

# Iterative methods with retards for the solution of large-scale linear systems

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## Introduction

# Introduction: Gradient iterations

Let  $A$  be an  $N$ -dimensional symmetric positive definite (SPD) matrix

To solve:

$$Ax = b$$

Find solution  $x_*$   $\iff$  minimize quadratic function [*Temple, 1938*]:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x$$

$x^T$ : transpose of  $x$

Let gradient vector  $g_n = Ax_n - b$ . Gradient methods, first proposed by [*Cauchy, 1847*], further formalized by [*Kantorovitch, 1945*]:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha_n g_n$$

$\alpha_n > 0$ : step, **steplength**, stepsize

# Introduction: Basic gradient methods

Monotone methods: computing  $\{\alpha_n\}$  such that  $f(x_n)$  decreases monotonically

Alternate methods: two or more expressions for  $\alpha_n$

⇒ **Basic methods: monotone** (or monotone + non-alternate)

- steepest descent [*Cauchy, 1847*]:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{SD}} = (g_n^\top g_n) / (g_n^\top A g_n)$$

- minimal gradient [*Krasnosel'skii and Krein, 1952*]:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{MG}} = (g_n^\top A g_n) / (g_n^\top A^2 g_n)$$

- asymptotically optimal [*Dai and Yang, 2006*]:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{AO}} = \|g_n\| / \|A g_n\|$$

- other choices: relaxed steepest descent, alternate minimization, Dai-Yuan method, etc.

# Introduction: Gradient methods with retards

- Barzilai-Borwein method [*Barzilai and Borwein, 1988*]:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{BB}} = (g_{n-1}^\top g_{n-1}) / (g_{n-1}^\top A g_{n-1})$$

convergence: [*Raydan, 1993*][*Dai and Liao, 2002*]

- a general framework [*Friedlander et al., 1999*]:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{GMR}} = (g_{\tau(n)}^\top A^{\rho(n)} g_{\tau(n)}) / (g_{\tau(n)}^\top A^{\rho(n)+1} g_{\tau(n)})$$

$\tau(n)$ :  $\bar{n}, \bar{n} + 1, \dots, n - 1, n$ ;  $\bar{n} = \max\{0, n - m\}$ ;  $m > 0$

$\rho(n)$ :  $q_1, \dots, q_m$ ;  $q_j \geq 0$

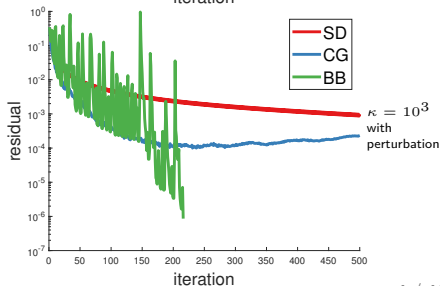
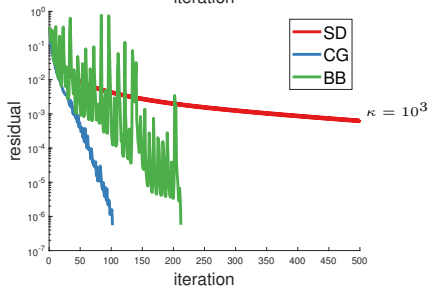
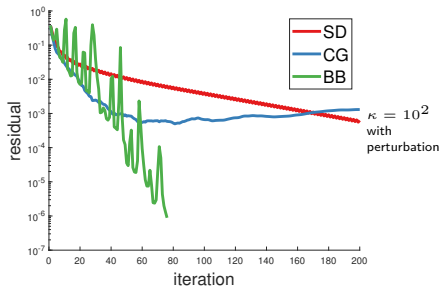
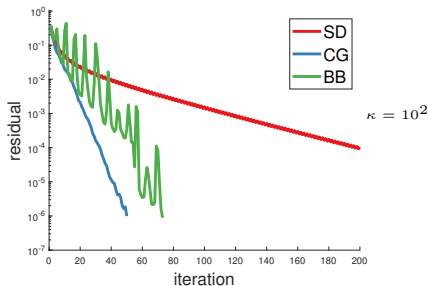
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- other choices: adaptive Barzilai-Borwein, Yuan variants, steepest descent with alignment, etc.

⇒ non-monotone

⇒ efficient and error-tolerant

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**Existing analyses only support steepest descent iterations**

**Can we extend these techniques to other basic gradient methods?**

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$$\bar{\alpha}_n = (g_n^\top A^\rho g_n) / (g_n^\top A^{\rho+1} g_n), \quad \rho \geq 0$$

$\rho = 0$ : **steepest descent**.  $\rho = 1$ : **minimal gradient**

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Let  $\hat{p}_{i,n} = \lambda_i^\rho \zeta_{i,n}^2$ , and let  $p_{i,n} = \hat{p}_{i,n} / \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{p}_{j,n}$ . **Idea:**  $\sum_{i=1}^N p_{i,n} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{i,n+1} &= \frac{\lambda_i^\rho \zeta_{i,n+1}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j^\rho \zeta_{j,n+1}^2} = (1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j^\rho \zeta_{j,n}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j^{\rho+1} \zeta_{j,n}^2} \lambda_i)^2 \frac{\lambda_i^\rho \zeta_{i,n}^2}{\sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j^\rho \zeta_{j,n+1}^2} \\ &= \dots = \frac{(\lambda_i - \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j p_{j,n})^2 p_{i,n}}{\sum_{l=1}^N (\lambda_l - \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j p_{j,n})^2 p_{l,n}} \end{aligned}$$



# Spectral properties: Probability measure

Let  $\bar{\lambda}^{(n)} = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j p_{j,n}$ . Then

$$p_{i,n+1} = \frac{(\lambda_i - \bar{\lambda}^{(n)})^2 p_{i,n}}{\sum_{l=1}^N (\lambda_l - \bar{\lambda}^{(n)})^2 p_{l,n}}$$

Let  $\Lambda$  be a random variable with outcomes  $\{\lambda_i\}$ . From a probability point of view:

- $\{p_{i,n}\}_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}}$ : **probability distribution** for  $\Lambda$
- $\bar{\lambda}^{(n)}$ : **expectation** of  $\Lambda$
- $\sum_{l=1}^N (\lambda_l - \bar{\lambda}^{(n)})^2 p_{l,n}$ : **variance** of  $\Lambda$

Let  $S_k^{(n)} = \sum_{l=1}^N (\lambda_l - \bar{\lambda}^{(n)})^k p_{l,n}$ . Then

$$S_2^{(n+1)} - S_2^{(n)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\lambda_i - \bar{\lambda}^{(n+1)})^2 (\lambda_i - \bar{\lambda}^{(n)})^2 p_{i,n} - (S_2^{(n)})^2}{S_2^{(n)}}$$

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Assume  $\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_N$  without loss of generality [Fletcher, 2005]

$$\det M_2^{(n)} = S_4^{(n)} S_2^{(n)} - (S_3^{(n)})^2 - (S_2^{(n)})^3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & S_1^{(n)} & S_2^{(n)} \\ S_1^{(n)} & S_2^{(n)} & S_3^{(n)} \\ S_2^{(n)} & S_3^{(n)} & S_4^{(n)} \end{vmatrix} \quad (S_1^{(n)} = 0)$$

$M_m^{(n)}$ : **moment matrix** of size  $m + 1$

- positive semi-definiteness  $\implies \det M_m^{(n)} \geq 0$
- equality holds  $\iff m$  or fewer points with  $p_{i,n} > 0$  [Lindsay, 1989]

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From **Akaike's theorem** (1959):

$$\begin{aligned} n \rightarrow \infty : \quad & p_{i,n} > 0 && \text{if } i = 1 \text{ or } N \\ & p_{i,n} = 0 && \text{if } i \in \{2, \dots, N-1\} \\ & \{p_{1,n+1}, p_{N,n+1}\} = \{p_{N,n}, p_{1,n}\} \end{aligned}$$

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Similar result - [Akaike, 1959] for steepest descent ( $\rho = 0$ )

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For  $\bar{\alpha}_n = 1 / (\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,n})$ , substituting  $p_{i,2n}$  and  $p_{i,2n+1}$  yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\alpha}_{2n} = \frac{1 + c^2}{\lambda_1(1 + c^2 \kappa)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\alpha}_{2n+1} = \frac{1 + c^2}{\lambda_1(c^2 + \kappa)}$$

where  $\kappa = \lambda_N / \lambda_1$ . Independent of  $\rho$

# Spectral properties: Asymptotic results

For gradient vectors:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|g_{n+1}\|^2}{\|g_n\|^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (1 - \bar{\alpha}_n \lambda_i)^2 \zeta_{i,n}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_{i,n}^2}$$

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$$= \dots = \frac{c^2(\kappa - 1)^2(1 + c^2\kappa^\rho)}{(c^2 + \kappa^\rho)(1 + c^2\kappa)^2}$$

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$\rho = 0$ : the case of steepest descent [Nocedal et al., 2002]



# Spectral properties: Asymptotic results

Other results **in a nutshell**:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_{2n+1}^\top A^\gamma g_{2n+1}}{g_{2n}^\top A^\gamma g_{2n}} = \frac{c^2(\kappa - 1)^2(1 + c^2\kappa^{\rho-\gamma})}{(c^2 + \kappa^{\rho-\gamma})(1 + c^2\kappa)^2}$$

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$\rho - \gamma = 1 \implies \text{first} = \text{second}$

$\rho = 0$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|g_{n+2}\|^2}{\|g_n\|^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x_{n+1}) - f(x_*)}{f(x_n) - f(x_*)} = \frac{c^2(\kappa - 1)^2}{(c^2 + \kappa)(1 + c^2\kappa)}$$

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Idea: use spectral properties. Consider a **constant** steplength  $\hat{\alpha}$  such that

$$\hat{\alpha} \leq \frac{2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_N}$$

$\hat{\alpha} < 2/\lambda_N \leq 2\alpha_n^{\text{SD}} \implies$  convergence [Raydan and Svaiter, 2002]

Recall that:  $\zeta_{i,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n \lambda_i) \zeta_{i,n}$

$\alpha_n = \hat{\alpha} \implies \zeta_{i,n+1} = (1 - \hat{\alpha} \lambda_i)^{n+1} \zeta_{i,0}$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\zeta_{i,n}}{\zeta_{1,n}} = \frac{\zeta_{i,0}}{\zeta_{1,0}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1 - \hat{\alpha} \lambda_i}{1 - \hat{\alpha} \lambda_1} \right)^n$$

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$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_N} \implies \varphi_N = -1 \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\zeta_{N,n}}{\zeta_{1,n}} = \frac{\zeta_{N,0}}{\zeta_{1,0}} (-1)^n$$

... and others remain 0

Gradient vector tends to zigzag in two directions when  $\hat{\alpha} = 2/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_N)$

# Fast methods: Minimal gradient with alignment

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$$\alpha_n^{A^\rho} = \left( \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_{n-1}} + \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_n} \right)^{-1} \quad (\rho = 0 : \text{steepest descent with alignment})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n^{A^\rho} = \left( \frac{\lambda_1(1 + c^2\kappa)}{1 + c^2} + \frac{\lambda_1(c^2 + \kappa)}{1 + c^2} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_N}$$



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Strategy:

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- step 2: use constant steplength  $\hat{\alpha}$  - align with  $v_1$

$\rho = 1$ : minimal gradient with alignment

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Since

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Notice that:

$$\zeta_{i,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n \lambda_i) \zeta_{i,n} = \prod_{j=0}^n (1 - \alpha_j \lambda_i) \zeta_{i,0}$$

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Convergence framework of [Dai, 2003]:

- add **orthogonal transformation** such that  $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$
- add **scale factor** such that  $\lambda_1 = 1$
- use **Property A** to prove convergence

Gradient method: invariant under orthogonal transformation [Fletcher, 2005]

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Recall that:  $g_n = \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_{i,n} v_i$ .  $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) \implies g_{i,n} = \zeta_{i,n}$

DEFINITION:

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If the steplength  $\alpha_n$  has Property A, then the sequence  $\{\|g_n\|\}$  generated by a gradient method converges to zero [Dai, 2003]

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**Rayleigh quotient:**  $\lambda_1 < R(A, u) = (u^T A u) / (u^T u) < \lambda_N \implies$

$$\theta / \lambda_N \leq \tilde{\alpha}_{\tau(n)} \leq \theta / \lambda_1 \leq 1 / \lambda_1$$

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Let  $m_0$  be the maximum retard and notice that  $\tau(n) = n - j$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \cdot (\tilde{\alpha}_{\tau(n)})^{-1} &= \left( \frac{g_{\tau(n)}^{\top} A^2 g_{\tau(n)}}{g_{\tau(n)}^{\top} g_{\tau(n)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N g_{i,n-j}^2 \lambda_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mu} g_{i,n-j}^2 + \sum_{i=\mu+1}^N g_{i,n-j}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\geq \left( \frac{\lambda_{\mu+1}^2 \sum_{i=\mu+1}^N g_{i,n-j}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mu} g_{i,n-j}^2 + \sum_{i=\mu+1}^N g_{i,n-j}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \left( \frac{\lambda_{\mu+1}^2 g_{\mu+1,n-j}^2}{\varepsilon + g_{\mu+1,n-j}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \left( \frac{\lambda_{\mu+1}^2 c_2}{1 + c_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{c_2 = 0.8} \implies (\tilde{\alpha}_{\tau(n)})^{-1} \geq (1/\theta) \cdot (4\lambda_{\mu+1}^2/9)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq (2\lambda_{\mu+1})/3$$

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$$\frac{1}{2\lambda_N} \leq \frac{\min\{\bar{\alpha}_{\tau(n)-1}, \bar{\alpha}_{\tau(n)}\}}{2} \leq \alpha_{\tau(n)}^{A_\rho} \leq \min\{\bar{\alpha}_{\tau(n)-1}, \bar{\alpha}_{\tau(n)}\} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$$

$c_1 = 2\lambda_N \implies$  the first condition follows

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$$\alpha_{\tau(n)}^{Y_{\rho}} < \dots < \min\{\bar{\alpha}_{\tau(n)-1}, \bar{\alpha}_{\tau(n)}\} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$$

Then by **Kantorovich inequality**

$$\bar{\beta}_{\tau(n)} = \dots = \frac{g_{\tau(n)}^{\top} A^{\rho} g_{\tau(n)} \cdot g_{\tau(n)}^{\top} A^{\rho+2} g_{\tau(n)}}{\left( g_{\tau(n)}^{\top} A^{\rho+1} g_{\tau(n)} \right)^2} - 1 \leq \frac{(\lambda_N - \lambda_1)^2}{4\lambda_N \lambda_1}$$

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It follows that

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REMARK:

- convergence for alternate methods: all steplengths have Property A [Dai, 2003]
- steepest descent and minimal gradient have Property A [Dai, 2003]
- convergence results can also be proved by contradiction without using Dai's theorem. Idea: [Raydan, 1993]

## Applications

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Hermitian and skew-Hermitian splitting [Bai et al., 2003]:

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Let

$$\hat{T} = (\gamma I - H)(\gamma I + H)^{-1}(\gamma I - S)(\gamma I + S)^{-1}$$

By similarity invariance,  $T$  and  $\hat{T}$  have the same eigenvalues

$$S^H = -S \implies (\gamma I - S)(\gamma I + S)^{-1} \text{ is } \textbf{unitary} \quad (\text{Cayley transform})$$



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Idea: estimate  $\gamma_*$  by gradient iterations

- use asymptotic results of gradient methods
- not necessary to get an exact estimate

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Let

$$Q_{\rho,n}(\alpha) = \Gamma_{\rho,n}\alpha^2 - (\alpha_n^{A^\rho})^{-1}\alpha + 1$$

Notice that the roots

$$\frac{2}{(\alpha_n^{A^\rho})^{-1} + \sqrt{(\alpha_n^{A^\rho})^{-2} - 4\Gamma_{\rho,n}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{2}{(\alpha_n^{A^\rho})^{-1} - \sqrt{(\alpha_n^{A^\rho})^{-2} - 4\Gamma_{\rho,n}}}$$

are positive and  $Q_{\rho,n}(0) = 1$ . Then  $\Gamma_{\rho,n} > 0$  and

$$\boxed{\gamma_* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\rho,n}}}$$

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Second approach: Let  $\mathcal{M} = \gamma I + H$ . Then  $\lambda_i(\mathcal{M}) = \gamma + \lambda_i(H)$

Choosing an arbitrary  $\gamma$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_* &= \sqrt{\lambda_1(H)\lambda_N(H)} = \sqrt{(\lambda_1(\mathcal{M}) - \gamma)(\lambda_N(\mathcal{M}) - \gamma)} \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda_1(\mathcal{M})\lambda_N(\mathcal{M}) - \gamma(\lambda_1(\mathcal{M}) + \lambda_N(\mathcal{M})) + \gamma^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_{\rho,n} - \gamma \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha_n^{\mathbf{A}_\rho})^{-1} + \gamma^2}\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\boxed{\gamma_* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\rho,n} - \gamma(\alpha_n^{\mathbf{A}_\rho})^{-1} + \gamma^2}}$$

Note:

- iterations for  $\mathcal{M}$ , not  $H$ , **useful when  $H$  is not explicit**
- should give an estimate  $\gamma$  in the beginning

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Let  $A$  be symmetric definite positive. Let  $s$  be a positive integer. Then

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha_n^{(1)} g_n - \cdots - \alpha_n^{(s)} A^{s-1} g_n$$

Minimizing quadratic function  $f$  yields

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Idea: add retards. Cyclic steepest descent:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{CSD}} = \begin{cases} \alpha_n^{\text{SD}}, & n \bmod d = 0 \\ \alpha_{n-1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

with  $d \geq 2$  [Friedlander et al., 1999]

# Applications: s-dimensional methods

Recall the framework of gradient methods with retards:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{GMR}} = (g_{\tau(n)}^\top A^{\rho(n)} g_{\tau(n)}) / (g_{\tau(n)}^\top A^{\rho(n)+1} g_{\tau(n)})$$

Observe that  $(\omega_{\tau(n)}^{(j)}) / (\omega_{\tau(n)}^{(j+1)})$  satisfies this form with  $0 \leq j \leq 2s - 1$

**Cyclic s-dimensional steepest descent:**

- step 1: compute  $g_n, \dots, A^s g_n, \{\omega_n^{(j)}\}$  and  $\{\alpha_n^{(i)}\}$
- step 2: update  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha_n^{(1)} g_n - \dots - \alpha_n^{(s)} A^{s-1} g_n$
- step 3: compute a steplength  $\hat{\alpha} = (\omega_n^{(j)}) / (\omega_n^{(j+1)})$ , update  $n$
- step 4: update multiple times  $g_n, x_{n+1} = x_n - \hat{\alpha} g_n$ , update  $n$

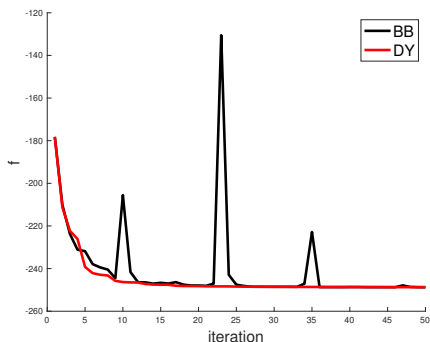
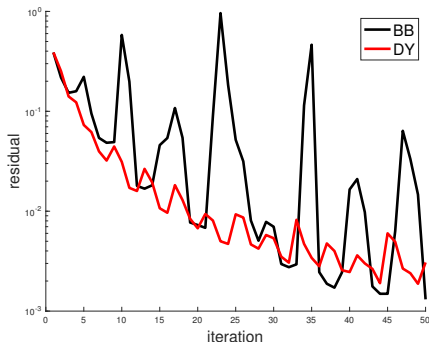
**Damped version:** update multiple times by using decreasing  $\hat{\alpha}_n$  based on

$$\frac{\omega_n^{(2s-2)}}{\omega_n^{(2s-1)}} < \dots < \frac{\omega_n^{(0)}}{\omega_n^{(1)}} \quad (\text{by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality})$$

## Experimental results



# Experimental results: Monotone vs non-monotone



Left: residual. Right: quadratic function. Recall that:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x$   
 Barzilai-Borwein: non-monotone. Dai-Yuan: monotone:

$$\alpha_n^{\text{DY}} = \begin{cases} \alpha_n^{\text{SD}}, & 2 \\ \alpha_n^{\text{Y}_0}, & 2 \end{cases} \quad (\text{right column: number of runs})$$

Monotone methods may oscillate in residual curves

# Experimental results: Spectral behavior

$$A = \text{diag}(1, 10, 100, 1000)$$

$$x_* = (1, 1, 1, 1)^T \quad x_0 = 0$$

Use MGC:

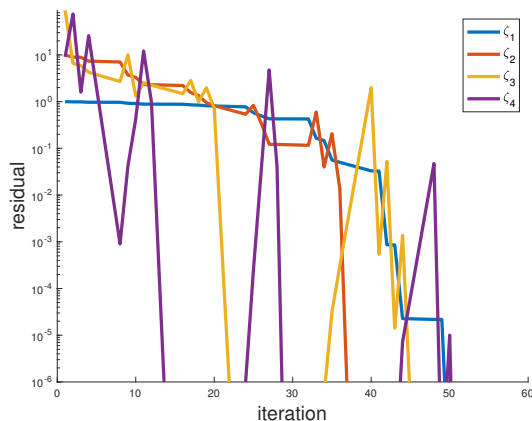
$$d_1 = 4, d_2 = 4 \implies$$

$$\alpha_n^{\text{MGC}} = \begin{cases} \alpha_n^{\text{MG}}, & 4 \\ \alpha_n^{\text{Y}_1}, & 1 \\ \alpha_{n-1}^{\text{MGC}}, & 3 \end{cases}$$

Recall that:

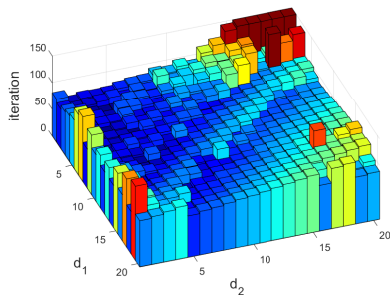
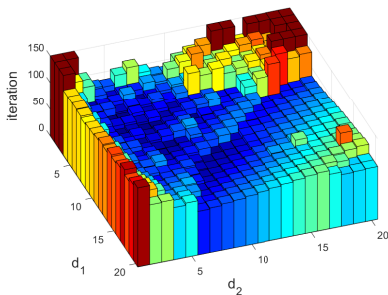
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n^{\text{Y}_1} = 1/\lambda_N$$

$$\zeta_{i,n+1} = (1 - \alpha_n^{\text{MGC}} \lambda_i) \zeta_{i,n}$$



$\zeta_4$  decreases, then  $\zeta_3$ ,  $\zeta_2$ ,  $\zeta_1$  decrease in turn

# Experimental results: Impact of parameters



Left: AOA ( $\theta = 0.5$ ). Right: MGC

$A$ : generated by MATLAB function `sprandsym`,  $N = 100$ ,  $\kappa = 100$

$x_*$  generated randomly from  $(-10, 10)$   $b = Ax_*$

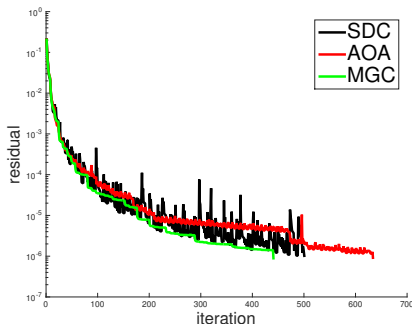
$x_0 = 0$   $\|g_n\| < 10^{-6} \|g_0\|$  (default hereafter)

- small  $d_2$ : quasi-monotone, no benefit
- small  $d_1$  and large  $d_2$ : oscillating, loss of precision

# Experimental results: Comparison of alignment methods

| Conditioning    | SDA  | SDC  | AOA  | MGA  | MGC  |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $\kappa = 10^2$ | 70   | 76   | 80   | 74   | 75   |
| $\kappa = 10^3$ | 194  | 182  | 227  | 209  | 190  |
| $\kappa = 10^4$ | 619  | 475  | 547  | 515  | 488  |
| $\kappa = 10^5$ | 1381 | 1273 | 1490 | 1321 | 1251 |

$d_1 = 4, d_2 = 4$   
 Avg. results: 10 tests  
 Random problems  
 $N = 10^3$

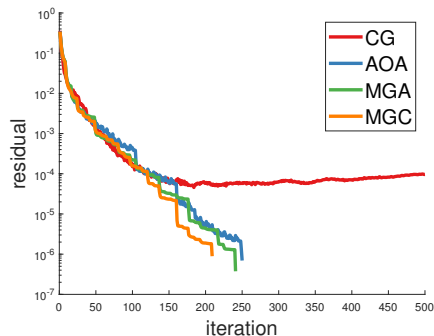
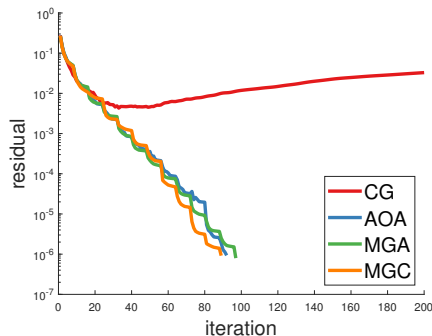


SDA:  $SD + A_0 + \text{retards}$   
 SDC:  $SD + Y_0 + \text{retards}$   
 AOA:  $AO + 0.5AO + \text{retards}$   
 MGA:  $MG + A_1 + \text{retards}$   
 MGC:  $MG + Y_1 + \text{retards}$

$A = \text{tridiag}(-\frac{1}{h^2}, \frac{2}{h^2}, -\frac{1}{h^2})$   
 $h = 11/N, N = 10^5$

SDC and MGC are the best

# Experimental results: Comparison of alignment methods



Comparison with conjugate gradient: **with perturbation**

$$\tilde{A}x = b \quad \tilde{A} = A + \delta V \quad \delta = 1/\kappa$$

$A$ : generated by sprandsym.  $V$ : generated by sprand (nonsymmetric)

$N = 100$ . Left:  $\kappa = 10^2$ . Right:  $\kappa = 10^3$

Conjugate gradient is sensitive to perturbation, our methods not

# Experimental results: Comparison of alignment methods

Comparison with conjugate gradient: **large-scale**

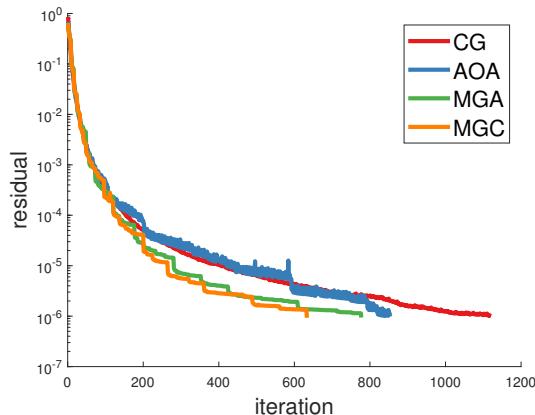
$A, b$ : drawn from SuiteSparse (ID: 2544)  
3D mechanical problem

$N = 1564794$   
Nonzeros = 114165372

$\lambda_1 = 4.542 \times 10^{-1}$

$\lambda_N = 5.566 \times 10^7$

$\kappa = 1.225 \times 10^8$



Our methods work well for the large-scale problem

MGC is the best

# Experimental results: Application to splitting methods

Parameter estimation by

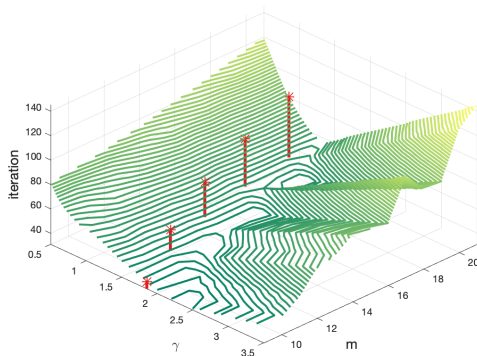
$$\gamma_* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\rho,n}}$$

Consider equation below  
on unit cube with  $\theta > 0$

Finite difference on  
 $m \times m \times m$  grid

$$b \in (-10, 10) + i(-10, 10)$$

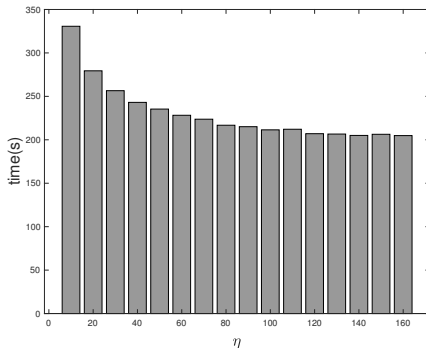
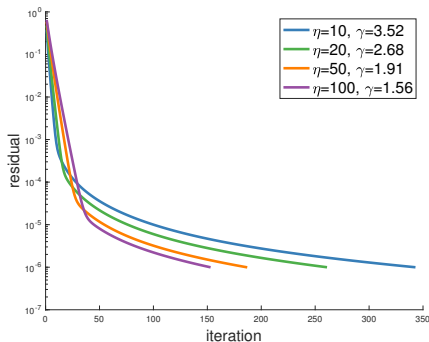
Red lines: optimal  
parameters for different  $m$



$$-\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}\right) + \theta \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right) = q$$

$\gamma_*$  is a good estimation, leading to the fast algorithm of the splitting method

# Experimental results: Application to splitting methods



$\eta$ : number of iterations of steepest descent before the splitting method

Left: convergence with different  $\eta$ . Right: total time (avg. of 10 tests)

Total time = time of steepest descent + time of splitting iterations

$m = 128 \implies N = 2097152$

Spectral properties of steepest descent accelerate the splitting method



# Experimental results: Cyclic s-dimensional steepest descent

Random problem

$N = 100, \kappa = 500$

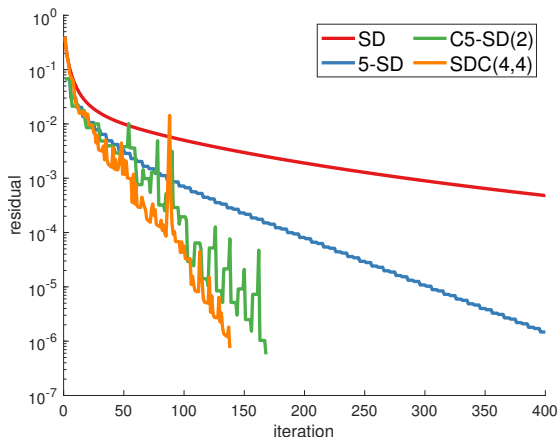
$x_* \in (-10, 10)$

Recall C5-SD(2):

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_n^{(i)} A^{i-1} g_n$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = (\omega_n^{(0)}) / (\omega_n^{(1)})$$

$$x_{n+2} = x_{n+1} - \hat{\alpha} g_{n+1}$$



Cyclic version C5-SD(2) is much faster than the original version 5-SD

# Experimental results: Parallel computing

| method   | 64 processors  |         |                      | 128 processors |         |                      |
|----------|----------------|---------|----------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|
|          | iter           | time(s) | residual             | iter           | time(s) | residual             |
| BB       | 720            | 23.649  | $7.9 \times 10^{-7}$ | 625            | 16.246  | $8.9 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| CSD(4)   | 818            | 19.672  | $8.5 \times 10^{-7}$ | 709            | 13.594  | $8.4 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| SDC(4,4) | 453            | 14.503  | $9.4 \times 10^{-7}$ | 445            | 11.796  | $9.1 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| C5-SD(4) | 768            | 22.925  | $9.2 \times 10^{-7}$ | 545            | 14.002  | $9.7 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| method   | 256 processors |         |                      | 512 processors |         |                      |
|          | iter           | time(s) | residual             | iter           | time(s) | residual             |
| BB       | 601            | 14.179  | $9.4 \times 10^{-7}$ | 762            | 18.017  | $8.0 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| CSD(4)   | 569            | 9.591   | $8.9 \times 10^{-7}$ | 598            | 9.844   | $8.0 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| SDC(4,4) | 429            | 10.505  | $8.9 \times 10^{-7}$ | 429            | 10.269  | $9.8 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| C5-SD(4) | 671            | 14.998  | $8.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | 700            | 15.522  | $9.9 \times 10^{-7}$ |

Concluding remarks

# Concluding remarks: Summary of gradient methods

## Taxonomy:

- **basic methods** = monotone (monotone + non-alternate)
- **gradient methods with retards** = basic methods + retards
- **alignment methods** = asymptotic properties + retards
- **fast methods** = GMRs + alignment methods + special cases
- special cases: Dai-Yuan, adaptive methods, LMSD, etc.
- **cyclic methods**: gradient methods with the steplengths  $\alpha_n = \alpha_{n-1}$

## Effective gradient methods:

- never use basic methods as solvers, but for asymptotic properties
- alignment methods perform better than classical GMRs
- alignment methods are competitive with conjugate gradient
- GMRs are competitive with conjugate gradient in low precision
- GMRs and alignment methods are less sensitive to perturbation
- cyclic methods perform well in parallel computing

# Concluding remarks: Contribution

## Primary contributions (gradient methods):

We have proposed a cyclic gradient method:

- Q. Zou, F. Magoulès, A new cyclic gradient method adapted to large-scale linear systems, in Proceedings of 17th DCABES, 2018

We have proposed several spectral properties and three alignment methods:

- Q. Zou, F. Magoulès, Gradient methods with alignment for linear systems without Cauchy step, in progress

We have proposed several approaches to estimate parameter in the HSS method:

- Q. Zou, F. Magoulès, Parameter estimation in HSS method using gradient iterations, in progress

We have proposed cyclic  $s$ -dimensional gradient methods and more properties:

- Q. Zou, F. Magoulès, Reducing the effect of global synchronization in delayed gradient methods for symmetric linear systems, in progress
- Q. Zou, F. Magoulès, Parallel iterative methods with retards for linear systems, in Proceedings of 6th PARENG, 2019

# Concluding remarks: Contribution

## Other contributions (asynchronous iterative methods):

We have formalized the asynchronous Laplace transform method:

- F. Magoulès, Q. Zou, Asynchronous Time-Parallel Method based on Laplace Transform, Int. J. Comput. Math., in review

We have implemented asynchronous convergence detection using modified recursive doubling:

- Q. Zou, F. Magoulès, Convergence detection of asynchronous iterations based on modified recursive doubling, in Proceedings of 17th DCABES, 2018

We have applied asynchronous Parareal method to the Black-Scholes equation:

- F. Magoulès, G. Gbikpi-Benissan, Q. Zou, Asynchronous iterations of Parareal algorithm for option pricing models, Mathematics, 2018
- Q. Zou, G. Gbikpi-Benissan, F. Magoulès, Asynchronous Parareal algorithm applied to European option pricing, in Proceedings of 16th DCABES, 2017
- Q. Zou, G. Gbikpi-Benissan, F. Magoulès, Asynchronous communications library for the parallel-in-time solution of Black-Scholes Equation, in Proceedings of 16th DCABES, 2017

## Concluding remarks: Future work

### Gradient methods:

- Convergence rate analysis of lagged gradient methods
- Lagged gradient methods for unconstrained and constrained optimization problems
- Limited memory gradient methods

### Matrix analysis:

- Multiple right-hand sides and linear matrix equations, tensor techniques
- Structured matrices, matrix polynomials, matrix functions
- Low-rank approximation, data science

### Parallel computing:

- Asynchronous iterative methods
- Communication-avoiding methods and preconditioners

Other active areas ...