

On non-Hermitian positive (semi)definite linear algebraic systems arising from dHDAE systems

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It is well known that every matrix $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ can be split into its Hermitian and skew-Hermitian parts, i.e., $A = H + S$, $H = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)$, $S = \frac{1}{2}(A - A^*)$, so that $H = H^*$ and $S = -S^*$. This simple, yet fundamental observation has many applications. For example, if A is a matrix of a system of linear equations, then the Hermitian part H is the real part of the matrix, and the skew-Hermitian part S is the imaginary part. The Hermitian part H is sometimes called positive real or positive stable, but we call $A = H + S$ positive (semi)definite if H has the

In the first part of this talk we will discuss an important class of practically relevant applications where the splitting $A = H + S$ occurs naturally and has a physical meaning. These applications arise from energy-based modeling using differential algebraic equation (DAE) systems in dissipative Hamiltonian (dH) form, or shortl

In the second part we will study the linear algebraic systems arising in this context, and their solution by Krylov subspace methods. The (non-Hermitian) matrices A that occur are positive definite or positive semidefinite. In the positive definite case we can solve the linear algebraic systems using Krylov subspace methods based on efficient three-term recurrences. Such methods were already derived by Widlund [6] (based on earlier work of Concus and Golub [3]) and Rapoport [5] in the late 1970s. These methods are not widely used or known, and we will therefore summarize the most important facts about their implementation and their mathematical properties. The semidefinite case can be challenging and requires additional techniques to identify and deal with the “singular part” of the matrix, while the “positive definite part” can still be treated with the three-term recurrence methods. We will illustrate the performance of the iterative methods and compare them with (preconditioned) GMRES on several computed examples.

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