

On short recurrences for generating orthogonal Krylov subspace bases

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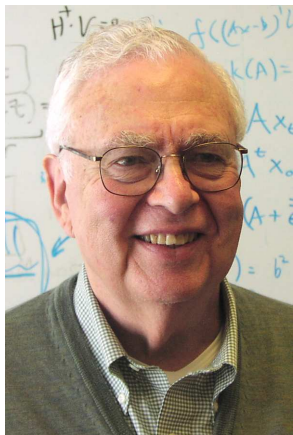
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- An important assumption on \mathbf{A} :
 \mathbf{A} is **symmetric** (MINRES, SYMMLQ) & **pos. definite** (CG).



G. H. Golub, 1932–2007

- By the end of the 1970s it was unknown if such methods existed also for general unsymmetric \mathbf{A} .
- Gatlinburg VIII (now Householder VIII) held in Oxford from July 5 to 11, 1981.
- “A prize of \$500 has been offered by Gene Golub for the construction of a 3-term conjugate gradient like descent method for non-symmetric real matrices or a proof that there can be no such method”.

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NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD*

VANCE FABER† AND THOMAS MANTEUFFEL†

Abstract. We characterize the class $CG(s)$ of matrices A for which the linear system $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ can be solved by an s -term conjugate gradient method. We show that, except for a few anomalies, the class $CG(s)$ consists of matrices A for which conjugate gradient methods are already known. These matrices are the Hermitian matrices, $A^*=A$, and the matrices of the form $A=e^{i\theta}(dI+B)$, with $B^*=-B$.

- Faber and Manteuffel gave the answer in 1984:
For a general matrix A there exists *no* short recurrence
for generating orthogonal Krylov subspace bases.
- What are the details of this statement?

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- $d = d(\mathbf{A}, v)$... the grade of v with respect to \mathbf{A} , the smallest d s.t. $\mathcal{K}_d(\mathbf{A}, v)$ is invariant under mult. with \mathbf{A} .

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Standard way for generating the orthogonal basis
(no normalization for convenience): $v_1 \equiv v$,

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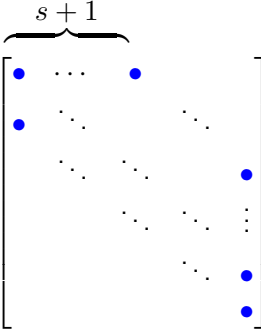
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- Sufficiency is rather straightforward, necessity *is not*. Key words from the proof of necessity in (Faber and Manteuffel, 1984) include: “continuous function” (analysis), “closed set of smaller dimension” (topology), “wedge product” (multilinear algebra).

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- We give two new proofs of the Faber-Manteuffel theorem that use more elementary tools,
- first proof - improved version of the Faber-Manteuffel proof,
- second proof - completely new proof based on orthogonal transformations of upper Hessenberg matrices.

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represents the result of Arnoldi's algorithm applied to \mathbf{A} and w_1 .

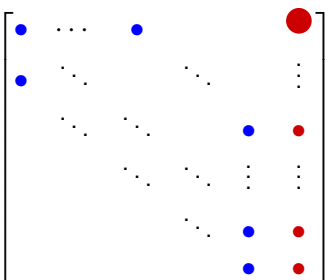
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Find unitary \mathbf{G} (a product of Givens rotations) such that $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ is unreduced upper Hessenberg, but $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ is not $(s + 2)$ -band (up to the last column) - **contradiction**.

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- [Gragg \(1982\)](#) discovered the *isometric Arnoldi process*: Orthogonal Krylov subspace bases for unitary \mathbf{A} can be generated by a 3-term recurrence of the form

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(stable implementation - two coupled 2-term recurrences).

- Used for solving unitary eigenvalue problems and linear systems with [shifted unitary matrices](#) [[Jagels and Reichel, 1994](#)].
- This short recurrence is not of the “Arnoldi-type”.

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Application of results from [rational interpolation theory](#):

Theorem. [Liesen, 2007] Let \mathbf{A} be a diagonalizable matrix with $k \geq 4$ distinct eigenvalues.

- If the eigenvalues are [collinear](#), then $d_r(\mathbf{A}) = d_p(\mathbf{A}) = 1$.
- If the eigenvalues are [conconcyclic](#), then $d_r(\mathbf{A}) = 1$,
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- In all other cases $d_r(\mathbf{A}) > \frac{k}{5}$, $d_p(\mathbf{A}) > \frac{k}{3}$.

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For \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} as above, and an integer $s \geq 0$ with $s + 2 < d_{\min}(\mathbf{A})$:

\mathbf{A} admits for the given \mathbf{B} an optimal $(s + 2)$ -term recurrence if and only if **\mathbf{A} is \mathbf{B} -normal(s)**.

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