#### Numerical Analysis - Part II

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Lecture 23

# Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

#### Theorem 1

Let A and S be  $n \times n$  matrices, S being nonsingular. Then **w** is an eigenvector of A with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if and only if  $\hat{w} = Sw$  is an eigenvector of  $\hat{A} = SAS^{-1}$  with the same eigenvalue.

#### Proof.

$$A\mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w} \iff AS^{-1}(S\mathbf{w}) = \lambda \mathbf{w} \iff (SAS^{-1})(S\mathbf{w}) = \lambda(S\mathbf{w}).$$

## Deflation

Suppose that we have found one solution of the eigenvector equation  $A\mathbf{w} = \lambda \mathbf{w}$ , where A is again  $n \times n$ . Then *deflation* is the task of constructing an  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix, B say, whose eigenvalues are the other eigenvalues of A. Specifically, we apply a similarity transformation S to A such that the first column of  $\widehat{A} = SAS^{-1}$  is  $\lambda$  times the first coordinate vector  $\mathbf{e}_1$ , because it follows from the characteristic equation for eigenvalues and from Theorem 1 that we can let B be the bottom right  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ submatrix of  $\widehat{A} = SAS^{-1}$ . In particular,

$$SAS^{-1} = \widehat{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \beta \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$$

We write the condition on *S* as  $(SAS^{-1})e_1 = \lambda e_1$ . Then the last equation in the proof of Theorem 1 shows that it is sufficient if *S* has the property  $Sw = ce_1$ , where *c* is any nonzero scalar.

Suppose that A is symmetric and  $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  are given so that  $A\boldsymbol{w} = \lambda \boldsymbol{w}$ . We seek a nonsingular matrix S such that  $S\boldsymbol{w} = c\boldsymbol{e}_1$  and such that  $SAS^{-1}$  is also symmetric. The last condition holds if S is orthogonal, since then  $S^{-1} = S^T$ . It is suitable to pick a *Householder reflection*, which means that S has the form

$$H_u = I - 2\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{u}^T / \|\boldsymbol{u}\|^2$$
, where  $\boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Algorithm for deflation for symmetric A

Specifically, we recall from the Numerical Analysis IB course that Householder reflections are orthogonal and that, because  $H_u \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$ and  $H_u \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$  if  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = 0$ , they reflect any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to the (n-1)-dimensional hyperplane orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ . So, for any two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  of equal lengths,

 $H_{\boldsymbol{u}}\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{y}, \text{ where } \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y}.$ 

Hence,

$$\left(I - 2\frac{\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{u}^{T}}{\|\boldsymbol{u}\|^{2}}\right)\boldsymbol{w} = \pm \|\boldsymbol{w}\|\boldsymbol{e}_{1}, \text{ where } \boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{w} \mp \|\boldsymbol{w}\|\boldsymbol{e}_{1}.$$

Since the bottom n-1 components of  $\boldsymbol{u}$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}$  coincide, the calculation of  $\boldsymbol{u}$  requires only  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  computer operations. Further, the calculation of  $SAS^{-1}$  can be done in only  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  operations, taking advantage of the form  $S = I - 2\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{u}^T / \|\boldsymbol{u}\|^2$ , even if all the elements of A are nonzero.

After deflation, we may find an eigenvector,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}$  say, of  $SAS^{-1}$ . Then the new eigenvector of A, according to Theorem 1, is  $S^{-1}\hat{\boldsymbol{w}} = S\hat{\boldsymbol{w}}$ , because Householder matrices, like all symmetric orthogonal matrices, are *involutions*:  $S^2 = I$ .

#### **Givens rotations**

The notation  $\Omega^{[i,j]}$  denotes the following  $n \times n$  matrix

$$\Omega^{[i,j]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & c & s & \\ & -s & c & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow & 1 \\ & & i & j \end{bmatrix}, \quad c^2 + s^2 = 1.$$

Generally, for any vector  $\pmb{a}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we can find a matrix  $\Omega^{[i,j]}$  such that

$$\Omega^{[i,j]} \boldsymbol{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & c & s & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & -s & c & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & \uparrow & \uparrow & 1 \\ & & & i & j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ a_{ik} \\ \vdots \\ a_{jk} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nk} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ r \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{r} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ r \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{r} = \sqrt{a_{ik}^2 + a_{jk}^2},$$

1) We can choose  $\Omega^{[i,j]}$  so that any prescribed element  $\tilde{a}_{jk}$  in the *j*-th row of  $\tilde{A} = \Omega^{[i,j]}A$  is zero.

2) The rows of  $\tilde{A} = \Omega^{[i,j]}A$  are the same as the rows of A, except that the *i*-th and *j*-th rows of the product are linear combinations of the *i*-th and *j*-th rows of A.

3) The columns of  $\widehat{A} = \widetilde{A}\Omega^{[i,j]T}$  are the same as the columns of  $\widetilde{A}$ , except that the *i*-th and *j*-th columns of  $\widehat{A}$  are linear combinations of the *i*-th and *j*-th columns of  $\widetilde{A}$ .

4)  $\Omega^{[i,j]}$  is an orthogonal matrix, thus  $\widehat{A} = \Omega^{[i,j]} A \Omega^{[i,j]T}$  inherits the eigenvalues of A.

5) If A is symmetric, then so is  $\widehat{A}$ .

### Transformation to upper Hessenberg – Givens

**Transformation to an upper Hessenberg form:** We replace A by  $\hat{A} = SAS^{-1}$ , where S is a product of Givens rotations  $\Omega^{[i,j]}$  chosen to annihilate subsubdiagonal elements  $a_{i,i-1}$  in the (i-1)-st column:

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The e-elements have changed through a single transformation while the \*-elements remained the same.

It is seen that every element that we have set to zero remains zero, and the final outcome is indeed an upper Hessenberg matrix. If A is symmetric then so will be the outcome of the calculation, hence it will be tridiagonal. In general, the cost of this procedure is  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ .

## Transformation to upper Hessenberg – Householder

Alternatively, we can transform A to upper Hessenberg using Householder reflections, rather than Givens rotations. In that case we deal with a column at a time, taking  $\boldsymbol{u}$  such that, with  $H_u = I - 2\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{u}^T / \|\boldsymbol{u}\|^2$ , the *i*-th column of  $\widetilde{B} = H_u B$  is consistent with the upper Hessenberg form. Such a  $\boldsymbol{u}$  has its first *i* coordinates vanishing, therefore  $\widehat{B} = \widetilde{B}H_u^T$  has the first *i* columns unchanged, and all new and old zeros (which are in the first *i* columns) stay untouched.

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## The QR algorithm

The "plain vanilla" version of the QR algorithm is as follows. Set  $A_0 = A$ . For k = 0, 1, ... calculate the QR factorization  $A_k = Q_k R_k$  (here  $Q_k$  is  $n \times n$  orthogonal and  $R_k$  is  $n \times n$  upper triangular) and set  $A_{k+1} = R_k Q_k$ . The eigenvalues of  $A_{k+1}$  are the same as the eigenvalues of  $A_k$ , since we have

$$A_{k+1} = R_k Q_k = Q_k^{-1} (Q_k R_k) Q_k = Q_k^{-1} A_k Q_k,$$
(1)

a similarity transformation. Moreover,  $Q_k^{-1} = Q_k^T$ , therefore if  $A_k$  is symmetric, then so is  $A_{k+1}$ .

If for some  $k \ge 0$  the matrix  $A_{k+1}$  can be regarded as "deflated", i.e. it has the block form

$$A_{k+1} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} B & C \\ D & E \end{array} \right],$$

where B, E are square and  $D \approx 0$ , then we calculate the eigenvalues of B and E separately (again, with QR, except that there is nothing to calculate for  $1 \times 1$  and  $2 \times 2$  blocks). As it turns out, such a "deflation" occurs surprisingly often.

## The QR iteration for upper Hessenberg matrices

If  $A_k$  is upper Hessenberg, then its QR factorization by means of the Givens rotations produces the matrix

$$R_k = Q_k^T A_k = \Omega^{[n-1,n]} \cdots \Omega^{[2,3]} \Omega^{[1,2]} A_k$$

which is upper triangular. The QR iteration sets  $A_{k+1} = R_k Q_k = R_k \Omega^{[1,2]T} \Omega^{[2,3]T} \cdots \Omega^{[n-1,n]T}$ , and it follows that  $A_{k+1}$  is also upper Hessenberg, because

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \times \underset{O}{\Omega^{[1,2]^{T}}} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & * & * \\ \bullet & \bullet & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \times \underset{O}{\Omega^{[2,3]^{T}}} \begin{bmatrix} * & \bullet & \bullet & * \\ \bullet & \bullet & * \\ 0 & \bullet & \bullet & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \times \underset{O}{\Omega^{[3,4]^{T}}} \begin{bmatrix} * & * & \bullet & \bullet \\ * & * & \bullet & \bullet \\ 0 & * & \bullet & \bullet \\ 0 & 0 & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus a strong advantage of bringing A to the upper Hessenberg form initially is that then, in every iteration in QR algorithm,  $Q_k$  is a product of just n-1 Givens rotations. Hence each iteration of the QR algorithm requires just  $O(n^2)$  operations. We bring A to the upper Hessenberg form, so that the QR algorithm commences from a symmetric tridiagonal matrix  $A_0$ , and then the technique on the previous slide is applied for every k as before. Since both the upper Hessenberg structure and symmetry is retained, each  $A_{k+1}$  is also symmetric tridiagonal too.

It follows that, whenever a Givens rotation  $\Omega^{[i,j]}$  combines either two adjacent rows or two adjacent columns of a matrix, the total number of nonzero elements in the new combination of rows or columns is at most five. Thus there is a bound on the work of each rotation that is independent of *n*. Hence each QR iteration requires just  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  operations. To analyse the matrices  $A_k$  that occur in the QR algorithm 5.13, we introduce

$$\bar{Q}_k = Q_0 Q_1 \cdots Q_k, \qquad \bar{R}_k = R_k R_{k-1} \cdots R_0, \qquad k = 0, 1, \dots$$
 (2)

Note that  $\bar{Q}_k$  is orthogonal and  $\bar{R}_k$  upper triangular.

# Fundamental properties of $\bar{Q}_k$ and $\bar{R}_k$

#### Lemma 2 (Fundamental properties of $\bar{Q}_k$ and $\bar{R}_k$ )

 $A_{k+1}$  is related to the original matrix A by the similarity transformation  $A_{k+1} = \bar{Q}_k^T A \bar{Q}_k$ . Further,  $\bar{Q}_k \bar{R}_k$  is the QR factorization of  $A^{k+1}$ .

**Proof.** We prove the first assertion by induction. By (1), we have  $A_1 = Q_0^T A_0 Q_0 = \overline{Q}_0^T A \overline{Q}_0$ . Assuming  $A_k = \overline{Q}_{k-1}^T A \overline{Q}_{k-1}$ , equations (1)-(2) provide the first identity

$$A_{k+1} = Q_k^T A_k Q_k = Q_k^T (\bar{Q}_{k-1}^T A \bar{Q}_{k-1}) Q_k = \bar{Q}_k^T A \bar{Q}_k.$$

The second assertion is true for k = 0, since  $\bar{Q}_0 \bar{R}_0 = Q_0 R_0 = A_0 = A$ . Again, we use induction, assuming  $\bar{Q}_{k-1}\bar{R}_{k-1} = A^k$ . Thus, using the definition (2) and the first statement of the lemma, we deduce that

$$\begin{split} \bar{Q}_k \bar{R}_k &= (\bar{Q}_{k-1} Q_k) (R_k \bar{R}_{k-1}) = \bar{Q}_{k-1} A_k \bar{R}_{k-1} = \bar{Q}_{k-1} (\bar{Q}_{k-1}^T A \bar{Q}_{k-1}) \bar{R}_{k-1} \\ &= A \bar{Q}_{k-1} \bar{R}_{k-1} = A \cdot A^k = A^{k+1} \end{split}$$

and the lemma is true.

Assume that the eigenvalues of A have different magnitudes,

$$|\lambda_1| < |\lambda_2| < \dots < |\lambda_n|, \text{ and let } \boldsymbol{e}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \boldsymbol{w}_i = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \boldsymbol{w}_i$$
(3)

be the expansion of the first coordinate vector in terms of the normalized eigenvectors of A, where m is the greatest integer such that  $c_m \neq 0$ .

#### Relation between QR and the power method

Consider the first columns of both sides of the matrix equation

$$A^{k+1} = \bar{Q}_k \bar{R}_k.$$

By the power method arguments, the vector  $A^{k+1}\boldsymbol{e}_1$  is a multiple of  $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i(\lambda_i/\lambda_m)^{k+1}\boldsymbol{w}_i$ , so the first column of  $A^{k+1}$  tends to be a multiple of  $\boldsymbol{w}_m$  for  $k \gg 1$ . On the other hand, if  $\boldsymbol{q}_k$  is the first column of  $\bar{Q}_k$ , then, since  $\bar{R}_k$  is upper triangular, the first column of  $\bar{Q}_k \bar{R}_k$  is a multiple of  $\boldsymbol{q}_k$ .

Therefore  $\boldsymbol{q}_k$  tends to be a multiple of  $\boldsymbol{w}_m$ . Further, because both  $\boldsymbol{q}_k$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}_m$  have unit length, we deduce that  $\boldsymbol{q}_k = \pm \boldsymbol{w}_m + \boldsymbol{h}_k$ , where  $\boldsymbol{h}_k$  tends to zero as  $k \to \infty$ . Therefore,

$$A\boldsymbol{q}_{k} = \lambda_{m}\boldsymbol{q}_{k} + o(1), \quad k \to \infty.$$
(4)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\_O\_notation http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/research/afha/anders/JFA\_ Final.pdf Theorem 3 (The first column of  $A_k$ )

Let conditions (3) be satisfied. Then, as  $k \to \infty$ , the first column of  $A_k$  tends to  $\lambda_m e_1$ , making  $A_k$  suitable for deflation.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2, the first column of  $A_{k+1}$  is  $\bar{Q}_k^T A \bar{Q}_k e_1$ , and, using (4), we deduce that

 $\begin{aligned} A_{k+1}\boldsymbol{e}_1 &= \bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_k^T A \bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_k \boldsymbol{e}_1 = \bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_k^T A \boldsymbol{q}_k \stackrel{(4))}{=} \bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_k^T [\lambda_m \boldsymbol{q}_k + o(1)] \stackrel{(*)}{=} \lambda_m \boldsymbol{e}_1 + o(1) \,, \end{aligned}$ where in (\*) we used that  $\bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_k^T \boldsymbol{q}_k = \boldsymbol{e}_1$  by orthogonality of  $\bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}$ , and that  $\|\bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_k \boldsymbol{x}\|_2 = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_2$  because an orthogonal mapping is an isometry.  $\Box$ https://blogs.mathworks.com/cleve/2019/08/05/

the-qr-algorithm-computes-eigenvalues-and-singular-values/

In practice, the statement of Theorem 3 is hardly ever important, because usually, as  $k \to \infty$ , the off-diagonal elements in the bottom row of  $A_{k+1}$  tend to zero *much faster* than the off-diagonal elements in the first column. The reason is that, besides the connection with the power method, the QR algorithm also enjoys a close relation with *inverse iteration*.

Let again

$$|\lambda_1| < |\lambda_2| < \dots < |\lambda_n|, \text{ and let } \boldsymbol{e}_n^T = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \boldsymbol{v}_i^T = \sum_{i=s}^n c_i \boldsymbol{v}_i^T$$
(5)

be the expansion of the last coordinate row vector  $\boldsymbol{e}_n^I$  in the basis of normalized *left eigenvectors* of A, i.e.  $\boldsymbol{v}_i^T A = \lambda_i \boldsymbol{v}_i^T$ , where s is the least integer such that  $c_s \neq 0$ .

Assuming that A is nonsingular, we can write the equation  $A^{k+1} = \bar{Q}_k \bar{R}_k$  in the form  $A^{-(k+1)} = \bar{R}_k^{-1} \bar{Q}_k^T$ . Consider the bottom rows of both sides of this equation:  $\mathbf{e}_n^T A^{-(k+1)} = (\mathbf{e}_n^T \bar{R}_k^{-1}) \bar{Q}_k^T$ . By the inverse iteration arguments, the vector  $\mathbf{e}_n^T A^{-(k+1)}$  is a multiple of  $\sum_{i=s}^n c_i (\lambda_s / \lambda_i)^{k+1} \mathbf{v}_i^T$ , so the bottom row of  $A^{-(k+1)}$ tends to be multiple of  $\mathbf{v}_s^T$ . On the other hand, let  $\mathbf{p}_k^T$  be the bottom row of  $\bar{Q}_k^T$ . Since  $\bar{R}_k$  is upper triangular, its inverse  $\bar{R}_k^{-1}$  is upper triangular too, hence the bottom row of  $\bar{R}_k^{-1} \bar{Q}_k^T$ , is a multiple of  $\mathbf{p}_k^T$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{p}_k^T$  tends to a multiple of  $\mathbf{v}_s^T$  and because of their unit

Therefore,  $\boldsymbol{p}_k^T$  tends to a multiple of  $\boldsymbol{v}_s^T$ , and, because of their unit lengths, we have  $\boldsymbol{p}_k^T = \pm \boldsymbol{v}_s^T + \boldsymbol{h}_k^T$ , where  $\boldsymbol{h}_k \to 0$ , i.e.,

$$\boldsymbol{p}_k^T \boldsymbol{A} = \lambda_s \boldsymbol{p}_k^T + o(1), \quad k \to \infty.$$
(6)

#### Theorem 4 (The bottom row of $A_k$ )

Let conditions (5) be satisfied. Then, as  $k \to \infty$ , the bottom row of  $A_k$  tends to  $\lambda_s e_n^T$ , making  $A_k$  suitable for deflation.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2, the bottom row of  $A_{k+1}$  is  $e_n^T \bar{Q}_k^T A \bar{Q}_k$ , and similarly to the previous proof we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{e}_{n}^{T}\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{e}_{n}^{T}\bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{k}^{T}\boldsymbol{A}\bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{k} = \boldsymbol{p}_{k}^{T}\boldsymbol{A}\bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{k} \stackrel{(6)}{=} [\lambda_{s}\boldsymbol{p}_{k}^{T} + o(1)] \, \bar{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{k} = \lambda_{s}\boldsymbol{e}_{n}^{T} + o(1) \,.$$
(7)
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As we saw in previous lectures, there is a huge difference between power iteration and inverse iteration: the latter can be accelerated arbitrarily through the use of shifts. The better we can estimate  $s_k \approx \lambda_s$ , the more we can accomplish by a step of inverse iteration with the shifted matrix  $A_k - s_k I$ . Theorem 4 shows that the bottom right element  $(A_k)_{nn}$  becomes a good estimate of  $\lambda_s$ . So, in the single shift technique, the matrix  $A_k$  is replaced by  $A_k - s_k I$ , where  $s_k = (A_k)_{nn}$ , before the QR factorization:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A_k - s_k I &=& Q_k R_k, \\ A_{k+1} &=& R_k Q_k + s_k I \end{array}$$

## Single shifts

A good approximation  $s_k = (A_k)_{nn}$  to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_s$  generates even better approximation of  $s_{k+1} = (A_{k+1})_{nn}$  to  $\lambda_s$ , and convergence is accelerating at a higher and higher rate (it will be the so-called cubic convergence  $|\lambda_s - s_{k+1}| \le \gamma |\lambda_s - s_k|^3$ ). Note that, similarly to the original QR iteration, we have

$$A_{k+1} = Q_k^T (Q_k R_k + s_k I) Q_k = Q_k^T A_k Q_k \,,$$

hence  $A_{k+1} = \bar{Q}_k^T A \bar{Q}_k$ , but note also that  $\bar{Q}_k \bar{R}_k \neq A^{k+1}$ , but we have instead

$$\bar{Q}_k\bar{R}_k=\prod_{m=0}^k(A-s_mI)$$

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