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The Spectrum of a Modified Linear Pencil

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Abstract—Suppose the spectrum of a symmetric definite linear pencil is known. This paper addresses the question of what can be said about the spectrum when scalar multiples of a rank-one update are added to each matrix in the pencil.

The secular equation for this problem is derived, and from it, a certain separation property is found which gives insight into the connection between the eigenvalues before and after modification.

In the context of structural dynamics, the result characterises the behaviour of a finite-dimensional vibrating system undergoing mass and stiffness modifications.

The result also leads to applications such as a divide and conquer algorithm for the eigenvalues of the modified system (so-called matrix tearing) and spectral shifting. An illustrative example is also given. © 2003 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The pencil $P(\lambda) = \mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$, real n -square matrices, is said to be symmetric definite if \mathbf{A} is symmetric and \mathbf{B} is symmetric positive definite. The real scalar λ and the associated vector \mathbf{y} which satisfy

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{B})\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{y}^T\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y} = 1,$$

are called an eigenvalue and normalized eigenvector of $P(\lambda)$. The set of eigenvalues of P is called its spectrum and is denoted

$$\sigma(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^n. \quad (1.1)$$

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Eigenproblems such as this arise in the modelling of conservative vibrating systems. There $\sqrt{\lambda}$ is called the natural frequency and the vector \mathbf{y} its associated mode-shape. Our interest centers on systems in which the matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are modified by the addition to each of a symmetric rank-one correction. More precisely, for a given vector $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{R}^n$ and the two real scalars α and β , we define the eigenvector \mathbf{x} and its corresponding eigenvalue μ as those which satisfy

$$(\mathbf{A} + \alpha\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{x} = \mu(\mathbf{B} + \beta\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}^T(\mathbf{B} + \beta\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{x} = 1. \quad (1.2)$$

In the context of vibrations, modifications such as these represent structural changes in the masses and stiffness of the system. We will consider only those modifications $\beta\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$ which are such that the matrix $\mathbf{B} + \beta\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T$ is positive definite.

Denote the spectrum of this modified system by

$$\sigma(\mathbf{A} + \alpha\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T, \mathbf{B} + \beta\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) = \{\mu_j\}_{j=1}^n.$$

In Section 2, we derive the secular equation which characterises the eigenvalues $\{\mu_j\}_{j=1}^n$ of the modified system in terms of the $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^n$, the eigenvalues of the original system, and the modifying parameters α , β , and \mathbf{u} . From this characterisation, a certain separation property of the eigenvalues follows.

These results may be used to shift the eigenvalues of symmetric pencils (Section 3.2), or more importantly, they lead, in Section 3 to a divide and conquer algorithm for the solution of a large generalized eigenvalue problem with a pair of symmetric tridiagonal matrices. These often arise in the finite element models of Sturm-Liouville systems, such as wave propagation in horns or the vibrating rod and string. For the standard eigenvalue problem, where only the eigenvalues of a large tridiagonal symmetric matrix are required, the current method of choice is divide and conquer, sometimes called *matrix tearing*. However, the QZ method for the generalized eigenvalue problem does not respect tridiagonal structure or symmetry and so is inefficient for these problems. Thus, there is a need for methods that are efficient on the generalized eigenvalue problem for large symmetric tridiagonals.

The divide and conquer algorithm we present is a generalization of a technique which appears to have been first proposed in [1] and later used as the basis for a parallel algorithm in [2]. The algorithm is well suited to parallel computation although we do not pursue that here.

Results which correspond to those in this paper, but which apply to the the standard eigenvalue problem, are to be found in [3]. Changes in the spectrum due to mass and stiffness modification have also been addressed in [4,5].

In Section 3, we describe the divide and conquer method which exploits the secular equation of Section 2 to efficiently compute the eigenvalues of a symmetric tridiagonal pair. In Section 4, we derive a second-order method for computing the zeros of the secular equation which was presented in Section 2. In Section 5.1, we illustrate the method on a small matrix tearing problem and in Section 5.2 we report on some numerical tests. Finally, in Section 6, we draw some conclusions regarding this work.

2. THE EIGENVALUES OF THE MODIFIED SYSTEM

Let \mathbf{Y} , regular, be the matrix which simultaneously diagonalizes \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} as

$$\mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}, \quad \mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{I}. \quad (2.1)$$

Multiplying (1.2) on the left by \mathbf{Y}^T gives

$$\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{A} + \alpha\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mu\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{B} + \beta\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{-1}\mathbf{x},$$

from which

$$(\mathbf{\Lambda} + \alpha\mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{Y})(\mathbf{Y}^{-1}\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{I} + \beta\mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{Y})(\mathbf{Y}^{-1}\mathbf{x})$$

easily follows. Setting $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{Y}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}$ gives

$$(\mathbf{\Lambda} + \alpha\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T)\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mu(\mathbf{I} + \beta\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T)\hat{\mathbf{x}}. \quad (2.2)$$

For later use, we denote by \mathbf{e}_j the j^{th} column of an identity matrix of appropriate dimension.

LEMMA 2.1. Suppose the λ_j of (1.1) are distinct and \mathbf{Y} is such that

$$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n. \tag{2.3}$$

Assume further, that $\mathbf{e}_j^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} \neq 0$ and $\lambda_j \neq \alpha/\beta$ for all j . Then,

- (a) $(\mathbf{\Lambda} - \mu \mathbf{I})$ is invertible,
- (b) $\mu \neq \alpha/\beta$,
- (c) $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} \neq 0$,
- (d) the eigenvector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ of the rank-modified diagonal system (2.2) is a scalar multiple of $(\mathbf{\Lambda} - \mu \mathbf{I})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{u}}$.

PROOF. Rearranging (2.2) gives

$$(\mathbf{\Lambda} - \mu \mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (\alpha - \mu\beta)\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Suppose that $\mu = \lambda_j$ for some j . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \mathbf{e}_j^T ((\mathbf{\Lambda} - \lambda_j \mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{x}} + (\alpha - \lambda_j\beta)\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &= (\alpha - \lambda_j\beta)\mathbf{e}_j^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} (\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ and so

$$(\mathbf{\Lambda} - \lambda_j \mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}.$$

But this together with (2.3), implies that the eigenvector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is a multiple of \mathbf{e}_j , $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \text{span}(\mathbf{e}_j)$, which in turn implies that $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{e}_j^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$, a contradiction. Hence, $(\mathbf{\Lambda} - \mu \mathbf{I})$ is invertible and we can write

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\beta\mu - \alpha)(\mathbf{\Lambda} - \mu \mathbf{I})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}}. \tag{2.4}$$

Since $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$, we have $\mu \neq \alpha/\beta$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}} \neq 0$, and the form of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ as required by (d) in Lemma 2.1. ■

THEOREM 2.2. Let \mathbf{u} be such that $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{e}_j \neq 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and let \mathbf{Y} be such that (2.3) holds. Suppose, without loss of generality, that the μ_j are labeled in nondecreasing order

$$\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq \mu_n. \tag{2.5}$$

Then, the μ_j are the zeros of the secular equation

$$1 - (\beta\mu - \alpha)\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T (\mathbf{\Lambda} - \mu \mathbf{I})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0, \tag{2.6}$$

and consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq \mu_1 \leq \lambda_1, & \quad \text{if } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq \lambda_1, \\ \lambda_j \leq \mu_j \leq \lambda_{j+1}, & \quad \text{if } \lambda_j \leq \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \\ \lambda_j \leq \mu_j \leq \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq \mu_{j+1} \leq \lambda_{j+1}, & \quad \text{if } \lambda_j \leq \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq \lambda_{j+1}, \\ \lambda_j \leq \mu_{j+1} \leq \lambda_{j+1}, & \quad \text{if } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq \lambda_j, \\ \lambda_n \leq \mu_n \leq \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, & \quad \text{if } \lambda_n \leq \frac{\alpha}{\beta}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Geometrically, this result can be expressed as follows: the eigenvalues of the new system interlace the elements of the set containing the old eigenvalues and the number α/β .

PROOF. Suppose first, that the λ_j of (1.1) are distinct from each other and the ratio α/β . We first prove Theorem 2.2 for the case where the weak inequalities in (2.7) and (2.5) are replaced by the strict inequalities.

Multiplying (2.4) on the left by $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T$ and canceling the term $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x} \neq 0$ gives the secular equation (2.6) and any μ which satisfies (2.6) is an eigenvalue of the modified system.

We can consider the left-hand side of (2.6) as a function of the variable μ and write it in component form as

$$g(\mu) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 - (\beta\mu - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\hat{u}_j^2}{\lambda_j - \mu} = 0. \tag{2.8}$$

Note that $g(\mu)$ has, since the \hat{u}_j^2 do not vanish, exactly n zeros. We now show that these zeros of g satisfy the interlacing property (2.7). No component of $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ vanishes and so $g(\mu)$ is a rational function with denominator and numerator, each of degree n . It therefore has exactly n zeros and n poles.

Consider first, the case where $\lambda_k < \alpha/\beta < \lambda_{k+1}$. Then, for all $j \leq k$ we see, by taking account of the signs of $(\beta\mu - \alpha)$ and $(\lambda_j - \mu)$, that

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_j^-} g(\mu) = +\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_j^+} g(\mu) = -\infty.$$

Therefore, by the continuity of g between its poles, $g(\mu)$ has at least one zero in each of the intervals $(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j+1})$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$.

Similarly, for the range $j > k + 1$, where $\mu > \alpha/\beta$, we easily see that

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_j^-} g(\mu) = -\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_j^+} g(\mu) = +\infty,$$

and we can say that $g(\mu)$ has at least one zero in each of the intervals $(\lambda_j, \lambda_{j+1})$, $j = k + 1, k + 2, \dots, n - 1$. This accounts for at least $n - 2$ of its zeros.

At the point $\mu = \alpha/\beta$ the function g takes the value 1. Putting this together with

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_k^+} g(\mu) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_{k+1}^-} g(\mu) = -\infty,$$

we see that g has two zeros in $(\lambda_k, \lambda_{k+1})$: one between λ_k and α/β and the other between α/β and λ_{k+1} . This accounts for all n zeros in the case where $\lambda_k < \alpha/\beta < \lambda_{k+1}$, and therefore, establishes the result for that case.

Now consider the case where $\alpha/\beta < \lambda_1$. It is easy to see from its form, that at its poles, λ_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, g satisfies

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_j^-} g(\mu) = -\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_j^+} g(\mu) = +\infty.$$

Thus, g has at least one zero between each pair of consecutive λ_j . This accounts for at least $n - 1$ zeros. At the point α/β , g takes the value 1. This, together with

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda_1^-} g(\mu) = -\infty,$$

means that g has at least one zero in the interval between α/β and λ_1 . Since g has exactly n zeros this establishes the result for the case where $\alpha/\beta < \lambda_1$. By a similar argument it follows that when $\alpha/\beta > \lambda_n$, the interlacing property is satisfied for the case where (2.7), with the weak inequality replaced by the strict inequality, holds.

By a simple continuity argument, it follows that if the assumption of distinctness is dropped, then the result (2.7) follows and the theorem is proved. ■

The function g describes the relation between the eigenvalues of the two systems. Its n zeros $\{\mu_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are the eigenvalues of the modified system, expressed in terms of the eigenvalues of the original system.

In Figure 1, we display an example of the function $g(\mu)$

$$g(\mu) = 1 - (3\mu - 7) \left(\frac{1/4}{1 - \mu} + \frac{1/9}{2 - \mu} + \frac{1/16}{3 - \mu} \right). \tag{2.9}$$

The poles, at 1, 2, 3, are the eigenvalues of the original system and the zeros, approximately 1.4196, 2.0913, 2.9233 are the eigenvalues of the system after rank-one corrections are added to each of the matrices in the pencil.

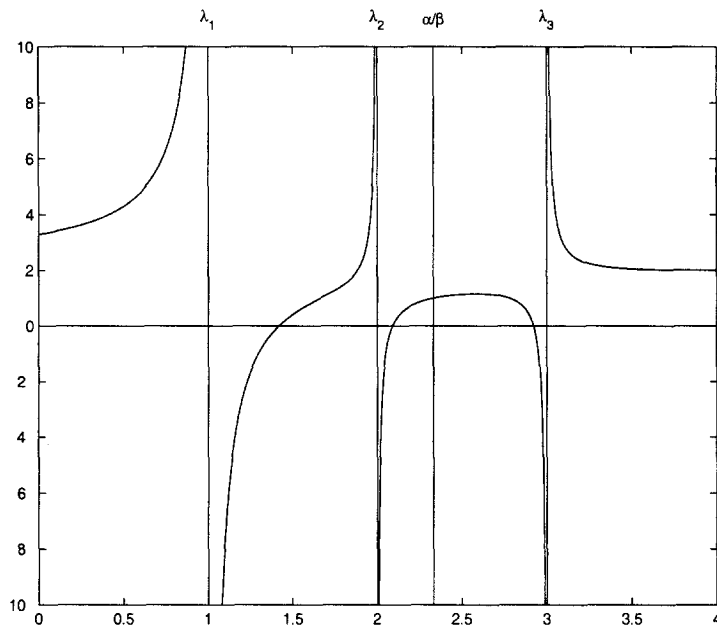


Figure 1. The function $g(\mu)$ of (2.9).

3. APPLICATIONS

3.1. A Divide and Conquer Method for the Eigenvalues of a Tridiagonal Symmetric Positive Definite Pair

In this section, we describe one stage of a divide and conquer method which finds the eigenvalues of a symmetric positive definite pair and which, for simplicity we assume have dimension $2n$.

The starting data at a typical stage are

- (a) the eigenvalues Λ_1, Λ_2 of two pairs of tridiagonal, symmetric matrices $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{B}_1$ and $\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{B}_2$, the \mathbf{B}_i symmetric positive definite, \mathbf{A}_i symmetric positive semidefinite, all in $\mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$,
- (b) for $j = 1, 2$, the first and last rows $\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y}_j$ and $\mathbf{e}_n^T \mathbf{Y}_j$ of the normalized $(\mathbf{Y}_j^T \mathbf{B}_j \mathbf{Y}_j = \mathbf{I}_n)$ eigenvector matrices for the pairs $\mathbf{A}_j, \mathbf{B}_j$,
- (c) two real scalars α, β .

Define the vector $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{R}^{2n}$,

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_n \\ \mathbf{e}_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where \mathbf{e}_1 is the first column on n -dimensional identity and \mathbf{e}_n , the last. Denote the direct sum of \mathbf{A}_1 and \mathbf{A}_2 by \mathbf{A} and similarly for \mathbf{B} ,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & \\ & \mathbf{A}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 & \\ & \mathbf{B}_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.1}$$

We can use the results of the previous section to determine the eigenvalues of the $2n \times 2n$ symmetric tridiagonal matrix pencil

$$P(\lambda) = \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T - \lambda (\mathbf{B} + \beta \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T), \tag{3.2}$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{A}} - \lambda \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \tag{3.3}$$

with the obvious definitions.

The diagonal matrix Λ is the direct sum of Λ_1 and Λ_2 , and $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ is $\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{u}$ where \mathbf{Y} is the direct sum of \mathbf{Y}_1 and \mathbf{Y}_2 . Thus,

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_1^T \mathbf{e}_n \\ \mathbf{Y}_2^T \mathbf{e}_1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3.4}$$

With these starting data, we can write the secular equation which relates the eigenvalues $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=1}^{2n}$ of the (unmodified) $2n \times 2n$ pencil $P(\lambda) = \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{B}$ with \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} as in (3.1) to the eigenvalues of the modified system of (3.2) as

$$g(\mu) = 1 - (\beta\mu - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \frac{\hat{u}_j^2}{\lambda_j - \mu}, \tag{3.5}$$

where, as before

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}\{\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2\} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{2n}\},$$

and the \hat{u}_j are the components defined by (3.4).

We discuss a method to find the zeros of g , which are all simple, in Section 4.

Once all the eigenvalues $\{\mu_j\}_{j=1}^{2n}$ of the modified system have been found, we can use the fact established in (d) of Lemma 2.1 to find the eigenvectors of the modified system as follows. It suffices to describe the determination of the eigenvector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ corresponding to the eigenvalue μ .

We compute $\mathbf{w} = (\Lambda - \mu \mathbf{I})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{u}}$, a scalar multiple of the eigenvector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$. This calculation requires just n flops because $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{u}$ is only a selection operation and $(\Lambda - \mu \mathbf{I})$ is diagonal. From the lemma, we know that \mathbf{w} is a scalar multiple of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, say $\mathbf{w} = \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$. We can find the normalizing constant θ by noting that, substituting $\mathbf{Y} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ for \mathbf{x} in the normalizing relation of (1.2), we get

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{Y}^T (\mathbf{B} + \beta \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T) \mathbf{Y} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 1$$

whence,

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^T (\mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{Y}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 1. \tag{3.6}$$

We require the first and last elements of \mathbf{x} , so we actually compute $\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\mathbf{e}_{2n}^T \mathbf{Y} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$, and these are rows of \mathbf{Y} which were in the data set. This takes us to the point where we have all $2n$ eigenvalues and the first and last eigenvectors of the full tridiagonal matrix pair $\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}$.

This describes a process that gets us to the next stage of a divide and conquer scheme for all the eigenvalues and the first and last rows of the eigenvector matrix of a large tridiagonal symmetric positive definite pencil from similar information about two subpencils.

Computing all the eigenvector data needed for the next stage of this process requires approximately $3(2n)^2 + 4(2n) = 12n^2 + 8n$ flops.

A process similar to that of this section can be used to compute the Schur decomposition of a symmetric positive definite pencil from the Schur decompositions of two subpencils by exploiting the fact that there are very economical and effective ways of computing the Schur decomposition of a diagonal matrix pair

$$\Lambda + \alpha \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T, \quad \mathbf{I} + \beta \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T.$$

3.2. Spectral Shift

Another use of our result is in the stabilisation of systems modelled by a symmetric positive definite system with pencil $P(\lambda) = \mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{B}$. Suppose an estimate ξ exists for the smallest eigenvalue λ_1 . Then any rank one modification of the form (1.2) where $\alpha/\beta < \xi$ will shift the whole spectrum towards the region of stability. It is clear that after such a shift, the largest eigenvalue of the shifted system cannot be smaller than the second largest eigenvalue of the original system.

4. THE ZEROS OF THE SECULAR EQUATION

We can simplify the problem in some situations. Assume for a moment, without loss of generality, that $\|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_2 = 1$.

If $\hat{u}_j = 0$, we can deflate the problem into two smaller subproblems because then the eigenpair λ_j, \mathbf{e}_j of the matrix pair (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{I}) is also an eigenpair of the modified system $(\mathbf{A} + \alpha\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T, \mathbf{I} + \beta\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T)$. This follows from the fact that $\mathbf{e}_j^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A} + \alpha\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T) \mathbf{e}_j - \lambda_j (\mathbf{I} + \beta\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T) \mathbf{e}_j &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e}_j + \alpha\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{e}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{e}_j - \beta\lambda_j \hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{e}_j \\ &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e}_j - \lambda_j \mathbf{e}_j = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can restrict our consideration to the case where $\hat{u}_j \neq 0$ for any j .

Another case which simplifies occurs when $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{e}_j$, i.e., $\hat{u}_j = 1$, and $\hat{u}_i = 0, i \neq j$. Then $\mu_j = (\lambda_j + \alpha)/(1 + \beta)$ is the only solution of the secular equation, all the other eigenvalues are in the spectrum of the pair (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{I}) and all the eigenvectors remain unchanged. In particular, \mathbf{e}_j is the eigenvector corresponding to μ_j because

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A} + \alpha\mathbf{e}_j\mathbf{e}_j^T) \mathbf{e}_j - \mu_j (\mathbf{I} + \beta\mathbf{e}_j\mathbf{e}_j^T) \mathbf{e}_j &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e}_j + \alpha\mathbf{e}_j\mathbf{e}_j^T \mathbf{e}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{e}_j - \beta\mu_j \mathbf{e}_j\mathbf{e}_j^T \mathbf{e}_j \\ &= \lambda_j \mathbf{e}_j + \alpha\mathbf{e}_j - \mu_j \mathbf{e}_j - \beta\mu_j \mathbf{e}_j \\ &= (\lambda_j + \alpha - \mu_j(1 + \beta))\mathbf{e}_j \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

A fast solver, such as Newton's method, protected by bisection, would seem to be a natural choice for computing the zeros of the secular equation because we know upper and lower bounds for each zero and for the derivative of g we have the convenient form

$$g'(\mu) = -\beta \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \hat{u}_j^2 \frac{(\lambda_j - \alpha/\beta)}{(\lambda_j - \mu)^2}.$$

Instead, however, we follow the line taken in [6,7] and rather than use a locally linear approximation as in Newton's method, we devise a method based on a simple rational, local approximation. Thus, at the approximation point $\mu_j^{(k)}$, we approximate the function $g(\mu)$ of (3.5) by

$$f(\mu) = 1 - \frac{c(\beta\mu - \alpha)}{(d - \mu)}, \tag{4.1}$$

where the constants c and d are chosen so that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mu_j^{(k)}) &= g(\mu_j^{(k)}), \\ f'(\mu_j^{(k)}) &= g'(\mu_j^{(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

The required c and d are

$$c = \frac{g(\mu_j^{(k)})^2 - 2g(\mu_j^{(k)}) + 1}{\beta(g(\mu_j^{(k)}) - 1) - g'(\mu_j^{(k)})(\beta\mu_j^{(k)} - \alpha)},$$

$$d = \frac{\alpha(g(\mu_j^{(k)}) - 1) - \mu_j^{(k)}g'(\mu_j^{(k)})(\beta\mu_j^{(k)} - \alpha)}{\beta(g(\mu_j^{(k)}) - 1) - g'(\mu_j^{(k)})(\beta\mu_j^{(k)} - \alpha)}.$$

Our new approximation $\mu_j^{(k+1)} = (d + c\alpha)/(c\beta + 1)$, the zero of f , thus becomes

$$\mu_j^{(k+1)} = \frac{\alpha g(\mu_j^{(k)})(g(\mu_j^{(k)}) - 1) - \mu_j^{(k)}g'(\mu_j^{(k)})(\beta\mu_j^{(k)} - \alpha)}{\beta g(\mu_j^{(k)})(g(\mu_j^{(k)}) - 1) - g'(\mu_j^{(k)})(\beta\mu_j^{(k)} - \alpha)} \quad (4.2)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} h(\mu_j^{(k)}).$$

Suppose $\mu \neq \beta/\alpha$. Clearly, any point η for which $g(\eta) = 0$ is a fixed point of the equation $\mu = h(\mu)$. Furthermore, if the fixed-point iteration defined by (4.2) converges, then it does so with a rate of convergence which is at least quadratic. This follows easily from the fact that the numerator of $h'(\mu)$ is

$$-(\beta\mu - \alpha)g(\mu)[g''(\mu)(g(\mu) - 1)(\beta\mu - \alpha) + 2g'(\mu)(\beta(g(\mu) - 1) - g'(\mu)(\beta\mu - \alpha))],$$

which vanishes when $g(\mu)$ does, and its denominator is

$$(\beta g(\mu)(1 - g(\mu)) + g'(\mu)(\beta\mu - \alpha))^2$$

which does not vanish where $g(\mu)$ vanishes. Of course, g and g' cannot vanish together by Theorem 2.2.

Any point ξ where $g(\xi) = 1$ is also a fixed point of $\mu = h(\mu)$ but a simple calculation with h' shows that $h'(\xi) = 2$ and so such a ξ is not a point of attraction for this iteration.

We indicate below how the eigenvalues of the modified system can thus be found reliably with a hybrid method that ideally has quadratic convergence.

5. EXAMPLES

5.1. An Illustration of Matrix Tearing

In this section, we illustrate the use of the method with a small example.

Consider an axially vibrating rod fixed at one end and free to oscillate at the other, with length L , modulus of elasticity E , cross-sectional area A , and mass density ρ . The finite element model of this rod leads to a generalized eigenvalue problem with matrices $\hat{\mathbf{K}}, \hat{\mathbf{M}}$ which are symmetric, tridiagonal, and positive definite. The eigenvalues, which represent the squares of the resonant frequencies, together with the squares of the last components of the $\hat{\mathbf{M}}$ -normalized eigenvectors, determine the rod's free end point frequency response function due to a harmonic excitation.

We consider the uniform case, $EA = \rho A = L = 1$, where the rod is modelled by four equal elements. The *stiffness* \hat{K} and *mass* \hat{M} matrices, both in $\mathcal{R}^{2n \times 2n}$, for this case are

$$\hat{K} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{5.1}$$

$$\hat{M} = \frac{1}{36} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{5.2}$$

The first row of Table 1 shows the eigenvalues of this pair and the second and third rows show the first and last components of the corresponding eigenvectors.

Table 1. The eigenvalues and the first and last components of the eigenvectors of the pair \hat{K} and \hat{M} .

j	1	2	3	4	5	6
μ_j	2.4815	23.3699	70.8756	156.1612	285.2015	410.6475
$\mathbf{e}_1^T \hat{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{e}_j$	0.3681	1.0527	1.5743	1.7931	1.5233	0.6234
$\mathbf{e}_{2n}^T \hat{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{e}_j$	1.4223	-1.4888	1.6298	-1.8563	2.1542	-2.4088

The starting data, shown in Tables 2 and 3, are the eigenvalues and first and last components of the eigenvectors of the $n \times n$ submatrices $\mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{M}_1$, and $\mathbf{K}_2, \mathbf{M}_2$ where

$$\mathbf{K} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_1 & & & & & \\ & \mathbf{K}_2 & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & & \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & & & \\ & & & & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ & & & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{36} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_1 & & & & & \\ & \mathbf{M}_2 & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{36} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & & & \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & & & \\ & & & & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ & & & & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, with $\alpha = -6$, $\beta = 1/36$, and $\mathbf{u} = (0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0)^T$, we have

$$\hat{K} = \mathbf{K} + \alpha \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T, \quad \hat{M} = \mathbf{M} + \beta \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^T,$$

Table 2. Spectral data for $\mathbf{K}_1, \mathbf{M}_1$.

j	1	2	3
λ_j	30.9992	148.5613	373.6102
$\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{e}_j$	-1.5481	-2.3452	1.3274
$\mathbf{e}_n^T \mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{e}_j$	-0.8591	1.8807	2.9825

Table 3. Spectral data for $\mathbf{K}_2, \mathbf{M}_2$.

j	1	2	3
λ_j	14.6857	167.2091	432
$\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y}_2 \mathbf{e}_j$	0.6997	2.3609	2.6833
$\mathbf{e}_n^T \mathbf{Y}_2 \mathbf{e}_j$	2.2641	-2.9182	2.6833

so $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{u}$ is

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = (-0.8591, 1.8807, 2.9825, 0.6997, 2.3609, 2.6833)^T$$

and the eigenvalues of the pair \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{M} are (in the corresponding order)

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_6\} \\ &= \text{diag}\{30.9992, 148.5613, 373.6102, 14.6857, 167.2091, 432.0000\}. \end{aligned}$$

The secular equation is

$$g(\mu) = 1 - (36\mu + 6) \sum_{j=1}^6 \frac{\hat{u}_j^2}{\lambda_j - \mu}$$

and its zeros are the μ_j shown in Table 1.

We now find the first and last rows of the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 2.4815$. The eigenvector we seek is a scalar multiple θ of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$$\mathbf{w} = \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\Lambda - 2.4815\mathbf{I})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{u}}.$$

This matrix multiplication requires only $2n = 6$ flops. We find θ by using the normalization condition (3.6). Thus,

$$\mathbf{w}^T \left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{36} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^T \hat{\mathbf{u}} \right) \mathbf{w} = \theta^2 \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \hat{\mathbf{B}} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \theta^2,$$

whence, $\theta = 0.0736$ and so

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (-0.4091, 0.1748, 0.1091, 0.7785, 0.1946, 0.0848)^T.$$

Note that the last n components of the $2n$ -dimensional row vector

$$\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{o}^T)$$

vanish, as do the first n of $\mathbf{e}_{2n}^T \mathbf{Y}$. Thus, we compute the required first component of the eigenvector \mathbf{x} by multiplying $\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y}_1$ with the first three components of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, and similarly, we get the last component of \mathbf{x} by multiplying $\mathbf{e}_n^T \mathbf{Y}_2$ with the last three components of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$.

The first phase is completed once we have the first and last components of the eigenvectors for all the eigenvalues. This process encapsulates the essentials of one complete stage in a divide and conquer algorithm which may be applied to find all the eigenvalues of a large tridiagonal symmetric positive definite pencil.

We emphasize that the whole calculation was done without ever using eigenvector components not in the first or last row. This fact is important in large problems.

5.2. Numerical Results

In this section, we report on the performance of our method for the problem of the previous section but with $n = 128$ (instead of $n = 6$ as in the illustrative example above). All calculations were performed in MATLAB, running on an IEEE floating point standard machine with a *machine epsilon* of 2.22×10^{-16} .

The matrices $\hat{\mathbf{K}}, \hat{\mathbf{M}}$ for this example have diagonal and subdiagonal elements like those of (5.1) and (5.2) except that the scale factors 6 and $1/36$ are here replaced by n and $1/(6n)$, with $n = 128$. The required eigenvalues

$$\mu_j = 6n^2 \frac{(1 - \cos t_j)}{(2 + \cos t_j)}, \quad t_j = \pi \left(\frac{j-1}{2} \right), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

now range (approximately) from 2.46743 to 196585. The exact eigenvector matrix is $\mathbf{X} = [x_{ij}] = \sin(it_j)$.

A history table showing the number of iterations used for each eigenvalue and showing each bisection step by the letter “b” and each rational step by the letter “r” is displayed in the Appendix. The relative error for each of the computed eigenvalues is also displayed.

All the eigenvalues were found to a relative error smaller than 9.9×10^{-13} , i.e., within the preset tolerance of 10^{-12} . In fact, many eigenvalues were found to limiting accuracy, a result of the quadratic convergence of the rational iteration.

We also tested the method on a variety of other matrix problems, some with random matrices and some with structured form. The empirical evidence from the application of this method suggests that the number of iterations required for each eigenvalue is, on average, about eight. We therefore estimate the number of flops required to find all $2n$ eigenvalues from the secular equation to be $18(2n)(2n+5)$

Together with the flop count for the eigenvector calculations of Section 3, the total flop count for this process is $21(2n)(2n+5)$. Of course, for an $n \times n$ system the count would be $21n(n+5)$.

5.3. The Practical Zero-Finding Algorithm

As noted before, the algorithm used is bisection protected rational approximation iteration.

ALGORITHM STEPS.

- (a) Merge the ratio α/β with the λ_j and sort them.
- (b) Set a tolerance ϵ .
- (c) Start the search for the next μ . Go to the next interval.
 - (i) If the interval width is smaller than 2ϵ , set $\mu_j = \lambda_j$.
 - (ii) Compute where to set left and right boundaries so that the computation of g will not overflow.
 - (iii) If g vanishes at either end we have the next μ . Go to the next interval.
 - (iv) If g has the same sign at both ends of the interval then, compute g at the left-hand side of the interval. If $g > 0$ and the left end point is smaller than α/β or if $g < 0$ and the left end point is greater than α/β , then set μ to the left-hand side end of the interval. Otherwise, set μ to the right-hand side end of the interval.
 - (v) If none of the above conditions are met, then the function has a sign change between the currently set left and right endpoints. We can now iterate for the zero. The iteration starts with the midpoint of the interval and computes a rational approximation according to (4.2). If the resulting $\mu_j^{(k+1)}$ is inside the current bracketing interval, choose two of the endpoints which preserve bracketing. Otherwise, choose the midpoint of the interval as the next approximation.
 - (vi) Termination criteria. We stop if
 - (1) after two rational steps, the difference between successive iterates is smaller than ϵ ,
 - (2) the length of the bracketing interval falls below 2ϵ , or
 - (3) if the function value goes to floating zero.

6. CONCLUSIONS

We have characterised the eigenvalues of a symmetric definite linear pencil modified by having scalar multiples of a rank-one update added to each of the matrices in the pencil. This is done

via the secular equation for the system, which expresses the eigenvalues of the modified system in terms of the eigenvalues of the original system and the modification. An interlacing property, which generalizes the well-known interlacing property for the corresponding modified standard eigenvalue problem, has been presented. These results provide a means of developing algorithms for the eigenvalues of certain modified systems (so-called matrix tearing) and spectral shifting. The algorithm suggested in the text may have application in the determination of the eigenvalues of large tridiagonal systems on parallel architectures.

APPENDIX

NUMERICAL RESULTS

Here we display, for the problem treated in Section 5, the eigenvalues of the \hat{K}, \hat{M} pair, the relative error of the computed eigenvalues (compared against the exact eigenvalues for the problem), and an iteration history. Each letter "b" represents a bisection step that occurred in the solution process for that eigenvalue and each "r" represents a rational iteration step.

E'value	Rel Error	Iteration history
2.5	-3E-013	1 bbbbbbbbbbbrrrrrr
22.2	4E-014	2 rrrrr
61.7	-4E-015	3 rrrr
121.0	5E-015	4 rrrr
200.1	-9E-015	5 rrrr
299.0	1E-014	6 rrr
417.9	7E-015	7 rrr
556.7	4E-015	8 rrrr
715.7	1E-015	9 rrrr
894.8	3E-015	10 rrrr
1094.2	-1E-015	11 rrrr
1313.9	3E-015	12 rrrr
1554.3	-2E-015	13 rrrr
1815.3	-2E-015	14 rrrr
2097.1	0E+000	15 rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
2399.9	3E-015	16 rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
2723.9	-8E-016	17 rrrbbbrb
3069.3	-3E-013	18 rrr
3436.3	-2E-015	19 rrrr
3825.1	-4E-014	20 rrr
4235.9	2E-016	21 rrrr
4669.0	-8E-016	22 rrr
5124.7	0E+000	23 rrrr
5603.2	0E+000	24 rrr
6104.8	-3E-016	25 rrrbbbrb
6629.8	-2E-014	26 rrr
7178.5	8E-016	27 rrrbbbr
7751.3	-1E-013	28 rrr
8348.5	-4E-016	29 rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
8970.4	-6E-013	30 rrr
9617.4	-1E-015	31 rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
10290.0	-8E-013	32 rrrbb
10988.4	-1E-015	33 rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbrb
11713.1	-1E-012	34 rrrbbr
12464.6	-6E-016	35 rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbrb

13243.2	1E-016	36	rrrr
14049.4	-6E-016	37	rrrbrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
14883.8	-1E-015	38	rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrr
15746.7	1E-016	39	rrrr
16638.6	2E-016	40	rrrbrb
17560.2	6E-016	41	rrrr
18511.8	5E-013	42	rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbb
19494.1	-1E-015	43	rrrr
20507.5	-4E-016	44	rrrr
21552.7	-1E-015	45	rrrr
22630.2	5E-016	46	rrrr
23740.5	-8E-016	47	rrrr
24884.4	-4E-016	48	rrrr
26062.3	-2E-015	49	rrrr
27275.0	9E-016	50	rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
28522.9	-2E-015	51	rrrr
29806.9	-2E-015	52	rrrr
31127.4	-3E-015	53	rrrr
32485.2	-4E-015	54	rrrr
33880.8	-3E-015	55	rrrr
35315.0	-2E-014	56	rrrr
36788.4	-5E-015	57	rrrr
38301.5	-2E-013	58	rrrr
39855.2	-8E-015	59	rrrr
41450.0	-9E-016	60	rrrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
43086.5	-1E-014	61	rrrr
44765.4	-3E-015	62	rrrrr
46487.3	-1E-014	63	rrrr
48252.8	2E-016	64	rbbbbbrrrrrrrrrr
50062.3	4E-016	65	rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrbbbbbrb
51916.6	-6E-016	66	rrrrrr
53816.1	-1E-015	67	rrrbrbrb
55761.2	-2E-015	68	rrrrr
57752.4	-1E-015	69	rrrr
59790.2	7E-016	70	rrrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrr
61874.9	-8E-016	71	rrrr
64006.7	7E-016	72	rrrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
66185.9	-6E-013	73	rrrbbb
68412.6	-1E-015	74	rrrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
70687.0	-2E-015	75	rrrr
73009.0	-7E-013	76	rrrr
75378.6	-3E-013	77	rrr
77795.5	-4E-013	78	rrrr
80259.4	-1E-014	79	rrr
82769.9	-3E-013	80	rrrr
85326.5	3E-016	81	rrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
87928.3	-2E-013	82	rrrr
90574.6	-1E-013	83	rrr
93264.3	-2E-013	84	rrrr
95996.2	-1E-012	85	rrrbr
98768.9	-1E-013	86	rrrr
101580.7	1E-015	87	rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
104429.9	-1E-013	88	rrrr
107314.4	-8E-016	89	rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
110232.0	-9E-014	90	rrrr

113179.9 -6E-016 91 rrrbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbrb
 116155.5 -8E-014 92 rrrr
 119155.7 -2E-015 93 rrrr
 122177.1 -7E-014 94 rrrr
 125216.0 -3E-015 95 rrrbbbrb
 128268.4 -6E-014 96 rrrr
 131330.1 -9E-016 97 rrrr
 134396.5 -4E-014 98 rrrr
 137462.7 -3E-015 99 rrrr
 140523.5 -3E-014 100 rrrr
 143573.3 -2E-014 101 rrrr
 146606.3 -2E-014 102 rrrr
 149616.5 -9E-014 103 rrrr
 152597.2 -9E-015 104 rrrr
 155542.0 -4E-013 105 rrrr
 158443.8 -3E-015 106 rrrr
 161295.4 -6E-013 107 rrrrbbb
 164089.6 -1E-015 108 rrrr
 166818.7 -2E-015 109 rrrrr
 169475.1 1E-015 110 rrrbbrb
 172051.1 -8E-016 111 rrrrbrb
 174538.8 -3E-013 112 rrr
 176930.4 1E-015 113 rrrrbrb
 179218.2 0E+000 114 rrrbrb
 181394.5 -1E-014 115 rrrrr
 183451.7 -5E-014 116 rrrr
 185382.7 -6E-016 117 rrrrrr
 187180.3 -1E-012 118 rrrrbbbbb
 188837.9 2E-016 119 rrrrrr
 190349.2 -4E-014 120 rrrrr
 191708.4 -2E-015 121 rrrrrrr
 192910.0 -9E-014 122 rrrrrr
 193949.3 -3E-013 123 rbbbrrrrr
 194822.0 -2E-013 124 rbbbrrrrr
 195524.5 -2E-015 125 rbrbrrrrrrrr
 196054.1 -2E-015 126 rbbbrrrrrrbrb
 196408.3 -7E-015 127 bbbbrrrrrrr
 196585.8 -2E-015 128 bbrbrrrrrbrb

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