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A NOTE ON DETERMINATION OF EIGENVALUES AND EIGENFUNCTIONS  
OF BOUNDED SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS

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In [1] we gave some results concerning the determination of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of bounded self-adjoint operators in a real Hilbert space  $X$ . In Section 1 we recall some assertions from [1]. The purpose of Section 2 of this note is to establish some estimates for the methods presented in [1].

1. Suppose that  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a linear self-adjoint positive ( $(Ax, x) > 0$  for every  $x \neq 0, x \in X$ ) mapping of a real Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$ . Let  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  be the greatest element and  $m$  the smallest element of the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  of  $A$ . Denote by  $\{E_\lambda\}$  the spectral family of  $A$ . If  $E_\lambda x_0 = x_0, x_0 \in X$  for  $\lambda < \tilde{\lambda}_1$ , then  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}_1$ , where

$$(1) \quad \lambda_{n+1} = (Ax_n, x_n) \|x_n\|^{-2}, \quad x_{n+1} = \lambda_{n+1}^{-1} Ax_n.$$

Suppose that  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  (not necessarily an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$ ) is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ,  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_1}$  is the eigenspace corresponding to  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$ , and that the projection of  $x_0 \in X$  on  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_1}$  is  $\xi_1^{(0)} e_1$ , where  $e_1 \in X_{\tilde{\lambda}_1}, \|e_1\| = 1, \xi_1^{(0)} > 0$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow Ne_1$  in the norm topology of  $X$ , where  $N = \sup_{n=1,2,\dots} \|x_n\| < +\infty$ .

Now, if  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$  ( $m \leq \lambda \leq M < \tilde{\lambda}_1$ ), and  $E_\lambda x_0 \neq x_0$  for  $\lambda < \tilde{\lambda}_1$ , then there exists a real  $q$  ( $0 < q < 1$ ) such that for  $n_0$  sufficiently large, ( $r = 1, 2, \dots$ )

$$(2) \quad \tilde{\lambda}_1 - (Ax_{n_0+r}, x_{n_0+r}) \|x_{n_0+r}\|^{-2} \leq q^{2r} (\tilde{\lambda}_1 - (Ax_{n_0}, x_{n_0}) \|x_{n_0}\|^{-2}),$$

$$(3) \quad \|x_{n_0+r} - e_1 \|x_{n_0+r}\| \| \leq \sqrt{2} q^r [ \|x_{n_0+r}\| (\|x_{n_0}\| - (x_{n_0}, e_1))]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Similar results hold for the sequence  $\{y_n\}$ , where

$$(4) \quad y_{n+1} = (\mu_{n+1} A y_n, \mu_{n+1} = (A y_n, y_n) \|A y_n\|^{-2}.$$

2. The inequalities (2), (3) state asymptotic estimates for (1). Using some facts from [2] we shall give estimates for finite number of steps of (1) or (4).

Suppose again that  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a linear self-adjoint positive mapping of a real Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$ . Let  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  be the greatest and  $m$  the smallest element of the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$ . Suppose that  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$  ( $m \leq \lambda \leq M < \tilde{\lambda}_1$ ). Then  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Denote by  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_1}$  the eigenspace corresponding to  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  and  $e$  ( $\|e\| = 1$ ) the projection of  $x_0 \in X_2$ ,  $x_0 \neq 0$ , where  $X_2$  is the orthogonal complement of  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_1}$ . Then  $X = X_{\tilde{\lambda}_1} \oplus X_2$ , and for every  $x_n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) defined by (1) we have a unique decomposition

$$(5) \quad x_n = \xi_n e + h_n, \quad \text{where } h_n \in X_2 \text{ and } (e, h_n) = 0.$$

$$\text{Now set } \cos(x, y) = (x, y) \|x\|^{-1} \|y\|^{-1}, \quad \sin(x, y) = (1 - \cos^2(x, y))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $\sin(x_n, e) = \|h_n\| \|x_n\|^{-1}$  for every  $n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Set  $x = x_n \|x_n\|^{-1}$ ,  $h = h_n \|x_n\|^{-1}$ ,  $x^{(1)} = x_{n+1} \|x_n\|^{-1}$ .

Then  $x^{(1)} = (Ax, x)^{-1}(\tilde{\alpha}_1 \xi e + Ah)$ , where  $\xi = \xi_n \|x_n\|^{-1}$ .

Therefore  $x^{(1)} = \alpha \xi e + g$ , where  $\alpha = \xi_{n+1} \|x_n\|^{-1} = \tilde{\alpha}_1$ .

$(Ax, x)^{-1} g = h_{n+1} \|x_n\|^{-1} = (Ax, x)^{-1} Ah$ . Since  $x = \xi e + h$  and  $\xi^2 = 1 - \|h\|^2$ , it follows that  $(Ax, x)^{-1} = (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^{-1}$ , where  $a = ((\tilde{\alpha}_1 E - A)h, h)$ ,  $E$  denotes the identity mapping of  $X$ . Thus  $\alpha = \tilde{\alpha}_1$ ,  $(\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^{-1}$ ,  $g = (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^{-1} Ah$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now we have } D &= \|g\|^2 \|x^{(1)}\|^{-2} \|h\|^{-2} = \\ &= \|g\|^2 \alpha^{-1} \|h\|^2 = 1 - \frac{\alpha \|h\|^2 - \|g\|^2}{\alpha \|h\|^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = \alpha^2 \xi^2 + \|g\|^2$ . Since  $\xi^2 = 1 - \|h\|^2$ , one has that

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad D &= 1 - \beta (\alpha^2 - \beta)^{-1} \xi^2 \|h\|^{-2}, \text{ where } \beta = \alpha^2 \|h\|^2 - \\ &\quad - \|g\|^2 = (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^2 (\tilde{\alpha}_1^2 \|h\|^2 - \|Ah\|^2) \geq \tilde{\alpha}_1 (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^{-2} \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (\tilde{\alpha}_1 \|h\|^2 - (Ah, h)) = \tilde{\alpha}_1 (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^{-2} ((\tilde{\alpha}_1 E - A)h, h) = \\ &= \tilde{\alpha}_1 a (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - a)^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(7) \quad \beta (\alpha^2 - \beta)^{-1} \geq \tilde{\alpha}_1 a (\tilde{\alpha}_1^2 - \tilde{\alpha}_1 a)^{-1} > a \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1}.$$

Since  $h \in X_2$  and the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  of  $A$  in  $X_2$  lies on the line-segment  $\langle m, M \rangle$ ,

$$(8) \quad a = ((\tilde{\alpha}_1 E - A)h, h) \geq (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - M) \|h\|^2;$$

According to (6), (7) and (8),

$D < 1 - (\xi_n \|x_n\|^{-1})^2 (1 - M \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1})$ . Thus we obtain the following

**Theorem 1.** Let  $A: X \rightarrow X$  be a positive self-adjoint mapping in  $X$ . Suppose that  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  is an isolated point of  $\sigma(A)$  and  $x_0 \in X_2$ ,  $x_0 \neq 0$ .

Then

$$(9) \quad \sin(x_{n+1}, e) < q_n \sin(x_n, e), \quad \text{where}$$

$$(10) \quad q_n = [1 - (\xi_n \|x_n\|^{-1})^2 (1 - M \tilde{\lambda}_1^{-1})]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

**Remark 1.** The inequality (9) can be written in the form

$$(11) \quad \|h_{n+1}\| \|x_{n+1}\|^{-1} < q_n \|h_n\| \|x_n\|^{-1}, \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

The estimate (9) is not exact. A better estimate is given in the following

**Theorem 2.** Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be satisfied; then

$$(12) \quad \|h_n\| \|x_n\|^{-1} < q_{n-1} q_{n-2} q_{n-3} \dots q_0 \|h_0\| \|x_0\|^{-1} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where  $q_{n-1} < q_{n-2} < \dots < q_0 < 1$ , and  $q_k$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) is defined by (10).

**Proof.** Since  $x_0 \in X_2$ ,  $x_0 \neq 0$ , one has that  $|\xi_0| \|x_0\|^{-1} > 0$ ; hence  $q_0 < 1$ . Because  $\|h_1\| \|x_1\|^{-1} < \|h_0\| \|x_0\|^{-1}$  and  $\xi_0^2 \|x_0\|^{-2} + \|h_0\|^2 \|x_0\|^{-2} = \xi_1^2 \|x_1\|^{-2} + \|h_1\|^2 \|x_1\|^{-2}$ , we conclude that  $\xi_1^2 \|x_1\|^{-2} > \xi_0^2 \|x_0\|^{-2}$ ; hence  $q_1 < q_0 < 1$ . Similarly  $q_{n-1} < q_{n-2} < \dots < q_0 < 1$ . This concludes the proof.

**Remark 2.** Denote by  $y_n = \gamma_n e + g_n$ , ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) the unique decomposition of  $y_n$  (defined by (4)), where  $g_n \in X_2$ . Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have that

$$(13) \quad \|g_n\| \|y_n\|^{-1} < \kappa_{n-1} \kappa_{n-2} \dots \kappa_0 \|g_0\| \|y_0\|^{-1},$$

where  $\kappa_{n-1} < \kappa_{n-2} < \dots < \kappa_0 < 1$ , and  $\kappa_k$  ( $k=0,1,2,\dots$ ) is defined by

$$(14) \quad \kappa_k = [1 - (\tilde{\alpha}_k \|y_k\|^{-1})^2 (1 - M\tilde{\alpha}_k^{-1})]^{1/2}.$$

A similar result also holds for Kellogg's method.

Theorem 3. Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be satisfied; then

$$(15) \quad \tilde{\alpha}_1 - \lambda_m < q_{n-1}^2 q_{n-2}^2 \dots q_0^2 (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - m) \|h_0\|^2 \|x_0\|^{-2},$$

where  $q_{n-1} < q_{n-2} < \dots < q_0 < 1$ , and  $q_k$  ( $k=0,1,2,\dots$ ) is defined by (10). Moreover, if  $m = \inf_{\|x\|=1} (Ax, x) > 0$ , then

$$(16) \quad (\mu_m - \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1}) < \kappa_{n-1}^2 \kappa_{n-2}^2 \dots \kappa_0^2 (Mm^{-2} - \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1}) \|g_0\|^2 \|y_0\|^{-2}.$$

Proof. According to (1) and (5),

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}_1 - \lambda_m &= [\tilde{\alpha}_1 \|x_m\|^2 - (Ax_m, x_m)] \|x_m\|^{-2} = \\ &= [\tilde{\alpha}_1 \|h_m\|^2 - (Ah_m, h_m)] \|x_m\|^{-2} - ((\tilde{\alpha}_1 E - A)h_m, h_m) \|x_m\|^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h_m \in X_2$  and the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  of  $A$  in  $X_2$  lies on the line-segment  $\langle \tilde{\alpha}_1 - M, \tilde{\alpha}_1 - m \rangle$ , one has that  $\tilde{\alpha}_1 - \lambda_m < (\tilde{\alpha}_1 - m) \|h_m\|^2 \|x_m\|^{-2}$ . Using Theorem 2 we obtain (15). Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_m - \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1}) &= [(A g_m, g_m) - \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1} (A^2 g_m, g_m)] \|A y_m\|^{-2} \leq \\ &\leq ((E - \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1} A) A g_m, g_m) m^{-2} \|y_m\|^{-2} \leq \\ &\leq (Mm^{-2} - \tilde{\alpha}_1^{-1}) \|g_m\|^2 \|y_m\|^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (13) we get (16). This concludes the proof.

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