

of H , and the $n \times n$ upper Hessenberg matrix H_n obtained by deleting the last row of \tilde{H}_n ,

$$H_n = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} & \cdots & h_{1n} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} & \cdots & h_{2n} \\ 0 & h_{32} & h_{33} & \cdots & h_{3n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & h_{nn-1} & h_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If we denote by U_n the $m \times n$ matrix consisting of the first n columns of U , denoted u_1, \dots, u_n , then the matrix consisting of the first n columns of the matrix $UH = AU$ can be expressed as

$$AU_n = U_{n+1} \tilde{H}_n. \quad (*_1)$$

It follows that the n th column of this matrix can be expressed as

$$Au_n = h_{1n}u_1 + \cdots + h_{nn}u_n + h_{n+1n}u_{n+1}. \quad (*_2)$$

Since (u_1, \dots, u_n) form an orthonormal basis, we deduce from $(*_2)$ that

$$\langle u_j, Au_n \rangle = u_j^* Au_n = h_{jn}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (*_3)$$

Equations $(*_2)$ and $(*_3)$ show that U_{n+1} and \tilde{H}_n can be computed iteratively using the following algorithm due to Arnoldi, known as *Arnoldi iteration*:

Given an arbitrary nonzero vector $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$, let $u_1 = b/\|b\|$;

for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ **do**

$z := Au_n$;

for $j = 1$ **to** n **do**

$h_{jn} := u_j^* z$;

$z := z - h_{jn}u_j$

endfor

$h_{n+1n} := \|z\|$;

if $h_{n+1n} = 0$ **quit**

$u_{n+1} = z/h_{n+1n}$

When $h_{n+1n} = 0$, we say that we have a *breakdown* of the Arnoldi iteration.

Arnoldi iteration is an algorithm for producing the $n \times n$ Hessenberg submatrix H_n of the full Hessenberg matrix H consisting of its first n rows and n columns (the first n columns of U are also produced), not using Householder matrices.

As long as $h_{j+1j} \neq 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$, Equation $(*_2)$ shows by an easy induction that u_{n+1} belong to the span of $(b, Ab, \dots, A^n b)$, and obviously Au_n belongs to the span of (u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) , and thus the following spaces are identical:

$$\text{Span}(b, Ab, \dots, A^n b) = \text{Span}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}).$$