

# Arnoldi for matrix functions

Note Title

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$A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  large, sparse  $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$

How to compute  $f(A)b$ ?

Krylov space:

$$K_n(A, b) = \text{span} \{ b, Ab, \dots, A^{n-1}b \}$$

$V_n \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  whose columns are an orthonormal basis for  $K_n(A, b)$ .

Lemma: if  $p(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $d < n$

$$A_n = V_n^* A V_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$$

$$V_n \underbrace{p(A_n)}_{n \times n} V_n^* b = \underbrace{p(A)}_{m \times m} b$$

For a general function  $f$ , we can take

$$c = V_n \underbrace{f(A_n)}_{n \times n} V_n^* b \quad \text{as an approximation of } \underbrace{f(A)b}_{m \times m}$$

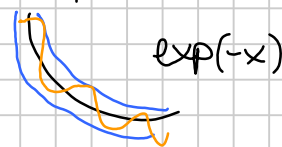
Theorem: let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  Hermitian, and set

$$I = [\lambda_{\min}, \lambda_{\max}] = \text{hull}(\Lambda(A)).$$

Let  $q(x)$  be the best-approximation polynomial for  $f$  on  $I$ , i.e., the polynomial of degree  $d < n$  such that

$$\delta = \max_{x \in I} |f(x) - q(x)| \quad \text{is the smallest possible.}$$

$$\text{Then, } \|f(A)b - c\| \leq 2\delta \|b\|.$$



Recall that  $c = p_n(A)b$  for a certain polynomial of degree  $d < n$   
 (the interpolating polynomial for  $f$  on  $\Lambda(A_n)$ )

Proof: sum and subtract  $a(A)b = V_n a(A_n) V_n^* b$

$$\|f(A)b - c\| = \|(f-a)(A)b - V_n (f-a)(A_n) V_n^* b\|$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\|(f-a)(A)\|}_{\text{claim} \rightarrow \delta} \cdot \|b\| + \underbrace{\|V_n\|}_{1} \underbrace{\|(f-a)(A_n)\|}_{\delta \text{ claim}} \cdot \underbrace{\|V_n^*\|}_{1} \cdot \|b\| = 2\delta \|b\|.$$

$$\|(f-a)(A)\| \leq \|(f-a)(Q \Lambda Q^*)\| = \|Q \begin{bmatrix} (f-a)(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & (f-a)(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} Q^*\|$$

$$= \max_i |(f-a)(\lambda_i)| \leq \delta \quad \text{because } \lambda_i \in I$$

We would like to use the same argument for the second term:

$$\|(f-a)(A_n)\| = \max_{\mu_i \in \Lambda(A_n)} |(f-a)(\mu_i)| \leq \delta$$

for the last inequality to hold, we need to check that  $\Lambda(A_n) \subset I$

Let  $A_n x = x \mu$  be an eigenpair for  $A_n$ ,

$$\mu = \frac{x^* A_n x}{x^* x} = \frac{x^* V_n^* A V_n x}{x^* V_n^* V_n x} = \frac{y^* A y}{y^* y} \quad \text{with } V_n x = y$$

$\uparrow$   
Rayleigh quotient for  $A_n$

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Rayleigh quotient on  $A$

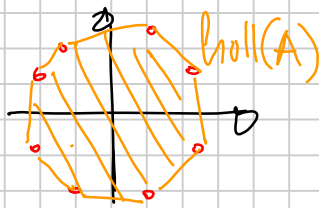
$$\frac{y^* A y}{y^* y} = \frac{y^* Q^* \Lambda Q y}{y^* Q^* Q y} = \frac{z^* \Lambda z}{z^* z} = \frac{\sum |z_i|^2 \lambda_i}{\sum |z_i|^2}.$$

= linear comb. of  $\lambda_i \in I$  by convexity

This concludes the proof.  $\square$

This also works for normal matrices, if we replace  $[A_{\min}, A_{\max}]$  with the convex hull  $\text{hull}(\Lambda(A))$

which in general is a polygon  $\in \mathbb{C}$ .



We would like to generalize this result to non-normal  $A$  as well.

Two steps do not work:

$$1. \Lambda(A_n) \subseteq \text{hull}(\Lambda(A))$$

$$2. \|f(A)\| = \max_{\lambda \in \Lambda(A)} |f(\lambda)|.$$

only true for normal  $A$ .

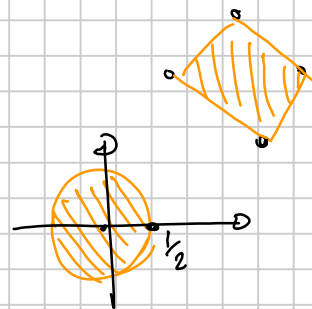
Two technical tools

Def: the numerical range or field of values of  $A$  is the set of all possible values of the Rayleigh quotient

$$W(A) = \left\{ \frac{x^* A x}{x^* x} : x \in \mathbb{C}^m \setminus \{0\} \right\}$$

Ex: 1. If  $A$  normal,  $W(A) = \text{hull}(\Lambda(A))$

$$2. A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has } W(A) = B(0, \frac{1}{2})$$



$$3. \Lambda(A) \subseteq W(A) \subseteq B(0, \|A\|)$$

Euclidean norm  $\sigma_{\max}(A)$

Since the Rayleigh quotients of  $A_n$  are Rayleigh quotients for  $A$ ,

$$W(A_n) \subseteq W(A)$$

$$\frac{x^* A_n x}{x^* x} = \frac{y^* A y}{y^* y} \quad y = V_n x$$

Theorem: (CROUZEIX-PALENCIA) <sup>2017</sup> Let  $\gamma = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ , then  
 for every  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , and every  $f$  holomorphic on  $W(A)$ ,  
 we have

$$\|f(A)\| \leq \gamma \max_{z \in W(A)} |f(z)|$$

Conjecture (Crouzeix's conjecture):  $\gamma = 2$  works as well

Theorem: let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $f$  holomorphic on  $W(A)$ , let  
 $q(z)$  be the best-approx. polynomial to  $f$  in  $W(A)$  i.e.  
 the polynomial of degree  $d < n$  that achieves minimum

$$\delta = \max_{z \in W(A)} |f(z) - q(z)|$$

Then,  $\|f(A)b - c\| \leq 2\gamma\delta \|b\|$ .

Proof:

$$\|f(A)b - c\| = \|(f - q)(A)b - V_n (f - q)(A_n) V_n^* b\|$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\|(f - q)(A)\|}_{\leq \gamma\delta} \cdot \|b\| + \underbrace{\|V_n\|}_{1} \cdot \underbrace{\|(f - q)(A_n)\|}_{\leq \gamma\delta} \cdot \underbrace{\|V_n^*\|}_{1} \cdot \|b\|.$$

by the theorem  
 on  $f - q$

by the same theorem,  
 since  $W(A_n) \subset W(A)$

$f(A)b = p(A)b$       $p$  interpolates  $f$  on blue  $\times$ s

$c = p_n(A)b$       $p_n$  interpolates  $f$  on red  $o$ s

Idea (from the power method): if we want only the

eigenvalues on the rightmost part of  $\Lambda(A)$ , we use  $V_n$  not from  $K_n(A, b)$ , but from  $K_n((A - \alpha I)^{-1}, b)$  where  $\alpha$  is a suitable value right of  $\Lambda(A)$

Shift-out-invert Arnoldi: cost: 1 sparse factorization  
 $n$  sparse solves

$$\text{span } V_n = \left\{ r(A)b : r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{(x-\alpha)^n}, \deg(p) < n \right\}$$

$$K_n = \left\{ p(A)b \dots \right\}$$

The same results hold with  $q(z)$  being the best approximately rational function with denominator  $(x-\alpha)^n$

Generalization: rational Arnoldi:

choose an arbitrary polynomial of the denominator,

$$q(x) = (x-\alpha_1)(x-\alpha_2)\dots(x-\alpha_n)$$

one can compute a basis for

$$K_{q,n} = \left\{ r(A)b : r(z) = \frac{p(z)}{q(z)}, \deg p \leq \deg q \right\}.$$

(Güttel 2013 review of rational Arnoldi for matrix functions)

$$\left\{ \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} : \deg p \leq \deg q \right\} = \text{span} \left( \frac{1}{z-\alpha_1}, \frac{1}{z-\alpha_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{z-\alpha_n} \right)$$

