

## Math 304 (Spring 2010)

### Study Guide for Weeks 6-7

Homework 5 concerns the topics listed below.

- The inverse and Rayleigh iterations (Watkins 5.3)
- Hessenberg matrix; recall that before applying the QR algorithm the matrix whose eigenvalues are sought is reduced into an Hessenberg matrix by applying orthogonal similarity transformations (Watkins 5.5)
- The QR algorithm without shifts (Watkins - 5.6, Fausett - 5.3)
- The QR algorithm with shifts, in particular with Rayleigh and Wilkinson shifts (Watkins - 5.6, Fausett - 5.3)
- The equivalence of the QR algorithm and simultaneous iteration (Watkins - 6.2, we did not discuss this in detail in class, but see question **2.** below. That question is self-contained and describes the simultaneous iteration.)
- The bisection, Newton's and secant methods for finding the roots of a univariate function

### Homework 5 (due on April 16th, Friday by 4pm)

In Matlab question (questions **2, 4, 5**) attach the Matlab outputs and print-outs of the Matlab routines that you implemented.

1. The QR algorithm is one of the standard approaches to compute the eigenvalues of a matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ . Below a pseudocode is provided for the QR algorithm. It generates a sequence of matrices  $\{A_k\}$  that usually converges to an upper triangular matrix in the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

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**Algorithm 1** The QR Algorithm without Shifts

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 $A_0 \leftarrow A$   
for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  do  
  Compute a QR factorization  $A_k = Q_{k+1}R_{k+1}$   
   $A_{k+1} \leftarrow R_{k+1}Q_{k+1}$   
end for
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The QR Algorithm converges only linearly. To speed-up its convergence one can use the following variant given below with shifts.

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**Algorithm 2** The QR Algorithm with Shifts

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$A_0 \leftarrow A$   
**for**  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  **do**  
    Choose a shift  $\mu_k$   
    Compute a QR factorization  $A_k - \mu_k I = Q_{k+1} R_{k+1}$   
     $A_{k+1} \leftarrow R_{k+1} Q_{k+1} + \mu_k I$   
**end for**

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The QR algorithm with Rayleigh or Wilkinson shifts converges quadratically. Below in both parts perform calculations by hand.

- (a) Apply one iteration of the QR algorithm to the matrix  $A$  provided below.  
(Note :  $\lambda_1 = 5$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Apply one iteration of the QR algorithm to the matrix  $A$  given in (a) with shift  $\mu = 24$ .

2. The QR algorithm without shifts (Algorithm 2 in Question 4.) is equivalent to the simultaneous (power) iteration given below.

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**Algorithm 3** Simultaneous Iteration

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**for**  $k = 1, \dots$  **do**  
    Compute a QR factorization  $A^k = \hat{Q}_k \hat{R}_k$   
     $A_k \leftarrow \hat{Q}_k^T A \hat{Q}_k$   
**end for**

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In particular it can be shown that the sequences  $\{A_k\}$  generated by the simultaneous iteration and the QR algorithm are the same.

Recall that the iterates of the power iteration  $q_k = A^k q_0 / \|A^k q_0\|$  generically converges to the eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue with largest modulus as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore the Rayleigh quotient  $q_k^T A q_k$  converges to the associated eigenvalue with largest modulus.

The simultaneous iteration above can be viewed as the power iteration applied to the initial vectors  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  simultaneously, where  $e_j$  denotes the  $j$ th column of the identity matrix. For a symmetric matrix  $A_k = \hat{Q}_k^T A \hat{Q}_k$  generically converges to a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues on the diagonal as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . For a non-symmetric matrix  $A_k$  generically converges to an upper triangular matrix whose diagonal entries are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

The purpose of this question is to verify the equivalence of the QR algorithm with the simultaneous iteration in practice on the following example.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate  $A_5$  generated by the simultaneous iteration (use Algorithm 3) and the QR algorithm without shifts in Matlab. Do you obtain identical matrices that are close to a diagonal matrix?

(Note: The command `[Q,R] = qr(A)` computes the QR factorization  $A = QR$  in Matlab.)

**3.** The computation of eigenvalues (for dense matrices) is typically performed in two stages. In the first stage the matrix  $A$  is reduced into Hessenberg form. The second stage is the QR algorithm as discussed in question **1**. The QR algorithm reduces the Hessenberg form into a triangular form by applying orthogonal similarity transformations.

The reason for the initial reduction into Hessenberg form is the computational efficiency. Each iteration of the QR algorithm requires  $O(n^2)$  flops when the algorithm is started with an Hessenberg matrix, whereas the cost of each QR iteration would be  $O(n^3)$  without the initial reduction.

In this question you will discover the advantages of the initial reduction for computational complexity.

(a) Suppose  $A_k$  generated by the QR algorithm (Algorithm 1) is a nonsingular matrix in Hessenberg form. Show that  $A_{k+1}$  is also a nonsingular Hessenberg matrix.  
(Hint: The product of a triangular matrix with an Hessenberg matrix is another Hessenberg matrix.)

(b) Taylor an algorithm to compute the QR factorization of a matrix in Hessenberg form exploiting the structure and by performing  $O(n^2)$  flops rather than  $O(n^3)$  flops. Your algorithm should be based on  $2 \times 2$  Householder reflectors. Write down a pseudocode for your algorithm.

**4.** This is a continuation of question **3**. from the previous homework. Implement a Matlab routine `inverse_iter.m` to compute an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  closest to a given shift  $\sigma$  and an associated eigenvector  $v$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  by inverse iteration.

Your routine must look like

```
function [eigval, eigvec] = inverse_iter(A,sigma)

[n,n1] = size(A);

q = randn(n,1);
qold = zeros(n,1);

while norm(q-qold) > 10^-15
    ...
end

...
return;
```

Test your implementation with the following matrices.

$$B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -0.8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/10 \\ 0 & -0.8 & 0 \\ 1/10 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/100 \\ 0 & -0.8 & 0 \\ 1/100 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Run your inverse iteration routine to compute the eigenvalue closest to  $\sigma = 1.2$  and an associated eigenvector for each of  $B_1, B_2, B_3$ . For which of these matrices the convergence is fastest, for which the convergence is slowest? Explain the convergence behavior you observe for  $B_1, B_2, B_3$ .
- (b) A Matlab m-file `rayleigh_iter.m` is provided on the course website. It takes a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  as the input argument and returns a pair of an eigenvalue and an associated eigenvector. (The correct way to run it is `[eigval,eigvec] = rayleigh_iter(A)`) Run this routine to compute an eigenvalue and an associated eigenvector for  $B_3$  only. Run it several times (*e.g.* fifteen, sixteen times). Does it always converge to the same eigenvalue? Can you observe that the rate of convergence is quadratic (perhaps even faster)?
5. Consider the polynomials  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ .

- (a) Give the update rules of Newton's method (without backtracking) and the secant method for the functions  $f$  and  $g$ .
- (b) Using the update rules from part (a) derive the rates of convergence of Newton's method for  $f$  and  $g$ .
- (c) Generate an m-file `fun.m`

```
function [f,g] = fun(x)
% Task : Computes the function x^2 and its derivative.
f = x^2;
g = 2*x;

return
```

which computes the function  $g(x) = x^2$  and the derivative  $g'(x) = 2x$  and stores these values in the output arguments  $f$  and  $g$ , respectively.

- (d) Generate an m-file similar to the one in (c) to compute the function value of  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  and its derivative. The name of the m-file must be same as the function name.
- (e) A Matlab implementation of Newton's method `Newton.m` for zero finding is provided on the course webpage. Type `help Newton` for information about its input and output arguments. Specifically, to compute the root of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , Newton's method needs the function value  $f(x)$  and the derivative  $J(x) = f'(x)$  at every iteration. (The matlab routine is indeed for the more general multivariate case when  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ . In

this case the derivative is replaced by the Jacobian matrix  $J(x)$  as we shall see in class soon. You don't have to worry about the Jacobian matrix for now. Simply assume that  $J$  in the m-file keeps the derivative.) The second input argument to `Newton.m` is the name of an m-file that takes a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as input and returns the function value  $f(x)$  and the derivative  $J(x) = f'(x)$  as output. For instance type

```
>> [xmin,fmin] = Newton(2,'fun');
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to retrieve the root of  $f(x) = x^2$  starting from the initial guess  $x_0 = 2$  after generating the m-file `fun.m` in **(d)**.

Using the Matlab routine provided compute the roots of  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  with the initial guesses  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_0 = 4$ . Include your Matlab output. Do you observe the convergence rates that you derived in part **(b)**?

- (f)** Implement the secant method by modifying the m-file `Newton.m`. Run your implementation to find the roots of  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  starting from  $x_0 = 2$  and  $x_1 = 2.2$  (recall that the secant method requires two initial guesses). How fast does the secant method converge as compared to Newton's method for these two functions?