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Max Points: 30

**Notations:** (i) Vectors and matrices are denoted by bold faced lower case and upper case alphabets respectively. (ii) Set of all real numbers is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}$  (iii) Set of all  $n$  dimensional vectors is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (iv) Set of all  $m \times n$  real matrices is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (v) Set of all  $m \times n$  complex matrices is denoted by  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$

1. Answer the following statements as True/False or Yes/No. Give a short reason for your answer. Marks will be awarded only for your reasoning.  **$5 \times 3.5 = 17.5$  points**

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be a non-normal non-defective real matrix with complex eigenvalues having non-zero imaginary part. Do you think “Power iteration” still converges to an eigenvector corresponding to a complex eigenvalue with the largest magnitude? (**Hint:** A complex number  $z$  can be written in polar form as  $z = re^{i\theta}$  where  $r$  is the magnitude of the complex number)
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric positive definite matrix with eigenvalues  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq \mu_n$  with corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a non-zero vector, and we define the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  having eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{n+1}$  with corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{n+1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n+1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are non-zero vectors. Then assert if the following statement is true or false: “Largest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is strictly less than the largest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{B}$  i.e.  $\mu_n < \lambda_{n+1}$ ”. (**Hint:** For any symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , the Rayleigh quotient  $r(\mathbf{x})$  of any vector  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , satisfies the inequality  $\lambda_{\min} \leq r(\mathbf{x}) \leq \lambda_{\max}$ , where  $\lambda_{\min}$  and  $\lambda_{\max}$  are the minimum and maximum eigenvalues, respectively of  $\mathbf{A}$ )
- (c) The following  $(n + 1)$  term Arnoldi recurrence relation is used to build the Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_n$  associated with a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_n = h_{1n}\mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + h_{nn}\mathbf{q}_n + h_{n+1,n}\mathbf{q}_{n+1}$$

using some starting vector  $\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{b}/\|\mathbf{b}\|$ . Then the orthonormal column vectors  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$  has to span the successive column subspaces of  $\{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{Ab}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{n-1}\mathbf{b}\}$ .

- (d) Assume you have a computer with infinite precision. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be a real positive definite symmetric matrix with an algebraic multiplicity of 2 corresponding to the largest eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Power iteration for this matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  fails to converge to an eigenvector corresponding to this largest eigenvalue.
- (e) Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , with  $\mathbf{Q}$  being a unitary matrix. Then  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^T$  should have the same eigenvalues.

2. We have seen in the class that the Rayleigh quotient of a unit-vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  for a real symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is defined as  $\alpha = r(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  and this  $r(\mathbf{x})$  acts like an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  if  $\mathbf{x}$  acts like an approximate eigenvector. You will now show that this Rayleigh quotient is a quadratically accurate estimate of an eigenvalue. To this end, consider the case where  $\mathbf{x}$  is close to one of the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{q}_J$  i.e. if  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \mathbf{q}_j$  and  $\frac{|c_j|}{|c_J|} = \epsilon_j < 1 \quad \forall j \neq J$ , we have  $\frac{|c_j|}{|c_J|} \leq \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon = \max(\epsilon_j)$ , now argue that  $|r(\mathbf{x}) - r(\mathbf{q}_J)| = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$  [6 points]

**(Hint:** Since  $\mathbf{x}$  is a unit vector, you have  $\sum_{j=1}^m c_j^2 = 1$ . First, substitute  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \mathbf{q}_j$  in the expression of  $r(\mathbf{x})$  and then try to use triangle inequalities to arrive at a bound for  $|r(\mathbf{x}) - r(\mathbf{q}_J)|$ . You may also have to use the fact  $\frac{|c_j|}{|c_J|} \leq \epsilon$ )

3. Consider the eigenvalue problem corresponding to a very large sparse symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ . We are interested in solving  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$  for  $i = 1 \dots n$  largest eigenvalue and eigenvector pairs of  $\mathbf{A}$  ( $n \ll m$ ). To this end, let us say we have devised some procedure to construct a smaller  $r$ -dimensional ( $n < r \ll m$ ) subspace rich in the desired eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  spanned by some  $r$  orthonormal basis  $\mathbb{V}^r = \{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_r\}$ . We now wish to seek  $n$  vectors in this subspace  $\mathbb{V}^r$ , which can approximate the  $n$  largest eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ . One way to find these approximate eigenvectors in  $\mathbb{V}^r$  is to make the eigenproblem residuals computed using these vectors orthogonal to the subspace  $\mathbb{V}^r$ . Deduce an algorithm to find these approximate eigenvector-eigenvalue pairs by imposing this orthogonality condition. [6.5 points]