

An analogue of Slepian vectors on Boolean
Hypercubes
BIRS Workshop on Multitaper Spectral Analysis
June 25, 2022
joint work with Jeff Hogan



1. Review: Thomson's multitaper method
2. Dyadic processes (motivation, no actual results here)
3. Thomson's method for dyadic processes requires *dyadic* optimizers of spatio-spectral limiting (SSL)
4. SSL on Hypercube (\mathbb{Z}_2^N) graphs: definitions
5. Identification and computation of eigenvectors of SSL on \mathbb{Z}_2^N



Thomson's multitaper method

Thomson [1982]: estimate power spectrum of a (stationary ergodic, Gaussian) process from N equally spaced samples of an instance by averaging K *tapered* periodograms.

$\{x(0), \dots, x(N-1)\}$: N -contiguous sample observation

Cramér representation: $x(n) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{2\pi i v [n - (N-1)/2]} dZ(v)$,

dZ : zero mean, orthogonal increments;

S : true spectrum of X

$S(f) df = E\{|dZ(f)|^2\}$.

Tapers: Slepian DPSS's (Fourier coefficients of DPSWFs)

DPSSs $v_n^{(k)}$ satisfy $\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \frac{\sin 2\pi W(n-m)}{\pi(n-m)} v_m^{(k)} = \lambda_k v_n^{(k)}$

Spectrum estimate $\bar{S}(f_0)$: average of tapered eigenspectra

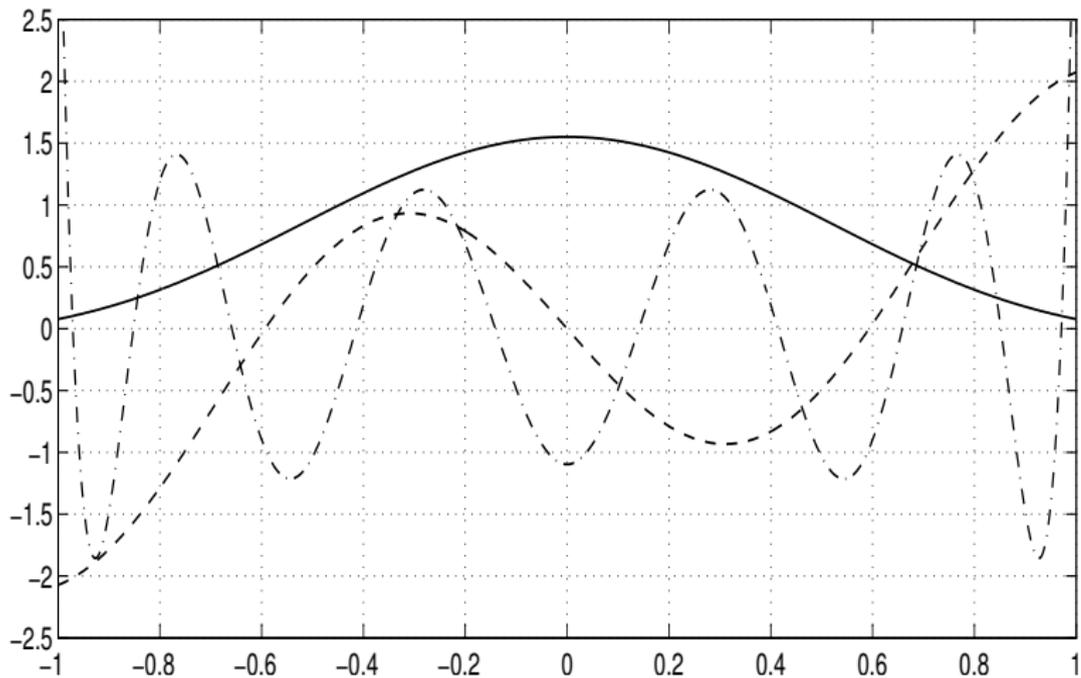


Figure: (Continuous) prolates φ_n , $n = 0, 3, 10$, $c = \pi T\Omega/2 = 5$

Dyadic processes

$X = \{X_n : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ is *dyadic stationary* if

$B(n, m) = \text{cov}(X_n, X_m) = E(X_n X_m)$ depends only on $n \oplus m$

Dyadic representation: $n = \sum \epsilon_k(n) 2^k$,

$n \oplus m = \sum [(\epsilon_k(n) + \epsilon_k(m)) \bmod 2] 2^k$

Walsh functions $W(n, x)$ define the dyadic Fourier transform.

Hadamard–Walsh Fourier transform of $x(0), \dots, x(M-1)$ is

$$(Hx)(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{t=0}^{M-1} X(t) W(t, \lambda).$$

Dyadic stationary processes admit a spectral representation:

$$X_n = \int_0^1 W(n, x) dZ(x)$$

dZ : orthogonal increments; $E[|dZ(x)|^2] = dF(x)$ with

$$B(\tau) = \int_0^1 W(\tau, x) dF(x).$$

F is called the *dyadic spectral distribution function* of X .

Morettin [1981, SIAM Review] Walsh spectrum estimation based on averaged Walsh periodograms of temporal slices.

Dyadic processes originally regarded as defined on $[0, 1]$

Interest in dyadic processes waned in late 1980s

Stoffer [JASA, 1991]: reviewed use in analysis of *categorical* data

Observed problem with insistence on concept of *dyadic time*

More appropriate for study of processes indexed by (limits of) \mathbb{Z}_2^N ?

Graph Setting

Stationary Graph Processes and Spectral Estimation: Marques et al., 2017, IEEE Trans. Sig. Process.

Signals on Graphs: Uncertainty Principle and Sampling, Tsitsvero et al. , 2016, IEEE Trans. Sig. Process. (“prolates”)

Finite version of Slepian sequences for \mathbb{Z}_2^N

$$\mathbb{Z}_2^N = \{(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N) : \epsilon_k \in \{0, 1\}\}$$

Q_K : truncation to K -Hamming nbhd of zero:

$$\{(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N) : \sum \epsilon_k \leq K\}$$

\mathbb{Z}_2^N has an isomorphic Fourier dual group

P_K : bandlimiting, $P_K = HQ_KH^T$

Fix $0 < K < N$. $P = P_K$, $Q = Q_K$.

BSV (Boolean Slepian Vectors) φ are eigenvectors of PQ :

$$PQ\varphi = \lambda\varphi \text{ for suitable } \lambda > 0$$

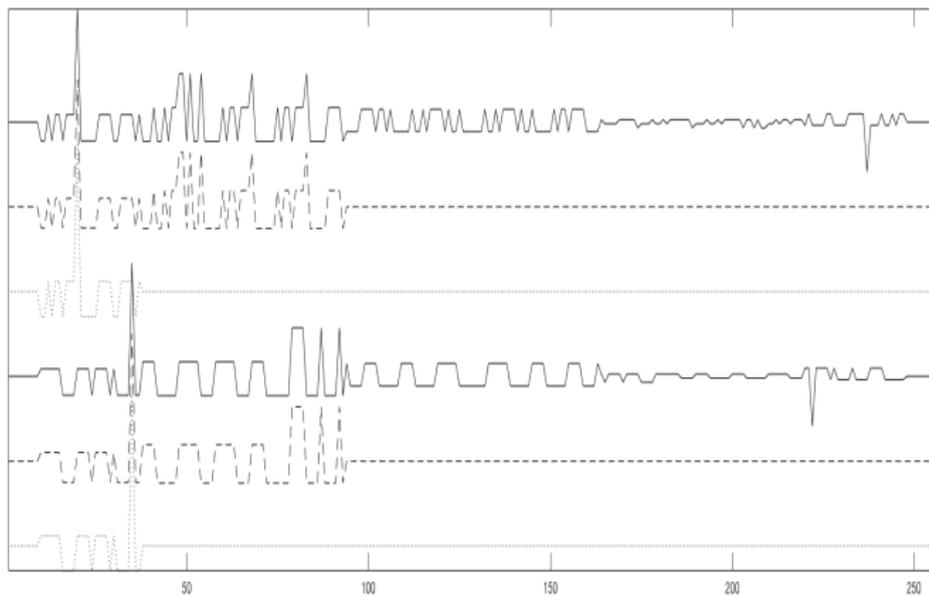


Figure: Eigenvectors of PQ on \mathbb{Z}_2^N , $N = 8$, $K = 3$, $r = 2$.

Dotted curves: two different elements g of \mathcal{W}_r

Dashed curves: corresponding eigenvectors f of QP

Solid curves: Eigenvector Hf of PQ for eigenvector f of QP

Comparison of properties

Properties in Common (with PSWFs in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$)

PSWF setting	Property	Hypercube (BSV) setting	Property
$\widehat{Q\varphi}_n = \pm \alpha i \sqrt{\lambda_n} v_n$	Trunc. Fourier eigenprop.	$Hv = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} Qv$	✓
$\lambda_n = \ Q\varphi_n\ ^2$	Concentrations	$\lambda = \ Qv\ ^2$	✓
$\int_{-1}^1 \varphi_n(t) \varphi_m(t) dt = \delta_{nm}$	Double orthogonality	$\langle Qv, Qw \rangle = 0, v \neq w$	✓
span φ_n dense in $L^2[-1, 1]$	Local completeness	span $\{v\} = \text{range } Q$	✓
$\sum \lambda_k U_k ^2 = \text{const}$	Spectral accumulation	$\sum \lambda Hv ^2 = \text{dim}(K)$	✓

Differences

$\lambda_n > \lambda_{n+1}$	Simple eigenvalues	$\binom{N}{k} - \binom{N}{k-1}$	high multiplicity
$\lambda_n \approx 1, n < 2\Omega T$	$2\Omega T$ -Theorem		X
$\frac{d}{dt}(1-t^2) \frac{d}{dt} - c^2 t^2$	Commuting differential op	$D(\alpha I - T^2)D + \beta T^2,$ $D = HTH$	Almost

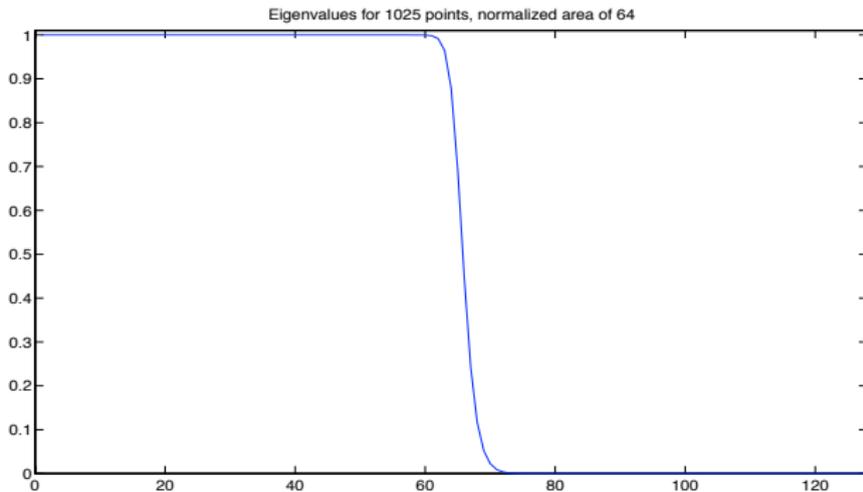


Figure: Eigenvalues of PQ for 1025 point DFT, $2NW \approx 64$

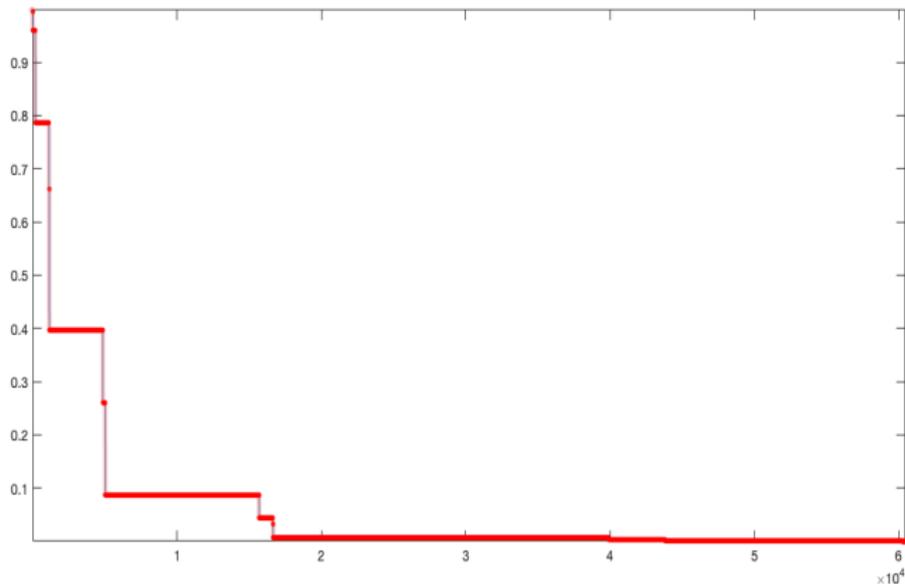


Figure: Eigenvalues of PQ , for Boolean FT on \mathbb{Z}_2^{20} , $K = 6$, with multiplicity, (60460). Corresponding case on $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{20}}$ would have about 3486 eigenvalues larger than $1/2$

GOAL: eigen-decomposition of PQ on \mathcal{B}_N

Outline

Geometry of \mathcal{B}_N

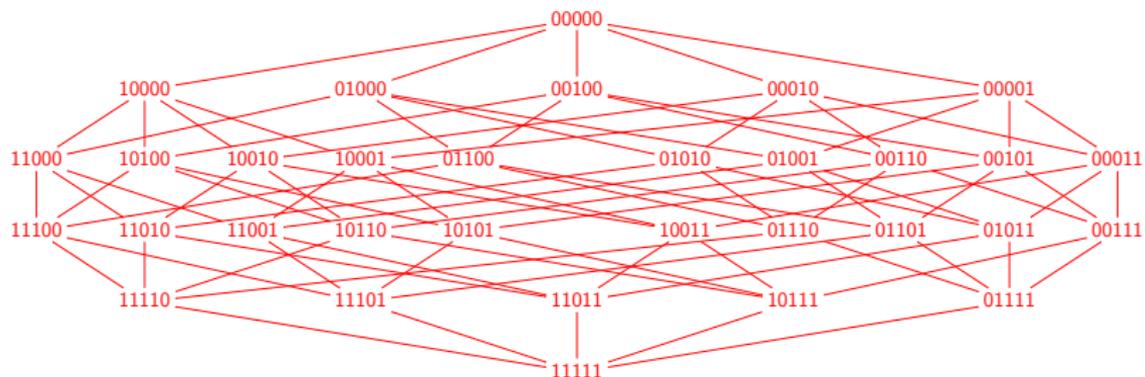
$D(\alpha I - T^2)D + \beta T^2$ almost commutes with PQ

Adjacency invariant spaces on which $D(\alpha I - T^2)D + \beta T^2$ acts as a tridiagonal matrix

Basis of eigenvectors of BDO

Numerical method to compute eigenvectors of QP

Boolean cubes \mathcal{B}_N : $N = 5$



VS



Some conventions for \mathcal{B}_N

$$v = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^N$$

$$S = \{i : \epsilon_i = 1\} \subset \{1, \dots, N\}$$

$$v = v_S \text{ or } "v \sim S"$$

Adjacency: $A_{RS} = 1$ if $R \Delta S$ is a singleton

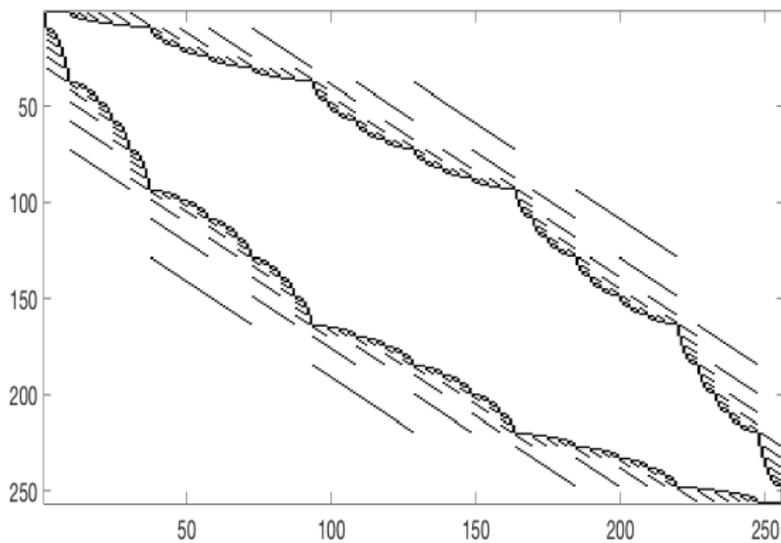


Figure: Adjacency matrix for $N = 8$ in dyadic lexicographic order.

The **graph** Fourier transform on \mathcal{B}_N is the same as the **group** Fourier transform on \mathbb{Z}_2^N .

It is represented by a *Walsh–Hadamard matrix* H .

Lemma (Boolean Fourier transform)

Let $H_S(R) = 2^{-N/2}(-1)^{|R \cap S|}$ and $L = NI - A$ (Laplacian of \mathcal{B}_N).
Then H_S is an eigenvector of L with eigenvalue $2|S|$.

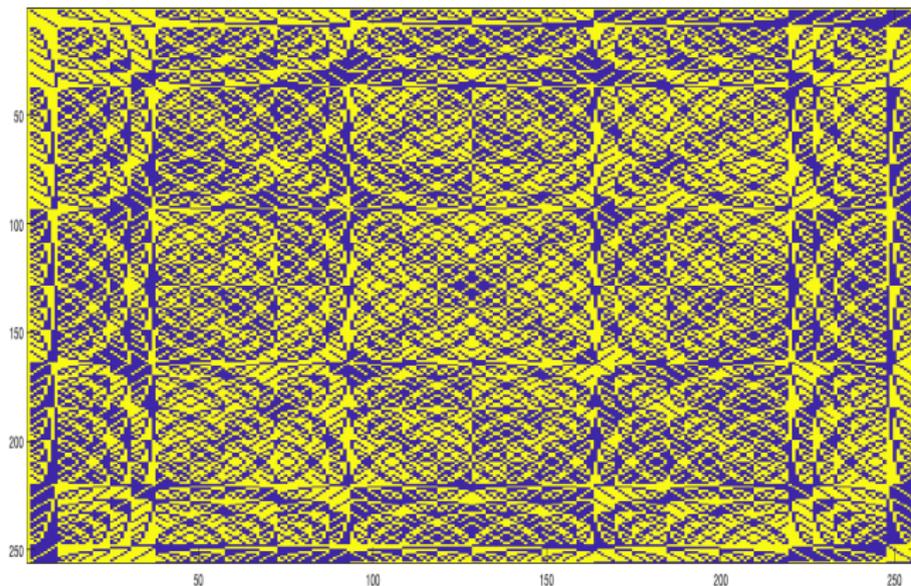


Figure: Hadamard (Fourier) matrix, $N = 8$ in dyadic lexicographic order.

Spatial and spectral limiting on \mathcal{B}_N

Space-limiting matrix $Q = Q_K$: $Q_{R,S} = \begin{cases} 1, & R = S \text{ \& } |S| \leq K \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Spectrum-limiting matrix $P = P_K$ by $P = HQH$

Results and approach

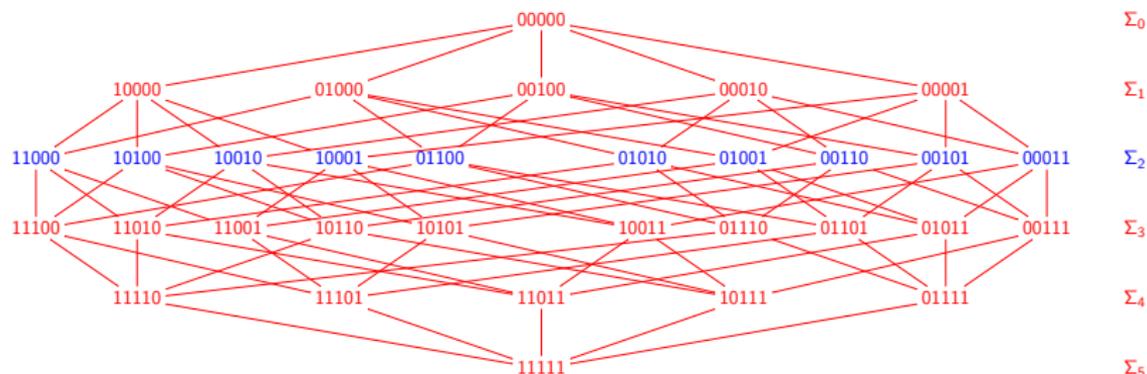
Results: identify eigenvectors of spatio–spectral limiting PQ

Approach:

- ▶ Work in *spectral domain*: $QP = HPQH$
- ▶ Identify salient *invariant subspaces* of QP
- ▶ Subspaces *factor*
- ▶ Reduce to *small matrix problem* on *radial factor*
- ▶ Eigenvectors of small matrix determine eigenvectors of QP
- ▶ *Numerical computation* via almost commuting operator and power method with a weight

Hamming spheres

Σ_r : Hamming sphere of radius r : vertices with r one-bits



Eigenspaces of SSL on \mathcal{B}_N : Adjacency-invariant spaces

A : adjacency matrix of \mathcal{B}_N (dyadic lexicographic order)

$A = A_+ + A_-$: $A_- = A_+^T$; A_+ : lower triangular

A_+ maps data on Σ_r to data on Σ_{r+1} : *outer adjacency*

A_- maps data on Σ_r to data on Σ_{r-1} : *inner adjacency*

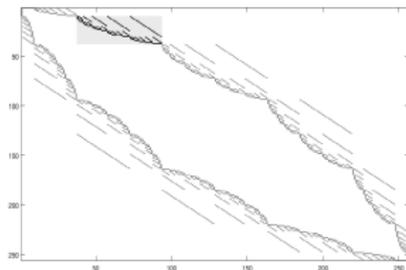


Figure: Highlighted: A_- , $\Sigma_3 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$

\mathcal{W}_r : the orthogonal complement of $A_+ \ell^2(\Sigma_{r-1})$ inside $\ell^2(\Sigma_r)$.

$$\ell^2(\Sigma_r) = A_+ \ell^2(\Sigma_{r-1}) \oplus \mathcal{W}_r$$

Theorem (Multiplier theorem)

Let $g \in \mathcal{W}_r$ and k such that $k \leq N - 2r$. Then

$$A_- A_+^{k+1} g = (k+1)(N-2r-k) A_+^k g \equiv m(r, k) A_+^k g$$

Adjacency invariant subspaces

$$\mathcal{V}_r =: \text{span} \{A_+^k g : g \in \mathcal{W}_r, k = 0, \dots, N - 2r\} \simeq \mathcal{W}_r \otimes \mathbb{R}^{N-2r+1}$$

Lemma

A_+ and A_- map \mathcal{V}_r to itself.

Idea: Fix \mathcal{W}_r coordinate. A_+ acts as *right shift* of coefficients:

$$(c_0 + c_1 A_+ + \dots)g \mapsto (c_0 A_+ + c_1 A_+^2 + \dots)g$$

By multiplier theorem, A_- acts as *multiplicative left shift*:

$$(c_0 + c_1 A_+ + \dots)g \mapsto (c_1 m(r, 0) + c_2 m(r, 1) A_+ + \dots)g$$

Corollary

$A = A_+ + A_-$ maps \mathcal{V}_r to itself. *Polynomials $p(A)$ preserve \mathcal{V}_r .*

Proposition

The spectrum-limiting operator $P = P_K$ can be expressed as a polynomial $p(A)$ of degree N .

Proof.

$$p_k = \prod_{j=0, j \neq k}^N \frac{x - (N - 2j)}{2(j - k)}; \quad p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^K p_k$$

Then $P = p(A)$ as verified on Hadamard basis. □

Coefficient matrices on \mathcal{V}_r : $M_{(r)}^P = p(M_A)$

Matrices M_{A_+}, M_{A_-} of A_+, A_- on \mathbb{R}^{N-2r+1} :

$$M_{A_+} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_{A_-} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m(r, 0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m(r, 1) & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & m(r, K+1-r) \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_A = M_{A_+} + M_{A_-}$$

Matrix of $M_{(r)}^P$ of P by substituting M_A for A in $P = p(A)$

Matrix of $M_{(r)}^{QP}$ of QP by truncating $M_{(r)}^P$ to principal minor

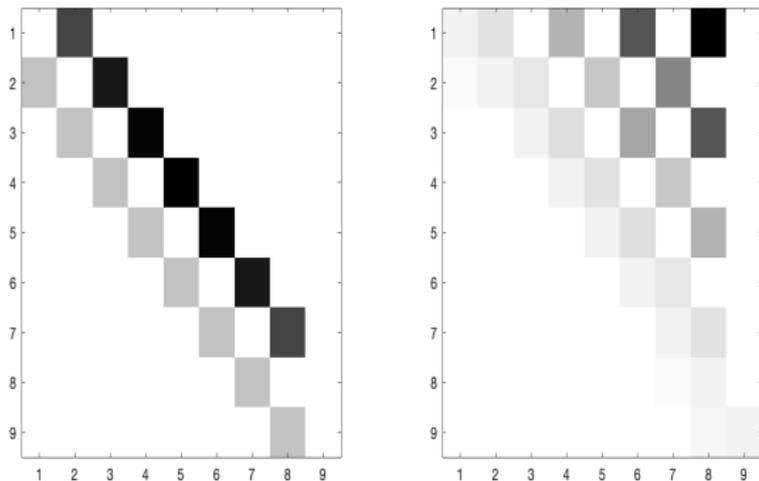


Figure: Matrices M_A and M^P , $N = 9$, $K = 4$, $r = 1$. (log scale)

Corollary

(i) Eigenvectors of coefficient matrices $M_{(r)}^{QP}$ define coefficients of eigenvectors of QP

(ii) (Completeness) Any eigenvector of QP comes from a coefficient eigenvector of $M_{(r)}^{QP}$ for some r .

Issue: Coefficient eigenvectors are orthogonal wrt
 $W_r = [w(0), \dots, w(K + 1 - r)]; \quad w_k = (k!)^2 \binom{N-2r}{k}$

Problem: w_k are large numbers

Boolean analogue of prolate differential operator

$$(BDO) \quad D(\alpha I - T^2)D + \beta T^2.$$

T : diagonal; T^2 : eigenvalues of Laplacian

$$D = HTH; D^2 = L.$$

$$HBDO = HBDOH$$

Proposition

If $\beta = 2\sqrt{K(K+1)}$ then HBDO *commutes* with Q_K , almost commutes with P_K , and has tridiagonal, W -s.a. coefficient matrix M^{HBDO}

Eigenvectors of M^{HBDO} can be used as seeds for a weighted power method to compute coefficient eigenvectors of M_r^{QP}

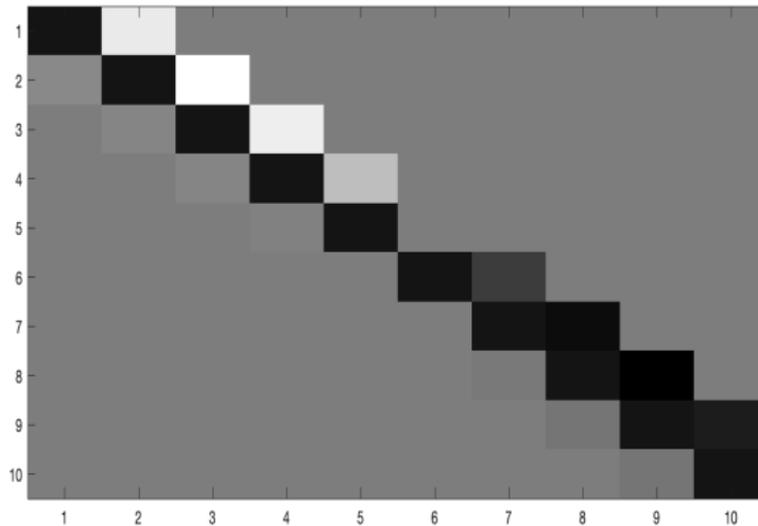


Figure: Matrix M^{HBDO} , $N = 9$, $K = 4$

PQ eigenvectors

PQ eigenvalues