

# Analysis of block GMRES using a new \*-algebra-based approach

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## A common recipe

Generate a **finite dimensional subspace** onto which we **project** a large/infinite dimension problem arising from a mathematical model.

- Generate a “good” subspace
- Project problem onto subspace
- Solve smaller problem
- Project solution back to original space
- **Often multiple levels of projection**

→ Finite differences/elements/volumes

→ Integral equation discretization

→ Many iterative methods (e.g., Krylov methods, steepest descent, Gauss-Seidel)

→ Fourier- and wavelet-based approaches

# Example: operator on a Hilbert space

## Operator equation

Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$  where  $\mathcal{X}$  is a separable Hilbert space. We approximate the solution of

$$Tx = y$$

## Discretization process (simplified setting)

We choose approximation  $x_h \in \mathcal{X}_h \subset \mathcal{X}$  with  $\dim \mathcal{X}_h = n < \infty$

- $\mathcal{X}_h = \text{span} \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n\} \implies x_h = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \phi_i$
- Need  $n$  constraints determine  $x_h$   
 $\implies$  weak formulation: find  $x_h \in \mathcal{X}_h$  such that  
 $\langle \phi_i, Tx_h \rangle_{\mathcal{X}} = \langle \phi_i, y \rangle_{\mathcal{X}}$  for all  $i$
- System of  $n$  equations (for each  $i$ ) and  $n$  unknowns  $\{x_i\}_i$
- Let  $\mathbf{A} = (\langle \phi_i, T\phi_j \rangle_{\mathcal{X}})_{ij}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i)_i$ , and  $\mathbf{b} = (\langle \phi_i, y \rangle_{\mathcal{X}})_i$

Decompose the matrix into a product of matrices.

## Gaussian Elimination/LU-Decomposition

- Compute decomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LU}$  where  $\mathbf{L}$  is lower-triangular and  $\mathbf{U}$  is upper-triangular
- Solve  $\mathbf{LUx} = \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
- Triangular systems can be solved stably and efficiently.

## When Direct Methods Are Not Appropriate

- As  $n$  gets larger, these methods do not scale well (increased communication/memory constraints)
- We may only possess a procedure which computes the product  $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow \mathbf{Av}$

# The Discretized Problem

Approximate the solution to a large, (often) sparse linear system,

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \text{and } n \gg 0$$

- **Sparse** means most of the matrix entries are zero.
- Amenable to fast application (e.g., FFT-based – “sparse” in some basis)
- Hierarchical matrices
- Matrices where we only have a procedure  $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow \mathbf{Av}$

- Generate a sequence of approximations  $\{\mathbf{x}_j\}$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$
- Convergence should be rapid
- Convergence may be in the limit or not

## General Framework

1. Generate two nested sequences of subspaces

$$\mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{K}_n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_1 \subset \mathcal{L}_2 \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{L}_n$$

2.  $\dim \mathcal{K}_j = \dim \mathcal{L}_j = j$
3. At step  $j$ , select  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathcal{K}_j$  such that  $\mathbf{r}_j \perp \mathcal{L}_j$  where  $\mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_j$
4. Continue until  $\|\mathbf{r}_j\| < \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is some desired threshold.

# Some linear algebra tools

Calculating an approximation to  $\mathbf{x} \Leftrightarrow$  calculating coefficients in a basis

We select  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathcal{K}_j$  such that  $\mathbf{r}_j \perp \mathcal{L}_j$  where  $\mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_j$

- Let  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$  (wLog for simplicity here)
- $\mathbf{K}_j, \mathbf{L}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times j}$  have columns spanning  $\mathcal{K}_j$  and  $\mathcal{L}_j$ , resp.
- We must calculate  $\mathbf{y}_j \in \mathbb{R}^j$  and set  $\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{K}_j \mathbf{y}_j$
- $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{L}_j^T (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}_j \mathbf{y}_j) = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{L}_j^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{K}_j \mathbf{y}_j = \mathbf{L}_j^T \mathbf{b}$
- The choice of subspaces  $\mathcal{K}_j, \mathcal{L}_j$  and their bases  $\mathbf{K}_j, \mathbf{L}_j$  dictate **effectiveness** and **implementability** of the method

Given  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , the  $j$ th Krylov subspace is defined

$$\mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) = \text{span} \{ \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{j-1}\mathbf{b} \} .$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$  is such that

$$\mathbf{u} = p(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{b}$$

where  $p(x)$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $j$ .

## Definition

The basis  $\{ \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{j-1}\mathbf{b} \}$  is called a **Krylov basis**.



# Selecting Approximations from $\mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$

- In many Krylov subspace methods, we select  $\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$ , so that

$$\mathbf{x}_j = p_j(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{b}$$

Why?

- The inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  of any nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = q(\mathbf{A})$$

where  $q(x)$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $n$ .

- We want  $p_j(x)$  to be a low-degree “approximation” to  $q(x)$ . . .  
→ only need to approximate action  $p_j(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{b} \approx q(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{b}$

## A General Linear System

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{b} \text{ with } \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

- For  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , let  $\mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 \implies \mathbf{A}\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{r}_0$
- **Krylov subspace**:  $\mathcal{K}_j := \mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0)$ .
- Choose  $\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{t}_j$ ,  $\mathbf{t}_j \in \mathcal{K}_j$ . Let  $\mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_j$ .
- GMRES - **G**eneralized **M**inimum **R**esidual Method
- For GMRES, construct  $\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{t}_j$  such that  $\mathbf{t}_j$  minimizes

$$\min_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathcal{K}_j} \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{t})\|$$

- This is equivalent to  $\mathbf{r}_j \perp \mathbf{A}\mathcal{K}_j$
- Sibling method: **Full Orthogonalization Method (FOM)** -  $\mathbf{r}_j \perp \mathcal{K}_j$

# Role of eigenvalues in residual convergence

## GMRES polynomial minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{r}_j\| &= \min_{\substack{q \in \Pi_j \\ q(0)=1}} \|q(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{r}_0\| \\ &\leq \mathcal{K}_2(\mathbf{X}) \min_{\substack{q \in \Pi_j \\ q(0)=1}} \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} |q(\lambda)| \|\mathbf{r}_0\|\end{aligned}$$

Normal  
Matrices

Eigenvalues strongly  
related to convergence

Highly  
Non-normal  
Matrices

Eigenvalues completely  
un-related to convergence

## Theorem (Greenbaum, Ptàk, and Strakoš 1996)

Given any non-increasing sequence

$$f(0) \geq f(1) \geq \cdots \geq f(n-1) > 0,$$

there exists matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and vectors  $\mathbf{r}_0$ ,  $\|\mathbf{r}_0\| = f(0)$  such that GMRES applied to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{r}_0$  produces residuals  $\mathbf{r}_k$ ,  $\|\mathbf{r}_k\| = f(k)$  for all  $k$ .

*An  $\mathbf{A}$  can be constructed to have any eigenvalues.*

## The relationship between GMRES and FOM

- Relationship of FOM/GMRES convergence: [*Walker '95*], [*Zhou and Walker '94*], [*Brown '91*], [*Saad '03*]
- Galerkin/norm minimizing pairs of methods (e.g., BiCG/QMR): [*Cullum '95*], [*Cullum and Greenbaum '96*]
- Geometric analysis: [*Eiermann and Ernst '01*]

## Constructing matrices with predetermined GMRES convergence

- Any nonincreasing convergence curve is possible for GMRES: [*Greenbaum et al, 1996*]
- Parameterization of the pairs  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$  producing specific convergence: [*Arioli et al, 1998*]
- Any Admissible Ritz/harmonic Ritz values: [*Du et al, 2017*], [*Tebbens and Meurant, 2012*]

What happens if one has  
multiple right-hand sides?

- Consider:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}^{(1)} \quad \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}^{(s)}] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times s}$ ,  $s > 1$
- Let  $\mathbf{X}_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times s}$  and

$$\mathbf{F}_0 = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_0^{(1)} & \mathbf{f}_0^{(2)} & \mathbf{f}_0^{(3)} & \dots & \mathbf{f}_0^{(s)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times s}.$$

- Then we have the **block Krylov subspace**

$$\mathbb{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{F}_0) = \mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f}_0^{(1)}) + \mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f}_0^{(2)}) + \dots + \mathcal{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f}_0^{(s)}).$$

- Assumption:  $\dim \mathbb{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{F}_0) = js$

# Block Arnoldi process

- Let  $\mathbf{F}_0 = \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{S}_0$  be a skinny QR-factorization.
- At step  $j$ , compute  $\mathbf{V}_{j+1} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times s}$
- $\mathbf{V}_{j+1}^* \mathbf{V}_{j+1} = \mathbf{I}_s$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_{j+1}^* \mathbf{V}_i = \mathbf{0}_{s \times s}$
- $\mathbf{W}_j = [\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_j] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times js}$  is basis of  $\mathbb{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{F}_0)$
- Arnoldi relation:  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{W}_j = \mathbf{W}_{j+1} \overline{\mathbf{H}}_j$
- $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_j = (\mathbf{H}_{ik})_{ik} \in \mathbb{C}^{(j+1)s \times js}$  is block upper Hessenberg
- For  $\blacksquare, \blacktriangledown \in \mathbb{C}^{s \times s}$  and  $\blacktriangledown$  upper triangular

$$\overline{\mathbf{H}}_j = \begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \dots & \blacksquare \\ \blacktriangledown & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \dots & \blacksquare \\ & \blacktriangledown & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \dots & \blacksquare \\ & & \blacktriangledown & \blacksquare & \dots & \blacksquare \\ & & & \blacktriangledown & \dots & \blacksquare \\ & & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & & \blacktriangledown \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{(j+1)s \times js}$$



# From scalars to $s \times s$ matrices

- Orthogonalization:

$$\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{v} - \underbrace{(\mathbf{q}^* \mathbf{v})}_{\in \mathbb{C}} \mathbf{q} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \mathbf{V} \leftarrow \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{Q} \underbrace{(\mathbf{Q}^* \mathbf{V})}_{\in \mathbb{C}^{s \times s}}$$

- Linear combinations:

$$\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underbrace{\alpha_i}_{\mathbb{C}} \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_i}_{\mathbb{C}^n} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \mathbf{U} = \sum_{i=1}^k \underbrace{\mathbf{V}_i}_{\mathbb{C}^{n \times s}} \underbrace{\alpha_i}_{\mathbb{C}^{s \times s}}$$

## Block GMRES and Block FOM valid for all $s \geq 1$

- Build an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{K}_m(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{F}_0)$

- For block GMRES

$$\text{Compute } \mathbf{Y}_m^{(G)} = \underset{\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{ms \times s}}{\text{argmin}} \left\| \overline{\mathbf{H}}_m \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{E}_1^{(m+1)} \mathbf{S}_0 \right\|_F^a$$

$$\text{Set } \mathbf{X}_m^{(G)} = \mathbf{X}_0 + \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{Y}_m^{(G)}, \mathbf{R}_m^{(G)} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}_m^{(G)}$$

- For block FOM

$$\text{Compute } \mathbf{Y}_m^{(F)} = \mathbf{H}_m^{-1} \mathbf{E}_1^{[m]} \mathbf{S}_0^b$$

$$\text{Set } \mathbf{X}_m^{(F)} = \mathbf{X}_0 + \mathbf{W}_m \mathbf{Y}_m^{(F)}, \mathbf{R}_m^{(F)} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}_m^{(F)}$$

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<sup>a</sup> $\mathbf{E}_1^{(m+1)} \in \mathbb{C}^{(m+1)s \times s}$  has appropriate columns of an identity matrix

<sup>b</sup> $\mathbf{E}_1^{[m]} \in \mathbb{C}^{ms \times s}$  has appropriate columns of an identity matrix

# Pros and cons of block Krylov methods

## Pros

- Constraining residuals over larger subspaces  
→ Leads to convergence in fewer iterations
- Block matrix-vector product has more efficient data movement characteristics

## Cons

- More operations per iteration
- Increased operation cost thought to not justify by increase in convergence rate
- Interactions between systems makes analysis more difficult

Renewed interest in block methods in HPC setting necessitates new analysis to extend existing non-block results to block Krylov subspace case

- Convergence analysis: [Simoncini and Gallopoulos; 1997]
- Block Grade: [Gutknecht and Schmelzer; 2009]
- Relationship to block FOM and characterization of stagnation [S.; 2017]
- \*-algebra framework [Frommer, Lund, Szyld; 2017]

# The $*$ -algebra framework

We follow [Frommer et al 2017] and consider the problem over  $*$ -algebra  $\mathbb{S}$  of complex  $s \times s$  matrices. We define a framework of corresponding objects and operations over  $\mathbb{C}$  and over  $\mathbb{S}$ .

- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{ns \times ns} \rightarrow \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^{n \times n}$
- $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{ns} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}^n$
- $\mathbb{K}_j(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \text{blockspan}\{\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{j-1}\mathbf{B}\}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^j \mathbf{V}_i \mathbf{D}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_i \in \mathbb{C}^{s \times s}$  is a block linear combination
- $\{\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_j\}$  is the basis of this subspace

System and right-hand side can be extended, without loss of generality, such that dimension is a multiple of  $s$ .

# The $*$ -algebra framework - definitions

standard	block
$\mathbb{C}$	$\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{C}^{s \times s}$
$\mathbb{R}^+$	$\mathbb{S}^+ \dots$ upper- $\Delta$ with positive diag. entries
$\mathbb{R}_0^+$	$\mathbb{S}_0^+ \dots$ upper- $\Delta$ with nonnegative diag. entries
0	singular $s \times s$ matrix (zero divisors!)
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# The $*$ -algebra framework - properties I

standard

block

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$$a, b \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{S}$$

$$|a| = \sqrt{a^*a} \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A}} \equiv \text{cholUT}(\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{A}) \in \mathbb{S}_0^+$$

$$|a| \in \mathbb{R}^+ \iff a \neq 0$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| \in \mathbb{S}^+ \iff \mathbf{A} \text{ nonsingular}$$

# The \*-algebra framework - properties II

standard

block

$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{S}^n (= \mathbb{C}^{ns \times s})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \equiv \mathbf{y}^* \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle \rangle \equiv \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle^*$$

$$\langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle \rangle = \langle \langle \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} \rangle \rangle^*$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}a, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle a$$

$$\langle \langle \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle \rangle = \langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle \rangle \mathbf{A}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}a \rangle = a^* \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$$\langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{A} \rangle \rangle = \mathbf{A}^* \langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle \rangle$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| \equiv \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$$

$$\|\|\mathbf{X}\|\| \equiv \sqrt{\langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X} \rangle \rangle} \in \mathbb{S}_0^+$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}}$$

$$\langle \langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle \rangle = \|\|\mathbf{Y}\|\|^* \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(c_i) \mathbf{V}^* \|\|\mathbf{X}\|\|$$



# Block Arnoldi revisited

- Let  $\mathbf{F}_0 = \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{S}_0$ ;  $\mathbf{V}_1 \in \mathbb{S}^n$  and  $\mathbf{S}_0 = \|\mathbf{F}_0\| \in \mathbb{S}^+$
- The **block Arnoldi process** is generally performed in terms of  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$
- $\mathbf{W}_j = [\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_j] \in \mathbb{S}^{n \times j}$  has orthonormal columns
- Arnoldi relation:  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{W}_j = \mathbf{W}_{j+1} \overline{\mathbf{H}}_j$
- $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_j = (\mathbf{H}_{ik})_{ik} \in \mathbb{S}^{(j+1) \times j}$  is upper Hessenberg
- For  $\blacksquare \in \mathbb{S}$  and  $\blacktriangledown \in \mathbb{S}^+$

$$\overline{\mathbf{H}}_j = \begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & & & & \dots & & \blacksquare \\ \blacktriangledown & \blacksquare & & & \dots & & \blacksquare \\ & \blacktriangledown & \blacksquare & & \dots & & \blacksquare \\ & & \blacktriangledown & \blacksquare & \dots & & \blacksquare \\ & & & \blacktriangledown & & \dots & \blacksquare \\ & & & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & & & \blacktriangledown \end{bmatrix}$$

## Proposition (Kubínová and S. 2020)

*The blGMRES and blFOM residuals satisfy:*

$$\langle\langle \mathbf{R}_k^F, \mathbf{R}_k^F \rangle\rangle^{-1} = \langle\langle \mathbf{R}_k^G, \mathbf{R}_k^G \rangle\rangle^{-1} - \langle\langle \mathbf{R}_{k-1}^G, \mathbf{R}_{k-1}^G \rangle\rangle^{-1}.$$

*Applying this relation recursively, we obtain*

$$\langle\langle \mathbf{R}_k^G, \mathbf{R}_k^G \rangle\rangle^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^k \langle\langle \mathbf{R}_i^F, \mathbf{R}_i^F \rangle\rangle^{-1}.$$

# Generalization of the ordering of $\mathbb{R}_0^+$

Generalize the ordering of nonnegative real numbers  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$  to upper triangular matrices with nonnegative diagonal entries  $\mathbb{S}_0^+$  as follows:

$$|\mathbf{A}| \prec |\mathbf{B}| \iff \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} \stackrel{\text{Löwner}}{\prec} \mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B},$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| \preceq |\mathbf{B}| \iff \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} \stackrel{\text{Löwner}}{\preceq} \mathbf{B}^* \mathbf{B}.$$

Peak-plateau result has some **nontrivial consequences for the convergence behavior of blGMRES**. In particular, the ordering of the residual norms

Theorem (Kubínová and S. 2020)

*The blGMRES residuals satisfy*

$$|||\mathbf{R}_0||| \succ |||\mathbf{R}_1^G||| \succ \cdots \succ |||\mathbf{R}_{n-1}^G||| \succ 0.$$

Definition (Admissible convergence sequence)

Any sequence  $\{\mathbf{F}_k\}_{k=0}^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{S}^+$  that satisfies

$$\mathbf{F}_0 \succ \mathbf{F}_1 \succ \cdots \succ \mathbf{F}_{n-1} \succ 0$$

is called an admissible convergence sequence.

Note: One can construct non-trivial examples of inadmissible sequences where the individual column norms decrease monotonically

# Prescribing convergence of blGMRES

## Theorem (Kubínová and S. 2020)

Let  $\{\mathbf{F}_k\}_{k=0}^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{S}^+$  be an admissible convergence sequence. The following are equivalent:

- Residuals of  $\text{blGMRES}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  satisfy  $\|\mathbf{R}_k^G\| = \mathbf{F}_k \forall k$
- The  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  satisfy

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{W}\hat{\mathbf{R}}\hat{\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{W}^* \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{G},$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  is unitary,  $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \in \mathbb{S}^{n \times n}$  nonsing., upper block  $\Delta$ ,

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \langle\langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{W}_n \rangle\rangle^{-1} \\ I & \ddots & & -\langle\langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{W}_1 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{W}_n \rangle\rangle^{-1} \\ & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ & & I & -\langle\langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{W}_{n-1} \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{W}_n \rangle\rangle^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

and the blocks of  $\mathbf{G}$  are  $\sqrt{\langle\langle \mathbf{F}_{k-1}, \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \rangle\rangle - \langle\langle \mathbf{F}_k, \mathbf{F}_k \rangle\rangle}$

# All solvents are possible

Choosing  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$  as

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{H}}^{-1}\mathbf{C}.$$

we can make  $\mathbf{A}$  similar to any block companion matrix  $\mathbf{C}$ .

Lemma (Kubínová and S. 2020)

Assume that  $\mathbf{A}$  is of the form  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{W}\hat{\mathbf{R}}\hat{\mathbf{H}}\mathbf{W}^*$ . Then, for any sequence  $\mathbf{C}_0, \dots, \mathbf{C}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_k \in \mathbb{S}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_0$  nonsingular, there exists  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}$ , such that  $\mathbf{A}$  is similar to

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & & & \mathbf{C}_0 \\ \mathbf{I} & \ddots & & \mathbf{C}_1 \\ & \ddots & \mathbf{0} & \vdots \\ & & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{C}_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Specifying solvents (i.e., “block eigenvalues”)

- $\mathbf{C}$  is the block companion matrix to

$$\mathbf{M}(\lambda) = \mathbf{I}\lambda^n - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{C}_k \lambda^k = \prod_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{I}\lambda - \mathbf{S}_k)$$

- “Block eigenvalues”  $\mathbf{S}_k \in \mathbb{S}$  are called *solvents*.
- Eigenvalues of the solvents  $\mathbf{S}_k \in \mathbb{S}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , are also the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}$
- Prescribing solvents is however stronger than prescribing just the scalar eigenvalues,
  - since there are **multiple block companion matrices similar to each other**

**Interpretation:** more right-hand sides can reduce predictive value of the eigenvalues

# Specifying Ritz solvents

We can specify Ritz solvents  $\mathbf{C}_k^{(j)}$  (solvents of  $\mathbf{H}_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} I & -\mathbf{C}_0^{(1)} & -\mathbf{C}_0^{(2)} & \dots & -\mathbf{C}_0^{(n-1)} \\ & I & -\mathbf{C}_1^{(2)} & \dots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & I & -\mathbf{C}_{n-2}^{(n-1)} \\ & & & & I \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

and

$$\mathbf{D}_\Sigma = \text{diag} \left( I, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_1 \Sigma_2, \dots, \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Sigma_k \right) \in (\mathbb{S}^+)^{n \times n}.$$

Then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_\Sigma \mathbf{U} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{D}_\Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{W}^*$  has the specified solvents, produces the specified Ritz solvents during block Arnoldi, and  $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}_1 = \mathbf{V}_1$  should be our chosen starting vector (normalized)



We provided:

- an explicit peak-plateau relation for blFOM and blGMRES;
- an explicit characterization of admissible convergence behavior of blGMRES;

and showed that:

- any admissible convergence behavior is also attainable by blGMRES;
- arbitrary spectral properties of  $\mathbf{A}$  can be enforced, while preserving the convergence behavior.

**Conclusion: the \*-algebra approach is a correct way to analyse block Krylov subspace method behavior.**

- handling of linear dependence
  - $\mathbf{V}_{j+1}$  is rank-deficient  $\iff$   $\|\mathbf{V}_{j+1}\|$  is singular
  - Zero-divisors complicate the analysis
- analysis of restarted block GMRES
- iterative methods for systems over  $*$ -algebras.
- analyze other block-level structural characteristics of matrices and matrix algorithms
  - Understanding of “geometric” relationships of elements of the  $*$ -algebra as well as of vectors and systems built from them

Results in this talk are available in two papers

- **Kubínová and S.** *Prescribing convergence behavior of block Arnoldi and GMRES*, SIMAX, 2020
- **S.** *Stagnation of block GMRES and its relationship to block FOM*, ETNA, 2017

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Thank you! Questions?