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## Abstract

The solution to a general Sylvester equation  $AX - XB = GF^*$  with a low rank right-hand side is analyzed quantitatively through Low-rank Alternating-Directional-Implicit method (LR-ADI) with exact shifts. New bounds and perturbation bounds on  $X$  are obtained. A distinguished feature of these bounds is that they reflect the interplay between the eigenvalue decompositions of  $A$  and  $B$  and the right-hand side factors  $G$  and  $F$ . Numerical examples suggest that because of this inclusion of details, new perturbation bounds are much sharper than the existing ones.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper we consider the properties of the solution of  $m \times n$  Sylvester equation

$$AX - XB = C, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are  $m \times m$ ,  $n \times n$ , and  $m \times n$ , respectively, and unknown matrix  $X$  is  $m \times n$ . Equation (1.1) has a unique solution if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  have no common eigenvalues, which will be assumed throughout this paper.

Sylvester equations appear frequently in many areas of applied mathematics. We refer the reader to the elegant survey by Bhatia and Rosenthal [12] and references therein for a history of the equation and many interesting and important theoretical results. Sylvester equations are important in a number of applications such as matrix eigen-decompositions [21,41], control theory [16,32,41], model reduction [1,2,8,43], numerical solution of matrix differential Riccati equations [15,17,19], and many more.

There are several numerical algorithms for calculation of the solution of Sylvester equations. The standard ones are the Bartels-Stewart algorithm [6] and the Hessenberg-Schur method first described by Enright [19], but more often attributed to Golub, Nash, and Van Loan [20]. Another computationally efficient approach for the case that both  $A$  and  $-B$  are (Hurwitz) stable, i.e., have all their eigenvalues in the open left half plane, is the sign function method [38]. All these methods are efficient for dense matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

However, recent interest is directed more towards large and sparse matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , and  $C = GF^*$  with very low rank, where  $G$  and  $F$  have only a few columns. For dense  $A, B$ , an approach based on the sign function method is suggested in [9] that exploits the low-rank structure of  $C$ . This approach is further used in [7] in order to solve large-scale Sylvester equations with data-sparse  $A, B$ , i.e., dense matrices  $A, B$  that can be represented by  $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$  data. Common methods for sparse  $A, B$  are Krylov subspace based algorithms [4,5,18,25–30,39,40,42] and Alternating-Directional-Implicit (ADI) iterations [10,22,31,33,34,36,49].

On the other hand, the problem of the sensitivity of the solution of the Sylvester equation is also widely studied problem. There are several books which contains results about this, e.g., [37,23,45].

Our main concern is how would the solution behaves when  $C$  is a low rank matrix. Our investigation is through applying Low-rank Alternating-Directional-Implicit method (LR-ADI) with exact shifts, i.e., all or part of the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Our results show that the right-hand side of Sylvester equation can sometimes

greatly influence the norm of  $X$  and how it changes in the face of perturbations. The bound on the norm of  $X$  can be considered as a proper generalization of the results from [48].

**Notation.** Throughout this paper,  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  is the set of all  $n \times m$  complex matrices,  $\mathbb{C}^n = \mathbb{C}^{n \times 1}$ , and  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}^1$ . Similarly define  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\mathbb{R}$  except replacing the word *complex* by *real*.  $I_n$  (or simply  $I$  if its dimension is clear from the context) is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix, and  $e_j$  is its  $j$ th column. The superscript “.” takes conjugate transpose while “.T” takes transpose only. We shall also adopt MATLAB-like convention to access the entries of vectors and matrices.  $i : j$  is the set of integers from  $i$  to  $j$  inclusive and  $i : i = \{i\}$ . For a vector  $u$  and a matrix  $X$ ,  $u_{(j)}$  is  $u$ 's  $j$ th entry,  $X_{(i,j)}$  is  $X$ 's  $(i, j)$ th entry;  $X$ 's submatrices  $X_{(k:\ell,i:j)}$ ,  $X_{(k:\ell,:)}$ , and  $X_{(:,i:j)}$  consist of intersections of row  $k$  to row  $\ell$  and column  $i$  to column  $j$ , row  $k$  to row  $\ell$ , and column  $i$  to column  $j$ , respectively.  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_F$  stands for the spectral norm and the Frobenius norm of a matrix, respectively.  $\kappa(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$  is the spectral condition number of  $A$ .

## 2 Low rank ADI for Sylvester Equation

Our first result is a generalization of the main results from [48] where some new estimates for the eigenvalue decay rate of the Lyapunov equation  $AX + XA^T = C$  with a low rank right-hand side  $C$  has been derived. Our main result will be a bound on the norm of the solution of the following  $m \times n$  Sylvester equation

$$AX - XB = GF^*, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $G$  and  $F$  are  $m \times m$ ,  $n \times n$ ,  $m \times r$  and  $n \times r$ , respectively, and unknown matrix  $X$  is  $m \times n$ . It is assumed  $r \ll \min\{m, n\}$ .

But before we continue, we will briefly describe the Low-rank Alternating-Directional-Implicit (LR-ADI) method for solving Sylvester equation (2.1) (more details can be found in [47] or [11]).

Given two sets of parameters  $\{\alpha_i\}$  and  $\{\beta_i\}$ , ADI iteration for iteratively solving (2.1) goes as follows: For  $i = 0, 1, \dots$ ,

- (1) solve  $(A - \beta_i I)X_{i+1/2} = X_i(B - \beta_i I) + C$  for  $X_{i+1/2}$ ;
- (2) solve  $X_{i+1}(B - \alpha_i I) = (A - \alpha_i I)X_{i+1/2} - C$  for  $X_{i+1}$ ,

for an initial guess  $X_0$  which is assumed to be 0 in this paper. A rather straightforward implementation for ADI can be given based on this.

Note that parameters  $\{\alpha_i\}$  and  $\{\beta_i\}$  in (LR-ADI) method for solving Sylvester

equation (2.1) should be chosen such that  $\alpha_i \neq \beta_i$ , for all  $i$ . In the case of Lyapunov equation  $AX + XA^T = C$  with the stable matrix  $A$  parameters  $\{\alpha_i\}$  should be chosen such that  $Re(\alpha_i) < 0$  and  $\beta_i = -\alpha_i$  for all  $i$ , where  $Re(z)$  denotes real part of  $z$ .

Expressing  $X_{i+1}$  in terms of  $X_i$ , we have<sup>2</sup>

$$X_{i+1} = (\beta_i - \alpha_i)(A - \beta_i I)^{-1}C(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1} \\ + (A - \alpha_i I)(A - \beta_i I)^{-1}X_i(B - \beta_i I)(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1},$$

and the error equation

$$X_{i+1} - X = (A - \alpha_i I)(A - \beta_i I)^{-1}(X_i - X)(B - \beta_i I)(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1}, \\ = \left[ \prod_{j=0}^i (A - \alpha_j I)(A - \beta_j I)^{-1} \right] (X_0 - X) \left[ \prod_{j=0}^i (B - \beta_j I)(B - \alpha_j I)^{-1} \right], \quad (2.2)$$

where  $X$  denotes the exact solution. If convergence occurs much earlier in the sense that it takes much fewer than  $\min\{m, n\}/r$  steps, then ADI in the factored form as below would be more economical. Let  $X_i = Z_i D_i Y_i^*$ . We have

$$X_{i+1} = \left( (A - \beta_i I)^{-1}G \quad (A - \alpha_i I)(A - \beta_i I)^{-1}Z_i \right) \times \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} (\beta_i - \alpha_i)I \\ D_i \end{array} \right) \times \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} F^*(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1} \\ Y_i^*(B - \beta_i I)(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1} \end{array} \right) \\ \equiv Z_{i+1} D_{i+1} Y_{i+1}^*,$$

where

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<sup>2</sup> It can be also gotten from the identity

$$(A - \beta I)X(B - \alpha I) - (A - \alpha I)X(B - \beta I) = (\beta - \alpha)C.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{i+1} &= \left( (A - \beta_i I)^{-1} G \quad (A - \alpha_i I)(A - \beta_i I)^{-1} Z_i \right), \\
D_{i+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} (\beta_i - \alpha_i) I & \\ & D_i \end{pmatrix}, \\
Y_{i+1}^* &= \begin{pmatrix} F^*(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1} \\ Y_i^*(B - \beta_i I)(B - \alpha_i I)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

After renaming the parameters  $\{\alpha_i\}$  and  $\{\beta_i\}$  as in [47] or [11], since  $Z_0 = 0$  and  $Y_0 = 0$ , we can write,

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_k &= \left( Z^{(1)} \quad Z^{(2)} \quad \dots \quad Z^{(k)} \right), \\
\text{with } \begin{cases} Z^{(1)} = (A - \beta_1 I)^{-1} G, \\ Z^{(i+1)} = (A - \alpha_i I)(A - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} Z^{(i)} \\ \quad = Z^{(i)} + (\beta_{i+1} - \alpha_i)(A - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} Z^{(i)}, \end{cases} & \quad (2.3)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } Y_k = \left( Y^{(1)} \quad Y^{(2)} \quad \dots \quad Y^{(k)} \right),$$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} Y^{(1)*} = F^*(B - \alpha_1 I)^{-1}, \\ Y^{(i+1)*} = Y^{(i)*}(B - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1}(B - \beta_i I) \\ \quad = Y^{(i)*} + (\alpha_{i+1} - \beta_i)Y^{(i)*}(B - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1}. \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

All together give

$$X_k = Z_k D_k Y_k^*, \quad D_k = \text{diag}((\beta_1 - \alpha_1)I, \dots, (\beta_k - \alpha_k)I),$$

or

$$X_k = \sum_{j=1}^k (\beta_j - \alpha_j) Z^{(j)} Y^{(j)*}. \quad (2.5)$$

### 3 The diagonalizable case

In this section we will present an upper bound for the norm of the solution of Sylvester equation (2.1) for diagonalizable matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , an error bound for the  $k$ th LR-ADI solution with exact shifts, and a first order perturbation bound when  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $G$ , and  $F$  are perturbed slightly.

Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are diagonalizable, i.e.,

$$A = S\Lambda S^{-1}, \quad \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m), \quad (3.1)$$

$$B = T\Omega T^{-1}, \quad \Omega = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n). \quad (3.2)$$

Then the  $(i+1)$ st block of  $Z_k$  and  $Y_k^*$  can be written as

$$Z^{(i+1)} = S(\Lambda - \alpha_i I)(\Lambda - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} S^{-1} Z^{(i)}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$Y^{(i+1)*} = Y^{(i)*} T(\Omega - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1} (\Omega - \beta_i I) T^{-1}. \quad (3.4)$$

Define

$$\Delta_i = (\Lambda - \alpha_i I)(\Lambda - \beta_i I)^{-1}, \quad (\Delta_i)_{(j,j)} = \frac{\lambda_j - \alpha_i}{\lambda_j - \beta_i},$$

$$\Theta_i = (\Omega - \beta_i I)(\Omega - \alpha_i I)^{-1}, \quad (\Theta_i)_{(j,j)} = \frac{\mu_j - \beta_i}{\mu_j - \alpha_i}.$$

Equations (3.3) and (3.4) imply

$$\begin{aligned} Z^{(i+1)} &= S(\Lambda - \alpha_i I)(\Lambda - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} (\Lambda - \alpha_{i-1} I)(\Lambda - \beta_i I)^{-1} \dots \\ &\quad \dots (\Lambda - \alpha_1 I)(\Lambda - \beta_2 I)^{-1} (\Lambda - \beta_1 I)^{-1} S^{-1} G \\ &= S(\Lambda - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} \Delta_i \Delta_{i-1} \dots \Delta_1 S^{-1} G, \\ Y^{(i+1)*} &= F^* T(\Omega - \alpha_1 I)^{-1} (\Omega - \alpha_2 I)^{-1} (\Omega - \beta_1 I) \dots \\ &\quad \dots (\Omega - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1} (\Omega - \beta_i I) T^{-1} \\ &= F^* T \Theta_1 \Theta_2 \dots \Theta_i (\Omega - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1} T^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice  $(\Lambda - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} \Delta_i \Delta_{i-1} \dots \Delta_1$  is diagonal with its  $j$ th diagonal entry

$$\left( (\Lambda - \beta_{i+1} I)^{-1} \Delta_i \Delta_{i-1} \dots \Delta_1 \right)_{(j,j)} = \prod_{\ell=1}^i \frac{\lambda_j - \alpha_\ell}{\lambda_j - \beta_\ell} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_j - \beta_{i+1}},$$

and similarly  $\Theta_1 \Theta_2 \dots \Theta_i (\Omega - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1}$  is also diagonal with its  $j$ th diagonal entry

$$\left( \Theta_1 \Theta_2 \dots \Theta_i (\Omega - \alpha_{i+1} I)^{-1} \right)_{(j,j)} = \prod_{\ell=1}^i \frac{\mu_j - \beta_\ell}{\mu_j - \alpha_\ell} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu_j - \alpha_{i+1}},$$

Our first theorem gives an upper bound for the norm of the solution of Sylvester equation (2.1). But before we state the first theorem, we note that (2.2) implies that if  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=0}^i$  contains all of  $A$ 's eigenvalues (multiple eigenvalues counted as many times as their algebraic multiplicities) or if  $\{\beta_j\}_{j=0}^i$  contains all of  $B$ 's eigenvalues, then  $X_{i+1} - X \equiv 0$ . This is because, by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,  $p(A) \equiv 0$  for  $A$ 's characteristic polynomial

$p(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \det(\lambda I - A)$  and  $q(B) \equiv 0$  for  $q(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \det(\lambda I - B)$ . Choose parameters such that

$$\text{either } \alpha_i = \lambda_{p_i} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m, \text{ or } \beta_j = \mu_{q_j} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\{p_i\}$  and  $\{q_j\}$  denote some permutations of indices  $1, \dots, m$  and  $1, \dots, n$ , respectively. Then the solution  $X$  of the Sylvester equation (2.1) can be written as

$$X \equiv X_{n_0} = S \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) \Phi^{(j)} \Psi^{(j)} \right) T^{-1}, \quad n_0 = \min\{m, n\}, \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$\Phi^{(j)} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\sigma(1, j-1)}{\lambda_1 - \mu_{q_j}}, \dots, \frac{\sigma(m, j-1)}{\lambda_m - \mu_{q_j}} \right) S^{-1}G, \quad (3.6)$$

$$\sigma(i, j-1) = \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_s}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_s}}, \quad \sigma(i, 0) = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad (3.7)$$

and

$$\Psi^{(j)} = F^*T \text{diag} \left( \frac{\tau(1, j-1)}{\mu_1 - \lambda_{p_j}}, \dots, \frac{\tau(n, j-1)}{\mu_n - \lambda_{p_j}} \right), \quad (3.8)$$

$$\tau(i, j-1) = \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_s}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_s}}, \quad \tau(i, 0) = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Before we state our first result, we like to emphasize that equation (3.5) is a proper generalization of the similar equation for the solution of the Lyapunov equation from [48]. It is obtained as a by-product of the ADI Method for Sylvester Equations from [11] or [47]. A similar equation to (3.5) can also be obtained using the eigenvalue decompositions of  $A$  and  $B$  and the LU decomposition of the corresponding Cauchy matrix presented in [13].

Now, we can state our first result.

**Theorem 3.1** *Assume  $A$  and  $B$  have eigen-decompositions (3.1) and (3.2). Let  $X$  be the solution of the Sylvester equation (2.1). Then the following inequality*

$$\|X\| \leq \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|\sigma(i, j-1)| \cdot \|\hat{g}_i\|}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{|\tau(\ell, j-1)| \|\hat{f}_\ell\|}{|\mu_\ell - \lambda_{p_j}|}, \quad (3.9)$$

holds, where  $\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\tau(\cdot, \cdot)$  are defined as in (3.6) and (3.8), respectively, and  $\hat{g}_i$ ,  $\hat{f}_\ell$  denote the  $i$ th row of  $\hat{G} = S^{-1}G$  and the  $\ell$ th column of  $\hat{F}^* = F^*T$ , respectively.

**Proof.** The proof simply follows after taking the norms of the both sides of (3.5) and using (3.6) and (3.8).  $\square$

**REMARK 3.1** *Note that in the bound from Theorem 3.1 we combined each of  $G$  and  $F^*$  together with eigenvectors matrices of  $A$  and  $B$ . This approach has two advantages. First, if certain eigenvectors of  $A$  are nearly linearly dependent, then it is straightforward to see that for some  $G$  it is possible  $\|S^{-1}G\| \ll \|S^{-1}\| \|G\|$ . On the other hand if for some  $i$ , numbers  $\frac{\sigma(i, j-1)}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|}$  are large and corresponding  $\|\hat{g}_i\|$  are small, then again it is possible*

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|\sigma(i, j-1)| \cdot \|\hat{g}_i\|}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|} \ll \max_i \frac{\sigma(i, j-1)}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|} \cdot \|S^{-1}G\|.$$

### 3.1 Error Bounds

In this section we are going to present an upper bound for the approximation of the solution of Sylvester equation (2.1).

**Theorem 3.2** *Assume  $A$  and  $B$  have eigen-decompositions (3.1) and (3.2). Let  $X_k$  be the  $k$ th approximation obtained by (2.3) – (2.5) with the set of ADI parameters corresponding to some subset of exact eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$ , i.e.  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} = \{\lambda_{p_1}, \lambda_{p_2}, \dots, \lambda_{p_k}\}$  and  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k\} = \{\mu_{q_1}, \mu_{q_2}, \dots, \mu_{q_k}\}$ . Then the following inequality*

$$\|X - X_k\| \leq \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \sum_{j=k+1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|\sigma(i, j-1)| \cdot \|\hat{g}_i\|}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \frac{|\tau(\ell, j-1)| \|\hat{f}_\ell\|}{|\mu_\ell - \lambda_{p_j}|}, \quad (3.10)$$

holds, where  $\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\tau(\cdot, \cdot)$  are defined as in (3.6) and (3.8), and  $\hat{g}_i$  and  $\hat{f}_\ell$  are as in Theorem 3.1, and  $\{\lambda_{p_j}, j > k\}$  and  $\{\mu_{q_j}, j > k\}$  are the eigenvalue subsets of  $A$  and  $B$  complement to the ones already used as shifts for obtaining  $X_k$ .

**Proof.** It follows from (2.5) that

$$X_k = \sum_{j=1}^k (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) Z^{(j)} Y^{(j)*}.$$

For  $k = n_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min\{m, n\}$ , we have

$$X \equiv X_{n_0} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) Z^{(j)} Y^{(j)*}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} X - X_k &= \sum_{j=k+1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) Z^{(j)} Y^{(j)*} \\ &= S \left( \sum_{j=k+1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) \Phi^{(j)} \Psi^{(j)} \right) T^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Inequality (3.10) simply follows after taking the norm from both sides in the above equality.  $\square$

**REMARK 3.2** The bound (3.10) can be used as the upper bound for the decay of singular values of the solution  $X$ . The similar bounds can be found in [35], [3] and [48]. Especially, in the case of Lyapunov equation it holds

$$\|X - X_k\| \leq \text{trace}(X) - \text{trace}(X_k),$$

thus one can see that bound (3.10) is a generalization of [48, Theorem 3.1].

**Example 3.1** The following example will illustrate the quality of the bound (3.9). Let  $A = SAS^{-1}$  with  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(30, 40, 60, 70, 90)$  and

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 10.2028 & 0.0153 & 0.4186 & 0.8381 & 0.5028 \\ 0.1987 & 10.7468 & 0.8462 & 0.0196 & 0.7095 \\ 0.6038 & 0.4451 & 10.5252 & 0.6813 & 0.4289 \\ 0.2722 & 0.9318 & 0.2026 & 10.3795 & 0.3046 \\ 0.1988 & 0.4660 & 0.6721 & 0.8318 & 10.1897 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $B = T\Omega T^{-1}$  with  $\Omega = \text{diag}(31, 41, 61, 71, 91)$  and

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 20.1934 & 0.6979 & 0.4966 & 0.6602 & 0.7271 \\ 0.6822 & 20.3784 & 0.8998 & 0.3420 & 0.3093 \\ 0.3028 & 0.8600 & 20.8216 & 0.2897 & 0.8385 \\ 0.5417 & 0.8537 & 0.6449 & 20.3412 & 0.5681 \\ 0.1509 & 0.5936 & 0.8180 & 0.5341 & 20.3704 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Did you generate  $A$  and  $B$  using  $S, \dots$  exactly as shown here? If not, you should consider doing so. Then reader could repeat your examples. No need to print  $A$  and  $B$ . This applies to all examples.

Then  $A$  and  $B$  are given as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 29.815 & -0.40683 & 0.99328 & 2.9505 & 2.8681 \\ -0.33502 & 39.816 & 1.4206 & -0.28644 & 3.4595 \\ -1.8052 & -0.94791 & 60.046 & 0.68913 & 1.3953 \\ -1.0330 & -2.6379 & 7.1608 \cdot 10^{-3} & 70.021 & 0.83157 \\ -0.99706 & -1.9850 & -1.7082 & -1.4306 & 90.302 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 30.936 & 0.20752 & 0.58806 & 1.2338 & 2.0822 \\ -0.36662 & 40.936 & 0.83224 & 0.48647 & 0.72542 \\ -0.43344e & -0.87143 & 60.994 & 0.13814 & 1.2600 \\ -1.0334 & -1.2304 & -0.25766 & 71.042 & 0.62278 \\ -0.37317 & -1.3800 & -1.0989 & -0.47661 & 91.093 \end{pmatrix},$$

where all entries are properly rounded to 5 digits.

Further,

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 408.112 & 7.952 & 24.152 & 10.892 & 7.952 \\ 0.308 & 214.938 & 8.904 & 18.638 & 9.322 \end{pmatrix}^T,$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2978 & -0.0093 & -0.0060 & -0.0092 & -0.0100 \\ -0.0322 & 0.9852 & -0.0409 & -0.0146 & -0.0117 \end{pmatrix}^T.$$

It can be computed that

$$\|X\|_F = 467.76,$$

while the bound (3.9) gives

$$\|X\|_F \leq 213.2.$$

The bound will be tighter if eigenvector matrices  $S$  and  $T$  become more diagonally dominant. On the other hand the bound will be attained for example if  $A$  and  $B$  are diagonal ( $S = T = I$ ) and  $F = G = \begin{pmatrix} 1, 0, \dots, 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ .

### 3.2 Perturbation Bound

We'll present a perturbation bound for the solution of Sylvester equation (2.1) perturbed to

$$(A + \delta A)(X + \delta X) - (X + \delta X)(B + \delta B) = (G + \delta G)(F + \delta F)^*. \quad (3.12)$$

Neglecting the second order terms and subtracting the unperturbed Sylvester equation from the perturbed one yield

$$A \delta X - \delta X B \approx G \delta F^* + \delta G F^* - \delta A X + X \delta B. \quad (3.13)$$

Note that we can approximate the solution  $\delta X$  of (3.13) by  $\delta X \approx \delta X_1 + \delta X_2 + \delta X_3$ , where

$$A \delta X_1 - \delta X_1 B = -\delta A X, \quad (3.14)$$

$$A \delta X_2 - \delta X_2 B = -X \delta B, \quad (3.15)$$

$$A \delta X_3 - \delta X_3 B = (G \delta F^* + \delta G F^*). \quad (3.16)$$

For (3.14), we again choose parameters

$$\text{either } \alpha_i = \lambda_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m, \text{ or } \beta_j = \mu_j \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n,$$

to get

$$\delta X_1 = S \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} (\mu_j - \lambda_j) \hat{\Phi}^{(j)} \hat{\Psi}^{(j)} \right) T^{-1}, \quad n_0 = \min\{m, n\}, \quad (3.17)$$

where

$$\hat{\Phi}^{(j)} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\sigma(1, j-1)}{\lambda_1 - \mu_j}, \dots, \frac{\sigma(m, j-1)}{\lambda_m - \mu_j} \right) S^{-1} \delta A, \quad \sigma(i, j-1) = \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_s}{\lambda_i - \mu_s}$$

and

$$\hat{\Psi}^{(j)} = X T \text{diag} \left( \frac{\tau(1, j-1)}{\mu_1 - \lambda_j}, \dots, \frac{\tau(n, j-1)}{\mu_n - \lambda_j} \right), \quad \tau(i, j-1) = \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\mu_i - \mu_s}{\mu_i - \lambda_s}.$$

Define

$$\Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\sigma(1, j-1)}{\lambda_1 - \mu_j}, \dots, \frac{\sigma(m, j-1)}{\lambda_m - \mu_j} \right), \quad (3.18)$$

$$\Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\tau(1, j-1)}{\mu_1 - \lambda_j}, \dots, \frac{\tau(n, j-1)}{\mu_n - \lambda_j} \right), \quad (3.19)$$

and

$$\sigma_{\max}^{(j)} = \|\Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}}\| = \max_i \frac{|\sigma(i, j-1)|}{|\lambda_i - \mu_j|}, \quad \tau_{\max}^{(j)} = \|\Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}}\| = \max_i \frac{|\tau(i, j-1)|}{|\mu_i - \lambda_j|}. \quad (3.20)$$

Equation (3.17) implies

$$\|\delta X_1\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \|S \Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}}\| \|S^{-1} \delta A\| \|X\| \|T \Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}} T^{-1}\|,$$

and thus

$$\frac{\|\delta X_1\|}{\|X\|} \leq \|S^{-1} \delta A\| \|S\| \kappa(T) \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \tau_{\max}^{(j)} \sigma_{\max}^{(j)}. \quad (3.21)$$

Similarly for  $\delta X_2$ , we have

$$\|\delta X_2\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \|S \Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}} S^{-1}\| \|\delta B T\| \|X\| \|\Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}} T^{-1}\|$$

and consequently

$$\frac{\|\delta X_2\|}{\|X\|} \leq \|\delta B T\| \|T^{-1}\| \kappa(S) \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \tau_{\max}^{(j)} \sigma_{\max}^{(j)}. \quad (3.22)$$

Finally for  $\delta X_3$

$$\|\delta X_3\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \|S \Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}}\| \|S^{-1} (G \delta F^* + \delta G F^*) T\| \|\Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}} T^{-1}\|$$

which implies

$$\|\delta X_3\| \leq \|S^{-1} (G \delta F^* + \delta G F^*) T\| \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \tau_{\max}^{(j)} \sigma_{\max}^{(j)}. \quad (3.23)$$

Now we can state the new theorem for the perturbation of the Sylvester equation (2.1) perturbed as in (3.12).

**Theorem 3.3** *Assume  $A$  and  $B$  have eigen-decompositions (3.1) and (3.2). Let  $X$  be the solution of the Sylvester equation (2.1) and let  $X + \delta X$  be the solution of the perturbed Sylvester equation (3.12). For sufficiently small*

$$\epsilon = \max\{\|\delta A\|, \|\delta B\|, \|\delta G\|, \|\delta F\|\},$$

*we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\delta X\|}{\|X\|} \leq & \left( \kappa(T) \|S\| \|S^{-1} \delta A\| + \kappa(S) \|T^{-1}\| \|\delta B T\| \right. \\ & \left. + \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \frac{\|S^{-1} (G \delta F^* + \delta G F^*) T\|}{\|X\|} \right) \gamma + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

where  $\gamma = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \tau_{\max}^{(j)} \sigma_{\max}^{(j)}$  and  $\sigma_{\max}^{(j)}, \tau_{\max}^{(j)}$  are defined as in (3.20).

**Proof.** Take the norm of  $\delta X \approx \delta X_1 + \delta X_2 + \delta X_3$  and use bounds (3.21), (3.22), (3.23) to get (3.24).  $\square$

**REMARK 3.3** From (3.17), and similar equalities for  $\delta X_2$  and  $\delta X_3$ , we can obtain a sharper bound

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\delta X\|}{\|X\|} &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \|S \Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}} S^{-1}\| \|T \Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}} T^{-1}\| \\ &\quad \times \left( \|\delta A\| + \|\delta B\| + \frac{\|S^{-1}(G\delta F^* + \delta G F^*)T\|}{\|X\|} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \end{aligned}$$

where diagonal matrices  $\Delta_{\Phi^{(j)}}$  and  $\Delta_{\Psi^{(j)}}$  are defined as in (3.18) and (3.19).

**REMARK 3.4** Using  $\|AB\|_{\text{F}} \leq \|A\| \|B\|_{\text{F}}$  and  $\|AB\|_{\text{F}} \leq \|A\|_{\text{F}} \|B\|$  (see, e.g., [45, Theorem II. 3.9.]) similarly like in the previous calculations one can obtain following bound for Frobenius norm

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\delta X\|_{\text{F}}}{\|X\|_{\text{F}}} &\leq \left( \kappa(T) \|S\| \|S^{-1} \delta A\| + \kappa(S) \|T^{-1}\| \|\delta B T\| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \frac{\|S^{-1}(G\delta F^* + \delta G F^*)T\|_{\text{F}}}{\|X\|_{\text{F}}} \right) \gamma + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

where  $\gamma = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_j - \lambda_j| \tau_{\max}^{(j)} \sigma_{\max}^{(j)}$  and  $\sigma_{\max}^{(j)}, \tau_{\max}^{(j)}$  are defined as in (3.20).

As an illustration of the quality of the perturbation bound (3.25) we will present a comparison between this bound and two bounds from [23]. The first one is

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_{\text{F}}}{\|X\|_{\text{F}}} \leq \sqrt{3} \Psi \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad (3.26)$$

where

$$\Psi = \|P^{-1}[\alpha(X^{\text{T}} \otimes I_m) \quad -\beta(I_n \otimes X) \quad -\delta I_{mn}]\| / \|X\|_{\text{F}}, \quad P = I_n \otimes A - B^{\text{T}} \otimes I_m$$

and  $\epsilon = \max \left\{ \frac{\|\delta A\|_{\text{F}}}{\alpha}, \frac{\|\delta B\|_{\text{F}}}{\beta}, \frac{\|\delta C\|_{\text{F}}}{\delta} \right\}$ , while  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\delta$  are scaling factors as in [23]. The second bound is a weaker version of (3.26):

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_{\text{F}}}{\|X\|_{\text{F}}} \leq \sqrt{3} \Phi \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2), \quad (3.27)$$

where  $\Phi = \|P^{-1}\| \frac{(\alpha + \beta)\|X\|_F + \delta}{\|X\|_F}$ .

As pointed out in [23], the perturbation bound (3.27) with  $\alpha = \|A\|_F, \beta = \|B\|_F$  and  $\delta = \|C\|_F$  is the one that is usually quoted in the literature for the Sylvester equation. For example, it is also in [16].

The following example compares new bound (3.25) with bounds (3.26) and (3.27).

**Example 3.2** Let  $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$  with  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(30, 40, 60, 70, 90)$  and

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0.052 & 0.494 & 0.935 & 0.592 & 0.827 \\ 0.264 & 0.094 & 0.220 & 0.388 & 0.387 \\ 0.757 & 0.971 & 0.189 & 0.935 & 0.445 \\ 0.435 & 0.424 & 0.280 & 0.826 & 0.009 \\ 0.506 & 0.270 & 0.674 & 0.051 & 0.280 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $B = T\Omega T^{-1}$  with  $\Omega = \text{diag}(100, 200, 300, 400, 450)$  and

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 85610 & 89420 & 42300 & 31670 & 97380 \\ 9709 & 64180 & 89230 & 36420 & 28030 \\ 0.3910 & 0.2030 & 0.9910 & 0.6150 & 0.1740 \\ 0.3760 & 0.0680 & 0.4000 & 0.5970 & 0.9210 \\ 0.5150 & 0.8000 & 0.3400 & 0.6850 & 0.2600 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $A$  and  $B$  are given as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 62.226 & 75.155 & -3.0035 & -25.328 & -16.256 \\ 11.270 & 78.342 & 0.14503 & -11.108 & -17.048 \\ 19.526 & 51.318 & 33.357 & 5.7715 & -38.765 \\ 11.559 & 11.144 & -17.062 & 77.153 & -22.014 \\ 16.626 & 8.2033 & -5.7441 & -7.3482 & 38.922 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 79.750 & 303.69 & -3.0939 \cdot 10^7 & 3.7518 \cdot 10^7 & -6.2612 \cdot 10^6 \\ -65.058 & 291.66 & -1.0842 \cdot 10^6 & 1.2139 \cdot 10^7 & -8.3818 \cdot 10^5 \\ -1.6190 \cdot 10^{-3} & 1.2461 \cdot 10^{-3} & 163.87 & 165.84 & 76.064 \\ -1.3364 \cdot 10^{-3} & 1.9579 \cdot 10^{-3} & -235.44 & 570.39 & 20.569 \\ -2.0331 \cdot 10^{-3} & 1.1994 \cdot 10^{-3} & -130.45 & 232.94 & 344.33 \end{pmatrix},$$

where all entries are properly rounded to 5 digits.

Further,

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & -60 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -60 & 400 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad F = G.$$

Perturbations are

$$\delta B = 10^{-9} \cdot \text{diag}(10^{-5}, 10^{-5}, 1, 1, 1), \quad \delta A = 0, \\ \delta F = \delta G = 0.$$

It can be computed that

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} = 5.05 \cdot 10^{-11},$$

while the perturbation bound (3.26) and (3.27) give

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 5.42 \cdot 10^{-5}, \quad \frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 1.01 \cdot 10^{-4},$$

respectively. On the other hand the perturbation bound (3.25) gives

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 9.19 \cdot 10^{-9}.$$

The above example illustrates that the structure of the matrices  $F$  and  $G$  from the right-hand side in the Sylvester equation (2.1) sometimes can greatly influence the perturbation of the solution.

Before we explain this influence and a reason why the perturbation bounds (3.24) or (3.25) prevail the bounds (3.26) and (3.27) respectively, recall that all these bounds can be considered as the perturbation bounds for the solution of the linear system

$$Px = c, \quad \text{perturbed to} \quad (P + \delta P)(x + \delta x) = c + \delta c, \quad (3.28)$$

where

$$P = I_n \otimes A - B^* \otimes I_m, \quad c = \text{vec}(C),$$

$$P + \delta P = I_n \otimes (A + \delta A) - (B + \delta B)^* \otimes I_m \quad \text{and} \quad c + \delta c = \text{vec}(C + \delta C).$$

The reason why (3.24) or (3.25) prevail over the bounds (3.26) and (3.27) lie in the fact that they include the range of  $P$  and  $P + \delta P$  and the orientation of  $c$  with the respect to the range of  $P$ .

The last property (which illustrates the influence of the right-hand side) of the perturbation bounds also can be found in [14], where Chan and Foulser have shown that if we consider the linear system

$$Px = c, \quad \text{perturbed to} \quad P(x + \delta x) = c + \delta c,$$

then the following bound holds:

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\sigma_{N+1-k}}{\sigma_N} \left( \frac{\|\mathcal{P}_k c\|}{\|c\|} \right)^{-1} \frac{\|\delta c\|}{\|c\|}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N, \quad N = n \cdot m, \quad (3.29)$$

where  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_N$  are singular values of the matrix  $P$ , that is

$$P = U\Sigma V^T; \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}_k = U_k U_k^T, \quad U_k = [u_{N+1-k}, \dots, u_N].$$

The bound (3.25) and (3.29) are based on the similar ideas, although (3.25) is more general. As an illustration, in Example 3.2 reset  $\delta B = 0$  and

$$\delta G = 10^{-6} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad \delta F = \delta G.$$

Recall that  $\delta C = (G \delta F^* + \delta G F^*)$ , and in (3.29)  $\delta c = \text{vec}(\delta C)$ . In this case (3.25) gives

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 2.59 \cdot 10^{-6},$$

while (3.29) gives

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq 1.92 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

which illustrates that the both bounds may be of the same quality.

On the other hand Chan and Foulser also obtained a perturbation bound for (3.28) when  $P$  is perturbed to  $P + \delta P$  and  $\delta c = 0$ . This bound, given in [14, Theorem 2], for Example 3.2 gives

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq 1.84 \cdot 10^{-2},$$

which is obvious less sharp than (3.25) and (3.26).

Since in the application often eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$  are close, interesting question arises: what will happen with the bound (3.9) in that case. As was expected the bound (3.9) are not sensitive on clustered eigenvalues, that is if some eigenvalues of  $A$  are close to some of eigenvalues of  $B$  the bound will increase proportionally with the norm of solution. On the other hand, the perturbation bound (3.24) is more sensitive to the clustered eigenvalues then the bound (3.9), but for example if the range of the matrices on the right-hand side is close to the range of the eigenvector matrices the bound (3.9) would remain very tight.

**REMARK 3.5** It is important to note that bounds (3.24) and (3.25) have more theoretical meaning than practical one. In practice, when applying ADI, one does not necessarily choose the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$  as the ADI shifts. One would use Ritz values (see for example [11] or [47]) as opposed to a some subset of the exact eigenvalues to extract information. Thus, the natural question arise, *is it possible to obtained a certain version of the upper bound in (3.24) that uses arbitrary shifts instead of the exact eigenvalues?* Unfortunately at this moment we do not have an answer to this question. But we would like to emphasize that certain attempt in the same direction for the Lyapunov equation has been done in [46]. The bound obtained there is very complicated and hard to apply thus from this point of view if one would like to derive a version of the upper bound in (3.24) some different approach should be implemented.

#### 4 The non-diagonalizable case

This section accomplishes the same tasks as the previous section but for non-diagonalizable matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

Recall that equation (2.1) has a unique solution if and only if  $A$  and  $B$  have no common eigenvalues, which has been assumed throughout the paper. For the sake of simplicity, we will consider matrices  $A$  and  $B$  whose Jordan blocks are at most  $2 \times 2$ . The idea is easily extensible to more general cases, except more complicated results. On the other hand, the case with only up to  $2 \times 2$  Jordan blocks does happen in practice. For example a simple planar spacecraft model [44] has two  $2 \times 2$  Jordan blocks. This makes our case more interesting for investigation.

Let the Jordan canonical form of  $A$  be

$$A = SJ_AS^{-1}, \quad S \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, \quad J_A = J_{A,1} \oplus \dots \oplus J_{A,k_A}, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $J_{A,i} \oplus J_{A,j}$  stands for a direct sum of  $J_{A,i}$  and  $J_{A,j}$ , and

$$J_{A,i} = \begin{cases} \lambda_i & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_A, \\ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} \equiv \lambda_i I_2 + N_2, & \text{for } i = \ell_A + 1, \dots, k_A, \end{cases}$$

$2(k_A - \ell_A) + \ell_A = m$ ,  $I_2$  is the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix, and  $N_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Similarly, let the Jordan canonical form of  $B$  be

$$\begin{aligned} B &= T J_B T^{-1}, \quad T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad J_B = J_{B,1} \oplus \dots \oplus J_{B,k_B}, & (4.2) \\ J_{B,i} &= \mu_i & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_B, \\ J_{B,i} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mu_i & 1 \\ 0 & \mu_i \end{pmatrix} \equiv \mu_i I_2 + N_2, & \text{for } i = \ell_B + 1, \dots, k_B, \end{aligned}$$

where  $2(k_B - \ell_B) + \ell_B = n$ .

**Theorem 4.1** *Assume  $A$  and  $B$  have Jordan canonical decompositions (4.1) and (4.2). Let  $X$  be the solution of the Sylvester equation (2.1), obtained by (2.3) – (2.5) (LR-ADI) with the set of ADI parameters*

$$\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m\} = \{\lambda_{p_1}, \lambda_{p_2}, \dots, \lambda_{p_m}\}$$

and

$$\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\} = \{\mu_{q_1}, \mu_{q_2}, \dots, \mu_{q_n}\},$$

where each eigenvalue appears as many times as its algebraic multiplicity. Then

$$\|X\| \leq \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \sum_{i=1}^{k_A} \frac{\|\eta(i, j-1)\| \cdot \|\hat{g}_i\|}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|} \sum_{s=1}^{k_B} \frac{\|\vartheta(s, j-1)\| \|\hat{f}_s\|}{|\mu_s - \lambda_{p_j}|}, \quad (4.3)$$

where  $n_0 = \min\{m, n\}$ ,

$$\eta(i, j) = \sigma(i, j) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_A, \quad (4.4)$$

$$\eta(i, j) = \left( I_2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_{j+1}}} N_2 \right) [\sigma(i, j) I_2 - \mu(i, j) N_2] \quad \text{for } i = \ell_A + 1, \dots, k_A, \quad (4.5)$$

$$\sigma(i, j-1) = \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_s}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_s}} \quad \text{and } \sigma(i, 0) = 1, \quad \text{for all } i, \quad (4.6)$$

$$\mu(i, j) = \sum_{\ell=1}^j \prod_{\substack{t=1 \\ t \neq \ell}}^j \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_\ell}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_\ell}} \frac{\lambda_{p_t} - \mu_{q_t}}{(\lambda_i - \mu_{q_t})^2} \quad \text{for } i = \ell_A + 1, \dots, k_A, \quad (4.7)$$

$$\vartheta(i, j) = \tau(i, j) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_B, \quad (4.8)$$

$$\vartheta(i, j) = \left( I_2 - \frac{1}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_{j+1}}} N_2 \right) [\tau(i, j) I_2 - \nu(i, j) N_2] \quad \text{for } i = \ell_B + 1, \dots, k_B, \quad (4.9)$$

$$\tau(i, j-1) = \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_s}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_s}} \quad \text{and } \tau(i, 0) = 1, \quad \text{for all } i, \quad (4.10)$$

$$\nu(i, j) = \sum_{\ell=1}^j \prod_{\substack{t=1 \\ t \neq \ell}}^j \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_\ell}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_\ell}} \frac{\mu_{q_t} - \lambda_{p_t}}{(\mu_i - \lambda_{p_t})^2} \quad \text{for } i = \ell_B + 1, \dots, k_B, \quad (4.11)$$

and  $\hat{g}_i$  (for  $i = 1, \dots, \ell_A$ ) denotes the  $i$ th  $1 \times r$  submatrix and  $2 \times r$  (for  $i = \ell_A + 1, \dots, k_A$ ) submatrix of the matrix  $\hat{G} = S^{-1}G$ , respectively. Similarly,  $\hat{f}_j$  denotes the  $j$ th,  $r \times 1$  (for  $j = 1, \dots, \ell_B$ ) submatrix and  $r \times 2$  (for  $j = \ell_B + 1, \dots, k_B$ ) submatrix of the matrix  $\hat{F}^* = F^*T$ , respectively.

**Proof.** Similarly to (3.3), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} Z^{(j)} &= S(J_A - \lambda_{p_{j-1}}I)(J_A - \mu_{q_j}I)^{-1}S^{-1}Z^{(j-1)} \\ &= S(J_A - \lambda_{p_{j-1}}I)(J_A - \mu_{q_j}I)^{-1}(J_A - \lambda_{p_{j-2}}I)(J_A - \mu_{q_{j-1}}I)^{-1} \dots \\ &\quad \dots (J_A - \lambda_{p_1}I)(J_A - \mu_{q_2}I)^{-1}(J_A - \mu_{q_1}I)^{-1}S^{-1}G \\ &= S(J_A - \mu_{q_j}I)^{-1}\Gamma_{j-1}\Gamma_{j-2} \dots \Gamma_1 S^{-1}G, \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

where

$$\Gamma_j = (J_A - \lambda_{p_j}I)(J_A - \mu_{q_j}I)^{-1}.$$

Similarly to (3.4), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} Y^{(j)*} &= Y^{(j-1)*}T(J_B - \lambda_{p_j}I)^{-1}(J_B - \mu_{q_{j-1}}I)T^{-1} \\ &= F^*T(J_B - \lambda_{p_1}I)^{-1}(J_B - \lambda_{p_2}I)^{-1}(J_B - \mu_{q_1}I) \dots \\ &\quad \dots (J_B - \lambda_{p_j}I)^{-1}(J_B - \mu_{q_{j-1}}I)T^{-1} \\ &= F^*T\Xi_1\Xi_2 \dots \Xi_{j-1}(J_B - \lambda_{p_j}I)^{-1}T^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Xi_j = (J_B - \mu_{q_j} I)(J_B - \lambda_{p_j} I)^{-1}.$$

Further, note that matrices  $\Gamma_j$  and  $\Xi_j$  are block diagonal matrices, and the  $i$ th diagonal block of  $\Gamma_j$  is

$$(\Gamma_j)_{(i,i)} = \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_j}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_A, \quad (4.13)$$

$$(\Gamma_j)_{(i,i)} = \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_j}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} I_2 + \frac{\lambda_{p_j} - \mu_{q_j}}{(\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j})^2} N_2 \quad \text{for } i = \ell_A + 1, \dots, k_A, \quad (4.14)$$

while the  $i$ th diagonal block of  $\Xi_j$  is

$$(\Xi_j)_{(i,i)} = \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_j}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_B, \quad (4.15)$$

$$(\Xi_j)_{(i,i)} = \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_j}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} I_2 + \frac{\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}}{(\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j})^2} N_2 \quad \text{for } i = \ell_B + 1, \dots, k_B. \quad (4.16)$$

Now from (4.13) and (4.14), it follows that the  $i$ th diagonal block of  $(J_A - \mu_{q_j} I)^{-1} \Gamma_{j-1} \Gamma_{j-2} \dots \Gamma_1$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \left( (J_A - \mu_{q_j} I)^{-1} \Gamma_{j-1} \Gamma_{j-2} \dots \Gamma_1 \right)_{(i,i)} &= \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_s}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_s}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma(i, j-1)}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_A. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

and for  $i = \ell_A + 1, \dots, k_A$  it is

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( I_2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} N_2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_s}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_s}} I_2 + \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} \sum_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \prod_{\substack{t=1 \\ t \neq \ell}}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_{p_\ell}}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_\ell}} \frac{\lambda_{p_\ell} - \mu_{q_\ell}}{(\lambda_i - \mu_{q_\ell})^2} N_2 \right) \\ &= \left( I_2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} N_2 \right) \left( \frac{\sigma(i, j-1)}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} I_2 + \frac{\mu(i, j-1)}{\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}} N_2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

where  $\sigma(i, j-1)$  and  $\mu(i, j-1)$  are defined as in (4.6)–(4.7).

Similarly from (4.15) and (4.16), it follows that the  $i$ th diagonal block of  $\Xi_1 \Xi_2 \dots \Xi_{j-1} (J_B - \lambda_{p_j} I)^{-1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\Xi_1 \Xi_2 \dots \Xi_{j-1} (J_B - \lambda_{p_j} I)^{-1}\right)_{(i,i)} &= \frac{1}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_s}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_s}} \\
&= \frac{\tau(i, j-1)}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \ell_B, \quad (4.19)
\end{aligned}$$

and for  $i = \ell_B + 1, \dots, k_B$  it is

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left(I_2 - \frac{1}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} N_2\right) \left( \frac{1}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} \prod_{s=1}^{j-1} \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_s}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_s}} I_2 + \frac{1}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} \sum_{\ell=1}^{j-1} \prod_{\substack{t=1 \\ t \neq \ell}}^{j-1} \frac{\mu_i - \mu_{q_\ell}}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_\ell}} \frac{\mu_{q_\ell} - \lambda_{p_t}}{(\mu_i - \lambda_{p_t})^2} N_2 \right) \\
&= \left(I_2 - \frac{1}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} N_2\right) \left( \frac{\tau(i, j-1)}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} I_2 + \frac{\nu(i, j-1)}{\mu_i - \lambda_{p_j}} N_2 \right), \quad (4.20)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau(i, j-1)$  and  $\nu(i, j-1)$  are defined as in (4.10)–(4.11).

Now, from (2.5) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) Z^{(j)} Y^{(j)*} \\
&= S \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) (J_A - \mu_{q_j} I)^{-1} \Gamma_{j-1} \Gamma_{j-2} \dots \Gamma_1 \hat{G} \hat{F}^* \Xi_1 \Xi_2 \dots \Xi_{j-1} (J_B - \lambda_{p_j} I)^{-1} \right) T^{-1}. \quad (4.21)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, (4.3) simply follows by taking the norms at the both sides of the above equation and taking into consideration the definitions (4.4)–(4.11).  $\square$

#### 4.1 Error Bound

**Theorem 4.2** *Assume  $A$  and  $B$  having Jordan canonical decompositions (4.1) and (4.2). Let  $X_k$  be the  $k$ th approximation obtained by (2.3) – (2.5) with the set of ADI parameters corresponding to subsets of exact eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$ , i.e.  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\} = \{\lambda_{p_1}, \lambda_{p_2}, \dots, \lambda_{p_k}\}$  and  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k\} = \{\mu_{q_1}, \mu_{q_2}, \dots, \mu_{q_k}\}$ . Then the following inequality holds*

$$\|X - X_k\| \leq \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \sum_{j=k+1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \sum_{i=1}^{k_A} \frac{\|\eta(i, j-1)\| \cdot \|\hat{g}_i\|}{|\lambda_i - \mu_{q_j}|} \sum_{\ell=1}^{k_B} \frac{\|\vartheta(\ell, j-1)\| \|\hat{f}_\ell\|}{|\mu_\ell - \lambda_{p_j}|},$$

where  $\eta(i, j)$  and  $\vartheta(\ell, j)$  are defined as in (4.4)–(4.11), respectively, and  $\hat{g}_i, \hat{f}_\ell$  are defined as in Theorem 4.1, and  $\{\lambda_{p_j}, j > k\}$  and  $\{\mu_{q_j}, j > k\}$  are the eigenvalue subsets of  $A$  and  $B$  complement to the ones already used as shifts for obtaining  $X_k$ .

**Proof.** An equation similar to (3.11) holds. Taking norms and using formulas from (4.12) to (4.20), we obtain the assertion of the theorem.  $\square$

## 4.2 Perturbation Bound

We'll consider the same problem as we did in Subsection 3.2, except  $A$  and  $B$  are no longer diagonalizable but have the Jordan canonical forms as in (4.1) and (4.2), respectively. It can be seen that the development there up to (3.16) remains valid.

Choose parameters such that

$$\text{either } \alpha_i = \lambda_{p_i} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m, \text{ or } \beta_j = \mu_{q_j} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $p_i = i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \ell_A$  and  $p_{\ell_A+2i-1} = p_{\ell_A+2i} = \ell_A + i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2(k_A - \ell_A)$ , and  $q_i = i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \ell_B$  and  $q_{\ell_B+2i-1} = q_{\ell_B+2i} = \ell_B + i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2(k_B - \ell_B)$ , recall that  $\alpha_i \neq \beta_j$ , for all  $i, j$ .

Then if we apply formula (4.21) to the Sylvester's equation

$$A\delta X_1 - \delta X_1 B = -\delta A X,$$

we have

$$\delta X_1 = -S \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} (\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}) (J_A - \mu_{q_j} I)^{-1} \Gamma_{j-1} \dots \Gamma_1 S^{-1} \delta A X T \Xi_1 \Xi_2 \dots \Xi_{j-1} (J_B - \lambda_{p_j} I)^{-1} \right) T^{-1},$$

from which we have

$$\|\delta X_1\| \leq \|S\| \kappa(T) \|S^{-1} \delta A\| \|X\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \eta_{\max}^{(j)} \vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} \right), \quad (4.22)$$

where  $\eta_{\max}^{(j)} = \|(J_A - \mu_{q_j} I)^{-1} \Gamma_{j-1} \Gamma_{j-2} \dots \Gamma_1\|$  and  $\vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} = \|\Xi_1 \Xi_2 \dots \Xi_{j-1} (J_B - \lambda_{p_j} I)^{-1}\|$ . Further using (4.17), (4.18), (4.4) and (4.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\max}^{(j)} &= \left\| \text{diag} \left( \frac{\eta(1, j-1)}{\lambda_1 - \mu_{q_j}}, \frac{\eta(2, j-1)}{\lambda_2 - \mu_{q_j}}, \dots, \frac{\eta(k_A, j-1)}{\lambda_{k_A} - \mu_{q_j}} \right) \right\| \\ &= \max_k \frac{\|\eta(k, j-1)\|}{|\lambda_k - \mu_{q_j}|}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.23)$$

Similarly from (4.19), (4.20), (4.8) and (4.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} &= \left\| \text{diag} \left( \frac{\vartheta(1, j-1)}{\mu_1 - \lambda_{p_j}}, \frac{\vartheta(2, j-1)}{\mu_2 - \lambda_{p_j}}, \dots, \frac{\vartheta(k_B, j-1)}{\mu_{k_B} - \lambda_{p_j}} \right) \right\| \\ &= \max_k \frac{\|\vartheta(k, j-1)\|}{|\mu_k - \lambda_{p_j}|}.\end{aligned}\quad (4.24)$$

For the solutions of the Sylvester equations (3.15) and (3.16), one can obtain the following bounds

$$\|\delta X_2\| \leq \kappa(S) \|T^{-1}\| \|\delta B T\| \|X\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \eta_{\max}^{(j)} \vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} \right), \quad (4.25)$$

$$\|\delta X_3\| \leq \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \|S^{-1}(G\delta F^* + \delta G F^*)T\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \eta_{\max}^{(j)} \vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} \right). \quad (4.26)$$

**Theorem 4.3** *Assume  $A$  and  $B$  having Jordan canonical decompositions (4.1) and (4.2). Let  $X$  be the solution of the Sylvester equation (2.1) and let  $X + \delta X$  be the solution of the perturbed Sylvester equation (3.12). If*

$$\epsilon = \max\{\|\delta A\|, \|\delta B\|, \|\delta G\|, \|\delta F\|\}$$

*is sufficiently small, then*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\|\delta X\|}{\|X\|} &\leq \left( \kappa(T) \|S\| \|S^{-1}\delta A\| + \kappa(S) \|T^{-1}\| \|\delta B T\| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \|S\| \|T^{-1}\| \frac{\|S^{-1}(G\delta F^* + \delta G F^*)T\|}{\|X\|} \right) \gamma + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2),\end{aligned}\quad (4.27)$$

where  $\gamma = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} \eta_{\max}^{(j)}$ , and  $\eta_{\max}^{(j)}$  and  $\vartheta_{\max}^{(j)}$  are defined as in (4.23) and (4.24).

**Proof.** From  $\|\delta X\| \leq \|\delta X_1\| + \|\delta X_2\| + \|\delta X_3\| + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$  using previous bounds (4.22), (4.25) and (4.26) for  $\|\delta X_1\|$ ,  $\|\delta X_2\|$  and  $\|\delta X_3\|$ , respectively we obtain assertion of the theorem.  $\square$

**REMARK 4.1** Again, using  $\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\| \|B\|_F$  and  $\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\|_F \|B\|$  ([45, Theorem II. 3.9.], similarly like in the previous calculations, one can obtain following bound for Frobenius norm

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq \left( \kappa(T)\|S\|\|S^{-1}\delta A\| + \kappa(S)\|T^{-1}\|\|\delta BT\| \right. \\ \left. + \|S\|\|T^{-1}\|\frac{\|S^{-1}(G\delta F^* + \delta GF^*)T\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \right) \gamma + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2). \quad (4.28)$$

where  $\gamma = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} |\mu_{q_j} - \lambda_{p_j}| \vartheta_{\max}^{(j)} \eta_{\max}^{(j)}$ , and  $\eta_{\max}^{(j)}$  and  $\vartheta_{\max}^{(j)}$  are defined as in (4.23) and (4.24).

The bounds (4.27) and (4.28) share the same properties as the bounds for the diagonalizable case. In order to compare new bound (4.28) with bounds (3.26) and (3.27), we consider following example.

**Example 4.1** Let  $A = SJ_A S^{-1}$  with  $J_A = 10 \oplus 20 \oplus (40I_2 + N_2) \oplus (60I_2 + N_2)$  and

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 10.1610 & -0.2270 & -0.0810 & -0.0520 & 0.0120 & -1.3400 \\ -0.0990 & 2.5300 & -0.0450 & -0.0110 & 0.0310 & -1.5770 \\ 0.0040 & 0.0002 & 0.0110 & 0 & 0.0010 & -0.0490 \\ 0.0001 & 0.0001 & 0.0200 & 0.0060 & 0 & -0.0060 \\ 0.0100 & 0.0010 & 0 & 0.0003 & 0.0060 & -0.1070 \\ -0.5000 & -0.0720 & -0.0260 & -0.0030 & -0.1060 & 5.3420 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $B = TJ_B T^{-1}$  with  $J_B = 1.1 \oplus 2.2 \oplus 3.3 \oplus 4.4 \oplus (5.5I_2 + N_2)$  and

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1000 & 0.0100 & 0.0073 & 0.0092 & 0.0018 & 0.0010 \\ 0.0100 & 0.4000 & 0.0200 & 0.0024 & 0.0078 & 0.0087 \\ 0.5230 & 2.0000 & 90.0000 & 3.0000 & 0.1266 & 0.9222 \\ 0.8643 & 0.5264 & 3.0000 & 160.0000 & 4.0000 & 0.5596 \\ 0.9746 & 0.0016 & 0.3493 & 4.0000 & 250.0000 & 5.0000 \\ 0.7726 & 0.7227 & 0.0952 & 0.9762 & 5.0000 & 0.7091 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $A$  and  $B$  are given as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 9.3438 & -1.3180 & 240.46 & -279.17 & -200.96 & -15.227 \\ -0.50249 & 19.609 & -16.181 & -55.113 & -6.3517 & -12.382 \\ -2.1456 \cdot 10^{-2} & -9.5733 \cdot 10^{-3} & 36.534 & 1.5135 & 0.13783 & -0.21881 \\ -1.7008 \cdot 10^{-3} & -2.8580 \cdot 10^{-3} & -6.2176 & 43.294 & -0.47523 & -8.6585 \cdot 10^{-2} \\ -5.0208 \cdot 10^{-2} & -2.0441 \cdot 10^{-2} & 2.1992 & -1.4633 & 59.780 & -3.3920 \cdot 10^{-2} \\ 2.5271 & 1.3994 & 19.810 & 30.361 & 9.8637 & 61.441 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0248 & 1.1159 \cdot 10^{-2} & 1.6806 \cdot 10^{-4} & 1.3669 \cdot 10^{-4} & -1.6080 \cdot 10^{-4} & 9.5199 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ -0.56104 & 2.1026 & 2.6065 \cdot 10^{-4} & -2.8371 \cdot 10^{-4} & -1.1092 \cdot 10^{-3} & 6.1180 \cdot 10^{-2} \\ -38.622 & -11.312 & 3.3019 & 1.9604 \cdot 10^{-3} & -7.3187 \cdot 10^{-2} & 3.7450 \\ -85.894 & -14.725 & -3.2912 \cdot 10^{-2} & 4.3613 & -0.13780 & 7.8559 \\ -3170 & -689.19 & 5.7388 \cdot 10^{-2} & -2.2285 & -2.9559 & 426.79 \\ -96.947 & -19.144 & 2.9388 \cdot 10^{-3} & -4.9494 \cdot 10^{-2} & -0.17122 & 14.165 \end{pmatrix},$$

where all entries are properly rounded to 5 digits.

Further,

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad F = G.$$

Perturbations are

$$\delta A = 10^{-10} \cdot \text{diag}(0.2, 0.2, 0.0002, 0.0002, 0.0002, 0.0002), \quad \delta B = 5 \delta A,$$

$$\delta G = 10^{-6} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad \delta F = \delta G.$$

It can be computed that

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} = 1.05 \cdot 10^{-7},$$

while the perturbation bounds (3.26) and (3.27) give

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 0.11, \quad \frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 1.45,$$

respectively. On the other hand, the perturbation bound (4.28) gives

$$\frac{\|\delta X\|_F}{\|X\|_F} \leq 2.84 \cdot 10^{-6}.$$

As in the diagonalizable case, the above example shows that the structure of the matrices  $F$  and  $G$  from the Sylvester equation (2.1) sometimes can greatly influence the perturbation of the solution.

## 5 Concluding remarks

We have analyzed the solution to a general Sylvester equation  $AX - XB = GF^*$  with a low rank-right hand side. LR-ADI with the exact shifts provides us the tool to do so. Our new results contain considerably more detailed information on the eigen-properties of  $A$  and  $B$  and the right-hand side  $GF^*$  as opposed to the existing ones. Because of this, our new bounds are sharper and provides better understanding of the solution structure, but are messier as a tradeoff.

Although we tackled the general case by considering when  $A$  and  $B$  have Jordan blocks of orders only up to 2, the technique is readily applicable to Jordan blocks of orders higher than 2 with little changes.

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