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RATIONAL KRYLOV FOR NONLINEAR EIGENPROBLEMS,  
AN ITERATIVE PROJECTION METHOD

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*Abstract.* In recent papers Ruhe suggested a rational Krylov method for nonlinear eigenproblems knitting together a secant method for linearizing the nonlinear problem and the Krylov method for the linearized problem. In this note we point out that the method can be understood as an iterative projection method. Similarly to the Arnoldi method the search space is expanded by the direction from residual inverse iteration. Numerical methods demonstrate that the rational Krylov method can be accelerated considerably by replacing an inner iteration by an explicit solver of projected problems.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this note we consider the nonlinear eigenvalue problem

$$(1.1) \quad A(\lambda)x = 0$$

where  $A(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is a family of matrices depending on a complex parameter  $\lambda \in D \subset \mathbb{C}$ . As in the linear case a parameter  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of problem (1.1) if the equation (1.1) has a nontrivial solution  $x \neq 0$  which is called an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$ . We assume in this note that the matrix  $A(\lambda)$  is large and sparse.

For sparse linear eigenproblems iterative projection methods are very efficient. Approximations to the desired eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors are obtained from projections to subspaces which are expanded in the course of the algorithm. Methods of this type are the Lanczos algorithm [10], Arnoldi's method [1] and the Jacobi-Davidson method [18], e.g., to name the most important ones. Volume [2] contains a survey and a guide to the numerical solution of eigenvalue problems.

Taking advantage of shift-and-invert techniques in Arnoldi's method one gets approximate eigenvalues closest to the shift. Ruhe [15] generalized this approach suggesting the rational Krylov method where several shifts are used in one run. Thus one gets good approximations to all eigenvalues in a union of regions around the shifts chosen.

In some sense, Ruhe [14] generalized the rational Krylov approach to sparse nonlinear eigenvalue problems. He combined the linearization of problem (1.1) by Lagrangian interpolation and the solution of the resulting linear eigenproblem by Arnoldi's method. Similarly to the rational Krylov process, he constructs a sequence  $V_k$  of subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . At the same time he updates Hessenberg matrices  $H_k$  which approximate the projection of  $A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda_k)$  to  $V_k$ . Here  $\sigma$  denotes a shift (which similarly to the rational Krylov method for linear problems can be updated in the course of the algorithm) and  $\lambda_k$  an approximation to the desired eigenvalue of (1.1). Then a Ritz vector  $x_k$  of  $H_k$  corresponding to an eigenvalue of small modulus approximates an eigenvector of the nonlinear problem from which a (hopefully) improved eigenvalue approximation of problem (1.1) is obtained.

The convergence properties of this first version of rational Krylov for nonlinear problems was far from being satisfactory. To improve its convergence, Ruhe in [16] introduced an inner iteration which enforces the residual  $r_k = A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda_k)x_k$  to be orthogonal to the search space  $V_k$ . This property is automatically satisfied for linear eigenproblems. The inner iteration is presented heuristically not noticing that it actually is nothing else but a solver of the projected nonlinear eigenproblem  $V_k^H A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda)x_k = 0$ . Thus, the rational Krylov method for nonlinear eigenproblems can be interpreted as an iterative projection method, where the inner iteration can be replaced by any solver of dense nonlinear eigenproblems. Numerical examples demonstrate that the method can be accelerated considerably in this way.

Although motivated in a completely different manner the search space  $V_k$  is expanded in the same way as in the Arnoldi method for nonlinear eigenproblems introduced in [19], [20]. However, differently from rational Krylov, in the Arnoldi approach the original problem  $A(\lambda)x = 0$  is projected to  $V_k$ . Thus, the nonlinear Arnoldi method preserves symmetry properties of problem (1.1), which can be exploited when solving the projected problems.

This note is organized as follows. Section 2 summarizes the rational Krylov method as introduced by Ruhe [14], [16]. In Section 3 we give its interpretation as an iterative projection method, and we comment on modifications and improvements. Section 4 compares the original method as implemented in [7] with its modification, where the inner iteration is replaced by a direct solver of the projected problem, and with the Arnoldi method for a rational eigenproblem governing mechanical vibrations of a fluid-solid structure.

## 2. THE RATIONAL KRYLOV METHOD

In [14] Ruhe had proposed the following rational Krylov method which was used by Hager and Wiberg [6] to solve a rational eigenvalue problem governing damped vibrations of a structure using the constitutive law of a standard linear viscoelastic solid.

Linearizing the nonlinear family  $A(\lambda)$  by Lagrange interpolation between two points  $\sigma$  and  $\mu$  one gets

$$(2.1) \quad A(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda - \sigma}{\mu - \sigma} A(\mu) + \frac{\mu - \lambda}{\mu - \sigma} A(\sigma) + \text{higher order terms.}$$

Neglecting the remainder in the Lagrange interpolation, replacing  $\mu$  with  $\lambda_{j-1}$ ,  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda_j$ , and keeping  $\sigma$  fixed for several steps, one obtains an approximation to problem (1.1)

$$(2.2) \quad (A(\lambda_{j-1}) - \theta A(\sigma))x = 0, \quad \theta = \frac{\lambda_j - \lambda_{j-1}}{\lambda_j - \sigma},$$

which is equivalent to the linear eigenproblem

$$(2.3) \quad (A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda_{j-1}) - \theta I)x = 0, \quad \lambda_j = \lambda_{j-1} + \frac{\theta}{1 - \theta}(\lambda_{j-1} - \sigma).$$

If the dimension  $n$  of problem (1.1) is small, then this linear eigenproblem can be used to approximate an eigenvalue of the nonlinear problem. Choosing the smallest eigenvalue of (2.3) in modulus for every  $j$ , one can expect convergence to an eigenvalue close to the initial approximation  $\lambda_1$ .

For large and sparse matrices Ruhe [14] suggested to combine the linearization (2.3) with an Arnoldi process. Assume that the method has performed  $j$  steps, yielding approximations  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_j$  to an eigenvalue, an orthonormal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_j$  of the current search space, and an upper Hessenberg matrix  $H_{j,j-1} \in \mathbb{C}^{j \times (j-1)}$  such that the Arnoldi recursion

$$(2.4) \quad T(\lambda_{j-1})V_{j-1} = V_j H_{j,j-1}$$

is fulfilled (at least approximately). Here  $T(\lambda) = A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda)$  and  $V_j = [v_1, \dots, v_j]$ .

In the linear case the matrix  $H_{j,j-1}$  would be expanded by adding one column on the right, and a zero row at the bottom, so that

$$(2.5) \quad \tilde{H}_{j+1,j} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{j,j-1} & k_j \\ 0 & \|r_\perp\| \end{pmatrix}.$$

Formula  $r_j = T(\lambda_j)v_j$  gives the residual at the current approximation  $(\lambda_j, v_j)$  to an eigenpair,  $r_\perp = r_j - V_j V_j^H r_j$  is the orthogonal complement of  $r_j$  with respect to  $V_j$ , and  $k_j = V_j^H r_j$  is the vector of Gram-Schmidt coefficients of  $r_j$ .

Adding  $v_{j+1} = r_\perp / \|r_\perp\|$  to the basis in the linear case the next Arnoldi relation

$$(2.6) \quad T(\lambda_j)V_j = V_{j+1}\tilde{H}_{j+1,j}$$

would hold. In the nonlinear case however this is not true.

From (2.1) it follows that

$$T(\lambda_j) \approx \frac{\lambda_j - \sigma}{\lambda_{j-1} - \sigma} T(\lambda_{j-1}) - \frac{\lambda_j - \lambda_{j-1}}{\lambda_{j-1} - \sigma} I = \frac{1}{1 - \theta} T(\lambda_{j-1}) - \frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} I.$$

Therefore, Ruhe suggested to update  $H_{j,j-1}$  according to

$$(2.7) \quad H_{j+1,j} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1-\theta} H_{j,j-1} - \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} I_{j,j-1} & k_j \\ 0 & \|r_\perp\| \end{pmatrix}$$

to maintain the approximate fulfilment of the Arnoldi recurrence (2.6).

He arrived at a first version of the rational Krylov method in Algorithm 1. In step 5:  $H_{j,j}$  denotes the submatrix of  $H_{j+1,j}$  which is obtained by dropping the last row.

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Algorithm 1. Rational Krylov method; preliminary version.

- 1: Start with initial vector  $v_1$  with  $\|v_1\| = 1$ , and initial  $\lambda_1$  and  $\sigma$
  - 2:  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda_1)v_1$
  - 3: **for**  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence **do**
  - 4: orthogonalize  $h_j = V^H r$ ,  $r_\perp = r - V h_j$ ,  $h_{j+1,j} = \|r_\perp\|$
  - 5: compute  $\theta = \min \text{eig } H_{j,j}$  with corresponding eigenvector  $s$
  - 6:  $\lambda_{j+1} = \lambda_j + \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}(\lambda_j - \sigma)$
  - 7:  $H_{j+1,j} = \frac{1}{1-\theta} H_{j+1,j} - \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} I_{j+1,j}$
  - 8:  $v_{j+1} = r_\perp / \|r_\perp\|$
  - 9:  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda_{j+1})v_{j+1}$
  - 10: **end for**
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This version of rational Krylov turned out to be inefficient. To improve its convergence properties Ruhe [16] suggested to modify the last column of  $H_{j+1,j}$  and to adjust  $\lambda_{j+1}$ , the diagonal of  $H_{j+1,j}$  and  $s$  according to steps 5:-7: in an inner iteration so that the Arnoldi recursion (2.6) hold approximately and the residual  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda_{j+1})V_j s$  be enforced to be orthogonal to  $V_j$ . Only after this inner iteration has converged, the search space  $V_j$  is expanded and the outer iteration continues. Again this requirement is automatically satisfied for linear eigenproblems.

If  $H_{j+1,j}$  has already been updated according to step 7: then  $H_{j,j}s = 0$  holds, and by Lagrangian interpolation we approximately have

$$A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda_{j+1})V_j = V_j H_{j,j} + r_{\perp} e_j^T,$$

from which we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda_{j+1})V_j \begin{bmatrix} I_{j-1} & \tilde{s} \\ 0 & s_j \end{bmatrix} = V_j [H_{j,j-1}, k_j] + r_{\perp} e_j^T.$$

Here  $\tilde{s}$  is the leading  $j-1$  vector of  $s$  and

$$k_j = V_j^H A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda_{j+1})V_j s = V_j^H r.$$

Multiplying (2.8) by the inverse of the matrix in brackets from the right and by  $V_j^H$  from the left one gets a new Hessenberg matrix

$$\hat{H}_{j,j} = [H_{j,j-1}, k_j] \begin{bmatrix} I_{j-1} & -s_j^{-1}\tilde{s} \\ 0 & s_j^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = [H_{j,j-1}, -s_j^{-1}H_{j,j-1}\tilde{s} + s_j^{-1}k_j].$$

Finally,  $H_{j,j}s = H_{j,j-1}\tilde{s} + s_j h_j = 0$  yields that the last column of  $H_{j,j}$  has to be replaced by  $h_j + s_j^{-1}k_j$ .

Thereafter  $s$ ,  $\lambda_{j+1}$  and  $H_{j+1,j}$  have to be updated according to steps 5–7: of Algorithm 1, and these steps have to be repeated until (hopefully) the residual has become orthogonal to the search space  $V_j$ .

The final version of the rational Krylov method is contained in Algorithm 2 where we neglected details about locking the converged eigenvalues, purging the unwanted directions in the search space, and updating the pole  $\sigma$ .

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**Algorithm 2.** Rational Krylov method; final version.

- 1: start with initial vector  $V = [v_1]$  with  $\|v_1\| = 1$ , and initial  $\lambda$  and  $\sigma$ ; set  $j = 1$
- 2: set  $h_j = 0_j$ ;  $s = e_j := (0, \dots, 0, 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^j$ ;  $x = v_j$ ;
- 3: compute  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda)x$  and  $k_j = V_j^H r$
- 4: **while**  $\|k_j\| > \text{ResTol}$  **do**
- 5:   orthogonalize  $r = r - V_j^H k_j$
- 6:   set  $h_j = h_j + k_j s_j^{-1}$
- 7:   compute  $\theta = \min \text{eig } H_{j,j}$  with corresponding eigenvector  $s$
- 8:    $x = V_j s$
- 9:   update  $\lambda = \lambda + \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}(\lambda - \sigma)$
- 10:   update  $H_{j,j} = \frac{1}{1-\theta}H_{j,j} - \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}I$
- 11:   compute  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda)x$  and  $k_j = V_j^H r$
- 12: **end while**
- 13: compute  $h_{j+1,j} = \|r\|$

14: **if**  $|h_{j+1,j}s_j| > \text{EigTol}$  **then**  
 15:    $v_{j+1} = r/h_{j+1,j}$ ;  $j = j + 1$ ; GOTO 2:  
 16: **end if**  
 17: Accept eigenvalue  $\lambda_i = \lambda$  and eigenvector  $x_i = x$   
 18: If more eigenvalues wanted, choose next  $\theta$  and  $s$ , and GOTO 8:

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### 3. RATIONAL KRYLOV, AN ITERATIVE PROJECTION METHOD

Ruhe motivated the inner iteration and the requirement to make sure that the residual is orthogonal to the search space only by analogy to the linear case where it is satisfied automatically. Hager in his thesis [5] states: “The inner iteration is heuristically proposed, the condition for the inner iteration to converge and when it converges to what it actually converges are left to the domain of future research, we are looking forward to forthcoming papers of Ruhe.” So, obviously both authors were not aware that the inner iteration is nothing else but a solver of the projected nonlinear eigenproblem

$$(3.1) \quad V^H A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) V s = 0.$$

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**Algorithm 3.** Inner iteration.

1: Start with  $V$  such that  $V^H V = I_j$ , initial  $\lambda$  and  $\sigma$  and  $H \approx V^H A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) V$   
 2: Replace last column of  $H$  by  $k = V^H A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda_1) v_j$   
 3: **for**  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence **do**  
 4:   compute  $\theta = \min \text{eig } H$  with corresponding eigenvector  $s$   
 5:    $\lambda_{j+1} = \lambda_j + \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} (\lambda_j - \sigma)$   
 6:    $k = V^H A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda_{j+1}) V s$   
 7:    $H = \frac{1}{1-\theta} H - \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} I + 1/s_j k e_j^T$   
 8: **end for**

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We were not able to prove the local convergence of the inner iteration which can be rewritten as Algorithm 3. However, the following lemma is obvious.

**Lemma 3.1.** *If the inner iteration converges, then it converges to a solution  $(\hat{\lambda}, x)$ ,  $x = V s$  of the projected nonlinear eigenproblem (3.1).*

Hence, the final version of rational Krylov is an iterative projection method. In every step the nonlinear eigenproblem  $A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) x = 0$  is projected to a search space  $V$ , and  $V$  is expanded by the orthogonal complement of the residual  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) V s$  of the Ritz pair with respect to  $V$ . Thus, one ends up with Algorithm 4:

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**Algorithm 4.** Rational Krylov method, an iterative projection method.

- 1: start with initial vector  $V = [v_1]$  with  $\|v_1\| = 1$ , initial  $\lambda$  and  $\sigma$
  - 2: **for**  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence **do**
  - 3:   solve projected eigenproblem  $V^H A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) V s = 0$  for  $(\lambda, s)$
  - 4:   compute Ritz vector  $x = V s$  and residual  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) x$
  - 5:   orthogonalize  $r = r - V V^H r$
  - 6:   expand searchspace  $V = [V, r/\|r\|]$
  - 7: **end for**
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Two observations are at hand. First, the inner iteration is a solver of a nonlinear eigenproblem (3.1) of small dimension. Hence, it can be replaced in step 3: of Algorithm 4 by any method for dense nonlinear eigenproblems like solvers taking advantage of the characteristic equation [8], [9], [24], inverse iteration [13], the method of successive linear problems [13] which are all quadratically convergent, or residual inverse iteration [11].

Secondly, expanding the search space it is not necessary to use the residual of the problem that is projected to the search space but every direction is fine which has a high approximation potential for the eigenvector wanted next. Following this line the second author in [19] and [22] proposed two iterative projection methods for problem (1.1).

In [19] the search space is expanded by the orthogonal complement of  $r = A(\sigma)^{-1} A(\lambda) V s$ , where  $(\lambda, V s)$  is a Ritz pair of the projected problem

$$(3.2) \quad V^H A(\lambda) V s = 0.$$

This choice was motivated by the residual inverse iteration which is known to converge linearly where the contraction constant satisfies  $\mathcal{O}(|\sigma - \lambda|)$ . For linear eigenproblems this method reduces to the shift-and-invert Arnoldi method, and therefore, it was called Arnoldi method.

In [22] the search space is expanded by an approximate solution  $t$  of the correction equation

$$\left( I - \frac{A'(\lambda) x x^H}{x^H A'(\lambda) x} \right) A(\lambda) \left( I - \frac{x x^H}{x^H x} \right) t = -r,$$

where  $(\lambda, x)$  is the current Ritz pair of the projected problem (3.2) and  $r = A(\lambda) x$  is its residual. This method obviously generalizes the Jacobi-Davidson method introduced by Sleijpen and van der Vorst for linear problems in [18] and for polynomial eigenproblems in [17]. In this case it can be shown that the search space is expanded by an approximation to the direction  $v = A(\lambda) A'(\lambda) x$  obtained from the inverse iteration.

A further disadvantage when considering the projected problem (3.1) instead of (3.2) is the fact that symmetry properties of the underlying problem (1.1) are



destroyed. If for instance  $A(\cdot)$  is a family of real symmetric matrices such that the eigenvalues of problem (1.1) allow a minmax characterization, then this property is inherited by the projected problems (3.2). Hence, (3.2) can be solved efficiently by safeguarded iteration [21], which converges quadratically or even cubically if  $A'(\lambda)$  is positive definite. For this type of problems the Jacobi-Davidson method was proposed in [3], the Arnoldi method in [20]. Similarly, symmetry properties of the spectrum for conservative gyroscopic eigenproblems or Hamiltonian problems which can be exploited in the solution process of the projected problem are destroyed if problem (3.1) is used.

The numerical example in the next section demonstrates that the inner iteration in Algorithm 3 usually does not converge very fast, and the original rational Krylov method in Algorithm 2 is inferior to other iterative projection methods. However, there is one advantage of Ruhe's approach. The solvers for dense nonlinear eigenproblems need the explicit form of the projected problem (3.1) or (3.2) whereas Algorithm 2 only needs a procedure that yields the vector  $A(\sigma)^{-1}A(\lambda)x$  for a given vector  $x$ .

#### 4. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

To test the methods we consider a mathematical model which describes the problem governing free vibrations of a tube bundle immersed in a slightly compressible fluid under the following simplifying assumptions: The tubes are assumed to be rigid, assembled in parallel inside the fluid, and elastically mounted in such a way that they can vibrate transversally, but they can not move in the direction perpendicular to their sections. The fluid is assumed to be contained in a cavity which is infinitely long, and each tube is supported by an independent system of springs (which simulates the specific elasticity of each tube). Due to these assumptions, three-dimensional effects are neglected, and so the problem can be studied in any transversal section of the cavity. Considering small vibrations of the fluid (and the tubes) around the state of rest, it can also be assumed that the fluid is irrotational.

Mathematically this problem can be described in the following way (cf. [12], [4]). Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  (the section of the cavity) be an open bounded set with Lipschitz boundary  $\Gamma$ . We assume that there exists a family  $\Omega_j \neq \emptyset$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, K$ , (the sections of the tubes) of simply connected open sets such that  $\bar{\Omega}_j \subset \Omega$  for every  $j$ ,  $\bar{\Omega}_j \cap \bar{\Omega}_i = \emptyset$  for  $j \neq i$ , and each  $\Omega_j$  has a Lipschitz boundary  $\Gamma_j$ . With this notation we set  $\Omega_0 := \Omega \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^K \Omega_j$ . Then the boundary of  $\Omega_0$  consists of  $K + 1$  connected components which are  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, K$ .

We denote by  $H^1(\Omega_0) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega_0) : \nabla u \in L^2(\Omega_0)^2\}$  the standard Sobolev space equipped with the usual scalar product. Then the eigenfrequencies and the

eigenmodes of the fluid-solid structure are governed by the following variational eigenvalue problem (cf. [12], [4]).

Find  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u \in H^1(\Omega_0)$  such that for every  $v \in H^1(\Omega_0)$

$$(4.1) \quad c^2 \int_{\Omega_0} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \lambda \int_{\Omega_0} uv \, dx + \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{\lambda \varrho_0}{k_j - \lambda m_j} \int_{\Gamma_j} un \, ds \cdot \int_{\Gamma_j} vn \, ds.$$

Here  $u$  is the potential of the velocity of the fluid,  $c$  denotes the speed of sound in the fluid,  $\varrho_0$  is the specific density of the fluid,  $k_j$  represents the stiffness constant of the spring system supporting the tube  $j$ ,  $m_j$  is the mass per unit length of the tube  $j$ , and  $n$  is the outward unit normal to the boundary of  $\Omega_0$ .

We consider the rational eigenvalue problem (4.1) where  $\Omega$  is the ellipse with center  $(0, 0)$  and length of semiaxes 8 and 4, and  $\Omega_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 9$  are circles with radius 0.3 and centers  $(-4, -2)$ ,  $(0, -2)$ ,  $(4, -2)$ ,  $(-5, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(5, 0)$ ,  $(-4, 2)$ ,  $(0, 2)$  and  $(4, 2)$ . We assume that all constants in problem (4.1) are equal to 1.

Discretizing problem (4.1) by finite elements one gets a rational matrix eigenvalue problem

$$(4.2) \quad A(\lambda)x := -Ax + \lambda Bx + \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} Cx = 0$$

where  $C$  collects the contributions of all tubes.  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are symmetric matrices,  $A$  and  $C$  are positive semidefinite, and  $B$  is positive definite. In our example the dimension is  $n = 36040$ .

Problem (4.2) has 28 eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{28}$  in the interval  $J_1 = (0, 1)$  (cf. [21]), and a large number of eigenvalues greater than 1.

We determined approximations to the eigenvalues in  $[0, 1)$  by the rational Krylov method as implemented in [7], by the iterative projection method from Algorithm 4 where the projected rational eigenproblems were solved by linearizing the equivalent quadratic eigenproblem  $(1 - \lambda)V^T A(\lambda)Vy = 0$ , and by the nonlinear Arnoldi method from [20], i.e. the iterative projection method (3.2), where the projected problems were solved by safeguarded iteration. All three methods were able to find all 28 eigenvalues.

The experiments were run under MATLAB 6.5 on an Intel Centrino M processor with 1.7 GHz and 1 GB RAM. Figs. 1 to 3 show the time consumption and the convergence history of the three methods. In every case the initial pole was chosen to be  $\sigma = 0.1$ , and the iteration was terminated if the residual was less than  $10^{-6}$ . In all plots plus signs indicate the eigenvalues found, and circles mark changes of the pole  $\sigma$ .

In the plots on the left the solid line indicates the total time consumption of the iteration, and in plots 2 and 3 the dashed lines mark the time needed for solving the

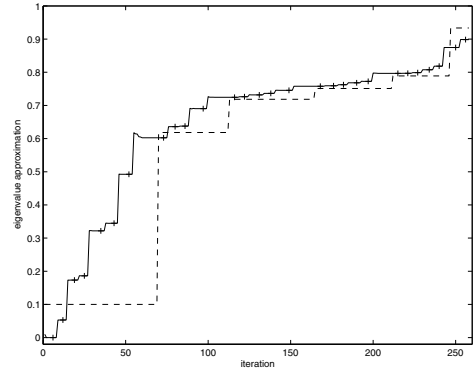
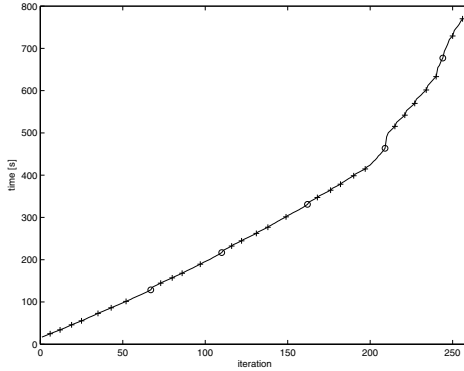


Figure 1. Time consumption and convergence history for rational Krylov.

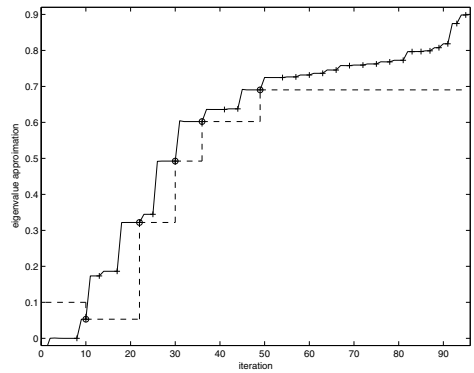
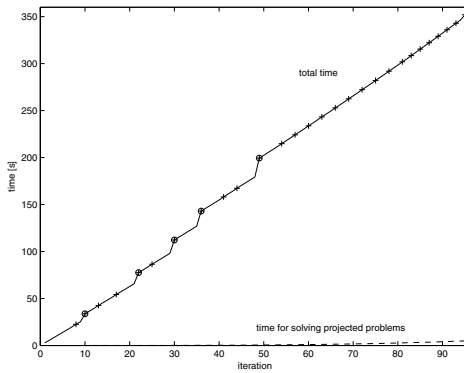


Figure 2. Time consumption and convergence history for Algorithm 4.

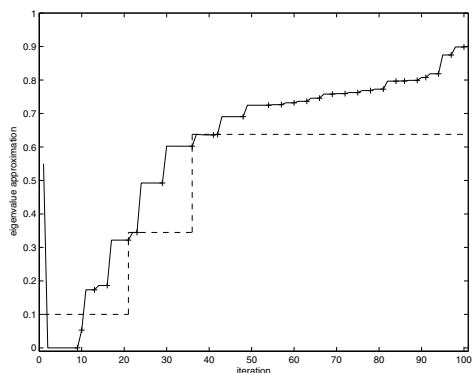
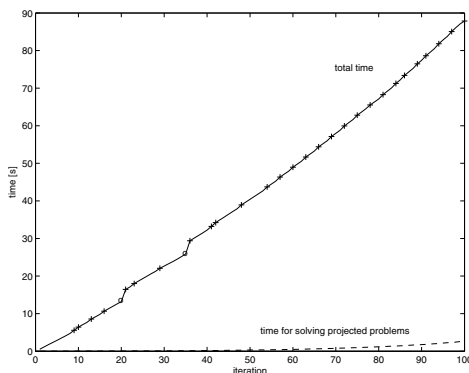


Figure 3. Time consumption and convergence history for Arnoldi.

projected nonlinear eigenproblems, which is only a very small portion of the total CPU time. Replacing the inner iteration in Ruhe's approach by solving (3.1) directly

reduces the computing time by more than 50 %, and the nonlinear Arnoldi method is even more efficient and needs only 11 % of the nonlinear rational Krylov method.

Neither the rational Krylov method in its original form nor its modification with an explicit solver of the projected problem (3.1) was able to determine eigenvalues larger than the pole of problem (4.2) in a systematic way. For different choices of initial approximations for  $\sigma$  and  $\lambda$  they both found only two or three eigenvalues before they diverged. The nonlinear Arnoldi method taking advantage of the symmetry of problem (4.2) and of the fact that its eigenvalues can be characterized as minmax values of a Rayleigh functional (cf. [23]) computed eigenvalues greater than 1 one after the other without problems. Fig. 4 shows the time consumption and the convergence history of Arnoldi's method for the 15 eigenvalues in the interval (1, 2.5).

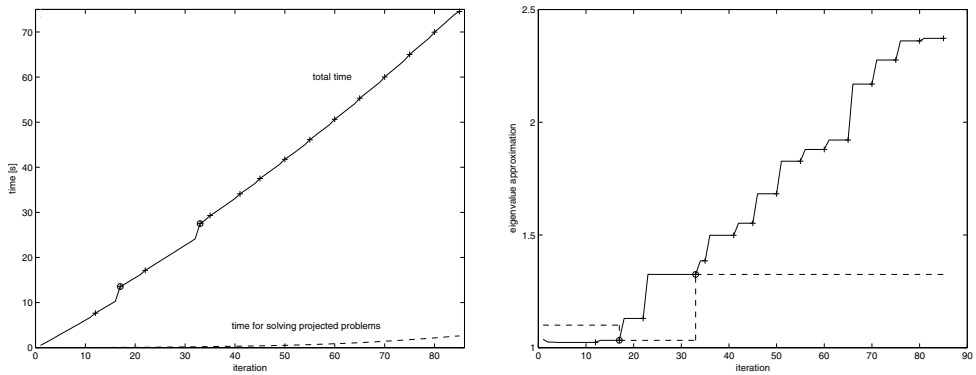


Figure 4. Time consumption and convergence history for eigenvalues in (1, 2.5).

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