

Numerical methods for matrix functions

SF2524 - Matrix Computations for Large-scale Systems

Lecture 13

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Not matrix functions: $f(A) = \det(A)$, $f(A) = \|A\|$, $f(A) = AB + A^2 C$

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- Jordan based: Definition 4.1.3
- Cauchy integral: Definition 4.1.4

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For some problems much better than traditional time-stepping methods.

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$$Q = \log(P(1))$$

and check properties.

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See youtube video from Gene Golub summer school:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXWMYr0LQAk>

Definitions of matrix functions

PDF lecture notes section 4.1

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What is the matrix function of a Jordan block?

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

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Of the above definitions the JCF-definition is more general, it requires only the existence of a set of derivatives in the eigenvalues of the matrix. However, polynomials are sometimes nice for intuition.

A matrix function is a polynomial (I)

A matrix function $f(A)$ defined using a JCF is a polynomial in A .

Higham, problem 1.3.

A matrix function is a polynomial (II)

There exists an interpolating polynomial (Hermite) that interpolates f and desired derivatives on the spectrum of A . This interpolation can be used to define a matrix function, and is equivalent to the JCF-definition.

Higham, definition 1.4, and theorem 1.12.

General methods

PDF lecture notes section 4.2

General methods for matrix functions:

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Note:

- T and $f(T)$ are triangular
- $f_{ii} = f(t_{ii})$, hence the diagonal of F is known
- $f(T)$ commutes with T :

$$f(T)T = Tf(T).$$

* On black board: two-by-two example. Generalization derivation *

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Repeat sub-column by sub-column.

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Input: A triangular matrix $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with distinct eigenvalues

Output: The matrix function $F = f(T)$

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for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do  
   $f_{ii} = f(t_{i,i})$   
end  
for  $p = 1, \dots, n-1$  do  
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     $j = i + p$   
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       $s = s + t_{ik}f_{kj} - f_{ik}t_{kj}$   
    end  
     $f_{ij} = s/(t_{jj} - t_{ii})$   
  end  
end
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Algorithm 1: Simplified Schur-Parlett method

Main properties Schur-Parlett (simplified)

- Requires the computation of a Schur-decomposition ($\mathcal{O}(n^3)$) which is often the dominating computational cost.
- The only usage of f : $f(\lambda_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$
- Only works when eigenvalues distinct
- Numerical cancellation can occur when eigenvalues close: Can be repaired with the full version of Schur-Parlett by using $f^{(i)}(z)$.