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Lecture 10

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**Corrigendum: there is an Perron-Frobenius theorem for general matrices**

## Perron-Frobenius Theorem (1912/1907)

**Definition:** A real  $n$ -vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is

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- ▶ nonnegative ( $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$ ) if all entries of  $\mathbf{x}$  are nonnegative

**Definition:** A real  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is

- ▶ positive ( $A > 0$ ) if all entries of  $A$  are positive
- ▶ nonnegative ( $A \geq 0$ ) if all entries of  $A$  are nonnegative

**Theorem**(Varga, Th. 2.7) Let  $A \geq 0$  be an irreducible  $n \times n$  matrix. Then

- (i)  $A$  has a positive real eigenvalue equal to its spectral radius  $\rho(A)$ .
- (ii) To  $\rho(A)$  there corresponds a positive eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} > 0$ .
- (iii)  $\rho(A)$  increases when any entry of  $A$  increases.
- (iv)  $\rho(A)$  is a simple eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**Proof:** See Varga. □

## Regular splittings

- ▶  $A = M - N$  is a regular splitting if
  - ▶  $M$  is nonsingular
  - ▶  $M^{-1}$ ,  $N$  are nonnegative, i.e. have nonnegative entries
- ▶ Regard the iteration  $u_{k+1} = M^{-1}Nu_k + M^{-1}b$ .
- ▶ We have  $I - M^{-1}A = M^{-1}N$ .

## Convergence theorem for regular splitting

**Theorem:** Assume  $A$  is nonsingular,  $A^{-1} \geq 0$ , and  $A = M - N$  is a regular splitting. Then  $\rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = M^{-1}N$ . Then  $A = M(I - G)$ , therefore  $I - G$  is nonsingular.

In addition

$$A^{-1}N = (M(I - M^{-1}N))^{-1}N = (I - M^{-1}N)^{-1}M^{-1}N = (I - G)^{-1}G$$

By Perron-Frobenius (for general matrices),  $\rho(G)$  is an eigenvalue with a nonnegative eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ . Thus,

$$0 \leq A^{-1}N\mathbf{x} = \frac{\rho(G)}{1 - \rho(G)}\mathbf{x}$$

Therefore  $0 \leq \rho(G) \leq 1$ .

As  $I - G$  is nonsingular,  $\rho(G) < 1$ . □

## Perron-Frobenius for general nonnegative matrices

Each  $n \times n$  matrix can be brought to the normal form

$$PAP^T = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & \dots & R_{1m} \\ 0 & R_{22} & \dots & R_{2m} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & R_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

where for  $j = 1 \dots m$ , either  $R_{jj}$  irreducible or  $R_{jj} = (0)$ .

**Theorem**(Varga, Th. 2.20) Let  $A \geq 0$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then

- (i)  $A$  has a nonnegative eigenvalue equal to its spectral radius  $\rho(A)$ . This eigenvalue is positive unless  $A$  is reducible and its normal form is strictly upper triangular
- (ii) To  $\rho(A)$  there corresponds a nonzero eigenvector  $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$ .
- (iii)  $\rho(A)$  does not decrease when any entry of  $A$  increases.

**Proof:** See Varga;  $\sigma(A) = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \sigma(R_{jj})$ , apply irreducible Perron-Frobenius to  $R_{jj}$ . □

# Incomplete LU factorizations (ILU)

Idea (Varga, Buleev, 1960):

- ▶ fix a predefined zero pattern
- ▶ apply the standard LU factorization method, but calculate only those elements, which do not correspond to the given zero pattern
- ▶ Result: incomplete LU factors  $L$ ,  $U$ , remainder  $R$ :

$$A = LU - R$$

- ▶ Problem: with complete LU factorization procedure, for any nonsingular matrix, the method is stable, i.e. zero pivots never occur. Is this true for the incomplete LU Factorization as well ?

# Comparison of M-Matrices

**Theorem**(Saad, Th. 1.33): Let  $A, B$   $n \times n$  matrices such that

(i)  $A \leq B$

(ii)  $b_{ij} \leq 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

Then, if  $A$  is an M-Matrix, so is  $B$ .

**Proof:** For the diagonal parts, one has  $D_B \geq D_A > 0$ ,  
 $D_A - A \geq D_B - B \geq 0$  Therefore

$$I - D_A^{-1}A \geq D_A^{-1}(D_B - B) \geq D_B^{-1}(D_B - B) = I - D_B^{-1}B =: G \geq 0.$$

Perron-Frobenius  $\Rightarrow \rho(G) = \rho(I - D_B^{-1}B) \leq \rho(I - D_A^{-1}A) < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow I - G$  is nonsingular. From the proof of the M-matrix criterion,  
 $D_B^{-1}B = (I - G)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} G^k \geq 0$ . As  $D_B > 0$ , we get  $B \geq 0$ .





## M-Property propagation in Gaussian Elimination

**Theorem:**(Ky Fan; Saad Th 1.10) Let  $A$  be an M-matrix. Then the matrix  $A_1$  obtained from the first step of Gaussian elimination is an M-matrix.

**Proof:** One has  $a_{ij}^1 = a_{ij} - \frac{a_{i1}a_{1j}}{a_{11}}$ ,  
 $a_{ij}, a_{i1}, a_{1j} \leq 0, a_{11} > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a_{ij}^1 \leq 0$  for  $i \neq j$

$$A = L_1 A_1 \text{ with } L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \frac{-a_{12}}{a_{11}} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ \frac{-a_{1n}}{a_{11}} & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ nonsingular, nonnegative}$$

$\Rightarrow A_1$  nonsingular

Let  $e_1 \dots e_n$  be the unit vectors. Then  $A_1^{-1}e_1 = \frac{1}{a_{11}}e_1 \geq 0$ . For  $j > 1$ ,  
 $A_1^{-1}e_j = A^{-1}L^{-1}e_j = A^{-1}e_j \geq 0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow A_1^{-1} \geq 0$



## Stability of ILU

**Theorem** (Saad, Th. 10.2): If  $A$  is an M-Matrix, then the algorithm to compute the incomplete LU factorization with a given nonzero pattern

$$A = LU - R$$

is stable. Moreover,  $A = LU - R$  is a regular splitting.

## Stability of ILU decomposition II

### Proof

Let  $\tilde{A}_1 = A_1 + R_1 = L_1 A + R_1$  where  $R_1$  is a nonnegative matrix which occurs from dropping some off diagonal entries from  $A_1$ . Thus,  $\tilde{A}_1 \geq A_1$  and  $\tilde{A}_1$  is an M-matrix. We can repeat this recursively

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}_k &= A_k + R_k = L_k A_{k-1} + R_k \\ &= L_k L_{k-1} A_{k-2} + L_k R_{k-1} + R_k \\ &= L_k L_{k-1} \cdot \dots \cdot L_1 A + L_k L_{k-1} \cdot \dots \cdot L_2 R_1 + \dots + R_k\end{aligned}$$

Let  $L = (L_{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot L_1)^{-1}$ ,  $U = \tilde{A}_{n-1}$ . Then  $U = L^{-1}A + S$  with

$$S = L_{n-1}L_{n-2} \cdot \dots \cdot L_2 R_1 + \dots + R_{n-1} = L_{n-1}L_{n-2} \cdot \dots \cdot L_2 (R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_{n-1})$$

Let  $R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_{n-1}$ , then  $A = LU - R$  where  $U^{-1}L^{-1}$ ,  $R$  are nonnegative.



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# Preconditioners

- ▶ Leave this topic for a while now
- ▶ Hopefully, we will be able to discuss
  - ▶ Multigrid: gives  $O(n)$  complexity in optimal situations
  - ▶ Domain decomposition: Structurally well suited for large scale parallelization

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## Recap (ILU + proof

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## Solution of SPD system as a minimization procedure

Regard  $Au = f$ , where  $A$  is symmetric, positive definite. Then it defines a bilinear form  $a : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$a(u, v) = (Au, v) = v^T Au = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} v_i u_j$$

As  $A$  is SPD, for all  $u \neq 0$  we have  $(Au, u) > 0$ .

For a given vector  $b$ , regard the function

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{2} a(u, u) - b^T u$$

What is the minimizer of  $f$  ?

$$f'(u) = Au - b = 0$$

- Solution of SPD system  $\equiv$  minimization of  $f$ .

## Method of steepest descent

- ▶ Given some vector  $u_i$ , look for a new iterate  $u_{i+1}$ .
- ▶ The direction of steepest descent is given by  $-f'(u_i)$ .
- ▶ So look for  $u_{i+1}$  in the direction of  $-f'(u_i) = r_i = b - Au_i$  such that it minimizes  $f$  in this direction, i.e. set  $u_{i+1} = u_i + \alpha r_i$  with  $\alpha$  chosen from

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} f(u_i + \alpha r_i) = f'(u_i + \alpha r_i) \cdot r_i \\ &= (b - A(u_i + \alpha r_i), r_i) \\ &= (b - Au_i, r_i) - \alpha (Ar_i, r_i) \\ &= (r_i, r_i) - \alpha (Ar_i, r_i) \\ \alpha &= \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(Ar_i, r_i)} \end{aligned}$$

## Method of steepest descent: iteration scheme

$$r_i = b - Au_i$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(Ar_i, r_i)}$$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \alpha_i r_i$$

Let  $\hat{u}$  the exact solution. Define  $e_i = u_i - \hat{u}$ , then  $r_i = -Ae_i$

Let  $\|u\|_A = (Au, u)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  be the *energy norm* wrt.  $A$ .

**Theorem** The convergence rate of the method is

$$\|e_i\|_A \leq \left( \frac{\kappa - 1}{\kappa + 1} \right)^i \|e_0\|_A$$

where  $\kappa = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(A)}{\lambda_{\min}(A)}$  is the spectral condition number.

## Method of steepest descent: advantages

- ▶ Simple Richardson iteration  $u_{k+1} = u_k - \alpha(Au_k - f)$  needs good eigenvalue estimate to be optimal with  $\alpha = \frac{2}{\lambda_{max} + \lambda_{min}}$
- ▶ In this case, asymptotic convergence rate is  $\rho = \frac{\kappa - 1}{\kappa + 1}$
- ▶ Steepest descent has the same rate without need for spectral estimate



## Conjugate directions

For steepest descent, there is no guarantee that a search direction  $d_i = r_i = -Ae_i$  is not used several times. If all search directions would be orthogonal, or, indeed,  $A$ -orthogonal, one could control this situation.

So, let  $d_0, d_1 \dots d_{n-1}$  be a series of  $A$ -orthogonal (or conjugate) search directions, i.e.  $(Ad_i, d_j) = 0, i \neq j$ .

- ▶ Look for  $u_{i+1}$  in the direction of  $d_i$  such that it minimizes  $f$  in this direction, i.e. set  $u_{i+1} = u_i + \alpha_i d_i$  with  $\alpha$  chosen from

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{d\alpha} f(u_i + \alpha d_i) = f'(u_i + \alpha d_i) \cdot d_i \\ &= (b - A(u_i + \alpha d_i), d_i) \\ &= (b - Au_i, d_i) - \alpha(Ad_i, d_i) \\ &= (r_i, d_i) - \alpha(Ad_i, d_i) \\ \alpha_i &= \frac{(r_i, d_i)}{(Ad_i, d_i)} \end{aligned}$$

## Conjugate directions II

$e_0 = u_0 - \hat{u}$  (such that  $Ae_0 = -r_0$ ) can be represented in the basis of the search directions:

$$e_0 = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \delta_j d_j$$

Projecting onto  $d_k$  in the  $A$  scalar product gives

$$\begin{aligned}(Ae_0, d_k) &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \delta_j (Ad_j, d_k) \\ &= \delta_k (Ad_k, d_k) \\ \delta_k &= \frac{(Ae_0, d_k)}{(Ad_k, d_k)} = \frac{(Ae_0 + \sum_{i < k} \alpha_i d_i, d_k)}{(Ad_k, d_k)} = \frac{(Ae_k, d_k)}{(Ad_k, d_k)} \\ &= \frac{(r_k, d_k)}{(Ad_k, d_k)} \\ &= -\alpha_k\end{aligned}$$

## Conjugate directions III

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}e_i &= e_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \alpha_j d_j = - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j d_j + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \alpha_j d_j \\ &= - \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \alpha_j d_j\end{aligned}$$

So, the iteration consists in component-wise suppression of the error, and it must converge after  $n$  steps. Let  $k \leq i$ .  $A$ -projection on  $d_k$  gives

$$(Ae_i, d_k) = - \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \alpha_j (Ad_j, d_k) = 0$$

Therefore,  $r_i = Ae_i$  is orthogonal to  $d_0 \dots d_{i-1}$ .

## Conjugate directions IV

Looking at the error norm  $\|e_i\|_A$ , the method yields the element with the minimum energy norm from all elements of the affine space  $e_0 + \mathcal{K}_i$  where  $\mathcal{K}_i = \text{span}\{d_0, d_1 \dots d_{i-1}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}(Ae_i, e_i) &= \left( \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \delta_j d_j, \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \delta_j d_j \right) = \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i}^{n-1} \delta_j \delta_k (d_j, d_k) \\ &= \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \delta_j^2 (d_j, d_j) = \min_{e \in e_0 + \mathcal{K}_i} \|e\|_A\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}u_{i+1} &= u_i + \alpha_i d_i \\ e_{i+1} &= e_i + \alpha_i d_i \\ Ae_{i+1} &= Ae_i + \alpha_i Ad_i \\ r_{i+1} &= r_i - \alpha_i Ad_i\end{aligned}$$

By what magic we can obtain these  $d_i$ ?

## Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization

- ▶ Assume we have been given some linearly independent vectors  $v_0, v_1 \dots v_{n-1}$ .
- ▶ Set  $d_0 = v_0$
- ▶ Define

$$d_i = v_i + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \beta_{ik} d_k$$

- ▶ For  $j < i$ , A-project onto  $d_j$  and require orthogonality:

$$(Ad_i, d_j) = (Av_i, d_j) + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \beta_{ik} (Ad_k, d_j)$$

$$0 = (Av_i, d_j) + \beta_{ij} (Ad_j, d_j)$$

$$\beta_{ij} = -\frac{(Av_i, d_j)}{(Ad_j, d_j)}$$

- ▶ If  $v_i$  are the coordinate unit vectors, this is Gaussian elimination!
- ▶ If  $v_i$  are arbitrary, they all must be kept in the memory

## Conjugate gradients (Hestenes, Stiefel, 1952)

As Gram-Schmidt builds up  $d_i$  from  $d_j$ ,  $j < i$ , we can choose  $v_i = r_i$ , i.e. the residuals built up during the conjugate direction process.

Let  $\mathcal{K}_i = \text{span}\{d_0 \dots d_{i-1}\}$ . Then,  $r_i \perp \mathcal{K}_i$

But  $d_i$  are built by Gram-Schmidt from the residuals, so we also have  $\mathcal{K}_i = \text{span}\{r_0 \dots r_{i-1}\}$  and  $(r_i, r_j) = 0$  for  $j < i$ .

From  $r_i = r_{i-1} - \alpha_{i-1}Ad_{i-1}$  we obtain

$$\mathcal{K}_i = \mathcal{K}_{i-1} \cup \text{span}\{Ad_{i-1}\}$$

This gives two other representations of  $\mathcal{K}_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{K}_i &= \text{span}\{d_0, Ad_0, A^2d_0, \dots, A^{i-1}d_0\} \\ &= \text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, \dots, A^{i-1}r_0\}\end{aligned}$$

Such type of subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called *Krylov subspace*, and orthogonalization methods are more often called *Krylov subspace methods*.

## Conjugate gradients II

Look at Gram-Schmidt under these conditions. The essential data are (setting  $v_i = r_i$  and using  $j < i$ )  $\beta_{ij} = -\frac{(Ar_i, d_j)}{(Ad_j, d_j)} = -\frac{(Ad_j, r_i)}{(Ad_j, d_j)}$ .

Then, for  $j \leq i$ :

$$r_{j+1} = r_j - \alpha_j Ad_j$$

$$(r_{j+1}, r_i) = (r_j, r_i) - \alpha_j (Ad_j, r_i)$$

$$\alpha_j (Ad_j, r_i) = (r_j, r_i) - (r_{j+1}, r_i)$$

$$(Ad_j, r_i) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{\alpha_j} (r_{j+1}, r_i), & j+1 = i \\ \frac{1}{\alpha_j} (r_j, r_i), & j = i \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{\alpha_{i-1}} (r_i, r_i), & j+1 = i \\ \frac{1}{\alpha_i} (r_i, r_i), & j = i \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

For  $j < i$ :

$$\beta_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\alpha_{i-1}} \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(Ad_{i-1}, d_{i-1})}, & j+1 = i \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

## Conjugate gradients III

For Gram-Schmidt we defined (replacing  $v_i$  by  $r_i$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}d_i &= r_i + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \beta_{ik} d_k \\ &= r_i + \beta_{i,i-1} d_{i-1}\end{aligned}$$

So, the new orthogonal direction depends only on the previous orthogonal direction and the current residual. We don't have to store old residuals or search directions. In the sequel, set  $\beta_i := \beta_{i,i-1}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}d_{i-1} &= r_{i-1} + \beta_{i-1} d_{i-2} \\ (d_{i-1}, r_{i-1}) &= (r_{i-1}, r_{i-1}) + \beta_{i-1} (d_{i-2}, r_{i-1}) \\ &= (r_{i-1}, r_{i-1}) \\ \beta_i &= \frac{1}{\alpha_{i-1}} \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(Ad_{i-1}, d_{i-1})} = \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(d_{i-1}, r_{i-1})} \\ &= \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(r_{i-1}, r_{i-1})}\end{aligned}$$



## Conjugate gradients IV - The algorithm

Given initial value  $u_0$ , spd matrix  $A$ , right hand side  $b$ .

$$d_0 = r_0 = b - Au_0$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{(r_i, r_i)}{(Ad_i, d_i)}$$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \alpha_i d_i$$

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i Ad_i$$

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At the  $i$ -th step, the algorithm yields the element from  $e_0 + \mathcal{K}_i$  with the minimum energy error.

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# Preconditioning

Let  $M$  be spd, and spectrally equivalent to  $A$ , and assume that  $\kappa(M^{-1}A) \ll \kappa(A)$ .

Let  $E$  be such that  $M = EE^T$ , e.g. its Cholesky factorization. Then,  $\sigma(M^{-1}A) = \sigma(E^{-1}AE^{-T})$ :

Assume  $M^{-1}Au = \lambda u$ . We have

$$(E^{-1}AE^{-T})(E^T u) = (E^T E^{-T})E^{-1}Au = E^T M^{-1}Au = \lambda E^T u$$

$\Leftrightarrow E^T u$  is an eigenvector of  $E^{-1}AE^{-T}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

## Preconditioned CG I

Now we can use the CG algorithm for the preconditioned system

$$E^{-1}AE^{-T}\tilde{x} = E^{-1}b$$

with  $\tilde{u} = E^T u$

$$\tilde{d}_0 = \tilde{r}_0 = E^{-1}b - E^{-1}AE^{-T}u_0$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{(\tilde{r}_i, \tilde{r}_i)}{(E^{-1}AE^{-T}\tilde{d}_i, \tilde{d}_i)}$$

$$\tilde{u}_{i+1} = \tilde{u}_i + \alpha_i \tilde{d}_i$$

$$\tilde{r}_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_i - \alpha_i E^{-1}AE^{-T}\tilde{d}_i$$

$$\beta_{i+1} = \frac{(\tilde{r}_{i+1}, \tilde{r}_{i+1})}{(\tilde{r}_i, \tilde{r}_i)}$$

$$\tilde{d}_{i+1} = \tilde{r}_{i+1} + \beta_{i+1}\tilde{d}_i$$

Not very practical as we need  $E$

## Preconditioned CG II

Assume  $\tilde{r}_i = E^{-1}r_i$ ,  $\tilde{d}_i = E^T d_i$ , we get the equivalent algorithm

$$r_0 = b - Au_0$$

$$d_0 = M^{-1}r_0$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{(M^{-1}r_i, r_i)}{(Ad_i, d_i)}$$

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \alpha_i d_i$$

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i Ad_i$$

$$\beta_{i+1} = \frac{(M^{-1}r_{i+1}, r_{i+1})}{(r_i, r_i)}$$

$$d_{i+1} = M^{-1}r_{i+1} + \beta_{i+1}d_i$$

It relies on the solution of the preconditioning system, the calculation of the matrix vector product and the calculation of the scalar product.

## A few issues

Usually we stop the iteration when the residual  $r$  becomes small. However during the iteration, floating point errors occur which distort the calculations and lead to the fact that the accumulated residuals

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i A d_i$$

give a much more optimistic picture on the state of the iteration than the real residual

$$r_{i+1} = b - Au_{i+1}$$

# C++ implementation

```
template < class Matrix, class Vector, class Preconditioner, class Real >
int CG(const Matrix &A, Vector &x, const Vector &b,
      const Preconditioner &M, int &max_iter, Real &tol)
{ Real resid;
  Vector p, z, q;
  Vector alpha(1), beta(1), rho(1), rho_1(1);
  Real normb = norm(b);
  Vector r = b - A*x;
  if (normb == 0.0) normb = 1;
  if ((resid = norm(r) / normb) <= tol) {
    tol = resid;
    max_iter = 0;
    return 0;
  }
  for (int i = 1; i <= max_iter; i++) {
    z = M.solve(r);
    rho(0) = dot(r, z);
    if (i == 1)
      p = z;
    else {
      beta(0) = rho(0) / rho_1(0);
      p = z + beta(0) * p;
    }
    q = A*p;
    alpha(0) = rho(0) / dot(p, q);
    x += alpha(0) * p;
    r -= alpha(0) * q;
    if ((resid = norm(r) / normb) <= tol) {
      tol = resid;
      max_iter = i;
      return 0;
    }
    rho_1(0) = rho(0);
  }
  tol = resid; return 1;
}
```

## C++ implementation II

- ▶ Available from <http://www.netlib.org/templates/cpp//cg.h>
- ▶ Slightly adapted for numcxx
- ▶ Available in numxx in the namespace netlib.

## Unsymmetric problems

- ▶ By definition, CG is only applicable to symmetric problems.
- ▶ The biconjugate gradient (BICG) method provides a generalization:

Choose initial guess  $x_0$ , perform

$$r_0 = b - Ax_0$$

$$\hat{r}_0 = \hat{b} - \hat{x}_0 A^T$$

$$p_0 = r_0$$

$$\hat{p}_0 = \hat{r}_0$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{(\hat{r}_i, r_i)}{(\hat{p}_i, Ap_i)}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \alpha_i p_i$$

$$\hat{x}_{i+1} = \hat{x}_i + \alpha_i \hat{p}_i$$

$$r_{i+1} = r_i - \alpha_i Ap_i$$

$$\hat{r}_{i+1} = \hat{r}_i - \alpha_i \hat{p}_i A^T$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{(\hat{r}_{i+1}, r_{i+1})}{(\hat{r}_i, r_i)}$$

$$p_{i+1} = r_{i+1} + \beta_i p_i$$

$$\hat{p}_{i+1} = \hat{r}_{i+1} + \beta_i \hat{p}_i$$

The two sequences produced by the algorithm are biorthogonal, i.e.,  
 $(\hat{p}_i, Ap_j) = (\hat{r}_i, r_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .



## Unsymmetric problems II

- ▶ BiCG is very unstable and additionally needs the transposed matrix vector product, it is seldomly used in practice
- ▶ There is as well a preconditioned variant of BiCG which also needs the transposed preconditioner.
- ▶ Main practical approaches to fix the situation:
  - ▶ “Stabilize” BiCG → BiCGstab (H. Van der Vorst, 1992)
  - ▶ tweak CG → “Conjugate gradients squared” (CGS, Sonneveld, 1989)
  - ▶ Error minimization in Krylov subspace → “Generalized Minimum Residual” (GMRES, Saad/Schulz, 1986)
- ▶ Both CGS and BiCGstab can show rather erratic convergence behavior
- ▶ For GMRES one has to keep the full Krylov subspace, which is not possible in practice ⇒ restart strategy.
- ▶ From my experience, BiCGstab is a good first guess