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Reply by the Author to A. L. Andrew and K.-W. E. Chu

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IN my original published paper¹ there were several obvious typographical mistakes that the authors of the Technical Comment have correctly identified. These are as follows:

A_{II} in Eq. (4) should be replaced by A_{π} , which is obvious from Eq. (3) and (5); $(P Ax)_{\pi}$ in Theorem VI should be replaced by $(P Ax)_{\pi}$ in Theorem VI should be replaced by $(P A_{\pi}x)$ as can be seen from Eq. (15). The definition of the matrix P is missing in the paper and is given further below.

It is true that the Theorems I to IV are not valid in general for $\alpha = 0$ and their general validity was nowhere stated. They were derived under the assumption that $x_{II} = -\beta x/2$ [Eq. (13)] which is not true in general. But, regardless of the value of β , Theorems I, II, III and IV are valid if the above assumption is valid; that is if the eigenvector derivative x_{II} is proportional to the eigenvector itself in which case $Ax_{II} = 0$ ($A_{II}x = 0$). Therefore, for the example given by the authors, Theorems I to IV do apply for the second eigenvalue $\lambda = \pi + 1$ only. The authors failed to mention this. Thus, from Theorem II

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{II} &= x^T A_{\pi} x \\ &= (x_1 x_2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= x_2^2 \left(\frac{x_1}{x_2} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\lambda - \pi)^2 + 1} (\lambda - \pi + 1)\end{aligned}$$

and finally $\lambda_{II} = 1$. Also from Theorem I, $x_{II} = 0$.

However, Theorems V and VI for $\alpha \neq 0$ not only appear to be true when $x^{\dagger} K x_{II}$ is real, as stated by Andrew and Chu, but are indeed true when $x^{\dagger} K x_{II}$ is complex also. Since Andrew and Chu did not include a counter example to disprove Theorems V and VI, I am including a nonlinear example 1), which supports their validity, for a complex matrix A with complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors and complex $x^{\dagger} K x_{II}$.

First let me restate Theorems V and VI for completeness. Theorem V: For a nonlinear eigenvalue problem previously defined, and for $\alpha \neq 0$, the n th derivative of the eigenvalue $\lambda^{(n)}$ with respect to the parameter π is

$$\lambda^{(n)} = 2 \left[x^{\dagger} K \left(\frac{P A_{\pi}}{\alpha} \right) x \right]^{(n-1)}$$

Theorem VI: For a nonlinear eigenvalue problem previously defined, and for $\alpha \neq 0$, the n th derivative of the eigenvector $x^{(n)}$ with respect to the parameter π is

$$x^{(n)} = -(P A_{\pi} x)^{(n-1)} - \frac{(\beta x)^{(n-1)}}{2}$$

where

$$P = (A - \frac{2}{\alpha} A_{\lambda} x x^{\dagger} K)^{-1}$$

is assumed to exist which is for $A_{\lambda} \neq 0$.

Example 1:

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} c \lambda^2 - \pi \lambda & b \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \text{complex eigenvalue} \\ \pi &= \text{real parameter} \\ a, b, c &= \text{complex constants,}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} k & \lambda \\ \lambda^* & k \end{bmatrix}$$

= arbitrary Hermitian matrix

where

$$\begin{aligned}k &= \text{real constants,} \\ \lambda^* &= \text{complex conjugate of } \lambda.\end{aligned}$$

The problem is to find the derivatives of eigenvalue λ_{II} and eigenvector x_{II} for a nonlinear eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{aligned}Ax &= 0 \\ x^{\dagger} K x &= 1\end{aligned}$$

From

$$\det A = c \lambda^2 - \pi \lambda - ab = 0$$

we find by implicit differentiation

$$\lambda_{II} = \frac{\lambda}{2c\lambda - \pi}$$

and for the eigenvector x

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -a \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_1 = \frac{1}{[k + a^*(ka - \lambda^*) - \lambda a]^{1/2}}$$

the derivatives, calculated by direct differentiation, are

$$x_{1II} = \frac{1}{2} x_1^3 (a \lambda_{II} + a^* \lambda_{II}^*); \quad x_{2II} = -\frac{1}{2} x_1^3 (a^2 \lambda_{II} + |a|^2 \lambda_{II}^*).$$

Now, we use Theorems V and VI to calculate these derivatives. First we calculate

$$A_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 2c\lambda - \pi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; A_\pi = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} + \frac{2}{\alpha}(a_{11\lambda}x_1x_1^*\lambda + ka_{11\lambda}x_1x_2^*) \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} - \frac{2}{\alpha}(a_{11\lambda}x_1x_1^* + \lambda^*a_{11\lambda}x_1x_2^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\Delta = -\frac{2}{\alpha}(2c\lambda - \pi)$$

$$\alpha = x^\dagger K_\lambda x$$

$$= x_1^* x_2$$

$$\beta = x^\dagger K_\pi x$$

$$= x_1 x_2^* \lambda_\Pi^*$$

and $a_{11\lambda} = 2c\lambda - \pi$

Then, from Theorem V

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_\Pi &= \frac{2}{\alpha}(x_1^* x_2^*) \begin{bmatrix} k & \lambda \\ \lambda^* & k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{2}{\alpha\Delta} \lambda |x_1|^2 [k - \lambda a + a^*(ka - \lambda^*)] \\ &= -\frac{2\lambda}{\alpha\Delta} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\lambda_\Pi = \frac{\lambda}{2c\lambda - \pi}$$

which is the same as obtained by implicit differentiation.

Now, using Theorem VI

$$\begin{aligned} x_{\Pi} &= - \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{\beta}{2} x \\ &= \lambda x_1 \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{22} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} x_1^3 a^* \lambda_\Pi^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\lambda x_1}{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -a \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} x_1^3 a^* \lambda_\Pi^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -a \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} x_{1\Pi} &= \frac{1}{2} x_1^3 (a\lambda_\Pi + a^* \lambda_\Pi^*) \\ x_{2\Pi} &= -\frac{1}{2} x_1^3 (a^2 \lambda_\Pi + |a|^2 \lambda_\Pi^*). \end{aligned}$$

The above derivatives are the same as those obtained by direct differentiation. Furthermore, Eq. (7) in the paper¹

$$\alpha \lambda_\Pi + 2x^\dagger K x_\Pi = -\beta$$

is satisfied and $x^\dagger K x_\Pi$ is complex.

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