

## ALGORITHMS FOR INVERSE EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS<sup>\*1)</sup>

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### Abstract

Two new algorithms based on QR decompositions (QRDs) (with column pivoting) are proposed for solving inverse eigenvalue problems, and under some non-singularity assumptions they are both locally quadratically convergent.

Several numerical tests are presented to illustrate their convergence behavior.

### §1. Introduction

Inverse eigenvalue problems arise often in applied mathematics (see [1], §1), and they are treated by many mathematicians. Let  $A$  be a fixed  $n \times n$  (complex) valued matrix. The most common inverse eigenvalue problems are the following two problems proposed by Downing and Householder [11]:

(i) Find a diagonal complex valued matrix  $D$  such that the spectrum of  $A + D$  is a given set  $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_n^*)$ .

(ii) Find a diagonal complex valued matrix  $D$  such that the spectrum of  $AD$  is a given set  $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_n^*)$ .

The first problem is called *the inverse additive eigenvalue problem*, and the second one *the multiplicative eigenvalue problem*. Often in practical applications,  $A$ ,  $D$  and  $\lambda^*$  in the above two problems are real.

**Notation.** We shall use  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  ( $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ) for the  $m$  by  $n$  complex (real) matrix set,  $\mathbb{C}^m = \mathbb{C}^{m \times 1}$  ( $\mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ ),  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}^1$  ( $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^1$ );  $\mathcal{U}_n \subset \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  denotes the  $n$  by  $n$  unitary matrix set.  $I^{(n)}$  is the  $n$  by  $n$  unit matrix,  $e_j^{(n)}$  the  $j$ th column of  $I^{(n)}$  and  $I_j^{(n)} \equiv (e_1^{(n)}, \dots, e_j^{(n)})$ . When no confusion arises, these superscripts  $(n)$  are usually omitted.  $A^H$ ,  $A^T$  denote the conjugate transpose and transpose respectively, and  $\|A\|_2$  the spectral norm of  $A$ .

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For convenience, in this paper we generalize the statement of the above two inverse problems as

**Problem G.** Let  $A(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a differentiable matrix-valued function of  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Find a point  $c^* \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that the spectrum of matrix  $A(c^*)$  is a given set  $\lambda^* = (\lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_n^*)$ .

Here, the differentiability of  $A(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  with respect to  $c$  means, for any  $c^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , we have

$$A(c) = A(c^{(0)}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} A(c) \Big|_{c=c^{(0)}} (c_i - c_i^{(0)}) + o(\|c - c^{(0)}\|_2), \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$c = (c_1, \dots, c_n)^T, \quad c^{(0)} = (c_1^{(0)}, \dots, c_n^{(0)})^T, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} A(c) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} a_{kj}(c) \right) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \quad \text{for} \quad A(c) = (a_{kj}(c))$$

and

$$\|c - c^{(0)}\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |c_i - c_i^{(0)}|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (1.3)$$

As to the solvability, and some numerical methods of inverse additive, multiplicative eigenvalue problems, we refer the readers to, e.g. [7], [1]-[3] and other related references therein. The aim of this paper is to propose two new methods to solve Problem G and to analyze their convergence behavior under appropriate hypotheses. Throughout this paper we assume the given set  $\lambda^*$  satisfies

$$\lambda_i^* \neq \lambda_j^* \quad \text{for} \quad i \neq j, \quad (1.4)$$

and Problem G itself is solvable.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: In §2 we cite some necessary differentiability theorems proved in [12]. In §3 we first discuss some formulations of numerical methods. Then we give our algorithms and their convergence analysis. Finally in §4 we present several numerical tests to illustrate their behavior.

## §2. QR Decomposition (QRD) and Differentiability

Let  $A(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . The QRDs with column pivoting (see [9, pp.163-167]) of  $A(c)$  can be read as

$$A(c)\pi(c) = Q(c)R(c), \quad Q(c) \in U_n, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\pi(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is a permutation matrix and  $R(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  an upper triangular matrix. The following theorem was obtained in [12], and it is the basis of this paper.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a matrix-valued function of  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\pi \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  a permutation matrix and  $c^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Assume that the first  $n-1$  column vectors of  $A(c^{(0)})\pi$  are linearly independent, and  $A(c^{(0)})\pi = Q_0 R_0$  is its any QRD. If  $A(c)$  is differentiable at  $c^{(0)}$  (refer to (1.1)), then there exists a neighborhood  $B(c^{(0)}) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  of  $c^{(0)}$  such that we have QRDs of  $A(c)\pi$*

$$A(c)\pi = Q(c)R(c) \quad \text{for } c \in B(c^{(0)}) \quad (2.2)$$

*satisfying  $Q(c^{(0)}) = Q_0$  and  $R(c^{(0)}) = R_0$ , and that the diagonal elements of  $R(c)$  are differentiable at  $c^{(0)}$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} r_{nn}(c) \equiv e_n^T R(c) e_n &= e_n^T R_0 e_n + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ e_n^T Q_0^H \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} A(c) \Big|_{c=c^{(0)}} \pi e_n \right. \\ &\quad \left. - e_n^T Q_0^H \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} A(c) \Big|_{c=c^{(0)}} \pi I_{n-1} (I_{n-1}^T R_0 I_{n-1})^{-1} I_{n-1}^T R_0 e_n \right] (c_i - c_i^{(0)}) \\ &\quad + o(\|c - c^{(0)}\|_2), \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

*where  $c, c^{(0)}$  are of forms (1.2). Moreover, if  $A(c^{(0)})$  is second order differentiable or weakly normal, the last term  $o(\|c - c^{(0)}\|_2)$  in the expansion (1.1) of  $A(c)$  can be replaced by  $O(\|c - c^{(0)}\|_2^2)$ , and the last term in (2.3) can also be improved as  $O(\|c - c^{(0)}\|_2^2)$ .*

The original form of Theorem 2.1 in [12] is slightly different from that given here. The difference lies in that the arbitrary choice of a QRD of  $A(c^{(0)})\pi$  is explicitly state here, but is implied in the proof of Theorem 2.1 in [12], and we must bear in mind that QRDs (2.2) vary with this initial QRD.

### §3. Formulations of Numerical Methods and Algorithms

Once again, we emphasize that the hypothesis (1.4) is always satisfied in this paper.

**3.1. Formulations of Numerical Methods.** So far, the existing algorithms which are locally quadratically convergent (under appropriate conditions) are obtained by first constructing a nonlinear system and then applying the Newton method to it. Practical applications have shown that solving general inverse eigenvalue problems such as Problem G in such a way is feasible. The following are the two formulations of the problems.

**Formulation I.** Suppose  $A(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is real symmetric or Hermitian, and arrange its  $n$  eigenvalues in ascending order  $\lambda_1(c) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(c)$ . Solve the nonlinear

system

$$f(c) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(c) - \lambda_1^* \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n(c) - \lambda_n^* \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

where we assume  $\lambda_1^* < \dots < \lambda_n^*$ .

**Formulation II.** Solve the nonlinear system

$$g(c) = \begin{pmatrix} \det(A(c) - \lambda_1^* I) \\ \vdots \\ \det(A(c) - \lambda_n^* I) \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

The first formulation is the most natural one and has been used in [11] in the case of the additive eigenvalue problems (for details on this formulation, see [1], [10]). The second formulation has been proposed in [4]. Recently Ye<sup>[8]</sup> proposed two algorithms, which are proved to be linearly convergent, to solve inverse additive, multiplicative eigenvalue problems for real symmetric (Hermitian) matrices.

In this paper, we shall propose a class of algorithms based on QRDs (with column pivoting). The original idea of these algorithms comes from Kublanovskaya's approach [13] for solving nonlinear eigenvalue problems. We remark here that nonlinear eigenvalue problems may be regarded as a special kind of inverse eigenvalue problems since finding a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\det B(\lambda) = 0$  for  $B(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  may be thought of as finding a  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that zero is an eigenvalue of  $B(\lambda)$ . In such inverse problems the specified eigenvalue(s) is zero.

Now, we are in a position to give our formulation of the equivalent nonlinear system to Problem G. Compute QRDs (with column pivoting) of  $A(c) - \lambda_i^* I$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ )

$$(A(c) - \lambda_i^* I)\pi_i(c) = Q_i(c)R_i(c), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3.3)$$

and assume permutation matrices  $\pi_i(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are constant matrices in a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $c$  for each  $i$ . From Theorem 2.1, we can see that  $n$  functions

$$e_n^T R_i(c) e_n, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (3.4)$$

are differentiable at  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . If column pivoting is performed, then we have

$$|e_1^T R_i(c) e_1| \geq |e_2^T R_i(c) e_2| \geq \dots \geq |e_n^T R_i(c) e_n|, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3.5a)$$

or other methods are used such that

$$|e_j^T R_i(c) e_j| \geq |e_n^T R_i(c) e_n|, \quad j = 1, \dots, n-1. \quad (3.5b)$$

Therefore the spectrum of  $A(c)$  is  $\lambda^*$ , if and only if

$$e_n^T R_i(c) e_n = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3.6)$$

Hence we introduce

**Formulation III.** Solve the nonlinear system

$$h(c) = \begin{pmatrix} e_n^T R_1(c) e_n \\ \vdots \\ e_n^T R_n(c) e_n \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

It is worth mentioning that because of the non-uniqueness of QRDs  $h(c)$  is not uniquely determined for any  $c$ . However we remark that such "flexibility" does not affect the effectiveness of our algorithms; and this is our main concern (refer to Lemma 3.2 below).

**3.2. Algorithms.** The following algorithm follows straightforwardly from Theorem 2.1, Formulation III and the Newton method.

**Algorithm 3.1.** Find a solution  $c^* \in \mathbb{C}^n$  to the solvable Problem G.

a) Give an initial approximation  $c^{(0)}$  of  $c^*$ .

b) Compute

$$B^{(i,\nu)} \equiv A(c^{(\nu)}) - \lambda_i^* I, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,; \quad A_1^{(k,\nu)} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial c_k} A(c) \Big|_{c=c^{(\nu)}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

c) Compute QRDs with column pivoting of  $B^{(i,\nu)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ )

$$B^{(i,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} = Q^{(i,\nu)} R^{(i,\nu)}, \quad R^{(i,\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^{(i,\nu)} & R_{12}^{(i,\nu)} \\ 0 & r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

d) Compute for  $i, k = 1, \dots, n$

$$j_{ik}^{(\nu)} = e_n^T Q^{(i,\nu)H} A_1^{(k,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} e_n - e_n^T Q^{(i,\nu)H} A_1^{(k,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} I_{n-1} R_{11}^{(i,\nu)-1} R_{12}^{(i,\nu)},$$

and let  $J^{(\nu)} = (j_{ik}^{(\nu)})$ .

e) Solve linear systems  $J^{(\nu)}(c^{(\nu+1)} - c^{(\nu)}) = -b^{(\nu)}$ , where  $b^{(\nu)} = (r_{nn}^{(1,\nu)}, \dots, r_{nn}^{(n,\nu)})^T \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

f) If the needed accuracy is attained, stop; otherwise go to b).

Now we give a rough estimation of the computational requirements of Algorithm 3.1. Since in all Newton type algorithms for solving Problem G, Steps b) and e) are indispensable, our estimation does not include the computational requirements for Steps b) and e). Assume that  $A(c)$  is dense. It is well-known that the QRDs obtained by using Householder transformations for each  $B^{(i,\nu)}$  require approximately  $\frac{2}{3}n^3$  multiplications (see [9]), where  $Q^{(i,\nu)}$  is stored in factor forms. Therefore Step c) requires approximately  $\frac{2}{3}n^4$  multiplications. For Step d), one can easily verify that it requires approximately  $n^4$  multiplications. Thus Algorithm 3.1 requires approximately  $\frac{5}{3}n^4$  multiplications per iteration.



It follows that

$$Q_1^H A \pi = R_1 \pi = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^{(1)} & \cdots & r_{1\ l-1}^{(1)} & r_{1\ l+1}^{(1)} & \cdots & r_{1n}^{(1)} & r_{1l}^{(1)} \\ & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & r_{l-1\ l-1}^{(1)} & r_{l-1\ l+1}^{(1)} & \cdots & r_{l-1n}^{(1)} & r_{l-1l}^{(1)} \\ & & & r_{ll+1}^{(1)} & \cdots & r_{ln}^{(1)} & r_{ll}^{(1)} \\ & & & r_{l+1\ l+1}^{(1)} & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ & & & & \ddots & r_{n-1n}^{(1)} & \vdots \\ & & & & & r_{nn}^{(1)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now as before, we choose  $n - l$  Givens rotations  $G(l, l + 1), \dots, G(n - 1, n)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2^H Q_1^H A \pi &\equiv G(n - 1, n) \cdots G(l, l + 1) Q_1^H A \pi \\ &= G(n - 1, n) \cdots G(l, l + 1) R_1 \pi = R \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

is an upper triangular matrix. It is easily verified that ( $R = (r_{ij})$ )

$$r_{ii} \begin{cases} = r_{ii}^{(1)}, & 1 \leq i \leq l - 1, \\ \geq r_{i+1\ i+1}^{(1)}, & l \leq i \leq n - 1, \\ \leq r_{ll}^{(1)}, & i = n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $|e_n^T R e_n| = |r_{nn}| \leq |e_j^T R e_j|$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, n - 1$ , which is just (3.5b). Hence  $Q = Q_1 Q_2$ , and  $\pi$  and  $R$  as shown by (3.9), (3.10) respectively meet our needs.

**Algorithm 3.2.** Find a solution  $c^* \in \mathbb{C}^n$  to the solvable Problem G.

a) Give an initial approximation  $c^{(0)}$  of  $c^*$ .

b) Compute

$$B^{(i,\nu)} \equiv A(c^{(\nu)}) - \lambda_i^* I, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$A_1^{(k,\nu)} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial c_k} A(c) \right|_{c=c^{(\nu)}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

c) Find factorizations  $U^{(\nu)H} A(c^{(\nu)}) U^{(\nu)} = H^{(\nu)}$ ,  $U^{(\nu)} \in \mathcal{U}_n$ , where  $H^{(\nu)}$  are Hessenberg matrices, and compute  $B^{(i,\nu)} = H^{(\nu)} - \lambda_i^* I (1 \leq i \leq n)$  which are also Hessenberg matrices. Use the techniques described above to give QRDs of  $B^{(i,\nu)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ )

$$B^{(i,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} = Q^{(i,\nu)} R^{(i,\nu)}, \quad R^{(i,\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^{(i,\nu)} & R_{12}^{(i,\nu)} \\ 0 & r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

d) Compute for  $i, k = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$j_{ik}^{(\nu)} = e_n^T Q^{(i,\nu)H} U^{(\nu)H} A_1^{(k,\nu)} U^{(\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} e_n \\ - e_n^T Q^{(i,\nu)H} U^{(\nu)H} A_1^{(k,\nu)} U^{(\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} I_{n-1} R_{11}^{(i,\nu)-1} R_{12}^{(i,\nu)},$$

and let  $J^{(\nu)} = (j_{ik}^{(\nu)})$ .

e) Solve linear systems  $J^{(\nu)}(c^{(\nu+1)} - c^{(\nu)}) = -b^{(\nu)}$ , where  $b^{(\nu)} = (r_{nn}^{(1,\nu)}, \dots, r_{nn}^{(n,\nu)})^T \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

f) If the needed accuracy is attained, **stop**; otherwise go to b).

As to the computational requirements of Algorithm 3.2 we note that Step c) requires approximately  $O(n^3)$  multiplications and Step d) requires approximately  $n^4$  multiplications. Thus generally Algorithm 3.2 is cheaper than Algorithm 3.1. On the other hand, if  $A_1^{(i,\nu)}$  is sufficiently sparse (e.g. for inverse additive, multiplicative eigenvalue problems), Step d) in Algorithm 3.2 requires approximately only  $O(n^3)$  multiplications. At this time Algorithm 3.2 requires approximately  $O(n^3)$  multiplications per iteration while Algorithm 3.1 requires  $O(n^4)$  multiplications.

It seems that generally the convergence domain of Algorithm 3.2 is smaller than that of Algorithm 3.1. A heuristic interpretation is that QRDs with column pivoting often reveal singularity of a matrix better than those without column pivoting. Our numerical examples in §4 also confirm such observation.

**3.3. Convergence Analysis.** We study first the locally quadratic convergence of Algorithm 3.1.

**Lemma 3.1.**<sup>[12]</sup> *Suppose the first  $n-1$  column vectors of matrix  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are linearly independent, and  $C = Q_1 R_1 = Q_2 R_2$  are two QRDs. Then there exists a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathcal{U}_n$  such that  $Q_1 = Q_2 D$  and  $R_1 = D^H R_2$ .*

Although the QRDs of a given matrix are not unique (neither are matrix  $J^{(\nu)}$  and vector  $b^{(\nu)}$  for fixed  $\nu$  in Algorithm 3.1), we have

**Lemma 3.2.** *In Algorithm 3.1, for any fixed  $\nu$  suppose*

$$B^{(i,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)} = Q_l^{(i,\nu)} R_l^{(i,\nu)}, l = 1, 2 \quad (3.11)$$

are two (different) QRDs of  $B^{(i,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), and denote by  $J_l^{(\nu)}$  and  $b_l^{(\nu)}$  the two matrices and two vectors obtained by Step d) of Algorithm 3.1 corresponding to (3.11). Then there exists a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathcal{U}_n$  such that

$$J_1^{(\nu)} = D J_2^{(\nu)}, \quad b_1^{(\nu)} = D b_2^{(\nu)}. \quad (3.12a)$$

If moreover  $J_1^{(\nu)}$  is invertible, then

$$J_1^{(\nu)-1} b_1^{(\nu)} = J_2^{(\nu)-1} b_2^{(\nu)}. \quad (3.12b)$$



The proof of Lemma 3.2 is a combination of Lemma 3.1 and Step d) in Algorithm 3.1. (3.12a) characterizes the variations of  $J^{(\nu)}$  and  $b^{(\nu)}$  with QRDs, and (3.12b) says that given an approximation  $c$  of  $c^*$ , the improved approximation  $\bar{c}$  obtained by performing one iteration of Algorithm 3.1 is independent of QRDs.

**Lemma 3.3.**<sup>[12]</sup> *Suppose the first  $n - 1$  column vectors of matrix  $C_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are linearly independent, and  $C_1 = Q_1 R_1$  is a QRD of  $C_1$ . Let  $C_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a QRD  $C_2 = Q_2 R_2$  such that  $\|Q_1 - Q_2\|_2 < \varepsilon$  and  $\|R_1 - R_2\|_2 < \varepsilon$ , if  $\|C_1 - C_2\|_2$  is sufficiently small.*

**Theorem 3.1.** *In Algorithm 3.1, suppose  $\pi^{(i,\nu)} = \pi^{(i,*)}$  is independent of  $\nu$  when  $\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2$  is sufficiently small, and  $J^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  corresponding to QRDs of  $B^{(i,*)} \pi^{(i,*)}$  is invertible, where  $B^{(i,*)} = A(c^*) - \lambda_i^* I (1 \leq i \leq n)$ . Suppose also  $A(c)$  is second order differentiable. Then, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that when  $\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2 < \varepsilon$  we have*

$$\|c^{(\nu+1)} - c^*\|_2 = O(\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2^2). \quad (3.13)$$

*Proof.*  $\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2$  is sufficiently small, and so is  $\|A(c^{(\nu)}) - A(c^*)\|_2$ . Therefore from Lemma 3.2, Lemma 3.3 and the definition of  $J^{(\nu)}$ , we know that  $J^{(\nu)}$  is invertible and  $\|J^{(\nu)-1}\|_2 \leq \|J^{*-1}\|_2 + f(\varepsilon)$  for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$ , where  $f(\varepsilon) \geq 0$  is a continuous function of  $\varepsilon$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|b^{(\nu+1)}\|_2 &= \|b^{(\nu)} + J^{(\nu)}(c^{(\nu+1)} - c^{(\nu)}) + O(\|c^{(\nu+1)} - c^{(\nu)}\|_2^2)\|_2 \\ &= O(\|c^{(\nu+1)} - c^{(\nu)}\|_2^2) = O(\|J^{(\nu)-1} b^{(\nu)}\|_2^2) = O(\|b^{(\nu)}\|_2^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

On the other hand, it follows from linear independence of the first  $n - 1$  column vectors of each  $B^{(i,\nu)} \pi^{(i,\nu)}$  (since  $\lambda_i^* \neq \lambda_j^*$  for  $i \neq j$ ) and Theorem 2.1 that

$$\|b^{(\nu)}\|_2 = \|b^* + J^*(c^{(\nu)} - c^*) + O(\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2^2)\|_2 = O(\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2) \quad (3.15)$$

and similarly

$$\|b^{(\nu+1)}\|_2 = O(\|c^{(\nu+1)} - c^*\|_2), \quad (3.16)$$

where  $b^*$  is defined similarly to  $J^*$ . Combining (3.14)-(3.16) will lead to (3.13).

Before going into the convergence analysis of Algorithm 3.2, we remark that giving a convergence analysis of Algorithm 3.2 is much more complicated. This is because of the non-uniqueness of factorizations

$$U(c)^H A(c) U(c) = \text{upper Hessenberg matrices.} \quad (3.17)$$

At this time we even have no similar result to Lemma 3.1. In order to give an analysis, we make the following additional hypothesis.

**Hypothesis S.** In some neighborhood of  $c^*$ , the choice of factorizations (3.17) in Algorithm 3.2 should satisfy that  $U(c)$  is determined uniquely by  $c$  and is continuous with respect to  $c$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** In Algorithm 3.2, suppose Hypothesis S is satisfied,  $\pi^{(i,\nu)} = \pi^{(i,*)}$  is independent of  $\nu$  when  $\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2$  is sufficiently small, and  $J^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  corresponding to  $c^*$  is invertible. Assume also that  $A(c)$  is second order differentiable. Then Algorithm 3.2 is locally quadratically convergent.

*Proof.* From Hypothesis S and Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, we know that there exists  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that if  $\|c - c^*\|_2 < \varepsilon_1$ , then

$$A(c) = A(c^*) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} A(c) \Big|_{c=c^*} (c_i - c_i^*) + M, \quad (3.18)$$

$$\|M\|_2 \leq f_1(\varepsilon_1) \|c - c^*\|_2^2$$

and

$$\|J(c)^{-1}\|_2 \leq \|J^{*-1}\|_2 + f_2(\varepsilon_1), \quad (3.19)$$

where  $f_i(\varepsilon_1) \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are continuous functions of  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $f_i(0) = 0$ , and  $J(c) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is obtained by Step d) in Algorithm 3.2 at  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

On the other hand, we note

$$U(c)^H A(c) U(c) = H(c), \quad B^{(i)}(c) \pi^{(i)}(c) = Q^{(i)}(c) R^{(i)}(c),$$

where  $B^{(i)}(c) = H(c) - \lambda_i^* I$ . Therefore for  $\tilde{c} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  close to  $c$ , we have

$$[U(c)^H A(\tilde{c}) U(c) - \lambda_i^* I] \pi^{(i)}(c) = Q^{(i)}(\tilde{c}) R^{(i)}(\tilde{c}),$$

$$R^{(i)}(\tilde{c}) = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11}^{(i)}(\tilde{c}) & R_{12}^{(i)}(\tilde{c}) \\ 0 & r_{nn}^{(i)}(\tilde{c}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

From Theorem 2.1, (3.18) and (3.19), it follows that there exist  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_3 > 0$  such that if  $\|c - c^*\|_2 < \varepsilon_2$ , then

$$r_{nn}^{(i)}(\tilde{c}) = r_{nn}^{(i)}(c) + O(\|\tilde{c} - c\|_2) + f_3(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \delta^{(i)},$$

$$|\delta^{(i)}| \leq \|\tilde{c} - c\|_2^2, \quad \text{if } \|\tilde{c} - c\|_2 \leq \varepsilon_3, \quad (3.20)$$

where  $f_3(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \geq 0$  is a continuous function of  $(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$  and  $f_3(0, 0) = 0$ .

Now suppose  $\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2 < \min\{\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3\}$ . Then from (3.20) we have (note  $r_{nn}^{(i)}(c^*) = 0$ )

$$0 = b^{(\nu)} + J^{(\nu)}(c^* - c^{(\nu)}) + f_4(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \delta, \quad \|\delta\|_2 \leq \|c^* - c^{(\nu)}\|_2^2,$$

i.e.

$$c^* = c^{(\nu)} - J^{(\nu)^{-1}} b^{(\nu)} - f_4(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) J^{(\nu)^{-1}} \delta, \quad (3.21)$$

where  $f_4(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3) \geq 0$  is a continuous function of  $(\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3)$  and  $f_4(0, 0) = 0$ . (3.21) together with (3.19) and  $c^{(\nu+1)} = c^{(\nu)} - J^{(\nu)^{-1}}b^{(\nu)}$  lead to  $\|c^{(\nu+1)} - c^*\|_2 = O(\|c^{(\nu)} - c^*\|_2^2)$ .

#### §4. Numerical Examples

Before giving our examples, it is necessary to present some perturbation results which can be used to measure the differences between the spectrum of  $\lambda^*$  and that of  $A(c^{(s)})$ , where  $c^{(s)}$  is an accepted approximation to  $c^*$ .

By factorizations  $(A(c^{(s)}) - \lambda_i^* I)\pi^{(i,s)} = Q^{(i,s)}R^{(i,s)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we get

$$e_n^T Q^{(i,s)H} (A(c^{(s)}) - \lambda_i^* I) = r_{nn}^{(i,s)} e_n^T \pi^{(i,s)T}. \quad (4.1)$$

Therefore, if  $A(c)$  is Hermitian or weakly normal, then for any  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) there exists an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A(c^{(s)})$  (see [5]) such that

$$|\lambda - \lambda_i^*| \leq |r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|. \quad (4.2)$$

Since  $\lambda_i^* \neq \lambda_j^*$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $n$  intervals  $|z - \lambda_i^*| \leq |r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|$  are disjoint from each other if  $|r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|$  is sufficiently small; thus  $n$  eigenvalues of  $A(c^{(s)})$  are different from each other and satisfy

$$|\lambda_i - \lambda_i^*| \leq |r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|, i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (4.3)$$

For general matrices  $A(c)$ , we are unable to give an estimation of differences between the spectrum of  $A(c^{(s)})$  and  $\lambda^*$  just from (4.1), and therefore other information is needed. One of the compensating methods is that equations

$$(A(c^{(s)}) - \lambda_i^* I)p_i = r_i, \quad \|p_i\|_2 = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad (4.4)$$

are also available, and approximately  $\|r_i\|_2 \approx |r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|$ . In fact this is possible since the smallest singular value of  $A(c^{(s)}) - \lambda_i^* I$  is less than or equal to  $|r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|$ , and thus a QRD with column pivoting of  $(A(c^{(s)}) - \lambda_i^* I)^H$  gives (4.4). Suppose now (4.1) and (4.4) are both available. Then from [15] we know that there exist  $E_i \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with

$$\|E_i\|_2 = \max\{\|r_i\|_2, |r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|\}$$

such that  $\lambda_i^*$  is an eigenvalue of  $A(c^{(s)}) - E_i$ . If  $|r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|$  is sufficiently small (so are  $E_i$ ), then the  $n$  eigenvalues of  $A(c^{(s)}) - E_i$  ( $A(c^{(s)}) - E_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ ) are different from each other since  $\lambda_i^* \neq \lambda_j^*$  ( $i \neq j$ ). Therefore from [5, p.176] we have that  $n$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) of  $A(c^{(s)})$  satisfy

$$\lambda_i = \lambda_i^* + O\left(\frac{\max\{\|r_i\|_2, |r_{nn}^{(i,s)}|\}}{|e_n^T Q^{(i,s)H} p_i|}\right). \quad (4.5)$$

The following tests were conducted on IBM-PC/XT. Double precision arithmetic was used throughout. The starting points were chosen close to the solution, so that few iterations were required for convergence. A line search (or trust region strategy) would be essential to make the algorithms convergent in practical applications. However, we have not included these features and have concentrated on the local behavior of the algorithms.

**Example 1<sup>[1]</sup>.** This is an inverse additive problem. Here  $n = 8$ ,

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 5 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 6 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_k = e_k e_k^T, k = 1, \dots, 8,$$

$$A(c) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i A_i,$$

$$\lambda^* = (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80),$$

$$c^* = (11.907876, 19.705522, 30.545498, 40.062657,$$

$$51.587140, 64.702131, 70.170676, 71.318499).$$

With the starting point  $c^{(0)} = (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80)$ , Algorithm 3.2 diverges, while Algorithm 3.1 converges. The computational results of Algorithm 3.1 are displayed in Table 4.1, where  $\delta c^{(\nu)} = (\delta c_1^{(\nu)}, \dots, \delta c_n^{(\nu)})^T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is defined by  $c^{(\nu+1)} = c^{(\nu)} + \delta c^{(\nu)}$ , and  $\lambda_1^{(\nu)} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n^{(\nu)}$  are  $n$  eigenvalues of  $A(c^{(\nu)})$ .

Table 4.1

No. ( $\nu$ )	Algorithm 3.1		Method I in [1]
	$\max\{ r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \delta c_i^{(\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \lambda_i^{(\nu)} - \lambda_i^* \}$
0	$6.4E + 00$	$8.5E + 00$	$6.4E + 00$
1	$7.1E - 01$	$1.2E + 00$	$8.9E - 01$
2	$3.9E - 02$	$1.0E - 01$	$1.0E - 01$
3	$4.4E - 04$	$1.0E - 03$	$2.7E - 03$
4	$4.7E - 08$	$1.1E - 07$	$2.3E - 06$
5	$6.5E - 15$	$8.2E - 15$	$1.7E - 12$

With the starting point  $c^{(0)} = (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 79)$ , Algorithms 3.1 and 3.2 both converge, and their computational results are displayed in Table 4.2. Here the column corresponding to  $\delta_\nu$  displays approximately the maximum of modulus among southeast elements of  $n$  upper triangular matrices obtained by computing QRDs with column pivoting of  $A(c^{(\nu)}) - \lambda_i^* I, i = 1, \dots, 8$ , in the process of computing with Algorithm 3.2, in order that we can compare our two algorithms. We see that Algorithm 3.1 converges more rapidly than Algorithm 3.2 in this test. It seems that this observation is valid all the time.

Table 4.2

No. ( $\nu$ )	Algorithm 3.1		Algorithm 3.2		
	$\max\{ r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \delta c_i^{(\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \delta c_i^{(\nu)} \}$	$\delta_\nu$
0	$5.58E + 00$	$7.50E + 00$	$1.32E + 01$	$1.29E + 01$	$5.58E + 00$
1	$6.28E - 01$	$8.64E - 01$	$4.48E + 00$	$1.01E + 01$	$3.47E + 00$
2	$3.67E - 02$	$8.59E - 02$	$9.64E + 00$	$5.50E + 00$	$3.36E + 00$
3	$3.59E - 04$	$8.22E - 04$	$2.81E + 00$	$6.82E - 01$	$4.13E - 01$
4	$3.13E - 08$	$7.32E - 08$	$4.56E + 00$	$6.88E - 02$	$4.88E - 02$
5	$7.34E - 15$	$8.48E - 15$	$4.08E - 03$	$7.46E - 05$	$5.11E - 05$
6			$1.74E - 07$	$2.53E - 09$	$1.87E - 09$
7			$1.39E - 12$	$2.01E - 14$	$1.63E - 12$

Example 2 ([4]).  $n = 5$ ,

$$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -0.08 & & & \\ -0.03 & 2 & -0.08 & & \\ & -0.03 & 2 & -0.08 & \\ & & -0.03 & 2 & -0.08 \\ & & & -0.03 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_k = r_k e_k^T, k = 1, \dots, 5$$

with  $r_k \in \mathbb{R}^5$  defined by

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^5 r_i e_i^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -0.01 & -0.02 & 0.03 \\ -0.03 & 1 & 0 & 0.01 & -0.02 \\ 0.02 & -0.03 & 1 & 0 & 0.01 \\ -0.01 & 0.02 & -0.03 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -0.01 & 0.02 & -0.03 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$A(c) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^5 c_i A_i, \quad \lambda^* = (0 + \delta, 1 - \delta, 2 + \delta, 3 - \delta, 4).$$

Table 4.3 displays the computational results of Algorithms 3.1 and 3.2 with the starting point  $c^{(0)} = (2, 1, 0, -1, -2)$  and  $\delta = 0$ .

Table 4.3

No. ( $\nu$ )	Algorithm 3.1		Algorithm 3.2		$\delta_\nu$
	$\max\{ r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \delta c_i^{(\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \delta c_i^{(\nu)} \}$	
0	$7.15E - 03$	$7.18E - 03$	$4.30E - 02$	$7.18E - 03$	$7.15E - 03$
1	$3.768 - 07$	$3.71E - 07$	$1.82E - 03$	$8.89E - 06$	$8.87E - 06$
2	$1.36E - 15$	$1.37E - 15$	$4.55E - 08$	$7.97E - 11$	$7.96E - 11$
$c^* = (1.99282, 1.0028, 0.00236, -0.99788, -2.00012)$					

With the same starting point but  $\delta = 0.441$ , however, Algorithm 3.2 fails to converge. Table 4.4 displays the computational results of Algorithm 3.1.

Table 4.4. Algorithm 3.1

No. ( $\nu$ )	$\max\{ r_{nn}^{(i,\nu)} \}$	$\max\{ \delta c_i^{(\nu)} \}$
0	$4.4E - 01$	$4.4E - 01$
1	$2.2E - 02$	$3.3E - 02$
2	$3.9E - 03$	$1.0E - 02$
3	$6.8E - 04$	$3.1E - 03$
4	$1.1E - 04$	$5.5E - 04$
5	$3.4E - 06$	$1.9E - 05$
6	$4.1E - 09$	$2.4E - 08$
7	$5.8E - 15$	$3.6E - 14$
$c^* = (1.99510, 0.511492, 0.49191, -1.43089, -1.56761)$		

## §5. Concluding Remarks

(i) Throughout the paper, we assumed that the problems considered appear in the complex field. We can find out easily that the complex field can be replaced by the real field, i.e., all  $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^n$ , etc. can be replaced by  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n$ , etc.

(ii) Our algorithms are derived for general matrices, while algorithms in [1] can only be applied to inverse problems for real symmetric matrices or Hermitian matrices. (Yet, they can be generalized to inverse problems for general matrices in a straightforward way.)

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