

Welcome to Ma221! Lecture 21, Fall 24

Chap 6: Iterative Methods for  $Ax=b$   
(and  $Ax=\lambda x$  Chap 7)

Model Problem: Poisson Eqn (see Lecture 10)

Goals: Contrast direct + iterative methods

- for  $Ax=b$  or least squares: Use iterative methods when direct method too slow, or uses too much memory, or you need less accuracy
- for  $Ax=\lambda x$  or SVD: same reasons as above, or when you need only a few evals/evecs

Choosing best iterative method depends on math. structure of  $A \Rightarrow$  large diversity of algs and software (lots of links on class webpage)

Illustrate using Model Problem (Poisson)  
arises in electrostatics, heat flow,  
quantum mechanics, fluid mechanics,  
graph theory

Present methods from simple to complicated,  
(simple ones are building blocks for complicated ones)

Methods covered

(1) "Splitting Methods" for  $Ax = b$

"Split"  $A = M - K$ ,  $M$  nonsingular

so  $Ax = b$  becomes  $Mx = Kx + b$ , given  $x_0$

Iterate:  $Mx_{i+1} = Kx_i + b$  ( $\Rightarrow M$  "simple")

Convergence:  $Mx_{i+1} = Kx_i + b$

$$Mx = Kx + b$$

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$$M(x_{i+1} - x) = K(x_i - x) \quad e_i = x_i - x$$

$$e_{i+1} = M^{-1}K e_i$$

$$= (M^{-1}K)^{i+1} e_0$$

How fast does  $(M^{-1}K)^i \rightarrow 0$ ?

Consider 3 Methods:

Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel,

Successive Overrelaxation (SOR)

eg: Jacobi  $\Rightarrow M = \text{diag}(A)$

(2) Krylov Subspace Methods (KSMs)

What can you do if all you can do

is multiply  $A \cdot x$  for any  $x$ ?

Overview of how KSMs: Given  $x_0$

1)  $x_1 = Ax_0, x_2 = Ax_1, \dots, x_k = Ax_{k-1}$   
(or a similar set, spanning same subspace)

2) Choose a linear combination of these vectors that gives "best" solution in that space (for some definition of "best")

3) If approx not good enough after  $k$  steps, increase  $k$  and repeat

Depending on

- How  $x_i$  are computed

- Properties of  $A$  (eg sym, spd, ...)

- def of "best"

lots of methods, all used in practice, will cover

any  $A$ : GMRES (Generalized Minimum Residual)

spd  $A$ : Conjugate Gradients (CG)

Same idea for LS,  $Ax = \lambda x$  (Chap 7)

Lanczos, Arnoldi, ... in chap 7

(3) Preconditioning: How fast do these algs converge?

Complicated, but in general depends on

$\kappa(A)$ : faster if  $\kappa(A)$  smaller

Suppose we can find a matrix  $M$  where

(1) Multiplying by  $M$  cheap

(2)  $MA$  better conditioned than  $A$

$\Rightarrow$  apply all methods to  $(MA)x = Mb$

$$(AM)(M^{-1}x) = b \quad : \text{ maybe harder, need } M^{-1}$$

Finding good  $M$  depends on structure of  $A$   
eg: conjugate gradients  $MA$  not symmetric,  
but CG can still work

(4) Multigrid: Most effective preconditioner  
apply to Poisson:

Idea: if  $A$  arises from approximating  
some physical problem, then "straight forward"  
to find a "coarse" approx = smaller approx  
to approximate solution

Eg: Poisson on 2D mesh  $n \times n$   
 $\Rightarrow n^2$  unknowns

Approximate Poisson by  $\frac{n}{2} \times \frac{n}{2}$  mesh  
use smaller solution as approximation,  
but  $(\frac{n}{2})^2$  unknowns still large

Use same idea recursively

$\Rightarrow$  Solve Poisson in  $O(\# \text{ unknowns})$   
= lower bound

(5) Domain Decomposition:

How to hybridize all above methods,  
using different methods in different  
domains ~ submatrices, depending  
on which is fastest

How to optimize communication:

simple implementation of  $A \cdot x$  memory  
bound

Lots of recent work on improving this:

Can multiply  $x_1 = Ax_0, x_2 = Ax_1, \dots, x_k = Ax_{k-1} = A^k x_0$

but only read  $A$  once from memory:

assumes  $A$  sparse enough, some structure

Model Problem: Poisson Egn


1D: Discrete ODE with Dirichlet Boundary Conditions

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} v(x) = f(x) \quad \text{on } x \in [0, 1]$$

$$v(0) = v(1) = 0$$

discretize (Lecture 10) to get

$$T_N \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_N \end{bmatrix} = T_N v = h^2 \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_N \end{bmatrix} = h^2 f \quad h = \frac{1}{N+1}$$



$h = \frac{1}{5}, N = 4$

stencil:  $\overset{-1}{\bullet} \overset{2}{\bullet} \overset{-1}{\bullet}$

$$T_N = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Evals and evcs of  $T_N$

Lemma:  $T_N \cdot z_j = \lambda_j z_j$  where  $\|z_j\|_2 = 1$

$$\lambda_j = 2 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\pi j}{N+1} \right)$$

$$z_j(k) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N+1}} \sin(j \cdot k \cdot \pi / (N+1))$$

proof: (HW Q6.1)

Corollary:  $Z: z_{jk} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N+1}} \sin(j \cdot k \cdot \pi / (N+1))$

orthogonal

closely related to FFT

Evals range from  $\lambda_j \sim \left( \frac{\pi j}{N+1} \right)^2$  for  $j$  small  
to  $\lambda_N \sim 4$

$$\Rightarrow \text{cond} \# = \frac{\lambda_N}{\lambda_1} \approx \left( \frac{2(N+1)}{\pi} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)^2 h^{-2}$$

2D Poisson with Dirichlet Boundary Cond.

$$-\frac{\partial^2 v(x,y)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 v(x,y)}{\partial y^2} = f(x,y) \text{ on } [0,1]^2$$

$$v(x,y) = 0 \text{ on boundary}$$

discretize as above:  $v_{ij} = v(i \cdot h, j \cdot h)$   $h = \frac{1}{N+1}$

$$(*) \quad \Delta v_{ij} = \overset{\text{above}}{v_{i-1,j}} - \overset{\text{below}}{v_{i+1,j}} - \overset{\text{left}}{v_{i,j-1}} - \overset{\text{right}}{v_{i,j+1}} = h^2 f_{ij}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \quad \text{stencil}$$

$V = N \times N$  matrix of unknowns

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} 2v_{ij} - \overset{\text{above}}{v_{i-1,j}} - \overset{\text{below}}{v_{i+1,j}} = (T_N \cdot V)_{ij} \\ 2v_{ij} - \overset{\text{left}}{v_{i,j-1}} - \overset{\text{right}}{v_{i,j+1}} = (V \cdot T_N)_{ij} \end{cases}$$

$$(*) \quad T_N \cdot V + V \cdot T_N = h^2 F$$

$N^2$  equations in  $N^2$  unknowns

Sylvester equation (Q4-6)

Evals and Evecs of 2D Poisson

$$T_N V + V T_N = \lambda V$$

$$\lambda = \text{eval}, \quad V = \text{"evec"}$$

$$\text{let } V = z_i \cdot z_j^T \quad \text{where } T_N \cdot z_i = \lambda_i z_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_N V + V T_N &= T_N (z_i z_j^T) + (z_i z_j^T) T_N \\ &= (T_N z_i) z_j^T + z_i (z_j^T T_N) \\ &= (\lambda_i z_i) z_j^T + z_i (\lambda_j z_j^T) \\ &= (\lambda_i + \lambda_j) (z_i z_j^T) \\ &= (\lambda_i + \lambda_j) V \\ &\quad \text{eval "evec"} \end{aligned}$$

$\exists$  eval, evec for all pairs  $i, j$





Def: given  $A^{m \times n}$ ,  $B^{p \times q}$

$A \otimes B$  is  $m \cdot p$  by  $n \cdot q$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} \cdot B & A_{12} \cdot B & \dots & A_{1n} \cdot B \\ A_{21} \cdot B & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ A_{m1} \cdot B & & & A_{mn} \cdot B \end{bmatrix}$$

is Kronecker product of  $A$  and  $B$

Matlab: `kron(A, B)`

Lemma:  $A^{m \times m}$ ,  $B^{n \times n}$ ,  $X^{m \times n}$

1)  $\text{vec}(A \cdot X) = (I_n \otimes A) \cdot \text{vec}(X)$

2)  $\text{vec}(X \cdot B) = (B^T \otimes I_m) \cdot \text{vec}(X)$

3) 2D Poisson:  $T_N \cdot V + V \cdot T_N = F$

can be written

$$(I_N \otimes T_N + T_N \otimes I_N) \cdot \text{vec}(V) = \text{vec}(F)$$

proof: 1)  $I_n \otimes A = \text{diag}(A, A, \dots, A)$

$$(I_n \otimes A) \cdot \text{vec}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} A & & & \\ & A & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X(:,1) \\ X(:,2) \\ \vdots \\ X(:,n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} AX(:,1) \\ \vdots \\ AX(:,n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \text{vec}(A \cdot X)$$

2) similar (HW Q6.4)

3) 2D Poisson: Apply 1) to  $T_N \cdot V$   
 2) to  $V \cdot T_N$   $T_N = T_N^T$

$$\begin{aligned} & I_N \otimes T_N + T_N \otimes I_N \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} T_N & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & T_N \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot I_N & -I_N & & \\ -I_N & 2 \cdot I_N & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_N + 2I_N & -I_N & & \\ -I_N & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma (HW Q 6.4)

1) assume  $A, C$  and  $B, D$  well defined

$$(A \otimes B) \cdot (C \otimes D) = (A \cdot C) \otimes (B \cdot D)$$

2)  $A$  and  $B$  invertible  $\Rightarrow$

$$(A \otimes B)^{-1} = A^{-1} \otimes B^{-1}$$

$$3) (A \otimes B)^T = A^T \otimes B^T$$

Prop:  $T = Z \cdot \Lambda \cdot Z^T$  be eigen decomp of  $T$   
 $N \times N$  symmetric

Then eigen decomp of

$$(*) (I_N \otimes T) + (T \otimes I_N) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z \otimes Z & (I_N \otimes \Lambda + \Lambda \otimes I_N) & (Z^T \otimes Z^T) \\ \text{orthog} & \text{diagonal with} & \text{orthog} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & ((i-1)N+j)\text{th diagonal} \\ & = \lambda_i + \lambda_j \end{aligned}$$

$Z \otimes Z$  orthogonal with  $((i-1)N+j)$ th column =  $z_i \otimes z_j$

proof: multiply out (\*)

$$\begin{aligned} &= (z \cdot I_N \otimes z \cdot \Lambda + z \cdot \Lambda \otimes z \cdot I_N)(z^T \otimes z^T) \\ &= (z \cdot I_N \cdot z^T \otimes z \cdot \Lambda \cdot z^T + z \cdot \Lambda \cdot z^T \otimes z \cdot I_N \cdot z^T) \\ &= (I_N \otimes T_N + T_N \otimes I_N) \\ &= T_{N \times N} \end{aligned}$$

Poisson in 3 (or higher) dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} T_{N \times N \times N} &= (T_N \otimes I_N \otimes I_N + I_N \otimes T_N \otimes I_N + I_N \otimes I_N \otimes T_N) \\ &= \underbrace{(z \otimes z \otimes z)}_{\text{orthog}} \cdot \underbrace{(\Lambda \otimes I_N \otimes I_N + I_N \otimes \Lambda \otimes I_N + I_N \otimes I_N \otimes \Lambda)}_{\text{diagonal}} \end{aligned}$$

$N^3$  evals of form  $\lambda_i + \lambda_j + \lambda_k$  for all  
triples  $(i, j, k)$

same condition number in  
all dimensions