



Rational Krylov methods for the approximation of matrix functions

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Motivation

We consider the initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u - \Delta u &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega = (0, 1)^3, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, t) &= 0 && \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) && \text{in } \Omega.\end{aligned}$$

Seven-point stencil on a uniform grid involving n_1 interior grid points in each Cartesian direction yields IVP

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}'(t) &= A\mathbf{u}(t), \quad t > 0, \\ \mathbf{u}(0) &= \mathbf{u}_0,\end{aligned}$$

with $n \times n$ matrix A ($n = n_1^3$) and an initial vector \mathbf{u}_0 consisting of the values $u_0(x)$ at the grid points x , the solution of which is given by

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \exp(tA)\mathbf{u}_0.$$



Define Krylov space of order m

$$\mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b}) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{b}, A\mathbf{b}, \dots, A^{m-1}\mathbf{b}\}.$$

- ▶ There exists an invariance index L such that $\mathcal{K}_{L-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_L = \mathcal{K}_{L+1}$.
- ▶ $\mathcal{K}_m \cong \mathcal{P}_{m-1}$ for $m \leq L$.
- ▶ The minimal polynomial $\Psi_{A,\mathbf{b}}$ of \mathbf{b} with respect to A has degree L .
- ▶ The exact solution $\exp(tA)\mathbf{b}$ is contained in \mathcal{K}_L .

Approximation methods can be characterized by an m -dimensional approximation space \mathcal{V}_m and the way how approximations are extracted from \mathcal{V}_m .



Method 1 (SLDM)

Space: Approximate $\exp(tA)\mathbf{b}$ in $\mathcal{V}_m = \mathcal{K}_m$.

Extraction: Rayleigh-Ritz extraction

$$\mathbf{f}_m(t) = V_m f(t V_m^* A V_m) V_m^* \mathbf{b},$$

where V_m is ONB-basis of \mathcal{K}_m .

There holds

$$\mathbf{f}_m(t) = W_m f(t \Theta_m) W_m^* \mathbf{b},$$

where the columns of $W_m = [\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m]$ are orthonormal Ritz vectors and $\Theta_m = \text{diag}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m)$ associated Ritz values from \mathcal{K}_m .

Let $A = U \Lambda U^*$ be a spectral decomposition for A , $U = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n]$ and $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$. Then

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = f(tA)\mathbf{b} = U f(t\Lambda) U^* \mathbf{b}.$$



Error in direction \mathbf{u}_j :

$$|\mathbf{u}_j^*(\mathbf{f}(t) - \mathbf{f}_m(t))| = |f(t\lambda_j)\mathbf{u}_j^*\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{u}_j^*W_m f(t\Theta_m)W_m^*\mathbf{b}|.$$

How close are $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m$ to some of A 's eigenvectors $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_m$?
(Enumerate A 's eigenvalues/vectors s.t. λ_j is closest to θ_j .)

Approximation quality of eigenvalues/vectors determined by

- ▶ spread/gap ratio (van den Eshof/Hochbruck), e.g.,

$$\frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}$$

- ▶ constrained equilibrium problem on the spectral interval of A .



Method 2 (shift-invert)

Space: Approximate $\exp(tA)\mathbf{b}$ in $\mathcal{V}_m = \mathcal{K}_m((\gamma I - A)^{-1}, \mathbf{b})$.

Extraction: Back-transform T_m

$$\mathbf{f}_m(t) = V_m f(t(\gamma I - T_m^{-1})) V_m^* \mathbf{b},$$

where V_m is an orthonormal basis of \mathcal{V}_m satisfying

$$(I - \gamma A)^{-1} V_m = V_m T_m + \mathbf{v}_{m+1} t_{m+1,m} \mathbf{e}_m^T.$$

Note: The Rayleigh quotient of A is

$$V_m^* A V_m = (\gamma I - T_m^{-1}) - V_m^* A \mathbf{v}_{m+1} t_{m+1,m} \mathbf{e}_m^T T_m^{-1}.$$



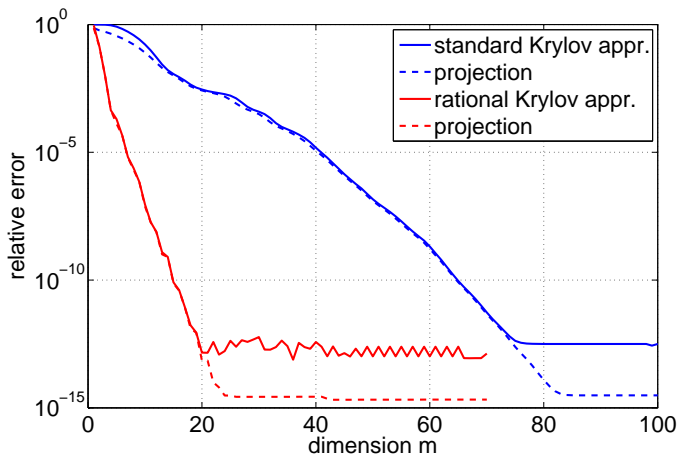


Figure: Heat equation $n = 15^3 = 3,375$, $t = 0.1$, $\gamma = 1$.



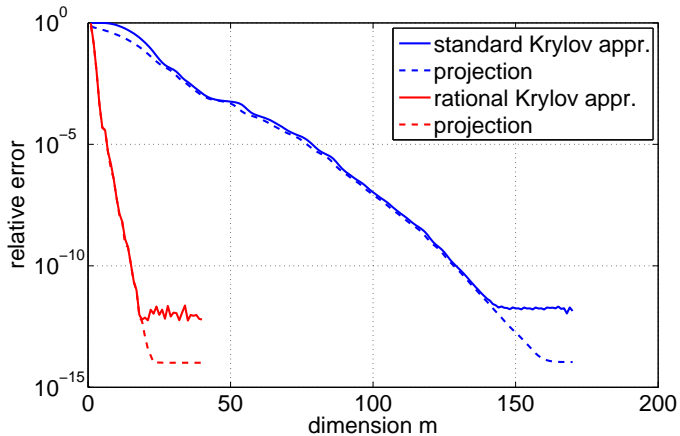


Figure: Heat equation $n = 31^3 = 29,791$, $t = 0.1$, $\gamma = 1$.



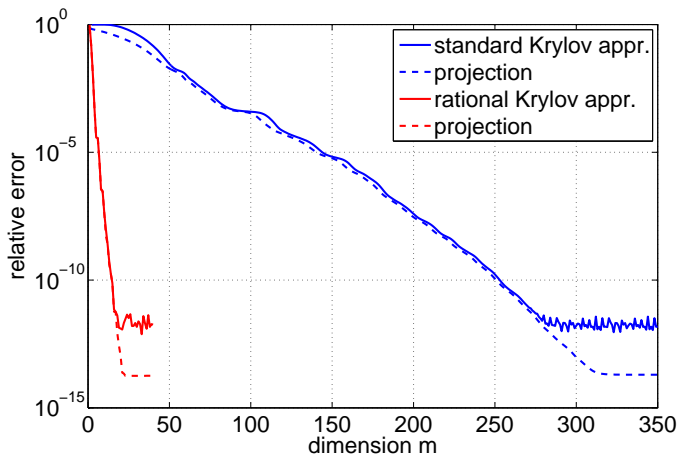


Figure: Heat equation $n = 63^3 = 250,047$, $t = 0.1$, $\gamma = 1$.



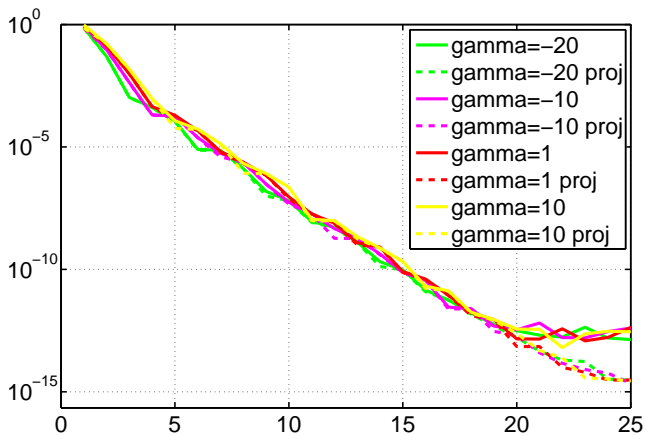


Figure: Dependence on γ , $n = 15^3 = 3,375$, $t = 0.1$.



Shift-invert Lanczos can be interpreted as SLDM for the transformed function $\tilde{f}(z) = f(t(\gamma - 1/z))$ and the spectrally transformed matrix $\tilde{A} = (\gamma I - A)^{-1}$.

This transforms eigenvalues, but not eigenvectors.

The convergence of Ritz values depends on the eigenvalue distribution of A and \tilde{A} , respectively.



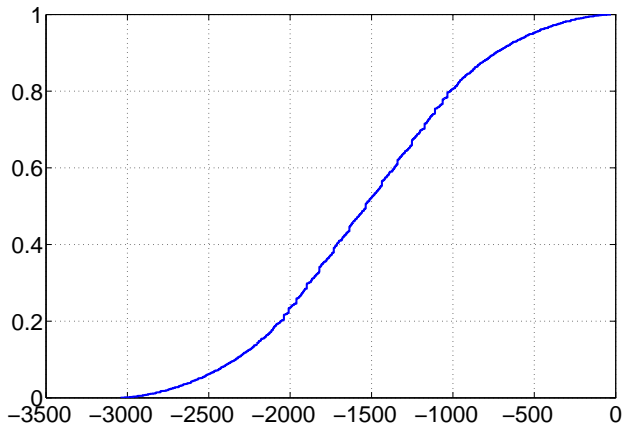


Figure: Eigenvalue distribution of A for $n = 15^3 = 3,375$.



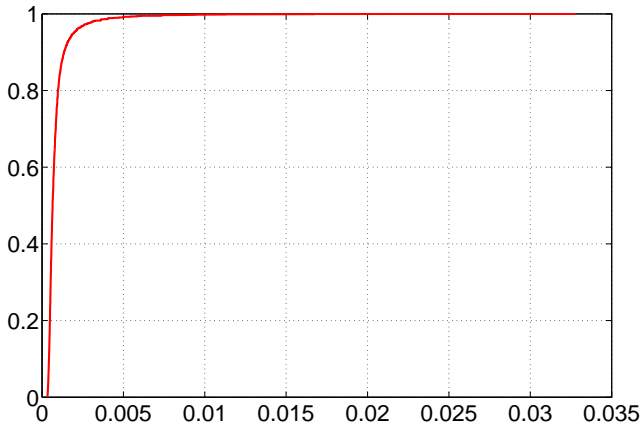


Figure: Eigenvalue distribution of $(\gamma I - A)^{-1}$ for $n = 15^3 = 3,375$, $\gamma = 1$.



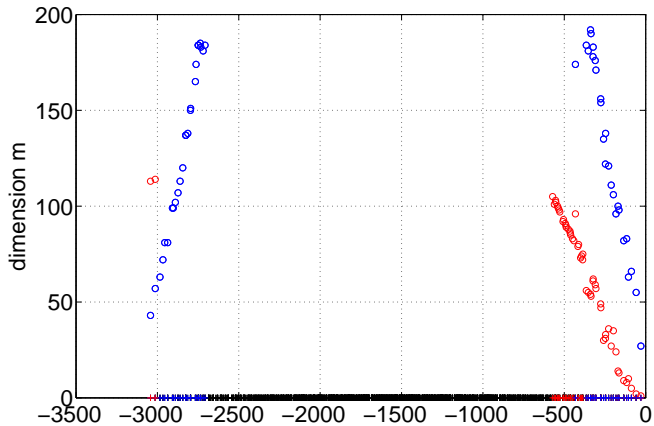


Figure: Ritz values approximating eigenvalues for SLDM and shift-invert.



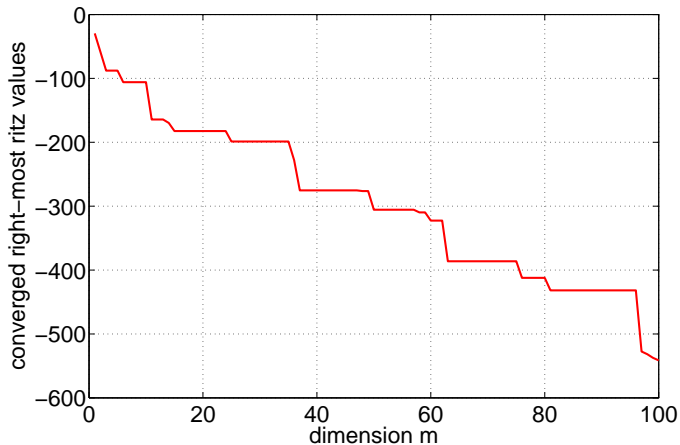


Figure: Ritz values approximating eigenvalues for **shift-invert**.



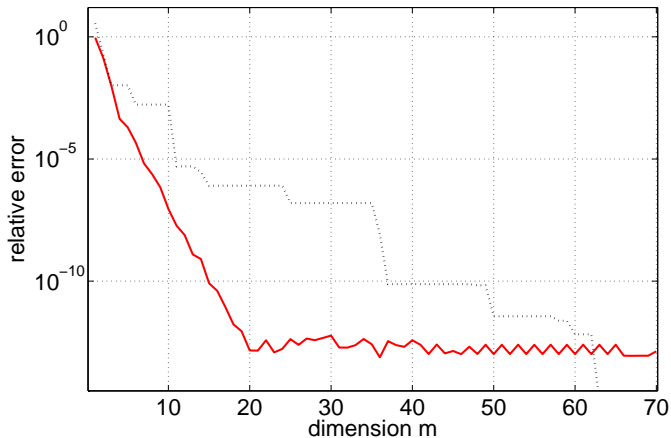


Figure: Simple error bound on the basis of converged right-most Ritz values.



Idea: In standard Krylov methods the matrix function $g(A) = A$ is applied in each step to build up a Krylov space.

In rational Krylov methods the matrix function $g(A) = (\gamma I - A)^{-1}$ is applied in each step to build up a Krylov space.

Use many applications of $g(A)\mathbf{x}$ on vectors to approximate the action of a more complicated function $f(A)$ on \mathbf{b} .

Maybe we could benefit from progress made for the solution of linear systems by displacing iteration work to the linear system solver.





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Rational Krylov spaces

Definition

Let q_{m-1} be a polynomial of degree $m - 1$ which is nonzero at all eigenvalues of A . Then $\mathcal{V}_m = [q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b})$ is the *rational Krylov space of order m associated with A , \mathbf{b} , and q_{m-1}* .

Basic facts:

- ▶ $[q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b}) = \mathcal{K}_m(A, [q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b}) \cong \mathcal{P}_{m-1}/q_{m-1}$.
- ▶ $\dim \mathcal{V}_m = \min\{m, L\}$.
- ▶ $\mathcal{V}_m \subseteq \mathcal{V}_L = \mathcal{K}_L$.
- ▶ $f(A)\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{V}_L$.



For two polynomials p and q define

$$p(z) \odot q(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\Psi_{A,b}(\zeta) - \Psi_{A,b}(z)}{\zeta - z} \frac{p(\zeta)q(\zeta)}{\Psi_{A,b}(\zeta)} d\zeta.$$

$p \odot q \in \mathcal{P}_{L-1}$ is the Hermite-interpolating polynomial for pq at the nodes $\Psi_{A,b}$.

Structural result

There holds

$$[q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b}) \cong \hat{q} \odot \mathcal{P}_{m-1},$$

where \hat{q} is a polynomial such that $[q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} = \hat{q}(A)$.



Representation result

For every m -dimensional subspace $\mathcal{V}_m \subseteq \mathcal{K}_L(A, \mathbf{b})$ with a Lagrange basis there exists a polynomial $\hat{q} \in \mathcal{P}_{L-m}$ such that

$$\hat{q} \odot \mathcal{P}_{m-1} \cong \mathcal{V}_m.$$

Question: Is every m -dimensional subspace $\mathcal{V}_m \subseteq \mathcal{K}_L(A, \mathbf{b})$ a rational Krylov space $[q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b})$?

Necessary: $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{V}_m$.

Answer: No. For $\Psi_{A, \mathbf{b}}(z) = z^3$ and $\mathcal{V}_m = \text{span}\{\mathbf{b}, A^2 \mathbf{b}\}$ there exists no \hat{q} such that $\hat{q} \odot \mathcal{P}_{m-1} \cong \mathcal{V}_m$.



Rational Krylov decompositions

For an ordered set of poles $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{m-1}) \subset \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ and scale factors $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{m-1}) \subset \mathbb{C}$, define *continuation matrices*

$$C_j := (\mu_j \sigma_j A - I)(\sigma_j I - A)^{-1} \quad (j = 1, \dots, m-1)$$

and the rational Krylov space

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu, \sigma}(A, \mathbf{b}) := \text{span}\{\mathbf{b}, C_1 \mathbf{b}, \dots, C_{m-1} \cdots C_1 \mathbf{b}\}.$$

We will always assume that none of the poles $\sigma_j \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ coincides with an eigenvalue of A and that $\sigma_j \neq \mu_j^{-2}$ for $j = 1, \dots, m-1$ (in particular, we require $\sigma_j \neq 0$ if $\mu_j = \infty$).



An elementary calculation shows that every $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{K}_{\mu, \sigma}$ is of the form

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \alpha_j (\mu_1 \sigma_1 A - I) \cdots (\mu_j \sigma_j A - I) (\sigma_{j+1} I - A) \cdots (\sigma_{m-1} I - A)}{(\sigma_1 I - A) \cdots (\sigma_{m-1} I - A)} \mathbf{b},$$

and therefore

$$\mathbf{v} \in \frac{1}{(\sigma_1 I - A) \cdots (\sigma_{m-1} I - A)} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b}).$$

Hence,

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu, \sigma}(A, \mathbf{b}) \subseteq [q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b})$$

with $q_{m-1}(z) = (\sigma_1 - z) \cdots (\sigma_{m-1} - z)$.

Equality?



We have $\mathcal{K}_{\mu, \sigma} = [q_{m-1}(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m$ iff the polynomials p_0, \dots, p_{m-1} defined by their zeros

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 & : \quad \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{m-1} \\ p_1 & : \quad 1/\mu_1 \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{m-1} \\ p_2 & : \quad 1/\mu_1 \sigma_1, 1/\mu_2 \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{m-1} \\ & \quad \vdots \\ p_{m-2} & : \quad 1/\mu_1 \sigma_1, 1/\mu_2 \sigma_2, 1/\mu_3 \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{m-1} \\ p_{m-1} & : \quad 1/\mu_1 \sigma_1, 1/\mu_2 \sigma_2, 1/\mu_3 \sigma_3, \dots, 1/\mu_{m-1} \sigma_{m-1}, \end{aligned}$$

satisfy

$$p_0(1/\mu_1 \sigma_1) \neq 0, p_1(1/\mu_2 \sigma_2) \neq 0, \dots, p_{m-2}(1/\mu_{m-1} \sigma_{m-1}) \neq 0,$$

$$\text{and } p_{m-1}(\sigma_{m-1}) \neq 0.$$



The following algorithm constructs an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{K}_{\mu,\sigma}$:

Algorithm 1: RKS algorithm.

Given: A, b, μ, σ

$v_1 := b/\|b\|$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$ **do**

$w := (\mu_j \sigma_j A - I)(\sigma_j I - A)^{-1} v_j$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, j$ **do**

$h_{i,j} := v_i^* w$

$w := w - v_i h_{i,j}$

end

$h_{j+1,j} := \|w\|$

$v_{j+1} := w/h_{j+1,j}$

end



Resulting decomposition

$$AV_m \left(H_m D_{m-1} + \begin{bmatrix} M_{m-1} \tilde{S}_{m-1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \right) = V_m \left(H_m \tilde{S}_{m-1} + \begin{bmatrix} D_{m-1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_m &:= [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m], \\ H_m &:= [h_{i,j}] \ m \times m - 1 \text{ upper Hessenberg matrix,} \\ M_{m-1} &:= \text{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{m-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Let further $S_{m-1} := \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{m-1})$.

Then $S_{m-1} =: \tilde{S}_{m-1} D_{m-1}^{-1}$ such that all entries in \tilde{S}_{m-1} are finite.



Special cases of Rational Krylov methods:

1. Standard Arnoldi: $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$, $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\infty, \infty, \dots, \infty)$.
2. Extended Krylov: $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$, $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\infty, 0, \infty, 0, \dots)$.
3. Shift-invert: $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$, $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\gamma, \gamma, \dots, \gamma)$.

In cases 1. and 2. the Rayleigh coefficient $V_m^* A V_m$ can be computed without explicit projection. In the general case it is useful to set $\sigma_m = \infty$ and to perform one more step of the RKS algorithm [Beckermann/Reichel]. Then

$$V_m^* A V_m = ([I_m, \mathbf{0}] H_{m+1} \tilde{S}_m + D_m) ([H_m D_{m-1}, \mathbf{0}] + M_m \tilde{S}_m)^{-1}.$$



We can recover a basis of the standard Krylov space \mathcal{K}_m from V_m as $W_m := q_{m-1}(A) V_m$. One can show

Lemma

With $\tilde{W}_m := W_m ([H_m D_{m-1}, \mathbf{0}] + M_m \tilde{S}_m)$ we have

$$\tilde{W}_m^\dagger A \tilde{W}_m = ([H_m D_{m-1}, \mathbf{0}] + M_m \tilde{S}_m)^{-1} ([I_m, \mathbf{0}] H_{m+1} \tilde{S}_m + D_m) + \mathbf{c} \mathbf{e}_m^T,$$

where $\mathbf{c} := \tilde{\sigma}_m h_{m+1,m} (\tilde{W}_m^\dagger \mathbf{w}_{m+1})$.

As $\tilde{\sigma}_m \rightarrow 0$ we obtain a Rayleigh coefficient for a standard Krylov space and with it the standard Ritz values.



Rayleigh-Ritz approximation

Lemma (Exactness)

Let $[q(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b})$ be a rational Krylov space of dimension m and let V_m be a basis of it. Then for $K_m := V_m^\dagger A V_m$ and every rational function r of the form $r = p/q$ ($p \in \mathcal{P}_{m-1}$) there holds $r(A)\mathbf{b} = V_m r(K_m) V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b}$.

Proof: Since $[q(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b}) = \mathcal{K}_m(A, [q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b})$,
 $p(A)[q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b} = V_m p(K_m) V_m^\dagger [q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b}$ for all $p \in \mathcal{P}_{m-1}$ (standard Krylov). Particularly, q has degree $\leq m-1$ and hence $V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b} = V_m^\dagger q(A)[q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b} = V_m^\dagger V_m q(K_m) V_m^\dagger [q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b} = q(K_m) V_m^\dagger [q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b}$ proving $[q(K_m)]^{-1} V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b} = V_m^\dagger [q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b}$. Now, $r(A)\mathbf{b} = p(A)[q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b} = V_m p(K_m) V_m^\dagger [q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b} = V_m p(K_m) [q(K_m)]^{-1} V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b}$.



Lemma (Interpolation)

Let $\mathbf{c} := [q(A)]^{-1}\mathbf{b}$ and V_m be a basis of $[q(A)]^{-1}\mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b}) = \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{c})$, $K_m := V_m^\dagger A V_m$. Then

$$V_m f(K_m) V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b} = V_m \tilde{f}(K_m) V_m^\dagger \mathbf{c} = \tilde{p}_{m-1}(A) \mathbf{c},$$

where $\tilde{f} := q \cdot f$ and \tilde{p}_{m-1} is a polynomial of degree $m - 1$ that Hermite-interpolates \tilde{f} at $\Lambda(K_m)$.

Proof: To prove the first equality, note that $\deg q \leq m - 1$ and $q(A)\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$. By Lemma (Exactness) there holds $\mathbf{b} = V_m q(K_m) V_m^\dagger \mathbf{c}$. The second equality results from interpolation properties of standard Krylov methods.



Let w_m denote the characteristic polynomial of K_m and let Γ be a contour containing $\Lambda(K_m)$ in its interior $\text{int}(\Gamma)$. Furthermore f is assumed to be analytic in $\text{int}(\Gamma)$ (and so is \tilde{f}). Then the polynomial \tilde{p}_{m-1} can be expressed using Hermite's formula

$$\tilde{p}_{m-1}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{w_m(\zeta) - w_m(z)}{w_m(\zeta)(\zeta - z)} \tilde{f}(\zeta) d\zeta,$$

and for the interpolation error

$$\tilde{f}(z) - \tilde{p}_{m-1}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{w_m(z)}{w_m(\zeta)(\zeta - z)} \tilde{f}(\zeta) d\zeta.$$



Dividing this equation by $q(z)$ and setting $s_m(z) := q(z)/w_m(z)$ we obtain

$$f(z) - \tilde{p}_{m-1}(z)/q(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{s_m(\zeta)}{s_m(z)(\zeta - z)} f(\zeta) d\zeta.$$

Using Lemma (Interpolation) we have the following representation for the error of a Rayleigh-Ritz approximation

$$f(A)\mathbf{b} - V_m f(K_m) V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b} = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} (\zeta I - A)^{-1} s_m(\zeta) f(\zeta) d\zeta \right) [s_m(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

Aim: Choose $q(z)$ such that $s_m(z) = q(z)/w_m(z)$ is as large as possible on $\Lambda(A)$ and as small as possible on Γ .



Lemma (Optimality)

Let A be normal and $[q(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b})$ be a rational Krylov space of dimension m and let V_m be a basis of it. Let $K_m := V_m^\dagger A V_m$ and $\Omega := \Lambda(A) \cup \Lambda(K_m)$. Then

$$\|f(A)\mathbf{b} - V_m f(K_m) V_m^\dagger \mathbf{b}\| \leq 2\|\mathbf{b}\| \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{m-1}} \max_{\lambda \in \Omega} |f(\lambda) - p(\lambda)/q(\lambda)|.$$

Aim: Choose poles $q(z)$ such that there exists a rational function $p(z)/q(z)$ which is close to f on Ω .



Orthogonal rational functions

Consider a sequence of orthonormal basis vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m$ of a rational Krylov space $[q(A)]^{-1} \mathcal{K}_m(A, \mathbf{b})$. There exist polynomials p_1, \dots, p_m of (not necessarily ascending) degree $m - 1$ such that

$\mathbf{v}_j = p_j(A)[q(A)]^{-1} \mathbf{b} = r_j(A) \mathbf{b}$ ($r_j := p_j/q$, $j = 1, \dots, m$). Let $A = U \Lambda U^*$ be normal, $U^* U = I$. Then

$$\delta_{j,k} = \langle r_j(A) \mathbf{b}, r_k(A) \mathbf{b} \rangle_2 = \langle r_j(\Lambda) U^* \mathbf{b}, r_k(\Lambda) U^* \mathbf{b} \rangle_2 = \langle r_j(z), r_k(z) \rangle_\mu$$

where

$$\langle r_j(z), r_k(z) \rangle_\mu := \sum_{i=1}^n r_j(\lambda_i) \overline{r_k(\lambda_i)} |\mathbf{e}_i^T U^* \mathbf{b}|^2.$$

Hence, the r_j are orthonormal rational functions with respect to the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\mu$.



On the other hand, the following interpretation is also possible

$$\delta_{j,k} = \langle r_j(A)\mathbf{b}, r_k(A)\mathbf{b} \rangle_2 = \langle (p_j/q)(\Lambda)U^*\mathbf{b}, (p_k/q)(\Lambda)U^*\mathbf{b} \rangle_2 = \langle p_j, p_k \rangle_{\mu_q},$$

where

$$\langle p_j(z), p_k(z) \rangle_{\mu_q} := \sum_{i=1}^n p_j(\lambda_i) \overline{p_k(\lambda_i)} |q(\lambda_i)|^{-2} |\mathbf{e}_i^T U^* \mathbf{b}|^2.$$



Outlook

- ▶ Useful results from the theory of orthogonal rational functions available?
- ▶ Study convergence of Ritz values of spectrally transformed matrices.
- ▶ Error bounds/indicators.
- ▶ Implementation issues, shifted MG methods and direct solvers.

