

Newton for the matrix sign

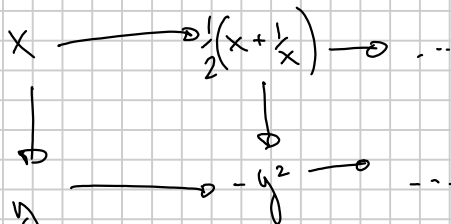
Scalar version: $X_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) \quad X_0 = A$

Theorem: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} X_k = \text{sign}(A)$
 (and the convergence is quadratic).

$$y = \frac{1+x}{1-x}$$

$$\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

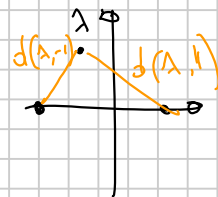
$$y_k := \frac{1+X_k}{1-X_k} \quad y_{k+1} = \frac{1+X_{k+1}}{1-X_{k+1}} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{2}(X_k+X_k^{-1})}{1-\frac{1}{2}(X_k+X_k^{-1})} = \frac{X_k^2+2X_k+1}{-X_k^2+2X_k-1} = -\left(\frac{1+X_k}{1-X_k}\right)^2 = -y_k^2$$



$$X_0 = A \quad y_0 = \frac{1+A}{1-A} \quad |y_0| > 1 \text{ if } \text{Re}(A) > 0$$

$$|y_0| < 1 \text{ if } \text{Re}(A) < 0$$

$$|y_0| = \frac{|1+A|}{|1-A|} = \frac{d(A, -1)}{d(A, 1)}$$



$$y_1 = -y_0^2, \quad y_2 = -y_0^4, \quad y_3 = -y_0^8, \dots$$

$$|y_k| = |y_0|^{2^k} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |y_0| < 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } |y_0| > 1 \end{cases}$$

so $y_k \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \\ \infty \end{cases}$ quadratically if $0 = y = \frac{1+x}{1-x} \Leftrightarrow x = -1$
 if $\infty = y = \frac{1+x}{1-x} \Leftrightarrow x = \infty$
 $X_k \rightarrow \begin{cases} -1 \\ 1 \end{cases}$ quadratically

Behavior of the corresponding matrix iteration

$$X_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) \quad X_0 = A$$

$$Y_k = (X_k - S)(X_k + S)^{-1} \quad S = \text{sign}(A)$$

if $A = VJV^{-1}$

$$Y_0 = (A - S)(A + S)^{-1} = V \left(J - \text{sign}(J) \right) V^{-1} \underbrace{V \left(J + \text{sign}(J) \right)^{-1} V^{-1}}_{\text{on diagonal}}$$

on diagonal:

$$\lambda_j + \text{sign}(\lambda_j) \neq 0$$

$$= V \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & & & \\ & \lambda_j & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_j \end{pmatrix} V^{-1} \quad \lambda_j = a + bi \quad \lambda_j + \text{sign}(\lambda_j) = (a + \text{sign}(a)) + bi$$

$$\lambda_j - \text{sign}(\lambda_j) = (a - \text{sign}(a)) + bi$$

\Rightarrow all eigs of Y_0 are $|\lambda_j| < 1$

$$Y_{k+1} = (X_{k+1} - S)(X_{k+1} + S)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) - S \right) \left(\frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) + S \right)^{-1} =$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) - S \right) (2X_k) (2X_k)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) + S \right)^{-1}$$

$$= (X_k^2 + I - 2SX_k) \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1}) + S \right) (2X_k) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= (X_k^2 + I - 2SX_k) (X_k^2 + I + 2SX_k)^{-1}$$

$S^2 \quad \underbrace{SX_k = X_k S} \quad S^2$

$$= (X_k - S)^2 (X_k + S)^{-2} = \left[(X_k - S)(X_k + S)^{-1} \right]^2 = Y_k^2$$

$$Y_k = Y_0^{2^k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ because } \rho(Y_0) < 1$$

$$Y_k = (X_k - S)(X_k + S)^{-1} \Leftrightarrow Y_k(X_k + S) = X_k - S$$

$$= (Y_k - I)X_k = (-I - Y_k)S \Rightarrow X_k = (Y_k - I)^{-1}(-I - Y_k)S$$

$\rightarrow S$ if $Y_k \rightarrow 0$

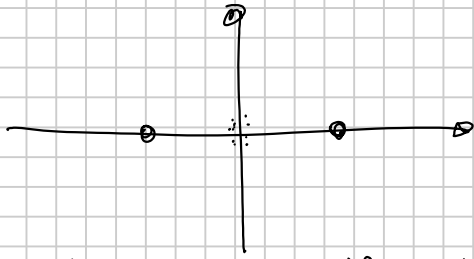
Algorithm:

$$X_0 = A$$

$$\text{Repeat } X_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1})$$

\rightarrow you do need an inverse!
inv(X)

Convergence slow when far from ± 1



How to speed up the iteration when this happens? Scaling!

$$\text{sign}(X) = \text{sign}(\alpha X) \text{ for each } \alpha > 0$$

Can we choose α to make sure that all eigenvalues of A have absolute value ≈ 1

Might be impossible if the eigs of A have different scales, e.g. $\text{eig}(A) = 10^5, 2, 10^{-6(i+1)}$

But still, it is better to have $10^{-5}, 2, 10^{-6(i+1)}$
than $i+1, 2 \cdot 10^6, 10^{-6(i+1)}$ ($\alpha = 10^6$)

(Q: what happens if you start the iteration $X_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(X_k + X_k^{-1})$ from a point on the imaginary axis?) e.g. $X_0 = i$

Idea: we want to balance the orders of magnitudes of eigenvalues so that they are "centered in 1"
(10^5 is as slow-converging as 10^{-5})

Idea 1: make geometric mean of eigenvalues = 1:

Cheaper! $(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (\det A)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \iff \det A = 1$

$X^{-1} = U \cdot \Lambda^{-1} \cdot U^{-1}$
gives "determinantal scaling".
 $\det(\dots) = \text{prod}(\text{diag}(U))$

Idea 2: make $[\lambda_{\min}, \lambda_{\max}]$ "centered around 1"

$$\text{so you try to make } \alpha \lambda_{\min} = (\alpha \lambda_{\max})^{-1}$$

need some steps of power iteration on A, A^{-1}

$$\alpha \lambda_{\min} = \alpha^{-1} \lambda_{\max}^{-1}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min} \lambda_{\max}}$$

"spectral scaling"

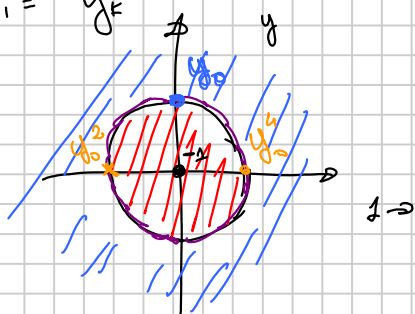
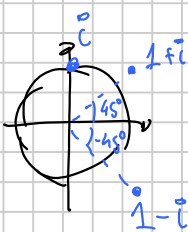
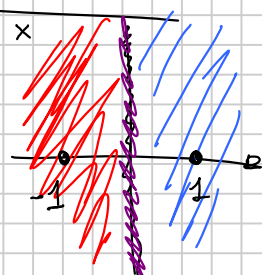
Idea 3: $\sigma_{\min}(\alpha A) \leq \sigma_{\max}(\alpha A) = 1$ "Norm scaling"

need some steps of power it. on $A^T A$ and $A^{-T} A^{-1}$

" $\| \alpha A \|$ "

$x_0 = i$ $x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}(x_k + x_k^{-1})$?

$y_0 = \frac{1+x_0}{1-x_0} = \frac{1+i}{1-i} = i$ $y_{k+1} = -y_k^2$



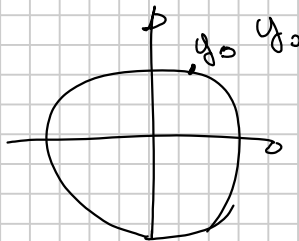
$y_0 = i$

$y_1 = -y_0^2 = -(-1) = 1$

$y_2 = -1^2 = -1$

$y_3 = -1, y_4 = -1, \dots$

$x_0 = 1.1i$



Stability: complicated. Under small perturbations,

Assume (up change of basis) $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ $\Lambda(A_{11}) \in \text{LHP}$
 $\Lambda(A_{22}) \in \text{RHP}$

$\text{sign}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $V_i = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\| \text{sign}(A+E) - \text{sign}(A) \| \leq \frac{\|E\|}{(\text{sep}(A_{11}, A_{22}))^3}$

(scales as separation³)

However, often one is only interested in V_1, V_2 stable/unstable invariant subspaces

$(\text{sign}(A) = [V_1 | V_2] \begin{bmatrix} -I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} [V_1 | V_2]^{-1})$

If one uses a computed $\text{sign}(A+E)$ to extract these two

subspaces, $\text{Ker}(\text{sign}(A+\epsilon) + I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ X \end{bmatrix}$

$$\|X\| \leq \frac{\|\epsilon\|}{\text{sep}(A_{11}, A_{22})} \quad \text{without the cob!}$$

[Bai, Demmel '98, Byers, Mehrmann, He '97]

Suppose you are given M, N s.t. $A = M^{-1}N$

Can you compute $\text{sign}(A)$ just from M, N without forming A ?

(Natural question if you think about generalized eigenvalues / QZ algorithm)
 QZ is, essentially, a method to compute eigenvalues of $A = M^{-1}N$
 just from M, N without forming A)

We can implement the Newton iteration in a similar "inverse-free" fashion

input: M, N s.t. $A = M^{-1}N = X_0$

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^{-1}) \stackrel{?}{=} M_1^{-1}N_1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(M^{-1}N + N^{-1}M^{-1}) = \frac{1}{2}M^{-1}(N + MN^{-1}M)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}M^{-1}(N + \hat{M}^{-1}\hat{N}M) = \frac{1}{2}M^{-1}\hat{M}^{-1}(\hat{M}N + \hat{N}M)$$

$$= \underbrace{(\hat{M}\hat{M})^{-1}}_{M_1^{-1}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}(\hat{M}N + \hat{N}M)\right)}_{N_1}$$

$$(M_0, N_0) \rightarrow (M_1, N_1) \rightarrow (M_2, N_2) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (M_{\infty}, N_{\infty})$$

Suppose we find \hat{M}, \hat{N}
 $MN^{-1} = \hat{M}^{-1}\hat{N}$

How to find $MN^{-1} = \hat{M}^{-1}\hat{N}$?

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{M}M = \hat{N}N \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \hat{M} & \hat{N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ -N \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{M} & \hat{N} \end{bmatrix}^T = \text{Ker} \left(\begin{bmatrix} M \\ -N \end{bmatrix}^T \right) \quad (\text{computed e.g. with a QR decomposition})$$

There are cases in which computing this kernel is a lot

more stable than computing M^{-1} or N^{-1} :

for instance,

$$\begin{bmatrix} M \\ -N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} Q^T \\ Q & \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} Q^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } \varepsilon \text{ small } \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q_1, Q_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2} \quad R_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

$$Q_2^T Q_1 = 0 \Rightarrow Q_2^T = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{M} & \hat{N} \end{bmatrix}$$

("linear algebra on pencils") matrix pencil = $(-M\lambda + N)$

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} (x_k + x_k^{-1}) = \frac{x_k^2 + 1}{2x_k}$$

↖ "even terms" of $(1+x_k)^2$
↖ "odd terms" of $(1+x_k)^2$

$$= \frac{(1+x_k)^2 + (1-x_k)^2}{(1+x_k)^2 - (1-x_k)^2}$$

The same works for higher powers:

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{(1+x_k)^3 + (1-x_k)^3}{(1+x_k)^3 - (1-x_k)^3} = \frac{1+3x_k+3x_k^2+x_k^3 + (1-3x_k+3x_k^2-x_k^3)}{1+3x_k+3x_k^2+x_k^3 - (1-3x_k+3x_k^2-x_k^3)}$$

$$= \frac{2(1+3x_k^2)}{2(3x_k+x_k^3)}$$

has fixed points in ± 1
of order 3

Problem: it is no longer true that $x_k \rightarrow \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} x_0 < 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } \operatorname{Re} x_0 > 0 \end{cases}$