

Noise propagation on the Golub-Kahan iterative bidiagonalization process

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The problem

$$Ax = b$$

- We want to solve the problem:

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad b = b^{exact} + b^{noise}.$$

- b^{noise} is a white noise vector with unknown noise level δ_{noise} .
- Information on how the noise propagates can be used to develop a stopping criteria for hybrid methods (iterate and regularize).
- The Golub-Kahan iterative bidiagonalization process provides a way to analyze how the noise spreads into the core problem.

Golub-Kahan Iterative Bidiagonalization process

- Given $w_0 = 0$, $s_1 = b/\beta_1$, where $\beta_1 = \|b\| \neq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_j w_j &= A^T s_j - \beta_j w_{j-1}, & \|w_j\| &= 1, \\ \beta_{j+1} s_{j+1} &= A w_j - \alpha_j s_j, & \|s_{j+1}\| &= 1\end{aligned}$$

until $\alpha_j = 0$ or $\beta_{j+1} = 0$, or we reach the dimensionality of the problem.

- The vectors s_k and w_k are orthonormal.

Matrix form

- Let $S_k = [s_1, \dots, s_k]$ and $W_k = [w_1, \dots, w_k]$, then:

$$A^T S_k = W_k L_k^T, \quad A W_k = [S_k, s_{k+1}] L_{k+},$$

where

$$L_k = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & & & & \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \beta_k & \alpha_k & \end{bmatrix}, \quad L_{k+} = \begin{bmatrix} L_k \\ \beta_{k+1} \mathbf{e}_k^T \end{bmatrix}$$

- This bidiagonal decomposition can be used to calculate the SVD of A in a stable way. $A = S_k L_k W_k^T = S_k U \Sigma V^T W_k^T = U_k \Sigma V_k^T$, with U_k and V_k unitary.

Lanczos tridiagonalization of AA^T

- Using the starting vector $s_1 = b/\beta_1$, $\beta_1 = \|b\|$, yields in k steps:

$$AA^T S_k = S_k T_k + \alpha_k \beta_{k+1} s_{k+1} e_k^T,$$

and

$$T_k = L_k L_k^T = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^2 & \alpha_1 \beta_2 & & & \\ \alpha_1 \beta_2 & \alpha_2^2 + \beta_2^2 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & \alpha_{k-1} \beta_k \\ & & & \alpha_{k-1} \beta_k & \alpha_k^2 + \beta_k^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The matrix L_k from the GKIB is a Cholesky factor of the matrix T_k .

The core problem

- Consider $x_k = W_k y_k$ as an approximation for the solution of $Ax_k \approx b$.
- Looking to the residual:

$$\begin{aligned} r_k &= b - AW_k y_k = S_{k+1}(\beta_1 e_1 - L_{k+} y_k) \\ &= S_k(\beta_1 e_1 - L_k y_k) - (\beta_{k+1} e_k^T y_k) s_{k+1}, \end{aligned}$$

we get two subproblems:

- 1 $L_k y_k = \beta_1 e_1$, for r_k orthogonal to S_k (CGME);
- 2 $y_k = \min_y \|L_{k+} y - \beta_1 e_1\|$, if we minimize r_k (LSQR or CGLS).

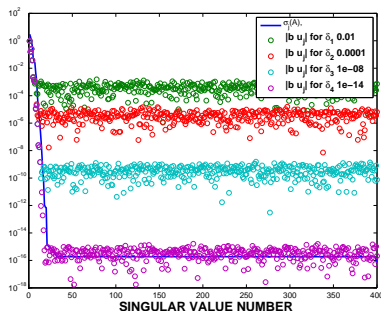
Summarizing

- The bidiagonalization concentrates the useful information of the main problem on its bidiagonal block.
- In presence of noise, those subproblems might be polluted by the noise.
- An investigation on how the noise propagates might aid on solving the ill-posed problem. (When to stop the iteration procedure).
- We will use two main approaches: one looks to the behavior of the high frequencies of the vectors s_k and the other its normalized cumulative periodogram.

- The test problem utilized for the numerical experiments was `shaw(400)`, which satisfy the *discrete Picard condition* on average.
- We used the following noise levels $\delta_{noise} = 10^{-14}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-4}$. Where

$$\delta_{noise} = \frac{\|b^{noise}\|}{\|b^{exact}\|}.$$

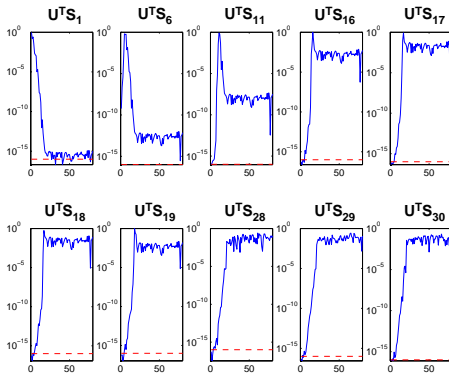
Picard plot



■ u_j are the left singular vectors of A .

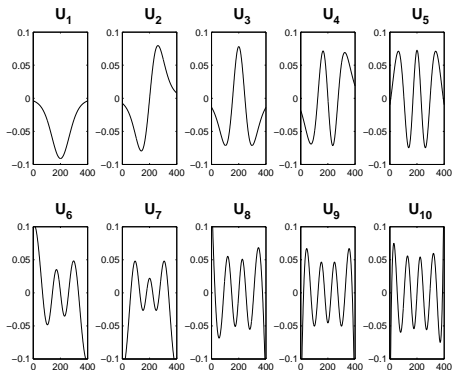
Finding k_{noise}

Spectral coefficients



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Left singular vectors



Analizing the spectral coefficients

- Using the SVD of A and the Lanczos tridiagonalization of AA^T :

$$\Sigma^2(U^T S_k) = (U^T S_k)(L_k L_k^T) + \alpha_k \beta_{k+1} (U^T s_{k+1}) e_k^T.$$

- Setting $k = 1$ we can see how the noise spreads to s_2 (looking to the last column):

$$\alpha_1 \beta_2 (U^T s_2) = (\Sigma^2 - \alpha_1^2 I) U^T s_1$$

- The matrix acts like a filter on the lower frequencies

$$\frac{\sigma_i}{\alpha_1 \beta_2} - \frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_2}$$

- α_1/β_2 is likely to be larger than 1.

Generalizing



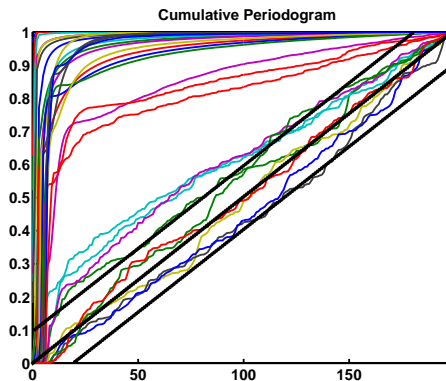
Normalized Cumulative Periodogram (NCP)

■ Definition:

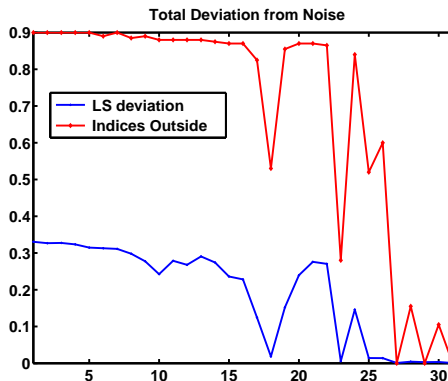
$$\mathbf{c}_j = |\text{dft}(\mathbf{y})_j|^2, \quad z_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^j \mathbf{c}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^q \mathbf{c}_i}, \quad j = 1, \dots, q.$$

- Kolmogorov-Smirnonoff at 5% significance level: the NCP curve must lie between the limits $\pm 1.35q^{-1/2}$ of the straight line (diagonal).
- There are other kind of measures for testing if a distribution is white-noise like, e.g., *total deviation*.

NCP plot



White-noise measures

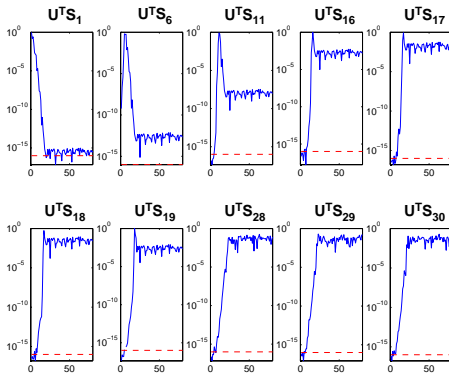


Comparing the methods to find k_{noise}

problem	shaw (400)			
δ_{noise}	10^{-14}	10^{-8}	10^{-4}	10^{-2}
k_{noise} (GKIB)	17	11	7	3
k_{noise} (NCP)	27	26	8	23
$\tilde{\delta}_{noise}$ (GKIB)	$5.9E - 15$	$1.2E - 8$	$5.3E - 5$	$1.6E - 2$
$\tilde{\delta}_{noise}$ (NCP)	$1.5E - 15$	$8.1E - 9$	$3.7E - 4$	$3.6E - 3$

- $\tilde{\delta}_{noise}$ indicates the estimated noise level.

Spectral coefficients with higher precision



Comparing the methods to find k_{noise} with higher precision

problem	shaw (400)			
δ_{noise}	10^{-14}	10^{-8}	10^{-4}	10^{-2}
k_{noise} (GKIB)	17	12	7	4
k_{noise} (NCP)	26	26	26	26
$\tilde{\delta}_{noise}$ (GKIB)	$1.2E - 14$	$5.7E - 9$	$5.5E - 3$	$1.6E - 2$
$\tilde{\delta}_{noise}$ (NCP)	$2.0E - 15$	$1.1E - 9$	$1.5E - 6$	$3.7E - 4$

■ $\tilde{\delta}_{noise}$ indicates the estimated noise level.

Resolution matrix of the GKIB process

- $R^\sharp = W_k(L_k^T L_k)^{-1} L_k^T S_k^T A.$
- Show the resolution matrix in Matlab.