

## Povzetek

Predstavljen je kvadratni problem lastnih vrednosti  $(\lambda^2 A + \lambda B + C)x = 0$  in njegova pomembna vloga pri reševanju linearne diferencialne enačbe drugega reda. Podrobneje obravnavamo kvadratni problem lastnih vrednosti s Hermitskimi matrikami  $A$ ,  $B$  in  $C$  ter pozitivno definitno matriko  $A$ . Hermitski kvadratni problem lastnih vrednosti ima dva pomembna podrazreda, hiperbolični in eliptični problem. Prvi ima realne in drugi kompleksne lastne vrednosti. Hiperbolični problem z nepozitivnimi lastnimi vrednostmi imenujemo nadkritično dušen. Minimaks izrek, ki ga poznamo za linearni problem lastnih vrednosti, lahko izpeljemo tudi za hiperbolični problem.

Osredotočili smo se na preverjanje hiperboličnosti Hermitskega kvadratnega problema lastnih vrednosti. Izpeljana sta dva algoritma za preverjanje te lastnosti. Pri prvem tvorimo par matrik  $(M, N)$ , ki ga konstruiramo iz matrik  $A, B, C$  podanega Hermitskega problema lastnih vrednosti. Algoritem temelji na preverjanju definitnosti para matrik. Drugi algoritem je iteracija za preverjanje nadkritične dušenosti kvadratnega problema lastnih vrednosti. Za hiperbolični problem velja, da ga s primernim premikom spektra lahko preoblikujemo v nadkritično dušenega.

Z numeričnimi primeri je testirano delovanje algoritmov.

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**Ključne besede:** Kvadratni problem lastnih vrednosti, linearne diferencialne enačba drugega reda, Hermitski kvadratni problem lastnih vrednosti, hiperbolični problem, eliptični problem, nadkritično dušen problem, minimaks izrek, definiten par, dušen sistem mas in vzmeti.

## Abstract

We present the quadratic eigenvalue problem  $(\lambda^2 A + \lambda B + C)x = 0$  and its important role at solving second-order linear differential equations. In particular we treat quadratic eigenvalue problems with Hermitian matrices  $A, B, C$  and a positive definite matrix  $A$ . There are two important classes of Hermitian eigenvalue problem, hyperbolic and elliptic problems. A hyperbolic problem has real eigenvalues and an elliptic problem has complex eigenvalues. A hyperbolic problem with nonpositive eigenvalues is called overdamped. Minimax theorem known for linear eigenvalue problem can be formed for hyperbolic problem too.

We have concentrated on testing hyperbolicity of Hermitian quadratic eigenvalue problem. Two algorithms for testing hyperbolicity are presented. The first algorithm forms matrix pair  $(M, N)$  from matrices  $A, B, C$  of a given Hermitian quadratic eigenvalue problem and then tests whether the pair  $(M, N)$  is a definite pair. The second algorithm is an iteration for testing the overdamping of a quadratic eigenvalue problem. We show that any hyperbolic problem can be transformed into an overdamped one by an appropriate shifting of the spectrum.

Numerical examples are given to illustrate algorithms.

**Key words:** Quadratic eigenvalue problem, second-order linear differential equation, Hermitian quadratic eigenvalue problem, hyperbolic problem, elliptic problem, overdamped problem, minimax theorem, definite pair, damped mass spring system.

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