration

- for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, each iteration requires $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ to compute the QR decomposition and the matrix multiplication; too computational expensive!

Question: can we directly transform \mathbf{A} into an upper triangular matrix (i.e., introducing zeros below the diagonal) based on unitary similarity transformations?

- a naive try via Householder reflections: let $\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{I} - \frac{2}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\|_2^2} \mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^H$ with $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \text{sign}(a_{11})\|\mathbf{a}_1\|_2 \mathbf{e}_1$ be the reflection matrix that reflects \mathbf{a}_1 to $-\text{sign}(a_{11})\|\mathbf{a}_1\|_2 \mathbf{e}_1$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}_1^H \mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \color{red}{\times} & \times & \times & \times \\ \color{red}{\times} & \times & \times & \times \\ \color{red}{\times} & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{Q}_1^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_1}$$

- Mission failed!**

QR Iteration

- **Power iteration with deflation:** For a general \mathbf{A} with $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_n|$, and

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}.$$

- once the eigenvector \mathbf{v}_1 and λ_1 is found via power iteration, deflation can be carried out by constructing a Householder reflection \mathbf{Q}_1 so that $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1$, and then $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}_1$ is a matrix with block upper-triangular structure

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}_1}$$

- This decouples the problem of computing the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} into the (solved) problem of computing λ_1 , and computing the remaining eigenvalues by carrying out power iteration on the lower right $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ submatrix.

Property 6. Any $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ is unitarily similar to an upper Hessenberg matrix \mathbf{H} (i.e., introducing zeros below the first subdiagonal), i.e., $\mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}$.

Hessenberg Reduction

- an upper Hessenberg matrix is given as

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

- Hessenberg reduction via Householder reflections: let $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1 = \mathbf{A}(2:n, 1)$ and \mathbf{Q}_1 be the Householder reflection matrix that reflects $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1$ to $-\text{sign}(\tilde{a}_{11})\|\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_1\|_2\mathbf{e}_1$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}_1^H \mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{Q}_1^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}_1}$$

- repeat the above procedure: $\underbrace{(\mathbf{Q}_1 \cdots \mathbf{Q}_{n-2})^H}_{\mathbf{Q}^H} \mathbf{A} \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}_1 \cdots \mathbf{Q}_{n-2}}_{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{H}$

Hessenberg Reduction

- for any $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, the following algorithm reduces \mathbf{A} to be upper Hessenberg

Algorithm: Householder Reduction to Upper-Hessenberg Form

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

for $k = 1 : n - 2$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}(k+1:n, k)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{x} + \text{sign}(x_1) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \mathbf{e}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k = \mathbf{v}_k / \|\mathbf{v}_k\|_2$$

$$\mathbf{A}(k+1:n, k:n) = \mathbf{A}(k+1:n, k:n) - 2\mathbf{v}_k(\mathbf{v}_k^H \mathbf{A}(k+1:n, k:n))$$

$$\mathbf{A}(1:n, k+1:n) = \mathbf{A}(1:n, k+1:n) - 2(\mathbf{A}(1:n, k+1:n) \mathbf{v}_k) \mathbf{v}_k^H$$

end

output: \mathbf{A}

- complexity: $\frac{10}{3}n^3 + \mathcal{O}(n^2)$

Property 7. Any $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{H}^n$ is unitarily similar to a tridiagonal matrix.

- for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{H}^n$, the above algorithm reduces \mathbf{A} to be tridiagonal (i.e., Householder Reduction to Tridiagonal Form)

Hessenberg QR Iteration

Algorithm: Hessenberg QR Iteration

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}$, $\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{H}$ % Hessenberg reduction for \mathbf{A}

$k = 0$

repeat

$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ % perform QR for $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$

$k := k + 1$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

- **Fact:** $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ preserves the upper-Hessenberg property over iterations
 - Proof: $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ is upper Hessenberg and $\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}$ is upper triangular, then $\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$ is upper Hessenberg; since $\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}$ is upper triangular, $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$ is upper Hessenberg
 - for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{H}^n$, $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ preserves the tridiagonal property over iterations

Hessenberg QR Iteration

- for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, QR decomposition step for $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$ and the matrix multiplication step requires $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

– using Givens rotations to compute $\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)})^H \mathbf{A}^{(k)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)}$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{G}_1^H \mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{G}_2^H \mathbf{G}_1^H \mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \\ & & & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{G}_3^H \mathbf{G}_2^H \mathbf{G}_1^H \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)}}$$

$$\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \\ & & & \times \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \\ & & & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{G}_1} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{G}_2} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ & \times & \times & \times \\ & & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{G}_2 \mathbf{G}_3 = \mathbf{A}^{(k+1)}}$$

- for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{H}^n$, QR factorization and the matrix multiplication requires $\mathcal{O}(n)$ flops

Hessenberg QR Iteration With Shift

Algorithm: Hessenberg QR Iteration With Shift

input: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q}$, $\mathbf{A}^{(0)} = \mathbf{H}$ % Hessenberg reduction for \mathbf{A}

$k = 0$

repeat

 choose a shift $\mu^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}^{(k)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$ % perform QR for $\mathbf{A}^{(k)} - \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$

$\mathbf{A}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(k+1)} \mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{(k)} \mathbf{I}$

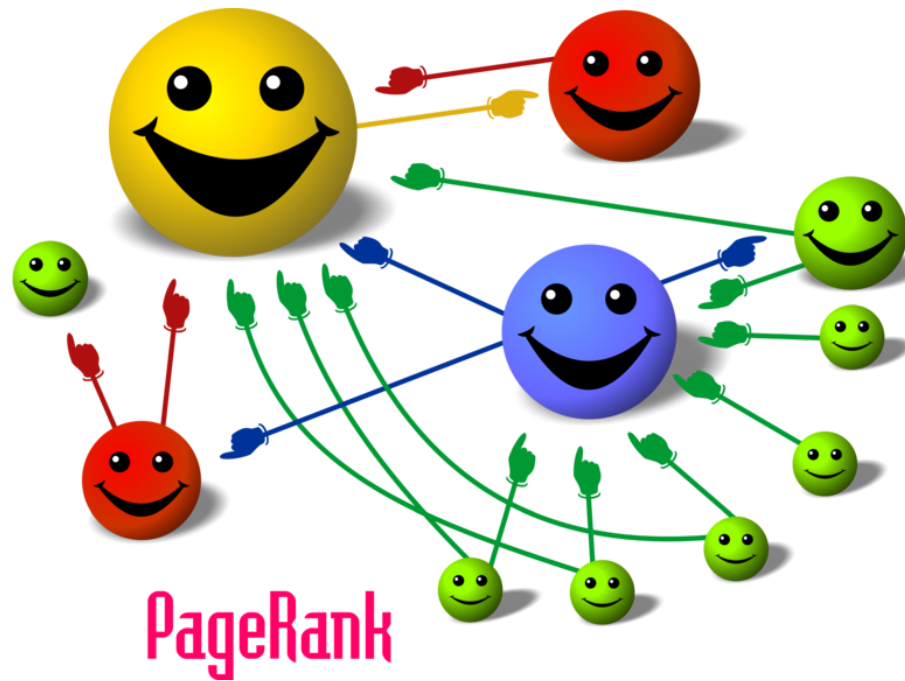
$k := k + 1$

until a stopping rule is satisfied

output: $\mathbf{A}^{(k)}$

PageRank: A Case Study

- PageRank is an algorithm used by Google to rank the pages of a search result.
- the idea is to use counts of links of various pages to determine pages' importance.



Source: Wiki.

- further reading: [\[Bryan-Tanya2006\]](#)

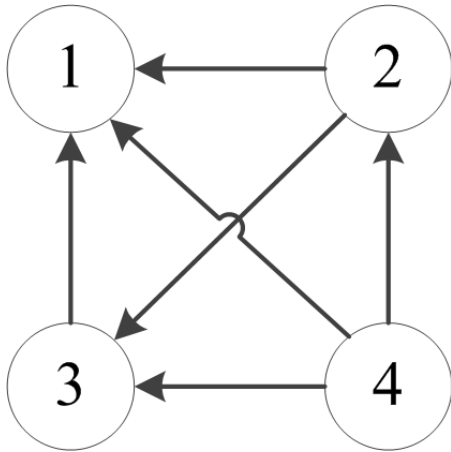
PageRank Model

- Model:

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{L}_i} \frac{v_j}{c_j} = v_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where c_j is the number of outgoing links from page j ; \mathcal{L}_i is the set of pages with a link to page i ; v_i is the importance score of page i .

- example:



$$\overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{A}} \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{v}} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix}}^{\mathbf{v}}.$$

- \mathbf{A} is a “weighted adjacency matrix” that contains the structure of the network.
- can be solved as a sparse linear system

PageRank Problem

- let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix such that $a_{ij} = 1/c_j$ if $j \in \mathcal{L}_i$ and $a_{ij} = 0$ if $j \notin \mathcal{L}_i$
- **Problem:** find a **non-negative** \mathbf{v} such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$
 - \mathbf{A} is extremely large and sparse, and we want to use the power method
- **Questions:**
 - does a solution to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ exist? Or, is $\lambda = 1$ an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} ?
 - does $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ have a non-negative solution? Or, does a non-negative eigenvector associated with $\lambda = 1$ exist?
 - is the solution to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ unique? Or, would there exist more than one eigenvector associated with $\lambda = 1$?
 - * a unique solution is desired for this problem
 - is $\lambda = 1$ the only eigenvalue that is the largest in modulus?
 - * this is required for the power method

Some Notations and Conventions

- notation:
 - $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{y}$ means that $x_i \geq y_i$ for all i
 - $\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{y}$ means that $x_i > y_i$ for all i
 - $\mathbf{x} \not\geq \mathbf{y}$ means that $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{y}$ does not hold
 - the same notations apply to matrices
- conventions:
 - \mathbf{x} is said to be non-negative if $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$, and non-positive if $-\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$
 - \mathbf{x} is said to be positive if $\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$, and negative if $-\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{0}$
 - the same conventions apply to matrices
 - a square \mathbf{A} is said to be **column-stochastic** (or a Markov matrix) if $\mathbf{A} \geq \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$
 - * a column-stochastic \mathbf{A} has every column \mathbf{a}_i satisfying $\mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{1} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ji} = 1$

PageRank Matrix Properties

- in PageRank, \mathbf{A} is column-stochastic if all pages have outgoing links
 - see the literature to see how to deal with cases where some pages do not have outgoing links (dangling nodes)

Property 8. Let \mathbf{A} be column-stochastic. Then,

1. $\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}
 2. $|\lambda| \leq 1$ for any eigenvalue λ of \mathbf{A}
- Implications:
 - a solution to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ does exist, though it doesn't say if $\mathbf{v} \geq \mathbf{0}$ or not
 - $\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue that has the largest modulus, but we don't know if it is the *only* eigenvalue that has the largest modulus
 - we resort to non-negative matrix theory to answer the rest of the questions

Non-Negative Matrix Theory

Theorem 8 (Perron-Frobenius Theorem). Let \mathbf{A} be square positive. There exists an eigenvalue ρ of \mathbf{A} such that

1. ρ is real and $\rho > 0$
2. $|\lambda| < \rho$ for any eigenvalue λ of \mathbf{A} with $\lambda \neq \rho$
3. there exists a positive eigenvector (and also left eigenvector) associated with ρ
4. the algebraic multiplicity of ρ is 1 (so the geometric multiplicity of ρ is also 1)

A weaker result for general non-negative matrices:

Theorem 9. Let \mathbf{A} be square non-negative. There exists an eigenvalue ρ of \mathbf{A} such that

1. ρ is real and $\rho \geq 0$
2. $|\lambda| \leq \rho$ for any eigenvalue λ of \mathbf{A}
3. there exists a non-negative eigenvector (and left eigenvector) associated with ρ

PageRank Matrix Properties

- further implication by Theorem 9:
 - a non-negative solution to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ exists, though it doesn't say if there exists another solution
 - even worse, it is not known if there exists another solution \mathbf{v} such that $\mathbf{v} \not\geq \mathbf{0}$

PageRank Matrix Properties

- PageRank actually considers a modified version of \mathbf{A}

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = (1 - \beta)\mathbf{A} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1/n & \dots & 1/n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1/n & \dots & 1/n \end{bmatrix}$$

where $0 < \beta < 1$ (typical value is $\beta = 0.15$)

- $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ is positive
- further implications by Theorem 8:
 - $\lambda = 1$ is the *only* eigenvalue that has the largest modulus
 - there exists *only* one eigenvector associated with $\lambda = 1$; that eigenvector is either positive or negative
 - so the power method should work

Generalized Eigenvalue Problem

Problem: given a $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, find a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ such that

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}, \quad \text{for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \quad (*)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \\ &\text{s.t. } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

- $(*)$ is called a **generalized eigenvalue problem** for matrix pair (matrix pencil) (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})
- let (\mathbf{v}, λ) be a solution to $(*)$. We call
 - (\mathbf{v}, λ) an **generalized eigen-pair** of (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})
 - λ an **generalized eigenvalue** of (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) ; \mathbf{v} an **generalized eigenvector** of (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) associated with λ

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