

## Eigenvalues of $\hat{L}_{f,x}$

Recap: Fréchet derivative of  $f$  in  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ :  
is the linear operator s.t.

$$f(X+E) = f(X) + L_{f,x}[E] + o(\|E\|)$$

ex:  $f(X) = X^2$      $L_{f,x}[E] \rightarrow XE + EX$

$$\hat{L}_{f,x} = X^T \otimes I + I \otimes X$$

Th: Let  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  have eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$   
(with multiplicity). Then, the  $n^2$  eigenvalues of  $\hat{L}_{f,x}$   
are

$$f[\lambda_i, \lambda_j] = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\lambda_i) - f(\lambda_j)}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} & \text{if } \lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \\ f'(\lambda_i) & \text{if } \lambda_i = \lambda_j \end{cases}$$

for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Prf: We can replace  $f$  with a polynomial  $p(x)$  such  
that  $f^{(k)}(\lambda_i) = p^{(k)}(\lambda_i)$  for  $k$  up to  $2n-1$  so that

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} X & E \\ 0 & X \end{bmatrix}\right) = p\left(\begin{bmatrix} X & E \\ 0 & X \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

and hence  $L_{f,x}[E] = L_{p,x}[E]$  (it is the (1,2) block of  $\rightarrow$ )

$$\text{If } p(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_d x^d$$

$$p(X+E) = c_0 I + c_1 (X+E) + c_2 (X+E)^2 + \dots + c_d (X+E)^d$$

$$= \underline{c_0 I} + \underline{c_1 X} + \underline{c_1 E} + \underline{c_2 X^2} + \underline{c_2 (XE+EX)} + \underline{c_2 E^2}$$

$$+ \underline{c_3 X^3} + \underline{c_3 (EX^2 + XEX + X^2E)} + \underline{o(\|E\|)}$$

$$+ \dots + \underline{c_d X^d} + \underline{c_d (EX^{d-1} + XEX^{d-2} + X^2EX^{d-3} + \dots + X^{d-1}E)} + \underline{o(\|E\|)}$$

$$= \underline{p(X)} + \underline{\sum_{k=1}^d c_k \sum_{h=1}^k X^{k-h} E X^{h-1}} + \underline{o(\|E\|)}$$

$$L_{f,X}[E]$$

$$\hat{L}_{f,X} = \sum_{k=1}^d c_k \sum_{h=1}^k (X^{h-1})^T \otimes X^{k-h}$$

Take Schur forms  $X = Q_1 U_1 Q_1^*$   $X^T = Q_2 U_2 Q_2^*$

Then  $X^{k-h} = Q_1 U_1^{k-h} Q_1^*$   $(X^{h-1})^T = Q_2 U_2^{h-1} Q_2^*$

and  $\hat{L}_{f,X} = \sum_k c_k \sum_h Q_2 U_2^{h-1} Q_2^* \otimes Q_1 U_1^{k-h} Q_1^*$

$$= \underbrace{(Q_2 \otimes Q_1)}_{\text{orth}} \underbrace{\left( \sum_k c_k \sum_h U_2^{h-1} \otimes U_1^{k-h} \right)}_{\text{triangular} := U} \underbrace{(Q_2 \otimes Q_1)^*}_{\text{orth}^*}$$

This is a Schur decomposition, we can read off the eigenvalues from the diagonal of  $U$

$$U_{i+n(j-1), i+n(j-1)} = \sum_{k=1}^d \sum_{h=1}^k c_k \lambda_i^{h-1} \lambda_j^{k-h} =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^d C_k \sum_{h=1}^k \Lambda_i^{h-1} \Lambda_j^{k-h} = \sum_{k=1}^d C_k \left( \Lambda_j^{k-1} + \Lambda_i \Lambda_j^{k-2} + \Lambda_i^2 \Lambda_j^{k-3} + \dots + \Lambda_i^{k-1} \right)$$

if  $\Lambda_i \neq \Lambda_j$ : 
$$= \sum_{k=1}^d C_k \frac{\Lambda_i^k - \Lambda_j^k}{\Lambda_i - \Lambda_j} = \frac{P(\Lambda_i) - P(\Lambda_j)}{\Lambda_i - \Lambda_j} = P[\Lambda_i, \Lambda_j]$$

if  $\Lambda_i = \Lambda_j$ : 
$$= \sum_{k=1}^d C_k k \Lambda_i^{k-1} = P'(\Lambda_i)$$

Ex:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , principal square root

Eigenvalues of  $\hat{L}_{f,x}$  are 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\Lambda_i^{1/2} - \Lambda_j^{1/2}}{\Lambda_i - \Lambda_j} & \Lambda_i \neq \Lambda_j \\ \frac{1}{2\Lambda_i^{1/2}} & \Lambda_i = \Lambda_j \end{cases} \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n$$

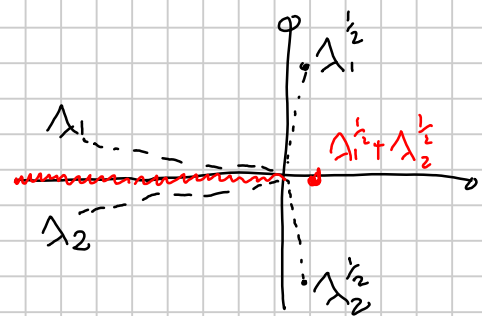
For which choices of  $\Lambda_i, \Lambda_j$  are these eigenvalues large in modulus?

Ex:  $n=2$   $\Lambda(x) = \{\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2\}$   $\Lambda_1 \neq \Lambda_2$

$$\Lambda(\hat{L}_{f,x}) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2\Lambda_1^{1/2}}, \frac{\Lambda_1^{1/2} - \Lambda_2^{1/2}}{\Lambda_1 - \Lambda_2}, \frac{\Lambda_1^{1/2} - \Lambda_2^{1/2}}{\Lambda_1 - \Lambda_2}, \frac{1}{2\Lambda_2^{1/2}} \right\}$$

Large eigenvalues if:

- $X$  has an eigenvalue close to 0
- $X$  has eigenvalues close to each other, but on opposite sides of the negative real axis.



(branch cut line)

More in general, for any function  $f$ , large eigenvalues come from:

- points with large  $f'(\lambda_i)$
- pairs of points close to a discontinuity in  $f$ :  $\lambda_i - \lambda_j$  small, but  $f(\lambda_i) - f(\lambda_j)$  not small.

This gives insight on cases in which to expect ill-conditioning.

If  $X$  is normal,  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  can be taken diagonal, so

$L_{f,X} = (Q_1 \otimes Q_2) \begin{pmatrix} \dots \end{pmatrix} (Q_1 \otimes Q_2)^*$  is an orthogonal eigendecomposition, and this is the whole story.

If  $X$  is not normal,  $\|\hat{L}_{f,X}\| = \sigma_{\max}(\hat{L}_{f,X}) \geq |\lambda_{\max}(\hat{L}_{f,X})|$ .

We can at least give a bound: if  $X$  is diagonalizable,

$X = V \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) V^{-1}$ , we can repeat this argument with this decomposition, and obtain

$$\hat{L}_{f,X} = (V^T \otimes V) \cdot \operatorname{diag}(f[\lambda_i, \lambda_j], i, j = 1, \dots, n) \cdot (V^T \otimes V)^{-1}$$

$$\|\hat{L}_{f,X}\|_2 \leq \kappa_2^2(V) \max_{i,j} |f[\lambda_i, \lambda_j]| \quad \begin{aligned} \|V^T \otimes V\|_2 &= \|V^T\|_2 \|V\|_2 \\ &= \|V\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

For non-normal matrices, a third cause of ill-conditioning is:

- $\kappa_2(V)$  large.

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Numerical methods for matrix functions

Based on:

- decompositions  $X = VDV^{-1}$ ,  $X = QUQ^*$
  - interpolation / approximation: replace  $f$  with a polynomial or rational function
  - Cauchy integral formula  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} f(z)(z-x)^{-1} dz$
  - Special tricks for certain functions,  $\exp(2a) = \exp(a)^2$  or root finding iterations, ex.  $X^{1/2}$  via Newton on  $X^2 - A = 0$ .
  - Arnoldi iteration
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Simplest method: if  $X$  diagonalizable,  $X = VDV^{-1}$

$$f(X) = f(VDV^{-1}) = Vf(D)V^{-1} = V \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & & \\ & f(\lambda_2) & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & f(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

If  $X$  Hermitian / symmetric / normal,  $V$  is orthogonal, and this method is stable, and a good one.

Otherwise errors may be amplified:

Suppose you make an error in computing  $f(\lambda_i) = y_i$ , leading to  $\tilde{y}_i$  with  $|\tilde{y}_i - y_i| \leq \epsilon$

Then, even ignoring other sources of numerical errors, the computed

$$\tilde{Y} = V \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_1 & & \\ & \tilde{y}_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \tilde{y}_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

$$\|\tilde{Y} - f(X)\| = \left\| V \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_1 & & \\ & \tilde{y}_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \tilde{y}_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} - V \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & & \\ & y_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & y_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \right\| =$$

$$= \left\| V \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\epsilon} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{\epsilon} y_{n-1} \\ \sqrt{\epsilon} y_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \right\| \leq \|V\| \cdot \epsilon \cdot \|V^{-1}\| = \epsilon \cdot \kappa(V)$$

If  $\kappa(V)$  is large, we can expect trouble.

Ex:

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>> A = [3 -1; 1 1+1e-15]
A =
    3.0000    -1.0000
    1.0000    1.0000
>> [V, D] = eig(A)
V =
    0.7071 + 0.0000i    0.7071 + 0.0000i
    0.7071 - 0.0000i    0.7071 + 0.0000i
D =
    2.0000 + 0.0000i    0.0000 + 0.0000i
    0.0000 + 0.0000i    2.0000 - 0.0000i
>> cond(V)
ans =
    6.7109e+07
>> Y = V*sqrt(D)/V;
>> norm(Y^2-A)
ans =
    1.8531e-08
>> norm(Y^2-A) / norm(A)
ans =
    5.7263e-09
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Instead, we try to replace  $f(x)$  with the polynomial such that  $p(z) = f(z)$ ,  $p'(z) = f'(z)$ ,  $\deg p = 1$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$z = p(A) \quad \|z^2 - A\| / \|A\| = O(10^{-16})$$

However,  $p(A) \neq f(A)$  in exact arithmetic, because  $p(x)$  is not the interpolating polynomial in  $\Lambda(A) = \{2.00\dots, 2.00\dots\}$

The correct thing to do would have been replacing  $f(x)$  not with a polynomial but with its Taylor series

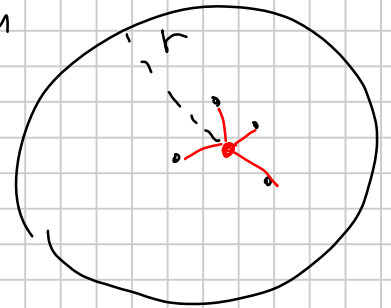
$$\text{series } f(x) = \underbrace{f(z) + f'(z)(x-z)}_{p(x)} + \frac{f''(z)}{2}(x-z)^2 + \dots$$

$\downarrow$   
 $O(10^{-14})$  on my example matrix

This suggests a general method to approximate matrix functions:

1. Choose a center for Taylor expansion  
Cheap but effective choice.

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n}{n} = \frac{\text{Tr}(A)}{n}$$



2. Compute  $f(A) \approx f(\alpha)I + f'(\alpha)(A - \alpha I) + \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2}(A - \alpha I)^2 + \dots$   
stopping when the method converges (with a suitable stopping criterion).

## Theorem (convergence of Taylor series)

Suppose  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} (x-\alpha)^k$  is a Taylor expansion with convergence radius  $r > 0$ .

Then,

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} (x-\alpha)^k = f(A)$$

for all matrices  $A$  with  $\Lambda(A) \subseteq \{\lambda : |\lambda - \alpha| < r\}$ .

Proof: We can reduce to the case of Jordan blocks

Indeed, let us set  $p_d(x) = \sum_{k=0}^d \frac{f^{(k)}(\alpha)}{k!} (x-\alpha)^k$

Then,  $A = VJV^{-1}$

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} p_d(A) = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} p_d(VJV^{-1}) = V \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} p_d(J_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p_d(J_s) \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

We can conclude if we prove convergence on the Jordan blocks.

$$p_d(J) = \begin{bmatrix} p_d(\lambda) & p_d'(\lambda) & \dots & \frac{1}{(k-1)!} p_d^{(k-1)}(\lambda) \\ & \vdots & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & p_d'(\lambda) \\ & & & p_d(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$$

On diagonal elements,  $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} p_d(\lambda) = f(\lambda)$

since  $\lambda$  is in the radius of convergence

In the strictly upper triangular part,



$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j!} P_d^{(j)}(1)$$

power series for  $f^{(j)}(x)$ , truncated to degree  $d-j$

The power series for  $f^{(j)}(x)$  has the same radius of convergence as the series for  $f(x)$ , which is a general fact on power series seen in analysis courses.

$$\text{So } \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j!} P_d^{(j)}(1) = \frac{1}{j!} f^{(j)}(1).$$