

Eigenvalue Algorithms

How do we compute eigenvalues in the middle?

I.e. if  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3 > \dots > \lambda_{n-1} > \lambda_n$

then Power Method w/ Shift can compute either  $\lambda_1$  or  $\lambda_n$ .

To compute  $\lambda_2 \dots \lambda_{n-1}$ , we need a different idea.

Idea Two Apply the power method to find the eigenvalues of  $(A - sI)^{-1}$ . This is called the Inverse Power Method with Shift.

If  $A$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $A^{-1}$  has eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ .

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda}\vec{v} = A^{-1}\vec{v}$$

Furthermore:  $(A - sI)^{-1}$  has eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda - s}$ .

If we choose  $s$  properly to make  $\frac{1}{\lambda - s}$  large, then the Inverse Power Method with shift can converge very rapidly.

Choosing  $s$  close to  $\lambda_k$  causes  $\frac{1}{\lambda_k - s}$  to become very large in absolute value, while  $\frac{1}{\lambda_j - s}$  for  $j \neq k$  remains bounded.

This scheme is of course much more expensive since "applying"  $A^{-1}$  requires solving a linear system ( $O(n^3)$  vs.  $O(n^2)$  flops).

The algorithm

- ① Set  $\vec{w}_0$  to be random.
- ② Solve  $(A - sI)\vec{y}_1 = \vec{w}_0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \vec{y}_1 = (A - sI)^{-1}\vec{w}_0$
- ③ Set  $\vec{w}_1 = \vec{y}_1 / \|\vec{y}_1\|$
- ④ Proceed as in the Power Method.

The hard part is knowing what to choose for  $s$ . You need estimates for the eigenvalues.

Both schemes only compute one eigenvalue/vector at a time.

## Jacobi's Method

Can we compute all eigenvalues and vectors at the same time.

If  $A$  were diagonal, then we immediately know the eigenvalues. Can we make  $A$  diagonal?

Recall Similarity transform:  $B = M^{-1} A M$  then  $B$  is similar to  $A$ , i.e. they have the same eigenvalues.

Proof: Look at their characteristic polynomials:

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) \quad \text{degree } n \text{ polynomial}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_B(\lambda) &= \det(B - \lambda I) \\ &= \det(M^{-1} A M - \lambda I) \\ &= \det(M^{-1} A M - \lambda M^{-1} M) \\ &= \det(M^{-1} (A - \lambda I) M) \\ &= \det(M^{-1}) \det(A - \lambda I) \det(M) \\ &= p_A(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

If  $M$  were chosen to be the matrix of eigenvectors of  $A$ ,

$$\text{then } A = M D M^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad D = \underbrace{M^{-1} A M}_{\text{Diagonalization of } A}$$

$\uparrow$   
eigenvalues

Ex: Let  $A$  be a real symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Eigenvalues are real, and it is diagonalized by an orthogonal matrix } V.$$

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All  $2 \times 2$  orthogonal matrices can be parameterized as:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \quad (2 \times 2 \text{ rotation matrix}).$$

We want

$$\underbrace{V^T}_{=V^{-1}} A V = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Write out components for } 12, 21 \text{ entries of } V^T A V:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \cos \varphi - b \sin \varphi & a \sin \varphi + b \cos \varphi \\ b \cos \varphi - d \sin \varphi & b \sin \varphi + d \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cos \varphi \sin \varphi + b \cos^2 \varphi - b \sin^2 \varphi - d \cos \varphi \sin \varphi = 0$$

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Next: Find  $\varphi$ .

Add equations:  $(a-d) \cos \varphi \sin \varphi + b(\cos^2 \varphi - \sin^2 \varphi) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (a-d) \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\varphi + b \cos 2\varphi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 2\varphi = \frac{2b}{d-a} \quad \Rightarrow \varphi = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{atan} \left( \frac{2b}{d-a} \right).$$

If  $d-a = 0$ , then  $\frac{2b}{d-a} = \infty$ .

$\Rightarrow$  in C or Fortran use

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{atan2}(d-a, 2b).$$

So we find  $\varphi$  such that  $V^T A V = D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

## The Jacobi Method for an $n \times n$ matrix

Define  $R^{pq}(\varphi) =$

column p                  column q.

$R^{pq}(\varphi)$  can be used to set the  $pq$  and  $qp$  elements of a real symmetric matrix  $A$  to zero.

$R^{pq}(\varphi)^T A R^{pq}(\varphi)$  leaves all rows and columns unchanged except for row/column  $p$  and row/column  $q$ .

The algorithm:

- ① Set  $A^{(0)} = A$
- ② Find  $pq$  element in  $A^{(k)}$  with maximum absolute value.
- ③ Compute  $\varphi_k = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{atan} \left( \frac{2 a_{pq}^{(k)}}{a_{qq}^{(k)} - a_{pp}^{(k)}} \right)$

④ Set  $A^{(k+1)} = R^{pq}(\varphi_k)^T A^{(k)} R^{pq}(\varphi_k)$

Continue this algorithm until all  $|a_{pq}^{(k)}| < \epsilon$ ,  $p \neq q$ .

Then  $A^{(k)} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

and furthermore:  $R^{(k)} = R(\varphi_1) R(\varphi_2) \dots R(\varphi_k) \rightarrow \underbrace{(\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_n)}_{\text{matrix of eigenvectors.}}$

To summarize:

Apply a sequence of  $R(\varphi_k)$ 's to  $A$  that zero out all off-diagonal elements.

Question: Do elements that were set to zero stay zero forever in the Jacobi method? No

Idea behind convergence: Every Jacobi rotation moves some "mass" of the matrix apply  $R^T$  and  $R$  from off-diagonal positions to diagonal positions.

What can we say about the convergence of Jacobi's Method?

First a Lemma:

Lemma: If  $R$  is an orthogonal transformation and  $A^T = A$ , then

$$\|A\|_F = \|R^T A R\|_F$$

Frobenius Norm

$$\|A\|_F = \left( \sum_{ij} |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Proof: Let  $B = R^T A R$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues, and  $B^2 = (R^T A R)(R^T A R) = R^T A^2 R$ .

$\Rightarrow A^2$  and  $B^2$  have the same eigenvalues, and therefore  $\text{trace}(A^2) = \text{trace}(B^2)$ .

But  $\|A\|_F^2 = \text{trace}(A^T A) = \text{trace}(\underbrace{AA}_{A^2}) = \text{trace}(B^2) = \|B\|_F^2$ .

(This was proven in Homework.)  $\square$ .