# Krylov subspace methods

# Introduction

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# Large Sparse Linear Systems Scientific and engineering simulations require the solution of (many) very large, sparse, linear systems. The matrices arise from finite element/volume discretization of partial differential or integral equations (and other areas) describing the physical behavior of complex systems. Accurate solution requires millions of unknowns. Time-dependent nonlinear problem: Solve a nonlinear system each timestep, which (Newton iteration) requires many linear systems to be solved. Very large optimization problems: each iteration requires the solution of a linear system. New fields of application: Financial modeling, Econometry, Biology.

# Why iterative solvers?

≺ direct solver (LU):	work: O(N <sup>3</sup> )	storage: O(N <sup>2</sup> )
≺ idem for band matrix:	work: O(b <sup>2</sup> N)	storage: O(bN)
<b>X</b> 2D: $b = O(N^{1/2})$ :	work: O(N <sup>2</sup> )	storage: O(N <sup>3/2</sup> )
<b>X</b> 3D: $b = O(N^{2/3})$ :	work: O(N <sup>7/3</sup> )	storage: O(N <sup>5/3</sup> )
$\mathbf{X}$ sparse matrix $ imes$ vector: v	work: 2Nk st	orage: Nk
For large problems direct moderate problems they iterative methods (if they	methods are imp are much more e converge).	possible; even for expensive than



# Basic Iterative Methods (1)

System of nonlinear equations: f(x) = 0Rewrite as x = F(x), and iterate  $x_{i+1} = F(x_i)$  (fixed-point iteration) Converges if  $\rho(\nabla F^T) < 1$  and  $\nabla F^T$  Lip. cont. in neighborhood of solution

Linear system: Ax = bMatrix splitting:  $[P + (A - P)]x = b \Leftrightarrow Px = (P - A)x + b \Leftrightarrow$   $x = (I - P^{-1}A)x + P^{-1}b$ Iterate:  $x_{i+1} = (I - P^{-1}A)x_i + P^{-1}b$ Converges if  $\rho(I - P^{-1}A) < 1$ 

Methods: Jacobi iteration, Gauss-Seidel, (S)SOR, ...

Fixed-point:  $x = (I - P^{-1}A)x + P^{-1}b \iff P^{-1}Ax = P^{-1}b$ Fixed-point is solution of the preconditioned system:  $P^{-1}Ax = P^{-1}b$ 

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Basic Iterative Methods (2)  $\begin{aligned}
x_{i+1} &= (l - P^{-1}A)x_i + P^{-1}b = x_i + P^{-1}b - P^{-1}Ax_i \\
\text{Linear System: } Ax &= b \\
\text{Residual: } r_i &= b - Ax_i \\
x_{i+1} &= x_i + \tilde{r}_i \Rightarrow x_{i+1} = x_0 + \tilde{r}_0 + \tilde{r}_1 + \dots + \tilde{r}_i \\
\text{Lydate } x_{i+1} - x_0 &= \tilde{r}_0 + \tilde{r}_1 + \dots + \tilde{r}_i \\
\hat{r}_{i+1} &= P^{-1}b - P^{-1}Ax_{i+1} = P^{-1}b - P^{-1}Ax_i - P^{-1}A\tilde{r}_i = \tilde{r}_i - P^{-1}A\tilde{r}_i \\
\tilde{r}_{i+1} &= (l - P^{-1}A)\tilde{r}_i = (l - P^{-1}A)^{i+1}\tilde{r}_0 \\
\hat{r}_i &\in \text{span}\{\tilde{r}_0, P^{-1}A\tilde{r}_0, \dots, (P^{-1}A)^{i}\tilde{r}_0\} &= K^{i+1}(P^{-1}A, \tilde{r}_0) \\
Krylov \\
subspace \\
x_i - x_0 &\in \text{span}\{\tilde{r}_0, \tilde{r}_1, \dots, \tilde{r}_{i-1}\} = K^i(P^{-1}A, \tilde{r}_0)
\end{aligned}$ 

# Basic Iterative Methods (3)

Solution to  $Ax = b: \hat{x}$  Error:  $e_i = \hat{x} - x_i$ Residual and error:  $r_i = b - Ax_i = A\hat{x} - Ax_i = Ae_i$   $(\bar{r}_i = P^{-1}Ae_i)$ Theorem:  $\hat{x}$  is a fixed point of  $x_{i+1} = (I - P^{-1}A)x_i + P^{-1}b$  iff  $\hat{x}$  is solution of  $P^{-1}Ax = P^{-1}b$  ( $\Leftrightarrow Ax = b$ ) Proof:  $x = (I - P^{-1}A)x + P^{-1}b = x - P^{-1}Ax + P^{-1}b \Leftrightarrow P^{-1}Ax = P^{-1}b$   $e_{i+1} = \hat{x} - x_{i+1} = (I - P^{-1}A)\hat{x} + P^{-1}b - (I - P^{-1}A)x_i - P^{-1}b$   $= (I - P^{-1}A)e_i$   $e_{i+1} = (I - P^{-1}A)e_i = (I - P^{-1}A)^{i+1}e_0$  and  $\bar{r}_{i+1} = (I - P^{-1}A)^{i+1}\bar{r}_0$   $e_{i+1} \in \text{span} \{e_0, P^{-1}Ae_0, (P^{-1}A)^2e_0, ..., (P^{-1}A)^{i+1}e_0\}$  $e_{i+1} \in \text{span} \{e_0, \tilde{r}_0, P^{-1}A\tilde{r}_0, ..., (P^{-1}A)^i\tilde{r}_0\}$ 

# Methods based on Projection (1) Assume that in Ax = b, A is an explicitly preconditioned matrix From original system Ku = f we derive preconditioned system $P^{-1}Ku = P^{-1}f$ or $KP^{-1}u = f$ or $P_1^{-1}KP_2^{-1}\tilde{u} = P_1^{-1}f$ and $P_2^{-1}\tilde{u} = u$ Iteration becomes $x_{i+1} = (I - A)x_i + b = x_i + (b - Ax_i)$ $x_{i+1} = x_i + r_i$ Simple way to improve the iteration. Is there a better update in same direction? $x_{i+1} = x_i + a_i(b - Ax_i)$ best $a_i$ ?



# Methods Based on Projection (9)

First question: Best in what sense? b) minimum error in A-norm if A is Hermitian positive definite:  $x_{i+1} = x_i + a_i(b - Ax_i) \Rightarrow e_{i+1} = e_i - a_i r_i$ 

minimum  $||e_{i+1}||_A$ : find point in span $\{r_i\}$  closest to  $e_i$  (in A-norm)

Orthogonal projection of  $e_i$  on span $\{r_i\}$ Orthogonal in corresponding inner product:  $\langle x, y \rangle_A = y^H A x$ 

 $a_i: \mathbf{r}_i \perp_A \mathbf{e}_i - a_i \mathbf{r}_i \quad \iff \quad \langle \mathbf{e}_i - a_i \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_i \rangle_A = \mathbf{0}$ 

 $\langle \mathbf{r}_i, A\mathbf{e}_i \rangle_2 - a_i \langle \mathbf{r}_i, A\mathbf{r}_i \rangle_2 = 0 \quad \iff \quad a_i = \frac{\langle \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_i \rangle_2}{\langle \mathbf{r}_i, A\mathbf{r}_i \rangle_2}$ 

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \frac{\langle r_i, r_i \rangle_2}{\langle r_i, Ar_i \rangle_2} r_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_{i+1} = r_i - \frac{\langle r_i, r_i \rangle_2}{\langle r_i, Ar_i \rangle_2} Ar_i$$
 (steepest descent)

Note that we do not need to know error to minimize it in A-norm

# Methods Based on Projection (10)

Steepest descent because of relation to quadratic problem:

 $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Ax - b^{T}x + c$  for symmetric positive definite (SPD) A

 $f(x + \varepsilon p) = f(x) + \varepsilon (Ax - b)^T p$ , fastest decrease in direction of negative gradient: residual

Note that quadratic problem has same solution; minimum if  $f(x + \varepsilon p) = f(x)$  for any direction p(note that stationary point must be minimum)

Hence,  $\forall p : (Ax - b)^T p = 0$ ; his implies Ax - b = 0

Why does A SPD prove x is a minimum of f(x) if Ax - b = 0?

Compare with classification of stationary point general problem.

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# Orthomin(1) vs Jacobi iteration

We will use the Jacobi iteration, a basic iteration with  $P^{-1}$  the inverse of the diagonal of the matrix A, and Orthomin(1) on a simple PDE on the unit square, discretized on a  $10 \times 10$  grid.

The PDE is  $-u_{xx} - u_{yy} + ru_x - ru_y = 0$  with Direchlet boundary conditions u = 0 on the south and east boundary, and u = 1 on the west and north boundary.

In the first problem we take r = 0, in the second problem we take r = 40.









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# **Optimal Projection Methods**

Minimize the 2-norm of the residual: Find  $z_i \in K^i(A, r_0)$ :  $||b - A(x_0 + z_i)||_2$  is minimum, and set  $x_i = x_0 + z_i$ Theorem: We obtain the minimum for  $z_i$  if  $b - A(x_0 + z_i) \perp AK^i(A, r_0)$ Proof: Note that  $||b - A(x_0 + z_i)||_2$  minimum is equivalent to  $||r_0 - Az_i)||_2$  minimum. Let  $\hat{z} \in K^i(A, r_0)$  such that  $||r_0 - A\hat{z}||_2$  is minimum. Then  $\hat{z}$  must be a stationary point of the function  $f(z) = ||r_0 - Az||_2^2$ . Hence for any unit vector  $p \in K^i(A, r_0)$  we must have  $f_p(\hat{z}) = 0$ :  $\lim_{e \in \mathbb{N}, e \to 0} \frac{f(\hat{z} + ep) - f(\hat{z})}{e} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$   $\lim_{e \to 0} \frac{||r_0 - A\hat{z} - ep||_2^2 - ||r_0 - A\hat{z}||_2^2}{e} = \lim_{e \to 0} \frac{-ep^H A^H(r_0 - A\hat{z}) - e(r_0 - A\hat{z})^H Ap + e^2 ||Ap||_2^2}{e} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$   $p^H A^H(r_0 - A\hat{z}) + (r_0 - A\hat{z})^H Ap = 0$  for any unit  $p \in K^i(A, r_0)$ . This means  $(r_0 - A\hat{z})^H Ap = 0$  for any unit  $p \in K^i(A, r_0)$  (why?), and so, by definition,  $(r_0 - A\hat{z}) \perp AK^i(A, r_0)$ .

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# **Optimal Projection Methods**

Iteration-wise the problem is solved in three steps:

- 1) Extend the Krylov spaces  $K^i(A, r_0)$  and  $AK^i(A, r_0)$  by adding the respective next vectors  $A^i r_0$  and  $A^{i+1}r_0$  (only 1 matvec)
- 2) Compute orthogonal basis for  $AK^{i}(A, r_{0})$ : QR-decomp. of K
- 3) Project  $r_0$  (orthog) onto  $AK^i(A, r_0)$  and solve the small problem  $R\zeta = f_1 = Q^H r_0$ . Note that this problem is only  $i \times i$  irrespective of the actual size of the problem (say  $n \times n$ ).

We would like to carry out these steps efficiently. The GCR method (Generalized Conjugate Residuals) illustrates these steps well

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### GCR GCR: Ax = bChoose $x_0$ (e.g. $x_0 = 0$ ), and *tol* $r_0 = b - Ax_0; i = 0;$ while $\|\mathbf{r}_i\|_2 > tol$ do $r_{i-1}$ adds search vector to $K^{i-1}(A, r_0)$ i = i + 1; $Ar_{i-1}$ extends $AK^{i-1}(A, r_0)$ $u_i = r_{i-1}; c_i = Au_i;$ for i = 1, i - 1 do $u_i = u_i - u_i c_i^H c_i;$ Orthog. $c_i$ against previous $c_i$ and $c_i = c_i - c_j c_i^H c_i;$ update $u_i$ such that $Au_i = c_i$ maintained end do $u_i = u_i / \|c_i\|_2$ ; $c_i = c_i / \|c_i\|_2$ ; Normalize; end QR decomposition $x_i = x_{i-1} + u_i c_i^H r_{i-1};$ Project new *c<sub>i</sub>* out of residual and $r_i = r_{i-1} - c_i c_i^H r_{i-1};$ update solution accordingly end do Note that $r_i \perp c_j$ for $j \leq i$

What can go wrong with this algorithm?

# GCR



### GMRES

First the GMRES method generates an orthogonal basis for the Krylov space  $K^{m+1}(A, r_0)$ :

Verify that the (Arnoldi) algorithm  $v_1 = r_0 / \|r_0\|_2;$ for k = 1 : m, generates the following recurrence:  $\tilde{v}_{k+1} = A v_k;$ for j = 1 : k,  $AV_m = V_{m+1}H_{m+1,m}.$  $h_{j,k} = v_i^H \tilde{v}_{k+1};$  $\tilde{v}_{k+1} = \tilde{v}_{k+1} - h_{j,k} v_k;$ What does  $H_{m+1,m}$  look like? end  $h_{k+1,k} = \|\tilde{v}_{k+1}\|_2;$ Prove  $V_{m+1}$  is orthogonal.  $v_{k+1} = \tilde{v}_{k+1}/h_{k+1,k};$ Note  $H_{m+1,m} = V_{m+1}^H A V_m$ . end  $\operatorname{range}(V_m) = K^m(A, r_0)$  and  $\operatorname{range}(V_{m+1}) = K^{m+1}(A, r_0)$ . So both

range( $U_m$ ) and range( $C_m$ ) from GCR contained in range( $V_{m+1}$ ).

So we have generated the Krylov subspace (step 1), and we have an orthogonal basis for it (step 2, more or less). However, we do not have an orthogonal basis for  $K^m(A, Ar_0) = \text{range}(C_m)$ . (why not?)

Step 3 is the orthogonal projection of the residual on  $K^m(A, Ar_0) = \operatorname{range}(C_m)$  and computing the update to the approximate solution from  $K^m(A, r_0) = \operatorname{range}(U_m)$ .

Obviously we don't want to orthogonalize  $K^m(A, Ar_0)$  as well.

QR-decomposition  $\underline{H}_m \equiv H_{m+1,m} = Q_{m+1}\underline{R}_m$  (m Givens rotations), where  $\underline{R}_m$  is upper triangular and has last row entirely zero.

So we can drop last row of  $\underline{R}_m$  and last column of  $Q_{m+1}$  giving:

 $\underline{H}_{m} = Q_{m+1}\underline{R}_{m} = \underline{Q}_{m}R_{m}$ . (dimensions?)

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## GMRES

Using this QR-decomposition we have a QR-decomp. of  $AV_m$ :

 $AV_m = V_{m+1}\underline{H}_m = \left(V_{m+1}\underline{Q}_m\right)R_m; V_{m+1}\underline{Q}_m$  is unitary and  $R_m$  is uppertri.

So for the cost of *m* Givens rotations we get the orthogonal basis for  $K^m(A, r_0)$  implicitly, since range $(AV_m) = K^m(A, Ar_0)$ .

New residual and approximate solution:

$$\boldsymbol{r}_{m} = \left(\boldsymbol{I} - (\boldsymbol{V}_{m+1}\underline{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{m})(\boldsymbol{V}_{m+1}\underline{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{m})^{H}\right)\boldsymbol{r}_{0} = \boldsymbol{r}_{0} - \boldsymbol{V}_{m+1}\underline{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{m}\underline{\boldsymbol{Q}}_{m}^{H}\boldsymbol{V}_{m+1}^{H}\boldsymbol{r}_{0} =$$

 $r_{0} - V_{m+1} \underline{Q}_{m} R_{m} R_{m}^{-1} \underline{Q}_{m}^{H} \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2}$  (note  $v_{1} = r_{0} / \| r_{0} \|_{2}$ .)  $r_{0} - V_{m+1} \underline{H}_{m} R_{m}^{-1} \underline{Q}_{m}^{H} \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2}$ 

and

$$x_m = x_0 + A^{-1}(r_m - r_0) = x_0 + V_m R_m^{-1} \underline{Q}_m^{-1} \|r_0\|_2$$

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Comparing with GCR, we see that apart from scaling each column with a unit scalar:

$$C_m = V_{m+1}\underline{Q}_m$$
 and  $U_m = V_m R_m^{-1}$  (note the relation  $AU_m = C_m$ )

The solution to the least squares problem ( $\zeta$  in GCR) is given by

 $\underline{Q}_{m}^{H}V_{m+1}^{H}r_{0}=\underline{Q}_{m}^{H}\ell_{1}\|r_{0}\|_{2}$ 

Note that  $R_m^{-1}\underline{Q}_m^H$  is the left inverse of  $\underline{H}_m$ . So, multiplying an equation  $\underline{H}_m y \approx f$  from the left by  $R_m^{-1}\underline{Q}_m^H$  will give the least squares solution:  $y = R_m^{-1} \underline{Q}_m^H f$ .

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# GMRES Alternative derivation: We have generated the recurrence $AV_m = V_{m+1}\underline{H}_m$ Now solve $\min\{||r_0 - Az||_2 : z \in K^m(A, r_0)\}$ ; write $z = V_m y$ Minimize $||r_0 - AV_m y||_2$ over all m-vectors y Now substitute for $r_0 = V_{m+1}\ell_1 ||r_0||_2$ and $AV_m y = V_{m+1}\underline{H}_{m-y}$ . So we minimize $\|r_{0} - AV_{my}\|_{2} = \|V_{m+1}\ell_{1}\|r_{0}\|_{2} - V_{m+1}\underline{H}_{my}\|_{2} = \|\ell_{1}\|r_{0}\|_{2} - \underline{H}_{my}\|_{2}$ So we must solve an $m + 1 \times m$ least squares problem We will exploit the structure of $H_m$ to 1. do this efficiently 2. compute the residual norm without the residual ©2001 Eric de Sturler

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So the least squares problem  $y_{m} = \arg \min \left\{ \left\| \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2} - \underline{H}_{m} y \right\|_{2} : y \in \mathbb{C}^{m} \right\}$ can be solved by multiplying  $\underline{H}_{m} y \approx \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2}$  from left by  $R_{m}^{-1} \underline{Q}_{m}^{H}$ :  $y_{m} = R_{m}^{-1} \underline{Q}_{m}^{H} \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2}$ In practice: We stepwise compute  $G_{i}^{H} (G_{i-1}^{H} \cdots G_{1}^{H} \underline{H}_{i})$  and  $G_{i}^{H} (G_{i-1}^{H} \cdots G_{1}^{H} \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2})$ This means updating  $\underline{H}_{i-1}$  with new column, carry out previous Givens rotations on new column. Compute new Givens rotation and update  $\underline{H}_{i}$  and right hand side (of small least squares problem):  $G_{i}^{H} (G_{i-1}^{H} \cdots G_{1}^{H} \ell_{1} \| r_{0} \|_{2})$ 

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# GMRES

Least squares system looks like  $\underline{R}_{i}y_{i} = Q_{i+1}^{H}\ell_{1}||r_{0}||_{2}$ . We may assume  $\underline{R}_{i}$  has no zeros on diagonal (see later)

Since bottom row of  $\underline{R}_i$  is zero we can only solve for  $(\underline{Q}_{i+1}^H \ell_1 || r_0 ||_2)_{1...i}$  (first *i* coeff.s)

This is exactly what we do in: get  $y_i$  by solving  $R_i y_i = \underline{Q}_i^H \ell_1 ||r_0||_2$ 

Note from derivation that norm residual from LS problem is norm actual residual:  $||r_i||_2 = |\tilde{q}_{i+1}^H \ell_1| ||r_0||_2$  ( $\tilde{q}_{i+1}$  since it changes with *i*):

$$\|r_{0} - AV_{m}y\|_{2} = \|V_{m+1}\ell_{1}\|r_{0}\|_{2} - V_{m+1}\underline{H}_{m}y\|_{2} = \|\ell_{1}\|r_{0}\|_{2} - \underline{H}_{m}y\|_{2}$$

This way we can monitor convergence without actually computing updates to solution and residual (cheap).













### Givens rotations (3)

 $y = 0 \to c = 1; s = 0;$   $|y| \ge |x| \to \tilde{z} = x/y; \ z = |\tilde{z}|; \\ |c| = z|s| \to |c|^2 + |s|^2 = z^2|s|^2 + |s|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow |s| = (z^2 + 1)^{-1/2}$ Now we choose  $c = z|s| \in \mathbb{R}$ . From  $\bar{c} = c = s\frac{x}{y}$  we see that  $\arg s = -\arg \frac{x}{y}$ . So we set  $s = (z^2 + 1)^{-1/2}(z/\tilde{z})$   $|y| < |x| \to \tilde{z} = y/x; \ z = |\tilde{z}|; \\ |s| = z|c| \to |c|^2 + |s|^2 = |c|^2 + z^2|c|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow |c| = (z^2 + 1)^{-1/2}$ Now we choose  $c = (z^2 + 1)^{-1/2} \in \mathbb{R}$ . Following  $s = \frac{y}{x}\bar{c}$  we set  $s = \tilde{z}c$ .