### **Conjugate Gradient Iteration**

Observation 1. 
$$Ax = b \iff \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^T A x - x^T b}{\varphi(x)}$$

Observation 2.  $\min_{x \in S \subset R^N} \phi(x) = \min_{x \in S \subset R^N} \left\| x - x^* \right\|_A$ 

### Ideas:

1. Suppose we have found a search-direction  $P_{k+1}$ , at  $x^k$ we want to  $\min_{\alpha} \phi(x^k + \alpha P_{k+1})$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\alpha} \phi(x^k + \alpha P_{k+1}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \alpha_{k+1} = \frac{P_{k+1}^T r_k}{P_{k+1}^T A P_{k+1}}$$

2. Suppose  $x^{k} \in \underbrace{\{r_{0}, Ar_{0}, A^{2}r_{0}, \dots A^{k-1}r_{0}\}}_{K_{k}} + x_{0}$ 

For any  $J \in K_k$ ,  $\frac{d}{dt}\phi(x_k + tJ) = \nabla\phi(x_k + tJ)^T \cdot J = 0 \quad at \ t = 0$   $\Rightarrow \nabla\phi(x_k)^T \cdot J = (b - Ax_k)^T \cdot J = -r_k^T \cdot J = 0$ 

Since  $r_l$ , l < k, all in  $K_k$ , we have  $r_l \cdot r_k = 0$ , l < k

2. What search direction  $P_{k+1}$  should be looked for?

From 
$$\begin{cases} r_{k+1} = b - Ax_{k+1} \Rightarrow A(x_{k+1} - x_k) = r_k - r_{k+1} \\ r_k = b - Ax_k \end{cases} \Rightarrow A(x_{k+1} - x_k) = r_k - r_{k+1} \\ \Rightarrow Consider x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_{k+1}P_{k+1} \\ \text{where } x_k \in K_k \text{ and } x_{k+1}, P_{k+1} \in K_{k+1}, \text{ we have} \end{cases}$$
$$(*) \ \alpha_k (JAP_{k+1}) = J(r_k - r_{k+1}) = 0 \text{ for all } J \in K_k \\ \Rightarrow \text{One should look for } P_{k+1} \text{ in the subspace that is} \\ A - orthogonal \text{ to } K_k \text{ (i.e } P_{k+1}^T AJ = 0 \text{ for all } J \in K_k \end{cases}$$

4. Recall that  $r_k \in K_{k+1}$ .

To build an iterative updating algorithm for  $P_{k+1}$ , it is natural to consider (assuming we can find  $P_k$  that is A-orthogonal to  $K_{k-1}$ )



To satisfy (\*), we have

$$P_{k+1}^{T}A\underbrace{r_{l,0\leq l\leq k-1}}_{\in K_{k}} = 0 \implies (r_{k} - \beta_{k+1}P_{k})^{T}Ar_{l} = 0$$

For 
$$l < k - 1 \Rightarrow Ar_l \in K_{k-1} \Rightarrow r_k^T Ar_l = 0$$
  
Moreover, by assumption,  $P_k^T A \underset{i \in K_{k-1}}{r_l} = 0$   
 $P_{k+1}^T Ar_l = 0, \ 0 \le l < k - 1$ 

So we only needs to determine 
$$\beta_{k+1}$$
 such that  
 $r_k^T A r_{k-1} - \beta_{k+1} P_k^T A r_{k-1} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta_{k+1} = r_k^T A r_{k-1} / P_k^T A r_{k-1}$  provided  $P_k^T A r_{k-1} \neq 0$ 

$$\begin{cases} Since \ r_{k} = b - Ax_{k} = b - A(x_{k-1} + \alpha_{k}P_{k}) = r_{k-1} - \alpha AP_{k} \\ r_{k}^{T} \cdot r_{k-1} = \left\|r_{k-1}\right\|^{2} - \alpha P_{k}^{T}Ar_{k-1} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow P_{k}^{T}Ar_{k-1} \neq 0 \ and \ P_{k}^{T}Ar_{k-1} = \frac{\left\|r_{k-1}\right\|^{2}}{\alpha} \ otherwise \ condition for the conditio$$

To tie the end, we only need to show

 $\exists P_2 \text{ that is A-orthogonal to } K_1 = r_0$ 

provided  $\begin{cases} P_{1} = r_{0} \\ x_{1} = x_{0} + \alpha_{1} \cdot P_{1} \\ r_{1} = b - Ax_{1} \end{cases}$ Consider  $P_{2} = r_{1} - (\frac{r_{1}^{T} A r_{0}}{P_{1}^{T} A r_{0}}) P_{1} \\ = P_{2} \end{cases}$ one has  $P_{2}^{T} A r_{0} = (r_{1}^{T} - \frac{r_{1}^{T} A r_{0}}{P_{1}^{T} A r_{0}} \cdot r_{0}^{T}) A r_{0} \\ = r_{1}^{T} A r_{0} - r_{1}^{T} A r_{0} = 0$ 

Hence result.

5. Let's re-examine the quantities  $\alpha_{k+1}$  and  $\beta_{k+1}$ 

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \frac{P_{k+1}^{T} r_{k}}{P_{k+1}^{T} A P_{k+1}} = \frac{(r_{k} + \beta_{k+1} P_{k})^{T} r_{k}}{P_{k+1}^{T} A P_{k+1}} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\|r_{k}\|^{2}}{P_{k+1}^{T} A P_{k+1}} (\because r_{k} \cdot r_{l} = 0 \text{ for } l < k)$$
  
$$\beta_{k+1} = \frac{r_{k}^{T} A r_{k-1}}{P_{k}^{T} A r_{k-1}} \stackrel{(2),(3)}{=} \frac{r_{k}^{T} A P_{k} - \beta_{k} r_{k}^{T} A P_{k-1}}{\frac{1}{\alpha_{k}} \|r_{k-1}\|^{2}} \stackrel{(2),(3)}{=} \frac{r_{k}^{T} A P_{k} \alpha_{k}}{\|r_{k-1}\|^{2}} = \frac{\|r_{k}\|^{2}}{\|r_{k-1}\|^{2}}$$

(1) by applying (\*\*) recursively and  $r_k^T \cdot r_l = 0$  for l < k(2)  $r_{k-1} = P_k - \beta_k P_{k-1}$ ,  $AP_{k-1} \in K_k$  and  $r_k$  is orthogonal to  $K_k$ (3) recall  $r_k = b - Ax_k = b - A(x_{k-1} + \alpha_k P_k) = r_{k-1} - \alpha_k AP_k$  $\|r_k\|^2 = \alpha_k r_k^T AP_k$ 

# CG algorithm:

$$cg(x, b, A, \varepsilon, k_{max})$$
1.  $r = b - Ax, \rho_0 = ||r||^2, k = 1$ 
2. do while  $\sqrt{\rho_{k-1}} < \varepsilon ||b||$  and  $k < k_{max}$   
 $(\rho_{k-1} = ||r_{k-1}||^2$  relative residual less than  $\varepsilon$ )  
(a) if  $k = 1$ , then  $P = r$  (set  $P_1 = r_0$ )  
 $else \ \beta = \frac{\rho_{k-1}}{\rho_{k-2}}$  and  $P = r + \beta P_{\rho_k - r_{k-1}} + \beta P_{\rho_{k-1}}$   
(b)  $\omega = A\rho$   
 $\alpha = \frac{\rho_{k-1}}{P^T \omega}$   
(c)  $x = x + \alpha P$  (update x)  
(d)  $r = (b - Ax_{new})$  (update r)  
 $= b - A(x_{old} + \alpha P)$   
 $= \underbrace{b - Ax_{old}}_{r_{old}} - \alpha \underbrace{AP}_{\omega} = r - \alpha \omega$   
(e)  $\rho_k = ||r||^2$   
(f)  $k = k + 1$ 

## CG – convergence analysis:

Let  $x^*$  be the solution of Ax = b and

 $x_k$  be the minimum of  $\phi(x)$  over  $x_0 + K_k$ 

consider  $\omega \in x_0 + K_k \implies \omega = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} c_j A^j r_0 + x_0$ and  $r_0 = b - Ax_0 = A(x^* - x_0)$  $x^* - \omega = x^* - x_0 - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} c_j A^{j+1} (x^* - x_0)$ 

let 
$$P(A) = 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} c_j A^{j+1}$$
, we have  $x^* - \omega = P(A)(x^* - x_0)$   
Since  $||x^* - x_k||_A \le ||x^* - \omega||_A$  for all  $\omega \in x_0 + K_k$ , one has  $||x^* - x_k||_A = \min_{\substack{P \in P_k \\ with \ P(0) = 1}} ||P(A)(x^* - x_0)||_A$ 

Now suppose A is symmetric, positive definite and

diagonalizable.  $U^{T}AU = \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_{n} \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$P(A) = U^{T} P(\Lambda)U$$

$$\|P(A)x\|_{A} = \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}P(A)x\|_{2} \leq \sup_{A \text{ sym.}} \|P(A)\|_{2} \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}x\|_{2} \leq \|P(A)\|_{2} \|x\|_{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_{k} - x^{*}\|_{A} \leq \|x_{0} - x^{*}\|_{A} \min_{\substack{P \in P_{k} \\ P(0) = 1}} \max_{\substack{z \in \sigma(A) \\ = \{\lambda_{1} \cdots \lambda_{n}\}} |P(z)|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|x_{k} - x^{*}\|_{A}}{\|x_{0} - x^{*}\|_{A}} \leq \max_{z \in \sigma(A)} |P(z)|, \text{ for any } P \in P_{k} \text{ and } P(0) = 1$$

Theorem 2. Let A be symmetric and positive definite, then CG find the solution of AX=b within N iterations.

Ans: let 
$$\widetilde{P}(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{(\lambda_i - z)}{\lambda_i} \in P_N$$
  
clearly,  $\widetilde{P}(0) = 1$  and  $\max_{\substack{z \in \sigma(A) \\ = \{\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n\}}} \widetilde{P}_N(z) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\left\| x_N - x^* \right\|_A}{\left\| x_0 - x^* \right\|_A} \le \max_{z \in \sigma(A)} \widetilde{P}_N(z) = 0 \implies x_N = x^*$ 

Theorem 3. Let A be symmetric and positive definite. Assume A has exactly  $k \le N$  distinct e-values of A. Then CG converges in at most k steps.

Observations:

$$Lemma: \frac{\|b - Ax_k\|_2}{\|b\|_2} \le \sqrt{K_2(A)} \cdot \frac{\|r_0\|_2}{\|b\|_2} \frac{\|x_k - x^*\|_A}{\|x_0 - x^*\|_A} \quad (Assume \ \lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \dots \ge \lambda_N)$$
$$\frac{\|r_k\|_2}{\|r_0\|_2} = \frac{\|b - Ax_k\|_2}{\|b - Ax_0\|_2} \le \frac{\|A(x^* - x_k)\|_2}{\|A(x^* - x_0)\|_2} \le \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1} \|(x^* - x_k)\|_A}{\sqrt{\lambda_N} \|(x^* - x_0)\|_A}$$
$$\le \sqrt{Cond(A)} \cdot \frac{\|(x_k - x^*)\|_A}{\|(x_0 - x^*)\|_A}.$$

Here  $K_2(A) = Cond(A)$  under the 2-norm.

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The sharpest estimations:

$$\|x_{k} - x^{*}\|_{A} \le 2\|x_{0} - x^{*}\|_{A}\left[\frac{\sqrt{K_{2}(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{K_{2}(A)} + 1}\right]^{k}$$

 $\Rightarrow Observation$  :

if  $K_2(A) >> 1$ , the convergence may be very slow. On the other hand, if  $K_2(A) \sim 1$ , then the convergence is very fast.

How many iterations are needed for the relative error to be less than a given tolerance  $\varepsilon$ ?

Exercise:

The number of iteration needed for the CG algorithm is

about 
$$O\left(\ln\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)\frac{\sqrt{K_2(A)}}{2}\right)$$
.

To reduce the conditional number of A, we need preconditioning!

Solve  $Ax = b \equiv \underbrace{M^{-1}Ax}_{\overline{A}} = \underbrace{M^{-1}b}_{\overline{b}}$  (*M* is called a precinditioner of *A*)

Candidates of preconditioner : (A=M-N)

- 1. Jacobi iteration: M=diag(A)
- 2. Gauss-Seidel iteration: M=lower triangular of A
- 3. incomplete Cholesky factorization  $A = LL^T + E$  (E: a small perturbation)
- 4. multigrid iteration:

### **Preconditioned CG (PCG)**

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- 1. Compute  $r_0 := b Ax_0$ ,  $z_0 = M^{-1}r_0$ , and  $p_0 := z_0$
- 2. For  $j = 0, 1, \ldots$ , until convergence Do:

3. 
$$\alpha_j := (r_j, z_j)/(Ap_j, p_j)$$

$$4. \qquad x_{j+1} := x_j + \alpha_j p_j$$

$$5. r_{j+1} := r_j - \alpha_j A p_j$$

- 6.  $z_{j+1} := M^{-1}r_{j+1}$
- 7.  $\beta_j := (r_{j+1}, z_{j+1})/(r_j, z_j)$
- 8.  $p_{j+1} := z_{j+1} + \beta_j p_j$
- 9. EndDo