

Solving Systems of Multivariate Polynomials

with Application to Distance Computation between
Quadratic Complexes

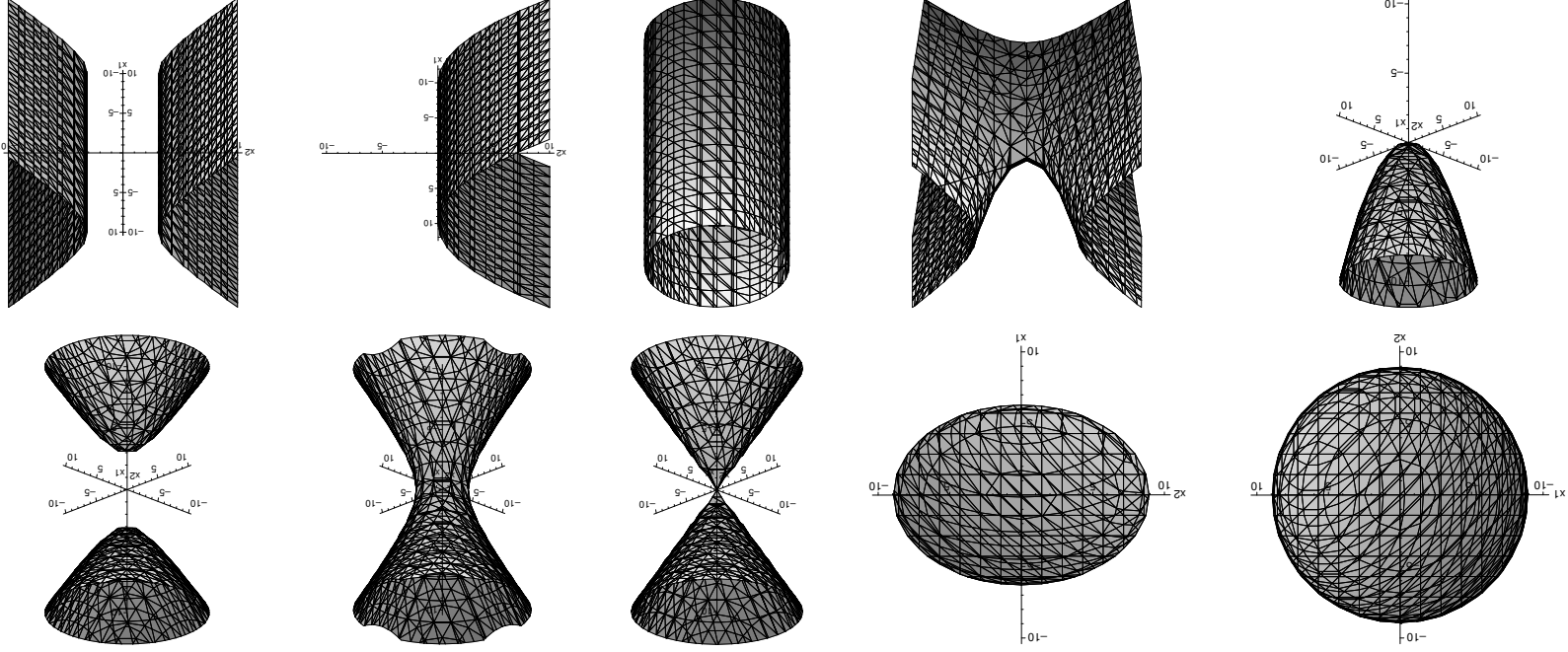
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Quadratic Complexes

Quadratic Complexes can be considered as a generalization of polyhedra with faces embedded on quadrics and conics as edges.

Examples of Quadratic Surfaces:



Closest Points Between Faces

Let F_1 and F_2 be **disjoint** faces of Quadratic Complexes that are embedded on the quadratic surfaces Q_1 and Q_2 , where

$$Q_1 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^T A x + a_0 = 0\}$$

$$Q_2 := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (y - c)^T B (y - c) + b_0 = 0\}.$$

If (p_1, p_2) is a pair of **closest points** between F_1 and F_2 , then either

(i) (p_1, p_2) is an extremum of the quadratic distance function

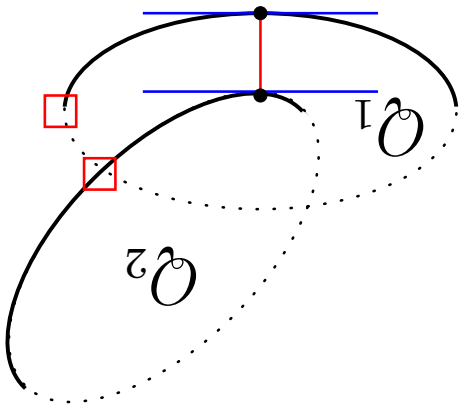
between Q_1 and Q_2 i.e. there are $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha, \beta \neq 0$ s.t.

$$u(p_1) = \alpha(p_1 - p_2) \quad u(p_2) = \beta(p_2 - p_1),$$

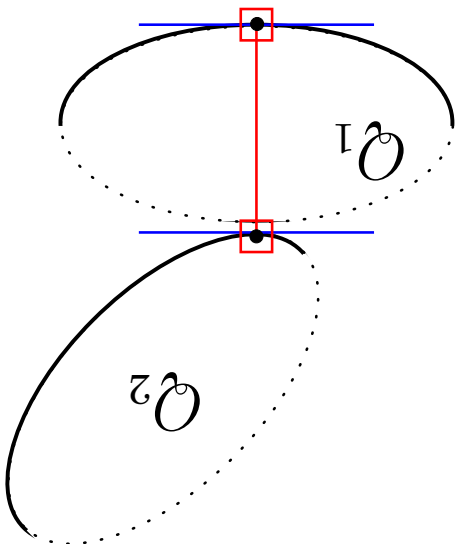
where $u(p_i)$ denotes the normal of Q_i in p_i , or

(ii) p_1 , or p_2 lies on the boundary of the face F_1 or F_2 , respectively.

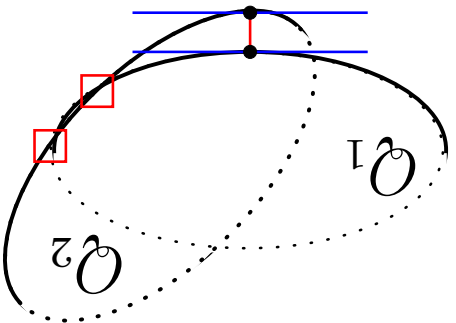
$Q_1 \cup Q_2 \neq \emptyset$: case (ii).



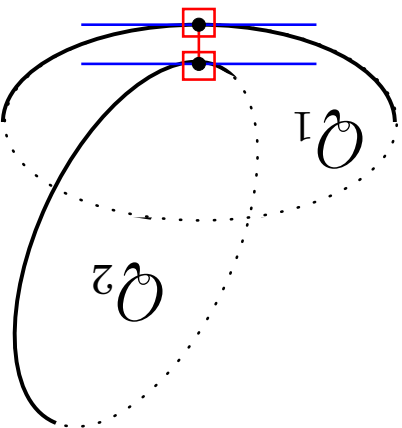
$Q_1 \cup Q_2 = \emptyset$.



Precondition violated.



$Q_1 \cup Q_2 \neq \emptyset$: case (i).



Computing Distance Extrema in the Surface-Surface Case

By setting up the LAGRANGE Formalism for the problem

$$\min_{x \in Q_1, y \in Q_2} \delta(x, y) := \|x - y\|_2^2, \quad x \in Q_1, y \in Q_2$$

we get the LAGRANGE Function \mathcal{L} and -Conditions $(i), \dots, (iv)$:

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y; \alpha, \beta) = \|x - y\|_2^2 + \alpha(x^T A x + a_0) + \beta((y - c) - B^T B(y - c) + b_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} &= 0 &\iff \alpha A x &= x - y \\ (ii) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} &= 0 &\iff \beta B(y - c) &= x - y \\ (iii) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \alpha} &= 0 &\iff x^T A x + a_0 &= 0 \\ (iv) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta} &= 0 &\iff (y - c) - B^T B(y - c) &+ b_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving The Lagrange System

By setting $\lambda := 1/\alpha$ and $\mu := 1/\beta$ we can derive from (i) and (ii):

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \lambda A^{-1} C^{-1} c \\y - c &= -\mu B^{-1} C^{-1} c,\end{aligned}$$

with $C^{\lambda, \mu} := E + \lambda A^{-1} + \mu B^{-1}$.

Substituting x and $y - c$ in (iii) and (iv) we get the system:

$$\begin{aligned}f(\lambda, \mu) &= \lambda^2 c^T \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) A^{-1} \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) c + a_0 \det(C^{\lambda, \mu})^2 = 0, \\g(\lambda, \mu) &= \mu^2 c^T \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) B^{-1} \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) c + b_0 \det(C^{\lambda, \mu})^2 = 0,\end{aligned}$$

The Inverse of $C^{\lambda, \mu}$

The inverse of $C^{\lambda, \mu} = E + \lambda A^{-1} + \mu B^{-1}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) &= \text{adj}(A^{-1})\lambda_2 + \text{adj}(B^{-1})\mu_2 + T^A\lambda + T^B\mu + (T^AT^B - T^{AB})\lambda\mu, \\ \det(C^{\lambda, \mu}) &= \det(A^{-1})\lambda_3 + \det(B^{-1})\mu_3 + \\ &\quad \text{tr}(\text{adj}(A^{-1}))\lambda_2 + \text{tr}(\text{adj}(B^{-1}))\mu_2 + \\ &\quad \text{tr}(A^{-1})\lambda + \text{tr}(B^{-1})\mu + \\ &\quad \text{tr}(\text{adj}(A^{-1})B^{-1})\lambda_2\mu + \text{tr}(\text{adj}(B^{-1})A^{-1})\lambda\mu_2 + \\ &\quad (\text{tr}(A^{-1})\text{tr}(B^{-1}) - \text{tr}(A^{-1}B^{-1}))\lambda\mu, \end{aligned}$$

where $T^M := \text{tr}(M^{-1})E - M^{-1}$ for the non-singular matrix M .

Degree and Matrix Size Complexity of the Systems

| <i>Problem Class</i> | <i># Var.</i> | $deg(v_1)$ | $deg(v_2)$ | $deg(v_1, v_2)$ | $s(M)$ |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Point - Curve | 1 | 4 | | 4 | 4 |
| Point - Face | 1 | 6 | | 6 | 6 |
| Curve-Curve | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 24 |
| Curve-Face | 2 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 32 |
| Face-Face | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 72 |

Solving a System of Bivariate Polynomial Equations

Given: A system of bivariate polynomial equations

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

$$g(x, y) = 0$$

with positive degrees in x and y .

Goal: Compute all common roots of f and g .

Classification and Previous Work

1. **Newton- and Interval Newton Based Methods**
[Hansen 88, Leclerc 90, Kearfott 90, Van Hentenryck et al. 95]

2. **Elimination Methods**

- (a) *Methods Based on Gröbner Bases Theory*
[Ratz 95]
- (b) *Methods Based on Resultant Theory*
 - i. Reduction to Univariate Polynomial Solving
[Canny 93]
 - ii. Reduction To Computing Eigenvalues of a Matrix
[Cox et al. 91, Manocha 94, Stetter 95, Emiris 97].

Newton Methods in Dimension 2

Advantages:

- The multivariate system is solved **directly**.
- Interval variant guarantees **global convergence**.
- **Reliable** results guaranteed by inclusion properties.

Our Experience:

- The method works very well for the Curve-Curve system
Running Time: ≈ 10 msec.
- ... but breaks down on our Surface-Surface formulation.
Running Time: > 30 min.

Alternatives

1. Reformulation of the Multivariate Problem:

If Q_1 and Q_2 are given **explicitly** then the conditions of case (i) lead to a system of equations that is no longer polynomial.
Running Time: ≈ 45 msec.

2. Special Case: Disjoint Ellipsoids:

When starting with the points where the line through the centers intersects the ellipsoids, a **convex optimization** method will converge to the global minimum of distance.
Running Time: > 0.01 msec.

Elimination Methods

To eliminate the variable x we write

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(y) x^i \quad g = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j(y) x^j \quad a_m, b_n \neq 0,$$

where $a_i, 0 \leq i \leq m$, and $b_j, 0 \leq j \leq n$, are polynomials in y .

Proposition

Given $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$, let $a_m, b_n \in \mathbb{C}[y]$ and $\bar{y} \in \mathbb{C}$. If $\text{Res}(f, g, x) \in \mathbb{C}[y]$ vanishes at \bar{y} , then either

(i) a_m or b_n vanishes at \bar{y} or

(ii) there is $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{C}$ such that f and g vanish at $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in \mathbb{C}^2$.

Sample Point Method

We have to find the roots of $Res(f, g, x)$ that is a polynomial of degree N in y .

First Step: Determining the Power Representation of $Res(f, g, x)$:
This can be done either by

- **Symbolic Evaluation** of $\det(S(f, g, x))$ using polynomial arithmetic or
- **Numerical Evaluation** of $Res(f, g, x)$ at $N + 1$ sample points.
- 2. Computing its coefficients by determining the **interpolating polynomial**.

Evaluating $Res(f, g, x)$ at a Sample Point

Given: $N + 1$ sample points $y_0 \cdots y_N$.

Goal: Compute $Res(f, g, x)(y_k) \in \mathbb{C}$.

Substituting y_k , $0 \leq k \leq N$, for y in f and g gives:

$$f_k := f(x, y_k) = \sum_{m=0}^n a_{k,m} x^m \quad g_k := g(x, y_k) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_{k,j} x^j$$

The determinant d_k of the Sylvester Matrix $S_k := S(f_k, g_k, x)$ is the desired evaluation of $Res(f, g, x)$ at the sample point y_k , i.e.

$$d_k := \det(S_k) = Res(f_k, g_k, x)(y_k), \quad 0 \leq k \leq N$$

Determining the Interpolating Polynomial

Having evaluated $Res(f, g, x)$ at $N + 1$ sample points, we get the coefficients c_i , $0 \leq i \leq N$, of the interpolating polynomial

$$Res(f, g, x) = \sum_{i=0}^N c_i y^i$$

by solving the following linear **Vandermode System**

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_N \\ \vdots \\ p_1 \\ p_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_N \\ \vdots \\ c_1 \\ c_0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y_N^N & \cdots & y_N^2 & y_N & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_1^N & \cdots & y_1^2 & y_1 & 1 \\ y_0^N & \cdots & y_0^2 & y_0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Second Step: Solving The Resultant Polynomial $Res(f, g, x)$:

The characteristic polynomial of the **Companion Matrix**

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{c_0}{c_N} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -\frac{c_1}{c_N} \\ & & & & -\frac{c_2}{c_N} \\ & & & & \dots \\ & & & & -\frac{c_{N-1}}{c_N} \end{bmatrix}$$

has exactly the same roots as the polynomial $q(y) := \sum_{i=0}^N c_i y^i$.

Evaluation of the Sample Point Method

- Really fast, if we could compute in **double precision**.
- Numerical stability depends on the **distribution** of sample points.
- To obtain coefficients that are accurate enough one has to choose the sample points **close to the actual roots**.

Main Reasons for the Lack of Stability and Accuracy

1. The **evaluation of the determinant** of the $(m+n) \times (m+n)$ matrix is numerically difficult and leads to inaccurate input values for the interpolation routine.
2. It is well known that the **Vandermonde System** can be quite ill-conditioned.

Improvements

Reducing the Size of the Sylvester Matrix

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ |
| \in | \in | \in | \in |
| B_2 | A_2 | B_1 | A_1 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 | b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | b_3 |
| a_0 | a_1 | a_2 | a_3 | a_4 | a_5 | a_3 | a_4 | a_5 | a_3 | a_4 | a_5 | a_3 | a_4 | a_5 | a_3 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ |
| \in | \in | \in | \in |
| B_2 | A_2 | B_1 | A_1 |

Decomposition of S by the Schur Complement Theorem

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} I & A_2 A_1^{-1} \\ O & I \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ B_1 & B_2 - A_2 A_1^{-1} B_1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $B_2 - A_2 A_1^{-1} B_1$ is the **Schur Complement** of A_1 in S .

If f_k , $0 \leq k \leq N$, is normalized, the determinant of S_k simplifies to

$$\det(S_k) = \det(A_1) \det(B_2 - A_2 A_1^{-1} B_1) = \det(B_2 - A_2 A_1^{-1} B_1)$$

Remark: $B_2 - A_2 A_1^{-1} B_1$ is of size $m \times m$.

Reducing the Degree of the Resultant Polynomial

Conjecture:

Let f and g be our system of polynomial equations, i.e.

$$f(\lambda, \mu) = \lambda^2 c_T \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) A^{-1} \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) c + a_0 \det(C^{\lambda, \mu})^2 = 0,$$

$$g(\lambda, \mu) = \mu^2 c_T \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) B^{-1} \text{adj}(C^{\lambda, \mu}) c + b_0 \det(C^{\lambda, \mu})^2 = 0,$$

and the system h be defined as follows:

$$h(\lambda, \mu) := (h_1, h_2, h_3)^T = C^{-1} c^{\lambda, \mu} = 0.$$

Then the roots of the polynomial $\text{Res}(h_i, h_j)$, $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$, define a polynomial p_{ij} of degree 12 that divide $\text{Res}(f, g)$.

- **Consequence:** Sufficient to solve $\text{Res}(f, g)/p_{ij}$ of degree 24.
- Division can be done sample pointwise.

Some Ideas to Consider

- **Smoothing instead of Interpolating**
Compute the **best fit** polynomial of degree N through a **larger** set of sample points.

- **Implicit instead of Explicit Representation**

- There are root finding algorithms that only **evaluate** the polynomial (and its derivative) at a given value: Secant-, Regula Falsi-, or NEWTON's Method.

- There are numerically more accurate techniques to

accomplish this task when the polynomial is given **implicitly**

- by its set of sample points: LAGRANGE- or BERNSTEIN - Representation and NEVILLE'S evaluation scheme

[Teukolsky et al. 94].

Open Questions

- Are the polynomials of the system $h = 0$ also **common factors** of the system $f = g = 0$.
If yes, is it possible to find the respective factorization?
Is there a symbolic multivariate GCD algorithm and implementation?
- How can we find **good choices** for the set of sample points?
Can we make use of the geometric interpretation?

Eigenvalues of the Generalized Companion Matrix

Given: A system of bivariate polynomial equations

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i(y) = 0, \quad a_m \neq 0$$

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j(y) = 0, \quad b_n \neq 0$$

with positive degrees in x and y .

Proposition:

Let $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ be polynomials of positive degrees m and n in x . Let $\underline{y} \in \mathbb{C}$. Then $f(x, \underline{y})$ and $g(x, \underline{y})$ have a common factor if and only if there are polynomials $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ s.t.

(i) α, β are not both the zero polynomial.

(ii) α has degree at most $n - 1$ and β at most $m - 1$.

$$\alpha f(x, \underline{y}) + \beta g(x, \underline{y}) \equiv 0. \quad (\text{iii})$$

Conclusion:

The y -coordinate of all common roots of f and g are exactly the values for which

$$\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{a}(x, g, f)S \iff \mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{a}(x, g, f)S_T \xi$$

Writing $S(f, g, x)$ as the matrix polynomial

$$\sum_p^0 S_{i, h^i} = S(f, g, x)$$

where S_i , $0 \leq i \leq p$, is the matrix consisting of all coefficients of degree i in h and $p = \max\{\deg_y(f), \deg_y(g)\}$, we get

$$\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{a} \sum_p^0 S_{i, h^i}$$

Linearization

To linearize the system we use the substitution

$$n_i =: a_i h^i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq p-1$$

and transform the condition to isolate S^p :

$$0 \neq a \quad 0 = a_i h^i S \sum_p^{0=i}$$

$$0 \neq a \quad a_{1-p} h^p S h = a_i h^i (S -) \sum_p^{0=i} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$1-p n^p S h = n_i (S -) \sum_{1-p}^{0=i} \Leftrightarrow$$

Case 1: S^p is non-singular

Multiplying by S^{-1} gives a Simple Eigenvalue Problem:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} S^{-i} n_i = y u^{p-1} \quad \text{with } S^{-i} = S^{-1} S^i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq p-1.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-pn \\ \vdots \\ 1n \\ 0n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \hat{h} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-pn \\ \vdots \\ 1n \\ 0n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} S^{-1} & \dots & S^{-2} & S^{-1} & S^0 \\ I & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 = n(I\hat{h} - W) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$n\hat{h} = nW \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{M}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{n} \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{n} \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{M} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{n} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^p & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{1-p} & \cdots & \mathbf{S}^z & \mathbf{S}^1 & \mathbf{S}^0 \\ \mathbf{I} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}^{1-p} \mathbf{n}^p \mathbf{S}^p \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{n}^z (\mathbf{S}^z)^{\sum_{i=1}^p} \mathbf{1}^z$$

Since \mathbf{S}^p is singular we get a Generalized Eigenvalue Problem:

Case 2: \mathbf{S}^p is singular

Open Questions

- In our application S^p is singular. If we can show that S_0 is non-singular we only have to solve the Simple Eigenvalue Problem. Then we could consider $\underline{S}(f, g, x) = \sum_{i=0}^p S^{p-i} y^i$ that leads to the **reciprocal** roots of $S(f, g, x)$.

- How can we make use of the **sparsity** of the matrix M ?

Potential Solutions:

1. **Power Iteration Methods** which only perform matrix-vector multiplications [Wilkinson 65].

Problem: **Elimination of computed eigenvalues.**

- Domain Decomposition and Pruning [Manocha 94].
- Deflation [Saad 91].

2. **Review of QR-Methods** [Teukolsky et al 94].