



# Eigenvalue Problems: Iterative Methods

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# Outline

- Iterative Solutions:
  - Highest Eigenvalue: Power Method
  - Lowest Eigenvalue: Inverse Power Method
  - Other Eigenvalues: Eigenvalue Substitution

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# Power Method: Dominant Eigenvalue

Target:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$

Start with all 1's  $\mathbf{x}$  vector:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(1)} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \lambda^{(1)}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} \quad (\textit{Iteration number} = 1)$$

$\lambda^{(1)}$  = element in  $\mathbf{y}_1$  with highest absolute value

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(1)}} \mathbf{y}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(1)}} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(2)} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(1)}} \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \quad (\textit{Iteration number} = 2)$$

$\lambda^{(2)}$  = element in  $\mathbf{y}_2$  with highest absolute value

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(2)}} \mathbf{y}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(2)}\lambda^{(1)}} \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \dots\dots$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(k)}} \mathbf{y}^{(k)} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(k)} \approx \frac{1}{\lambda^k} \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}^{(0)}$$



# Power Method: Dominant Eigenvalue Proof

Assume  $\mathbf{x} = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{v}_n$

Where  $\mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly independent eigenvectors

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda_1 d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2 d_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \lambda_n d_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

$$A^2\mathbf{x} = \lambda_1^2 d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2^2 d_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \lambda_n^2 d_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

After k iterations:

$$A^k\mathbf{x} = \lambda_1^k d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \lambda_2^k d_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \lambda_n^k d_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1^k} A^k\mathbf{x} = d_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + (\lambda_2/\lambda_1)^k d_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \dots + (\lambda_n/\lambda_1)^k d_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

If  $\lambda_1$  is considerably higher than  $\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ :  $\frac{1}{\lambda_1^k} A^k\mathbf{x} \rightarrow d_1 \mathbf{v}_1$



# Example on Highest Eigenvalue

(in Magnitude, sign ignored)

$$y = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda x$$

Exact Det. method:  $\lambda_1 = 9.38$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1.38$

$$\text{Iter. 1: } y^{(1)} = Ax^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = 10 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda^{(1)} = 10$$

$$\text{Iter. 2: } y^{(2)} = Ax^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.3 \\ 8.5 \end{bmatrix} = 9.3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.914 \end{bmatrix} \\ \rightarrow \lambda^{(2)} = 9.3$$

$$y^{(3)} = Ax^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.914 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.39 \\ 8.56 \end{bmatrix} = 9.39 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9116 \end{bmatrix} \\ \rightarrow \lambda^{(3)} = 9.39$$

$$y^{(4)} = Ax^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9116 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.381 \\ 8.558 \end{bmatrix} = 9.381 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.912 \end{bmatrix} \\ \rightarrow \lambda^{(4)} = 9.381, \dots$$



# Inverse Power Method: Smallest Absolute Eigenvalue

**Target:**  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \lambda^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x}$   
 $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x}$

**At iteration k:**  $\frac{\mathbf{B}^k}{\alpha_1^k} \mathbf{x} \rightarrow d_1 \mathbf{v}_1$

Dominant  $\alpha$  is equivalent to smallest absolute  $\lambda$

Use LU factorization to solve for  $\mathbf{y}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$$

Find dominant element in  $\mathbf{y}^{(k)}$  as  $\alpha$

Keep on, then least  $\lambda = \alpha^{-1}$

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# Example on Inverse Power Method: lowest Eigenvalue



$$y = A^{-1}x = \lambda^{-1}x = \alpha x,$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & -4.333 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2.333 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exact Det. method:  $\lambda_1 = 9.38, \lambda_2 = -1.38 \rightarrow \alpha_1 = 1/\lambda_2 = -0.7246$

Using LU factorization (only once), forward/backwards substitution:

$$Ay^{(1)} = x^{(0)} \rightarrow Ay^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(1)} \\ y_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1538 \\ 0.0769 \end{bmatrix} = 0.1538 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha^{(1)} = 0.1538$$

$$Ay^{(2)} = x^{(1)} \rightarrow Ay^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(2)} \\ y_2^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.11538 \\ 0.192307 \end{bmatrix} = 0.192307 \begin{bmatrix} -0.6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha^{(2)} = -0.6538$$

$$Ay^{(3)} = x^{(2)} \rightarrow Ay^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(3)} \\ y_2^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7692 \\ -0.4153 \end{bmatrix} = 0.7692 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -0.54 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha^{(3)} = -0.733$$

$$Ay^{(4)} = x^{(3)} \rightarrow Ay^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -0.54 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(4)} \\ y_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7292 \\ 0.4554 \end{bmatrix} = -0.7292 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.6245 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha_1^{(4)} = -0.729 \rightarrow \lambda_2 = -1.371, \dots$$



# Power Method: Rest of Eigenvalues

- Find one eigenvalue using power method,  $\lambda_1$
- Use it to shift a new set of diagonals, such that

$$\lambda' = \lambda - \lambda_1$$

- Solve for the next eigenvalue in:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1\mathbf{I}]\mathbf{x} \quad (\text{Power Method: Most Dominant})$$

**One eigenvalue is 0 (previously found, shifted)**

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda'_1 + \lambda_1$$

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