

# Conjugate Gradient

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In all iterative algorithms so far we find  $x^{(k)}$  in the span of  $b, Ab, \dots, A^{(k-1)}b$ .

e.g. Richardson, Chebyshev.

So what is the best "such" iteration?

$$x^{(k+1)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \operatorname{Span}\{b, \dots, A^{(k)}b\}} \|x - x^*\|_A \quad Ax^* = b.$$

$$\|x - x^*\|_A^2 = x^T A x + \frac{x^{*T} A x^* - 2x^T A x^*}{\text{fixed.}}$$

$$\text{So same as } \min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T A x - b^T x = f(x).$$

$$\nabla f(x) = Ax - b$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = A \succ 0.$$

$$x^{(k)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{K}_k} \frac{1}{2} x^T A x - b^T x.$$

Let  $u^0, u^1, \dots, u^{(k)}$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{K}_{k+1}$ .

Let  $u^0, u^1, \dots, u^k$  (not orthogonal)

$$X^{(k+1)} = \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i u^{(i)}$$

$$\text{Then } f(X^{(k+1)}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i u^i \right)^T A \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i u^i \right) - b^T \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i u^i \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum \alpha_i^2 u^{i^T} A u^i - \sum \alpha_i b^T u^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i \alpha_j u^{i^T} A u^j$$

We will choose  $u^i$  s.t.  $u^{i^T} A u^i = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$ .

So to min  $f(X^{(k+1)})$ , we set  $\nabla_{\alpha} f(X^{(k+1)}) = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } \alpha_i = \frac{b^T u^i}{u^{i^T} A u^i}$$

$$u^0 = b$$

$$u^1 = A u^0 - \frac{(A u^0)^T A u^0}{u^{0^T} A u^0} \cdot u^0 \quad \text{s.t. } u^{1^T} A u^0 = 0$$

$$u^{(k+1)} = A u^k - \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(A u^k)^T A u^i}{u^{i^T} A u^i} u^i$$

$$u - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{u^{iT} A u^i}{u^{iT} A u^i} u$$

Then  $u^{(k+1)T} A u^j = u^{kT} A^2 u^j - \frac{u^{kT} A^2 u^j}{u^{jT} A u^j} u^{jT} A u^j = 0$ .

( $\forall j < k, u^{kT} A u^j = 0$ )

using above again,

$$u^{(k+1)} = A u^{(k)} - \frac{u^{kT} A^2 u^k}{u^k A u^k} u^k - \frac{u^{kT} A^2 u^{k-1}}{u^{k-1T} A u^{k-1}} u^{k-1}$$

This is because

$$(A u^k)^T A u^i = 0 \quad \forall i < k-1$$

since  $A u^i \in \text{Span} \{u^0, \dots, u^{i+1}\} \perp u^k$ .

$$x^{(k+1)} = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{b^T u^i}{u^{iT} A u^i} u^i$$

we need  $O(k)$   
 $A v$  operations  
 $+ O(nk)$ .

in fact, only need  $A u^0, \dots, A u^k$

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Pr. 11 that  $\|v^{(k)} - x^*\| \leq \epsilon \|x^*\|_A$

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Recall that  $\|x^{(k)} - x^*\|_A \leq \varepsilon \|x^*\|_A$

after  $k = O(\sqrt{K} \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon})$  iterations since  $\exists$  polynomial giving this approx (Chebyshev)

and CG gets best approximation in  $A$ -norm.

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Thm. # iterations  $\leq$  # distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Pf.  $q(x) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^d (\lambda_i - x)}{\prod \lambda_i}$        $q(0) = 1$   
 $q(\lambda_i) = 0$ .

So after  $d$  iterations  $\|x - x^*\|_A = 0$ .

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This description avoids numerical issues.

$\mu^i$  could blow up.

But computation can be rearranged to avoid this.

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