

Note

Eigenvalues: first-order sensitivity

Given A , compute eigenvalues & eigenvectors:

$$Av = \lambda v$$

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input output

$$(A + \delta A)(v + \delta v) = (\lambda + \delta \lambda)(v + \delta v)$$

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perturbed input perturbed outputs

Suppose A is diagonalizable, and has distinct eigenvalues:

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

w_i - left eigenvector of A

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -w_1^* - \\ \vdots \\ -w_n^* - \end{bmatrix}}_{V^{-1}} A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -w_1^* - \\ \vdots \\ -w_n^* - \end{bmatrix}}_{V^{-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_i^* A = \lambda_i w_i^*$$

Dropping 2nd order terms in (1), we have

$$\overbrace{Av = \lambda v} \quad \cancel{Av}^{\rightarrow} + \delta Av + A\delta v = \cancel{\lambda v}^{\rightarrow} + \lambda \delta v + \delta \lambda v$$

multiply by w^* : $w^* \delta Av + \cancel{w^* A \delta v}^{\rightarrow w^* A = \lambda w^*} = \lambda \cancel{w^* \delta v}^{\rightarrow} + \delta \lambda w^* v$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \lambda = \frac{w^* \delta Av}{w^* v}$$

$$\left| \frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda} \right| \leq \underbrace{\frac{\|w\|_2 \|v\|_2}{|w^* v|}}_{\text{"Wilkinson's Condition \#"}} \frac{\|\delta A\|}{|\lambda|}$$

"Wilkinson's Condition #"

Normal Matrices

Normal matrices have orthogonal eigenvectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} - & v_1^* & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & v_n^* & - \end{bmatrix} = V^* = V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} - & w_1^* & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & w_n^* & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_i = w_i$$

left and right
eigenvectors are
the same!

Then, $\frac{\|w\| \|v\|}{|w^* v|} = \frac{\|v\|^2}{\|v\|^2} = 1$ so eigenvalues

of normal matrices are perfectly well-cond:

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{\delta \lambda}{\lambda} \right| \leq \frac{\|\delta A\|}{|\lambda|}$$

Real symmetric (complex Hermitian), Orthogonal (unitary) and skew-symmetric (skew-Hermitian) are all important examples of normal matrices.

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1+\delta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \delta > 0$$

Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1+\delta$

Eigenvectors: $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{-1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$w_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\delta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad w_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Wilkinson's Condition #: $\kappa_i = \frac{\|w_i\| \|v_i\|}{|w_i^* v_i|}$

$$\kappa_1 = \frac{\sqrt{1+\delta^2}}{\delta}$$

$$\kappa_2 = \sqrt{1+4\delta^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1+\delta^2}}{\delta}$$

$$\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as} \quad \delta \rightarrow 0!$$

Let's look at perturbations to A when

$\delta \neq 0$, i.e., when condition # is "infinite."

$$A_1^{(\epsilon)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1^{(\epsilon)} = 1 \pm \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

$$\text{so } |\lambda^{(\epsilon)} - \lambda| = \sqrt{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\delta A_1})$$

$$\text{where } A_1^{(\epsilon)} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A_1} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\delta A_1}.$$

Perturbation of λ grows proportional to

$\sqrt{\delta A}$ instead of δA , hence why the

condition # is undefined. This happens

b/c $\lambda^{(\epsilon)}$ is continuous but not differentiable

at $\epsilon = 0$.

Pseudospectra (See "Pseudospectrum Gateway")

A powerful tool for analyzing the sensitivity of eigenvalues and related phenomena.

is the ε -pseudospectrum of A :

$$(a) \lambda_\varepsilon(A) = \{z : \|(A - zI)v\| < \varepsilon \text{ for some } v \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

Idea: Instead of requiring $Av = \lambda v$, look for nearby values of z that are "almost" eigenvectors of A .

What makes pseudospectra so useful is the following equivalent characterizations:

$$(b) \lambda_\varepsilon(A) = \{z \in \lambda(A + \delta A), \text{ where } \|\delta A\| < \varepsilon\}$$

$$(c) \lambda_\varepsilon(A) = \{z : \|(A - zI)^{-1}\| > 1/\varepsilon\}$$

They allow us to understand how far eigenvalues can "travel" under perturbations of size ε (b) by bounding the resolvent norm (c).

For normal matrices: $A = V\Lambda V^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A - zI)^{-1}\| &= \|V(\Lambda - zI)^{-1}V^*\| \\ &= \|(\Lambda - zI)^{-1}\| \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\min_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\lambda_j - z| \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_\varepsilon(A) \subset \lambda(A) + \Delta_\varepsilon$$

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open ball of radius ε

Similarly for non-normal matrices

$$\lambda_\varepsilon(A) \subset \lambda(A) + \Delta_{\varepsilon \kappa(V)}$$

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condition # of
eigs matrix.

First-order sensitivity of eigenvectors

$$\hat{\lambda}, \hat{x} \text{ approx. } \lambda, x \text{ where } Ax = \lambda x$$

$A^{*T} = A$ symm.

$$(\text{normalization } \|\hat{x}\| = \|x\| = 1)$$

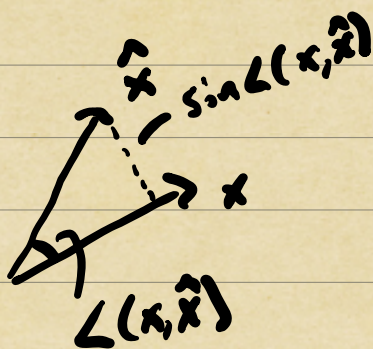
$$\text{Residual } r = A\hat{x} - \hat{\lambda}\hat{x}$$

"Sin θ theorem" (Davis-Kahan)

$$\sin \angle(x, \hat{x}) \leq \frac{\|r\|}{\min_{\lambda_j \neq \lambda} |\hat{\lambda} - \lambda_j|}$$

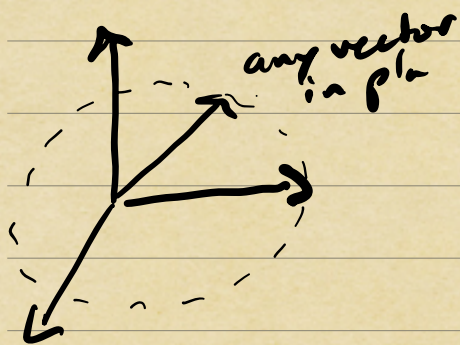
↳ other eigenvalues of A

$$Ax_j = \lambda_j x_j$$



When $\lambda, \hat{\lambda}$ is close to rest of spectrum relative to $\|r\|$ ("small gap"), eigenvectors direction can change a lot!

Intuition: When $\lambda_k \approx \lambda_j$ for some $k \neq j$ there is a whole plane of eigenvectors



for $\lambda = \lambda_k = \lambda_j$. Small disturbances break the plane into just two eigendirections, and any perturbation that "passes through" multiple eigenvectors allows disc. changes in eigenvectors ($\kappa_{A \rightarrow v} = \infty$)

Note that the invariant subspace - the

span of eigenvectors - associated w/a

cluster of eigenvalues may be entirely

well-conditioned, even though the individual

eigenvectors are not.

\Rightarrow see G. W. ("Pete") Stewart's work

on invariant subspaces for more.