



# Polynomial Iterative Methods

Simple iteration

$$x^{(k)} = (M^{-1}N)x^{(k-1)} + \hat{b} , \quad \hat{b} = M^{-1}b$$

and  $x = (M^{-1}N)x + \hat{b}$

$$\Rightarrow x - x^{(k)} = (M^{-1}N)(x - x^{(k-1)})$$

$$\Rightarrow x - x^{(k)} = (M^{-1}N)^k(x - x^{(0)}) = S^k(x - x^{(0)})$$

if  $S = M^{-1}N$ . ie.

$$x - x^{(k)} = p_k(S)(x - x^{(0)}) = S^k(x - x^{(0)}) , \quad p_k(z) = z^k$$



Now if

$$x - x^{(0)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v_i, \quad S v_i = \lambda_i v_i$$

$$x - y^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i p_k(S) v_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i p_k(\lambda_i) v_i$$

Idea:  $x - y^{(k)}$  should be small if  $p_k(\lambda_i)$  is small

If  $S$  is symmetric we can say more  
(since  $S$  orthogonally diagonalisable)

$$\Rightarrow S = U\Lambda U^T, \quad UU^T = I \\ \uparrow \text{diag Matrix of eigenvalues}$$

$$\Rightarrow S^2 = U\Lambda U^T U\Lambda U^T = U\Lambda^2 U^T, \dots, S^k = U\Lambda^k U^T$$

$$\Rightarrow p(S) = Up(\Lambda)U^T \quad \text{any polynomial } p$$

$$\Rightarrow \|p(S)\|_2 = \|Up(\Lambda)U^T\|_2 = \|p(\Lambda)\|_2$$

$$= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} p(\lambda_1) & & & O \\ & p(\lambda_2) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ O & & & p(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \\ = \max_i |p(\lambda_i)|$$

So for polynomial iteration  $x - y^{(k)} = p_k(S)(x - x^0)$

$$\|x - y^{(k)}\|_2 \leq \|p_k(S)\|_2 \|x - x^{(0)}\|_2 = \max_i |p_k(\lambda_i)| \|x - x^{(0)}\|_2$$

So desire  $p_k \in \Pi_k$  is small at eigenvalues with  $p_k(1) = 1$ .

Notes:

- if  $\lambda_i = 1$  for some  $i$   
 $\Rightarrow Sv_i = v_i \Leftrightarrow Mv_i = Nv_i \Leftrightarrow Av_i = 0$  ie.  $A$  singular.
- If only  $k$  distinct eigenvalues of  $S$ : choose  $p_k$  to have these as roots.

For such a  $p_k$ ,  $\|x - y^{(k)}\|_2 = 0$  i.e. termination after  $k$  steps!

Candidates for  $\{p_k\}$  ? : Chebyshev polynomials

Suppose  $\lambda_i(S) \in [a, b]$  ,  $1 \notin [a, b]$  then

$$\begin{aligned}\|x - y^{(k)}\|_2 &\leq \max_i |p_k(\lambda_i)| \|x - x^{(0)}\|_2 \\ &\leq \max_{t \in [a, b]} |p_k(t)| \|x - x^{(0)}\|_2\end{aligned}$$

and the polynomials which

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimise} & \max \\ p \in \Pi_k, p(1) = 1 & t \in [a, b] |p(t)|\end{array}$$

are shifted and scaled Chebyshev polynomials

Chebyshev polynomials are defined on  $[-1, 1]$  by  $T_0(t) = 1$  and for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$  by

$$T_m(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \cos m\theta & (0 \leq \theta \leq \pi) \\ \text{where } t = \cos \theta & -1 \leq t \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \cosh m\theta & \text{where } t = \cosh \theta \quad t \geq 1 \\ (-1)^m T_m(-t) & t \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$T_0 = 1, \quad T_1 = t,$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}(2 \cos^2 \theta - 1) = t^2 - \frac{1}{2}, \quad \dots$$

In general since

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(m+1)\theta &= \cos m\theta \cos \theta - \sin m\theta \sin \theta \\ \cos(m-1)\theta &= \cos m\theta \cos \theta + \sin m\theta \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\cos(m+1)\theta + \cos(m-1)\theta = 2 \cos m\theta \cos \theta$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2^m T_{m+1}(t) + 2^{m-2} T_{m-1}(t) = 2 \cdot 2^{m-1} T_m(t)t$$

or

$$T_{m+1}(t) = t T_m(t) - \frac{1}{4} T_{m-1}(t), \quad m = 2, 3, \dots \quad (\star)$$

so

$$T_3(t) = t(t^2 - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{4}t = t^3 - \frac{3}{4}t, \quad \text{etc.}$$

If  $\lambda_i(S) \in [a, b]$ ,  $1 \notin [a, b]$ , need to shift using linear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [a, b] & \mapsto & [-1, 1] \\ \in & & \in \\ r & & t \end{array} : t = \frac{2r-a-b}{b-a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T}_k(r) = T_k\left(\frac{2r-a-b}{b-a}\right) / T_k\left(\frac{2-a-b}{b-a}\right)$$

satisfies  $\hat{T}_k(1) = 1$  and minimises

$$\max_{r \in [a, b]} |p(r)|$$

over all polynomials of degree  $\leq k$ .

Using  $p_k = \hat{T}_k$  is called the  
Chebyshev semi-iterative method.

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## Remarks:

1. need estimates  $a \lesssim \lambda_{\min}(S)$  and  $b \gtrsim \lambda_{\max}(S)$  in order to construct  $\hat{T}_k$ 's on a reasonable interval
2. can use the 3-term recurrence  $(\star)$  to make the algorithm more efficient than using the coefficients  $\beta_e^{(k)}$  of the polynomials  $T_k(z)$  explicitly (see exercise)
3. Convergence: we have

$$\|x - y^{(k)}\|_2 \leq \max_{r \in [a, b]} |\hat{T}_k(r)| \|x - x^{(0)}\|$$

if  $\lambda_i \in [a, b]$ ,  $1 \notin [a, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{r \in [a, b]} |\hat{T}_k(r)| &= |\hat{T}_k(a)| = |\hat{T}_k(b)| \\ &= \frac{|T_k(1)|}{|T_k(\frac{2-a-b}{b-a})|} \end{aligned}$$

as max error always attained at end points.

