

Recitation 10

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Brief Overview

- Rayleigh coefficient
- Perturbation analysis
- Problems from textbook
- Quiz

Rayleigh coefficient

$R(x) = \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$ where A is symmetric.

- If x is eigenvector, R(x) is corresponding eigenvalue
- Otherwise, if

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j x^{(j)},$$

$$R(x) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \alpha_j^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j^2}$$

- Th. 5.12: $\lambda_{min} \leq R(x) \leq \lambda_{max}$
- If we have a fairly close approximation of the eigenvector, R(x) gives us a good approximate of the corresponding eigenvalue!

Perturbation Analysis

The following theorems (see p. 172 of textbook) give an idea of how a matrix's eigenvalues are affected under perturbation.

Theorem 5.14 Let $M \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{n \times n}$, with eigenvalues λ_i and corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors $v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and suppose that $u \neq 0$ and w are vectors in \mathbb{R}^n and μ is a real number such that

$$(M - \mu I)u = w. \quad (5.44)$$

Then, at least one eigenvalue λ_j of M satisfies

$$|\lambda_j - \mu| \leq \|w\|_2 / \|u\|_2.$$

Theorem 5.15 (Bauer–Fike Theorem (symmetric case)) Suppose that $A, E \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{n \times n}$ and $B = A - E$. Assume, further, that the eigenvalues of A are denoted by $\lambda_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and μ is an eigenvalue of B . Then, at least one eigenvalue λ_j of A satisfies

$$|\lambda_j - \mu| \leq \|E\|_2.$$

For a general matrix, this result can be extended using the condition number of the diagonalizing/similarity transformation matrix:

$$|\lambda_j - \mu| \leq k(X)\|E\|_2 \quad \text{where } X^{-1}AX = D, \text{ and } k(X) = \|X^{-1}\|_2\|X\|_2 \text{ is the condition number of } X.$$

eg.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/3; \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/4; \\ 1/3 & 1/4 & 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.3333; \\ 0.5 & 0.3333 & 0.25; \\ 0.3333 & 0.25 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

B is a perturbation (approximation) of A .

$$|\lambda_j - \mu| \leq \|E\|_2 = \|B - A\|_2 = 3.3 \times 10^{-5}$$

In general, symmetric matrices are well-conditioned (robust to perturbation).

[Exercise problems from textbook](#)

See hints below to recall how we solved these problems in class.

- 5.3
 - Evaluate Sturm sequence at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$. Compare the sequences when $5\alpha^2 < 8$ and $5\alpha^2 > 8$.
- 5.7
 - Express R in terms of A and Q . Set this expression in $B = RQ + \mu I$ to get $B = Q^T A Q$. B is symmetric as A is symmetric.
 - Note that A is symmetric and **tridiagonal**. B is tridiagonal since $Q = \prod_{p=1}^{n-1} R^{p,p+1}(\phi)$, and each multiplication by $R^{p,p+1}(\phi)^T$ on the left sets $A(p+1, p) = 0$.
 - Next step is RQ , which involves taking matrix R and applying same sequence of plane rotations on the right, but with each rotation transposed. Transpose means inverse rotation (as $Q^T = Q^{-1}$), i.e. setting the element which was made 0 in previous step to non-zero.
 - Thus, B has non-zero elements below diagonal only on first sub-diagonal ([Hessenberg](#)).
 - Since B is symmetric, it is tridiagonal.
 - Above steps are explained in sec. 5.7.1 in book.
- 5.8
 - $A^{(1)} = [0 \ 1; \ 1 \ 0]$. $G_{(2,1)} = [c, \ s; \ -s, \ c]$; we want $[a, b] = [0, 1] \rightarrow [\alpha \ 0]$.
 - Choose $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 1$, $c = a/r = 0$, $s = -b/r = -1$. $G_{(2,1)} = [0, -1; \ 1, \ 0]$.
 - $Q = G_{(2,1)}^T \Rightarrow R = Q^T A = [-1, 0; \ 0, 1]$
 - $A^{(2)} = RQ = [-1, 0; \ 0, 1][0, 1; \ -1, \ 0] = [0, 1; \ 1, 0] = A^{(1)}$
 - Thus, $A^{(k)} = \dots = A^{(1)}$, and A won't converge to solution. This is because our choice of $\mu = 0$. Try a different choice to see if we converge.
- 5.9
 - Follow same steps as previous question. Check your solution using MATLAB's `qr` function (see sample code from last recitation).
- 5.10
 - Use inverse iteration step rules to evaluate $v^{(1)}$ and $v^{(2)}$ at given value of $A, v, v^{(0)}$. Compare $v^{(2)}$ with corresponding eig-vector of A - should be within 5% error. Evaluate Rayleigh coefficient at $v^{(2)}$.