

# Preconditioned conjugate gradient algorithm

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In order to accelerate the iterative method, we usually introduce the so-called preconditioner  $B$  to the linear system  $Ax = b$ . The idea is that matrix  $A$  itself maybe ill-conditioned (condition number of  $A$  is quite large), however, hopefully, by choose some good preconditioner  $B$ , the condition number of  $BA$  will be much better, i.e.  $\text{cond}(BA) \ll \text{cond}(A)$ . Then we can solve  $BAx = Bb$  by iterative method instead of  $Ax = b$ . Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient (PCG) method is one of this kind methods. Roughly speaking, it is CG method applied to  $BAx = Bb$ . Alogorithm 1 is the detailed PCG algorithm. Implement the PCG method, and apply it to solve the above linear system with  $n = 2^l$ ,  $l = 5, 6, 7, 8$  (stopping criterion is  $\|b - Ax^k\|/\|b\| < 10^{-6}$ ). Choose the preconditioner  $B = I$ ,  $B = D^{-1}$  and  $B = (D + U)^{-1}D(D + L)^{-1}$  (decompose  $A = D + L + U$ ). Make a table to report the number of iterations for these three different preconditioners.

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**Algorithm 1** Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient Method

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1: Given initial guess  $x^0$ 
2: Set residual  $r^0 = b - Ax^0$ 
3:  $z^0 = Br^0$ 
4:  $v^0 = z^0$ 
5:  $k \leftarrow 0$ 
6: while  $\frac{\|b - Ax^k\|}{\|b\|} > 10^{-6}$  do
7:    $\alpha_k = \frac{(r^k, z^k)}{(Av^k, v^k)}$ 
8:    $x^{k+1} = x^k + \alpha_k v^k$ 
9:    $r^{k+1} = r^k - \alpha_k Av^k$ 
10:   $z^{k+1} = Br^{k+1}$ 
11:   $\beta_{k+1} = \frac{(r^{k+1}, z^{k+1})}{(r^k, z^k)}$ 
12:   $v^{k+1} = z^{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} v^k$ 
13:   $k = k + 1$ 
14: end while
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