



# SF2524 - Matrix computations for large-scale systems

$\approx$  Numerical linear algebra for large-scale systems

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## Lecture 1

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- Fundamental eigenvalue techniques:
  - Rayleigh quotient
  - Power method
  - Inverse iteration
  - Rayleigh quotient iteration

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- MSc thesis: TU Hamburg
- PhD: TU Braunschweig, Germany
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- Dahlquist fellow: KTH, Stockholm
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- Sweden ~2016: The best learning experience I have had

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# Teaching assistant: Giampaolo Mele



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## TA: Giampaolo Mele

- Moderator of Wiki
- Answers questions (email)
- Answers questions office hours
- Substitute lecturer
- Competent: researcher in numerical linear algebra
- Very friendly!

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## Students from countries

Sweden, France, Germany, USA, Denmark, Netherlands, India, South africa, China, UK, Spain, Iceland ...

Beware: Different student background  $\Rightarrow$  Different skill set.

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# Numerical linear algebra in a bigger context

Application

Mathematical  
problem

Matrix  
problem

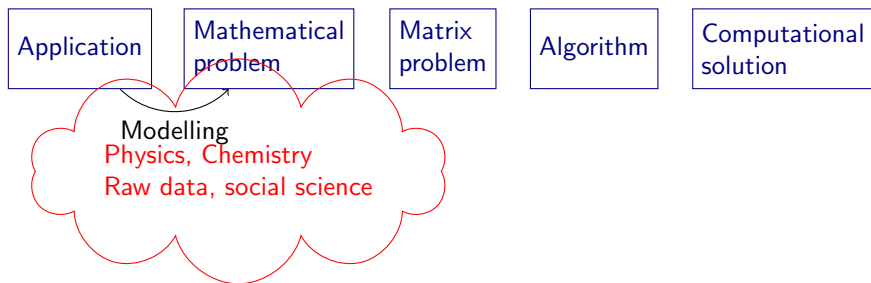
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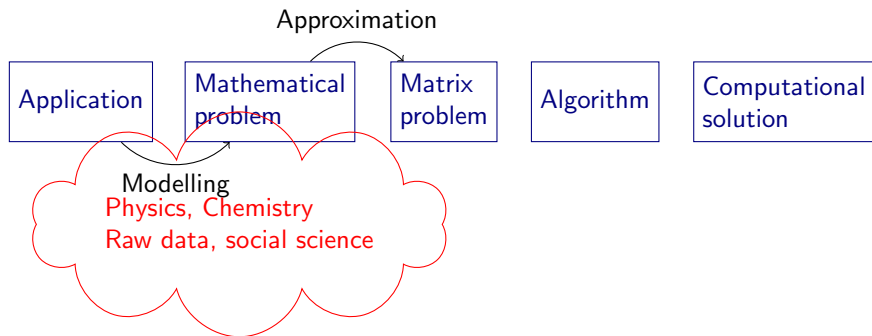


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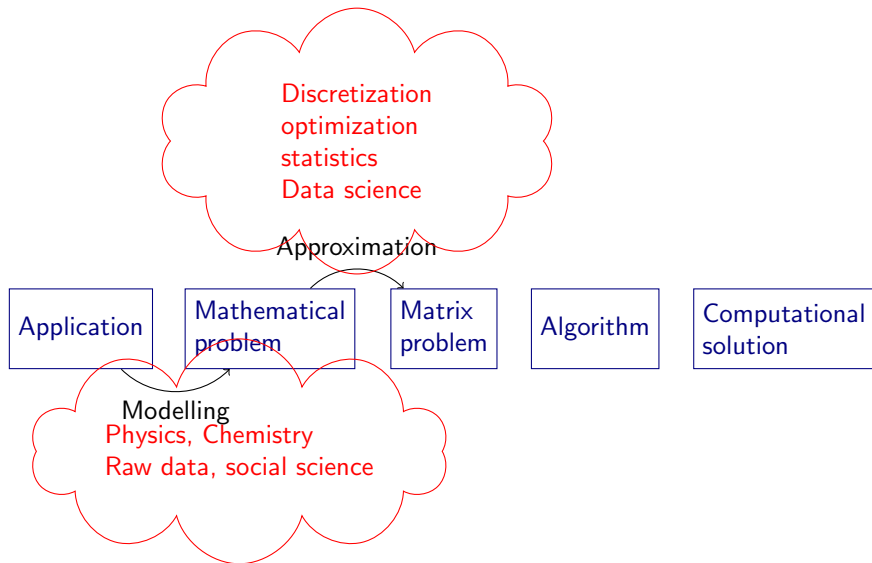




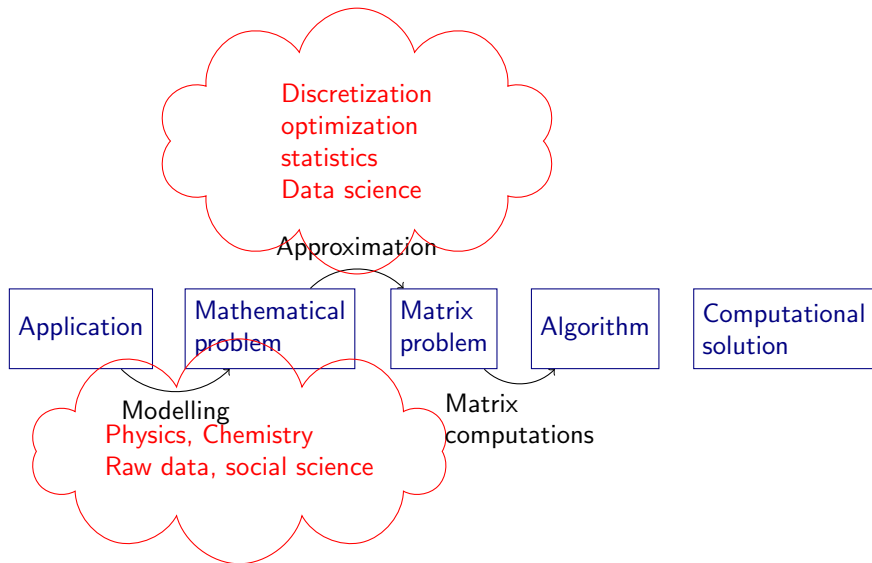
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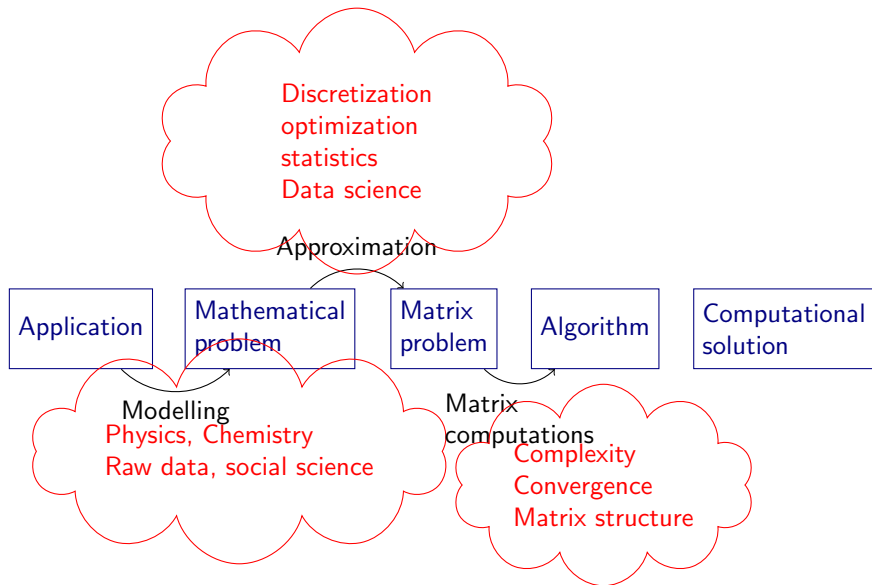
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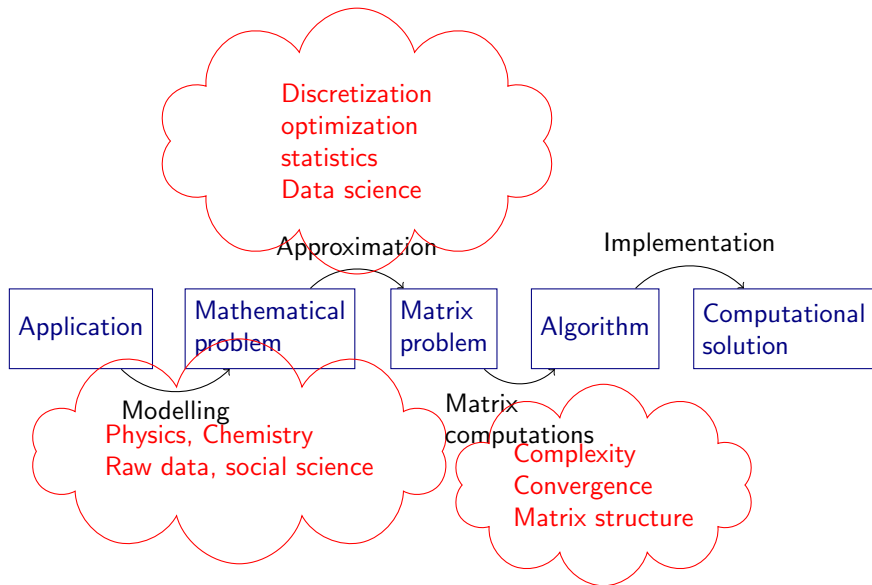
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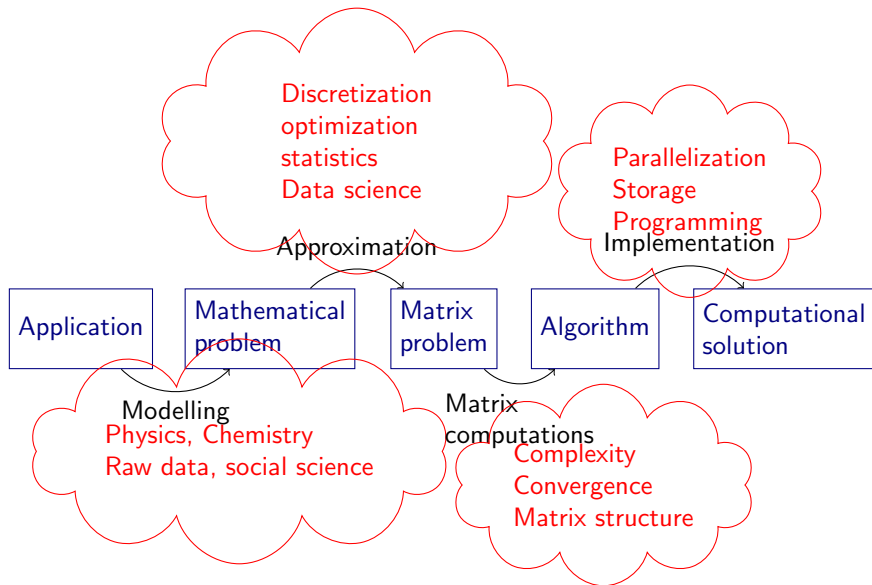
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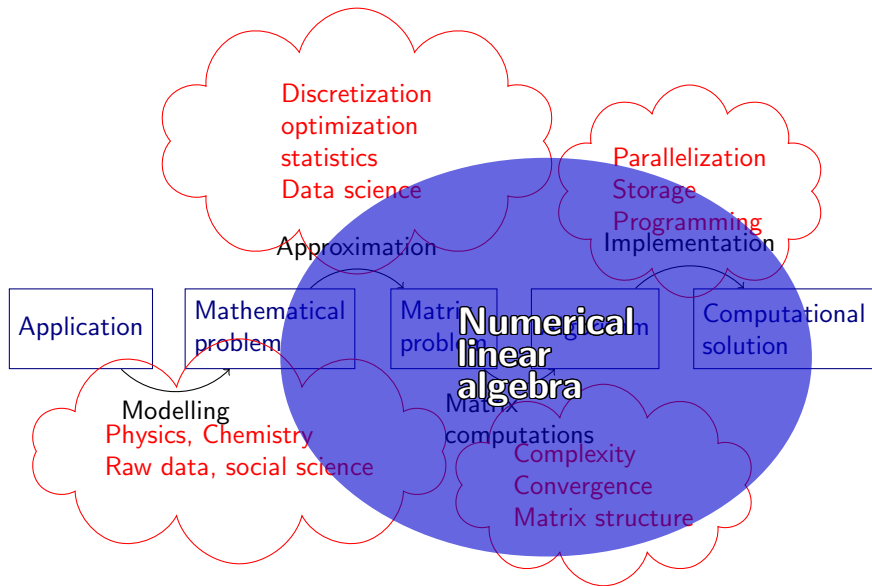
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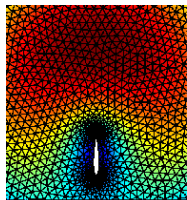
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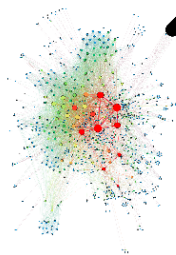
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## Course contents - SF2524

A selection of topics in numerical linear algebra.

Separated into blocks:

- Background: Orthogonal matrices Jordan decomposition
- Block 1: Large and sparse eigenvalue algorithms
- Block 2: Iterative methods for Linear systems
- Block 3: QR method
- Block 4: Matrix functions
- (Block 5: Matrix equations only PhD students SF3580)

## Why these topics?

- Most mature problem classes in research on matrix comp
- Most common matrix problems in applications



## Lectures: approx 15 lectures

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## Lecture overview (preliminary)

- Lecture 1-4: Block 1: Eigenvalue algorithms (part 1)
- Lecture 4-9: Block 2: Linear systems of equations
- Lecture 10-11: Block 3: Eigenvalue algorithms (part 2): QR-method
- Lecture 12-15: Block 4: Functions of matrices



## Course webpage

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- Course registration necessary to obtain complete access.
- Most course material online
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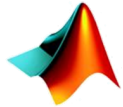
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- Live programming in lectures will be in MATLAB.

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## Two types of bonus points

- Regular bonus points.
- Wiki bonus points: Reduces limits for grade A and B.

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## Fundamental eigenvalue techniques (block 1)

- Examples: Large and sparse eigenvalue problems
- Rayleigh quotient
- Power method = power iteration
- Inverse iteration
- Rayleigh quotient iteration

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# Large eigenproblem example: Structural mechanics

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Structural mechanics + Finite Element Method  $\Rightarrow$

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

- $A$  is a large and sparse matrix (stiffness matrix)
- $(\lambda, x)$  determines vibrations

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convergence. However, we shall not do this in order to avoid getting into the details of how convergence of subsequences can be made precise.

In any case, power iteration is of limited use, for several reasons. First, it can find only the eigenvalue corresponding to the largest eigenvalue. Second, the convergence is linear, achieving the error only by a constant factor  $\approx |\lambda_2/\lambda_1|$  at each iteration. Finally, the quality of the linear depends on having a largest eigenvalue that is significantly larger than the others. If the largest eigenvalue is close to multiplicity, the convergence will be very slow. Fortunately, there is a way to amplify the difference between eigenvalues.

### Inverse Iteration

For any  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  that is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ , the eigenvalues of  $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$  are the reciprocals of the eigenvalues of  $A$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors are  $(\lambda_1 - \mu)^{-1}v_1, \dots, (\lambda_n - \mu)^{-1}v_n$ , where  $\{v_i\}$  are the eigenvectors of  $A$ . This suggests an idea. Suppose  $\mu$  is close to an eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$  of  $A$ . Then  $(\lambda_j - \mu)^{-1}$  may be much larger than  $(\lambda_i - \mu)^{-1}$  for all  $i \neq j$ . Thus, if we apply power iteration to  $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$ , the process will converge rapidly to  $v_j$ . This idea is called *inverse iteration*.

#### Algorithm 27.2. Inverse Iteration

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 $y^{(0)}$  ← some vector with  $\|y^{(0)}\| = 1$ 
for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ 
    Solve  $(A - \mu I)y = y^{(k-1)}$  for  $y$ 
     $y^{(k)} \leftarrow y/\|y\|$ 
     $\lambda^{(k)} \leftarrow (y^{(k-1)})^T A y^{(k)}$ 
    apply  $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$ 
    normalize
    Rayleigh quotient
  
```

What if  $\mu$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , so that  $A - \mu I$  is singular? What if  $\mu$  is such an eigenvalue so that  $A - \mu I$  is so ill-conditioned that an accurate solution of  $(A - \mu I)y = y^{(k-1)}$  cannot be expected? These apparent pitfalls of inverse iteration turn out to be avoidable at all, see Exercise 27.5.

Like power iteration, inverse iteration exhibits only linear convergence. Unlike power iteration, however, we can choose the discrepancy that will be faced by applying an estimate  $\mu$  of the corresponding eigenvalue. Furthermore, the rate of linear convergence can be controlled, for it depends on the quality of  $\mu$ . If  $\mu$  is much closer to one eigenvalue of  $A$  than to the others, then the largest eigenvalue of  $(A - \mu I)^{-1}$  will be much larger than the rest. Using the same reasoning as with power iteration, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 27.3.** Suppose  $\lambda_1$  is the closest eigenvalue to  $\mu$  and  $\lambda_2$  is the second closest, that is,  $|\mu - \lambda_1| < |\mu - \lambda_2| \leq |\mu - \lambda_j|$  for each  $j \neq 1$ . Furthermore,

#### Algorithm 27.1. Power Iteration

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In this and the algorithm to follow, we give no attention to termination conditions, deciding the loop only by the negative expression “for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ”. Of course, in practice, termination conditions are very important, and the rate of convergence is likely to be superior to a program in individual  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ .

We can analyze power iteration easily. Write  $y^{(0)}$  as a linear combination of the orthonormal eigenvectors  $v_i$ :

$$y^{(0)} = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$

Since  $y^{(0)}$  is a multiple of  $y^{(0)}$ , we have for the same constants  $\alpha_i$

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(k)} &= A^k y^{(0)} \\ &= \alpha_1 \lambda_1^k v_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2^k v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n^k v_n \\ &= \alpha_1 \lambda_1^k \left[ \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 (\lambda_2/\lambda_1)^k v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n (\lambda_n/\lambda_1)^k v_n \right] \end{aligned} \quad (27.6)$$

From here we obtain the following conclusion.

**Theorem 27.1.** Suppose  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots$  and  $q = y^{(0)T} y^{(0)} \neq 0$ . Then the iterates of Algorithm 27.1 satisfy

$$\|y^{(k)} - \lambda_1^{-k} y^{(0)}\| = O\left(\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k\right), \quad |y^{(k)} - \lambda_1^{-k} y^{(0)}| = O\left(\left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k\right) \quad (27.7)$$

As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , the  $k$ th step means that at each step  $k$ , one or the other choice of sign is to be taken, and then the indicated bound holds.

*Proof.* The first equation follows from (27.6), where  $y_i = \alpha_i \lambda_i^k v_i$  for  $i \neq 1$  are negligible. The second follows from this and (27.5). If  $\lambda_1 > 0$ , then the  $k$ th step is  $\alpha_1 \lambda_1^k + \dots$ , where  $\alpha_1 \lambda_1^k$  is the dominant term.

The  $k$ th step in (27.7) is not in a circular equal as before we are not yet stopping. There is an eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  to which the process converges, which is to speak of convergence of subsequences, not vectors — say that  $\{y^{(2k)}\}$  converges to  $y_1$ , for

suppose  $q = y^{(0)T} y^{(0)} \neq 0$ . Then the iterates of Algorithm 27.2 satisfy

$$\|y^{(k)} - \lambda_1^{-k} y^{(0)}\| = O\left(\left(\frac{|\mu - \lambda_2|}{|\mu - \lambda_1|}\right)^k\right), \quad |y^{(k)} - \lambda_1^{-k} y^{(0)}| = O\left(\left(\frac{|\mu - \lambda_2|}{|\mu - \lambda_1|}\right)^k\right)$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , where the  $k$ th step has the same meaning as in Theorem 27.1.

Inverse iteration is one of the most valuable tools of numerical linear algebra, for it is the standard method of calculating one or more eigenvalues of a matrix. If the eigenvalue is already known, in this case Algorithm 27.2 is applied as written, except that the calculation of the Rayleigh quotient is dropped.

### Rayleigh Quotient Iteration

So far in this lecture, we have presented one method for obtaining eigenvalues: namely, from an approximate estimate (the Rayleigh quotient), and another estimate from an approximate estimate (the Rayleigh quotient), and another estimate from an approximate estimate (the Rayleigh quotient) — and so on.

The possibility of combining these steps is described.



The above is a simplification to get from an approximate  $\lambda_k$  to an approximate  $y_k$  to a step of inverse iteration, and also to a Rayleigh quotient approximation to  $\lambda_{k+1}$ . The idea is to use Rayleigh quotient iteration to increase the rate of convergence of inverse iteration at every step. This algorithm is called *Rayleigh quotient iteration*.

#### Algorithm 27.3. Rayleigh Quotient Iteration

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 $y^{(0)}$  ← some vector with  $\|y^{(0)}\| = 1$ 
 $y^{(k)} \leftarrow y^{(k-1)}$  ← corresponding Rayleigh quotient
for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ 
    Solve  $(A - \lambda^{(k-1)} I)y = y^{(k-1)}$  for  $y$ 
     $y^{(k)} \leftarrow y/\|y\|$ 
     $\lambda^{(k)} \leftarrow (y^{(k-1)})^T A y^{(k)}$ 
    Rayleigh quotient
  
```