

## SCSC seminar 2.

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### ① Introduction

- large-scale matrix problems  $Ax = b$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$   
 $x$  unknown  
solved by iterating in Krylov subspace:

$$K_n = \{b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^{n-1}b\}$$

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  iterations (subspace grows)

$\rightarrow \{e_i\}$  is space spanned by  $\bullet$

e.g. GMRES, conjugate gradients, QMR, ...

- generate estimates  $x_0, x_1, \dots$  converge on  $A^{-1}b$

with residuals  $r_i = b - Ax_i$

could also consider  $e_i = A^{-1}b - x_i$ ,  $r_i = Ae_i$

but 1)  $r_i$  can be generated in an iteration,  $e_i$  can't

2) sometimes  $e_i$  large but solution as good as can be expected, better to consider  $r_i$

- how quickly do  $\frac{\|r_n\|}{\|r_0\|}$  go to 0?

$\rightarrow$  2-norm.

$\rightarrow$  "initial" residual,  $\approx b$  (?)

- idea:

(\*)

$$\frac{\|r_n\|}{\|r_0\|} \approx \xi^n$$

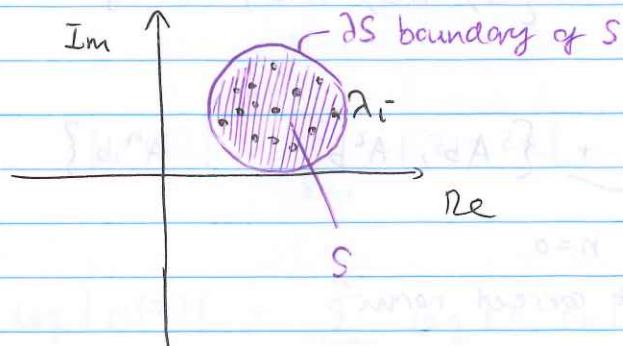
geometric progression  
w/ rate  $\xi$ , which we get  
from potential theory

spectrum,  $\{\lambda_i\}$  set of  
eigenvalues of  $A$  in complex plane

## ② Link between $S$ and $\Lambda(A)$

assume we are given an  $S$  encircling  $\Lambda(A)$ ; but picking  $S$  is part of the process!

- Let spectrum of  $A$ ,  $\Lambda(A)$ , be approx. by a compact set  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $0 \notin S$ !



- define polynomial  $p(z) \in P_n$  on  $S$

$P_n$ : Set of poly. with degree at most  $n$ ,  
norm. by  $p(0) = 1$ .

define

$$\|p\|_S = \max_{z \in S} |p(z)|$$

and

$$E_n = \min_{p \in P_n} \|p\|_S$$

i.e. increasingly large degree polynomials, minimise their maxima on  $S$

then

$\{E_n\}$  geometrically decrease with rate

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (E_n(S))^{1/n} \leq 1$$

"estimated asymptotic convergence rate"

same  $S$   
as  $\rho$  (\*)  
in

strictly  $< 1$  unless  $S$  completely surrounds the origin, separates it from point  $\infty$



- how does this relate to GMRES?

Krylov subspace iterations deal with polynomials in  $A$ :

$$x_i \text{ live in } \{b, Ab, A^2b, \dots\}$$

then

$$r_n \in \underline{r_0} + \{Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^n b\}$$

for  $n=0$

to get correct norm:

\* equivalently,

$$r_n = p(A) r_0 \quad \text{with} \quad p(0) = 1, \quad \cancel{p(A) \neq 0}$$

$$\text{so } p \in P_n$$

GMRES tries to find  $p(A)$  to minimise  $r_n$ ,  
convergence will be quick if  $p(A)$  is chosen  
to annihilate  $r_0$  quickly.

intuitively, take  $A$  to be normal:

$$A = U D U^*, \quad D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

$U$  unitary

then "smallness of  $p(A)$ ":

$$\|p(A)\| = \max_{z \in \Lambda(A)} |p(z)|$$

matrix norm!

$$\Rightarrow \min_{p \in P_n} \|p(A)\| = \min_{p \in P_n} \left[ \max_{z \in \Lambda(A)} |p(z)| \right] =$$

address in general (for nonnormal  $A$ ):

$$\min_{p \in P_n} \|p(z)\|_{\Lambda(A)} \leq \min_{p \in P_n} \|p(A)\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} & * \min_{p \in P_n} \|p\|_{\Lambda} \\ & * \min_{p \in P_n} \|p\|_S \end{aligned}$$

therefore in general this would give us an  
upper bound on  $S$ , but more approximations to consider.

③ Deriving  $S$  via potential theory

- given set  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $0 \notin S$ ,

- consider a polynomial

$$p(z) = \prod_{k=1}^n (z - z_k) \quad \text{take abs}$$

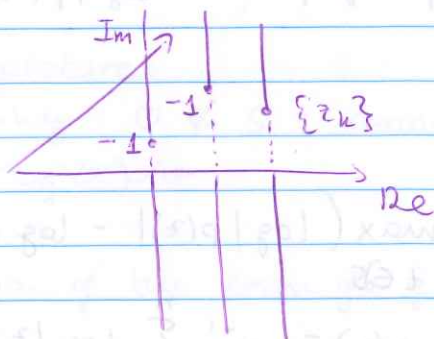
$$|p(z)| = \prod_{k=1}^n |z - z_k| \quad \text{take logs}$$

$$\log |p(z)| = \sum_{k=1}^n \log |z - z_k|$$

this is the potential associated with a collection of charges of strength  $-1$  at  $\{z_k\}$  in 2D

(cylindrical symmetry)

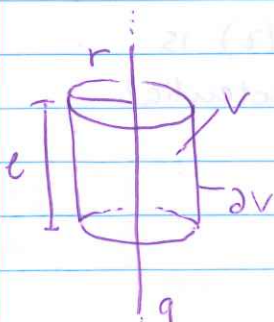
proof:



for a single, infinite line of charge, use Gauss' theorem:

$$\int_{\partial V} \underbrace{\underline{E} \cdot \underline{\hat{n}}}_{\text{electric field strength}} dS \stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{=} \int_V (\underbrace{\nabla \cdot \underline{E}}_{\text{use Maxwell I.}}) dV = \int_V \underbrace{q}_{\text{charge density}} dV \quad \text{ignore units}$$

also  $\underline{E} = -\nabla \varphi$   $\varphi$  potential



$$E \cdot 2\pi r \cdot l = q l$$

$q$  is charge per unit length

$$E \sim \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\varphi \sim \log r$$

$r$  is radial distance from charge



(but could also just solve  $\nabla^2 \varphi = 0$  in 2D)

- we wish to minimise

$$\left\| \underbrace{|p(z)| / |p(0)|}_{\substack{\text{ensures} \\ p(0) = 1}} \right\|_S \quad \text{by choosing distributing the } \{z_k\} \text{ in } \mathbb{C}$$

this is equivalent to minimising  $\left\| \log |p(z)| - \log |p(0)| \right\|_S$

which is (by maximum modulus principle) equivalent to minimising

$$\left\| \log |p(z)| - \log |p(0)| \right\|_{\partial S} \quad \text{boundary of } S$$

i.e. we want

$$\min_{z \in S} \left[ \max_{z \in S} (\log |p(z)| - \log |p(0)|) \right].$$

instead consider

$n \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$g(z) = n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \log |z - z_k| + C \quad (**)$$

$$\text{and seek } \min_{z \in S} \left[ \max_{z \in S} g(z) - g(0) \right]$$

- so, physically: we want a charge distribution of ~~point~~ charges  $\{z_k\}$  that minimises their potential on the boundary  $\partial S$

maximum

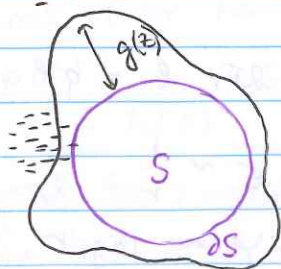
- but this happens if  $\partial S$  is the surface of a conductor (or many conductors connected electrically)

"prog":

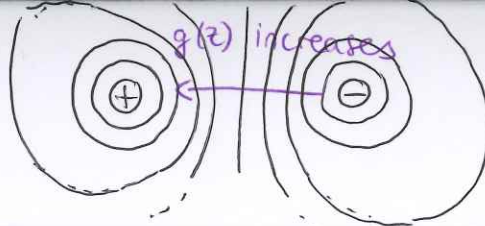
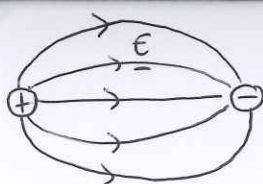
radar plot of

$g(z)$

on surface  $\partial S$



$g(z)$  is potential



equipotential  
lines  
-ve charge is  
 $g(z)$  minimum

where  $g(z)$  is small, lots of -ve charge  
where  $g(z)$  is large, not much -ve charge  
therefore:

- we can always decrease the ~~minimal~~ max. potential on  $\partial S$  by drawing -ve charges away from low  $-g(z)$  spots, therefore minimal max  $g(z)$  on  $\partial S$  occurs if

$$g(z) = \tilde{c} \text{ on } \partial S$$

- minimal max  $g(z)$  on  $\partial S$  ( $\min \tilde{c}$ ) occurs if all -ve charge is on  $\partial S$ .

physical picture:

- this is why  $0 \notin S$ : cannot shield origin  
~~at  $g(z)$~~

- explanation of the form of  $g(z)$  in  $(*)$ :

- $n^{-1}$  at front means each charge has strength  $-n^{-1}$ , overall charge in the system is 1 (will see why later)

- $+C$  is to ensure  $g(z)|_{\partial S} = \tilde{c} = 0$  by convention  
this is an arbitrary (gauge) choice

- if  $\partial S$  is surface of conductor(s), then mathematical task is to solve:

$$\nabla^2 g = 0 \text{ outside } S$$

boundary  
cond.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g|_{\partial S} = 0 \\ \text{as } |z| \rightarrow \infty, g \rightarrow \log|z| \end{array} \right.$$

(due to unit charge in system)



- then,  $S$  is given by:

$$S = e^{-g(0)}$$

proof:

$$\text{from before, } S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (E_n(S))^{1/n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \min_{p \in P_n} \left[ \max_{z \in S} (|p(z)|/|p(0)|) \right] \right\}^{1/n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \min_p \left[ \max_{z \in S} \left( e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \log |z - z_k| - \log |z_k|} \right) \right] \right\}^{1/n}$$

$$// \text{ use defn. of } g(z): g(z) = n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \log |z - z_k| + c //$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \min_p \left[ \max_{z \in S} \left( e^{n(g(z) - g(0))} \right) \right] \right\}^{1/n}$$

// but we saw that the minimum maximum of  $g(z)$  occurs ~~on  $\partial S$~~  on  $\partial S$ , and ~~when  $g(z)$  on  $\partial S$  is 0~~ when  $g(z)$  on  $\partial S$  is 0 //

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ e^{-ng(0)} \right\}^{1/n} = e^{-g(0)}.$$

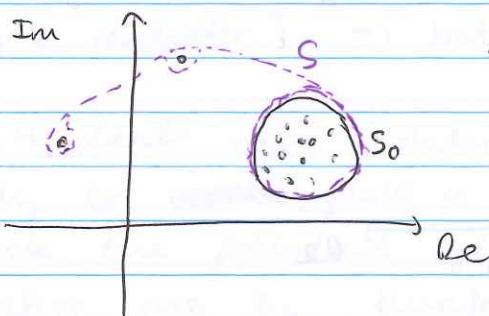
- caveats:

- we took  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , but IRL, GMRES has a finite # of iterations  $\Rightarrow$  finite # of charges.  $\mathcal{S}$  estimated with a finite no. of charges cannot be worse than real  $\mathcal{S}$

(because minimal max  $g(z)$  on surface is not as small as it could be with  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so ~~the error is larger~~  $E_n$  are larger than they could be)

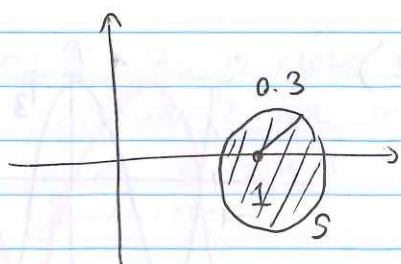
- we took  $S \approx \Lambda(A)$  instead of  $\Lambda(A)$

- charge distribution doesn't work for isolated charges, e.g.



so should treat these separately

- examples: 1) calculate  $\mathcal{S}$  for disk  $S$ :



2) guess  $p(z)$  with minimal max on  $S$ :

$$p(z) = \text{guess} |1-z|^n$$

$$p(0) = 1 \checkmark$$

$$\|p\|_S = 0.3^n$$

$$E_n = \|p\|_S = 0.3^n \Rightarrow \mathcal{S} = 0.3$$



b) calculate from potential theory:

line of charge at  $z=1$  has potential

$$g(z) = \gamma_0 \log |1-z| + c$$

but we have  $g|_{\partial S} = 0$  and  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} g = \log |z|$

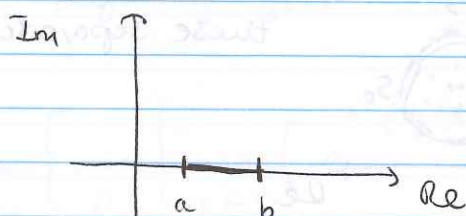
$$\Downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \Downarrow$$

$$c = -\log 0.3 \qquad \qquad \qquad \gamma_0 = 1$$

$$g(z) = \log |1-z| - \log 0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow S = e^{-g(0)} = 0.3$$

2) ~~calculate~~ Estimate  $S$  for  $S$  being a segment:

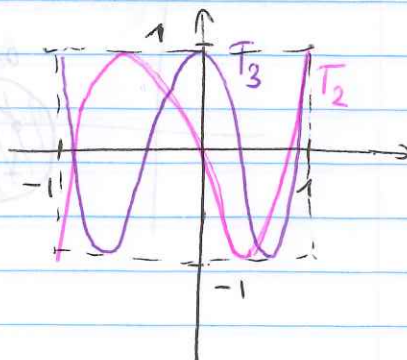


try Chebyshev polynomial  $T_n$  as  $p(z)$

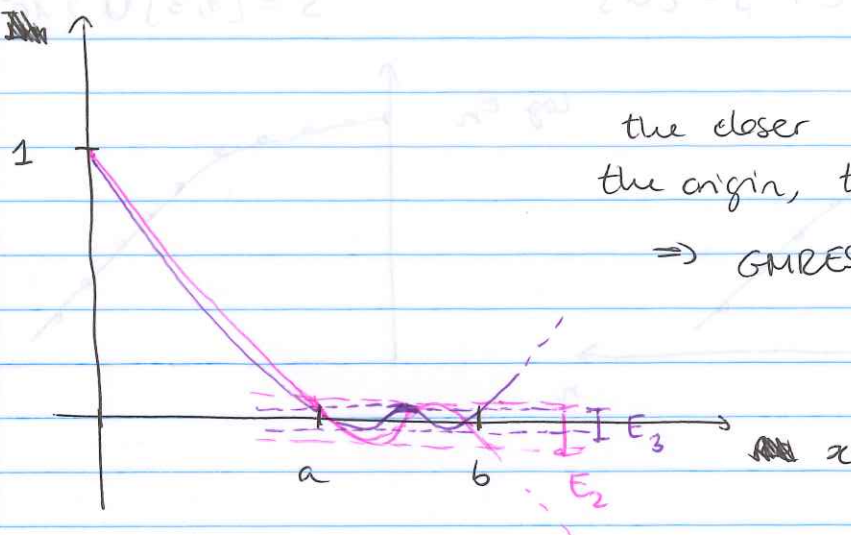
on  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $T_n(z) = \cos(n \arccos z)$

outside of  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $T_n(z) \sim \cosh$

$\Rightarrow$  blows up



$P_n(x)$



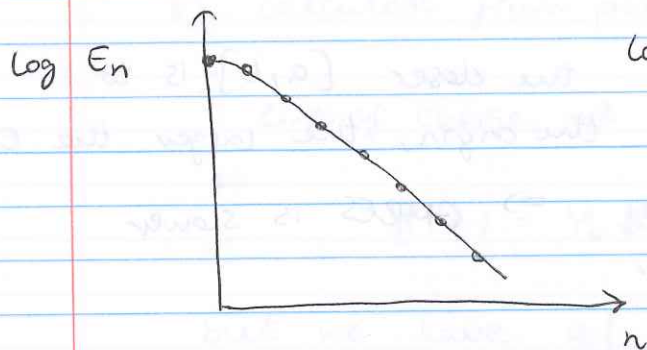
the closer  $[a, b]$  is to the origin, the larger the  $E_n$ ,  $S$   
 $\Rightarrow$  GMRES is slower

- further comments:

- the smaller and further  $S$  is from the origin, the smaller  $S$  (think in terms of a larger  $g(0)$ , ~~more~~ because we're further away from a -vely charged conductor)  $\Rightarrow$  better convergence
- haven't dealt with isolated eigenvalues: clearly to ~~more~~ place a charge there to calculate the potential  $g(z)$ , we have to sacrifice one  $z_k$ , therefore at least one iteration. But not enough:
  - $\sim$  if  $z_k$  is close to  $0$ , then it will decrease potential at  $0$  a lot, therefore  $g(0) \rightarrow 0$  and  $S \rightarrow 1$ ! Bad convergence for at least a few iters.
  - $\sim$  if  $z_k$  is far from  $0$ , barely makes a difference to  $g(0)$  and overall  $S$ .



$$S = [1, 3] \cup \{20\}$$



$$S = [1, 3] \cup \{10^{-3}\}$$

