

Simultaneous Matrix Diagonalization Problem

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- Contrarily, not every pencil of commuting matrices is

simultaneously diagonalizable, example: let $A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$,

$B = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma \end{pmatrix}$, two Jordan blocks matrices. We have

$AB = BA$, but $[A, B]$ is not simultaneously diagonalizable since a Jordan block matrix is not diagonalizable.

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- By identification of $\mathcal{S}^d(\mathbb{C}^n)$ with $\mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]_d$, (1) is equivalent to write a homogeneous polynomial P (associated to \mathcal{P}) as a sum of linear forms to the d^{th} power:

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^r w_i (v_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + v_{i,n}x_n)^d := \sum_{i=1}^r w_i (v_i^t x)^d$$

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- We develop a Riemannian Newton iteration with trust-region scheme (RNS-TR) to solve locally (2)¹. In such algorithm the choice of the **initial point** is important.

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For the initialization we use a direct algorithm² based on moment decomposition via SVD and eigenvector computation:

- **Input:** homogeneous polynomial $P \in \mathbb{C}[\mathbf{x}]_d$, $r \leq r_g$ and $\iota \leq \lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$, where ι denotes the interpolation degree.
 $d_1 := \lceil \frac{d+1}{2} \rceil$ and $d_2 := \lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$
- Compute the Hankel matrix $H_P^{d_1, d_2}$.
- Compute the singular value decomposition of $H_P^{d_1, d_2} = USV^*$.
- Let $M_i = S_r^{-1} U_r^* H_{x_i P}^{d_1, d_2} \bar{V}_r$, for $i = 1, \dots, n$.
- Compute the eigenvectors ξ_j of $\sum_{i=1}^n l_i M_i$ for a random choice of $l_i \in [-1, 1]$, and for $j = 1, \dots, r$ do the following:
 - Compute $v_{j,i}$ such that $M_i \xi_j = v_{j,i} \xi_j$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and deduce the point $v_j := (v_{j,1}, \dots, v_{j,n})$.
 - Compute $w_j = \frac{\langle (\xi_j^t x)^d, P \rangle_d}{\langle (\xi_j^t x)^d, (v_j^t x)^d \rangle_d}$.
- **Output:** $w_j \in \mathbb{C}^*$, $v_j \in \mathbb{C}^n$ for $j = 1, \dots, r$.

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$$\mathbf{M} = \sum_{k=1}^n F_k \otimes E_k \otimes \Sigma_{[k, :]} \text{ is of rank } \leq n,$$

where F_k (resp. E_k) is the k^{th} column of F , (resp. E) and $\Sigma_{[k, :]} = [\sigma_{k,1}, \dots, \sigma_{k,s}]$ is the k^{th} row of Σ .

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- Next we deduce the diagonal matrices Σ_i by using the formula:

$$\Sigma_i = FM_iE$$

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- We use the max norm for vectors and the corresponding matrix norm given for a vector $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and a matrix $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\| &= \max\{|v_1|, \dots, |v_n|\} \\ \|M\| &= \max_{\|v\|=1} \|Mv\|. \end{aligned}$$

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- We consider the perturbations $E + EX$, $F + YF$, and $\Sigma + S$ respectively of E , F , and Σ . We get with $Z = FE - I_n$, and $\Delta = FME - \Sigma$:

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- The Newton method consists in solving the linear system in (X, Y, S) obtained from (5), (6):

$$\begin{cases} Z + X + Y &= 0 \\ \Delta - S + \Sigma X + Y\Sigma &= 0 \end{cases}$$

Lemma

Let $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$, $Z = (z_{i,j})$ and $\Delta = (\delta_{i,j})$ be given matrices. Assume that $\sigma_i \neq \sigma_j$ for $i \neq j$. Let S , X and Y be matrices defined by

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \text{diag}(\Delta - Z\Sigma) \\ x_{i,i} &= 0 \\ x_{i,j} &= \frac{-\delta_{i,j} + z_{i,j}\sigma_j}{\sigma_i - \sigma_j}, \quad i \neq j \\ y_{i,i} &= -z_{i,i} \\ y_{i,j} &= \frac{\delta_{i,j} - z_{i,j}\sigma_i}{\sigma_i - \sigma_j}, \quad i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$Z + X + Y = \Delta - S + \Sigma X + Y\Sigma = 0, \text{ and } \|X\|, \|Y\| \leq \kappa\varepsilon(K + 1),$$

where $\varepsilon = \max(\|Z\|, \|\Delta\|)$, $\kappa = \max\left(1, \max_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\sigma_i - \sigma_j|}\right)$ and $K = \max(1, \max_i |\sigma_i|)$.

Theorem

Let E_0 , F_0 and Σ_0 be given and define the sequences for $i \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_i &= F_i E_i - I_n \\ \Delta_i &= F_i M E_i - \Sigma_i \\ S_i &= \text{diag}(\Delta_i - Z_i \Sigma_i) \\ E_{i+1} &= E_i (I_n + X_i) \\ F_{i+1} &= (I_n + Y_i) F_i \\ \Sigma_{i+1} &= \Sigma_i + S_i \end{aligned}$$

let $\varepsilon_0 = \max(\|Z_0\|, \|\Delta_0\|)$, $\kappa_0 = \max\left(1, \max_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\sigma_{0,i} - \sigma_{0,j}|}\right)$ and

$K_0 = \max(1, \max_i |\sigma_{0,i}|)$. Assume that $u := \kappa_0^2 (K_0 + 1)^3 \varepsilon_0 \leq 0.136$.

Then the sequence $(\Sigma_i, E_i, F_i)_{i \geq 0}$ converges quadratically to a solution of $(FE - I_n, FME - \Sigma) = 0$. More precisely E_0 and F_0 are invertible and

$$\|E_i - E_\infty\| \leq 0.61 \times 2^{1-2^{i+1}} \|E_0\| u; \quad \|F_i - F_\infty\| \leq 0.61 \times 2^{1-2^{i+1}} \|F_0\| u.$$

Numerical results

We take $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ random diagonalizable matrix: $M = E\Sigma E^{-1}$. To apply the theorem, we take a perturbation of E , Σ and $F = E^{-1}$ as an initial point, such that this initial point verifies $\kappa_0^2(K_0 + 1)^3 \varepsilon_0 \leq 0.136$.

Iteration	$n = 10$	$n = 50$	$n = 100$
1	0.01277	0.00706	0.00252
2	$5.41e - 5$	$7.54e - 8$	$4.1 e - 9$
3	$4.03e - 11$	$4.7e - 16$	$2.51 e - 18$
4	$1.31e - 21$	$2.65e - 32$	$1.65 e - 36$
5	$5.06e - 42$	$1.78e - 64$	$2.45 e - 75$
6	$1.96e - 84$	$8.65e - 129$	$3.41e - 150$

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.71761 & 0.39502 \\ 0.15013 & 0.41416 \end{pmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.28899 & 0.1828 \\ 0.06947 & 0.14857 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.33737 & -0.44756 \\ -0.17009 & 0.68118 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$M_i = E\Sigma_i E^{-1} \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \text{ where } E = \begin{pmatrix} -0.66918 & 0.94612 \\ 0.7431 & 0.32381 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Sigma_1 = \text{diag}(0.27896, 0.8528), \Sigma_2 = \text{diag}(0.086004, 0.35155),$$

$$\Sigma_3 = (0.83436, 0.18419), F = E^{-1}.$$

First strategy: we consider $(EF - I_n, FM_1E - \Sigma_1) = 0$, from initial point $(E_0, F_0, \Sigma_{0,1})$ which verifies the condition in the Theorem we apply the Newton iteration:

iter1: 0.00516

iter2: 1.2.e-5

iter3: 9.4.e-11

iter4: 5.1.e-21

Solution:

$$E_{sol} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.6676 & 0.9467 \\ 0.74133 & 0.32411 \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma_{sol,1} = \text{diag}(0.27896, 0.8528).$$

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Second strategy: we take for example the linear combination $M = M_1 + M_2 + M_3$. We consider $(EF - I_n, FME - \Sigma) = 0$, from initial point (E_0, F_0, Σ_0) which verifies the condition in the Theorem we apply the Newton iteration:

iter1:0.00084

iter2:1.1.e-6

iter3: 6.5.e-12

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We tested with another linear combinations and we found the same solutions.

What's next ?

- Let $M = [M_1, \dots, M_s]$ be a pencil of matrices which is not simultaneously diagonalizable. The objective is to approximate locally M into a pencil of simultaneously diagonalizable matrices $M' = [M'_1, \dots, M'_s]$.
- This problem is already considered when M_i are symmetric matrices by using Riemannian optimization techniques^{8 9}. We aim to investigate the general case when M_i are general square matrices and to develop an efficient algorithm.

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Thank you for your attention !