

# An Inverse Eigenvalue Problem (IEP) Investigation

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# The Forward Problem

## Generalized Eigenvalue Problem

Given  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , find  $(\lambda, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{C} \times (\mathbb{C}^n - \{\mathbf{0}\})$  such that

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda B\mathbf{x}.$$

For  $B = I$  this becomes the familiar linear eigenvalue problem (LEP).  
Many algorithms exist to tackle this problem for general  $A$  [1]:

**for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$z^{(k)} = Aq^{(k-1)}$$

$$q^{(k)} = z^{(k)} / \|z^{(k)}\|_2$$

$$\lambda^{(k)} = [q^{(k)}]^H A q^{(k)}$$

**end**

(a) Power Method

**for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{Solve } (A - \mu I)z^{(k)} = q^{(k-1)}.$$

$$q^{(k)} = z^{(k)} / \|z^{(k)}\|_2$$

$$\lambda^{(k)} = q^{(k)T} A q^{(k)}$$

**end**

(b) Shift and Invert

$$H = U_0^T A U_0 \quad (\text{Hessenberg reduction})$$

**for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Determine a scalar  $\mu$ .

$$H - \mu I = UR \quad (\text{QR factorization})$$

$$H = RU + \mu I$$

**end**

(c) QR Iteration

# The Backwards Problem

Why? [2]

- ▶ system identification [3]
- ▶ principal component analysis [4]
- ▶ molecular spectroscopy [5]

## Generalized IEP (GIEP)

Given  $\lambda = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k\}$  for  $k \leq n$ , determine  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  so that  $\det(A - \lambda_i B) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

## A Novel GIEP Algorithm

Set  $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $B = I$ .

... Under-determined! We must impose constraints:

- ▶ spectral
- ▶ structural

# A Structurally Constrained IEP (1)

Consider the following dynamical system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t)$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , and  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ .

$\mathbf{u}(t) = K\mathbf{y}(t) = KC\mathbf{x}(t)$  induces the *closed-loop* dynamical system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + BKC)\mathbf{x}(t)$$

## Output Feedback Pole Assignment Problem (OfPAP)

Given  $\lambda = \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  where  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda$  find  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$  such that:

$$\sigma(A + BKC) = \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$$

# A Structurally Constrained IEP (2)

## Linear Parameterized Inverse Eigenvalue Problem (LiPIEP)

For  $\{A_j\}_{j=1}^m \subset \mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , put  $A(\mathbf{c}) = A_0 + c_1 A_1 + \cdots + c_m A_m$ .

Given  $\lambda = \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  where  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda$ , find  $\mathbf{c} = [c_1 \ \cdots \ c_m]^T \in \mathbb{C}^m$  such that:

$$\sigma(A(\mathbf{c})) \subseteq \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$$

### Remark:

- ▶ When  $m = 1, c_1 = 1, A_1 = BKC$  and  $\subseteq \rightarrow =$ ,  $\text{LiPIEP} \Leftrightarrow \text{OfPAP}$ .
- ▶ When  $\mathcal{M}$  is the set of symmetric, real,  $n \times n$  matrices and  $m = n$ , we recover a variant of the LiPIEP, which we denote *LiPIEP2*.

# Simple Existence Results for the (Li)PIEP [2]

## Theorem 1 (Xu, 1998) [6]

Given a set of  $n$  complex numbers  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n$ , then for almost all  $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^n \subset \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , there exists  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\sigma(A(\mathbf{c})) = \{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n$ . Furthermore, there are at most  $n!$  distinct solutions.

## Theorem 2 (Helton et al., 1997) [7]

For almost all  $A_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and almost all  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n$ , there is a  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\sigma(A(\mathbf{c})) = \{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n$  **if and only if** the following two conditions hold:

1. The matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are linearly independent; and,
2.  $\text{trace}(A_i) \neq 0$  for some  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

# Newton's Method for LiPIEP2

**Recall:** For differentiable  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , one Newton step is given as:

$$x^{(\nu+1)} = x^{(\nu)} - (f'(x^{(\nu)}))^{-1} f(x^{(\nu)}).$$

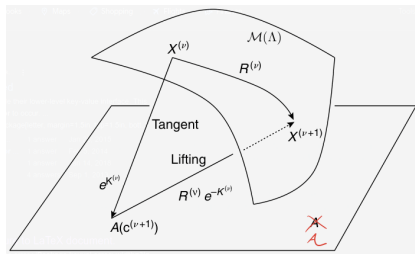
**Idea:**  $f(x^{(\nu+1)})$  is a “lift” of the  $x$ -intercept of  $f'(x^{(\nu)})$ .

Given  $\lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n$ , put

$$\mathcal{A} := \{A(\mathbf{c}) : \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\Lambda) := \{Q\Lambda Q^T : Q \in \mathcal{O}(n)\}$$

where  $\Lambda := \text{diag}(\lambda)$ .



Geometry of Newton's Method for  
PIEP [2]

## Code Aside



# Definitions & StIEP

Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

We say  $A$  is *non-negative* if  $a_{ij} \geq 0$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .

We say  $A$  is *(row) stochastic* if  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

## StIEP

Given  $\lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  where  $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda$ , construct a (row) stochastic matrix  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  so that

$$\sigma(C) = \{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^n$$

# Restriction of the StIEP to Real Values

## Real Stochastic IEP (RStIEP)

Given a set  $\mathcal{S} = \{1\} \cup \{\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} : -1 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1\}_{i=2}^n$ , construct a stochastic matrix  $C$  such that  $\sigma(C) = \mathcal{S}$

If  $\lambda_1 = 1, \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , then we may formulate the constrained optimization problem as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \\ [2 \times \mathcal{J}(P, R)]^{1/2} &:= \|P\Lambda P^{-1} - R \odot R\| = \|\Gamma(P) - \Xi(R)\| = \|\Delta(P, R)\| \\ & \text{subject to } P \in GL(\mathbb{R}, n) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\odot$  denotes the *Hadamard* product.

With  $[M, N] = MN - NM$  denoting the *Lie bracket*, the gradient is given as [2]:

$$\nabla \mathcal{J}(P, R) = \left( \left[ \Delta(P, R), \Gamma(P)^T \right] P^{-T}, -2\Delta(P, R) \odot R \right)$$

## **Code Aside**

Now for the good part ...

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+ - \{0\}$  such that  $|\lambda| < a$ .

Put

$$h_{\min} = \lambda/(a + \lambda) \text{ and } h_{\max} = a/(a + \lambda),$$

and pick  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\max(h_{\min}, 0) \leq r \leq \min(h_{\max}, 1)$ .

The *scalar splitting operator* [8] is defined to be

$$\hat{S}(a, \lambda, r) := \frac{a}{h_{\max}} \begin{pmatrix} r & h_{\max} - r \\ r - h_{\min} & 1 - r \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Note:** Eigenvalues of  $\hat{S}(a, \lambda, r)$  are  $a$  and  $\lambda$ .

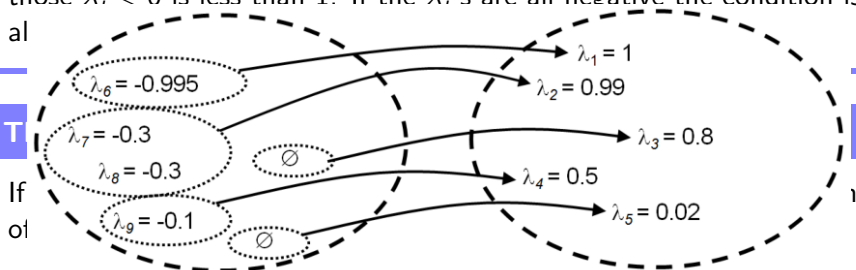
Denote the *state-splitting operator* by:

$$\hat{S}_M(A, \lambda, r, k) := \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \underline{c}_{1k}^T & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \hline \underline{r}_{k1} & a_{kk} & \underline{r}_{k2} \\ \hline \mathbf{A}_{21} & \underline{c}_{2k}^T & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[k]{\text{split at}} \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} \mathbf{A}_{11} & r \underline{c}_{1k}^T (1 - r) \underline{c}_{1k}^T & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \hline \underline{r}_{k1} & \hat{S}(a_{kk}, \lambda, r) & \underline{r}_{k2} \\ \hline \underline{r}_{k1} & & \underline{r}_{k2} \\ \hline \mathbf{A}_{21} & r \underline{c}_{2k}^T (1 - r) \underline{c}_{2k}^T & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{array} \right)$$

# RStIEP Existence Results

## Theorem 3 (Suleĭmanova, 1949) [2]

Any  $n$  given real numbers  $1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  with  $|\lambda_j| < 1$  are the spectrum of some  $n \times n$  positive stochastic matrix if the sum of all  $|\lambda_j|$  over those  $\lambda_i < 0$  is less than 1. If the  $\lambda_i$ 's are all negative the condition is



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2.  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \geq 0$ ; and,
3. the  $(n - p)$  negative values of  $\lambda$  can be grouped into  $p$  clusters  $\{\mathcal{C}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^p$  corresponding to a positive  $\lambda_\ell$  such that  $\left| \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{C}_\ell} \gamma \right| < \lambda_\ell$ .

## Code Aside

**Questions?**