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SPECTRAL APPROXIMATION OF POSITIVE OPERATORS
BY ITERATION SUBSPACE METHOD

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Let H denote a real or complex Hilbert space with a norm $\|\cdot\|$ and scalar product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and suppose that A is a bounded linear positive operator acting in H and X_0 an m -dimensional subspace of H . Then the subspaces $X_n = A^n X_0$ are also m -dimensional. Let P_n denote the orthogonal projection on X_n . We shall describe the behaviour of the spectra and the eigenspaces of the operators $A_n = P_n A|_{X_n}$. We shall investigate what happens if instead of X_0 its subspace \tilde{X}_0 is taken, and a simple way of approximating the spectra of the operators A_n will be given. The case $\dim X_0 = 1$ was studied in the papers of Kolomý and others (see [2], [3] and references therein), the iteration subspace method for matrices was studied in [4] and [5].

Let $\{E(\lambda)\}$ denote the spectral family of A . We shall use the notation $E[a, b] = E(b+0) - E(a-0)$, $E(a, b] = E(b+0) - E(a+0)$, etc. Since $\dim E(\lambda, \infty) X_0$ is an integer-valued nonincreasing function of λ , the set of its points of discontinuity is finite. Let $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \dots > \alpha_k$ be all such points, we put in addition $\alpha_{k+1} = 0$. Let λ_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) be such real numbers that

$$(1) \quad \dim E(\lambda_j, \infty) X_0 < j \quad \text{and} \quad \dim E(\lambda_j - \varepsilon, \infty) X_0 \geq j \quad \text{for any} \quad \varepsilon > 0.$$

Then $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ and $\{\alpha_j\}_1^k = \{\lambda_j\}_1^m \subset \sigma(A)$ (the spectrum of A), since $E(\lambda)$ is constant in some neighbourhood of any $\tilde{\lambda} \notin \sigma(A)$.

Lemma 1. *Suppose that Y is a finite-dimensional subspace of H , $0 < \alpha < \lambda$ and $E(\lambda, \infty) y \neq 0$ for all nonzero $y \in Y$. Then there exists a positive number c such that $\langle A^n E(0, \alpha] y, y \rangle \leq c(\alpha/\lambda)^n \langle A^n y, y \rangle$ ($\forall y \in Y$).*

Proof. Since the unit ball in Y is compact we can find a positive number c_1 such that $\|E(\lambda, \infty) y\| \geq c_1 \|y\|$ ($\forall y \in Y$). This implies that for all $y \in Y$,

$$(2) \quad \langle A^n y, y \rangle = \int_{(0, \infty)} \xi^n d\langle E(\xi) y, y \rangle \geq \lambda^n \int_{(\lambda, \infty)} d\langle E(\xi) y, y \rangle =$$

$$= \lambda^n \|E(\lambda, \infty) y\|^2 \geq c_1^2 \lambda^n \|y\|^2.$$

In a similar way one can show that

$$(3) \quad \langle E(0, \alpha] A^n y, y \rangle \leq \alpha^n \|E(0, \alpha] y\|^2 \leq \alpha^n \|y\|^2 \quad (\forall y \in Y).$$

Dividing (2) by (3) we obtain the assertion.

Theorem 1. *Let $\lambda_{1,n} \geq \lambda_{2,n} \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{m,n}$ be the eigenvalues of A_n . Then $\lambda_{j,n} \nearrow \lambda_j$ with $n \rightarrow \infty$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$).*

Proof. The operator A_n is a selfadjoint operator acting in the m -dimensional space X_n , therefore its eigenvalues satisfy the max-min principle (see e.g. [1], p. 60)

$$(4) \quad \lambda_{j,n} = \max_{\substack{X \subset X_n \\ \dim X = j}} \min_{\substack{x \in X \\ \|x\| = 1}} \langle Ax, x \rangle = \max_{\substack{X \subset X_0 \\ \dim X = j}} \min_{\substack{x \in X \\ x \neq 0}} \frac{\langle A^{n+1}x, A^n x \rangle}{\|A^n x\|^2}.$$

Since $\langle A^n x, x \rangle^2 = \langle A^{(n-1)/2} x, A^{(n+1)/2} x \rangle^2 \leq \|A^{(n-1)/2} x\|^2 \|A^{(n+1)/2} x\|^2 = \langle A^{n-1} x, x \rangle \langle A^{n+1} x, x \rangle$ for any $x \in H$, we have, for all nonzero $x \in H$, $\langle A^{n+1} x, A^n x \rangle / \|A^n x\|^2 = \langle A^{2n+1} x, x \rangle / \langle A^{2n} x, x \rangle \geq \langle A^{2n} x, x \rangle / \langle A^{2n-1} x, x \rangle \geq \langle A^{2n-1} x, x \rangle / \langle A^{2n-2} x, x \rangle = \langle A^n x, A^{n-1} x \rangle / \|A^{n-1} x\|^2$. This equality and (4) imply that

$$(5) \quad \lambda_{j,n} \geq \lambda_{j,n-1} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

It follows from (1) that if X is a j -dimensional subspace of X_0 ($1 \leq j \leq m$) then there is a nonzero $x \in X$ such that $E(\lambda_j, \infty) x = 0$, and then $\langle A^{n+1} x, A^n x \rangle = \|A^{1/2} E(0, \lambda_j] A^n x\|^2 \leq \|A^{1/2} E(0, \lambda_j]\|^2 \|A^n x\|^2 = \lambda_j \|A^n x\|^2$. This inequality and (4) imply that

$$(6) \quad \lambda_{j,n} \leq \lambda_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

It follows from (1) that for each $\varepsilon \in (0, \lambda_j/2)$ there exists a j -dimensional subspace X of X_0 such that $E(\lambda_j - \varepsilon, \infty) x \neq 0$ for all nonzero $x \in X$. By Lemma 1 we can find a positive number c such that $\|A^n E(0, \lambda_j - 2\varepsilon] x\| \leq c((\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon)/(\lambda_j - \varepsilon))^n \|A^n x\|$ ($\forall x \in X$). Thus for any nonzero $x \in X$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^{n+1} x, A^n x \rangle &= \int_{(0, \infty)} \xi^{2n+1} d\langle E(\xi) x, x \rangle \geq \\ &\geq (\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon) \int_{(\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon, \infty)} \xi^{2n} d\langle E(\xi) x, x \rangle = (\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon) \|A^n E(\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon, \infty) x\|^2 = \\ &= (\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon) (\|A^n x\|^2 - \|E(0, \lambda_j - 2\varepsilon] A^n x\|^2) \geq (\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon) \left(1 - c \left(\frac{\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon}{\lambda_j - \varepsilon}\right)^{2n}\right) \times \\ &\quad \times \|A^n x\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and using the max-min principle we get

$$\lambda_{j,n} \geq (\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon) \times \left(1 - c \left(\frac{\lambda_j - 2\varepsilon}{\lambda_j - \varepsilon}\right)^{2n}\right).$$

This inequality together with (5) and (6) implies that $\lambda_j \geq \lim_n \lambda_{j,n} \geq \lambda_j - 2\varepsilon$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$, and this completes the proof.

Let $V_{j,n}$ be the subspace of X_n spanned by those eigenvectors of A_n which correspond to the eigenvalues of A_n lying in the interval $(\alpha_{j+1}, \alpha_j]$. In the case $\dim X_0 = 1$ we obviously have $V_{1,n} = A^n X_0$. In general we cannot find a subspace Z_j such that $V_{j,n} = A^n Z_j$, nevertheless, we shall show that there are subspaces Z_j which satisfy this identity approximately.

For any two subspace M, N of H we set (cf. [1], § IV.2)

$$\delta(M, N) = \sup_{\substack{x \in M \\ \|x\|=1}} \inf_{y \in N} \|x - y\|, \quad \hat{\delta}(M, N) = \max\{\delta(M, N), \delta(N, M)\}.$$

$\hat{\delta}(M, N)$ is called the gap between the subspaces M, N and if P, Q are orthogonal projections on M, N , respectively, then $\hat{\delta}(M, N) = \|P - Q\|$, $\delta(M, N) = \|(1 - Q)P\|$. Thus $\hat{\delta}$ is a distance function. It is known that

$$(7) \quad \text{if } \delta(M, N) < 1 \text{ then } \dim M \leq \dim N$$

(see [1], Corollary IV. 2.6.) and (cf. [1], Th. I.6.34)

$$(8) \quad \text{if } \dim M = \dim N \text{ then } \delta(M, N) = \delta(N, M) = \hat{\delta}(M, N).$$

We put

$$(9) \quad Y_j = X_0 \cap \ker E(\alpha_j, \infty) = X_0 \cap \text{ran } E[0, \alpha_j] \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1).$$

Then $\{0\} = Y_{k+1} \subseteq Y_k \subseteq \dots \subseteq Y_1 = X_0$, and let Z_j be a subspace complementary to Y_{j+1} in Y_j , i.e. $Z_j \cap Y_{j+1} = \{0\}$ and $Z_j + Y_{j+1} = Y_j$. We also set $Z_{j,n} = A^n Z_j$; then we have $Z_{1,n} + Z_{2,n} + \dots + Z_{k,n} = X_n$.

Lemma 2. For any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a positive number c such that

$$(10) \quad \hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j] Z_{j,n}) \leq c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n.$$

Furthermore,

$$(11) \quad \|(A - \alpha_j) \upharpoonright Z_{j,n}\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{with } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof. Lemma 1 applied to $Y = Z_j$, $\alpha = \alpha_j - \varepsilon$, $\lambda = \alpha_j$ implies the existence of a positive number c such that $\|A^n E(0, \alpha_j - \varepsilon] z\| \leq c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n \|A^n z\|$ ($\forall z \in Z_j$), which gives $\|z - E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j] z\| = \|E(0, \alpha_j - \varepsilon] z\| \leq c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n$ for all $z \in Z_{j,n}$. Consequently, for large n , $\delta(Z_{j,n}, E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j] Z_{j,n}) \leq c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n < 1$, hence, by (7), $\dim Z_{j,n} \leq \dim E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j] Z_{j,n} \leq \dim Z_{j,n}$ and applying (8) we obtain (10). In virtue of the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(A - \alpha_j)|_{\text{ran } E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j)}\| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|(A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\| \leq \\ & \leq \|(A - \alpha_j)|_{E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j)Z_{j,n}}\| + \|A - \alpha_j\| \hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j)Z_{j,n}) \leq \\ & \leq \varepsilon + c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n \end{aligned}$$

we have $\|(A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\| \leq 2\varepsilon$ for sufficiently large n , which proves (11).

Theorem 2.

$$\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, Z_{j,n}) \xrightarrow{n} 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|(A - \alpha_j)|_{V_{j,n}}\| \xrightarrow{n} 0$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Proof. We put $\eta = \min_{1 \leq j \leq k} (\alpha_j - \alpha_{j+1})$ and $\mu_n = \max_{1 \leq j \leq m} (\lambda_j - \lambda_{j,n})$, where $\lambda_{j,n}$ are the eigenvalues of A_n (cf. Th. 1). Assume that $z \in Z_{j,n}$, $\|z\| = 1$ and v_i are orthogonal eigenvectors of A_n such that $A_n v_i = \lambda_{i,n} v_i$, $z = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_m$. Then

$$\|(A_n - \alpha_j)z\|^2 = \|(A_n - \alpha_j) \sum_{i=1}^m v_i\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_{i,n} - \alpha_j) v_i \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m (\lambda_{i,n} - \alpha_j)^2 \|v_i\|^2.$$

Thus, if n is so large that $\mu_n < \eta/2$, then

$$\|(A_n - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\|^2 \geq \|(A_n - \alpha_j)z\|^2 \geq (\eta^2/4) \sum_{v_i \notin V_{j,n}} \|v_i\|^2 = (\eta^2/4) \|z - \sum_{v_i \in V_{j,n}} v_i\|^2.$$

In this way we have shown that

$$\delta(Z_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) \leq 2\|(A_n - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\|/\eta \leq 2\|(A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\|/\eta$$

for sufficiently large n . Lemma 2 implies that $\delta(Z_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) < 1$ for n large enough. Then, by (7), $\dim Z_{j,n} \leq \dim V_{j,n}$ and since

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \dim Z_{j,n} = \sum_{j=1}^k \dim V_{j,n}$$

we have in fact $\dim Z_{j,n} = \dim V_{j,n}$ and in virtue of (8),

$$(12) \quad \hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) = \delta(Z_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) \leq 2\|(A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\|/\eta.$$

This together with Lemma 2 shows that $\hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) \xrightarrow{n} 0$. To complete the proof it suffices to note that

$$\|(A - \alpha_j)|_{V_{j,n}}\| \leq \|(A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}}\| + \|A - \alpha_j\| \hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) \xrightarrow{n} 0.$$

We shall study now what happens if instead of the initial subspace X_0 some larger or smaller space is taken. Suppose that \tilde{X}_0 is an m -dimensional subspace of X_0 and let $\tilde{P}_n, \tilde{A}_n, \tilde{k}, \tilde{\alpha}_j, \tilde{\lambda}_j, \tilde{\lambda}_{j,n}$ mean the same for \tilde{X}_0 as the non-waved symbols mean with respect to X_0 .

Theorem 3. Under the above assumptions the following statements hold:

- i) $\{\tilde{\alpha}_j\}_{j=1}^k \subset \{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^k$,
- ii) the sequence $\{\tilde{\lambda}_j\}_1^{\tilde{m}}$ is a subsequence of $\{\lambda_j\}_1^m$,
- iii) $\lambda_j \geq \tilde{\lambda}_j \geq \lambda_{j+m-\tilde{m}}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, \tilde{m}$,
- iv) $\lambda_{j,n} \geq \tilde{\lambda}_{j,n} \geq \lambda_{j+m-\tilde{m},n}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, \tilde{m}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$,
- v) if $\tilde{V}_{j,n}$ is a subspace spanned by those eigenvectors of \tilde{A}_n which correspond to the eigenvalues lying in the interval $(\alpha_{j+1}, \alpha_j]$ (non-waved!) then

$$\delta(\tilde{V}_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) \xrightarrow{n} 0.$$

Proof. Note that if $\alpha' \notin \{\alpha_j\}_1^k$ then $X_0 \cap \ker E(\alpha, \infty)$ does not depend on α in some neighbourhood of α' , hence $X_0 \cap \ker E(\alpha, \infty)$ does not change in this neighbourhood as well – this shows i).

Let $\tilde{Y}_j = Y_j \cap \tilde{X}_0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$) (cf. (9)), then $\{0\} = \tilde{Y}_{k+1} \subseteq \tilde{Y}_k \subseteq \dots \subseteq \tilde{Y}_1 = \tilde{X}_0$. Setting $\tilde{Z}_j = \tilde{Y}_{j+1}^\perp \cap \tilde{Y}_j$ we see that $\tilde{Z}_j \cap Y_{j+1} = \tilde{Y}_{j+1}^\perp \cap \tilde{Y}_j \cap Y_{j+1} = \tilde{Y}_{j+1}^\perp \cap \tilde{Y}_{j+1} = \{0\}$. Since $\tilde{Z}_j \cap Y_{j+1} = \{0\}$ and $\tilde{Z}_j + Y_{j+1} \subset Y_j$ there exists a subspace Z_j complementary to Y_{j+1} in Y_j and containing \tilde{Z}_j , i.e. $\tilde{Z}_j \subset Z_j$, $Z_j + Y_{j+1} = Y_j$ and $Z_j \cap Y_{j+1} = \{0\}$. It follows from Theorem 2 that $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, A^n Z_j) \xrightarrow{n} 0$ and $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, A^n \tilde{Z}_j) \xrightarrow{n} 0$. This convergence and the inequality $\delta(\tilde{V}_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) \leq \hat{\delta}(\tilde{V}_{j,n}, A^n \tilde{Z}_j) + \delta(A^n \tilde{Z}_j, A^n Z_j) + \hat{\delta}(A^n Z_j, V_{j,n})$ imply v) since $\delta(A^n \tilde{Z}_j, A^n Z_j) = 0$.

The inequalities $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, A^n Z_j) < 1$, $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, A^n \tilde{Z}_j) < 1$, which hold for sufficiently large n , imply together with (7) that $\dim \tilde{V}_{j,n} = \dim \tilde{Z}_j \leq \dim Z_j = \dim V_{j,n}$. Thus if we put

$$(13) \quad \tilde{m}_1 = m_1 = 0, \quad \tilde{m}_j = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \dim \tilde{Z}_i, \quad m_j = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \dim Z_i,$$

then it is a consequence of the definition of $\tilde{V}_{j,n}, V_{j,n}$ and Theorem 1 that $\lambda_{m_j+i,n} \nearrow \lambda_{m_j+i} = \alpha_j$ and $\tilde{\lambda}_{\tilde{m}_j+i,n} \nearrow \tilde{\lambda}_{\tilde{m}_j+i} = \alpha_j$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, \dim \tilde{Z}_j$. These relations imply ii). iv) is an assertion of Th. II.6.46 [1] applied to the operators A_n and $\tilde{A}_n = \tilde{P}_n A_n|_{\tilde{X}_n}$ and iii) may be obtained from iv) by going to infinity with n .

With the notation (13) it follows from the above theorem that for $j = 1$ one has $\tilde{\lambda}_{\tilde{m}_j+i,n} \leq \lambda_{m_j+i,n} \leq \alpha_j$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, \dim Z_j$); these inequalities do not hold for $j > 1$ in general. Nevertheless, one might expect that the convergence $\lambda_{m_j+i,n} \xrightarrow{n} \alpha_j$ is not worse than $\tilde{\lambda}_{\tilde{m}_j+i,n} \xrightarrow{n} \alpha_j$, i.e. that

$$(14) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha_j - \lambda_{m_j+i,n}) / (\alpha_j - \tilde{\lambda}_{\tilde{m}_j+i,n}) < \infty, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \dim Z_j.$$

The next theorem shows that (14) holds if $\dim X_0 = 2$, however, no general solution has been found.

Theorem 4. In addition to the assumptions of Theorem 3 assume that $\dim \tilde{X}_0 = 1$, $\dim X_0 = 2$ and $\tilde{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$. Then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_2 - \lambda_{2,n})/(\lambda_2 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n}) \leq \lambda_1/(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2).$$

Proof. Let v_n, w_n be the orthonormal eigenvectors of A_n , x_n – the unit vector in \tilde{X}_n and $y_n \in X_n$ a unit vector orthogonal to x_n . Then it follows from (4) that $\lambda_{2,n} = \langle Av_n, v_n \rangle \leq \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} = \langle Ax_n, x_n \rangle \leq \lambda_{1,n} = \langle Aw_n, w_n \rangle$, and we put $\mu_n = \langle Ay_n, y_n \rangle$, $\gamma_n = \langle Ax_n, y_n \rangle$. $\lambda_{1,n}, \lambda_{2,n}$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} & \tilde{\gamma}_n \\ \tilde{\gamma}_n & \mu_n \end{bmatrix},$$

thus solving the quadratic equation $\det(\mathcal{A}_n - \lambda) = 0$ we have

$$(15) \quad \lambda_{2,n} = (\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} + \mu_n - ((\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} - \mu_n)^2 + 4|\gamma_n|^2)^{1/2})/2.$$

We shall estimate $|\gamma_n|$. Since $\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} \rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}_1$ it follows from Theorem 1 that $E(\tilde{\lambda}_1, \infty) x_n = 0$ for all n , which implies $\|(A - \tilde{\lambda}_1/2)x_n\| \leq \tilde{\lambda}_1/2$ and consequently, $\|(A - \tilde{\lambda}_1)x_n\|^2 = \|(A - \tilde{\lambda}_1/2)x_n - \tilde{\lambda}_1 x_n/2\|^2 = \|(A - \tilde{\lambda}_1/2)x_n\|^2 - 2\langle(A - \tilde{\lambda}_1/2)x_n, \tilde{\lambda}_1 x_n/2\rangle + \|\tilde{\lambda}_1 x_n/2\|^2 \leq (\tilde{\lambda}_1/2)^2 - 2(\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} - \tilde{\lambda}_1/2)\tilde{\lambda}_1/2 + \tilde{\lambda}_1^2/4 = \tilde{\lambda}_1(\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n})$. This inequality and the eigenvalue expansion of A_n further gives $\tilde{\lambda}_1(\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n}) \geq \|(A_n - \tilde{\lambda}_1)x_n\|^2 = \|(A_n - \lambda_2)(\langle x_n, v_n \rangle v_n + \langle x_n, w_n \rangle w_n)\|^2 = \|\langle x_n, v_n \rangle(\lambda_{2,n} - \lambda_2) \cdot v_n + \langle x_n, w_n \rangle(\lambda_{1,n} - \lambda_2) w_n\|^2 \geq |\langle x_n, w_n \rangle|^2 (\lambda_{1,n} - \lambda_2)^2$. This inequality implies

$$(16) \quad |\langle x_n, w_n \rangle|^2 \leq \lambda_2(\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n})/(\lambda_{1,n} - \lambda_2)^2.$$

The identities $w_n = \langle w_n, y_n \rangle y_n + \langle w_n, x_n \rangle x_n$ and $|\langle w_n, y_n \rangle|^2 + |\langle w_n, x_n \rangle|^2 = \|w_n\|^2 = 1$ imply

$$(17) \quad |\gamma_n|^2 = |\langle Ax_n, y_n \rangle|^2 = \left| \frac{\langle Ax_n, w_n - \langle w_n, x_n \rangle x_n \rangle}{\langle w_n, y_n \rangle} \right|^2 = \frac{|\langle x_n, Aw_n \rangle - \langle x_n, w_n \rangle \langle Ax_n, x_n \rangle|^2}{1 - |\langle w_n, x_n \rangle|^2} = (\lambda_{1,n} - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n})^2 \frac{|\langle x_n, w_n \rangle|^2}{1 - |\langle w_n, x_n \rangle|^2}$$

Note also that

$$(18) \quad \mu_n = \text{trace } \mathcal{A}_n - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} = \lambda_{1,n} + \lambda_{2,n} - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} \rightarrow \lambda_1.$$

Now the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_2 - \lambda_{2,n} &= [((\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} - \mu_n)^2 + 4|\gamma_n|^2)^{1/2} - (\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} + \mu_n - 2\lambda_2)]/2 = \\ &= \frac{(\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} - \mu_n)^2 - (\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} + \mu_n - 2\lambda_2)^2 + 4|\gamma_n|^2}{2((\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} - \mu_n)^2 + 4|\gamma_n|^2)^{1/2} + \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} + \mu_n - 2\lambda_2} = \\ &= (\lambda_2 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n}) \frac{2(\mu_n - \lambda_2) + 2(\gamma_n)^2/(\lambda_2 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n})}{((\mu_n - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n})^2 + 4|\gamma_n|^2)^{1/2} + \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n} + \mu_n - 2\lambda_2} \end{aligned}$$

implies in virtue of (16), (17) and (18) that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_{2,n}}{\lambda_2 - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n}} \leq 2 \left(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lim_n \frac{(\lambda_{1,n} - \tilde{\lambda}_{1,n})^2}{1 - |\langle x_n, w_n \rangle|^2} \frac{2\lambda_2}{(\lambda_{1,n} - \lambda_2)^2} \right) \times \\ \times [((\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2 + 0)^{1/2} + \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2]^{-1} = \lambda_1 / (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2),$$

which completes the proof.

It is shown in the above proof that $\mu_n \xrightarrow{n} \lambda_1$ and $\|w_n - y_n\| \xrightarrow{n} 0$, thus instead of looking for the exact solution of the eigenvalue problem for the operator A_n one may be satisfied by taking $\tilde{\lambda}_{1,n}, \mu_n, x_n, y_n$ as the approximate solution. This procedure may be generalized in the following way.

Suppose that $\{0\} = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \dots \subset M_m = X_0$ are subspace with $\dim M_j = j$. Let $x_{j,n} \in A^n M_j$ be a vector orthogonal to $A^n M_{j-1}$ with unit norm and put $\mu_{j,n} = \langle Ax_{j,n}, x_{j,n} \rangle$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$). Note that the vectors $x_{1,n}, x_{2,n}, \dots, x_{m,n}$ may be obtained from the vectors $Ax_{1,n-1}, Ax_{2,n-1}, \dots, Ax_{m,n-1}$ by the Schmidt orthogonalization process (see e.g. [1] p. 50).

Theorem 5. *The sequences $\{\mu_{j,n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, m$) are convergent and $\{\lim_n \mu_{j,n}\}_{j=1}^m = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$. If $W_{1,n}$ denotes the subspace spanned by the vectors $x_{j,n}$ with indices j such that $\lim_n \mu_{j,n} = \alpha_l$ then $\delta(W_{1,n}, V_{1,n}) \xrightarrow{n} 0$.*

Proof. Let $P_n(j)$ denote the orthogonal projection on $A^n M_j$ and $F_{l,n}(j)$ – the orthogonal projection on the subspace $V_{l,n}(j)$ spanned by those eigenvectors of the operator $P_n(j) A|_{A^n M_j}$ which correspond to the eigenvalues lying in the interval $(\alpha_{l+1}, \alpha_l]$. Theorems 1 and 2 imply that there exists a number n_0 such that $\dim V_{l,n}(j)$ is independent of n for $n > n_0$. Theorem 3 implies that

$$(19) \quad \delta(V_{l,n}(j-1), V_{l,n}(j)) \xrightarrow{n} 0,$$

thus, by (7), $\dim V_{l,n}(j-1) \leq \dim V_{l,n}(j)$ for $n > n_0$. Since $j = \sum_{l=1}^k \dim V_{l,n}(j) = 1 + \sum_{l=1}^k \dim V_{l,n}(j-1)$ we in fact have $\dim V_{l,n}(j-1) = \dim V_{l,n}(j)$ for all $l = 1, 2, \dots, k$ except one, denoted by l_j , which together with (19) and (8) implies that for $l \neq l_j$,

$$(20) \quad \|F_{l,n}(j) - F_{l,n}(j-1)\| = \delta(V_{l,n}(j), V_{l,n}(j-1)) \xrightarrow{n} 0.$$

Since

$$P_n(j) = \sum_{l=1}^k F_{l,n}(j),$$

thus setting

$$G_{j,n} = P_n(j) - P_n(j-1) = \langle \cdot, x_{j,n} \rangle x_{j,n}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_{j,n} - (F_{l_j,n}(j) - F_{l_j,n}(j-1))\| &= \left\| \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq l_j}}^k (F_{l,n}(j) - F_{l,n}(j-1)) \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq l_j}}^k \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j), V_{l,n}(j-1)). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$Q_{r,n} = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ l_j=r}}^m G_{j,n} \quad \text{and} \quad W_{r,n} = \text{ran } Q_{r,n},$$

$Q_{r,n}$ is the orthogonal projection on $W_{r,n}$. The previous inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad \hat{\delta}(W_{r,n}, V_{r,n}) &= \|Q_{r,n} - F_{r,n}(m)\| = \\ &= \left\| \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ l_j=r}}^m (G_{j,n} - (F_{r,n}(j) - F_{r,n}(j-1))) - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ l_j \neq r}}^m (F_{r,n}(j) - F_{r,n}(j-1)) \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ l_j=r}}^m \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq l_j}}^k \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j), V_{l,n}(j-1)) + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ l_j \neq r}}^m \hat{\delta}(V_{r,n}(j), V_{r,n}(j-1)). \end{aligned}$$

This in virtue of (20) shows that $\hat{\delta}(W_{r,n}, V_{r,n}) \xrightarrow{n} 0$, ($r = 1, 2, \dots, k$). This convergence and Theorem 2 imply that $\|(A - \alpha_r)|_{W_{r,n}}\| \xrightarrow{n} 0$, and to complete the proof it suffices to note that if $l_j = r$ then $x_{j,n} \in W_{r,n}$ and then

$$\begin{aligned} |\mu_{j,n} - \alpha_r| &= |\langle (A - \alpha_r)x_{j,n}, x_{j,n} \rangle| \leq \\ &\leq \|(A - \alpha_r)x_{j,n}\| \leq \|(A - \alpha_r)|_{W_{r,n}}\| \xrightarrow{n} 0. \end{aligned}$$

ERROR ESTIMATIONS

Suppose that the eigenvalue problem for the operator A_n has been solved. Then, using the formula

$$d(\lambda, \sigma(A)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \inf_{\mu \in A} |\lambda - \mu| = \inf_{\substack{x \in H \\ \|x\|=1}} \|(A - \lambda)x\|$$

(cf. [1], p. 277), we can estimate how far the eigenvalues of A_n are from the spectrum of A . Namely, if $(A_n - \lambda_{j,n})v_{j,n} = 0$ and $\|v_{j,n}\| = 1$, then $d(\lambda_{j,n}, \sigma(A)) \leq \|(A - \lambda_{j,n})v_{j,n}\| = (\|Av_{j,n}\|^2 - 2\lambda_{j,n}\langle Av_{j,n}, v_{j,n} \rangle + \lambda_{j,n}^2)^{1/2} = (\|Av_{j,n}\|^2 - \lambda_{j,n}^2)^{1/2}$. In the same way we can find an a posteriori estimate $d(\mu_{j,n}, \sigma(A)) \leq (\|Ax_{j,n}\|^2 - \mu_{j,n}^2)^{1/2}$, where $x_{j,n}, \mu_{j,n}$ have the same meaning as in Theorem 5.

If α_j is an isolated eigenvalue in $\sigma(A)$ then the following theorem gives an a priori estimate of $d(\lambda_{j,n}, \sigma(A))$ and provides fast convergence of eigenvalues and eigenvectors of operators A_n .

Theorem 6. Suppose that for some $\varepsilon > 0$ $(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j] \cap \sigma(A) = \{\alpha_j\}$. Then there is a positive number c such that $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n$, where $E_j = E(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j] = E[\alpha_j, \alpha_j]$ and $\alpha_j - \lambda_{i,n} \leq c(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^{2n}$, for all i such that $\lambda_i = \alpha_j$.

Proof. It follows from (10) and (11) that there is a positive number c_0 such that for sufficiently large n , $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, Z_{j,n}) \leq c_0 \| (A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}} \|$ and $\hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, E_j Z_{j,n}) \leq c_0(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n$. Note that $(A - \alpha_j)|_{E_j Z_j} = 0$ and $E_j Z_{j,n} = E_j A^n Z_j = E_j Z_j$; therefore $\| (A - \alpha_j)|_{Z_{j,n}} \| \leq \| A - \alpha_j \| \times \hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, E_j Z_j)$ and $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq \hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, Z_{j,n}) + \hat{\delta}(Z_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq c_0(\| A - \alpha_j \| + 1)(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n$. Suppose now that $(A_n - \lambda_{i,n})v = 0$, $v \in V_{j,n}$, $\|v\| = 1$. Then $\lambda_i = \alpha_j$ and $\lambda_{i,n} = \langle Av, v \rangle = \langle A(1 - E_j)v, v \rangle + \langle AE_j v, v \rangle = \langle A(1 - E_j)v, (1 - E_j)v \rangle + \alpha_j \|E_j v\|^2$. Thus $\alpha_j - \lambda_{i,n} = \alpha_j(1 - \|E_j v\|^2) - \langle A(1 - E_j)v, (1 - E_j)v \rangle \leq \alpha_j \| (1 - E_j)v \|^2 \leq \alpha_j (\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j V_{j,n}))^2$. It is easy to verify that $\hat{\delta}(E_j Z_j, E_j V_{j,n}) \leq \hat{\delta}(E_j Z_j, V_{j,n})$, hence $\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j V_{j,n}) \leq \hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j Z_{j,n}) + \hat{\delta}(E_j Z_j, E_j V_{j,n}) \leq 2\hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq 2c_1(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^n$. The above shows that $\alpha_j - \lambda_{i,n} \leq c_2(1 - \varepsilon/\alpha_j)^{2n}$, where c_2 is a new constant independent of n .

A similar theorem may be proved for the approximation process considered in Theorem 5.

Theorem 7. In addition to the assumptions of Theorem 5 suppose that β_j are such positive numbers that $(\alpha_j - \beta_j, \alpha_j] \cap \sigma(A) = \{\alpha_j\}$, and put $\gamma = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} (1 - \beta_j/\alpha_j)$. Then there is a positive number c such that for $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$ we have

$$\hat{\delta}(W_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq c\gamma^n \quad \text{and} \quad |\alpha_j - \mu_{i,n}| \leq c\gamma^{2n} \quad \text{for all } i$$

such that $\mu_{i,n} \xrightarrow{n} \alpha_j$.

Proof. Applying Theorem 6 we have

$$(22) \quad \hat{\delta}(W_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq \hat{\delta}(W_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) + \hat{\delta}(V_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq \hat{\delta}(W_{j,n}, V_{j,n}) + c\gamma^n.$$

We keep the notation from the proof of Theorem 5 and put $Z_l(j) = (Y_{l+1} \cap M_j)^\perp \cap Y_l \cap M_j$ (cf. the definition of \tilde{Z}_j in the proof of Theorem 3). There are two possibilities:

- i) $Z_l(j) = \{0\}$ – then for sufficiently large n , $V_{l,n}(j) = \{0\}$,
- ii) $Z_l(j) \neq \{0\}$ – then we may apply Theorem 6 with M_j instead of X_0 . Thus in both cases there exists a positive number c such that

$$(23) \quad \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j), E_l Z_l(j)) \leq c(1 - \beta_l/\alpha_l)^n \leq c\gamma^n \xrightarrow{n} 0.$$

In the inequality $\hat{\delta}(E_l Z_l(j), E_l Z_l(j-1)) \leq \hat{\delta}(E_l Z_l(j), V_{l,n}(j)) + \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j), V_{l,n}(j-1)) + \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j-1), E_l Z_l(j-1))$ the righthand side converges to zero for $l \neq l_j$ in virtue of (23) and (20). This implies that $E_l Z_l(j) = E_l Z_l(j-1)$ for $l \neq l_j$, and by (23), $\hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j), V_{l,n}(j-1)) \leq \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j), E_l Z_l(j)) + \hat{\delta}(V_{l,n}(j-1),$

$E_i Z_i(j-1) \leq 2c\gamma^n$. This inequality together with (22) and (21) gives

$$\delta(W_{j,n}, E_j Z_j) \leq c\gamma^n + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq l \\ i \neq k}} \delta(V_{i,n}(i), V_{i,n}(i-1)) \leq c_1 \gamma^n,$$

with a constant c_1 independent of n . The desired estimate of $|\alpha_j - \mu_{i,n}|$ may be obtained in nearly the same way as that of $|\lambda_{i,n} - \alpha_j|$ in the proof of Theorem 6.

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Souhrn

SPEKTRÁLNÍ APROXIMACE POSITIVNÍCH OPERÁTORŮ METODOU ITERACE PODPROSTORŮ

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Vyšetřuje se metoda iterace podprostorů pro aproximaci bodů spektra pozitivního lineárního omezeného operátoru. Je popsáno chování vlastních hodnot a vlastních vektorů A_n , vznikajících při užití této metody, a jejich závislost na počátečním podprostoru. Vyšetřuje se rovněž užití Schmidtova ortogonalizačního procesu k přibližnému výpočtu vlastních prvků operátorů A_n .

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