

## Orthogonal & QR iteration

Note Title

(I) Orthogonal / simultaneous / block power iteration / subspace iteration

The idea of simultaneous/orthogonal iteration is to apply the power iteration to several vectors at once.

Instead of starting with one vector  $x_0$ , suppose we start with  $n$  linearly independent (& orthogonal) vectors

$$x_1^{(0)}, \dots, x_n^{(0)}$$

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ . Under suitable assumptions, it can be shown that  $\langle A^k x_1^{(0)}, \dots, A^k x_n^{(0)} \rangle$  converges to the e-vectors of  $A$  corresponding to the  $n$  largest e-values of  $A$  (in abs. value).

In matrix notation, let  $Z_0$  denote the initial matrix

$$Z_0 = [x_1^{(0)} | \dots | x_n^{(0)}]_{m \times n}$$

Define  $Z_k$  to be the result after  $k$  applications of  $A$ ,

$$\text{i.e. } Z_k = A^k Z_0 = [x_1^{(k)} | \dots | x_n^{(k)}]_{m \times n}.$$

Since our interest is in the column space of  $Z_k$ , we will extract a well-behaved basis for the span of the columns of  $Z_k$  (denote by  $\text{span } Z_k$ ).

This is done by computing the reduced QR factorization of  $Z_k$  as  $Z_k = Q_k R_k$ , where  $\dim Q_k = m \times n$   
 $\dim R_k = n \times n$ .

Then as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , the successive columns of  $Q_k$  are expected to converge to the required e-vectors.

Algorithm: Let  $Z_0$  be a  $m \times n$  orthogonal matrix  
 $i = 1$  to convergence

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} Z_k = A Q_{k-1} \quad (Q_0 = Z_0) \\ Q_k R_k = Z_k \quad (\text{QR factorization}) \\ \lambda(Q_k^* A Q_k) = \{ \lambda_1^{(k)}, \dots, \lambda_n^{(k)} \} \quad (\text{Sequence of } e\text{-value estimates}) \\ \text{end} \end{array} \right.$$

Note that if  $n=1$ , this is the power method & the sequence  $\{Q_k x_1^{(k)}\}$  is precisely the sequence of vectors produced by the power method with starting vector  $x_1^{(0)}$ .

Analysis: We assume  $A$  is diagonalizable with

$$A = S \Lambda S^{-1}.$$

We require 2 assumptions:

① the leading  $(n+1)$   $e$ -values are distinct in abs. value  
 i.e.  $| \lambda_1 | > | \lambda_2 | > \dots > | \lambda_n | > | \lambda_{n+1} | \geq \dots \geq | \lambda_m |$ .

② all the leading principal minors of  $Z_0$  are non-singular. This condition is analogous to requiring that the first component of  $x_0$  be non-zero in the power method. There it means that  $x_0$  has a non-zero component in the direction of  $e_1$ . Here the condition means that none of the vectors  $\{z_i, \dots, z_j\}$  are orthogonal to the span of  $\{e_i, \dots, e_j\}$   $\forall 1 \leq j \leq n$ , i.e.  $Z_0$  is not deficient in certain eigen-directions.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{span}(Q_k) &= \text{span}(Z_k) = \text{span}(A Q_{k-1}) \\ &= \text{span}(A^2 Q_{k-2}) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \text{span}(A^k Z_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$A = S \Lambda S^{-1} = \text{span}(S \Lambda^k S^{-1} Z_0)$$

$$A^k = S \Lambda^k S^{-1}$$

Now  $S \Lambda^k S^{-1} Z_0 = S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_m^k \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} Z_0$

$$= \lambda_n^k S \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda_1/\lambda_n)^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & (\lambda_m/\lambda_n)^k \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} Z_0$$

$m \times m$        $m \times n$

$$|\lambda_1| > \dots > |\lambda_n| > |\lambda_{n+1}| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_m|$$

$$\left| \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_n} \right| \geq 1 \text{ for } i \leq n \text{ & } \left| \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_n} \right| < 1 \text{ for } i > n.$$

$$\infty \Lambda^k S^{-1} Z_0 = \begin{bmatrix} [V_k]_{n \times n} \\ \cdots \\ [W_k]_{m \times n} \end{bmatrix}$$

& let  $S = \begin{bmatrix} S_1 | \dots | S_n | \dots | S_m \end{bmatrix}$

$\underbrace{S_n}_{S_n}$        $\underbrace{S_{m-n}}_{S_{m-n}}$

here  $W_k \rightarrow 0$  ( $\& V_k \not\rightarrow 0$ )  
as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore S \Lambda^k S^{-1} Z_0 = \lambda_n^k S \begin{bmatrix} [V_k] \\ [W_k] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda_n^k \left[ \underbrace{S_n V_k}_{S_n V_k} + \underbrace{S_{m-n} W_k}_{S_{m-n} W_k} \right]$$

Finally,  $\text{span}(Q_k) = \text{span}(A^k Z_0)$

$$= \text{span}(S_n V_k + S_{m-n} W_k)$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{span}(S_n V_k) \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

= span of first  $n$  e-vectors  
of  $A$ .

Note that, we showed convergence of spans, but not column-by-column convergence — this is true but harder to prove.

Fact: first column of  $Q_k \rightarrow$  first e-vector of  $A$

$$\langle q_1^{(k)} \rangle \longrightarrow s_1$$

$$\langle q_1^{(k)}, q_2^{(k)} \rangle \longrightarrow \langle s_1, s_2 \rangle$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\langle q_1^{(k)}, \dots, q_n^{(k)} \rangle \longrightarrow \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle.$$

### QR iteration

$m \times n$ ,  $n < m$ .

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Power  $\rightarrow$  Orthogonal  $\rightarrow$  Q.R.

highest. first  $n$  e-values. all e-values

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \quad |\lambda_1| > \dots > |\lambda_n| > |\lambda_{n+1}|$$

$$|\lambda_1| > \dots > |\lambda_m|.$$

As before, let's assume that  $|\lambda_1| > \dots > |\lambda_m|$ . \*

Let  $Z_0 = [x_1^{(0)} | \dots | x_m^{(0)}]$  be the initial matrix consisting

of  $m$  orthogonal columns.

\* Suppose all principal submatrices of  $Z_0$  are non-singular.  
Then from the analysis done for orthogonal iteration,

the matrix  $T_k = Q_k^* A Q_k$  converges to the upper  $A^r$  form as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

The algorithm for QR iteration can be obtained by considering how  $T_k$  is obtained from  $T_{k-1}$ .

Algorithm:  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,  $Z_0$  unitary in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ .  
 $T_0 = Z_0^* A Z_0$ .

$k=1$  to convergence

$$\begin{cases} T_{k-1} = Q_k R_k & (\text{QR factorization}) \\ T_k = R_k Q_k \\ \text{end} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On the one hand, } T_{k-1} &= Q_{k-1}^* A Q_{k-1} = Q_{k-1}^* (A Q_{k-1}) \\ &= Q_{k-1}^* (Z_k) \\ &= Q_{k-1}^* (Q_k R_k) \\ &= \underline{\underline{(Q_{k-1}^* Q_k) R_k}} \end{aligned}$$

& on the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} T_k &= Q_k^* A Q_k = \underbrace{(Q_k^* A Q_{k-1})}_{\sim} \underbrace{(Q_{k-1}^* Q_k)}_{\sim} \\ A Q_{k-1} &= Z_k = Q_k R_k \\ \text{so } R_k &= Q_k^* A Q_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

thus  $T_k$  is determined by computing the QR factorization of  $T_{k-1}$ , & then multiplying the factors together in reverse order.

The algorithm produces a sequence of matrices

$T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k, \dots$  which converges to the upper  $\Delta^r$

Schur form of  $A$ .