

# Arnoldi Method

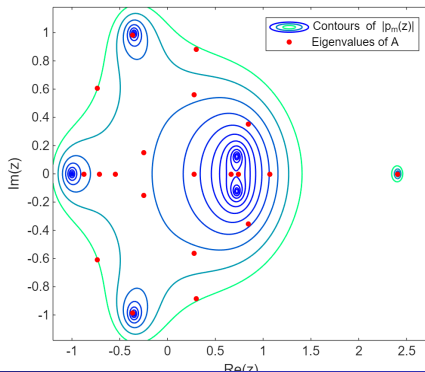
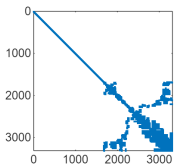
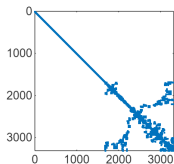
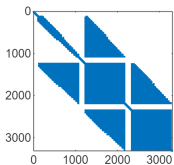
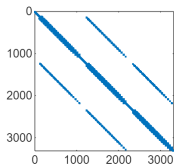
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# Outline

## Iterative methods for sparse matrix problems

- Arnoldi method for eigenvalues (2 hr)
- GMRES for linear systems (2 hr)
- Extensions (1 hr)



# Sparse Matrices

- Matrices with most entries zero: we store and operate only on the nonzeros
- Save memory and computation – essential for very large systems (e.g. PDE discretisations)
- Various storage formats (coordinate, CSR/CSC, etc.) – tradeoffs between memory usage, implementation complexity and operation speed
- Iterative methods (Arnoldi, GMRES, etc.) with only minimal requirements, e.g. matrix-vector product
- Applications to scientific computing, optimisation, simulation, machine learning, etc.

# Eigenvalue problem

Today we consider the eigenvalue problem:

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$A$  is large, sparse, nonsymmetric, but, we assume, diagonalisable

Can be complex (everything works fine) but we present only real examples

Our goal is to compute some (not all) of the eigenvalues of  $A$

In practice, we estimate the “extreme” eigenvalues of  $A$  (those near the edge of the spectrum – most often relevant in applications)

We'll consider two algorithms:

- Power method (stepping stone)
- Arnoldi method (main focus)

# Power method

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So as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  the bracketed factor  $\rightarrow c_1 x_1$  geometrically at rate  $|\lambda_2/\lambda_1|^k$ .

Conclusion: the direction of  $A^k b$  tends to the dominant eigenvector  $x_1$ .

# Power method

Choose  $b \neq 0$  at random

Set  $v_1 = b / \|b\|$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$w_{j+1} = Av_j$$

$$v_{j+1} = w_{j+1} / \|w_{j+1}\| \quad (\text{normalise})$$

$$\mu_{j+1} = v_{j+1}^* Av_{j+1} \quad (\text{Rayleigh quotient})$$

End

$v_{j+1}$  is normalised eigenvector estimate.

Rayleigh quotient yields eigenvalue estimate:

$$Av_{j+1} \approx \lambda_1 v_{j+1}$$

$$\mu_{j+1} := v_{j+1}^* Av_{j+1} \approx \lambda_1 v_{j+1}^* v_{j+1} = \lambda_1 \|v_{j+1}\|^2 = \lambda_1$$

# Power method

We start with  $b$ , and progressively calculate  $Ab$ ,  $A^2b$ ,  $A^3b, \dots$  (ignore scaling for now).

The final eigen-estimates use only the last vector in this sequence.

Could we do better by incorporating all the intermediate vectors too (somehow)?

Observation: By step  $m$  of the method we have built a basis for the subspace

$$\mathcal{K}_m(A, b) = \text{span}\{b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^{m-1}b\}$$

which is known as the Krylov subspace of dimension  $m$  (for this particular  $A$  and  $b$ ).

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This is a very natural subspace to consider: formed only by repeated matrix-vector products with  $A$ .

Clearly it captures something about how  $A$  acts on vectors. There should be some information about the eigenvectors lurking in there!

The power method however throws nearly all of it away, and only uses the final vector.

How can we make better use of the full subspace of information?

# Projection methods

Start with a large-dimensional problem (e.g. our large, sparse eigenvalue problem).

Project the problem down onto a small-dimensional space (e.g. our Krylov subspace).

Solve it exactly (and cheaply!) in the small-dimensional space.

Lift the solution back up to the full scale to obtain an approximate solution to the large-dimensional problem.

So first question:

- What does it mean to “project” the eigenvalue problem onto a Krylov subspace?



# Maybe we're getting ahead of ourselves

Here's the Krylov subspace:

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The naive choice of basis for this space, literally formed by the vectors  $b, Ab, A^2b, \dots$ , would be hopelessly ill-conditioned.

The whole point of the power method is that the later vectors all point in pretty much the same direction!

So second question (which we'll answer first):

- How do we build a well-conditioned basis for the Krylov subspace?

# The Arnoldi process

$$\beta = \|b\|, \quad v_1 = b/\beta$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$h_{ij} = \langle Av_j, v_i \rangle, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, j$$

$$w_j = Av_j - \sum_{i=1}^j h_{ij} v_i$$

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End

At any step  $m$  the columns of  $V_m = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_m]$  form an orthonormal basis for the Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_m(A, b) = \text{span}\{b, Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^{m-1}b\}$ .

We have also generated the matrix  $\overline{H}_m$  whose  $(i, j)$ th entry is  $h_{ij}$ .

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- $A$  is  $n \times n$ , where  $n$  is typically large
- $V_m$  is  $n \times m$ :  $m$  columns of  $n$ -dimensional vectors
- $V_{m+1}$  is  $n \times (m+1)$ : it's just  $V_m$  but one iteration further along
- $\overline{H}_m$  is  $(m+1) \times m$  (rectangular) upper Hessenberg
- $H_m$  is  $m \times m$  (square) upper Hessenberg: it's just  $\overline{H}_m$  without the bottom row

For eigenvalue problems  $H_m$  is the relevant matrix.

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Then map back to  $n$ -dimensions with

$$u_i^{(m)} = V_m y_i^{(m)}$$

The pair  $(\theta_i^{(m)}, u_i^{(m)})$  are the Ritz values and Ritz vectors, respectively.

Ideally they are good approximations of true eigenvalue/eigenvector pairs of  $A$ .

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Eigenvalue residual

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Note the “lucky breakdown” in the Arnoldi process occurs when  $h_{m+1,m} = 0$ , so the Ritz values and vectors would in fact be true eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$  in that case.