

Diagonalization of large matrices
Davidson procedure
Method to obtain a few eigenvalues
and corresponding eigenvectors

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Diagonalization - Davidson procedure

To avoid confusion I assume the following convention:

- **Square matrices** are denoted with **red color**, e.g. **A**, **\tilde{A}**
- **Vectors** (i.e., one-column matrices) are indicated with **blue color**, e.g. **b_i** , **c_i** , **d_i** , **e_i** , **x_i** , **y_i**
- **Numbers** (i.e., elements of matrices) are denoted with **black ink**, e.g. **A_{ri}** , **b_{ri}** , **α_{ri}**

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A - matrix to be diagonalized

We need a starting vector: $\mathbf{b}(\text{begin}) = \mathbf{b}_0$

Then:

in each iteration we construct (according to **Davidson prescription**) a new vector \mathbf{b}_i and

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in each iteration we construct the vector \mathbf{c} which is an approximation to the true eigenvector of the **matrix \mathbf{A}** as a linear combination of all — so far constructed — vectors \mathbf{b} :

$$\mathbf{c} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \alpha_{\mathbf{r}} \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{r}}$$

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The main idea in the Davidson approach is a construction of the **small matrix** $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ the elements of which are given with the formula

$$\tilde{a}_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{b}_i | \mathbf{x}_j \rangle$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}_i$$

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Thus the general scheme of finding the approximate eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the **A matrix** is following:

- having **n** vectors $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \cdots \mathbf{b}_n\}$
- we construct the **n** vectors $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \cdots \mathbf{x}_n\}$
- then we build the **matrix** $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ with the prescription:

$$\tilde{a}_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{b}_i | \mathbf{x}_j \rangle$$

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Construction of the Davidson vector:

if the vector \mathbf{c}_i is an eigenvector of matrix \mathbf{A} then it should fulfil the eigenvalue equation:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{c}_i$$

or

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}_i - \lambda_i\mathbf{c}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

If λ_i and \mathbf{c}_i are approximate solution of the eigenvalue equation then we may define the error vector \mathbf{e}_i as

$$\mathbf{e}_{ri} = \mathbf{y}_{ri} - \lambda_i\mathbf{c}_{ri} = \mathbf{0}$$

where

$$\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}_i$$

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If the error vector is equal zero or its norm is below some threshold we may consider the eigenvalue equation fulfilled and the eigenvalue problem solved. If not then construct the **Davidson vector \mathbf{d}_i**

$$\mathbf{d}_{ri} = \mathbf{e}_{ri} / (\lambda_i - \mathbf{A}_{rr})$$

The **\mathbf{d}_i** vector after being orthogonalized to the existing n vectors $\{\mathbf{b}_i\}$ is used to increase by one the size of the subspace spanned by the vectors $\{\mathbf{b}_i\}$, i.e. it becomes a vector **\mathbf{b}_{n+1}** .

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A crucial step in the EOM-CC calculations

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}_k$$

Why?

Because the **A matrix** is not known!

Rank of **A** goes into millions.

E.g., for N_2 with **aug-cc-pVQZ** basis set
at the **EOM-CCSDT** level is equal to:

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