



Iteration methods for nonlinear PDE eigenvalue problems

Introduction

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eigenvalue

nonlinear in
eigenstate

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$$Ax = \lambda x$$

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- Two types

- nonlinearity in the eigenvalue λ
- nonlinearity in the eigenvector x (eigenvector problem)



1.) Nonlinearity in the **eigenvalue**

→ Example: modeling of photonic crystals

2.) Nonlinearity in the **eigenstate**

→ Example: Bose-Einstein condensates

Nonlinearity in the Eigenvalue

Example: photonic crystals



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PDE eigenvalue iterations with applications in two-dimensional photonic crystals.

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- Floquet transform, 2D (problem decouples)

$$-\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{k}}(x) = \omega^2 \varepsilon(x, \omega) u_{\mathbf{k}}(x)$$

for a fixed wave vector $\mathbf{k}$, periodic bc

- Here: simple model made up of two different materials

- Lossless case with $\alpha_2 > 0$, $\eta_\ell, \xi_\ell \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\varepsilon_2(\omega) = \alpha_2 + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \frac{\xi_\ell^2}{\eta_\ell^2 - \omega^2}, \quad \lambda := \omega^2$$

- Eigenvalue problem can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{k}} u_{\mathbf{k}} + \Xi \mathcal{J}_2 u_{\mathbf{k}} = \lambda \mathcal{J} u_{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{b}^* (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{b} \mathcal{J}_2 u_{\mathbf{k}}$$

- Linearization by extension (similar to matrix case)

$$\mathbf{x} := (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{b} \bar{\mathcal{J}}_2^* u_{\mathbf{k}}$$

→ Equivalent formulation as linear eigenvalue problem

! Based on Gelfand triple with a lack of compactness

- Equivalent linear problem $\mathbb{A}z = \lambda \mathbb{I} z$ in $\mathcal{V}^*$
- Inverse power method

$$\mathbb{A}z^j = \lambda^{j-1} \mathbb{I} \tilde{z}^{j-1} \quad \text{in } \mathcal{V}^*$$

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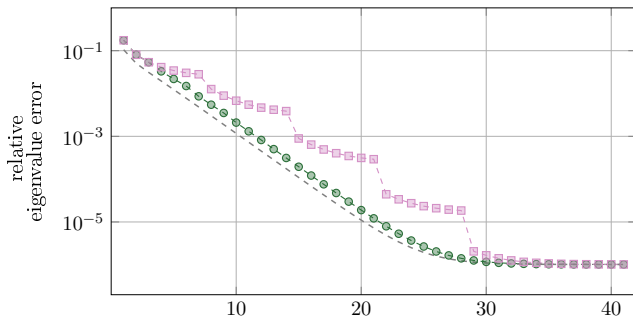
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- Convergence result (with compact embedding)
 - subsequence $z^j \rightarrow z^\star$ in $\mathcal{V}$, $\lambda^j \rightarrow \lambda^\star$
 - $\mathbb{A}z^\star = \lambda^\star \mathbb{I} z^\star$ in $\mathcal{V}^*$
- Without the compactness
 - at least $z^j \rightharpoonup z^\star$ in $\mathcal{V}$, $z^j \rightarrow z^\star$ in $\mathcal{H}$

- Inverse power method applied to linearized problem
- Fixed number of iterations per mesh (3: $\bullet$; 7: $\square$)
- Iteration on fine mesh (dashed)



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Nonlinearity in the eigenstate

Example: Bose-Einstein condensates



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- Extreme state of matter in which separate atoms coalesce into a single quantum mechanical entity
- Condensate can be described by a single wave function on a near-macroscopic scale
- 1924: Predicted by Einstein, based on work by Bose
 -  S. Bose. Plancks Gesetz und Lichtquantenhypothese. *Zeitschrift für Physik*, 126(1):178–181, 1924.
 -  A. Einstein. Quantentheorie des einatomigen idealen Gases. *Sitzber. Kgl. Preuss. Akad. Wiss.*, pages 261–267, 1924.
- 1995: Experimental observation
 -  M. Anderson, J. Ensher, M. Matthews, C. Wieman, and E. Cornell. Observation of Bose-Einstein condensation in a dilute atomic vapor. *Science*, 269(5221):198–201, 1995.
- Practical relevance: superfluidity on observable scale

- Gross-Pitaevskii eigenvalue problem (dimensionless)

$$-\Delta u(x) + V(x)u(x) + \kappa |u(x)|^2 u(x) = \lambda u(x)$$

in $D = (0, 1)^d$ with hom. Dirichlet bc, $\kappa \geq 0$

- Eigenstate u equals stationary quantum state
- Trapping potentials V :
 - harmonic potential $V(x, y, z) = \gamma_x x^2 + \gamma_y y^2 + \gamma_z z^2$
 - Kronig-Penney potential (discontinuous checkerboard)
applications: quantum self-trapping, Josephson effect
 - laser speckle (disorder) potentials
applications: atom optics

- Energy $E(v) := \frac{1}{2} \int_D |\nabla v|^2 + V|v|^2 + \frac{\kappa}{2}|v|^4 \, dx$
- Hilbert space X with inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_X$
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- **Projected Sobolev gradient flow:**

$$\dot{z}(t) = -(P_{z(t),X} \circ \nabla_X E) z(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad z(0) = z_0,$$

where $P_{z(t),X}$ denotes the X -orthogonal projection onto the tangent space $T_{z,X} := \{v \in X \mid (v, z)_{L^2(D)} = 0\}$ of the mass constraint

→ Eigenvalue iteration scheme by time discretization

- **Example 1:**
Projected L^2 -gradient flow ($X = L^2(D)$)

$$\dot{z}(t) = -A_z z + \frac{\langle A_z z, z \rangle}{\|z\|_X^2} z, \quad A_z z := (-\Delta + V + \kappa |z|^2)z$$

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- Problems with existing flows:
 - no guaranteed energy reduction or
 - convergence properties lost after time discretization



W. Bao and Q. Du.

Computing the ground state solution of Bose-Einstein condensates by a normalized gradient flow.

SIAM J. Sci. Comput., 25(5):1674–1697, 2004.

■ Example 3:

Projected a_z -Sobolev gradient flow ($X = H_0^1(D)$)
based on an inner product, which depends on the flow

■ Properties:

- global well-posedness for any normalized $z_0 \in H_0^1(D)$
- conservation of mass, i.e., $\|z(t)\|_{L^2(D)} \equiv 1$
- energy reduction
- convergence and energy reduction remain valid after time discretization for sufficiently small τ (damping parameter)



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Sobolev gradient flow for the Gross-Pitaevskii eigenvalue problem:
global convergence and computational efficiency.

[arXiv:1812.00835](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.00835), 2018.

- Define nonlinear operator A :

$$\langle A(z, v), w \rangle := \int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla v \cdot \nabla w + V v w \, dx + \frac{\kappa}{\|z\|^2} \int_{\mathcal{D}} |z|^2 v w \, dx$$

- Properties of $A: H_0^1(D) \times H_0^1(D) \rightarrow H^{-1}(D)$
 - bounded
 - scaling invariant in the first argument
 - linear in the second argument
 - twice Gâteaux differentiable in both arguments
- **GPEVP (A-version):** Find $z^* \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$, $\|z^*\| = 1$ and λ^* such that

$$\mathcal{A}(z^*) := A(z^*, z^*) = \lambda^* z^*$$

- Consider Gâteaux derivative of $\mathcal{A}$ in $z \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$:

$$\langle J(z)v, w \rangle := \langle \mathcal{A}'(z; v), w \rangle$$

- Scaling invariance yields $J(z)z = \mathcal{A}'(z; z) = \mathcal{A}(z)$

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$$J(z^*)z^* = \lambda^*z^*$$

- Example: Gross-Pitaevskii

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J(z)v, w \rangle = & \int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla v \cdot \nabla w + V vw \, dx + \frac{\kappa}{\|z\|^2} \int_{\mathcal{D}} (zv + 2vz) zw \, dx \\ & - \frac{2\kappa (z, v)_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}}{\|z\|^4} \int_{\mathcal{D}} |z|^2 zw \, dx \end{aligned}$$



E. Jarlebring, S. Kvaal, W. Michiels,

An inverse iteration method for eigenvalue problems with eigenvector nonlinearities.

SIAM J. Sci. Comput. 36(4):A1978–A2001, 2014.

- **Shifted J -method:** Given $z^0 \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$ with $\|z^0\| = 1$ and some shift σ , define

$$z^{n+1} = \frac{(J(z^n) + \sigma)^{-1} z^n}{\|(J(z^n) + \sigma)^{-1} z^n\|}, \quad n \geq 0$$

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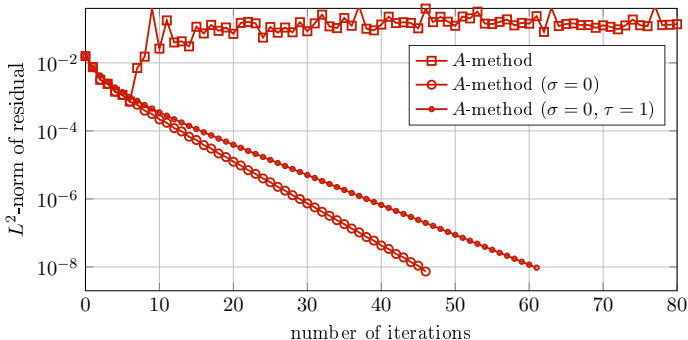
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- **Damped J -method:** Given z^n , $\|z^n\| = 1$ and a step size $0 < \tau_n \leq 2$, define

$$\tilde{z}^{n+1} = (1 - \tau_n) z^n + \tau_n \gamma_n \frac{J(z^n)^{-1} z^n}{(J(z^n)^{-1} z^n, z^n)}, \quad z^{n+1} = \frac{\tilde{z}^{n+1}}{\|\tilde{z}^{n+1}\|}$$

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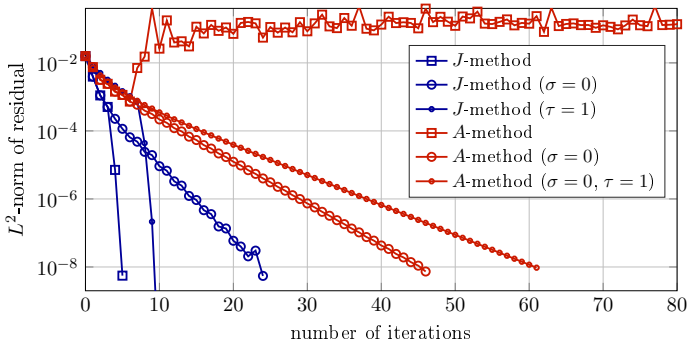


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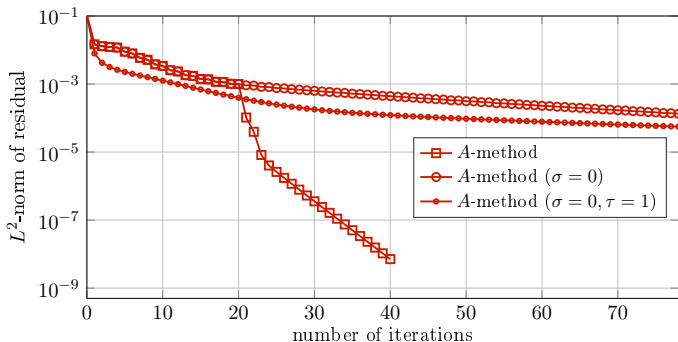


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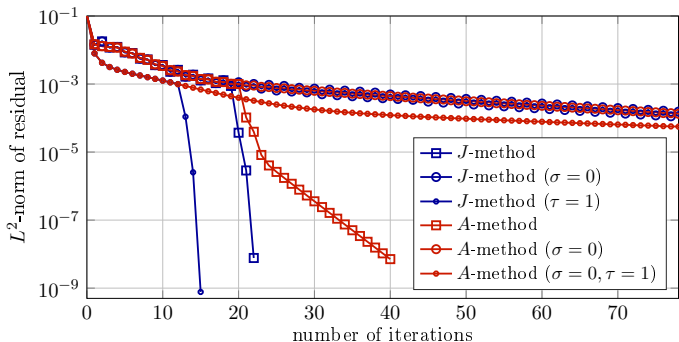


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- Nonlinearity in the eigenvalue
 - exact reformulation by linearization
 - power method in Hilbert space setting
 - allows adaptivity
- Nonlinearity in the eigenvector
 - solvers based on alternative linearization
 - allows spectral shifts
 - acceleration of convergence
 - approximation of excited states,
e.g., vortex lattices in fast rotating traps

