# COMPLEX AND REAL POLYNOMIAL ROOT APPROXIMATION VIA DOMINANT EIGENSPACES 

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## APPLICATIONS

POLYNOMIAL ROOT-FINDING HAS MODERN APPLICATIONS IN:

- COMPUTER ALGEBRA
- CONTROL THEORY
- SIGNAL PROCESSING
- GEOMETRIC MODELING
- FINANCIAL CALCULATIONS (Internal Rate of Return)

Another application arises in certain financial calculations, for example, to compute the rate of return on an investment where a company buys a machine for, (say) $\$ 100,000$. Assume that they rent it out for 12 months at $\$ 5000 /$ month, and for a further 12 months at $\$ 4000 /$ month. It is predicted that the machine will be worth $\$ 25,000$ at the end of this period. The solution goes as follows: the present value of $\$ 1$ received n months from now is $\frac{1}{(1+i)^{n}}$, where $i$ is the monthly interest rate, as yet unknown. Hence

$$
100,000=\sum_{j=1}^{12} \frac{5000}{(1+i)^{j}}+\sum_{j=13}^{24} \frac{4000}{(1+i)^{j}}+\frac{25,000}{(1+i)^{24}}
$$

Hence

$$
100,000(1+i)^{24}-\sum_{j=1}^{12} 5000(1+i)^{24-j}-\sum_{j=13}^{24} 4000(1+i)^{24-j}-25,000=0
$$

a polynomial equation in $1+i$ of degree 24. If the term of the lease was many years,
as is often the case, the degree of the polynomial could be in the hundreds.

## Solution of Cubic Equation?

Found by Cardano (16 th century)

## Solution of Quartic Equation?

Found by Ferrari (16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ century)

## Solution of Quintic equation? <br> Never found!

## Historical Background

Niels Henrik Abel



In 1824 Niels Abel showed that there existed polynomials of degree 5 , whose roots could not be expressed using radicals and arithmetic operations through their coefficients. Here is an example of such polynomials:

$$
x^{5}-4 x-2
$$

This discovery made us aware that we are left with iterative methods for the approximation of the roots of a polynomial given its coefficients.

## Basic Polynomial

$$
\begin{gathered}
p(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} p_{i} x^{i}=p_{n} \prod_{j=1}^{n}\left(x-\lambda_{j}\right) \\
\text { Where } p_{n} \neq 0
\end{gathered}
$$

## COMPANION MATRIX OF $p(x)$



## Definition

Eigenpair of a matrix

Given a matrix $M$ and a vector $v \neq 0$ $\{\lambda, v\}$ is an eigenpair of $M$ if $M v=\lambda v$
$\lambda$ is called an eigenvalue of $M$. $v$ is called an eigenvector of $\lambda$.
$\Lambda(M)$ is the set of all eigenvalues of $M$, called the spectrum of $M$.

## Theorem

Given $p(x)$ and its companion matrix $C_{p}$.
$\lambda$ is an eigenvalue of $C_{p} \Leftrightarrow \lambda I-C_{p}$ is singular
$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(\lambda I-C_{p}\right)=0 \Leftrightarrow p(\lambda)=0$

Thus, we deduce this simple fact:
The roots of a polynomial are precisely the eigenvalues of its associated companion matrix.

## POLYNOMIAL ROOT-FINDING BY MATRIX ALGORITHMS

WE APPROXIMATE THE ROOTS OF A POLYNOMIAL $p(x)=p_{n} \prod_{j=1}^{n}\left(x-\lambda_{j}\right)=p_{0}+p_{1} x+\ldots+p_{n-1} x^{n-1}+p_{n} x^{n}$
AS THE EIGENVALUES OF THE ASSOCIATED COMPANION
$\operatorname{MATRIX} C_{p}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}0 & \ldots & \ldots & \cdots & \cdots & -p_{0} / p_{n} \\ 1 & 0 & \ldots & \cdots & & -p_{1} / p_{n} \\ & 1 & \ldots & \cdots & \cdots & -p_{2} / p_{n} \\ & & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ & & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ & & & 1 & 0 & -p_{n-2} / p_{n} \\ & & & & 1 & -p_{n-1} / p_{n}\end{array}\right)$

## TOEPLITZ MATRIX

$$
T=\left(t_{i-j}\right)_{i, j=1}^{n, n}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
t_{0} & t_{-1} & \ldots & t_{1-n} \\
t_{1} & t_{0} & \ddots & \vdots \\
\vdots & \ddots & \ddots & t_{-1} \\
t_{n-1} & \cdots & t_{1} & t_{0}
\end{array}\right)
$$

THE MATRIX $C_{p}$ GENERATES AN ALGEBRA OF $n \times n$ MATRICES WITH STRUCTURE OF TOEPLITZ TYPE.

WE NEED $O(n \log n)$ AR. OPS TO MULTIPLY THEM PAIRWISE OR BY A TOEPLITZ MATRIX, AND $O\left(n \log ^{2} n\right)$ TO INVERT THEM (IF NONSINGULAR).
$O\left(n \log ^{2} n\right)$ COVER THE COST OF AN ITERATION.

Comparing Complexities


There are many methods for the approximation of the eigenvalues of a matrix. They can be found in:

- Golub, MATRIX COMPUTATION
- Stewart, MATRIX ALGORITHM Vol. 2
- Watkins, FUNDAMENTALS OF MATRIX COMPUTATIONS


## THE POWER METHOD

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix with $n$ simple and distinct eigenvalues.
$\left(\lambda_{1}, v_{1}\right),\left(\lambda_{2}, v_{2}\right), \ldots,\left(\lambda_{n}, v_{n}\right)$ are $n$ eigenpairs of $A$.
$\left|\lambda_{1}\right|>\left|\lambda_{i}\right|$ for all $i \neq 1$
Choose a random vector $v$.
Then
$v=c_{1} v_{1}+c_{2} v_{2}+\cdots+c_{n} v_{n} \quad, c_{1} \neq 0$ with probability 1
$A v=c_{1} A v_{1}+c_{2} A v_{2}+\cdots+c_{n} A v_{n}$
$A^{k} v=c_{1} \lambda_{1}^{k} v_{1}+c_{2} \lambda_{2}^{k} v_{2}+\cdots+c_{n} \lambda_{n}^{k} v_{n}$
$A^{k} v \approx c_{1} \lambda_{1}^{k} v_{1}$ for sufficiently large $k$
$A^{k} v=w$
$\lambda_{1}=\frac{w^{T} A w}{w^{T} w}$ (Rayleigh quotient)

## Definition of an eigenspace

$\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n}$ is an invariant subspace or eigenspace of a matrix $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ if $M \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{S}$ for all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{S}$.

An example of an eigenspace is the space spanned by an eigenvector or a set of eigenvectors.

## Generalization of Power Method

MORE GENERALLY (E.G., FOR CLUSTERS OF EIGENVALUES), APPROXIMATE AN EIGENSPACE OF EIGENVECTORS OF THE MATRIX $C_{p}$ AND THEN RECOVER THE ASSOCIATED SET OF EIGENVALUES OF $C_{p}$.

## Basic Theorem 1

Stewart 2001, Vol. 2, [Theorem 4.1.2].
For all matrix bases $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times r}$ of an eigenspace $\mathcal{U}$ of $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ we have $M U=U L$ for unique matrix $L=U^{(I)} M U$.

Where $U^{(I)}$ is a left inverse of $U$ i.e., $U^{(I)} U=I$ and $L$ shares all its eigenvalues with $M$.

## DOMINANT EIGENSPACE

Consider $\mathcal{U}$ as in our Basic Theorem 1, let
$\Lambda(L)$ be the set of eigenvalues of $L$, and let $\Lambda(M)$ be the set of eigenvalues of $M$
$\mathcal{U}$ is a Dominant Eigenspace if :

$$
|\lambda| \gg|\mu|
$$

as long as $\lambda \in \Lambda(L)$ and $\mu \in(\Lambda(M)-\Lambda(L))$

## Method to approximate a Dominant

 EigenspaceLET $\mathcal{U}$ BE A DOMINANT EIGENSPACE OF $M, \operatorname{dim}(\mathcal{U})=r$.
CHOOSE A STANDARD GAUSSIAN RANDOM $n \times r$ MATRIX $G$.
THEN RANGE (COLUMN SPAN) OF $U=M G$ APPROXIMATES
$\mathcal{U}$ WITH PROBABILITY $\approx 1$.

A matrix $M$ may have no Dominant Eigenspace but $f(M)$ does for appropriate $f(x)$.

So next we define matrix functions.

## Matrix Functions

Given $f(z)$ a scalar rational function we naturally define $f(M)$ a matrix function by substituting $M$ for $Z$, replacing division by matrix inversion and replacing 1 by the identity matrix.

Example:

$$
f(z)=\frac{1+z^{2}}{1-z} \Rightarrow f(M)=\left(I+M^{2}\right)(I-M)^{-1}
$$

## Basic Theorem 2

Let $f$ be a function defined on $\Lambda(M)$.

$$
\text { If } M v=\lambda v, \text { then } f(M) v=f(\lambda) v
$$

MATRIX FUNCTIONS PRESERVE EIGENSPACES OF M

## REPEATED SQUARING WITH SCALING

$$
F_{0}=M, \quad F_{h+1}=\frac{F_{h}^{2}}{\left\|F_{h}^{2}\right\|} \quad \text { for } h=0,1, \ldots
$$

Every squaring of a matrix squares its eigenvalues. This strengthens the domination of the dominant eigenvalues.

## Basic Steps

The eigenvalues of $C_{p}$ will be approximated in 5 steps.

1. Apply an appropriate function $f$ to the matrix $C_{p}$ to generate a dominant eigenspace of $f\left(C_{p}\right)$.
2. Compute matrix basis $U$ for the dominant eigenspace of $f\left(C_{p}\right)$.
3. Compute the matrix $L$ as:

$$
L=U^{(I)} C_{p} U .
$$

4. Approximate eigenvalues of $L$, which $L$ shares with $C_{p}$.
5. Deflate $C_{p}$ to find more eigenvalues and repeat steps 1-5 until we find all desired eigenvalues.

## NUMERICAL TEST FOR REPEATED SQUARING (CODES)

```
clearvars
clc
Degree=64
p=rand(1, Degree+1);
C=compan (p) ;
M=C;
for i=1:10
    M=(M^2) /norm(M^2, 2);
    temp=rank (M) ;
    variation_of_rank(1,i)=temp;
end
variation_of_rank
G=randn (Degree, rank (M) ) ;
U=M*G;
L=pinv(U) *C*U;
eigenvalues_of_L=sort(eig(L),'descend')
eigenvalues_of_C=sort(eig(C),'descend')
```


## NUMERICAL TEST FOR REPEATED <br> SQUARING

Degree $=$
64
variation_of_numerical rank =
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}64 & 64 & 64 & 64 & 64 & 8 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2\end{array}$
eigenvalues_of_L =
$0.2054+1.6678 i$
0.2054-1.6678i
eigenvalues_of_C =

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.2054+1.6678 i \\
0.2054-1.6678 i \\
-0.3737+1.0324 i \\
-0.3737-1.0324 i \\
-1.0523+0.2863 i
\end{gathered}
$$

## Numerical Test

## Table for Repeated squaring

| $n$ | numerical rank/squarings | $\min$ | max | mean | std |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 64 | numerical rank | 1 | 10 | 5.31 | 2.79 |
| 128 | numerical rank | 1 | 10 | 3.69 | 2.51 |
| 256 | numerical rank | 1 | 10 | 4.25 | 2.67 |
| 64 | squarings | 6 | 10 | 7.33 | 0.83 |
| 128 | squarings | 5 | 10 | 7.37 | 1.16 |
| 256 | squarings | 5 | 11 | 7.13 | 1.17 |

Approximating Real roots of a polynomial

# MOTIVATION FOR APPROXIMATING REAL ROOTS OF A POLYNOMIAL 

IN VARIOUS APPLICATIONS, E.G., TO OPTIMIZATION OF COMPUTATIONS IN ALGEBRAIC GEOMETRY, ONLY THE $r$ REAL ROOTS ARE OF INTEREST, AND TYPICALLY THEY ARE MUCH LESS NUMEROUS THAN ALL $n$ ROOTS.

## Main idea

Are the $r$ real eigenvalues $\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \ldots, \lambda_{r}$ of $C_{p}$ dominant? NO!
Find a function $f$ such that the eigenvalues $f\left(\lambda_{1}\right), f\left(\lambda_{2}\right), \ldots, f\left(\lambda_{r}\right)$ of $f\left(C_{p}\right)$ are dominant.

## Matrix Method to Approximate Real

## Roots of a polynomial

Separate Real from Nonreal roots. use a Matrix Cayley map.

Cayley maps
for complex numbers:
$w: z \mapsto \frac{z-\sqrt{-1}}{z+\sqrt{-1}}$
as a matrix function:
$W: X \mapsto(X-I \sqrt{-1})(X+I \sqrt{-1})^{-1}$
Let $X=C_{p}$
The map above transforms: "the real axis into the unit circle". Hence the real eigenvalues of the input matrix will be mapped into the unit circle and the other comple: eigenvalues will be mapped either inside or outside of the unit circle.

Now let $M=(X-I \sqrt{-1})(X+I \sqrt{-1})^{-1}$
and let's apply repeated squaring to the following two matrices:

Apply repeated squaring to the following two matrices:
$M_{0}=M$
and
$\widehat{M_{0}}=M^{-1}$,
obtaning the sequences
$M_{h}$
and
$\widehat{M_{h}}$
for $h=1,2,3, \ldots$
Then for large integers $h$ the images of the real eigenvalues of the input matrix (for us the companion matrix) will strongly dominate all other eigenvalues of the matrix:

$$
S=\left(M_{h}+\widehat{M_{h}}\right)^{-1}
$$

## Test for approximating real roots

Let

$$
\begin{aligned}
& p(x)=\left(7 x^{6}+6 x^{5}+5 x^{4}+4 x^{3}+3 x^{2}+2 x+1\right)\left(2 x^{2}-1\right) \\
& p(x)=14 x^{8}+12 x^{7}+3 x^{6}+2 x^{5}+x^{4}-x^{2}-2 x-1
\end{aligned}
$$

After a Cayley map and 5 repeated squarings we output:
eigenvalues_of_L =

$$
\begin{array}{r}
0.7047 \\
-0.6696
\end{array}
$$

eigenvalues_of_C =

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.4107+0.6399 i \\
0.4107-0.6399 i \\
-0.2051+0.6838 i \\
-0.2051-0.6838 i \\
0.7071+0.0000 i \\
-0.7071+0.0000 i \\
-0.6341+0.2877 i \\
-0.6341-0.2877 i
\end{gathered}
$$

## Table for Cayley map and Rootsquaring Algorithm

| Degree $(\mathrm{n})$ | Number of real roots <br> $(\mathrm{r})$ | Number of Iterations | Error Bound |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16 | 4 | 5 | $1.22 \mathrm{E}-15$ |
| 16 | 6 | 4 | $2.00 \mathrm{E}-15$ |
| 16 | 8 | 4 | $8.10 \mathrm{E}-15$ |
| 32 | 4 | 6 | $2.26 \mathrm{E}-13$ |
| 32 | 6 | 6 | $9.88 \mathrm{E}-14$ |
| 32 | 8 | 6 | $2.35 \mathrm{E}-13$ |

# 3.2 "Matrix free" algorithm to approximate real roots 

## Cayley Map and Root-Squaring

Cayley Maps
The map

$$
y=\frac{x+\sqrt{-1}}{x-\sqrt{-1}}
$$

and its inverse

$$
x=\sqrt{-1}\left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)
$$

send the real line onto the unit circle and vice versa.

## Cayley Map and Root-Squaring Algorithm

INPUT: two integers $n$ and $r, 0<r<n$, and the coefficients of a polynomial $p(x)$ where $p(0) \neq 0$ and $p(1) p(\sqrt{-1}) \neq 0$.

OUTPUT: Approximations of the real roots $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}$ of the polynomial $p(x)$.

## COMPUTATIONS:

1. Compute $q(x)=(x-1)^{n} p\left(\sqrt{-1} \frac{x+1}{x-1}\right)=\sum_{i=0}^{n} q_{i} x^{i}$. (This Cayley map moves the real axis, in particular the real roots of $p(x)$, into the unit circle.)
2. $q_{0}(x)=q(x) / q_{n}$, apply the $k$ squaring steps via $q_{h+1}(x)=(-1)^{n} q_{h}(\sqrt{x}) q_{h}(-\sqrt{x})$ for $h=0,1, \ldots, k-1$. then divide $q_{k}(x) b y\left\|q_{k}(x)\right\|$ (These steps keep the images of the real roots of $p(x)$ on the init circle for all $k$, while sending the images of every other root of $p(x)$ towards either the origin or the infinity.)

## COMPUTATIONS:

3. For a sufficiently large integer $k$, the polynomial $q_{k}(x)$ approximates the polynomial $x^{s} u_{k}(x)$ where $u_{k}(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{r} u_{i} x^{i}$ and has all roots lying on the unit circle. Obtain $u_{k}(x)$.
4. Compute the polynomial $w_{k}(x)=u_{k}\left(\frac{x+\sqrt{-1}}{x-\sqrt{-1}}\right)$. (This Cayley map sends the images of the real roots of the polynomial $p(x)$ lying on the unit circle $C(0,1)$ back to the real line.)

## COMPUTATIONS:

5. Apply one of the algorithms of [BT90], [BP98], and [DJLZ97] to approximate the $r$ real roots $z_{1}, \ldots, z_{r}$ of the polynomial $w_{k}(x)$ (cf. Theorem 3.1.4).
6. Apply the Cayley map $w_{j}^{(k)}=\left(z_{j}+\sqrt{-1}\right) /\left(z_{j}-\sqrt{-1}\right)$ for $j=1, \ldots$, r to extend Stage 5 to approximating the $r$ roots $x_{1}^{(k)}, \ldots, x_{r}^{(k)}$ of the polynomials $u_{k}(x)$ and $y_{k}(x)=x^{s} u_{k}(x)$ lying on the unit circle $C(0,1)$.

## COMPUTATIONS:

7. Apply the descending process (similar to the ones of [P95] and [P02])) to approximate the $r$ roots $x_{1}^{(h)}, \ldots, x_{r}^{(h)}$ of the polynomials $q_{h}(x)$ lying on the unit circle $C(0,1)$ for $h=k-1, \ldots, 0$.
8. Approximate the r real roots $x_{j}=\sqrt{-1}\left(x_{j}^{(0)}+1\right) /\left(x_{j}^{(0)}-1\right), j=1, \ldots, r$, of the polynomial $p(x)$.

The overall cost of this algorithm is $O(k n \log n)$ flops.

## NUMERICAL TEST FOR CAYLEY MAP AND ROOT-SQUARING ALGORITHM

The test candidates are products of rth Chebyshev polynomials and polynomials of the form $1+2 x+3 x^{2} \ldots+(n-r+1) x^{n-r}$. The number of real roots of such polynomials equals to the degree $r$ of the Chebyshev polynomial. The iteration stops when there are only $r+1$ nonzero coefficients that have absolute value greater than the tolerance bound $10^{-5}$. The descending procedure was achieved by a Proximity Test with Newton's Iteration.

Additional topics

## Matrix version of Cayley Map Algorithm

$H(M)=(M+\sqrt{-1} I)(M-\sqrt{-1} I)^{-1}$

## Let $P=H(M)$

$$
P^{k}-P^{-k}=\left(P^{2 k}-1\right) P^{-k}=\left(\prod_{i=0}^{k-1}\left(P^{2}-\omega_{k}^{i}\right)\right)\left(P^{-k}\right)=\prod_{i=0}^{k-1}\left(P-\omega_{k}^{i} P^{-1}\right)
$$

## Real eigen-solving by means of factorization.

InPuT: a real $n \times n$ matrix $M$ having $r$ real eigenvalues and $s=(n-r) / 2$ pairs of nonreal complex conjugate eigenvalues, neither of them equal to $\sqrt{-1}$.

OUTPUT: approximations to the real eigenvalues $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{r}$ of the matrix $M$.

## COMPUTATIONS:

1. Compute the matrix $P=(M+\sqrt{-1} I)(M-\sqrt{-1} I)^{-1}$. (This is the matrix version of a Cayley map of Theorem 3.1.3. It moves the real and only the real eigenvalues of the matrix $M$ into the the eigenvalues of the matrix $P$ lying on the unit circle $C(0,1)$.)

## COMPUTATIONS:

2. Fix a sufficiently large integer $k$ and compute the matrix $Y=\left(P^{k}-P^{-k}\right)^{-1}$ in the following factorized form $\prod_{i=0}^{k-1}\left(P-\omega_{k}^{i} P^{-1}\right)^{-1}$ where $\omega_{k}=\exp (2 \pi \sqrt{-1} / k)$. (For any integer $k$ the images of all real eigenvalues of the matrix $M$ have absolute values at least 2, whereas the images of all nonreal eigenvalues of that matrix converge to 0 as $k \rightarrow \infty$.)

## COMPUTATIONS:

Complete the computations following "Basic Steps" starting at step 2.

The arithmetic complexity of this algorithm is O(kn), which makes the algorithm attractive for real polynomial root-finding as long as it converges for a reasonably small integer $k$.

## BASIC POLYNOMIAL $p(x)$

$$
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$$

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THE SECOND BASIC THEOREM. The Eigenproblems for a Matrix and Its Function.

Let a rational function $f(\lambda)$ be defined on the eigenvalues of $M$.
Let $M \mathbf{v}=\lambda \mathbf{v}$. Let $f(M) \mathcal{U}=\mathcal{U}=\mathcal{U}(\mu)$.
Then $M \mathcal{U}=\mathcal{U}=\mathcal{U}(\Lambda), \Lambda$ is the set of the eigenvalues $\lambda$ of $M$ such that $f(\lambda)=\mu$.
$\Lambda$ is a singleton if $\mu$ is a simple eigenvalue of $f(M)$.
$\Longrightarrow$ WE CAN RECOVER AN EIGENSPACE OF $M$ FROM ITS IMAGE IN $f(M)$.

