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On stagnation of the DGMRES method

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Abstract

Let A be an n-by-n matrix with index $\alpha > 0$ and $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. In this paper, the problem of stagnation of the DGMRES method for the singular linear system Ax = b is considered. We show that DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order at least k if and only if $(0, \ldots, 0)$ belongs to the the joint numerical range of matrices $\{B^{\alpha+1}, \ldots, B^{\alpha+k}\}$, where B is a compression of A to the range of A^{α} . Also, we characterize the nonsingular part of a matrices A such that DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate for all $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Moreover, a sufficient condition for non-existence of real stagnation vectors $b \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$ for the DGMRES method is presented, and the DGMRES stagnation of special matrices are studied.

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1 Introduction

Let A be an n-by-n matrix with index α . The index is the size of the largest Jordan block of A corresponding to the zero eigenvalue. The Drazin inverse A^D of A is the unique n-by-n matrix that satisfies

$$AA^D = A^D A, \quad A^{\alpha+1}A^D = A^{\alpha}, \quad A^D A A^D = A^D.$$

Since A^D can be written as a polynomial in A [2, p. 186], there is a possibility of using Krylov subspace methods to find the Drazin inverse solution $A^D b$ to a possibly inconsistent linear system Ax = b. Such an algorithm, called DGMRES, developed by Sidi [7]. DGMRES has been considered in several studies; see [1, 8]. This algorithm is similar to the GMRES algorithm developed by Saad and Schultz [6] for solving nonsingular linear systems.

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The stagnation of GMRES was studied in [3, 5, 10] and the stagnation of DGMRES was studied in [11].

Note that while the linear system Ax = b may have no solution, if we multiply each side by A^{α} , then the linear system $A^{\alpha+1}x = A^{\alpha}b$ is consistent and has $x = A^{D}b$ as a solution. The DGMRES algorithm works as follows. Given an initial guess x_0 , compute the initial residual $r_0 = b - Ax_0$. We will choose approximate solutions x_k , $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n - \alpha$, to be of the form x_0 plus a linear combination of vectors from the kth Krylov subspace

$$\mathcal{K}_k(A, A^{\alpha} r_0) = span\{A^{\alpha} r_0, \dots, A^{\alpha+k-1} r_0\},\tag{1}$$

such that the residual vector $r_k = b - Ax_k$ satisfies

$$\|A^{\alpha}r_{k}\| = \min_{x \in \mathcal{K}_{k}(A, A^{\alpha}r_{0})} \|A^{\alpha}(b - A(x_{0} + x))\|$$

$$= \min_{c_{1}, \dots, c_{k}} \|A^{\alpha}(b - A(x_{0} + c_{1}A^{\alpha}r_{0} + \dots + c_{k}A^{\alpha+k-1}r_{0}))\|$$

$$= \min_{c_{1}, \dots, c_{k}} \|A^{\alpha}r_{0} - c_{1}A^{2\alpha+1}r_{0} - \dots - c_{k}A^{2\alpha+k}r_{0})\|.$$
(2)

The DGMRES terminates with the exact Drazin-inverse solution in at most $n - \alpha$ iterations (i.e., $||A^{\alpha}r_{n-\alpha}|| = 0$) [7]. Throughout this paper, $|| \cdot ||$ denotes the Euclidean norm for vectors and the spectral norm for matrices. Without loss of generality, we assume that $x_0 = 0$ and $||A^{\alpha}r_0|| = ||A^{\alpha}b|| = 1$, because if $A^{\alpha}r_0 = 0$, then the DGMRES algorithm has the solution x_0 at the initial step, in other words, the DGMRES algorithm has no progress.

Definition 1. Let $\{A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_k\}$ be $n \times n$ matrices. The joint numerical range for (A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_k) is defined and denoted by

$$W(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k) := \{ (x^* A_1 x, x^* A_2 x, \dots, x^* A_k x) : x \in \mathbb{C}^n, x^* x = 1 \}.$$

Note that in Definition 1, if k = 1, then the joint numerical range coincide with the standard numerical range.

2 Partial stagnation of DGMRES

In this section, the problem of stagnation of the DGMRES algorithm for singular linear system Ax = b is studied.

Definition 2. Let A be an n-by-n matrix with index α and a right-hand side vector $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. We say that DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order k, if

$$||A^{\alpha}r_{0}|| = \dots = ||A^{\alpha}r_{k}|| > ||A^{\alpha}r_{k+1}|| \ge \dots \ge ||A^{\alpha}r_{n-\alpha}|| = 0.$$
(3)

Also, if DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order $k = n - \alpha - 1$, then DGMRES (A, b, α) has complete stagnation. DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate, if DGMRES (A, b, α) has not partial stagnation of any order.

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In the following result, we state an equivalent definition for partial stagnation [11].

Lemma 1. Let A be an *n*-by-*n* matrix with index α and a right-hand side vector $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order at least k if and only if $A^{\alpha}b$ is perpendicular to span $\{A^{2\alpha+1}b, \ldots, A^{2\alpha+k}b\}$.

Proof. By using (2), we obtain that for all $1 \le i \le k$,

$$||A^{\alpha}b|| = \min_{c_1,\dots,c_i} ||A^{\alpha}b - c_1A^{2\alpha+1}b - \dots - c_iA^{2\alpha+i}b)||.$$

Therefore, $A^{\alpha}b$ should be perpendicular to span $\{A^{2\alpha+1}b, \ldots, A^{2\alpha+k}b\}$. \Box

By using the Core-Nilpotent decomposition and QR decomposition, we obtain the following decomposition [1].

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with $\alpha = ind(A) > 0$. Then there exists a unitary matrix $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ such that

$$A = Q \begin{bmatrix} B & * \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} Q^*, \tag{4}$$

where $B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ is the compression of A to $\mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$ and N is nilpotent with index α .

Theorem 1. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ with index α be as in (4). Then there exists a vector $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ such that DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order at least k if and only if $(0, \ldots, 0) \in W(B^{\alpha+1}, \ldots, B^{\alpha+k})$.

Proof. By Lemma 1, we know that the DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order at least k, if and only if $(A^{\alpha}b)^*A^{2\alpha+i}b = 0, i = 1, ..., k$. Then

$$(A^{\alpha}b)^*(A^{\alpha+i})(A^{\alpha}b) = 0, \qquad i = 1, \dots, k.$$
(5)

By using (4) and (5), for i = 1, ..., k,

$$(A^{\alpha}b)^{*}(A^{\alpha+i})(A^{\alpha}b) = (A^{\alpha}b)^{*}Q \begin{bmatrix} B^{\alpha+i} & * \\ 0 & N^{\alpha+i} \end{bmatrix} Q^{*}(A^{\alpha}b) = (Q^{*}(A^{\alpha}b))^{*} \begin{bmatrix} B^{\alpha+i} & * \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} Q^{*}(A^{\alpha}b) = 0.$$
(6)

Define $z = \binom{z_1}{z_2} = Q^*(A^{\alpha}b)$, where $z_1 \in \mathbb{C}^m$. Since $0 \neq A^{\alpha}b \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$ and the last n - m columns of Q form an orthonormal basis for the $\mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})^{\perp}$, we obtain that $z_2 = 0$ and hence $||z_1|| = ||z|| = ||Q^*(A^{\alpha}b)|| = 1$. Therefore,

$$z^* \begin{bmatrix} B^{\alpha+i} * \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} z = z_1^* B^{\alpha+i} z_1 = 0, \ i = 1, \dots, k.$$
(7)

This means that $(0,\ldots,0) \in W(B^{\alpha+1},\ldots,B^{\alpha+k})$.

Conversely, assume that $(0, \ldots, 0) \in W(B^{\alpha+1}, \ldots, B^{\alpha+k})$. Then there exists a unit vector $z_1 \in \mathbb{C}^m$ such that $z_1^* B^{\alpha+i} z_1 = 0, i = 1, \ldots, k$. Define

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 $z = {\binom{z_1}{0}} \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then (7) holds. We know that the first *m* columns of *Q* form an orthonormal basis for the range of A^{α} . Then $Qz = Q{\binom{z_1}{0}} \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$, and hence the equation $A^{\alpha}x = Qz$ has a solution x = b. Since $z = Q^*(A^{\alpha}b)$, by using (7)

$$(Q^*(A^{\alpha}b))^* \begin{bmatrix} B^{\alpha+i} * \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} (Q^*(A^{\alpha}b)) = z_1^* B^{\alpha+i} z_1 = 0, \ i = 1, \dots, k.$$

Therefore, $(A^{\alpha}b)^*(A^{\alpha+i})(A^{\alpha}b) = (A^{\alpha}b)^*(A^{2\alpha+i}b) = 0$, $i = 1, \ldots k$. This shows that $A^{\alpha}b$ is perpendicular to $A^{2\alpha+i}b$, $i = 1, \ldots, k$. Then by Lemma 1, DGMRES (A, b, α) has partial stagnation of order at least k.

3 Complete stagnation of DGMRES

Let A be an n-by-n matrix with index α and let $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. By Definition 2, we know that DGMRES (A, b, α) has complete stagnation if

$$||A^{\alpha}r_{0}|| = \dots = ||A^{\alpha}r_{n-\alpha-1}|| > ||A^{\alpha}r_{n-\alpha}|| = 0.$$
(8)

In the following result, we show that $||A^{\alpha}r_m|| = 0$.

Theorem 2. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ with index α be as in (4) and let $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then $A^{\alpha}r_m = 0$, where *m* is the dimension of $\mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$, the range of A^{α} .

Proof. The matrix $B \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$ is nonsingular, so by using the Cayley– Hamilton theorem, there exists a polynomial of degree at most m-1 say $p(x) = a_{m-1}x^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1x + a_0$ such that $(B^{-1})^{\alpha+1} = p(B)$. Then by [2, p. 186] the Drazin inverse $A^D = A^{\alpha}p(A)$. Then

$$\|A^{\alpha}r_{m}\| = \min_{x \in \mathcal{K}_{m}(A, A^{\alpha}b)} \|A^{\alpha}(b - Ax)\|$$

$$= \min_{t_{0}, \dots, t_{m-1}} \|A^{\alpha}b - A^{2\alpha+1}(t_{0}b + \dots + t_{m-1}A^{m-1}b)\|$$

$$\leq \|A^{\alpha}b - A^{2\alpha+1}(a_{0}b + \dots + a_{m-1}A^{m-1}b)\|$$

$$= \|A^{\alpha}b - A^{\alpha+1}[A^{\alpha}p(A)]b\| = \|(A^{\alpha} - A^{\alpha+1}A^{D})b)\|.$$
(9)

Since $A^{\alpha+1}A^D = A^{\alpha}$, we obtain that $||A^{\alpha}r_m|| = 0$.

Remark 1. Theorem 2 shows that the DGMRES method terminates at most after *m* iterations. Then the complete stagnation occurs if $m = n - \alpha$. This means that the nilpotent part *N* in (4) must be equal to the Jordan block of size α corresponding to zero eigenvalue, $N = J_{\alpha}(0)$.

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4 Stagnation of real matrices

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $\alpha = ind(A) > 0$. Then by the core-nilpotent and QR decompositions for real matrices, there exist an orthogonal matrix $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. an invertible matrix $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, and a nilpotent matrix $N \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m \times n-m}$ such that (4) holds. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and let $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then easy computation shows that

$$e^T A e = 0$$
 if and only if $e^T (A + A^T) e = 0$.

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be as in (4) with $\alpha = ind(A) > 0$. If we are looking for a real stagnation vector $e \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$, it is enough to consider the following polynomial system:

$$e^{T}(A^{\alpha+i} + (A^{\alpha+i})^{T})e = 0, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, k, \quad e^{T}e = 1.$$
 (10)

Meurant [4, Theorem 2.2] presented a sufficient condition for non-existence of real stagnation vectors $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for the GMRES method. In the following result, we state a sufficient condition for non-existence of real stagnation vectors $b \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$ for DGMRES method.

Theorem 3. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $\alpha = ind(A) > 0$ be as in (4) and let $B_i := B^i + (B^i)^T$, $i = \alpha + 1, \alpha + 2, \dots, \alpha + k$, where $k \leq m$ is a natural number. If there exist real scalars μ_i , i = 1, 2, ..., k such that the matrix $\mu_1 B_{\alpha+1} + \cdots + \mu_k B_{\alpha+k}$ is a (positive or negative) definite matrix, then there is no real stagnation vector $e \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$.

Proof. Assume if possible there exist a real stagnation vector $e \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$. Then there exists $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $e = A^{\alpha}b$ and (5) holds. By using the notations $z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = Q^T(A^{\alpha}b)$ with $||z_1|| = 1$ in Theorem 1, we obtain that $z_1^T B^{\alpha+i} z_1 = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k. \text{ By } (10), \quad z_1^T (B^{\alpha+i} + (B^{\alpha+i})^T) z_1 = z_1^T B_{\alpha+i} z_1 = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \text{ and hence } z_1^T (\mu_1 B_{\alpha+1} + \dots + \mu_k B_{\alpha+k}) z_1 = 0. \text{ Since } \mu_1 B_{\alpha+1} + \dots$ $\cdots + \mu_k B_{\alpha+k}$ is (positive or negative) definite, we obtain that $z_1 = 0$, a contradiction with $||z_1|| = 1$.

Example 1. Let A be as in (4), where $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. It is readily seen that $10B_2 + B_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 96 & 30 & 44 \\ 30 & 62 & -1 \\ 44 & -1 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite, where

 $B_2 = B^2 + (B^2)^T$ and $B_3 = B^3 + (B^3)^T$. Then by Theorem 3, there is no

real stagnation vector.

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5 Stagnation of special matrices

Let A be as in (4). If m = 0, then A is nilpotent with index α , which means that $A^{\alpha} = 0$, and hence $A^{\alpha}b = 0$ for all $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Then without loss of generality, we assume that $||A^{\alpha}b|| = 1$ throughout this paper. Also, we assume that m > 0, which means that $B \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$ is invertible and A is not nilpotent. In this section, we are going to characterize all matrices $B \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$ such that DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate, for all $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and unitary matrices $Q \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$.

The decomposition (4) is known as the core-nilpotent decomposition of A. Moreover, the matrix B is nonsingular. On the other hand, this decomposition is shown by $A = B \oplus N$.

Theorem 4. Let $B \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$ be an invertible matrix and let $N \in M_{n-m}(\mathbb{C})$ be a nilpotent matrix with index α . Then $B^{\alpha+1}$ is a scalar matrix if and only if DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate for any $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and invertible $V \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, where $A = V \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$.

Proof. Assume that $B^{\alpha+1} = \lambda I_m$ is a scalar matrix, where $\lambda \neq 0$. Let $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be an arbitrary vector and let $V \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ be an arbitrary invertible matrix. Assume that V = QR is the QR decomposition of V. Then

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} = Q \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & * \\ 0 & R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_1^{-1} & * \\ 0 & R_2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} Q^*$$
$$= Q \begin{bmatrix} R_1 B R_1^{-1} & * \\ 0 & R_2 N R_2^{-1} \end{bmatrix} Q^*.$$

Note that $R_2NR_2^{-1}$ is again a nilpotent matrix with index $\alpha > 0$ and that $R_1BR_1^{-1} = \lambda I_m$ is a scalar matrix. Since $0 \notin W((R_1BR_1^{-1})^{\alpha+1}) = \{\lambda^{\alpha+1}\}$, by Theorem 1, DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate, for any $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $V \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$.

Conversely, let DGMRES (A, b, α) do not stagnate for any $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and let $V \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$. Assume if possible $B^{\alpha+1}$ is not a scalar matrix. Then by [9, Theorem 3], there exists an invertible matrix $V_1 \in M_m(\mathbb{C})$ such that $0 \in W(V_1 B^{\alpha+1} V_1^{-1})$. Let $V_1 = Q_1 R_1$ be the QR decomposition of V_1 . Define the matrix $V := \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-m} \end{bmatrix}$ and the unitary matrix $Q := \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-m} \end{bmatrix}$. Then $A = V \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} = Q \begin{bmatrix} R_1 B R_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & N \end{bmatrix} Q^*$.

Since $0 \in W(V_1B^{\alpha+1}V_1^{-1}) = W(R_1B^{\alpha+1}R_1^{-1})$, by Theorem 1, DGMRES (A, b, α) has a partial stagnation of order at least one, a contradiction. Then $B^{\alpha+1}$ is a scalar matrix.

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Zhou and Wei [11, Section 3] showed that for 2×2 matrices, the stagnation system has no relation with condition number of V and that the stagnation system always has a real root, where V is the Jordan transformation matrix of A. Indeed, in the following result, we show that for any 2×2 matrix A, DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate for any Jordan transformation matrix $V \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ and $b \in \mathbb{C}^2$.

Proposition 1. Let A be a nonzero singular 2×2 matrix with index $\alpha = 1$ and let $b \in \mathbb{C}^2$ be an arbitrary vector. Then DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate.

Proof. The Jordan decomposition of 2-by-2 matrix A has the following form:

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}.$$

Then $B^2 = [\lambda^2]$ is a scalar matrix, and hence by Theorem 4, DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate for any $b \in \mathbb{C}^2$.

In the following example, we show that by changing the right-hand side vector b, the stagnation of DGMRES (A, b, α) will be removed.

Example 2. Let $A = B \oplus N$, where

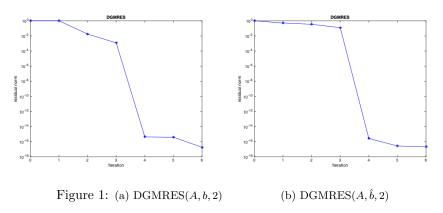
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5300 & -0.4147 & -0.6717 & -0.3570 \\ -0.4147 & 1.7306 & 0.8017 & -0.4718 \\ -0.6717 & 0.8017 & -0.5233 & 0.5021 \\ -0.3570 & -0.4718 & 0.5021 & 1.2627 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By choosing the vector $b = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5291 & -0.1187 & -1.2012 & -0.5129 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$ as the right-hand side vector, DGMRES(A, b, 2) has partial stagnation of order one (see Figure 1 (a)).

By choosing $\hat{b} = [0.2277 \ 0.4357 \ 0.3111 \ 0.9234 \ 0.4302 \ 0.1848]^T$, as a random vector, DGMRES $(A, \hat{b}, 2)$ does not stagnate (see Figure 1 (b)).

6 Conclusion

Let A be an n-by-n matrix with index $\alpha > 0$ and let $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$. A necessary and sufficient condition for partial stagnation of DGMRES (A, b, α) is obtained, and also for $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, a sufficient condition for the non-existence of real stagnation vector $b \in \mathcal{R}(A^{\alpha})$ is studied. Moreover, a characterize for matrices $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that DGMRES (A, b, α) does not stagnate for every $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ are considered.



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