# 10.34: Numerical Methods Applied to Chemical Engineering

Lecture 6: Singular value decomposition Iterative solutions of linear equations

- Eigenvalues
- Eigenvectors
- Eigendecomposition

• Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of:  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}y = \lambda y, \quad y(0) = 0, y(L) = 0$ 

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• Energy balance for an elastic column:

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + Py = 0$$

• Beyond what value of the pressure,  ${\cal P}$  , will an elastic column buckle?



- Is there an "eigendecomposition" for non-square matrices? Yes!
  - For:  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ 
    - $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^{\dagger}$
    - with:  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{N imes N}$   $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{N imes M}$   $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{M imes M}$
    - and  $\mathbf{V}^{\dagger} = ar{\mathbf{V}}^T$
  - $\Sigma$  has only diagonal elements which are positive:

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

ullet  $\mathbf U$  and  $\mathbf V$  are called the left and right singular vectors.

- Properties of the singular value decomposition:
  - $\bullet~{\bf U}\, {\rm and}~{\bf V}~$  are unitary matrices
    - $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^{\dagger}=\mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^{\dagger}=\mathbf{I}$
  - $\bullet \mathbf{A}^{\dagger}\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{\dagger})^{\dagger}\mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{\dagger} = \mathbf{V}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{\dagger}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{\dagger}$ 
    - $\bullet~V~$  are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}^{\dagger}\mathbf{A}$
    - $\Sigma_{ii}^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^{\dagger}\mathbf{A}$
  - $\bullet \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{\dagger} = \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^{\dagger})^{\dagger} = \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{\dagger}\mathbf{U}^{\dagger}$ 
    - $\bullet~{\bf U}~$  are the eigenvectors of  ${\bf A}{\bf A}^{\dagger}$
    - $\Sigma_{ii}^2$  are the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\dagger$
  - $\Sigma_{ii}$  are called the singular values of A.

- Properties of the singular value decomposition:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^{\dagger}$ 
  - Some columns of  $\Sigma$  are zero. The columns of V corresponding to these span  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$
  - Some columns of  $\Sigma$  are non-zero. The rows of U corresponding to these span  $\mathcal{R}(A)$

• Example:  

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{U},\mathsf{S},\mathsf{V} \end{bmatrix} = \mathsf{svd}(\mathsf{A})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{I} =$ 

• Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• How is singular value decomposition used?



- Example: data compression/matrix approximation
  - Left: original bitmap
  - Right: compressed bitmap retaining only 50 biggest singular values. All other set equal to zero.

- How is singular value decomposition used?
  - Least squares solution to:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ 
    - with  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N imes M}$   $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{M}$   $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}$
    - Least squares means find the vector  ${\bf x}~$  that minimizes:  $\phi({\bf x}) = \|{\bf A}{\bf x} {\bf b}\|_2^2$

• where 
$$Ax - b = U \left( \Sigma V^{\dagger}x - U^{\dagger}b \right)$$

• Let 
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$$
 and  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ 

- then  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{y} \mathbf{p})\|_2^2 = \|(\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{y} \mathbf{p})\|_2^2$
- Let r be the number of non-zero singular values (also the rank of  $\mathbf{A}_r$ ):

• then 
$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} |\Sigma_{ii}y_i - p_i|^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^{r} |p_i|^2$$

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    - and  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$   $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$
    - Minimizes:  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} |\Sigma_{ii}y_i - p_i|^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^{N} |p_i|^2$ 
      - Therefore,  $y_i = \frac{p_i}{\sum_{ii}}$  for  $1 \le i \le r$
      - What about  $y_i$  for  $r+1 \le i \le M$ ?
        - Least squares system is underdetermined
        - Just set:  $y_i=0$  for the rest and find  $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{V}\mathbf{y}$  is

### Iterative Solutions to Lin. Eqns.

- Gaussian elimination or eigenvalue decomposition require  ${\cal O}(N^3)$  operations to complete.
- For many problems of practical interest (solutions to PDEs in particular) N can be so large that these calculations are infeasible.
- An alternative approach seeking approximate solutions to linear equations is more commonly employed.
- These algorithms are based on iterative refinement of an initial guess.
  - For: Ax = b
  - An iterative map might look like:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{c}$
  - The map is converged when:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_i$

• The converged 
$$\mathbf{x}_i$$
 is a solution if:  
 $\mathbf{x}_i = \left(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{C}
ight)^{-1} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$ 

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#### Iterative Solutions to Lin. Eqns.

• Example: solve iteratively

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc}1&1\\0&1\end{array}\right)\mathbf{x}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}1\\0\end{array}\right)$$

• split: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

• rename: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

• iterate: 
$$\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Jacobi Iteration

- For: Ax = b
  - Split  ${f A}$  into  ${f D}+{f R}$ 
    - ullet D is the diagonal elements of  ${f A}$
    - ullet R is the off-diagonal elements of A
- Rewrite the equations as an iterative map:
  - $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = -\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}$
  - or  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( -\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b} \right)$
- If the iterations converge, then  $(\mathbf{D}+\mathbf{R})\mathbf{x}_i=\mathbf{b}$ 
  - We have found the solution (if map converges)!
- Jacobi iteration transforms a hard problem,  ${\bf A}^{-1}{\bf b}$ , into a succession of easy problems,  ${\bf D}^{-1}{\bf c}$

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$$\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( -\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b} \right)$$

- Does Jacobi converge to the right solution  $\mathbf{x}$ ?
  - Substitute:  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
  - Then:  $x_{i+1} x = -D^{-1}R(x_i x)$

• Take the norm of both sides: 
$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_{i+1} - \mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}\|_p} \le \|\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{R}\|_p$$

# Jacobi Iteration

• The ratio of absolute error in successive iterates is:

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_{i+1} - \mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}\|_p} \le \|\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{R}\|_p$$

• If this is less than one, the error gets smaller after each iteration. The iterative map converges!

• When is 
$$\|\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{R}\|_p < 1$$
?

 Consider the ∞-norm of a matrix which gives the maximum row sum:

 $j \neq i$ 

$$\|\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{R}\|_{\infty} = \max_{i} \sum_{j \neq i} |A_{ii}^{-1}A_{ij}|$$

- $\|\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{R}\|_{\infty} < 1$  when  $|A_{ii}| > \sum |A_{ij}|$
- A is "diagonally dominant"

#### Gauss-Seidel Iteration

- For: Ax = b
  - Split  ${\bf A}$  into  ${\bf L}+{\bf U}$ 
    - $\mathbf{L}$  is the lower triangular elements of  $\mathbf{A}$
    - ullet U is the upper triangular elements (no diagonal)
- Rewrite the equations as an iterative map:

• 
$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = -\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b}$$

- or  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}(-\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b})$
- Again, successive calculations of  ${f L}^{-1}{f c}$  are easier than  ${f A}^{-1}{f b}$
- Does Gauss-Seidel converge? Yes if,  $\|\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{U}\|_p < 1$ 
  - This happens for diagonally dominant and symmetric, positive definite matrices ( $\lambda_i > 0$ ).

#### Iterative Solutions to Lin. Eqns.

• Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{x}_{exact} = (3/4, 1/2, 1/4)$$

• Try Jacobi: 
$$\mathbf{x}_0 = (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( -\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b} \right)$$

• Try Gauss-Seidel:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (1, 0, 0)$ 

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#### • Results

iteration	R.E. Jacobi	R.E. Gauss-Seidel
Ι	38%	40%
2	26%	20%
3	19%	10%
5	9.5%	2.5%
10	I.7%	0.08%

# Successive Over Relaxation

- For equations that that do not converge under Jacobi/ Gauss-Seidel or any other iterative scheme, there are ways to modify the procedure to force convergence.
  - Suppose we have an iterative map:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 
    - that gives the sought after solution when  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_i$
    - the function  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  need not be linear in general
  - We modify the map so that:
    - $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = (1-\omega)\mathbf{x}_i + \omega \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_i)$
    - where the correct solution is still given when  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{x}_i$
    - where  $\omega$  is called the relaxation parameter.
  - This new iterative map can damp out any wild fluctuations from one iteration to the next by choosing values:  $0 < \omega < 1$

# Successive Over Relaxation

- When this damping is applied to Jacobi:
  - The original iterative map:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \left( -\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b} \right)$
  - Becomes:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = (1-\omega)\mathbf{x}_i + \omega \mathbf{D}^{-1}(-\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b})$ 
    - Matrices that are not diagonally dominant might converge when  $\,\omega\,$  is small enough
- When this dampling is applied to Gauss-Seidel:
  - The original iterative map:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}(-\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b})$
  - Becomes:  $\mathbf{x}_{i+1} = (1 \omega)\mathbf{x}_i + \omega \mathbf{L}^{-1}(-\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b})$ 
    - The relaxation parameter acts like an effective increase in the eigenvalues of the matrix. A small enough value can enable convergence.
- Successive over relaxation might be slow, however.

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