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## MATH 565 Continuous Optimization

### Homework 3

1. Page 100: Problem 4.9.

Derive the solution of the two-dimensional subspace minimization problem in the case where  $B$  is positive definite.

*Proof.* The two-dimensional subspace minimization problem can be stated as

$$\min_p \{m(p)\} = \min_p \left\{ f + g^T p + \frac{1}{2} p^T B p \right\} \quad s.t. \|p\| < \Delta, p \in \text{span}(g, B^{-1}g)$$

□

2. Page 100: Problem 4.10.

Show that if  $B$  is any symmetric matrix, then there exists  $\lambda \geq 0$  such that  $B + \lambda I$  is positive definite.

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be a symmetric matrix. Since  $B$  is symmetric all of the eigenvalues of  $B$  are real. If all of the eigenvalues of  $B$  are positive, then  $B$  is already positive definite. In this case,  $B = B + 0I$  is positive definite. Therefore consider when  $B$  has some negative eigenvalues. Let  $\mu_1$  be the most negative eigenvalue, that is  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_i$  for any eigenvalue,  $\mu_i$ , of  $B$ . I will let  $\lambda = -\mu_1 + 1$ . I now claim that  $B + \lambda I$  is positive definite. To see this note that the eigenvectors of  $B$  can form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , when  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ . Let  $\{v_i\}$  denote this basis and consider that any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  can be expressed as  $x = \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i v_i)$ . Now consider  $x^T (B + \lambda I) x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^T (B + \lambda I) x &= \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i v_i^T) (B + \lambda I) \sum_{j=1}^N (a_j v_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^N (a_i a_j v_i^T (B + \lambda I) v_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^N (a_i a_j (v_i^T B v_j + \lambda v_i^T v_j)) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^N (a_i a_j (\mu_j v_i^T v_j + \lambda v_i^T v_j)) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v_i^T v_j = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i^2 (\mu_i v_i^T v_i + \lambda v_i^T v_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i^2 (\mu_i \|v_i\|^2 + \lambda \|v_i\|^2)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i^2 (\mu_i + \lambda)) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\mu_i + \lambda > 0$  for any eigenvalue  $\mu_i$  as  $\lambda + \mu_1 = 1$  and  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_i$  for all eigenvalues, therefore

$$x^T (B + \lambda I) x > 0$$

This shows that  $B + \lambda I$  is positive definite.

□

3. Implement the linear conjugate gradient method in MATLAB or PYTHON.

The following function implements the linear conjugate gradient method in PYTHON.

```
import numpy as np
def linearConjugateGradient(A, b, x, MaxIter, TOL):
    r = np.dot(A, x) - b
    delta = np.dot(r, r)
    p = -r
    k = 0
    mstop = 1
    while k < MaxIter and mstop:
        k+=1
        w = np.dot(A, p)
        alpha = delta/np.dot(p, w)
        x = x + alpha*p
        r = r + alpha*w
        deltaOld = delta
        delta = np.dot(r, r)
        if np.sqrt(delta) < TOL:
            mstop = 0
        else:
            beta = delta/deltaOld
            p = -r + beta*p
    return (x, k)
```

4. Page 133: Problem 5.1. (Use your method from the previous problem).

Implement Algorithm 5.2 and use it to solve linear systems in which  $A$  is the Hilbert matrix, whose elements  $A_{i,j} = 1/(i + j - 1)$ . Set the right-hand-side to  $b = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$  and the initial point to  $x_0 = 0$ . Try dimensions  $n = 5, 8, 12, 20$  and report the number of iterations required to reduce the residual below  $10^{-6}$ .

The following script uses the linear conjugate gradient method to solve the given linear system.

```
import numpy as np
from scipy.linalg import hilbert
execfile('linearConjugateGradient.py')

TOL = 1e-6
MaxIter = 100
for n in [5, 8, 12, 20]:
    A = hilbert(n)
    b = np.ones(n)
    x = np.zeros(n)
    (x, k) = linearConjugateGradient(A, b, x, MaxIter, TOL)
    print(k)
```

The required number of iterations to achieve error less than  $10^{-6}$  is shown in the table below for different size matrices.

n	Number of Iterations
5	
8	
12	
20	

5. Page 133: Problem 5.2.

Show that if the nonzero vectors  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_l$  satisfy (5.5), where  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite, then these vectors are linearly independent. (This result implies that  $A$  has at most  $n$  conjugate directions.)

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be symmetric and positive definite and let  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_l$  be  $A$ -conjugate, that is

$$p_i^T A p_j = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j.$$

Consider a set of constants  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_l$ , such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^l (c_i p_i) = 0$$

The set of vectors  $\{p_i\}$  are linearly independent if  $c_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . Consider the following

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{i=0}^l (c_i p_i^T) A \sum_{j=0}^l (c_j p_j) \\ 0 &= \sum_{i=0}^l \left( \sum_{j=0}^l (c_i c_j p_i^T A p_j) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since these vectors are  $A$ -conjugate

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^l (c_i^2 p_i^T A p_i).$$

Note that since  $A$  is positive definite  $p_i^T A p_i > 0$  for all  $i$ , and since  $c_i^2 \geq 0$  this implies that

$$0 = c_i$$

This shows that  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_l$  are linearly independent. Therefore any set of  $A$ -conjugate vectors must also be linearly independent. Since a set of linearly independent vectors can be at most of size  $n$ , this implies that a set of  $A$ -conjugate vectors can be at most of size  $n$ .  $\square$

6. Let  $n = N^2$ . Download the MATLAB file CreateA.m from the course website. The correct syntax for calling this code is

$$A = \text{CreateA}(N);$$

This creates a matrix of size  $N^2 \times N^2$ .

Apply your conjugate gradient method to this problem for various  $N$ . Make a table that records the number of iterations required to achieve a reasonable tolerance for  $N = 10, 20, 40, 80, 160, 320$ . You should use the same tolerance in each case. How does the number of iterations scale with  $N$ ? What does this tell you about the condition number of  $A$  as  $N$  varies?

```
from scipy.sparse import spdiags
from scipy.sparse import lil_matrix
from scipy.sparse import identity

execfile('linearConjugateGradient.py')
import ipdb

def CreateA(n1):
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e1= np.ones(n1)
e2= np.zeros(n1)
T = spdiags([e1, -4*e1, e1], [-1, 0, 1], n1, n1)
I = identity(n1)

A = lil_matrix((n1*n1,n1*n1))
for i in range(n1):
    ma = i*n1
    mb = (i+1)*n1
    A[ma:mb,ma:mb] = T

    for i in range(n1-1):
        ma = i*n1
        mb = (i+1)*n1
        mc = (i+1)*n1
        md = (i+2)*n1
        A[ma:mb,mc:md] = I
        A[mc:md,ma:mb] = I

A = -A
return(A)

TOL = 1e-6
MaxIter = 500
for n in [10, 20, 40, 80]:
    x0 = np.zeros(n*n)
    b = np.ones(n*n)
    A = CreateA(n).toarray()
    (x, k) = linearConjugateGradient(A, b, x0, MaxIter, TOL)
    print(k)
    ek = TOL
    e0 = np.linalg.norm(x - x0)
    e = (ek/(2*e0))*(1.0/k)
    cond = ((e + 1)/(1 - e))*2
    print(cond)

```

For this problem, I used  $b = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$  and  $x_0 = 0$ . The error tolerance was  $10^{-6}$ .

N	number of iterations
10	15
20	35
40	73
80	149
160	302
320	

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