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# Lower Bounds for the Smallest Eigenvalue of a Symmetric Matrix

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- Bounds for Jacobians
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## Assumptions:

- Exact arithmetic
- Jacobians computed exactly

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$$\lambda = \lambda_0$$

Repeat:

$$\text{Solve } G(u, \lambda) = 0 \text{ for } u \\ \text{with initial iterate } u_0$$

$$u_0 = u$$

$$\lambda = \lambda + d\lambda$$

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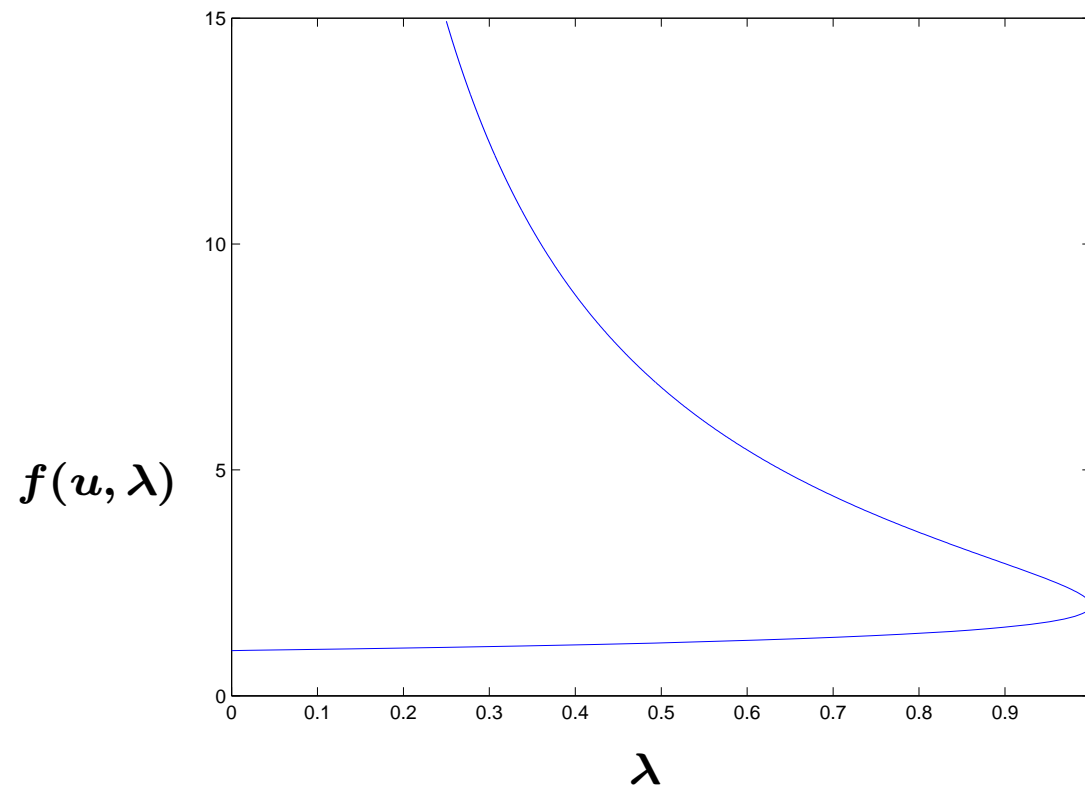
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# Example: Singular Jacobian



Jacobian  $G_u$  singular at  $\lambda = 1$  (simple fold)

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How to avoid a simple fold?

- Matrix  $(G_u \ G_\lambda)$  has full row rank
- Add row to get a nonsingular Jacobian
- Solve instead for  $u$  and  $\lambda$
- Introduce **new parameter**

# Arclength

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- New parameter: arclength  $s$
- Differentiate  $G(\mathbf{u}_0, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_0) = 0$  with respect to  $s$

$$G_u \dot{\mathbf{u}}_0 + G_\lambda \dot{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_0 = 0$$

- Nonsingular Jacobian  $\begin{pmatrix} G_u & G_\lambda \\ \dot{\mathbf{u}}_0^T & \dot{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_0 \end{pmatrix}$

- Pseudo-arclength normalization

$$g(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, s) \equiv \dot{\mathbf{u}}_0^T (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_0) + \dot{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_0 (\boldsymbol{\lambda} - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_0) + (s - s_0)$$

# Extended System

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$$\boldsymbol{x} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{u} \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{s}) = \begin{pmatrix} G(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ g(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{s}) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Old problem: solve  $G(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = 0$
- New problem: solve  $\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{s}) = 0$

Pseudo-arclength continuation:

Solve  $\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{s}) = 0$  for  $\boldsymbol{s} = \boldsymbol{s}_0 + \text{multiples of } d\boldsymbol{s}$   
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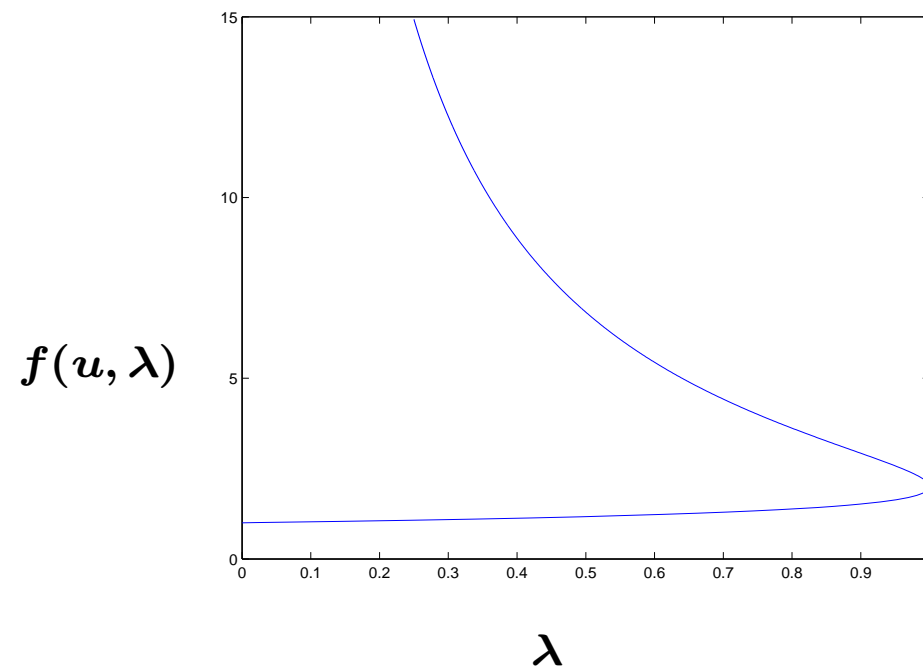
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# Summary

- Original system:  $G(\mathbf{u}, \lambda) = 0$
- Problem:  $G_u$  singular at simple fold



# Summary, ctd

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- New parameter: arclength  $s$
- Extended system:  $F(x, s) = 0$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad F(x, s) = \begin{pmatrix} G(x) \\ g(x, s) \end{pmatrix}$$

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To control step length need bounds for  $\|F_x^{-1}\|$

# Upper Bound on $\|F_x^{-1}\|$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} G(u, \lambda) \\ g(u, \lambda, s) \end{pmatrix} \quad F_x = \begin{pmatrix} G_u & G_\lambda \\ g_u & g_\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_x F_x^T = \begin{pmatrix} G_u G_u^T + G_\lambda G_\lambda^T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $G_u$  has null space of dimension  $\leq 1$
- Bound  $\|(G_u G_u^T + G_\lambda G_\lambda^T)^{-1}\|$
- Use SVD of  $G_u$

# SVD of $G_u$

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$G_u$  nonsingular, or null space of dimension 1

- Singular values:

$$\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{n-1} > 0, \quad \sigma_n \geq 0$$

- $v$  is left singular vector for  $\sigma_n$ :

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$G(u, \lambda) = 0$  has simple fold if

1.  $\sigma_{n-1} > \sigma_n = 0$

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# SVD → Eigenvalue Problem

Want: upper bound for

$$\| (G_u G_u^T + G_\lambda G_\lambda^T)^{-1} \| = 1 / \lambda_{\min} (G_u G_u^T + G_\lambda G_\lambda^T)$$

- $G_u G_u^T$  symmetric positive semi-definite
- Eigenvalues  $\sigma_1^2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_{n-1}^2 > 0$ ,  $\sigma_n^2 \geq 0$
- $G_u G_u^T v = \sigma_n^2 v$
- $\sigma_n > 0$  or  $v^T G_\lambda \neq 0$

Need: Eigenvalues of rank-one update

# Rank-One Updates

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Real symmetric matrix  $A$

Eigenvalues  $\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n$

Real vector  $y$

Weyl's Theorem:

$$\alpha_n \leq \lambda_{\min}(A + yy^T) \leq \alpha_{n-1}$$

Want: Lower bound as a function of  $y$

# Eigenvalue Bound

- Eigenvalues:  $\alpha_{n-1} > 0$      $\alpha_n \geq 0$   
     $\text{gap} \equiv \alpha_{n-1} - \alpha_n$

- Eigenvector:  $Av = \alpha_n v$      $\|v\|_2 = 1$

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# Simpler Eigenvalue Bound

- Lower bound for  $\lambda_{\min}(A + yy^T)$

$$\min \left\{ \alpha_n + y_n^2 \frac{\text{gap}}{\text{gap} + \xi^2}, y_n^2 \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{\xi^2} \right\}$$

- Non-negative eigenvalues

$$\frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{\xi^2} \geq \frac{\text{gap}}{\text{gap} + \xi^2}$$

- Weaker lower bound

$$\lambda_{\min}(A + yy^T) \geq y_n^2 \frac{\text{gap}}{\text{gap} + \xi^2}$$

- Weyl's Theorem:

$$\lambda_{\min}(A + yy^T) \geq \min \left\{ \alpha_n, y_n^2 \frac{\text{gap}}{\text{gap} + \xi^2} \right\}$$

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$$\|F_x^{-1}\| \leq \max\left\{1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\right\}$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \max\left\{\sigma_n^2, |v^T G_\lambda|^2 \frac{\text{gap}}{\text{gap} + \xi^2}\right\}$$

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$$F(\mathbf{x}, s) = 0 \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

- Jacobian  $F_{\mathbf{x}}$  nonsingular
- Need to control step length for  $s$
- Need bounds for  $\|F_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1}\|$

# Summary: Contributions

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- **New characterization of simple fold**  
In terms of SVD of  $G_u$
- **Bound for  $\|F_x^{-1}\|$**   
Singular values of  $G_u$   
Relation of  $G_\lambda$  to null space of  $G_u$
- **New lower bounds for  $\lambda_{\min}(A + yy^T)$**   
Gap:  $\lambda_{\min}(A)$  and next eigenvalue  
Relation of  $y$  to eigen space of  $\lambda_{\min}(A)$