## The Truth about Conjugate Gradients

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## 1 Executive summary

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#### 1.1 Basics

Let  $A\bar{x} = b$ . The Cayley-Hamilton theorem states that there is a polynomial such that  $A^{-1} = -\pi(A)$ . Let  $x_1$  be an approximation to  $\bar{x}$  and  $r_1 = Ax_1 - b$ , then  $\bar{x} - x_1 = \pi(A)r_1$ . Since  $\bar{x}$  is also the solution of any system  $M^{-1}A\bar{x} = M^{-1}b$ , we generalise this as

$$\forall_M : \bar{x} - x_1 = \pi(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_1. \tag{1}$$

which leads to the definition of a preconditioned polynomial iterative method:

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = \pi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_1.$$
 (2)

The basic theorem of polynomial iterative methods states that R is the sequence of residuals of a preconditioned polynomial iterative method iff

$$AM^{-1}R = RH \tag{3}$$

where H is a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums.

The class of conjugacy-based methods satisfies equation (??) and equation (??); coefficients follow from an orthogonality requirement on R. For *Arnoldi method* this is  $(R,R)_B = 0$  for some B; for *Lanczos methods* it is  $(R,S)_B = 0$  where S is another sequence.

### 1.2 Computation of coefficients

Since H with zero column sums can be factored  $H = (I - J)D^{-1}(I - U)$  (with J the unit lower subdiagonal), we split equation (3) as

$$APD = R(I - J), M^{-1}R = P(I - U)$$
 (4)

by introducing search directions P.

**Arnoldi** The coefficients of *D* and *U* follow from the requirement that  $R^t M^{-1} R$  be diagonal  $(\Omega \equiv R^t M^{-1} R)$ . From

$$R^t M^{-1} R = R^t P(I - U) \tag{5}$$

we conclude that  $R^tP$  is upper triangular. From

$$P^t A P D = P^t R (I - J) \tag{6}$$

we then get that  $P^tAP$  is lower triangular. The coefficients of U then follow from

$$I - U = (R^t P)^{-1} \Omega \tag{7}$$

Define  $\Theta = \text{diag}(P^tAP)$  and take the diagonal of equation (6) to get  $D = \Theta^{-1}\Omega^t$ .

**CG** In the symmetric case we have  $\Theta = P^t A P$ , so from equation (6) we get  $\Omega^t = \Theta D = P^t R (I - J)$ . Use this in equation (7) to get

$$I - U = \Omega^{-1} (I - J^t) \Omega. \tag{8}$$

**BiCG** Suppose we have a Krylov method based on  $A^t$ , written as

$$A^{t}M^{-t}S = SH \Rightarrow A^{t}QD = S(I-J), M^{-t}S = Q(I-U)$$
 (9)

The orthogonality requirement that  $\Omega = S^t M^{-1} R$  be diagonal gives that  $S^t P$  and  $R^t Q$  are upper triangular, and from the  $M^{-1} R = \ldots, M^{-t} S = \ldots$  equations diag $(S^t P) = \text{diag}(Q^t R) = \Omega$ .

Furthermore, by

$$Q^{t}APD = Q^{t}R(I-J), \qquad P^{t}A^{t}QD = P^{t}S(I-J)$$

we find that  $\Theta = Q^t A p$  is both lower and upper triangular, hence diagonal. This gives again  $\Theta D = \Omega$ . Combining

$$\Omega = \Theta D = Q^t R(I - J)$$
 and  $\Omega^t = R^t Q(I - U)$ 

gives again

$$I - U = \Omega^{-t} (I - J^t) \Omega^t. \tag{10}$$

## 2 Introduction

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Many articles have already been written about the conjugate gradient method and the Lanczos algorithm. Some of these focus on preconditioners, some treat different variants of the basic method, and others derive error or convergence speed properties of the methods In this article we will give a unified presentation of the conjugate gradient method and the Lanczos algorithm, and derive properties regarding orthogonality and equivalence of various formulations. We will stress showing what the minimal assumptions are for various properties.

In general we will only be concerned with qualitative properties of the methods, leaving all quantitative results, such as convergence speed, aside. The conjugate gradient and Lanczos methods will here be derived as orthogonalization methods for Krylov sequences, and minimization properties will be derived from this orthogonality. Also, the fact that such methods can be used for the iterative solution of linear systems will be presented as a corollary rather than as a starting point of the discussion.

Additionally, the presentation here will differ from most others in the literature (with the exception of [42]) in that it is given in terms of matrices instead of vector sequences. Although an occasional part of the discussion may feel somewhat forced by this, in general the presentation is very concise.

# 3 Definition and elementary properties of polynomial iterative methods

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In this section we will define polynomial iterative methods, that is, sequences of vector iterates. Ultimately we will use such sequences to solve linear systems with.

## 3.1 Vector sequence notation and conventions

We are investigating vector sequences, that is, sequences

$$X \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times k}$$
:  $X \equiv [x_i]_{i,i < k} \equiv i \mapsto x_i$   $x_i \in \mathbf{R}^n, i = 0 \dots k$ ,

where we use  $[\langle \text{expression with } i \rangle]_i$  to denote a sequence indexed by i.

There are two types of operations on sequences. If we apply an operator

$$A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$$

from the left to a sequence X, then AX is the sequence  $[Ax_i]_i$ . We can also apply operators

$$U \in [\mathbf{R}^{n \times k} \to \mathbf{R}^{n \times k}]$$

from the right: if X is a sequence, XU is one too.

Since our vector sequences model iterative processes, and we can not look into the future, operators applied from the right will always be upper triangular or banded lower triangular.

We introduce two sets of upper triangular transformations:

Definition: Upper triangular and normalized upper triangular transformations

#### **Definition 1**

$$U \in \mathbf{U} \equiv i > j \rightarrow u_{ij} = 0;$$
  
 $U \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)} \equiv U \in \mathbf{U} \text{ and } u_{1j} \equiv 1.$ 

We also introduce sets of polynomials that will be seen to be closely related to these upper triangular transformations:

Definition: Polynomials and normalized polynomials

#### **Definition 2**

$$\mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n})} = \{ \text{polynomials of degree } n \};$$
  
 $\mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n},\mathbf{1})} = \{ \text{polynomials } P \text{ of degree } n \text{ such that } P(0) = 1 \}.$ 

When only an initial part of a sequence is needed we denote it by, for instance,  $X_n$  for the first n columns of X. An initial part of a right-multiplying operator is denoted by, for instance,  $U_n$  if square, or  $H_{[n+1,n]}$  if rectangular. In general, however, the simplicity of presentation will benefit greatly from the fact that we formulate most everything in terms of infinite sequences. Section 16.4 will address some of the subtleties involved.

#### Block statement

All of the above can be generalised to the block case, where  $x_i \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times k}$ , represented as a block of k vectors. The upper triangular matrices then become of block upper triangular shape, where the blocks corresponding to the scalar elements are of size  $k \times k$ . Often, the element blocks are equal to a scalar multiple of the identity matrix; we can then use the outer product notation  $A \otimes I_k$ .

Block iterative methods are treated extensively in section 8.4; however we will remark in relevant cases on block extensions of statements we prove. In preparation for these extensions, even scalar statements will often be written in such a way that commutativity of scalars is not used.

End of block statement

## 3.2 Polynomial vector sequences

In this section we introduce the basic form of iterative methods. All methods in this monograph will conform to this scheme.

#### 3.2.1 Basic statement

Definition: Polynomial iterative method

**Definition 3** A polynomial iterative method is a sequence of vectors  $\{x_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{N1}$ , denoted by a 4-tuple

$$X = P\langle \{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, A, x_0, f\rangle,$$

where  $x_0$ , f are vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^N$ , A is an  $N \times N$  matrix, and  $\pi_n \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n})}$ ; the sequence X is defined by

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = \pi_i(A) \{ Ax_0 - f \}. \tag{11}$$

Block statement

In a block version of this definition,  $x_1$  and f are elements of  $\mathbf{R}^{n \times k}$ , and the polynomial has matrix-valued coefficients in  $\mathbf{R}^{k \times k}$ .

End of block statement

Definition (11) can be motivated informally from the following observations. Let Ax = f and let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary vector. First of all

$$r_0 = Ax_0 - f \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}f = x_0 - A^{-1}r_0,$$

stating that we can find the solution x if we can compute  $A^{-1}r_0$ .

Then, by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem, there is a polynomial  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(A) = 0$ , and without loss of generality we can write  $\phi(x) = 1 + x\pi(x)^2$  with  $\pi$  another polynomial. Then

$$A^{-1} = -\pi(A)$$
 so  $x - x_0 = \pi(A)r_0$ .

Polynomial iterative methods then can be viewed as constructing successive polynomials that in some sense approximate this polynomial  $\pi$ .

Remark 1 In practice, we often encounter the formulation

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = \pi_i(A) \{Ax_0 - f\}.$$

It is not hard to see that this is equivalent to equation (11). We will go into this more in section 3.4, in particular lemma 5.

We sharpen the above statement slightly, since we do not actually need  $\phi(A) = 0$ : it suffices if  $\phi$  is such that  $\phi(A)r_0 = 0^3$ .

**Theorem 2** Let polynomials  $\pi$  and  $\phi$  be related as  $\phi(x) = 1 + x\pi(x)$ , then

$$\phi(A)r_0 = 0 \text{ iff } x_0 + \pi(A)r_0 = A^{-1}f.$$

The Cayley-Hamilton theorem gives an upper bound on the degree of the polynomial needed to compute  $A^{-1}$ . In some cases, a polymial of lesser degree may already yield the inverse in exact arithmetic, or a sequence of polynomials may yield progressively better approximations to the system solution, so that early termination of the process is possible. For more about termination, see section 3.6; for convergence, see section 14.

<sup>1.</sup> Since we will mostly deal with vectors of the same size, the vector dimension N will go unremarked on.

<sup>.</sup> We will see this equation reflected in equation (24).

<sup>3.</sup> That said, I am not aware of any methods that exploit the difference.

## 3.2.2 Preconditioned polynomial methods

In the definition of a polynomial vector sequence we call  $x = A^{-1}f$  the *solution vector* of the method. Now, there are many choices for the matrix A and vector f that all have x as solution. This raises the question what the relation is between a given method and these other systems.

**Lemma 3** Let X be the polynomial method  $P(\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, \bar{A}, x_0, \bar{f}\}$  where  $\bar{A}x = \bar{f}$  for the solution x, and let a matrix A and a vector f be such that also Ax = f, then there is a matrix M such that

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = \pi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}(Ax_0 - f). \tag{12}$$

Proof: Let X be the method  $P(\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, \bar{A}, x_0, \bar{f}\}$  where  $\bar{A}x = \bar{f}$ . Let A and f be such that also Ax = f. Then

$$A^{-1}f = \bar{A}^{-1}\bar{f} \Rightarrow \bar{f} = \bar{A}A^{-1}f.$$

Now define  $M^{-1} = \bar{A}A^{-1}$ , then

$$\bar{A} = M^{-1}A, \quad \bar{f} = M^{-1}f,$$

SO

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = \pi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_0$$

where  $r_0 = Ax_0 - f$ .

Equation (12) can also be written as

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = M^{-1}\pi_i(AM^{-1})(Ax_0 - f).$$

Equation (12) is not the description of a polynomial sequence as defined above. However, it is common enough that we will give it a name.

Definition: Preconditioned polynomial method

**Definition 4** A sequence generated by equation (12) is called a (left) preconditioned polynomial method for the solution  $A^{-1}f$ ; we use the notation  $P\langle\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1},A,M,x_0,f\rangle$ .

The matrix M is called a 'preconditioner', since it will be intended as a conditioning operator for the original system. Note that M need not be – and in many practical applications is not – given explicitly: the only requirement is that the action  $y \leftarrow M^{-1}x$  is computable, that is, it should be possible to solve y from My = x.

We need to tie preconditioned methods to the polynomial methods we already defined.

Preconditioned methods are polynomial methods

**Lemma 4** Let Ax = f and nonsingular M be given and let

$$\{x_i\}_i = P\langle \{\pi_i\}_{i>1}, A, M, x_0, f\rangle$$

be a preconditioned polynomial method, then  $\{x_i\}$  is a polynomial iterative method with solution x:

$$P(\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, A, M, x_0, f) = P(\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, M^{-1}A, x_0, M^{-1}f)$$
(13)

Proof: Define  $\bar{A} = M^{-1}A$  and  $\bar{f} = M^{-1}f$ , then  $\bar{A}x = \bar{f}$ . Now write the definition of the preconditioned polynomial method as in equation (12):

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = \pi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}(Ax_0 - f)$$

then we rewrite this as

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = \pi_i(\bar{A})(\bar{A}x_0 - \bar{f}),$$

which conforms to the definition of a polynomial iterative method, and equation (13) follows.

Equation (12) is called a 'left preconditioned' iterative method, since it is a polynomial method based on the left-transformed system

$$M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}f.$$

We can derive left preconditioned methods from the Cayley-Hamilton theorem by observing that

$$\bar{x} = A^{-1}f = (M^{-1}A)^{-1}(M^{-1}f) = (M^{-1}A)^{-1}M^{-1}(Ax_0 - r_0)$$

$$= x_0 - (M^{-1}A)^{-1}M^{-1}r_0$$

$$= x_0 + \pi(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_0$$

So far we talked about left preconditioning which corresponds to a scaling of the system. Right preconditioning, which is more like a scaling of the sequence of iterates, can be derived as follows:

$$Mx_{i+1} - Mx_0 = \pi_i(AM^{-1})(AM^{-1}(Mx_0) - f).$$

In other words,  $MX = P(\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, AM^{-1}, Mx_0, f)$ , which means that MX is a polynomial method for the right preconditioned system

$$AM^{-1}x = f$$
.

Writing Y = MX, we then have a polynomial method  $Y = P(\{\pi_i\}_{i \ge 1}, AM^{-1}, Mx_0, f)$  for the solution  $MA^{-1}f = Mx$ , and we can reconstruct a method for x by  $x_i = M^{-1}y_i$ .

Constructing  $y_0 = Mx_0$  is not feasible in general, since we usually can only compute the action of  $M^{-1}$  on some vector. However, we can simply start iterating with an arbitrary  $y_0$ , and let  $x_0$  be defined implicitly from this relation.

The final iterate  $x_n$  can still be found from  $x_n = M^{-1}y_n$  where  $y_n$  is the final iterate of the right preconditioned method we are actually computing. There is a practical disadvantage to proceeding this way: if we monitor the iteration process, we can not relate the  $y_i$  vectors to the original system and solution without incurring extra work for the transformation  $x_i = M^{-1}y_i$ .

More about left and right preconditioning in section 16.14.

Extended statement

#### 3.2.3 Extended iterative methods

Although the vast majority of iterative methods, both in this monograph and in practice, are of the polynomial form of equation (11) or equation (12), sometimes we come across more general methods, where the  $x_i$  vectors are updated with arbitrary – or not-so-arbitrary but at least not polynomially derived – vectors. For this we define

Definition: Extended (preconditioned) iterative methods

**Definition 5** A sequence  $\{x_i\}$  is called an extended iterative method if

$$x_{i+1}-x_i\in[w_0,\ldots,w_i];$$

it is called an extended preconditioned iterative method if

$$x_{i+1}-x_i \in M^{-1}[w_0,\ldots,w_i].$$

Since, in practice, iterative methods are almost always preconditioned, the first, unpreconditioned, form is not so much a more basic form, as it is a form where a, possibly iteration-dependent, preconditioner is incorporated into the update vector.

In the rest of this monograph we will occasionally remark on the extended form of certain statements.

End of extended statement

## 3.3 Krylov sequences

Polynomial methods are tightly connected, in ways that we will explore later, to so-called Krylov sequences.

Definition: Krylov sequence

**Definition 6** Let a matrix A, a sequence X and a vector f be given. We define the Krylov sequence with respect to A,  $x_0$ , and f as

$$K\langle A, x_0, f \rangle \equiv k_0 = Ax_0 - f, \quad k_{i+1} = Ak_i,$$

or, shorter, with respect to just A and a starting vector  $k_0$ :

$$K\langle A, k_0 \rangle \equiv k_{i+1} = Ak_i.$$

An initial part  $K_n$  of a Krylov sequence K may span an n-dimensional subspace, or it may be invariant. If  $k_{n+1} \in [k_0, \ldots, k_n]$ , then  $K_n$  is invariant:  $AK_n \subset K_n$ . Invariant subspaces can be good or bad; theorem 21 shows that an invariant subspace signifies that the solution of a linear system is reached. Later we will see that in some methods invariant subspaces mean trouble.

**Question:** Find the reference

Computationally, generating the Krylov sequence is not a good way of finding the subspace spanned by  $K_n$ . The vectors  $k_i$  will tend more and more towards the dominant eigenvector of A. The iterative methods presented later in this monograph are essentially ways of generating the same basis as the Krylov sequence, but in a more stable manner.

#### 3.4 Matrix formulation

In this section we will develop the matrix formulation tools that will facilitate further presentation and analysis of polynomial iterative methods.

First of all, we often abbreviate vector sequences as a matrix:

$$X=(x_0,x_2,\ldots).$$

Next we introduce the 'left-shift' operator *J* for sequences:

$$J=(\delta_{i,j+1})=egin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & \ 1 & 0 & & & \ & 1 & \ddots & & \ & & \ddots & 0 \ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so that for sequences X and Y the statement  $\hat{Y} = XJ^4$  implies  $y_i = x_{i+1}$ . Also, Krylov sequences  $y_{i+1} = Ay_i$  can be denoted as  $A\hat{Y} = YJ$ . Furthermore, we introduce the matrix

$$E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots \\ 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \end{pmatrix}$$

which picks the first element of a sequence:  $Y = XE_1$  is shorthand for ' $y_i = x_0$  for all i'.

## Block statement

In block versions of these definitions, the scalars 1 are replaced by identity matrices, and the zeros by zero matrices, all of size  $k \times k$ , where k is the width of a block

vector, so  $E_1 \rightarrow E_1 \otimes I_k$  and  $J \rightarrow J \otimes I_k$ . End of block statement

The operators J-I and  $J-E_1$  are convenient in talking about updating a sequence. We will use the notational convention that J-I and  $J-E_1$  will always be rectangular matrices with one more row than columns; to prevent notational overload their exact sizes will not be indicated, unless they are not clear from the context.

We can now summarize sequence updates in block form:

$$Y_n = X_{n+1}(J-I) \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad y_i = x_{i+1} - x_i \tag{14}$$

and

$$Y_n = X_{n+1}(J - E_1)$$
  $\Leftrightarrow$   $y_i = x_{i+1} - x_0.$  (15)

The relation between J - I and  $J - E_1$  is as follows:

$$(J-E_1)_{[n+1,n]} = (J-I)_{[n+1,n]} (I-J^t)_n^{-1} (J-I)_{[n+1,n]} = (J-E_1)_{[n+1,n]} (I-J^t)_n$$
 (16)

The following auxiliary lemma shows that constructing a sequence by updating it from its first element

$$x_{i+1} - x_0 = \sum_{j \le i} k_j c_{ji}$$

is equivalent to updating it from the previous element as

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = \sum_{j \le i} k_j \tilde{c}_{ji}.$$

Updating a sequence equivalent to making from scratch

<sup>4.</sup> Recall the notation that  $\hat{Y}$  is the sequence Y minus its last column.

**Lemma 5** If X and K are sequences, U is upper triangular, then

$$X_{n+1}(J-E_1) = KU_n$$
 iff  $X_{n+1}(J-I) = KV_n$ 

for some upper triangular matrix V.

Proof: Let X(J-E) = KU, then using equation (16):

$$X(J-I) = X(J-E)(I-Jt)$$
  
=  $KU(I-Jt) = KV$ 

where  $V = U(I - J^t)$ . Conversely, if X(J - I) = KV:

$$X(J-E) = X(J-I)(I-J^{t})^{-1}$$
  
=  $KV(I-J^{t})^{-1} = KU$ .

Block statement

There are two block versions of this lemma, replacing all ones by identity blocks: U can be either a true upper triangular matrix, or a block triangular matrix where the diagonal blocks are not necessarily themselves of diagonal form.

End of block statement

**Remark 6** In the proof of lemma 5 we remarked that the upper triangular matrices are related by

$$V = U(I - J^t).$$

In other words,

$$v_{*,1} = u_{*,1}, \qquad j > 1 \rightarrow v_{*,j} = u_{*,j} - u_{*,j-1}$$

and conversely

$$j > 1 \rightarrow u_{*j} = v_{*1} + \dots + v_{*,j}.$$

The right hand side in equation (12) can be described differently in terms of a Krylov sequence: applying successive polynomials to an initial vector is equivalent to taking linear combinations of the Krylov series.

Polynomial application vs combinations of a Krylov sequence

**Lemma 7** Let a matrix A, a preconditioner M, a vector  $k_0$ , and polynomials  $\pi_i$  with  $\deg(\pi_i) = i - 1$  be given, then

$$[\pi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}k_0]_i = K\langle M^{-1}A, M^{-1}k_0\rangle U(\pi),$$

where  $U(\pi)$  is an upper triangular matrix with the columns containing the polynomial coefficients; specifically,

$$\pi_i(x) = u_{ii}x^{i-1} + \dots + u_{2i}x + u_{1i}.$$

Block statement

For the block version of this lemma we have to note that the polynomial application proceeds as

$$A^{i}k_{0}u_{ii}+\cdots+Ak_{0}u_{2i}+k_{0}u_{1i},$$

where the  $u_{ij}$  are  $k \times k$  blocks. Correspondingly, U is a block upper triangular matrix.

End of block statement

We now have the following matrix characterisation of polynomial iterative methods:

Update / generation relations for polynomial sequence

**Lemma 8** Let X be a sequence, and let the matrix A and the vector f be given. Define  $k_0 = Ax_0 - f$ , and let  $K = K\langle M^{-1}A, M^{-1}k_0 \rangle$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1.  $X = P(\lbrace \pi_i \rbrace_{i \geq 1}, A, M, x_0, f)$
- 2. There are polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  such that

$$X_{n+1}(J-E_1) = (\pi_1(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}k_1, \pi_2(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}k_1, \ldots)_n.$$

3. There are polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  such that

$$X_{n+1}(J-I) = (\pi_1(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}k_1, \pi_2(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}k_1, \ldots)_n.$$

4. There is an upper triangular matrix U such that

$$X_{n+1}(J-E_1)=KU_n.$$

5. There is an upper triangular matrix V such that

$$X_{n+1}(J-I) = KV_n$$
.

The polynomials in items 2 and 3 are related by

$$\phi_{*,1} = \pi_{*,1}, \quad j > 1 \to \begin{cases} \phi_{*,j} = \pi_{*,j} - \pi_{*,j-1} \\ \pi_{*j} = \phi_{*1} + \dots + \phi_{*,j}. \end{cases}$$
(17)

The upper triangular matrices in items 4 and 5 are related by

$$v_{*,1} = u_{*,1}, \quad j > 1 \to \begin{cases} v_{*,j} = u_{*,j} - u_{*,j-1} \\ u_{*j} = v_{*1} + \dots + v_{*,j}. \end{cases}$$
 (18)

Proof: Statements 1 and 2 are equivalent by definition 3. Lemma 7 shows the equivalence of 3 and 5, and of 2 and 4. Lemma 5 shows the equivalence of 5 and 4.

The relation equation (18) was stated in remark 6 and the relation equation (17) between polynomials follows from it.

This lemma states that polynomial methods, which by definition work by updating with a polynomial time the original residual, can also be considered as updating with combinations of a Krylov sequence.

Extended statement

The extended form of the block formulation gives us

$$X(J-I) = WU, \qquad X(J-E_1) = WV,$$

and

$$X(J-I) = M^{-1}WU, X(J-E_1) = M^{-1}WV,$$

for preconditioned extended methods. *End of extended statement* 

## 3.5 Residual sequences

In the previous section we looked at vector sequences. The intended model for these is that of successive approximations to the solution of a linear system. Often, the residuals corresponding to these iterates are more interesting to consider.

With the vector  $e = (1,...)^t$  we can denote residuals  $r_i = Ax_i - f$  as a sequence by  $R = AX - fe^t$ .

Definition: Residuals of a sequence

**Definition 7** Let a matrix A, a sequence X and a vector f be given. We define the residuals of the sequence X with respect to A and f as:

$$R\langle A, X, f \rangle \equiv [r_i = Ax_i - f]_i$$
.

Block statement

Block residuals are defined analogously, where f is a block vector of k columns, and e is a vector of  $k \times k$  identity matrices.

End of block statement

It is an interesting fact that often we need not concern ourselves with the right hand side vector f, since it usually drops out of equations such as

$$R(J-I) = AX(J-I)$$
  
 
$$R(J-E_1) = AX(J-E_1)$$

Definition: Residual sequence

**Definition 8** Let a matrix A a vector f and a sequence X be given, and let  $R = R\langle A, X, f \rangle$  (definition 7). We call R a '(preconditioned) residual sequence' if X is a (preconditioned) polynomial iterative method.

Lemma 8 above states that polynomial iterative methods use combinations of a Krylov sequence for updating. The following lemma shows that the residuals of the iterative method are then themselves combinations of this Krylov sequence; there is a normalization condition on these combinations.

Residual sequences consist of normalised combinations of Krylov sequence

**Lemma 9** Let a matrix A, a vector f, and a sequence X be given. Let  $R = R\langle A, X, f \rangle$  and  $K = K\langle A, x_0, f \rangle$ . Then

$$\exists_{\{\pi_i \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n})}\}} \colon X = P\langle \{\pi_i\}_{i \ge 1}, A, M, x_0, f \rangle \tag{19}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_{i+1} = x_1 + \pi_i (M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_1 \tag{20}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists_{U \in \mathbf{U}} \colon X(J - E_1) = KU \tag{21}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists_{V \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}} : R\langle A, X, f \rangle = K\langle AM^{-1}, x_0, f \rangle V \tag{22}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists_{\{\phi_i \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n},1)}\}} : R\langle A, X, f \rangle = [\phi_i(AM^{-1})r_1]$$
 (23)

where and the  $\phi_i$  and  $\pi_i$  polynomials are related by

$$\phi_{i+1}(x) = 1 + x\pi_i(x), \tag{24}$$

*U* contains the coefficients of the  $\pi$  polynomials and *V* contains the coefficients of the  $\phi$  polynomials, and

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots \\ 0 & U \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof: Suppose X is generated by a polynomial iterative method  $P(\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}, A, M, x_0, f)$ , satisfying 21 by definition. Equation equation (22) is the matrix formulation of this statement.

Multiplying equation equation (21) by A and subtracting f on both sides gives

$$r_{i+1} = r_1 + AM^{-1}\pi_i(AM^{-1})r_1,$$

in other words,  $r_{i+1} = \phi_{i+1}(AM^{-1})r_1$  with  $\phi_i$  satisfying equation (24). This establishes equation (23).

We can also multiply equation (22) by A, giving

$$R(J-E_1) = AKU = KJU;$$

Noting that  $RE_1 = KE_1$  we find

$$RJ = K(E_1 + JU).$$

Attaching  $r_1$  to the left of this, we get

$$R = K(E_1 + JUJ^t)$$

where we oberve that  $JUJ^t$  has U as its 2:,2: subblock. By lemma 7 it follows that R = KU where  $U = U(\phi_i) \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$  and  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1 \rangle$ . It is easy to see that all implications in this proof are equivalences.

Block statement

In the block version of this lemma, U is a block upper Proof: This follows from lemmas 8 and 9. triangular matrix with identity blocks in the first block row.

End of block statement

**Remark 10** Equation (23) states that the residuals are combinations of the Krylov space vectors. This should not be interpreted as a computational statement, that is, residuals are usually not constructed from computed Krylov vectors. Generating the Krylov space explicitly is essentially the 'power method'. Taking subsequent combinations of this sequence, for instance to orthogonalise it, is quickly numerically unstable.

**Remark 11** Note that, even though we started with a left-preconditioned method, R consists of combinations of a Krylov sequence with coefficient matrix  $AM^{-1}$ , that is, a right-preconditioned matrix.

Extended statement

The update equation X(J-I) = WU gives the update statement R(J-I) = AWU for R; however, it is not possible to go beyond that to a statement about *R* itself.

End of extended statement

We make some simple observations.

Iterative method can be updated with residuals

**Corollary 12** Let X be a preconditioned polynomial iterative method, and R its residuals, then there are upper triangular matrices U, V such that

$$X(J-E_1) = RU, \quad X(J-I) = RV.$$

Residuals satisfy update relation

**Lemma 13** Let R be a residual sequence, then there are polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}$ such that

$$r_{i+1} = r_i + AM^{-1}\pi_i(AM^{-1})r_1. (25)$$

holds.

Proof: This immediately follows from corollary 12, but we also give a direct proof. By lemma 9 we know that  $r_{i+1} = \tilde{\pi}_{i+1}(AM^{-1})r_1$ , where  $\tilde{\pi}_{i+1}$  is a polynomial normalised to  $\tilde{\pi}_{i+1}(0) = 1$ . Thus there are polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}$  such that

$$AM^{-1}\pi_i(AM^{-1}) = \tilde{\pi}_{i+1}(AM^{-1}) - \tilde{\pi}_i(AM^{-1}).$$

This gives the desired result.

This has the following practical implication.

**Remark 14** If we derive an update relation for residuals, the corresponding update relation for the iterates can be found by 'dividing out A'. The update relation for the iterates then has the expected form

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \pi_i (M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_1$$

in which we recognise the left-preconditioned form.

**Corollary 15** Let *R* be a preconditioned residual sequence, then

$$r_{n+1} - r_1 = AM^{-1}R_n v_n (26)$$

for some vector  $v_n$ , or in block statement

$$R_{n+1}(J - E_1) = AM^{-1}R_nV (27)$$

with V upper triangular.

Proof: From equation (23) we get

$$r_{n+1} - r_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (AM^{-1})^i r_1 = AM^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n} (AM^{-1})^i r_1 = AM^{-1} Rv_n$$

for some vector  $v_n$ .

By lemma 5 we can also write equation (27) as

$$R(J-I) = AM^{-1}RV (28)$$

with V a different upper triangular matrix.

**Remark 16** Writing equation (27) as  $AM^{-1}R = R(J - E_1)V^{-1}$ , we obtain a relation involving A, M, R, and a upper Hessenberg matrix. We will derive the same relation differently in section 4, equation (31), and study this relation in much more detail, paying particular attention to the fact that this Hessenberg matrix has zero column sums.

Extended statement Extending this remark, we find

$$AM^{-1}W = RH$$
 or  $AW = RH$ 

for the two forms of extended iterative methods, with *H* of upper Hessenberg form and with zero column sums. *End of extended statement* 

**Question:** Is this R the residual sequence of X? Prove general statement.

Here is the matrix formulation of lemma 9.

Upper triangular matrix for X is subblock of upper triangular matrix for R

**Lemma 17** A polynomial iterative method *X* and its residual sequence *R* satisfy

$$X_{n+1}(J-E) = KU_n, \quad R_{n+1} = K_{n+1}V_{n+1} \quad \text{where } K = K\langle M^{-1}A, M^{-1}r_1 \rangle,$$

with the upper triangular matrices U and V related by

$$V_{n+1} = E_1 + JU_nJ^t$$
, or, more pictorily,  $V_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^t \\ \emptyset & U_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

Proof: Let  $X_{n+1}(J-E) = KU_n$  be given. Then, from  $M^{-1}RE = KE$ :

$$M^{-1}R_{n+1}(J-E) = M^{-1}AK_nU_n = K_{n+1}JU_n$$
  
 $M^{-1}R_{n+1}J = K_{n+1}E + K_{n+1}JU_n$   
 $M^{-1}R_{n+1}JJ^t = K_{n+1}EJ^t + JUJ^t$ 

Now observe that  $JJ^t$  is I except for its (1,1) element, that the first column of the rhs is zero, that  $M^{-1}r_1 = k_1$ , and that  $KEJ^t$  is KE except for its (1,1) element. In sum, adding a first column of  $M^{-1}r_1$  to both sides gives  $M^{-1}R = K(E + JUJ^t)$ . All implications in this proof can be reversed.

**Question:** Can we also show something like this for X(J-I) = RU?

## 3.5.1 Affine combinations of residual sequences

We will occasionally consider sequences that are formed by taking certain combinations of a residual sequence where the coefficients sum up to 1, i.e.,

$$g_j = \sum_{i \le j} r_i u_{ij}, \qquad \sum_{i \le j} u_{ij} = 1.$$
 (29)

Definition: Affine combinations

**Definition 9** The weighted sum

$$x = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i}, \qquad \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} = 1$$

is called an affine combination<sup>56</sup>.

Affine combinations of a residual sequence are a residual sequence

**Lemma 18** Let R and G be sequences related by G = RU where U is a non-singular upper triangular matrix with column sums  $\equiv 1$ , that is,

$$e^t U = e^t$$
.

Then *R* is a residual sequence iff *G* is a residual sequence.

Proof: Noting that  $e^tU=e^t$  iff  $e^tU^{-1}=e^t$  we only prove the implication one way. Let R be a residual sequence, i.e., by lemma 9 R=KV with K a Krylov sequence and V a non-singular upper triangular matrix in  $\mathbf{U}^{(1)}$ , that is, with  $v_{1j}\equiv 1$ . Then G=RU=KVU and VU satisfies the same properties as V, so, again by lemma 9, G is also a residual sequence.

#### Block statement

For the block version of this lemma, where each  $u_{ij}$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix, we recall that matrices U in  $\mathbf{U}^{(1)}$  have blocks  $u_{1j} \equiv I_{k \times k}$ . For the lemma to hold true, we have to interpret the column sums being  $\equiv 1$  as

$$(e^t \otimes I_k) \times U = e^t \otimes I_k$$
 that is,  $\forall_j : \sum_i u_{ij} = I_k$ , (30)

which is a stronger statement than the column sums being  $\equiv 1$  in a scalar sense. The rest of the statement and

<sup>5.</sup> Let *V* be a linear subspace and  $a \notin V$ ; let  $y_i \in a + V$  and  $\sum_i \alpha_i = 1$ , then  $x = \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \in a + V$ .

<sup>6.</sup> The better known, similar, definition for *convex* combinations involves the extra condition that all  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ 

proof proceed analogously.

End of block statement

We can also get a result that is in a way the reverse statement:

All residual sequences from  $r_1$  are affine combinations of each other

**Lemma 19** Let R and  $\bar{R}$  be residual sequences wrt the same A and f, and  $r_1 = \bar{r}_1$ , then there is an upper triangular matrix V with column sums  $\equiv 1$  such that  $\bar{R} = RV$ .

Proof: Since  $r_1 = \bar{r}_1$ , R and  $\bar{R}$  are combinations of the same Krylov sequence K, say R = KU and  $\bar{R} = K\bar{U}$  with both  $U, \bar{U} \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$ . This gives  $\bar{R} = RV$  with  $V = U^{-1}\bar{U}$ . From  $\bar{U} = UV$  we get for all n

$$1 = \bar{u}_{1n} = \sum_{j} u_{1j} v_{jn} = \sum_{j} v_{jn},$$

that is, V has column sums  $\equiv 1$ , which with  $\bar{R} = RV$  shows that  $\bar{R}$  consists of affine combinations of R.

This lemma will be used in section 12.7.

We can extend the update relation of equation (28) to let residual sequences that are combinations of each other be updated in terms of each other.

Residual sequences can be updated with each other

**Lemma 20** Let R and G be residual sequences with  $r_1 = g_1$ . Then G satisfies an update relation

$$G_{n+1}(J-I) = AM^{-1}R_nV$$

with V upper triangular.

Proof: Let  $V_n$  by upper triangular such that  $R_{n+1}(J-I) = AM^{-1}R_nV_n$  (which exists, see equation (28)), and  $G_{n+1} = R_{n+1}U_{n+1}$  with  $e^tU_{n+1} = e^t$  (the existence of this  $U_{n+1}$  follows from lemma 19). Then

$$G_{n+1}(J-I) = R_{n+1}U_{n+1}(J-I)$$

$$= R_{n+1}(J-I)\tilde{U}_n$$

$$= AM^{-1}R_nV_n\tilde{U}_n$$

$$= AM^{-1}R_n\tilde{V}_n$$

where the existence of  $\tilde{U}_n$  follows from lemma 26, and  $\tilde{V}_n = V_n \tilde{U}_n$ , about which we note that  $\tilde{U}_n e = e$  and thus  $V_n e = \tilde{V} e$ .

**Question:** We need to be slightly more careful about square/rectangular matrices in the above.

## 3.6 Termination of the iterative process

In this section we investigate the conditions on termination (in exact arithmetic) of polynomial iterative methods.

**Theorem 21** Let X be a polynomial method, let  $K = K\langle A, x_0, f \rangle$ , and let n be such that  $K_n$  is an A-invariant subspace. It is possible to choose  $\pi_n$  such that  $x_n = x_1 + \pi_n(A)f = A^{-1}f$ .

Proof: If  $K_n$  is A-invariant,  $k_{n+1} \in [K_n]$ , in other words

$$K_{n+1}c_{n+1}=0$$
 some vector  $c_{n+1} \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ ,

and we can assume without loss of generality that  $c_{n+1,1} = 1$ . Let  $\phi_{n+1}$  be the polynomial with coefficients in  $c_{n+1}$ , then  $\phi_{n+1}(A)r_1 = 0$ , so, with  $\pi_n$  related to  $\phi_{n+1}$  by equation (24), we find by theorem 2 that  $x_n = A^{-1}f$ .

The most interesting polynomial methods are those that orthogonalise the *R* sequence under some inner product.

**Corollary 22** Let the residual sequence R be orthogonal under some inner product, and let n be the smallest index for which  $r_{n+1} = 0$ . Then  $x_n = A^{-1}f$ .

Proof: If  $K_n$  is an independent set,  $R_n = K_n U_n$  can be chosen as nonzero orthogonal vectors. The occurrence of  $r_{n+1} = 0$  then clearly marks an invariant subspace  $K_n$ , which by the above theorem implies that the solution has been reached.

**Question:** Something missing here. What condition guarantees that  $r_i$  is nonzero as long as it is possible?

**Question:** How is terminations of block sequences done? What happens if some coefficient matrix merely becomes singular, not zero?

## 4 Hessenberg matrices

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The subject of Hessenberg matrices comes up often in the discussion of polynomial iterative methods. If we combine the equations for a Krylov sequence, AK = KJ, and for residuals as combinations of the Krylov sequence, R = KU, with U upper triangular, we find that

$$AR_n = R_{n+1}H$$
, with  $H = U^{-1}JU$ 

where clearly H is of upper Hessenberg form. Recall that in remark 16 we saw a different origin of Hessenberg matrices.

In the preconditioned case we have R = KU where  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, k_1 \rangle$  (see remark 11), leading to

$$AM^{-1}R = RH$$
, with  $H = U^{-1}JU$ . (31)

We will state more about the relation between the residual sequence and the Hessenberg matrix in section 4.3; in particular we shall see (lemma 29) that the connection between combinations of Krylov sequences and Hessenberg matrices is an equivalence. However, in this section we start out by proving a number of facts about Hessenberg matrices independent of any connection to iterative methods.

## 4.1 Hessenberg matrices with zero column sums

Combining the fact that residuals sequences are normalised combinations (lemma 9) R = KU with  $u_{1j} \equiv 1$  of a Krylov sequence, and that the Hessenberg matrix relating the residuals to the system by  $AM^{-1}R = RH$  equals  $H = U^{-1}JU$ , we derive an important property of H: it has zero column sums. We will then state some facts about such Hessenberg matrices.

H zero column sums iff U normalized

**Lemma 23** Let U be a nonsingular upper triangular matrix, and let  $H = U^{-1}JU$ . The Hessenberg matrix H has zero column sums iff the first row of U is constant.

Proof: With the zero vector and the all-ones vector e we can formulate the zero column sums as  $e^t H = 0^t$ . Then

$$e^t H = e^t U_{n+1}^{-1} J U_n = 0^t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad e^t U_{n+1}^{-1} J = 0^t$$
  
 $\Leftrightarrow \quad e^t U_{n+1}^{-1} = (\alpha, 0, 0, \ldots)$  some nonzero  $\alpha$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \quad \alpha^{-1} e^t = (1, 0, 0, \ldots) U_{n+1}$ 

(in the transition from the first to the second line we use the fact that U is non-singular to state that  $\alpha$  is nonzero) which proves the statement.

Block statement

The analogous block statement is sufficiently different that we give it its own lemma.

**Lemma 24** Let U be a nonsingular block upper triangular matrix with nonsingular diagonal blocks, and let  $H = U^{-1}JU$ . The first block row of U consists of identical elements iff (in a block sense)

$$\forall_j \colon \sum_i h_{ij} = \mathbf{0}. \tag{32}$$

Proof: The proof is as above, but with  $\alpha$  being any nonsingular matrix.

End of block statement

Next we consider the *LU* factorisation of a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums.

$$H = (I - J)U$$
 iff zero column sums

**Lemma 25** Let H be an upper Hessenberg matrix of maximum rank, then H can be factored as H = (I - J)U iff

H is of size  $(n+1) \times n$  and all its columns sums are zero, or H is of size  $n \times n$  and all its columns sums except for the last are zero;

the I-J factor is of the same shape as H and U is square with dimension the column dimension of H.

Proof: Trivially, if H = (I - J)U its column sums are zero if it is rectangular and all but the last zero if it is square, since  $e^t(I - J)_{[n+1,n]} = 0^t$ . Conversely, the first column sum being zero imply that  $h_{21} = -h_{11}$ . Since the matrix has maximum rank, the elements in the first column are nonzero. The first elimination step of Gaussian elimination then entails adding the first row to the second. This implies that the first column of the L factor can be chosen as  $(1, -1, 0, 0, \ldots)^t$ .

Since elimination did not involve scaling the pivot row, there was no change to the column sums of any column, nor did the elimination change the (column) rank of the remaining block. Hence the remaining 2:\*,2:\* block of H is again a Hessenberg matrix of full rank with properties as stipulated, and we can inductively repeat this argument.

Block statement

This lemma holds true in the block case, if we substitute  $J \to J \otimes I_k$ , and we interpret the zero column sums in the stronger sense of equation (32). The matrix U is block upper triangular.

End of block statement

Sometimes we are interested in a factorisation of the form C(J-I) rather than (J-I)B.

U(I-J)=(I-J)V if U constant column sums, this only works for H square

**Lemma 26** Let  $U_{n+1}$  be an upper triangular matrix with constant column sums  $\alpha$ . Then  $H := U_{n+1}(I-J)$  can be written as  $H = (I-J)V_n$ , where  $V_n$  is upper triangular with constant row sums  $\alpha$ .

Proof: Let  $U_{n+1}$  have constant column sums  $\alpha$ , that is,  $e^t U = \alpha e^t$ . Then  $H := U_{n+1}(I-J)$  satisfies  $e^t H = 0^t$ , so from lemma 25 H can be written as  $H = (I-J)V_n$  with  $V_n$  an upper triangular matrix. From  $He = U_{n+1}(1,0,\ldots,0,-1)^t$  and  $He = (I-J)V_n e$  we find for  $f = V_n e$  that  $(I-J)f = u_{11}e$ , so  $Ve = u_{11}e$ .

## 4.2 QR decompositions of Hessenberg matrices

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

The *QR* decomposition of the Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums takes a remarkably simple form.

**Lemma 27** Let H be an upper Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums, and let H = QR be a decomposition into an orthonormal matrix and an upper triangular matrix. Then Q is given by

$$q_{kn}=-rac{1}{\sqrt{n(n+1)}}$$
  $k\leq n;$   $q_{n+1n}=\sqrt{rac{n}{n+1}}.$ 

Furthermore,  $Q = (J - I)B^{-1}$ , where B is an upper bidiagonal matrix.

Proof: H has zero column sums, so Q has zero column sums. The values given satisfy this requirement plus orthonormality of the columns. Then, with  $\alpha_n = \sqrt{n(n+1)}$ :

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha_{1}^{-1} & -\alpha_{2}^{-1} \\ \alpha_{1}^{-1} & -\alpha_{2}^{-1} \\ 2\alpha_{2}^{-1} & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ & 1 & -1 \\ & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots \\ 2 & 2 & \dots \\ & 3 & \dots \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \operatorname{diag}(\alpha_{i}^{-1})$$

$$= (J-I) \left[\operatorname{diag}(\alpha_{i})(I-J^{t})\operatorname{diag}(i^{-1})\right]^{-1}$$

that is,  $Q = (J - I)B^{-1}$  with

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1}} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & & \\ & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

We are sometimes interested in relations between the *QR* decompositions of Hessenberg matrices that are equivalent through diagonal transformations.

QR decomps of equiv Hess related by two bidiagonal mats

**Lemma 28** Let  $H_1 = Q_1U_1$  and  $H_2 = Q_2U_2$  be QR decompositions of Hessenberg matrices that are related by  $H_1 = \Omega H_2 \Omega^{-1}$  where  $\Omega$  is a diagonal matrix. Then there is an upper triangular matrix T such that

$$Q_2 = \Omega^{-1} Q_1 T, \qquad U_2 = T^{-1} U_1 \Omega.$$

If  $H_2$  has zero column sums, T takes the form  $B_1B_2^{-1}$  where  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are upper bi-diagonal matrices.

Proof: We have  $H_1\Omega = Q_1U_1\Omega = \Omega H_2 = \Omega Q_2U_2$ , so  $Q_1^t\Omega Q_2 = U_1\Omega U_2^{-1} \equiv T$ , and T is clearly upper triangular. This proves the first statement of the lemma.

If  $H_2$  has zero column sums, by lemma 27 its QR decomposition satisfies  $Q_2 = (J-I)B_2^{-1}$ , where  $B_2$  is upper bi-diagonal. Since  $Q_1^t\Omega Q_2$  is upper triangular,  $Q_1^t\Omega(J-I)$  is also upper triangular, but it is also of lower Hessenberg form, hence it is of upper bi-diagonal form, say

$$B_1 \equiv Q_1^t \Omega(J - I). \tag{33}$$

From

$$Q_1^t \Omega(J-I) = U_1 \Omega U_2^{-1} B_2$$

we find that  $TB_2 = U_1 \Omega U_2^{-1} B_2 = B_1$ . This proves the second statement of the lemma.

For future reference we note that

$$B_1 \equiv Q_1^t \Omega(J - I) = TB_2 = U_1 \Omega U_2^{-1} B_2,$$

we have

$$H_2\Omega^{-1}U_1^{-1} = Q_2U_2\Omega^{-1}U_1^{-1} = Q_2B_2B_1^{-1} = (J-I)B_1^{-1}.$$
 (34)

## 4.3 Hessenberg matrices of residual sequences

The following auxiliary lemma states the connection between Hessenberg matrices and Krylov sequences.

In  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , H Hessenberg iff R is combination of Krylov sequence

**Lemma 29** Let  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , let  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, k_1 \rangle$ , and let  $r_1 = k_1\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \neq 0$ , then H is an irreducible upper Hessenberg matrix iff there is a nonsingular upper triangular matrix U such that R = KU; U and H are related by  $H = U^{-1}JU$ .

Proof: If U is a nonsingular upper triangular matrix,  $AM^{-1}K = KJ$ , and R = KU, then

$$AM^{-1}R = RU^{-1}JU$$

where  $U^{-1}JU$  is of irreducible upper Hessenberg shape.

Conversely, if H is an upper Hessenberg matrix,  $r_1 = k_1 \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \neq 0$ , and  $AM^{-1}R_{n-1} = R_nH$ , then an upper triangular matrix  $U_n$  can be determined such that  $R_n = K_nU_n$ , namely U has to satisfy

$$U_nH = JU_{n-1}$$

and this can be solved recursively. For instance, noting that the first row of  $JU_{n-1}$  is zero (and picking  $u_{11} = \alpha$ ):

$$u_{11}h_{11} + u_{12}h_{21} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_{12} = -\alpha h_{11}h_{21}^{-1},$$
  

$$u_{11}h_{12} + u_{12}h_{22} + u_{13}h_{32} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_{13} = -(\alpha h_{11} + u_{12}h_{22})h_{32}^{-1},$$
  

$$u_{11}h_{13} + \dots = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_{14} = -(\dots)h_{43}^{-1}, \quad \text{et cetera}$$

Then for the second row

$$u_{11} = u_{22}h_{21} \Rightarrow u_{22} = (...)h_{21}^{-1}$$
  
 $u_{12} = u_{22}h_{22} + u_{23}h_{32} \Rightarrow u_{23} = (...)h_{32}^{-1}$ , et cetera

and in general

$$\forall_i \forall_{j \geq i-1} \colon u_{ij+1} h_{j+1j} = u_{i-1j} - \sum_{i \leq k \leq j} u_{ik} h_{kj}.$$

We see that *U* can be solved if all  $h_{i+1,i} \neq 0$ , that is, if *H* is irreducible. Now

$$AM^{-1}RU^{-1} = RHU^{-1}RU^{-1}(UHU^{-1}) = RU^{-1}J$$

so  $RU^{-1} = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1u_{11}^{-1}\rangle$ . Since we choose  $u_{11}$  to satisfy  $r_1u_{11}^{-1} = k_1$ , we find  $RU^{-1} = K$ , that is, R = KU.

Block statement

A block extension of the above statement holds, if we define a block Hessenberg matrix to be irreducible if the lower diagonal blocks are nonsingular.

End of block statement

We can now collect some results to state the nature of the Hessenberg matrix associated with a residual sequence.

In  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , H zero column sum Hessenberg iff R residual sequence

**Theorem 30** Let a matrix A, a preconditioner M, a sequence R, and an irreducible upper Hessenberg matrix H related by  $AM^{-1}R = RH$  be given, then R is a residual sequence if and only if H has zero column sums.

Proof: Combine lemmas 9, 29 and 23.

Block statement

In the block case, R is a block residual sequence iff in

AR = RH the block Hessenberg matrix H has zero column sums in the strong sense of equation (32). End of block statement

In lemma 18 we saw that affine combinations of residual sequences form again a residual sequence. We can give a corresponding statement in terms of Hessenberg matrices.

**Lemma 31** Let R be a residual sequence, and G a series of affine combinations of R, then AG = GH with H a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums.

Proof: Trivial.

## 5 Characterisation of polynomial iterative methods

Previous section: 4 Next section: 6

We now summarise the preceding sections by giving a number of equivalent formulations for the preconditioned solution of a linear system.

**Theorem 32** Let a vector  $\bar{x}$  and a sequence X be given, and let A and f be such that  $A\bar{x} = f$ . Define residuals by  $R = AX - fe^t$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1. The sequence *X* is a preconditioned polynomial method for 7.  $\bar{x} = A^{-1} f$ .
- 2. There is a nonsingular matrix M such that the sequence X satisfies

$$x_{i+1} - x_1 \in [M^{-1}r_1, \dots, M^{-1}(AM^{-1})^{i-1}r_1].$$
 (35)

3. There are a nonsingular matrix M and upper triangular matrix U such that

$$X(J-I) = M^{-1}RU,$$

that is,

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = \sum_{j \le i} M^{-1} r_j u_{ji}. \tag{36}$$

4. There are a nonsingular matrix M and Hessenberg matrix H with zero column sums such that

$$AM^{-1}R = RH$$

that is,

$$AM^{-1}r_i = h_{i+1}r_{i+1} + \dots + h_{1}r_1. \tag{37}$$

5. There are a sequence P (the 'search directions'), a nonsingular split as a product  $\tilde{U}\bar{U}$  where  $\tilde{u}_{1*} \equiv 1$ .

matrix M, a diagonal matrix D, and an upper triangular matrix U 3  $\Leftrightarrow$  4 We now find statement 4 by multiplying the previous statement by A, and with unit diagonal such that defining  $H = (J - I)U^{-1}$ . For the reverse implication, lemma 25 tells

$$APD = R(I - J), \qquad PU = M^{-1}R$$

that is,

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i d_{ii}, p_i = M^{-1} r_i - \sum_{j < i} p_j u_{ji}.$$
 (38)

6. There are a nonsingular matrix M and upper triangular matrix  $U \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$  such that

$$R = KU, \qquad K = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1 \rangle.$$

There are a nonsingular matrix M and polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  such that

$$r_i = \pi_i(AM^{-1})r_1, \quad \deg(\pi_i) = i - 1, \quad \pi_i(0) = 1.$$

Proof: We prove the equivalence of the statements in sequence.

- $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$  Statement 2 is a simple rephrasing of the definition of a preconditioned polynomial method.
- $2 \Leftrightarrow 6$  and 7 Multiplying equation (35) by A, we find that

$$r_{i+1}-r_1 \in [AM^{-1}r_1,\ldots,(AM^{-1})^ir_1].$$

Introducing the Krylov sequence K satisfying

$$k_1 = r_1, \qquad AM^{-1}K = KJ,$$

we find that  $R = K\tilde{U}$  where  $\tilde{U}$  is an upper triangular matrix with  $\tilde{u}_{1*} \equiv 1$ . This shows the equivalence with statements 6 and 7.

- $2 \Leftrightarrow 3$  Since statement 2 can be expressed as  $X(J-I) = M^{-1}K\bar{U}$  with U upper triangular, we find statement 3 where  $U = \tilde{U}\bar{U}$ . For the reverse implication, note that a nonsingular upper triangular matrix U can easily be split as a product  $\tilde{U}\bar{U}$  where  $\tilde{u}_{1*} \equiv 1$ .
- $S \Leftrightarrow 4$  We now find statement 4 by multiplying the previous statement by A, and defining  $H = (J I)U^{-1}$ . For the reverse implication, lemma 25 tells us that a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums can indeed be split on the form  $(J I)U^{-1}$ .

 $4 \Leftrightarrow 5$  Statement 5 follows by splitting the previous statement.

Many of the clauses of the above theorem look familiar from the literature on Conjugate Gradient-like methods. However, we stress that this theorem is general: it covers all sorts of iterative methods, whether based on conjugacy or not.

Various different looking variants of Krylov method exist that are still equivalent.

Left-preconditioned residual equation

## **Corollary 33** The equations

$$X(J-I) = RU, \qquad M^{-1}AR = RH \tag{39}$$

define a polynomial iterative method if  $r_1 = M^{-1}(Ax_1 - b)$ .

Proof: Start with a standard formulation

$$X(J-I) = M^{-1}RU, \qquad AM^{-1}R = RH,$$

split  $U = U_1U_2$ , and write  $\tilde{R} = M^{-1}RU_1$ , then

$$X(J-I) = \tilde{R}U_2, \qquad M^{-1}A\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}$$

with  $\tilde{H} = U_1^{-1}HU_1$ .

## **6** Minimization

Previous section: 5 Next section: 7

We will prove some minimisation results for Krylov methods; in particular we will investigate the relation between minimization and orthogonalisation. Constructive aspects of orthogonalisation are discussed in section 7. Also, in this section we only prove that a minimum norm is attained; the actual value of the minimum, that is, the speed of convergence of the method, will be discussed in section 14.

First of all we observe the equivalence of error and residual minimisation under norms induced by the coefficient matrix. In the case of symmetry we have a family of equivalence statements:

$$||e||_{A^k}^2 = (x - \bar{x})^t A^k (x - \bar{x}) = (Ax - f)^t A^{k-2} (Ax - f) = ||r||_{A^{k-2}}^2.$$

In the nonsymmetric case we only have

$$||r||_{A^{-1}}^2 = (Ax - f)^t A^{-1} (Ax - f) = (x - \bar{x})^t A^t (x - \bar{x}) = ||e||_A^2.$$

## **6.1** Minimization of residuals in $L_2$ norm

The following very general theorem can be found in [30], also cited in [68].

**Theorem 34** Let a matrix A, vectors  $x_1$  and f, and space  $K_m$  be given. The vector  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of the Petrov-Galerkin problem

find 
$$x \in x_1 + K_m$$
 such that  $(Ax - f, v) = 0$  for all  $v \in AK_m$ 

if and only if  $\bar{x}$  uniquely minimises Ax - f over the space  $x_1 + K_m$ .

Proof: Let  $\bar{x} \in x_1 + K_m$  solve the Petrov-Galerkin problem, and let  $x \in x_1 + K_m$ , then

$$||Ax - f||^2 = ||A[(x - \bar{x}) + \bar{x}] - f||^2 = ||A(x - \bar{x}) + (A\bar{x} - f)||^2$$
  
=  $||A\bar{x} - f||^2 + 2(A(x - \bar{x}), A\bar{x} - f) + ||A(x - \bar{x})||^2$  (40)

where the middle term in the last line drops out by the Petrov-Galerkin condition. Hence

$$||Ax - f||^2 \ge ||A\bar{x} - f||^2$$

with equality only if  $x = \bar{x}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\bar{x} \in x_1 + K_m$  uniquely minimises ||Ax - f||. Then obviously, for any z,

$$Q(\alpha) = ||A\bar{x} - f + \alpha Az||^2$$

is minimised for  $\alpha = 0$ . Differentiating Q and substituting  $\alpha = 0$  gives  $(Az, A\bar{x} - f) = 0$ , which is the Petrov-Galerkin condition.

#### Block statement

For a block version of theorem 34 over a space of block-vectors of width s, we need to interpret  $x_1 + K_m$  as

$$[x_1^{(1)} + K_m, \dots x_1^{(s)} + K_m].$$

Furthermore, we need to define the norm of  $N \times s$  block vectors as

$$||x||_{\mathbf{R}^N}=||x^tx||_{R^s}.$$

#### End of block statement

**Remark 35** If we would want to formulate the above theorem for more general inner products and norms, say induced by a positive definite matrix *B*, the middle terms in equation (40) becomes

$$(A(x-\bar{x}),A\bar{x}-f)_B + (A(x-\bar{x}),A\bar{x}-f)_{B^t}.$$

Hence, we have to impose that B is symmetric positive definite. In particular, we can not use powers of A here, although powers of  $A^tA$  or  $AA^t$  are feasible.

Theorem 34 is related to projections. (See the basic theory of projections in section 7.7.) The statement that  $x \in x_1 + K_m$  is equivalent to  $r \in r_1 + AK_m$ . Minimising r then means minimising the difference between  $u_m \in AK_m$  and  $-r_1$ :  $r_1 + u_m = u_m - (-r_1)$ . (Note that if we could actually find  $u_m = -r_1$ , then the new residual would be zero and we would have found the solution of the system.) The theorem now states that the shortest distance between  $-r_1$  and  $u_m \in AK_m$  is that choice of  $u_m$  for which the difference vector  $r = r_1 + u_m$  is orthogonal to  $AK_m$ , that is, we project  $-r_1$  onto  $AK_m$ .

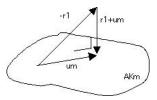


Figure 1: The optimal update  $r_m$  make the new residual orthogonal to the  $AK_m$  subspace

We can apply theorem 34 to polynomial iterative methods in a straightforward manner.

Minimisation of residuals  $\Leftrightarrow AM^{-1}$ -orthogonal residuals

**Corollary 36** Let X be a polynomial iterative method for the system Ax = f, with R be the residual sequence  $R\langle A, X, f \rangle$ , and suppose the residuals are linearly independent. Then  $r_{n+1}$  is of minimal length over all polynomials in the n-th step of the iterative method, if and only if  $r_{n+1}$  is  $AM^{-1}$ -orthogonal to all  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$ .

Proof: Every iterate in a polynomial method can be written as  $x_{n+1} = x_1 + M^{-1}R_nu_n$ , so we are in the situation for which theorem 34 applies, with  $K_m =$ 

 $M^{-1}R_m$ . By this theorem,  $r_{n+1}$  is minimised iff it is orthogonal to  $AK_n$ , in other form  $Y^tY$ , hence having a positive diagonal. Thus  $\tilde{r}_i^t\tilde{r}_i \geq r_i^tr_i$  with equality only words,  $AM^{-1}$ -orthogonal to  $R_m$ .

• if W = 0, that is if  $\tilde{R} = R$ .

We will also give a direct proof, expressed solely in terms of the residuals sequence.

$$AM^{-1}$$
-orthogonal  $R$  is minimal

**Theorem 37** Let R be a residual sequence satisfying  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , and  $N^{-1} = AM^{-1}$  which we analyse in section 7.3.3. let  $R^tAM^{-1}R$  be upper triangular, then the residuals are of minimum length in the sense that

- if  $\tilde{R}$  is a residual sequence satisfying  $AM^{-1}\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}$ , and  $r_1 = \tilde{r}_1$ ,
- then  $||r_i|| \leq ||\tilde{r}_i||$  for all i.

Proof: Let the Krylov sequence  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1 \rangle$ , and let

$$R = KU$$
,  $\tilde{R} = K\tilde{U}$  where  $U, \tilde{U} \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$ 

be residual sequences. Then  $AM^{-1}R = RH$  and  $AM^{-1}\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}$ , where by theorem 30, lemma 25, and lemma 5 the Hessenberg matrices can be factored

$$H = (J - E_1)V$$
,  $\tilde{H} = (J - E_1)\tilde{V}$  with  $V, \tilde{V}$  upper triangular.

Use the fact that  $RE_1 = \tilde{R}E_1$  to combine this as

$$\begin{array}{ll} AM^{-1}KUV^{-1} = R(J-E_1) \\ AM^{-1}K\tilde{U}\tilde{V}^{-1} = \tilde{R}(J-E_1) \end{array} \Rightarrow \tilde{R}J = RJ + AM^{-1}KW,$$

with  $W = \tilde{U}\tilde{V}^{-1} - UV^{-1}$ . It now follows that

$$J^{t}\tilde{R}^{t}\tilde{R}J$$

$$= J^{t}R^{t}RJ + J^{t}R^{t}AM^{-1}KW + W^{t}K^{t}M^{-t}A^{t}RJ$$

$$+ W^{t}K^{t}M^{-t}A^{t}AM^{-1}KW.$$

Now, the second and third term are strictly upper and lower triangular because of the upper triangularity of  $R^tAM^{-1}K = R^tAM^{-1}RU^{-1}$ , and the last term is of the

**Remark 38** R being  $AM^{-1}$ -orthogonal in the above discussion can be stated in matrix terms as  $R^tAM^{-1}R$  being upper triangular. (We used this as an explicit condition in theorem 37.) This will be the basis for derivations in section 8.2.1. In the fact that  $R^t(AM^{-1})^tR$  is lower triangular we recognise the semi-orthogonality condition equation (42), with the choice

## 6.2 Minimization of residuals in the $A^{-1}$ norm

We first give the general Petrov-Galerkin theorem [51], also cited in [68].

**Theorem 39** Let a symmetric positive definite matrix A, vectors  $x_1$  and f, and space  $K_m$  be given. The vector  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of the Petrov-Galerkin problem

find 
$$x = x_1 + z$$
, where  $z \in K_m$ , such that  $(f - Ax, v) = 0$  for all  $v \in K_m$ 

if and only if  $\bar{x}$  minimises Ax - f in the  $\|\cdot\|_{A^{-1}}$  norm over the space  $x_1 + K_m$ .

Proof: Let  $\bar{x} = x_1 + \bar{z}$  with  $\bar{z} \in K_m$  solve the Petrov-Galerkin problem, and let  $x = x_1 + z$  with  $z \in K_m$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ax - f\|_{A^{-1}}^2 &= \|(A\bar{x} - f) + A(x - \bar{x})\|_{A^{-1}}^2 \\ &= \|A\bar{x} - f\|_{A^{-1}}^2 \\ &- (x - \bar{x})^t A^t A^{-1} (A\bar{x} - f) - (A\bar{x} - f)^t A^{-1} A(x - \bar{x}) \\ &+ [A(x - \bar{x})]^t A^{-1} [A(x - \bar{x})], \end{aligned}$$

where the middle terms in the last line drop out by the Petrov-Galerkin condition, and using symmetry to simplify  $A^tA^{-1} = I$ . Using definitess of A we conclude

$$||Ax - f||_{A^{-1}}^2 \ge ||A\bar{x} - f||_{A^{-1}}^2.$$

Conversely, suppose  $\bar{x} = x_1 + \bar{z}$  minimises  $||Ax - f||_{A^{-1}}$  over  $x_1 + K_m$ . Then obviously, for any z,

$$Q(\alpha) = ||A\bar{x} - f + \alpha Az||_{A^{-1}}^2$$

is minimised for  $\alpha = 0$ . Differentiating Q and substituting  $\alpha = 0$  gives  $z^t(A\bar{x} - f) = 0$ , which is the Petrov-Galerking condition.

The generalisation of this theorem to inner products induced by power of *A* is immediate:

**Theorem 40** Let a symmetric positive definite matrix A, an integer k, vectors  $x_1$  and f, and space  $K_m$  be given. The vector  $\bar{x}$  is a solution of the Petrov-Galerkin problem

find 
$$x = x_1 + z$$
, where  $z \in K_m$ , such that  $(f - Ax, v)_{Ak} = 0$  for all  $v \in K_m$ 

if and only if  $\bar{x}$  minimises Ax - f in the  $\|\cdot\|_{A^{k-1}}$  norm over the space  $x_1 + K_m$ .

We will apply this theorem the case of polynomial iterative methods.

For A spd,  $M^{-1}$ -orthogonal R is minimal in  $A^{-1}$  norm

**Corollary 41** Let A be symmetric positive definite, let R be a residual sequence satisfying  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , and let  $R^tM^{-1}R$  be diagonal, then the residuals are of minimum length in the  $A^{-1}$ -norm in the sense that

- if  $\tilde{R}$  is a residual sequence satisfying  $AM^{-1}\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}$ , and  $r_1 = \tilde{r}_1$ ,
- then  $||r_i||_{A^{-1}} \le ||\tilde{r}_i||_{A^{-1}}$  for all *i*.

Proof: This follows immediately from an application of theorem 39 by noting that iterates satisfy

$$x_{m+1} = x_1 + M^{-1}R_m u_m,$$

whence we define  $K_m = [M^{-1}R_m]$ , and that

$$(Ax_{m+1} - f)^t M^{-1} R_m = 0.$$

We will also give a direct proof of the statement. Let the Krylov sequence  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1 \rangle$ , and let

$$R = KU, \quad \tilde{R} = K\tilde{U} \quad \text{where } U, \tilde{U} \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$$

be residual sequences. Then  $AM^{-1}R = RH$  and  $AM^{-1}\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}$  where by lemma 5 the Hessenberg matrices can be factored

$$H = (J - E_1)V$$
,  $\tilde{H} = (J - E_1)\tilde{V}$  with  $V, \tilde{V}$  upper triangular.

Use the fact that  $RE_1 = \tilde{R}E_1$  to combine this as

$$\begin{array}{ll} AM^{-1}KUV^{-1} = R(J-E_1) \\ AM^{-1}K\tilde{U}\tilde{V}^{-1} = \tilde{R}(J-E_1) \end{array} \Rightarrow \tilde{R}J = RJ + AM^{-1}KW,$$

with  $W = \tilde{U}\tilde{V}^{-1} - UV^{-1}$ . It now follows that

$$J^{t}\tilde{R}^{t}A^{-1}\tilde{R}J$$

$$= J^{t}R^{t}A^{-1}RJ + J^{t}R^{t}A^{-1}AM^{-1}KW + W^{t}K^{t}M^{-t}A^{t}A^{-1}RJ + W^{t}K^{t}M^{-t}A^{t}A^{-1}AM^{-1}KW$$

$$= J^{t}R^{t}A^{-1}RJ + J^{t}R^{t}M^{-1}KW + W^{t}K^{t}M^{-t}RJ + W^{t}K^{t}M^{-t}AM^{-1}KW,$$

where we use the symmetry of A to simplify  $A^tA^{-1} = I$ . Now, the second and third term are strictly upper and lower triangular because of the upper triangularity of  $R^tM^{-1}K = R^tM^{-1}RU^{-1}$ . Thus  $\tilde{r}_i^tA^{-1}\tilde{r}_i \ge r_i^tA^{-1}r_i$  with equality only if W = 0, that is if  $\tilde{R} = R$ .

Note that, even though we looked at a preconditioned system, the *M*-orthogonality caused the minimisation to be in the norm of the original matrix.

## 6.3 Minimization under general inner product

We will now investigate the minimisation properties of methods based on Arnoldi orthogonalisation. Recall that the polynomial iterative method is completely characterised by

$$\begin{cases} APD = R(I-J), \\ M^{-1}R = P(I-U), \\ R^t N^{-t}R \text{ nonsingularly lower triangular.} \end{cases}$$

There is an equivalence between orthogonality of R and of P: from the coupled two-term recurrences we find that

$$R^t N^{-1} R = R^t N^{-1} M P(I - U),$$

so  $P^t M^t N^{-t} R$  is lower triangular, and from this

$$P^{t}M^{t}N^{-t}APD = P^{t}M^{t}N^{-t}R(I-J) = (I-U)^{-t}R^{t}N^{-t}R(I-J),$$

so  $P^t M^t N^{-t} A P$  is lower triangular, and

$$p_i^t M^t N^{-t} A p_i d_{ii} = r_i^t N^{-t} r_i.$$

We easily see that, given A and M,  $P^tZP$  is lower triangular iff  $R^tN^{-t}R$  is lower triangular, with N and Z related by  $M^tN^{-1}A = Z$ .

We will now consider special cases for the choice of N.

N = I This implies that  $R^t R$  is diagonal and  $P^t M^t A P$  lower triangular.

 $N = M^t$  This implies that  $R^t M^{-1} R$  is upper triangular and  $P^t A P$  lower triangular; in the symmetric case both are diagonal.

N = A This gives  $R^t A^{-1} R$  upper triangular and  $P^t M^t P$  lower triangular; in the symmetric case both are diagonal.

N = MA This gives  $R^tA^{-t}M^{-1}R$  upper triangular and  $P^tP$  diagonal.

 $N = MA^{-t}$  This gives  $R^tAM^{-1}R$  upper triangular, and  $P^tA^tAP$  diagonal. As we know from corollary 36, this minimises the norms of the residuals.

#### 6.4 Lanczos' Minimized iterations

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

**Theorem 42** Choosing the sequences R and S to be orthogonal minimizes the inner products  $s_i^t r_i$  (modulo some normalization of the sequences).

Proof: Let X, Y be the Krylov sequences following from AX = XJ and  $A^tY = YJ$ , and assume that  $r_1 \parallel x_1$ ,  $s_1 \parallel y_1$ , and AR = RH,  $A^tS = SH$  for some upper Hessenberg matrix H, such that  $R^tS$  is diagonal with positive diagonal elements.

Let further  $\tilde{r}_1 = r_1$ ,  $\tilde{s}_1 = s_1$  and  $A\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}$ ,  $A^t\tilde{S} = \tilde{S}\tilde{H}$  for some upper Hessenberg matrix  $\tilde{H}$ . From lemma 9 we find that there are upper triangular matrices U,  $\tilde{U}$  such that R = XU, S = YU,  $\tilde{R} = X\tilde{U}$ ,  $\tilde{S} = Y\tilde{U}$ . This gives

$$AX = RHU^{-1} = \tilde{R}\tilde{H}U^{-1}; \qquad A^{t}Y = SHU^{-1} = \tilde{S}\tilde{H}U^{-1}.$$

Now if

$$H = L + U_2, \qquad \tilde{H} = \tilde{L} + \tilde{U}_2$$

such that

$$HU^{-1} = J + U_3, \qquad \tilde{H}U^{-1} = J + \tilde{U}_3$$

(see lemma ?? for such Hessenberg matrices) we find

$$\tilde{R}J = RJ + RU_3$$
,  $\tilde{S}J = SJ + SU_3$ .

We now get

$$J^{t}\tilde{S}^{t}\tilde{R}J = J^{t}S^{t}RJ + J^{t}S^{t}RU_{3} + U_{3}^{t}S^{t}RJ + U_{3}^{t}S^{t}RU_{3}$$

in which the second and third term are strictly upper and lower triangular respectively. (Here we use for instance that  $S^tX = S^tRU^{-1}$  is upper triangular; furthermore,  $Y^tX = U^{-t}S^tRU^{-1}$ .) Therefore,  $\tilde{s}_n^t\tilde{r}_n \geq s_n^tr_n$ , with equality only in the case that  $\hat{V} = 0$ , that is, if  $\tilde{R} = R$ ,  $\tilde{S} = S$ .

For the symmetric case of  $A = A^t$ , S = R, this says that the orthogonalizing algorithm minimizes the length of the  $r_n$  vectors in each iteration. For the general Lanczos method it gives the minimization of the

inner product  $s_i^t r_i$ , but this implies no minimization for either the  $r_i$  or the  $s_i$  vectors. This minimization property led Lanczos [47, 48] to name this method 'minimized iterations'. Another name is the 'biconjugate gradient method' [32].

#### 6.5 Line searches

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

Consider the minimisation problem

$$\min_{x} f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^t A x - b^t x$$

where A is symmetric positive definite. Taking the derivative f'(x) = 0 gives the problem Ax = b:

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(h^t Ax + x^t Ah + h^t Ah) - b^t h = h^t (Ax - b).$$

Thus, solving a linear system is equivalent to minimising a quadratic functional. It is infeasible to find a global minimum, but minimisation along a one-dimensional affine space is possible.

Polynomial iterative methods are a special case of the more general scheme

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \alpha_i p_i$$
.

Here,  $p_i$  is called the 'search direction', and the problem of finding the optimal  $\alpha_i$ , in the sense that it minimises  $f(x_{i+1})$  over the affine space  $x_i + \alpha p_i$ , is called a 'line search' problem.

If we consider the minimisation problem

$$\min_{\alpha} f(x+\alpha p) = \min_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 p^t A p + \frac{1}{2} \alpha (p^t A x + x^t A p) + \frac{1}{2} x^t A x - b^t (x+\alpha p),$$

we find for symmetric A by taking the directional derivative along p with respect to  $\alpha$  that

$$\alpha p^t A p + p^t r = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = -p^t r / p^t A p, \tag{41}$$

where r = Ax - b. Combining this with equation (??),  $r_i^t r_i = r_i^t p_i$ , we recognise in this the coefficient used in the Conjugate Gradients method.

This optimal value of the search parameter is also used in the 'method of steepest descent'; see section 12.6.

In this analysis we used the symmetry of A to write  $p^t(A^t - b) = p^t r$ . In the nonsymmetric case this obviously doesn't hold. The value for  $\alpha$  derived above will still be used in methods considered later in this monograph. However, this is not motivated from minimisation along a line search, but from orthogonality. Under the assumption that  $p_i$  is a combination of residuals  $r_1 \dots r_i$ , and that  $x_{i+1}$  is constructed so that  $r_{i+1}$  is orthogonal to the previous residuals, we find

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + p_i \alpha_i \Rightarrow r_{i+1} = r_i + A p_i \alpha_i$$
  
 $\Rightarrow 0 = p_i^t r_{i+1} = p_i^t r_i + p_i^t A p_i \alpha_i$ 

This derivation will be given with more detail in a later section.

Another use of line searches and search directions is in 'seed systems', where the collection of p vectors is built up by solving one linear system, after which they are used for other systems with the same [12, 71], or a similar [13], coefficient matrix; see section 16.12.

## 7 Orthogonalization

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Section 6 discusses the relation between orthogonality and minimization, thus providing the theoretical justification for letting iterative methods be based on orthogonalization. Here we look more constructively at orthogonalization, investigating in particular the conditions under which orthogonality can be satisfied.

Methods such as the Conjugate Gradients algorithm fall under the following broad description:

• Given a matrix A, a Hessenberg matrix  $H_{[n,n-1]}$ , and a sequence  $R_n$  that satisfies some orthogonality condition, related by

$$AM^{-1}R_{n-1} = R_nH_{[n,n-1]},$$

Find a way to extend

$$R_n \to R_{n+1}, \quad H_{[n,n-1]} \to H_{[n+1,n]}$$

while preserving the orthogonality condition.

The study of orthogonalization in iterative methods is then the study of the conditions under which such an extension is feasible.

## 7.1 Types of orthogonality

The simplest choice of orthogonalisation is to let a residual sequence R, generated by  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , be orthogonal under some inner product. However, we will also consider the question of how to let R be semi-orthogonal to another, arbitrary, sequence S.

As indicated above, we extend the R series by suitable construction of the Hessenberg matrix H, which is equivalent to constructing the combinations U such that R = KU where  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1 \rangle$ .

Definition: General semi-orthogonality condition

**Definition 10** The general semi-orthogonality condition for sequences S, R is

$$S^t NR$$
 is nonsingularly lower triangular, (42)

where N is a general inner product matrix.

In practice, N will be a combination of A and  $M^{-1}$ , and in particular either  $M^{-1}$  (corresponding to most simple methods such as CG and BiCG) or  $AM^{-1}$  (corresponding to residual minimising methods such as GM-RES).

For the relation of this condition to minimisation, see section 6.1, and in particular remark 38. From this condition will follow the scalars in the implementation of the iterative methods; see section 8.2 for the basic methods.

In all of the following, we will consider three cases.

**Lanczos orthogonalization** This is the case where  $S \not\equiv R$  and S itself is based on a Krylov sequence; this leads to the BiConjugate Gradient and Quasi Minimum Residual methods.

**Arnoldi orthogonalization** This is the case where  $S \equiv R$ ; we distinguish two subcases:

**Symmetric case** where *A* and *M* are symmetric, which leads to the Conjugate Gradient and Minimum Residual methods; and

**Nonsymmetric case** where at least one of *A* and *M* is not symmetric, which leads to methods such as Orthodir and GM-RES.

**Remark 43** Equation (42) can also give rise to methods that we do not consider further. For instance, choosing S = N = I makes R lower trian-

gular, and  $AM^{-1}R = RH$  becomes a sort of Gaussian elimination method. 7.2 This method was proposed by Hessenberg [40]

### 7.2 Theoretical conditions on orthogonality

We will inductively satisfy the orthogonality condition (42) by constructing  $r_{n+1}$  to satisfy

$$S_n^t N r_{n+1} = 0, \qquad s_{n+1}^t N r_{n+1} \neq 0$$
 (43)

for all *n*. Writing the n + 1-st column of the equation  $AM^{-1}R = RH$  as

$$r_{n+1}h_{n+1,n} = AM^{-1}r_n - R_nh_n, (44)$$

we find that the conditions in equation (43) are equivalent to

$$S_n^t NAM^{-1} r_n = S_n^t NR_n h_n$$
 and  $AM^{-1} r_n \neq R_n h_n$ . (45)

We arrive at the following algorithm, which is presented more for theoretical than for practical purposes.

Algorithm: Semi-orthogonalise Krylov sequence to arbitrary sequence

**Algorithm 1** Let A, M, N,  $r_1$  and a sequence S be given. We construct a Hessenberg matrix H and a sequence R such that  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , and  $S^tNR$  is lower triangular.

• Solve the  $n \times 1$  vector  $h_n$  from

$$S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n = S_n^t NR_n h_n.$$

• Then pick any nonzero value for  $h_{n+1,n}$ , and define  $r_{n+1}$  from

$$r_{n+1}h_{n+1n} = AM^{-1}r_n - R_nh_n.$$

We will now present the conditions for this process to be defined. First we observe that we are only interested in a particular form of the Hessenberg matrix *H*:

- we need  $h_{n+1n} \neq 0$ , since otherwise we are in an invariant subspace  $R_n$ , which is typically associated with the iteration being finished or breaking down (see section 3.6); and
- we need  $h_{1:n,n} \not\equiv 0$ , since otherwise the zero column sum condition on H can not be satisfied.

### **Lemma 44** Let sequences $R_n$ and $S_n$ be given, such that

$$AM^{-1}R_{n-1} = R_nH_{[n,n-1]}$$

and  $S_n^t NR_n$  is non-singular lower triangular. Then there exist  $r_{n+1} \neq 0$  and  $h_{*,n}$  with  $h_{n+1,n} \neq 0$  and  $h_{1:n,n} \not\equiv 0$  such that

$$AM^{-1}R_n = R_{n+1}H_{[n+1,n]}, \text{ and } S_n^t Nr_{n+1} = 0$$
 (46)

if and only if  $S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n \neq 0$  and  $R_n$  is not  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant.

Proof: Suppose that  $S_n^t NR_n$  is nonsingular. From equation (44) we find that there exist  $r_{n+1}$  and  $h_{n+1n}$  satisfying the requirements in equation (49) above iff

$$\exists_{h_n \equiv h_{[1:n,n]}} : S_n^t N(AM^{-1}r_n - R_n h_n) = 0$$
 and  $AM^{-1}r_n \neq R_n h_n$ .

With  $S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n \neq 0$  we then solve  $h_n$  from

$$h_n = (S_n^t N R_n)^{-1} S_n^t N A M^{-1} r_n (47)$$

(see equation (45)), which is not zero because of the  $S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n \neq 0$  condition of the statement.

We are left to satisfy the condition  $AM^{-1}r_n \neq R_nh_n$ . This last condition is equivalent to  $R_n$  not being  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant: if  $R_n$  is not  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant, we have that  $AM^{-1}r_n \neq R_nh_n$  for all  $h_n$ ; if  $R_n$  is  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant, there is a  $k_n$  such that  $AM^{-1}r_n = R_nk_n$ , so we have

$$S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n = S_n^t NR_n k_n \Rightarrow h_n = k_n \Rightarrow AM^{-1}r_n = R_n h_n.$$

This concludes the 'if' part of the proof.

On the other hand, let  $r_{n+1}$  and  $h_{*,n+1}$  exist satisfying equation (49). We get

$$S_n^t NAM^{-1} r_n = S_n^t N r_{n+1} h_{n+1n} + S_n^t N R_n h_{*,n}$$
  
=  $0 + S_n^t N R_n h_{*,n}$ 

so, from the nonsingularity of  $S_nNR_n$ , we find that  $S_n^tNAM^{-1}r_n \neq 0$ . Since  $h_{n+1n} \neq 0$ , we find from equation (44) that  $AM^{-1}r_n \neq R_nh_n$ . By the above argument, this implies that  $R_n$  is not  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant.

Substituting equation (47) into equation (44), we find

$$r_{n+1}h_{n+1n} = AM^{-1}r_n - R_n(S_n^t N R_n)^{-1} S_n^t N A M^{-1} r_n.$$
 (48)

This states that  $r_{n+1}$  is obtained, up to scaling, by projecting  $AM^{-1}r_n$  onto  $R_n$ , and the result is N-orthogonal to  $S_n$ .

From the result  $S_n^t N r_{n+1} = 0$  we see that algorithm 1 is almost inductively defined. For it to be fully defined we need one more condition, namely that the  $r_{n+1}$  vector generated not satisfy  $s_{n+1}^t N r_{n+1} = 0$ . This is called a breakdown condition for the algorithm, and we will investigate it further in section 7.3.

We tie all of the above up in a theorem:

**Theorem 45** Let  $S_n$  be any sequence, and  $R_n$  be a residual sequence, such that

$$\begin{cases} AM^{-1}R_{n-1} = R_nH_{[n,n-1]}, & H_{[n,n-1]} \text{ irreducible} \\ \text{and } S_n^tNR_n \text{ is non-singular lower triangular,} \end{cases}$$

and  $S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n \neq 0$ . We can extend R and H to

$$\begin{cases} AM^{-1}R_n = R_{n+1}H_{[n+1,n]}, & H_{[n+1,n]} \text{ irreducible} \\ S_{n+1}^t NR_{n+1} \text{ is non-singular lower triangular} \end{cases}$$

with  $R_{n+1}$  a residual sequence iff  $R_n$  is not  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant, and the vector  $r_{n+1}$  defined by equation (48) does not make the condition  $s_{n+1}^t N r_{n+1} = 0$  occur.

Proof: Let  $S_n^t N R_n$  be non-singular lower triangular, then by the above lemma, and the condition  $S_n^t N A M^{-1} r_n \neq 0$ , we can extend R and H iff  $R_n$  is not  $A M^{-1}$  invariant. From equation (48),  $r_{n+1}$  is determined up to its norm; from lemma 44 we know that  $H_{[n+1,n]}$  is such that it can have zero column sums by proper choice of  $h_{n+1n}$ . Then  $R_{n+1}$  is a residual sequence.

We have  $S_n^t N r_{n+1} = 0$ , so if  $s_{n+1}^t N r_{n+1} \neq 0$ ,  $S_{n+1}^t N R_{n+1}$  is again nonsingular lower triangular.

The condition that  $r_{i+1}$  is orthogonal to the *i*-dimensional space spanned by  $S_i$  is often called a 'Galerkin condition', or a 'Petrov-Galerkin condition'. The connection between Petrov-Galerkin conditions and minimisation is discussed in section 6.

### 7.3 Breakdown conditions

From theorem 45 we see that there are three ways in which the process of generating an orthogonal residual sequence can halt.

- $R_n$  is  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant.
- $S_n^t N r_n = 0.$

We know from corollary 22 that the first condition coincides with finding the solution to the linear system. It remains to consider the second and third condition in more detail. As an aside we note that, traditionally, iterative methods were derived in unpreconditioned form, that is, N = M = I. In that case, the third condition ceases to be a problem, since  $r_n = 0$  implies that the solution has been found.

7.3.1 Arnoldi orthogonalization under  $M^{-1}$  inner product; symmetric case

The Conjugate Gradient method is a case of Arnoldi orthogonalization (that is,  $S \equiv R$ ) in the symmetric case, and using the  $M^{-1}$  inner product. Assuming nonsingularity – and in particular under the assumption of positive definiteness – we have that  $x^t A x \neq 0$  and  $x^t M^{-1} x \neq 0$  for all nonzero x.

Clearly, from symmetry, both  $S_n^t N r_n = R_n^t M^{-1} r_n$  and  $S_n^t N A M^{-1} r_n = R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_n$  are nonzero, so the algorithm will not break down.

7.3.2 Arnoldi orthogonalization under  $M^{-1}$  inner product; nonsymmetric case

Methods such as OrthoDir use Arnoldi orthogonalization in the nonsymmetric case, with the  $M^{-1}$  inner product. Both the expression  $S_n^t N r_n = R_n^t M^{-1} r_n$  and  $S_n^t N A M^{-1} r_n = R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_n$  can be zero; in the special

case of M pd – in particular in the unpreconditioned case of M = I – only the second expression can be zero. Thus this method can break down.

### 7.3.3 Arnoldi orthogonalization under $AM^{-1}$ inner product

The MinRes method for symmetric systems, and the GCR, OrthoMin, and GMRES methods for nonsymmetric systems, use Arnoldi orthogonalization, and are equivalent to using the  $N^t = AM^{-1}$  inner product (Combine equation (42) and remark 38). Therefore, under the assumption of nonsingular A, they do not suffer from the second breakdown condition, and, if M is pd – in particular in the unpreconditioned case of M = I – neither from the third.

However, in practice, breakdown is also dependent on the implementation of the algorithm. As we show in section 9.6, algorithms such as GCR, while mathematically equivalent to GMRES, suffer from breakdown by the second condition, while GMRES does not.

### 7.3.4 Lanczos orthogonalization

Think hard about this one.

### 7.4 General Arnoldi orthogonalization

The Arnoldi method corresponds to the case  $S \equiv R$  and  $N = M^{-1}$ , so that  $R^t M^{-1} R$  is diagonal. We prove the existence of the sequence R.

Existence of general Arnoldi orthogonalization

**Lemma 46** Let a sequence  $R_n$  be given, such that

$$AM^{-1}R_{n-1} = R_nH_{[n,n-1]}$$

and  $R_n^t M^{-1} R_n$  is non-singular lower triangular. Then there exist  $r_{n+1} \neq 0$  and  $h_{*,n}$  with  $h_{n+1,n} \neq 0$  and  $h_{1:n,n} \not\equiv 0$  such that

$$AM^{-1}R_n = R_{n+1}H_{[n+1,n]}, \text{ and } R_n^tM^{-1}r_{n+1} = 0$$
 (49)

if and only if  $R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_n \neq 0$  and  $R_n$  is not  $A M^{-1}$ -invariant.

Proof: This is a special case of lemma 44 for  $S \equiv R$  and  $N = M^{-1}$ .

### 7.5 Arnoldi orthogonalisation and the Conjugate Gradients method

**Question:** This section should use M.

The classical conjugate gradient method stems from the choice S = R in an Arnoldi method, applied to a symmetric matrix A.

**Lemma 47** The Arnoldi method corresponds to a transformation of *A* to upper Hessenberg form; if *A* is symmetric this is a tridiagonalization; if *A* is positive definite the breakdown condition will not occur.

Proof: If S = R, the lower triangular matrix  $S^tR$  is diagonal, and  $S^tAR = R^tAR = R^tRH$  is a transformation of A to Hessenberg form. If A is symmetric,  $R^tAR = R^tRH = H^tR^tR$ , so H is of both upper and lower Hessenberg form, hence tridiagonal. The absence of breakdown follows from the discussion in section 7.3.1.

**Lemma 48** In the conjugate gradient method for a symmetric matrix A, the Hessenberg matrix H is symmetric iff R is equilibrated, that is, there is an  $\alpha$  such that  $\forall_i : ||r_i|| = \alpha$ .

Proof: Let R be equilibrated with  $||r_i|| \equiv \alpha$ , then  $R^tAR = R^tRH = \alpha^2H$ , so H is symmetric. For the converse, assume that H is symmetric, and let  $D = R^tR$ . Since  $R^tAR$  is symmetric, we have  $DH = H^tD$ , so  $DHD^{-1} = H^t = H$ . From the symmetry of H,  $h_{ii+1} = h_{i+1i}$ , so  $d_{i+1}/d_i = d_i/d_{i+1}$ , that is,  $||r_i|| = ||r_{i+1}||$ .

We draw the trivial conclusion.

**Corollary 49** If the sequence *R* is normalized in *CG* for a symmetric matrix, *H* is symmetric.

The symmetry of H is used for instance in SVD calculations; see section 16.10.1.

The question whether for unsymmetric matrices A the upper Hessenberg matrix can take on a banded form with a small bandwidth is of practical importance, since such a form limits the length of the recurrences such as (37) or (38). This question was answered largely negatively by [81] and more generally by [31]: the conjugate gradient algorithm gives a tridiagonal matrix if the spectrum of A lies on a line in the complex plane; for other matrices the bandwidth is a large fraction of the matrix size.

### 7.6 Lanczos orthogonalisation and the BiConjugate Gradients method

So far we have let the sequence S to which R was orthogonalised be arbitrary, except when we took S = R. It is easy to show that letting S be based on a Krylov sequence leads to full (bi-)orthogonalisation of R and S. This is the basis of the Lanczos and BiConjugate Gradients methods.

We will limit the inner product to the choice  $N = M^{-1}$ .

First we show that the semi-orthogonalisation condition that  $S^t M^{-1}R$  be lower triangular becomes a bi-orthogonalisation condition where  $S^t M^{-1}R$  is diagonal if S is itself based on a Krylov sequence.

**Lemma 50** Let the sequences R, S satisfy

$$AM^{-1}R = RH$$
,  $A^tM^{-t}S = S\tilde{H}$ 

with H,  $\tilde{H}$  upper Hessenberg and assume that  $S^tM^{-1}R$  lower triangular. Then  $S^tM^{-1}R$  is diagonal, and H,  $\tilde{H}$  are tridiagonal.

Proof: We have

$$\tilde{H}^t S^t M^{-1} R = S^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R = S^t M^{-1} R H.$$

The first term is lower Hessenberg, so  $S^tRH$ , which is a priori upper Hessenberg or full, is also lower Hessenberg. Therefore both H and  $\tilde{H}$  must be tridiagonal, and  $S^tM^{-1}R$  diagonal. Additionally,  $S^tM^{-1}AM^{-1}R$  is tridiagonal.

We note that, unlike in the CG case, these conclusions do not depend on symmetry of A and M, or equality of the sequences R and S.

We now have the ingredients for the Bi-conjugate Gradient method. We first give the theoretical algorithm analogous to algorithm 1, where we also solve the columns of K.

Algorithm: Bi-orthogonalisation

**Algorithm 2** Let A,  $r_1$ ,  $s_1$  be given. We inductively construct Hessenberg matrices H and K and sequences R and S such that  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ ,  $A^tM^{-t}S = SK$ , and  $S^tM^{-1}R$  is nonsingular diagonal.

• Solve the  $n \times 1$  vector  $h_n$  from

$$S_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_n = S_n^t M^{-1} R_n h_n.$$

• Then pick any nonzero value for  $h_{n+1,n}$ , and define  $r_{n+1}$  from

$$r_{n+1}h_{n+1,n} = AM^{-1}r_n - R_nh_n.$$

• Solve  $k_n$  from

$$s_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n = k_n^t S_n^t M^{-1} R_n.$$

• Pick any nonzero value for  $k_{n+1n}$ , and define  $s_{n+1}$  from

$$k_{n+1,n}s_{n+1} = A^t M^{-t}s_n - S_n k_n.$$

This algorithm is not intended as a practical way of computing the biorthogonal sequences S and R. We merely using it to establish the theoretical conditions for the existence of the sequences.

### BiCG orthogonalisation

**Theorem 51** Let  $S_n$  be a sequence satisfying  $A^tM^{-t}S_{n-1} = S_n\tilde{H}_{[n,n-1]}$  with  $\tilde{H}$  irreducible upper Hessenberg, and let  $R_n$  be a residual sequence satisfying  $AM^{-1}R_{n-1} = R_nH_{[n,n-1]}$ . We can extend R and H to

$$\begin{cases} AM^{-1}R_n = R_{n+1}H_{[n+1,n]} \\ S_{n+1}^tM^{-1}R_{n+1} \text{ is non-singular lower triangular} \end{cases}$$

with  $R_{n+1}$  a residual sequence iff  $R_n$  is not  $AM^{-1}$ -invariant, and the condition  $s_{n+1}^t M^{-1} r_{n+1} = 0$  does not occur.

Proof: Use corollary 45; by lemma 50 the condition  $S_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_n = 0$  can not occur, since that would imply that  $(S_n^t M^{-1} R_n) h_{1:n,n} = 0$ , which by the zero column sum requirement of H (theorem 30) would imply  $h_{n+1n} = 0$ , in other words that H has a zero column.

Obviously, if  $r_1 = s_1$  and A and M are symmetric, then  $S_n = R_n$  for all n, and  $S_{n+1}^t M^{-1} R_{n+1}$  is singular iff  $r_{n+1} = 0$ . The case where A is not symmetric, hence  $S \not\equiv R$ , corresponds to the Lanczos method. We can choose  $r_1$  and  $s_1$  independently, but since there is no practical algorithm for the choice of  $s_1$ , usually they are taken the same.

However, there are limitations on the choice of K. In fact, K is completely determined by H and  $\Omega = S^t M^{-1} R$ , according to the following lemma.

**Lemma 52** The Lanczos method generates Hessenberg matrices H and K that are of tridiagonal form; with  $\Omega = S^t M^{-1} R$  they satisfy

$$\Omega H = K^{\dagger} \Omega. \tag{50}$$

Proof: We have that  $S^t M^{-1} R$  is a diagonal matrix by lemma 50, so for  $S^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R$  we find

$$S^{t}M^{-1}AM^{-1}R = S^{t}M^{-1}RH = K^{t}S^{t}M^{-1}R.$$

This establishes equation (50).

### 7.7 Projection

An orthogonal projection operator, projecting along a subspace V has the properties that

$$PV = 0, \qquad x \perp V \Rightarrow Px = x$$

from which such properties as  $P^2 = P$  easily follow. The explicit form of P is

$$P_V: x \to x - V(V^t V)^{-1} V^t x.$$
 (51)

Just for reference, here is the basic theorem of projections.

**Theorem 53** The projected vector  $P_V x$  has minimum norm in the affine space x + V.

Proof: Write  $P_V x = x - V\bar{y}$ , where  $\bar{y} = (V^t V)^{-1} V^t x$ , and use the property that  $x - V\bar{y} \perp V$ . Now, for any y:

$$||x - V(y - \bar{y})|| = (x - V\bar{y} + Vy)^{t}(x - V\bar{y} + Vy)$$

$$= ||x - V\bar{y}||^{2} + ||Vy||^{2} + 2(Vy)^{t}(x - V\bar{y})$$

$$\geq ||x - V\bar{y}||^{2}$$

Note the similarities between the proof of this theorem and that of theorem 34.

We can define a general projection along V, and orthogonal to W under an inner product B as

$$P_{V,W,B}: x \to x - V(W^t B V)^{-1} W^t B x,$$
 (52)

which satisfies

$$P_{V,W,B}V = 0, \qquad x \perp_B W \Rightarrow P_{V,W,B}x = x.$$

Trying to reproduce theorem 53 for this inner product gives us that  $||x - \mathbf{8}||_B$ , where  $\bar{y} = (W^t B V)^{-1} W^t B x$ , is minimal if

$$(Vy)^t B(x - V\bar{y}) + (Vy)^t B^t (x - V\bar{y}) \ge 0$$

which is true (with equality to zero) if B is symmetric, so that both terms are equal, and V=W, so that we can use the B-orthogonality of  $x-V\bar{y}$  to W.

We repeat the observation of equation (48) that

$$r_{n+1}h_{n+1n} = AM^{-1}r_n - R_n(S_n^t N^{-t}R_n)^{-1}S_n^t NAM^{-1}r_n,$$

which states that  $r_{n+1}$  is obtained by projecting  $AM^{-1}r_n$  along  $R_n$ , and the result is N-orthogonal to  $S_n$ .

**Question:** Generalise this for other inner products.

# 8 The iterative formulation of the conjugate gradient and Lanczos methods

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In chapter 7 we derived in the abstract conditions on the existence of various iterative schemes. We will now derive in detail the scalar coefficients in the actual recurrences, in particular we will derive the quantities  $d_{ii}$  and  $u_{ii+k}$  in equation (38). The derivations will follow from the orthogonality conditions of the methods, that is, for Arnoldi orthogonalisation

$$r_i^t M^{-1} r_j = 0 \qquad \text{for } i \neq j, \tag{53}$$

and for Lanczos orthogonalisation

$$s_i^t M^{-1} r_j = 0 \qquad \text{for } i \neq j. \tag{54}$$

The coefficients  $h_{ij}$  for the three-term recurrence formulation in equation (37) will be derived in section 8.3.

### 8.1 Search directions and the solution of linear systems

In item 5 of theorem 32 we introduced the idea of splitting the generating recurrence for the residuals R in coupled recurrences for R and the search directions P. For the individual elements of the R and P sequences we find the recurrences:

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i d_i, p_i = M^{-1} r_i + \sum_{j < i} p_j u_{ji},$$

where the constants  $d_i$  and  $u_{ji}$  follow from orthogonality relations for the  $p_i$  and  $r_i$  vectors, all derived from the orthogonality conditions equation (53) and equation (54).

In the coupled recurrences for the R and P sequences we recognize the classical formulation of the conjugate gradient method in the case that the generating equation for  $p_i$  is a two-term recurrence.

Since the residuals  $r_i$  are orthogonal, for some value n we will have  $r_n = 0$ . For that n,  $x_n$  is the solution of the linear system Ax = f. Note that this is the theoretical exact convergence of the conjugate gradient method, discovered by [41]; in practice the method usually converges to a given tolerance in far fewer iterations. This 'speed of convergence' depends mostly on the eigenvalues of the matrix; see for instance [5] or [74].

# 8.2 Derivation of scalars under Arnoldi and Lanczos orthogonalisation

We derive the scalars in the Conjugate and BiConjugate Gradients algorithms, that is, in methods based on orthogonalising R, and bi-orthogonalising R against another sequence S.

In this section we consider the case of coupled residual / search direction sequences, which reduces to coupled two-term recurrences in the cases of symmetric CG and of BiCG.

With the usual factorisation  $H = (I - J)D^{-1}(I - U)$  of the Hessenberg matrix, we have the relations for the left and right search directions and residuals:

$$APD_R = R(I - J), \quad M^{-1}R = P(I - U_R);$$
  
 $A^tQD_R = S(I - J), \quad M^{-t}S = Q(I - U_S),$ 

where the second pair is only needed for the BiConjugate Gradient method, and in the scalar case  $U_R = U_S$  and  $D_R = D_S$ .

We distinguish between three cases: symmetric CG, nonsymmetric CG, and BiCG. Here are the structural differences between the methods.

- 1. BiCG (Lanczos orthogonalization): here we know from lemma 52 that H is tridiagonal, and hence I U is upper bidiagonal.
- 2. CG (Arnoldi orthogonalization) in the symmetric case of  $A = A^t$  and  $M = M^t$ : we know from lemma 47 that H is tridiagonal and hence I U upper bidiagonal. Furthermore, we can immediately derive CG results from the corresponding BiCG ones by substituting  $Q \to P$  and  $S \to R$ .
- 3. Nonsymmetric CG (Arnoldi orthogonalization): here H is of general upper Hessenberg shape, and I-U is a general upper triangular matrix. We can not, in this case, substitute  $Q \equiv P$ : in effect, we have the relation

$$Q(I-U) = M^{-1}S$$

instead of the above.

All three methods derive their particular scalars from the orthogonality condition that  $S^t M^{-1}R$  is diagonal. This is the practical form of the orthogonality equation (42) that we studied in section 7.1.

In preparation for the block case (section 8.4) we will not assume commutativity or even transposability of scalars. Any slight increase in complexity of the exposition is far outweighed by the generality of the results derived.

With the usual factorisation  $H = (I - J)D^{-1}(I - U)$  of the Hessenberg matrix, there are two sets of scalars that we need to know: the quantities  $d_{ii}$ , and  $u_{i-k,i}$  where for symmetric CG (Arnoldi orthogonalization in the symmetric case) and for BiCG (Lanczos orthogonalization) only k = 1 is needed.

### 8.2.1 Coefficients under Arnoldi orthogonalization

We start with a general discussion of orthogonality properties of Arnoldi methods, and the coefficients that follow from them. We will then move on to the special case of a symmetric coefficient matrix.

The Arnoldi method follows from the basic Krylov equations

$$APD = R(I-J), \qquad M^{-1}R = P(I-U)$$

by positing that  $\Omega \equiv R^t M^{-1} R$  is diagonal<sup>7</sup>.

**Question:** Can we do a story like this for  $N^{-1} = AM^{-1}$ ?

First we derive that

$$R^{t}P(I-U) = R^{t}M^{-1}R = \Omega$$
 is diagonal  
 $\Rightarrow P^{t}R$  is lower triangular (55)  
also: diag $(P^{t}R) = \Omega$ 

**Remark 54** The lower triangularity of  $P^tR$  implies that  $p_i$  is orthogonal to  $r_j$  for j < i, or A-orthogonal to  $e_j$ . In other words, the  $p_i$  component of the solution is exact.

**Remark 55** The fact that  $R^tP$  is upper triangular immediately leads to the computability of the columns of U: they can be solved individually from the relation  $R^tP(I-U) = \Omega$ . However, in order to derive the classical formulas for U, we have to continue our analysis a bit further.

Next we find<sup>8</sup> that

$$P^{t}AP = P^{t}R(I - J)D^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{t}AP \text{ is lower triangular}$$
so diag( $P^{t}AP$ ) = diag( $P^{t}R$ ) $D^{-1} = \Omega D^{-1}$ 
(56)

In the symmetric case this last equation becomes the defining equation for the coefficients of *D*:

$$P^{t}AP = \Omega D^{-1} \text{ or } d_{ii} = r_{i}^{t} M^{-1} r_{i} / p_{i}^{t} A p_{i}$$
 (57)

We now combine these results to find

$$M^{-1}R = P(I-U)$$
  
 $\Omega = R^t P(I-U)$   
 $D^{-t}(I-J^t)\Omega = P^t A^t P(I-U)$   
symmetric case:  $= D^{-t}\Omega(I-U)$ 

<sup>7.</sup> It is enough for the following results to require  $R^t M^{-1}R$  to be upper triangular. I have not found results that distinguish between the two. The upper triangularity condition arises from minimisation in section 6.1.

<sup>8.</sup> We remark parenthetically that our block framework yields the various orthogonality relation without the usual 'lengthy inductive argument[s]' [50].

which in the symmetric case leads to a simple equation for the coefficients  $\bullet$  of U:

$$\Omega^{-1}(I - J^t)\Omega = (I - U) \text{ or } u_{ii+1} = \omega_{i+1}/\omega_i.$$
 (58)

Summarising, the Conjugate Gradient algorithm for symmetric matrices is based around the following two recurrences:

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i\alpha_i, \quad \alpha_i = (p_i^t Ap_i)^{-1} (r_i^t M^{-t} r_i),$$
 (59)

which is the symmetric case of equation (64), and

$$p_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} + p_i(r_i^t M^{-1}r_i)^{-1}(r_{i+1}^t M^{-1}r_{i+1}).$$
 (60)

which uses equation (66).

### Algorithm: Conjugate Gradients Method

**Algorithm 3** In order to solve Ax = f, choose  $x_1$  arbitrarily. Let  $r_1 = Ax_1 - f$ . Then perform the following steps for i = 1, ...:

- Perform a stopping test on  $||r_i||$ .
- Compute the preconditioned residual

$$M^{-1}r_i$$

and the inner product  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ .

• Compute the new search direction as  $p_1 = M^{-1}r_1$ , and for i > 1

$$p_i = M^{-1}r_i + p_{i-1}u_{i-1,i},$$

where  $u_{i-1i} = r_i^t M^{-1} r_i / r_{i-1}^t M^{-1} r_{i-1}$ .

• Compute the A product with the search direction

$$Ap_i$$

and the inner product  $p_i^t A p_i$ .

Now update the iterate

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - p_i d_{ii}$$

and the residual

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - A p_i d_{ii}$$

where 
$$d_{ii} = r_i^t M^{-1} r_i / p_i^t A p_i$$
.

8.2.2 Arnoldi orthogonalisation in the nonsymmetric case

Likewise, in the case of nonsymmetric CG, we find from

$$P^{t}A^{t}M^{-1}R = P^{t}A^{t}P(I-U)$$
$$= D^{-t}(I-J)^{t}R^{t}M^{-1}R$$

that

$$D^{-t}(I-J^{t})R^{t}M^{-1}R = P^{t}A^{t}P(I-U).$$
(61)

In equation (61) we find for the n+1-st column of U

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -d_{n-1}^{-t} \\ d_{n+1}^{-t} \end{pmatrix} r_{n+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{1}^{t} A^{t} p_{1} & \dots & p_{1}^{t} A^{t} p_{n+1} \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & p_{n+1}^{t} A^{t} p_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -u_{1n+1} \\ \vdots \\ -u_{nn+1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(62)

from which first of all we find by considering the last row<sup>9</sup>

$$d_{n+1}^{-t} r_{n+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n+1} = p_{n+1}^{t} A^{t} p_{n+1}$$

$$d_{n+1} (r_{n+1}^{t} M^{-t} r_{n+1})^{-1} = (p_{n+1}^{t} A p_{n+1})^{-1}$$

$$d_{n+1} = (p_{n+1}^{t} A p_{n+1})^{-1} (r_{n+1}^{t} M^{-t} r_{n+1})$$
(63)

Eliminating the last row and column in equation (61) we find, using equation (63) above,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ (r_n^t M^{-1} r_n)^{-1} r_{n+1}^t M^{-1} r_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} + (p_n^t A p_n)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} p_1^t A^t p_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ p_n^t A^t p_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (p_n^t A^t p_n)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} p_1^t A^t p_1 & \dots & p_1^t A^t p_n \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & p_n^t A^t p_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1n+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{nn+1} \end{pmatrix}$$
(65)

which reduces immediately to

$$u_{nn+1} = (r_n^t M^{-1} r_n)^{-1} (r_{n+1}^t M^{-1} r_{n+1}), \tag{66}$$

for the case of a symmetric system<sup>10</sup>. We note that this equation would also be obtained by making the identifications  $Q \equiv P$ ,  $S \equiv R$  in equation (75).

9. The value for  $d_{ii}$  can also be derived directly from  $\operatorname{diag}(P^tAPD) = \operatorname{diag}(P^tR(I-J)) = \operatorname{diag}(P^tR) = \operatorname{diag}((I-U)^{-t}R^tM^{-t}R)$ hence  $p_i^tAp_id_i = p_i^tr_i = r_i^tM^{-t}r_i$   $\Rightarrow d_i = (p_i^tAp_i)^{-1}(r_i^tM^{-t}r_i)$ 

10. In the symmetric case we can derive  $u_{ii+1}$  from investigating the relation  $R^t M^{-t} A M^{-1} R = R^t M^{-1} R H$ . In the lower triangle we find (i+1,i):  $r_{i+1}^T M^{-t} A M^{-1} r_i = -r_{i+1}^T M^{-1} r_{i+1} d_i^{-1}$ 

which result we use (with the symmetry of A) for the following relation in the upper

The method we have described in this section is sometimes called the Full Orthogonalisation Method (FOM); it reduces to the ordinary CG method in the case of a symmetric matrix. Various methods have been proposed in the literature implementing Arnoldi orthogonalisation under the  $M^{-1}$  inner product – in fact, most authors use unpreconditioned methods in their expositions – in the nonsymmetric case: OrthoRes [44] and GENCG [16, 85].

#### 8.2.3 Lanczos case

We start with the basic premisse:

$$S^t M^{-1} R$$
 is diagonal.

Observing that  $S^tM^{-1}AM^{-1}R = S^tM^{-1}RH = H^tS^tM^{-1}R$  is of both upper and lower Hessenberg form:

$$S^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R$$
 is tridiagonal.

From  $S^{t}P(I-U) = S^{t}M^{-1}R$ :

 $S^tP$  is upper triangular,

and likewise from  $(I - U)^t Q^t R = S^t M^{-1} R$ 

 $Q^t R$  lower triangular,

and from the last two, noting that by  $Q^tAP = Q^tR(I-J)D^{-1}$  we find  $Q^tAP$  to be lower triangular, and by  $Q^tAP = D^{-t}(I-J^t)S^tP$  upper triangular,

$$Q^tAP$$
 diagonal.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{triangle:} \\ (i,i+1): & & r_i^t M^{-t} A M^{-1} r_{i+1} = (r_i^t M^{-1} r_i) d_{i+1}^{-1} u_{ii+1} \\ \Rightarrow & & u_{ii+1} = -d_i (r_i^t M^{-1} r_i)^{-1} d_i^{-t} (r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1}) \\ & & & = -(p_i^t A p_i)^{-1} d_i^{-t} (r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1}) \\ & & & = -(p_i^t A p_i)^{-1} (p_i^t A p_i) (r_i^t M^{-1} r_i)^{-1} (r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1}) \\ & & & = -(r_i^t M^{-1} r_i)^{-1} (r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1}) \end{aligned}$$

### 8.2.4 Lanczos bi-orthogonalisation

In the case of BiCG, we need to find the coefficients for the left and right sequences.

In algorithm 2 the choice for  $h_{n+1n}$  and  $k_{n+1n}$  was left unspecified. Under the choice  $-\sum_{i \le n} h_{in}$  and  $-\sum_{i \le n} h_{in}$  respectively, both R and S become residual sequences, and we can derive further relations between H and K. If R is a residual sequence, H allows a factorisation (see lemma 25 and theorem 30)

$$H = (I - J)D_R^{-1}(I - U_R).$$

Since  $K^t = \Omega H \Omega^{-1}$ , we find

$$K = (I - \Omega^{-t} U_R^t \Omega^t) \Omega^{-t} D_R^{-t} \Omega^t (I - \Omega^{-t} J^t \Omega^t).$$

If *K* is a residual sequence, it too must allow a factorisation

$$K = (I - J)D_S^{-1}(I - U_S),$$

SO

$$\Omega^{-t}U_R^t\Omega^t=J,$$

from which we find

$$(s_{n+1}^t M^{-1} r_{n+1})^{-t} u_{R;nn+1}^t (s_n^t M^{-1} r_n)^t = I,$$

that is,

$$u_{R;nn+1} = (s_n^t M^{-1} r_n)^{-1} (s_{n+1}^t M^{-1} r_{n+1}).$$
 (67)

Likewise,

$$u_{S;nn+1} = (r_n^t M^{-t} s_n)^{-1} (r_{n+1}^t M^{-t} s_{n+1}).$$
(68)

Block statement

The above equations are already in a block form; in the scalar case the coefficients are identical for the left and

right sequences.

End of block statement

We find from

$$Q^{t}AM^{-1}R = \begin{cases} Q^{t}AP(I - U_{R}) \\ D_{S}^{-t}(I - J)^{t}S^{t}M^{-1}R \end{cases}$$

that

$$D_S^{-t}(I - J^t)S^t M^{-1}R = Q^t A P(I - U_R). (69)$$

and from

$$P^{t}A^{t}M^{-t}S = \begin{cases} P^{t}A^{t}Q(I - U_{S}) \\ D_{R}^{-t}(I - J)^{t}R^{t}M^{-t}S \end{cases}$$

that

$$D_R^{-t}(I-J^t)R^tM^{-t}S = P^tA^tQ(I-U_S). (70)$$

In the scalar case the two equations are the same; in the block case we need both of them.

In equation (69) we find for the n + 1-st column of U, recalling from section 8.2 that  $Q^tAP$  is diagonal,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -d_{S,n}^{-t} \\ d_{S,n+1}^{-t} \end{pmatrix} s_{n+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n+1} = \operatorname{diag}(q_{i}^{t} A p_{i})_{i=1...n+1} \begin{pmatrix} -u_{R;1n+1} \\ \vdots \\ -u_{R;nn+1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(71)

and a similar result from equation (70). This first of all gives from (68) row n + 1

$$d_{S;n+1}^{-t} s_{n+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n+1} = q_{n+1}^{t} A p_{n+1}$$

$$d_{S;n+1} (r_{n+1} M^{-t} s_{n+1})^{-1} = (p_{n+1}^{t} A^{t} q_{n+1})^{-1}$$

$$d_{S;n+1} = (p_{n+1}^{t} A^{t} q_{n+1})^{-1} (r_{n+1}^{t} M^{-t} s_{n+1}).$$
 (73)

and likewise

$$d_{R;n+1} = (q_{n+1}^t A p_{n+1})^{-1} (s_{n+1}^t M^{-1} r_{n+1}). \tag{74}$$

Furthermore, from row n of equation (71), and using equation (72) above,

$$q_{n}^{t}Ap_{n}u_{R;nn+1} = d_{S;n}^{-t}s_{n+1}^{t}M^{-1}r_{n+1}$$

$$q_{n}^{t}Ap_{n}u_{R;nn+1} = (q_{n}^{t}Ap_{n})(s_{n}^{t}M^{-1}r_{n})^{-1}(s_{n+1}^{t}M^{-1}r_{n+1})$$

$$u_{R;nn+1} = (s_{n}^{t}M^{-1}r_{n})^{-1}(s_{n+1}^{t}M^{-1}r_{n+1}).$$
(75)

and similarly

$$u_{S:nn+1} = (r_n M^{-t} s_n)^{-1} (r_{n+1} M^{-t} s_{n+1}).$$
(76)

### 8.2.5 Algorithm for the BiConjugate Gradients method

The BiConjugate Gradients algorithm in the scalar case is based on the recurrences

$$r_{n+1} = r_n - Ap_i(p_n^t A^t q_n)^{-1}(r_n^t M^{-t} s_n),$$
  

$$s_{n+1} = s_n - A^t q_i(p_n^t A^t q_n)^{-1}(r_n^t M^{-t} s_n),$$

and

$$p_{n+1} = M^{-1}r_{n+1} + p_i(s_n^t M^{-1}r_n)^{-1}(s_{n+1}^t M^{-1}r_{n+1}),$$
  

$$q_{n+1} = M^{-t}q_{n+1} + q_i(s_n^t M^{-1}r_n)^{-1}(s_{n+1}^t M^{-1}r_{n+1}).$$

### Algorithm: BiConjugate Gradients Method

**Algorithm 4** In order to solve Ax = f, choose  $x_1$  arbitrarily. Let  $r_1 = Ax_1 - f$  and choose  $s_1$  arbitrarily, for instance  $s_1 = r_1$ . Then perform the following steps for i = 1, ...:

• Perform a stopping test on  $||r_i||$ .

Compute the preconditioned residuals

$$M^{-1}r_i, \qquad M^{-t}s_i$$

and the inner product  $s_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ .

Compute the new search directions as  $p_1 = M^{-1}r_1$ ,  $q_1 = M^{-1}s_1$ , and for i > 1

$$p_i = M^{-1}r_i + p_{i-1}u_{i-1,i}, \qquad q_i = M^{-t}s_i + q_{i-1}u_{i-1,i}.$$

where  $u_{i-1i} = s_i^t M^{-1} r_i / s_{i-1}^t M^{-1} r_{i-1}$ .

Compute the A products with the search directions

$$Ap_i, A^tq_i$$

and the inner product  $q_i^t A p_i$ .

Now update the iterate

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - p_i d_{ii}$$

and the residuals

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i d_{ii}, \qquad s_{i+1} = s_i - A^t q_i d_{ii}$$
 where  $d_{ii} = s_i^t M^{-1} r_i / q_i^t Ap_i$ .

### 8.2.6 Other definitions of search directions

We could have defined the search directions slightly differently by letting  $\tilde{P} = R(I - U)^{-1}$ . This gives the coupled equations

$$AM^{-1}\tilde{P}D = R(I-J), \qquad \tilde{P}(I-U) = R.$$

Since the matrices D and U are derived only from H, hence independent of the introduction of  $\tilde{P}$ , they remain the same as in the ordinary derivation

of Conjugate Gradient methods. Hence, we still have to compute the inner product  $p_i^t A p_i = (M^{-1} \tilde{p}_i)^t A (M^{-1} \tilde{p}_i)$ . Clearly, we need the vector  $M^{-1} p_i$ , in addition to the usual  $M^{-1} r_i$ . We can avoid the cost of an extra preconditioner application by recursively computer  $M^{-1} \tilde{p}_i$  from the equation  $M^{-1} \tilde{P}(I-U) = M^{-1}R$ . We arrive at the following iterative formulation:

$$z_{i} = M^{-1}r_{i}$$

$$p_{i} = r_{i} - p_{i-1} \frac{z_{i}^{t} r_{i}}{z_{i-1}^{t} r_{i-1}} \quad \text{omit second term if } i = 1$$

$$q_{i} = z_{i} - q_{i-1} \frac{z_{i}^{t} r_{i}}{z_{i-1}^{t} r_{i-1}} \quad \text{omit second term if } i = 1$$

$$r_{i+1} = r_{i} - Aq_{i} \frac{z_{i}^{t} r_{i}}{q_{i}^{t} Aq_{i}}$$

The update relation for the search direction can be written as  $M^{-1}R = P(I - \Omega^{-1}J\Omega)$ , or

$$M^{-1}R\Omega^{-1} = \tilde{P}(I-J), \qquad \tilde{P} = P\Omega^{-1}. \tag{77}$$

Writing the residual update as  $R(I-J) = AP(P^tAP)^{-1}\Omega$ , this becomes

$$R(I-J) = A\tilde{P}(\tilde{P}^t A\tilde{P})^{-1}.$$

Since the *P* update in equation (77) is now a BLAS Level 1 AXPY operation, we can use standard libraries and perhaps gain some performance efficiency.

### 8.2.7 Arnoldi case; $AM^{-1}$ inner product

As we observed in section 6.1, making residuals orthogonal under the  $AM^{-1}$  inner product leads to minimisation of their lengths over the subspaces they are part of. We will discuss specific implementations of this orthogonalisation scheme in section 9.

### 8.2.8 Arnoldi case; General orthogonalisation

So far, we have considered for the orthogonality of R only a few special cases. We will now investigate the general case where

$$R^t N^{-t} R$$
 is upper triangular / diagonal,

with the diagonal case probably only corresponding to a symmetric N. In this orthogonality condition, N can be expressable in terms of A and M, but need not be.

Using again the coupled two-term recurrences

$$APD = R(I - J), \qquad P(I - U) = M^{-1}R,$$

with D and U to be derived from the orthogonality condition, we find that

$$R^t N^{-t} R = R^t N^{-1} M P(I - U),$$

(77) whence  $R^t N^{-t} MP$  is upper triangular. With

$$P^{t}M^{t}N^{-1}R(I-J) = P^{t}M^{t}N^{-t}APD$$

we find that  $P^tM^tN^{-1}APD$  is lower triangular, and from considering the diagonal of this and the previous equation we find

$$r_i^t N^{-1} r_i = p_i^t M^t N^{-1} r_i = p_i^t M^t N^{-1} p_i d_{ii},$$

so

$$d_{ii}^{t} = r_{i}^{t} N^{-t} r_{i} / p_{i}^{t} A^{t} N^{-t} M p_{i}.$$

As in section 8.2, we derive

$$P^{t}A^{t}N^{-t}MP(I-U) = R^{t}N^{-1}R(I-J)D^{-1}$$

$$= P^{t}A^{t}N^{-t}R,$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{t}A^{t}N^{-t}MP(I-U) = D^{-t}(I-J)^{t}R^{t}N^{-t}R$$

and we consider column n+1 of this equation, giving which is an equality between upper triangular matrices. We obtain a size n + 1 system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{cases} p_{i}^{t}A^{t}N^{-t}Mp_{j} & j \geq i, \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases} \begin{pmatrix} -u_{1n+1} \\ \vdots \\ -u_{nn+1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = D^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} (r_{1}-r_{2})^{t}N^{-t}r_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ (r_{n}-r_{n+1})^{t}N^{-t}r_{n+1} \\ r_{n+1}^{t}N^{-t}r_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$N^{-t}Mp_{i+1} = N^{-t}r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \leq i} N^{-t}Mp_{j}u_{ji}$$

$$A^{t}N^{-t}Mp_{i+1} = A^{t}N^{-t}r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \leq i} A^{t}N^{-t}Mp_{j}u_{ji}$$

The last line of this confirms our derivation of  $d_{ii}$  above. After deleting the last row and column, we are left with the size n system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{cases} p_i^t A^t N^{-t} M p_j & j \ge i, \\ i, j \le n \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1n+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{nn+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1^t A^t N^{-t} r_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ p_n^t A^t N^{-t} r_{n+1} \end{pmatrix},$$

which can be solved recursively.

#### 8.2.9 Iterating under general inner product

There are several equivalent ways of computing the iteration under general inner product.

Residuals:

$$r_{i+1} = r_i + Ap_i d_{ii}$$
 $N^{-1}r_{i+1} = N^{-1}r_i + N^{-t}Ap_i d_{ii}$ 
 $d_{ii} = r_i^t N^{-t}r_i / p_i^t A^t N^{-t} Mp_i$ 
 $N^{-t}r_{i+1} = N^{-t}r_i + N^{-t}Ap_i d_{ii}$ 

in which the quantity  $N^{-t}Ap_i$  is not computed anywhere else.

Search directions:

$$p_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \le i} p_j u_{ji}$$

$$Mp_{i+1} = r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \le i} Mp_j u_{ji}$$
 $N^{-t}Mp_{i+1} = N^{-t}r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \le i} N^{-t}Mp_j u_{ji}$ 
 $N^{-t}Mp_{i+1} = N^{-t}r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \le i} N^{-t}Mp_j u_{ji}$ 

### 8.3 Three-term recurrences

Some authors [28, 39], have considered a three-term recurrence for the iterands in the conjugate gradient algorithm, corresponding to the three-term recurrence for the residuals. Such a three-term recurrence is the usual mode of presentation for the Lanczos method and the Chebyshev semi-iterative method [39].

From the splitting  $H = (I - J)D^{-1}(I - U)$  of the Hessenberg matrix we find

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{n-1}^{-1} u_{n-1n} \\ -d_{n-1}^{-1} & d_n^{-1} + d_{n-1}^{-1} u_{n-1n} & -d_n^{-1} u_{nn+1} \\ -d_n^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives a residual recurrence from  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ :

$$-r_{n+1}d_{nn}^{-1} + r_n(d_{nn}^{-1} + d_{n-1n-1}^{-1}u_{n-1n}) - r_{n-1}d_{n-1n-1}^{-1}u_{n-1n} = AM^{-1}r_n.$$
(78)

with a corresponding update equation for the iterates

$$x_{n+1} = (1 + u_{n-1n}d_{nn}/d_{n-1n-1})x_n - M^{-1}r_n - u_{n-1n}(d_{nn}/d_{n-1n-1})x_{n-1}.$$

**Question:** How do you derive the d and u coefficients from just the residuals?

A three-term recurrence can also directly be derived from the elements of the Hessenberg matrix:

$$r_{i+1}h_{i+1i} + r_ih_{ii} + r_{i-1}h_{i-1i} = AM^{-1}r_i$$
(79)

where from orthogonalization properties we get the expressions

$$h_{ii} = \frac{r_i^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_i}{r_i^t r_i},$$

$$h_{ii+1} = \frac{r_i^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_{i+1}}{r_i^t r_i}, \quad h_{i+1i} = \frac{r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_i}{r_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}.$$
(80)

Note that the  $h_{i+1}$  are arbitrary normalization factors.

If A is symmetric, the scalar  $h_{ii+1}$  can be derived as

$$h_{ii+1} = \frac{r_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}{r_i^t r_i} h_{i+1i}, \tag{81}$$

which can be shown [60, 61] to be a more stable variant of the method.

Factoring the matrix  $H = (I - J)D^{-1}(I - U)$  gives a recurrence

$$d_{n+1}^{-1} = h_{n+1n+1} - h_{n+1n} d_n h_{nn+1}$$

$$= h_{n+1n+1} + \begin{cases} h_{nn+1} \\ h_{n+1n} u_{nn+1} \end{cases}$$

The three-term form (79) is often written as two coupled two-term recurrences

$$r_{i+1}h_{i+1i} + r_ih_{ii} = t_i$$
 where  $t_i = Ar_i - r_{i-1}h_{i-1i}$ .

Although this splitting is of less mathematical significance than the introduction of search directions in theorem 32, item 5, it does allow for a slight variant of the computation by noting that  $r_i^t A r_i = r_i^t t_i$ , which is used in the computation of  $h_{ii}$ . This variant is as stable as the original method [60].

### 8.4 Block Conjugate Gradients

If more than one linear system is to be solved, and the systems are independent, it is possible to iterate on them simultaneously. For  $n_b$  systems to be solved, each vector then becomes an  $N \times n_b$  matrix, and each scalar (such as  $p_i^t A p_i$ ) becomes an  $n_b \times n_b$  matrix, with division turning into matrix inversion. Thus we need the formulas (59) and (60) that were derived assuming non-commutativity of multiplication.

A further refinement of these relations is needed. The usual orthogonality relations only assure that the  $n_b$ -wide block vectors are orthogonal as blocks; the vectors inside each  $r_i$  block vector are not. Also, the component vectors may be of widely differing norms, making the matrices  $r_i^t M r_i$  and  $p_i^t A p_i$  badly scaled. To remedy this, we transform the equations by introducing a block diagonal scaling.

### 8.4.1 Preliminaries

We first introduce the transformation  $p_i = \tilde{p}_i \gamma_i$ , giving

$$p_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} + p_i(r_i^t M^{-1}r_i)^{-1}(r_{i+1}^t M^{-1}r_{i+1})$$
  

$$\tilde{p}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} + \tilde{p}_i\gamma_i(r_i^t M^{-1}r_i)^{-1}(r_{i+1}^t M^{-1}r_{i+1})$$
(82)

and

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i(p_i^t A p_i)^{-1}(r_i^t M^{-t} r_i)$$

$$= r_i - A\tilde{p}_i \gamma_i (\gamma_i^t \tilde{p}_i^t A \tilde{p}_i \gamma_i)^{-1}(r_i^t M^{-t} r_i)$$

$$= r_i - A\tilde{p}_i (\tilde{p}_i^t A \tilde{p}_i)^{-1} \gamma_i^{-t}(r_i^t M^{-t} r_i).$$

This is the block CG algorithm as it was given by O'Leary [58]. We arrive at a specific choice of  $\gamma_{i+1}$  in equation (82) by splitting the equation in two steps, and first computing an auxiliary vector  $\pi_{i+1}$ :

$$\pi_{i+1} = M^{-1} r_{i+1} + \tilde{p}_i \gamma_i (r_i^t M^{-1} r_i)^{-1} (r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1}) 
\tilde{p}_{i+1} = \pi_{i+1} \gamma_{i+1}^{-1}$$

The second step can for instance correspond to a QR decomposition of  $\pi_{i+1}$ . Note that equation (82) only guarantees that the  $p_i$  vectors are A-orthogonal as blocks; letting  $\gamma_i$  follow from a QR decomposition makes the component vectors of each  $p_i$  block A-orthogonal too.

We go another step further, introducing the transformation  $r_i = \tilde{r}_i \gamma_i$ , which gives for the search direction update

$$\tilde{p}_{i+1} = M^{-1} \tilde{r}_{i+1} + \tilde{p}_i (\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-1} \tilde{r}_i)^{-1} \eta_i^t (\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t M^{-1} \tilde{r}_{i+1})$$
(83)

where  $\eta_i^{-1} = \gamma_i \gamma_{i+1}^{-1}$ , and for the residual update

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_i\gamma_i - A\tilde{p}_i(\tilde{p}_i^t A\tilde{p}_i)^{-1}(\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-t}\tilde{r}_i)\gamma_i$$

or, splitting the equation by introducing an auxiliary quantity as before:

$$\rho_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_i - A \tilde{p}_i (\tilde{p}_i^t A \tilde{p}_i)^{-1} (\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-t} \tilde{r}_i) 
\rho_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_{i+1} \gamma_{i+1} \gamma_i^{-1}$$
(84)

A computationally feasible form of this is

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1} = \rho_{i+1} \eta_i^{-1}, \qquad \gamma_{i+1} = \eta_i \gamma_i;$$
 (85)

the choices of  $\eta_i$  now determine the values of  $\gamma_i$ ;  $\eta_i$  can for instance be chosen to orthogonalise the  $r_i$  sequence.

The original, untransformed, residual is no longer computed, but it can be retrieved as

$$r_{i+1} = \rho_{i+1} \gamma_i$$
.

The transformed sequences  $\tilde{P}$  and  $\tilde{R}$  satisfy a Hessenberg relation

$$A\tilde{P}\tilde{D} = \tilde{R}(I - \tilde{J}), \quad \tilde{P}(I - \tilde{U}) = M^{-1}\tilde{R}$$

with

$$\tilde{D} = GDG^{-1}, \quad \tilde{J} = GJG^{-1}, \quad \tilde{U} = GUG^{-1}.$$

The solution update in terms of the transformed vectors becomes

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \tilde{p}_i(\tilde{p}_i^t A \tilde{p}_i)^{-1} (\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-t} \tilde{r}_i) \gamma_i.$$
(86)

The framework for computing the block Conjugate Gradient algorithm now becomes:

### Algorithm: Block Conjugate Gradient Method, version 1

**Algorithm 5** In order to solve Ax = f with f an  $N \times k$  block vector, choose  $x_1$  as a block vector of maximal rank. Compute  $\rho_1 = Ax_1 - f$ . Set  $\gamma_1 = I_k$ . Then perform the following steps for  $i = 1, \ldots$ :

$$r_i = \rho_i \eta_i^{-1};$$
 and set  $\gamma_{i+1} = \eta_i \gamma_i$  (87)

Apply the preconditioner:

$$z_i = M^{-1} r_i. (88)$$

If i = 1,  $p_1 = z_1$ ; if i > 1, compute a new search direction:

$$p_i = z_i + p_{i-1}(r_{i-1}^t z_{i_1})^{-1} \mathbf{\eta}_i^t(r_i^t z_i)$$
(89)

Compute  $Ap_i$ , and  $\alpha_i = p_i^t Ap_i$ ; with this, update the solution

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - p_i (p_i^t A p_i)^{-1} (r_i^t z_i) \gamma_i.$$
 (90)

and the residual:

$$\rho_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i(p_i^t A p_i)^{-1}(r_i^t z_i). \tag{91}$$

### 8.4.2 Optimised algorithm

In the above algorithm, the choice of  $\eta_i$  is free. For instance, one could let  $r_i\eta_i$  be a QR decomposition of  $\rho_i$ , so that  $r_i^tr_i = I_k$ . The choice  $r_i^tz_i = I_k$  leads to a slightly different algorithm, in which we compute  $\zeta_i = M^{-1}\rho_i$ , and set  $z_i = \zeta_i\eta_i^{-1}$  after  $\eta_i$  has been computed from the orthogonality condition<sup>11</sup>. These are the ramifications of all  $z_i^tr_i$  terms disappearing:

- In the search direction update, the old direction is multiplied by a triangular matrix, rather than a full one, saving  $k^2/2$  vector updates.
- The new orthogonalisation of  $\zeta_i^t \rho_i$  can be performed in  $k^2/2$  vector updates like that of  $\rho_i^t \rho_i$ . The latter is trivially symmetric; the former is, depending on the symmetry of M.
- The dot product calculation  $r_i^t z_i$  disappears, saving  $k^2/2$  inner products.

Algorithm: Block Conjugate Gradient Method, version 2

**Algorithm 6** In order to solve Ax = f with f an  $N \times k$  block vector, choose  $x_1$  as a block vector of maximal rank. Compute  $\rho_1 = Ax_1 - f$ . Set  $\gamma_1 = I_k$ . Then perform the following steps for i = 1, ...: Apply the preconditioner:

$$\zeta_i = M^{-1} \rho_i \tag{92}$$

Transform the residual:

$$r_i = \rho_i \eta_i^{-1}; \quad z_i = \zeta_i \eta_i^{-1}; \quad \text{and set } \gamma_{i+1} = \eta_i \gamma_i$$
 (93)

where  $\eta_i$  is chosen such that  $r_i^t z_i = I_k$ .

If i = 1,  $p_1 = z_1$ ; if i > 1, compute a new search direction:

$$p_i = z_i + p_{i-1} \eta_i^t \tag{94}$$

<sup>11.</sup> In practice,  $z_i$  will most likely be computed simultaneously with  $r_i$  in the joint orthogonalisation of  $\rho_i$  and  $\zeta_i$ , and no separate step is needed

Compute  $Ap_i$ , and  $\alpha_i = p_i^t Ap_i$ ; with this, update the solution

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - p_i (p_i^t A p_i)^{-1} \gamma_i.$$
 (95)

and the residual:

$$\rho_{i+1} = r_i - A p_i (p_i^t A p_i)^{-1}. \tag{96}$$

### 8.4.3 Block BiConjugate Gradients

We will now derive a block version of the BiConjugate Gradient method. In this, we will introduce transformed sequences

$$p_i = \tilde{p}_i \gamma_i^r$$
,  $q_i = \tilde{q}_i \gamma_i^\ell$ ,  $r_i = \tilde{r}_i \gamma_i^r$ ,  $s_i = \tilde{s}_i \gamma_i^\ell$ .

The derivation proceeds as above, but now using the BiCG scalars of equations (73), (74), (75) and (76):

$$d_{n+1}^{\ell} = (p_{n+1}^{t} A^{t} q_{n+1})^{-1} (r_{n+1}^{t} M^{-t} s_{n+1})$$

$$d_{n+1}^{r} = (q_{n+1}^{t} A p_{n+1})^{-1} (s_{n+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n+1})$$

$$u_{nn+1}^{\ell} = (r_{n} M^{-t} s_{n})^{-1} (r_{n+1} M^{-t} s_{n+1})$$

$$u_{nn+1}^{r} = (s_{n}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n})^{-1} (s_{n+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{n+1})$$

We introduce the following quantities:

$$\eta_i^r = \gamma_{i+1}^r \gamma_i^{r-1}, \quad \eta_i^\ell = \gamma_{i+1}^\ell \gamma_i^{\ell-1}, \qquad c_i = \gamma_i^r \gamma_i^{\ell-1},$$

(in the symmetric case we will have  $\eta_i^{\ell} \equiv \eta_i^r$  and  $c_i \equiv 1$ ), and vectors

$$\rho_{i+1} = r_{i+1} \gamma_{i+1}^r \gamma_i^{r^{-1}}, \qquad \sigma_{i+1} = s_{i+1} \gamma_{i+1}^{\ell} \gamma_i^{\ell^{-1}}.$$

Now we find for the right residual:

$$r_{i+1} = r_{i} - Ap_{i}(q_{i}^{t}Ap_{i})^{-1}(s_{i}^{t}M^{-1}r_{i})$$

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1}^{r} = \tilde{r}_{i}\gamma_{i}^{r} - A\tilde{p}_{i}\gamma_{i}^{r}\gamma_{i}^{r^{-1}}(\tilde{q}_{i}^{t}A\tilde{p}_{i})^{-1}\gamma_{i}^{\ell^{-t}}\gamma_{i}^{\ell^{t}}(\tilde{s}_{i}^{t}M^{-1}\tilde{r}_{i})\gamma_{i}^{r}$$

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1}^{r^{-1}}\gamma_{i}^{r^{-1}} = \tilde{r}_{i} - A\tilde{p}_{i}(\tilde{q}_{i}^{t}A\tilde{p}_{i})^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{i}^{t}M^{-1}\tilde{r}_{i}).$$

The left residual

$$\begin{array}{rcl} s_{i+1} & = & s_i - A^t q_i (p_i^t A^t q_i)^{-1} (r_i^t M^{-t} s_i) \\ \tilde{s}_{i+1} \gamma_{i+1}^{\ell} & = & \tilde{s}_i \gamma_i^{\ell} - A^t \tilde{q}_i \gamma_i^{\ell} \gamma_i^{\ell^{-1}} (\tilde{p}_i^t A^t \tilde{q}_i)^{-1} \gamma_i^{r^{-t}} \gamma_i^{r^t} (\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-t} \tilde{s}_i) \gamma_i^{\ell} \\ \tilde{s}_{i+1} \gamma_{i+1}^{\ell} \gamma_i^{\ell^{-1}} & = & \tilde{s}_i - A^t \tilde{q}_i^{-1} (\tilde{q}_i^t A \tilde{p}_i)^{-1} (\tilde{s}_i^t M^{-1} \tilde{r}_i). \end{array}$$

For the right search direction

$$\begin{array}{rcl} p_{i+1} & = & M^{-1}r_{i+1} + p_i(s_i^t M^{-1}r_i)^{-1}(s_{i+1}^t M^{-1}r_{i+1}) \\ \tilde{p}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1}^r & = & M^{-1}\tilde{r}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1}^r \\ & & + \tilde{p}_i\gamma_i^r\gamma_i^{r^{-1}}(\tilde{s}_i^t M^{-1}\tilde{r}_i)^{-1}\gamma_i^{\ell^{-t}}\gamma_{i+1}^{\ell^t}(\tilde{s}_{i+1}^t M^{-1}\tilde{r}_{i+1})\gamma_{i+1}^r \\ \tilde{p}_{i+1} & = & M^{-1}\tilde{r}_{i+1} + \tilde{p}_i(\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-t}\tilde{s}_i)^{-1}\eta_i^{\ell^t}(\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t M^{-1}\tilde{s}_{i+1}) \end{array}$$

For the left search direction:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} q_{i+1} & = & M^{-t}s_{i+1} + q_i(r_i^tM^{-t}s_i)^{-1}(r_{i+1}^tM^{-t}s_{i+1}) \\ \tilde{q}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1}^{\ell} & = & M^{-t}\tilde{s}_{i+1}\gamma_{i+1}^{\ell} \\ & & + \tilde{q}_i\gamma_i^{\ell}\gamma_i^{\ell^{-1}}(\tilde{r}_i^tM^{-t}\tilde{s}_i)^{-1}\gamma_i^{r^{-t}}\gamma_{i+1}^{r^t}(\tilde{r}_{i+1}^tM^{-t}\tilde{s}_{i+1})\gamma_{i+1}^{\ell} \\ \tilde{q}_{i+1} & = & M^{-t}\tilde{s}_{i+1} + \tilde{q}_i(\tilde{r}_i^tM^{-t}\tilde{s}_i)^{-1}\eta_i^{r^t}(\tilde{r}_{i+1}^tM^{-1}\tilde{s}_{i+1}) \end{array}$$

As before, the algorithm proceeds by computing  $\rho_{i+1}$  and  $\sigma_{i+1}$  directly, deriving  $\eta_i^{\ell}$  and  $\eta_i^{r}$  from the orthogonality condition, and from this

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1} \leftarrow \rho_{i+1} \eta_i^{r^{-1}}, \quad \tilde{s}_{i+1} \leftarrow \sigma_{i+1} \eta_i^{\ell^{-1}}, \quad \gamma_{i+1}^r = \eta_i^r \gamma_i^r, \quad \gamma_{i+1}^\ell = \eta_i^\ell \gamma_i^\ell,$$

after which  $p_{i+1}$  and  $q_{i+1}$  are computable.

### 8.5 SYMMLQ

According to the GMRES paper, SYMMLQ is based on an LQ factorisation of the (tridiagonal) Hessenberg matrix.

# 9 Minimum and quasi-minimum residual methods: MINRES, GMRES, QMR, TFQMR

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In this section we study those iterative methods that effect a minimisation of the residual in each iteration over the subspace generated. Such methods fall in two categories, sometimes only differentiated by computation details.

- We recall from section 6.1, and in particular remark 38, that minimisation of residuals is equivalent to making  $R^tAM^{-1}R$  diagonal<sup>12</sup>. Methods such as GCR (section 9.6) and GMRESr (section 9.5.4) compute sequences of residuals and search directions to satisfy this condition.
- Other methods compute a basic sequence, in effect the conjugate gradient method or a generalisation of it to nonsymmetric systems, and take combinations of the residuals and iterates of this to obtain the minimum value.

We lay the groundwork for these two approaches in the next two sections. In section 9.1 we derive conditions for search directions in norm-minimising methods. In section 9.2 we study in the abstract the process of taking affine combinations so as to minimise the residual norm of the result.

### 9.1 Search directions in norm-minimising methods

We start with the generating equations of all iterative methods that use search directions:

$$P(I-U) = M^{-1}R, \qquad APD = R(I-J).$$

Multiplying the first by  $R^tA$  we find that

$$R^t A P(I - U) = R^t A M^{-1} R,$$

<sup>12.</sup> Upper triangularity would suffice, but this is never used.

which is diagonal, hence  $R^tAP$  is diagonal, and

$$r_i^t A p_i = r_i^t A M^{-1} r_i.$$

Multiplying the second equation by  $P^tA^t$  we get

$$P^t A^t A P D = P^t A^t R (I - J)$$

where the rhs is lower triangular and the lhs symmetric in structure, hence diagonal. In conclusion we find that  $P^tA^tAP$  is diagonal and

$$(Ap_i)^t (Ap_i) d_i i = p_i^t A^t r_i.$$

The coefficients in U now have to be chosen to satisfy the orthogonality of AP.

### 9.2 Affine combinations of residuals

Several methods have been proposed that generate a vector sequence satisfying a minimization property by first generating the sequence R in the usual way<sup>13</sup>, and subsequently taking combinations of this sequence. This procedure can be applied both to sequences satisfying Arnoldi and Lanczos orthogonalisation conditions. In the Arnoldi case, the combinations can be taken so as to minimize the  $L_2$  norm of the residual; in the Lanczos case only a quasi-minimization results.

Let R be a residual sequence satisfying  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , where H is a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums, and construct a sequence G by taking affine combinations, specifically,

$$G = RV_1$$

with  $V_1$  upper triangular with column sums equal to 1. In lemma 18 we saw that G is then itself a residual sequence.

Block statement

We recall equation (30) for the block form of affine combinations:

$$\forall_j \colon \sum_i u_{ij} = I_{k \times k}.$$

End of block statement

Since  $V_1(J - E_1)$  is a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums, by lemma 23 it can be written as  $V_1(J - E_1) = (I - J)V_2$ . Therefore, for some upper triangular  $V_3$ :

$$G(J-E_1) = RV_1(J-E_1) = R(I-J)V_2 = -RHV_3$$

<sup>13.</sup> Or at least are equivalent to generating such a vector sequence.

where we used the fact that  $H = (I - J)V_4$  for some upper triangular  $V_4$ .

Proof: This follows immediately from  $\bar{H} = V_1^{-1}HV_1$ .

Thus we arrive at the following formulation for these combining methods:

$$G(J - E_1) = \begin{cases} -RHV & , \qquad g_1 = r_1 \end{cases}$$
 (97)

where V is an upper triangular matrix.

Using  $RHV = AM^{-1}RV$ , the solution update corresponding to equation (97) is

$$Y(J - E_1) = -M^{-1}RV. (98)$$

The sequence G is again a residual sequence as already remarked in lemma 18; in particular  $AM^{-1}G = G\bar{H}$ , where  $\bar{H} = V_1^{-1}HV_1$  is a Hessenberg matrix with zero column sums. This follows from  $e^tV_1^{-1}H = e^tH = 0^t$ .

Block statement

We remark that for the transition  $R(I-J)V_2 = -RHV_3$  we need the fact that H has zero column sums in the strong sense of equation (32).

End of block statement

We could have told the above story in reverse: in equation (98) we recognise the defining equation for polynomial method. In other words, both X and Y are methods for the same problem. By lemma 19 we then find that their residual sequences R and G are affine combinations of each other.

Hessenberg matrices from methods for the same problem are similar

**Corollary 56** Let X and Y be polynomial methods for the same problem with  $x_1 = y_1$  and let R and G be their residual sequences and H and  $\bar{H}$  the respective Hessenberg matrices, then H and  $\bar{H}$  are similar.

### 9.3 General theory of $L_2$ minimization methods

### 9.3.1 Derivation of the coefficient minimization problem

From the choice  $g_1 = r_1$ , that is,  $GE_1 = RE_1$ , we find in equation (97) that

$$GJ = RE_1 - RHV = R(E_1 - HV),$$

that is, the particular choice of  $g_{n+1}$  is induced by a choice for  $v_n$ . We now aim at minimising the norm of the  $g_i$  vectors, that is, we consider the minimisation problem

$$\min_{\nu_n} \|g_{n+1}\|. \tag{99}$$

Let  $\Omega = \operatorname{diag}(R^*M^{-1}R)^{1/2}$ , and define

$$N = R\Omega^{-1}, \qquad \tilde{H} = \Omega H \Omega^{-1},$$

so that

$$AM^{-1}N = N\tilde{H},\tag{100}$$

while *N* consists of combinations of the same Krylov sequence as *R*.

Depending on the nature of the coefficient matrix we have the following cases regarding  $\Omega$ :

• In the real case with Arnoldi orthogonalisation,  $R^tM^{-1}R$  is diagonal, so

$$N^*M^{-1}N = N^tM^{-1}N = I.$$

- In the real case with Lanczos bi-orthogonalisation,  $S^t M^{-1}R$  is diagonal, but  $R^t M^{-1}R$  is not.
- In the complex symmetric case,  $R^t M^{-1}R$  is diagonal, but  $R^*M^{-1}R$  is not.
- In the complex nonsymmetric case,  $S^t M^{-1} R$  is diagonal, but neither  $S^* M^{-1} R$  nor  $R^* M^{-1} R$  nor  $R^t M^{-1} R$  are.

If R is an orthogonal sequence, that is, if we use Arnoldi orthogonalisation, we have that  $R^*M^{-1}R$  is diagonal, so we find  $N^*M^{-1}N = I$ . If R is not orthogonal, as in the case of Lanczos orthogonalisation, we only have  $\operatorname{diag}(N^*M^{-1}N) = I$ , but  $N^*M^{-1}N \neq I$ ; we still have

$$||N_n||_{M^{-1},2} \le \sqrt{n} \tag{101}$$

(where the n subscript denotes that we take the block consisting of the first n columns); see section 9.7.

If we assume orthogonal R, we get the following derivation. For  $n \ge 1$ ,  $g_{n+1} - g_1$  is the n-th column of -RHV; see equation (97). With  $(RHV)_n = R_{n+1}H_nv_n$  this gives

$$||g_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},L^2(\mathbb{C}^N)} = ||R_{n+1}e_1 - R_{n+1}H_nv_n||_{M^{-1},L^2(\mathbb{C}^N)}$$
(102)

$$= \|\Omega_{n+1}e_1 - \Omega_{n+1}H_nv_n\|_{L^2(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})}$$
 (103)

$$= \|\|r_1\|e_1 - \tilde{H}_n\Omega_n v_n\|_{L^2(C^{n+1})}$$
 (104)

(In the more general case of non-orthogonal R, the transition from equation (102) to equation (103) is an inequality  $\|\cdot\| \le \sqrt{n+1} \|\cdot\|$ ; this will be treated in more detail in section 9.7.)

We now find two formulations of the minimisation problem:

• Observing that  $H_n$  can be split as (J-I)U, we get from equation (103) the minimisation problem

$$\min_{v_n} \|\Omega_{n+1}(e_1 - (J-I)v_n)\|_{L^2(C^{n+1})}.$$

This formulation is used in so-called 'residual smoothing' methods; see section 9.9.

Making a further substitution  $\tilde{v}_n = \Omega_n v_n$ , (and  $\tilde{V} = \Omega V$ ), we have replaced the minimisation problem (99) by

$$g_{n+1} = g_1 - AM^{-1}N\tilde{v}_n$$
 where  $\tilde{v}_n$ :  $\min_{v_n} \|\|r_1\|e_1 - \tilde{H}_nv_n\|_{L^2(C^{n+1})}$ , (105)

and we focus on solving this problem instead. The minimisation problem involving  $H_n$  is solved by a QR factorisation; this formulation is used in methods such as MinRes, GMRES, and QMR.

**Remark 57** Equation (105) is a minimisation problem that can be solved regardless of conditions on N. It is only when N is orthonormal that minimising  $\tilde{v}_n$  is equivalent to minimising  $g_{n+1}$ . This is the basis for methods such as MINRES [63], see section 9.4, and GMRES [69], see section 9.5. We consider the general case where N is not orthonormal, which leads to such methods as QMR [35], in section 9.7.

The solution of equation (105) is explained in section 9.3.2

Remark 58 By substituting away the  $\Omega$  scaling, we have removed all reference to the R sequence in this problem: it is now completely expressed in terms of  $\tilde{H}$  and the N sequence, which are related by equation (100). These can be generated directly from  $r_1$ , without constructing the rest of the R sequence. This is the Arnoldi similarity transformation; see section 11.1

### 9.3.2 Solution of the coefficient minimization problem

We now consider the coefficient minimization problem equation (105):

$$g_{n+1} = g_1 - AM^{-1}N\tilde{v}_n$$
 where  $\tilde{v}_n$ :  $\min_{\tilde{v}_n} \|\|r_1\|e_1 - \tilde{H}_n\tilde{v}_n\|_{L^2(C^{n+1})}$ .

Let  $\tilde{H}_n = Q_n U_n$  be a decomposition into an orthonormal matrix and an upper triangular matrix, where  $Q_n$  is of size  $(n+1) \times n$  and  $U_n$  of size  $n \times n$ .

Define

$$ar{Q}_n = egin{bmatrix} st \ Q_n & dots \ st \end{bmatrix}, \qquad ar{U}_n = egin{bmatrix} U_n \ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where the final column of  $\bar{Q}_n$  is chosen to make  $\bar{Q}_n$  a square orthonormal matrix, then, again,  $\tilde{H}_n = \bar{Q}_n \bar{U}_n$ . We now find

$$\left\| \|r_1\|e_1 - \tilde{H}_n \tilde{v}_n \right\|_{L^2(C^{n+1})} = \left\| \|r_1\|q^{(n+1)} - \bar{U}_n \tilde{v}_n \right\|_{L^2(C^{n+1})},$$

where  $q^{(n+1)^t} = (q_{11}, \dots, q_{1n+1})$ . If we solve

$$\tilde{v}_n = U_n^{-1} q_{1:n}^{(n+1)} ||r_1||, \tag{106}$$

the first n components of  $\bar{U}_n \tilde{v}_n - ||r_1|| q^{(n+1)}$  are zero, so the minimum over all  $\tilde{v}_n$  is attained for this value<sup>1415</sup>, and the value of the minimum is  $|q_{1n+1}|||r_1||$ .

Formula (106) can be summarised for all n as  $\tilde{V} = U^{-1}\tilde{Q}^t$ , where  $\tilde{Q}$  is formed from Q as

$$ilde{Q}^t = egin{pmatrix} q_{11} & q_{11} & \cdots & q_{11} \\ & q_{12} & \cdots & q_{12} \\ & \emptyset & \ddots & dots \\ & & q_{1n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 9.3.3 Solution vector update for minimization problems

Above, we found that

$$||g_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},L^2(C^N)} = |q_{1n+1}|||r_1||,$$

<sup>14.</sup> QR decompositions are unique up to scaling as QD and  $D^{-1}R$  where  $|d_{ii}| = 1$ . In equation (106) this scaling drops out again, so  $\tilde{v}_n$  is uniquely determined.

<sup>15.</sup> This argument is still not airtight.

so for the purposes of a stopping test on this norm we do not explicitly need to form the solution vector or the residual. Instead, these can be formed *in toto* when the decision to terminate the iteration is made.

In case formation of the solution is needed, the following applies.

From  $G(J-E_1)=-AM^{-1}N\tilde{V}$  we first of all find a defining formula for the iterates sequence:

$$X(J - E_1) = -M^{-1}N\tilde{V} = -M^{-1}NU^{-1}\tilde{Q}^t.$$
 (107)

For an updating formula for X we find the even simpler formula

$$X(J-I) = -M^{-1}P\operatorname{diag}(q_{1i}), \qquad P = NU^{-1}$$
 (108)

The elements of P can be easily updated from the  $r_n$  vectors, in the case of QMR with a three-term recurrence. In GMRES updating  $p_n$  requires all previous such vectors to be stored. Hence, people have considered truncated or restarted versions of the method.

Furthermore, for the minimised residuals G we find similarly:

$$G(J-I) = -ANU^{-1} \operatorname{diag}(q_{1i}) = -N\tilde{H}U^{-1} \operatorname{diag}(q_{1i}) = -NQ\operatorname{diag}(q_{1i}).$$

### 9.3.4 Relation of residual norm to original iterations

In [17] it is shown that

$$||r_F^{(k)}||_2 = \frac{||r_G^{(k)}||_2}{\sqrt{1 - (||r_G^{(k)}||_2 / ||r_G^{(k-1)}||_2)^2}}.$$

### 9.3.5 Stagnation of the minimised iterations

Investigate the meaning of  $||r_{\text{gmres}}^{(n+1)}|| = ||r_{\text{gmres}}^{(n)}||$ .

### 9.4 MINRES: The Minimum Residual method

In the above we derived how, given a sequence R satisfying  $AM^{-1}R = RH$ , one derives affine combinations that mimise some norm. According to section 9.2, taking such combinations and applying them to a residual sequence, gives again a residual sequence. In making the transition from the residual minimisation problem equation (99) to the coefficient minimisation problem equation (105) we used the orthogonality of R.

We know from section 7.5 that, with *A* and *M* symmetric, *R* can be made orthogonal with a three-term recurrence. The resulting minimisation method is known as MINRES [63].

**Question:** What is LSQR?

### 9.5 GMRES: The Generalised Minimum Residual method

**Question:** what is the relation between the gmres hessenberg matrix and the one that governs the residuals?

**Question:** can we do something with scaling or combinations of the arnoldi sequence, instead of the minimisation?

### 9.5.1 The Saad and Schultz algorithm

The GMRES, for Generalized Minimal Residual [69], method is found by applying the above minimisation and using the substition of remark 58. Thus the algorithm proceeds as follows:

1. Derive an orthonormal sequence *N* and upper Hessenberg matrix satisfying

$$AM^{-1}N = NH$$
,  $N^{t}M^{-1}N = I$ ,  $n_1 = r_1/||r_1||$ .

More about this in section 11.1.

- 2. Make a QR decomposition:  $H_i = Q_i U_i$  where  $Q_i$  is of size  $i + 1 \times i$ . Generate an i + 1-st column  $q_{i+1}$  of  $Q_i$ , such that the extended  $Q_i$  is again orthonormal; then the residual error is  $|q_{1i+1}| ||r_1||$ .
- 3. If this error is deemed small enough, solve

$$v_i = U_i^{-1}(q_{11}, \dots q_{1i})^t ||r_1||$$

and update residual and solution

$$x_i = x_1 - M^{-1}N_{*,1:i}v_i;$$
  $r_i = r_1 - AM^{-1}N_{*,1:i}v_i.$ 

4. If the restart parameter is reached, perform the above update regardless the error estimate, let

$$r_1 \leftarrow r_i, \qquad x_1 \leftarrow x_i,$$

and restart the whole algorithm.

A matlab implementation can be found in section A.1.1.

#### 9.5.2 Breakdown of GMRES

In the above algorithm, there are two opportunities for breakdown:

- if step 1 breaks down, that is the sequence *N* can not be continued since we have found an invariant subspace, or,
- if in step 3 the matrix  $U_i$  is singular.

By the analysis in section 11.1, case 1 implies that we can form the exact solution of the linear system. Case 2 implies that H is not an irreducible upper Hessenberg matrix, which also implies (by theorem 45) that we have found an invariant subspace.

We conclude that GMRES does not break down, other than by finding the true solution.

### 9.5.3 Implementation of the QR decomposition

In the original GMRES paper [69], Saad and Schultz derived equation (106), and the error estimate in item 2 above, from a specific implementation of the QR decomposition by Givens rotations. However, it follows from the exposition in section 9.3.2 that this is merely an implementation detail. A decomposition by Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation is equally feasible; see section 11.3.1.

### 9.5.4 Direct computation of the GMRES vectors

The GMRES method used an indirect method to construct the residuals: it did not use either a recurrence in terms of older residuals, or an update formula using search directions. This does not mean it is not possible to do so; see section 9.6

### 9.5.5 Left-preconditioned GMRES

Based on corollary 33 we can also generate the Arnoldi vectors from

$$v_1 = M^{-1}(Ax_1 - b), \quad n_1 = v_1/\|v_1\|; \qquad M^{-1}AN = VN.$$

## 9.6 Residual-minimising Arnoldi methods for the non-symmetric case: GCR, Orthodir, GMRESr

There are several algorithms based on Arnoldi orthogonalization for the nonsymmetric case that minimise the residual norms in each iteration. This makes them mathematically equivalent to GMRES (section 9.5) in the sense that they derive the same iterates and residuals. However, unlike GMRES (see section 9.5.2) they are subject to breakdown.

The Generalized Conjugate Residual method (GCR; see next), OrthoDir [44], OrthoMin [80], Axelsson's method [4], were derived in the 1970s and 1980s but that have by now largely slid into obscurity.

The GCR algorithm [26] can be described as in figure 2. Since this algo-

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r_1 = p_1 = Ax_1 - b
for i = 1, ...
let \alpha_i = r_i^t A p_i / (A p_i)^t (A p_i).
update x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i p_i
r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i A p_i
let p_{i+1} = r_{i+1} + \sum_{j \le i} p_j \beta_{ji}
where \{\beta_{ji}\} are chosen
such that (A p_{i+1})^t (A p_i) = 0 for j \le i.
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Figure 2: Generalized Conjugate Residual method

rithm orthogonalises the  $Ap_i$  series to itself, we know from section 6.3 that this is equivalent to making the residuals A-orthogonal ( $AM^{-1}$ -orthogonal for preconditioned methods), which by corollary 36 minimises the residuals.

A simple example of the breakdown of this method is given in [69]: with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we get  $\alpha_1 = 0$ , which leads to  $r_2 = r_1$ . Continuing this,  $p_2 = 0$ , so computing  $\alpha_2$  gives a divide-by-zero error.

Van der Vorst and Vuik [75] describe a method along the following lines:

- let  $p_n = M^{-1}r_n$  and  $q_n = AM^{-1}r_n = Ap_n$ ;
- modify  $p_n \leftarrow p_n \sum_{k < n} c_k p_k$ ,  $q_n \leftarrow q_n \sum_{k < n} c_k q_k$ , such that the  $q_i$  family is orthogonal;
- normalize by dividing  $q_n$  and  $p_n$  by  $||q_n||$ ;
- update

$$r_{n+1} = r_n - q_n(q_n^t r_n).$$

In this we recognise the basic GCR scheme with preconditioning incorporated <sup>16</sup>. A practically interesting proposition is to let the preconditioner be an embedded iterative method, such as GMRES itself. In van der Vorst and Vuik's terminology that makes it a 'recursive GMRES' method; Saad calls it 'flexible GMRES', but there is a difference between GMRESr and fGMRES.

Van der Vorst and Vuik propose to solve the breakdown problem by incorporating a 'LSQR-switch', that is, in case of breakdown they propose to let  $p_n \leftarrow A^t r_n - \sum \ldots$  Van der Vorst and Chan [77] observe that a sufficient condition for avoiding breakdown ( $||c||_2 = 0$ ) is that the norm of the residual at the end of an inner iteration is smaller than the right-hand residual:  $||Az^{(m)} - r_i||_2 < ||r_i||_2$ .

### 9.7 Quasi-minimisation

The simplifying step from the condition (102) to the practically computable form (104) uses the  $M^{-1}$ -orthogonality of R. In methods such as BiCG, which are based on Lanczos bi-orthogonalisation, R is not itself orthogonal. However, defining as before  $\Omega = \operatorname{diag}(R^*M^{-1}R)^{1/2}$ , and  $N = R\Omega^{-1}$  (which satisfies  $\operatorname{diag}(N^*M^{-1}N) = I$ ) we have the inequality

$$||R_{n+1}x||_{M^{-1},L^2} \le ||N||_{M^{-1},L^2}||x||_{L^2} \le \sqrt{n+1}||x||_{L^2},$$

where we used the following lemma

**Lemma 59** If N of size  $m \times n$  satisfies  $\operatorname{diag}(N^*M^{-1}N) = I$ , then  $||N||_{M^{-1}} \leq \sqrt{m}$ .

Proof: Recall the definition of the matrix norm:

$$||N|| = \min_{||x||=1} |Nx|,$$

and, using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and the elementary fact that  $2xy \le x^2 + y^2$  for all x and y,

$$|Nx|_{M^{-1}}^{2} = \sum_{i,j} x_{i}x_{j}\bar{n}_{i}^{*}M^{-1}\bar{n}_{j}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} + 2\sum_{i < j} x_{i}x_{j}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i < j} (x_{i}^{2} + x_{j}^{2}) = n\sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} = n.$$

This  $\sqrt{n}$  term also appears when we consider the complex symmetric conjugate gradient method, where  $R^tM^{-1}R$  is diagonal, but the vector space would demand  $R^*M^{-1}R$  to be diagonal for true minimisation.

<sup>16.</sup> It should be noted that van der Vorst and Vuik's derivation of the method is along completely different lines.

### 9.8 QMR

The Quasi-Minimum Residual method of Freund and Nachtigal [35] arises from applying quasi-minimisation to the BiCG method.

### 9.9 Residual smoothing

Several authors [70, 83, 87] have investigated methods that take an iterate sequence  $\{x_i\}$  and improve on it by taking affine combinations of the form

$$y_1 = x_1,$$
  $y_{i+1} = (1 - \eta_i)x_i + \eta_i y_{i+1}.$ 

The scalars  $\eta_i$  are determined in such a way that the residuals are minimised in some sense.

**Lemma 60** The residuals  $g_i = Ay_i - b$  corresponding to the smoothed sequence are a residual sequence iff  $r_i = Ax_i - b$  is a residual sequence.

Proof: The  $g_i$  residuals are affine combinations of the  $r_i$  residuals, hence by lemma 18 also a residual sequence. To see this, we find the following relation between the G and R sequences:

$$G\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \eta_1 - 1 & & \\ & 1 & \eta_2 - 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = R\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \eta_1 & & \\ & & \eta_2 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

or GN = RD where  $e^tN = e^tD$ , i.e., N and D have the same column sums. It follows that  $G = RDN^{-1}$  where  $DN^{-1}$  is an upper triangular matrix with column sums  $\equiv 1$ . Thus, G is a affine combination of residuals as described in section 9.2, and it is itself again a residual sequence.

### Block statement

In the case of block vectors, the scalars  $\eta_i$  become  $k \times k$  blocks. If they are of diagonal form, the block method reduces to a number of scalar methods executed at the same time. In the general case,  $e^t N = e^t D$  still holds, so  $DN^{-1}$  has colum sums  $\equiv 1$  in the stronger sense of equation (30).

End of block statement

In practice, residual smoothing is used to minimise the norm of the newly created  $g_i$  residuals. We have already seen methods for this purpose, and in fact they can be reproduced by residual smoothing methods.

The following discussion will pertain both to symmetric and nonsymmetric real and complex systems. Let R be the sequence of right residuals of the conjugate gradient method, and S the left residuals of the bi-conjugate gradient method for nonsymmetric system; for symmetric systems we will implicitly assume  $S \equiv R$ .

In section 9.2 we showed that any affine combination vector  $g_n$  of the residuals  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$  satisfies the following formula:

$$g_{n+1} - g_1 = -AM^{-1}R_n v_n = -R_{n+1}H_n v_n$$

for some vector  $v_n$ , where  $H_n = H_{[n+1,n]}$  is the  $(n+1) \times n$  Hessenberg matrix describing the iterative method, and  $R_n = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$ . Since  $g_1 = r_1 = R_n e_1$  (for any n), this leads to the minimisation problem

$$\min \|g_{n+1}\| = \min \|R_{n+1}(e_1 - H_{[n+1,n]}v_n)\|.$$

This is used to generate minimising or quasi-minimising residuals, as we have seen in section 9.3.1

Since  $H_n$  can be factored as  $H_n = (J - I)_{[n+1,n]}U$  with

$$J - I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ 1 & -1 & & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}, \qquad U \text{ upper triangular,}$$

there is likewise a vector  $z_n$  such that

$$g_{n+1} = R_{n+1}(e_1 - (J-I)_{[n+1,n]}z_n).$$
 (109)

The minimisation problem to be solved is then

$$\min_{z_n} \|g_{n+1}\| = \min_{z_n} \|R_{n+1}v_{n+1}\|. \tag{110}$$

where we define  $v_{n+1} = e_1 - (J-I)z_n$ .

We now consider the minimisation problem (110) in more detail. In the symmetric case,

$$||g_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2} = ||R_{n+1}v_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2} = ||N_{n+1}\Omega^{1/2}v_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2} = ||\Omega^{1/2}v_{n+1}||_{2}.$$

In the nonsymmetric case, we get from (101):

$$||g_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2} = ||R_{n+1}v_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2} = ||N_{n+1}\Omega^{1/2}v_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2}$$

$$\leq ||N_{n+1}||_{M^{-1},2} ||\Omega^{1/2}v_{n+1}||_{2}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{n+1} ||\Omega^{1/2}v_{n+1}||_{2}.$$
(111)

Hence, solving the minimisation problem

$$\min_{z_n} \|\Omega^{1/2} v_{n+1}\|_2 \tag{112}$$

gives the optimal solution in the Krylov basis, exactly in the symmetric case, up to a factor of  $\sqrt{n}$  in the nonsymmetric case. The minimisation problem (112) is also essentially the one considered in [33] for the complex symmetric case, although this theoretical justification was not given there.

In the traditional derivation of the QMR method, the minimisation problem (112) was solved by *QR* factorisations, as in [33, 35]. Here we are deriving the residual smoothing method of solving the same minimisation problem, hence deriving the same iterates. We follow the discussion in [87].

Note that the minimisation problem

$$\tau_k^2 = \min_{z_n} \|\Omega^{1/2} (e_1 - (J - I)z_n)\|_2$$

is of the form  $\min_x ||Ax - b||$ . In the complex case,  $z_n$  can be complex, but A and b are real, so the solution, given by  $x = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*b$  is real too.

$$\tau_k^2 = \min_{\tau} \omega_1 (1 - \zeta_1)^2 + \omega_2 (\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)^2 + \dots + \omega_n (\zeta_{n-1} - \zeta_n)^2 + \omega_{n+1} \zeta_n^2.$$

Changing variables  $\xi_1 = 1 - \zeta_1$ ,  $\xi_k = \zeta_{k+1} - \zeta_k$  for k = 2, ..., n,  $\xi_{n+1} = \zeta_n$ , the minimisation problem becomes

$$au_n^2 = \min_{\sum \xi_i = 1} \sum \omega_i \xi_i^2$$

for which the unique minimiser is given by

$$\xi_i = \frac{1/\omega_i}{\sum_j \frac{1}{\omega_j}}$$

and the resulting value of the minimum is

$$\tau_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1/\omega_i}}.$$

**Lemma 61** The minimimum of  $f(x) = \sum_i \omega_i^2 x_i^2$  under the constraints  $\omega_i > 0$ ,  $\sum_i x_i = 1$  is given by  $x_i = \omega_i^{-1} / \sum_i \omega_i^{-1}$ .

Proof: The constraint equation translates to  $\sum_i \partial x_i / \partial x_j = 0$  for all j. The case  $\omega_i x_i \equiv c$  gives  $x_i = c/\omega_i$ . With

$$1 = \sum x_i = c \sum \omega_i^{-1} \Rightarrow c = 1 / \sum_i \omega_i^{-1}$$

this becomes  $x_i = \omega_i^{-1} / \sum_i \omega_i^{-1}$ . In this value of x,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{i} \omega_i^2 \frac{\partial x_i^2}{\partial x_j} = \frac{2}{\sum_{i} \omega_i^{-1}} \sum_{i} \omega_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} \begin{cases} \leq \frac{2}{\sum_{i} \omega_i^{-1}} \omega_{max} \sum_{i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} = 0 \\ \geq \frac{2}{\sum_{i} \omega_i^{-1}} \omega_{min} \sum_{i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial x_j} = 0 \end{cases} = 0.$$

We thus find that  $L_2$  quasi-minimisation of the norm of the coefficient vector  $z_k$  gives coefficients  $\tau_k$  satisfying

$$\frac{1}{\tau_k^2} = \frac{1}{\tau_{k-1}^2} + \frac{1}{\omega_k}, \quad \tau_1^2 = \omega_1, \quad \text{where } \omega_k = \|s_k^t M^{-1} r_k\|_2.$$
 (113)

From the discussion in [87] we know that these  $\tau_k$  coefficients generate the (quasi) minimising residuals:

$$\tau_{k+1}^{-2}g_{k+1} = \tau_k^{-2}g_k + \omega_k^{-1}r_{k+1}.$$

We summarise the resulting algorithms in figure 3.

**Lemma 62** Let G be a residual smoothing sequence, that is, let  $G = RB^{-1}$ , where R is a residual sequence and B is upper triangular. If every  $g_i$  is the minimum norm combination of  $r_i$   $(j \le i)$ , then B is bidiagonal.

Proof: Let AR = RH be the defining relation for the residual sequence R, let  $\Omega$  be the diagonal matrix with  $\omega_i = ||r_i||$ , let  $N = R\Omega^{-1}$  be the normalised residuals, and let  $\tilde{H} = \Omega H \Omega^{-1}$  be the Hessenberg matrix satisfying  $AN = N\tilde{H}$ . Let  $\tilde{H} = QU$  and  $H = \hat{Q}\hat{U}$  be QR decompositions, and define  $D_Q = \text{diag}(\omega_1 q_{qi})$ .

With the results from section 9.3.1 and equation 34, we find that for a minimised sequence G:

$$G(J_I) = AR\Omega^{-1}U^{-1}D_Q||r_1||$$
  
=  $RH\Omega^{-1}U^{-1}D_Q||r_1||$   
=  $R(J-I)B_1^{-1}D_O||r_1||$ 

We now have that  $G(J-I)D_Q^{-1}B_1 = R(J-I)$ . Clearly,  $D_Q^{-1}B_1$  is upper bidiagonal. Using equation 33:

$$D_Q^{-1}B_1e = D_Q^{-1}Q^t\Omega(J-I)e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & & \\ 1 & * & * & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \omega_1e$$

it follows that  $D_Q^{-1}B_1$  also has constant row sums. By lemma 26 there is then an upper bidiagonal  $B_3$  such that  $GB_3(J-I)=R(J-I)$ . From this it follows that G is a residual smoothing method.

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Let A be a matrix, and let M be a preconditioner for A, and let b be given;
let x_1 by arbitrary, and r_1 = Ax_1 - b;
let s_1 = r_1 in the symmetric case, or arbitrary in the nonsymmetric case.
Iterate for i = 1, \ldots:
         let \rho_i = s_i^t M^{-1} r_i and \omega_i = r_i^* M^{-1} r_i
          calculate the smoothed solution and residual:
          if i = 1, \tau_1 = \rho_1, g_1 = r_1, y_1 = x_1
         otherwise, \tau_i = 1/(\tau_{i-1}^{-1} + \omega_i^{-1}) and y_i = \tau_i(\tau_{i-1}^{-1}y_{i-1} + \omega_i^{-1}x_{i-1}) g_i = \tau_i(\tau_{i-1}^{-1}g_{i-1} + \omega_i^{-1}r_{i-1})
          calculate search direction and update the original residual:
          if i = 1, p_i = r_i, (q_1 = s_1) in the nonsymmetric case, \tau_1 = \omega_1
          otherwise, \beta = \rho_i/\rho_{i-1}
                         p_i = r_i + \beta p_{i-1}
                         q_i = s_i + \beta q_{i-1} (nonsymmetric only)
                       \alpha = \rho_i/p_i^t A p_i
          with
         update x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha p_i
          and r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha A p_i
                    s_{i+1} = s_i - \alpha A^t q_i
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Figure 3: The residual smoothed conjugate or bi-conjugate gradient algorithm, for real and complex systems.

### **9.10 TFQMR**

Applying residual smoothing to the CGS method (see section 10) gives the Transpose-Free QMR method of Freund [34].

### 10 Polynomial squaring methods

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The Lanczos method can be characterised in general through right and left sequences R and S, generated by

$$AM^{-1}R = RH, \qquad A^tM^{-t}S = SK$$

where H and K are upper Hessenberg matrices. (In the scalar case, H and K are equal; in the block case see equations (67) and (68).) For the vectors in the sequences we have  $r_n = \rho_n (AM^{-1})r_1$  and  $s_n = \tilde{\rho}_n (A^tM^{-t})s_1$ , where  $\rho_n$  and  $\tilde{\rho}_n$  are n-1-st degree polynomials. (Again, in the scalar case for BiCG, H=K and  $\rho_n \equiv \tilde{\rho}_n$ ; see section 7.6 for the exact results that also hold in the block case.) Since presumably both the left and right residuals tend to zero, and

$$s_n^t M^{-1} r_n = (\rho_n (A^t M^{-t}) s_1)^t M^{-1} (\rho_n (A) r_1) = s_1^t M^{-1} (\rho_n^2 (A M^{-1}) r_1)$$

it may seem like a good idea to compute the sequence  $\rho_n^2(AM^{-1})r_1$  since, ideally, this sequence would have double the convergence speed of the original sequence. Here is why computing this sequence is possible.

### 10.1 Matrix derivation of polynomial squaring methods

Let X be a Krylov sequence of A, that is, AX = XJ, and let R consist of linear combination of the X sequence: R = XU. From the foregoing discussion we know that we have AR = RH with  $H = U^{-1}JU$ . For the n-th residual we have  $r_n = \rho_n(A)x_1$ ; see lemma 68 for more details.

We now define in each n-th step a new Krylov vector sequence  $Y^{(n)}$  by

$$Y^{(n)} = \rho_n(A)X \Rightarrow AY^{(n)} = Y^{(n)}J.$$

Using again the upper triangular matrix U to take linear combinations, this time from  $Y^{(n)}$ , we define  $S^{(n)}$  by

$$S^{(n)} = Y^{(n)}U \Rightarrow AS^{(n)} = S^{(n)}H.$$
 (114)

Note that the matrix H is the same as above, and in particular independent 10.2 of n.

The justification for these new sequences is that

$$y_1^{(n)} = r_n,$$
  $s_n^{(n)} = \rho_n(A)y_1^{(n)} = \rho_n^2(A)r_1.$ 

Sonneveld [72]'s Conjugate Gradients Squared was the first formulation of a computation of these squared sequences.

There is in fact an unused degree of freedom in the above method: we can choose a different upper triangular matrix V to form the linear combinations  $S^{(n)}$ , so that

$$S^{(n)} = Y^{(n)}V \Rightarrow AS^{(n)} = S^{(n)}K$$
 (115)

where  $K = V^{-1}JV$  is another Hessenberg matrix. One option would be to let the combinations V correspond to a steepest descent method; the resulting method by van der Vorst [76] is known as BiCG Stabilised.

In all polynomial squaring methods, H is the Hessenberg matrix of the Lanczos method, that is, its elements can be computed from the inner products  $s_i^t A r_j$ ,  $s_i^t r_j$  directly or indirectly. For the computation of these inner products the sequence S is not explicitly needed except for its first element. For instance,  $s_i^t r_i = s_1 \rho_i(A) \rho_j(A) r_1 = s_1^t r_i^{(j)}$ .

### 10.2 Coefficients in general Polynomial squaring methods

Consider a generalized Lanczos method with right and left residual sequences *R* and *S* and upper Hessenberg matrices *H* and *K* such that

$$AM^{-1}R = RH$$
 and  $A^tM^{-t}S = SK$ .

For these sequences there are corresponding sequences of polynomials  $\{\rho_i\}$  and  $\{\sigma_i\}$  so that (see lemma 69)  $r_i = \rho_i (AM^{-1})r_1$  and  $s_i = \sigma_i (A^t M^{-t})s_1$ , where the *i*-th polynomials have degree i-1. The Lanczos method uses the same polynomials for both sequences, so we will introduce a reference sequence  $\tilde{R}$  satisfying  $A^t M^{-t} \tilde{R} = \tilde{R}H$ ,  $\tilde{r}_1 = s_1$ , and when needed reference search directions  $\tilde{P}$  satisfying  $\tilde{P}U = M^{-t}\tilde{R}$ . Equivalently, the elements of these sequences are generated as

$$\tilde{r}_i = \rho_i(A^t M^{-t}) \tilde{r}_1.$$

We now consider the matter of computing the elements of H. While we are interested in having for instance the Lanczos coefficient

$$\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-1} r_i = \left( \rho_i (A^t M^{-t}) s_1 \right)^t M^{-1} \left( \rho_i (A M^{-1}) r_1 \right) = s_1^t M^{-1} \rho_i^2 (A M^{-1}) r_1, \tag{116}$$

the only thing we can reasonably compute is

$$s_1^t M^{-1} r_i^{(i)} = s_1^t M^{-1} \sigma_i (AM^{-1}) \rho_i (AM^{-1}) r_1$$
  
=  $(\sigma_i (A^t M^{-t}) s_1)^t M^{-1} (\rho_i (AM^{-1}) r_1)$   
=  $s_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ .

The key to retrieving the Lanczos coefficient is in comparing the left sequence  $s_i = \sigma_i(A^tM^{-t})s_1$  to the reference Lanczos left sequence  $\tilde{r}_i = \rho_i(A^tM^{-t})s_1$ , where  $\rho_i$  are the polynomials of the right sequence.

Since both are polynomial sequences, with the degrees of corresponding polynomials  $\sigma_i$  and  $\rho_i$  the same, there are upper triangular matrices

U and V such that

$$\tilde{R} = KU$$
,  $S = KV$  where  $K = K\langle A^t M^{-t}, s_1 \rangle$ ,

so the sequences are related by  $S = \tilde{R}U^{-1}V$ . This relation can be carried over to the coefficients. Below are two ways of using the computed quantities to retrieve the original Lanczos coefficients.

Defining the upper triangular matrix  $W = V^{-1}U$ , we find that

$$\tilde{R}^t M^{-1} R = W^t S^t M^{-1} R$$
 and  $\tilde{R}^t A R = W^t S^t A R$ ,

in which  $S^tR$  is lower triangular and  $S^tAR$  is of lower Hessenberg form. This implies that we can retrieve the inner products in equations (125) and (126) as

$$\tilde{r}_i^t r_i = w_{ii} s_i^t r_i$$
 and  $\tilde{r}_i^t A r_i = w_{ii} s_i^t A r_i + w_{i-1i} s_{i-1}^t A r_i$ .

The only remaining problem is computing the numbers  $w_{ii}$  and  $w_{i-1i}$ . Implementations of BiCGstab based on coupled two-term recurrences needs only  $w_{ii}$ .

The necessary elements of W follow from the equation VW = U:

$$w_{ii} = u_{ii}/v_{ii}$$
 and  $w_{i-1i} = (u_{i-1i} - v_{i-1i}w_{ii})/v_{i-1i-1}$  (117)

where we compute the elements of U from H by the recurrences

$$u_{i+1i+1}h_{i+1i} = u_{ii}$$
  
 $u_{ii+1}h_{i+1i} = u_{i-1i} - u_{ii}h_{ii}$ 

and similar formulas for computing V from K.

Using these formulas directly gives to a method that has a danger of leading quickly to floating point underflow. Therefore we note that we only need the ratios

$$\frac{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}{\tilde{r}_i^t r_i} = \frac{s_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}{s_i^t r_i} \cdot \frac{k_{i+1i}}{h_{i+1i}}$$
(118)

and

$$\frac{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1}}{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}} = \frac{s_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1}}{s_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}} + \frac{w_{ii+1}}{w_{i+1i+1}} \cdot \frac{s_i^t A r_{i+1}}{s_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}$$
(119)

in order to compute the Hessenberg matrix of the bi-conjugate gradient algorithm; see equation (127).

Similar formulas are arrived at by taking for W the inverse of the above choice.

Define then the upper triangular matrix  $W = V^{-1}U$ . This leads to

$$S^t R = W^t \tilde{R}^t R$$
 and  $S^t A R = W^t \tilde{R}^t A R$ .

Now we find for the inner products in equations (125) and (126) that

$$w_{ii}\tilde{r}_i^t r_i = s_i^t r_i$$

which leads again to formula (118), and

$$w_{ii}\tilde{r}_i^t A r_i = s_i^t A r_i - w_{i-1i}\tilde{r}_{i-1}^t A r_i.$$

which gives, analogous to by slightly differing from (119)

$$\frac{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1}}{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}} = \frac{s_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1}}{s_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}} + \frac{w_{ii+1}}{w_{i+1i+1}} \cdot \frac{\tilde{r}_i^t A r_{i+1}}{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}.$$
 (120)

However, computing according to equations (119) and (120) gives methods that first of all take an extra inner product, and secondly, turn out to be extremely numerically unstable<sup>17</sup>. Therefore we substitute for the first method

$$\frac{w_{ii+1}}{w_{i+1i+1}} = \frac{1}{k_{i+1i}} \left( \frac{u_{ii+1}}{u_{i+1i+1}} - \frac{v_{ii+1}}{v_{i+1i+1}} \right)$$

<sup>17.</sup> In fact, even on small, well-conditioned problems they stall or diverge within a few iterations.

and interchanging the roles of u and v for the second choice of w

$$\frac{w_{ii+1}}{w_{i+1i+1}} = \frac{1}{h_{i+1i}} \left( \frac{v_{ii+1}}{v_{i+1i+1}} - \frac{u_{ii+1}}{u_{i+1i+1}} \right).$$

Using some elementary relation about the Hessenberg matrices H and K, for instance

$$\tilde{r}_{i}^{t}Ar_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_{i+1}^{t}r_{i+1}h_{i+1i}$$

we then find for both choices of W

$$\frac{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1}}{\tilde{r}_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}} = \frac{s_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1}}{s_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}} + \frac{u_{ii+1}}{u_{i+1i+1}} - \frac{v_{ii+1}}{v_{i+1i+1}}.$$
 (121)

The normalized polynomial coefficients  $u_{ii+1}/u_{i+1i+1}$ ,  $v_{ii+1}/v_{i+1i+1}$  can be calculated recursively. For instance,

$$\frac{u_{ii+1}}{u_{i+1i+1}} = \frac{u_{i-1i}}{u_{ii}} - h_{ii}.$$
 (122)

but in practice we see no difference in numerical stability between using equation (121) directly, and modifying it with (122).

#### 10.3 Standard presentation of Polynomial Squaring methods

We will now present Polynomial Squaring methods based on coupled twoterm recurrences.

Denote in preconditioned bi-conjugate gradient-type methods left and right residuals by  $s_i$ ,  $r_i$  and left and right search directions by  $q_i$ ,  $p_i$ , and let M be the preconditioning matrix.

Assume that the left and right sequence are computed from tridiagonal Hessenberg matrices. The residuals and search directions are computed as

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i\alpha_i^{(r)}, \qquad p_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} + p_i\beta_i^{(r)},$$

and the left sequences of residuals and search directions are computed as

$$s_{i+1} = s_i - A^t q_i \alpha_i^{(\ell)}, \qquad q_{i+1} = M^{-t} s_{i+1} + q_i \beta_i^{(\ell)},$$

where  $\alpha_i^{(\ell)}$ ,  $\beta_i^{(\ell)}$  and  $\alpha_i^{(r)}$ ,  $\beta_i^{(r)}$  may be different for the left and right sequences. The coefficients for the right sequence are computed in the tra-

$$\alpha_i^{(r)} = s_i^t M^{-1} r_i / q_i^t A p_i, \qquad \beta_i^{(r)} = s_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1} / s_i^t M^{-1} r_i.$$

For the Conjugate Gradient Squared method we choose

$$lpha_i^{(\ell)} = lpha_i^{(r)} \equiv lpha_i, \qquad eta_i^{(\ell)} = eta_i^{(r)} \equiv eta_i.$$

For the BiConjugate Gradient Stabilized we make a different choice, where the left sequence  $s_i$  satisfies a two-term recurrence, namely determined by a steepest descent method, giving

$$\alpha_i^{(\ell)} \neq \alpha_i^{(r)}, \beta_i^{(\ell)} = 0.$$

There exist polynomials (see lemma 69)  $\rho_i$ ,  $\pi_i$ ,  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\chi_i$  of degree i-1 such that

$$r_i = \rho_i(AM^{-1})r_1, \quad p_i = M^{-1}\pi_i(AM^{-1})r_1,$$

and

$$s_i = \sigma_i(A^t M^{-t}) s_1, \quad q_i = M^{-t} \chi_i(A^t M^{-t}) s_1.$$

We find relations for the polynomials (again, see lemma 69)

$$\rho_{i+1}(x) = \rho_i(x) - x\pi_i(x)\alpha_i, \qquad \pi_{i+1} = \rho_{i+1} + \pi_i\beta_i.$$

For cgs the polynomials for the left and right sequences are identical. In bcgs we base the left sequence on the steepest descent method. This implies that the search directions are identical to the residuals, and for the left polynomials we find

$$\sigma_{i+1}(x) = \sigma_i(x) - x \chi_i \alpha_i^{(\ell)}, \qquad \chi_{i+1} = \sigma_{i+1}. \tag{123}$$

#### 10.3.1 Vector recurrences

The derivation of the squared residuals  $\sigma_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_i$ , and various auxiliaries, makes extensive use of the relations of equation (145) between polynomials. For compactness of the exposition we will mostly omit the polynomial argument  $AM^{-1}$ , that is, if we write  $\rho_i$  without an argument, an argument of  $AM^{-1}$  is implicitly assumed.

First a strictly auxiliary quantity:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
\boxed{1}_{i+1} & \stackrel{D}{=} & \chi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i+1} \\
&= & \chi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_i - \chi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}Ap_i\alpha_i^{(r)} \\
&= & \chi_i(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_i - M^{-1}A\chi_i(M^{-1}A)p_i\alpha_i^{(r)} \\
&= & \left\{ \boxed{3}_i - M^{-1}A\boxed{4}_i\alpha_i^{(r)} & CGS \\
\boxed{2}_i - M^{-1}A\boxed{4}_i\alpha_i^{(r)} & BiCGstab \end{array} \right.$$

Next the squared residual:

where we used that

$$\sigma_{i}(M^{-1}A)p_{i} = \sigma_{i}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}\pi_{i}r_{1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} M^{-1}\sigma_{i}\pi_{i}r_{1} = M^{-1}\pi_{i}\sigma_{i}r_{1} = \pi_{i}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}\sigma_{i}r_{1} \\ = \pi_{i}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i} = \boxed{3}_{i} \end{cases} CGS$$

$$\chi_{i}(M^{-1}A)p_{i} = \boxed{4}_{i} BiCGstab$$

The next quantity is not needed for BiCGstab, since by  $\chi_i \equiv \sigma_i$  it is equal to the previous:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\boxed{3}_{i+1} & \stackrel{D}{=} & \chi_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i+1} \\
& = & \sigma_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i+1} + \chi_{i}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i+1}\beta_{i}^{(\ell)} \\
& = & \boxed{2}_{i+1} + \boxed{1}_{i+1}\beta_{i}^{(\ell)} & \text{CGS only}
\end{array}$$

For the squared search directions we find

(now, for CGS use

$$\sigma_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)p_{i+1} = M^{-1}\sigma_{i+1}\pi_{i+1}r_1 = M^{-1}\pi_{i+1}\sigma_{i+1}r_1$$
  
=  $\pi_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i+1} = \boxed{3}_{i+1};$ 

for BiCGstab use

$$\sigma_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)p_{i+1} = \sigma_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)(M^{-1}r_{i+1} + p_i\beta_i^{(r)})$$

$$= \boxed{1}_{i+1} + (\sigma_i(M^{-1}A) + M^{-1}A\chi_i(M^{-1}A)\alpha_i^{(\ell)})p_i\beta_i^{(r)}$$

$$= \boxed{1}_{i+1} + (\chi_i(M^{-1}A) + M^{-1}A\chi_i(M^{-1}A)\alpha_i^{(\ell)})p_i\beta_i^{(r)}$$
In CGS, we take the same update for the left of all  $\alpha_i^{(\ell)} \equiv \alpha_i^{(r)}$  and  $\beta_i^{(\ell)} \equiv \beta_i^{(r)}$ .

to find:)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} = \begin{cases} 3 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + \chi_i(M^{-1}A)(M^{-1}r_{i+1} + p_i\beta_i^{(r)})\beta_i^{(\ell)} & \text{For in} \\ = 3 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + (1) \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} \beta_i^{(r)}\beta_i^{(\ell)} & \text{CGS} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + (4) \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} + 4 \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A \end{bmatrix}_{i+1} A$$

In order to start the algorithm off, we note that from  $\rho_1(M^{-1}A)r_1 = r_1$ :

$$\rho_1(x) = \sigma_1(x) = \pi_1(x) = \chi_1(x) = 1,$$

giving

$$2_1 = 3_1 = 4_1 = M^{-1}r_1,$$

and we enter the iteration loop by computing  $1_{i+1}$  for i = 1.

**Question:** *Derive the solution update.* 

**Question:** Derive error estimate in each iteration.

#### 10.3.2 Work estimates

The amount of work per iteration for both methods consists of two matrixvector products and preconditioner solves, performed in the computation of  $\lfloor 1 \rfloor_{i+1}$  and  $\lfloor 2 \rfloor_{i+1}$ . In BiCGstab, the vector  $M^{-1}A \lfloor 4 \rfloor_i$ , computed for the construction of  $\boxed{1}_{i+1}$ , can be reused in the construction of  $\boxed{4}_{i+1}$ . Additionally, for cgs there are 6 vector additions or vector-plus-scalartimes-vector operations, for bcgs there are 4 such operations. Updating the iterate takes one extra vector operation (analogous to updating | 2|) for cgs and two (corresponding to update |1|, and |2|) for bcgs.

 $= \boxed{1}_{i+1} + (\chi_i(M^{-1}A) + M^{-1}A\chi_i(M^{-1}A)\alpha_i^{(\ell)})p_i \overset{\text{In CGS, we take the same update for the left and right sequence, so first by a discontinuous of the left and right sequence, so first by a discontinuous dis$ 

For the computation of the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  scalars we need the  $\tilde{r}_i^t M^{-1} r_i$  and  $\tilde{p}_i^t A p_i$ inner products. Using the vectors derived above,

$$\tilde{r}_{i}^{t}M^{-1}r_{i} = (\sigma_{i}(A^{t}M^{-t})\tilde{r}_{1})^{t}M^{-1}r_{1} = \tilde{r}_{1}^{t}\sigma_{i}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_{i} = \tilde{r}_{1}^{t}\boxed{2}_{i},$$

and

$$\tilde{p}_{i}^{t}Ap_{i} = \tilde{r}_{1}^{t}\chi_{i}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}Ap_{i} = \tilde{r}_{1}^{t}M^{-1}A\tilde{\pi}_{i}(M^{-1}A)p_{i} = \tilde{r}_{1}M^{-1}A \boxed{4}_{i}.$$

Note that  $M^{-1}A|4|_i$  is computed in the above algorithm.

# 10.3.4 Full CGS algorithm

We give the full CGS algorithm in algorithm 7.

Algorithm: Conjugate Gradients Squared

**Algorithm 7** Let A, M, and  $x_1$  be given. Compute  $r_1 = Ax_1 - b$  and  $p_1 = 10.4$   $M^{-1}r_1$ . Now iterate for i = 1, ...:

- Compute one dot product  $\rho_i = r_1^t M^{-1} r_i$ , and, if i > 1,  $\beta_i = \rho_i/\rho_{i-1}$ .
- If i > 1, compute a temporary  $\boxed{3}_i$ :

$$s = r_i + q_{i-1}\beta_i.$$

• Update the squared search directions  $\boxed{4}_i$  for i > 1:

$$p_i = s + (q_i + p_i \beta_i) \beta_i.$$

• Compute the product  $M^{-1}Ap_i$  with the search directions, and use it for the scalars

$$\pi_i = r_1^t M^{-1} A p_i, \qquad \alpha_i = \rho_i / \pi_i.$$

• Update the auxiliary quantity  $\boxed{1}_i$ , using the product  $M^{-1}Ap_i$  already computed:

$$q_i = p_i - M^{-1} A p_i \alpha_i.$$

Compute the update vector

$$t = (p_i + q_i)\alpha_i$$

and use it to update the solution

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - t,$$

and residual  $\boxed{2}_{i+1}$ :

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - M^{-1}A * t$$

where for the residual update we perform the second multiplication by  $M^{-1}A$ .

We give the algorithm as Matlab code in section A.2.

# 10.3.5 Computation of coefficients in BiCGstab

# 10.4 Three-term recurrence derivation Conjugate Gradient Squared

For expository purposes it is most convenient to derive first the version of Conjugate Gradients Squared based on three-term recurrences, and without preconitioning. We present the practically preferred versions of CGS and BiCGstab, based on coupled two-term recurrences, and with preconditioning, in section 10.3.

Naturally, we do not wish to build the whole sequence  $S^{(n)}$  (see equation (115)) in the *n*-th step. It turns out that of each  $S^{(n)}$  we need only four elements<sup>18</sup>.

The residual polynomials  $\pi_n$  are related by

$$\pi_{n+1}(t)h_{n+1n} + \pi_n(t)h_{nn} + \pi_{n-1}(t)h_{n-1n} = t\pi_n(t); \tag{124}$$

(see lemma 68). From this we find that

$$S^{(n+1)}h_{n+1n} + S^{(n)}h_{nn} + S^{(n-1)}h_{n-1n} = AS^{(n)}$$

and combining this with (114) we find the following computation:

$$\begin{array}{lll} s_{n-1}^{(n+1)}h_{n+1n} & = & As_{n-1}^{(n)} - (s_{n-1}^{(n)}h_{nn} + s_{n-1}^{(n-1)}h_{n-1n}) \\ s_{n}^{(n+1)}h_{n+1n} & = & As_{n}^{(n)} - (s_{n}^{(n)}h_{nn} + s_{n}^{(n-1)}h_{n-1n}) \\ s_{n+1}^{(n+1)}h_{n+1n} & = & As_{n}^{(n+1)} - (s_{n}^{(n+1)}h_{nn} + s_{n-1}^{(n+1)}h_{n-1n}) \\ s_{n+2}^{(n+1)}h_{n+2n+1} & = & As_{n+1}^{(n+1)} - (s_{n+1}^{(n+1)}h_{n+1n+1} + s_{n}^{(n+1)}h_{nn+1}) \end{array}$$

where the left hand sides are computed in the order stated. In the last two steps we perform a matrix-vector product; the results of these can be reused in the first two steps of the next iteration. We see that this method requires two matrix-vector products, but neither is with the transpose of the matrix.

<sup>18.</sup> This presentation is in the context of a tridiagonal matrix H generating the iterative method to be squared, as is the case with BiCG. More general methods may be possible.

For the computation of the coefficients of H we have to go back to the Lanczos method. In section 8.3 we saw that we need the expressions (now denoting the left sequence of residuals by  $\tilde{r}_n$ )

$$\tilde{r}_{n}^{t}Ar_{n}$$
 (74),  $\tilde{r}_{n}^{t}r_{n}$  (74) and (75).

From the above it is easy to see that

$$\tilde{r}_n^t r_n = \tilde{r}_1^t \pi_n^2(A) r_1 = \tilde{r}_1^t s_n^{(n)}, \qquad \tilde{r}_n^t A r_n = \tilde{r}_1^t A \pi_n^2(A) r_1 = \tilde{r}_1^t A s_n^{(n)}.$$

Thus the left sequence can be eliminated completely, and only its first element is ever needed. Using the above two expression, the elements of H can be computed, for instance as in equation (78).

## 10.4.1 Computation of coefficients in CGS

In the conjugate gradient squared method, the choices  $\rho_i \equiv \sigma_i$  and H = K are made, where the tridiagonal matrix H is chosen as the one generated by the Lanczos method. Denoting the left and right residuals of the Lanczos method by  $s_i$ ,  $r_i$ , we need the values of

$$s_i^t r_i = \left(\rho_i(A^t)r_1\right)^t \left(\rho_i(A)r_1\right) = r_1^t \rho_i^2(A)r_1 = r_1^t r_i^{(i)},\tag{125}$$

and

$$s_i^t A r_i = (\rho_i(A^t) r_1)^t A (\rho_i(A) r_1) = r_1^t A \rho_i^2(A) r_1 = r_1^t A r_i^{(i)}.$$
 (126)

The coefficients of *H* then follow from

$$h_{ii} = \frac{s_i A r_i}{s_i^t r_i}, \qquad h_{i-1i} = \frac{s_i r_i}{s_{i-1}^t r_{i-1}} h_{ii-1}, \qquad h_{i+1i} = -h_{ii} - h_{i-1i}.$$
 (127)

(For a survey of such identities, see [24].)

#### 10.4.2 Computation of coefficients in BiCGstab

The BiCGstab algorithm is based on taking a different recurrence in i direction from the one in j direction. While the latter one is still based on the matrix H from the Lanczos method, the former recurrence takes steepest descent steps. Thus, we perform the steepest descent update

$$r_{i+1}^{(i+1)} = r_i^{(i+1)} + \omega_i A r_i^{(i+1)}$$

with

$$\omega_i = -rac{r_i^{(i+1)^t} A r_i^{(i+1)}}{(A r_i^{(i+1)})^t (A r_i^{(i+1)})}.$$

In order to write this as a three-term recurrence

$$r_{i+1}^{(i+1)}k_{i+1i} + r_i^{(i+1)}k_{ii} + r_{i-1}^{(i+1)}k_{i-1i} = Ar_i^{(i+1)}$$

we choose  $k_{i-1i} = 0$ , and

$$k_{i+1i} = -k_{ii} = 1/\omega_i$$
.

#### 11 Arnoldi methods

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In this monograph we have repeatedly considered the Arnoldi orthogonalisation, that is, generating a sequence R that is orthogonal to itself under some inner product. Usually we considered the case where R was a residual sequence.

There is another application for the Arnoldi method. If

$$AV = VH$$
 and  $V^tV = I$ 

then

$$V^t A V = H \tag{128}$$

is a similarity transformation to upper Hessenberg (or in case of symmetry, tridiagonal) form. Many eigenvalue methods perform this reduction as a preliminary step.

In this section we will investigate what is usually termed the 'Arnoldi method', which is the above similarity transformation. Methods based on Arnoldi orthogonalisation that generate residual sequences are considered in section 9.

## 11.1 The Arnoldi algorithm

Here we will give the algorithm for the Arnoldi similarity transformation equation (128); we will immediately formulate it in block form, where each vector is of size  $n \times b$ .

Algorithm: Arnoldi reduction to Hessenberg form

**Algorithm 8** Let a matrix A and a vector  $v_1$  be given.

1. Assume inductively that

$$v_i^t v_i = I_{b \times b}$$
 and  $\forall_{j < i} : v_j^t v_i = 0_{b \times b}$ .

- 2. Let  $u \leftarrow Av_i$ .
- 3. For all  $j \le i$  modify

$$u \leftarrow u - v_j(v_j^t u)^{-1}$$
.

4. Let w be square of size  $b \times b$  such that  $u^t u = (ww^t)^{-1}$ , and define

$$v_{i+1} \leftarrow uw$$
.

In sum.

$$v_{i+1}w = Av_i - \sum_{j \le i} v_j (v_j^t u)^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Av_i = v_{i+1}w + \sum_{j \le i} v_j (v_j^t u)^{-1},$$

which gives us the coefficients of the Hessenberg matrix relating the various quantities in AV = VH.

One easily sees that step 3 guarantees that  $v_{i+1}$  is inductively orthogonal to all  $v_j$  with  $j \le i$ ; step 4 guarantees that  $v_{i+1}^t v_{i+1} = I_{b \times b}$ . In the scalar case, w is simply  $\pm 1/\sqrt{u^t u}$ ; in the block case we make a QR decomposition u = qr, and choose  $w = r^{-1}$ . QR decompositions are uniquely determined up a diagonal matrix D satisfying  $D^2 = I$ .

This process is needed in the GMRES algorithm (section 9.5). We can analyze its breakdown as follows:

- The orthogonalisation in step 3 can be omitted if  $v_j^t u = 0$ , so this step can not break down.
- In step 4 the occurrence of  $ww^t = 0$  implies that we have found an invariant subspace, so by corollary 22 we can form the solution to the linear system.

#### 11.2 Characterisation of the Arnoldi sequence

Based on a Krylov sequence K, many sequences can be formed by taking combinations R = KU. The sequences are completely characterised by the upper triangular matrix U; for the subset of the residual sequences the only restriction on U is that  $u_{1j} \equiv 1$ . We now address the question how to characterise the Arnoldi sequence – which is not a residual sequence – in terms of its matrix U. Since the Arnoldi sequence is uniquely determined (up to signs) from the first vector (section 11.1), there has to be a matrix U, unique up to sign scaling, derivable from the Krylov sequence.

The determining characteristic of the Arnoldi sequence is that it satisfies  $V^tV = I$ . Since the Arnoldi sequence is a combination V = KU of the Krylov sequence, we have

$$U^t K^t K U = I \quad \Rightarrow \quad U^{-t} U^{-1} = K^t K,$$

that is, U is the inverse Cholesky factor of the moments matrix  $K^tK$ .

For the Arnoldi sequence,  $K = VU^{-1}$  is a QR factorisation of the Krylov sequence. This is unique up to scaling as  $V \leftarrow VD$  and  $U^{-1} \leftarrow DU^{-1}$  by a diagonal matrix D with  $D^2 = I$ . In  $K^tK = U^{-t}U^{-1}$  this diagonal scaling drops out.

The Hessenberg matrix H in AV = VH is  $H = U^{-1}JU$ . This makes H determined up to scaling DHD. In particular, the diagonal of H is invariant.

Uniqueness of Arnoldi method

**Lemma 63** If  $AV_1 = V_1H_1$  with  $V_1^tV_1 = I$  and  $AV_2 = V_2H_2$  with  $V_2^tV_2 = I$ , then there is a diagonal matrix D with  $D^2 = I$  such that

$$V_1 = V_2 D$$
,  $H_1 = DH_2 D$ .

Alternative deriviation. The Arnoldi sequence V satisfies an equation AV = VH just like all sequences that are derived by taking combinations of a Krylov sequence; see lemma 29. From this, we find  $V^tAV = H$ . Now use equation (31):  $H = U^{-1}JU$ , where V = KU, to find

$$V^{t}AV = \begin{cases} H = U^{-1}JU \\ U^{t}K^{t}AKU = U^{t}K^{t}KJU \end{cases}$$

from which

$$K^t K = U^{-t} U^{-1}.$$

This requires a little care. We can only partly 'divide out' the singular matrix JU. At first it gives us that the result holds from the second column onward. Because of symmetry it then also holds from the second row down. And now for the (1,1) component...

# 11.3 Orthogonalisation of the Krylov sequence

Iterative methods based on Arnoldi orthogonalisation perform a substantial number of orthogonalisation steps in each iteration. The Blas1 operations associated with this are quite inefficient on most computers. We will discuss two strategies of improving the performance of Arnoldi-based methods.

Apart from the Gram-Schmidt-based strategies below, there is also the possibility of using Householder reflections [82].

## 11.3.1 Gram-Schmidt and modified Gram-Schmidt in Arnoldi methods

The orthogonalisation in each iteration of GMRES or OrthoDir can be desribed as in figure 4, which is a Modified Gram-Schmidt process. The

```
w \leftarrow Av_i
for j < i
let \delta_j = (w, v_j)
update w \leftarrow w - \delta_j v_j.
v_{i+1} = w/||w||
```

Figure 4: Modified Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation

inner products and vector updates performed here are all Blas1 operation, hence relatively inefficient on most computers. Also, their interdependence implies a large number of synchronisation points in a parallel context

An easy way to increase the efficiency of the orthogonalisation process is to use a classical Gram-Schmidt process as in figure 5. Performing the inner products and updates in a block manner raises the execution efficiency to Blas2 level, and all inner products can be combined in a single

```
w \leftarrow Av_i
for j < i
let \delta_j = (w, v_j)
for j < i
update w \leftarrow w - \delta_j v_j.
v_{i+1} = w/||w||
```

Figure 5: Classical Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation

global reduction operation. Unfortunately, this method is less numerically stable; see [9, 10, 18].

**Question:** How do the Hessenberg matrices relate for the two variants?

A solution, proposed in [18], is to re-orthogonalise in case of proven large numerical errors; see figure 6. The tolerance parameter  $\eta$  to base the re-

```
\begin{split} w &\leftarrow A v_i \\ \text{label:ortho} \\ \text{for } j &< i \\ &\text{let } \delta_j = (w, v_j) \\ \text{for } j &< i \\ &\text{update } w \leftarrow w - \delta_j v_j. \\ \text{if } \|w\| &< \eta \|(\dots \delta_j \dots)\| \\ &\text{repeat once from label ortho.} \\ v_{i+1} &= w/\|w\| \end{split}
```

Figure 6: Classical Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation

orthogonalization decision on can be fairly modest, e.g.,  $1/\sqrt{2}$ . The  $\eta$  test tests for the occurrence of cancellation.

Since the coefficients arising here have to be stored in a Hessenberg matrix, we derive the effect of this double orthogonalisation. Let  $v_i$ , i = 1 ... n be orthogonal, and let  $u = Av_n$ . Then:

$$u' = u - \sum_{i}^{n} \alpha_{i} v_{i}, \quad \alpha_{i} = \frac{v_{i}^{t} u}{v_{i}^{t} v_{i}} v_{i}$$

$$u'' = u' - \sum_{i}^{n} \beta_{i} v_{i}, \quad \beta_{i} = \frac{v_{i}^{t} u'}{v_{i}^{t} v_{i}} v_{i}$$

$$= u - \sum_{i}^{n} (\alpha_{i} + \beta_{i}) v_{i}$$

After scaling  $v_{n+1} = u''/\gamma_n$  (we leave open the possibility that the  $v_i$  vectors are not normalised), we get

$$Av_n = v_{n+1}\gamma_n + \sum_{i}^{n} (\alpha_i + \beta_i)v_i.$$

An approach in between Classical and Modified Gram-Schmidt is the Block Gram-Schmidt algorithm [43]; figure 7. Here all vectors are block

$$W \leftarrow AV_i$$
 for  $j < i$  
$$\Delta_j = V_i^t W$$
 
$$W \leftarrow W - V_i \Delta$$

Figure 7: Block Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation

vectors. If  $V_i$  is a true block vector, this algorithm uses Blas3 operations,  $\bullet$  otherwise the inner products and updates are still of Blas2 level.

Vanderstraeten [79] proposes to let the size of the  $V_i$  blocks be dynamically determined by their condition, which can be efficiently estimated from the R matrices of their QR factorisations; [8]. The algorithm is given in figure 8.

```
w \leftarrow Av_i for j < p orthogonalise w again block V_j V_p \leftarrow [V_p, w] if the condition of V_p is too large, start building a new V block, otherwise, continue adding to this block
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Figure 8: Dynamic Block Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation

# 11.3.2 After-the-fact orthogonalisation

All algorithms discussed in this monograph alternate the matrix-vector product and the orthogonalisation of the result to the previously generated vectors. It is possible to generate an initial part  $K_n$  of the Krylov sequence and orthogonalise this as a whole, using a QR decomposition. Writing this decomposition as

$$K_n = V_n U_n^{-1}$$

we thus derive an orthonormal  $V_n$ , which can be scaled to a residual sequence (section 16.11), or used in a GMRES method (section 9.5). The Hessenberg matrix can be constructed as  $H = U^{-1}JU$ ; see equation (31).

This procedure is not recommended for any large values of n, since round-off will steer the  $k_i$  vectors towards the largest eigenvector. However, for moderate values there may be a performance advantage to this approach:

- The construction of  $U_n$  is now done as a whole, and not by updating, column by column. Thus, a Blas 3 kernel can be used for the QR decomposition. Experience shows that, because of register blocking, already for n = 4 Blas3 routines may outperform Blas2 ones.
- In parallel it is possible to pipeline the matrix-vector products.

For this, the processors exchange enough boundary information that several products can be performed by purely local operations. This procedure does involve some redundant operations. See [?] for details.

• There are other considerations of cache reuse that make this algorithm attractive; see [14].

Instead of deriving the Krylov sequence itself, one could use an inner product-free method such as Chebyshev semi-iteration prior to the block orthogonalisation. This was proposed by de Sturler [21].

## 11.4 Reduction to Hessenberg form by Householder reflections

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

In this monograph we extensively studied the reduction of a matrix to Hessenberg form by forming the Lanczos basis. Such a reduction can also be effected by Housholder reflections. The two reductions are related, and in this section we study precisely how.

The matlab code for various algorithms is in section A.4.

#### 11.4.1 Basic ideas of Householder reflectors

Let *u* be a normalised vector, and define the Householder reflector  $Q_u = I - 2uu^t$  which has the properties

$$Q_u u = -u, \qquad v \perp u \Rightarrow Q_u v = v, \qquad Q_u = Q_u^t = Q_u^{-1}.$$

Now let v and w be vectors with the same norm, and let  $u = (v - w)/\|v - w\|$ , then  $Q_u$  has the properties

$$Q_u v = w,$$
  $Q_u w = v,$   $z \perp v - w \Rightarrow Q_u z = z.$ 

Proof: write 
$$v = (v+w)/2 + (v-w)/2$$
;  $Qv = Q(v+w)/2 + Q(v-w)/2 = (v+w)/2 - (v-w)/2 = w$ .

We can now effect a reduction AV = VH of an arbitrary A to upper Hessenberg form as follows. Let

$$a \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ a_{21} \\ a_{31} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad b = ||a|| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then, with  $u = (a-b)/\|a-b\|^{19}$ ,

$$Q_{u}A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & * & \cdots & * \\ * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \end{pmatrix}, \qquad Q_{u}AQ_{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & * & \cdots & * \\ * & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the symmetric case,  $Q_uAQ_u$  will also have zeros in the top row, corresponding to those in the first column.

with, in terms of elements of  $A_2$ ,

$$a \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a_{32} \\ a_{42} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n2} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad b = ||a|| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this manner we get a reduction to Hessenberg form:

$$Q_n \cdots Q_1 A Q_1 \cdots Q_n = H$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $AQ = QH \text{ with } Q = Q_1 \cdots Q_n.$ 

In the symmetric case this is a reduction to tridiagonal form. We note that the matrix Q has the special form

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & * & \cdots & * \end{pmatrix}$$
 (129)

#### 11.4.2 Relation to Lanczos vectors

We now study the relation between the above reduction to Hessenberg form by Householder reduction, and the reduction by forming an Arnoldi basis as studied in most of this monograph.

First of all, we note from equation (129) that in the reduction AV = VH by Householder reflectors  $v_1 = e_1$ , so this reduction is equivalent to applying an Arnoldi process with the first unit vector as starting point.

Conversely, let u and v be normalised vectors and Q a Householder reflec-Now call  $Q_1 \equiv Q_u$ , and repeat this story on the remaining matrix  $A_2 \equiv Q_1 A Q_1$  for with v = Qu, and define  $\hat{A} = QAQ$ , which is a similarity transformation, then

$$Av = AQu = Q\hat{A}u, \quad \dots \quad , A^nv = Q\hat{A}^nu$$

and

$$Au = Q\hat{A}Qu = Q\hat{A}v, \quad \dots \quad , A^nu = Q\hat{A}^nv$$

In other words, the Krylov space  $K = K\langle A, \nu \rangle$  can be found by applying a reflector to  $\hat{K} = K\langle \hat{A}, u \rangle$ , and vice versa.

Applying this converse statement to the Lanczos starting vector  $q_1$ , we note that

$$Q^{t}A^{k}q_{1} = (Q^{t}AQ)^{k}Q^{t}q_{1} = H^{k}e_{1},$$

SO

$$Q^{t}K\langle A,q_{1}\rangle=K\langle H,e_{1}\rangle.$$

Another relation statement. Suppose AQ = QH is any reduction to Hessenberg form by an orthonormal Q, for instance as a Lanczos basis. The Q matrix obtained from the reduction by Householder reflectors has the special form of equation (129), so let  $Q_e$  be a reflector that transforms  $q_1$ into  $e_1$ . Define  $\hat{Q} = Q_e Q$ , which is of the desired form, and which is orthonormal again. Then

$$AQ = QS \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q_{\rho}AQ_{\rho}\hat{Q} = \hat{Q}H.$$

<sup>19.</sup> If a and b are already close, we expect a large roundoff error. Hence it may be preferable to choose  $b = -\text{sign}(a_{21}) ||a|| e_2$ . For more on roundoff analysis of Householder reflectors, see Golub and Van Loan [38], and Wilkinson [86].

It would have been more interesting if we could have transformed the which is strictly lower triangular. The  $Q_i$  matrices are of the form Lanczos basis reduction of A into a Householder reflector basis of A. However, this would imply that after solving one linear system we could solve any other system by a simple transformation of the Lanczos basis. It is unlikely that this can be done.

## Retrieving Householder vectors from the Lanczos basis

We will now consider the problem of reconstructing the Householder vectors from the Lanczos basis.

In our first approach we assume that the whole Lanczos basis is available.

Let Q be an orthonormal matrix of the form (129). From the observation that the second column is  $e_2 - u_{11}u_1$ , where  $u_1$  is the first Householder vector, we can easily compute  $u_1$ . Since  $Q = Q_1 Q_2 \cdots$  and  $Q_i = Q_i^{-1} = Q_i^t$ , we get  $Q_2Q_3\cdots=Q_1Q$ . Now we can iterate this process to find the second Householder vector,  $u_2$ , and eliminate  $Q_2$  from the product.

It is also possible to reconstruct the Householder vectors incrementally.

Let

$$Q = [q_1, \ldots, q_n]$$

be the Lanczos basis. For Q we also have  $Q = \prod Q_i$  where  $Q_i = I - u_i u_i^t$ . Summarise the  $u_i$  vectors in

$$U = [u_1, \ldots, u_n]$$

The first Householder vector,  $u_1$ , can be found from the second column of  $Q_1$ , which stays intact in the final matrix Q.

For the second Householder vector we consider the third column of Q, which is also the third column of  $Q_1Q_2$ . It is formed from the third column of  $Q_2$ , which is  $-u_2u_{22} + e_3$ , and the rows of  $Q_1$ , which are

$$(Q_1)_{k,*} = -u_{k1}u_1^t + e_k^t.$$

As a result we get

$$q_{3} = (-u_{*1}u_{1}^{t} + e^{*t})(-u_{2}u_{22} + e_{3})$$

$$= u_{*1}u_{1}^{t}u_{2}u_{22} - e_{*}^{t}u_{2}u_{22} - u_{*1}u_{1}^{t}e_{3} + e_{*}^{t}e_{3}$$

$$= u_{*1}(u_{1}^{t}u_{2}u_{22} - u_{13}) - u_{*2}u_{22} + \delta_{*3}.$$

In general we find  $q_{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} u_{*k} c_{kn} + e_{n+1}$ , which obviously can be inverted to

$$q_{n+1} = \sum_{k}^{n} q_{*k} c_{kn} + u_n \alpha_n + e_{n+1}.$$

This looks suspiciously like the Lanczos update formula.

#### 11.5 Implicitly restarted Arnoldi

Let  $AV_m = V_{m+1}H_{[m+1,m]} = V_mH_m + f_me_m^t$  and m = k + p. Find the eigenvalues of H and perform p = m - k steps of QR with the p wanted eigenvalues as shifts. This gives  $Q = Q_1 \cdots Q_p$ . From the observation that  $e_i^tQ_j \in [e_{i-1}, e_i, \ldots]$ , it follows that  $e_m^tQ = \alpha e_k + \cdots$ .

Define 
$$\tilde{V}_m = V_m Q$$
,  $\tilde{H}_m = Q^* H_m Q$ , then

$$A\tilde{V}_m = \tilde{V}_m \tilde{H}_m + f_m e_m^t Q$$
  
=  $\tilde{V}_m \tilde{H}_m + \tilde{f}_k e_k^t + \tilde{f}_{k+1} e_{k+1}^t + \cdots$ 

so the first k columns satisfy an Arnoldi relation:

$$A\tilde{V}_k = \tilde{V}_k \tilde{H}_k + \tilde{f}_k e_k^t$$

This can be used as the starting point of *p* further iterations.

## 12 Non orthogonality-based methods

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For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

There are various methods that do not base their workings on some form or orthogonality. In this section we discuss

- Stationary iteration, which reduces the residual in norm by a fixed factor in each iteration.
- Steepest descent, which in each iteration minimizes the residual along the search direction, which is taken as the gradient.
- Chebyshev semi-iteration, which achieves the maximal reduction of the residual in each iteration, based on an estimate of the spectrum.

#### 12.1 Iterative refinement

Given a system  $A\bar{x} = f$  and  $M \approx A$ , set  $x_1 = M^{-1}f$ , and define  $r_1 = Ax_1 - f$  and  $e_1 = x_1 - \bar{x} = A^{-1}r_1$ , since  $\bar{x} = x_1 - A^{-1}r_1$ , we iterate  $x_2 = x_1 - M^{-1}r_1$ .

The terms iterative refinement is also used in the context of direct methods, where a system is solved a small number of times, without further parameters in the correction since the full matrix solve is close to the exact solve.

# 12.1.1 Propagation of error and residual

For the error  $e_n = x_n - x$  (where x is the exact solution of Ax = f) and the residual  $r_n = Ax_n - b$ , we have  $Ae_n = r_n$ , so

$$e_{n+1} - e_n = -M^{-1}Ae_n \Rightarrow e_{n+1} = (I - M^{-1}A)e_n = Ge_n$$
 (130)

and

$$r_{n+1} - r_n = AM^{-1}Ae_n = AM^{-1}r_n \Rightarrow r_{n+1} = (I - AM^{-1})r_n$$
 (131)

The operators are similar:

$$I - AM^{-1} = M(I - M^{-1}A)M^{-1} = A(I - M^{-1}A)M^{-1}.$$

#### 12.2 Rewrites of Stationary Iteration

The basic equation for polynomial iterative methods is

$$x_{n+1} - x_1 \in \text{Span}\{M^{-1}r_1, \dots, M^{-1}r_n\}$$

where M is a preconditioner matrix, or equivalently,

$$x_{n+1}-x_n \in \text{Span}\{M^{-1}r_1,\ldots,M^{-1}r_n\}.$$

For stationary iteration this becomes

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = -M^{-1}r_n.$$

Equivalently, with the splitting A = M - N and  $G = I - M^{-1}A = M^{-1}N$  the error propagation operator (equation 130),

$$x_{n+1} = Gx_n + (I - G)A^{-1}b = Gx_n + M^{-1}b.$$

The update equation  $x_{n+1} - x_n = -M^{-1}r_n$  is often written as  $M(x_{n+1} - x_n) = -rn$ . Rearranging the terms in this gives

$$Mx_{n+1} = Mx_n - r_n$$

$$= Ax_n - Nx_n - (Ax_n - b)$$

$$= Nx_n + b$$

To turn this around: the scheme  $Mx_{n+1} = Nx_n + b$  is an iterative method for the system (M - N)x = b. As a corollary, for any B

$$(M+B)x_{n+1} = (N+B)x_n - b$$

is also a method for (M - N)x = b.

If the splitting involves a scaling, for instance in SOR

$$(\omega^{-1}D + L)x_{n+1} = (\omega^{-1}D + U)x_n + b$$

this is also written as

$$(D + \omega L)x_{n+1} = (D + \omega U)x_n + \omega b.$$

## 12.3 Stationary Iteration with varying solver

Let varying splittings of the coefficient matrix be given, say

$$A = M_1 - N_1 = M_2 - N_2 = M_3 - N_3 = \dots$$

and let iterates be generated by

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - M_1^{-1} r_i$$

$$x_{i+2} = x_{i+1} - M_2^{-1} r_{i+1}$$

$$x_{i+3} = x_{i+2} - M_3^{-1} r_{i+2}$$
...

This process can be summarised as

$$x_{i+k} = x_i - M_{\sigma_k}^{-1} r_i$$

where  $M_{\sigma,k}^{-1}A$  is inductively determined by

$$x_{i+k} = x_{i+k-1} - M_k^{-1} r_{i+k-1} = x_{i+k-1} - M_k^{-1} (Ax_{i+k-1} - b)$$

$$= (I - M_k^{-1} A) x_{i+k-1} + M_k^{-1} b$$

$$= (I - M_k^{-1} A) (x_i - M_{\sigma,k-1}^{-1} r_i) + M_k^{-1} b$$

$$= x_i - M_k^{-1} (I - AM_{\sigma,k-1}^{-1}) r_i + M_{\sigma,k-1}^{-1} r_i$$

that is,

$$M_{\sigma,k}^{-1} = M_{\sigma,k-1}^{-1} + M_k^{-1} (I - AM_{\sigma,k-1}^{-1})$$
 (132)

This also describes the compound application process  $x_{i+k} = x_i + t_{i,k}$  with

$$t_{i,1} = M_1^{-1} r_i, t_{i,k} = t_{i,k-1} + M_k^{-1} (r_i - At_{i,k-1}).$$

Here is  $M_{\sigma,3}^{-1}$  explicitly:

$$M_{\sigma,3}^{-1} = \sum_{i=1} M_i^{-1} - \sum_{i_1 > i_2} M_{i_1}^{-1} A M_{i_2}^{-1} + M_3^{-1} A M_2^{-1} A M_1^{-1}.$$

The error propagator is

$$I - M_{\sigma,3}^{-1}A = (I - M_3^{-1}A)(I - M_2^{-1}A)(I - M_1^{-1}A)$$

with obvious extensions to more terms. Proof using equation (130). Here is another equivalent formula:

$$M_{\sigma,3}^{-1} = M_3^{-1} \left[ I + N_3 M_2^{-1} [I + N_2 M_1^{-1}] \right]$$
 (133)

again with obvious extensions to more terms; this is easily seen to be equivalent to (132).

From equation (133) we also get for the case  $x_0 = 0$ :

$$x_k = M_{\sigma,k}^{-1} f \Rightarrow M_k x_k = f + N_k M_{k-1}^{-1} [\cdots] f.$$
 (134)

Derive SSOR from forward/backward SOR

Example 1 Construct the forward and backward SOR splittings

$$A = D+L+U$$
  
=  $(D+L)-(-U)=M_1-N_1$   
=  $(D+U)-(-L)=M_2-N_2$ 

and combine them to form

$$M_{\sigma,2}^{-1} = M_1^{-1} + M_2^{-1} - M_2^{-1}AM_1^{-1} = M_2^{-1}N_2M_1^{-1} + M_2^{-1} = M_2^{-1}(N_2 + M_2)$$
  
=  $(D+U)^{-1}D(D+L)^{-1}$ 

**Remark 64** Symmetry and definiteness of compound preconditioners Suppose A and  $M_2$  are symmetric and  $M_1 = M_3^t$ . Then

$$A^{-1} - M_{\sigma,3}^{-1} = (I - M_3^{-1}A)(A^{-1} - M_2^{-1})(I - AM_1^{-1})$$
 (135)

so the resulting preconditioner is symmetric. This holds for any number of factors. Note that  $M_{\sigma,3}$  is symmetric but not necessarily positive definite, even if A and  $M_2$  are. A sufficient condition is (with inequalities in the application):

$$M_2 \ge A \Rightarrow A^{-1} - M_2^{-1} \ge 0 \Rightarrow A^{-1} - M_{\sigma,3}^{-1} \ge 0 \Rightarrow M_{\sigma,3} \ge A \ge 0.$$

## 12.4 Convergence of stationary iterative methods

The matrix framework that was used throughout this paper can also be applied to traditional stationary iterative methods and the steepest descent method (see for instance [?] and [39]).

Stationary iterative methods in their most basic form update an iterate as

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - M^{-1}r_n (136)$$

where  $r_n = Ax_n - f$  and M approximates A. Multiplying by A gives

$$r_{n+1} = r_n - AM^{-1}r_n = (I - AM^{-1})r_n(137)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{n+1} = (I - AM^{-1})^n r_1. \tag{138}$$

The error equation for  $e_n = x_n - x$  is likewise

$$e_{n+1} = (I - M^{-1}A)e_n.$$

Writing equation (137) on matrix form gives

$$AM^{-1}R = R(I - J),$$

that is, the Hessenberg matrix is of simply bidiagonal form, I - J.

Convergence of stationary iterative methods is governed by equation (138). The conclusion is that method converges if and only if  $\rho(I-AM^{-1}) < 1^{20}$ . In practical cases, this is a hard condition to satisfy. If A is an M-matrix coming from a second order PDE, and M is derived by a regular splitting, we find that  $\rho(I-AM^{-1}) = 1 - O(h^2)$  (methods such as Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel) or  $\rho(I-AM^{-1}) = 1 - O(h)$  (SOR with optimal relaxation parameter), where h is the mesh size.

<sup>20.</sup> Actually, this is convergence for all initial vectors. We can have convergence under less limited conditions if the righthand side and initial guess are in the right subspaces. However, because of roundoff this is pretty much irrelevant.

#### 12.5 Parametrisation: Richardson iteration

Parametrising equation (136) gives the Richardson iteration

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha_n M^{-1} r_n. (139)$$

This updating formula can be written in matrix form as

$$X(I-J) = M^{-1}RD$$

from which we find  $R(I-J) = AM^{-1}RD$ , and thus

$$AM^{-1}R = R(I - J)D^{-1}. (140)$$

From  $r_{n+1} = (I - \alpha_n A M^{-1}) r_n$  we get

$$r_{n+1} = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (I - \alpha_i A M^{-1}) r_1 = Q_n (A M^{-1}) r_1.$$

If we know the spectrum S of  $AM^{-1}$ , we can accelerate convergence by choosing the  $\alpha_i$  coefficients to minimize

$$\max_{t\in S}Q_n(t).$$

If  $AM^{-1}$  is definite, the optimal polynomial is the Chebyshev polynomial, and this method is known as the Chebyshev semi-iterative method. The above method can also handle indefinite problems.

#### 12.6 Steepest descent

The steepest descent follows from a particular choice of the iteration parameters in the Richardson scheme of equation (139). Of all possible search directions  $p_i$  in a general update scheme  $x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i p_i$ , the choice  $p_i = r_i$  gives the steepest descent direction; the value of  $\alpha_i$  is chosen to minimise the residual  $r_{i+1}$ . Specifically, the optimal parameter in the steepest descent method is

$$\alpha_i = r_i^t r_i / r_i^t A r_i \tag{141}$$

(See section 6.5 for the derivation.)

The line search used in the methods studied earlier in this monograph has the search direction a combination of earlier residuals. Krylov methods such as the Conjugate Gradient algorithm can then be regarded as generalisations of steepest descent where the search direction is in the span of previous residuals, in particular where the combination is such that the residual is orthogonal to all previous search directions; see equation (??).

# 12.7 Recovering CG from Stationary Iteration

After a process of stationary iteration, we have residuals satisfying

$$AM^{-1}R = R(I - J).$$

It is possible to reconstruct from these residuals the ones that would have been generated from a CG process. Both sets of residuals are combinations of the same Krylov sequence; they only differ in that CG residuals are orthogonal. It would then be possible to generate a number of steps of stationary iteration, and take convex combination of these afterwards (see lemma ??), in such a way as to minimise the residuals in a certain norm.

Thus, we are to find an upper triangular matrix U with column sums  $\equiv$  1 which makes for  $\bar{R} = RU$  the matrix  $\bar{R}M^{-1}\bar{R}$  diagonal. We can then form  $\bar{X} = XU$ , and these are the solution approximations from  $CG^{21}$ . The construction of U proceeds by a QR process, during which care is taken that all coefficients in a column sum to one.

This process incurs some storage overhead: in the most naive implementation, we need to retain both the residuals and iterates. Additionally, in order to make  $\bar{R}M^{-1}R$  diagonal, we need to have stored both the R and  $M^{-1}R$  sequence. However, this is an overestimate of the storage demands in practice. We will now sketch the actual implementation.

In typical stationary iterative methods we solve an equation of the form

$$(D+L)x^{(n+1)} = -Ux^{(n)} + b,$$

so the vectors  $r^{(n)}$  and  $M^{-1}r^{(n)}$  are never explicitly computed. However, we can derive  $M^{-1}r^{(n)}=x^{(n+1)}-x^{(n)}$  at minimal cost, and the coefficients  $Lx^{(n)}$  and  $-U^{(n)}+b$  are already computed, so assembling  $r^{(n)}$  is not very costly. A single relaxation parameter in the stationary iteration can also

be easily accomodated, though more complicated relaxations, such as by a diagonal matrix, take more work.

Also, since we are storing the  $M^{-1}R$  sequence, we can dispense with storing the iterates except for the first one.

In order to reconstruct MinRes and GMRES from stationary iteration, we use the fact that their residuals are orthogonal under the  $AM^{-1}$  inner product, so we store  $AM^{-1}R$  instead of  $M^{-1}R$ . The  $AM^{-1}r^{(n)}$  vectors can be derived as  $AM^{-1}r^{(n)} = r^{(n+1)} - r^{(n)}$ .

Of course, ultimately one wants to reconstruct the iterates of the other sequence, and not just the residuals. If the residuals of one method are convex combinations of those of another method, the iterates follow from the same combination process.

#### Convex combinations of iterates same as residuals

**Lemma 65** Let R and  $\bar{R}$  be residual sequences such that  $\bar{R} = RU$  where U has unit column sums, then the iterates sequences X and  $\bar{X}$  follow the same relation:  $\bar{X} = XU$ .

Proof: We can write in matrix notation  $R = AX - fe^t$  where  $e^t = (1,...)$ . Noting that  $e^tU = e^t$ , we get

$$ar{R} = RU \Leftrightarrow Aar{X} - fe^t = (AX - fe^t)U$$

$$= AXU - fe^t$$

which by nonsingularity of A gives the stated result.

<sup>21.</sup> We use the term CG generically: our algorithm also works for nonsymmetric matrices, where OrthoMin results; below we will explain how to derive MinRes and GMRES

#### 12.8 Chebyshev semi-iteration

If estimates of the spectrum of the coefficient matrix are known, that is 0 < a < b are known such that the spectrum is contained in [a,b], it is possible to construct the iteration polynomials such that the residual is minimized in each iteration.

The theory of this minimization process can be found in section 13.6.

The advantage of the Chebyshev method is that it does not use inner products during the iteration process.

Extension of the Chebyshev method to nonsymmetric systems was discussed by Manteuffel [52]. A procedure for adaptively estimating the spectrum parameters was discussed by Manteuffel [53].

# 13 Polynomials

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In most of this monograph, we do not talk much about polynomials since most of the time any statement regarding them can be expressed in terms of matrices and vectors. This section will gather those results that are better expressed directly in terms of polynomials, or that translate between the polynomial results and the corresponding linear algebra expressions.

This is also where we discuss the convergence speed of conjugacy-based methods; the basic theory of Chebyshev polynomials is in the last section of this chapter (section 13.6).

# 13.1 Recap of earlier results

Lemma 8:

Let X be a sequence, and let the matrix A and the vector f be given. Define  $k_1 = Ax_1 - f$ , and let  $K = K\langle A, k_1 \rangle$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1.  $X = P(\lbrace \pi_i \rbrace_{i \geq 1}, A, x_0, f)$
- 2. There are polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  such that

$$X(J-I) = (\pi_1(A)k_1, \pi_2(A)k_1, \ldots).$$

3. There are polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  such that

$$X(J-E_1) = (\pi_1(A)k_1, \pi_2(A)k_1, \ldots).$$

4. There is an upper triangular matrix U such that

$$X(J-I) = KU$$
.

5. There is an upper triangular matrix U such that

$$X(J-E_1)=KU$$
.

#### Lemma 9:

Let a matrix A a vector f and a sequence X be given. Then

$$\exists_{\{\pi_i \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n})}\}} \colon X = P\langle \{\pi_i\}_{i \ge 1}, A, x_0, f \rangle$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists_{\{\phi_i \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n}, 1)}\}} \colon R\langle A, X, f \rangle = [\phi_i(A)r_1]$$

and the  $\phi_i$  and  $\pi_i$  polynomials are related by

$$\phi_{i+1}(x) = 1 + x\pi_i(x).$$

#### Theorem 32, item 7:

There are a nonsingular matrix M and polynomials  $\{\pi_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  such that

$$r_i = \pi_i(AM^{-1})r_1, \qquad \deg(\pi_i) = i - 1, \qquad \pi_i(0) = 1.$$

## 13.2 Orthogonal polynomials

Some standard theory of orthogonal polynomials [?].

Consider polynomials generated by a recurrence

$$\phi_{n+1} = \alpha_n t \phi_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_i \phi_i \tag{142}$$

with an inner product  $(\phi_i, \phi_j) = \int \phi_i(t)\phi_j(t)dt$  or  $(\phi_i, \phi_j) = \sum_k \phi_i(x_k)\phi_j(x_k)$ .

Orthogonal polynomials satisfy three-term recurrence

**Lemma 66** Let  $\{\phi_i\}$  be a sequence of orthogonal polynomials, that is,  $(\phi_i, \phi_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then the polynomials satisfy a three-term recurrence

$$\phi_{n+1}(t) = (\alpha_n t - \beta_n)\phi_n(t) - \gamma_n \phi_{n-1}(t), \qquad \phi_{-1} \equiv 0, \phi_0 \equiv A_0.$$
 (143)

Proof: Let

$$\phi_{n+1} = \alpha t \phi_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_i \phi_i.$$

From orthogonality,  $(\phi_{n+1}, \phi_k) = 0$  for  $k \le n$  iff

$$\alpha(\phi_k,t\phi_n)=\sum_i\beta_i(\phi_k,\phi_i)=\beta_k\|\phi_k\|.$$

This determines the coefficients  $\beta_k$ . If k < n - 1,  $(\phi_k, t\phi_n) = (t\phi_k, \phi_n) = 0$ , since  $t\phi_k$  has degree < n and  $\phi_n$  is orthogonal to all polynomials of lesser degree.

This lemma for orthogonal polynomials has an exact counterpart for residual sequences.

Residual sequences generated by symmetric matrix satisfy three-term recu**ntance** 

# **CG** polynomials

**Lemma 67** Let  $r_i$  be a sequence generated from

$$r_{n+1} = \alpha^{(n)} A r_n - \sum_{i}^{n} \beta_i^{(n)} r_i,$$

where A is symmetric. Then the vectors satisfy a three-term recurrence

$$r_{n+1} = (\alpha^{(n)}A - \beta_n^{(n)})r_n - \beta_{n-1}^{(n)}r_{n-1}.$$

Proof: Analogous to the above proof we determine the  $\beta$  coefficients as

$$\beta_k/\alpha = r_k^t A r_n/\|r_k\|^2.$$

We then observe that if *A* is symmetric and k < n - 1,

$$A^t r_k = A r_k \in [r_1, \ldots, r_{k+1}],$$

so  $r_k^t A r_n = 0$  for k + 1 < n.

This proof is essentially that of lemma 47: the full recurrence is expressed as AR = RH, from which by orthogonality of the  $r_i$  vectors

$$h_{kn} = \frac{r_k^t A r_n}{\|r_k\|^2}.$$

If *A* is symmetric, for k < n - 1

$$h_{kn} = \frac{\|r_n\|^2}{\|r_k\|^2} h_{nk} = 0.$$

**Question:** Where does symmetry come into the polynomials proof?

The update relations for CG are

$$M^{-1}r_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_i - M^{-1}Ap_i\alpha_i$$
  
 $p_i = M^{-1}r_i - p_{i-1}\beta_i$ 

Since all  $\alpha_i > 0$ ,

$$M^{-1}r_{i+1} = \rho_{i+1}(M^{-1}A)M^{-1}r_1$$

where

$$\rho_{i+1}(x) = (-1)^i | c_{i+1}^{(i+1)} + \cdots$$

That is, the coefficients of the highest exponent are of alternating sign. Contrast this with the Arnoldi procedure, where

$$z_{i+1} = c_{i+1}(Az_i - c_iz_i - \cdots$$

#### 13.4 Polynomials of search directions

We gather some results on the polynomials associated with residuals and search directions.

Residual polynomials satisfy recurrence with coefficients in H

**Lemma 68** Let R be a residual sequence satisfying AR = RH, and let polynomials  $\rho_i$  be such that  $r_i = \rho_i(A)r_1$ . Then:

$$h_{n+1n}\rho_{n+1}(t) = (t - h_{nn})\rho_n(t) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} h_{kn}\rho_k(t)$$

We present the following results in the context of Lanczos orthogonalization. For Arnoldi orthogonalization, the left sequence can simply be ignored.

Polynomials for residuals and search directions

**Lemma 69** Let residuals  $r_i$  and search directions  $p_i$ , and corresponding left sequences  $\tilde{r}_i$  and  $\tilde{p}_i$ , be defined by coupled two-term recurrences (theorem 32, item 5):

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i \alpha_i^{(r)}, \qquad p_i = M^{-1} r_i - p_{i-1} \beta_i^{(r)}$$

and

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_i - A^t \tilde{p}_i \alpha_i^{(\ell)}, \qquad \tilde{p}_i = M^{-t} \tilde{r}_i - \tilde{p}_{i-1} \beta_i^{(\ell)}.$$

There are polynomials  $\rho_i$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}_i$ ,  $\pi_i$ , and  $\tilde{\pi}_i$  of degree i-1, such that

$$\begin{cases} r_{i} = \rho_{i}(AM^{-1})r_{1}, & p_{i} = M^{-1}\pi_{i}(AM^{-1})r_{1} \\ \tilde{r}_{i} = \tilde{\rho}_{i}(A^{t}M^{-t})\tilde{r}_{1}, & \tilde{p}_{i} = M^{-t}\pi_{i}(A^{t}M^{-t})\tilde{r}_{1} \end{cases}$$
(144)

The polynomials satisfy recurrences

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{i+1}(x) = \rho_{i}(x) - x\pi_{i}(x)\alpha_{i}^{(r)} \\ \tilde{\rho}_{i+1}(x) = \tilde{\rho}_{i}(x) - x\tilde{\pi}_{i}(x)\alpha_{i}^{(\ell)} \\ \pi_{i+1}(x) = \rho_{i+1}(x) - \pi_{i}(x)\beta_{i}^{(r)} \\ \tilde{\pi}_{i+1}(x) = \tilde{\rho}_{i+1}(x) - \tilde{\pi}_{i}(x)\beta_{i}^{(\ell)} \end{cases}$$
(145)

Proof: This follows immediately from

$$r_{i+1} = \rho_i(AM^{-1})r_1 - AM^{-1}\pi_i(AM^{-1})\alpha_i^{(r)}r_1$$

and

$$p_{i+1} = M^{-1} \rho_{i+1} (AM^{-1}) r_1 - M^{-1} \pi_{i-1} (AM^{-1}) \beta_i^{(r)} r_1$$

(and similar for the left sequence) from which

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{i+1}(AM^{-1}) = \rho_{i}(AM^{-1}) + AM^{-1}\pi_{i}(AM^{-1})\alpha_{i}^{(r)}; \\ \tilde{\rho}_{i+1}(A^{t}M^{-t}) = \rho_{i}(A^{t}M^{-t}) + A^{t}M^{-t}\pi_{i}(A^{t}M^{-t})\alpha_{i}^{(\ell)} \\ M^{-1}\pi_{i+1}(AM^{-1}) = M^{-1}\rho_{i+1}(AM^{-1}) + M^{-1}\pi_{i}(AM^{-1})\beta_{i}^{(r)} \\ M^{-t}\tilde{\pi}_{i+1}(A^{t}M^{-t}) = M^{-t}\tilde{\rho}_{i+1}(A^{t}M^{-t}) + M^{-t}\tilde{\pi}_{i}(A^{t}M^{-t})\beta_{i}^{(\ell)} \end{cases}$$

#### 13.5 Constructing a sequence from a polynomial

Consider the scheme

$$r_i = Ax_i - b$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i r_i$$

The second line gives  $r_{i+1} = (I - \alpha_i A)r_i$ . Continuing,

$$r_{i+1} = P_i(A)r_1, \qquad P_i(x) = \Pi(1 - \alpha_i x).$$

This means that if we have a suitable polynomial and its zeros  $-\alpha_i^{-1}$ , we can apply it to construct a polynomial sequence. This is the basic idea behind Richardson iteration; section 12.5.

This could be a cool idea if more than one system with the same coefficient matrix is to be solved. The coefficients  $\alpha_i$  can be computed from the first system at some expenditure (for instance with a GMRES method), after which the other sequences can be solved at less expense.

#### 13.6 Chebyshev polynomials

From the trigonometric identity

$$\cos[(k+1)\theta] = 2\cos(\theta)\cos(k\theta) - \cos[(k-1)\theta] \tag{146}$$

we find that  $cos(k\theta)$  can be expressed as a polynomial of degree k in  $cos(\theta)$ . Proof by induction, where the cases k = 0, 1 are trivial.

Denoting these polynomials as

$$T_k(\cos \theta) = \cos(k\theta) \tag{147}$$

we get the Chebyshev polynomials. They satisfy the recurrence

$$T_0(x) = 1,$$
  $T_1(x) = x,$   
 $T_{k+1}(x) = 2T_k(x) - T_{k-1}(x)$ 

Obviously, we can extend the domain of definition beyond the interval [-1,1].

Since the function  $\cosh(k\theta)$  also satisfies the trigonometric recurrence equation (146), we find that

$$T_k(\cosh(\theta) = \cosh(k\theta))$$

and

$$T_k(x) = \begin{cases} \cos[k\cos^{-1}(x)] & \text{for } |x| \le 1\\ \cosh[k\cosh^{-1}(x)] & \text{for } x \ge 1\\ (-1)^k \cosh[k\cosh^{-1}(-x)] & \text{for } x \le -1 \end{cases}$$

or

$$T_k(x) = \frac{1}{2}[(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^k + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^k].$$

From equation (147) obviously

$$\begin{cases} \max_{|x| \le 1} |T_k(x)| = 1 \\ T_k(x_i) = (-1)^i & \text{for } x_i = \cos(i\pi/k). \end{cases}$$

Outside of the [-1,1] interval, the polynomials grow quickly. In a way, Now assume that  $P \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n},\mathbf{1})}$  is such that they grow quicker than any other polynomial. This is the basis for the standard Chebyshev minimization theorem.

Let 0 < a < b and consider the mapping  $x \mapsto (b+a-2x)/(b-a)$ ; this maps

Consider the shifted and scaled Chebyshev polynomial

$$\tilde{T}_k(x) = T_k \left( \frac{b+a-2x}{b-a} \right) / T \left( \frac{b+a}{b-a} \right);$$

the fact that  $T_k$  grows faster than any other polynomial is expressed by the fact that  $\tilde{T}_k$  is less than any other polynomial on the interval [a,b] among those polynomials that satisfy P(0) = 1.

**Theorem 70** Let 0 < a < b, let  $\mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n},\mathbf{1})}$  be the set of polynomials of degree n with P(0) = 1, and let  $\tilde{T}_n(x) = T_n((b+a-2x)/(b-a))/T((b+a-2x)/(b-a))$ a)/(b-a) be the scaled and shifted Chebyshev polynomial, then

$$\max_{x \in [a,b]} |\tilde{T}_n(x)| = \min_{P \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n})}} \max_{x \in [a,b]} |P(x)|$$

Proof: We will use the following properties of  $\tilde{T}_n$ :

$$\tilde{T}_n(0) = 1,$$

$$\begin{cases} a = x_0 < \dots < x_n = b \\ \forall_i : |\tilde{T}_n(x_i)| = M = \max_{x \in [a,b]} |\tilde{T}_n(x)| \end{cases}$$

(Just to stress the relevant bit, it is essential that the maximum value on [a,b] is assumed in n+1 points.)

$$\max_{x \in [a,b]} |P(x)| < M,$$

then in particular

$$\forall_i : |P(x_i)| < M.$$

This implies that with  $r = \tilde{T}_n - P$ :

$$P(x_i) > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r(x_i) > 0$$

$$P(x_i) < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r(x_i) < 0$$

Since r alternates on the k+1 points  $x_i$ , there must be k zeros  $y_i$ :

$$\forall_{i=0...k-1}: y_i \in (x_i, x_{i+1}) \text{ and } r(y_i) = 0.$$

However, r(0) = 0 too, so r is a polynomial of degree  $\leq k$  with k+1 zeros. By contradiction, no polynomial P with the stated properties can exist.

# 14 Convergence theory

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Combining lemma 9, which effectively says that all possible choices for the *i*-th residual are in the same subspace, and corrolary 41 which states that the orthogonal residual in minimal in that subspace, we get the statement that

$$||r_n||_{A^{-1}} = \min_{\pi_n \in \mathbf{P}^{(\mathbf{n})}} ||\pi_n(AM^{-1})r_1||.$$

For any given polynomial, we can bound the residual size by a bound on the spectrum.

Convergence is dominated by estimate of polynomial on spectrum

**Lemma 71** Let *S* be a set that contains the spectrum of  $AM^{-1}$ , let  $\{\pi_i\}$  be the polynomials of some polynomial iterative method, and let  $M_i$  be such that

$$\lambda \in S: |\pi_i(\lambda)| \leq M_i$$

then

$$||r_n|| \leq M||r_1||$$

Proof: This follows from  $r_n = \pi_n(AM^{-1})r_1$ .

This leads to the basic theorem of CG convergence.

Convergence of CG determined by best polynomial bound on spectrum

**Theorem 72** Let R be the residuals of the CG method, let S contain the spectrum of  $AM^{-1}$ , and define a polynomial-specific bound  $M_{\pi}$  such that

$$\forall_{\lambda \in S} \colon |\pi(\lambda)| \leq M_{\pi}$$

then

$$||r_n||_{A^{-1}} = \min_{\pi_n} M_{\pi_n} ||r_1||_{A^{-1}}.$$

This means that we can bound the residual size by bounding various polynomials on (a set containing) the spectrum.

## 14.1 Speed of convergence of Conjugate Gradients

For the symmetric conjugate gradients method a convergence bound is easy to derive. From theorems 72 and 70 it follows that we need to bound

$$T_n\left(\frac{b+a-2x}{b-a}\right) \mid /\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right)$$

with  $a = \lambda_{\min}$ ,  $b = \lambda_{\max}$ . The denominator is bound by 1, so we can ask what the smallest n is for which  $T_n(b+a/b-a) > 1/\epsilon$ . Let  $\kappa = \lambda_{\max}/\lambda_{\min}$  be the spectral condition number, then

$$T_n\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right) = T_n\left(\frac{\kappa+1}{\kappa-1}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa}+1}{\sqrt{\kappa}-1}\right)^n + \left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa}-1}{\sqrt{\kappa}+1}\right)^n\right] \ge \left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa}+1}{\sqrt{\kappa}-1}\right)^n$$

Use the fact that

$$\ln[(\sqrt{\kappa}+1)/(\sqrt{\kappa}-1)] > 2/\sqrt{\kappa}$$

to see that

$$n > (1/2)\sqrt{\kappa}\ln(2/\varepsilon) \Rightarrow T_n(b+a/b-a) > 1/\varepsilon.$$

# 14.2 Error reduction with isolated eigenvalues

Most convergence statements estimate speed of convergence in terms of the size of some eigenvalue cluster. Outlying eigenvalues are generally considered to delay convergence. Results to this effect were proved by Campbell et al [11]:

• If there is a single eigenvalue cluster with radius  $\rho$ , and d is the sum of the degrees of the minimal polynomials of the outliers, then

$$||r_{d+k}|| \leq C(\rho)\rho^k||r_0||.$$

• In the case of *P* cluster, a similar estimate

$$||r_{d+kP}|| \le C(\rho)(\sigma^{P-1}\rho)^k ||r_0||$$

holds, where  $\sigma$  is the maximal distance between clusters.

## 14.3 Stopping tests

Many people use the test  $||r_i|| \le \varepsilon ||r_1||$ . This is not a good idea [7, 45, 3].

# 14.3.1 Backward error analysis

Ultimately, in error analysis we want to bound the distance between the computed and the true solution. For instance, if

$$\frac{\|x - \hat{x}\|}{\|x\|} < 10^{-n}$$

then the computed solution has n correct digits. Of course, this forward error can not be computed.

However, we can bound it if we take a small detour.

Backward error analysis considers that the computed solution is the exact solution of a perturbed system

$$(A + \delta A)x = b + \delta b. \tag{148}$$

Clearly, we want the relative perturbations  $\|\delta A\|/\|A\|$ ,  $\|\delta b\|/\|b\|$  to be small, ideally machine precision, because that would correspond to any normal contamination of the representation of a continuous problem as a matrix equation.

The normwise backward error is then defined as the minimum  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$\max\{\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}, \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} \le \varepsilon \tag{149}$$

where  $\delta A$ ,  $\delta b$  satisfy equation (148).

The following theorem [66] has a more practical form of the backward error.

Backward error can be computed from residual and solution

**Theorem 73** The normwise backward error defined in equation (149) satisfies

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\|r\|}{\|A\| \|x\| + \|b\|} \tag{150}$$

Using the backward error, we can bound the forward error. Consider the perturbed solution of a perturbed system:

$$(A + \delta A)(x + \delta x) = b + \delta b.$$

Our goal is to bound  $\|\delta x\|/\|x\|$ , assuming that we satisfy a backward error bound as in equation (149).

Using Ax = b we easily get

$$\delta x = A^{-1}(\delta b - \delta Ax - \delta A\delta x).$$

Taking norms gives

$$\|\delta x\|(1-\|A^{-1}\|\|\delta A\|) \le \|A^{-1}\|(\|\delta b\|+\|\delta A\|\|x\|)$$

which, using  $||b|| \le ||A|| ||x||$  becomes

$$\|\delta x\|(1-\|A^{-1}\|\|\delta A\|) \le \|A^{-1}\|(\frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|}\|A\|\|x\| + \|\delta A\|\|x\|)$$

Introducing  $\kappa = ||A|| ||A^{-1}||$ , this becomes

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \le \frac{\kappa}{1 - \kappa \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}} \left( \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} + \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right) \le \frac{2\kappa \varepsilon}{1 - \kappa \varepsilon} \tag{151}$$

where we assume the backward error bound to hold, and we assume that  $\kappa\epsilon < 1$ .

The theory of Oettli and Prager [57] that for with r = Ax - b and

$$\varepsilon = \max_{i} \frac{|r_i|}{(E|x| + b)_i}$$

(150) we have that

$$(A + \delta A)x = b + \delta b$$
,  $|\delta A| \le \varepsilon E$  and  $|\delta b| \le \varepsilon b$ 

This means that by minimizing  $\varepsilon$  we obtain the solution to a nearby system.

Arioli et al. [1] proposed a variant on this:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\|r\|}{\|A\| \|x\| + \|b\|}$$

(Check this!)

## 14.3.2 Eigenvalue based estimates

Ultimately, we want

$$||x-x_i||/||x|| \leq \varepsilon$$
.

For this it is enough to have

$$||x-x_i||/||x_i|| \le \varepsilon/(1+\varepsilon),$$

and, since  $x - x_i = A^{-1}(b - Ax_i) = -A^{-1}r_i$ , we get for symmetric matrices the stopping criterion

$$||r_i|| \leq \mu_1 ||x_i|| \varepsilon/(1+\varepsilon),$$

where  $\mu_1$  is the smallest eigenvalue. Kaasschieter [45] proposes an efficient way of computing this smallest eigenvalue from the CG polynomials by using bisection with the previous estimate as starting guess.

#### 14.4 Breakdown conditions

In this section we investigate the breakdown of iterative methods, that is, conditions under which an inner product appearing in the nominator of a scalar expression is zero.

## 14.4.1 General theory

In section 8.2.8 we considered conjugacy-based methods under a general inner product that makes the residuals satisfy

$$R^t N^{-1} R$$
 upper triangular.

We did not consider whether, given an inner product  $N^{-1}$ , this construction is well-defined a priori. For this, recall that for polynomial iterative methods,

$$R = KU$$
, with  $U \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$  and  $K = K\langle A, x_0, f \rangle AM^{-1}, r_1$ .

Constructing R is then equivalent to constructing U. In the next lemma we will show that U can be constructed inductively, as long as K is independent under  $N^{-1}$ .

Arnoldi orthogonal R constructable from independent K

**Lemma 74** Let  $K = K\langle AM^{-1}, r_1 \rangle$  and N a symmetric (general) nonsingular matrix It is possible to construct  $U_{n+1}$  such that  $R_{n+1}^t N^{-1} R_{n+1}$  is diagonal (upper triangular), where the sequence R is constructed from R = KU, iff the first n+1 columns of K are independent.

Proof: Let  $R_n$ ,  $U_n$  be the initial n columns of R, U. Suppose inductively that  $R_n^t N^{-1} R_n$  is diagonal. In order to let  $r_{n+1}$  be  $N^{-1}$ -orthogonal to  $R_n$ , we need to

solve the n+1-st column,  $u_{n+1}$ , of U from the overdetermined system

$$U_n^t ar{N} u_{n+1} = egin{pmatrix} 0 \ dots \ 0 \end{pmatrix} n$$

where  $\bar{N}$  is the  $n \times n + 1$  primary subblock of  $K_n^t N^{-t} K_{n+1}$ . This determines  $u_{n+1}$  up to scaling. We scale it so that  $u_{1,n+1} = 1$ , so the system to be solved now becomes

$$\bar{N} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_{2n+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{n+1n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \bar{N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now it follows that  $R_n^t N r_{n+1} = 0$ , and for symmetric N,  $R_{n+1}^t N R_{n+1}$  is diagonal.

The reverse assertion is trivial: if *K* has dependent columns, clearly no orthogonal sequence can be constructed from it.

The requirement for the Krylov sequence to be independent shows up in a different guise in section 16.11.1.

For the case of Lanczos orthogonalisation, we have an added condition on the existence of the residual sequence.

Lanczos orthogonal R exists if K independent and no accidental  $s_i^t r_i = 0$ 

#### Lemma 75 Show this

The Lanczos breakdown condition can be prevented with a look-ahead strategy.

#### 14.4.2 Iterative forms of the breakdown condition

In remark 79 we observed that breakdown is associated with the Hessenberg matrix becoming reducible, that is, with  $h_{n+1n} = 0$  for some n. In the search-direction formulation of Krylov methods, this corresponds to

$$h_{n+1n} = -d_n^{-1} = -\frac{p_n^t A p_n}{r_n^t M^{-1} r_n}.$$

## 15 Eigenvalues

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Arnoldi methods perform a reduction  $V^tAV = H$  with H of upper Hessenberg form (in the symmetric case H = T of tridiagonal form), and  $V^tV = I$ , so this is a similarity transformation, and the spectrum of H is that of A.

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The Lanczos method uses different sequences V and W with  $W^tAV = T$  of tridiagonal form and  $W^tV = I$ . Observing that  $W^tVW^t = W^t$ , when also  $VW^t = I$ , we can transform an eigenequation

$$Au = \mu u \Rightarrow W^t A V W^t u = \mu W^t u \Rightarrow T W^t u = \mu W^t u$$

and again we see that the spectrum of T is that of A.

#### 15.1 Ritz values and Harmonic Ritz values

In the finite case, let  $V_n$  be the block containing the first n Arnoldi vectors, and  $A_n = V_n^t A V_n$ , then the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A_n$  are called the Ritz values and Ritz vectors.

With W = AV and using an Arnoldi method that makes  $W^tW = I$ , we get

$$W^{t}A^{-1}Wy = V^{t}AVy = \lambda^{-1}V^{t}A^{t}AVy = \lambda^{-1}W^{t}Wy = \lambda^{-1}y.$$

In other words, making AV orthonormal makes that the eigenvalues of  $V_n^t AV$  approximate  $\lambda^{-1}$  where  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A. The  $\lambda$  values thus obtained are called harmonic Ritz values [62, 55, 33].

**Question:** Here is another definition: for a set S, x is a Ritz vector with corresponding Ritz value  $\theta$  if

$$x^t(Ax - \theta x) = x \quad \forall_{x \in S}.$$

Is this the same?

## 15.2 Eigenvalues of the Hessenberg matrix

In the following, read " $AM^{-1}$ " any time "A" is used.

# 15.2.1 Relationship between eigenvalues of A and H

After *n* steps of an Arnoldi process we have an equation  $AV_n = V_{n+1}H_{[n+1,n]}$  or

$$AV_n = V_n H_n + v_{n+1}[0, \dots, h_{n+1,n}].$$

Let  $H_n x = \lambda x$  be an eigen equation and let  $y = V_n x$ , then

$$Ay = AV_n x = V_n H_n x + v_{n+1} [0, \dots, h_{n+1,n}] x$$
  
=  $\lambda y + v_{n+1} h_{n+1,n} x_n$ 

With  $r_x = Ay - \lambda y$ , the size of this residual is

$$|r_x| = ||v_{n+1}|| |h_{n+1,n}| |x_n|.$$

If we normalise x, so that  $x_n \le 1$ , and we orthonormalise the  $v_i$  vectors, we see that  $||r_x|| \le |h_{n+1n}|$ , so we can monitor the convergence by the subdiagonal elements of the Hessenberg matrix.

## 16 Other aspects of the iterative solution process

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#### 16.1 Inventory of all upper triangular matrices

Let a preconditioned polynomial iterative method  $X = P^{\pi} \langle \{\pi_i\}_{i \geq 1}, A, M, x_0, r_0 \rangle$ , its residual sequence  $R = R \langle A, X, f \rangle$ , and the Krylov sequence of the first residual  $K = K \langle A, x_0, f \rangle$  be given. Let  $U \in \mathbf{U}^{(1)}$  be such that

$$R = KU$$
,

then lemma 17

$$X(J-E) = KU_2$$
 with  $U_2 = U_{[2:*,2:*]}$ .

Let H be the upper Hessenberg matrix (with zero column sums by lemma 23)

$$H = U^{-1}JU$$
 then  $AR = M^{-1}RH$ .

Search directions *P* are defined as  $PU_3 = M^{-1}R$  where

$$H = (I - J)D^{-1}U_3^{-1}.$$

#### 16.2 The symmetrisable case

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

In the foregoing we have repeatedly seen how nonsymmetric systems need different methods than symmetric ones. There is a simple exception, namely for the case where A might be nonsymmetric, but  $\hat{A} = G^{1/2}AG^{-1/2}$  is symmetric for a symmetric matrix  $G^{1/2}$ . In that case we draw up the equations for an unpreconditioned conjugate gradient method with matrix  $\hat{A}$ :

$$\hat{A}PD = R(I-J), \qquad P(I-U) = R, \qquad r_1 = \hat{A}x_1 - G^{1/2}f$$
 (152)

which defines a polynomial method X for  $\hat{A}^{-1}G^{1/2}f = G^{1/2}A^{-1}f$ . The sequence  $\bar{X} = G^{-1/2}X$  is then a method for  $A^{-1}f$ .

Since  $R = G^{1/2}(A\hat{X} - f)$ , we will be interested in transformed sequences

$$\tilde{R} = G^{-1/2}R, \qquad \tilde{P} = G^{-1/2}P.$$
 (153)

In terms of these we get

$$A\tilde{P}D = \tilde{R}(I-J), \qquad \tilde{P}(I-U) = \tilde{R},$$
 (154)

which we use as a basis for computation in terms of A.

It remains to compute the quantities

$$d_{ii} = r_i^t r_i / p_i^t \hat{A} p_i, \qquad u_{ii+1} = r_{i+1}^t r_{i+1} / r_i^t r_i,$$

for which we use

$$p_i^t \hat{A} p_i = \tilde{p}_i^t G A \tilde{p}$$
 and  $r_i^t r_i = \tilde{r}_i G \tilde{r}$ .

In these last identities we use the symmetry of  $G^{1/2}$ .

To update the solution, we note (see above) that we are really interested in  $G^{-1/2}X$ , and the update for this we can easily read from that for  $\tilde{R} = G^{-1/2}R$ .

The method now becomes:

Algorithm: Symmetrised Conjugate Gradient Method

**Algorithm 9** Let  $x_1$  be given, and compute  $r_1 = Ax_1 - f$ . Then iterate:

Compute

$$\rho_i = r_i^t G r_i.$$

• For i > 1, update

$$p_i = r_i + \rho_i/\rho_{i-1}p_{i-1}.$$

Compute

$$\pi_i = p_i^t GA p_i.$$

Update

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - Ap_i(\rho_i/\pi_i)$$
 and  $x_{i+1} = x_i - p_i(\rho_i/\pi_i)$ .

We note that left and right preconditioned systems (see section 16.14) fall under the symmetrisable case: if A and M are symmetric,  $M^{-1}A$  and  $AM^{-1}$  are not, but can be symmetrised as described above. Algorithm 9 is then essentially the same as the CG-variant described in section 8.2.6.

Making instead of equation (153) the substitution

$$\tilde{R} = G^{-1/2}R, \qquad \tilde{P} = G^{1/2}P,$$
 (155)

we get from equation (152)

$$A\tilde{P}D = \tilde{R}(I - J), \qquad \tilde{P}(I - U) = G\tilde{R},$$

which are the ordinary generating equations for CG. The coefficients are computed from

$$r_i^t r_i = \tilde{r}_i^t G \tilde{r}_i, \qquad p_i^t \hat{A} p_i = \tilde{p}_i^t A G \tilde{p}_i.$$

Applying the above to the nonsymmetric system  $AM^{-1}$ , with both A and M symmetric, and the choice  $G = M^{-1}$ , we see that we have rederived the preconditioned conjugate gradients method.

**Question:** Why do we have  $p^tAGp$  instead of  $p^tAp$ ?

## 16.3 Iterative solution as solving reduced systems

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

One of the characterisations of polynomial iterative methods, theorem 32[item 4], was  $X(I-J) = M^{-1}RU$  for some upper triangular U. By lemma 5, this is equivalent to

$$X(E_1 - J) = M^{-1}RV$$

for another upper triangular matrix V. From this we get  $R(E_1 - J) = AM^{-1}RV$ , and if R is  $M^{-1}$ -orthogonal we find  $R^tM^{-1}AM^{-1}RV = R^tM^{-1}R(E_1 - J)$ , or, in the nth column:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|r_1\|_{M^{-1}}^2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -\|r_{n+1}\|_{M^{-1}}^2 \end{pmatrix} = R_{n+1}^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n \nu_n,$$

which we restrict<sup>22</sup> to

$$egin{pmatrix} \|r_1\|_{M^{-1}}^2 \ 0 \ dots \ 0 \end{pmatrix} = R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n v_n.$$

The generating formula for  $x_i$  now becomes

$$x_{i+1} - x_1 = ||r_1||^2 R_n (R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n)^{-1} e_1.$$

We see that the columns of V follow from the solution of a reduced system that is derived from the previous by the addition of a row and column. From lemma 17 we know that if  $x_{n+1} - x_1 = M^{-1}R_nv_n$ , then  $r_n = 0$ .

<sup>22.</sup> The fact that  $r_{n+1}^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n v_n = -\|r_{n+1}\|_{M^{-1}}^2$  is probably of no use.

From  $X(I-J) = M^{-1}RU$  we get similarly

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \|r_n\|_{M^{-1}}^2 \end{pmatrix} = R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n \nu_n,$$

so

$$x_{i+1} - x_i = ||r_n||^2 R_n (R_n^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R_n)^{-1} e_n.$$

**16.4** 
$$AV_n = V_n H + something$$

By talking about whole sequences we have neatly avoided certain complications, that would arise from considering only an initial part, which are not essential to the gist of the story. Here we flesh out one of those points, only to show that indeed it does not matter.

We have many times given the equations AK = KJ and AR = RH for a Krylov sequence and combinations R = KU thereof. In this,  $H = U^{-1}JU$ . To make a statement about initial parts, for instance  $K_n$ , of these sequences, we write

$$AK_n = K_{n+1}J_{[n+1,n]} (156)$$

where  $J_{[n+1,n]}$  denotes the  $n+1 \times n$  initial part of J. In order to get  $K_{n+1}$  in the left hand side, we have to add to the right hand side:

$$AK_{n+1} = K_{n+1}J_{n+1} + Ak_{n+1}e_{n+1}^{t}. (157)$$

The finite form of R = KU is  $R_{n+1} = K_{n+1}U_{n+1}$ , giving

$$AV_{n+1} = V_{n+1}U_{n+1}^{-1}J_{n+1}U_{n+1} + Ak_{n+1}e_{n+1}^{t}u_{n+1,n+1},$$

that is,

$$AV_{n+1} = V_{n+1}H_{n+1} + Ak_{n+1}e_{n+1}^{t}u_{n+1}u_{n+1}$$

with  $H_{n+1} = U_{n+1}^{-1} J_{n+1} U_{n+1}$ . Reducing this again to *n* columns gives

$$AV_n = V_{n+1}H_{[n+1,n]}$$

with

$$H_{[n+1,n]} = U_{n+1}^{-1} J_{n+1} U_{[n+1,n]} = U_{n+1}^{-1} J_{[n+1,n]} U_n$$

which is what we found from AV = VH in the first place.

Instead of as equation (157), equation (156) could also have been split as

$$AK_n = K_n J_n + k_{n+1} e_n^t,$$

which is often with less precision rendered as

$$AK_n = K_n J_n + re_n^t$$
 with  $K_n^t r = 0$ .

## 16.5 Singular matrices

Let A be singular, and let N span the nullspace: AN = 0. This is also called the right nullspace; the left nullspace is the nullspace of  $A^t$ . The left and right nullspace need not be the same: consider

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{0}; \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{0}^t$$

Let  $N_{\ell}$  be the left nullspace  $N_{\ell}^{t}A = 0$ , then in order for Ax = b to have a solution, we need consistency:  $N_{\ell}^{t}b = 0$ .

Solutions to Ax = b are not unique. With N the nullspace AN = 0 and x' = x + Ny, we also have Ax' = b. Uniqueness is guaranteed by requiring  $N^t x = 0$  for the solution.

Since  $x_{n+1} = x_0 + \sum_{k \le n} \alpha_k (M^{-1}A)^k r_0$ , it is enough for uniqueness if the range of  $M^{-1}$  does not have components in the nullspace of A, that is,  $N^t M^{-1} = 0$ . We can do this by post-processing  $M^{-1}$ :

let 
$$M'^{-1} = (I - N(N^t N)^{-1} N^t) M^{-1}$$
, then  $N^t M'^{-1} = 0$ .

**Question:** If M is symmetric, is M' too, in some sense?

## 16.6 Iterating in subspaces

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

16.6.1 approach 1

This section is based on [56].

Let *E* be a basis for the left-nullspace of *A*, that is,  $E^tA = 0$ . For any vector x,  $E^tAx = 0$ , that is, Ax is orthogonal to the nullspace. Now let  $E^tr_i = 0$  for  $i \le n$ , then from

$$r_{n+1} = \alpha A M^{-1} r_n + \sum_{i \le n} \beta_i r_i$$

we find that  $E^t r_{n+1} = 0$ , that is, given an initial residual that is orthogonal to the nullspace, each subsequent one will be too. This statement is independent of the coefficients chosen; in particular, it does not use orthogonality of any kind. Also, note that  $M^{-1}$  appears as a right multiplicator, hence we can talk about the nullspace of A without involving M in the story.

We need to force the first residual to be orthogonal to E. Let x be artitrary; we want to calculate f such that with  $x_1 = x - f$  the vector  $r_1$  is E-orthogonal. Consider the identities

$$E^{t}r_{1} = E^{t}(Ax_{1} - b)$$

$$= E^{t}(Ax - Af - b)$$

$$= E^{t}r - E^{t}Af$$

Now let d be such that f = Ed, then solving

$$E^t A E d = E^t r$$

will give d, and therefore f.

We can construct a singular matrix as follows:

$$\tilde{A} = A(I - E(E^t A E)^{-1} E^t A).$$

Clearly  $E^t \tilde{A} = 0$ .

## 16.6.2 approach 2

Here's another way of looking at deflated system solving. Let E describe a low-dimensional subspace. Defining

$$P = I - E(E^{t}E)^{-1}E^{t}, \qquad Q = I - P = E(E^{t}E)^{-1}E^{t}$$

gives

$$E^tQ = E^t$$
,  $E^tP = 0$ ,  $QE = E$ ,  $PE = 0$ .

We now try to find a solution of the form x + y such that A(x + y) = b. We try to find x,y such that

$$PAx = Pb$$
,  $PAy = 0$ ,  $QAy = Qb$ ,  $QAx = 0$ 

which gives

$$A(x+y) = (PA + QA)(x+y) = PAx + QAy = Pb + Qb = b.$$

For the second clause, PAy = 0, it is enough that  $y \in A^{-1}E$ . For the fourth-clause, OAx = 0, is sufficient that  $E^tAx = 0$ .

Let  $d = (E^t E)^{-1} E^t b$  and let  $y = A^{-1} E d$  (that's the second clause), then QAy = QEd = Qb: the second postulate.

If  $y \in A^{-1}E$  then  $Ay \in E \Rightarrow PAy = 0$ , so

$$PAx = Pb \Rightarrow PA(x+y) = Pb.$$

The equation PAx = Pb can be solved with a deflated method. I think.

Also, if  $E^t Ax = 0$  then QAx = 0, so

$$QAy = Qb \Rightarrow QA(x+y) = QB.$$

16.6.3 approach 3

Let *N* be a null-space, that is, AN = 0. Define  $P = I - N(N^t N)^{-1} N^t$ , then

$$\begin{cases} x = Ny \Rightarrow Px = 0 \\ N^t x = 0 \Rightarrow Px = x \end{cases}$$

Since  $N^tP = 0$ ,  $Px \perp N$ . From  $PN = 0 \Rightarrow N^tP^t = 0$  we get  $P^tx \perp N$ . Therefore, for all x,  $P^tAPx \perp N$ .

Same argument about Krylov space staying orthogonal to the null space.

Now solve  $P^tAP(P^tx) = P^tb$  iteratively.

16.6.4 Null spaces and preconditioners

Let N be the right nullspace: AN = 0. Consider the fact that

$$x_{n+1} = x_0 + \sum_{i \le n} \alpha_i (M^{-1}A)^i r_0,$$

16.6.5 approach 4

Taken from [50].

Let *N* be the left nullspace of *A*:  $N^tA = 0$ . From Ax = b this implies that  $N^tb = 0$  needs to hold. Since the solution of singular a system is not unique, we impose a minimum length condition  $N^tx = 0$ .

We now consider a conjugate gradient method for solving Ax = b.

**Lemma 76** The residuals R and search directions P are N-orthogonal. Applying a CG process to Ax = b is equivalent to iterating on the nonsingular system with coefficient matrix  $\bar{Q}^t A \bar{Q}$ .

Proof: Augment N by  $\bar{Q}$  ( $N^t\bar{Q}=0$ ) such that  $Q=[N,\bar{Q}]$  is unitary. The residual equation  $R=AX-be^t$  gives  $N^tR=0$  (note that no relations on X are used). Write

$$Q^t R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{Q}^t R \end{pmatrix}$$

From R = P(I - U) we get

$$Q^t P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{Q}^t P \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally, APD = R(I - J) becomes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (Q^tAQ)(Q^tP)D & = Q^tR(I-J) \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{Q}^tA\bar{Q} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{Q}^tP \end{pmatrix}D & = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \bar{Q}^tR \end{pmatrix}(I-J) \end{array}$$

#### 16.7 Shift invariance

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

Let A, R and H satisfy AR = RH, then also

$$(A - \alpha I)R = R(H - \alpha I).$$

To assuage some people's conscience we derive the finite form of this: let  $AR_n = R_{n+1}H_{n+1n}$ , then

$$(A - \alpha I)R_n = R_{n+1n}H_{n+1n} - R_nI_n\alpha$$

$$= R_{n+1n}H_{n+1n} - R_{n+1}I_{n+1n}\alpha$$

$$= R_{n+1n}(H_{n+1n} - \alpha I)$$

In principle one could use this fact to solve an indefinite system as follows:

- Compute  $r_1 = Ax_1 b$ , and let *alpha* be such that  $A + \alpha I$  is definite.
- Build *R* and *H* that satisfy  $(A + \alpha I)R = RH$ .
- Construct iterates from  $R = X(H \alpha I)$ .

This runs into the following objection: for an indefinite system the dominant components in the solution are likely to be those eigenvectors corresponding to eigenvalues close to zero. These become inner eigenvalues in the shifted system, and iterative methods typically find the outer eigenvalues better than the inner ones.

### 16.8 Equivalent formulas for the scalar quantities

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

In a parallel implementation, the conjugate gradient algorithm as formulated above has two synchronization points per iteration, located at the inner product calculations. These synchronization points cannot be coalesced immediately: the scalar  $d_{ii}$  needed to compute  $r_{i+1}$  needs an inner product with  $p_i$ , and the scalar  $u_{ii+1}$  necessary to compute  $p_{i+1}$  requires an inner product with  $r_{i+1}$ . (The basic structure of the algorithm is sketched, for reference purposes, in figure 9.) Thus the two inner products are inter-

- From  $p_i$  compute  $p_i^t A p_i$ ; with  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ , which was saved from the previous iteration, compute  $\alpha_i = p_i^t A p_i / r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ .
- Update  $r_{i+1} = r_i \alpha_i A p_i$ .
- Compute  $r_{i+1}M^{-1}r_{i+1}$ , and with it  $\beta_i = r_{i+1}M^{-1}r_{i+1}/r_iM^{-1}r_i$ .
- Update  $p_{i+1} = Mr_{i+1} \beta_i p_i$ .

Figure 9: Structure of inter-dependent inner products in the CG algorithm

dependent. However, for the conjugate gradient method for spd systems the scalars can be computed in ways that eliminate one synchronization point, perhaps at the expense of some extra computation.

In this section we describe methods that reformulate one or the other of the inner products in such a way that the inner products can be computed simultaneously. At the moment, two complementary approaches are known. One can either eliminate the inner product  $r_i^t r_i$  and express it in terms of inner products with the search directions (section 16.8.1), or one can try to eliminate the inner product  $p_i^t A p_i$  and express it in terms of inner products involving gradients (section 16.8.2).

We will also describe other methods that do not follow this scheme, but

that achieve the same aim of minimising the delay incurred by the inner products (section 16.8.3).

Combining inner products would seem to lead to a reduction of parallel runtime, as it halves the communication time of the global operations. However, Kaushik *et al* [46] note that the actual time in global operations is minimal, and that load balance is really to blame.

### 16.8.1 Elimination of the $r_i^t r_i$ inner product

The former approach was discovered by Saad [67]. From the orthogonality of R, the equation APD = R(I - J) leads to

$$r_{i+1}^{t} M^{-1} r_{i+1} + r_{i}^{t} M^{-1} r_{i} = d_{ii}^{2} (A p_{i})^{t} M^{-1} (A p_{i}),$$
 (158)

so the norms of  $r_i$  can be computed recursively without the need for an inner product. We give the resulting algorithm in figure 10. The balance of operations is:

- The preconditioner application  $M^{-1}r_i$  is replaced by  $M^{-1}(Ap_i)$ ; only in the first iteration do we compute  $M^{-1}r_1$  explicitly, other  $M^{-1}r_i$  vectors are obtained by vector updates.
- The  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$  inner product is replaced by  $(A p_i)^t M^{-1} (A p_i)$ ;

However, a simple analysis shows that this method is unstable, so extra measures are necessary. Hence, Meurant [54] proposed computing  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$  explicitly, together with  $(Ap_i)^t M^{-1} (Ap_i)$ . Thus, the  $r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1}$  value computed by equation (158) serves only as a predictor; it is later computed exactly. The resulting method (figure 11) takes three inner products per iteration, and is as stable as the classical formulation of the conjugate gradient method.

**Question:** Would it make the method more stable if  $M^{-1}r_{i+1}$  is computed explicitly, at the cost of an extra preconditioner application?

- From  $p_i$  form  $Ap_i$  and  $M^{-1}Ap_i$ .
- Now compute simultaneously the inner products

$$p_i^t A p_i$$
 and  $(A p_i)^t M^{-1}(A p_i);$ 

with  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ , which was saved from the previous iteration, compute  $\alpha_i = p_i^t A p_i / r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ , and the value of the inner product

$$r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1} = -r_i M^{-1} r_i + \alpha_i^2 (A p_i)^t M^{-1} (A p_i).$$

With this, also compute  $\beta_i = r_{i+1}M^{-1}r_{i+1}/r_iM^{-1}r_i$ . Save the vector  $M^{-1}Ap_i$ .

- Update  $M^{-1}r_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_i \alpha_i M^{-1}Ap_i$ .
- Update  $p_{i+1} = Mr_{i+1} \beta_i p_i$ .

Figure 10: Saad's CG method with one synchronisation point.

# 16.8.2 Elimination of the $p_i^t A p_i$ inner product

Recently, several methods based on elimination of computing  $p_i^t A p_i$  (which is needed for  $d_{ii} = r_i^t M^{-1} r_i / p_i^t A p_i$ ) have been discovered. These methods combine  $R^t M^{-1} A P = (I - U)^t P^t A P$  and  $R^t M^{-1} A R = R^t A P (I - U)$  to

$$R^{t}M^{-1}AM^{-1}R = (I - U)^{t}P^{t}AP(I - U)$$
  
$$\Rightarrow P^{t}AP = R^{t}M^{-1}AM^{-1}R + P^{t}APU + U^{t}P^{t}AP - U^{t}P^{t}APU.$$

Using the A-orthogonality of P and the fact that the second and third term in the rhs are strictly upper and lower triangular respectively, we find that

$$p_i^t A p_i = r_i^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_i - u_{i-1i}^2 p_{i-1}^t A p_{i-1}.$$
 (159)

For the resulting variant of the conjugate gradient method  $Ap_i$  is again computed recursively from  $AM^{-1}r_i$ . The inner products  $r_i^tM^{-1}r_i$  and

- From  $p_i$  form  $Ap_i$  and  $M^{-1}Ap_i$ .
- Now compute simultaneously the inner products

$$p_i^t A p_i$$
,  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ , and  $(A p_i)^t M^{-1} (A p_i)$ ;

- with  $r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$  compute  $\alpha_i = p_i^t A p_i / r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ , and the value of the inner product  $r_{i+1}^t M^{-1} r_{i+1} = -r_i M^{-1} r_i + \alpha_i^2 (A p_i)^t M^{-1} (A p_i)$ . With this, also compute  $\beta_i = r_{i+1} M^{-1} r_{i+1} / r_i M^{-1} r_i$ . Save the vector  $M^{-1} A p_i$ .
- Update  $r_{i+1} = r_i \alpha_i A p_i$  and  $M^{-1} r_{i+1} = M^{-1} r_i \alpha_i M^{-1} A p_i$ .
- Update  $p_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} \beta_i p_i$ .

Figure 11: Meurant's modification of Saad's CG method.

 $r_i^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} r_i$  are computed simultaneously, and the scalar  $p_i^t A p_i$ , needed for  $d_{ii} = r_i^t M^{-1} r_i / p_i^t A p_i$ , is computed from the above recurrence. This method was proposed by Chronopoulos and Gear [14], and later reinvented by the present author and [20], with a full analysis in [19]. The algorithm is given in figure 12.

There is a fairly strong heuristic argument for the stability of this last rearrangement: using equations (80), (81) and (64) the recurrence for  $p_n^t A p_n$  can be derived from the recurrence

$$d_{nn}^{-1} = h_{n+1,n+1} - h_{n+1,n} d_{nn} h_{nn+1}$$

for pivot generation in the factorization of the Hessenberg matrix. For symmetric positive definite systems this is a stable recurrence, see the analysis in [19].

On the other hand, we note that the original CG algorithm had a fairly good cache behaviour, in that vectors were used pretty much immediately after they were generated. This rearranged algorithm has a far less

• From  $r_i$ ,  $M^{-1}r_i$ , and  $AM^{-1}r_i$  compute simultaneously

$$r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$$
 and  $(M^{-1} r_i)^t A M^{-1} r_i$ ;

- with this, compute  $\beta_i = r_{i+1} M^{-1} r_{i+1} / r_i M^{-1} r_i$ .
- Recursively compute  $p_i^t A p_i$  from  $r_i^t M^{-t} A M^{-1} r_i$  and  $p_{i-1}^t A p_{i-1}$  using the formula

$$p_i^t A p_i = r_i^t M^{-t} A M^{-1} r_i - \beta_i^2 p_{i-1}^t A p_{i-1},$$

- With  $p_i^t A p_i$  compute  $\alpha_i = p_i^t A p_i / r_i^t M^{-1} r_i$ , and use this to update  $x_i$  and  $r_i$  to  $x_{i+1}$  and  $r_{i+1}$ .
- Apply the preconditioner to form  $M^{-1}r_{i+1}$ , then the matrix to form  $AM^{-1}r_{i+1}$ .
- Now construct  $Ap_{i+1}$  recursively by

$$Ap_{i+1} = AM^{-1}r_{i+1} + Ap_i\beta_i$$

Figure 12: Chronopoulos and Gear's method

localised behaviour.

Another variant of this scheme, also proposed by Eijkhout [24], results from considering the diagonal of

$$(I-U)^t PAP = R^t AP = R^t AR(I-U)^{-1}.$$

Since  $R^tAR$  is tridiagonal the infinite expansion of  $(I-U)^{-1}$  terminates quickly, and we find that

$$p_i^t A p_i = r_i^t A r_i + r_i^t A r_{i-1} u_{i-1i}.$$

However, in the presence of rounding errors, this method, being based on

an infinite number of orthogonalities, becomes unstable in contrast to the two previous methods which only use a single orthogonality relation.

Methods for removing a synchronization point generalize to the Lanczos method. We find that

$$q_{i+1}^t A p_{i+1} = s_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1} - s_i^t A p_i u_{ii+1}$$

from  $(I-U)^t Q^t AP = S^t AR + S^t APU$ ;

$$q_{i+1}^t A p_{i+1} = s_{i+1}^t A r_{i+1} - u_{ii+1}^2 q_i^t A p_i$$

using A-orthogonality of Q and P in

$$Q^{t}AP = S^{t}AR + Q^{t}APU + U^{t}Q^{t}AP - U^{t}Q^{t}APU,$$

and we get

$$s_{i+1}^t r_{i+1} - s_i^t r_i = d_{ii}^2 (A^t q_i)^t (A p_i)$$

from the equations APD = R(I - J) and  $A^tQD = S(I - J)$  using orthogonality of S and R.

# 16.8.3 Other approaches for minimizing synchronisation overhead

An approach for a reduced synchronization overhead was proposed by [78] and [14], based on computing a number of Krylov vectors and orthogonalizing these as a block. This approach requires some caution since it is less stable. See also section 11.3.2.

Van der Vorst, in Demmel *et al.* [22], proposed another reformulation CG method that eliminates synchronisation overhead. This method, which unlike the above ones can not be generalized to the nonsymmetric case, is based on the following observation. If M is symmetric and factored as  $LL^t$ , the inner product  $r^tM^{-1}r$  can be computed as  $(L^{-1}r)^t(L^{-1}r)$ , that is, the value of the inner product can be computed after only the forward solve

has been performed. Therefore, the computation of the backward solve, taking  $L^{-t}$  times the intermediate result  $L^{-1}r$ , can overlap the communication involved in the inner product of  $(L^{-1}r)^t(L^{-1}r)$ .

Note that this idea presupposes that M is both a factorisation, and does not involve communication at all or at least less than for an inner product. Examples would be the Block Jacobi method or an additive Schwarz method, where in both cases the local solve is realised through a Cholesky factorisation.

In order to accommodate as much communication delay as possible, we also delay the solution update slightly, to let it also happen during the inner product communication stage. As a result, the normal sequence

update 
$$r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i A p_i$$
  
 $x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i p_i$   
solve  $z_{i+1} = M^{-1} r_{i+1}$   
compute  $\beta_{i+1} = z_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}$ 

now becomes

update 
$$r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i A p_i$$
  
solve  $s_{i+1} = L^{-1} r_{i+1}$   
compute the local parts of  $s_{i+1}^t s_{i+1}$  and  
start an asynchronous reduction to sum them  
meanwhile:  
update  $x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i p_i$ 

update  $x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i p_i$ solve  $z_{i+1} = L^{-t} s_{i+1}$ wait for the reduction to finish, compute  $\beta_{i+1} = z_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}$ 

This method is fully equivalent to the original CG algorithm, except for the slightly different calculation of the  $z^t r$  inner product. In fact, it is slightly more stable because of the symmetric nature of the inner product calculation.

This method still has one inner product that forms a bottleneck. We can eliminate this by combining van der Vorst's above approach with Saad's method (or rather, Meurant's modification of it) from section 16.8.1. We proceed as follows:

generate  $r_{i+1}$  and  $z_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1}$  by update relations solve  $q_{i+1} = L^{-1}Ap_{i+1}$  compute the local parts of  $z_i^t r_i$ ,  $p_i^t Ap_i$ ,  $q_{i+1}^t q_{i+1}$ , and start an asynchronous reduction to sum them meanwhile:

update 
$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \alpha_i p_i$$
  
solve  $L^{-t}(L^{-1}Ap_i)$ 

wait for the reduction to finish.

Another way of hiding communication is to delay the update of the solution vector and let this overlap one of the inner products.

### 16.8.4 Pipelined CG

The overlapping approach of van der Vorst also underlies the 'pipelined' iterative methods. For instance, pipelined CG is based on introducing explicit recurrences for  $M^{-1}r_i$  and  $Ap_i$ :

let 
$$q_1 = Ap_1, z_1 = M^{-1}r_1$$
 be given

$$\begin{cases} \pi = p_1^t A p_1 \\ \alpha = \rho_1 / \pi \\ r_2 = r_1 + A p_1 \alpha \\ z_2 = M^{-1} r_2 \\ \rho_2 = r_2^t z_2 \\ \beta = \rho_2 / \rho_1 \\ p_2 = z_2 + p_1 \beta \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi = p_1^t q_1 \\ \alpha = \rho_1 / \pi \\ r_2 = r_1 + q_1 \alpha \\ z_2 = z_1 + M^{-1} q_1 \\ \rho_2 = r_2^t z_2 \\ \beta = \rho_2 / \rho_1 \\ \left\{ p_2 = z_2 + p_1 \beta \\ q_2 = A z_2 + q_1 \beta \right\} \end{cases}$$

We now observe that the added relations contain terms  $M^{-1}q_1$  and  $Az_2$  **16.9** that can be overlapped with inner product calculations:

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\begin{cases} \text{overlapped:} \\ \text{compute } M^{-1}q_1 \\ \pi = p_1^tq_1 \\ \alpha = \rho_1/\pi \\ \begin{cases} \text{in arbitrary order:} \\ r_2 = r_1 + Ap_1\alpha \\ z_2 = z_1 + M^{-1}q_1\alpha \end{cases} \\ \begin{cases} \text{overlapped:} \\ \text{compute } Az_2 \\ \rho_2 = r_2^tz_2 \end{cases} \\ \beta = \rho_2/\rho_1 \\ \begin{cases} \text{in arbitrary order:} \\ p_2 = z_2 + p_1\beta \\ q_2 = Az_2 + q_1\beta \end{cases} \end{cases}
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### 16.9 Complex symmetric CG

We recall lemma 47 which states that AR = RH is a tri-diagonalisation of A if A is symmetric. It is easy to see that this statement also holds for complex symmetric systems. Thus, if we apply a CG algorithm to complex a symmetric system, but we use the  $x^ty$  inner product<sup>23</sup> instead of the  $x^*y$  one, we arrive at a three-term recurrence for the residual vectors.

The straightforward generalisation of the CG algorithm to complex spaces would use the  $x^*y$  inner product, and would only yield three-term recurrences for Hermitian systems. General complex non-Hermitian systems would need long recurrences, as in the case of Arnoldi orthogonalisation methods for nonsymmetric real systems.

<sup>23.</sup> Which is not strictly speaking an inner product in complex spaces.

### **16.10** Double size systems

There are several observations to be made about the augmented matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

### 16.10.1 Singular value computations

Let P be normalized orthogonal combinations of a Krylov sequence  $K\langle AA^t, p_1 \rangle$ , so that the Hessenberg matrix in  $AA^tP = PH$ , which is tridiagonal because of the symmetry of  $AA^t$ , can be written as  $H = BB^t$  with B upper bidiagonal (see lemma 48). Introducing a sequence Q that satisfies AQ = PB we get a coupled system

$$AQ = PB$$
,  $A^tP = QB^t$ .

Lanczos in [49] observed that this coupled system could be generated by iterating on a double size matrix: the resulting system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The equation  $AA^tR = RBB^t$  can be used to compute singular values: if R is unitary ( $R^t = R^{-1}$ ; Conjugate Gradient iteration yields an orthogonal R, which can be made unitary by scaling), then  $AA^t$  and  $BB^t$  have the same eigenvalues, hence A and B have the same singular values. Consequently, the double size iteration, or equivalently the coupled relations for P and Q, can be used as a preliminary step of bi-diagonalisation in computing singular values. This method is used by Golub, Luk, and Overton [36]; they use a block method which turns B into a block bidiagonal matrix where the diagonal blocks are upper triangular, and the upper diagonal blocks are lower triangular.

See also section 16.10.3.

### 16.10.2 Iterating on the normal equations; LSQR

The Conjugate Gradient method only works for symmetric (and positive definite) systems. Hence, people have advocated solving nonsymmetric systems by iterating on the normal equations, that is, replacing Ax = b by

$$A^t A x = A^b$$
.

We can split this equation as

$$\begin{cases} y = Ax \\ A^t y = A^t b \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y & x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A^t b \end{pmatrix}.$$

This seems to be the basis of the LSQR method of Paige and Saunders [64].

### 16.10.3 Lanczos iteration as augmented Conjugate Gradient iteration

Lanczos [49] observed that the left and right sequences of the Lanczos iteration can be generated from a single Conjugate Gradient iteration process with double size vectors. Specifically, it uses as iteration matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let R and S be the right and left sequences, that is, based on the Krylov sequences for A and  $A^t$ , and P and Q the corresponding search directions. We express the augmented iteration in terms of the sequences

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \begin{pmatrix} q_i \\ p_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_i = \begin{pmatrix} r_i \\ s_i \end{pmatrix},$$

and we use a preconditiong matrix

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M^{-t} \\ M^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$

we note that the matrix and preconditioner are symmetric.

The matrix vector product is

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{p}_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_i \\ p_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Ap_i \\ A^t q_i \end{pmatrix},$$

and the preconditioner application is

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{r}_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M^{-t} \\ M^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_i \\ s_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M^{-t}s_i \\ M^{-1}r_i \end{pmatrix}.$$

The  $q_i^t A p_i$  inner product becomes

$$\mathbf{p}_i^t \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}_i = \begin{pmatrix} q_i^t & p_i^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \ A^t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_i \ p_i \end{pmatrix} = q_i^t A p_i + p_i^t A^t q_i = 2 q_i^t A p_i,$$

and the  $s_i M^{-1} r_i$  inner product becomes

$$\mathbf{r}_i^t \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i = \begin{pmatrix} r_i^t & s_i^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M^{-t} \\ M^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_i \\ s_i \end{pmatrix} = r_i^t M^{-t} s_i + s_i^t M^{-1} r_i = 2s_i^t M^{-1} r_i.$$

However, in both inner products we use the fact that scalars can be transposed, that is, this method will not work as a block method.

**Question:** Reconcile this with the fact that Golub et al use this trick for a block method.

The residual update

$$\mathbf{r}_{i+1} = \mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{p} \frac{\mathbf{r}_i^t \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i}{\mathbf{p}_i^t \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}_i}$$

comprises both the left and right residual update, and likewise does the search direction update

$$\mathbf{p}_{i+1} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{i+1} - \mathbf{p}_i \frac{\mathbf{r}_{i+1}^t \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{i+1}}{\mathbf{r}_i \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i}.$$

If we compute the Lanczos sequences by three-term recurrences (section 8.3) we need to compute inner products such as  $s_i^t M^{-1}AM^{-1}r_i$ . For the augmented vectors:

$$\mathbf{r}_{i}^{t}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{r}_{i} = \left(s_{i}^{t}M^{-1} \quad r_{i}^{t}M^{-t}\right) \begin{pmatrix} AM^{-1}r_{i} \\ A^{t}M^{-t}s_{i} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= s_{i}^{t}M^{-1}AM^{-1}r_{i} + r_{i}^{t}M^{-t}A^{t}M^{-t}s_{i} = 2s_{i}^{t}M^{-1}AM^{-1}r_{i}.$$

### 16.11 Scaled sequences

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

If V is an arbitrary sequence satisfying  $AV = V\tilde{H}$  with  $\tilde{H}$  an upper Hessenberg matrix, then V can sometimes be scaled to a residual sequence R. We first give the algorithm, then discuss the conditions under which it is well-defined.

Algorithm: Scale combination of Krylov sequence to residual sequence

**Algorithm 10** Given  $AV = V\tilde{H}$ , construct a diagonal matrix  $\Omega$  such that  $R = V\Omega$  is a residual sequence.

Define  $H = \Omega^{-1}\tilde{H}\Omega$ , then AR = RH, and the algorithm is equivalent to constructing  $\Omega$  such that H, by theorem 30, has zero column sums.

The choice for  $\omega_1$  is arbitrary, or determined by the context. For n = 1, 2, ...:

- 1. Let  $\omega_k$  be given for  $k \le n$ . This is true for n = 1.
- 2. For k < n,  $h_{kn} = \omega_k^{-1} \tilde{h}_{kn} \omega_n$  can be computed.
- 3. Define  $h_{nn} = \tilde{h}_{nn}$ .
- 4. The zero column sum requirement lets us compute  $h_{n+1n} = -\sum_{k \le n} h_{kn}$ ; from  $h_{n+1n} = \omega_{n+1}^{-1} \tilde{h}_{n+1n} \omega_n$  we can compute

$$\omega_{n+1} = \tilde{h}_{n+1n} \omega_n / h_{n+1n}. \tag{160}$$

### 16.11.1 Theory

In this section we will show that orthogonal sequences satisfying a Hessenberg relation can be scaled to a residual sequence. We start by giving a lemma that translates equation (160) in terms of the sequence to be scaled.

Condition for scaling a sequence to a residual sequence

**Lemma 77** Let a matrix A, an irreducible upper Hessenberg matrix  $\tilde{H}$ , and a sequence V satisfying  $AV = V\tilde{H}$  be given, then V can be scaled as  $R = V\Omega$  to a residual sequence if and only if every  $v_i$  has a nonzero component of  $v_1$ .

Proof: Let  $K = K\langle A, v_1 \rangle$ , and suppose that V can be scaled to a residual sequence  $R = V\Omega$ . In particular, all  $\omega_i \neq 0$ . We then have

$$AV = V\tilde{H}$$
 and  $AR = R\Omega^{-1}\tilde{H}\Omega \equiv RH$ ,

so there are nonsingular triangular matrices  $U, \tilde{U}$  such that

$$V = K\tilde{U}, \qquad R = KU,$$

and they are related by  $U = \tilde{U}\Omega$ . The 'only if' half of the statement now follows simply: since  $u_{1j} \equiv 1$  (see lemma 9) it follows that all  $\tilde{u}_{1j} \neq 0$ .

Conversely, suppose that, with  $\tilde{U}$  as defined above,  $\tilde{u}_{1j} \neq 0$ . From the above algorithm we find that

$$\omega_{n+1} = \tilde{h}_{n+1n} \omega_n / h_{n+1n} = -\frac{\tilde{h}_{n+1n} \omega_n}{\sum_{k \le n} h_{kn}} = -\frac{\tilde{h}_{n+1n}}{\sum_{k \le n} \omega_k^{-1} \tilde{h}_{kn}},$$

Rewriting the sum in the numerator in terms of  $\tilde{U}$ , where we recall from equation (31) that  $\tilde{H} = \tilde{U}^{-1}J\tilde{U}$ , gives

$$\sum_{k\leq n} \omega_k^{-1} \tilde{h}_{kn} = -\tilde{u}_{1n+1} \tilde{u}_{nn} / \tilde{u}_{n+1n+1}.$$

Having  $\tilde{u}_{1j} \neq 0$  (and note that  $u_{nn} \neq 0$  from the irreducibility of H) is thus seen to be a sufficient condition for the above algorithm to be well-defined.

As an example of a sequence that can not be scaled to a residual sequence, consider a Krylov sequence, that is, H = J. In this case the Hessenberg

matrix is not irreducible, so the condition of lemma 77 are not satisfied. As a more intuitive argument, note that the scaling would have to be such that H winds up with zero column sums, which is clearly impossible.

In the following theorem we prove that the  $\tilde{u}_{1j} \neq 0$  condition is always satisfied if V is an orthogonal sequence.

An orthogonal sequence can be scaled to a residual sequence

**Theorem 78** Let a non-singular matrix matrix A, an irreducible upper Hessenberg matrix H, and a sequence V satisfying AV = VH be given. If V is orthogonal, it can be scaled to a residual sequence.

Proof: Let *V* be an orthogonal sequence, let *K* be the Krylov sequence

$$K = K\langle A, \alpha v_1 \rangle$$
, some  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,

and let U be a non-singular upper triangular matrix such that V = KU. Suppose by contradiction that there is a smallest index n for which  $u_{1n} = 0$ . From the above we recall that the existence of such an index precludes the sequence from being scaled to a residual sequence.

We will now investigate the consequences of the identity

$$v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i u_{in}$$

which is the *n*-th column of V = KU. Using  $u_{1n} = 0$ , elementary rewriting gives

$$v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i u_{in} = \sum_{i=2}^n k_i u_{in} = \sum_{i=2}^n A k_{i-1} u_{in} = A \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} k_i u_{i+1n}.$$
 (161)

From the non-singularity of U we can express each  $k_i$  as a linear combination of  $v_j$  vectors  $(j \le i)$ , so equation (161) translates to the statement that there are coefficients  $\alpha_i$  such that

$$v_n = A \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} v_i \alpha_i$$

From the orthogonality of *V* we then find that

$$v_n^t A^{-1} v_n = v_n^t \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} v_i \alpha_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 0 \cdot \alpha_i = 0,$$

and from the non-singularity of A this implies that  $v_n = 0$ . Since this contradicts the orthogonality of V, we find that  $u_{1n} \neq 0$ . Hence, by lemma 77, we find that the sequence V can be scaled to a residual sequence.

**Question:** How do you reconstruct the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  coefficients of the original algorithm?

The condition of the irreducibility of H in the above results is essential for iterative methods.

**Remark 79** Suppose that  $h_{n+1n} = 0$ , then  $AV_n = V_n H_n$ , so  $V_n$ , and consequently the Krylov sequence  $K_n$  from which it was built, form an invariant subspace.

Thus, a reducible Hessenberg matrix precludes forming more accurate approximations to the solution of the linear system under consideration. See section 14.4 for more details.

### 16.11.2 A normalised CG algorithm

We will now derive a CG algorithm that uses normalised residuals. There is a point to such methods. For instance, suppose that the matrix-vector product is not an explicitly given operation, but (in the context of a nonlinear solver) evaluated as

$$F(u)v \approx (f(u+hv) - f(u))/h$$
 some fixed  $h$ ,

limit the size of, the vectors that are multiplied.

In particular, we will derive here a variant of the Conjugate Gradient algorithm with coupled two-term recurrences, that generates an orthonormal sequence which later will be scaled to a residual sequence. This is of course reminiscent of the GMRES algorithm which also generates an orthonormal sequence. However, that sequence is never explicitly scaled to a residual sequence.

Consider the usual equations for a conjugate gradient method

$$APD = R(I - J), \qquad M^{-1}R = P(I - U), \qquad R^{t}M^{-1}R = \Omega^{2}.$$

We will now derive an algorithm that directly generates the normalised vectors

$$V = R\Omega^{-1}$$
.

With

$$Q = P\Omega^{-1}, \qquad \tilde{U} = \Omega U \Omega^{-1}, \qquad L = \Omega J \Omega^{-1},$$

it is easy to check that we get transformed relations (and note that D is not transformed)

$$M^{-1}V = Q(I - \tilde{U}), \qquad AQD = V(I - L).$$

Replacing  $V \to R$ , et cetera, we now get the defining relations

$$APD = R(I - L), \qquad MR = P(I - U), \qquad R^{t}M^{-1}R = I.$$
 (162)

First of all, the coefficients of L follow from the normalisation, since

$$r_{i+1}\ell_{i+1i} = r_i - Ap_id_i.$$

From the second relation of equation (162) we get

$$R^t M^{-1} R = R^t P(I - U)$$

then the error is proportional to ||v||, so it pays to normalise, or at least so  $P^tR$  is lower triangular with identity diagonal. From the first relation we get

$$P^tAPD = P^tR(I-L)$$

so  $P^tAP$  is lower triangular and

$$d_i = 1/p_i^t A p_i$$
.

Combining the first two relations we get

$$R^{t}M^{-t}AP = R^{t}M^{-t}R(I-L)D^{-1}$$
$$= (I-U)^{t}P^{t}AP$$

SO

$$P^{t}A^{t}P(I-U) = D^{-1}(I-L^{t}).$$

In this last equation we consider column n + 1:

of 
$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1^t A^t p_1 & \dots & p_1^t A^t p_{n+1} \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & p_{n+1}^t A^t p_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -u_{1n+1} \\ \vdots \\ -u_{nn+1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ -d_n^{-1} \ell_{n+1n} \\ d_{n+1}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (163)

This first of all confirms the value for  $d_{ii}$  derived above. In general, we can now solve the n+1st column of U; in the particular case of symmetry we get  $u_{nn+1} = \ell_{n+1n}$ .

The one issue we have not tackled in this normalised algorithm is the solution update. Remembering that the true search direction is  $\omega_i$  times the normalised one, we find the solution update to be

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + p_i d_i \omega_i.$$

We now give the full preconditioned algorithm for the symmetric case.

Algorithm: Conjugate Gradient algorithm with normalised matrix-vector plotdlikt3 Normalised CGS

### **Algorithm 11** Let $x_1$ , f, A be given, and compute

$$r_1 = Ax_1 - f, z_1 = M^{-1}r_1, \qquad \omega_1 = ||r_1||, \qquad r_1 \leftarrow r_1/\omega_1, z_1 \leftarrow z_1/\omega_1.$$

Now iterate for i = 1, ...:

- Perform a stopping test on  $r_i \omega_i$ .
- For i = 1,  $p_1 = z_1$ ; in general  $u_{i-1} = \omega_{i-1}$ , and

$$p_i = z_i + p_{i-1}\omega_{i-1}.$$

Let  $d_i = 1/p_i^t A p_i$ ; use this to update:

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - p_i d_i \omega_i,$$
  $r_{i+1} = r_i - A p_i d_i, z_i = M^{-1} r_i.$ 

Subsequently we normalise the residual:

$$\ell_{i+1i} = \sqrt{z_{i+1}^t r_{i+1}}; \qquad r_{i+1} \leftarrow r_{i+1}/\ell_{i+1i}, z_{i+1} \leftarrow z_{i+1}/\ell_{i+1i}.$$

Construct column i of the Hessenberg matrix  $\tilde{H} = (I - L)D(I - L)$ U) of the normalised sequence, and derive H from it as described in algorithm 10; construct  $\omega_{i+1}$ .

In this algorithm we normalised the  $r_i$  vectors, while the matrix-vector product is performed on the  $p_i$  vectors. While these are not themselves normalised, we expect them to be very much limited in norm, given their close relation to the  $r_i$  vectors. It would be possible to formulate the algorithm such that not  $||r_i|| = 1$ , but  $||p_i||_A = 1$  is satisfied.

### This attempt is in the right direction:

```
function [x,its] = cqs(A,M,Minit,Mapply,b,red,maxit);
% function [x,its] = cqs(A,M,Minit,Mapply,b,red,maxit);
% Conjugate Gradient Squared method using normalised
% residual vectors.
% The preconditioner M is solved by "eval(Mapply);"
% where Mapply is a string computing 'z' from 'r';
% empty string allowed. Example: Mapply == "z = M.*r".
% Minit is also a string, again empty is allowed.
% setup preconditioner
if ~isempty(Minit), eval(Minit); end;
its = [];
x = 0*b;
r1 = A*x-b;
if ~isempty(Mapply); r = r1; eval(Mapply); rr = z;
  else, rr = r1; end;
Dinv = [];
om = sqrt(r1'*rr); rr = rr/om^2; Om = [om];
for it=1:maxit,
 Un(it,it) = 1;
 if it>1.
    beta = el; Un(it-1,it) = -el; end;
% 3 = 2 + 1 \text{ beta} \Rightarrow pr = rr + pr1 \text{ beta}
  if it>1.
    pr = rr + pr1*beta; else, pr = rr; end;
```

```
% 4 = 3 + (1 + 4 \text{ beta}) \text{ beta} => pp = pr + (pr1+pp \text{ beta}) \text{beta}
 if it>1,
    pp = pr + (pr1+pp*beta)*beta; else pp = pr; end;
% MinvA 4 \Rightarrow mapp = M \setminus (A*pp)
  if "isempty (Mapply), r = A*pp; eval (Mapply); mapp = z;
    else; mapp=A*pp; end;
% p'*A*p dot product
  pap dot = r1'*mapp; alpha = 1/pap dot;
  Dinv = [Dinv,pap dot];
% 1 = 3 - MinvA 4 alpha => pr1 = pr - M \setminus A pp alpha
  pr1 = pr - mapp*alpha;
% 2 = 2 - Minv A ( 3 alpha_r + 1 alpha_l )
% => rr = rr - M \setminus A (pr + pr1) alpha
  search = (pr+pr1) *alpha;
  x = x-search;
  if ~isempty(Mapply), r = A*search; eval(Mapply); rr = rr - z;
    else, rr = rr- A*search; end;
% normalisation
  el = sqrt(r1'*rr); rr = rr/el^2;
  Ln(it,it) = 1; Ln(it+1,it) = -el;
% Hessenberg matrices
  Hn = Ln*diag(Dinv)*Un;
  H(1:it-1,it) = Om(1:it-1)'.\Hn(1:it-1,it)*Om(it);
  H(it,it) = Hn(it,it); H(it+1,it) = -sum(H(1:it,it));
  om = Hn(it+1,it)*om/H(it+1,it); Om = [Om,om];
end;
fprintf('Final norm: %e\n', norm(A*x-b));
```

### Note:

• The rr vector is divided by  $\ell^2$ , so that the  $r_1^t$  rr product comes

out as one.

The  $2_i$  update is probably wrong because we don't normalise the left  $r_i$  sequence. Maybe reconstruct the  $\alpha$  and *beta* coefficients and do the left sequence exact?

### 16.12 Seed systems

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

In several sections of this monograph we have seen block methods, where multiple systems with identical coefficient matrix but different righthand sides are solved. It is also possible to reuse information from one system if the next system has the same coefficient matrix, or a sufficiently similar one.

Chan and Ng [13] consider the case of not identical coefficient matrices. Their convergence theorem relates the true solution x of a second system to the approximate one  $\bar{x}$  obtained by projecting onto the subspace  $K_m$  from the first system as

$$x^{(2)} - \bar{x}^{(2)} = \sum_{k} c_k q_k, \qquad |c_k| \le E_k + F$$

where  $q_k$  are eigenvectors of the second system and

$$E_k = ||P_m^{\perp} x^{(2)}||_2 |\sin \angle (q_k, K_m)|$$

and

$$F = \|A^{(1)^{-1}}\|_2 \|(A^{(2)} - A^{(1)})x^{(2)}\|_2$$

where  $V_m$  is the orthonormal scaling of  $K_m$ ,  $P_m^{\perp} = I - V_m T_m^{-1} V_m^t A^{(1)}$  is the  $A^{(1)}$ -orthogonal projection onto  $K_m$  (see section 7.7 for the theory of projection in iterative methods), and  $T_m = V_m^t A^{(1)} V_m$ .

### 16.13 Polynomial acceleration

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

Methods such as conjugate gradients are sometimes considered to be an acceleration of a basic iterative method. Suppose iterates  $x_n$  have been generated by (??), then the idea behind acceleration is to take combinations

$$\tilde{x}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i u_{in} \tag{164}$$

with the consistency condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{in} = 1. {(165)}$$

Varga [?] calls (164) the semi-iterative method corresponding to the basic iterative method. The residuals  $\tilde{r}_n = A\tilde{x}_n - f$  are seen to satisfy  $\tilde{R} = RU$  (where U is an upper triangular matrix containing the  $u_{in}$  coefficients) because of the above consistency condition.

Writing the basic iterative method as AR = R(I - J) we find for the accelerated residuals  $A\tilde{R} = \tilde{R}H$  where H is the upper Hessenberg matrix  $I - U^{-1}JU$ .

**Lemma 80** The consistency condition (165) implies the consistency condition of lemma 23 for  $H = I - U^{-1}JU$ .

Proof: We can express equation (165) as  $e^t U = e^t$ . Since this implies  $e^t U^{-1} = e^t$ , and since  $e^t J = e^t$ , we find that  $e^t H = 0$ .

These acceleration methods are also called 'polynomial acceleration' methods because of the following fact.

**Lemma 81** The accelerated residuals are related to the original residuals as

$$\tilde{r}_n = P_n(I - A)r_1$$

where  $P_n$  is an n-1-st degree polynomial with its coefficients in the n-th column of U, where U contains the  $u_{in}$  coefficients of equation (164).

Proof: Lemma ?? established that the residuals of the basic method are Krylov vectors in a sequence with matrix I-A. It then follows from lemma 7 that the combinations  $\tilde{R}$  are obtained by multiplying by a matrix polynomial as stated above.

### 16.14 Left and right preconditioning

For further reading: the material in this section is not referred to elsewhere.

In this monograph we have derived all methods in their 'preconditioned' form, that is, involving a matrix M. The substitution M = I in the methods derived above gives the 'unpreconditioned' version, which is traditionally the one derived first. Deriving a preconditioned version could then be done by substituting either  $AM^{-1}$  or  $M^{-1}A$  for A in the unpreconditioned method. This gives rise to two methods:

Left preconditioned method: solve 
$$M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b$$
. (166)

and

Right preconditioned method: solve 
$$AM^{-1}x' = b$$
;  $x = M^{-1}x'$ . (167)

and a combination two-sided preconditioning method:  $M_1^{-1}AM_2^{-1}x' = M_1^{-1}b, x = M_2^{-1}x'.$ 

These methods are equivalent to the normal form derived above, as we will show now. In particular, we address these two points:

- Is a one-sided preconditioner equivalent to (symmetric) Conjugate Gradients for a combination of symmetric matrix and symmetric preconditioner? and,
- Are the solution and residual corresponding to the original problem easily available in each iteration, without spending too much work on back transformations?

# 16.14.1 Left preconditioning

The left-preconditioned BiCG method (which we take as prototypical of Krylov space methods) is derived by applying an unpreconditioned algorithm to the coefficient matrix  $M^{-1}A$ , the initial guess  $x_1$ , and the right hand side  $M^{-1}b$ .

Algorithm: Left preconditioned BiConjugate Gradient Method

**Algorithm 12** Let  $x_1$ , A, b, and M be given. Set initially  $r_1 = M^{-1}Ax_1 - M^{-1}b$ . Then, in each iteration:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + p_n \alpha_n$$

$$r_{n+1} = r_n + M^{-1} A p_n \alpha_n$$

$$s_{n+1} = s_n + A^t M^{-t} q_n \alpha_n$$

$$where \alpha_n = (s_n^t r_n)/(q_n^t M^{-1} A p_n)$$
and
$$p_{n+1} = r_{n+1} - p_n \beta_n$$

$$q_{n+1} = s_{n+1} - q_n \beta_n$$

$$where \beta_n = (s_{n+1}^t r_{n+1})/(s_n^t r_n)$$

We rewrite, expressing the algorithm in terms of transformed quantities  $Mr_n$  and  $M^{-t}q_n$ :

$$\begin{array}{rcl} Mr_1 & = & Ax_1 - b \\ x_{n+1} & = & x_n + p_n \alpha_n \\ Mr_{n+1} & = & Mr_n + Ap_n \alpha_n \\ s_{n+1} & = & s_n + A^t (M^{-t}q_n)\alpha_n \\ & & \text{where } \alpha_n = (s_n^t M^{-1}(Mr_n))/((M^{-t}q_n)^t Ap_n) \\ p_{n+1} & = & M^{-1}(Mr_{n+1}) - p_n \beta_n \\ M^{-t}q_{n+1} & = & M^{-t}s_{n+1} - M^{-t}q_n \beta_n \\ & & \text{where } \beta_n = (s_{n+1}^t M^{-1}(Mr_{n+1}))/(s_n^t M^{-1}(Mr_n)) \end{array}$$

We see that this describes a preconditioned BiCG method on normal form, using M as a preconditioner and I as the inner product, and where  $M^{-1}r_i$  are the right residuals and  $M^{-t}s_i$  the left search directions. To be precise:

**Lemma 82** The left preconditioner biconjugate gradient algorithm is equivalent to a symmetrically preconditioned method with preconditioner M in that it generates the same iterates. For the residual sequence  $r_i$  generated by the left preconditioned method we find that in each iteration i,  $Mr_i = Ax_i - b$ .

Proof: The rewritten algorithm is on normal form, with residuals  $Mr_i$ . The residual vectors actually computed satisfy  $AM^{-1}MR = MRH$ , that is, the transformed residuals  $Mr_i$  could have been derived from symmetrically preconditioned method with preconditioner M. Likewise, the left sequence S satisfies  $A^tM^{-t}S = SH$ . with scalars such that  $S^tM^{-1}\tilde{R}$  is diagonal.

**Remark 83** From the definition  $r_1 = M^{-1}(Ax_1 - b)$  we see that  $r_i$  is related in order of magnitude to  $M^{-1}b$ , hence probably to  $A^{-1}b$ . In the context of nonlinear solves this means that we can adjust the stopping criterium to the size of the Newton update  $A^{-1}f(u_i)$ . This observation was made in [29].

From the resulting equation

$$S^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} \tilde{R} = S^t M^{-1} \tilde{R} H$$

we see that the method reduces to a symmetric one for symmetric A and M.

Since  $Mr_i = Ax_i - f$ , we can derive the true residuals from the computed ones by applying M. This, however, may be an infeasible demand on the preconditioner; recall that normally we apply  $M^{-1}$ . Instead, we could replace the  $r_n$ -update

$$r_{n+1} = r_n + M^{-1}Ap_n\alpha_n$$

by

$$t_1 = Ax_1 - b$$
  

$$t_{n+1} = t_n + Ap_n\alpha_n$$
  

$$r_n = M^{-1}t_n$$

which takes one extra vector to store, but introduces no new operations. The sequence  $t_i$  then has the true residuals. Thus, we can monitor the true iterate and residual at no extra cost.

However, this monitoring presupposes that we can alter the code to add this extra vector. If the iterative method simply contains a hook for

then we have incur the extra cost of computing  $Mr_i$  in order to monitor the true residual.

# 16.14.2 Right preconditioning

The right-preconditioned BiCG method is derived by applying an unpreconditioned algorithm to coefficient matrix  $AM^{-1}$ , right hand side b, and initial guess  $x_1$ ; after the iteration stops with a final solution  $x_{\infty}$ , the approximate solution to the original system is  $M^{-1}x_{\infty}$ .

Algorithm: Right Preconditioned BiConjugate Gradient Method

**Algorithm 13** Let A, M,  $x_1$  and b be given. Set initially  $r_1 = AM^{-1}x_1 - b$ .

Now iterate:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + p_n \alpha_n$$
  
 $r_{n+1} = r_n + AM^{-1}p_n \alpha_n$   
 $s_{n+1} = s_n + M^{-t}A^tq_n \alpha_n$   
 $where \alpha_n = (s_n^t r_n)/(q_n^t AM^{-1}p_n)$   
 $p_{n+1} = r_{n+1} - p_n \beta_n$   
 $q_{n+1} = s_{n+1} - q_n \beta_n$   
 $where \beta_n = (s_{n+1}^t r_{n+1})/(s_n^t r_n)$ 

The approximation to the true solution is  $M^{-1}x_{\infty}$ .

We rewrite, expressing the algorithm in terms of transformed quantities  $M^{-t}s_n$  and  $M^{-1}p_n$  as:

$$r_{1} = AM^{-1}x_{1} - b$$

$$\alpha_{n} = ((M^{-t}s_{n})^{t}M^{-1}r_{n})/(q_{n}^{t}A(M^{-1}p_{n}))$$

$$M^{-1}x_{n+1} = M^{-1}x_{n} + M^{-1}p_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$r_{n+1} = r_{n} + A(M^{-1}p_{n})\alpha_{n}$$

$$M^{-t}s_{n+1} = M^{-t}s_{n} + A^{t}q_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$M^{-1}p_{n+1} = M^{-1}r_{n+1} - (M^{-1}p_{n})\beta_{n}$$

$$q_{n+1} = M^{-t}(M^{-t}s_{n+1}) - q_{n}\beta_{n}$$

We see that this is a biconjugate gradient method on normal form with preconditioner M; the iterates are  $M^{-1}x_i$  and the residuals are  $r_i = A(M^{-1}x_i) - b$ .

**Lemma 84** The right preconditioned method is equivalent to a symmetrically preconditioned method with preconditioner M and initial guess  $M^{-1}x_1$  in that is generates the same residuals. For the iterates  $x_i$  generated we find that in each iteration  $r_i = AM^{-1}x_i - b$ .

In other words, contrary to the left-preconditioned case, here the  $r_n$  quantities are the true residuals. However, the  $x_n$  computed are not approximations to the solution;  $\tilde{x}_n = M^{-1}x_n$  are, and just for completeness we reiterate that  $r_n = AM^{-1}x_n - b$ , not  $Ax_n - b$ . Whenever needed,  $\tilde{x}_n$  can be computed by a single application of  $M^{-1}$ . Thus, we can monitor the true residual at no extra cost, but monitoring the true iterates carries additional expense.

From the reduction equation

$$\tilde{S}^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} R = \tilde{S}^t M^{-1} R H$$

we see that the method again reduces in the symmetric case.

### 16.14.3 Two-sided preconditioning

In the two-sided method we assume that  $M = M_L M_R$ , and we replace the coefficient matrix by  $M_L^{-1} A M_R^{-1}$ . The algorithm is:

$$r_{1} = M_{L}^{-1}AM_{R}^{-1}x_{1} - M_{L}^{-1}b; \text{ true solution is } M_{R}^{-1}x_{\infty}$$

$$\alpha_{n} = (s_{n}^{t}r_{n})/(q_{n}^{t}M_{L}^{-1}AM_{R}^{-1}p_{n})$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_{n} + p_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$r_{n+1} = r_{n} + M_{L}^{-1}AM_{R}^{-1}p_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$s_{n+1} = s_{n} + M_{R}^{-t}A^{t}M_{L}^{-t}q_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$\beta_{n} = (s_{n+1}^{t}r_{n+1})/(s_{n}^{t}r_{n})$$

$$p_{n+1} = r_{n+1} - p_{n}\beta_{n}$$

$$q_{n+1} = s_{n+1} - q_{n}\beta_{n}$$

Rewriting this in terms of  $M_L r_n$ ,  $M_R^t s_n$ ,  $M_R^{-1} p_n$ , and  $M_L^{-t} q_n$ :

$$M_{L}r_{1} = A(M_{R}^{-1}x_{1}) - b$$

$$\alpha_{n} = \left( (M_{R}^{t}s_{n})M_{R}^{-1}M_{L}^{-1}(M_{L}r_{n}) \right) / \left( (M_{L}^{-t}q_{n})^{t}A(M_{R}^{-1}p_{n}) \right)$$

$$M_{R}^{-1}x_{n+1} = M_{R}^{-1}x_{n} + M_{R}^{-1}p_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$M_{L}r_{n+1} = M_{L}r_{n} + A(M_{R}^{-1}p_{n})\alpha_{n}$$

$$M_{R}^{t}s_{n+1} = M_{R}^{t}s_{n} + A^{t}(M_{L}^{-t}q_{n})\alpha_{n}$$

$$M_{R}^{-1}p_{n+1} = M_{R}^{-1}M_{L}^{-1}(M_{L}r_{n+1}) - M_{R}^{-1}p_{n}\beta_{n}$$

$$M_{L}^{-t}q_{n+1} = M_{L}^{-t}M_{R}^{-t} * (M_{R}^{t}s_{n+1}) - M_{L}^{-t}q_{n}\beta_{n}$$

With  $\tilde{R} = M_L R$  and  $\tilde{S} = M_R^t S$  we find generating equations

$$\tilde{X} = M_R^{-1}X$$
 is a polynomial method for  $A^{-1}b$ 

 $\tilde{R}$  is the residual sequence  $R\langle A, \tilde{X}, b \rangle$ 

$$AM^{-1}R = RH$$
$$A^{t}M^{-t}\tilde{S} = \tilde{S}H$$

with  $\tilde{S}^t M^{-1} \tilde{R}$  constructed to be diagonal. The reduction equation is

$$\tilde{S}^t M^{-1} A M^{-1} \tilde{R} = \tilde{S}^t M^{-1} \tilde{R} H$$

so again this reduces to the symmetric case.

Since  $M_LR$  is the residual sequence of  $M_R^{-1}X$ , the true iterates, we can obtain the true residuals as  $M_LR$ , or, if this is infeasible, compute

$$t_1 = AM_R^{-1}x_1 - b$$
  

$$t_{n+1} = t_n + AM_R^{-1}p_n\alpha_n$$
  

$$r_n = M_L^{-1}t_n$$

so that  $T = M_L R$ .

### 16.14.4 The Eisenstat trick

In [25], Eisenstat gives an efficient implementation of certain preconditioned Conjugate Gradient methods, based on the following observations:

- A CG method for a system with coefficient matrix A, preconditioned by  $M = LD^{-1}U \approx A$ , is equivalent to one with matrix  $L^{-1}AU^{-1}$  preconditioned by  $D^{-1}$ , and
- a product with  $L^{-1}AU^{-1}$  can be evaluated cheaply if A = L + U + D for a certain D.

We derive the first point for a Biconjugate Gradient Method:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + p_n \alpha_n$$

$$\alpha_n = \frac{s_n^t M^{-1} r_n}{q_n^t A p_n}$$

$$r_{n+1} = r_n + A p_n \alpha_n$$

$$s_{n+1} = s_n + A^t q_n \alpha_n$$

$$p_{n+1} = M^{-1} r_{n+1} - p_n \beta_n$$

$$q_{n+1} = M^{-t} s_{n+1} - q_n \beta_n$$

Rearranging the parts of *M*:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + U^{-1}(Up_n)\alpha_n$$

$$\alpha_n = \frac{(U^{-t}s_n)^t D(L^{-1}r_n)}{(L^tq_n)^t L^{-1}AU^{-1}(Up_n)}$$

$$L^{-1}r_{n+1} = L^{-1}r_n + L^{-1}AU^{-1}(Up_n)\alpha_n$$

$$U^{-t}s_{n+1} = U^{-t}s_n + (L^{-1}AU^{-1})^t (L^tq_n)\alpha_n$$

$$Up_{n+1} = D(L^{-1}r_{n+1}) - Up_n\beta_n$$

$$L^tq_{n+1} = D^t(U^{-t}s_{n+1}) - L^tq_n\beta_n$$

which with the transformed variables

$$\tilde{r}_n = L^{-1}r_n$$
,  $\tilde{s}_n = U^{-t}s_n$ ,  $\tilde{p}_n = Up_n$ ,  $\tilde{q}_n = L^tq_n$ 

becomes

$$\tilde{r}_{1} = L^{-1}r_{1}$$

$$\tilde{s}_{1} = \text{arbitrary, or } U^{-t}s_{1}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_{n} + U^{-1}\tilde{p}_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$\alpha_{n} = \frac{\tilde{s}_{n}^{t}D\tilde{r}_{n}}{\tilde{q}_{n}^{t}L^{-1}AU^{-1}\tilde{p}_{n}}$$

$$\tilde{r}_{n+1} = \tilde{r}_{n} + L^{-1}AU^{-1}\tilde{p}_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$\tilde{s}_{n+1} = \tilde{s}_{n} + (L^{-1}AU^{-1})^{t}\tilde{q}_{n}\alpha_{n}$$

$$\tilde{p}_{n+1} = D\tilde{r}_{n+1} - \tilde{p}_{n}\beta_{n}$$

$$\tilde{q}_{n+1} = D^{t}\tilde{s}_{n+1} - \tilde{q}_{n}\beta_{n}$$

The second observation is that, with A = L + U + K where  $K = D_A - D_L - D_U$ ,

$$L^{-1}AU^{-1} = L^{-1}(L+U+K)U^{-1} = U^{-1} + L^{-1}(I+KU^{-1}).$$

In other words, applying A and solving with M can be done for a joint cost of one upper and one lower solve, multiplication by K, and two vector additions.

Given the requirements that  $M = LD^{-1}U$  and A = L + U + K, it is most natural to write  $M = (L_A + D)D^{-1}(D + U_A)$ . Thus we could construct D by a point factorisation (including SSOR) of A, but everything generalises to block versions of these methods. Multiplication by  $K = D_A - 2D$  is straightforward, in both the point and the block case.

# 16.15 Preconditioning by the symmetric part and separable approximations

As symmetric matrices are often more pleasant to work with than non-symmetric ones, one could consider preconditioning a matrix A with its symmetric part  $Q = (A + A^t)/2$ . In a generalization of this idea, one could precondition by an approximation of the symmetric part; a separable one is a particularly good idea, since those can be solved very efficiently.

Here are some of the forms this idea has gone through.

• Solving a linear system from a **separable** equation

$$Au = -(a(x)u_x)_x - (b(y)u_y)_y$$

can be done by *fast solvers* such as the Fast Fourier Transform in  $O(N \log N)$  operations or thereabouts [73].

- If A is **nonseparable**, **but self-adjoint elliptic**, approximating it with a *self-adjoint separable* operator M gives a spectrally equivalent preconditioner. D'Yakonov [23] considered ADI as a preconditioner; Widlund [84] used a stationary iteration method here, which Concus and Golub [15] accelerated with Chebyshev iteration, and Bank [6] (using the marching algorithm) by Conjugate Gradients.
- The general, **nonself-adjoint**, **nonseparable**, **elliptic** case was discussed by Concus and Golub [16] and Widlund [85]. Elman and Schultz [27] proved spectral equivalence for self-adjoint preconditioners, but gave numerical evidence that nonself-adjoint preconditioners give similar asymptotic rates.

### 16.16 Diagonal coefficient matrices

While it is silly to solve a system with a coefficient matrix of diagonal form by an iterative method, such matrices can be good test problems. Stationary iterative methods converge in one step with such a matrix, but, surprisingly, conjugacy based methods do not see the form of the matrix, other than through different roundoff behaviour.

**Question:** *Prove this.* 

### 16.17 CG in Function Spaces

Conjugate Gradients in Hilbert Space

On April 2, 2003 I asked in na.digest@na-net.ornl.gov the question:

Is anything known about the convergence of the conjugate

E.g., is it convergent for a linear system Ax=b if A is self-adjoint, positive definite, and 1-A is compact? What about the rate of convergence?

Here is a summary of the responses that I got. please inform me at Arnold. Neumaier@univie.ac.at

### General comments:

where:

The earliest paper is the thesis of Hayes in 1954. Zuhair Nashed and colleagues have written extensively about cg on function spaces. The earlier references can be found in [Golub and O'Leary].

Find u in V so that: a(u,v)=L(v), for all v in V,

V is a real Hilbert space with norm ||.||, a:VxV--->R is bilinear, continuous, symmetric with  $a(v,v) \neq c||v||^2$  for all v in V, with c>0, and L:V--->R is linear and continuous. [see Glowinski]

and a superlinear phase.

for matrices, but one needs to use the spectral theory for self-adjoint operators in a Hilbert space. Compactness is not ne gradient method for linear equations in function spaces? If I-A is compact, the convergence is superlinear, due to the clustering of eigenvalues at 1. [see Widlund, or the book by New [Axelsson and Karatson] distinguish a sublinear, a linear,

The proof of the "standard" convergence rate estimate goes as

[Kelley, Campbell, Ipsen, Meyer] give a nice proof of the superl convergence of GMRES for I-A compact. The superlinear convergence If you have more precise information at this level of brevity, of CG then follows from a general version of the Brown result for orthogonal/minimal residual method pairs:

> $||r^{OR}_k|| \le ||r^{MR}_k||/sqrt\{1-||r^{MR}_k||^2/||r^{MR}_k||$ where  $r^{OR}$  k and  $r^{MR}$  k are the kth residuals of the orthogonal and minimal residual methods, respectively.

Essentially the same results hold for GMRES and several quasi-Newton methods.

If A is compact, the solution of Ax=b is ill-posed, but CG has a regularizing effect; it converges (for selfadjoint semidefinite CG can be applied to any linear variational problem of the form errors, one may (in the compact case) not iterate for too long; otherwise the information gained is destroyed again.

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## 17 History

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The evolution of the conjugate gradient method and other Krylov methods has proceeded along branching paths. Here are some of the defining papers.

**Lanczos 1950 [47]** Cornelius Lanczos proposed three-term recurrences  $b_{n+1} = Ab_{n-1} - \alpha_n b_n - \beta_{n-1}b_{n-1}$  for the solution of the eigenvalue problem. Orthogonality of the  $b_n$  vectors follows from the requirement that  $b_{n+1}$  be of minimal length (Lanczos credits the idea of successive orthogonalisation of a sequence to [59]). The generalisation to a nonsymmetric matrix is by generating two mutually orthogonal sequences, the second generated from  $b_{n+1}^* = A^t b_{n-1}^* - \alpha_n b_n^* - \beta_{n-1} b_{n-1}^*$ , that is, both satisfying a three-term recurrence. No normalisation of the sequences is applied, with as result  $b_n = P_n(A)b_1$  where the polynomial  $P_n$  is normalised to  $P_n(x) = x^n + \cdots$ . Although the sequences satisfy three-term recurrences, the actual algorithm uses coupled two-term recurrences.

**Arnoldi 1951 [2]** W.E. Arnoldi, also targeting the eigenvalue problem, gave a further discussion of the Lanczos method, and proposed a variant, which he terms a Galerkin method, leaving out the  $A^t$ -based sequence  $b^*n$ . As a result he derives an upper Hessenberg matrix of  $b_i^t A b_j$  coefficients.

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# Matlab code examples

#### **A.1** Minimum residual methods

### **GMRES**

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# A.2 Polynomial squaring methods

A.2.1 Conjugate Gradient Squared

# A.3 Arnoldi method

See section A.5.1 for the xqr routine.

# A.4 Householder reflectors

These code examples illustrate the theory of section 11.4.

### A.4.1 Basic reduction routines

Reduction to Hessenberg form by Householder reflectors:

# A.4.2 Retrieving Householder vectors from a Lanczos basis

# A.5 Utilities

# A.5.1 Orthogonalisation

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