

the Generalized Minimal Residual (GMRES) algorithm for solving non-symmetric linear systems. \*

this method was introduced by Saad and Schultz in 1986 to solve iteratively matrix equations

$$Ax = b,$$

where the matrix  $A$  is not symmetric.

① Motivation: the method of conjugate gradients as a Galerkin method.

We have seen that if the  $k$ -th iterate of the CG method is  $x^k$ , the error,  $e^k = x - x^k$  satisfies the equality

$$w^T A e^k = 0 \quad \forall w \in K_k,$$

where

$$K_k = \text{span} \left\{ A^i r_0 \right\}_{i=0}^{k-1}, \quad r_0 = Ax_0 - b.$$

\* From: Iterative methods for sparse linear systems, Y. Saad.

We immediately see that the above equation states that the  $k$ -th residual,

$$r_k = Ax_k - b,$$

is orthogonal to  $K_k$  since

$$\begin{aligned} w^T r_k &= w^T (Ax_k - b) \\ &= w^T (Ax_k - Ax) \\ &= -w^T A e_k \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \forall w \in K_k.$$

Now, let  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^k$  be an  $l_2$ -orthonormal basis of  $K_k$  and set

$$V_k = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k).$$

$V_k$  is an  $N \times k$  matrix, where  $N = \text{order of } A$ .  
With this notation, we can write that

$$x_k = x_0 + V_k y_k,$$

where  $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^k$  is the solution of

$$(V_k^T A V_k) y_k = -V_k^T r_0$$

Note that the above equation defines a galerkin approximation,  $V_k Y_k$ , in  $K_k$  to the solution of

$$Az = -r_0.$$

Of course, we have that  $X = X_0 + Z!$

In other words, the iterates of the CG method are of the form  $X_k = X_0 + Z_k$ , where  $Z_k$  is the  $A$ -projection of  $Z$  into the space  $K_k$ .

Note that if we set

$$v_1 = r_0 / \|r_0\|,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_k &= X_0 + V_k Y_k, \\ Y_k &= -\|r_0\| H_k^{-1} e_1, \\ H_k &= V_k^T A V_k. \end{aligned}$$

This is a rewriting of the CG method that is possible to use for matrices that are not symmetric and positive definite. Note that if  $k$  is small, the matrix  $H_k$  is easy to invert!

Arnoldi's orthogonalization. (of  $K_k$ ).

We can obtain the basis  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^k$  of the Krylov subspace  $K_k$  as follows:

$$(1) \quad \hat{v}_1 = r_0, \quad v_1 = \hat{v}_1 / \|\hat{v}_1\|.$$

(2) For  $j=1, \dots, k-1$ :

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} h_{ij} &= v_i^T A v_j, \quad i=1, \dots, j \\ \hat{v}_{j+1} &= A v_j - \sum_{i=1}^j h_{ij} v_i \end{aligned}$$

$$(4) \quad h_{j+1,j} = \|\hat{v}_{j+1}\|, \quad v_{j+1} = \hat{v}_{j+1} / \|\hat{v}_{j+1}\|.$$

endFor

Notice that if  $l \leq j$ ,

$$v_l^T \hat{v}_{j+1} = v_l^T A v_j - \sum_{i=1}^j h_{ij} v_l^T v_i$$

So, if  $v_l^T v_i = \delta_{li}$  for  $i, l \leq j$  then we have that  $v_l^T \hat{v}_{j+1} = 0$ . Hence, if  $\hat{v}_{j+1} \neq 0$ , we have that  $v_l^T v_i = 0$  for  $i, l \leq j+1$ .

Next, let us show that if  $\dim K_k = k$ , then the algorithm (1),(2) does not break down.

Let us proceed by induction on  $k$ . For  $k=1$ , the result is obvious. Assume the result holds for  $k=m$  and let us show it holds for  $k=m+1$ . Since it holds for  $k=m$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} K_m &= \text{span} \{ A^i v_0 \}_{i=0}^{m-1} \\ &= \text{span} \{ A^{i-1} v_1 \}_{i=1}^m \\ &= \text{span} \{ v_1, \dots, v_m \}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, this implies that

$$K_{m+1} = \text{span} \{ v_1, \dots, v_m, A^m v_0 \}.$$

By (3) and (4), for  $j \leq m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}_{j+1} &= A v_j - \sum_{i=1}^j h_{i,j} v_i \\ \Rightarrow A v_j &= \sum_{i=1}^{j+1} h_{i,j} v_i \\ \Rightarrow A v_j &\in \text{span} \{ v_1, \dots, v_{j+1} \} \\ \Rightarrow A^m v_0 &\in \text{span} \{ v_1, \dots, v_{m+1} \}. \end{aligned}$$

and so,  $v_{m+1} \neq 0$ . This implies that the algorithm does not break down.

Finally, notice that if  $m > j+1$ ,

$$v_m^T A v_j = \sum_{i=1}^{j+1} h_{ij} v_m^T v_i = 0,$$

by the inductive hypothesis. This shows that  $H_k$  is an upper Hessenberg matrix which is tridiagonal if  $A$  is symmetric.

### ③ the Full Orthogonalization Method (FOM)

The above discussion motivates the introduction of the FOM:

- Pick the initial guess  $x_0$ , compute  $r_0 = Ax_0 - b$  and set  $v_1 = r_0 / \|r_0\|$

- For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$  do
  - $h_{ij} = v_i^T A v_j \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, j$
  - $\hat{v}_{j+1} = A v_j - \sum_{i=1}^j h_{ij} v_i$
  - $h_{j+1,j} = \|\hat{v}_{j+1}\|$
  - $v_{j+1} = \hat{v}_{j+1} / h_{j+1,j}$
 endfor

- Set  $x_k = x_0 + V_k \gamma_k$  where
 
$$\gamma_k = -H_k^{-1} \|r_0\| e_1$$

Note that the algorithm breaks down only if for some  $j \leq k$ ,  $h_{j+1,j} = 0$ . Next we show that this happens only if  $r_j = 0$ !

The relations (3) can be rewritten in matrix form as

$$AV_k = V_{k+1} \bar{H}_k.$$

Note that

$$H_k = V_k^T A V_k = V_k^T V_{k+1} \bar{H}_k,$$

hence

$$\bar{H}_k = \begin{bmatrix} H_k \\ 0 \dots 0 \ h_{k+1,k} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since

$$x_k = x_0 + V_k y_k,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} r_k &= r_0 + AV_k y_k \\ &= r_0 + V_{k+1} \bar{H}_k y_k \\ &= r_0 + V_k H_k y_k + h_{k+1,k} (e_k^T y_k) v_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow r_k = h_{k+1,k} (e_k^T y_k) v_{k+1}.$$

This means that

$$\|r_k\| = h_{k+1,k} |e_k^T y_k|,$$

and  $r_k = 0$  if  $h_{k+1,k} = 0$ , as desired.

### ④ The GMRES method.

The difference, and only difference, between the FOM and the GMRES methods is the way in which  $y_k$  is computed. In FOM,  $y_k$  is computed by requesting that

$$\begin{aligned} r^k &= A(x_0 + V_k y_k) - b \\ &= r_0 + AV_k y_k \end{aligned}$$

be orthogonal to  $K_k$ . In GMRES, instead, it is asked that

$$\|r^k\|^2 = \|r^k(y_k)\|^2 =: J(y_k).$$

is a minimum, hence the name of the method!

Next, notice that



$$\begin{aligned}
 J(y) &= \| r_0 + AV_k y \|^2 \\
 &= \| r_0 + V_{k+1} \bar{H}_k y \|^2 \\
 &= \| \|r_0\| e_1 + \bar{H}_k y \|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$y_k = - (\bar{H}_k^T \bar{H}_k)^{-1} \bar{H}_k^T e_1 \|r_0\|,$$

and shows that this method is different than the FOM.

To actually compute  $y_k$ , we can still exploit the structure of  $J$ . Suppose that we obtain a  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix  $Q_k$ , the accumulated product of rotation matrices, and an upper triangular matrix  $R_k$  such that

$$Q_k \bar{H}_k = R_k$$

(Note that the last row of  $R_k$  is zero!) - then

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(y) &= \| Q_k (\|r_0\| e_1 + \bar{H}_k y) \|^2 \\
 &= \| \underbrace{\|r_0\| Q_k e_1}_{-g_k} + R_k y \|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Now if we write

$$g_k = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{g}_k \\ g_{k, k+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_k = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{R}_k \\ 0 \dots 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then  $\gamma_k = \hat{R}_k^{-1} \hat{g}_k$  and  $J(\gamma_k) = |g_{k, k+1}|$ .

### ⑤ Convergence analysis

To analyze the GMRES method, we begin by noting that if the Arnoldi process does not break down, then  $\hat{R}_k$  is invertible. To see this, consider the beginning of the algorithm leading to the equation  $\Phi_k \hat{H}_k = R_k$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|ccc} c & -s & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ s & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & & \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} r & x & x & x \\ h & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} t & y & y & y \\ 0 & y & y & y \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{array} \right]$$

where  $c = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2+h^2}}$ ,  $s = -\frac{h}{\sqrt{r^2+h^2}}$ ,  $t = \sqrt{r^2+h^2}$

We see that if  $h \neq 0$ , then  $t > 0$ . Now notice that in every multiplication by a rotation,  $h = h_{j+1, j}$ , which is non-zero because the Arnoldi process did not break down for  $j \leq k$ ! This establishes that  $\hat{R}_k$  is invertible.

this means that the GMRES method can only break down if for some  $j < N$ ,  $h_{j+1,j} = 0$ . Next, we prove that this happens if and only if  $r_j = 0$ , that is, if and only if  $Ax_j = b$ .

Assume that  $h_{j+1,j} = 0$ . This implies that

$$AV_j = V_j H_j.$$

In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J(\gamma) &= \|r_0 + AV_j \gamma\|^2 \\ &= \|r_0 + V_j H_j \gamma\|^2 \\ &= \|V_j (\|r_0\| e_1 + H_j \gamma)\|^2 \\ &= \|\|r_0\| e_1 + H_j \gamma\|^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

if

$$\gamma = -\|r_0\| H_j^{-1} e_1.$$

This means that  $r_j = 0$ , as claimed.

Assume now that  $r_j = 0$  and that  $r_i \neq 0$   $i < j$ .

then

$$\|r_j\| = \left| \frac{(-\|r_0\| \otimes_{j+1} e_1)_{j+1}}{\| \cdot \|} \right| = |s_j| \left| \frac{(-\|r_0\| \otimes_j e_1)_j}{\| \cdot \|} \right| = |s_j| \|r_{j-1}\|$$

This implies  $0 = s_j \Rightarrow h_{j+1,j} = 0$ , as claimed.

We have thus proven the following result.

Theorem. The GMRES method converges in at most  $N$  iterations, where  $N = \text{order of } A$ .

We can also obtain an error estimate of the residual in some cases.

Theorem. Let  $A$  be a diagonalizable matrix.  
then

$$\|r_m\|_2 \leq K \epsilon_m \|r_0\|_2,$$

where

$$K = \|X\|_2 \|X^{-1}\|_2,$$

$$\epsilon_m = \min_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}^m \\ p(0) = 1}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |p(\lambda_i)|$$

and  $\text{diag}\{\lambda_i, i=1, \dots, N\} = \Lambda = X^{-1} A X$ .

Proof. Since

$$x_m = x_0 + V_m y_m,$$

we have

$$r_m = r_0 + A V_m y_m$$

and since  $V_m = K_m$ ,

$$r_m = p(A) r_0, \quad \text{degree } p = m, \quad |x_0| = 1.$$

Since  $x_m$  minimizes the residual over  $x_0 + K_m$ , we get

$$\|r_m\|_2 = \min_{\substack{p \in P^m \\ |x_0|=1}} \|p(A) r_0\|.$$

But

$$p(A) = X p(\lambda) X^{-1}$$

and so

$$\|p(A)\|_2 \leq K \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |p(\lambda_i)|.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

If all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are inside the ellipse of center  $(c, 0)$  focal distance  $d$  and major semi-axis  $a$

