

Computation of generalized matrix functions with rational Krylov methods

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Let A be a diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrix, with spectral decomposition

$$A = V\Lambda V^{-1}, \quad \text{where } \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

If $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a function defined on the spectrum of A , the **matrix function** $f(A)$ is defined as

$$f(A) = Vf(\Lambda)V^{-1}, \quad \text{where } f(\Lambda) = \text{diag}(f(\lambda_1), \dots, f(\lambda_n)).$$

For a general matrix A , a matrix function can be defined via the Jordan canonical form.

Generalized matrix functions

Generalized matrix functions (GMFs) are an extension of standard matrix functions to the rectangular case, defined using the SVD instead of a spectral decomposition [Hawkins–Ben-Israel, 1973].

Given an $m \times n$ matrix A with SVD $A = U\Sigma V^T$ and a function $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, a **generalized matrix function** of A , denoted by $f^\diamond(A)$, is defined as

$$f^\diamond(A) = Uf^\diamond(\Sigma)V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n},$$

where $f^\diamond(\Sigma)$ is diagonal with entries

$$f^\diamond(\Sigma)_{ii} = \begin{cases} f(\sigma_i) & \text{if } \sigma_i > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This definition does not depend on the value of f at $z = 0$, so we can always assume that $f(0) = 0$ and f is **odd**.

Examples

- For $f(z) = z$, $f^\diamond(A) = A$.
- For $f(z) = z^3$, $f^\diamond(A) = AA^T A$.
- For $f(z) = z^{-1}$, $f^\diamond(A)^T$ is the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse A^+ .
- If f is odd and we define $\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$f(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f^\diamond(A) \\ f^\diamond(A^T) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Rational Krylov subspaces

Expressions of the form $f(A)\mathbf{b}$ can be efficiently computed using polynomial and rational Krylov subspaces.

Given a sequence of poles $\{\xi_j\}_{j \geq 1} \subset (\mathbb{C} \cup \infty) \setminus \Lambda(A)$, the associated **rational Krylov subspace** is

$$\mathcal{Q}_k(A, \mathbf{b}) = q_{k-1}(A)^{-1} \mathcal{K}_k(A, \mathbf{b}),$$

where $q_{k-1}(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} (z - \xi_j)$ and $\mathcal{K}_k(A, \mathbf{b})$ is the **Krylov subspace**

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

An orthonormal basis V_k of $\mathcal{Q}_k(A, \mathbf{b})$ can be computed with the **rational Arnoldi algorithm**, which requires the solution of $k - 1$ shifted linear systems with the matrix A .

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Another efficient method based on Chebyshev interpolation is proposed in [Aurentz-Austin-Benzi-Kalantzis, 2019].

Both methods have very good performance for analytic functions such as $\sin(z)$, $\sinh(z)$.

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Computational remarks

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- In the rational case, B_k is upper triangular but **not** bidiagonal.
- However, we can still compute the columns of P_k and B_k with a **short recurrence** by exploiting the **quasiseparable** structure of B_k , i.e. that all the blocks in its strictly upper triangular part have rank 1.

Short term recurrence

Let

$$B_k = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \beta_1 & \gamma_1 & \dots & * \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & d_{k-2} & \beta_{k-2} & \gamma_{k-2} \\ & & & d_{k-1} & \beta_{k-1} \\ & & & & d_k \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have

$$A\mathbf{q}_k = AQ_k\mathbf{e}_k = P_k B_k \mathbf{e}_k = d_k \mathbf{p}_k + \mathbf{x}_k, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x}_k = [P_{k-1} \ 0] B_k \mathbf{e}_k.$$

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Using the fact that the submatrices of B_k in the strictly upper triangular part have rank at most 1, we can compute \mathbf{x}_k with the recursive relation

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \frac{\gamma_{k-2}}{\beta_{k-2}} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \beta_{k-1} \mathbf{p}_{k-1}.$$

Algorithm 1: Short recurrence rational Krylov approximation of $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$

Input: $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, f , $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{k-1}\}$

Output: $\mathbf{y}_k \in \mathcal{Q}_k(AA^T, A\mathbf{b})$ s.t. $\mathbf{y}_k \approx f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$

- 1 $\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{b} / \|\mathbf{b}\|_2$
 - 2 $\mathbf{w}_1 = (I - A^T A / \xi_1)^{-1} A^T A \mathbf{q}_1$ // can use other choices
 - 3 Compute \mathbf{q}_2 by orthogonalizing \mathbf{w}_1 against \mathbf{q}_1
 - 4 Compute the QR decomposition $[\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2] \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \beta_1 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2]$
 - 5 Define $B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \beta_1 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = \beta_1 \mathbf{p}_1$
 - 6 **for** $j = 2, \dots, k - 1$ **do**
 - 7 $\mathbf{w}_j = (I - A^T A / \xi_j)^{-1} A^T A \mathbf{q}_j$ // can use other choices
 - 8 Compute \mathbf{q}_{j+1} by orthogonalizing \mathbf{w}_j against $[\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_j]$
 - 9 Compute $\mathbf{p}_{j+1}, d_{j+1}, \beta_j, \gamma_{j-1}$ with short recurrence
 - 10 $B_{j+1} = \begin{bmatrix} B_j & \mathbf{s}_{j+1} \\ 0 & d_{j+1} \end{bmatrix}$, where $\mathbf{s}_{j+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\gamma_{j-1}}{\beta_{j-1}} (B_j)_{1:j-1,j} \\ \beta_j \end{bmatrix}$
 - 11 $P_k = [\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_k]$
 - 12 Compute $f^\diamond(B_k)$, e.g. via an SVD of B_k
 - 13 $\mathbf{y}_k = P_k f^\diamond(B_k) \mathbf{e}_1 \|\mathbf{b}\|_2$
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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, and let σ_1, σ_n be the first and n -th singular values of A , where we use the notation $\sigma_n := 0$ when $n > m$.

Theorem

Let $\mathbf{y}_k \in \mathcal{Q}_k(AA^T, A\mathbf{b})$ be the approximation to $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$ obtained after k steps of a rational Krylov method, with $q_{k-1}(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} (z - \xi_j)$ as denominator polynomial. Then

$$\|f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_k\|_2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}} \|f(z) - q_{k-1}(z^2)^{-1}p(z^2)z\|_{\infty, [\sigma_n, \sigma_1]}.$$

The bound can be also reformulated as

$$\|f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_k\|_2 \leq 2\sigma_1\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}} \left\| \frac{f(\sqrt{z})}{\sqrt{z}} - \frac{p(z)}{q_{k-1}(z)} \right\|_{\infty, [\sigma_n^2, \sigma_1^2]}.$$

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We can overcome this difficulty with the identity

$$f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} = (A^+)^T f^\diamond(A^T)A\mathbf{b},$$

by first computing $\mathbf{w} = f^\diamond(A^T)A\mathbf{b}$ with a rational Krylov method on A^T and then recovering $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$ as the solution of the least squares problem

$$f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} = (A^+)^T \mathbf{w} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} \|A^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}\|_2.$$

The projected matrix now has singular values in the interval $[\sigma_m, \sigma_1]$.

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We performed experiments on random matrices with prescribed singular values to investigate the sharpness of the error bounds.

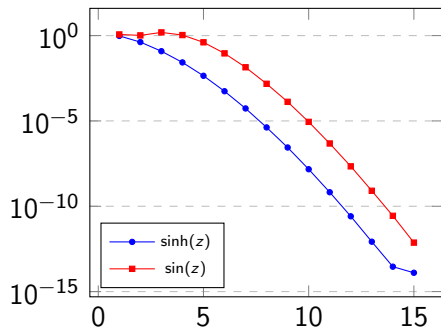
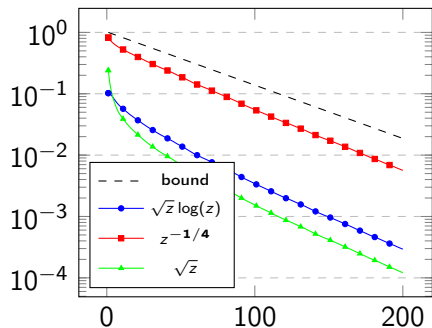
We compare the following methods:

- **polynomial** Krylov method;
- **extended** Krylov method, with alternating poles at 0 and ∞ ;
- **Shift-and-Invert** Krylov method, with repeated pole $\xi = -\sigma_{\min}\sigma_{\max}$;
- rational Krylov method with **asymptotically optimal poles** for Laplace-Stieltjes functions, from [Massei-Robol, 2020].

The poles for the fourth method were chosen according to the bound

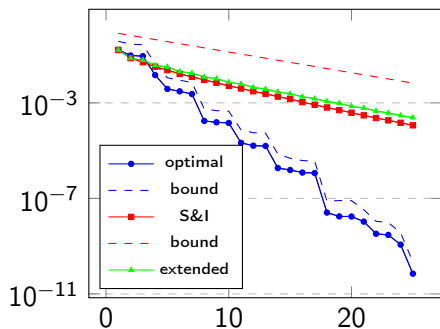
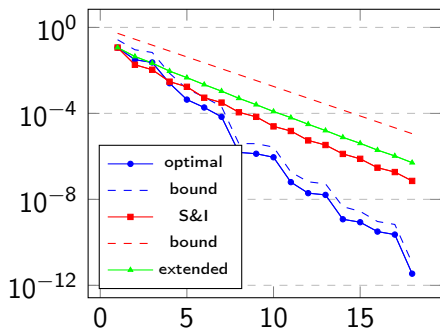
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Convergence – Polynomial



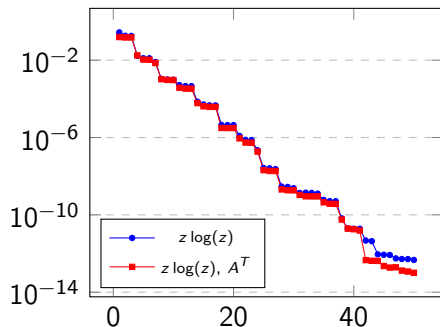
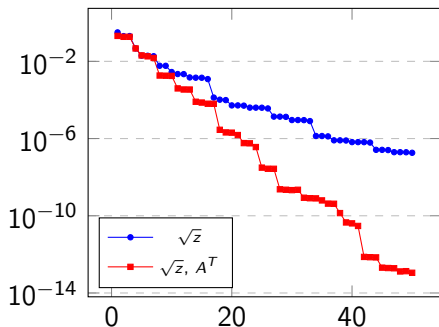
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Convergence – Rational



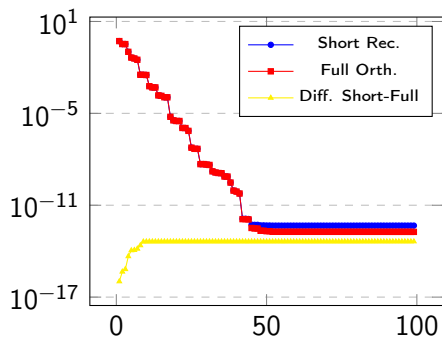
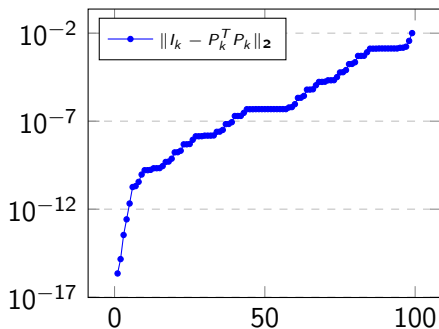
Convergence of rational Krylov methods for $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$, where A is a 2000×2000 matrix with logspaced singular values in the interval $[1, 10]$ (left) or $[10^{-1}, 10]$ (right), and $f(z) = \sqrt{z} \log(1 + \sqrt{z})$.

Convergence – Rectangular



Convergence of the asymptotically optimal rational Krylov method for $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$, where A is a rectangular 1000×1500 matrix whose singular values are Chebyshev points of the second kind in the interval $[10^{-2}, 10]$.

Loss of orthogonality



Effects of the loss of orthogonality in the rational Golub-Kahan algorithm for the approximation of $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$, where $f(z) = \sqrt{z}$ and A is a 2000×2000 matrix with logspaced singular values in the interval $[10^{-1}, 10^2]$.

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Backup slides

Practical polynomial error bound

Assume $\sigma_1 > 0$, let $1 < \rho \leq \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_n}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_n}$, and denote by E_ρ the ellipse with vertices at $\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_n^2 + \sigma_1^2) \pm \frac{1}{4}(\rho + \frac{1}{\rho})(\sigma_n^2 - \sigma_1^2)$ and foci at σ_n^2 and σ_1^2 .

Theorem (Bernstein)

Let the function g be analytic in the interior of the ellipse E_ρ , and assume that $\max_{z \in E_\rho} |g(z)| \leq M$. Then

$$\min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k} \|g(z) - p(z)\|_{\infty, [\sigma_n^2, \sigma_1^2]} \leq \frac{2M}{\rho - 1} \rho^{-k}.$$

If the function $f(\sqrt{z}/\sqrt{z})$ is analytic in the interior of E_ρ , we get

$$\|f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_k\|_2 \leq 4M\sigma_1 \|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \frac{\rho}{\rho - 1} \rho^{-k},$$

where $M = \max_{z \in E_\rho} |f(\sqrt{z}/\sqrt{z})|$ and $1 < \rho \leq \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_n}{\sigma_1 - \sigma_n}$.

Shift-and-Invert bound

Let \mathbf{y}_k be the approximation to $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$ from the Shift-and-Invert Krylov method with the single pole $\xi = -\sigma_{\min}\sigma_{\max}$. Then

$$\|f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_k\|_2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 M \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\sigma_{\min}}} \exp\left(-2k\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\min}}{\sigma_{\max}}}\right),$$

where

$$M = \|h(z)\|_{\infty, [0, -\xi^{-1}]}, \quad h(z) = \frac{f(\sqrt{z^{-1} + \xi})}{\sqrt{z^{-1} + \xi}}.$$

The function h has the property that

$$\frac{f(\sqrt{z})}{\sqrt{z}} = h((z - \xi)^{-1}).$$

Proof sketch of polynomial error bound

If $f = p_{2k-1}$ is an odd polynomial of degree $\leq 2k - 1$, then it is not hard to see that $\mathbf{y}_k = f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$.

For a general f , take an approximating odd polynomial $p_{2k-1} \in \mathcal{P}_{2k-1}$. Then, defining $h_k = f - p_{2k-1}$, we have

$$\|f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_k\|_2 \leq \|h_k^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}\|_2 + \|P_k h_k^\diamond(B_k) Q_k^T \mathbf{b}\|_2.$$

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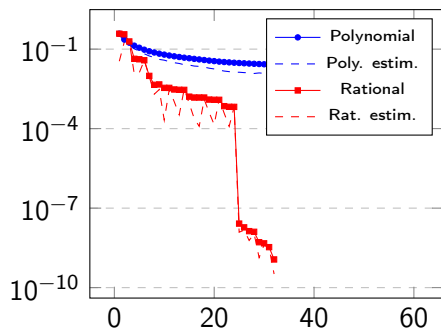
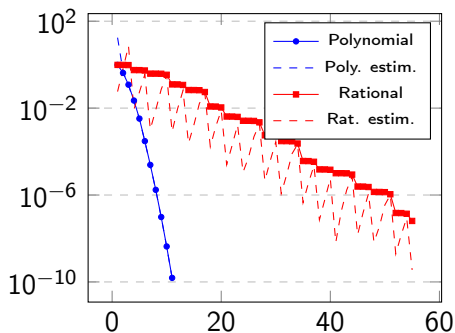
$$\begin{aligned}\|h_k^\diamond(A)\|_2 &\leq \|h_k\|_{\infty, [\sigma_{\min\{m,n\}}, \sigma_1]}, \\ \|h_k^\diamond(B_k)\|_2 &\leq \|h_k\|_{\infty, [\sigma_n, \sigma_1]},\end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\|f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_k\|_2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \|h_k\|_{\infty, [\sigma_n, \sigma_1]}.$$

The statement follows by minimizing over the polynomial p_{2k-1} .

Polynomial vs Rational – Convergence



Comparison between polynomial and rational Krylov for $f^\diamond(A)\mathbf{b}$, where A is the 8490×8490 adjacency matrix of the directed graph p2p-Gnutella30 and \mathbf{b} is the vector of all ones. Left: $f_1(z) = \sinh(z)$. Right: $f_2(z) = z^{1/3}$.

Polynomial vs Rational – Execution time

function	polynomial			rational		
	k	t_k	E_k	k	t_k	E_k
$\sinh(z)$	11	0.0103	1.54e-10	55	10.0469	6.41e-08
$z^{1/3}$	2000	41.9933	2.48e-03	32	5.6455	1.16e-09

Number of iterations k , execution time t_k in seconds required to achieve tolerance $\text{tol} = 10^{-9}$, and actual error E_k at iteration k . The execution times are for the short recurrence implementations, obtained as an average over 10 runs.