

CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHODS



CG methods

solving large linear systems of equations

solve nonlinear optimization problems

- ✓ performance of the linear conjugate gradient method
- ✓ Preconditioning
- ✓ no matrix storage and are faster than the steepest descent method

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$$\nabla \phi(x) = Ax - b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} r(x)$$

at $x = x_k$

$$r_k = Ax_k - b$$

conjugate direction method

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Given a starting point $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a set of conjugate directions $\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$$

α_k is the one-dimensional minimizer of the quadratic function $\phi(\cdot)$ along $x_k + \alpha p_k$

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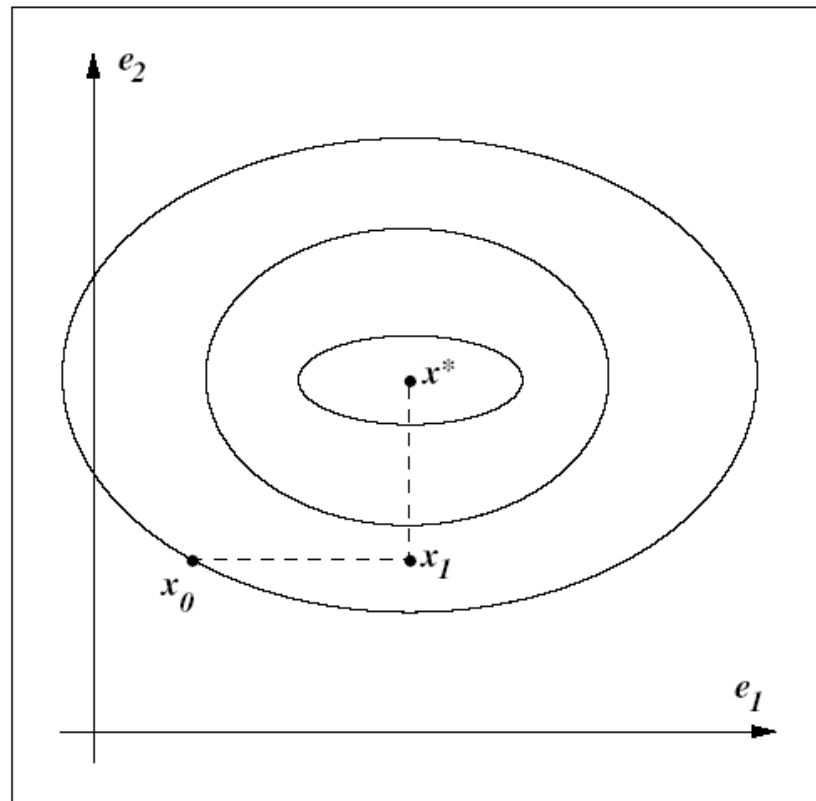
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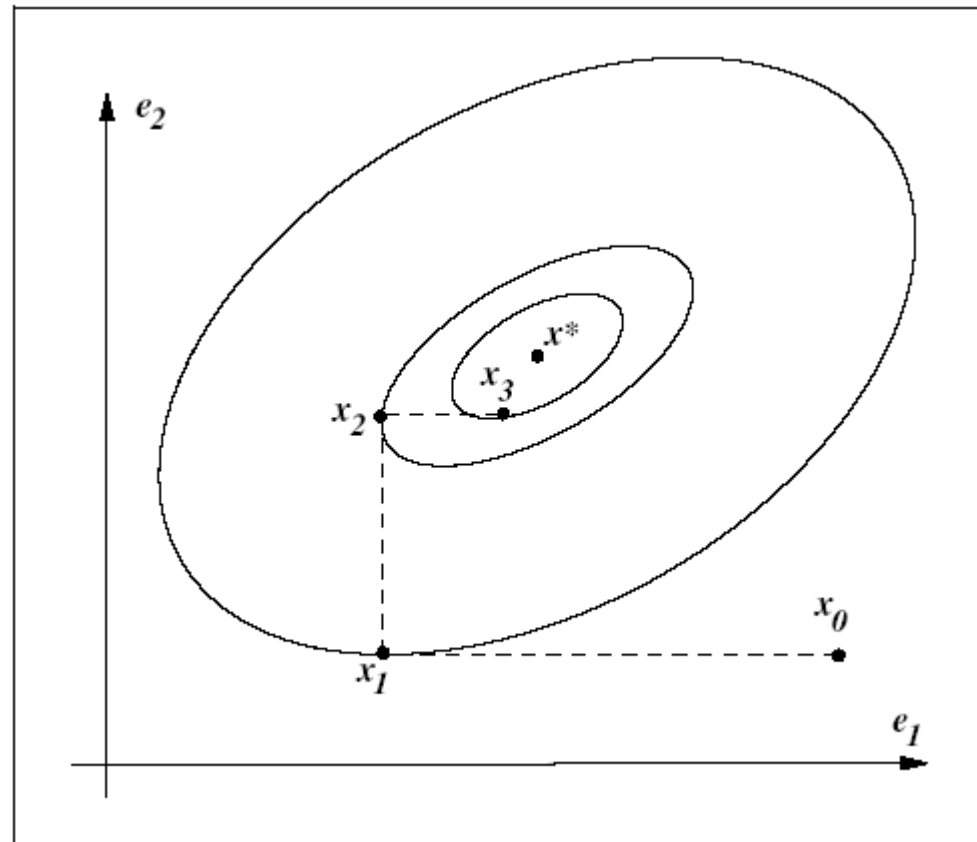
$$\phi(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2}x^T A x - b^T x$$

Diagonal A



Linear CG method

Not diagonal A



Transform the problem to make A diagonal and
then minimize along the coordinate directions

Linear CG method

$$\hat{x} = S^{-1}x$$

where S is the $n \times n$ matrix defined by

$$S = [p_0 \ p_1 \ \cdots \ p_{n-1}],$$

where $\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$ is the set of conjugate directions with respect to A

$$\hat{\phi}(\hat{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi(S\hat{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{x}^T (S^T A S) \hat{x} - (S^T b)^T \hat{x}$$



diagonal

performing n one-dimensional minimizations along the coordinate directions

Linear CG method

- ✓ the i th coordinate direction in \hat{x} -space corresponds to the direction p_i in x -space
- ✓ the coordinate search strategy applied to $\varphi^{\hat{\cdot}}$ is equivalent to the conjugate direction algorithm

Theorem (Expanding Subspace Minimization).

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be any starting point and suppose that the sequence $\{x_k\}$ is generated by the conjugate direction algorithm. Then

$$r_k^T p_i = 0, \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, k-1,$$

$$r_{k+1}^T A p_i = 0, \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, k-1,$$


current residual r_k is orthogonal to all previous search directions

Linear CG method

- ✓ compute a new vector p_k by using only the previous vector p_{k-1}
- ✓ method requires little storage and computation

$$p_k = -r_k + \beta_k p_{k-1}$$

$p_{k-1}^T A$


$$\beta_k = \frac{r_k^T A p_{k-1}}{p_{k-1}^T A p_{k-1}}$$

Linear CG method

Algorithm (CG–Preliminary Version).

Given x_0 ;

Set $r_0 \leftarrow Ax_0 - b$, $p_0 \leftarrow -r_0$, $k \leftarrow 0$;

while $r_k \neq 0$

$$\alpha_k \leftarrow -\frac{r_k^T p_k}{p_k^T A p_k};$$

$$x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k + \alpha_k p_k;$$

$$r_{k+1} \leftarrow Ax_{k+1} - b;$$

$$\beta_{k+1} \leftarrow \frac{r_{k+1}^T A p_k}{p_k^T A p_k};$$

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Linear CG method

If A has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$, we have that

$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\|_A^2 \leq \left(\frac{\lambda_{n-k} - \lambda_1}{\lambda_{n-k} + \lambda_1} \right)^2 \|x_0 - x^*\|_A^2.$$

NLCG

adapt the approach to minimize general convex functions

step length α_k : *a line search an approximate minimum of the nonlinear function f along p_k*

the residual r replaced by the gradient of the nonlinear objective f

NLCG

Algorithm (FR).

Given x_0 ;

Evaluate $\nabla f_0 = \nabla f(x_0)$;

Set $p_0 \leftarrow -\nabla f_0, k \leftarrow 0$;

while $\nabla f_k \neq 0$

 Compute α_k and set $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$;

 Evaluate ∇f_{k+1} ;

$$\beta_{k+1}^{\text{FR}} \leftarrow \frac{\nabla f_{k+1}^T \nabla f_{k+1}}{\nabla f_k^T \nabla f_k};$$

$$p_{k+1} \leftarrow -\nabla f_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1}^{\text{FR}} p_k;$$

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