

# LARGE SPARSE EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS

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- Projection methods
- The subspace iteration
- Krylov subspace methods: Arnoldi and Lanczos
- Golub-Kahan-Lanczos bidiagonalization

## General Tools for Solving Large Eigen-Problems

- Projection techniques – Arnoldi, Lanczos, Subspace Iteration;
- Preconditionings: shift-and-invert, Polynomials, ...
- Deflation and restarting techniques
- Computational codes often combine these three ingredients

## A few popular solution Methods

- Subspace Iteration [Now less popular – sometimes used for validation]
- Arnoldi's method (or Lanczos) with polynomial acceleration
- Shift-and-invert and other preconditioners. [Use Arnoldi or Lanczos for  $(A - \sigma I)^{-1}$ .]
- Davidson's method and variants, Jacobi-Davidson
- Specialized method: Automatic Multilevel Substructuring (AMLS).

# Projection Methods for Eigenvalue Problems

## Projection method onto $K$ orthogonal to $L$

- Given: Two subspaces  $K$  and  $L$  of same dimension.
- Approximate eigenpairs  $\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{u}$ , obtained by solving:  
Find:  $\tilde{\lambda} \in \mathbb{C}, \tilde{u} \in K$  such that  $(\tilde{\lambda}I - A)\tilde{u} \perp L$
- Two types of methods:

Orthogonal projection methods: Situation when  $L = K$ .

Oblique projection methods: When  $L \neq K$ .

- First situation leads to Rayleigh-Ritz procedure

## Rayleigh-Ritz projection

**Given:** a subspace  $X$  known to contain good approximations to eigenvectors of  $A$ .

**Question:** How to extract 'best' approximations to eigenvalues/ eigenvectors from this subspace?

**Answer:** Orthogonal projection method

- Let  $Q = [q_1, \dots, q_m]$  = orthonormal basis of  $X$
- Orthogonal projection method onto  $X$  yields:
$$Q^H(A - \tilde{\lambda}I)\tilde{u} = 0 \rightarrow$$
- $Q^H A Q y = \tilde{\lambda} y$  where  $\tilde{u} = Q y$
- Known as Rayleigh Ritz process

### Procedure:

1. Obtain an orthonormal basis of  $X$
2. Compute  $C = Q^H A Q$  (an  $m \times m$  matrix)
3. Obtain Schur factorization of  $C$ ,  $C = Y R Y^H$
4. Compute  $\tilde{U} = Q Y$

**Property:** if  $X$  is (exactly) invariant, then procedure will yield exact eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Proof: Since  $X$  is invariant,  $(A - \tilde{\lambda}I)u = Qz$  for a certain  $z$ .  $Q^H Qz = 0$  implies  $z = 0$  and therefore  $(A - \tilde{\lambda}I)u = 0$ .

➤ Can use this procedure in conjunction with the subspace obtained from subspace iteration algorithm

## Subspace Iteration

**Original idea:** projection technique onto a subspace of the form  $Y = A^k X$

Practically:  $A^k$  replaced by suitable polynomial

Advantages:

- Easy to implement (in symmetric case);
- Easy to analyze;

Disadvantage: Slow.

➤ Often used with polynomial acceleration:  $A^k X$  replaced by  $C_k(A)X$ . Typically  $C_k =$  Chebyshev polynomial.

## Algorithm: Subspace Iteration with Projection

1. **Start:** Choose an initial system of vectors  $X = [x_0, \dots, x_m]$  and an initial polynomial  $C_k$ .
2. **Iterate:** Until convergence do:
  - (a) Compute  $\hat{Z} = C_k(A)X$ .
  - (b) Orthonormalize  $\hat{Z}$ :  $[Z, R_Z] = qr(\hat{Z}, 0)$
  - (c) Compute  $B = Z^H A Z$
  - (d) Compute the Schur factorization  $B = Y R_B Y^H$  of  $B$
  - (e) Compute  $X := ZY$ .
  - (f) Test for convergence. If satisfied stop. Else select a new polynomial  $C'_{k'}$  and continue.



**THEOREM:** Let  $S_0 = \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$  and assume that  $S_0$  is such that the vectors  $\{Px_i\}_{i=1, \dots, m}$  are linearly independent where  $P$  is the spectral projector associated with  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_k$  the orthogonal projector onto the subspace  $S_k = \text{span}\{X_k\}$ . Then for each eigenvector  $u_i$  of  $A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , there exists a unique vector  $s_i$  in the subspace  $S_0$  such that  $Ps_i = u_i$ . Moreover, the following inequality is satisfied

$$\|(I - \mathcal{P}_k)u_i\|_2 \leq \|u_i - s_i\|_2 \left( \left| \frac{\lambda_{m+1}}{\lambda_i} \right| + \epsilon_k \right)^k, \quad (1)$$

where  $\epsilon_k$  tends to zero as  $k$  tends to infinity.

## KRYLOV SUBSPACE METHODS

## Krylov subspace methods

**Principle:** Projection methods on Krylov subspaces:

$$K_m(A, v_1) = \text{span}\{v_1, Av_1, \dots, A^{m-1}v_1\}$$

- The most important class of projection methods [for linear systems and for eigenvalue problems]
- Variants depend on the subspace  $L$
- Let  $\mu = \text{deg. of minimal polynom. of } v_1$ . Then:
  - $K_m = \{p(A)v_1 | p = \text{polynomial of degree } \leq m - 1\}$
  - $K_m = K_\mu$  for all  $m \geq \mu$ . Moreover,  $K_\mu$  is invariant under  $A$ .
  - $\dim(K_m) = m$  iff  $\mu \geq m$ .

## Arnoldi's algorithm

- Goal: to compute an orthogonal basis of  $K_m$ .
- Input: Initial vector  $v_1$ , with  $\|v_1\|_2 = 1$  and  $m$ .

### ALGORITHM : 1. Arnoldi's procedure

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For  $j = 1, \dots, m$  do
    Compute  $w := Av_j$ 
    For  $i = 1, \dots, j$ , do
        
$$\begin{cases} h_{i,j} := (w, v_i) \\ w := w - h_{i,j}v_i \end{cases}$$

     $h_{j+1,j} = \|w\|_2;$ 
     $v_{j+1} = w/h_{j+1,j}$ 
End
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- Based on Gram-Schmidt procedure

## Result of Arnoldi's algorithm

$$\text{Let: } \overline{H}_m = \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x & x \\ & x & x & x & x \\ & & x & x & x \\ & & & x & x \\ & & & & x \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_m = \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x & x \\ & x & x & x & x \\ & & x & x & x \\ & & & x & x \end{pmatrix}$$

### Results:

1.  $V_m = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m]$  orthonormal basis of  $K_m$ .
2.  $AV_m = V_{m+1}\overline{H}_m = V_m H_m + h_{m+1,m}v_{m+1}e_m^T$
3.  $V_m^T AV_m = H_m \equiv \overline{H}_m - \text{last row.}$

## Application to eigenvalue problems

➤ Write approximate eigenvector as  $\tilde{u} = V_m y$

➤ Galerkin condition:

$$(A - \tilde{\lambda}I)V_m y \perp \mathcal{K}_m \rightarrow V_m^H (A - \tilde{\lambda}I)V_m y = 0$$

➤ Approximate eigenvalues are eigenvalues of  $H_m$

$$H_m y_j = \tilde{\lambda}_j y_j$$

➤ Associated approximate eigenvectors are

$$\tilde{u}_j = V_m y_j$$

➤ Typically a few of the outermost eigenvalues will converge first.

## Hermitian case: The Lanczos Algorithm

- The Hessenberg matrix becomes tridiagonal :

$$A = A^H \quad \text{and} \quad V_m^H A V_m = H_m \quad \rightarrow \quad H_m = H_m^H$$

- Denote  $H_m$  by  $T_m$  and  $\bar{H}_m$  by  $\bar{T}_m$ . We can write

$$T_m = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & & \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & \\ & \beta_3 & \alpha_3 & \beta_4 & \\ & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & & & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & & & & \beta_m & \alpha_m \end{pmatrix}$$

- Consequence: three term recurrence

$$\beta_{j+1} v_{j+1} = A v_j - \alpha_j v_j - \beta_j v_{j-1}$$

- Relation  $AV_m = V_{m+1} \bar{T}_m$

## ALGORITHM : 2. Lanczos

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1. Choose an initial  $v_1$  with  $\|v_1\|_2 = 1$ ;  
Set  $\beta_1 \equiv 0, v_0 \equiv 0$
2. For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  Do:
3.      $w_j := Av_j - \beta_j v_{j-1}$
4.      $\alpha_j := (w_j, v_j)$
5.      $w_j := w_j - \alpha_j v_j$
6.      $\beta_{j+1} := \|w_j\|_2$ . If  $\beta_{j+1} = 0$  then Stop
7.      $v_{j+1} := w_j / \beta_{j+1}$
8. EndDo

Hermitian matrix + Arnoldi  $\rightarrow$  Hermitian Lanczos

- In theory  $v_i$ 's defined by 3-term recurrence are orthogonal.
- However: in practice severe loss of orthogonality;



Observation [Paige, 1981]: Loss of orthogonality starts suddenly, when the first eigenpair has converged. It is a sign of loss of linear independence of the computed eigenvectors. When orthogonality is lost, then several the copies of the same eigenvalue start appearing.

## Reorthogonalization

- Full reorthogonalization – reorthogonalize  $v_{j+1}$  against all previous  $v_i$ 's every time.
- Partial reorthogonalization – reorthogonalize  $v_{j+1}$  against all previous  $v_i$ 's only when needed [Parlett & Simon]
- Selective reorthogonalization – reorthogonalize  $v_{j+1}$  against computed eigenvectors [Parlett & Scott]
- No reorthogonalization – Do not reorthogonalize - but take measures to deal with 'spurious' eigenvalues. [Cullum & Willoughby]

## Lanczos Bidiagonalization

➤ We now deal with rectangular matrices. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

### ALGORITHM : 3. Golub-Kahan-Lanczos

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1. Choose an initial  $v_1$  with  $\|v_1\|_2 = 1$ ;  
Set  $p \equiv v_1, \beta_0 \equiv 1, u_0 \equiv 0$
2. For  $k = 1, \dots, p$  Do:
3.    $r := Av_k - \beta_{k-1}u_{k-1}$
4.    $\alpha_k = \|r\|_2$  ;     $u_k = r/\alpha_k$
5.    $p = A^T u_k - \alpha_k v_k$
6.    $\beta_k = \|p\|_2$  ;     $v_{k+1} := p/\beta_k$
7. EndDo

Let:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{p+1} &= [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p+1}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (p+1)} \\ U_p &= [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p} \end{aligned}$$

Let:

$$B_p = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & & \\ & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & & \alpha_p & \beta_{p+1} \end{bmatrix};$$

- $\hat{B}_p = B_p(:, 1 : p)$
- $V_p = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

**Result:**


- $V_{p+1}^T V_{p+1} = I$
- $U_p^T U_p = I$
- $AV_p = U_p \hat{B}_p$
- $A^T U_p = V_{p+1} B_p^T$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} A^T(AV_p) &= A^T(U_p\hat{B}_p) \\ &= V_{p+1}B_p^T\hat{B}_p \end{aligned}$$

- $B_p^T\hat{B}_p$  is a (symmetric) tridiagonal matrix of size  $(p+1) \times p$  – Call it  $\bar{T}_p$ . Then

$$(A^T A)V_p = V_{p+1}\bar{T}_p$$

- Standard Lanczos relation !
- Therefore the algorithm is equivalent to the standard Lanczos algorithm applied to  $A^T A$ .
- Similar result for the  $u_i$ 's [involves  $AA^T$ ]
-  Work out the details: What are the entries of  $\bar{T}_p$  relative to those of  $B_p$ ?

## APPLICATION: GRAPH PARTITIONING


## Graph Laplaceans - Definition

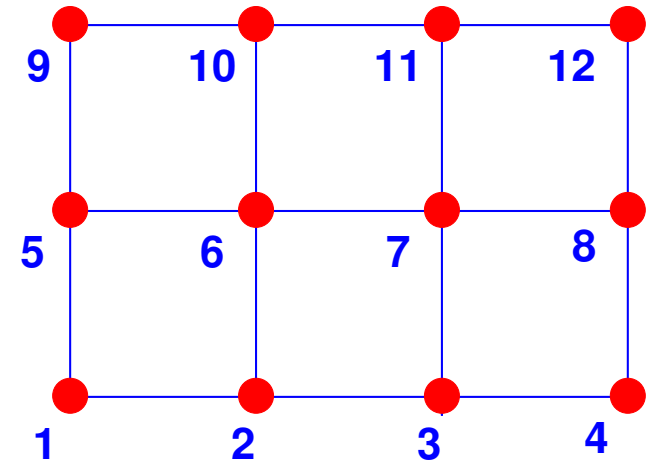
- “Laplace-type” matrices associated with general undirected graphs – useful in many applications
- Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  define
  - A matrix  $W$  of weights  $w_{ij}$  for each edge
  - Assume  $w_{ij} \geq 0$ ,  $w_{ii} = 0$ , and  $w_{ij} = w_{ji} \forall (i, j)$
  - The diagonal matrix  $D = \text{diag}(d_i)$  with  $d_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}$
- Corresponding **graph Laplacean** of  $G$  is:


$$L = D - W$$
- Gershgorin's theorem  $\rightarrow L$  is positive semidefinite

➤ Simplest case:

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \text{ and } i \neq j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad D = \text{diag} \left[ d_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij} \right]$$

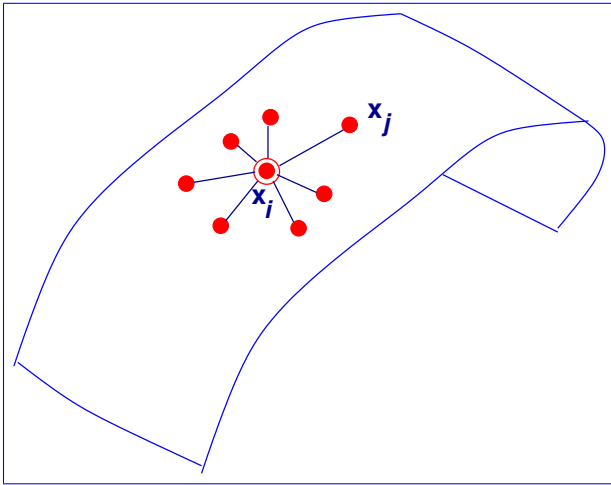
 Define the graph Laplacean for the graph associated with the simple mesh shown next. [use the simple weights of 0 or 1]



 What is the difference with the discretization of the Laplace operator in 2-D for case when mesh is the same as this graph?



## A few properties of graph Laplaceans



Strong relation between  $x^T L x$  and local distances between entries of  $x$

➤ Let  $L =$  any matrix s.t.  $L = D - W$ , with  $D = \text{diag}(d_i)$  and

$$w_{ij} \geq 0, \quad d_i = \sum_{j \neq i} w_{ij}$$

**Property 1:** for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  :

$$x^T L x = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} |x_i - x_j|^2$$

**Property 2:** (generalization) for any  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  :

$$\text{Tr}[YLY^\top] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \|y_i - y_j\|^2$$

**Property 3:** For the particular  $L = I - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top$

$$XLX^\top = \bar{X}\bar{X}^\top == n \times \text{Covariance matrix}$$

**Property 4:**  $L$  is singular and admits the null vector  $e = \text{ones}(n, 1)$

**Property 5:** (Graph partitioning) Consider situation when  $w_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ . If  $x$  is a vector of signs ( $\pm 1$ ) then

$$x^\top Lx = 4 \times (\text{'number of edge cuts'})$$

edge-cut = pair  $(i, j)$  with  $x_i \neq x_j$

➤ Would like to minimize  $(Lx, x)$  subject to  $x \in \{-1, 1\}^n$  and  $e^\top x = 0$  [balanced sets]

➤ Will solve a relaxed form of this problem

➤ Consider any symmetric (real) matrix  $A$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$  and eigenvectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$

➤ Recall that:  
(Min reached for  $x = u_1$ )

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(Ax, x)}{(x, x)} = \lambda_1$$

➤ In addition:  
(Min reached for  $x = u_2$ )

$$\min_{x \perp u_1} \frac{(Ax, x)}{(x, x)} = \lambda_2$$

➤ For a graph Laplacean  $u_1 = e =$  vector of all ones and  
➤ ...vector  $u_2$  is called the Fiedler vector. It solves a relaxed form of the problem -

$$\min_{x \in \{-1, 1\}^n; e^T x = 0} \frac{(Lx, x)}{(x, x)}$$

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$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; e^T x = 0} \frac{(Lx, x)}{(x, x)}$$

➤ Define  $v = u_2$  then  $lab = \text{sign}(v - \text{med}(v))$

# Spectral Graph Partitioning

## Idea:

- Partition graph in two using fiedler vectors
- Cut largest in two ..
- Repeat until number of desired partitions is reached
- Use the Lanczos algorithm to compute the Fiedler vector at each step