Eigensolvers

Fast Iterative Solvers, Project 3

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1 Remarks on used architecture and compiler options

The code was written in C++, compiled using the Clang compiler and executed on an Apple Silicon M1 Pro Chip featuring the ARM64 architecture. To measure timings, the high resolution clock of the std chrono library was employed. The following flags where passed to the compiler to enhance code performance of the aforementioned architecture: -march=native, -O3. To suppress the output to measure runtime accurately the flag "DISABLEIO" was introduced and passed to the compiler via the "-D" option.

2 Power Iteration

2.1 "power_test_msr" - Matrix

A power iteration method was implemented as discussed in the lecture. For the **power_test_msr** matrix a maximum eigenvalue of $\lambda_{max} = 7.65060331390989758E+6$ was attained after 770 iterations. Convergence was determined using the stopping criterion

$$|\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda^{(k-1)}| < 10^{-8} \tag{1}$$

and an initial guess of $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(1, 1, ..., 1)^T$ as described in the project's instructions.
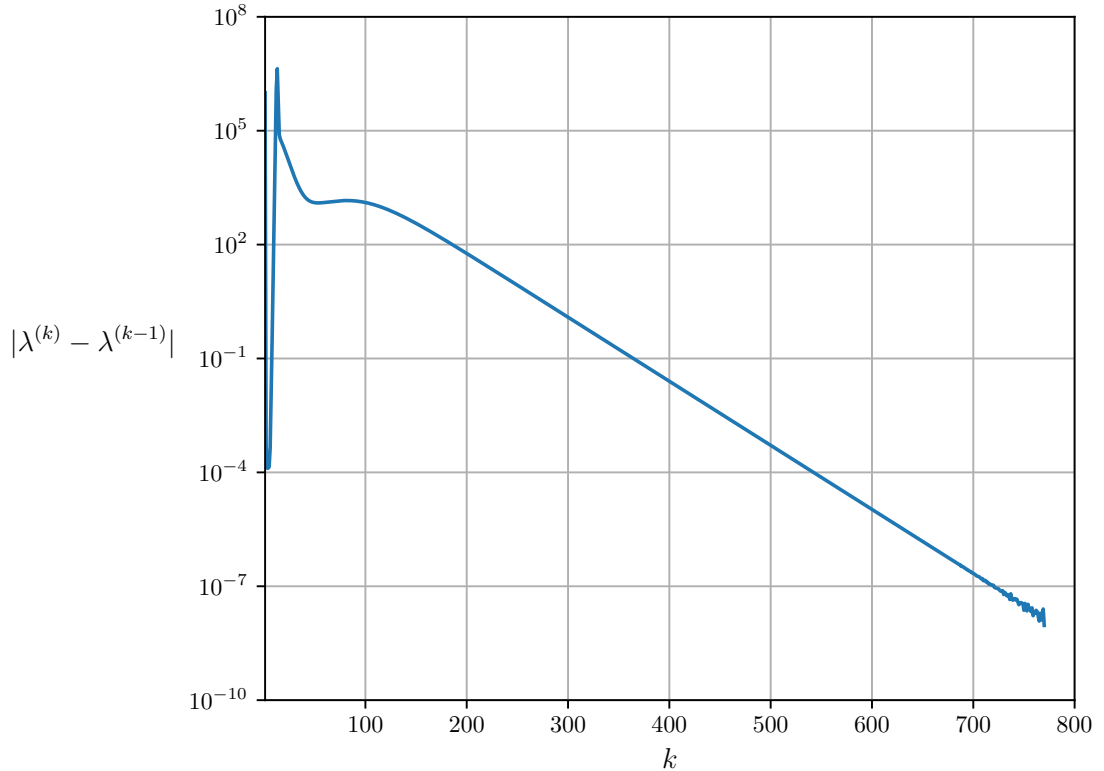

Figure 1: Convergence according to Eq. (1) for the test matrix **power_test_msr**

The convergence progression is depicted in Fig. 1. Following an initial peak, the power iteration method exhibited linear convergence with increasing iterations. Minor oscillations were noticeable in proximity to the stopping criterion ($\mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$).

2.2 "cg_test_msr" - Matrix

Using the power iteration method to determine the maximum eigenvalue for the **cg_test_msr** matrix yields a maximum eigenvalue of $\lambda_{max} = 9.59860808796396850E+3$. The pure power iteration method required 2.83192 seconds suppressing any I/O. Fig. 2b required I/O operations to track the runtime and the corresponding error. The error is defined as $\epsilon = |\lambda_{cg}^{ex} - \lambda^{(k)}|$, where $\lambda_{cg}^{ex} = 9.5986080894852857E+3$ denotes the exact maximum eigenvalue of the **cg_test_msr** matrix, as given in the instructions. The error is plotted against the iteration index and runtime in Fig. 2. The minimum and final error is $\epsilon = 1.52132E-6$ for the **cg_test_msr** matrix.

(a) Error against iteration index
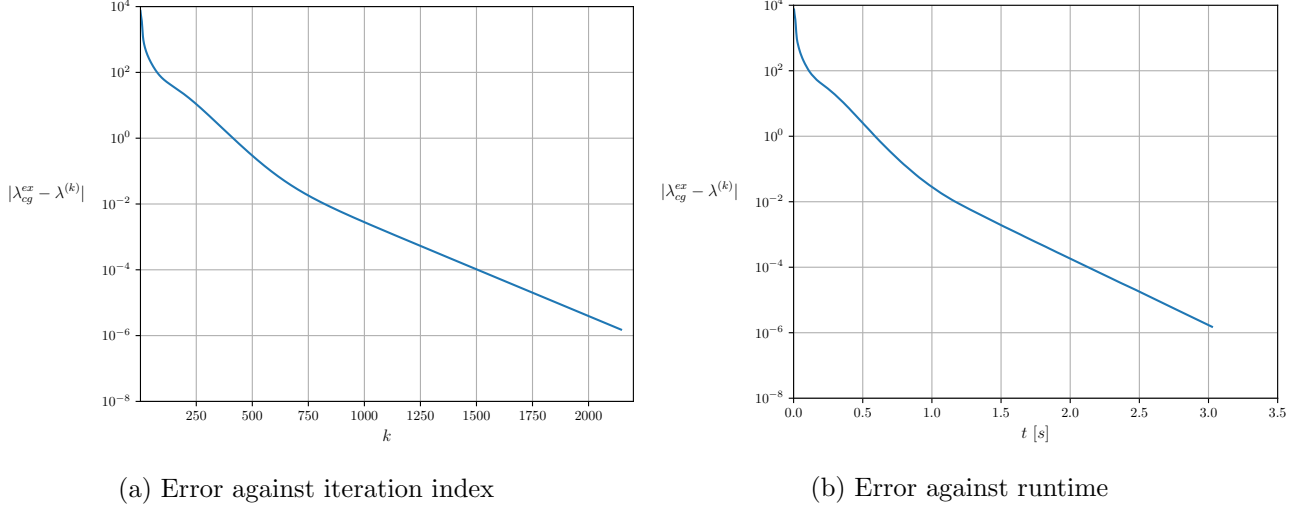
(b) Error against runtime

Figure 2: Error against iteration index and runtime on a semi-log scale for the **cg_test_msr** matrix

3 Lanczos Method

In addition to the pure power iteration, the Lanczos method was also used to determine the maximum eigenvalue of the **cg_test_msr** matrix, using varying Krylov space dimensions $m = 30, 50, 75, 100$. A power iteration method is used to compute the maximum eigenvalue of the tridiagonal Lanczos matrix. Tab. 1 displays runtime and final error for different numbers of Krylov vectors. The error decreases with an increasing number of Krylov vectors (compare Fig. 3b). On the other hand, the runtime increases approximately linear with the number of Krylov vectors, as Fig. 3a illustrates. Compared to the pure power iteration the runtime for the Lanczos Method is significantly faster, requiring only 6.23% of the runtime of the pure power iteration for the **cg_test_msr** matrix for $m = 100$. Furthermore, the Lanczos Method with $m = 100$ yields an error that is two orders of magnitude lower than the error obtained by the pure power iteration. For $m = 30, 50, 75$ the pure power iteration is more accurate.

m	runtime $[s]$	λ_{max}	$\epsilon = |\lambda_{cg}^{ex} - \lambda^{(k)}|$
30	0.041932	9.58291974574370579E+03	1.56883437415799563E+01
50	0.070548	9.59853122138019717E+03	7.68681050885788864E-02
75	0.119099	9.59860793744963121E+03	1.52035654537030496E-04
100	0.176473	9.59860808946861471E+03	1.66710378834977746E-08

Table 1: Runtime, maximum eigenvalue and final error for different number of Krylov vectors
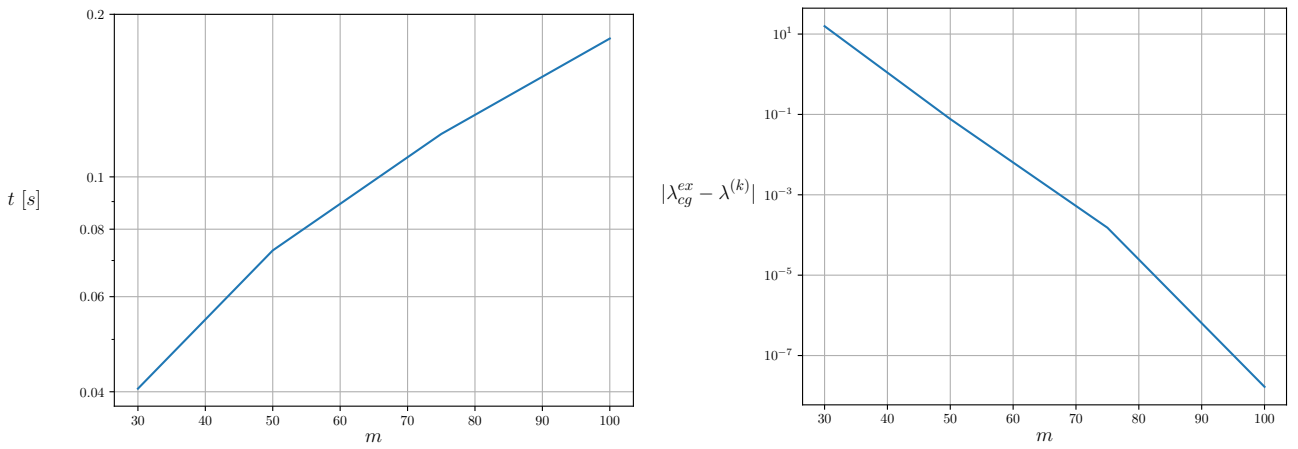

(a) Runtime against dimension of the Krylov space

(b) λ_{max} against dimension of the Krylov space

Figure 3: Runtime and maximum eigenvalue against dimension of the Krylov space

## 3.1 Optional Task: Investigation of different tolerances

To determine optimal tolerances for different number of Krylov vectors m a parameter study for the power iteration of the tridiagonal Lanczos matrix was performed with various tolerances $\varepsilon = |\theta^{(k)} - \theta^{(k-1)}|$, ranging from 1 to 10^{-14}. Fig. 4 shows the results of this study. Notably, for $m = 30$ and $m = 50$, the provided tolerances align well with observed trends as changes become insignificant beneath these values (compare Fig. 4a and Fig. 4b). For $m = 75$ and $m = 100$, the prescribed tolerances are 10^{-6} and 10^{-8} respectively. However, to obtain the minimal possible error, tolerances of $\varepsilon = 10^{-10}$ for $m = 75$ and $\varepsilon = 10^{-12}$ for $m = 100$ are required (compare Fig. 4c and Fig. 4d). Adjusted tolerances ε^* are presented in Tab. 2.
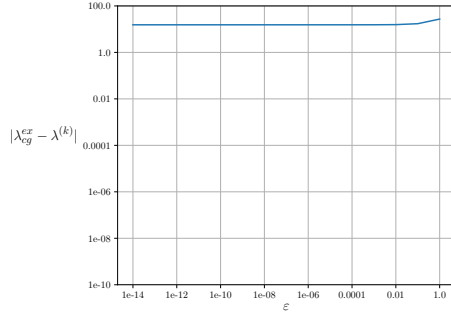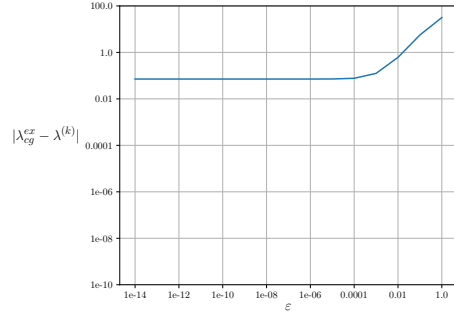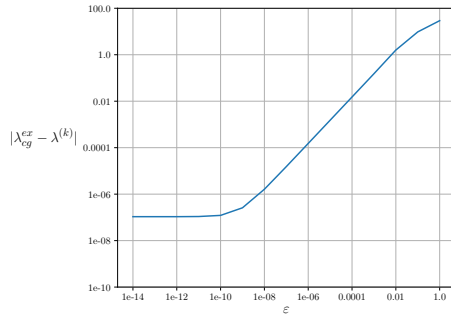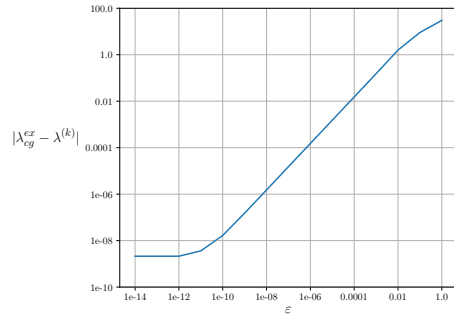
Figure 4: Comparison of error $\epsilon = |\lambda_{cg}^{ex} - \lambda^{(k)}|$ for different tolerances $\varepsilon = |\theta^{(k)} - \theta^{(k-1)}|$ for different number of Krylov vectors m

m	ε	ε^*
30	10^{-2}	10^{-2}
50	10^{-4}	10^{-4}
75	10^{-6}	10^{-10}
100	10^{-10}	10^{-12}

Table 2: Prescribed tolerance ε and newly suggested tolerance ε^* for different number of Krylov vectors m