

Module – 4.3

# MINIMIZATION ALGORITHM

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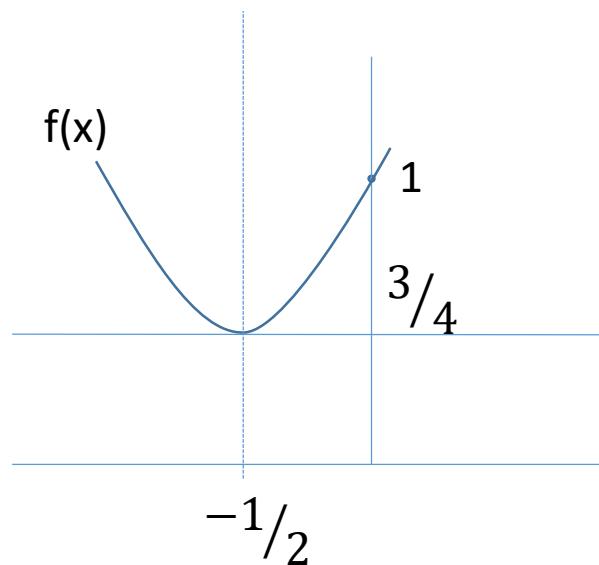
# MINIMIZATION PROBLEM – 1D

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- $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , be a Convex function
- Example:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  with  $a > 0$
- Rewrite:  $f(x) = a[x + \frac{b}{2a}]^2 - (\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a})$
- Minimizer  $x^* = -\frac{b}{2a}$
- $f(x^*) = -(\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a})$
- $f(x)$  is a parabola intersects the x – axis at
$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \text{ only if } b^2 > 4ac$$
- Otherwise,  $f(x)$  is above the x-axis

# MINIMIZATION PROBLEM – 1D

- $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1 = (x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}$
- $x^* = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $f(x^*) = \frac{3}{4}$
- Since  $b^2 < 4ac$ ,  $x_{1,2}$  are complex and  $f(x)$  lies above the x – axis



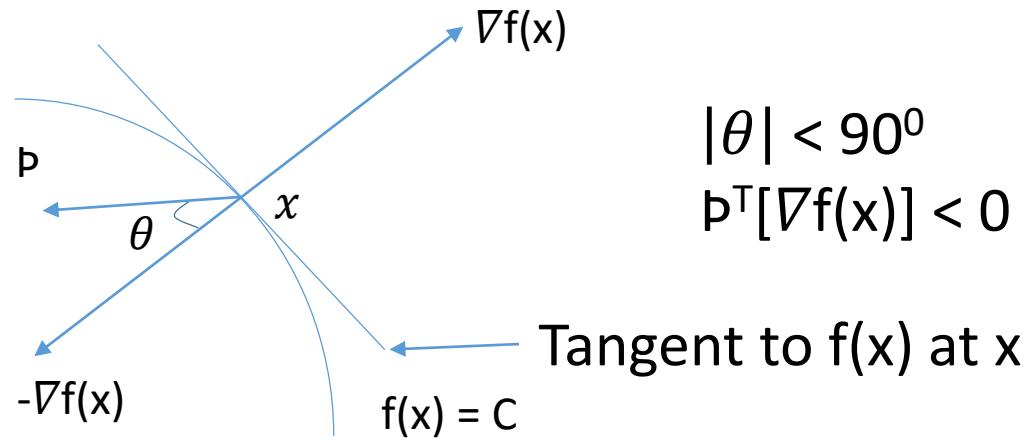
# GENERALIZATION – n – DIMENSION

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- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Convex in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Example:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x + c$ ,  $A$  – SPD
- $\nabla f(x) = Ax - b = 0 \Rightarrow x^* = A^{-1}b$ , minimizer of  $f(x)$
- $f(x^*) = \frac{2c - b^T A^{-1}b}{2}$ , minimum value of  $f(x)$
- Instead of solving  $Ax = b$ , we seek to minimize  $f(x)$  interatively

# A DESCENT DIRECTION

- At any point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\nabla f(x)$  denotes the direction of maximum rate of increase



- Since  $p^T[\nabla f(x)] < 0$ ,  $p$  is called the descent direction
- $f(x)$  must decrease as we move a small distance along  $p$  away from  $x$

# STEEPEST DESCENT DIRECTION

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- Let  $\alpha > 0$  be a small real number
- Expand  $f(x + \alpha p)$  in first order Taylor series

$$f(x + \alpha p) \approx f(x) + \alpha p^T [\nabla f(x)]$$

$< f(x)$  since  $p$  is a descent direction

- Setting  $p = -\nabla f(x)$ , the steepest descent direction:

$$f(x - \alpha \nabla f(x)) \approx f(x) - \alpha \|\nabla f(x)\|^2$$

$< f(x)$

and we get the maximum rate of decrease in  $f(x)$  at  $x$

# ROLE OF RESIDUAL VECTOR

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- $x_k$  be the current operating point
- Residual  $r_k = r(x_k) = -\nabla f(x)$   
 $= b - Ax_k$
- $R_k$  is the steepest descent direction of  $f(x)$  at  $x_k$
- Since  $r_k = 0$  when  $x_k = x^* = A^{-1}b$ ,  $\|r_k\|$  is a measure of how far  $x_k$  is away from the minimum  $x^*$
- $\|r_k\|$  could be used to test convergence of the iterative minimization

# STEEPEST DESCENT FRAMEWORK

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- Define the new operating points as

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha r_k$$

- Then:  $f(x_{k+1}) < f(x_k)$  but  
 $|f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)|$  depends on  $\alpha$
- $\alpha$  is called the step length parameter
- At  $x_k$ , the direction of search  $r_k$  is fixed
- Given  $x_k$  and  $r_k$ , how to choose  $\alpha$  such that we get the maximum decrease in  $f(x)$  as we move from  $x_k$  to  $x_k + \alpha r_k$
- New 1-D minimization problem: minimize  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where

$$g(\alpha) = f(x_k + \alpha r_k)$$

# A DIVIDE AND CONQUER PRINCIPLE

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- Given  $n$ -dimensional minimization of  $f(x)$  is reduced to a sequence of 1-dimensional minimization of  $g(\alpha)$  at  $x_k$  along the steepest descent direction  $r_k = -\nabla f(x_k)$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- This is the basis for the resulting iterative framework for the minimization of  $f(x)$

# OPTIMAL STEP LENGTH – QUADRATIC PROBLEM

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- Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x + c$ ,  $A$  – SPD
- Set  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha r_k$
- $$g(\alpha) = f(x_{k+1}) = f(x_k + \alpha r_k) \\ = f(x_k) + \frac{1}{2}(r_k^T A r_k)\alpha^2 + (r_k^T A x_k - r_k^T b)\alpha$$
- $g(\alpha)$  is quadratic in  $\alpha$
- Setting:  $\frac{dg}{d\alpha} = (r_k^T A r_k)\alpha + r_k^T (A x_k - b) = 0$
- Minimizer of  $g(\alpha)$  is

$$\alpha_k = -\frac{r_k^T (A x_k - b)}{r_k^T A r_k} = \frac{r_k^T r_k}{r_k^T A r_k} > 0$$

Unless  $r_k = 0$

# STEEPEST DESCENT/GRADIENT ALGORITHM

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- $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x + c$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  given

$$r_0 = r(x_0) = Ax_0 - b$$

For  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Step 1  $\alpha_k = \frac{r_k^T r_k}{r_k^T A r_k}$  - optimal step length

Step 2  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k r_k$  - iterates

Step 3 Test for convergence. If yes, exit

Step 4  $r_{k+1} = r_k - \alpha_k A r_k$  - residual update

# ORTHOGONALITY OF RESIDUALS

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- Recall that the residual at  $x_{k+1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}r_{k+1} &= b - Ax_{k+1} \\&= b - A(x_k + \alpha_k r_k) \\&= r_k - \alpha_k Ar_k - \text{The residual update}\end{aligned}$$

- Also  $r_k^T r_{k+1} = r_k^T (r_k - \alpha_k Ar_k)$   
 $\quad = r_k^T r_k - \alpha_k r_k^T Ar_k$   
 $\quad = 0$
- That is,  $r_{k+1} \perp r_k$
- Convergence question: When is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x^* = A^{-1}b$  ?

# ERROR AND RESIDUAL VECTORS

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- Define the error:  $e_k = x_k - x^* = x_k - A^{-1}b$
- Then:  $Ae_k = Ax_k - b = -r_k$
- $r_k$  is measurable but  $e_k$  is not
- $e_k$  is useful in proving convergence of the sequence  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$
- To prove Convergence: show  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e_k = 0$

# ENERGY NORM OF THE ERROR $e_k$

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- Define

$$E(x_k) = f(x_k) - f(x^*)$$

- Setting  $b = Ax^*$  and simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} E(x_k) &= \frac{1}{2}(x_k - x^*)^T A(x_k - x^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e_k^T A e_k = \frac{1}{2} \|e_k\|_A^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

unless  $e_k = 0$

- $E(x_k)$  is a measure of how far  $x_k$  is from  $x^*$
- Since  $A$  is SPD,  $E(x_k) = 0$  if and only if  $x_k = x^*$

# A FRAME WORK FOR CONVERGENCE PROOF

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- Evaluate  $E(x)$  along the trajectory and prove that  $E(x_k)$  is a decreasing function of  $k$
- Since  $E(x_k)$  is bounded below by zero, prove that  $E(x_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$
- This framework is due to A.Lyapunov and has come to be known as the Lyapunov method

# A RECURSIVE RELATION FOR $E(x_k)$

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- $E(x_{k+1}) = f(x_{k+1}) - f(x^*)$
- Substituting  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k r_k$  and simplifying with  $b = A^{-1}x^*$ , it follows:

$$E(x_{k+1}) = \beta_k E(x_k)$$

$$\beta_k = [ 1 - \frac{(r_k^T r_k)^2}{(r_k^T A r_k)(r_k^T A^{-1} r_k)} ]$$

# KANTOROVICH INEQUALITY

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- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be SPD
- Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n > 0$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$
- Kantorovich inequality states: for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\frac{(y^T y)^2}{(y^T A y)(y^T A^{-1} y)} \geq 1 - \left[ \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_n}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_n} \right]^2$$

# UPPER BOUND ON $\beta_k$ : CONDITION NUMBER OF A

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- Combining:
- $$\beta_k = \left[ 1 - \frac{(r_k^T r_k)^2}{(r_k^T A r_k)(r_k^T A^{-1} r_k)} \right] \leq \left[ \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_n}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_n} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{\frac{\lambda_1 - 1}{\lambda_n}}{\frac{\lambda_1 + 1}{\lambda_n}} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{\mathcal{K}_2(A) - 1}{\mathcal{K}_2(A) + 1} \right]^2 = \beta < 1$$
- $\mathcal{K}_2(A) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_n}$  = condition number of A  
 $\geq 1$  when A is SPD

# CONVERGENCE OF $E(x_k)$

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- Hence

$$E(x_{k+1}) \leq \beta E(x_k) \text{ and } \beta < 1$$

- Iterating

$$E(x_k) \leq \beta^k E(x_0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

- Hence,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E(x_k) = 0$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x^*$

# SUMMARY – MAIN THEOREM

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- If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x + c$ , and A is SPD then the gradient algorithm, starting from any  $x_0$ , Converges to the minimum as  $k \rightarrow \infty$
- However, the rate of Convergence depends on  $\beta$  which in turn depends only on the condition number  $\mathcal{K}_2(A)$  of A and not on  $n$ , the dimension of the space

# ESTIMATION OF THE NUMBER OF ITERATIONS

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- For what value of  $k$ :

$$\frac{E(x_k)}{E(x_0)} \leq \beta^k = \varepsilon = 10^{-d}$$

- Solving  $\beta^k = 10^{-d} \Rightarrow k^* = \left\lceil \frac{d}{\log_{10} \beta^{-1}} \right\rceil$
- That is, for a given  $\beta$ , in  $k^*$  iterations

$$\frac{E(x_k)}{E(x_0)} \leq 10^{-d}$$

# DEPENDENCE OF $k^*$ ON $\beta$ AND $\mathcal{K}_2(A)$

$\mathcal{K}_2(A)$	$\beta$	$k^*$
1	0	-
10	0.66942	40
100	0.960788	403
1000	0.996008	4030
$10^4$	0.9996	40288

# EXAMPLE IN $\mathbb{R}^2$

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- Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $\lambda \geq 1$
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + \lambda x_2^2)$ 
$$= \frac{x_1^2}{(\sqrt{2})^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{(\sqrt{2\lambda})^2}$$
- The minimum of  $f(x)$  occurs at  $x^* = (0, 0)^T$
- $\nabla f(x) = Ax = (x_1, \lambda x_2)^T = -r(x)$
- Set  $x_0 = (\lambda, 1)^T$
- Verify  $\alpha_0 = \frac{r_0^T r_0}{r_0^T A r_0} = \frac{2}{1+\lambda}$
- $x_1 = x_0 + \alpha_0 r_0 = \frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda+1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

# EXAMPLE IN $\mathbb{R}^2$ - CONTINUED

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- Continuing

$$x_k = \left( \frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda+1} \right)^k \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ (-1)^k \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

- When  $\lambda = 4$ ,  $x_k = (0.6)^k \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ (-1)^k \end{bmatrix}$
- Zig-Zag behavior: Iterates  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  exhibit oscillatory behavior which slows the convergence

# 1-D SEARCH – GENERAL CASE

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- Given an operating point  $x$ , a descent direction  $\mathbf{p}$ , the optimal step length  $\alpha$  is obtained by minimizing

$$g(\alpha) = f(x + \alpha\mathbf{p})$$

- Solve

$$\frac{dg}{d\alpha} = [\nabla f(x + \alpha\mathbf{p})]^T \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad \rightarrow (*)$$

- When  $f$  is quadratic  $\Rightarrow g$  is quadratic and  $(*)$  is linear in  $\alpha$
- When  $f$  is not quadratic,  $(*)$  can be solved only numerically

# QUADRATIC APPROXIMATION TO $g(\alpha)$

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- Compute the following values of  $g(\alpha)$ :

$$g(0) = f(x)$$

$$g(1) = f(x + p)$$

$$\frac{dg(0)}{d\alpha} = [\nabla f(x)]^T p$$

- Let  $m(\alpha) = a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c$  be a quadratic approximation to  $g(\alpha)$

# QUADRATIC APPROXIMATION TO $g(\alpha)$

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- Set  $m(0) = g(0) = c$

$$m(1) = g(1) = a + b + c$$

$$m'(0) = \frac{dm(\alpha)}{d\alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=0} = \frac{dg(\alpha)}{d\alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=0} = (2a\alpha + b) \Big|_{\alpha=0} = b$$

- Hence  $a = g(1) - g(0) - g'(0)$

$$b = g'(0)$$

$$c = g(0)$$

- Setting  $\frac{dm(\alpha)}{d\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow$  optimal step length

$$\alpha = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{g'(0)}{2[g(1)-g(0)-g'(0)]}$$

# A LOOK BACK

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- Gradient method Converges only asymptotically even for Quadratic functions
- Is finite time Convergence feasible at least theoretically?
- The conjugate direction/conjugate gradient methods can in principle achieve this goal for Quadratic functional

# A-CONJUGATE VECTORS

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- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be SPD
- $S = \{\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n-1}\}$  be a set of  $n$  non-null vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- This set is mutually A-Conjugate if

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}_i^T A \mathbf{p}_j &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq j \\ &\neq 0 \text{ for } i = j\end{aligned}$$

- Extension of the notion of orthogonality
- Claim: if a set  $S$  of vectors are A-Conjugate then they are also linearly independent

# CONJUGATE VECTORS AS A BASIS FOR $\mathbb{R}^n$

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- Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a fixed vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$x - x_0 = \alpha_0 p_0 + \alpha_1 p_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} p_{n-1}$$

- By A-Conjugacy

$$p_k^T A (x - x_0) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j p_k^T A p_j = \alpha_k p_k^T A p_k$$

$$\alpha_k = \frac{p_k^T A (x - x_0)}{p_k^T A p_k}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n - 1$$

# SOLUTION OF $Ax = b$ USING CONJUGATE VECTORS

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- Let  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the solution of the linear system  $Ax = b$  where  $A$  is SPD
- Let  $S = \{\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_{n-1}\}$  be  $A$  – Conjugate
- If  $x_0$  is an initial guess, then

$$A(x^* - x_0) = b - Ax_0 = r_0$$

Is the residual at  $x_0$

- Then

$$x^* = x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j \mathbf{p}_j$$
$$\alpha_k = \frac{\mathbf{p}_k^T A(x^* - x_0)}{\mathbf{p}_k^T A \mathbf{p}_k} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_k^T A r_0}{\mathbf{p}_k^T A \mathbf{p}_k}$$

# QUADRATIC MINIMIZATION

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- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be SPD,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$
- Consider  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x + c$
- Minimizer is the solution of  $Ax = b$
- Given  $Ax = b$ ,  $r(x) = b - Ax$
- Minimize  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}r(x)^T r(x) = \frac{1}{2}(b - Ax)^T(b - Ax)$ 
$$= \frac{1}{2}b^T b - b^T Ax + \frac{1}{2}x^T (A^T A)x$$
- $\nabla f(x) = (A^T A)x - A^T b = 0 \Rightarrow Ax = b$  if  $A$  is SPD

# LINEAR TRANSFORMATION – CONJUGATE BASIS

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- Define  $P = [p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- $P^T A P = \begin{bmatrix} p_0^T \\ p_1^T \\ \vdots \\ p_{n-1}^T \end{bmatrix} A [p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}]$   
 $= \text{Diag}(d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n-1}) = D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
 $d_i = p_i^T A p_i, 0 \leq i \leq n - 1$

- Let  $x = x_0 + P\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n$

# DECOMPOSITION OF $f(x)$ IN CONJUGATE BASIS

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- Define  $(r_0 = b - Ax_0)$ ,  $D = P^TAP$

$$G(\alpha) = f(x) = f(x_0 + P\alpha)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(x_0 + P\alpha)^T A(x_0 + P\alpha) - b^T(x_0 + P\alpha)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}x_0^T A x_0 - b^T x_0\right) + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^T (P^T A P)\alpha - (b - Ax_0)^T P\alpha$$

$$= f(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha_k^2 d_k - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r_0^T p_k \alpha_k$$

$$= f(x_0) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g_k(\alpha)$$

$$g_k(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}d_k \alpha_k^2 - r_0^T p_k \alpha_k$$

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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- $\min_x f(x) = \min_{\alpha} f(x_0 + \alpha p)$   
 $= \min_{\alpha} G(\alpha)$   
 $= \min_{\alpha} \{f(x_0) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g_k(\alpha_k)\}$   
 $= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \min_{\alpha} g_k(\alpha_k) \quad (f(x_0) \text{ a constant})$   
 $= \text{Minimization n 1-D problems}$

Since  $g_k(\alpha_k)$  depend only on  $\alpha_k$

# 1-D MINIMIZATION

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- Recall:  $g_k(\alpha_k) = \frac{1}{2}d_k \alpha_k^2 - r_0^T p_k \alpha_k$

- $\frac{dg_k(\alpha_k)}{d\alpha_k} = d_k \alpha_k - p_k^T r_0 = 0$

- Optimal  $\alpha_k = \frac{p_k^T r_0}{d_k}$   
 $= \frac{p_k^T (b - Ax_0)}{p_k^T A p_k}$

# CONJUGATE DIRECTION – FRAME WORK

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- $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r_0 = b - Ax_0$
- Given A-Conjugate set  $S = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$

For  $k = 0$  to  $n - 1$

Step 1:  $\alpha_k = \frac{p_k^T r_k}{p_k^T A p_k}$

Step 2:  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$

Step 3:  $r_{k+1} = r_k - \alpha_k A p_k$

Step 4: If  $r_{k+1} = 0$ , then  $x^* = x_{k+1}$

# VERIFY THE EXPRESSION FOR $\alpha_k$ IN STEP 1

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- Given  $x_k$  and  $p_k$
- Consider the 1-D minimization of

$$\begin{aligned}g(\alpha) &= f(x_k + \alpha p_k) \\&= \frac{1}{2}(x_k + \alpha p_k)^T A(x_k + \alpha p_k) - b^T(x_k + \alpha p_k) \\&= f(x_k) + \frac{1}{2} (p_k^T A p_k) \alpha^2 - (b - A x_k)^T p_k \alpha\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Minimizer: } \alpha_k = \frac{(b - A x_k)^T p_k}{p_k^T A p_k} = \frac{p_k^T r_k}{p_k^T A p_k}$$

# VERIFY THE EXPRESSION IN STEP 3

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- From the step 2:

$$x_{k+1} = x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0 + \alpha_1 p_1 + \dots + \alpha_n p_n$$

$$\bullet r_{k+1} = b - Ax_{k+1}$$

$$= b - Ax_0 - \alpha_0 Ap_0 - \alpha_1 Ap_1 - \dots - \alpha_n Ap_n$$

$$= r_0 - \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j Ap_j$$

$$= r_k - \alpha_k Ap_k$$

# RELATIONS BETWEEN $r_k$ AND $p_k$

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- $p_k^T r_{k+1} = p_k^T (r_k - \alpha_k A p_k)$   
= 0 using  $\alpha_k$  in step 1
- $r_{k+1} = b - Ax_{k+1} = -\nabla f(x_{k+1})$   
 $\Rightarrow x_{k+1}$  minimizes  $f(x)$  along the line  $x_k + \alpha p_k$
- Verify

$$p_k^T r_{k+1} = p_k^T r_{k+2} = \dots p_n^T r_n = 0$$

$$p_k^T r_k = p_k^T r_{k-1} = \dots p_n^T r_0$$

# EXPANDING SUBSPACE PROPERTY

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- From step 2:

$$x_{k+1} = x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0 + \alpha_1 p_1 + \dots + \alpha_n p_n$$

- $r_{k+1} = b - Ax_{k+1}$   
 $= r_0 - \alpha_0 Ap_0 - \alpha_1 Ap_1 - \dots - \alpha_n Ap_n$

- Taking inner product with  $p_j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k-1$

$$p_j^T r_{k+1} = p_j^T r_0 - \alpha_j p_j^T Ap_j = 0 \text{ (Step 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{k+1} \perp \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$$

# EXPANDING SUBSPACE PROPERTY

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- $x_{k+1}$  minimizes  $f(x)$  over  
 $x \in x_0 + \text{span}\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$
- $x_{k+1}$  in addition to minimizing along  $x_k + \alpha p_k$ , it also minimizes in the subspace  $x_0 + \text{span}\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$
- Hence  $x_{n-1}$  minimizes  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

# FINITE TIME CONVERGENCE IN THEORY

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- Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x$ ,
- An A-Conjugate set  $s = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$
- The conjugate direction framework guarantees convergence in at most  $n$  steps
- Implicit assumption: computations are error free

# HOW TO FIND A-CONJUGATE SET?

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- Given  $A$  SPD, consider the eigen-decomposition of  $A$
- $AV_i = V_i\lambda_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$
- Let  $V = [V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n]$   
$$\Lambda = \text{Diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$
- $AV = V\Lambda, VV^T = V^TV = I$
- $V^TAV = \Lambda$  or  $A = V\Lambda V^T$

⇒ Eigenvectors  $A$  are  $A$ -Conjugate

- It is computationally demanding to find the complete eigensystem

# CONJUGATE GRADIENT (CG) ALGORITHM

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- $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r_0 = b - Ax_0, p_0 = r_0$
- For  $k = 0$  to  $n - 1$

Step 1:  $\alpha_k = \frac{p_k^T r_k}{p_k^T A p_k} = \alpha_k = \frac{r_k^T r_k}{p_k^T A p_k}$

Step 2:  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$  - Iterates

Step 3:  $r_{k+1} = r_k - \alpha_k A p_k$  - Residual

Step 4: Test for convergence:

$$r_{k+1}^T r_{k+1} < \varepsilon, \text{ exit}$$

Step 5:  $\beta_k = -\frac{r_{k+1}^T A p_k}{p_k^T A p_k} = -\frac{r_{k+1}^T r_{k+1}}{r_k^T r_k}$

Step 6:  $p_{k+1} = r_{k+1} + \beta_k p_k$  - Conjugate director

# PROPERTIES OF CG ALGORITHM

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- The conjugate directions are computed internationally in steps 5 and 6
- Permits alternate choices for  $\alpha_k$  and  $\beta_k$
- $p_k$ 's are A-Conjugate
- $r_{k+1} \perp r_k$  as in gradient algorithm
- $r_k \perp \text{span}\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$

# PROPERTIES OF CG ALGORITHM

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- $\text{Span}\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$   
=  $\text{span}\{r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}\}$   
=  $\text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, \dots, A^{k-1}r_0\}$   
=  $KS_k(A, r_0)$  krylov subspace of dimension k generated by A and  $r_0$

# CG WITH FINITE PRECISION ARITHMETIC

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- Let  $x^* = A^{-1}b$  be the optimal solution
- $E_k = x_k - x^*$  - error
- $E(x_k) = \frac{1}{2} e_k^T A e_k = \frac{1}{2} \|e_k\|_A^2$
- With round-off errors, considered as an iterative process
- $\frac{E(x_k)}{E(x_0)} \leq 2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)} + 1} \right]^k$
- $\mathcal{K}_2(A) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_n}$ , the spectral condition number of A

# NUMBER OF ITERATION NEEDED

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- Set  $2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)} + 1} \right]^k \leq \varepsilon = 10^{-d}$
- $k * \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)} - 1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)} + 1} \right) \leq \log \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$
- $k \left[ \log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)}} \right) - \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)}} \right) \right] = \log \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow k^* = \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)}}{2} \left| \log \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right| = \frac{(d+1)\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_2(A)}}{2}$$

# A COMPARISON WITH GRADIENT ALGORITHM

$$\varepsilon = 10^{-7}$$

$\mathcal{K}_2(A)$	$k^*$ (Gradient)	$k^*$ (CG)
10	40	24
$10^2$	403	74
$10^3$	4030	231
$10^4$	40288	730

# EXERCISES

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14.1) Verify that  $E(x_{k+1}) = \beta_k E(x_k)$  with  $\beta_k = [ 1 - \frac{(r_k^T r_k)^2}{(r_k^T A r_k)(r_k^T A^{-1} r_k)} ]$

14.2) Prove Kantrovich inequality in Slide 17

14.3) Implement the Gradient and Conjugate gradient algorithm in MATLAB

14.4) Let  $x = (x_1, x_2)^T$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Consider  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T A x$

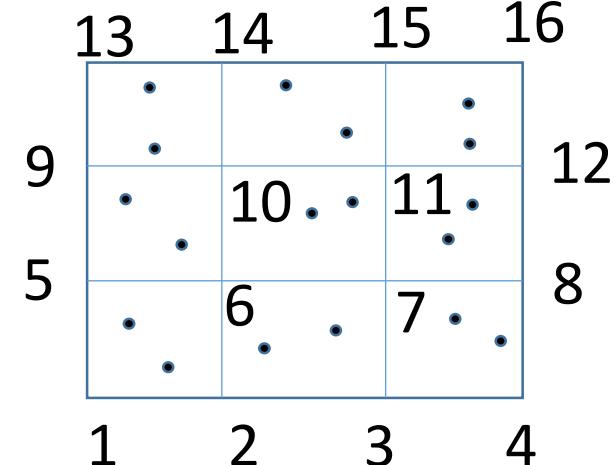
a) Apply the Gradient algorithm and verify that  $x_k = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ (-1)^k \end{bmatrix}$  with  $x_0 = (2, 1)^T$

b) Show that  $f(x_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{9}f(x_k)$

c) Draw the contour of  $f(x)$  and super impose the trajectory  $\{x_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  to visually demonstrate convergence

# EXERCISES

14.5) Consider a  $4 \times 4$  grid with  $n = 16$  points and  $q$  grid boxes as shown



- a) Distribute two observations in each of the grid boxes giving a total  $m = 18$  observations
- b) Build the interpolation matrix  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{18 \times 16}$
- c) Let  $Z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{18})^T$  be the observation vector where  $z_i = 70 + v_i$ ,  $v_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 18$

# EXERCISES

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d) Construct

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(Z - Hx)^T(Z - Hx) \\&= \frac{1}{2}[x^T(H^T H)x - 2Z^T Hx + Z^T Z]\end{aligned}$$

e) Apply the Gradient and Conjugate gradient algorithm to minimize  
 $f(x)$

f) Plot  $f(x_k)$  Vs  $k$  for each method comment on your results