

Eigenvectors of Symmetric Matrices

Ali Taqi

11/4/2020

Computational Evidence: Real Symmetric Matrices have Real Eigenvectors

```
unif_fpos <- function(M,f=T,ep){  
  # unless specifically initialized, a random fraction will be chosen  
  if(f){  
    f <- runif(1,0,1)  
    paste("f: ",f,sep="")  
  }  
  b <- f  
  a <- (f-1)  
  dist <- data.frame(x = runif(M**2, ep*a, ep*b))  
  dist <- dist %>% mutate(x_neg = ifelse(x < 0,yes = 1, no = 0))  
  dist  
}
```

```
make_symm <- function(dist){  
  N <- sqrt(length(dist$x))  
  P <- matrix(data = dist$x, nrow = N, ncol = N)  
  LT <- lower.tri(P)  
  UT <- upper.tri(P)  
  P[LT] <- P[UT]  
  P  
}
```

```
# Uniform matrix with symm = T  
RM_symm(5,0.5,10)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]      [,5]  
## [1,]  2.476556 -3.565007  3.77356628 -1.2593722  3.484690  
## [2,] -3.565007  3.923809  1.66278634  1.0079172 -2.694560  
## [3,]  3.773566  1.662786 -0.01750584  4.4357300  4.873317  
## [4,] -1.259372  1.007917  4.43572997  0.2892768  1.026553  
## [5,]  3.484690 -2.694560  4.87331721  1.0265526  2.021992
```

Simulation

```
simulate_by_f <- function(f,M_max,ep_max,draws){  
  M_vec <- sample(1:M_max, draws, replace = T)  
  ep_vec <- sample(1:ep_max, draws, replace = F)  
  table <- data.frame(M = M_vec, ep = rep(ep_vec,length(M_vec)))
```

```

bool_vec <- rep(NA, length(table$M))

for(i in 1:length(table$M)){
  S_curr <- RM_symm(table$M[i],f,table$ep[i])
  bool_vec[i] <- check_real_eigenvectors(evec_frame(S_curr))
}
cbind(table,bool_vec)
}

plot_f_table <- function(table, f){
  ggplot() +
    geom_point(data = table, aes(x=M, y=ep, color = factor(bool_vec))) +
    labs(color = "EV Real", title = paste("f = ",f,sep=""))
}

```

```

table <- simulate_by_f(f = 0.1, M_max = 15, ep_max = 50, draws = 50)
head(table)

```

```

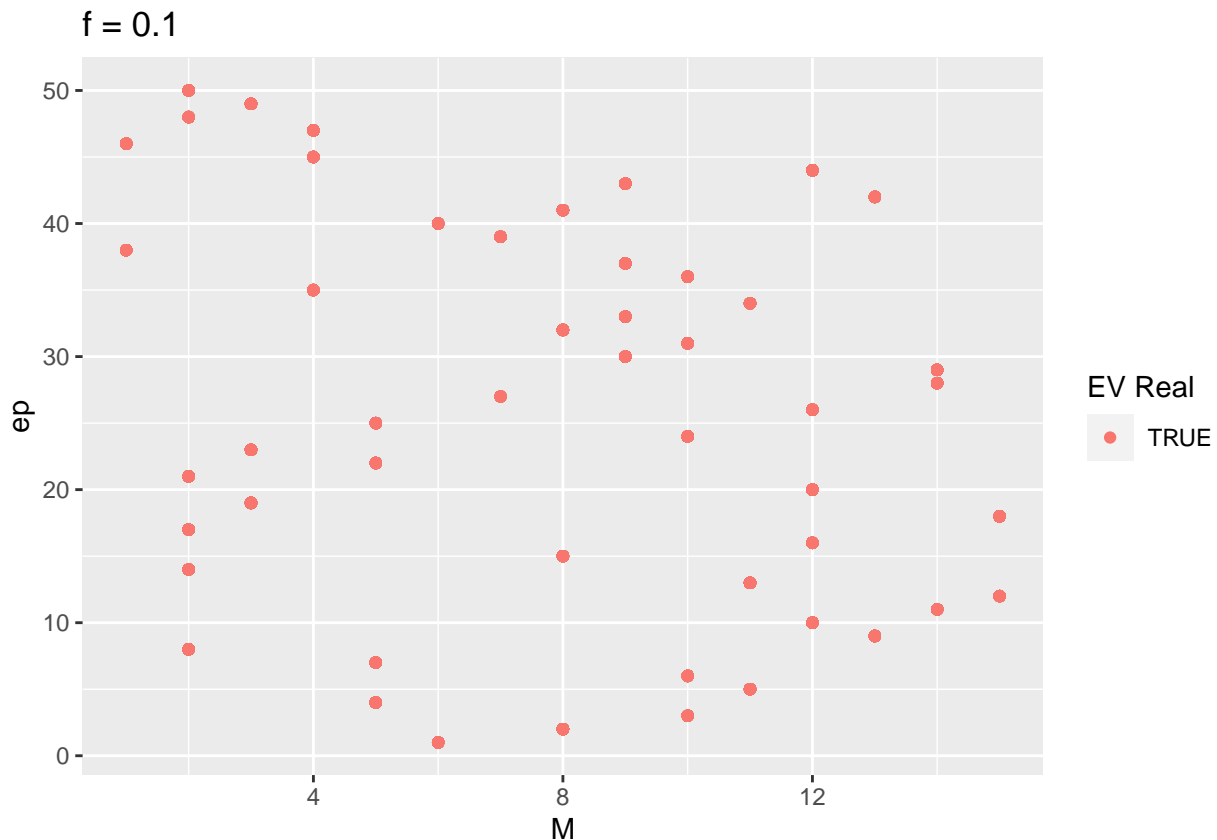
##      M ep bool_vec
## 1 12 20      TRUE
## 2 12 44      TRUE
## 3  9 43      TRUE
## 4 11  5      TRUE
## 5 14 28      TRUE
## 6 10 31      TRUE

```

```

plot_f_table(table, f = 0.1)

```



```
#table <- simulate_by_f(f = 0.5, M_max = 15, ep_max = 250, draws = 250)  
#head(table)  
#plot_f_table(table, f = 0.5)
```

```
#table <- simulate_by_f(f = 0.9, M_max = 15, ep_max = 250, draws = 250)  
#head(table)  
#plot_f_table(table, f = 0.9)
```