Lanczos Method for Eigensystems

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- **1.** $O(N)$ (*vs.* conventional $O(N^3)$) eigensolver
- **2. Krylov subspace**

B. N. Parlett *The Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem* (Prentice-Hall, '80) Secs. 11-13

Rayleigh Quotient

Theorem

Let A be an $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix, $\lambda_1[A] \leq ... \leq \lambda_n[A]$ its eigenvalues in **ascending order,** $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ **, & the Rayleigh quotient**

$$
\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}} \quad \text{then} \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_1[\mathbf{A}] = \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) \\ \lambda_n[\mathbf{A}] = \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) \end{cases}
$$

Proof

Let $q^{(k)}$ be the *k*-th orthonormalized eigenvector of A, $Aq_k = \lambda_k q_k$, & **orthogonal transformation matrix,** $\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, ..., \mathbf{q}_n]$ **, then**

$$
\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}
$$

Let $x = Qz$ (note $Q^TQ = I$), then

$$
\rho(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{A}) = \frac{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}} = \frac{z_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + z_n^2 \lambda_n}{z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2}
$$

which is a weighted average of $\lambda_1, ..., \lambda_n$, & the minimum is when $z^T =$ $(1,0,...,0) = e_1 \& x = Qe_1 = q_1.$

Rayleigh-Ritz Procedure

Theorem

Let $\{q_1, ..., q_m\}$ $(q_i \in \mathbb{R}^n; j = 1,...,m; m < n)$ be an orthonormal set, so that any **vector** $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in the range is expressed as a linear combination of $q_1,...,q_m$:

$$
\mathbf{x} = z_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + z_m \mathbf{q}_m \quad \text{or} \quad n \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = n \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{q}_m \\ \mathbf{q}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{q}_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{bmatrix} m = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}
$$

$$
\mathbf{x} \in \text{rank-}m \text{ subspace } \subset \mathbb{R}^n
$$

then the best approximations for $\lambda_1[A]$ **&** $\lambda_n[A]$ **are obtained by diagonalizing**

> $m \times m$ $m \times n$ $n \times n$ $n \times m$ $H = Q^T A Q$

 α $\lambda_1[H]$ & $\lambda_m[H]$.

Proof

Note $(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n Q_{ki} Q_{kj} = \mathbf{q}_i \cdot \mathbf{q}_j = \delta_{ij}$ **then** $\left(-\right)$ $\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{z}$ z^T Hz $z_1^2 \lambda_1(\mathbf{H}) + \cdots + z_m^2 \lambda_m(\mathbf{H})$

$$
\rho(x; A) = \frac{2}{z^T Q^T Q z} = \frac{2}{z^T z} = \frac{2}{z^T z} = \frac{2}{z^2 + \dots + z_m^2}
$$

the minimum of which is $\lambda_1[H]$ (*cf***.** proof in the previous page).

Orthogonalization by QR Decomposition

• Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization: The orthonormal set Q required for the Rayleigh-Ritz procedure is obtained starting from an arbitrary set of *m* **vectors, S =** $[s_1...s_m]$ $(s_i \in \mathbb{R}^n)$ as (see <u>[supplementary not](https://aiichironakano.github.io/phys516/LanczosSuppl.pdf)e</u>):

$$
\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{s}_1 / |\mathbf{s}_1|
$$
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$$
\text{for} \quad i = 2 \quad \text{to} \quad m
$$
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$$
\mathbf{q}_i' = \mathbf{s}_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{q}_j (\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{s}_i) \qquad \text{Project out!}
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{q}_i' / |\mathbf{q}_i'|
$$
\n
$$
\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |\hat{q}_j\rangle \langle \hat{q}_j| \right) |_{S_i\rangle}
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{q}_i' / |\mathbf{q}_i'|
$$

• The Gram-Schmidt procedure amounts to QR decomposition, S = QR, where R is an *m* \times *m* right-triangle matrix: m

$$
n \begin{bmatrix} m \\ s_1 & s_2 & s_3 & s_4 \end{bmatrix} = n \begin{bmatrix} m \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q'_1 | & q_1 \cdot s_2 & q_1 \cdot s_3 & q_1 \cdot s_4 \\ 0 & q'_2 | & q_2 \cdot s_3 & q_2 \cdot s_4 \\ 0 & 0 & q'_3 | & q_3 \cdot s_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q'_4 | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ q'_1 | & q'_2 | & q'_3 \cdot s_3 & q'_2 \cdot s_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q'_4 | \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
\therefore s_i = |q'_i|q_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} q_j(q_j \cdot s_i) \qquad cf. QR decomposition $A = Q$
$$

• For higher parallelization, Cholesky decomposition (BLAS3) is used instead [https://aiichironakano.github.io/phys516/Cholesky.pd](https://aiichironakano.github.io/phys516/Cholesky.pdf)f Hasegawa *et al., SC ('11)*

Rayleigh-Ritz Algorithm

- **1.** Start from $S = [s_1...s_m]$ $(s_i \in \mathbb{R}^n)$ & do Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization, $S = QR$, to obtain an orthonormal set $Q = [q_1...q_m]$
- 2. Form $H = Q^TAQ$
- **3.** Diagonalize **H** to get $\lambda_1[\mathbf{H}],...,\lambda_m[\mathbf{H}]$: $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{g}_k = \lambda_k[\mathbf{H}]\mathbf{g}_k$ ($k = 1,...,m$)
- **4.** Approximations of $\lambda_1[A] \& \lambda_n[A]$ are given by $\lambda_1[H] \& \lambda_m[H]$ with the corresponding eigenvectors, $y_k = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{g}_k$ ($k = 1 \& m$).

$$
\overline{Q^T A Q} g_k = \lambda_k(H) g_k
$$

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$$
\ast \quad \downarrow Q \times
$$

\n
$$
A \overline{Q g_k} \cong \lambda_k(H) \overline{Q g_k}
$$

* $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^T \neq \mathbf{I}^{n \times n}$ but spans a subspace of the *n*-dimensional space $cf. \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} \neq \mathbf{I}^{m \times m}$ — orthonormal in \mathbf{R}^m subspace but not complete in total \mathbf{R}^n space Davidson method augments the vector subspace by residual, $\mathbf{r}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}_k - \lambda_k \mathbf{y}_k$.

See Tkachenko *et al*., *[Quant. Sci. Tech](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SWAZ_inf6dH0A1uyVL5hFGUfDkbH5RMQ)*. **9**, 035012 ('24)

Krylov Subspace

• **Krylov subspace** S_m is spanned by a Krylov matrix, $K^m(f) = [f \Delta f \dots \Delta^{m-1}f]$ $(f \in \mathbb{R}^n)$

Theorem

Let Q_m be the orthonormal basis obtained by QR factorization, $K_m(f)$ = Q_m **R**, then $T_m = Q_m$ ^TA Q_m is a tridiagonal matrix

Proof (see [supplementary note](https://aiichironakano.github.io/phys516/LanczosSuppl.pdf)**)**

For $i > j+1$, $q_i^T(Aq_j) = 0$, since $Aq_j \subset S_{j+1}$ by construction & $q_i \perp S_{j+1}$ by Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization for $i > j+1$. By the symmetry of A, $q_i^T(Aq_j) = q_j^T(A^Tq_i) = q_j^T(Aq_i) = 0$ for $j > i+1$ or $i < j-1$.

$$
\mathbf{T}_{m} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1} & \beta_{1} & & & \\ \beta_{1} & \alpha_{2} & \beta_{2} & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_{m-2} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_{m-1} \\ & & & \beta_{m-1} & \alpha_{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{j} = \mathbf{q}_{j}^{T} A \mathbf{q}_{j} & j = 1, ..., m \\ \beta_{j} = \mathbf{q}_{j+1}^{T} A \mathbf{q}_{j} & j = 1, ..., m - 1 \\ \beta_{j+1} A \mathbf{q}_{j} & j = 1, ..., m - 1 \\ & & \vdots & \ddots & \\ & & & \beta_{m-1} & \alpha_{m} \end{bmatrix}
$$

• Tridiagonal matrix can be diagonalized in *O***(***N***) time** *cf***.** *tqli***() in** *Numerical Recipes*

Alexei Krylov with daughter Anna, later Anna Kapitsa, wife of Pyotr Kapitsa (1904)

Recursion Formula

• Due to the tridiagonality, Aq_i is a linear combination of q_{i-1} , $q_i \& q_{i+1}$:

$$
\mathbf{Aq}_i = \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} + \alpha_i \mathbf{q}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{q}_{i+1} \quad 2 \le i \le m-1
$$

If we define $q_0 = 0$, the above equation is valid for $i = 1$ as well. Let $r_i =$ $\beta_i q_{i+1}$ (r_{*i*} is a component of Aq_{*i*} orthogonal to q_j for $j \le i$), then

$$
\mathbf{r}_{i} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} - \alpha_{i}\mathbf{q}_{i} \qquad 1 \le i \le m - 1
$$

$$
\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{i} = \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1} + \alpha_{i}\mathbf{q}_{i} + \beta_{i}\mathbf{q}_{i+1} \qquad 2 \le i \le m - 1
$$

• Lanczos algorithm:

Given
$$
\mathbf{r}_0
$$
, $\beta_0 = ||\mathbf{r}_0|| (\mathbf{q}_0 = 0)$
for $i = 1, ..., m$
 $\mathbf{q}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i-1}/\beta_{i-1}$
 $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}$
 $\alpha_i \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{r}_i \therefore \mathbf{q}_i^T (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}) = \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i = \alpha_i \text{ (orthogonality)}$
 $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_i - \alpha_i \mathbf{q}_i$
 $\beta_i = ||\mathbf{r}_i|| \text{ (only when } i \leq m - 1) \quad \beta_i = \mathbf{q}_{i+1}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i$
endfor

Keep increasing *m* **until** $\lambda_1[T_m]$ **converges**

Application of Rayleigh-Ritz/Lanczos

- **• Search for transition states (with a negative eigenvalue of the Hessian** $\textbf{matrix}, \partial^2 \text{E} / \partial \text{r}_i \partial \text{r}_j)$ by following the eigenvector with the smallest eigenvalue
	- **—Rayleigh-Ritz:** Kumeda, Wales & Munro, *Chem. Phys. Lett*. **341**, 185 ('01) **—Lanczos:** Mousseau *et al*., *J. Mol. Graph. Model.* **19**, 78 ('01)

Figure from Prof. H. B. Schlegel; http://chem.wayne.edu/schlegel

Lanczos Algorithm for Hessian Calculation

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Algorithm Lanczos Input: $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$: a state logical initialize: TRUE for the first call in each event generation; FALSE otherwise Output: λ_1 : the minimum eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix, $H(R) = \partial^2 V / \partial R^2$ $V^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$: the Hessian eigenvector corresponding to λ_1 Steps: if initialize randomize $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$, such that it contains no translational motion $s \leftarrow 0$ $\beta^s \leftarrow ||\Delta||$ $Q^s \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}$) $\leftarrow 0$ do $-\widetilde{H}(\overline{R})$ $s \leftarrow s + 1$ $\mathbf{O}^{s} \leftarrow \Delta/\beta^{s-1}$ $\vec{F}(\vec{R}+\vec{Q})=\vec{F}(\vec{R})+\partial\vec{F}/\partial\vec{R}$ • \vec{Q} $c_{\text{fd}} \leftarrow \max_{i\alpha} \{|q_{i\alpha}^s| \mid i=1,\ldots,N; \alpha=x,y,z\}/\delta_{\text{fd}}$ $\Delta \leftarrow c_{\text{fd}}[-\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}+\mathbf{Q}^s/c_{\text{fd}})+\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})]-\beta^{s-1}\mathbf{Q}^{s-1}$ $\therefore \vec{H}(\vec{R}) \cdot \vec{Q} = -\vec{F}(\vec{R} + \vec{Q}) + \vec{F}(\vec{R})$ $\alpha^s \leftarrow 0^{sT} \Delta$ $\Delta \leftarrow \Delta - \alpha^s \mathbf{O}^s$ $\beta^{s} \leftarrow \|\Delta\|$

diagonalize $\mathbf{T}_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1} & \beta_{1} & & & & \\ \beta_{1} & \alpha_{2} & \beta_{2} & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_{s-2} & \alpha_{s-1} & \beta_{s-1} \\ & & & \beta_{s-1} & \alpha_{s} \end{bmatrix}$, so that $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{s}^{T} \mathbf{T}_{s} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{s} = \text{diag}(\tilde{\lambda}_{1}^{s}, \ldots, \tilde{\lambda}_{s$ $\beta^s \leftarrow \|\Delta\|$ while $|(\tilde{\lambda}_1^s - \tilde{\lambda}_1^{s-1})/\tilde{\lambda}_1^{s-1}| > \Delta_{\text{eigen}}$ $\lambda_1 \leftarrow \bar{\lambda}_1^s$ $\mathbf{V}^1 \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^s \mathbf{Q}^k \tilde{q}_k^1$ $\mathbf{V}^1 \leftarrow \mathbf{V}^1/\|\mathbf{V}^1\|$

^{*} diag($\tilde{\lambda}_1^s$, ..., $\tilde{\lambda}_3^s$) is an s by s diagonal matrix, with its diagonal elements given by $\tilde{\lambda}_1^s$, ..., $\tilde{\lambda}_3^s$. \tilde{Q}^s = $[\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^s]$ is an s by s orthogonal matrix, with $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^m \in \mathbb{R}^s$ is the mth eigenvector of \mathbf{T}_s .

Sample Run of Lanczos Program

Electronic Energy Bands of GaAs

C. Pryor, *Phys. Rev*. *B* **57**, 7190 ('98)

Lanczos Program in Fortran

```
do s = 1, NWFq(:,:,:,s) = v/bet(s-1) call hamiltonian_op(q(:,:,:,s),hv) ! Operates Hamiltonian H on Q(S)
 v = hv-bet(s-1)*q(:,(:,:,s-1))alp(s) = inner product(q(:,:,:,s),v)v = v-\text{alp}(s) * q(:, :, :, s)bet(s) = sqrt(inner product(v, v)) call tridiag(eval,s) ! Diagonalize the S by S tridiagonal matrix
end do ! Lanczos iteration over s
```
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$$
\mathbf{r}_0
$$
, $\beta_0 = ||\mathbf{r}_0|| (\mathbf{q}_0 = 0)$
for $i = 1, ..., m$
 $\mathbf{q}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_{i-1}/\beta_{i-1}$
 $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_i - \beta_{i-1}\mathbf{q}_{i-1}$
 $\alpha_i \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{r}_i$
 $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_i - \alpha_i \mathbf{q}_i$
 $\beta_i = ||\mathbf{r}_i||$ (only when $i \leq m - 1$)
endfor

Band-edge Wave Functions

• Band-edge states in an array of GaN quantum dots in AlN matrix

Conduction-band states

S. Sburlan, Ph.D. dissertation, USC ('13)

Globally-Sparse Yet Locally-Dense Eigensolver

Iterative Krylov-subspace eigensolver

• 250-fold speed-up over state-of-the-art for 2.4M atom molecular vibrational modes

J. H. Lam *et al*., *[Nature Commun](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1alFHo6HZpQKjceUjQFJ_aGsYE84D4_xj)*. **15**, 3479 ('24)

Top 10 Algorithms in History

In putting together this issue of *Computing in Science* $\&$ *Engineering*, we knew three things: it would be difficult to list just 10 algorithms; it would be fun to assemble the authors and read their papers; and, whatever we came up with in the end, it would be controversial. We tried to assemble the 10 algorithms with the greatest influence on the development and practice of science and engineering in the 20th century. Following is our list (here, the list is in chronological order; however, the articles appear in no particular order):

- Metropolis Algorithm for Monte Carlo
- Simplex Method for Linear Programming
- Krylov Subspace Iteration Methods
- The Decompositional Approach to Matrix Computations
- **The Fortran Optimizing Compiler**
- **O** QR Algorithm for Computing Eigenvalues
- Quicksort Algorithm for Sorting
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Integer Relation Detection
- Fast Multipole Method

IEEE CiSE, Jan/Feb (2000)

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