

# Perturbation Theory for Eigenvalue Problems

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# Overview of talks

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# Outline of my talk

## Goal

My goal is to illustrate ways to deal with sensitivity theory of eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

## Way

By means of examples I would like to illustrate the theorems.

## Assumptions

There are no special structures present in the matrices under consideration. They are general complex valued matrices.

# Recap on eigenvalue problems

Definition of eigenvalue problems

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Y}^* = \mathbf{0}$$

with  $*$  the complex conjugate transposed and

$$\mathbf{X} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_n \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{right eigenvectors}}, \quad \mathbf{Y}^* = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{y}_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{y}_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{y}_n & - \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{left eigenvectors}}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \cdots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{eigenvalues}}$$

The left-eigenvectors are chosen such that

$$\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}$$

# Bauer-Fike Theorem

## Theorem

Given are  $\lambda$  an eigenvalue and  $\mathbf{X}$  the matrix consisting of eigenvectors of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let  $\mu$  be an eigenvalue of matrix  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , then

$$\min_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} |\lambda - \mu| \leq \underbrace{\|\mathbf{X}\|_p \|\mathbf{X}^{-1}\|_p}_{K_p(\mathbf{X})} \|\mathbf{E}\|_p \quad (\dagger)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is any matrix  $p$ -norm and  $K_p(\mathbf{X})$  is called the condition number of the eigenvalue problem for matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## Proof

The proof can be found in many textbooks.

- *Numerical Methods for Large Eigenvalue Problems*  
Yousef Saad
- *Numerical Mathematics*  
A. Quarteroni, R. Sacco, F. Saleri

## Bauer-Fike Theorem (2)

### Example

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$
$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 10^{-4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_2(\mathbf{X}) \approx 2.41, \quad \|\mathbf{E}\|_2 = 10^{-4}$$

The Bauer-Fike theorem states that the eigenvalues can change  $2.41 \times 10^{-4}$ . In this example, they only deviate  $1e - 4$ .

### Remarks

- The Bauer-Fike theorem is an over estimate.
- The Bauer-Fike theorem does not give a direction.

# Eigenvalue derivatives - Theory

Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  depends on a parameter  $p$  and its eigenvalues are distinct. The derivative of the eigensystem is given by

$$\mathbf{A}'(p)\mathbf{X}(p) - \mathbf{X}(p)\Lambda'(p) = -\mathbf{A}(p)\mathbf{X}'(p) + \mathbf{X}'(p)\Lambda(p).$$

Premultiplication with the left-eigenvectors gives

$$\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{X} - \underbrace{\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{X} \Lambda'}_{=I} = \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}' + \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{X}' \Lambda.$$

Introduce  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}$ . This is allowed since for distinct eigenvalues the eigenvectors form a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Then,

$$\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{X} - \Lambda' = -\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}}_{=\Lambda} + \underbrace{\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C} \Lambda}_{=I}.$$

Written out in components, the eigenvalue derivatives is given by

$$\lambda'_k = \mathbf{y}_k^* \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{x}_k$$

# Eigenvalue derivatives - Example

## Example definition

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} p & 1 \\ 1 & -p \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case, the eigenvalues can be computed analytically

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{p^2+1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{p^2+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda}' = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2+1}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2+1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## The method for $p = 1$

The following quantities can be computed from the given matrix  $\mathbf{A}(p)$

$$\mathbf{A}(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda}(1) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X}(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3827 & -0.9239 \\ -0.9239 & -0.3827 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Y}^*(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3827 & -0.9239 \\ -0.9239 & -0.3827 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalue derivatives can be computed by

$$\lambda_1'(1) = [0.3827 \quad -0.9239] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.3827 \\ -0.9239 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

$$\lambda_2'(1) = [-0.9239 \quad -0.3827] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.9239 \\ -0.3827 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$



# Eigenvector derivatives

## Theory

As long as the eigenvalues are distinct, the eigenvectors form a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and therefore the following equation holds:

$$\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{\Lambda}' = -\mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Lambda}.$$

Since

$$(\mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Lambda})_{ij} = -\lambda_i c_{ij} + c_{ij} \lambda_j = c_{ij} (\lambda_j - \lambda_i),$$

the off-diagonal entries of  $\mathbf{C}$  can be determined as follows

$$c_{ij} = \frac{\mathbf{y}_i^* \mathbf{A}' \mathbf{x}_j}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}, \quad i \neq j.$$

What about the diagonal entries?

⇒ additional assumption.

# Eigenvector derivatives - Normalization

## Problem description

An eigenvector is determined uniquely in case of distinct eigenvalues up to a constant.

If matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has an eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}_k$  belonging to eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$ , then  $\gamma \mathbf{x}_k$  with  $\gamma$  a nonzero constant, is also an eigenvector.

$$\mathbf{A}(\gamma \mathbf{x}_k) - \lambda_k(\gamma \mathbf{x}_k) = \gamma (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_k - \lambda_k \mathbf{x}_k) = \mathbf{0}$$

Conclusion: there is one degree of freedom to determine the eigenvector itself and therefore also the derivative contains a degree of freedom.

$$(c_k \mathbf{x}_k)' = c_k' \mathbf{x}_k + c_k \mathbf{x}_k'$$

**Important:** the eigenvector derivative that will be computed is the derivative of this normalized eigenvector!

# Eigenvector derivatives - Normalization 2

## Solution

A mathematical choice is to set one element of the eigenvector equal to 1 for all  $p$ .

How do you choose these constants?

- $\max_{l=1,\dots,n} |x_{kl}|$ ;
- $\max_{l=1,\dots,n} |x_{kl}| |y_{kl}|$ .

The derivative is computed from the normalized eigenvector.

**Remark:** the derivative of the element set to 1 for all  $p$  is equal to 0 for all  $p$ .

# Eigenvector derivatives - Normalization 3

## Result

Consider only one eigenvector. Its derivative can be expanded as follows:

$$x'_{kl} = \sum_{m=1}^n x_{km} c_{ml}.$$

By definition the derivative of the element set to 1 for all  $p$  is equal to zero. Therefore,

$$0 = x_{kk} c_{kk} + \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq l}}^n x_{km} c_{mk} \Rightarrow c_{kk} = -\frac{1}{x_{kk}} \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq l}}^n x_{km} c_{mk}.$$

Repeating the normalization procedure for all eigenvectors enables the computation of the diagonal entries of  $C$ .

Finally, the eigenvector derivatives can be computed as follows:

$$X' = XC$$

with  $X$  the normalized eigenvector matrix.

# Eigenvector derivatives - Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{ip(-1+p^2)}{1+p^2} \\ \frac{ip(1+p^2)}{-1+p^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{i(-1+4p^2+p^4)}{(1+p^2)^2} \\ \frac{i(1+4p^2-p^4)}{(-1+p^2)^2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} -ip & 0 \\ 0 & ip \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p^2 & 1-p^2 \\ 1+p^2 & -p^2-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the case where  $p = 2$ .

The matrices are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{6i}{5} \\ -\frac{10i}{3} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{31i}{25} \\ \frac{i}{9} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5145 & 0.5145 \\ 0.8575 & 0.8575 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y^* = \begin{bmatrix} -0.9718 & 0.5831 \\ 0.9718 & 0.5831 \end{bmatrix}$$

The off-diagonal entries of the coefficient matrix  $C$  are

$$c_{12} = \frac{\mathbf{y}_1^* A' \mathbf{x}_2}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} = -\frac{8}{3} \quad c_{21} = \frac{\mathbf{y}_2^* A' \mathbf{x}_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} = -\frac{8}{3}$$

Normalization: for all  $k$  and  $l$  the following is true  $|x_{kl}| |y_{kl}| = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Therefore, choose

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the diagonal entries of matrix  $C$  become

$$c_{11} = -\frac{x_{22}}{x_{21}} c_{21} = \frac{8}{3} \quad c_{22} = -\frac{x_{21}}{x_{22}} c_{12} = \frac{8}{3}$$

The eigenvector derivatives can now be computed:

$$X' = XC = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{25} & -\frac{8}{25} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Repeated eigenvalues

## Problem statement

If repeated eigenvalues occur, that is  $\lambda_k = \lambda_l$  for some  $k$  and  $l$ , then any linear combination of eigenvectors  $\mathbf{x}_k$  and  $\mathbf{x}_l$  is also an eigenvector.

To apply the previous theory, we have to make the eigenvectors unique up to a constant multiplier.

## Solution procedure

Assume the  $n$  known eigenvectors are linearly independent and denote them by  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ . Define

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{\Gamma} \text{ for some coefficient matrix } \mathbf{\Gamma}$$

If the columns of  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$  can be defined unique up to a constant multiplier, also  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$  is uniquely defined up to a constant multiplier.

# Repeated eigenvalues - mathematical trick

## Computing $\Gamma$

Differentiate the eigenvalue system  $\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}\Lambda$ :

$$\mathbf{A}'\hat{\mathbf{X}} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}\Lambda' = -\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}' + \hat{\mathbf{X}}'\Lambda$$

Premultiply with the left-eigenvectors and use the fact that the eigenvalues are repeated

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* \mathbf{A}' \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \Gamma - \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \Gamma \Lambda' = -\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* \underbrace{(\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}' - \hat{\mathbf{X}}'\Lambda)}_{=(\mathbf{A}-\lambda\mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{X}}}$$

Eliminate the right-hand-side

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* \mathbf{A}' \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \Gamma - \Gamma \Lambda' = -\underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* (\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})}_{=0} \hat{\mathbf{X}}'$$

Assume that  $\lambda'_k \neq \lambda'_l$  for all  $k \neq l$ , then  $\Gamma$  consists of the eigenvectors of matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* \mathbf{A}' \tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  and are determined up to a constant.

# Repeated eigenvalues - Example

## Computations of the eigenvalues for $p = 2$

Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is constructed from an eigenvector matrix and an eigenvalue matrix with values  $\lambda_1 = ip$  and  $\lambda_2 = -i(p - 4)$ . This results in

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & -\frac{i(-2+p)(-1+p^2)}{1+p^2} \\ -\frac{i(-2+p)(1+p^2)}{-1+p^2} & 2i \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $p = 2$ , the eigenvalues become repeated and Matlab gives the following results

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 0 \\ 0 & 2i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 0 \\ 0 & 2i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From the construction of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , we know that  $\lambda'_1 = i$  and  $\lambda'_2 = -i$ , but when we follow the procedure from before, we see that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^* \mathbf{A}' \tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.6i \\ -1.67i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \mathbf{\Lambda}'.$$

Now, with the mathematical trick

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5145 & 0.5145 \\ 0.8575 & 0.8575 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5145 & 0.5145 \\ 0.8575 & 0.8575 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Repeat the procedure

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^* \mathbf{A}' \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{\Lambda}'.$$



# Repeated eigenvalues - Extension

## Theory

To determine the eigenvector derivatives in the distinct case, the first order derivative of the eigensystem was considered. This does not work since

$$Y^* A' X - \Lambda' = -Y^* \underbrace{(AX' - X'\Lambda)}_{=(A-\lambda I)X'} = 0$$

Consider one differentiation higher

$$A'' X - X \Lambda'' = -2A' X' + 2X' \Lambda' - AX'' + X'' \Lambda$$

Premultiply with the left-eigenvectors and use  $X' = XC$ , then

$$Y^* A'' X - \Lambda'' = -2Y^* \underbrace{A' X C}_{=\Lambda'} + 2C \Lambda' - Y^* \underbrace{(AX'' - X'' \Lambda)}_{=0}$$

Thus the off-diagonal entries of matrix  $C$  is

$$c_{ij} = \frac{y_i^* A'' x_j}{2(\lambda'_j - \lambda'_i)}, \quad i \neq j$$

# Repeated eigenvalues - Example continued

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & -\frac{i(-2+p)(-1+p^2)}{1+p^2} \\ -\frac{i(-2+p)(1+p^2)}{-1+p^2} & 2i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} -ip & 0 \\ 0 & i(p-4) \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p^2 & 1-p^2 \\ 1+p^2 & -p^2-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Consider the case where  $p = 2$ .

The matrices are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 0 \\ 0 & 2i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{3}{5}i \\ -\frac{5}{3}i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A'' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{16}{25}i; \frac{16}{9}i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5145 & 0.5145 \\ 0.8575 & 0.8575 \end{bmatrix}$$

The off-diagonal entries of the coefficient matrix  $C$  are

$$c_{12} = \frac{\mathbf{y}_1^* A'' \mathbf{x}_2}{2(\lambda'_2 - \lambda'_1)} = -\frac{8}{15} \quad c_{21} = \frac{\mathbf{y}_2^* A'' \mathbf{x}_1}{2(\lambda'_1 - \lambda'_2)} = -\frac{8}{15}$$

Normalization: for all  $k$  and  $l$  the following is true  $|x_{kl}| |y_{kl}| = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Therefore, choose

$$\hat{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the diagonal entries of matrix  $C$  become

$$c_{11} = -\frac{x_{22}}{x_{21}} c_{21} = \frac{8}{15} \quad c_{22} = -\frac{x_{21}}{x_{22}} c_{12} = \frac{8}{15}$$

The eigenvector derivatives can now be computed:

$$X' = XC = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{8}{25} & \frac{8}{25} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Conclusions

- **Distinct eigenvalues**

- Eigenvalue derivatives can be computed directly from the eigenvectors and the derivative of the original matrix;
- Eigenvector derivatives can be computed as soon as it is normalized in some mathematical sensible way.

- **Repeated eigenvalues**

- A mathematical trick is required to compute the eigenvalue derivatives;
- To compute the eigenvector derivatives, the second order derivatives of the eigensystem has to be computed.

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# Questions ?

