Introduction to QR-method

SF2524 - Matrix Computations for Large-scale Systems

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Now: QR-method

- Compute all eigenvalues
- Suitable for dense problems
- Small matrices in relation to other algorithms

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Reading instructions

Point 1: TB Lecture 24
Points 2-4: Lecture notes "QR-method" on course web page
Point 5: TB Chapter 28
(Extra reading: TB Chapter 25-26, 28-29)

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Numerical methods based on similarity transformations

- If B is triangular we can read-off the eigenvalues from the diagonal.
- Idea of numerical method: Compute V such that B is triangular.

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$\Rightarrow$ The Jordan form is often not numerically stable

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The Schur decomposition is numerically stable.
Goal with QR-method: Numercally compute a Schur factorization

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Note: Very different from Schur factorization

$$A = QTQ^*$$

- QR-factorization can be computed with a finite number of iterations
- Schur decomposition directly gives us the eigenvalues

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* Time for matlab demo *

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- The method often requires many iterations. (HW3, problem 1)

Improvement demo:

`http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmgxzsWWsNc`

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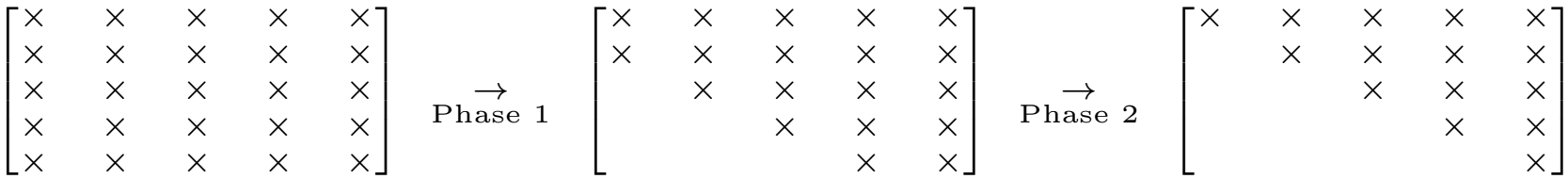

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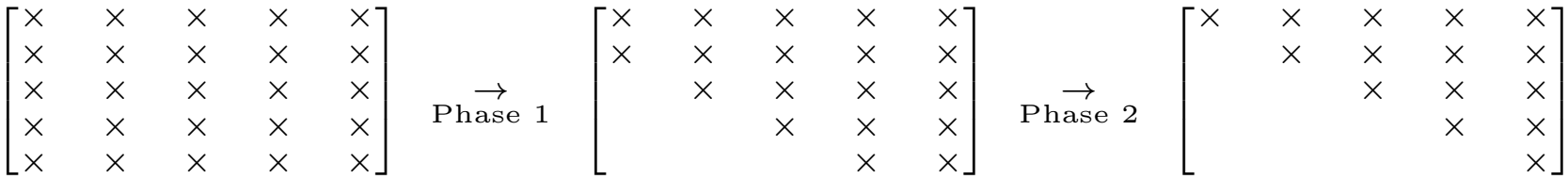

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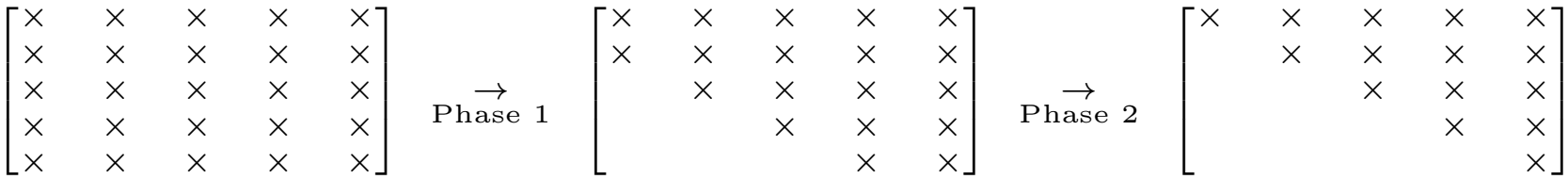

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- Phase 2: Specialize the QR-method to Hessenberg matrices (Section 2.2.2 in lecture notes)

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Unlike the Schur factorization, this can be computed with a finite number of operations.