

LECTURE 28ARNOLDI'S METHOD(SOLUTION OF SPARSE LARGE  
EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  where  $m$  is very large so that it is not even computationally feasible to reduce it to Hessenberg form by unitary similarity transformations.

$$\underbrace{Q^*}_{\text{Unitary}} \underbrace{AQ}_{\text{Hessenberg}} = \underbrace{H}_{\text{Hessenberg}} \quad \text{--- NOT FEASIBLE}$$

Consider the space  $\mathcal{K}_n = \text{span}\{b, \dots, A^{n-1}b\}$  with  $n \ll m$ .

By subspace iteration you would expect  $\mathcal{K}_n$  would capture the space spanned by dominant eigenvectors of  $A$  as  $n$  is getting larger. ①

## Arnoldi iteration

$$(i) \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b & Ab & \dots & A^{n-1}b \end{bmatrix}}_{K_n - m \times n} = \underbrace{Q_n}_{m \times n} \underbrace{R_n}_{n \times n} \quad (\text{REDUCED QR FACTOR})$$

$$(ii) H_n = Q_n^{*} A Q_n \quad (\text{NOTE NOT A SIMILARITY TRANSFORMATION})$$

(Assuming  $Q_n$  approximates eigenvectors  
 $H_n$  approximates eigenvalues)

### TERMINOLOGY

(1)  $K_n = \text{span} \{b, \dots, A^{n-1}b\}$  is a Krylov subspace.

(2)  $K_n = \begin{bmatrix} b & \dots & A^{n-1}b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is a Krylov matrix.

(3) Eigenvalues of  $H_n$  are Ritz values.

Arnoldi iteration as above is numerically unstable (similar to the simultaneous iteration).

# Numerically Stable Arnoldi Iteration

Let

$$Q_n = [q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_n] \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$$

(see the QR factorization in (i)).

Then

$$\text{span} \{q_1\} = \mathcal{K}_1 = \text{span} \{b\}$$

$$\text{span} \{q_1, q_2\} = \mathcal{K}_2 = \text{span} \{b, Ab\}$$

$$\text{span} \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\} = \mathcal{K}_n = \text{span} \{b, \dots, A^{n-1}b\}$$

Use Gram-Schmidt to construct the orthonormal basis  $\{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$  for  $\mathcal{K}_n$  progressively.

$$(1) \quad q_1 = b / \|b\|$$

$$(2) \quad \text{span} \{q_1, Aq_1\} = \text{span} \{b, Ab\}$$

$$Aq_1 = h_{11}q_1 + h_{21}q_2$$

$$(3) \quad \text{span} \{q_1, q_2, Aq_2\} = \text{span} \{b, Ab, A^2b\}$$

$$Aq_2 = h_{12}q_1 + h_{22}q_2 + h_{32}q_3$$

③

$$(n) \text{ span}\{q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}, Aq_{n-1}\} = \text{span}\{b, \dots, A^{n-1}b\}$$

$$Aq_{n-1} = h_{1(n-1)}q_1 + h_{2(n-1)}q_2 + \dots + h_{n(n-1)}q_n$$

Combining the recurrence equations above

$$\underbrace{A}_{m \times m} \underbrace{[q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_{n-1}]}_{m \times (n-1)} = \underbrace{[q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_{n-1} \ q_n]}_{m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & \dots & h_{1(n-1)} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & & \vdots \\ 0 & h_{32} & & h_{(n-1)(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & h_{n(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{H}_{n-1} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times (n-1)}}$$

that is

$$A Q_{n-1} = Q_n \tilde{H}_{n-1}$$

$\tilde{H}_{n-1} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times (n-1)}$   
Hessenberg

Multiply both sides above by  $Q_{n-1}^*$  from left to obtain

$$Q_{n-1}^* A Q_{n-1} = Q_{n-1}^* Q_n \tilde{H}_{n-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{H}_{n-1}$$

$(n-1) \times n$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & \dots & h_{1(n-1)} \\ h_{21} & & & h_{2(n-1)} \\ 0 & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & & h_{(n-1)(n-2)} & h_{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$H_{n-1} \in \mathbb{C}^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$   
Hessenberg

(4)

## REMARKS

- \*  $H_{n-1}$  is obtained from  $\tilde{H}_{n-1}$  by removing last row.
- \*  $H_{n-1}$  is the matrix on the left-hand side in (ii) (but with  $n-1$  replaced by  $n$ )
- \* Eigenvalues of  $H_{n-1}$  are Ritz values.

## Algorithm (Arnoldi Iteration)

$$q_1 = b / \|b\|$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, n$

$$v = Aq_j \quad \} \quad 2m^2 \text{ FLOPS}$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, j$

$$h_{kj} = v^* q_k \quad \} \quad 2m \text{ FLOPS}$$

$$v = v - h_{kj} \cdot q_k \quad \} \quad 2m \text{ FLOPS}$$

end

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

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

end

Each iteration is  $O(m^2)$ .

## Least Squares Point of View

Consider the polynomial  $\hat{p}(z)$  of degree  $n$  (monic) with roots equal to the eigenvalues of  $H_n$ .

$\hat{p}(z)$  turns out to be the optimal solution for the following problem

$$(*) \inf_{p \in P^n} \|p(A)b\|_2$$

where  $P^n$  is the set of all monic polynomials of degree  $n$ .

THM (Hamilton-Cayley)

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and

$$q(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I).$$

Then  $q(A) = 0$ .

### OBSERVATIONS

\* When  $\|p(A)\|_2$  is small, so is  $\|p(A)b\|_2$

\* By Hamilton-Cayley thm  $\|p(A)\|_2$  is small, if roots of  $p$  are close to eigenvalues of  $A$ . (6)

\* Since eigenvalues of  $H_n$  are optimal roots, they should capture eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|p(A)b\|_2 &= \|A^n b - \underbrace{(\alpha_{n-1} A^{n-1} b + \dots + \alpha_0 b)}_{\in \mathcal{K}_n}\|_2 \\ &= \|A^n b - Q_n y\| \quad \exists y \in \mathbb{C}^n \end{aligned}$$

Consequently (\*) could be posed as

(LSP) minimize  $\|A^n b - Q_n y\|$   
 $y \in \mathbb{C}^n$

