

# RSMAR: An iterative method for range-symmetric linear systems

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## Two main references

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# Outline

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- ① The pseudoinverse solution of range-symmetric systems
- ② GMRES-type methods for singular range-symmetric systems
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# The pseudoinverse solution

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- $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Consistent if  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ , otherwise, inconsistent.

- $\mathbf{A}^\dagger$ : the Moore–Penrose inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$
- $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ : the pseudoinverse solution

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$	$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$	$\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$
consistent	$= n$	unique solution
consistent	$< n$	unique minimum 2-norm solution
inconsistent	$= n$	unique least-squares (LS) solution
inconsistent	$< n$	unique minimum 2-norm LS solution

## Krylov subspaces and (least squares) solutions

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- $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_0 := \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}_0$ ,

$$\mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0) := \text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{Ar}_0, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{k-1}\mathbf{r}_0\}.$$

- $\ell$ : the **grade** of  $\mathbf{r}_0$  with respect to  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,  $\ell$  satisfies

$$\dim \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0) = \begin{cases} k, & \text{if } k \leq \ell, \\ \ell, & \text{if } k \geq \ell + 1. \end{cases}$$

- For any  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,
  - (i)  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ : # LS solution in  $\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathcal{K}_{\ell-1}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0) \leq 1$ ;
  - (ii)  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ : # solution in  $\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathcal{K}_{\ell}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0) \leq 1$ .

## Range-symmetric systems

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- range-symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ :  $\text{range}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{range}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$ .

Fact I:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}^\top.$$

( $\mathbf{C}$  is invertible and  $\mathbf{U}$  is orthogonal.)

Fact II:

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{A}^D = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}^\top. \quad (\text{Drazin inverse})$$

Fact III:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} + \text{null}(\mathbf{A}) &= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b}\} \\ &= \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}\}. \end{aligned}$$

# GMRES for singular range-symmetric systems

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- GMRES:  $\mathbf{x}_k := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}_0)} \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|.$
- For singular range-symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$  [BW97]:
  - (i)  $\mathbf{b} \in \operatorname{range}(\mathbf{A})$ :  $\mathbf{x}_\ell = \text{solution}$ . More precisely,

$$\mathbf{x}_\ell = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x}_0,$$

the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{x}_0$  onto the solution set

$$\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}\} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} + \operatorname{null}(\mathbf{A}).$$

- (ii)  $\mathbf{b} \notin \operatorname{range}(\mathbf{A})$ :  $\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1} = \text{LS solution}$ . Which one?

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[BW97] P. N. Brown and H. F. Walker. *GMRES on (nearly) singular systems*. SIMAX, 1997.

## A lifting strategy [LMR23]

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- If  $\text{range}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{range}(\mathbf{A}^\top)$  and  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ , then the lifted vector,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell-1} := \mathbf{x}_{\ell-1} - \frac{\mathbf{r}_{\ell-1}^\top (\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1} - \mathbf{x}_0)}{\mathbf{r}_{\ell-1}^\top \mathbf{r}_{\ell-1}} \mathbf{r}_{\ell-1},$$

is the **orthogonal projection** of  $\mathbf{x}_0$  onto the least squares solution set  $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{b}\}$ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell-1} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x}_0.$$

- $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell-1} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}.$

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# GMRES for singular (skew-)symmetric systems

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- “(skew-)symmetric”  $\in$  “range-symmetric”
- For symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ , if  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1}$  = LS solution, but not necessarily  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$  [CPS11].

Trigger the lifting strategy if required.

- For skew-symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}^\top = -\mathbf{A}$ , if  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ , then

$$\mathbf{r}_{\ell-1}^\top (\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1} - \mathbf{x}_0) = 0,$$

which implies

$$\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell-1}.$$

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[CPS11] S.-C. T. Choi, C. C. Paige, and M. A. Saunders. *MINRES-QLP: A Krylov subspace method for indefinite or singular symmetric systems*. SISC, 2011.

# Summary of GMRES-type methods

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- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be range-symmetric. For simplicity, we set  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ .

Method	Minimization property at step $k$
GMRES	$\mathbf{x}_k := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})} \ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}\ $
RRGMRES	$\mathbf{x}_k^R := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Ab})} \ \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}\ $
DGMRES	$\mathbf{x}_k^D := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{Ab})} \ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax})\ $
RSMAR	$\mathbf{x}_k^A := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})} \ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax})\ $

Consistent:  $\mathbf{x}_\ell = \mathbf{x}_\ell^R = \mathbf{x}_\ell^D = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_\ell^A = ???$

Inconsistent:  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\ell-1} = \mathbf{x}_{\ell-1}^R = \mathbf{x}_{\ell-1}^D = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1}^A = ???$

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## RSMAR for range-symmetric systems

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- RSMAR:  $\mathbf{x}_k^A := \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})\|$ , (well-defined?)
- For range-symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ , if  $\mathbf{b} \in \operatorname{range}(\mathbf{A})$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_\ell^A = \mathbf{x}_\ell$ , and if  $\mathbf{b} \notin \operatorname{range}(\mathbf{A})$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_{\ell-1}^A = \mathbf{x}_{\ell-1}$ . In other words, the final iterates of GMRES and RSMAR are the same.
- For inconsistent systems,  $\|\mathbf{r}_{\ell-1}\| \neq 0$ , but  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_{\ell-1}\| = 0$ .
- RSMAR for  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  “=” GMRES for  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})\| = \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}\|,$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k^A = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}\|.$$

# Implementation I (inspired by simpler GMRES)

- Arnoldi process yields  $\text{span}\{\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_k\} = \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b})$ ,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{V}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{k+1} \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{k+1,k}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{V}}_k^\top \hat{\mathbf{V}}_k = \mathbf{I}_k.$$

- $\min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}\| = \min_{\hat{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathbb{R}^k} \|\hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{e}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{k+1,k} \hat{\mathbf{z}}\| \Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_k \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k \text{ with } \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k = \underset{\hat{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathbb{R}^k}{\text{argmin}} \|\hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{e}_1 - \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{k+1,k} \hat{\mathbf{z}}\|.$$

- $\mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{b}, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{k-1}\}$  and  $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k^A \Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{x}_k^A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} & \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_k,$$

where  $\mathbf{z}_k$  solves

$$\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} & \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z} = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_k \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{e}_1 & \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{k,k-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z} = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_k \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k.$$

## Implementation II (inspired by RRGMR)

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- Arnoldi process yields  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\} = \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})$ ,

$$\beta_1 \mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{V}_{k+1}\mathbf{H}_{k+1,k}, \quad \mathbf{V}_k^\top \mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{I}_k.$$

- The subproblem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b})} \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})\| \\ = \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^k} \|\beta_1 \mathbf{H}_{k+2,k+1} \mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{H}_{k+2,k+1} \mathbf{H}_{k+1,k} \mathbf{z}\|. \end{aligned}$$

- Two QR factorizations are required:

$$\mathbf{H}_{k+1,k} = \mathbf{Q}_{k+1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_k \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{H}_{k+2,k+1} \mathbf{Q}_{k+1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+2} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_k \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $\mathbf{x}_k^A = \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{R}_k^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_k^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_k & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+2}^\top \beta_1 (h_{11} \mathbf{e}_1 + h_{21} \mathbf{e}_2).$

# MINARES for symmetric systems [MOS23]

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- GMRES for symmetric systems “ $\Leftrightarrow$ ” MINRES
- RSMAR for symmetric systems “ $\Leftrightarrow$ ” MINARES
- The MINARES implementation in [MOS23] is based on the Arnoldi relation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{V}_{k+1}\mathbf{H}_{k+1,k}$ , and thus can be viewed as a short recurrence variant of RSMAR-II.
- We derive a new implementation for MINARES, which is based on  $\mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{V}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{k+1}\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{k+1,k}$  and can be viewed as a short recurrence variant of RSMAR-I.

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# Numerical experiments

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- A boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u + d \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f, & \text{in } \Omega := [0, 1] \times [0, 1], \\ u(x, 0) = u(x, 1), & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ u(0, y) = u(1, y), & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

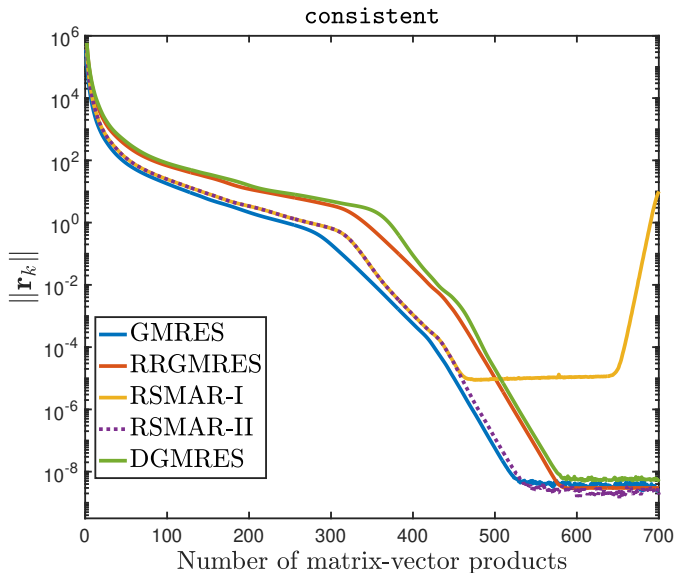
where  $d$  is a constant and  $f$  is a given function. [BW97]

- FD discretization yields a singular range-symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_m & \mathbf{I}_m & & \mathbf{I}_m \\ \mathbf{I}_m & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{I}_m \\ \mathbf{I}_m & & \mathbf{I}_m & \mathbf{T}_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{T}_m = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & \alpha_+ & & \alpha_- \\ \alpha_- & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \alpha_+ \\ \alpha_+ & & \alpha_- & -4 \end{bmatrix},$$

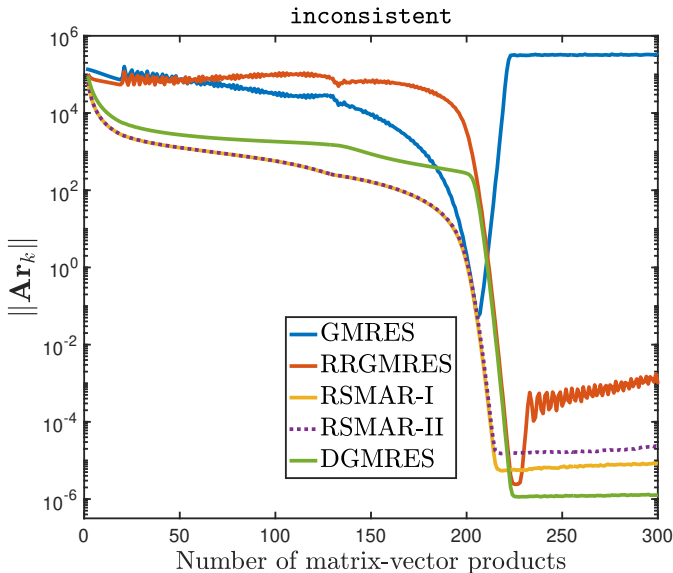
where  $m = 100$ ,  $h = 1/m$ ,  $\alpha_{\pm} = 1 \pm dh/2$ , and  $d = 10$ .

## Example: a consistent range-symmetric system



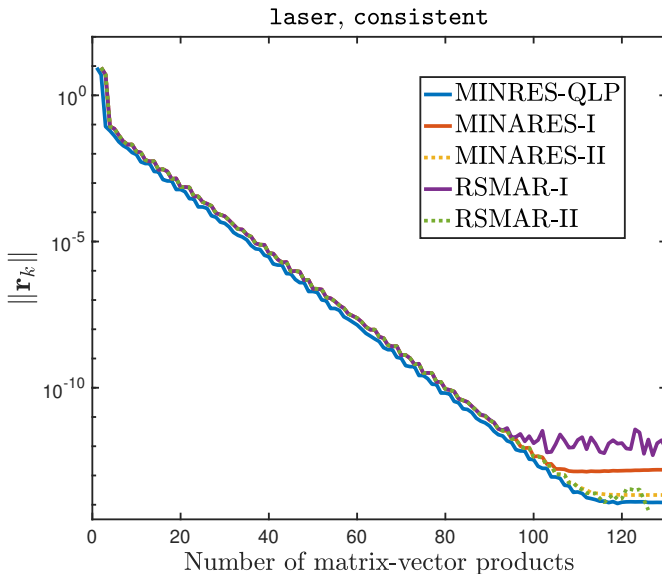


## Example: an inconsistent range-symmetric system

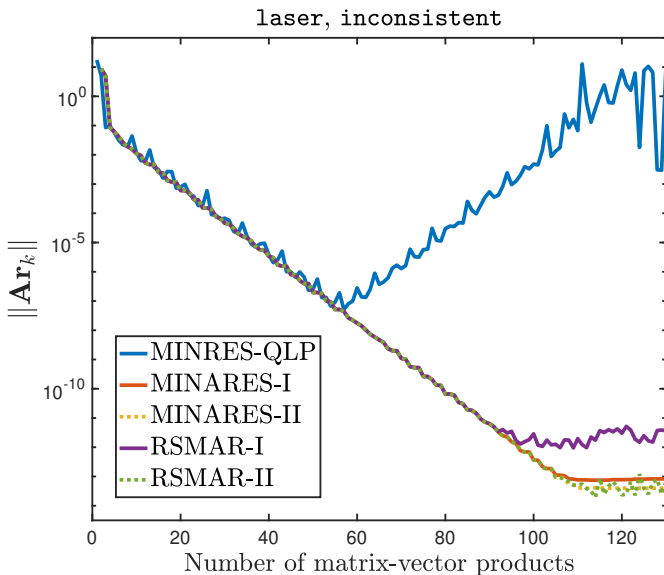


## Example: a consistent symmetric system

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## Example: an inconsistent symmetric system



## Summary

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- RSMAR enriches the family of Krylov subspace methods for range-symmetric systems.
- For range-symmetric systems, the final iterates of RSMAR and GMRES are the same.
- For range-symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ ,
  - (i)  $\mathbf{b} \in \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ : the final iterate of RSMAR is  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ , and
  - (ii)  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{range}(\mathbf{A})$ : the final iterate of RSMAR is a least squares solution and a lifting strategy can be used to obtain  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b}$ .

## Summary

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- On singular inconsistent range-symmetric systems, RSMAR outperforms GMRES, RRGMR, and DGMRES, and thus should be the preferred method in finite precision arithmetic.
- RSMAR-II is better than RSMAR-I in finite precision arithmetic.
- Possible research directions:
  - (1) preconditioning
  - (2) stopping criteria
  - (3) performance for linear discrete ill-posed problems

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# Our manuscript, slides, and MATLAB codes

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- The slides are available at  
<https://kuidu.github.io/talk.html>
- The MATLAB codes are available at  
<https://kuidu.github.io/code.html>