

## Lecture Notes 0: Krylov subspace methods

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## 1 Polynomial of matrix $A$

### 1.1 Characteristic polynomial of matrix $A$

$$P_A(x) = |A - xI|.$$

example: given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$P_A(x) = |A - xI| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-x & 4 \\ 3 & 2-x \end{vmatrix} = x^2 - 3x - 10.$$

Let  $P_A(x) = 0$ , then  $x_1 = -5, x_2 = 2$ , which are the eigenvalues of matrix  $A$ . *This polynomial encodes several important properties of the matrix, most notably its eigenvalues, its determinant and its trace. [wikipedia]*

### 1.2 Cayley–Hamilton theorem

Let  $P_A(x)$  be the Characteristic polynomial of matrix  $A$ , then

$$P_A(A) = 0.$$

try it:

$$\begin{aligned} P_A(A) &= A^2 - 3A - 10I \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 12 \\ 9 & 16 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 10 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

A bogus proof:  $p(A) = \det(AI - A) = \det(A - A) = 0$ .

formal proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_A(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x^i \\
\Rightarrow P_A(A) &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^i \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i (X \Lambda X^{-1})^i \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X \Lambda^i X^{-1} \\
&= X \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \Lambda^i \right) X^{-1} \\
&= X \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_1^i & & & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_2^i & & \\ & & \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_3^i & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_n^i \end{bmatrix} X^{-1} \\
&= X \begin{bmatrix} P_A(\lambda_1) & & & 0 \\ 0 & P_A(\lambda_2) & & \\ & & P_A(\lambda_3) & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & P_A(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} X^{-1} \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , are root of  $P_A(x) = 0$ .

### 1.3 express a matrix by its characteristic polynomial

We can use polynomials of  $A$  to express any functions of  $A$  if  $A$  is diagonalizable.

$$f(x) = x^{-1} = a_1 x^1 + \dots + a_n x^n.$$

$$A^{-1} = f(A).$$

example: given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = -2$ .

$$P(A) = A^{-1} = x^2 + bx + c$$

$$P(5) = f(5) = 1/5 = (1/5)^2 + (1/5)b + c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(-2) &= f(-2) = -1/2 = (-1/2)^2 + (-1/2)b + c \\
&\Rightarrow b = -2.9, c = -10.3 \\
&\Rightarrow P(x) = x^2 - 2.9x - 10.3
\end{aligned}$$

$$P(A) = A^2 - 2.9A - 10.3I = A^{-1}$$

.(check by hand)

We can replace the operation on matrix A by with a corresponding polynomial, the coefficients of the polynomial are computed similarly.

## 1.4 interpolation and approximation of polynomial

- Interpolation

$$P(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

find  $a_{n-1}, \dots, a_0$ , such that for all  $\lambda_i$ ,  $P(\lambda_i) = f(\lambda_i)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^{n-1} & \lambda_1^{n-2} & \dots & \lambda_1 & 1 \\ \lambda_2^{n-1} & \lambda_2^{n-2} & \dots & \lambda_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \lambda_n^{n-1} & \lambda_n^{n-2} & \dots & \lambda_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-2} \\ \vdots \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda_1) - \lambda_1^n \\ f(\lambda_2) - \lambda_2^n \\ \vdots \\ f(\lambda_n) - \lambda_n^n \end{bmatrix}$$

That is the form of  $Ax = b$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ;  $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ .

- Approximation use low-dimensional polynomial to approximate high-dimensional polynomial.

$$P(x) = a_kx^k + a_{k-1}x^{k-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

find  $a_{n-1}, \dots, a_0$ , such that for all  $\lambda_i$ ,  $P(\lambda_i) \approx f(\lambda_i)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & \lambda_1^{k-2} & \dots & \lambda_1 & 1 \\ \lambda_2^k & \lambda_2^{k-2} & \dots & \lambda_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \lambda_n^k & \lambda_n^{k-2} & \dots & \lambda_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} a_k \\ a_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ a_1 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda_1) \\ f(\lambda_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

That is the form of  $Ax \approx b$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ ;  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times 1}$ ;  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ , and  $k < n$ . We can treat it as a least squares problem and solve  $x$  for the polynomial coefficients.

## 1.5 Krylov subspace

An  $m$ -dimensional Krylov subspace of  $A$  is defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{K}_m(A, \vec{q}_1) = \text{span}\{\vec{q}_1, A\vec{q}_1, A^2\vec{q}_1, \dots, A^{m-1}\vec{q}_1\}.$$

Different  $\vec{q}_1$  results in different subspace  $\mathcal{K}_m(A\vec{q}_1)$ .

Since the above operation is numerically unstable, we use Arnoldi method to generate an equivalent subspace. The basic idea of Arnoldi method is similar to Gram-Schmidt process.

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for  $i = 1 \dots m$  do
   $\vec{y}_i = A\vec{q}_i$ 
  orthogonalize  $\vec{y}_i$  against current subspace  $Q_i$  such that
   $\vec{y}_i = Q_i \vec{h}_i + \vec{z}$ 
  if  $\|\vec{z}\|$  equals 0 then
    reach invariant subspace
    breaktheloop
  end
   $\vec{q}_{i+1} = \vec{z} / \|\vec{z}\|$ 
   $Q_{i+1} = [Q_i \ \vec{q}_{i+1}]$ 
end

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Then  $\text{span}\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \vec{q}_3, \dots, \vec{q}_m\} = \text{span}\{\vec{q}_1, A\vec{q}_1, A^2\vec{q}_1, \dots, A^{m-1}\vec{q}_1\}$ .