

# report on project 2

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## 1 questions a)

We look at the equation

$$|t| = \left| -\tau \pm \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \right| \quad (1)$$

and consider the three cases  $\tau = 0$ ,  $\tau > 0$  and  $\tau < 0$ . For  $\tau = 0$  we get

$$|t| = |\pm 1| = 1 \quad (2)$$

For  $\tau > 0$  the absolute value of  $t$  is smaller for the solution with plus.

$$|t| = \left| -\tau + \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \right| \quad (3)$$

Now we look at  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} |t| = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \left| -\tau + \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \right| = 0 \quad (4)$$

For  $\tau < 0$  the absolute value of  $t$  is smaller for the solution with minus.

$$|t| = \left| -\tau - \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \right| \quad (5)$$

So now we look at  $\tau \rightarrow -\infty$ :

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow -\infty} |t| = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow -\infty} \left| -\tau - \sqrt{1 + \tau^2} \right| = 0 \quad (6)$$

We have seen that for  $\tau = 0$  the absolute value of  $t$  is one and if we increase or decrease  $\tau$  it approaches zero.

$$|\tan \theta| \leq 1 \text{ for } |\theta| \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (7)$$

So if we choose  $t$  to be the smaller of the roots  $|\theta| \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  what is minimizing the difference between the matrices A and B. This can be seen if we look at the given equation

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = 4(1 - c) \sum_{i=1, i \neq k, l}^n (a_{ik}^2 + a_{il}^2) + \frac{2a_{kl}^2}{c^2} \quad (8)$$

$(1 - c)$  at the beginning of the equation becomes zero when  $\cos \theta = 1$  and then the total first part of the equation is zero. Also the second part of the equation reaches its minimum value for  $\cos \theta = 1$ . For  $|\theta| \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  the value of  $\cos \theta$  is between 1 and  $\approx 0.7$  so the difference between the matrices A and B we get is near the minimum. This means that the non-diagonal matrix elements of A are nearly zero, what is what we want to achieve.

## 2 Estimation of the execution time

To estimate the number  $N$  of similarity transformations performed we assume that the algorithm needs roughly  $O(n^2)$  of the latter simply because each transformation sets a non-diagonal element to zero. The algorithm converges as shown above but in general we still may obtain up to  $n - 2$  new non-zero, non-diagonal matrix elements after every transformation. Therefore this assumption has to be verified numerically. Up to this point we have not yet considered the dependence of the convergence rate on the precision  $\epsilon$  of the search for the

Table 1: Number  $N$  of similarity transformations performed in the Jacobi algorithm with respect to the dimensionality  $n$  of the matrix. The ratio  $N/n^2$  suggests a behaviour that can be written as  $N(n) \approx a \cdot n^2$  with  $a$  ranging in the order of  $10^0$ . More about the behaviour of  $a$  in figure 1.

$n$	$N$	$a = N/n^2$
10	94	0.94
25	811	1.29
50	3542	1.42
100	14900	1.49
500	386898	1.55
1000	$> 10^6$	-

maximal non-diagonal element.

In the following discussion we set  $\epsilon = 10^{-12}$  and  $\rho_{max} = 5$  and vary the dimensionality of the matrix in order to estimate the program's behaviour with respect to  $n$ .

In table 1 the number of similarity transformations is listed against the dimensionality  $n$  of the matrix for some significant numbers. The range of  $n$  is limited upwards due to the growth of the execution time, which goes with  $n^3$ . For  $n = 1000$  more than a million transformations are required and because each transformation takes  $O(n)$  time the running time of the program falls outside of tolerance for greater  $n$ .

From this table we conclude that the assumption made in the beginning is correct if we add a parameter  $a$  to the function

$$N(n) = a \cdot n^2 \quad (9)$$

Let us now have a closer look at this parameter and assume a dependence on  $n$ , thus leading to

$$N(n) = a(n) \cdot n^2 \quad (10)$$

If we now plot  $a$  against  $n$  we can approximate its behaviour to a exponential decay function as shown in figure 1. We note that in this model  $a$  approaches the saturation limit for  $n$  of the order of  $10^2$  so that we can lean back and perform the algorithm for greater  $n$  knowing that  $a$  should not change significantly. But, however, more computational power is needed to verify this theory.

### 3 dependency on the choice of $\rho_{max}$

To find out how the accuracy of the computed eigenvalues depends on the choice of  $\rho_{max}$  we computed the lowest three eigenvalues for  $n = 50$  steps and different values of  $\rho_{max}$ . For  $\rho_{max}$  between 4 and 20 the difference between the computed eigenvalues and the correct solutions is smaller than 1.0. If we start with  $\rho_{max} = 4$  and make it smaller and smaller the error increases until the computed eigenvalues are totally different from the correct solution. The same happens when we start with  $\rho_{max} = 20$  and make it bigger and bigger. To find the  $\rho_{max}$  for which the error of the computed eigenvalues becomes minimal we focused on the area  $4 < \rho_{max} < 20$ . We computed the difference between the three lowest eigenvalues and the correct solutions for  $\rho_{max} = 4, 5, 6, \dots, 10, 15, 20$ , which is shown in table 2.

The total error is minimal for  $\rho_{max} = 5$ . To see if this is also the case for other numbers of steps we did the same for  $n = 100, 200$ . As table 3 and 4 show the total error is also minimal

Table 2: Difference between the lowest three computed eigenvalues and the correct solutions for  $n = 50$  and different  $\rho_{max}$

$\rho_{max}$	error ev1	error ev2	error ev3	error total
4	0.00197	0.00665	0.0529	0.06152
5	0.00313	0.01566	0.0381	0.05689
6	0.00451	0.02257	0.0552	0.08228
7	0.00614	0.03077	0.0752	0.11211
8	0.00802	0.04024	0.0985	0.14676
9	0.01016	0.05101	0.125	0.18617
10	0.01256	0.06308	0.1547	0.23034
15	0.02842	0.14367	0.3549	0.52699
20	0.05095	0.26008	0.6501	0.96113

Table 3: Difference between the lowest three computed eigenvalues and the correct solutions for  $n = 100$  and different  $\rho_{max}$

$\rho_{max}$	error ev1	error ev2	error ev3	error total
4	0.00047	0.00088	0.0724	0.07375
5	0.00078	0.00391	0.0093	0.01399
6	0.00113	0.00563	0.0137	0.02046
7	0.00153	0.00766	0.0187	0.02789
8	0.002	0.01001	0.0245	0.03651
9	0.00253	0.01269	0.031	0.04622
10	0.00313	0.01566	0.0383	0.05709
15	0.00705	0.03534	0.0865	0.12889
20	0.02842	0.14367	0.3549	0.52699

Table 4: Difference between the lowest three computed eigenvalues and the correct solutions for  $n = 200$  and different  $\rho_{max}$

$\rho_{max}$	error ev1	error ev2	error ev3	error total
4	0.0001	0.00276	0.0772	0.08006
5	0.0002	0.00097	0.0022	0.00337
6	0.00028	0.00141	0.0034	0.00509
7	0.00038	0.00191	0.0047	0.00699
8	0.0005	0.0025	0.0061	0.0091
9	0.00063	0.00317	0.0077	0.0115
10	0.00078	0.00391	0.0095	0.01419
15	0.00176	0.0088	0.0215	0.03206
20	0.00313	0.01566	0.0383	0.05709

Table 5: lowest three eigenvalues for  $\rho_{max} = 5$  and different numbers of steps with jacobi algorithm

N	ev1	ev2	ev3
50	2.99687	6.98434	10.9619
100	2.99922	6.99609	10.9907
200	2.9998	6.99903	10.9978
400	2.99995	6.99976	10.9996

Table 6: lowest three eigenvalues for  $\rho_{max} = 5$  and different numbers of steps with tqli

N	ev1	ev2	ev3
50	2.99687	6.98434	10.9619
100	2.99923	6.9961	10.9907
200	2.9998	6.99904	10.9978
400	2.99994	6.99978	10.9999

for  $\rho_{max} = 5$  when we choose  $n = 100$  or  $n = 200$ . For  $\rho_{max} = 5$  279 steps are needed to get the three lowest eigenvalues with four leading digits. For other values of  $\rho_{max}$  more steps are needed.

## 4 comparison with function tqli

To compare the results of our jacobi algorithm with the function tqli in the file lib.cpp we computed the lowest three eigenvalues for  $\rho_{max} = 5$  and  $n = 50, 100, 200, 400$ . The results are shown in table 5 and 6.

The eigenvalues computed with jacobi and tqli are nearly equal. The biggest difference between them is 0.0003 for the third eigenvalue with  $n = 400$ . The execution time of the two algorithms for  $\rho_{max} = 5$  and different numbers of steps is shown in figure 2. For small numbers of steps both algorithms need nearly the same time but already for  $n = 200$  tqli is twice as fast as the jacobi algorithm. For  $n = 400$  it is more than three times as fast as jacobi.

Figure 1: The behaviour of the parameter  $a$  in the  $N(n)$  function that describes the number of similarity operations on the matrix can be approximated with an exponential function as shown in this figure.

Figure 2: execution time of jacobi and tqli for  $\rho_{max} = 5$  and different numbers of steps