

# Analysis of free vibrations

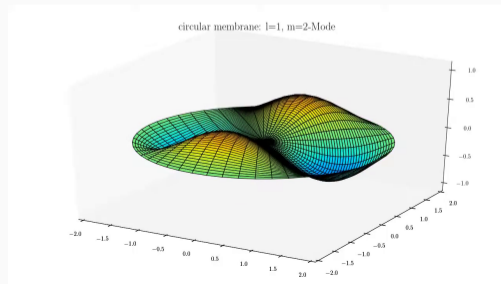
Analysis of free and forced vibrations

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ME473 Dynamic finite element analysis of structures

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## Where do we stand?

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- Numerical modal extraction algorithms for conservative systems
- Rayleigh's quotient
- Inverse iteration algorithm
- Subspace algorithm

## Recommended readings

- (B) Bathe, Finite Element Procedures in Engineering Analysis (chap. 10 and 11)
- (P) Petyt, Introduction to finite element vibration analysis (chap. 11)
- (G) Gmür, Dynamique des structures (§4.1 and §4.2)
- (H) Hughes, The finite element method (chap. 10)

## Recap week 12

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## Free vibrations of non-rotating conservative systems

The discretization of linear three-dimensional elastodynamics, as well as the analysis of vibrations in beams and plates via FEM, all lead to a system of ODE:

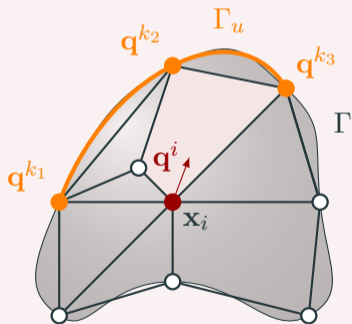
$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{r}(t),$$

**Free vibration:** no external forcing is applied, i.e.  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{0}$ .

- Generalized nodal displacements:

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = [\mathbf{q}^1(t), \dots, \mathbf{q}^n(t)]^T.$$

- **Boundary conditions:**  $\mathbf{q}^k = \hat{\mathbf{q}}^k$  for all  $k$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_k \in \Gamma_u$ .
- **Initial conditions:**  $\mathbf{q}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0$



Free undamped  
discrete vibration  
problem:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{q}(t) = \mathbf{0}$$



Ansatz:

$$\mathbf{q}(t) = \alpha \mathbf{p} \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$



Generalized  
eigenvalue problem:

$$(\mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \mathbf{M})\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$$

Solving the eigenvalue problem:

$$n = \dim(\mathbf{K}) = \dim(\mathbf{M})$$

There are  $n$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  and  $n$  corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{p}_j$  such that:

**Eigenvalues** (*natural frequencies squared*):  
 $\lambda_j = \omega_j^2$  are the roots of the characteristic polynomial:

$$\det(\mathbf{K} - \lambda \mathbf{M}) = 0.$$

**Eigenvectors** (*modal shapes*):  $\mathbf{p}_j$  are the solution of the equation

$$(\mathbf{K} - \lambda_j \mathbf{M})\mathbf{p}_j = \mathbf{0}.$$

## Rigid body modes

In the semi-discrete weak form obtained via finite element discretization:

- The **mass matrix**  $\mathbf{M}$  is symmetric and strictly positive definite.
- The **stiffness matrix**  $\mathbf{K}$  is symmetric and positive semi-definite:

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{for certain nonzero vectors } \mathbf{p}.$$

Consequently, the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  of the generalized eigenvalue problem are all real and non-negative:

$$0 \leq \omega_1 \leq \omega_2 \leq \cdots \leq \omega_n.$$

**Rigid body modes:** zero eigenvalues (i.e.,  $\omega_j = 0$ ) correspond to *rigid body motions*, where the system undergoes displacement without internal deformation.

## Orthonormalization of mode shapes

Let  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and  $\mathbf{p}_j$  two eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$ , then

$$\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}_j = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{p}_j = \omega_i^2 \delta_{ij}$$

where  $\delta_{ij}$  represent Kronecker symbol.

**Consequences:** if we organize the modal vectors  $\mathbf{p}_i$  in a so-called modal matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ :

$$\mathbf{P} = [ \mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{p}_n ]$$

then

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{\Lambda}$$

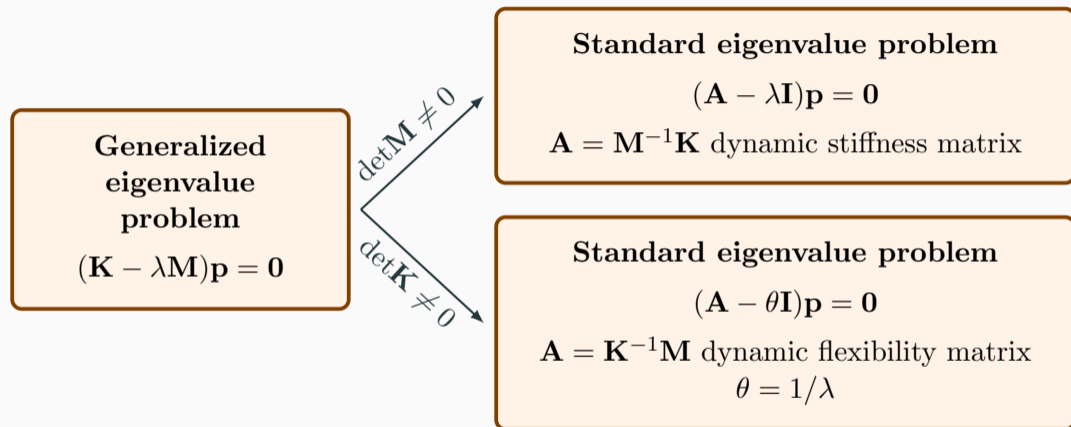
where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  the *spectral matrix*:

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = \text{diag}(\omega_1^2, \dots, \omega_n^2).$$

# Numerical modal extraction algorithms

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## Transformation to standard form by inversion



**The matrices  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{M}$  are not symmetric.**

## Transformation to standard form by decomposition

To reduce to a standard eigenvalue problem:

- Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be the *Cholesky factor* of  $\mathbf{M}$ :  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T$ .

Since  $\mathbf{M}$  is symmetric positive-definite,  $\mathbf{L}$  is a real lower triangular matrix with positive diagonal entries.

- Define the change of variables  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{p}$ . Substituting into the original problem and multiplying by  $\mathbf{L}^{-1}$  yields:

$$(\mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T) \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{L}^{-T} - \omega^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v} = 0.$$

- Standard eigenvalue problem for symmetric and positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{L}^{-T}$ :

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}.$$

The eigenvalues of the standard problem are the same as those of the generalized problem, and the eigenvectors are related by  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{L}^{-T} \mathbf{v}$ .

## Transformation to standard form by decomposition

- Cholesky decomposition can be applied to  $\mathbf{K}$  as well, since  $\mathbf{K}$  is symmetric positive-definite:

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T.$$

- Standard eigenvalue problem for symmetric and positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{L}^{-T}$ :

$$(\mathbf{A} - \theta\mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}.$$

The eigenvalues of the standard problem are related to those of the generalized problem by  $\theta = 1/\lambda$ , and the eigenvectors are related by  $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{L}^{-T}\mathbf{v}$ .

# Small and large scale problems

Economical computation algorithms for extracting  $(\lambda_j, \mathbf{p}_j)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n_{modes}$  are required in practical applications, where  $n_{modes} \ll n$  is the number of desired eigenpairs.

## Small-scale problems

- system matrices are of modest size  $n \leq 250$  or  $250 \leq n \leq 2500$  and small bandwidth matrices.
- An explicit reduction to standard eigenvalue form is typically employed:
  - *Generalized Jacobi method*
  - *Householder QR-algorithm*

## Large-scale problems

- $n \geq 2500$ .
- The most effective algorithms are:
  - *Subspace iteration method,*
  - *Lanczos' method,*
  - *Irons-Guyan reduction method,*
  - *Arnoldi method*
  - *Davidson method.*

# Rayleigh's quotient

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## Definition and first properties

Let  $\mathbf{w}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the **Rayleigh's quotient** associated to the matrix pair  $(\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{M})$  is defined as the scalar function:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{w}}$$

### Properties

- ① Homogeneity. Let  $\alpha$  a non-zero constant, then

$$\mathcal{R}(\alpha \mathbf{w}) = \frac{(\alpha \mathbf{w})^T \mathbf{K} (\alpha \mathbf{w})}{(\alpha \mathbf{w})^T \mathbf{M} (\alpha \mathbf{w})} = \frac{\alpha^2 \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{w}}{\alpha^2 \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{w}} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})$$

- ② Rayleigh quotient of an eigenvector:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p}_i) = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{p}_i}{\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}_i} = \lambda_i = \omega_i^2$$

## Stationarity of Rayleigh's quotient

First variation of Rayleigh's quotient:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{2(\delta\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{K}\mathbf{w})(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w}) - 2(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{K}\mathbf{w})(\delta\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w})}{(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w})^2} \\ &= \frac{2\delta\mathbf{w}^T}{\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w}} \left( \mathbf{K}\mathbf{w} - \frac{\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{K}\mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w}}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w} \right) \\ &= \frac{2\delta\mathbf{w}^T}{\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{M}\mathbf{w}} (\mathbf{K} - \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})\mathbf{M})\mathbf{w}\end{aligned}$$

**Stationary Rayleigh's quotient in the vicinity of an modal shape !**

If  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p}_i$  then

$$(\mathbf{K} - \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})\mathbf{M})\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{K} - \lambda_i\mathbf{M})\mathbf{p}_i = 0$$

# Rayleigh principle

Modal expansion:

$$\mathbf{w} = z_1 \mathbf{p}_1 + z_2 \mathbf{p}_2 + \cdots + z_i \mathbf{p}_i + \cdots + z_n \mathbf{p}_n = \mathbf{Pz}$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_i, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n] \quad \text{modal matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_n]^T \quad \text{coefficient vector}$$

Then

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{Pz}) = \frac{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{Pz}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{Pz}} = \frac{\mathbf{z}^T \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i^2}$$

If, without loss of generality, we impose  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{w} = 1$ , then  $\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z} = \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^2 = 1$  and

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{Pz}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i^2$$

## Rayleigh principle (continued)

Let us consider an eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ , then we can rewrite the Rayleigh's quotient as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i^2 = \lambda_j - \lambda_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i^2 = \lambda_j - \lambda_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i^2 \\ &= \lambda_j + \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) z_i^2\end{aligned}$$

With eigenvalues ordered as  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_i \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$ , we have:

- If  $j = 1$ , then  $\lambda_i - \lambda_1 \geq 0$  for all  $i$ , hence

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) = \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i - \lambda_1) z_i^2 \geq \lambda_1.$$

- If  $j = n$ , then  $\lambda_i - \lambda_n \leq 0$  for all  $i$ , hence

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) = \lambda_n + \sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i - \lambda_n) z_i^2 \leq \lambda_n.$$

■ Courant-Fischer formulas:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) \geq \lambda_1 = \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) \leq \lambda_n = \max_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})$$

■ Bounding theorem:

$$\lambda_1 \leq \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}) \leq \lambda_n$$

## Modal frequencies and shapes search via Rayleigh quotient minimization

(1) Find  $\lambda_1$  by minimization:

$$\lambda_1 = \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})$$

(2) Find  $\mathbf{p}_1$  by solving  $(\mathbf{K} - \lambda_1\mathbf{M})\mathbf{p}_1 = 0$ .

(3) Find  $\lambda_2$  by minimization:

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\mathbf{w}} [\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}); \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}_1 = 0]$$

(4) Find  $\mathbf{p}_2$  by solving  $(\mathbf{K} - \lambda_2\mathbf{M})\mathbf{p}_2 = 0$ .

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(j) Find  $\lambda_j$  by minimization:

$$\lambda_j = \min_{\mathbf{w}} [\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}); \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}_i = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, j - 1]$$

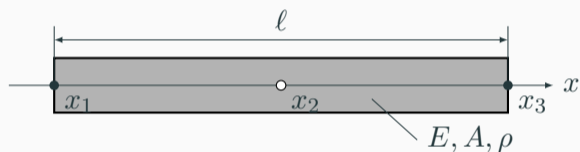
(j+1) Find  $\mathbf{p}_j$  by solving  $(\mathbf{K} - \lambda_j\mathbf{M})\mathbf{p}_j = 0$ .

## Example: Longitudinal vibrations of a free-free bar

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## Rayleigh quotient for longitudinal vibrations of free-free bar

Consider a free-free bar discretized by one bilinear element.



- $\ell$  length
- $A$  cross-sectional area
- $E$  Young's modulus
- $\rho$  material density

### Objective:

Compute the approximated natural frequencies and corresponding mode shapes via the minimization of Rayleigh's quotient

# MATLAB example - longitudinal vibrations of free-free bar

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# Rayleigh-Ritz analysis

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## Rayleigh-Ritz analysis: fundamentals

**Goal:** approximate the lowest  $n_{modes}$  eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the generalized eigenproblem  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$

### Inputs:

- $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$ : positive definite stiffness and mass matrices (or shifted to be so). If  $\mathbf{K}$  is singular, use shift: set  $\mathbf{K}_\sigma = \mathbf{K} + \sigma\mathbf{M}$  with  $\sigma > 0$ .
- $n_{modes}$  linearly independent **Ritz basis vectors**  $\psi_i$ , spanning a subspace  $\mathcal{S}$ .

### Output:

- Approximated modal matrix of size  $n \times n_{modes}$

$$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n_{modes}}]$$

- Approximated spectral matrix:

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n_{modes}})$$

## Rayleigh-Ritz reduction algorithm

- 1 Any trial vector in  $\mathcal{S}$  is written as  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{modes}} x_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_i$ , with coordinates  $x_i$ .
- 2 Insert  $\mathbf{w} = \boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{x}$  into  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w})$  to obtain the projected stiffness and mass matrices into the Ritz basis:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\Psi}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{M}} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}^T \mathbf{M} \boldsymbol{\Psi},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Psi} = [\boldsymbol{\psi}_1, \boldsymbol{\psi}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\psi}_{n_{modes}}]$ .

- 3 Solve the reduced ( $n_{modes} \times n_{modes}$ ) generalized eigenvalue problem by minimization:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} \mathbf{x} = \phi \tilde{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{x}.$$

to obtain approximate eigenpairs  $(\phi_i, \mathbf{x}_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{modes}$ .

- 4 Compute the modal and the spectral matrices:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}} = \text{diag}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{n_{modes}}),$$

and the approximate mode shapes

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{x}_i.$$

Upper-bound property:

$$\lambda_i \leq \phi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n_{modes}.$$

- Ritz basis often obtained from static solutions:

$$\mathbf{K}\Psi = \mathbf{R},$$

where  $\mathbf{R}$  contains chosen load patterns.

- Accuracy depends on how well  $\mathcal{S}$  approximates the subspace of the lowest eigenmodes.
- Many well-known methods are special cases of Rayleigh–Ritz:
  - **Static condensation** (Irons-Guyan reduction)
  - **Component mode synthesis**
  - **Subspace iteration**

## Inverse iteration algorithm

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## General idea of inverse and forward iteration

**Goal:** compute **one** eigenvector of the generalized eigenproblem  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$ .

**Idea:** Use an *iterative* improvement of an assumed eigenvector.

- Start from an arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{p}^{(0)}$ .
- Generate a sequence of vectors  $\mathbf{p}^{(1)}, \mathbf{p}^{(2)}, \dots$  that converge to an eigenvector.
- Compute an approximate eigenvalue using Rayleigh's quotient:

$$\lambda^{(k)} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{p}^{(k)}).$$

### Inverse iteration:

- Form a “force” vector:  $\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}^{(0)}$ .
- Solve the static-like equilibrium problem:  
$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{p}^{(1)} = \mathbf{R}_1,$$
- Repeat until convergence is met.

### Forward iteration:

- Compute  $\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{p}^{(0)}$ .
- Solve  
$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}^{(1)} = \mathbf{R}_1,$$
- Repeat until convergence is met.

# Inverse iteration algorithm

## Inputs:

- $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$ : stiffness and mass matrices
- $\sigma$ : spectral shift
- $\mathbf{p}^{(0)}$ : initial guess vector (non-zero)
- $\varepsilon$ : convergence tolerance

## Algorithm:

① If  $\mathbf{K}$  is singular, use shift: set  $\mathbf{K}_\sigma = \mathbf{K} + \sigma\mathbf{M}$

② For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence:

- Solve for  $\bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)}$  the static equilibrium problem

$$\mathbf{K}_\sigma \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{p}^{(k-1)}$$

- $\mathbf{M}$ -normalize the vector  $\bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)}$ :

$$\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)} / \sqrt{(\bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{M} \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{(k)}}$$

- Check convergence:  $\|\mathbf{p}^{(k)} - \mathbf{p}^{(k-1)}\| < \varepsilon$

**Output:** approximated eigenvector  $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$  and eigenvalue  $\lambda^{(k)} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{p}^{(k)}) - \sigma$ .

## Convergence of inverse iteration

- The inverse iteration converges to  $\mathbf{p}_j$ , the eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue closest to  $\sigma$ , if the initial guess  $\mathbf{p}^{(0)}$  is not  $\mathbf{M}$ -orthogonal to  $\mathbf{p}_j$ .
- If no shift is used, i.e.  $\sigma = 0$ , the method converges to the eigenvector associated with the *smallest eigenvalue* provided the orthogonality condition on the initial guess is met.

- The rate of convergence depends on the ratio

$$\rho = \frac{|\lambda_j - \sigma|}{|\lambda_{j+1} - \sigma|},$$

where  $\lambda_j$  is the eigenvalue closest to  $\sigma$  and  $\lambda_{j+1}$  is the next closest eigenvalue.

- If  $\varepsilon = 10^{-2s}$ , then approximately  $2s$  correct digits of the eigenvector are obtained and  $s$  correct digits of the eigenvalue.

## Subspace iteration method

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## General ideas behind the subspace iteration method

**Goal:** compute the lowest  $n_{modes} \ll n$  eigenpairs  $(\mathbf{p}_i, \lambda_i)$  of the generalized eigenproblem

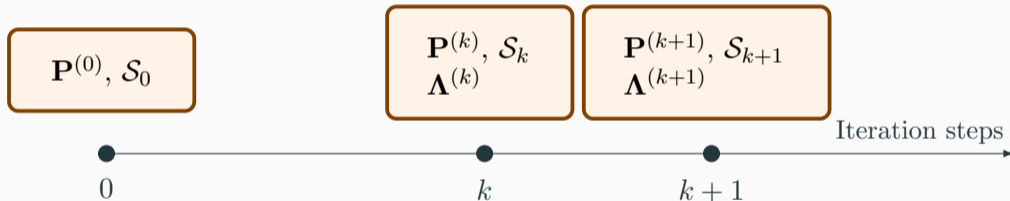
$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}.$$

Method developed and named by K. J. Bathe consists of the following three steps:

- 1 Establish  $q$  starting iteration vectors,  $q > n_{modes}$ , where  $n_{modes}$  is the number of eigenvalues and vectors to be calculated.
- 2 Use **inverse iteration** on the  $q$  vectors and **Rayleigh-Ritz analysis** to extract the "best" eigenvalue and eigenvector approximations from the  $q$  iteration vectors.
- 3 After iteration convergence, use the **Sturm sequence** check to verify that the required eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors have been calculated.

## Preliminary considerations

Named the subspace iteration method because the iteration is equivalent to iterating with a  $q$ -dimensional subspace  $\mathcal{S}_k = \text{span}(\mathbf{p}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{p}_q^{(k)})$  and should not be regarded as a simultaneous iteration with  $q$  individual iteration vectors.



The effectiveness of the algorithm lies in that it is much easier to establish a  $q$ -dimensional starting subspace which is close to  $\text{span}(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n_{modes}})$  than to find  $n_{modes}$  vectors that are each close to a required eigenvector  $\mathbf{p}_i$ .

## Preliminary considerations

- All characteristics of the Ritz analysis pertain also to the subspace iteration; i.e., the smallest eigenvalues are approximated best in the iteration, and all eigenvalue approximations are **upper bounds** on the actual eigenvalues sought.
- Because the iteration is performed on a subspace, **convergence of the subspace** is all that is required and not convergence of individual iteration vectors to eigenvectors.
- If the initial vectors are linear combinations of the required eigenvectors, the solution algorithm converges in one step.

# Pseudo-code of the subspace iteration method

## Inputs:

- $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$ : stiffness and mass matrices of dimension  $n \times n$ .
- $n_{modes}$ : number of desired eigenmodes.
- $q$ : number of iteration vectors, with  $q > n_{modes}$ .
- $\mathbf{P}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ : initial guess matrix of linearly independent vectors

$$\mathbf{P}^{(0)} = [\mathbf{p}_1^{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{p}_q^{(0)}]$$

- $\sigma$ : spectral shift (optional)
- $\varepsilon$ : convergence tolerance

## Output:

- Approximated eigenvectors:  $\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = [\mathbf{p}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{p}_q^{(k)}]$
- Approximated eigenvalues:  $\mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k)} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{(k)}, \dots, \lambda_q^{(k)})$

# Pseudo-code of the subspace iteration method

## Algorithm:

- ① If  $\mathbf{K}$  is singular, use shift: set  $\mathbf{K}_\sigma = \mathbf{K} + \sigma\mathbf{M}$
- ② For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence:
  - Do step 1: perform inverse iteration on  $q$  vectors to obtain

$$\overline{\mathbf{P}^{(k)}}.$$

- Do step 2a: compute the projected stiffness and mass matrices:

$$\mathbf{K}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}^{(k)}.$$

- Do step 2b: solve the projected generalized eigenvalue problem to obtain the projected modal matrix and the spectral matrix:

$$\mathbf{Z}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k)}.$$

- Do step 2c: calculate the updated modal matrix  $\mathbf{P}^{(k)}$ .
- Do step 3: check convergence

## Subspace iteration steps

- ① **Step 1:** Inverse iteration on  $q$  vectors: find the  $(n \times q)$  matrix  $\overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)}$  such that

$$\mathbf{K}\overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)}$$

- ② **Step 2a:** Compute projected stiffness and mass matrices ( $q \times q$ ):

$$\mathbf{K}^{(k)} = (\overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{K} \overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)}, \quad \mathbf{M}^{(k)} = (\overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{M} \overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)}$$

- ③ **Step 2b:** Solve  $(q \times q)$  generalized eigenvalue problem: Find the projected modal matrix  $\mathbf{Z}^{(k)}$  and the spectral matrix  $\mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k)}$  such that

$$\mathbf{K}^{(k)} \mathbf{Z}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M}^{(k)} \mathbf{Z}^{(k)} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k)}$$

- ④ **Step 2c:** Calculate the updated modal matrix ( $n \times q$ ):

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = \overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)} \mathbf{Z}^{(k)}$$

## Step 1 - Inverse iteration on $q$ vectors

Suppose that the Step 1 is replaced by a simultaneous inverse iteration on  $m$  eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = (\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{M})\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)} = \dots = (\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{M})^k \mathbf{P}^{(0)}$$

Define the subspace  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$  of rank  $q$ , spanned by the vectors  $\{\mathbf{p}_i^{(k)}\}$ .

$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = [\mathbf{p}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{p}_q^{(k)}]$  forms a *non-orthogonal* basis of  $\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$ .

- ✗ All columns of  $\mathbf{P}^{(k)}$  tend toward  $\mathbf{p}_1$
- ✗ Collinearity if no orthogonalization is applied !

**Orthogonalization** of vectors  $\mathbf{p}_i^{(k)}$  at each iteration needed !

## Modified Step 2 - Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization

- ① **Step 1:** Inverse iteration on  $q$  vectors: find the  $(n \times q)$  matrix  $\overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)}$  such that

$$\mathbf{K}\overline{\mathbf{P}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}^{(k-1)}$$

- ② **Step 2:** Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization:

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{P}^{(k)}\mathbf{R}^k$$

where  $\mathbf{R}^k$  is an upper triangular matrix chosen in such way that

$$(\mathbf{P}^{(k+1)})^T \mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{I}$$

Gram-Schmidt method is inefficient as iteration vector  $\mathbf{p}_i^{(k)}$  is forced to converge to a prescribed eigenvector  $\mathbf{p}_i$  without allowing a more effective linear combination of the iteration vectors to take place.

## Step 2 - Orthogonalization by minimization of the Rayleigh quotient

- Orthogonalization by minimization of the Rayleigh quotient:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}) = \frac{(\mathbf{w}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{w}^{(k)}}{(\mathbf{w}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{w}^{(k)}}$$

- Let  $\mathbf{w}^{(k)} = \overline{\mathbf{P}^{(k)}} \mathbf{z}^{(k)}$
- Projected Rayleigh's quotient:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}) = \frac{(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{K}^{(k)} \mathbf{z}^{(k)}}{(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{M}^{(k)} \mathbf{z}^{(k)}}$$

where

$$\mathbf{K}^{(k)} = \overline{(\mathbf{P}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{P}^{(k)}}, \quad \mathbf{M}^{(k)} = \overline{(\mathbf{P}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P}^{(k)}}$$

## Step 2b - Solve projected generalized eigenvalue problem

- Minimization of the projected Rayleigh's quotient (generalized eigenvalue problem of dimension  $q \times q$ )
- Stationary condition:

$$\delta \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{K}^{(k)} \mathbf{z}^{(k)} = \lambda^{(k)} \mathbf{M}^{(k)} \mathbf{z}^{(k)}$$

- Solve via transformation method (e.g., Jacobi method):

$$\mathbf{K}^{(k)} \mathbf{Z}^{(k)} = \mathbf{M}^{(k)} \mathbf{Z}^{(k)} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k)}$$

- Ritz vectors and values:

$$\mathbf{Z}^{(k)} = [\mathbf{z}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{z}_q^{(k)}], \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k)} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^{(k)}, \dots, \lambda_q^{(k)})$$

## Step 2c - Update modal matrix and orthogonality check

- Update the modal matrix:

$$\mathbf{P}^{(k)} = \overline{\mathbf{P}^{(k)}} \mathbf{Z}^{(k)}$$

- Orthogonality check:

$$(\mathbf{P}^{(k)})^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{P}^{(k)} = \mathbf{I}$$

## Step 3 - Convergence to stop iteration

Convergence criterion based on relative change of eigenvalues:

$$\frac{|\lambda_i^{(k)} - \lambda_i^{(k-1)}|}{\lambda_i^{(k)}} < \varepsilon, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{modes}$$

## Starting iteration vectors $\mathbf{P}^{(0)}$

- The starting iteration vectors in  $\mathbf{P}^{(0)}$  should not be too close to each other, i.e., they should be linearly independent.
- Higher convergence rate can be obtained by increasing  $q$ . However, using more iteration vectors will also increase the computer effort for one iteration. In practice

$$q = \min(2n_{modes}, n_{modes} + 8)$$

### Empirical guidelines

- The first column of  $\mathbf{P}^{(0)}$  should be the diagonal of  $\mathbf{M}$ . This ensures that all mass degrees of freedom are excited.
- The other columns in  $\mathbf{P}^{(0)}$ , except for the last column, should be unit vectors  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , with entries +1 at the degrees of freedom with the smallest ratios  $k_{ii}/m_{ii}$ , and the last column in  $\mathbf{P}^{(0)}$  should be a random vector with values in  $[0, 1]$ .

## Convergence of the subspace iteration method

- Iteration is performed with  $q$  vectors,  $q > n_{modes}$ , but convergence is measured only on the approximations obtained for the  $n_{modes}$  smallest eigenvalues.
- If the starting iteration vectors in  $\mathbf{P}^{(0)}$ , are not orthogonal to any one of the required eigenvectors  $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n_{modes}}$ , then as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_k = \text{span}(\mathbf{p}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n_{modes}}^{(k)}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_\infty = \text{span}(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n_{modes}})$$

- Assuming that in the iteration the vectors in  $\mathbf{P}^{(k+1)}$  are ordered in such way that the  $i$ -th diagonal element in  $\mathbf{\Lambda}^{(k+1)}$  is larger than the  $(i-1)$ -st element for  $i = 2, \dots, p$ , then the  $i$ -th column in  $\mathbf{P}^{(k+1)}$  converges to  $\mathbf{p}_i$  and the convergence rate is

$$\lambda_i / \lambda_{p+1}$$

Although this is an asymptotic convergence rate, it indicates that the smallest eigenvalues converge fastest.

## Final Sturm sequence check

After convergence is achieved, a final check based on the Sturm sequence property can be performed to ensure that the number of computed eigenvalues below a certain value is correct.

- The Sturm sequence property states that the number of eigenvalues of the generalized eigenvalue problem  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{p} = \lambda\mathbf{M}\mathbf{p}$  that are less than a given value  $\lambda^*$  is equal to the number of negative pivots obtained when performing an  $\mathbf{LDL}^T$  factorization of the matrix  $\mathbf{K} - \lambda^*\mathbf{M}$ .
- This property can be used to verify that the number of computed eigenvalues below a certain threshold matches the expected count, providing an additional layer of validation for the results obtained from the subspace iteration method.