

7. Conjugate gradient method

1. Proof that: Let V be a vector space with inner product (\cdot, \cdot) , P a subspace of V , and $f \in V$. The solution \tilde{p} of the approximation problem

$$\text{find } \tilde{p} \in P \text{ s.t. } \|f - \tilde{p}\| = \min_{p \in P} \|f - p\|$$

is defined by

$$(f - \tilde{p}, p) = 0 \quad \forall p \in P.$$

[Hint: Assume that $(f - \tilde{p}, p) = a \neq 0$ and define a q that gives a smaller norm, which is a contradiction.]

2. Implement the CG method and test it for the matrix `A=gallery('poisson',n)` for various n and a random right hand side! To illustrate the performance you may plot the norms of the residual $\|r_k\|_2$ over the iteration number k .

3. For the cg method complete the proof from the lectures and show that

- $(r_{k+1}, p_j) = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1.$
- $(r_{k+1}, p_j) = (r_{k+1}, r_j) \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1.$
- $(Ap_{k+1}, p_j) = (r_{k+1}, r_j) \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1.$

4. Proof that

$$\beta_k = \frac{-(Ar_{k+1}, p_k)}{(Ap_k, p_k)} = \frac{(r_{k+1}, r_{k+1})}{(r_k, r_k)}.$$

5. Proof that for the Chebyshev polynomials

$$\tau_0(t) = 1, \quad \tau_1(t) = t, \quad \tau_{k+1}(t) = 2t\tau_k(t) - \tau_{k-1}(t)$$

the following identity holds

$$\tau_k(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(t + \sqrt{t^2 - 1} \right)^k + \left(t - \sqrt{t^2 - 1} \right)^k \right].$$

6. The following question is from *An Introduction to the Conjugate Gradient Method Without the Agonizing Pain* of J.R. Shewchuk:

Suppose you wish to solve $Ax = b$ for a symmetric, positive-definite $N \times N$ matrix A . Unfortunately, the trauma of your linear algebra course has caused you to repress all memories of the Conjugate Gradient algorithm. Seeing you in distress, the Good Eigenfairy materializes and grants you a list of d distinct eigenvalues (but not the eigenvectors) of A . However, you do **not** know how many times each eigenvalue is repeated.

Clever person that you are, you mumbled the following algorithm in your sleep this morning:

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Choose an arbitrary starting point  $x_0$ ;
for  $i = 0 : d - 1$ 
     $r_i = b - A * x_i$ ;
    Remove an arbitrary eigenvalue from the list and call it  $\lambda_i$ ;
     $x_{i+1} = x_i + \lambda_i^{-1} r_i$ ;
end

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No eigenvalue is used twice; on termination, the list is empty.

Show that upon termination of this algorithm, x_d is the solution to $Ax = b$.