



1 Proceeding as in Proposition 6.32 in [Saad] we obtain the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|r_m\|_2}{\|r_0\|_2} &\leq \kappa_2(X) \min_{\tilde{p}_m \in \mathbb{P}_m: \tilde{p}_m(0)=1} \max_i |\tilde{p}_m(\lambda_i)| \\ &\leq \kappa_2(X) \min_{\tilde{p}_m \in \mathbb{P}_m: \tilde{p}_m(0)=1} \max\{|\tilde{p}_m(\bar{\lambda})|, \max_{\lambda_{\min} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_{\max}} |\tilde{p}_m(\lambda)|\} \end{aligned}$$

We now replace the minimum polynomial \tilde{p}_m with

$$\tilde{p}_m(\lambda) = \frac{C_{m-1}(t(\lambda)) \bar{\lambda} - \lambda}{C_{m-1}(t(0)) \bar{\lambda}},$$

which is m th degree polynomial renormalized so that $\tilde{p}_m(0) = 1$. By estimating the first factor as in Theorem 6.29 in [Saad] we obtain the following:

$$\frac{\|r_m\|_2}{\|r_0\|_2} \leq 2\kappa_2(X) \left[\frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{\max}} - \sqrt{\lambda_{\min}}}{\sqrt{\lambda_{\max}} + \sqrt{\lambda_{\min}}} \right]^{m-1} \frac{\max\{|\bar{\lambda} - \lambda_{\min}|, |\bar{\lambda} - \lambda_{\max}|\}}{|\bar{\lambda}|}.$$

If A is normal and $|\bar{\lambda}| \gg \max\{\lambda_{\min}, \lambda_{\max}\}$ then $\kappa_2(X) = 1$ and $\max\{|\bar{\lambda} - \lambda_{\min}|, |\bar{\lambda} - \lambda_{\max}|\} / |\bar{\lambda}| \approx 1$.

2 a) A is a lower triangular matrix with non-zero diagonal \implies non-singular. A direct computation shows that $x_i^* = (-1)^{i+1}$.

b) $r_0 = e_1$. An inductive argument utilizing the equality $Ae_i = e_i + e_{i+1}$, $i < n$, shows that $K_m(A, r_0) = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$, $1 \leq m \leq n$.

c) By construction $x_m \in 0 + K_m(A, r_0)$, in particular $(x_m)_{m+1} = \dots = (x_m)_n = 0$. This and the formula for x^* imply immediately that $\|x_m - x^*\|_2^2 \geq \sum_{i=m+1}^n (-1)^{2(i+1)} = n - m$. As $\| -A^{-1}r_m \|_2 = \|x_m - x^*\|_2$ and therefore $\|r_m\|_2 \geq \|A^{-1}\|_2^{-1} \|x_m - x^*\|_2$, from which the required bound follows.

d) Perhaps the easiest way in the present situation when the matrix is small is to find the basis vectors $r_0, Ar_0, \dots, A^{m-1}r_0$ directly and then solve a few small least squares problems producing the polynomial coefficients of p_{m-1} .

For example, when $m = 1$ we solve $\|r_0 - y_1 Ar_0\|_2 \rightarrow \min$, or in Matlab notation

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r_0 = [1 0 0 0 0]';
A = spdiags(ones(5,2), -1:0,5,5)
y_1 = (A*r_0)\r_0
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from which $y_1 = 0.5$, $\tilde{p}_1(t) = 1 - 0.5t$.

For $m = 2$ we have $\|r_0 - y_1 Ar_0 - y_2 A^2 r_0\|_2 \rightarrow \min$, or in Matlab notation

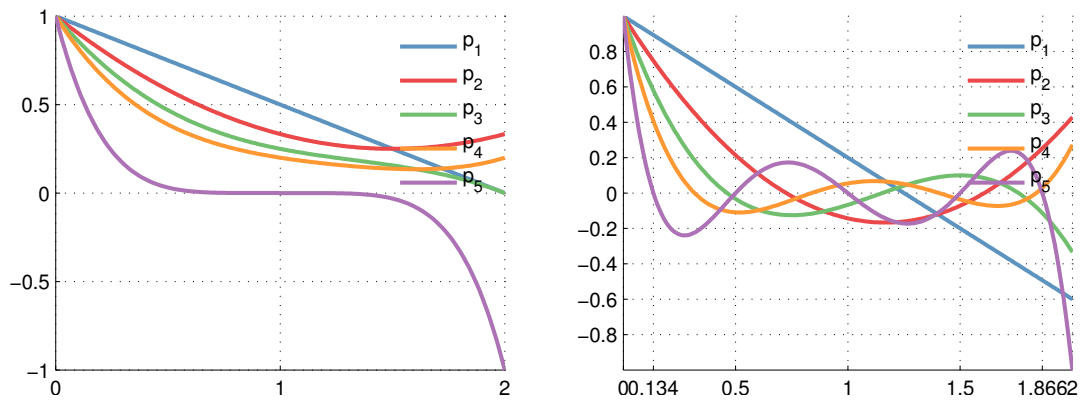


Figure 1: Optimal polynomials \tilde{p}_i for A (left) and $(A + A^T)/2$ (right). Eigenvalues are marked with vertical dotted lines.

$$y_2 = [A * r_0, A^2 * r_0] \setminus r_0$$

which yields $y = [1, -1/3]'$ and $\tilde{p}_2(t) = 1 - t + 1/3t^2$.

Proceeding in this way we find that $\tilde{p}_3(t) = 1 - 3/2t + t^2 - 1/4t^3$, $\tilde{p}_4(t) = 1 - 2t + 2t^2 - 1t^3 + 1/5t^4$, $\tilde{p}_5(t) = 1 - 5t + 10t^2 - 10t^3 + 5t^4 - t^5 = (1 - t)^5 = \det(I - tA)$, see Fig. 1 (left).

Finally

| i | $\ \tilde{p}_i(A)\ _2$ | $\ \tilde{p}_i(A)r_0\ _2$ | $\ \tilde{p}_i((A + A^T)/2)\ _2$ | $\ \tilde{p}_i((A + A^T)/2)r_0\ _2$ |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.9595 | 0.7071 | 0.8928 | 0.4472 |
| 2 | 0.8921 | 0.5774 | 0.7474 | 0.2673 |
| 3 | 0.8036 | 0.5000 | 0.5797 | 0.1826 |
| 4 | 0.7027 | 0.4472 | 0.4071 | 0.1348 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

- e) The eigenvalues of a lower triangular matrix appear on its diagonal, thus $\sigma(A) = \{1\}$. The eigenvalue-based error bounds rely critically on the diagonalizability of A , say $A = X^{-1}\Lambda X$, when the estimate

$$\|p(A)\|_2 \leq \kappa_2(X) \max_i |p(\lambda_i)|$$

is used. Without diagonalizability this argument cannot be applied; one may only claim that

$$\|p(A)\|_2 \leq \kappa_2(X) \|p(J)\|_2,$$

where $A = X^{-1}JX$ is the Jordan canonical form of A . The behaviour of powers of Jordan blocks is relatively complicated: see Section 4.2.1 in [Saad].