

The current research direction is to conduct a test on the eigenvalue and eigenvector output from SWIRL to ensure that LAPACK's generalized eigen-solver for general matrices `zggev.f`. Note the slight difference in subroutine name `zggev.f`, which is intended for an unsymmetric general matrix, which in some cases is rectangular.

$$Ax = \lambda Bx$$

where A is a $n \times n$ matrix and B is an identity matrix of equal size.

Expanding,

$$\begin{aligned} Ax - \lambda Bx &= 0 \\ (A - \lambda B)x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore, eigenvectors of A with the corresponding eigenvalue λ , if any are the nontrivial solutions of the matrix equation $(A - \lambda B)x = 0$. Since LAPACK uses iterative numerical techniques to solve for the eigenvalues of the input matrix A , the matrix equation may not necessarily be zero if the resulting eigenvalue and vector was substituted back into the equation. To account for this, the right hand side of the matrix equation is set to a variable S , which will be floating point precision for the correct eigenvalue and vector pair, given the LAPACK routine has converged.

The code provided in this directory computes the eigenvalues and vectors of a 3×3 matrix and computes S for a given eigenvalue/vector pair. The L_2 of S is also computed using the same SUBROUTINE as in SWIRL.

This code will also precondition the A matrix using the `LWORK` variable by first calling `ZGGEV` with `LWORK` set to minus one, and using the resulting A and B matrices in a second call. Otherwise, `LWORK` is set to twice the order of the A matrix, `N`.

1 2 x 2 Example Problem

The eigenvalues of the 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ can be found by solving the characteristic equation:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \tag{1}$$

where I is the 2×2 identity matrix.

The determinant of $A - \lambda I$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \\ \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 1 \\ -2 & -3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} &= \\ \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & -3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} &= \\ (-\lambda)(-3 - \lambda) - (1)(-2) &= \\ \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 & \end{aligned}$$

So the characteristic equation is:

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

This equation can be solved using the quadratic formula:

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad (3)$$

where $a = 1$, $b = 3$, and $c = 2$.

So the eigenvalues are:

$$\lambda = \frac{-(3) \pm \sqrt{3^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9-8}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{1}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm 1}{2} = -2 \text{ or } -1$$

To find the eigenvectors, we need to solve the equation:

$$(A - \lambda I)v = 0$$

where v is the eigenvector and λ is the corresponding eigenvalue.

For $\lambda = -2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which leads to the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0x_1 + 1x_2 &= -2x_1 \\ -2x_1 - 3x_2 &= -2x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of equations, we find that $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = 2$, so the eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = -2$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

For $\lambda = -1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

which leads to the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 0x_1 + 1x_2 &= -x_1 \\ -2x_1 - 3x_2 &= -x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of equations, we find that $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = 1$, so the eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = -1$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Now we have a basis to do our characteristic equation test with either pair!

Note that an eigensolver may chose different values for the eigenvectors than the ones we chose. However, the ratio of $v_{1,1}$ to $v_{1,2}$ will be the same.