

Iterative Methods

Part 2: More about the Arnoldi Iteration

Recap

Power Method

$x_0 = \text{arbitrary}$

for $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\hat{x}_k = Ax_{k-1}$$

$$x_k = \hat{x}_k / \|\hat{x}_k\|$$

$$\rho_k = x_k^* A x_k$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rho_k \rightarrow \lambda_1 \\ x_k \rightarrow v_1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{largest mod.} \\ \text{eigenvalue} \\ \text{of } A \end{array}$$

when $v^T x_0 > 0$

and $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2|$

Krylov Subspace Method

("Naive" - DO NOT USE!)

$x_0 = \text{arbitrary},$

for $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$x_k = Ax_{k-1}$$

$$QR = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_{k-1} & x_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_Q = Q^* A Q$$

solve $A_Q w = \rho w$

$\rightarrow Q$ may not be an accurate ONB

b/c $K_n = [x_1 \dots x_n]$

is typically very ill-cond.

How to build Q ?

Arnoldi Iteration

$$x \rightarrow Ax \rightarrow A^2x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{n-1}x$$

Naive

$$x \quad \nearrow \quad Aq_1 \quad \nearrow \quad Aq_2 \quad \nearrow \quad Aq_{n-1}$$

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$$q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3 \quad \dots \quad q_n$$

Arnoldi

(MGS)

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ x & Ax & A^2x & \dots & A^{n-1}x \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & \dots & q_n \\ | & | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots \\ & r_{22} & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & r_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_n = Q R$$

Arnoldi produces a QR factorization of K_n ✓

Arnoldi also produces the ONB that makes A ^{upper} Hessenberg

$$A \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & \dots & q_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ q_1 & q_2 & \dots & q_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ q_{n+1} \\ | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & \dots & h_{1n} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & & \\ & h_{32} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & h_{nn} \\ & & & & h_{n+1,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hat{H}_n = \begin{bmatrix} H_n \\ h_{n+1,n} e_n^T \end{bmatrix}$

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$$= Q_n H_n + q_{n+1} (h_{n+1,n} e_n^T)$$

$$A_{Q_n} = Q_n^T A Q_n = H_n$$

RR projection onto $K_n(A, x)$ is simply H_n

Here is the Arnoldi pseudocode that builds Q_n and H_n from A and x .

$x = \text{arbitrary}, q_1 = x / \|x\|$

for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

$v = Aq_k$

for $j = 1, \dots, k$

$h_{jk} = q_j^* v$

$v = v - h_{jk} q_j$

$h_{k+1,k} = \|v\|$

$q_{k+1} = v / h_{k+1,k}$

Arnoldi Breakdown

← note that $h_{k+1,k} = 0$ means that \mathcal{Q}_k is an invariant subspace of A and we can "deflate" a $k \times k$ EVP (homework). Also, it means $\text{rank}(K_n) < n$

Convergence

Rule of Thumb: Arnoldi approximates well-isolated eigenvalues, typically near the edges of the spectrum ("extremal eigenvalues") with exponential accuracy.

The key is a connection to polynomial approx.

If $u \in K_n(A, b)$, then

$$u = c_1 x + c_2 Ax + \dots + c_{n-1} A^{n-1} x = q(A)x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } q(z) &= c_0 + c_1 z + \dots + c_{n-1} z^{n-1} \\ &= c_{n-1} (z - r_1) \dots (z - r_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

The Arnoldi iteration generates a very special polynomial, which solves

P1 Find $p_n \in \{\text{Monic Polynomials of deg } n\}$

$$\text{s.t. } \|p_n(A)x\| = \text{minimum}$$

Then If Arnoldi doesn't break down ($\text{rank}(K_n) = n$), then the unique soln. of P1 is determined by the characteristic polynomial of H_n , i.e.,

$$p(z) = (z - \theta_1)(z - \theta_2) \dots (z - \theta_n)$$

where $Hw_i = \theta_i w_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

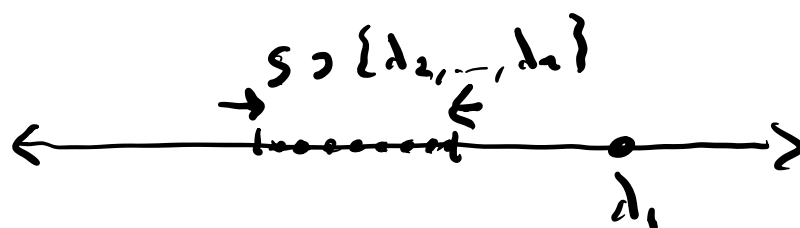
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This then provides some intuition about why certain Ritz values tend to approximate isolated eigenvalues of A .

$$\text{If } A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_\Lambda \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -w_1^* \\ \vdots \\ -w_n^* \end{bmatrix}}_{V^{-1}}$$

$$\text{Then } p_n(A) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p_n(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p_n(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix}}_{p_n(\Lambda)} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -w_1^* \\ \vdots \\ -w_n^* \end{bmatrix}}_{V^{-1}}$$

Ideally, $p(z)$ would be zero on each $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, but $p(z)$ only has n zeros, $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$. How should it place them to solve $P1$?



Here, $p_n(\lambda)$ should be small on $S \cup \partial_n$, so it should put a zero, θ_i , near λ_i to make $p_n(\lambda_i)$ small.

As n increases, $p_n(\lambda)$ has more zeros, which it can use to zero out other (less) isolated eigenvalues.

A Quantitative analysis using potential theory makes this precise.