

Iterative Methods in Linear Algebra (part 2)

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Topics

Projection in
Scientific Computing

Sparse matrices,
parallel implementations

PDEs, Numerical
solution, Tools, etc.

Iterative Methods

- **Part I**
Krylov iterative solvers
- **Part II**
Convergence and preconditioning
- **Part III**
Iterative eigen-solvers

Part I

Krylov iterative solvers

Building blocks for **Krylov iterative solvers** covered so far

- **Projection**/minimization in a subspace
 - Petrov-Galerkin conditions
 - Least squares minimization, etc.
- **Orthogonalization**
 - CGS and MGS
 - Cholesky or Householder based QR

We also covered **abstract** formulations for iterative solvers and eigen-solvers

What are the goals of this lecture?

- Give specific examples of Krylov solvers
- Show how examples relate to the abstract formulation
- Show how examples relate to the building blocks covered so far, specifically to
 - **Projection**, and
 - **Orthogonalization**
- But we are not going into the details!

How are these techniques related to Krylov iterative solvers?

Projection and iterative solvers

- The problem : Solve $Ax = b$ in \mathbb{R}^n
- Iterative solution: at iteration i extract an approximate x_i from just a subspace $V = \text{span}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ of \mathbb{R}^n
- How? As on slide 22, impose constraints: $b - Ax \perp$ subspace $W = \text{span}[w_1, \dots, w_m]$ of \mathbb{R}^n , i.e.
 - (*) $(Ax, w_i) = (b, w_i)$ for $\forall w_i \in W = \text{span}[w_1, \dots, w_m]$
- Conditions (*) known also as **Petrov-Galerkin conditions**
- Projection is **orthogonal**: V and W are the same (Galerkin conditions) or **oblique** : V and W are different

Matrix representation

- Let $V = [v_1, \dots, v_m]$, $W = [w_1, \dots, w_m]$
Find $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ s.t. $x = x_0 + Vy$ solves $Ax = b$, i.e.
 - $AVy = b - Ax_0 = r_0$
 - subject to the orthogonality constraints:
 - $W^TAVy = W^Tr_0$
- The choice for V and W is crucial and determines various methods (more in Lectures 4 and 5)

Remember projection slides 26 & 27, Lecture 7 (left)

- **Projection** in a subspace is the basis for an iterative method
 - Here projection is in V
 - In **Krylov methods** V is the Krylov subspace

$$K_m(A, r_0) = \text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, \dots, A^{m-1}r_0\}$$

where $r_0 \equiv b - Ax_0$ and x_0 is an initial guess.

- Often V or W are **orthonormalized**
 - The projection is 'easier' to find when we work with an orthonormal basis (e.g. problem 4 from homework 5: projection in general vs orthonormal basis)
 - The orthonormalization can be CGS, MGS, Cholesky or Householder based, etc.

To summarize, Krylov iterative methods in general

- expand the Krylov subspace by a matrix-vector product, and
- do a projection in it.

Various methods result by specific choices of the expansion and projection.

A specific example with the

Conjugate Gradient Method (CG)

Conjugate Gradient Method

- The method is for **SPD matrices**
- Both **V and W** are the **Krylov subspaces**, i.e. at iteration i

$$V \equiv W \equiv K_i(A, r_0) \equiv \text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, \dots, A^{i-1}r_0\}$$

- **The projection** $x_i \in K_i(A, r_0)$ satisfies the Petrov-Galerkin conditions

$$(Ax_i, \phi) = (b, \phi), \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in K_i(A, r_0)$$

Conjugate Gradient Method (continued)

At every iteration there is a way (to be shown later) to construct a new search direction p_i such that

$$\text{span}\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_i\} \equiv K_{i+1}(A, r_0) \text{ and } (Ap_i, p_j) = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

Note: A is SPD $\Rightarrow (Ap_i, p_j) \equiv (p_i, p_j)_A$ can be used as an inner product,
i.e. p_0, \dots, p_i is an $(\cdot, \cdot)_A$ orthogonal basis for $K_{i+1}(A, r_0)$

\Rightarrow we can easily find $x_{i+1} \approx x$ as

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i+1} &= x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0 + \dots + \alpha_i p_i \quad \text{s.t.} \\ (Ax_{i+1}, p_j) &= (b, p_j) \quad \text{for } j = 0, \dots, i \end{aligned}$$

Namely, because of the $(\cdot, \cdot)_A$ orthogonality of p_0, \dots, p_i at iteration $i + 1$ we have to find only α_i

$$(Ax_{i+1}, p_j) = (A(x_i + \alpha_i p_i), p_j) = (b, p_j), \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_i = \frac{(r_i, p_i)}{(Ap_i, p_i)}$$

Note: x_i above actually can be replaced by any $x_0 + v$, $v \in K_i(A, r_0)$ (Why?)

Conjugate Gradient Method (continued)

Conjugate Gradient Method

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1: Compute  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$  for some initial guess  $x_0$ 
2: for  $i = 0$  to ... do
3:    $\rho_i = r_i^T r_i$ 
4:   if  $i = 0$  then
5:      $p_0 = r_0$ 
6:   else
7:      $p_i = r_i + \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{i-1}} p_{i-1}$ 
8:   end if
9:    $q_i = Ap_i$ 
10:   $\alpha_i = \frac{\rho_i}{p_i^T q_i}$ 
11:   $x_{i+1} = x_i + \alpha_i p_i$ 
12:   $r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i q_i$ 
13:  check convergence; continue if necessary
14: end for
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Note:

- One matrix vector product/iteration (at line 9)
- Two inner-products/iteration (lines 3 and 10)
- In exact arithmetic $r_{i+1} = b - Ax_{i+1}$
(Apply A to both sides of 11 and subtract from b to get line 12)
- Update for x_{i+1} is as pointed out before, i.e. with

$$\alpha_i = \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(Ap_i, p_i)} = \frac{(r_i, p_i)}{(Ap_i, p_i)}$$

since $(r_i, p_{i-1}) = 0$ (exercise)

- Other relations to be proved (exercise)
 - $p_i s'$ span the Krylov space
 - $p_i s'$ are $(\cdot, \cdot)_A$ orthogonal, etc.

Conjugate Gradient Method (continued)

To sum it up:

- In exact arithmetic we get the exact solution in at most n steps, i.e.

$$x = x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0 + \cdots + \alpha_i p_i + \alpha_{i+1} p_{i+1} + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1} p_{n-1}$$

- At every iteration one more term $\alpha_j p_j$ is added to the current approximation

$$x_i = x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0 + \cdots + \alpha_{i-1} p_{i-1}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0 + \cdots + \alpha_{i-1} p_{i-1} + \alpha_i p_i \equiv x_i + \alpha_i p_i$$

- Note: we do not have to solve linear system at every iteration because of the A -orthogonal basis that we manage to maintain and expend at every iteration
- It can be proved that the error $e_i = x - x_i$ satisfies

$$\|e_i\|_A \leq 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{k(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{k(A)} + 1} \right)^i \|e_0\|_A$$

Building orthogonal basis for a Krylov subspace

We have seen the importance in

- Defining projections
 - not just for linear solvers
- Abstract linear solvers and eigen-solver formulations
- A specific example
 - in CG where the basis for the Krylov subspaces is A -orthogonal (A is SPD)

We have seen how to build it

- CGS, MGS, Cholesky or Householder based, etc.
- These techniques can be used in a method specifically designed for Krylov subspaces (general non-Hermitian matrix), namely in the
Arnoldi's Method

Arnoldi's method:

Build an orthogonal basis for $K_m(A, r_0)$
 A can be general, non-Hermitian

- 1: $v_1 = r_0$
- 2: **for** $j = 1$ to m **do**
- 3: $h_{ij} = (Av_j, v_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, j$
- 4: $w_j = Av_j - h_{1j}v_1 - \dots - h_{jj}v_j$
- 5: $h_{j+1,j} = \|w_j\|_2$
- 6: **if** $h_{j+1,j} = 0$ **Stop**
- 7: $v_{j+1} = \frac{w_j}{h_{j+1,j}}$
- 8: **end for**

Note:

- This orthogonalization is based on CGS (line 4)

$$w_j = Av_j - (Av_j, v_1)v_1 - \dots - (Av_j, v_j)v_j$$

- \Rightarrow up to iteration j vectors

$$v_1, \dots, v_j$$

are orthogonal

- The space of this orthogonal basis grows by taking the next vector to be Av_j
- If we do not exit at step 6 we will have

$$K_m(A, r_0) = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$$

(exercise)

Arnoldi's method in matrix notation

- Denote

$$V_m \equiv [v_1, \dots, v_m], \quad H_{m+1} = \{h_{ij}\}_{m+1 \times m}$$

and by H_m the matrix H_{m+1} without the last row.

- Note that H_m is upper Hessenberg (0s below the lower second sub-diagonal) and

$$\begin{aligned} AV_m &= V_m H_m + w_m e_m^T \\ V_m^T AV_m &= H_m \end{aligned}$$

(exercise)

Variations:

- Explained using CGS
- Can be implemented with MGS, Householder, etc.

How to use it in linear solvers?

- Example with the **Full Orthogonalization Method (FOM)**

FOM

- 1: $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$
- 2: Compute v_1, \dots, v_m with Arnoldi
- 3: $y_m = \beta H_m^{-1} e_1$
- 4: $x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m$

- Look for solution in the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_m &= x_0 + y_m(1)v_1 + \dots + y_m(m)v_m \\ &\equiv x_0 + V_m y_m \end{aligned}$$

- Petrov-Galerkin conditions will be

$$\begin{aligned} V_m^T A x_m &= V_m^T b \\ \Rightarrow V_m^T A (x_0 + V_m y_m) &= V_m^T b \\ \Rightarrow V_m^T A V_m y_m &= V_m^T r_0 \\ \Rightarrow H_m y_m &= V_m^T r_0 = \beta e_1 \end{aligned}$$

which is given by steps 3 and 4 of the algorithm

What happens when m increases?

- computation grows as at least $O(m^2)n$
- memory is $O(mn)$

A remedy is to **restart** the algorithm, leading to restarted FOM

FOM(m)

- 1: $\beta = \|r_0\|_2$
- 2: Compute v_1, \dots, v_m with Arnoldi
- 3: $y_m = \beta H_m^{-1} e_1$
- 4: $x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m$. Stop if residual is small enough.
- 5: Set $x_0 := x_m$ and go to 1

Generalized Minimum Residual Method (GMRES)

- Similar to FOM
 - Again look for solution

$$x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m$$

where V_m is from the Arnoldi process (i.e. $K_m(A, r_0)$)

- The test conditions W_m from the abstract formulation (slide 27, Lecture 7)

$$W_m^T A V_m y_m = W_m^T r_0$$

are $W_m = A V_m$.

- The difference results in step 3 from FOM, namely

$$y_m = \beta H_m^{-1} e_1$$

being replaced by

$$y_m = \operatorname{argmin}_y \|\beta e_1 - H_{m+1} y\|_2$$

Similarly to FOM, GMRES can be defined with

- Various orthogonalizations in the Arnoldi process
- Restart

Note:

- Solving the least squares (LS) problem

$$\operatorname{argmin}_y \|\beta e_1 - H_{m+1}y\|_2$$

can be done with QR factorization as discussed in
Lecture 7, Slide 25

Can we improve on Arnoldi if A is symmetric?

- Yes! H_m becomes symmetric so it will be just 3 diagonal
- the simplification of Arnoldi in this case leads to the Lanczos Algorithm
- Lanczos can be used in deriving CG

The Lanczos Algorithm

- 1: $v_1 = \frac{r_0}{\|r_0\|_2}$, $\beta_1 = 0$, $v_0 = 0$
- 2: for $j = 1$ to m do
- 3: $w_j = Av_j - \beta_j v_{j-1}$
- 4: $\alpha_j = (w_j, v_j)$
- 5: $w_j = w_j - \alpha_j v_j$
- 6: $\beta_{j+1} = \|w_j\|_2$. If $\beta_{j+1} = 0$ then Stop
- 7: $v_{j+1} = \frac{w_j}{\beta_{j+1}}$
- 8: end for

- Matrix H_m here is 3-diagonal with diagonal

$$h_{ii} = \alpha_i$$

and off diagonal

$$h_{i,i+1} = \beta_{i+1}$$

- In exact arithmetic v_j 's are orthogonal but in reality orthogonalization gets lost rapidly

Choice of basis for the Krylov subspace

We saw how different basis for the Krylov spaces is characteristic for various methods, e.g.

- GMRES uses orthogonal
- CG uses A -orthogonal

This is true for other methods as well

- Conjugate Residual (CR; for symmetric problems) uses $A^T A$ -orthogonal (i.e. $A p_i$'s are orthogonal)
- $A^T A$ -orthogonal basis can be generalized to the non-symmetric case as well, e.g. in the Generalized Conjugate Residual (GCR)

We considered various methods that construct a basis for the Krylov subspaces

Another big class of methods is based on biorthogonalization (algorithm due to Lanczos)

- For non-symmetric matrices build a pair of bi-orthogonal bases for the two subspaces

$$\begin{aligned}K_m(A, v_1) &= \text{span}\{v_1, Av_1, \dots, A^{m-1}v_1\} \\K_m(A^T, w_1) &= \text{span}\{w_1, A^T w_1, \dots, (A^T)^{m-1}w_1\}\end{aligned}$$

- Examples here are BCG and QMR (not to be discussed)
- These methods are more difficult to analyze

Part II

Convergence and preconditioning

Convergence can be analyzed by

- Exploit the optimality properties (of projection) when such properties exist
- A useful tool is Chebyshev polynomials
- Depend on the condition number of the matrix, e.g.
 - in CG it is

$$\|e_i\|_A \leq 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{k(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{k(A)} + 1} \right)^i \|e_0\|_A$$

Convergence can be slow or even stagnate

- for ill-conditioned matrices (with large condition number)

But can be improved with **preconditioning**

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + P(b - Ax_i)$$

- Think of P as a preconditioner, an operator/matrix $P \approx A^{-1}$
- for $P = A^{-1}$ it takes 1 iteration

Properties desired in a preconditioner:

- Should approximate A^{-1}
- Should be easy to compute, apply to a vector, and store

Iterative solvers can be extended to support preconditioning
(How?)

Extending Iterative solvers to support preconditioning

- The same solver can be used but on a modified problem, e.g.
- Problem $Ax = b$ is transformed into

$$PAx = Pb$$

known as **left preconditioning**

- Problem $Ax = b$ is transformed into

$$APx = b, \quad x = Pu$$

known as **right preconditioning**

- Convergence of the modified problem would depend on $k(PA)$ (e.g. with left preconditioning)

Examples:

- Incomplete LU factorization (e.g. ILU(0))
- Jacobi (inverse of the diagonal)
- Other stationary iterative solvers (GS, SOR, SSOR)
- Block preconditioners and domain decomposition
 - Additive Schwarz (think of Block-Jacobi)
 - Multiplicative Schwarz (think of Block-GS)

Preconditioning

Examples so far:

- algebraic preconditioners, i.e. exclusively based on the the matrix

Often, for problems coming from PDEs, PDE and discretization information can be used in designing a preconditioner, e.g.

- FFTs' can be involved to approximate differential operators on regular grids (as in Fourier space the operators are diagonal matrices)
- Grid and problem information to define multigrid preconditioners
- Indefinite problems are often composed of sub-blocks that are definite: used in defining specific preconditioners and even modify solvers for these needs, etc.

Part III

Iterative eigen-solvers

How are iterative eigensolvers related to **Krylov subspaces**?

Projection and Eigen-Solvers

- The problem : Solve $Ax = \lambda x$ in \mathbb{R}^n
- As in linear solvers: at iteration l extract an approximate x_l from a subspace $V = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n
- How? As on slides 22 and 26, impose constraints: $\lambda x - Ax \perp$ subspace $W = \text{span}\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n ,
i.e.
(*) $(Ax, w_i) = (\lambda x, w_i)$ for $\forall w_i \in W = \text{span}\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$
- This procedure is known as **Rayleigh-Ritz**
- Again projection can be *orthogonal* or *oblique*

Matrix representation

- Let $V = [v_1, \dots, v_m]$, $W = [w_1, \dots, w_m]$
Find $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ s.t. $x = Vy$ solves $Ax = \lambda x$, i.e.
 $AVy = \lambda Vy$
subject to the orthogonality constraints:
 $W^T AVy = \lambda W^T Vy$
- The choice for V and W is crucial and determines various methods (more in Lectures 4 and 5)

Remember projection slides 29 & 30, Lecture 7 (left)

- Again, as in linear solvers, **Projection** in a subspace is the basis for an iterative eigen-solver
 - V and W are often based on Krylov subspaces

$$K_m(A, r_0) = \text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, \dots, A^{m-1}r_0\}$$

where $r_0 \equiv b - Ax_0$ and x_0 is an initial guess.

- Often parts of V or W are **orthogonalized**
 - For stability
 - The orthogonalization can be CGS, MGS, Cholesky or Householder based, etc.
 - The smaller Rayleigh-Ritz are usually solved with LAPACK routines

A brief introduction to Krylov iterative solvers and eigen-solvers

- Links to building blocks that we have already covered
 - Abstract formulation
 - Projection, and
 - Orthogonalization
- Specific examples and issues
(preconditioning, parallelization, etc.)