

# THE GMRES METHOD

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## 1 EFFICIENT GMRES

Recall the prototype-GMRES method.

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Given  $A, \mathbf{b}$  where we can only multiply by  $A$ .
for  $i=1$  to  $\text{maxiter}$ 
  Update the Arnoldi factorization  $\mathbf{Q}_k, \mathbf{H}_{k+1}$ .
  Solve for  $\mathbf{z}_k$  by minimizing  $\|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\mathbf{z}_k - \|\mathbf{b}\|\mathbf{e}_1\|$ ,
    i.e.  $\mathbf{z}_k = \text{argmin} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\mathbf{z}_k - \|\mathbf{b}\|\mathbf{e}_1\|$ 
  Let  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{Q}_k\mathbf{z}_k$ .
  Check  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{b}\|$ 

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To implement this, we need to solve a least squares problem at each step. This takes  $O(k^2)$  work because it's a Hessenberg matrix. Then we need to construct the solution and check the residual. These take  $O(nk)$  and another matrix-vector product. We can do all of these steps more efficiently!

Here is the outline for the essential idea to optimize GMRES.

*we only need to check the residual at each step, and do not need to compute  $\mathbf{x}_k$ .*

So the method we'll look at optimizing is:

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for  $i=1$  to  $\text{maxiter}$ 
  Update the Arnoldi factorization  $\mathbf{Q}_k, \mathbf{H}_{k+1}$ .
  Compute  $\|\mathbf{r}_k\|$  where
     $\mathbf{r}_k = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{b}$ 
     $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{Q}_k\mathbf{z}_k$ 
     $\mathbf{z}_k = \text{argmin} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\mathbf{z}_k - \|\mathbf{b}\|\mathbf{e}_1\|$ 
  and stop once  $\|\mathbf{r}_k\|$  is sufficiently small, i.e.
  Update  $\|\mathbf{r}_k\| \rightarrow \|\mathbf{r}_{k+1}\|$  and stop if it's small enough.
  Explicitly compute  $\mathbf{z}_k = \text{argmin} \|\mathbf{H}_{k+1}\mathbf{z}_k - \|\mathbf{b}\|\mathbf{e}_1\|$ 
  and return  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{Q}_k\mathbf{z}_k$  only at the end of the iteration

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### 1.1 THE OPTIMIZATION IDEA

Let's study the quantity we want to compute, let  $\|\mathbf{b}\| = \beta_0$ , then

$$\|\mathbf{r}_k\| = \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k\| = \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}_k\mathbf{y}_k\| = \|\mathbf{H}_k\mathbf{y}_k - \beta_0\mathbf{e}_1\|.$$

After a four steps, this is:

$$\left\| \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{H}_k} \mathbf{y}_4 - \beta_0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|.$$

We solve least squares problems via QR, so suppose that

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{R}_k$$

is the QR factorization after  $k$ -steps. Then

$$\|\mathbf{r}_k\| = \|\mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{y}_k - \beta_0\mathbf{e}_1\| = \|\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{y}_k - \beta_0\mathbf{U}_k^T\mathbf{e}_1\|.$$

Showing this after a few steps gives us the idea more clearly:

$$\|\mathbf{r}_k\| = \left\| \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}_k} \mathbf{y}_4 - \beta_0 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_3 \\ \gamma_4 \\ \gamma_5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{U}_k^T\mathbf{e}_1} \right\| = \beta_0\gamma_5.$$

(Remember we solve for  $\mathbf{y}_k$  such that this term is zero in the first four components. So we just need to figure out what  $\gamma_5$  is to get  $\|\mathbf{r}_k\|$ .)

## 1.2 TAKING IT DEEPER

We need to note a two things here to continue our optimization:

1. We only need Givens rotations to get  $\mathbf{H}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_k$ .
2. We only need *one* rotation to update  $\mathbf{R}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{k+1}$ . (Woah!)

Let's review step 1 and see how that will help us with step 2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{J_1} \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{J_2} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

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Now, suppose we have  $\mathbf{U}_4$  and  $\mathbf{R}_4$ , how do we get  $\mathbf{U}_5, \mathbf{R}_5$ ?

$$\mathbf{H}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_4 & \mathbf{h} \\ 0 & h_{6,5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \\ h_{6,5} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

If we rotate by  $\mathbf{U}_4^T$ , we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_4^T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_4^T & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_4 & \mathbf{h} \\ 0 & h_{6,5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_4 & \mathbf{U}_4^T \mathbf{z}_4 \\ 0 & h_{6,5} \end{bmatrix}$$

So at this point, we just have the one Givens rotation:  $\mathbf{J}_5$  that we need to do to fixup the element  $h_{6,5}$  and so  $\mathbf{U}_5^T = \mathbf{J}_5 \mathbf{J}_4 \dots \mathbf{J}_1$ , which is just one update.

## 1.3 SEEKING GAMMA.

Note that the elements of gamma are just the first column of  $\mathbf{U}_k^T$ . Let  $\mathbf{g}_k = \mathbf{U}_k^T \mathbf{e}_1 = [\gamma_1 \ \gamma_2 \ \dots \ \gamma_k]^T$ . Then by our previous relationship:

$$\mathbf{g}_{k+1} = \mathbf{U}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{J}_{k+1} \mathbf{U}_k^T \mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{J}_{k+1} \mathbf{g}_k.$$

But this is weird, because  $\mathbf{J}$  is a  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  matrix and  $\mathbf{g}_k$  is a length  $k$  vector. So what we really mean is

$$\mathbf{J}_{k+1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where we grew the vector by one element in order to make it work. Note that we don't need to actually update  $\mathbf{g}_k$  even though it should change.

## 1.4 THE WHOLE ALGORITHM

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g = beta * e1
for k=1 to ...
  Update Q_k, H_k
  Let eta_{k+1} = H_{k+1,k}.
  Let z_k = H_{1:k,k}.
  Apply J_1...J_{k-1} to z_k, and update H
  Create J_k to eliminate eta_{k+1}.
  Determine g_k from J_k g_{k-1} growing by zeros as needed.
  If g_k(end) is small enough, then stop iterating.
At this point, H has the factor R, and (if we do keep g accurate), then
g is the right hand side, so we can just solve R_k y_k = g_k and then
output x = Q_k y.

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## 2 GMRES VS. FOM

See notes.

The major point is that FOM is like CG in that it solves a linear system based on the truncated Arnoldi factorization.

The large scale study by Peter Brown (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1137/0912003>) concluded: there is little difference, but liked the minimum residual property of GMRES.

Finish and improve this figure, the point is we use  $J_1, \dots, J_4$  to do the Givens rotations. These give us  $\mathbf{U}_4^T = \mathbf{J}_4 \mathbf{J}_3 \dots \mathbf{J}_1$ .

*This section is incomplete.*