

Spring 2022: Numerical Analysis
Assignment 5 (due April 18, 2022 at 11:59pm ET)

1. **[Gerschgorin, 2+1+1pt]** Gerschgorin's second theorem states that if the union of k Gerschgorin discs is disjoint from the other $n - k$ discs, it must contain exactly k eigenvalues. Now let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1-i & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2i & z \end{bmatrix}$$

for some $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Here i is the imaginary unit.

- (a) Sketch the first two Gerschgorin discs for A .
 - (b) Suppose we know that at least two of the three eigenvalues are equal. Using Gerschgorin's theorems, what can we conclude about the value of z ? (Find the largest subset of \mathbb{C} that you know z cannot be in)
 - (c) Suppose we know that all eigenvalues are equal. What can we conclude about z ?
2. **[Power method and inverse iteration, 2+2+2+2pt]** Power Method and Inverse Iteration.
- (a) Implement the Power Method for an arbitrary symmetric matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and an initial vector $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - (b) Use your code to find an eigenvector of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

starting with $x_0 = (1, 2, -1)^T$ and $x_0 = (1, 2, 1)^T$. Report the first 5 iterates for each of the two initial vectors. Then use the build-in function in MATLAB/Python/Julia (e.g., `eig(A)` in MATLAB) to examine the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A . Where do the sequences converge to? Why do the limits not seem to be the same?

- (c) Implement the Inverse Power Method for an arbitrary matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, an initial vector $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and an initial eigenvalue guess $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (d) Use your code from (c) to calculate *all* eigenvectors of A . You may pick appropriate values for θ and the initial vector as you wish (obviously not the eigenvectors themselves). Always report the first 5 iterates and explain where the sequence converges to and why.

Please also hand in your code.

3. **[Tridiagonalization with Householder, 4pt]** Use Householder matrices to transform the matrix A into tridiagonal form, i.e., find an orthogonal matrix Q such that $T = QAQ^T$ is tridiagonal.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -7 & 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. **[QR-algorithm, 1+1+2+2pts]** Let A be a symmetric, tridiagonal matrix. You learned that the matrices A_k defined by the QR-algorithm converge to a diagonal matrix that is similar to (and thus has the same eigenvalues as) A . The convergence speed depends on the absolute value of the ratio of consecutive eigenvalues. Let $r \in (0, 1)$ and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & r \\ r & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Calculate the eigenvalues of A as a function of r (by hand).
- Implement the QR-algorithm using MATLAB's (or Python's) implementation of the QR-factorization, `qr()`. Your code should run for a quadratic matrix of any size.
- Now define a tolerance, e.g., $\tau = 10^{-10}$. Introduce a stopping criterion in your code, causing it to stop when the maximal difference between the true eigenvalues of A and the diagonal entries of A_k is smaller than τ .¹
- Use your code with the matrix given for at least five values of $r \in (0, 1)$ and make a plot with r versus the number of iterations needed to achieve the given tolerance. Explain your findings by examining the ratio between the eigenvalues of A using (a).

Please also hand in your code.

5. **[Google and eigenvectors, extra credit, 2+2+2pts]** The Google page rank algorithm, which is responsible for providing ordering search results, has a lot to do with the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of a so-called stochastic matrix, which describes the links between websites. Before working on this question, read the SIAM Review paper on the Linear Algebra behind Google.² Stochastic matrices have non-negative entries and each column sums to 1, and one can show (under a few technical assumptions) that it has the eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 1 > |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$. Thus, we can use the power method³ to find the eigenvector v corresponding to λ_1 , which can be shown to have either all negative or all positive entries. These entries can be interpreted as the importance of individual websites.

Let us construct a large stochastic matrices (pick a size $n \geq 100$, the size of our "toy internet") in MATLAB as follows:

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I = eye(n);
A = 0.5*I(randperm(n),:) + (max(2,randn(n,n))-2);
A = A - diag(diag(A));
L = A*diag(1./(max(1e-10,sum(A,1))));
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- Plot the sparsity structure of L (i.e., the nonzero entries in the matrix) using the command `spy`. Each non-zero entry corresponds to a link between two websites.
- Plot the (complex) eigenvalues of L by plotting the real part of the eigenvalues on the x -axis, and the imaginary part on the y -axis.⁴ Additionally, plot the unit circle and check that all eigenvalues are inside the unit circle, but $\lambda_1 = 1$.
- The matrix L contains many zeros. One of the technical assumptions for proving theorems is that all entries in L are positive. As a remedy, one considers the matrices $S = \kappa L + (1 -$

¹You might want to sort the true and numerically computed eigenvalues before comparing them using `sort`.

²The 25,000,000,000 eigenvector. *The linear algebra behind Google* by Kurt Bryan and Tanya Leise. It's easy to find—just google it!

³We have discussed the power method for symmetric matrices, but it also works for non-symmetric matrices.

⁴Please make sure that the plotted eigenvalues are not connected by lines—that's confusing.

$\kappa)E$, where E is a matrix with entries $1/n$ in every component⁵. Study the influence of κ numerically by visualizing the eigenvalues of S for different values of κ . Why will $\kappa < 1$ improve the speed of convergence of the power method?

Please also hand in your code and output.

⁵In the original Brin/Page Google paper, the authors use $\kappa = 0.85$. The introduction of the matrix E makes each matrix entry positive and also helps dealing with web pages without outgoing links, which lead to zero columns in L .