

**Asymptotic Behavior**  $f(t)$  is asymptotic to  $t$  means the following:

$$f(t) \sim t^2 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0 \text{ means } t^{-2}f(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0$$

Equivalently, we write  $f(t) = t^2 + o(t^2)$ . Also, it could be the case:

$$f(t) = O(t^2) \text{ means } t^{-2}f(t) \text{ is bounded as } t \rightarrow 0$$

## 1 Floating Point Arithmetic

A **Floating Point Number System** is a finite subset of the reals defined by  $\mathbb{F}(b, K, m, M)$  where  $b$  is the base of the system,  $K$  is the number of digits,  $m$  is the smallest exponent representable and  $M$  is the largest exponent representable.

If  $y \in \mathbb{F}(b, K, m, M)$ , then

$$y = \pm (0.d_1d_2d_3\dots d_K)_b \times b^E, m \leq E, d_1 \neq 0 \iff y = 0$$

### 1.1 Round-off Error

The error in representing  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  by its nearest element in  $\mathbb{F}(b, K, m, M)$ . If  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$fl(z) = \begin{cases} \pm (0.d_1d_2\dots d_K)_b \times b^E & d_{k+1} < \frac{b}{2} \\ \pm [(0.d_1d_2\dots d_K)_b + b^{-K}] \times b^E & d_{k+1} \geq \frac{b}{2} \end{cases}$$

**Example** IEEE Double precision (Used in MATLAB) is  $b = 2$  and  $K = 52$ . In base 10, this is approximately  $K \approx 16$ ,  $m \approx -308$ , and  $M \approx 308$ .

### 1.2 Relative error in rounding

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}, y \neq 0$ .  $fl(y) \in \mathbb{F}(b, K, m, M)$ . Assume  $d_{k+1} \leq \frac{b}{2}$

$$|fl(y)| = (0.d_1d_2\dots d_K)_b \times b^E$$

The **Relative error** is

$$\text{Rel error: } \frac{|y - fl(y)|}{|y|}$$

Since  $|y| = (0.d_1d_2\dots d_kd_{k+1}\dots)_b \times b^E \geq (0.1)_b \times b^E = b^{E-1}$   
and  $|y - fl(y)| = (0.d_{k+1}d_{k+2}\dots)_b \times b^{E-k} \leq \frac{1}{2}b^{E-k}$  thus

$$\text{Rel error: } \frac{|y - fl(y)|}{|y|} \leq \frac{1}{2}b^{1-K} = \epsilon_{\text{machine}}$$

This **Machine epsilon** is the smallest representable number

**Example** In IEEE DP,  $b = 2$ , and  $K = 52$ , so  $\epsilon_{\text{machine}} = 2^{-52} \approx 2.2204 \times 10^{-16}$

## 1.3 Error in Computation

### 1.3.1 Finite Difference Operators

Recall

$$f''(x) - \frac{1}{h^2} (f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h)) = -\frac{1}{12}h^2 f^{(4)}(\xi)$$

Assume the round off error  $e(x-h)$  is in the evaluation of function values  $f(x-h) = \tilde{f}(x-h) + e(x-h)$ .

$$f''(x) - \frac{1}{h^2} (\tilde{f}(x-h) - 2\tilde{f}(x) + \tilde{f}(x+h)) = E_h = -\frac{1}{12}h^2 f^{(4)}(\xi) + \frac{1}{h^2} (e(x-h) - 2e(x) + e(x+h))$$

$$|E_h| \leq \frac{1}{12}h^2 |f^{(4)}(\xi)| + \frac{1}{h^2} (|e(x-h)| + |2e(x)| + |e(x+h)|)$$

Assume  $|f^{(4)}(\xi)| \leq M$  for  $\xi \in [x-h, x+h]$  and assume  $|e(x)| \leq \epsilon$  for  $x \in [x-h, x+h]$ .

$$|E_h| \leq \frac{1}{12}h^2 M + \frac{1}{h^2} 4\epsilon$$

The first term shrinks but the second term blows up as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . One hopes to find the minimum at

$$h_{optimal} = \left( \frac{48\epsilon}{M} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

We could take  $\epsilon$  to be  $\epsilon_{machine}$

## 2 Polynomial Approximations

### 2.1 Taylor Expansion Theorem

The Taylor series expansion for a function  $f$  centered at  $\alpha$  evaluated at  $z$  is

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (z - \alpha)^k \quad \text{where } a_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!}$$

A Taylor polynomial is any finite truncation of this series:

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k (z - \alpha)^k \quad \text{where } a_k = \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!}$$

The Taylor series is the limit of the Taylor Polynomials, given that the limit exists.

**Analytic Functions** A function that is equal to its Taylor Series in an open interval (or open disc in the complex plane), is known as an **Analytic Function**

**Maclaurin Series** If the Taylor series or Polynomial is centered at the origin ( $\alpha = 0$ ), then it is also a Maclaurin series.

#### 2.1.1 Important Taylor Series

The Maclaurin series for  $(x-1)^{-1}$  is

$$(x-1)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k$$

### 3 Numerical Linear Algebra

#### 4 Solving $Ax = b$

##### 4.1 Tridiagonal Solver

For a tridiagonal system of equations

$$A\vec{u} = \vec{f}, \quad A \text{ tridiagonal}$$

take  $b_1 = c_n = 0$  and

$$A = LU = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & c_1 & & \\ b_2 & a_2 & c_2 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & b_n & a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \beta_2 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & c_1 & & \\ \alpha_2 & c_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

So to solve  $LU\vec{u} = \vec{f}$

1. Solve  $L\vec{v} = \vec{f}$  using Forward Substitution
2. Solve  $U\vec{u} = \vec{v}$  using Backward Substitution

##### 4.1.1 Pseudocode

INPUT:  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{f}$ , all length  $n$  LU decomposition:

$\alpha_1 = a_1$

for  $k = 2$  to  $n$

$\beta_k = b_k \setminus \alpha_{k-1}$

$\alpha_k = a_k - \beta_k c_{k-1}$

end

Forward Substitution:

$v_1 = f_1$

for  $k = 2$  to  $n$

$v_k = f_k - \beta_k v_{k-1}$

end

Backward Substitution:

$u_n = v_n \setminus \alpha_n$

for  $k = 2$  to  $n$

$j = (n+1) - k$

$u_j = (v_j - c_j u_{j+1}) \setminus \alpha_j$

end

Operation count:  $O(n)$

##### 4.2 Spectral Decomposition Method

If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  is Hermitian, we can do the following

1. Compute the spectral decomposition (not trivial when  $m$  is large)

$$A = UDU^*$$

2. Reform equation

$$A\vec{x} = UDU^*\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

So we see

$$\vec{x} = \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \vec{u}_m \implies U^* \vec{x} = \vec{\alpha}$$

and

$$\vec{b} = \beta_1 \vec{u}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \beta_m \vec{u}_m \implies \beta_k = \vec{u}_k^* \vec{b}$$

so

$$U^* \vec{b} = \vec{\beta} \text{ and } D\vec{\alpha} = \vec{\beta} \implies \vec{\alpha} = D^{-1} \vec{\beta}$$

but since  $D_{ii}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$ ,

$$\alpha_k = \frac{\vec{u}_k^* \vec{b}}{\lambda_k} \implies \vec{x} = \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{\vec{u}_k^* \vec{b}}{\lambda_k} \right) \vec{u}_k$$

## 5 Finite Differences

Finite Differences seeks to approximate an ODE or PDE over a **mesh** or **grid**. The steps involved are:

1. Discretize the PDE using a difference scheme.
2. Solve the discretized PDE by iterating and/or time stepping.

### 5.1 Meshes

#### 5.1.1 Uniform Meshes

Given a closed domain  $\Omega = \bar{R} \times [0, t_F]$ , we divide it into a  $(J+1) \times (N+1)$  grid of parallel lines. Assume  $\bar{R} = [0, 1]$ . Given the mesh sizes  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{J}$ ,  $\Delta t = \frac{1}{N}$ , a **mesh point** is

$$(x_j, t_n) = (j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \quad j = 0, \dots, J \quad n = 0, \dots, N$$

and  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_n = 1$

An alternative convention uses a  $(J+2) \times (N+2)$  grid with the mesh sizes  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{J+1}$ ,  $\Delta t = \frac{1}{N+1}$ .  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_{n+1} = 1$  are the boundary points. and

$$(x_j, t_n) = (j\Delta x, n\Delta t) \quad j = 0, \dots, J+1 \quad n = 0, \dots, N+1$$

We seek approximations to the solution at these mesh points, denoted by

$$U_j^n \approx u(x_j, t_n)$$

Where initial values are exact from the initial value function  $u^0(x, t) = u(x, 0)$

$$U_j^0 = u^0(x_j) \quad j = 1, \dots, J-1$$

and boundary values are exact from the boundary value functions  $f(t) = u(0, t)$  and  $g(t) = u(1, t)$

$$U_0^n = f(t_n) \quad U_J^n = g(t_n) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

### 5.2 Difference Coefficients

$$D_+, D_-$$

### 5.3 Explicit Scheme

A scheme is **explicit** if the solution at the next iteration (time level  $t_{n+1}$ ) can be written as a single equation involving only previous time steps. This is, if it can be written in the form

$$U_j^{n+1} = \sum_i \sum_{k \leq n} a_{i,k} U_i^k + b_{i,k} f_i^k$$

**Example** For the Heat Equation  $u_t = u_{xx}$ , using a forward difference in time and a centered difference in space, we get

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n + \mu(U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n) \quad \mu := \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

**Pseudocode :**

At  $n = 0$ ,  $U_j^0 = u^0(x_j, 0)$

for  $n = 1 : N$

$U_0^n = 0, U_J^n = 0$

for  $j = 1 : (J - 1)$

$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n + \mu(U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n)$

end

end

The **stability** of the problem depends on  $\mu$ .

### 5.4 Truncation Error

**Example** For our model problem (the Heat Equation), the truncation error is

$$T(x, t) := \frac{D_{+t}u(x, t)}{\Delta t} - \frac{D_x^2 u(x, t)}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

So we see that since  $u_t - u_{xx} = 0$ ,

$$T(x, t) = (u_t - u_{xx}) + \left( \frac{1}{2}u_{tt}\Delta t - \frac{1}{12}u_{xxxx}(\Delta x)^2 \right) + \dots = \left( \frac{1}{2}u_{tt}\Delta t - \frac{1}{12}u_{xxxx}(\Delta x)^2 \right) + \dots$$

If we truncate this Infinite Taylor series using  $\eta \in (t, t + t\Delta t)$  and  $\xi \in (x - \Delta x, x + \Delta x)$  and assume the boundry and initial data are consistent at the corners and are both sufficientl smooth, we can then estimate  $|u_{tt}(x, \eta)| \leq M_{tt}$  and  $|u_{xxxx}(\xi, n)| \leq M_{xxxx}$ , so it follows that

$$|T(x, t)| \leq \frac{1}{2}\Delta t \left( M_{tt} - \frac{1}{6\mu}M_{xxxx} \right)$$

We can assume these bounds will hold uniformly over the domain. We see that

$$|T(x, t)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \Delta t, \Delta x \rightarrow 0 \forall (x, t) \in \Omega$$

and this result is independent of any relaton between the two mesh sizes. Thus this scheme is **unconditionally consistent** with the differential equation.

Since  $|T(x, t)|$  will behave asymptotically like  $O(\Delta t)$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , this scheme is said to have **first order accuracy**

Since  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u_{tt} = u_{xxxx}$  and so for  $\mu = \frac{1}{6}$ ,

$$T(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}\Delta t \left( u_{tt} - \frac{1}{6\mu}u_{xxxx} \right) + O((\Delta t)^2) = O((\Delta t)^2)$$

and so the scheme is **second order accurate** for  $\mu = \frac{1}{6}$

We can define notation:  $T_j^n = T(x_j, t_n)$

## 5.5 Consistency

Does the difference scheme approximate the PDE as  $\Delta x, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ?

A scheme is consistent if

$$T(x, t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \Delta x, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

- A scheme is **unconditionally consistent** if the scheme is consistent for any relationship between  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$
- A scheme is **conditionally consistent** if the scheme is consistent only for certain relationships between  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$

## 5.6 Accuracy

Take  $\mu$  finite, so  $(\Delta t)^{\frac{a}{b}} = \mu(\Delta x)^{\frac{c}{d}}$ , so  $(\Delta t)^\alpha = (\Delta t)^{ad} = \mu^{bd}(\Delta x)^{cb}$  and we have

$$|T(x, t)| = O(\Delta t^\alpha)$$

- If  $\alpha = 1$ , the scheme is **first order accurate**.
- If  $\alpha = 2$ , the scheme is **second order accurate**.
- etc...
- The scheme is  **$\alpha$ -order accurate**.

## 5.7 Convergence

A scheme is **convergent** if as  $\Delta t, \Delta x \rightarrow 0$  for any fixed point  $(x^*, t^*)$  in the domain,

$$x_j \rightarrow x^*, t_n \rightarrow t^* \implies U_j^n \rightarrow u(x^*, t^*)$$

It suffices to show this for mesh points for sufficiently refined meshes, as convergence at all other points will follow from continuity of  $u(x, t)$ . We suppose that we can find a bound for the error  $\bar{T}$ :

$$|T_j^n| \leq \bar{T} < \infty$$

We denote the **error**

$$e_j^n := U_j^n - u(x_j, t_n)$$

Taking the difference between the scheme and  $u(x_j, t^{n+1})$  in terms the truncation error and the exact solution at previous time steps yields the error at  $e_j^{n+1}$ . If the RHS of our difference scheme is represented by  $D$ , then

$$e_j^{n+1} = DU_j^n - (Du(x_j, t_n) + T(x_j, t_n)\Delta t) = De_j^n - T_j^n \Delta t$$

Choose  $\mu$  such that the coefficients of the RHS are positive so that you may estimate  $E^n := \max \{|e_j^n|, j = 0, \dots, J\}$  and so

$$E^{n+1} \leq E^n + \bar{T} \Delta t \text{ s.t. } E^0 = 0$$

and thus

$$E^n \leq n \bar{T} \Delta t \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and considering the domain

$$E^n \leq \bar{T} t_F \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

and since  $\bar{T} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta t, dx \rightarrow 0$ ,  $E^n \rightarrow 0$

**Example** If we replace  $U_j^n$  with  $u(x_j, t_n)$  in the definition of  $T_j^n$  we obtain

$$e_j^{n+1} = e_j^n + \mu D_x^2 e_j^n - T_j^n \Delta t$$

which is

$$e_j^{n+1} = (1 - 2\mu)e_j^n + \mu e_{j+1}^n + \mu e_{j-1}^n - T_j^n \Delta t$$

For  $\mu \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , define  $E^n := \max \{|e_j^n|, j = 0, \dots, J\}$  and so

$$|e_j^{n+1}| \leq E^n + \bar{T} \Delta t \implies E^{n+1} \leq E^n + \bar{T} \Delta t$$

Since  $E^0 = 0$  (the initial values are exact), we have

$$E^n \leq n \bar{T} \Delta t = \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \left( M_{tt} - \frac{1}{6\mu} M_{xxxx} \right) t_F \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0$$

### 5.7.1 Refinement Path

A **refinement path** is a sequence of pairs of mesh sizes each which tends to zero

$$\text{refinement path} := \{((\Delta x)_i, (\Delta t)_i), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots; (\Delta x)_i, (\Delta t)_i \rightarrow 0\}$$

We can specify particular paths by requiring certain relationships between the mesh sizes.

**Examples**  $(\Delta t)_i \sim (\Delta x)_i$  or  $(\Delta t)_i \sim (\Delta x)_i^2$

**Theorem** For the heat equation,  $\mu_i = \frac{(\Delta t)_i}{(\Delta x)_i^2}$  and if  $\mu_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \forall i$  and if for all sufficiently large values of  $i$  and the positive numbers  $n_i, j_i$  are such that

$$n_i(\Delta t)_i \rightarrow t > 0, j_i(\Delta x)_i \rightarrow x \in [0, 1]$$

and if  $|u_{xxxx}| \leq M_{xxxx}$  uniformly on  $\Omega$ , then the approximations  $U_{j_i}^{n_i}$  generated by the explicit scheme for  $i = 0, 1, \dots$  converge to the solution  $u(x, t)$  of the differential equation uniformly in the region. This means that arbitrarily good accuracy can be attained by use of a sufficiently fine mesh.

## 5.8 Error: Fourier Analysis

Let

$$U_j^n = (\lambda)^n e^{ik(j\Delta x)}$$

where  $\lambda(k)$  is known as the **amplification factor** of the **Fourier Node**  $U_{j_i}^n$ . Place this into the difference equation of your scheme and solve for  $\lambda$ . We then have another numerical approximation

$$U_j^n = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_m e^{-im\pi(j\Delta x)} (\lambda(k))^n$$

which can be compared to the Fourier expansion approximating the exact solution.

**Example** For  $U_j^n = U_j^n + \mu(U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n)$ , we see

$$\lambda(k) = 1 + \mu(e^{ik\Delta x} - 2 + e^{-ik\Delta x}) = 1 - 4\mu \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}k\Delta x\right)$$

So now

$$e^{-k^2\Delta t} - \lambda(k) = \left(1 - k^2\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}k^4\Delta t(\Delta t)^2 - \dots\right) - \left(1 - k^2\Delta t + \frac{1}{12}k^4\Delta t(\Delta x)^2 - \dots\right) = \left(\frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} - \frac{\Delta t(\Delta x)^2}{12}\right)k^4 - \dots$$

Thus we have first order accuracy in general but second order accuracy if  $(\Delta x)^2 = 6\Delta t$ .

## 5.9 Stability

A scheme is **stable** if there exists a constant  $K$  such that

$$|(\lambda)|^n \leq K, \quad n\Delta t \leq t_F, \quad \forall k$$

That is, if the difference in the solutions of the DE and the numerical DE is bounded uniformly in the domain for any amount of time less than  $t_F$ . Thus

$$|\lambda(k)| \leq 1 + K'\Delta t$$

This is necessary and sufficient.

## 5.10 Implicit Scheme

If the scheme cannot be written in a form that has  $U_j^{n+1}$  explicitly computed given values  $U_j^n, j = 0, 1, \dots, J$ , it is implicit. Implicit schemes involve more work but often have higher accuracy and/or stability, and thus much larger time steps allow us to reach the solution much more quickly.

### Example

$$\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{U_{j+1}^{n+1} - 2U_j^{n+1} + U_{j-1}^{n+1}}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

which can be written as

$$\Delta_t U_j^{n+1} = \mu \delta_x^2 U_j^{n+1} \quad \mu = \frac{\Delta t}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

This involves solving a system of linear equations. However, Fourier analysis for the stability shows

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{1 + 4 \sin^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} k \Delta t \right)}$$

Since  $\lambda < 1$  for any positive  $\mu$ , this scheme is **unconditionally stable**

## 5.11 Other Conditions

If an equation obeys extra conditions such as a Maximum Principle, uniqueness condition, or a physical constraint, the numerical scheme must also obey such conditions else it may not converge.

# 6 Methods

## 6.1 Weighted Average $\theta$ method

Given two schemes, you can weight one  $\theta$  and the other with  $(1 - \theta)$  and add them together. Then stability, coverage, and accuracy may depend on  $\theta$ , and it can be chosen to

**Example** For the explicit and implicit first order accurate schemes for the heat equation are averaged, we have

$$U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n = \mu (\theta \delta_x^2 U_j^{n+1} + (1 - \theta) \delta_x^2 U_j^n)$$

$\theta = 0$  yields the explicit scheme and  $\theta = 1$  yields the implicit scheme.



## 7 General Boundary Conditions

Boundary conditions like

$$u_x = \alpha(t)u + g(t) \quad x = 0$$

Can be handled like

$$\frac{U_1^n - U_0^n}{\Delta x} = \alpha^n U_0^n + g^n \implies U_0^n = \beta^n U_1^n - \beta^n g^n \Delta t \quad \beta^n = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha^n \Delta x}$$

Dirichlet conditions are trivial

$$u(0, t) = 0 \implies U_0^n = 0$$

$$D_x^2 y_i = D_+ D_- y_i = \frac{1}{h^2} (y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1})$$

$$y_{i\pm 1} = y_i \pm hy'_i + \frac{1}{2}h^2 y''_i \pm \frac{1}{6}h^3 y'''_i + \frac{1}{24}h^4 y''''_i \dots$$

$$D_x^2 y_i = \frac{1}{h^2} \left( y_i + hy'_i + h^2 y''_i + \frac{1}{6}h^3 y'''_i + \frac{1}{24}h^4 y''''_i - 2y_i + y_i - hy'_i + h^2 y''_i - \frac{1}{6}h^3 y'''_i + \frac{1}{24}h^4 y''''_i + \dots \right)$$

which simplifies to

$$D_x^2 y_i = y''_i + O(h^2)$$

Let  $u_i \approx y_i = y(x_i)$

$$u_{xx} + q(x)u = f(x)$$

with  $u(0) = \alpha$  and  $u(1) = \beta$  becomes

$$\frac{-1}{h^2} (u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}) + q_i u_i = f_i$$

or

$$\begin{cases} -u_2 + (2 + h^2 q_1)u_1 = h^2 f_1 + \alpha & i = 1 \\ -u_{i+1} + (2 + h^2 q_i)u_i - u_{i-1} = h^2 f_i & 2 \leq i \leq n \\ (2 + h^2 q_n)u_n - u_{n-1} = h^2 f_n + \beta & i = n \end{cases}$$

where  $u_0 = \alpha$  and  $u_{n+1} = \beta$  we must solve

$$A_n \vec{u}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + h^2 q_1 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 + h^2 q_2 & -1 & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & -1 & 2 + h^2 q_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h^2 f_1 + \alpha \\ h^2 f_2 \\ \vdots \\ h^2 f_n + \beta \end{pmatrix} = \vec{f}_n$$

Note:  $A_n$  is tridiagonal and symmetric. We can solve this by using  $A_n = LU$

$$L\vec{v}_n = \vec{f}_n \quad U\vec{u}_n = \vec{v}_n$$

## 8 New Notes

## 9 Finite Difference Coefficients

### 9.1 Centered Differences

For the difference scheme for the  $\alpha$  derivative of  $f$ ,

$$f^{(\alpha)}(x_i) \approx D_h^\alpha f = \frac{1}{d} \frac{a_{i-4}f(x_{i-4}) + \dots + a_i f(x_i) + \dots + a_{i+4}f(x_{i+4})}{h^\alpha}$$

where  $d$  is the denominator to make the coefficients  $a_i$  integers. If we want the scheme to have accuracy  $\beta$ ,

$$f^{(\alpha)}(x_i) = D_h^\alpha f + O(h^\beta)$$

Then the difference coefficients are given by

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$d$	$a_{i-4}$	$a_{i-3}$	$a_{i-2}$	$a_{i-1}$	$a_i$	$a_{i+1}$	$a_{i+2}$	$a_{i+3}$	$a_{i+4}$
1	2	2				-1	0	1			
	4	12			1	-8	0	8	-1		
	6	60		-1	9	-45	0	45	-9	1	
	8	840	3	-32	168	-672	0	672	-168	32	-3
2	2	1				1	-2	1			
	4	12			-1	16	-30	16	-1		
	6	180		2	-27	270	-490	270	-27	2	
	8	5040	-9	128	-1008	8064	-14350	8064	-1008	128	-9
3	2	2			-1	2	0	-2	1		
	4	8		1	-8	13	0	-13	8	-1	
	6	240	-7	72	-338	488	0	-488	338	-72	7
4	2	1			1	-4	6	-4	1		
	4	6		-1	12	-39	56	-39	12	-1	
	6	240	7	-96	676	-1952	2730	-1952	676	-96	7

### 9.2 Forward/Backwards Differences

For the difference scheme for the  $\alpha$  derivative of  $f$ ,

$$f^{(\alpha)}(x_i) \approx D_\pm^\alpha f = \frac{1}{d} \frac{a_i f(x_i) + \dots + a_{i\pm 4} f(x_{i\pm 4}) + \dots + a_{i\pm 8} f(x_{i\pm 8})}{h^\alpha}$$

where  $d$  is the denominator to make the coefficients  $a_i$  integers. If we want the scheme to have accuracy  $\beta$ ,

$$f^{(\alpha)}(x_i) = D_\pm^\alpha f + O(h^\beta)$$

Then the difference coefficients are given by

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$d$	$a_i$	$a_{i+1}$	$a_{i+2}$	$a_{i+3}$	$a_{i+4}$	$a_{i+5}$	$a_{i+6}$	$a_{i+7}$	$a_{i+8}$
1	1	1	$\mp 1$	$\pm 1$							
	2	2	$\mp 3$	$\pm 4$	$\mp 3$						
	3	6	$\mp 11$	$\pm 18$	$\mp 9$	$\pm 2$					
	4	12	$\mp 25$	$\pm 48$	$\mp 36$	$\pm 16$	$\mp 3$				
	5	60	$\mp 137$	$\pm 300$	$\mp 300$	$\pm 200$	$\mp 75$	$\pm 12$			
	6	60	$\mp 147$	$\pm 360$	$\mp 450$	$\pm 400$	$\mp 225$	$\pm 72$	$\mp 10$		
2	1	1	1	-2	1						
	2	1	2	-5	4	-1					
	3	12	35	-104	114	-56	11				
	4	12	45	-154	214	-156	61	-10			
	5	180	812	-3132	5265	-5080	2970	-972	137		
	6	180	938	-4014	7911	-9490	7389	-3616	1019	-126	
3	1	1	$\mp 1$	$\pm 3$	$\mp 3$	1					
	2	2	$\mp 5$	$\pm 18$	$\mp 24$	$\pm 14$	$\mp 3$				
	3	4	$\mp 17$	$\pm 71$	$\mp 118$	$\pm 98$	$\mp 41$	$\pm 7$			
	4	8	$\mp 49$	$\pm 232$	$\mp 461$	$\pm 496$	$\mp 307$	$\pm 104$	$\mp 15$		
	5	120	$\mp 967$	$\pm 5104$	$\mp 11787$	$\pm 15560$	$\mp 12725$	$\pm 6432$	$\mp 1849$	$\pm 232$	
	6	240	$\mp 2403$	$\pm 13960$	$\mp 36706$	$\pm 57384$	$\mp 58280$	$\pm 39128$	$\mp 16830$	$\pm 4216$	$\mp 469$
4	1	1	1	-4	6	-4	1				
	2	1	3	-14	26	-24	11	-2			
	3	6	35	-186	411	-484	321	-114	17		
	4	6	56	-333	852	-1219	1056	-555	164	-21	
	5	240	3207	-21056	61156	-102912	109930	-76352	33636	-8576	967

# Part I

## New Notes

### 10 Two Dimensional Problems

Given a problem

$$u_t = b(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \quad \Omega = [0, X] \times [0, Y]$$

With initial conditions on  $\Omega$  for  $t = 0$  and boundary conditions on  $\partial\Omega$

So for a uniform grid mesh

$$U_{i,j}^N \approx u(x_i, y_j, t_n) = u(i\Delta x, j\Delta y, n\Delta t), i = 0, 1, \dots, I, j = 0, 1, \dots, J, n = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

Explicit Scheme

$$\frac{U_{i,j}^{n+1} - U_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} = b \left( \frac{\delta_x^2 U_{i,j}^n}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\delta_y^2 U_{i,j}^n}{\Delta y^2} \right)$$

**Consistency**

$$T_{ij}^n = \left( \frac{1}{2} \Delta t u_{tt} - \frac{1}{12} b (\Delta x^2 u_{xxxx} + \Delta y^2 u_{yyyy}) \right)_{ij}^n + \dots$$

$$T_{ij}^n \approx O(\Delta t + \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)$$

**Stability**

$$U_{ij}^n \approx (\lambda)^n e^{i(k_x i \Delta x + k_y j \Delta y)}$$

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**Convergence** The error estimate

$$e_{ij}^n = U_{ij}^n - u_{ij}^n$$

$$U_{ij}^n = U_{ij}^n + b (\mu_x \delta_x^2 U_{ij}^n + \mu_y \delta_y^2 U_{ij}^n)$$

$$e_y^{n+1} = e_y^n + b (\mu_x \delta_x^2 e_{ij}^n + \mu_y \delta_y^2 e_{ij}^n) - \Delta t T_{ij}^n$$

$$\mu_x = b \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2}, \mu_y = b \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y^2}$$

#### 10.0.1 $\theta$ Scheme

Accuracy is  $O(\Delta t + \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)$ , but if  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$  we have the Crank-Nicholson Scheme with accuracy  $O(\Delta t^2 + \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)$ .

This requires to solve a system

$$A \vec{U}^{n+1} = \vec{b}^n$$

Where  $U^{n,ij}$  is reshaped into a vector.

Modified Gram-Schmidt INPUT:  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  where  $m \geq n$  and  $\text{rank}(A) = n$  OUTPUT:  $\hat{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  orthogonal,  $\hat{R} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  upper triangular, where  $A = \hat{Q} \hat{R}$

for  $i=1$  to  $n$   $r_{ii} = \|\vec{a}_i\|_2$   $\vec{q}_i = \frac{\vec{a}_i}{r_{ii}}$  for  $j=i+1$  to  $n$   $r_{ij} = \vec{q}_i^* \vec{a}_j$   $\vec{a}_j = \vec{a}_j - r_{ij} \vec{q}_i$  endend  
 Operationcount flops  $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n (m + (m-1) + m + m) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n (4m-1) = (4m-1) \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i) = (4m-1)(n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n^2) \approx 2mn^2$  (same as classical GS)

- Modified GS performs better than Classical GS when there is roundoff error involved.
- Both run into issues with ill conditioned matrices.

The modified GS creates a sequence of matrices  $\{R_n\}$

$$AR_1R_2\dots R_N = [\vec{q}_1 \dots \vec{q}_n] = \hat{Q}$$

$$\hat{R} = (R_1R_2\dots R_N)^{-1} = R_N^{-1}\dots R_2^{-1}R_1^{-1}$$

Triangular Orthogonalization: Post-multiplying A by a sequence of upper triangular matrices to produce an orthogonal matrix.

Householder Method: QR factorization Based on Orthogonal triangularization

$$Q_N\dots Q_2Q_1A = Q^{-1}A = R(\text{full QR factorization})$$

Application of Least Squares: Approximating Data. Find a function  $f(x)$ , typically a polynomial with unknown coefficients, that approximates some data set  $(x_i, y_i)$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  in the sense that  $\|f(\vec{x}) - \vec{y}\|_2$  is minimized (we assume there is error in the data).

Assume  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$  and  $m \geq n$ . Let  $\vec{x}_i^k = x_i^k$ ,  $\vec{a}_i = a_i$ , and  $\vec{b}_i = y_i$  so

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, A := (\vec{1}, \vec{x}, \vec{x}^2, \dots, \vec{x}^{n-1}), \quad A\vec{a} = \vec{b}$$

Problem: Find  $\vec{a}$  such that  $\|\vec{r}\|_2 = \|\vec{y} - A\vec{a}\|_2$  is minimized.

## 10.1 Solution using Normal Equations

$A^*A$  is invertible as long as there are at least  $n$  distinct  $x_i$ 's...that is  $\text{rank}(A) = \min(n, \text{quantity of distinct } x_i \text{'s})$ . So we can simply use

$$\vec{a} = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*\vec{y}$$

### 10.1.1 Implementation: Solving Normal Equations

Solve Normal Equations via Cholesky Factorization  $A^*A = R^*R$  since  $A^*A$  is Hermitian and if  $\text{rank}(A^*A) = n$  it is positive definite.

1. Form  $A^*A$ , and  $A^*\vec{b}$  ( $\sim mn^2$  flops)
2. Form Cholesky Factorization  $A^*A = R^*R$  ( $\sim \frac{1}{3}n^3$  flops)
3. Solve  $R^*\vec{y} = A^*\vec{b}$  via Forward substitution ( $\sim n^2$  flops)
4. Solve  $R\vec{a} = \vec{y}$  via Backward substitution ( $\sim n^2$  flops)

Total operation count:  $\sim mn^2 + \frac{1}{3}n^3$  flops

### 10.1.2 Implementation: QR Decomposition

1. Form reduced QR decomposition  $A = \hat{Q}\hat{R}$  via Householder Triangularization ( $\sim 2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3$  flops)
2. Form  $\vec{y} = \hat{Q}^*\vec{b}$  ( $\sim 2mn$ )
3. Solve  $\hat{R}\vec{a} = \vec{y}$  via Backward substitution ( $\sim n^2$  flops)

Total operation count:  $\sim 2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3$  flops

### 10.1.3 Implementation: Pseudoinverse via reduced SVD

1. Form the reduced SVD  $A = \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}V^*$  ( $\sim 2mn^2 + 11n^3$  flops)
2. Compute  $\vec{y} = \hat{U}^*\vec{b}$  ( $\sim 2mn$  flops)
3. Compute  $\vec{z} = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\vec{y}$  ( $\sim n$  flops)
4. Compute  $\vec{a} = V\vec{z}$  ( $\sim 2n^2$  flops)

Total operation count:  $\sim 2mn^2 + 11n^3$  flops

## 11 Normal Equations

Normal Equations

- $A^*A$  is Hermitian
- If  $\text{rank}(A^*A) = n$  it is positive definite since  $x^*A^*Ax = \|Ax\|_2^2$  and  $Ax = 0$  is only possible with  $\text{rank}(A^*A) < n$ .

## 12 Stability

### 12.1 Condition Numbers

Let  $\vec{f} : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. We say  $\vec{f}$  is well conditioned if small changes in  $\vec{x}$  result in small changes of  $\vec{f}(\vec{x})$ . That is if  $\delta\vec{f} = f(\vec{x} + \delta\vec{x}) - f(\vec{x})$

- The **Absolute condition Number** is

$$\hat{\kappa} := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\|\delta\vec{x}\| \leq \delta} \frac{\|\delta\vec{f}\|}{\|\delta\vec{x}\|}$$

or if  $\vec{f}$  is differentiable, let  $J(\vec{x})$  be the Jacobian matrix of  $\vec{f}$  and so

$$\hat{\kappa} = \|J(\vec{x})\|$$

- The **Relative Condition Number** is

$$\hat{\kappa} := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\|\delta\vec{x}\| \leq \delta} \frac{\frac{\|\delta\vec{f}\|}{\|\vec{f}\|}}{\frac{\|\delta\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|}} = \frac{\|J(\vec{x})\| \|\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{f}\|}$$

- The **Condition Number of a Matrix**

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$$

And if  $A$  is singular,  $\kappa(A) = \infty$

Condition number facts

- If  $A = A^*$  then one can show that the eigenvalues of  $A + \delta A$  satisfy  $|\delta\lambda| \leq \|\delta A\|$ .

NOTES: Jacobian Matrix

Theorem: Let  $x \rightarrow f(x)$  be a problem with condition number  $\kappa(x)$ . Let  $x \rightarrow \tilde{f}(x)$  be a backward stable algorithm. Then  $\frac{\|\tilde{f}(x) - f(x)\|}{\|f(x)\|} = \kappa(x)O(\epsilon_m)$  therefore a backward stable algorithm applied to a well conditioned problem is accurate.

*Proof.*  $\tilde{f}$  backward stable implies  $\tilde{f}(x) = f(\tilde{x})$  for some  $\tilde{x}$  such that  $\frac{\|x - \tilde{x}\|}{\|x\|} = O(\epsilon_m)$ .

$$\kappa(x) = \sup \frac{\|f(\tilde{x}) - f(x)\| \|x\|}{\|f(x)\| \|x - \tilde{x}\|}$$

So

$$\frac{\|f(\tilde{x}) - f(x)\|}{\|f(x)\|} \leq \kappa(x) \frac{\|x - \tilde{x}\|}{\|x\|} \leq \kappa(x)O(\epsilon_m)$$

Conditioning of QR:  $A = QR$ ,  $A + \delta A = (\hat{Q} + \delta Q)\hat{R}$ ,  $\delta A = \delta \hat{Q}\hat{R}$ ,  $\|\delta Q\| \leq \|\delta A\| \|\hat{R}^{-1}\|$

$$\frac{\|\delta Q\|_2 \|A\|_2}{\|\delta A\|_2 \|\hat{Q}\|_2} \leq \|\hat{R}^{-1}\|_2 \|A\|_2 = \kappa(A)$$

Householder in IEEE is backward stable. If  $\tilde{Q}, \tilde{R}$  are the results of applying Householder to  $A$ , Then  $\tilde{Q}$  is orthogonal,  $\tilde{R}$  is upper triangular, and  $\tilde{Q}\tilde{R} = A + \delta A$  where  $\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} = O(\epsilon_m)$ .  $\tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$  is the exact QR factorization of  $A + \delta A$ .

Backsubstitution is backwards stable. Solution in IEEE satisfies  $(R + \delta R)\tilde{x} = \vec{b}$  for some upper triangular  $\delta R$  such that  $\frac{\|\delta R\|}{\|R\|} = O(\epsilon_m)$ .

**Example** : Least Squares. Given  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $m \geq n$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ,

$$\|\vec{b} - A\hat{x}\|_2 = \min_{\vec{x}} \|\vec{b} - A\vec{x}\|_2$$

$\hat{x} = f(A, \vec{b})$ ,  $\kappa(A, b)$  is complicated but roughly speaking  $\kappa(A, b) \sim \kappa(A)$ .

NOTES Vandermonde Matrix (in polynomial stuff)?

4th order compact finite difference. We can improve the accuracy of

$$y_i'' = D_+ D_- y_i - \frac{h^2}{12} y_i^{(4)} + O(h^4)$$

by using  $y^{(4)}(x) = (q(x)y)'' - f''(x)$

$$y_i'' = D_+ D_- y_i - \frac{h^2}{12} D_+ D_- ((qy)_i - f_i) + O(h^4)$$

or

$$y_i'' = D_+ D_- \left( \left( 1 - \frac{h^2}{12} q_i \right) y_i \right) + \frac{h^2}{12} D_+ D_- f_i + O(h^4)$$

## 12.2 Gaussian Elimination

Reducing  $A$  to  $I$  via  $GE$ . For  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,

$$\text{flops} \sim \frac{4}{3} m^3$$

$m$  columns, each column has  $O(m)$  entries, and takes  $O(m)$  multiplications and additions to zero out any given entry.

Direct methods for solving  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

## 12.3 LU Factorization.

This is Gaussian Elimination where only adding multiples of rows to another are allowed

### 12.3.1 Goal

Find  $B$  such that  $BA = U$  where  $U$  is upper triangular.

### 12.3.2 Process

$B_1$  eliminates all entries below  $a_{11}$  so  $B_1 A$  has only zeros in the first column except  $a_{11}$ . Example: Assume for simplicity  $a_{1,1} = 1$

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -a_{2,1} & 1 \\ -a_{3,1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ & 1 \\ & -a_{3,2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

And so  $B = B_n \dots B_2 B_1$ , so  $B^{-1} = B_1^{-1} \dots B_n^{-1}$ , which turns out to be something like

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_{2,1} & 1 \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $B_2$  eliminates the subdiagonal entries of the second column of  $B_1 A$ .

General LU. Let  $\vec{x}$  denote the  $K$ th column of  $A$  at step  $K$ ,  $B_k$  chosen so that  $\vec{x}_k = (x_{1,K}, x_{2,K}, \dots, x_{k+1,K}, \dots, x_{n,K})$ . Then choose  $l_{jk} = \frac{x_{jk}}{x_{kk}}$  then

$$L_{i,j} = \begin{cases} l_{i,j} & i > j \\ 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i < j \end{cases}$$

Algorithm in notes.

### 12.3.3 Problem

Existence of LU factorization fails for some nonsingular matrices. Even for those that exist, stability is not guaranteed.

### 12.3.4 Efficiency

LU factorization operation count:

$$flops \sim \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^m \sum_{s=k}^m 2 \sim \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=k+1}^m 2(m-k) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} 2(m-k)^2 \sim 2 \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} m^2 - 4m \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} k + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} k^2 \sim 2m^3 - 2m^3 + \frac{2}{3}m^3 \sim \frac{2}{3}m^3$$

2x more efficient than QR or computing  $A^{-1}$ . Forward subs  $L\vec{x} = b$  costs

$$flops \sim m^2$$

Which is negligible for large  $m$  compared to cost of LU factorization.

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## 12.4 PLU factorization: $PA = LU$

Every nonsingular  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  has a PLU factorization.

## 12.5 Cholesky Factorization

LU decomposition for symmetric positive definite matrices.

Banded matrices Zero above a certain superdiagonal and/or zero below a certain subdiagonal.

- $p$  is the number of superdiagonals
- $q$  is the number of subdiagonals
- $0 \leq p, q, \leq m - 1$
- The **Bandwidth** is  $w = p + q + 1$  so  $1 \leq w \leq 2m - 1$

Claim: If  $A$  has an LU decomposition then zeros are preserved. That is, if  $A = LU$ , then  $U$  has  $p$  super-diagonals and  $L$  has  $q$  superdiagonals and zero beyond.

For fixed  $p, q$ , and  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , the operation count of  $LU$  is  $O((m)s^2) \ll O((m)^3)$  where  $s = \max(p, q)$

If the matrix is sparse,  $A = \text{sparse}(m, m)$

Sometimes you could have bands of zero within the bandwidth. This algorithm will fill in these zeros.

Claim: The  $PA=LU$  decomposition then the amount of non-zeros generally decreases. If  $A$  has bandwidth  $w$ , then  $L$  has bandwidth  $w = q + 1$  but  $U$  will have bandwidth  $w = p + q + 1$

Symmetric Positive Definite Matrices  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,  $A = A^*$ , and  $\vec{x}^* A \vec{x} > 0$  for all  $\vec{x} \neq 0$ .

**Example**  $-y'' = f$  with second order central finite difference approximation.

$$A = (\text{diag}(-1, -1) + 2I + \text{diag}(-1, 1))/h^2$$

We see that

$$\vec{x}^* A \vec{x} = \vec{x}^* \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 \\ \vdots \\ -x_{m-1} + 2x_m \end{pmatrix} = 2x_1\bar{x}_1 - x_2\bar{x}_1 - x_1\bar{x}_2 + 2x_2\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_2x_3 + \dots$$

Note  $|x_i - x_{i-1}|^2 = \bar{x}_i x_i - \bar{x}_{i-1} x_i - \bar{x}_i x_{i-1} + \bar{x}_{i-1} x_{i-1}$  thus

$$\vec{x}^* A \vec{x} = |x_1|^2 + |x_m|^2 + \sum_{i=2}^m |x_i - x_{i-1}|^2$$

So  $\vec{x}^* A \vec{x} \geq 0$  but if  $\vec{x}^* A \vec{x} = 0$ , then

$$|x_1| = 0 \implies x_1 = 0 \implies x_2 = 0 \implies \dots \implies x_m = 0$$

**Example**  $-\nabla \phi = f$ . So  $-\phi_{,x,x} + \phi_{,y,y} = f$  on  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Using Lexicographic ordering,

$$4 - 10 - 14 - 10 - 1 - 1004 - 10 - 1 - 10 - 14 - 10 - 1 (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_9)^T = (h^2 f_{11}, f_2 f_{21}, \dots, f_{33})^T + BC$$

$A$  is block tridiagonal.  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite.  $A$  is positive definite if and only if eigenvalues of  $A$  are all positive. The  $N^2$  eigenvalues of

$$\lambda^{p,q} = \frac{2}{h^2} ((1 - \cos(p\pi h)) + (1 - \cos(q\pi h)))$$

So  $\lambda^{p,q} > 0$  for  $p, q = 1, 2, \dots, N$

Cholesky Factorization (modified LU for SPD (symmetric positive definite)) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be SPD

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \vec{w}^* \\ \vec{w} & B \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{(m-1) \times (m-1)}$  is SPD and  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{C}^{(m-1)}$ .  $a_{11} = \vec{e}_1^* A \vec{e}_1 > 0$ . We perform the first step of Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^* \\ a_{11}^{-1} \vec{w} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \vec{w}^* \\ \vec{0} & B - \frac{\vec{w} \vec{w}^*}{a_{11}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^* \\ a_{11}^{-1} \vec{w} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \vec{0}^* \\ \vec{0} & B - \frac{\vec{w} \vec{w}^*}{a_{11}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{11}^{-1} \vec{w}^* \\ \vec{0} & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{a_{11}} & \vec{0}^* \\ \sqrt{a_{11}}^{-1} \vec{w} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{0}^* \\ \vec{0} & B - \frac{\vec{w} \vec{w}^*}{a_{11}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{a_{11}} & \sqrt{a_{11}}^{-1} \vec{w}^* \\ \vec{0} & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= R_1^* A_2 R_1 \end{aligned}$$

### Properties

- Every SPD  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  has a unique Cholesky Factorization.
- The Bandwidth is preserved. If  $A$  has bandwidth  $w = 2p + 1$ , then  $R$  has bandwidth  $p + 1$ .
- No need for pivoting.
- Algorithm is backwards stable for  $Ax = b$ .  $\tilde{R}^* \tilde{R} = A + \delta A$  where  $\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} = O(\epsilon_{machine})$  for some  $\delta A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Cholesky gives us  $\tilde{x}$  that satisfies  $(A + \delta A)\tilde{x} = b$ .

### Usage:

To solve  $Ax = b$ , obtain  $A = R^* R$ . Then solve  $R^* \vec{y} = b$  via Forward subs, and  $R\vec{x} = \vec{y}$  via Backward subs.

Claim:  $A_2 = (R_1^*)^{-1} A R_1^{-1}$  is SPD thus  $B - \frac{\vec{w} \vec{w}^*}{a_{11}}$  is SPD. Proof:

- Symmetric:

$$A_2^* = (R_1^*)^{-1} A R_1^{-1} = A_2$$

- Positive Definite

$$\vec{x}^* A_2 \vec{x} = \vec{x}^* (R_1^*)^{-1} A R_1^{-1} \vec{x} = (R_1^{-1} \vec{x})^* A (R_1^{-1} \vec{x}) = \vec{y}^* A \vec{y} > 0$$

- $B - \frac{\vec{w} \vec{w}^*}{a_{11}}$  is SPD. We repeat the Cholesky step  $m$  times

$$A = R_1^* A_2 R_1 = R_1^* R_2^* A_3 R_2 R_1 = \dots = (R_1^* R_2^* \dots R_m^*) I (R_m \dots R_1) = R^* I R = R^* R$$

### Operation Count:

$$flops \sim \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=(k+1)}^m \sum_{s=j}^m 2 = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=(k+1)}^m 2(m-j+1) = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{n=1}^{m-k} 2n = \sum_{k=1}^m (m-k)^2 = m^3 - 2m \left( \frac{1}{2} m^2 \right) + \frac{1}{3} m^3 = \frac{1}{3} m^3$$

Thus this is twice as efficient as LU.

## 13 Numerical Eigenvalue Problems

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ . The eigenvalue problem is

$$A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}, \quad \vec{x} \neq 0$$

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- Phase 1: Reduce  $A$  to upper Hessenberg form via unitary similarity transformations.  
 $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  implies in  $2m - 1$  steps we can get our  $H$  matrix

$$Q_{m-2}Q_{m-3}\dots Q_2Q_1AQ_1Q_2\dots Q_{m-3}Q_{m-2} = Q^*AQ = H$$

- Phase 2: Iterate to reveal eigenvalues of  $H$ .

Operation count: 1st inner loop:  $\sum_{k=1}^{m-2} 4(m-k)^2 \sim \frac{4}{3}m^3$

2nd inner loop:  $\sum_{k=1}^{m-2} 4m(m-k) \sim 4m\frac{m^2}{2} = 2m^3$

Total =  $\frac{10}{3}m^3$

The algorithm is backwards stable with conditioning  $\text{cond}(A)$

If  $A$  is Hermitian, then  $H$  is Hermitian.

$$A - A^* = QHQ^* - QH^*Q^* = Q(H - H^*)Q^* = 0$$

Therefore  $H$  is tridiagonal. In this case, a simplified algorithm is possible, reducing the operation count to  $\frac{4}{3}m^3$ .

Phase 2 For remainder of discussion, assume  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $A^T = A$ , thus  $A = QDQ^T$ .  
 $\{\lambda_i\}$  are real, and eigenvectors  $\{\vec{q}_i\}$  are orthonormal.

Rayleigh Quotient Given  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , find a value  $\hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\|A\vec{x} - \hat{\alpha}\vec{x}\|_2 = \min_{\alpha} \|A\vec{x} - \alpha\vec{x}\|_2$$

$$\|A\vec{x} - \hat{\alpha}\vec{x}\|_2 = (A\vec{x} - \hat{\alpha}\vec{x})^T (A\vec{x} - \hat{\alpha}\vec{x}) = \vec{x}^T A^2 \vec{x} - 2\hat{\alpha}\vec{x}^T A\vec{x} + \hat{\alpha}^2 \vec{x}^T \vec{x}$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $\alpha$  and setting to zero we get

$$-2\vec{x}^T A\vec{x} + 2\hat{\alpha}\vec{x}^T \vec{x} = 0 \implies \hat{\alpha} = \frac{\vec{x}^T A\vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} = R_A(\vec{x})$$

(Rayleigh Quotient)

Error Estimate: (Taylor Series)

$$R_A(\vec{x}) = R_A(q_j) + \nabla R_A(q_j) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{q}_j) + O(\|\vec{x} - \vec{q}_j\|^2)$$

$$\nabla R_A(\vec{x}) = \nabla \left( \frac{\vec{x}^T A\vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} \right) = \frac{\vec{x}^T \vec{x} \nabla(\vec{x}^T A\vec{x}) - (\vec{x}^T A\vec{x}) \nabla(\vec{x}^T \vec{x})}{(\vec{x}^T \vec{x})^2}$$

Since  $\nabla(\vec{x}^T \vec{x}) = \nabla(x_1^2 + \dots + x_m^2) = 2\vec{x}^T$  and  $\nabla(\vec{x}^T A\vec{x}) = 2(A\vec{x})^T$

$$\nabla R_A(\vec{x}) = \frac{2}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} ((A\vec{x})^T - R_A(\vec{x})\vec{x}^T)$$

Thus for an orthonormal eigenvector  $q_i$ ,

$$\nabla R_A(\vec{q}_i) = 2(\lambda_i \vec{q}_i - \lambda_i \vec{q}_i^T) = 0$$

So we conclude

$$R_A(\vec{x}) = \lambda_j + O(\|\vec{x} - \vec{q}_j\|^2)$$

Method 1: Power method Assume  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_m|$ . Start with vector  $\vec{w}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$w^{(0)} = \alpha_1 \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \vec{q}_m$$

$$Aw^{(0)} = \alpha_1 A\vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m A\vec{q}_m = \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \lambda_m \vec{q}_m$$

Assume this is  $\approx \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{q}_1$  (that  $\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_i, i > 1$ ). Improved guess is  $\vec{w}^{(1)} = A\vec{w}^{(0)}$ . Iterating,  $\vec{w}^{(n)} = A\vec{w}^{(n-1)}$

$$\vec{w}^{(n)} = \alpha_1 A^n \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m A^n \vec{q}_m = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^n \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \lambda_m^n \vec{q}_m \approx \alpha_1 \lambda_1^n \vec{q}_1$$

Theorem: Suppose  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_m|$  and  $q_1^T v^{(0)} \neq 0$ . The power iteration after  $k$  steps produces an approximate eigenvector eigenvalue pair that satisfies

$$\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - \pm \vec{q}_1\|_2 = O(\left|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right|^k), \quad |\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda_1| = O(\left|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right|^{2k})$$

*Proof.*  $\vec{v}^{(0)} = \alpha_1 \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \vec{q}_m$ .

$$\vec{v}^{(k)} = \beta_k A^k \vec{v}^{(0)} = \beta_k A^k (\alpha_1 \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \vec{q}_m) = \beta_k \alpha_1 \lambda_1^k \left( \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \frac{\alpha_m}{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k \vec{q}_m \right) \rightarrow \beta_k \alpha_1 \lambda_1^k$$

Thus  $\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - (\pm q_1)\| = O(\left|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right|^k)$ . Also

$$\lambda^{(k)} = R_A(\vec{v}^{(k)}) = R_A(\vec{q}_1) + O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - (\pm \vec{q}_1)\|^2) = \lambda_1 + O(\left|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right|^{2k})$$

Limitations of Power Iteration

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Only gives largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$

$\vec{v}^{(k)}, \lambda^{(k)}$  converge only linearly:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|\vec{v}^{(k+1)} - (\pm \vec{q}_1)\|}{\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - (\pm \vec{q}_1)\|} = c \left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|, 0 < c < 1$$

which is very slow if  $\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$  is close to 1.

### 13.1 Shifted Inverse Iteration

Applying the Power Iteration Method to  $A^{-1}$  yields an approximation to  $\frac{1}{|\lambda_m|}$  and  $\vec{q}_m$ .

Applying the Power Iteration Method to  $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$ , which has eigenvalues  $(\lambda_j - \mu)^{-1}$  and eigenvectors  $q_j$ , yields approximation to  $(\lambda_k - \mu)^{-1}$  and  $q_k$  where  $|\lambda_k - \mu| = \min_j |\lambda_j - \mu|$ .

Suppose  $\lambda_J$  is the eigenvalue closest to  $\mu$  and  $\lambda_K$  is the next closest.

$$|\lambda_J - \mu| < |\lambda_K - \mu| \leq |\lambda_i - \mu| \quad \forall i \neq j$$

Assume  $q_J^T \vec{v}^{(0)} \neq 0$ . The shifted inverse iteration produces approximations that satisfy  $\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - (\pm \vec{q}_J)\| = O(\left(\left|\frac{\lambda_J - \mu}{\lambda_K - \mu}\right|^K\right) \|\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda_J\| = O(\left(\left|\frac{\lambda_J - \mu}{\lambda_K - \mu}\right|^{2K}\right))$

*Proof.* Proof: same as power iteration  $\lambda_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda_J - \mu}$ ,  $\lambda_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda_K - \mu}$ . We still have linear convergence, but the constant  $c$  depends on  $\mu$  so we may have faster convergence.

Note. Accuracy of the linear solver of  $(A - \mu I)\vec{w} = \vec{v}$  depends on  $\kappa(A - \mu I)$  but for good guesses of  $\mu$  this could be huge. However, if this is solved by a backwards stable algorithm, then  $\|\vec{w} - \tilde{w}\| = \kappa(A - \mu I)O(\epsilon_{machine})$ . Therefore if  $\mu$  is close to  $\lambda_J$  then error  $\|\vec{w} - \tilde{w}\|$  could be large. However, even if this is the case,  $\vec{v}^{(k)} = \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|}$  is still a good approximation to  $\vec{q}_J$  since we only need the direction.

*Proof.*  $(A - \mu I)\vec{w} = \vec{v}$  and  $(A - \mu I)\tilde{w} = \tilde{v}$ , so

$$(A - \mu I)(\vec{w} - \tilde{w}) = \vec{v} - \tilde{v} = \alpha_1 \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \vec{q}_m$$

$$\vec{w} - \tilde{w} = \alpha_1 (A - \mu I)^{-1}(\vec{v} - \tilde{v}) = \alpha_1 (\lambda_1 - \mu)^{-1} \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m (\lambda_m - \mu)^{-1} \vec{q}_m$$

Therefore  $\vec{w} - \tilde{w} \approx \alpha_J (\lambda_J - \mu)^{-1} \vec{q}_J$ . The bulk of the error in  $\vec{w}$  is in the direction of  $\vec{q}_J$  so  $\vec{v}^{(k)} = \frac{\tilde{w}}{\|\tilde{w}\|_2}$  is a good approximation to  $\vec{q}_J$ .

Theorem If  $\vec{v}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is sufficiently close to the eigenvector  $\vec{q}_J \in \mathbb{R}^m$  then Rayleigh Quotient Iteration produces approximations that satisfy  $\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - (\pm \vec{q}_J)\| = O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - (\pm \vec{q}_J)\|^3) \quad |\lambda^{(k+1)} - \lambda_J| = O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - \lambda_J\|^3)$

*Proof.* Proof:  $(A - \lambda^{(k)} I)\vec{w} = \vec{v}^{(k)}$

$$\vec{w} = (A - \lambda^{(k)} I)^{-1} \vec{v}^{(k)}$$

$$= (A - \lambda^{(k)} I)^{-1} (\vec{q}_J + \vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J)$$

$$(A - \lambda^{(k)} I)^{-1} \vec{q}_J = \frac{1}{\lambda_J - \lambda^{(k)}} \vec{q}_J$$

$$\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J \approx \vec{q}_K$$

$$(A - \lambda^{(k)} I)^{-1} \vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J \approx \frac{1}{\lambda_K - \lambda^{(k)}} (\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J) \approx \frac{1}{\lambda_K - \lambda^{(k)}} (\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J)$$

$$\vec{w} \approx \frac{1}{\lambda_J - \lambda^{(k)}} \vec{q}_J + \frac{1}{\lambda_K - \lambda^{(k)}} (\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J)$$

$$\vec{v}^{(k+1)} = \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|_2} \approx \vec{q}_J + \frac{\lambda_J - \lambda^{(k)}}{\lambda_K - \lambda^{(k)}} (\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J)$$

$$(\vec{v}^{(k+1)} - \vec{q}_J) \approx \frac{\lambda_J - \lambda^{(k)}}{\lambda_K - \lambda^{(k)}} (\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J)$$

$$= O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J\|)$$

but  $|\lambda_J - \lambda^{(k)}| = O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J\|^2)$  from RQ Taylor series, which implies

$$\|\vec{v}^{(k+1)} - \vec{q}_J\| = O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J\|^3)$$

Thus  $|\lambda^{(k+1)} - \lambda_J| = O(\|\vec{v}^{(k+1)} - \vec{q}_J\|^2) = O(\|\vec{v}^{(k)} - \vec{q}_J\|^6) = O(\|\lambda^{(k)} - \lambda_J\|)$  Operation count (cost of 1 iteration)

	Full Matrix	Tridiagonal
Power	$O(m^2)$ (Matrix Vector Multiply)	$O(m)$
Inverse	$O(m^2)$ (Precomputed Cholesky)	$O(m)$
Rayleigh	$O(m^3)$ (Cholesky each time)	$O(m)$

Therefore we can use the phase 1 reduction (which is  $O(m^3)$  to improve efficiency)

Note: Algorithms so far allow us to compute only a single eigenvalue at a time.

### 13.1.1 QR Algorithm

$$A^{(k)} = R^{(k)} Q^{(k)}, \quad R^{(k)} = (Q^{(k)})^T A^{(k-1)}$$

$$A^{(k)} = (Q^{(k)})^T A^{(k-1)} (Q^{(k)})$$

This is a similarity transformation, so it will have the same eigenvalues. As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$A^{(k)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} D & A \text{ is normal} \\ T & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem:** Assume that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric such that  $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$  is the spectral decomposition where  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_m| > 0$  so  $\det(\Delta_k(Q)) \neq 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Then  $A^{(k)} \rightarrow D$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Proof:

$$A^{(k)} = \bar{Q}^{(k)} A (\bar{Q}^{(k)})^T$$

,  $\bar{Q}^{(k)} = Q^{(1)} \dots Q^{(k)}$  Therefore we need to prove that  $\bar{Q}^{(k)} \rightarrow Q$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  because then  $A^{(k)} \rightarrow Q^T A Q = D$ .

$$A = A^{(0)} = Q^{(1)} R^{(1)}, A^2 = Q^{(1)} R^{(1)} Q^{(1)} R^{(1)} = Q^{(1)} A^{(1)} R^{(1)}$$

since  $R^{(1)} Q^{(1)} = A^{(1)} = Q^{(2)} R^{(2)}$ .

$$A^2 = Q^{(1)} Q^{(2)} R^{(2)} R^{(1)}, \quad A^3 = Q^{(1)} Q^{(2)} Q^{(3)} R^{(3)} R^{(2)} R^{(1)}$$

so by the above definitions,  $A^k = (\bar{Q}^{(k)})^T \bar{R}^{(k)}$  but

$$A^k = [A^k \vec{e}_1, \dots, A^k \vec{e}_m]$$

This simulates power iteration. Let  $\vec{e}_1 = \alpha_{11} \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_{1m} \vec{q}_m$  where  $\{q_i\}$  are the columns of  $Q$ . Take the dot product of this with  $\vec{q}_1$ ,  $\vec{q}_1^T \vec{e}_1 = \alpha_{11} = \vec{e}_1^T \vec{q}_1 = \det(\Delta_1(Q)) \neq 0$  Therefore  $\alpha_{11} \neq 0$ . So

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{e}_1 = \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \frac{\alpha_{1m}}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{q}_m$$

Multiplying by  $A^k$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} A^k \vec{e}_1 = \lambda_1^k \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \frac{\alpha_{1m}}{\alpha_{11}} \lambda_m^k \vec{q}_m$$

This becomes

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} \frac{\bar{r}_{11}^{(k)}}{\lambda_1^k} \vec{q}_1^{(k)} = \vec{q}_1 + \dots + \frac{\lambda_m^k}{\lambda_1^k} \frac{\alpha_{1m}}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{q}_m$$

So  $\vec{q}_1^{(k)} \rightarrow \vec{q}_1$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Now,

$$\vec{e}_2 = \alpha_{21} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{e}_1 - \left( \frac{\alpha_{12}}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{q}_2 + \dots + \frac{\alpha_{1m}}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{q}_m \right) \right) + \alpha_{22} \vec{q}_2 + \dots$$

$$\vec{e}_2 = \frac{\alpha_{22}}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{e}_1 + \frac{\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12}\alpha_{21}}{\alpha_{11}} \vec{q}_2 + \tilde{\alpha}_{23} \vec{q}_3 + \dots + \tilde{\alpha}_{2m} \vec{q}_m$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12}\alpha_{21}}{\alpha_{11}} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} \det \left( \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} \det \left( \begin{pmatrix} \vec{q}_1^T \vec{e}_1 & \vec{q}_2^T \vec{e}_1 \\ \vec{q}_1^T \vec{e}_2 & \vec{q}_2^T \vec{e}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \det(\Delta_2(Q)) \neq 0$$

Multiplying by  $A^k$ , etc. as before gives us that  $Q^{(k)} \rightarrow Q$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

One can proceed inductively.

Note

- $A^{(0)}$  is tridiagonal from Phase 1.
- $A^{(k)}$  is also tridiagonal for any finite  $k$ .
- As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , off diagonal elements converge to 0.

3. Deflation: If  $|A_{j,j+1}| < \epsilon$ , then set  $A^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & \\ & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $A_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{j \times j}$ ,  $A_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(m-j) \times (m-j)}$ . Then continue iterating on  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  independently.

4. Accelerate by shifting

$$Q^{(k)} R^{(k)} = A^{(k-1)} - \mu^{(k)} I$$

Where  $\mu^{(k)}$  is usually chosen to be  $A_{mm}^{(k)}$ . To recreate  $A$ , use

$$= A^{(k-1)} = Q^{(k)} R^{(k)} + \mu^{(k)} I$$

## 13.2 Iterative Schemes for $Ax = b$

Given an iterative scheme where  $A = M + N$ ,

$$M\vec{x}^{(k+1)} = N\vec{x}^{(k)} + b$$

Thus if we have the amplification matrix  $G = M^{-1}N$ ,

$$\vec{e}^{(k+1)} = G\vec{e}^{(k)}$$

By induction,  $\vec{e}^{(k+1)} = G^k \vec{e}^{(0)}$ . Perform the spectral decomposition of  $G$ ,

$$\vec{e}^{(k)} = R\Gamma^K R^{-1} \vec{e}^{(0)}$$

If  $\Gamma = \text{diag}(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  with  $|\gamma_1| \geq \dots \geq |\gamma_n|$  then we have convergence if  $|\gamma_1| < 1$ . since then  $G^K \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

### 13.2.1 Jacobi Iteration

$$M = D, N = D - A \implies G = I - D^{-1}A$$

Say we are considering the discrete Laplacian operator problem  $-\Delta u = f$ . For this situation,  $G = I - \frac{h^2}{2}A$  so  $A$  and  $G$  have the same eigenvectors and the eigenvalues are related by

$$\gamma_p = 1 - \frac{h^2}{2} \lambda_p = 1 - \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{2}{h^2} (1 - \cos(p\pi h)) = \cos(p\pi h)$$

$\gamma_1 = \cos(\pi h) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\pi^2 h^2 + O(h^4)$ . Therefore  $\rho(G) < 1 \forall h > 0$  but  $\rho(G) \rightarrow 1$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Since this converges quadratically at  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we expect slow convergence for the scheme. How many iterations will we need?

$$\|\vec{e}^{(k)}\| \approx \epsilon \|\vec{e}^{(0)}\| \implies \rho^k = \epsilon \implies k \approx \frac{\log(\epsilon)}{\log(\rho)}$$

How do we choose  $\epsilon$ ? Our error for  $A\vec{u} = \vec{f}$  is  $O(h^2)$ , so take  $\epsilon \approx ch^2$

$$k = \frac{\log(c) + 2\log(h)}{\log(\rho)} \approx \frac{\log(c) + 2\log(m+1)}{-\frac{1}{2}\pi^2(m+1)^2} \sim \frac{4}{\pi^2} m^2 \log(m) = O(m^2 \log(m))$$

The total work is  $O(m^3 \log(m))$ .

A similar analysis can be performed for  $m = N^d$  where  $N$  is the number of grid points in each coordinate direction. The total work turns out to be  $O(N^{d+2} \log(N))$ .

### 13.2.2 Gauss Seidel

$$M = L + D, N = U \implies G = (L + D)^{-1}R$$

$\rho(G) = 1 - \pi^2 h^2 + O(h^4)$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore this takes half as many iterations as Jacobi. Still total work  $O(m^3 \log(m))$ .

### 13.2.3 Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR)

Idea:  $\vec{u}^{(k+1)}$  is closer to  $\vec{u}$  than  $\vec{u}^{(k)}$  is to  $\vec{u}$ , but not by much. That is, GS moves  $\vec{u}^{(k)}$  in the right direction but not far enough.

$$A = D + L + U, M = \frac{1}{\omega}(D - \omega L), N = \frac{1}{\omega}((1 - \omega)D + \omega U)$$

Theorem: Ostrowski. If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is SPD, and  $D - \omega L$  is nonsingular, then SOR converges for all  $0 < \omega < 2$

For our standard  $u'' = f$  BVP,

$$(\text{Stage 1}) u_i^{GS} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{u}^{(k+1)} + \vec{u}^{(k)} + h^2 f_i)$$

$$(\text{Stage 2}) u_i^{(k+1)} = u_i^{(k)} + \omega(\vec{u}_i^{GS} - \vec{u}^{(k)})$$

Think of  $\vec{u}_i^{GS} - \vec{u}^{(k)}$  as the direction and  $\omega$  is the step size, starting from  $u_i^{(k)}$ .

For our model problem,

$$\omega_{optimal} = \frac{2}{1 + \sin(\pi h)} \approx 2 - 2\pi h \implies \rho_{optimal} = \omega_{optimal} - 1 \approx 1 - 2\pi h$$

So  $\rho_{optimal} \rightarrow 1$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , but much more slowly than GS or Jacobi.  $K_{optimal} = O(N \log(N))$  in any dimension. The total work is  $O(N^{d+1} \log(N))$ .

## 13.3 Descent Methods

Consider  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\phi(\vec{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{u}^T A \vec{u} - b^T \vec{u}$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is SPD. Solve  $A\vec{u} = b$

Claim:  $\phi$  has a unique global minimizer,  $\vec{u}^*$ , that satisfies  $A\vec{u}^* = b$ .

Proof:  $\phi$  is quadratic in  $u_1, \dots, u_m$ . Thus  $\lim_{\|\vec{u}\| \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\vec{u}) = +\infty$  because  $\vec{u}^T A \vec{u} > 0$ .

$$\phi(\vec{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} u_j \right) - \sum_{i=1}^m b_i u_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_k} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_{kj} u_j + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i a_{ik} \right) - b_k = 0$$

But since  $a_{ik} = a_{ki}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_k} = \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_{kj} u_j \right) - b_k = (A\vec{u} - \vec{b})_k = 0$$

Therefore  $\vec{u}^*$  such that  $A\vec{u}^* = b$  is the only critical point. By positive definiteness, it is the unique global minimizer.



So our strategy will be to (starting with a guess  $\vec{u}^{(0)}$ ) form the sequence  $\{\vec{u}^{(k)}\}_{k=0}$  by choosing a search direction  $\vec{d}^{(k)}$  and a step size  $\alpha^{(k)}$  such that

$$\vec{u}^{(k+1)} = \vec{u}^{(k)} - \alpha^{(k)} \vec{d}^{(k)}$$

Where  $\alpha^{(k)}$  is chosen to minimize  $\phi(\vec{u}^{(k)} - \alpha^{(k)} \vec{d}^{(k)})$  with respect to  $\alpha^{(k)}$ .

### 13.3.1 Steepest Descent

The direction of steepest descent of a surface is  $-\nabla\phi(\vec{u}^{(k)})$ . This turns out to be the residual:

$$-\nabla\phi(\vec{u}^{(k)}) = A\vec{u}^{(k)} - \vec{b} = -\vec{r}^{(k)}$$

To find the step size,

$$\alpha^{(k)} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \phi(\vec{u}^{(k)} + \alpha \vec{r}^{(k)})$$

This is done via

$$\phi(\vec{u} + \alpha \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{u}^T A \vec{u} - \vec{u}^T \vec{b} + \alpha (\vec{r}^T A \vec{r} - \vec{r}^T \vec{b}) + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 (\vec{r}^T A \vec{r})$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $\alpha$

$$\alpha (\vec{r}^T A \vec{r}) = \vec{r}^T \vec{b} - \vec{r}^T A \vec{u} = \vec{r}^T (\vec{b} - A \vec{u}) = \vec{r}^T \vec{r}$$

So  $\alpha = \frac{\vec{r}^T \vec{r}}{\vec{r}^T A \vec{r}}$  thus

$$\alpha^{(k)} = \frac{(\vec{r}^{(k)})^T \vec{r}^{(k)}}{(\vec{r}^{(k)})^T A \vec{r}^{(k)}}, \quad \vec{d} = -\vec{r}$$

Note

$$\vec{r}^{(k)} = \vec{b} - A \vec{u}^{(k)} = \vec{b} - A(\vec{u}^{(k-1)} + \alpha^{(k-1)} \vec{r}^{(k-1)}) = \vec{r}^{(k-1)} - \alpha^{(k-1)} A \vec{r}^{(k-1)}$$

Note: Since  $A$  is SPD, level curves of  $\phi$  are hyper-ellipses centered at  $\vec{u}^*$ .

Convergence: For  $m = 2$ , matrices with higher eccentricity  $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$  will take more iterations.

### 13.3.2 Conjugate Gradient

Guaranteed to converge to the solution in  $m$  steps.

Consider  $m = 2$ . Start with an initial guess and arbitrary search direction  $\vec{d}^{(0)}$ , we want  $\vec{d}^{(1)} = \vec{u}^* - \vec{u}^{(1)}$  give  $\vec{d}^{(0)} = \vec{u}^{(1)} - \vec{u}^{(0)}$ . Claim  $\vec{d}^{(1)}, \vec{d}^{(0)}$  are  $A$ -orthogonal ( $\vec{d}^{(0)})^T A \vec{d}^{(1)} = 0$ .

Proof.  $\vec{d}^{(0)}$  is tangent to a level curve of  $\phi$   $\vec{u}^{(1)}$ .  $\nabla\phi(\vec{u}^{(1)}) = A\vec{u}^{(1)} - \vec{b} = -\vec{r}^{(1)}$ .  $\vec{r}^{(1)}$  is orthogonal to  $d\vec{r}^{(0)}$ :  $(\vec{d}^{(0)})^T \vec{r}^{(1)} = 0$ .

$$\vec{r}^{(1)} = \vec{b} - A \vec{u}^{(1)} = A \vec{u}^* - A \vec{u}^{(1)} = A \vec{d}^{(1)}$$

Thus  $(\vec{d}^{(0)})^T \vec{r}^{(1)} = (\vec{d}^{(0)})^T A \vec{d}^{(1)} = 0$ .

Idea: At each step, pick a search direction so that  $d^{(k)}$  and  $d^{(k-1)}$  are  $A$ -orthogonal.

$$d^{(k)} = -r^{(k)} + \beta^{(k)} d^{(k-1)}$$

Choose  $\beta^{(k)}$  so that  $\vec{d}^{(k)}$  and  $d^{(k-1)}$  are  $A$ -orthogonal.

$$\beta^{(k)} = \frac{(\vec{r}^{(k)})^T A \vec{d}^{(k-1)}}{(\vec{d}^{(k-1)})^T A \vec{d}^{(k-1)}} = \dots = \frac{(\vec{r}^{(k)})^T \vec{r}^{(k)}}{(\vec{r}^{(k-1)})^T \vec{r}^{(k-1)}}$$

Optimal step size

$$\alpha^{(k)} = \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \phi(\vec{u}^{(k)} + \alpha r^{(k)} - \alpha \beta d^{(k-1)}) = \frac{(\vec{d}^{(k)})^T \vec{r}^{(k)}}{(\vec{d}^{(k)})^T A \vec{d}^{(k)}}$$

Note:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is SPD. Converges in  $m$  steps to exact solution.  
 Converges to  $\|\vec{r}\| < \epsilon$  in  $O(\sqrt{\kappa(A)})$ . Poisson in 2D:  $\kappa(A) = O(h^{-2}) = O(N^2)$ . Iterations will be  $O(N)$