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1.1 QR Algorithm for Non-Symmetric Matrix

- Phase 1: We can not reduce A to a tridiagonal matrix. Instead we reduce A to an upper Hessenberg Matrix

Definition 1.1. A **Hessenberg matrix** is a special kind of square matrix, one that is "almost" triangular. To be exact, an upper Hessenberg matrix has zero entries below the first subdiagonal, and a lower Hessenberg matrix has zero entries above the first superdiagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & H_1 \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \times & \cdots & \times \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \times & \cdots & \times \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & H_1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & H_1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ 0 & \times & \cdots & \times \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \times & \cdots & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

which is a Hessenberg Matrix.

- Phase 2:

Algorithm 1.2

For $k = 1, 2, \dots$

- Computer the QR Decomposition of $A^{(k)} = Q^{(k)} R^{(k)}$
- $A^{(k)} = R^{(k)} Q^{(k)}$.

- Note that $A^{(k)} = R^{(k)}Q^{(k)}$ is also a hessenberg Matrix:

- For $A^{(k)} = R^{(k)}Q^{(k)} = R^{(k)}\left(G_k^{(1)}\right)^T\left(G_k^{(2)}\right)^T\cdots\left(G_k^{(n-1)}\right)^T$:

$$R^{(k)} \left(G_k^{(1)} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & \times \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -s_1 \\ s_1 & c_1 \end{bmatrix} I = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ + & \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & \times \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$R^{(k)} \left(G_k^{(1)}\right)^T \left(G_k^{(2)}\right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ + & \times & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & + & \times & \cdots & \times \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & \times \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The idea is to first make it a Hessenberg Matrix, and then using Givens Rotation to remove the subdiagonal, giving us a upper triangular matrix.

The computational cost for the full QR algorithm is $O(n^3) + O(n^2 \cdot k)$, where k is the number of iterations (usually $O(n)$).

The algorithm generates $A^{(k)}$ satisfies:

$$A^{(k)} = (Q^{(k)})^T \cdots (Q^{(0)})^T A Q^{(0)} \cdots Q^{(k)}$$

which is similar to A , meaning that $A^{(k)}$ has the same eigenvalues of A .

However, we don't expect that this gives the eigenvalue decomposition of A . This is because:

1. the eigenvectors A are not necessarily orthogonal. (but $Q^{(i)}$ are orthogonal matrices), meaning that $X = Q^{(0)} \cdots Q^{(k)}$ is orthogonal.
2. the eigenvalue decomposition of A may not exist.

This QR algorithm converges to the Schur decomposition

Definition 1.3. For any matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, there exists $Q, S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that

$$A = Q S Q^T,$$

where

- $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is orthogonal, i.e. $Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$.
- $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a block upper triangular matrix, with 1×1 or 2×2 diagonal blocks. (i.e., there exists a partition of S :

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & \cdots & S_{1p} \\ & S_{22} & \cdots & S_{2p} \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & S_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \quad S_{ii} \text{ is either } 1 \times 1 \text{ or } 2 \times 2.$$

Furthermore:

- if $S_{ii} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$, then it is an eigenvalue of A
- if $S_{ii} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, then $S_{ii} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$, with $a \pm bi$ being eigenvalues of A .
- The blocks S_{ii} can be sorted s.t.

$$|\text{eig}(S_{11})| \geq |\text{eig}(S_{22})| \geq \cdots \geq |\text{eig}(S_{pp})|.$$

Theorem 1.4

Under mild assumption, the QR algorithm converges to the Schur decomposition, more precisely,

$$A^{(k)} \rightarrow S$$

and

$$Q^{(0)}Q^{(1)} \dots Q^{(k)} \rightarrow Q.$$

We can get eigenvalues of A from S and the eigenvectors of A from Q .

Remark 1.5 — Note that when A is symmetric, the Schur decomposition is the same as the eigenvalue decomposition, as S would be symmetric and upper triangular, i.e. S is diagonal. Because of this, all eigenvalues of A are real, since $S_{ii} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$.

Remark 1.6 — There is no direct formula for the Schur decomposition, since it is related to the eigenvalues of the matrix, which are the roots of a polynomial, which doesn't have a general closed form solution.

Example 1.7

Consider:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since A is non-symmetric, then we would not have a unitary eigenvalue decomposition.

The Schur decomposition of A is:

$$A = QSQ^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & \\ & 1 & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the eigenvalues of A are:

- $1 = \det(S_{22})$
- $1 \pm i = \det(S_{11})$

1.2 Case Studies C - Applications of Eigenvalue Decomposition

Case Study I: Find the roots of a polynomial $p(x)$. Let

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n.$$

There are n solutions (roots) of $p(x) = 0$ in \mathbb{C} . We want to find all the roots of p .

Instead of using a root finding algorithm, we will use the eigenvalue decomposition to do so:

- Construct

$$A_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & a_0 \\ 1 & \ddots & & & a_1 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & 0 & a_{n-2} \\ & & & & 1 & a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then:

$$\det(\lambda I - A_p) = a_0 + a_1\lambda + a_2\lambda^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \lambda^n.$$

This means that the eigenvalues of A_p are the roots of $p(x)$, meaning we can use the QR algorithm to find eigenvalues of A_p . This is widely used in available software packages.

Remark 1.8 — The reason why we might want to use the Schur decomposition to do so is because it is numerically stable due to the unitary transformation.

Case Study II: Ranking webpages. Once again we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{1-p}{n} \mathbf{1} + pA\Pi \\ (I - pA)\Pi &= \frac{1-p}{n} \mathbf{1} \\ (I - pA)\Pi &= \frac{1-p}{n} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T \Pi \\ (pA + \frac{1-p}{n} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T) \Pi &= \Pi. \end{aligned}$$

This is in the form of an eigenvalue problem