EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS

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Eigenvalue Problems. Introduction

Let A an $n \times n$ real nonsymmetric matrix. The eigenvalue problem:

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$: eigenvalue
$x \in \mathbb{C}^n$: eigenvector

Types of Problems:

- Compute a few λ_i 's with smallest or largest real parts;
- Compute all λ_i's in a certain region of $\mathbb{C}$;
- Compute a few of the dominant eigenvalues;
- Compute all λ_i's.

Eigenvalue Problems. Their origins

- Structural Engineering [$Ku = \lambda Mu$]
- Stability analysis [e.g., electrical networks, mechanical system,..]
- Bifurcation analysis [e.g., in fluid flow]
- Electronic structure calculations [Schrödinger equation..]
- Applications of new era: page rank (of the world-wide web) and many types of dimension reduction (SVD instead of eigenvalues)

Basic definitions and properties

A complex scalar λ is called an eigenvalue of a square matrix A if there exists a nonzero vector u in $\mathbb{C}^n$ such that $Au = \lambda u$. The vector u is called an eigenvector of A associated with λ. The set of all eigenvalues of A is the 'spectrum' of A. Notation: $\Lambda(A)$.

➤ λ is an eigenvalue iff the columns of $A - \lambda I$ are linearly dependent.

➤ ... equivalent to saying that its rows are linearly dependent. So: there is a nonzero vector w such that

$$w^H(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

➤ w is a left eigenvector of A (u= right eigenvector)

➤ λ is an eigenvalue iff $\boxed{\det(A - \lambda I) = 0}$

Basic definitions and properties (cont.)

➤ An eigenvalue is a root of the Characteristic polynomial:

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

➤ So there are n eigenvalues (counted with their multiplicities).

➤ The multiplicity of these eigenvalues as roots of p_A are called algebraic multiplicities.

➤ The geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue λ_i is the number of linearly independent eigenvectors associated with λ_i.

➤ Geometric multiplicity is $\leq$ algebraic multiplicity.

➤ An eigenvalue is simple if its (algebraic) multiplicity is one.

➤ It is semi-simple if its geometric and algebraic multiplicities are equal.

✍1 Consider

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of A? their algebraic multiplicities? their geometric multiplicities? Is one a semi-simple eigenvalue?

✍2 Same questions if a_{33} is replaced by one.

✍3 Same questions if, in addition, a_{12} is replaced by zero.

➤ Two matrices A and B are similar if there exists a nonsingular matrix X such that

$$A = XBX^{-1}$$

➤ $Av = \lambda v \iff B(X^{-1}v) = \lambda(X^{-1}v)$
eigenvalues remain the same, eigenvectors transformed.

➤ Issue: find X so that B has a simple structure

Definition: A is diagonalizable if it is similar to a diagonal matrix

➤ THEOREM: A matrix is diagonalizable iff it has n linearly independent eigenvectors

➤ ... iff all its eigenvalues are semi-simple

➤ ... iff its eigenvectors form a basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Transformations that preserve eigenvectors

Shift	$B = A - \sigma I$: $Av = \lambda v \iff Bv = (\lambda - \sigma)v$ eigenvalues move, eigenvectors remain the same.
Polynomial	$B = p(A) = \alpha_0 I + \cdots + \alpha_n A^n$: $Av = \lambda v \iff Bv = p(\lambda)v$ eigenvalues transformed, eigenvectors remain the same.
Invert	$B = A^{-1}$: $Av = \lambda v \iff Bv = \lambda^{-1}v$ eigenvalues inverted, eigenvectors remain the same.
Shift & Invert	$B = (A - \sigma I)^{-1}$: $Av = \lambda v \iff Bv = (\lambda - \sigma)^{-1}v$ eigenvalues transformed, eigenvectors remain the same. spacing between eigenvalues can be radically changed.

➤ THEOREM (Schur form): Any matrix is unitarily similar to a triangular matrix, i.e., for any A there exists a unitary matrix Q and an upper triangular matrix R such that

$$A = QRQ^H$$

➤ Any Hermitian matrix is unitarily similar to a real diagonal matrix, (i.e. its Schur form is real diagonal).

➤ It is easy to read off the eigenvalues (including all the multiplicities) from the triangular matrix R

➤ Eigenvectors can be obtained by back-solving

Schur Form – Proof

✍4 Show that there is at least one eigenvalue and eigenvector of A: $Ax = \lambda x$, with $\|x\|_2 = 1$

✍5 There is a unitary transformation P such that $Px = e_1$. How do you define P?

✍6 Show that $PAP^H = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & ** \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

✍7 Apply process recursively to A_2.

✍8 What happens if A is Hermitian?

✍9 Another proof altogether: use Jordan form of A and QR factorization

Localization theorems and perturbation analysis

➤ Localization: where are the eigenvalues located in $\mathbb{C}$?

➤ Perturbation analysis: If A is perturbed how does an eigenvalue change? How about an eigenvector?

➤ Also: sensitivity of an eigenvalue to perturbations

➤ Next result is a "localization" theorem

➤ We have seen one such result before. Let $\|.\|$ be a matrix norm.

Then: $\forall \lambda \in \Lambda(A) : |\lambda| \leq \|A\|$

➤ All eigenvalues are located in a disk of radius $\|A\|$ centered at 0.

➤ More refined result: Gershgorin

THEOREM [Gershgorin]

$$\forall \lambda \in \Lambda(A), \quad \exists i \quad \text{such that} \quad |\lambda - a_{ii}| \leq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{j=n} |a_{ij}| \, .$$

➤ In words: eigenvalue λ is located in one of the closed discs of the complex plane centered at a_{ii} and with radius $\rho_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$.

Proof: By contradiction. If contrary is true then there is one eigenvalue λ that does not belong to any of the disks, i.e., such that $|\lambda - a_{ii}| > \rho_i$ for all i. Write matrix $A - \lambda I$ as:

$$A - \lambda I = D - \lambda I - [D - A] \equiv (D - \lambda I) - F$$

where D is the diagonal of A and $-F = -(D - A)$ is the matrix of off-diagonal entries. Now write

$$A - \lambda I = (D - \lambda I)(I - (D - \lambda I)^{-1} F).$$

From assumptions we have $\|(D - \lambda I)^{-1} F\|_\infty < 1$. (Show this). The Lemma in P. 5-3 of notes would then show that $A - \lambda I$ is nonsingular – a contradiction □

Gershgorin's theorem - example

✍10 Find a region of the complex plane where the eigenvalues of the following matrix are located:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

➤ Refinement: if disks are all disjoint then each of them contains one eigenvalue

➤ Refinement: can combine row and column version of the theorem (column version: apply theorem to A^H).

Bauer-Fike theorem

THEOREM [Bauer-Fike] Let $\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{u}$ be an approximate eigenpair with $\|\tilde{u}\|_2 = 1$, and let $r = A\tilde{u} - \tilde{\lambda}\tilde{u}$ ('residual vector'). Assume A is diagonalizable: $A = XDX^{-1}$, with D diagonal. Then

$$\exists\, \lambda \in \Lambda(A) \quad \text{such that} \quad |\lambda - \tilde{\lambda}| \le \text{cond}_2(X)\|r\|_2 \,.$$

➤ Very restrictive result - also not too sharp in general.

➤ Alternative formulation. If E is a perturbation to A then for any eigenvalue $\tilde{\lambda}$ of $A + E$ there is an eigenvalue λ of A such that:

$$|\lambda - \tilde{\lambda}| \le \text{cond}_2(X)\|E\|_2 \,.$$

Conditioning of Eigenvalues

➤ Assume that λ is a simple eigenvalue with right and left eigenvectors u and w^H respectively. Consider the matrices:

$$A(t) = A + tE$$

Eigenvalue $\lambda(t)$,
Eigenvector $u(t)$.

➤ Conditioning of λ of A relative to E is $\left|\frac{d\lambda(t)}{dt}\right|_{t=0}$.

➤ Write $A(t)u(t) = \lambda(t)u(t)$ Then multiply both sides to the left by w^H:

$$\begin{aligned} w^H(A + tE)u(t) &= \lambda(t)w^H u(t) \quad \to \\ \lambda(t)w^H u(t) &= w^H A u(t) + t w^H E u(t) \\ &= \lambda w^H u(t) + t w^H E u(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \frac{\lambda(t)-\lambda}{t} w^H u(t) = w^H E u(t)$$

➤ Take the limit at $t = 0$,

$$\lambda'(0) = \frac{w^H E u}{w^H u}$$

➤ Note: the left and right eigenvectors associated with a simple eigenvalue cannot be orthogonal to each other.

➤ Actual conditioning of an eigenvalue, given a perturbation "in the direction of E" is $|\lambda'(0)|$.

➤ In practice only estimate of $\|E\|$ is available, so

$$|\lambda'(0)| \le \frac{\|Eu\|_2 \|w\|_2}{|(u,w)|} \le \|E\|_2 \frac{\|u\|_2 \|w\|_2}{|(u,w)|}$$

Definition. The condition number of a simple eigenvalue λ of an arbitrary matrix A is defined by

$$\text{cond}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\cos\theta(u,w)}$$

in which u and w^H are the right and left eigenvectors, respectively, associated with λ.

Example: Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -149 & -50 & -154 \\ 537 & 180 & 546 \\ -27 & -9 & -25 \end{pmatrix}$$

➤ $\Lambda(A) = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Right and left eigenvectors associated with $\lambda_1 = 1$:

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3162 \\ -0.9487 \\ 0.0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad w = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6810 \\ 0.2253 \\ 0.6967 \end{pmatrix}$$

So: *cond*$(\lambda_1) \approx 603.64$

➤ Perturbing a_{11} to -149.01 yields the spectrum:

$$\{0.2287, 3.2878, 2.4735\}.$$

➤ as expected..

➤ For Hermitian (also normal matrices) every simple eigenvalue is well-conditioned, since $\text{cond}(\lambda) = 1$.

Perturbations with Multiple Eigenvalues - Example

➤ Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

➤ Worst case perturbation is in 3,1 position: set $A_{31} = \epsilon$.

➤ Eigenvalues of perturbed A are the roots of

$$p(\mu) = (\mu - 1)^3 - 4 \cdot \epsilon.$$

➤ Roots: $\mu_k = 1 + (4\epsilon)^{1/3} e^{\frac{2ki\pi}{3}}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3$

➤ Hence eigenvalues of perturbed A are $1 + O(\sqrt[3]{\epsilon})$.

➤ If index of eigenvalue (dimension of largest Jordan block) is k, then an $O(\epsilon)$ perturbation to A leads to $O(\sqrt[k]{\epsilon})$ change in eigenvalue. Simple eigenvalue case corresponds to $k = 1$.