

On matrix approximation problems that bound GMRES convergence

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Bounding GMRES residual norm

$\mathbf{A}x = b$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is nonsingular, $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$x_0 = \mathbf{0}$ and $\|b\| = 1$ for simplicity, $\|\cdot\| = 2$ -norm.

GMRES computes $x_k \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, b)$ such that $r_k \equiv b - \mathbf{A}x_k$ satisfies

$$\|r_k\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| \quad (\text{GMRES})$$

$$\leq \max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| \equiv \mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} \quad (\text{worst-case GMRES})$$

$$\leq \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\| \equiv \mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}} \quad (\text{ideal GMRES})$$

where $\pi_k =$ degree $\leq k$ polynomials with $p(0) = 1$.

$$\|r_k\| \leq \underbrace{\max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\|}_{\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}}} \leq \underbrace{\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|}_{\mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}}}$$

- **Characterization** of solutions? Understanding?
- Existence and **uniqueness** of the solution?
- **Relationship** between **ideal** and **worst case** GMRES?

Normal matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^*, \quad \mathbf{Q}^*\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}.$$

- [Greenbaum, Gurvits '94; Joubert '94] showed:

$$\max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|$$

- Which (known) approximation problem is solved?

$$\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|\mathbf{Q}p(\mathbf{\Lambda})\mathbf{Q}^*\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \max_{\lambda_i} |p(\lambda_i)|.$$

- Is the solution unique? **Yes**
- Studied in [Greenbaum '79; Liesen, T. '04]

Nonnormal matrices – Toh's example

$$\|r_k\| \leq \underbrace{\max_{\|b\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\|}_{\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}}} \leq \underbrace{\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|}_{\mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}}}$$

Consider the 4 by 4 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & & \\ & -1 & \epsilon^{-1} & \\ & & 1 & \epsilon \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \epsilon > 0.$$

Then, for $k = 3$,

$$0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} < \mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

[Toh '97; another example in Faber, Joubert, Knill, Manteuffel '96]

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Uniqueness

- Let \mathbf{A} be a nonsingular matrix. Then the k th ideal GMRES polynomial that solves the problem

$$\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\|$$

is **unique**.

[Greenbaum, Trefethen '94]

- Generalization of the uniqueness result to problems of the form

$$\min_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k} \|f(\mathbf{A}) - p(\mathbf{A})\|$$

can be found in [Liesen, T. '09].

Matrix approximation problems in spectral norm and characterization of Ideal GMRES

- Ideal GMRES is a special case of the problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{A}} \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{M}\| = \|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}_*\|$$

\mathbf{A}_* is called a **spectral approximation** of \mathbf{B} from \mathbb{A} .

- In our case,

$$\min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})\| = \min_{\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}} \left\| \mathbf{I} - \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \mathbf{A}^j \right\|,$$

i.e. $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$, $\mathbb{A} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{A}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^k\}$.

- General characterization by [Lau and Riha, 1981] and [Ziřtak, 1993, 1996] \rightarrow based on **Singer's theorem** [Singer, 1970] (a generalization of the classical results of approximation theory to Banach spaces).

Characterization of Ideal GMRES

by Faber, Joubert, Knill, Manteuffel '96

Given a polynomial $q \in \pi_k$ and \mathbf{A} , define the set

$$\Omega_k(q) \equiv \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} w^* q(\mathbf{A})^* \mathbf{A} w \\ \vdots \\ w^* q(\mathbf{A})^* \mathbf{A}^k w \end{bmatrix} : w \in \Sigma(q(\mathbf{A})), \|w\| = 1 \right\}$$

where $\Sigma(\mathbf{B})$ is the **span of maximal right singular vectors** of \mathbf{B} .

Theorem

[Faber, Joubert, Knill, Manteuffel '96]

$p_* \in \pi_k$ is the k th **ideal GMRES pol.** of $\mathbf{A} \iff \mathbf{0} \in \text{cvx}(\Omega_k(p_*))$.

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Worst-case GMRES

For a given k , there exists a unit norm vector b such that

$$\|r_k\| = \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})b\| = \max_{\|v\|=1} \min_{p \in \pi_k} \|p(\mathbf{A})v\| = \mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

b ... a worst-case GMRES **initial vector**, the corresponding polynomial is a worst-case GMRES **polynomial** for \mathbf{A} and k .

Theorem

[Zavorin '02; Faber, Liesen, T. '13]

$\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}^T}$ holds for all \mathbf{A} and $k \geq 1$.

If b is a worst-case GMRES initial vector for \mathbf{A} and k , then

$$b \xrightarrow{GMRES(\mathbf{A}, b, k)} r_k \xrightarrow{GMRES(\mathbf{A}^T, r_k, k)} s_k = (\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}})^2 b.$$

The cross equality

Definition

We say that b **satisfies the cross equality** for \mathbf{A} and k if

$$b \xrightarrow{GMRES(\mathbf{A}, b, k)} r_k \xrightarrow{GMRES(\mathbf{A}^T, r_k, k)} s_k \in \text{span}\{b\}.$$

- A worst-case GMRES initial vector for \mathbf{A} and k satisfies the cross equality for \mathbf{A} and k .
- Satisfying the cross equality is **not sufficient** for b to be a worst-case initial vector.

Lemma

[Faber, Liesen, T. '13]

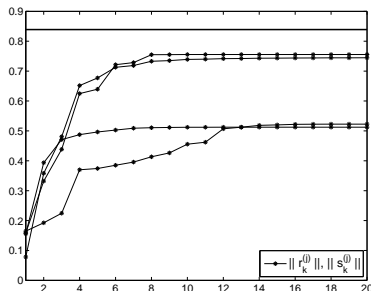
If A is nonderogatory ($d(\mathbf{A}) = n$), then each b with $d(\mathbf{A}, b) = n$ satisfies the cross equality for \mathbf{A} and $n - 1$.

- For each \mathbf{A} , k , and b , the following **seems to converge** to a vector satisfying the cross equality for \mathbf{A} and k :

Initialize $b^{(0)} = b$.

For $j = 1, 2, \dots$

- $r_k^{(j)} = \text{GMRES}(\mathbf{A}, b^{(j-1)}, k)$
- $c^{(j-1)} = r_k^{(j)} / \|r_k^{(j)}\|$
- $s_k^{(j)} = \text{GMRES}(\mathbf{A}^T, c^{(j-1)}, k)$
- $b^{(j)} = s_k^{(j)} / \|s_k^{(j)}\|$



Experiment with $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{J}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{11 \times 11}$,
 $k = 5$, and four random b .

Figure illustrates:

$$\|r_k^{(j)}\| \leq \|s_k^{(j)}\| \leq \|r_k^{(j+1)}\| \leq \|s_k^{(j+1)}\|$$

No convergence to a worst-case vector.

Worst-case polynomials for \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^T

Lemma

[Faber, Liesen, T. '13]

Let b be a worst-case GMRES initial vector for \mathbf{A} and k with corresponding $p_k \in \pi_k$, so that $r_k = p_k(\mathbf{A})b$.

- Then, by the cross equality, $r_k/\|r_k\|$ is a worst-case GMRES initial vector for \mathbf{A}^T and k .
- Moreover, $p_k \in \pi_k$ **is the corresponding GMRES polynomial** for \mathbf{A}^T , k and $r_k/\|r_k\|$.

This implies:

$$p_k(\mathbf{A}^T)p_k(\mathbf{A})b = (\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}})^2b,$$

i.e., b is a **right singular vector** of the matrix $p_k(\mathbf{A})$.

Worst-case GMRES polynomials need not be unique

Theorem

[Faber, Liesen, T. '13]

A worst-case GMRES polynomial for the Toh matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & & \\ & -1 & \epsilon^{-1} & \\ & & 1 & \epsilon \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \epsilon > 0,$$

and $k = 3$ is **not unique**.

In particular, for this \mathbf{A} and $k = 3$, we have shown that

- if $p(z) \in \pi_3$ is a worst-case polynomial $\Rightarrow p(-z)$ as well,
- if $p(z) \in \pi_3$ is a worst-case polynomial, then $p(z) \neq p(-z)$.

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Ideal versus worst-case GMRES

- $\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}}$ iff a worst-case initial vector b is a **maximal right singular vector** of $p_k(\mathbf{A})$.

[Faber, Joubert, Knill, Manteuffel '96, T., Faber, Liesen, 2007]

- If $\Omega_k(p_*)$ is **convex** then $\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}}$.

[Faber, Joubert, Knill, Manteuffel '96]

- $\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}}$ iff

$$\max_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}} \min_{c \in \mathbb{R}^k} F(c, v) = \min_{c \in \mathbb{R}^k} \max_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}} F(c, v).$$

where

$$F(c, v) \equiv \frac{\|v - K(v)c\|^2}{\|v\|^2},$$

$$K(v) \equiv [\mathbf{A}v, \mathbf{A}^2v, \dots, \mathbf{A}^kv].$$

[Faber, Liesen, T. '13]

Summary

- Worst-case **initial vectors** satisfy the **cross equality**.
This property is not sufficient for worst-case initial vectors.
- The **worst-case GMRES** problem is a nonlinear matrix approximation problem that can have **multiple solutions**.
- Worst-case **initial vector** b is a **right singular vector** of the corresponding GMRES matrix $p_k(\mathbf{A})$.
- $\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathcal{I}_k^{\mathbf{A}}$ iff b is a **maximal** right singular vector of $p_k(\mathbf{A})$.
- There are **many open questions** concerning the theory and the computation of $\mathcal{W}_k^{\mathbf{A}}$.

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Thank you for your attention!