

CS205 – Class 11

Covered in class: Everything

Readings: Shewchuk Paper on course web page and Heath 473-478

1. **Conjugate Gradient Method** – this covers more than just optimization, e.g. we'll use it later as an iterative solver to aid in solving PDEs
2. Conjugate Directions
 - a. The goal is to choose a sequence of search directions s_0, s_1, \dots that are all orthogonal. Then only one step is needed in each search direction
 - b. We update $x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k \alpha_k$ where each α_k is chosen so that all the remaining error is orthogonal to the search direction s_k . That is, $e_{k+1} \cdot s_k = 0$ and we never need to step in the s_k direction again.
 - i. Note that $x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k \alpha_k$ leads to $x_{k+1} - x_{exact} = x_k - x_{exact} + s_k \alpha_k$ or $e_{k+1} = e_k + s_k \alpha_k$ (we'll use this later too!)
 - ii. $e_{k+1} \cdot s_k = 0$ leads to $(e_k + s_k \alpha_k) \cdot s_k = 0$ or $\alpha_k = -\frac{e_k \cdot s_k}{s_k \cdot s_k}$
 1. however we don't know e_k
 - c. Just as before, instead of using e , we can use $r = -Ae$ to obtain $Ae_{k+1} \cdot s_k = 0$ or $r_{k+1} \cdot s_k = 0$
 - i. This leads to $A(e_k + s_k \alpha_k) \cdot s_k = 0$ or $\alpha_k = -\frac{s_k \cdot Ae_k}{s_k \cdot As_k} = \frac{s_k \cdot r_k}{s_k \cdot As_k}$
 - ii. When $s_k = r_k$ this is the steepest decent method
 - d. The only issue now is how to choose the s_k , and the trick of conjugate directions is to choose them *A-orthogonal* instead of orthogonal
 - i. That is, $s_j \cdot As_k = 0$ for $j \neq k$ (instead of $s_j \cdot s_k = 0$)
 - ii. If A is symmetric, $0^T = (s_j \cdot As_k)^T = (s_j^T As_k)^T = s_k^T As_j = s_k \cdot As_j$ and the A-orthogonal relationship is symmetric