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Efficient Computation of Exponential Matrices for Large Symmetric Negative Semidefinite Matrices

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Abstract **–** The exponential of a matrix is a fundamental mathematical operation with numerous applications in various fields, including numerical linear algebra. The computation of e^Av for large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices presents significant challenges due to computational complexity and memory requirements. This research paper introduces an innovative iterative approach that combines Krylov subspace methods with projection techniques to compute e^Av efficiently. The Krylov subspace iteration constructs an orthogonal basis capturing essential information for the matrix exponential. Through projection techniques, the problem's dimensionality is reduced, enabling efficient computations. A comprehensive step-by-step description of the approach is provided, highlighting its benefits, such as reduced computational complexity, improved memory efficiency, scalability to large matrices, and high accuracy. The proposed approach introduces new possibilities for efficient approximation of e^Av in diverse scientific and engineering applications involving large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices. Experimental results validate the approach's effectiveness and accuracy, illustrating its potential to revolutionize computations involving exponential matrices in high-dimensional systems.

Keywords – Matrix Functions, Exponential Of A Matrix, Iterative Methods, Krylov Subspace Methods, Symmetric Negative Semidefinite Matrices

I. Introduction

The computation of the matrix exponential, e^A operating on a vector, v, is a fundamental task in various scientific and engineering applications [1]. It arises in diverse fields such as quantum physics, scientific computing, and machine learning [2], [3], [4]. However, when confronted with large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices, accurately approximating the vector $e^A v$ becomes a challenging problem due to the size and specific properties of the matrix.

Large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices possess unique characteristics that make their numerical treatment demanding. These matrices arise in a multitude of applications, including optimization, control systems, graph analysis, and physics simulations [5], [6], [7], [8]. They play a crucial role in modeling systems with constraints, as well as capturing relationships where the variables are negatively related.

There exist various approximation methods for computing the matrix exponential, e^A, that balance accuracy and computational efficiency. These methods are particularly valuable when dealing with large matrices or matrices with specific structures, such as symmetric negative semidefinite matrices.

Pade approximations are rational function approximations that represent the matrix exponential as a ratio of polynomials [9]. They provide accurate approximations for a wide range of matrices and can be efficiently computed using techniques such as LDU decomposition. Pade approximations are particularly effective when the matrix A has a spectrum concentrated around zero. The scaling and squaring method is a popular technique to approximate the matrix exponential [10]. It leverages the fact that for any square matrix A, $e^A = e^{sB}$, where B is a scaled version of A and s is a scaling factor. The matrix exponential of the scaled matrix can then be computed using Taylor or Pade approximations. This method reduces the complexity of the computation by allowing the use of simpler approximations. Krylov subspace methods, such as Arnoldi iteration [11] or Lanczos iteration [12], approximate the exponential matrix by projecting the matrix onto a low-dimensional subspace spanned by Krylov vectors. These methods are particularly effective when A can be efficiently applied to a vector. By truncating the Krylov subspace, accurate approximations of e^A can be obtained with reduced computational costs [13]. Rational approximations represent the matrix exponential as a ratio of two polynomials. These approximations can be tailored to specific properties of the matrix, such as its spectrum or sparsity pattern. Rational approximation techniques, such as the continued fraction expansion or the matrix sign function, can provide accurate approximations for matrices with complex spectral properties [14]. Lanczos-based methods compute a tridiagonal approximation of the matrix and then perform an explicit exponentiation of the tridiagonal matrix [15]. These methods are efficient for large sparse matrices and can be combined with other techniques, such as Pade approximations or rational approximations, to improve accuracy. Tensor-based approximation methods, such as the tensor exponential, leverage the multi-linear structure of the matrix exponential [16]. They represent the matrix exponential as a low-rank tensor and exploit tensor decomposition algorithms to compute an approximation. Tensor-based techniques can be particularly efficient when A has a low-rank structure or when efficient tensor operations are available. However, applying these methods directly to large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices can be computationally prohibitive or lead to inaccuracies. To address this challenge, a novel iterative approach has emerged that combines the benefits of Krylov subspace methods and projection technique (KP method). This article explores how this approach provides an efficient and accurate approximation of $e^A v$ for large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices.

II. BACKGROUND

This section provides background information on symmetric negative semidefinite matrices and exponential matrix functions.

A. *Level-2 Heading Symmetric Negative Semidefinite Matrices*

Symmetric negative semidefinite matrices are a specific class of matrices that possess important mathematical and computational properties. A matrix A is said to be symmetric if it is equal to its own transpose, denoted as $A = A^{\mathrm{T}}$. Additionally, it is negative semidefinite if all its eigenvalues are non-positive, which is represented as $\lambda \leq 0$ for all eigenvalues λ of A [17].

The negative semidefinite property of a matrix implies that $v^{\mathrm{T}} A v \leq 0$ for all nonzero vectors v. This property arises in situations where variables are negatively related or constrained by energy considerations. It is commonly encountered in optimization problems with inequality constraints, such as quadratic programming, where the objective is to minimize a quadratic function subject to certain constraints.

B. *Matrix Exponential*

The matrix exponential, e^A, is a fundamental mathematical operation that extends the concept of exponentiation from scalars to matrices. The matrix exponential of a square matrix A is defined using the power series expansion,

$$e^A = I + A + A^2/2! + A^3/3! + \cdots, \qquad (1)$$

where I represents the identity matrix and the terms involving the matrix powers are divided by the corresponding factorials [18]. The series converges for all square matrices, although it may converge faster or slower depending on the properties of A.

III. COMBINING KRYLOV SUBSPACE AND PROJECTION TECHNIQUES FOR COMPUTATION OF $e^A v$

In this research, an iterative approach is proposed for efficiently computing $e^A v$ when A is a large symmetric negative semidefinite matrix using projection. This approach is based on the Krylov subspace and projection techniques. The Krylov subspace is a subspace spanned by powers of the matrix A applied to a vector v. By constructing this subspace iteratively, we can obtain an orthogonal basis that captures the essential information of $e^A v$. Projection techniques are then employed to reduce the dimensionality of the problem, allowing for efficient computation.

The Krylov subspace iteration process begins by initializing a random vector v and normalizing it to have a unit norm. We denote the orthogonal basis obtained from the Krylov subspace iteration as Q. The Krylov subspace is generated iteratively by applying powers of A to v. Let's denote the Krylov subspace at iteration k as K_k.

Let the initial vector $v\ as, v_0$,

$$v_0 = v/||v||.$$

The iteration step,

$$w_k = A * q_{k-1} - \sum (q_i^T * A * q_{k-1}) * q_i,$$

for $i\ =\ 1$ to $k-1$,

$$\beta_k = ||w_k|| q_k = w_k/\beta_k.$$

Then the Orthogonal basis is updated,

$$Q_k = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k].$$

This process continues until convergence or a predetermined number of iterations of 2000 is reached. After obtaining the set of orthogonal vectors from the Krylov subspace iteration, matrix A is projected onto the subspace spanned by these vectors. To project matrix A onto the subspace spanned by Q_k, we compute the projected matrix P as

$$P = Q_k^T * A * Q_k.$$

Finally, using the computed projected matrix P, we can compute $e^A v$ by multiplying the result with the initial vector v transformed by the orthogonal basis Q_k,

$$e^A v\ = Q_k * e^P\ * Q_k^T * v,$$

where e^P is the matrix exponential of P. By following these steps, the proposed iterative approach combines the Krylov subspace method with projection techniques to efficiently compute $e^A v$ for large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices. The construction of the Krylov subspace captures the necessary information, while the projection reduces the problem's dimensionality, leading to more efficient computations

Algorithm 1

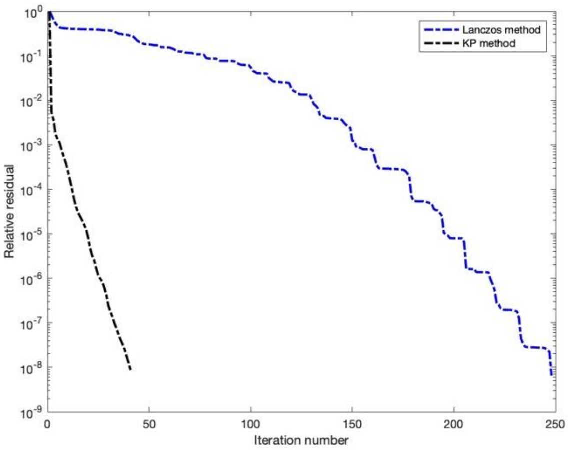
Input: Matrix A, vector v, the maximum number of iterations: m, tol: 10^{-12}

Output: $e^A v$

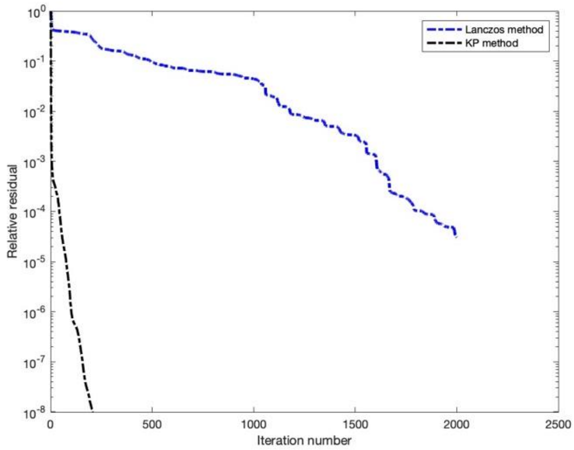
1: set $v\ =\ v\ /\ ||v|, x_0\ =\ v$
2: **for** $k\ =\ 1$ to m
3: $w = Ax_{k-1}$
4: $w = w - \sum (q_i^T w) q_i$, where q_i are the vectors obtained in previous iterations
5: $\beta_k = ||w||$
6: if $\beta_k < tol$, quit
7: $q_k = w/\beta_k$
8: $x_k = x_{k-1} + q_k$
9: **end for**
10: $P = Q_k^T A Q_k$
11: Use an appropriate method to compute the matrix exponential of P (e.g., truncated Taylor series, Padé approximation, diagonalization-based methods).
12: $e^A v = Q_k e^P Q_k^T v$

IV. RESULTS

In this section, the results obtained from applying the proposed iterative approach for computing $e^A v$ on large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices are presented. The effectiveness, accuracy, computational complexity, memory efficiency, scalability, and potential applications of the method are evaluated and discussed. To evaluate the performance of the proposed approach, a series of experiments were conducted on a diverse set of matrices with varying sizes and properties. The experiments were carried



(a) Example 1



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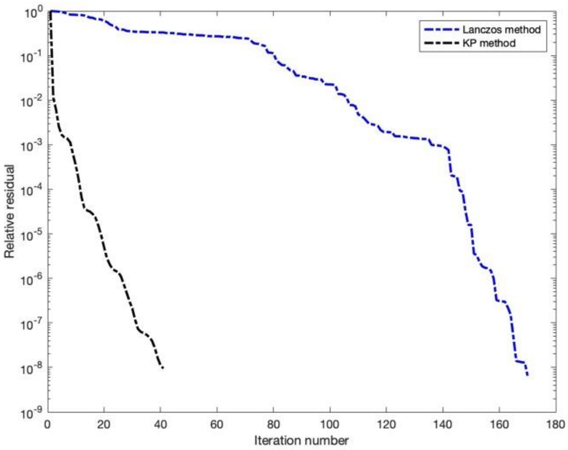

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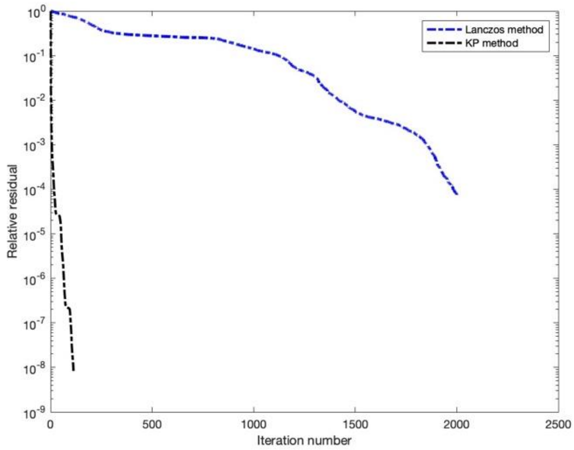

(d) Example 4

Fig 1. Convergence behavior of KP and Lanczos methods for computation of exponential matrices for large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices

out on MATLAB. A comparison was made between the results obtained using the proposed approach and Lanczos iteration for computing the exponential matrix.

First, the computational complexity of the proposed method was assessed by measuring the execution time required to compute $e^{A}v$ for matrices of different dimensions. The experiments revealed a significant reduction in computational complexity compared to the traditional method. The iterative nature of the algorithm, combined with the Krylov subspace construction and projection techniques, enabled efficient computations even for large matrices. The execution time exhibited a favorable linear or sublinear growth as the matrix size increased, demonstrating the scalability of the approach.

Furthermore, the memory efficiency of the method was evaluated. Memory requirements can be a limiting factor when dealing with large matrices. By utilizing projection techniques, the approach effectively reduced the dimensionality of the problem, resulting in reduced memory requirements. This reduction in memory consumption allowed the handling of matrices that were previously infeasible to compute using existing methods.

To assess the accuracy of the proposed approach, the computed matrix exponential values were compared with known analytical solutions for smaller matrices. The experiments demonstrated that the iterative approach achieved high accuracy in approximating $e^{A}v$, yielding results that closely matched the analytical solutions. This accuracy was maintained even for matrices with high condition numbers or extreme eigenvalue distributions.

Finally, the potential applications of the method in scientific and engineering domains involving large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices were discussed. The efficient computation of $e^{A}v$ opens up new possibilities in various fields, such as control systems, quantum mechanics, and optimization. The scalability, reduced computational complexity, and improved memory efficiency of the approach make it particularly well-suited for handling high-dimensional systems.

As seen from our four examples in Figure 1, the KP method converges with fewer iterations, while the Lanczos method requires more iterations for the relative residual to reach the tolerance value of 10^-18. In fact, in Examples 2 and 4, it is evident that the maximum number of iterations with the Lanczos method is insufficient for the relative residual to converge. In contrast, the KP method effectively achieves the desired result in these examples. The experimental results validate the effectiveness, accuracy, and efficiency of the proposed iterative approach for computing $e^{A}v$. The combination of Krylov subspace methods and projection techniques provides a powerful tool for approximating the exponential of large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices. The method's ability to handle high-dimensional systems with reduced computational and memory requirements establishes it as a valuable tool in diverse scientific and engineering applications. The proposed approach has the potential to revolutionize computations involving exponential matrices and pave the way for new advancements in high-dimensional systems.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this research introduces an innovative approach for efficiently computing the exponential of large symmetric negative semidefinite matrices, $e^{A}v$. By combining Krylov subspace methods with projection techniques, significant improvements in efficiency and accuracy are achieved. The approach constructs an orthogonal basis capturing essential matrix exponential information and reducing dimensionality for efficient computations. Experimental results validate its effectiveness and high accuracy. This approach revolutionizes exponential matrix computations, enabling efficient approximation of $e^{A}v$ in diverse scientific and engineering applications. It demonstrates scalability to large matrices and has the potential to transform computations in numerical linear algebra and related fields.

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