

# Conjugate Direction Method

Seeking iterative method:  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$ .

2 requirements:

Need not be a descent direction.

- ① The set of vectors  $\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_k\}$ : conjugate w.r.t.  $A$ .
- ② The step length  $\alpha_k$  is an exact minimizer of the quadratic form  $\phi(x) = \phi(x_k + \alpha p_k)$ .

$$\alpha_k = - \frac{r_k^T p_k}{p_k^T A p_k}$$

$$r_k = Ax_k - b = \nabla \phi(x_k)$$

Result: For any  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the seq  $\{x_k\}$  generated as per (1), (2) above converges to  $x^*$  where  $Ax^* = b$  in at most  $n$  steps.

Proof: Let's assume w.l.o.g. that  $k \leq n$ .  
We know that  $\{p_0, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$  are lin. indep.  
 $x^* - x^0 = \sigma_0 p_0 + \dots + \sigma_{n-1} p_{n-1}$

$\sigma_k = ?$  left mult by  $p_k^T A$

$$\sigma_k = \frac{p_k^T A (x^* - x^0)}{p_k^T A p_k}$$

$x_k$  in terms of  $x_0, x_1, \dots, ?$

$$x_k = \underbrace{x_0 + \alpha_0 p_0}_{x_1} + \alpha_1 p_1 + \alpha_2 p_2 \dots + \underbrace{\alpha_{k-1} p_{k-1}}_{x_{k-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_k - x_0 = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \alpha_i p_i$$

Pre-mult by  $p_k^T A \rightarrow p_k^T A (x_k - x_0) = 0$

$$x^n - x^0 = (x^n - x_k + x_k - x_0)$$

$$\sigma_k = \frac{p_k^T A [(x^n - x_k) + (x_k - x_0)]}{p_k^T A p_k}$$

$$= \frac{p_k^T A (x^n - x_k)}{p_k^T A p_k} = \frac{p_k^T (b - A x_k)}{p_k^T A p_k} = \alpha_k$$

$\rightarrow -r_k$

$\rightarrow x \rightarrow$   
 Quadratic part  $x^T A x$  CDM

Case 1 A is diagonal: what are candidate conj dirs?

coordinate directions  $\rightarrow e_i = [0 \dots \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{pos}}}{1} \dots 0]^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_1^T A v_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5p_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Case 2 A is not diagonal:  $x^T A x$ .

$$P = [p_0 \dots p_{n-1}] \quad \text{Consider:} \quad P^T A P = D$$

$$x^T A x = x^T \underbrace{(P^T)^{-1}}_I P^T A P \underbrace{P^{-1}}_I x$$

$$= y^T D y$$

$$y = P^{-1} x$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -p_0^T \\ -p_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -p_{n-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A p_0 \\ A p_1 \\ \vdots \\ A p_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

In  $y$ -space

—  $y$  coordinate dirs.

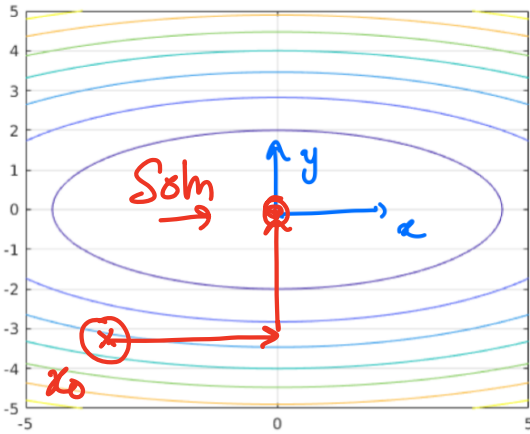
In  $x$ -space.

$$x = P y$$

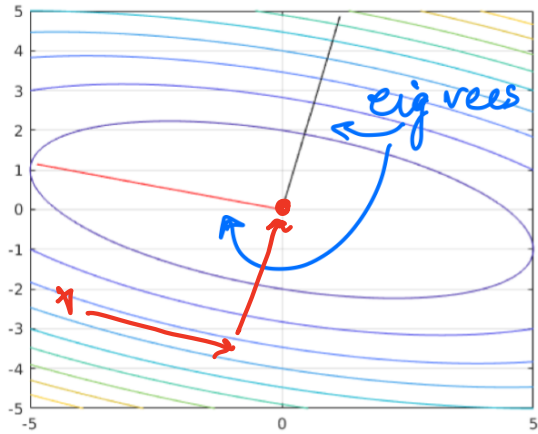
$$x = [p_0 \cdot p_i \ p_{n-1}] \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_i \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow 0 \\ \rightarrow 1 \\ \rightarrow 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$= y_i p_i$$

$\Rightarrow$  we walk along the conjugate dirs.



diag



non diag.

conjugacy  $\Rightarrow P_i^T A P_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$

① eigen  $A P_j = \lambda P_j \Rightarrow P_i^T P_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$   
 $O(n^2)$

Conjugacy  $\nRightarrow$  eigenvectors. } A sym  
 eigenvectors  $\Rightarrow$  conjugacy } per  
 def.

② Gram-Schmidt (modified)  $O(n^3)$

Result: Say CDM  $\rightarrow \{x_k\}$  starting from  $x_0$ . (minimize  $\phi$ ) then

①  $r_k^T p_i = 0$  for  $i \in [0, k-1]$ .

② In an affine space  $\{x \mid x_0 + \text{span}\{p_0, \dots, p_{k-1}\}\}$   
 $x_k$  is the minimizer of  $\phi(x)$ .

Proof:  $r(x) = Ax - b = \nabla \phi(x)$ .

$\hat{x}$  belonging to the affine space.

$$\hat{x} = x_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \sigma_i p_i. \text{ Find minimizer}$$

$$\text{of } \phi(\hat{x})? \quad \frac{\partial \phi(x_0 + \sum_i \sigma_i p_i)}{\partial \sigma_i}$$

$$= \nabla \phi(\hat{x})^T p_i = 0 \text{ for } i \in [0, k-1]$$

$$\Rightarrow r(\hat{x})^T p_i = 0 \text{ for } i \in [0, k-1].$$

$\rightarrow$   $A$  is not sym pos. def. Then?

"Normal" eqns:  $Ax = b$   
 $A^T Ax = A^T b$   
 $A'x = b'$

$$\text{Cond}(A) = k$$

$$\text{Cond}(A^T A) = k^2$$

$$\|x_{k+1} - x^*\| \leq \left(\frac{k-1}{k+1}\right) \|x_k - x^*\|$$

→ 1  
when  $k$   
large

→ steepest  
descent.

—  $x$  —