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## Math 5600

- Now building up to the most widely used general purpose algorithm for computing all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a general dense matrix.
- good example for typical process in mathematics: start with something simple and let it grow into something quite sophisticated.
- We'll start with the power method
- suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has a dominant eigenvalue
$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$$
$$Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i$$

- Given  $q^{(0)}$

- For  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$q^{(k+1)} = A q^{(k)}$$

- Suppose  $q^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j x_j$

$$q^{(1)} = A q^{(0)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j A x_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \lambda_j x_j$$

$$q^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \lambda_j^k x_j$$

- Eventually the  $\lambda_1$  term dominates,  
and  $q^{(k)}$  is close to an eigenvector.

- of course we need to guard against  
floating point over and underflow,  
i.e., we need to formalize.

For  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$z^{(k+1)} = A q^{(k)}$$

$$q^{(k+1)} = \frac{z^{(k+1)}}{\|z^{(k+1)}\|}$$

- How do we estimate  $\lambda = \lambda_1$ ?
- Suppose  $q$  is an approximation of the dominant eigenvector.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\lambda) &= \|Aq - \lambda q\|^2 & \| \cdot \| &= \| \cdot \|_2 \\
 &= (Aq - \lambda q)^T (Aq - \lambda q) & \|q\| &= 1 \\
 &= \min
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\lambda) = q^T A^T A q - \lambda q^T A q - \lambda q^T A^T q + \lambda^2 \underbrace{q^T q}_1$$

$$\nabla F(\lambda) = 2\lambda q^T q - \lambda q^T (A + A^T) q = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} q^T (A + A^T) q$$

$$\text{if } \|q\| \neq 1 \quad \lambda = \frac{q^T (A + A^T) q}{q^T q}$$

if  $A$  is symmetric

$$\lambda = \frac{q^T A q}{q^T q}$$

is the Rayleigh Quotient

- What can go wrong?

- no dominant eigenvalue

-  $\lambda_1$  real, multiple  
converge to a vector in the  
corresponding invariant  
subspace

-  $\lambda_1$  complex  
get an oscillation.

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$q^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad q^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad q^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \dots$$

- what if  $\alpha_1 = 0$

- technically you'd get convergence  
to another eigenvector.

- but round-off errors  
bail you out

-  $\frac{|\lambda_1|}{|\lambda_2|}$  close to 1.

slow convergence, will  
have to address that.

- Modifications of power method:
- shift of origin

Apply the power method to

$$B = A - \mu I \quad \text{for some } \mu$$

eigenvalues of  $B$  are  $\lambda_i - \mu \quad i=1, \dots, n$

power method will converge to dominant eigenvalue of  $B$

- Inverse iteration.

Apply the power method to  $A^{-1}$

- of course we don't compute  $A^{-1}$

$q^{(k)}$  given

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve: } Az^{(k+1)} &= q^{(k)} \\ q^{(k+1)} &= \frac{z^{(k+1)}}{\|z^{(k+1)}\|} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{Solve: } Az^{(k+1)} &= q^{(k)} \\ q^{(k+1)} &= \frac{z^{(k+1)} }{\|z^{(k+1)}\|} \right\} k=0, 1, \dots$$

- Shift of origin can be combined with inverse iteration

- Apply the PM to  $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$

$$A - \mu I = LU$$

$q^{(0)}$  given

$$L y^{(k+1)} = q^{(k)}$$

$$U z^{(k+1)} = y^{(k+1)}$$

$$q^{(k+1)} = \frac{z^{(k+1)}}{\|z^{(k+1)}\|}$$

- converges to the dominant eigenvalue  $\eta$  of  $A - \mu I$

- corresponding eigenvalue of  $A$  is  $\lambda$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{\lambda - \mu}$$

$$\lambda = \mu - \frac{1}{\eta}$$

- So we could find any value of  $A$  in principle.
- even complex.
- question: when do we terminate the iteration.
- Interesting complications
  - We want  $\mu$  close to  $\lambda$
  - But if  $\mu$  is an eigenvalue then  $A$  is singular.
  - the closer  $\mu$  is to  $\lambda$  the more ill-conditioned is  $A$
- It's OK. see Peters and Wilkinson, 1971
- The power method is temperamental!
- Interestingly EISPACK and LAPACK do not provide an option of computing a single vector/value pair.
- It's just hard to make a general

- nonetheless the PM is the basis of the QR algorithm for finding all eigenvalues/vectors.
- How about using the PM to find several eigenvalues/vectors.
- what about

$$y^{(0)} \text{ given } y^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$$

$$z^{(k+1)} = A y^{(k)} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$y^{(k+1)} = \frac{z^{(k+1)}}{\|z^{(k+1)}\|}$$

- This is like running the PM independently in each column of  $Z$
- no good. We have to make sure that the columns remain linearly independent.
- how independent?
- how about orthonormal?



Orthogonal iteration:

$$Q_0 = Q \quad n \times r \quad (\text{possibly complex})$$

$$Q^H Q = I$$

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$Z_k = A Q_{k-1}$$

compute  $Q_k R_k = Z_k$

if  $r=1$  this is just the PM

- moreover, as far as the first column of  $Q$  is concerned, this is just the PM
- moreover, as far as the first  $s$  columns of  $Q$  are concerned this is just Orthogonal iteration with  $r$  replaced by  $s$ .

- This is a key ingredient.  
We are running  $r$  orthogonal iterations simultaneously.
- So how about  $r = n$ ?

$$T_k = Q_k^H A Q_k$$

$T_k$  is similar to  $A$ .

- Now observe this since  $A Q_{k-1} = Z_k = Q_k R_k$

$$T_{k-1} = Q_{k-1}^H A Q_{k-1} = Q_{k-1}^H Z_k = Q_{k-1}^H Q_k R_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_k &= Q_k^H A Q_k = Q_k^H A Q_{k-1} Q_{k-1}^H Q_k \\ &= Q_k^H \underbrace{Z_k}_{\downarrow} Q_{k-1}^H Q_k \\ &= Q_k^H Q_k R_k Q_{k-1}^H Q_k \\ &= R_k \underbrace{Q_{k-1}^H Q_k} \end{aligned}$$

- So we can think of orthogonal iteration with  $r = n$  as

$$T_0 = A$$

For  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\text{Factor } T_{k-1} = Q_{k-1} R_{k-1}$$

$$\text{Set } T_k = R_{k-1} Q_{k-1}$$

(not  $Q_{k-1}$  is what used to be  $Q_{k-1}^H Q_k$ )

- more succinctly:

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$A = Q R$$

$$A = R Q$$

- This is equivalent to running  $n$  orthogonal iterations simultaneously
- It converges if

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_n|$$

- it's associative and converges only slowly