

GMRES (General Minimal Residual)

A Krylov subspace method to solve

$$Ax = b$$

$n \times n$   
 $n$  is very large

Find the best solution in the Krylov subspace (in the least squares sense)

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{K}_k} \|b - Ax\|_2$$

$$\mathcal{K}_k := \text{span}\{b, Ab, \dots, A^{k-1}b\}$$

Krylov subspace (typically of dimension  $k$ )

Arnoldi process

Procedure to create an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{K}_k$ .

Suppose an orthonormal basis

$$\{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{k-1}\}$$

for  $\mathcal{K}_{k-1}$  is already computed. Then

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \text{span}\{q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}, A(A^{k-2}b)\}$$

$\in \text{span}\{q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}\}$

$$= \text{span}\{q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}, Aq_{k-1}\}$$

Note  $Aq_1, \dots, Aq_{k-2} \in \mathcal{K}_{k-1}$

(1)

Assumption:  $\dim \mathcal{K}_k = k$ .

Generation of an orthonormal basis  $\{q_1, \dots, q_k\}$  for  $\mathcal{K}_j$   $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

Using Gram-Schmidt

Circles -  
to be  
computed

$$\mathcal{K}_1 - q_1 = b / \|b\|_2$$

$$\mathcal{K}_2 - A q_1 = h_{11} q_1 + h_{21} q_2$$

$$\mathcal{K}_3 - A q_2 = h_{12} q_1 + h_{22} q_2 + h_{32} q_3$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathcal{K}_k - A q_{k-1} = h_{1(k-1)} q_1 + h_{2(k-1)} q_2 + \dots + h_{k(k-1)} q_k$$

$$\underbrace{[A q_1 \quad A q_2 \quad \dots \quad A q_{k-1}]}_{n \times k-1} (= A [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad \dots \quad q_{k-1}])$$

$$= \underbrace{[q_1 \quad q_2 \quad \dots \quad q_k]}_{Q_k := n \times k} \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & \dots & h_{1(k-1)} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & & h_{2(k-1)} \\ & h_{32} & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & & \dots & h_{(k-1)(k-1)} \\ & & & h_{k(k-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A Q_{k-1} = Q_k H_k}$$

$H_k :=$  (Hessenberg)  
 $k \times k-1$

# Pseudocode (Arnoldi Process)

$$q_1 \leftarrow b / \|b\|$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, k-1$

$$v \leftarrow A q_j$$

for  $l = 1, \dots, j$

$$h_{lj} \leftarrow q_l^* v$$

$$v \leftarrow v - h_{lj} q_l$$

end

$$h_{(j+1)j} \leftarrow \|v\|_2$$

$$q_{j+1} \leftarrow v / h_{(j+1)j}$$

end

return

(At termination, we have  
 $Q_{k+1} = [q_1, \dots, q_{k+1}]$  and  $H_k$ )

Efficient Solution of the  
 least squares problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{C}^k} \|b - Ax\|_2 = \min_{\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}^k} \|b - A Q_k \alpha_k\|_2$$

$$= \min_{\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}^k} \| \underbrace{b - Q_{k+1} H_{k+1} \alpha_k}_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} \|_2$$

$$\stackrel{\text{see Remark (1)}}{=} \min_{\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}^k} \| \underbrace{Q_{k+1}^* b}_{\|b\|_2 e_1} - H_{k+1} \alpha_k \|_2 \rightarrow Q_{k+1}^* z$$

(k+1) x k, Hessenberg (3)

## Remarks

(1) Letting  $z := b - Q_{k+1} H_{k+1} \alpha_k \in \text{Col}(Q_{k+1})$   
and  $\beta$  s.t.  $z = Q_{k+1} \beta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|z\|_2 &= \sqrt{(\beta_1 q_1 + \dots + \beta_{k+1} q_{k+1})^* (\beta_1 q_1 + \dots + \beta_{k+1} q_{k+1})} \\ &= \sqrt{|\beta_1|^2 + \dots + |\beta_{k+1}|^2} = \|\beta\|_2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\|Q_{k+1}^* z\|_2 &= \|Q_{k+1}^* Q_{k+1} \beta\|_2 \\ &= \|\beta\|_2 = \|z\|_2\end{aligned}$$

(2) The last LSP on page ③ is  $(k+1) \times k$   
and can be solved by computing the  
QR factor. of  $H_{k+1}$  at a cost of  $O(k^2)$ .  
(using Householder reflectors or rotators)

Pseudocode (GMRES) (Given  $\tau$ , e.g.  $\tau = 10^{-12}$   
a tolerance for termination)

$$\rho \leftarrow \|b\|_2, \quad q_1^* \leftarrow b/\rho, \quad k \leftarrow 1$$

while  $\rho > \tau \|b\|_2$

$$v \leftarrow A q_k$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, k$

$$h_{jk} \leftarrow q_j^* v$$

$$v \leftarrow v - h_{jk} q_j$$

end

$$h_{(k+1)k} \leftarrow \|v\|_2$$

$$q_{k+1} \leftarrow v / h_{(k+1)k}$$

Solve the LSP  $\min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^k} \| \|b\|_2 e_1 - H_{k+1} \alpha \|_2$

$(k+1) \times k$   
Hessenberg

Let  $\rho$  the minimal value,  $\alpha_k$  the minimizer of LSP

$$k \leftarrow k+1$$

end

$$x \leftarrow \underbrace{[q_1 \dots q_{k-1}]}_{Q_{k-1}} \alpha_{k-1}$$

return

(unless  $k=1$  at  
termination, in  
which case  $x=0$ )

## Minimization Property of GMRES

Let  $x^{(k)}$  be the minimizer of

$$\|b - Ax\|_2 \quad \text{over } x \in \mathcal{K}_k.$$

Every  $x \in \mathcal{K}_k$  can be written as

$$x = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j A^j b$$

for some  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{k-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Hence,

$$b - Ax = b - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j A^{j+1} b$$

$$= \underbrace{\left( I_n - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j A^{j+1} \right)}_{p(A)} b$$

where  $p(z) := 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j z^{j+1}$ .

THM

$$\|b - Ax^{(k)}\|_2 = \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k^0} \|p(A) b\|_2$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_k^0 := \left\{ p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, p(z) = 1 + \alpha_0 z + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} z^k \mid \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{k-1} \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

(1)

# Consequences

For any  $\tilde{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k^0$ , we have

$$\|b - Ax^{(k)}\|_2 \leq \|\tilde{p}(A)\|_2 \|b\|_2.$$

Suppose  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors so that

$$Av_j = \lambda_j v_j \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow A [v_1 \dots v_n] = \underbrace{[v_1 \dots v_n]}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_\Lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow A = V \Lambda V^{-1}$$

But then

$$\tilde{p}(A) = I + \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j A^j$$

$$= V V^{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j V \Lambda^j V^{-1}$$

$$= V \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \lambda_1^j & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 + \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \lambda_n^j \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

$$= V \tilde{p}(\Lambda) V^{-1}$$

Notation:  
 $\Lambda(A)$  - the set  
of eigenvalues  
of  $A$

For any  $\tilde{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k^0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(x)} \quad \|b - Ax^{(k)}\|_2 &\leq \|V\|_2 \|V^{-1}\|_2 \|\tilde{p}(\Lambda)\|_2 \|b\|_2 \\ &= \kappa_2(V) \left\{ \max_{z \in \Lambda(A)} |\tilde{p}(z)| \right\} \|b\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

(Assuming  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors)

## Corollary

Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  has  $k$  distinct eigenvalues.

Then  $x^{(k)}$  satisfies  $Ax^{(k)} = b$ .

## Proof

Denoting the distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  with  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ , and letting

$$\tilde{p}(z) := \prod_{j=1}^k (\lambda_j - z) / \lambda_j \in \mathcal{P}_k^0,$$

we have

$$|\tilde{p}(\lambda_j)| = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\implies \max_{z \in \Lambda(A)} |\tilde{p}(z)| = 0$$

$$\implies \|b - Ax^{(k)}\|_2 = 0 \implies Ax^{(k)} = b \quad \square$$

Hence, GMRES terminates after at most  $n$  iterations.



# Preconditioning

Let  $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be invertible.

Left preconditioning

$$Ax = b$$

$$\iff$$

$$(*) \quad MAx = Mb$$

Apply GMRES to (\*), letting  $\hat{x}^{(k)}$  be the best solution in  $\mathcal{K}_k$ .

$$\|Mb - MA\hat{x}^{(k)}\|_2 \leq \|\tilde{p}(MA)\|_2 \|Mb\|_2$$

for any  $\tilde{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k^0$ , in particular for

$$\tilde{p}(z) := (1-z)^k \in \mathcal{P}_k^0.$$

Consequently,

$$\|Mb - MA\hat{x}^{(k)}\|_2 \leq \|I - MA\|_2^k \|Mb\|_2$$

Choose  $M$  so that

$$\|I - MA\|_2 < 1$$

is as small as possible.

\* We roughly aim  $M \approx A^{-1}$

\* But  $M$  has to be cheap to compute.

Some simple choices

$$(1) M = D^{-1}$$

$$(2) M = (L+D)^{-1}$$

(especially  
if  $A$  is  
diagonally dominant)

Here,

$$A = L + D + U$$

such that  $L$  is  $n \times n$  lower triangular part of  $A$ ,  $D$  is  $n \times n$  diagonal part,  $U$  is  $n \times n$  upper triangular part.

e.g.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Right preconditioning

$$Ax = b$$



$$(**) AM\hat{x} = b \quad (\text{where } x = M\hat{x})$$

Apply GMRES to (\*\*), choose  $M$  so that

$$\|I - AM\|_2 < 1$$

is small.

# Polynomial Preconditioning

$M = P(A)$  and such that

$$\|I - P(A)A\|_2$$

is small.

Suppose  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors, indeed

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}.$$

Then we have

$$\|I - P(A)A\|_2 = \left\| V \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda_1 p(\lambda_1) & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 - \lambda_n p(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \right\|_2.$$

Hence, choose  $q(z) := 1 - zp(z)$  such that

(i)  $|q(\lambda_j)| \approx 0 \quad j=1, \dots, n$ , equivalently

(ii)  $p(\lambda_j) \approx 1/\lambda_j \quad j=1, \dots, n$ .

## Arnoldi's Method

For large sparse eigenvalue problems

 $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  -  $n$  very large  
eigenvalues sought

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Terminology and Notation

Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \text{span}\{b, Ab, \dots, A^{k-1}b\}$$

Krylov matrix

$$K_k = [b \quad Ab \quad \dots \quad A^{k-1}b]$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$n \times k, \quad n \gg k$$

$Q_k = [q_1 \dots q_k]$  matrix whose  
 $n \times k$  columns form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{K}_k$

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Description of the method(i) Compute  $Q_k$  by Arnoldi process.

(ii) Compute the eigenvalues of

$$\tilde{H}_k = Q_k^* A Q_k$$

# Meaning of $Q_k^* A Q_k$

(1) Restriction of domain  
of  $x \mapsto Ax$  (to  $K_k$ )

$$Q_k^* A \underbrace{Q_k \alpha}_v = Q_k^* A v$$

$\downarrow$   
 $v \in K_k$

(2) Projection of range  
of  $x \mapsto Ax$  (onto  $K_k$ )

$$Q_k^* A Q_k \alpha = Q_k^* \underbrace{(Q_k Q_k^*)}_{\substack{\text{orthogonal} \\ \text{projection} \\ \text{onto } K_k}} (A Q_k \alpha)$$

$\downarrow$   
representation  
in coordinates  
relative to  $Q_k$

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Suppose  $v \in K_k$ . Then  $v = Q_k \alpha \exists \alpha$ .

$$Q_k^* v = Q_k^* Q_k \alpha = \alpha$$

$\downarrow$   
coordinates  
relative to  $Q_k$

Eigenvalues  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$  of  $\tilde{H}_k = Q_k^* A Q_k$  are called the Ritz values.

They turn out to be good estimates for the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

A simplification on  $\tilde{H}_k$

Recall that Arnoldi process generates

$$\overset{n \times n}{A} \overset{n \times k}{Q_k} = \overset{n \times (k+1)}{Q_{k+1}} \underbrace{\overset{(k+1) \times k}{H_{k+1}}}_{\text{Hessenberg}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{Q_k^* A Q_k}_{\tilde{H}_k} &= Q_k^* Q_{k+1} H_{k+1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & \vdots \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & \dots & h_{1k} \\ h_{21} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & h_{kk} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & h_{(k+1)k} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & & & & h_{1k} \\ & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ & h_{21} & & & \vdots \\ & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & h_{kk} & \\ & & & & h_{(k+1)k} \end{bmatrix} = H_{k+1} (1:k, 1:k) \end{aligned}$$

## Pseudocode (Arnoldi's Method)

$$q_1 \leftarrow b / \|b\|_2$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, k$

$$v \leftarrow A q_j$$

for  $l = 1, \dots, j$

$$h_{lj} \leftarrow q_j^* v$$

$$v \leftarrow v - h_{lj} q_j$$

end

$$h_{(j+1)j} \leftarrow \|v\|_2$$

$$q_{j+1} \leftarrow v / h_{(j+1)j}$$

end

$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \leftarrow$  eigenvalues of  $H(1:k, 1:k)$

return

*computed for instance  
by the QR algorithm*

## Convergence

THM Suppose  $K_n$  is full rank. The polynomial

$$p_*(z) := (z - \theta_1)(z - \theta_2) \dots (z - \theta_k)$$

is the unique monic polynomial in  $\mathcal{P}_k^m$  s.t.

$$\|p_*(A)b\|_2 = \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k^m} \|p(A)b\|_2$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_k^m := \left\{ p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, p(z) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} z^{k-1} + z^k \right. \\ \left. \mid \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{k-1} \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

is the set of monic polynomials of degree  $k$ .

Now suppose  $A$  has  $k$  distinct eigenvalues, say  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  ( $k \leq n$ ). (Assume also  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors)

Without loss of generality  $A$  can be written as

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 I_{\ell_1} & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 I_{\ell_2} & \\ 0 & & \dots & \lambda_k I_{\ell_k} \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

where  $\ell_j$  is the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda_j$ .

Consider the polynomial

$$\tilde{p}(z) = (z - \lambda_1)(z - \lambda_2) \dots (z - \lambda_k),$$

$\rightarrow \in \mathbb{P}_k^m$

observe

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}(A) &= (A - \lambda_1 I)(A - \lambda_2 I) \dots (A - \lambda_k I) \\ &= \left( V \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) I_{\ell_2} & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & (\lambda_k - \lambda_1) I_{\ell_k} \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \right) \left( V \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) I_{\ell_1} & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & (\lambda_k - \lambda_2) I_{\ell_k} \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \right) \\ &\quad \dots \left( V \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{k-1}) I_{\ell_1} & & \\ & (\lambda_2 - \lambda_{k-1}) I_{\ell_2} & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} \right) \\ &= V \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) I_{\ell_2} & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & (\lambda_k - \lambda_1) I_{\ell_k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) I_{\ell_1} & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & (\lambda_k - \lambda_2) I_{\ell_k} \end{bmatrix} \dots V^{-1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



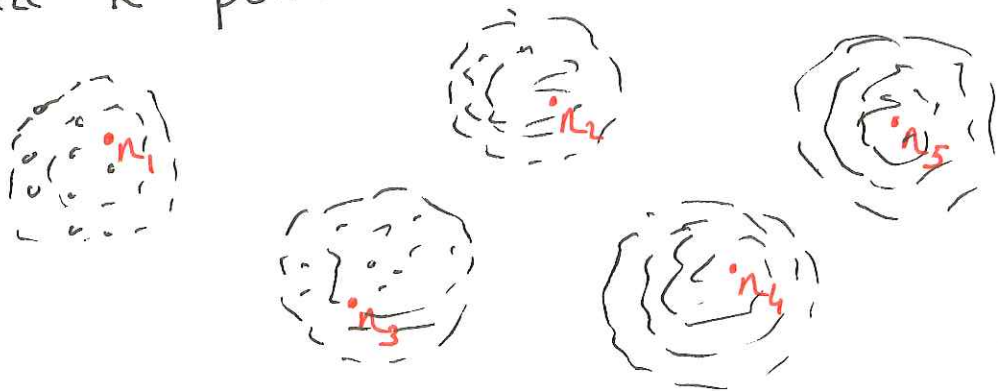
Hence,  $\tilde{p}(z)$  must be the unique polynomial in  $\mathcal{P}_k^m$  satisfying

$$\|\tilde{p}(A)b\|_2 = \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k^m} \|p(A)b\|_2.$$

Its roots  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  are the Ritz values, i.e. eigenvalues of  $H_k = Q_k^* A Q_k$ .

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Instead if  $A$  has eigenvalues clustered around  $k$  points



One Ritz value in each cluster  
(or close to)