# Perturbation theory for Lagrangian subspaces of symplectic matrices 

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## Palindromic polynomial eigenvalue problems

Application: vibration analysis of rail tracks excited by high speed trains


Finite element discretization leads to a palindromic eigenvalue problem

$$
\left(\lambda^{2} A_{0}^{T}+\lambda A_{1}+A_{0}\right) x=0,
$$

where $A_{0}, A_{1} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, A_{1}^{T}=A_{1}$, and $A_{0}$ is highly singular.

## Palindromic polynomial eigenvalue problems

## More applications:

- simulation of surface acoustic wave (SAW) filters (Zaglmayr 2002)
- computation of the Crawford number (Higham/Tisseur/Van Dooren 2002)

Important task: (sometimes) compute the deflating subspace associated with the eigenvalues inside (resp. outside) the unit circle

Question: What happens if there are eigenvalues close to the unit circle?

We need a perturbation theory for deflating subspaces!

## Palindromics and symplectics

Helpful observation: Palindromic matrix polynomials are related to symplectic matrices (Schröder 2005)

Example: $P(\lambda)=\lambda^{2} A+B+A^{T}$ can be linearized as

$$
L_{Z}(\lambda)=\lambda Z+Z^{T}=\lambda\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A & B-A^{T} \\
A & A
\end{array}\right]+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A^{T} & A^{T} \\
B-A & A^{T}
\end{array}\right]
$$

if -1 is not an eigenvalue of $P(\lambda)$.
$Z^{-1} Z^{T}$ is similar to a symplectic matrix if 1 is not an eigenvalue of $P(\lambda)$.

## Symplectic matrices

Symplectic matrices: $S \in \mathbb{F}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ is called symplectic if

$$
S^{T} J S=J, \quad \text { where } J=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & I_{n} \\
-I_{n} & 0
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Definition: (more general)

1) Let $J \in \mathbb{F}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ be a skew-symmetric invertible matrix.

- A matrix $S \in \mathbb{F}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ is called $J$-symplectic if $S^{T} J S=J$.

2) Let $J \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ be a Hermitian invertible matrix.

- A matrix $S \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ is called $J$-unitary if $S^{*} J S=J$.

Assumption: In 2), we assume $J$ has $n$ negative and $n$ positive eigenvalues. Then $J$ is congruent to

$$
i\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & I_{n} \\
-I_{n} & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Canonical forms for symplectic matrices

## Three cases:

- Complex $J$-symplectics $\left(J^{T}=-J, S^{T} J S=J\right)$;
- Real $J$-symplectics $\left(J^{T}=-J, S^{T} J S=J\right)$;
- Complex $J$-unitaries $\left(J^{*}=J, S^{*} J S=J\right)$; (and $J$ has $n$ negative and $n$ positive eigenvalues);

Transformations that preserve structure:

- for $J$-symplectics: $(J, S) \mapsto\left(P^{T} J P, P^{-1} S P\right), \quad P$ invertible;
- for $J$-unitaries: $(J, S) \mapsto\left(P^{*} J P, P^{-1} S P\right), \quad P$ invertible;


## Canonical forms for symplectic matrices

Case 1: Complex $J$-symplectics $\left(J^{T}=-J, S^{T} J S=J\right)$

- eigenvalues occur in reciprocal pairs: if $\lambda$ is an eigenvalue, then so is $\lambda^{-1}$ with the same algebraic multiplicity;
- the pairing also occurs with respect to the Jordan structure;
- the pairing degenerates for $\lambda= \pm 1$;
- the total number $m_{q}$ of Jordan blocks of size $2 q+1$ associated with the eigenvalue $\lambda=+1$ is even;
- the total number $m_{r}$ of Jordan blocks of size $2 r+1$ associated with the eigenvalue $\lambda=-1$ is even;


## Canonical forms for symplectic matrices

Case 2: Complex $J$-unitaries $\left(J^{*}=J, S^{*} J S=J\right)$

- eigenvalues occur in conjugate reciprocal pairs: if $\lambda$ is an eigenvalue, then so is $\bar{\lambda}^{-1}$ with the same algebraic multiplicity;
- the pairing also occurs with respect to the Jordan structure;
- the pairing degenerates for unimodular eigenvalues $\lambda$ (i.e., $|\lambda|=1$ );
- unimodular eigenvalues have signs as additional invariants, e.g.,

$$
J=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-1 & 0
\end{array}\right], \quad S_{1}=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 1 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right], \quad S_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1 & -1 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

$S_{1}$ and $S_{2}$ are similar, but the pairs $\left(J, S_{1}\right)$ and $\left(J, S_{2}\right)$ are not equivalent;

- the collection of signs is called the sign characteristic of $(J, S)$;


## Canonical forms for symplectic matrices

Case 3: Real $J$-symplectics $\left(J^{T}=-J, S^{T} J S=J\right)$

- eigenvalues occur in quadruplets: if $\lambda$ is an eigenvalue, then so are $\bar{\lambda}$, $\lambda^{-1}$, and $\bar{\lambda}^{-1}$ with the same algebraic multiplicity;
- the pairing also occurs with respect to the Jordan structure;
- the pairing degenerates for unimodular eigenvalues $\lambda$ (i.e., $|\lambda|=1$ );
- unimodular eigenvalues have signs as additional invariants;
- the sign characteristics associated with $\lambda$ and $\bar{\lambda}$ are related;
- the total numbers $m_{q, \pm}$ of Jordan blocks of size $2 q+1$ associated with the eigenvalues $\lambda= \pm 1$ are even;


## Lagrangian subspaces

## Definition:

1) Let $J \in \mathbb{F}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ be a skew-symmetric invertible matrix.

- A subspace $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{F}^{2 n}$ is called $J$-Lagrangian if $\operatorname{dim} \mathcal{M}=n$ and

$$
y^{T} J x=0 \quad \text { for all } x, y \in \mathcal{M} .
$$

2) Let $J \in \mathbb{C}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ be a Hermitian matrix with $n$ positive and $n$ negative eigenvalues.

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$J$-Lagrangian subspaces are maximal $J$-neutral subspaces.

## Lagrangian subspaces

Aim: Study $J$-Lagrangian subspaces that are invariant for a $J$-symplectic $S$.

## Examples:

$$
\text { 1) } J=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-1 & 0
\end{array}\right], S=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 1 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right], \mathcal{M}=\operatorname{span}\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
0
\end{array}\right]\right) \text {; }
$$

$\mathcal{M}$ is an $S$-invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace;

$$
\text { 2) } J=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & I_{n} \\
-I_{n} & 0
\end{array}\right], S=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
S_{1} & 0 \\
0 & \left(S_{1}^{-1}\right)^{T}
\end{array}\right], \mathcal{M}=\operatorname{span}\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}
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Special case: If $S$ has no unimodular eigenvalues, then the invariant subspace associated with the eigenvalues inside the unit circle is $J$-Lagrangian.

## Stability of Lagrangian subspaces

$$
\mathcal{L}(J, S):=\left\{\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{F}^{2 n}: \mathcal{M} \text { is } S \text {-invariant and } J \text {-Lagrangian }\right\}
$$

Definition: Let $S, S^{\prime}$ be $J$-symplectic and let $\mathcal{M}$ be an $S$-invariant $J$ Lagrangian subspace.

1) $\mathcal{M}$ is called stable if for every $\varepsilon>0$ there exists $\delta>0$ such that

$$
\left\|S-S^{\prime}\right\|<\delta \Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{M}^{\prime} \in \mathcal{L}\left(J, S^{\prime}\right): \operatorname{gap}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})<\varepsilon
$$

2) $\mathcal{M}$ is called conditionally stable if for every $\varepsilon>0$ there exists $\delta>0$ such that

$$
\left\|S-S^{\prime}\right\|<\delta \text { and } \mathcal{L}\left(J, S^{\prime}\right) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{M}^{\prime} \in \mathcal{L}\left(J, S^{\prime}\right): \operatorname{gap}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})<\varepsilon
$$

Gap metric: $\operatorname{gap}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}):=\left\|P_{\mathcal{M}}-P_{\mathcal{N}}\right\|$;
( $P_{\mathcal{M}}, P_{\mathcal{N}}$ : orthogonal projections onto $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$ );

## Stability of Lagrangian subspaces

Case 1: Complex $J$-symplectics $\left(J^{T}=-J, S^{T} J S=J\right)$

Theorem: Every $J$-symplectic matrix $S$ has an invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace associated with eigenvalues in the closed unit disc.

Theorem: The following assertions are equivalent for an $S$-invariant $J$ Lagrangian subspace $\mathcal{M}$ :

- $\mathcal{M}$ is stable;
- $\mathcal{M}$ is conditionally stable;
- $\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Ker}(S+1) \leq 1$ and $\operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Ker}(S-1) \leq 1$


## What happens under perturbations?



- let $S \in \mathbb{R}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ be $J$-symplectic, resp., let $S \in \mathbb{C}^{2 n \times 2 n}$ be $J$-unitary;
- let $S$ have two close unimodular eigenvalues with opposite signs;
- if $S$ is perturbed and the two eigenvalues meet, they generically form a Jordan block; then they may split off as a pair of nonunimodular reciprocal eigenvalues;


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## Stability of Lagrangian subspaces

Case 2: Complex $J$-unitaries $\left(J^{*}=J, S^{*} J S=J\right)$

Theorem: Let $S$ be $J$-unitary. There exists an $S$-invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace if and only if for every unimodular eigenvalue $\omega \in \mathbb{C},|\omega|=1$, the number of odd partial multiplicities corresponding to $\omega$ is even, and the signs in the sign characteristic of $S$ that correspond to these odd partial multiplicities sum up to zero.

Theorem: Let $S$ be $J$-unitary. There exists a stable $S$-invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace if and only if $S$ has no unimodular eigenvalues.

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Theorem: Let $S$ be $J$-unitary. There exists a conditionally stable $S$-invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace if and only if every unimodular eigenvalue $\omega$ has only even partial multiplicities, and all the signs in the sign characteristic of $S$ corresponding to $\omega$ are equal.

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Theorem: Let $S$ be $J$-symplectic. There exists an $S$-invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace if and only if for every unimodular eigenvalue $\omega \in \mathbb{C} \backslash \mathbb{R},|\omega|=1$, the number of odd partial multiplicities corresponding to $\omega$ is even, and the signs in the sign characteristic of $S$ that correspond to these odd partial multiplicities sum up to zero.

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Theorem: Let $S$ be $J$-symplectic. There exists a conditionally stable $S$ invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace if and only if:

1) every unimodular eigenvalue $\omega \neq \pm 1$ has only even partial multiplicities, and all the signs in the sign characteristic corresponding to $\omega$ are equal.
2) the eigenvalue 1 of $S$ only has even partial multiplicities, say $2 n_{1}, \ldots, 2 n_{p}$, and if $\kappa_{1}, \ldots, \kappa_{p}$ are the corresponding signs, then

$$
(-1)^{n_{1}} \kappa_{1}=(-1)^{n_{2}} \kappa_{2}=\cdots=(-1)^{n_{p}} \kappa_{p} .
$$

3) the eigenvalue -1 of $S$ only has even partial multiplicities, say $2 n_{1}^{\prime}, \ldots, 2 n_{p^{\prime}}^{\prime}$, and if $\kappa_{1}^{\prime}, \ldots, \kappa_{p^{\prime}}^{\prime}$ are the corresponding signs, then

$$
(-1)^{n_{1}^{\prime}} \kappa_{1}^{\prime}=(-1)^{n_{2}^{\prime}} \kappa_{2}^{\prime}=\cdots=(-1)^{n_{p^{\prime}}^{\prime}} \kappa_{p^{\prime}}^{\prime} .
$$

## Index of stability of Lagrangian subspaces

Definition: Let $S, S^{\prime}$ be $J$-symplectic and let $\mathcal{M}$ be an $S$-invariant $J$ Lagrangian subspace.

1) $\mathcal{M}$ is called $\alpha$-stable if there exists $\delta, K>0$ such that

$$
\left\|S-S^{\prime}\right\|<\delta \Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{M}^{\prime} \in \mathcal{L}\left(J, S^{\prime}\right): \operatorname{gap}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}) \leq K\left\|S-S^{\prime}\right\|^{1 / \alpha}
$$

2) $\alpha_{0} \geq 1$ is the index of stability of $\mathcal{M}$ if $\mathcal{M}$ is $\alpha_{0}$-stable, but not $\alpha$-stable for any $\alpha<\alpha_{0}$.
3) ... (analogously: conditional $\alpha$-stability and index of conditional $\alpha$-stability) ...

Open problem: For an $\alpha$-stable $S$-invariant $J$-Lagrangian subspace determine the index of (conditional) $\alpha$-stability if it exists. (So far: bounds and answers for special cases.)

## Conclusions

- perturbation theory for $J$-Lagrangian invariant subspaces of $J$-symplectic matrices now complete;
- open problem: extend the results to palindromic matrix pencils and palindromic matrix polynomials;
- Reference: M., Mehrmann, Ran, Rodman. Perturbation analysis of Lagrangian invariant subspaces of symplectic matrices. MATHEON preprint, TU Berlin, 2006, available from http://www.matheon.de.

