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# Error Bound for Approximate Eigenvalues Using Lanczos Iteration

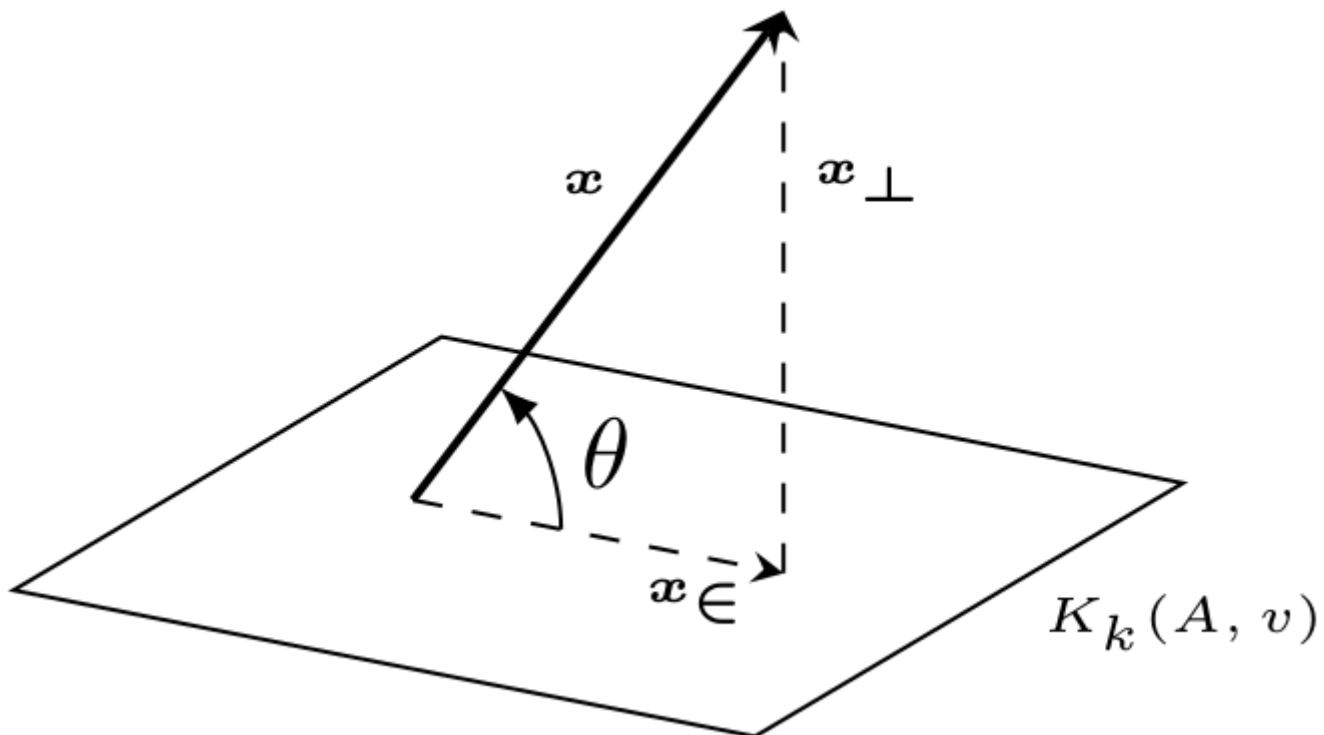
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In this problem, we will examine, for a symmetric matrix  $A$ , an error bound on an eigenvalue obtained through Lanczos iteration, compared with a true eigenvalue of  $A$ . In particular, this error bound relates the angle of the projection of the true eigenvector associated with  $A$  to the closest eigenvector found in the Krylov subspace  $(A, v)$ , where  $v$  is some arbitrary vector. Let  $K_k$  represent the Krylov subspace formed by the symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with some vector,  $v$ , such that  $K_k = \text{span}(v, Av, A^2v, \dots, A^{k-1}v)$ . Furthermore, let the matrix  $Q_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$  be an orthogonal matrix that spans this same Krylov subspace that is the collection of vectors  $(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k)$ .

Consider finding the eigenvalues of the matrix  $T_k = Q_k^T A Q_k$ . Let  $Ax = \lambda x$  and  $\|x\|_2 = 1$ . In this problem, we will show that  $T_k$  has an eigenvalue  $\mu$  such that

$$|\lambda - \mu| \leq \|A\|_2 \tan \theta,$$

where  $\theta$  represents the angle between the eigenvector and the space spanned by the Krylov space.



1. Let  $x_{\in} = Q_k Q_k^T x$  and  $x_{\perp} = (I - Q_k Q_k^T)x$ . Show that  $Ax = Ax_{\in} + Ax_{\perp}$ .
2. From Part 1, we can note that  $Ax_{\in} + Ax_{\perp} = \lambda x$ . Using this, show that

$$T_k Q_k^T x - \lambda Q_k^T x = -Q_k^T A x_{\perp}.$$

3. Let  $H$  be symmetric and  $H z - \mu z = r$  and  $z \neq 0$ . Show that

$$\min_{\lambda \in \text{eig}(H)} |\lambda - \mu| \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{z}\|_2}.$$

**Hint:** Consider the eigendecomposition of  $H = U\Lambda U^T$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues and  $U$  is a matrix of eigenvectors of  $H$ .

**Hint 2:** As an intermediate step, show that  $\|\mathbf{r}\|_2 = \|(\Lambda - \mu I)U^T \mathbf{z}\|_2$ .

4. Now, using the results from parts 2 and 3, prove that

$$|\lambda - \mu| \leq \|A\|_2 \tan \theta.$$

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1. We will approach this part by expanding out  $A\mathbf{x}_\in + A\mathbf{x}_\perp$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{x}_\in + A\mathbf{x}_\perp &= AQ_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} + A(I - Q_k Q_k^T) \mathbf{x} \\ &= AQ_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{x} - AQ_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= A\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x}_\in + A\mathbf{x}_\perp$ .

2. Starting from  $A\mathbf{x}_\in + A\mathbf{x}_\perp = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ , we can see that this is equivalent to  $AQ_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} + A\mathbf{x}_\perp = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ . We can then multiply on the left  $Q_k^T$  to both sides to get  $Q_k^T AQ_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} + Q_k^T A\mathbf{x}_\perp = Q_k^T \lambda \mathbf{x}$ . Then, using the fact that  $T_k = Q_k^T AQ_k$ , we now have

$$\begin{aligned} T_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} + Q_k^T A\mathbf{x}_\perp &= Q_k^T \lambda \mathbf{x} \\ \Rightarrow T_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x} - \lambda Q_k^T \mathbf{x} &= -Q_k^T A\mathbf{x}_\perp. \end{aligned}$$

3. Since  $H$  is symmetric, it will have orthogonal eigenvectors and we can write its eigendecomposition as  $H = U\Lambda U^T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (H - \mu I)\mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{r} \\ \Rightarrow (U\Lambda U^T - \mu I)\mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{r} \\ \Rightarrow U(\Lambda - \mu I)U^T \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{r} \\ \Rightarrow (\Lambda - \mu I)U^T \mathbf{z} &= U^T \mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$$

We can take the norm of both sides of this expression to obtain

$$\|\mathbf{r}\|_2 = \|(\Lambda - \mu I)U^T \mathbf{z}\|_2.$$

Because this equality holds for all eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $H$ , we can write that the right-hand side is bounded from below by the smallest difference between an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and the approximate eigenvalue  $\mu$ .

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{r}\|_2 \geq \min_{\lambda \in \text{eig}(H)} |\lambda - \mu| \cdot \|\mathbf{z}\|_2$$

Therefore,

$$\min_{\lambda \in \text{eig}(H)} |\lambda - \mu| \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{z}\|_2}.$$

4. If we consider the result from part 2, we can let  $\mathbf{z} = Q_k^T \mathbf{x}$ . Since  $A$  is symmetric,  $H = T_k$  will also be symmetric. We can now apply the statement in part 3 which gives us that

$$|\lambda - \mu| \leq \frac{\|Q_k^T A \mathbf{x}_\perp\|_2}{\|Q_k^T \mathbf{x}\|_2}.$$

From the diagram, we see that  $\|\mathbf{x}_\parallel\|_2 = \cos \theta$  and  $\|\mathbf{x}_\perp\|_2 = \sin \theta$ . Furthermore,  $\|\mathbf{x}_\parallel\|_2 = \|Q_k Q_k^T \mathbf{x}\|_2 = \|Q_k^T \mathbf{x}\|_2$ , since  $Q_k$  is orthogonal. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - \mu| &\leq \frac{\|Q_k^T A \mathbf{x}_\perp\|_2}{\|Q_k^T \mathbf{x}\|_2} \\ &\leq \frac{\|A\|_2 \|Q_k^T\|_2 \|\mathbf{x}_\perp\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}_\parallel\|_2} \\ &= \|A\|_2 \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= \|A\|_2 \tan \theta \end{aligned}$$