

## 5 Generalized Eigen-Solvers

### 5.1 Introduction

Eigenvalue problems arise naturally in many engineering applications, such as free structural vibrations, structural dynamics, earthquake engineering, control-structure interactions, etc...

Solution algorithms for both “standard”, and “generalized” eigenvalue problems are well documented in the literatures [5.1-5.4, 5.5-5.10]. The focus of this chapter is to explain some efficient algorithms, which take full advantages of sparse technologies, to find the solution of the following generalized eigen-problem:

$$[K]\phi_i = \lambda_i [M]\phi_i \quad (5.1)$$

where:

$[K] \equiv n \times n$  stiffness matrix

$[M] \equiv n \times n$  mass matrix

$\phi_i \equiv$  eigen-vectors

$\lambda_i \equiv$  eigenvalues

If the mass matrix  $[M]$  is equal to an identity matrix, then the generalized eigen-equation (5.1) will become the following standard eigen-problem:

$$[K]\phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i \quad (5.2)$$

### 5.2 A simple generalized eigen-example

Considering the following numerical data:

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.3)$$

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.4)$$

From Eq. (5.1), one has

$$K\phi - \lambda M\phi = 0 \quad (5.5)$$

$$[K - \lambda M]\phi = 0 \quad (5.6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 - \frac{5\lambda}{4} & -2 \\ -2 & 2 - \frac{\lambda}{5} \end{bmatrix} \{\phi\} = \{0\} \quad (5.7)$$

The homogeneous system of Eq. (5.7) will have non-trivial solution if we set

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \frac{5\lambda}{4} & -2 \\ -2 & 2 - \frac{\lambda}{5} \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (5.8)$$

The corresponding 2 roots (= eigenvalues) of the determinant Eq. (5.8) are given as:

$$\lambda = \lambda_1 = 2 \quad (5.9)$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_2 = 12 \quad (5.10)$$

Substituting Eq. (5.9) into Eq. (5.6), one obtains:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1^{(1)} \\ \phi_2^{(1)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.11)$$

Observing the Eq. (5.11), one recognizes that the 2 equations are NOT independent, and therefore, there is only 1 (= n-1= 2-1) independent equation. Since there are 2 unknowns (=  $\phi_1^{(1)}$ , and  $\phi_2^{(1)}$ ) and only 1 independent equation, there is infinite number of solutions to Eq. (5.11). A solution can be found by selecting, for example

$$\phi_2^{(1)} = 1 \quad (5.12)$$

Then the other unknown  $\phi_1^{(1)}$  can be found from Eq. (5.11) as

$$\phi_1^{(1)} = \frac{4}{5} \quad (5.13)$$

Similarly, substituting Eq. (5.10) into Eq. (5.6), and selecting

$$\phi_2^{(2)} = 2 \quad (5.14)$$

Then,  $\phi_1^{(2)}$  can be solved as:

$$\phi_1^{(2)} = -\frac{2}{5} \quad (5.15)$$

Thus, the eigen-matrix  $[\Phi]$  can be formed as:

$$[\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1^{(1)} & \phi_1^{(2)} \\ \phi_2^{(1)} & \phi_2^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.16)$$

Following are 2 properties of the eigen-matrix  $[\Phi]$ , for the appropriated choice of normalized eigenvectors:

$$[\Phi]^T [M][\Phi] = [I] = \text{Identity matrix} \quad (5.17)$$

$$[\Phi]^T [K][\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.18)$$

### 5.3 Inverse and forward iteration procedures

An eigenvalue and its associated eigenvector of Eq. (5.1) can be found by the following “inverse iteration” procedure, which is shown in Table 5.1:

**Table 5.1** Inverse iteration procedure

Step 1: Guess eigen-pair solution

$$\lambda = 1 \quad (5.19)$$

$$\{\phi\} = \{x_1\} \quad (5.20)$$

Step 2: Substitute Eqs. (5.19-5.20) into Eq. (5.1), hence

$$[K]\{x_1\} \neq (1)[M]\{x_1\} \quad (5.21)$$

The new, better guess  $\{x_2\}$  can be found from:

$$[K]\{x_2\} = [M]\{x_1\} \quad (5.22)$$

Step 3: If convergence is not yet achieved, for example

$$\|\vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_1\| > \varepsilon \quad (5.23)$$

then  $\{x_1\}$  and  $\{x_2\}$  in Eq. (5.22) will be replaced by  $\{x_2\}$  and  $\{x_3\}$ , respectively.

The “forward iteration” procedure is very similar to the inverse iteration. The only difference is the new, better guess  $\{x_2\}$  can be found from the following (instead of Eq. 5.22):

$$[K]\{x_1\} = [M]\{x_2\} \quad (5.24)$$

It is, however, more preferable to solve for new, better vector  $\{x_2\}$  from Eq. (5.22) rather than from Eq. (5.24), since the former involves with stiffness matrix, which is usually positive definite, and therefore, solution for  $\{x_2\}$  can be found easier!

The inverse iteration procedures can often be incorporated with the usage of orthonormality condition, as illustrated in Table 5.2.

The following assumptions are made:

- (a) The stiffness matrix  $[K]$  in Eq. (5.1) is positive definite.
- (b) The mass matrix  $[M]$  in Eq. (5.1) can be a diagonal mass, with or without zeros on the diagonal. Matrix  $[M]$  can also be sparse and/or banded.
- (c) If the stiffness matrix  $[K]$  is only positive semi-definite, a “shift” should be used prior to the iterations.

**Table 5.2** Inverse iterations with orthonormality conditions

Step 1: Guess eigen-pair solution

$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\{\phi\} = \{x_1\}$$

Step 2: For  $k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$  until converge, solve for  $\bar{x}_{k+1}$  from the following equation

$$[K]\{\bar{x}_{k+1}\} = [M]\{x_k\} \quad (5.25)$$

In order to satisfy the mass orthonormality condition

$$\{x_{k+1}^T\}^* [M] \{x_{k+1}\} = 1 \quad (5.26)$$

We need to orthonormalize the vector  $\{\bar{x}_{k+1}\}$  obtained from solving Eq.

(5.25), as following:

$$\{x_{k+1}\} = \frac{\{\bar{x}_{k+1}\}}{(\bar{x}_{k+1}^T M \bar{x}_{k+1})^{1/2}} \quad (5.27)$$

The following example is used to illustrate the details involved in the algorithms shown in Table 5.2.

Example: The stiffness and mass matrices [K] and [M] are given as:

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.28)$$

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.29)$$

Initial guesses:

$$\{x_1\}^T = \{1, 1, 1, 1\} \text{ and } \lambda = 1 \quad (5.30)$$

Improved guessed vector  $\{\bar{x}_2\}$  is solved from:

$$[K]\{\bar{x}_2\} = [M]\{x_1\} \quad (5.31)$$

Thus:

$$\{\bar{x}_2\}^T = \{3, 6, 7, 8\} \quad (5.32)$$

Compute:

$$\{\bar{x}_2\}^T [M] \{\bar{x}_2\} = 136 \quad (5.33)$$

Impose the mass of orthonormality condition to obtain the new vector  $\{x_2\}$ :

$$\{x_2\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{136}} * \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.34)$$

The above steps are repeated again, to obtain:

$$[K]\{\bar{x}_3\} = [M]\{x_2\} \quad (5.35)$$

Solve for

$$\{\bar{x}_3\} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{136}} \right) * \begin{Bmatrix} 20 \\ 40 \\ 48 \\ 56 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.36)$$

$$\{\bar{x}_3\}^T M \{\bar{x}_3\} = \frac{6336}{136} \quad (5.37)$$

$$\{x_3\} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6336}} \right) * \begin{Bmatrix} 20 \\ 40 \\ 48 \\ 56 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.251 \\ 0.503 \\ 0.603 \\ 0.704 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.38)$$

The corresponding “exact” eigen-vector is:

$$\phi^{(1)} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.250 \\ 0.500 \\ 0.606 \\ 0.707 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.39)$$

$$[K]\{\phi^{(1)}\} = \lambda_1 [M]\{\phi^{(1)}\} \quad (5.40)$$

It should be emphasized here that it is difficult to assure the convergence to a specific (and arbitrary selected) eigenvalue, and the corresponding eigenvector.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.250 \\ 0.500 \\ 0.602 \\ 0.707 \end{Bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.250 \\ 0.500 \\ 0.602 \\ 0.707 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.41)$$

From Eq. (5.41), one has

$$\lambda_1 = 0.148 \quad (5.42)$$

#### 5.4 Shifted eigen-problems

The following example will demonstrate “shifting” procedures can be used to obtain eigen-solutions for the case where the stiffness matrix  $[K]$  is singular.

Example: The stiffness and mass matrices  $[K]$  and  $[M]$  are given as:

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}; [M] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.43)$$

The “shifted” stiffness matrix  $[\hat{K}]$  can be computed as

$$[\hat{K}] = [K] - \rho[M] \quad (5.44)$$

Where  $\rho$  is the shifted value.

The “new” eigen-problem is defined as:

$$[\hat{K}]\{\psi\} = \mu[M]\{\psi\} \quad (5.45A)$$

Substituted Eq. (5.44) into Eq. (5.45) to get

$$(K - \rho M)\psi = \mu M\psi \quad (5.45B)$$

or

$$[K]\{\psi\} = (\rho + \mu)[M]\{\psi\} \quad (5.46)$$

Comparing the “new” eigen-problem of Eq. (5.46) with the “original” eigen-problem shown in Eq. (5.1), one has

$$\lambda = \rho + \mu \quad (5.47)$$

and

$$\{\phi\} = \{\psi\} \quad (5.48)$$

Thus, the eigen-vectors of Eq. (5.1) and Eq. (5.46) are the same, and the eigenvalues of Eqs. (5.1, 5.46) are different only by the shifted value  $\rho$ .

For the numerical data shown in Eq. (5.43), one has:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \{\phi\} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \{\phi\} \quad (5.49)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 - 2\lambda & -3 - \lambda \\ -3 - \lambda & 3 - 2\lambda \end{bmatrix} \{\phi\} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.50)$$

For non-trivial solution, we require the determinant of the coefficient matrix ( $= K - \lambda M$ ) in Eq. (5.50) to be vanished, thus:

$$\det[K - \lambda M] = 0 = 3\lambda^2 - 18\lambda = 0 \quad (5.51)$$

or

$$\lambda = \lambda_1 = 0 \quad (5.52)$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_2 = 6 \quad (5.53)$$

Substituting Eq. (5.52) into Eq. (5.50), one obtains the first eigen-vector:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1^{(1)} \\ \phi_2^{(1)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.54)$$

Substituting Eq. (5.53) into Eq. (5.50), one obtains the second eigen-vector

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1^{(2)} \\ \phi_2^{(2)} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.55)$$

Now, using the shifted value  $\rho = -2$  into Eq. (5.45B), one obtains:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 \\ -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \{\psi\} = \mu \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \{\psi\} \quad (5.56)$$

The 2 eigen-values from Eq. (5.56) can be obtained as

$$\mu = \mu_1 = 2, \text{ hence } \lambda_1 = \rho + \mu_1 = -2 + 2 = 0 \quad (5.57)$$

$$\mu = \mu_2 = 8, \text{ hence } \lambda_2 = \rho + \mu_2 = -2 + 8 = 6 \quad (5.58)$$

Substituting the eigenvalues  $\mu$  from Eqs. (5.57-5.58) into Eq. (5.56), one obtains the following eigen-vectors

$$\{\psi^{(1)}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.59)$$

$$\{\psi^{(2)}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.60)$$

## 5.5 Transformation Methods

The eigen-vectors  $\{\phi^{(i)}\}$  obtained from solving the generalized eigen-equation (5.1) have the following properties:

$$[\Phi]^T [K] [\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \lambda & \\ & & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.61)$$



$$[\Phi]^T [M] [\Phi] = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & I & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.62)$$

Where the eigen-matrix  $[\Phi]$  is defined as:

$$[\Phi] = [\phi^{(1)} \quad \phi^{(2)} \quad \dots \quad \phi^{(n)}] \quad (5.63)$$

The basic ideas in the transformation methods is to reduce (or transform) the matrices  $[K]$  and  $[M]$  into diagonal forms, by using successive pre-and post multiplication by matrices  $[P_k]^T$ , and  $[P_k]$ , respectively. These ideas are based on the properties given in Eqs. (5.61-5.62). The main ideas behind the transformation method can be summarized in Table 5.3.

**Table 5.3** Transformation Methods

	Let $K_1 = K$ and $M_1 = M$	(5.64)
Then:		
	$K_2 = P_1^T K_1 P_1$	(5.65)
	$K_3 = P_2^T K_2 P_2 = P_2^T (P_1^T K_1 P_1) P_2$	(5.66)
	$\vdots$	
	$K_{k+1} = P_k^T K_k P_k = (P_n^T P_{n-1}^T \dots P_1^T) K_1 (P_1 P_2 \dots P_n)$	(5.67)
Similarly:		
	$M_2 = P_1^T M_1 P_1$	(5.68)
	$M_3 = P_2^T M_2 P_2 = P_2^T (P_1^T M_1 P_1) P_2$	(5.69)
	$\vdots$	
	$M_{k+1} = P_k^T M_k P_k = (P_n^T P_{n-1}^T \dots P_1^T) M_1 (P_1 P_2 \dots P_n)$	(5.70)

Comparing Eqs. (5.67, 5.70) and Eqs. (5.61, 5.62), one clearly sees that if matrices  $P_k$  are properly selected, then

$$[K_{k+1}] \rightarrow [\lambda] \text{ and } [M_{k+1}] \rightarrow [I] \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

in which case; with  $l$  being the last iteration, then the eigen-marix  $[\Phi]$  can be symbolically represented as

$$\Phi = P_1 P_2 \dots P_l \quad (5.71)$$

In practice, it is NOT necessary that  $[K_{k+1}]$  converges to the diagonal eigen-values matrix  $[\lambda]$ , and  $[M_{k+1}]$  converges to the identity matrix  $[I]$ . Rather, it is only required that both  $[K_{k+1}]$  and  $[M_{k+1}]$  will converge to diagonal matrices, then:

$$[\lambda] = \frac{\text{diagonal } k_r^{(l+1)}}{\text{diagonal } M_r^{(l+1)}} \quad (5.72)$$

and

$$[\Phi] = (P_1 \ P_2 \ \dots \ P_l)^* \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{diagonal } M_r^{(l+1)}}} \quad (5.73)$$

#### [A] Jacobi Method For The Standard Eigen-Problems

In this section, the following standard eigen-problem

$$[K]\{\phi\} = \lambda\{\phi\} \quad (5.74)$$

will be solved by the Jacobi method. Eq. (5.74) is a special case of the generalized eigen-equation (5.1), where  $[M]$  is set to be the identity matrix.

From Eqs. (5.70, 5.62), and realizing  $[M] = [I]$ , one has:

$$M_{k+1} = P_k^T [I] P_k = [I]$$

or

$$[P_k]^T [P_k] = [I] \quad (5.75)$$

Thus, the transformation methods (such as Jacobi method) requires the selected matrix  $[P_k]$  to have the properties as indicated in Eq. (5.75). The matrix  $[P_k]$ , therefore, should have the following form:

$$P_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & 1 & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & & 1 & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & & & \cos \theta & & -\sin \theta & \\ & & & \vdots & 1 & \vdots & \\ & & & \vdots & & 1 & \vdots & \\ & & & \vdots & & & 1 & \vdots & \\ & & & \vdots & & & & 1 & \vdots & \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \sin \theta & \dots & \dots & \dots & \cos \theta & \dots & \dots \\ & & & \vdots & & & & \vdots & 1 & \\ & & & \vdots & & & & \vdots & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ row} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \rightarrow j^{\text{th}} \text{ row} \end{matrix} \quad (5.76)$$

$i^{\text{th}} \text{ column} \qquad j^{\text{th}} \text{ column}$

Where  $\theta$  is selected such that the element  $(i, j)$  of  $[K_{k+1}]$  at  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  iteration will become zero (since the main objective of the Jacobi method is to transform the original matrix  $[K]$  into a diagonal matrix, where all the off-diagonal terms  $K_{i,j}$  will become zeros).

Considering the following tripple products:

$$K_{k+1} = P_k^T K_k P_k, \text{ or} \quad (5.77)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \\ b & \bar{g} & h & i & \bar{j} & k \\ c & h & l & m & n & o \\ d & i & m & p & q & r \\ e & \bar{j} & n & q & \bar{s} & t \\ f & k & o & r & t & u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cos \theta & & \sin \theta & & \\ \cdot & & 1 & & & \\ \cdot & & & 1 & & \\ \cdot & -\sin \theta & & \cos \theta & & \\ \cdot & & & & 1 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \\ b & g & h & i & j & k \\ c & h & l & m & n & o \\ d & i & m & p & q & r \\ e & j & n & q & s & t \\ f & k & o & r & t & u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cos \theta & & -\sin \theta & & \\ \cdot & & 1 & & & \\ \cdot & & & 1 & & \\ \cdot & \sin \theta & & \cos \theta & & \\ \cdot & & & & 1 & \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.78)$$

Assuming that  $i = 2^{\text{th}}$  and  $j = 5^{\text{th}}$  locations, and observing Eq. (5.78), one clearly sees that  $[K_{k+1}]$  and  $[K_k]$  are only different at locations (2, 2), (2, 5), (5, 2) and (5, 5), all remaining terms of matrices  $[K_{k+1}]$  and  $[K_k]$  are unchanged. Thus, at the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  iteration, one only needs to consider the following portions of the triple product:

$$K_{k+1} = P_k^T K_k P_k = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_{ii}^{(k)} & K_{ij}^{(k)} \\ K_{ji}^{(k)} & K_{jj}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.79)$$

where:

$$[K_{k+1}] = \begin{bmatrix} K_{ii}^{(k+1)} & K_{ij}^{(k+1)} \\ K_{ji}^{(k+1)} & K_{jj}^{(k+1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

The objective to select the matrix  $P_k$  (at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration) is to make sure that in the next iteration (or the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  iteration), the off-diagonal terms of  $[K_{k+1}]$  will be driven to zeros. Hence, setting the off-diagonal terms  $K_{ij}^{(k+1)} = K_{ji}^{(k+1)} = 0$ , and equating with the corresponding right-hand-side terms of Eq. (5.78), one can solve for the unknown  $\theta$ , from either of the following formulas:

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2K_{ij}^{(k)}}{K_{ii}^{(k)} - K_{jj}^{(k)}}, \text{ for } K_{ii}^{(k)} \neq K_{jj}^{(k)} \quad (5.80)$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ for } K_{ii}^{(k)} = K_{jj}^{(k)} \quad (5.81)$$

If “ $\ell$ ” is the last iteration, then:

$$[K_{\ell+1}] \approx \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & \lambda & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} = \text{diagonal eigenvalues matrix} \quad (5.82)$$

and we said convergence to a tolerance  $\xi$  has been achieved, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) Diagonal terms do NOT change much, or

$$\frac{|K_{ii}^{(\ell+1)} - K_{ii}^{(\ell)}|}{K_{ii}^{(\ell+1)}} \leq 10^{-\xi} \quad ; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (5.83)$$

(b) Off-diagonal terms approach zeros, or

$$\left[ \frac{K_{ij}^{(\ell+1)2}}{K_{ii}^{(\ell+1)} K_{jj}^{(\ell+1)}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq 10^{-\xi} \quad ; \quad i < j \quad (5.84)$$

The step-by-step Jacobi method for the solution of the standard eigenvalue problem can be given as followings:

Step 1: At the  $s^{\text{th}}$  sweep, a threshold for a near zero tolerance value is defined as  $10^{-2s}$ .

Step 2: For all  $K_{i,j}$  terms (with  $i < j$ , and  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n = \text{size of matrix } [K]$ ), compute the coupling factor according to the left-hand-side of Eq. (5.84), and apply the transformation (see Eq. 5.79) if the factor is larger than the current threshold.

Step 3: Using Eq. (5.83) to check for convergence. If convergence is achieved, then the process is stopped, or else, returning to step 1 for another sweep.

### Example

$$\text{Given } [K] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \equiv [K_1]$$

For sweep 1 we have as a threshold  $10^{-2}$ . We therefore obtain the following results.

For  $i = 1, j = 2$ , applying Eq.(5.80), one gets:

$$\cos \theta = 0.7497 ; \sin \theta = 0.6618$$

and thus, from Eq (5.76), one has:

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7497 & -0.6618 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.6618 & 0.7497 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_1^T K P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.169 & 0 & -1.898 & 0.6618 \\ 0 & 9.531 & -3.661 & 0.7497 \\ -1.898 & -3.661 & 6 & -4 \\ 0.6618 & 0.7497 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = [K_2]$$

For  $i = 1, j = 3$ :

$$\cos \theta = 0.9398 ; \sin \theta = 0.3416$$

$$P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9398 & 0 & -0.3416 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.3416 & 0 & 0.9398 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2^T P_1^T K P_1 P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7792 & -1.2506 & 0 & -0.7444 \\ -1.2506 & 9.5314 & -3.4402 & 0.7497 \\ 0 & -3.4402 & 6.6891 & -3.9853 \\ -0.7444 & 0.7497 & -3.9853 & 5. \end{bmatrix} = [K_3]$$

$$P_1 P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7046 & -0.6618 & -0.2561 & 0 \\ 0.6220 & 0.7497 & -0.2261 & 0 \\ 0.3416 & 0 & 0.9398 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $i = 1, j = 4$ :

$$\cos \theta = 0.9857 ; \sin \theta = 0.1687$$

$$P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9857 & 0 & 0 & -0.1687 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1687 & 0 & 0 & 0.9857 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_3^T P_2^T P_1^T K P_1 P_2 P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6518 & -1.106 & -0.6725 & 0 \\ -1.106 & 9.531 & -3.440 & 0.9499 \\ -0.6725 & -3.440 & 6.690 & -3.928 \\ 0 & 0.9499 & -3.928 & 5.127 \end{bmatrix} = [K_4]$$

$$P_1 P_2 P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6945 & -0.6618 & -0.2561 & -0.1189 \\ 0.6131 & 0.7497 & -0.2261 & -0.1050 \\ 0.3367 & 0 & 0.9398 & -0.0576 \\ 0.1687 & 0 & 0 & 0.9857 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $i = 2, j = 3$ :

$$\cos \theta = 0.8312; \sin \theta = -0.5560$$

$$P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8312 & 0.5560 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5560 & 0.8312 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_4^T P_3^T P_2^T P_1^T K P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6518 & 0.5453 & -1.174 & 0 \\ -0.5453 & 11.83 & 0 & 2.974 \\ -1.174 & 0 & 4.388 & -2.737 \\ 0 & 2.974 & -2.737 & 5.127 \end{bmatrix} = [K_5]$$

$$P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6945 & -0.4077 & -0.5808 & -0.1189 \\ 0.6131 & 0.7488 & 0.2289 & -0.1050 \\ 0.3367 & -0.5226 & 0.7812 & -0.0576 \\ 0.1682 & 0 & 0 & 0.9857 \end{bmatrix}$$

To complete the first sweep, we zero element (3,4), using

$$\cos \theta = 0.7335; \sin \theta = -0.6797$$

$$P_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7335 & 0.6797 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.6797 & 0.7335 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence the approximation obtained for  $\Lambda$  and  $\Phi$  are

$$\Lambda = P_6^T \dots P_1^T K P_1 \dots P_6$$

i.e.,

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6518 & -0.5098 & 0.9926 & -0.6560 \\ 0.5098 & 12.96 & -0.7124 & -0.6601 \\ -0.9926 & -0.7124 & 6.7596 & 0 \\ -0.6560 & -0.6602 & 0 & 1.6272 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\Phi \doteq P_1 \dots P_6$$

i.e.,

$$\Phi \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0.6945 & -0.4233 & -0.4488 & -0.3702 \\ 0.6131 & 0.6628 & 0.4152 & -0.1113 \\ 0.3367 & -0.5090 & 0.4835 & 0.6275 \\ 0.1687 & 0.3498 & -0.6264 & 0.6759 \end{bmatrix}$$

And after the third sweep we have

$$\Lambda \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0.1459 & & & \\ & 13.09 & & \\ & & 6.854 & \\ & & & 1.910 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0.3717 & -0.3717 & -0.6015 & -0.6015 \\ 0.6015 & 0.6015 & 0.3717 & -0.3717 \\ 0.6015 & -0.6015 & 0.3717 & 0.3717 \\ 0.3717 & 0.3717 & -0.6015 & 0.6015 \end{bmatrix}$$



The approximation for  $\Lambda$  is diagonal to the precision given and we can use

$$\lambda_1 \doteq 0.1459; \quad \phi_1 \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0.3717 \\ 0.6015 \\ 0.6015 \\ 0.3717 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 \doteq 1.910; \quad \phi_2 \doteq \begin{bmatrix} -0.6015 \\ -0.3717 \\ 0.3717 \\ 0.6015 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 \doteq 6.854; \quad \phi_3 \doteq \begin{bmatrix} -0.6015 \\ 0.3717 \\ 0.3717 \\ -0.6015 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_4 \doteq 13.09; \quad \phi_4 \doteq \begin{bmatrix} -0.3717 \\ 0.6015 \\ -0.6015 \\ 0.3717 \end{bmatrix}$$

[B] Generalized Jacobi Method For Generalized Eigen-Problems

For the generalized eigen-problem as described by Eq. (5.1), we wish to diagonalize both the stiffness and mass matrices  $[K]$ , and  $[M]$ , respectively. Thus, the transformation matrix  $[P_k]$  will be selected as:

$$P_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & \theta_2 & \\ & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & 1 & \\ & & \theta_1 & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ i^{\text{th}} \text{ row} \\ \\ \\ j^{\text{th}} \text{ row} \\ \\ \end{matrix} \quad (5.85)$$

The new, updated matrices  $[K]$  and  $[M]$  in the next iteration can be computed from the current iteration as following:

$$[K_{k+1}] = P_k^T K_k P_k \quad (5.86)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{ii}^{(k+1)} & K_{ij}^{(k+1)} \\ K_{ji}^{(k+1)} & K_{jj}^{(k+1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_{ii}^{(k)} & K_{ij}^{(k)} \\ K_{ji}^{(k)} & K_{jj}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_2 \\ \theta_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.87)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} K_{ii}^{(k)} + \theta_1 K_{ji}^{(k)} & K_{ij}^{(k)} + \theta_1 K_{jj}^{(k)} \\ K_{ji}^{(k)} + \theta_2 K_{ii}^{(k)} & K_{jj}^{(k)} + \theta_2 K_{ij}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \theta_2 \\ \theta_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.88)$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{ii}^{(k+1)} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{jj}^{(k+1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & \theta_2 \{K_{ii}^{(k)} + \theta_1 K_{ji}^{(k)}\} + \{K_{ij}^{(k)} + \theta_1 K_{jj}^{(k)}\} \\ \times & \times \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.89)$$

The off-diagonal terms on both sides of Eq. (5.89) are equated to each other, thus:

$$K_{ij}^{(k+1)} = 0 = \theta_2 K_{ii}^{(k)} + \{1 + \theta_1 \theta_2\} K_{ij}^{(k)} + \theta_1 K_{jj}^{(k)} \quad (5.90)$$

Similarly, one has:

$$[M_{k+1}] = P_k^T M_k P_k \quad (5.91)$$

$$M_{ij}^{(k+1)} = 0 = \theta_2 M_{ii}^{(k)} + \{1 + \theta_1 \theta_2\} M_{ij}^{(k)} + \theta_1 M_{jj}^{(k)} \quad (5.92)$$

The two unknowns  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  can be found by solving Eqs. (5.90, 5.92) simultaneously [5.5]

$$\theta_1 = \frac{-G_1^{(k)}}{G_4^{(k)}} \text{ and } \theta_2 = \frac{G_2^{(k)}}{G_4^{(k)}} \quad (5.93)$$

where:

$$G_1^{(k)} \equiv K_{ii}^{(k)} M_{ij}^{(k)} - M_{ii}^{(k)} K_{ij}^{(k)} \quad (5.94)$$

$$G_2^{(k)} \equiv K_{jj}^{(k)} M_{ij}^{(k)} - M_{jj}^{(k)} K_{ij}^{(k)} \quad (5.95)$$

$$G_3^{(k)} \equiv K_{ii}^{(k)} M_{jj}^{(k)} - K_{jj}^{(k)} M_{ii}^{(k)} \quad (5.96)$$

$$G_4^{(k)} = \frac{G_3^{(k)}}{2} + \text{sign}\{G_3^{(k)}\} * \sqrt{\left\{\frac{G_3^{(k)}}{2}\right\}^2 + G_1^{(k)} * G_2^{(k)}} \quad (5.97)$$

### **Remarks**

- (a) Eq. (5.93) for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  have been developed for the case  $[M]$  is a positive definite, full or banded matrix, and it can be proved that  $G_4^{(k)}$  is always non-zero.
- (b) The generalized Jacobi procedure can also be adopted for the case  $[M]$  is a diagonal matrix, with or without zero diagonal elements.
- (c) Assuming “ $l$ ” is the last iteration, then convergence is achieved if

$$\frac{|\lambda_i^{(l+1)} - \lambda_i^{(l)}|}{\lambda_i^{(l+1)}} \leq 10^{-\xi}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (5.98)$$

where:

$$\lambda_i^{(l)} \equiv \frac{K_{ii}^{(l)}}{M_{ii}^{(l)}} \text{ and } \lambda_i^{(l+1)} \equiv \frac{K_{ii}^{(l+1)}}{M_{ii}^{(l+1)}} \quad (5.99)$$

and

$$\left[ \frac{\{K_{ij}^{(l+1)}\}^2}{K_{ii}^{(l+1)} K_{jj}^{(l+1)}} \right]^{1/2} \leq 10^{-\xi} \quad (5.100)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\{M_{ij}^{(l+1)}\}^2}{M_{ii}^{(l+1)} M_{jj}^{(l+1)}} \right]^{1/2} \leq 10^{-\xi} \quad (5.101)$$

for all  $(i, j)$  with  $i < j$

### **5.6 Subspace iteration method<sup>[5.5]</sup>**

Subspace iteration method is an effective algorithm to find the “few” lowest eigenpairs of fairly large generalized eigen-problem. Both inverse iteration, and the generalized Jacobi iteration methods have been incorporated into the subspace iteration algorithm. The main steps involved in this method can be described as following:

Assuming the first “m” eigen-pair solution for Eq. (5.1) are sought. One computes:

$$L = \text{Minimum}(2*m, m+8) \quad (5.102)$$

and  $L \leq n$  (= size of matrix  $[K]$ )

“Guess” the first  $L$  eigen-vectors matrix  $[X_1]_{n \times L}$

For  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  until convergence is achieved.

- Solve  $\bar{X}_{k+1}$  from:

$$[K][\bar{X}_{k+1}] = [M][X_k] \quad (5.103)$$

- Find the “reduced” stiffness and mass matrices from:

$$[K_{k+1}^R]_{L \times L} = [\bar{X}_{k+1}^T]_{L \times n} [K]_{n \times n} [\bar{X}_{k+1}]_{n \times L} \quad (5.104)$$

$$[M_{k+1}^R]_{L \times L} = [\bar{X}_{k+1}^T] [M] [\bar{X}_{k+1}] \quad (5.105)$$

- Solve the “reduced” eigen-problem

$$[K_{k+1}^R]_{L \times L} [Q_{k+1}]_{L \times L} = [\Lambda_{k+1}]_{L \times L} [M_{k+1}^R]_{L \times L} [Q_{k+1}]_{L \times L} \quad (5.106)$$

- Find the improved eigen-vectors

$$[X_{k+1}]_{n \times L} = [\bar{X}_{k+1}]_{n \times L} [Q_{k+1}]_{L \times L} \quad (5.107)$$

Then

$[\Lambda_{k+1}] \rightarrow [\lambda] \equiv \text{eigenvalues}$  and  $[X_{k+1}] \rightarrow [\Phi] \equiv \text{eigenvectors}$  (see Eq.5.1)  
as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

### **Remarks:**

- (a) Inverse iteration method is employed in Eq. (5.103)
- (b) Generalized Jacobi iteration method can be used to solve the reduced eigen-equation (5.106).
- (c) The initial guess eigen-vector  $[X_1]$  should contain independent columns. The simplest guess for  $[X_1]$  is:

$$[X_1]_{n \times L} = [e^{(1)} \quad e^{(2)} \quad \dots \quad e^{(L)}] \quad (5.108)$$

where

$$\mathbf{e}^{(i)} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}_{n \times 1} \rightarrow i^{\text{th}} \text{ row} = \text{unit vector} \quad (5.109)$$

Example:

The numerical data for the stiffness and mass matrix  $[\mathbf{K}]$  and  $[\mathbf{M}]$  are given as:

$$[\mathbf{K}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathbf{M}] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.110)$$

Assuming the initial guess for eigen-vectors is given by

$$[\mathbf{X}_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.111)$$

$[\bar{\mathbf{X}}_2]$  can be solved from Eq. (5.103):

$$[\bar{\mathbf{X}}_2] = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.112)$$

Reduced stiffness and mass matrices can be found from Eqs. (5.104-5.105):

$$[\mathbf{K}_2^R] = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2^T \mathbf{K} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2 = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.113)$$

$$[\mathbf{M}_2^R] = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2^T \mathbf{M} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_2 = \left( \frac{1}{16} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 7 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.114)$$

Solution of the reduced eigen-problem

$$[K_2^R][Q_2] = [\Lambda_2][M_2^R][Q_2]$$

can be solved “iteratively” (by using Generalized Jacobi method), or can also be solved “directly”, and “exactly” since the system involved with only 2×2 matrices.

Thus:

$$[\Lambda_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \text{eigenvalues of the reduced system} \quad (5.115)$$

$$[Q_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 2 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{eigen-vectors of the reduced system} \quad (5.116)$$

The new, improved eigen-vectors can be obtained from Eq. (5.107):

$$[X_2] = [\bar{X}_2][Q_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.117)$$

In this particular example, we obtained the “exact” eigen-values (see Eq. 5.115), and “exact” eigen-vectors (see Eq. 5.117) in 1 iteration (of the subspace iteration loop)! This quick convergence is due to the fact that the starting iteration vectors  $[X_1]$  (see Eq. 5.111) span the subspace defined the “exact” eigen-vectors  $\phi^{(1)}$  and  $\phi^{(2)}$ .

Proof ( for the above paragraph)

The first 2 “exact” eigen-vectors from a 3×3 system given by Eq. (5.110) are:

$$\phi^{(1)} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{Bmatrix} \text{ and } \phi^{(2)} = \begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.118)$$

$$\phi^{(1)} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{Bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{Bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.119)$$

$\downarrow$  1<sup>st</sup> column of  $[X_1]$        $\swarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> column of  $[X_1]$

where  $a_1 = 1/(2\sqrt{2}) = a_2$

and

$$\phi^{(2)} = \begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} = a_3 \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{Bmatrix} + a_4 \begin{Bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (5.120)$$

where  $a_3 = \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $a_4 = \frac{-1}{2}$

In other words, the exact first 2 eigen-vectors  $\phi^{(1)}$  and  $\phi^{(2)}$  can be expressed as linear combinations of the columns of the starting iteration vectors  $[X_1]$ . Thus, subspace iteration algorithm converges in just 1 iteration.

### 5.7 Lanczos eigen-solution algorithms

For large-scale system, if one has interests in obtaining the “first few” eigen-pair solutions for the generalized eigen-equation (5.1), then subspace iteration algorithms can be employed. However, if the number of requested eigen-pair solutions increase, then the computational cost involved in subspace iteration algorithms will increase very quickly. Thus, in this case, Lanczos eigen-solution algorithms is highly recommended (due to its highly computational efficiency)