

# Accurate Eigenvectors and QR decompositions of Totally Positive Matrices

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## Topic: TP Matrices

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**$A$  is TP  $\iff$  All minors  $> 0$**

## Some Applications of TP Matrices

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- Vibrations of mechanical systems (Gantmacher, Krein)
  - Corner cutting algorithms (Cutting corners from polytopes)
  - Electrical Impedance Tomography (Y. Chen)
  - Stochastic analysis
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- Books by Karlin, Gantmacher–Krein, Gasca–Micchelli
  - Motivated by work of Whitney, Björck, Pereyra, Higham, Gasca, Peña, Kahan, C. Johnson, Fallat,...

## Examples

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2^2 & 2^3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3^2 & 3^3 \\ 1 & 4 & 4^2 & 4^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Vandermonde

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/4 & 1/5 \\ 1/3 & 1/4 & 1/5 & 1/6 \\ 1/4 & 1/5 & 1/6 & 1/7 \end{bmatrix}$$

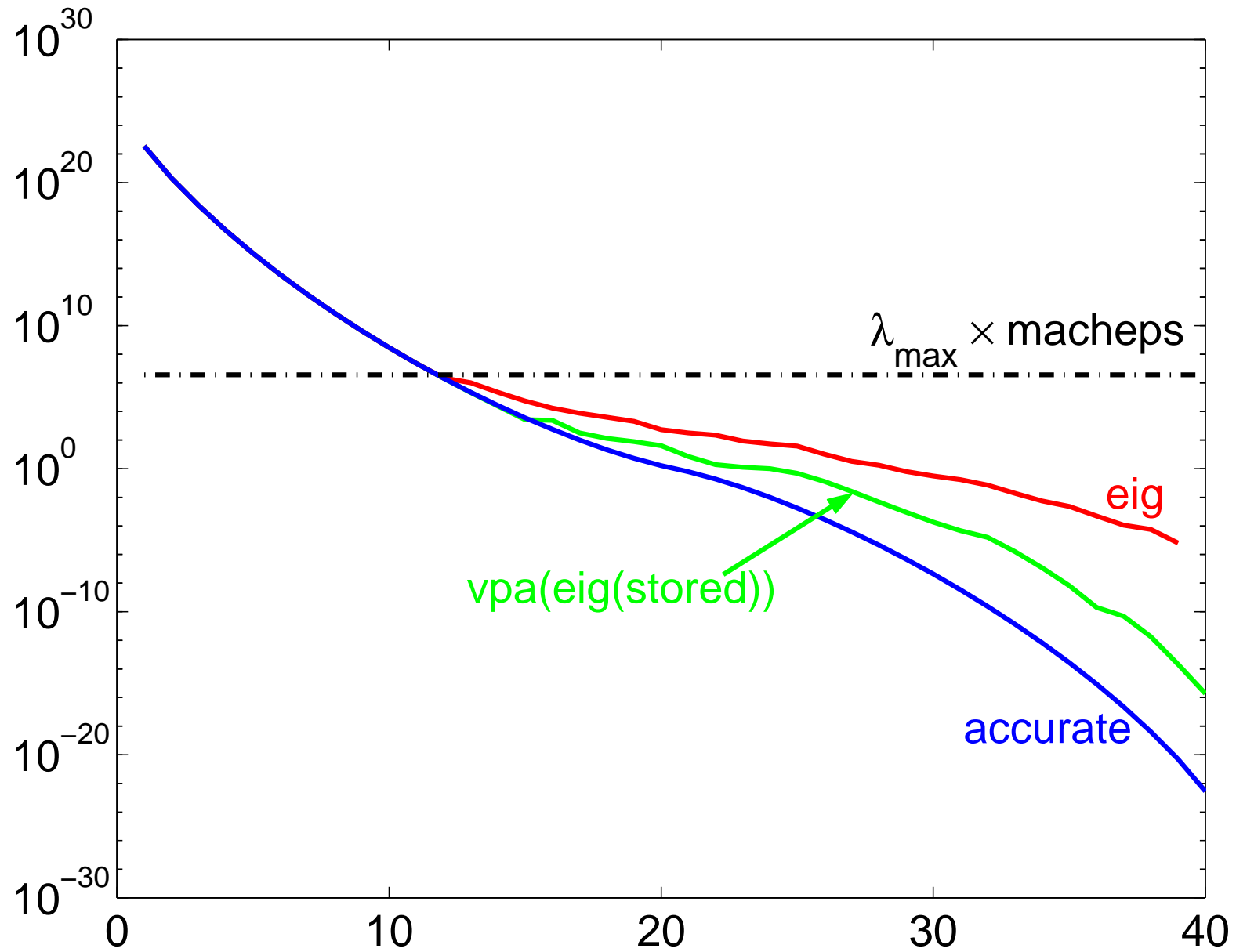
Hilbert  
(Cauchy)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pascal

Notoriously illconditioned  $\Rightarrow$  conventional algorithms fail

# Computed Eigenvalues of Pascal(40)



## Goal: Numerically Respect the TP Structure

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- $\lambda_i > 0$  (real!)
- Determined to high relative accuracy
- $(\text{TP}) \times (\text{TP}) = (\text{TP})$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{eig}(\text{Pascal} \times \text{Hilbert}) > 0$ , real
- Schur Complement is TP
- Re-signed inverse is TP ( $\text{abs}(A^{-1})$ )
- *Oscillating* properties:
  - $j$ th eigenvector has  $j - 1$  changes of sign
  - **New result:**  $q_j$  in  $A = QR$  has  $j - 1$  changes of sign
- We *guarantee* these numerically
- MATLAB Example for the sign changes

# Main Result

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Virtually all TP linear algebra possible accurately

Approach:

- Use a *structure-revealing* representation!
- Perturbation theory (K.) –  $\lambda_i, \sigma_i$ , etc., determined accurately
- Computations can be arranged so **no subtractive cancellation** is encountered  
 $\Rightarrow$  High relative accuracy

## Why Can Subtractions be **Bad**?

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- if  $\hat{a} \approx a > 0$  and  $\hat{b} \approx b > 0$  to (say) 9 digits, then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \hat{a} \cdot \hat{b} \approx a \cdot b \\ \hat{a} + \hat{b} \approx a + b \\ \hat{a}/\hat{b} \approx a/b \end{array} \right\} \text{ to about 9 digits}$$

**BUT**

$$\hat{a} - \hat{b}$$

may have **no correct digits** if  $a \approx b$ , e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{r} .123456789xxx \\ - .123456789yyy \\ \hline .000000000zzz \end{array}$$

- Some subtractions are OK, e.g.,

$$x_i - x_j$$

where  $x_i$  are initial data.



# Bidiagonal Decompositions of TP Matrices

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# Any TP = Product of Nonnegative Bidiagonals

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Theorem:  $A$  is TP  $\iff l_{ij}, d_i, u_{ij} > 0$
- This representation reveals the TP structure
- Thm (K.):  $\mathcal{BD}(A)$  determines  $\lambda_i, \sigma_i, A_{ij}^{-1}, \dots$  accurately
- **Red entries**  $= \frac{\det A(1:k, i-k+2:i+1)}{\det A(1:k-1, i-k+2:i)} \cdot \frac{\det A(1:k-1, i-k+1:i-1)}{\det A(1:k, i-k+1:i)}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Formulas

# Accurate $\mathcal{BD}$ of Vandermonde and Cauchy

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- $V = \left[ x_i^{j-1} \right]_{i,j=1}^n$  (TP if  $0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ )

$$D_{ii} = \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (x_i - x_j), \quad L_{i+1,i}^{(k)} = \prod_{j=n-k}^{i-1} \frac{x_{i+1} - x_{j+1}}{x_i - x_j}, \quad U_{i,i+1}^{(k)} = x_{i+n-k}$$

- $C = \left[ \frac{1}{x_i + y_j} \right]_{i,j=1}^n$  (TP if  $0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n, 0 < y_1 < \dots < y_n$ )

$$D_{ii} = \prod_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{(x_i - x_k)(y_i - y_k)}{(x_i + y_k)(y_i + x_k)}$$

$$L_{i,i+1}^{(k)} = \frac{x_{n-k} + y_{i-n+k+1}}{x_i + y_{i-n+k+1}} \prod_{l=n-k}^{i-1} \frac{x_{i+1} - x_{l+1}}{x_i - x_l} \cdot \prod_{l=1}^{i-n+k-1} \frac{x_i + y_l}{x_{i+1} + y_l}$$

$$U_{i+1,i}^{(k)} = \frac{y_{n-k} + x_{i-n+k+1}}{y_i + x_{i-n+k+1}} \prod_{l=n-k}^{i-1} \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{l+1}}{y_i - y_l} \cdot \prod_{l=1}^{i-n+k-1} \frac{y_i + x_l}{y_{i+1} + x_l}$$

- No subtractive cancellation  $\Rightarrow$  accurate

# Idea in Accurate Eigenvalue Computations

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↓ (Well known similarity)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ l_1 & 1 & & \\ & l_2 & 1 & \\ & & l_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & d_3 & \\ & & & d_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_1 & & \\ & 1 & l_2 & \\ & & 1 & l_3 \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

( Blue = Rational\_Function(Red) using ONLY +, ×, / )  
 ⇒ accurate! and > 0

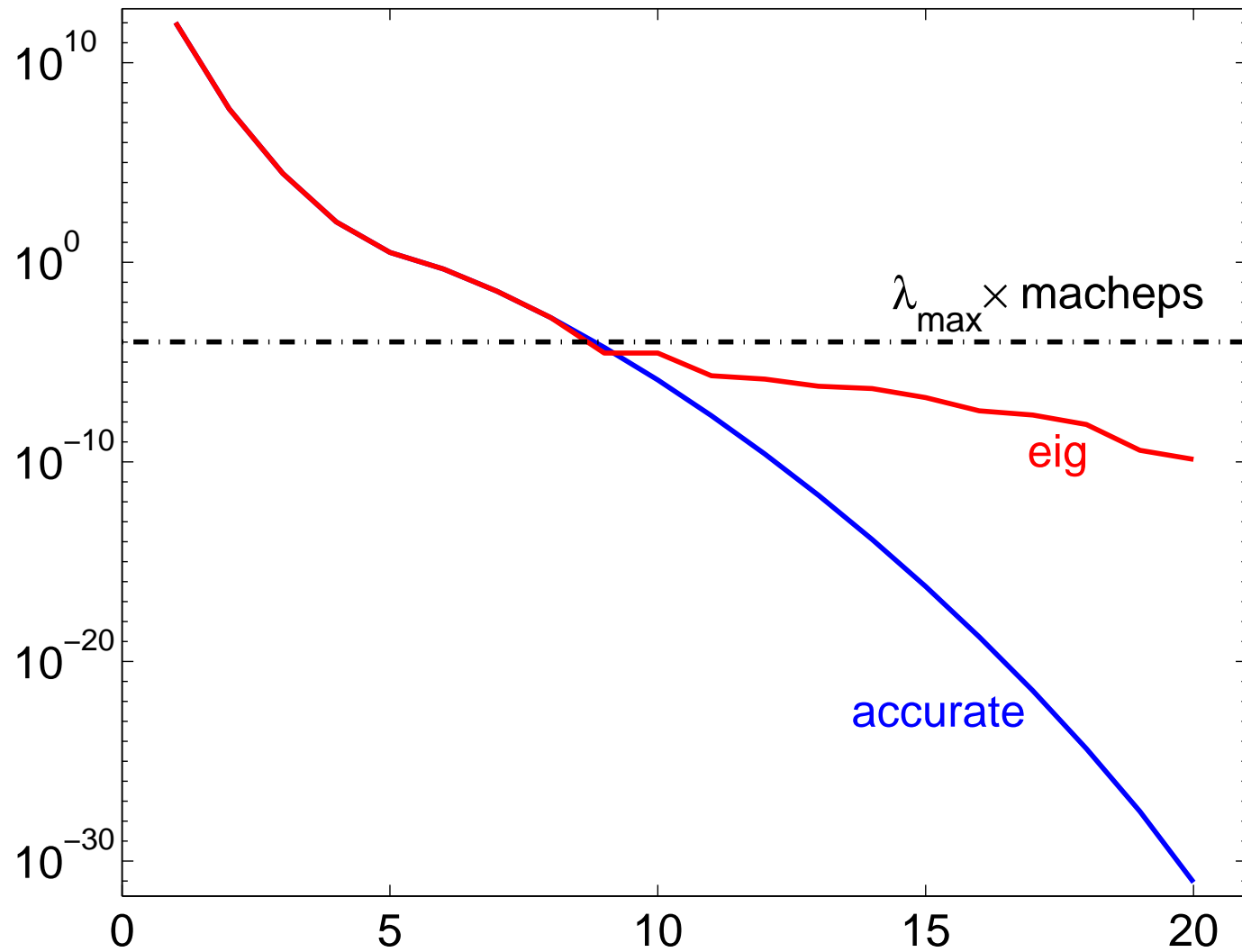
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$$\text{SVD} \left( \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & d_3 & \\ & & & d_4 \end{bmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_1 & & \\ & 1 & l_2 & \\ & & 1 & l_3 \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

# Virtually all Linear Algebra with TP Analogous

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Eigenvalues of Pascal(20,30)×Hilbert(30,20)



## Oscillating Vectors and TP Matrices

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Let  $A$  be TP,  $A = V \cdot \Lambda \cdot V^{-1}$ , then

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & + & 1 & \\ & & + & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ + & 1 & & \\ & + & 1 & \\ & & + & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} + \\ + \\ + \\ + \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & - & & \\ & 1 & - & \\ & & 1 & - \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & - & \\ & & 1 & - \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Lowerly Totally Positive (LTP)** matrix
- Variation Diminishing Property  $\Rightarrow S(v_j) \leq j - 1$
- $V^{-T}$  eigenvecs of  $A^T \Rightarrow V^{-T}$  LTP  $\Rightarrow S(v_j) \geq j - 1$
  
- Call these **LTP<sup>2</sup> matrices** ( $V$  and  $V^{-T}$  are LTP)
- Thm (Dopico, K.): LTP<sup>2</sup>  $\Leftrightarrow S(v_j) = j - 1$
- Cor:  $Q$  in  $A = QR$  is LTP;  $Q = Q^{-T} \Rightarrow S(q_j) = j - 1$
- Numerically?

## Oscillations, Numerically

- Multiplication by a bidiagonal matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ b_1 & 1 & & & \\ & \cdots & \cdots & & \\ & & & b_{n-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 + b_1 x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + b_{n-1} x_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

—all ops are  $ax + b$

- Fused Multiply-Add,  $\text{fl}(ax + b) = (ax + b)(1 + \delta)$
- Use it to form  $v_j$  from  $\mathcal{BD}(V)$
- $\hat{v}_j$ —exact for  $\mathcal{BD}(V)$ —*still LTP!*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & \hat{+} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & \hat{+} & 1 & \\ & & \hat{+} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \hat{+} & 1 & & \\ & \hat{+} & 1 & \\ & & \hat{+} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{+} & & & \\ & \hat{+} & & \\ & & \hat{+} & \\ & & & \hat{+} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \hat{-} & & \\ & 1 & \hat{-} & \\ & & 1 & \hat{-} \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & \hat{-} & \\ & & 1 & \hat{-} \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & \hat{-} & \\ & & 1 & \hat{-} \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot e_j = \hat{v}_j$$

$$\Rightarrow S(\hat{v}_j) \leq j - 1$$

- $\hat{v}'_j$  from  $\mathcal{BD}(V^{-T})$
- Combine  $\hat{v}_j, \hat{v}'_j$  to obtain  $w_j$ , s.t.  $S(w_j) = j - 1$



## Conclusions

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- Virtually all linear algebra with TN matrices done to high relative accuracy in  $O(n^3)$  time
- New: Understanding of oscillating properties of TP matrices
- Key: Bidiagonal Decompositions
- Slides, papers, software:

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