

QR-method lecture 1

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 previous 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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Note: Very different from Schur factorization

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- Schur decomposition directly gives us the eigenvalues

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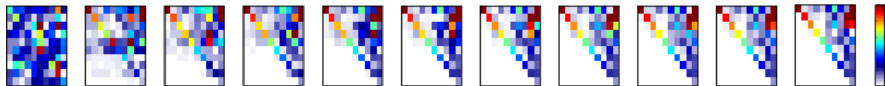
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* Time for matlab demo *

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Improvement demo:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmgxzszWwsNc>

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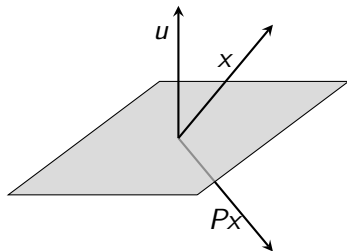
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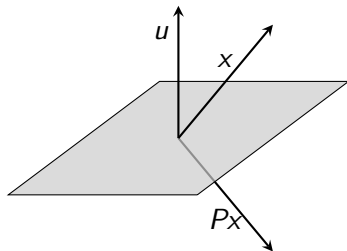
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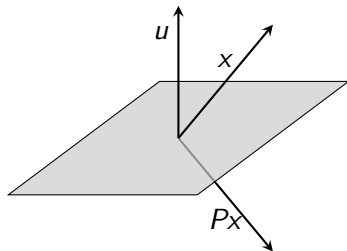
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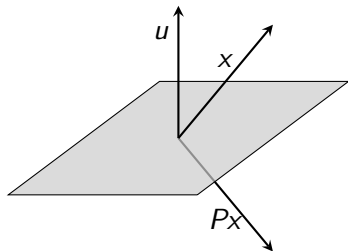
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* Matlab demo of the first two steps of the Hessenberg reduction *

The iteration can be implemented without explicit use of the P matrices.

Algorithm 2 Reduction to Hessenberg form

Input: A matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

Output: A Hessenberg matrix H such that $H = U^*AU$.

for $k = 1, \dots, n - 2$ do

 Compute u_k using (2.4) where $x^T = [a_{k+1,k}, \dots, a_{n,k}]$

 Compute $P_k A$: $A_{k+1:n,k:n} := A_{k+1:n,k:n} - 2u_k(u_k^* A_{k+1:n,k:n})$

 Compute $P_k A P_k^*$: $A_{1:n,k+1:n} := A_{1:n,k+1:n} - 2(A_{1:n,k+1:n} u_k) u_k^*$

end for

Let H be the Hessenberg part of A .

* show it in matlab *