

Adjoint sensitivity analysis in thermoacoustics

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Gas turbine combustion system



Acoustic network model + flame model



Many degrees of freedom



You find the growth rates and frequencies of linear modes of the model (the eigenmodes)

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Linear modes of the model





When you change the model, the growth rates and frequencies of the modes also change. You could calculate how much they change using a finite difference method but this would take many calculations.



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What if you could calculate the sensitivity of an eigenvalue to every single degree of freedom with just two calculations?

Outer cooling flow Turbine Combressor Inner cooling flow Dead Outer cooling fl toles ombustic Choked outlet Dead end Inner cooling Many degrees of freedom

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▲ Growth rate unstable stable Frequency





New Mirade Cure!

Truly amazing! Works in minutes! Guaranteed! A square matrix, L , can be decomposed into a square matrix, Q , a diagonal matrix, Σ , and the inverse of Q.

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In summary, every square matrix, L, has a set of right eigenvectors and a set of left eigenvectors, which are bi-orthogonal to each other.





Let us consider a linearized problem in the time domain (state space formulation)



If *t* runs from 0 to ∞ then q can be expressed as a sum of eigenmodes

$$\mathbf{q} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i \exp(\sigma_i t)$$

each of which obeys

$$\sigma_i \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i$$

These are the *right* eigenfunctions of L

$$(\mathbf{L} - \sigma_i \mathbf{I})\mathbf{\hat{q}}_i = 0$$







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$$(\mathbf{L} - \sigma_i \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i = 0$$

Let us consider what happens when we make a very small change to L:

$$L \rightarrow L + \epsilon \delta L$$

The eigenvalues and the right eigenvectors change as well:

$$\sigma_i \to \sigma_i + \epsilon \delta \sigma_i$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \to \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i + \epsilon \delta \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i$$

and the new matrix, eigenvalues, and right eigenvectors satisfy:

$$((\mathbf{L} + \epsilon \delta \mathbf{L}) - (\sigma_i + \epsilon \delta \sigma_i) \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{\hat{q}}_i + \epsilon \delta \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i) = 0$$



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We pre-multiply by the *left* eigenvector:

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Reminder:

 $\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$



 $(\mathbf{\hat{q}}_{i}^{\dagger})^{H}\mathbf{L} = \sigma_{i}(\mathbf{\hat{q}}_{i}^{\dagger})^{H}$ $(\mathbf{\hat{q}}_{i}^{\dagger})^{H}(\mathbf{L}-\sigma_{i}\mathbf{I})=0$



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$$\delta \sigma_i = \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i^{\dagger})^H \delta \mathbf{L} \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i}{(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i^{\dagger})^H \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i}$$

and re-arrange:



We could find the left eigenvectors using the fact that $Q^{-1} Q = I$





Take the Hermitian transpose (the conjugate transpose) of the expression satisfied by the left eigenvector, and re-arrange:

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{i}^{\dagger})^{H}(\mathbf{L}-\sigma_{i}\mathbf{I}) &= 0\\ ((\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{i}^{\dagger})^{H}(\mathbf{L}-\sigma_{i}\mathbf{I}))^{H} &= 0\\ (\mathbf{L}-\sigma_{i}\mathbf{I})^{H}\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{i}^{\dagger} &= 0\\ (\mathbf{L}^{H}-\sigma_{i}^{*}\mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{i}^{\dagger} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The *left* eigenvectors of L are the *right* eigenvectors of L^H.



In summary, here is how you evaluate the effect that any change to L has on an eigenvalue

Express your problem in state space form:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{q}$$

Choose a *right* eigenmode:

$$(\mathbf{L} - \sigma_i \mathbf{I})\mathbf{\hat{q}}_i = 0$$

Find the corresponding *left* eigenvector:

$$(\mathbf{L}^H - \sigma_i^* \mathbf{I}) \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i^{\dagger} = 0$$



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Now you can work out how ANY change to L will change that eigenvalue

$$\delta \sigma_i = \frac{(\mathbf{\hat{q}}_i^{\dagger})^H \delta \mathbf{L} \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i}{(\mathbf{\hat{q}}_i^{\dagger})^H \mathbf{\hat{q}}_i}$$

δL could represent:

- a change in the base state (base state sensitivity)
- the addition of a passive feedback device
- the addition of an active feedback device
- a change in one of the terms in the governing equations, to assess its influence on the instability
- the most influential point-wise feedback mechanism (structural sensitivity)



Here is a simple linear oscillator, which is a second order ODE:

$$\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + c = 0$$

It can be written as two first order ODEs:

$$\dot{x} = y$$

$$\dot{y} = -by - cx$$

And this can be expressed in state space form:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -c & -b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



The first eigenvalue, right eigenvector, and left eigenvector are (by hand):





The second eigenvalue, right eigenvector, and left eigenvector are (by hand):

$$\sigma_{2} = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}}{2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix}_{2}^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -b - \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}}_{2}^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}^{\dagger} \\ \hat{y}^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix}_{2}^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2c^{*} \\ -b^{*} + \sqrt{b^{*2} - 4c^{*}} \end{bmatrix}$$



If you are feeling energetic, you can check that the eigenvectors are biorthogonal

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1}^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1} \rangle &= (-2c^{*})^{*} (2) + \left(-b^{*} - \sqrt{b^{*2} - 4c^{*}}\right)^{*} \left(-b + \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}\right) \\ &= (-4c) + \left(-b + \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}\right) \left(-b + \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}\right) \\ &= (-4c) + \left(b^{2} - 2b\sqrt{b^{2} - 4c} + b^{2} - 4c\right) \\ &= 2b^{2} - 2b\sqrt{b^{2} - 4c} - 8c \\ &= 2(b^{2} - 4c) - 2b\sqrt{b^{2} - 4c} \\ \langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1}^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{2} \rangle &= (-2c^{*})^{*} (2) + \left(-b^{*} - \sqrt{b^{*2} - 4c^{*}}\right)^{*} \left(-b - \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}\right) \\ &= (-4c) + \left(-b + \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}\right) \left(-b - \sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}\right) \\ &= (-4c) + \left(b^{2} - b^{2} + 4c\right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



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Let us consider the effect of a new feedback mechanism (e.g. negative damping)

$$\dot{x} = \epsilon x + y$$
$$\dot{y} = -by - cx$$
$$(L + \delta L)\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1\\ -c & -b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x\\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\delta L = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Its influence can be worked out by hand and then compared with a new eigenvalue calculation (again, by hand)

$$\begin{split} \delta\sigma_1 &= \frac{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \delta \mathbf{L} \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\hat{x}_1^{\dagger *} \epsilon \hat{x}_1}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle} \\ &= \epsilon \frac{\hat{x}_1^{\dagger *} \epsilon \hat{x}_1}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle} \\ &= \epsilon \frac{\hat{x}_1^{\dagger *} \hat{x}_1}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle} = \epsilon \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{b}{2\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}} \right) \end{split}$$


We can repeat this for all possible feedback mechanisms

$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{L}_{x^{\dagger}y} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \delta \mathcal{L}_{y^{\dagger}x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 \end{bmatrix} , \quad \delta \mathcal{L}_{y^{\dagger}y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{bmatrix} \\ \delta \sigma_{1,x_{1}^{\dagger}y_{1}} &= \frac{\hat{x}_{1}^{\dagger*}\epsilon\hat{y}_{1}}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1}^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1} \rangle} &= \epsilon \frac{-c}{\sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}} \\ \delta \sigma_{1,y_{1}^{\dagger}x_{1}} &= \frac{\hat{y}_{1}^{\dagger*}\epsilon\hat{x}_{1}}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1}^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1} \rangle} &= \epsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}} \\ \delta \sigma_{1,y_{1}^{\dagger}y_{1}} &= \frac{\hat{y}_{1}^{\dagger*}\epsilon\hat{y}_{1}}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1}^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_{1} \rangle} &= \epsilon \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{b}{2\sqrt{b^{2} - 4c}}\right) \end{split}$$



We can also find how the eigenvalue changes when the base state parameters, b and c, change.

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial b}\Big|_c = -\frac{\hat{y}^{\dagger *} \hat{y}}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle} = \frac{b}{2\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}} - \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial c}\Big|_b = -\frac{\hat{y}^{\dagger *} \hat{x}}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1^{\dagger}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \rangle} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}$$



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Sensitivity analysis of a time-delayed thermo-acoustic system via an adjoint-based approach

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The system is a Rijke tube containing a hot wire



Non-dimensional governing equations



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Bypass transition in thermoacoustics

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The equations are linearized

Nonlinear time-delayed term
$$u_h(t-\tau) \ll \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\tau \ll \frac{2}{N}$$

Linear with no time delay

$$\left(\left| \frac{1}{3} + u_h(t - \tau) \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$
$$\approx \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(u_h(t) - \tau \frac{\partial u_h(t)}{\partial t} \right)$$

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 $u(x_c)$



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 $\epsilon u(x_c)$



We consider a passive control device at position x_c , which can either feed into the energy equation



Non-dimensional governing equations

 $\partial u = \partial p$



$$F_{1} \equiv \overline{\partial t} + \overline{\partial x} = 0$$
energy eq.
$$F_{2} \equiv \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \zeta p - \beta \left(\left| \frac{1}{3} + u_{f}(t - \tau) \right|^{1/2} - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{1/2} \right) \delta(x - x_{f}) = 0$$
acoustics damping heat release at the hot wire



We consider a passive control device at position x_c , which can either feed into the energy equation or the momentum equation.







For example, here is the effect of a passive feedback device that, at a given point in space, produces a force proportional to the acoustic velocity. It has most influence at the downstream end of the tube.





The effect of all other passive devices can also be calculated.





For example, here is the effect of a device that increases the heat release when the acoustic pressure increases. It has most influence around the middle of the tube.





For example, here is the effect of a device that increases the heat release when the acoustic velocity increases. It has very little influence on the growth rate, but greater influence on the frequency.





These building blocks can be combined in any (linear) way:





For example, here is the influence of another hot wire as a function of its position within the tube.



Change in the eigenvalue that would be caused by feedback from another hot wire





We can compare this with the Rayleigh Index for the same hot wire.





The sensitivity analysis is linear so we test its predictions by applying these feedback mechanisms to the fully nonlinear system DOES adjoint sensitivity analysis work ?



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Turning the control hot wire on



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We can also calculate the change in the eigenvalue when the base state is changed.





A laminar vortex breakdown bubble can be used as a toy model for the recirculating zone in a gas turbine combustion chamber.











Using adjoint methods, we discover which physical feedback mechanisms drive the instability.

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I will demonstrate the base state sensitivity analysis on the varicose oscillation of a helium jet (in the absence of buoyancy)

Passive control of global instability in low-density jets

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Given a base flow (top), we calculate the right eigenvector (direct global mode) and the left eigenvector (adjoint global mode).





Sensitivity to a steady radial force



Sensitivity to a steady heat input



It is most interesting to examine the eigenvalue's sensitivity to physical objects that can be placed in the flow.



Sensitivity to a thin adiabatic ring





The same analysis can be performed on flames, to examine their hydrodynamic stability. Here is a lifted jet diffusion flame.





The lifted jet diffusion flame has two unstable hydrodynamic modes: one high frequency, one low frequency. They are caused by different regions of the flow.







This flame turns out to be hyper-sensitive to some changes. We may find that thermoacoustic systems are also hyper-sensitive.



Sensitivity of the eigenvalue to a steady heat input



Summary



