
Subject: Re: generalized eigenvectors

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On Mon, 15 Apr 2002, Ralf Flicker wrote:

- > In working on large sparse arrays it has become crucial to make the
- > SVD more efficient than $O(n^3)$, but that seems to be easier said
- > than done. Do you know of an efficient implementation of the Laczos
- > bidiagonalization with selective reorthogonalization? I have not
- > been able to accomplish it - with complete, explicit
- > reorthogonalization it actually gets even worse than $O(n^3)$.

I have had this same problem in the past when attempting to solve large Jacobian matrices. I haven't tried to implement the algorithm you described, but I have definitely thought about trying it. I probably won't get back to working on my code that relies on SVD for another month or so but I seem to recall that the SVD was near the top of my "need to optimize" list. Sorry I can't be of more help but at the moment CPU cycles are cheaper than my time is... If you find anything in the mean time, please post it!

- > More to the point, has anyone ever managed to bring down the SVD
- > significantly below $O(n^3)$ for sparse arrays? Pointers and
- > suggestions welcome.

You may want to look at <http://www.nersc.gov/research/SIMON/trlan.html> and the links therein. Unfortunately, the code is f90 so you'll need a compiler as well as the BLAS and LAPACK libraries. If (read: when) I get around to needing this, I will probably write a set of C DLM wrappers around the public f90 functions.

Cheers,
Randall
