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- ▶ Let  $p(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$\frac{1}{a_n} p(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda$  eigenvalue of

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$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \dots & -a_1 & -a_0 \\ 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$$

eig(C) = roots(p)

Let  $\lambda \in \text{roots}(p)$

$$C \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^2 \\ \lambda \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{n-2} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda v \quad Cv = \lambda v$$

if  $p(\lambda) = 0$ .

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- ▶ So no finite-step algorithm exists for  $Ax = \lambda x$

Eigenvalue algorithms are necessarily iterative and approximate

- ▶ Same for SVD, as  $\sigma_i(A) = \sqrt{\lambda_i(A^T A)}$
- ▶ But this doesn't mean they're inaccurate!

*S.V. always accurate,  $\lambda_i$  (sym. matrix)*

*(i) back stability  
(ii) well-conditioned or dis(sph)  
Weyl's thm.*

Usual goal: compute the Schur decomposition  $A = UTU^*$ :  $U$  unitary,  $T$  upper triangular

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- ▶ For normal matrices  $A^*A = AA^*$ , automatically diagonalised ( $T$  diagonal)
- ▶ For nonnormal  $A$ , if diagonalisation  $A = \underline{X}\underline{\Lambda}\underline{X}^{-1}$  really necessary, done via Sylvester equations but nonorthogonal/unstable (nonexaminable)

*$A\underline{x} - \underline{x}B = \underline{c}$*

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$$\det(A - \lambda I) \stackrel{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}}{\iff} (A - \lambda I)v = 0 \quad \underline{v \neq 0.}$$

Proof:

Let  $Av = \lambda v$

$$[v \ v_{\perp}]^* A [v \ v_{\perp}] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ A_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ v_1 \\ v_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}$$

square, unitary  $[T] = I$

$A_2 (n - (n-1))$

$\downarrow A_2 \hat{v} = \hat{\lambda} \hat{v} \quad \hat{\lambda} \in \text{eig}(A)$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{repeat.}$$

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Proof: Let  $Av = \lambda_1 v$  and find  $U_1 = [v_1, V_\perp]$  unitary. Then

$$AU_1 = U_1 \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * \\ & & * & * & * \\ & & & * & * \\ & & & & * \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow U_1^* AU_1 = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ & * & * & * & * \\ & & * & * & * \\ & & & * & * \\ & & & & * \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Repeat on the lower-right}$$

$(n-1) \times (n-1)$  part to get  $\underbrace{U_{n-1}^* U_{n-2}^* \dots U_1^*}_{\text{unitary}} \underbrace{AU_1 U_2 \dots U_{n-1}}_{\text{upper triangular}} = \underline{T}$ .

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- ▶ **QZ** for  $Ax = \lambda Bx$ : (generalised eigenvalue problem)  $Q, Z$  orthogonal s.t.  $QAZ, QBZ$  are both upper triangular

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# Power method for $Ax = \lambda x$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  := random vector,  $\underline{x} := Ax$ ,  $\underline{x} = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{x^T Ax}{\|x\|^2}$ , repeat

$\frac{A^k x}{\|A^k x\|} \rightarrow$  eigvec for largest eigenval  $|\lambda_i|$

Suppose  $A$  diagonalisable

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{[v_1 \dots v_n]}$

we can write  $\{v_i\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i$$

$$(|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|)$$

$$\frac{A^k x}{\lambda_1^k} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i A^k v_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i \lambda_i^k}{\lambda_1^k} v_i = \left( \sum_{i=2}^n c_i \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1} \right)^k v_i \right) + c_1 v_1 \rightarrow c_1 v_1$$

$\xrightarrow{0}$

conv. rate linear  
w. convergence factor  $\left( \frac{|\lambda_2|}{|\lambda_1|} \right)$

$\rightarrow 0$   $\left( \frac{|\lambda_2|}{|\lambda_1|} \right)^k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$



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$$A^k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = QR \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{11} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot r_{11} \rightarrow v_1$$

power method with initial vec =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightarrow v_1$

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Notes:

- ▶ Google pagerank & Markov chain linked to power method
- ▶ As we'll see, power method is basis for refined algs (QR algorithm, Krylov methods (Lanczos, Arnoldi,...))

# Why compute eigenvalues? Google PageRank

'Importance' of websites via  
dominant eigenvector of  
column-stochastic matrix

$$A = \alpha P + (1 - \alpha) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P$ : adjacency matrix,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

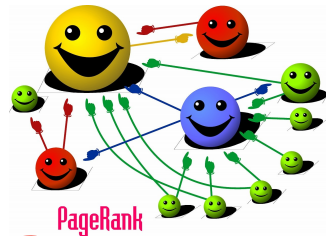


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Google does (did) a few steps of **Power method**: with initial guess  $x_0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

1.  $x_{k+1} = Ax_k$
2.  $x_{k+1} = x_{k+1} / \|x_{k+1}\|_2$ ,  $k \leftarrow k + 1$ , repeat.

►  $x_k \rightarrow$  PageRank vector  $v_1$  :  $Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$

# Inverse power method (Shift-Invert power)

Inverse power method:  $x := (A - \mu I)x$ ,  $x = x / \|x\|$

- Converges with improved **linear rate**  $\left( \frac{|\lambda_{\sigma(2)} - \mu|}{|\lambda_{\sigma(1)} - \mu|} \right)$  to eigval closest to  $\mu$  ( $\sigma$ : permutation)

$$x \leftarrow Ax$$

$$x \leftarrow (A - \mu I)^{-1} x$$

$$(A - \mu I)y = x$$

$$r: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\lambda \in \text{eig}(A)$$

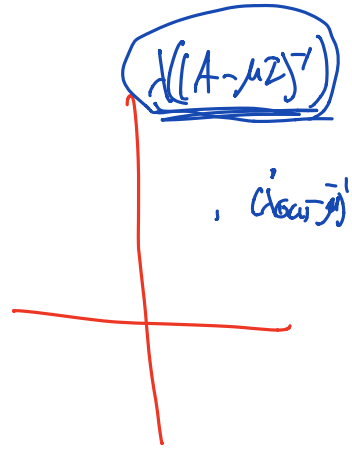
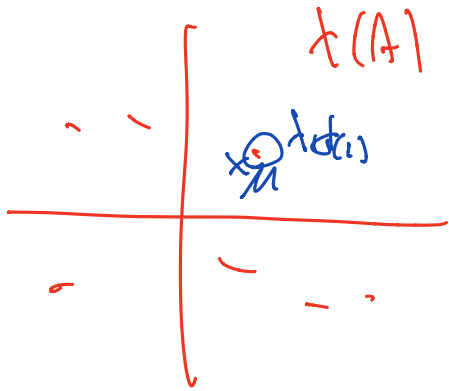
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda - \mu} \in \text{eig}(A - \mu I)$$

$$Av = \lambda v$$

$$(A - \mu I)v = (\lambda - \mu)v$$

$$v = (\lambda - \mu) \cdot (A - \mu I)^{-1} v$$

$$(A - \mu I)^{-1} v = \frac{1}{\lambda - \mu} v$$



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- ▶  $\mu$  can change adaptively with the iterations. The choice  $\mu := x^T A x$  gives Rayleigh quotient iteration, with **quadratic** convergence  
 $\|Ax^{(k+1)} - \lambda^{(k+1)}x^{(k+1)}\| = O(\|Ax^{(k)} - \lambda^{(k)}x^{(k)}\|^2)$  (cubic if  $A$  symmetric)