

## CGD Convergence Evaluation

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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We will use a simple standard quadratic function to start with.

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a diagonal matrix with diagonal entries

$$A_{ii} = i, \quad \text{i.e., the entries run from 1 to } n,$$

and let  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector with all entries equal to 1. Define the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T Ax - b^T x.$$

We want to compare the convergence behavior of the conjugate gradient (version 0 or 1) and gradient descent methods. Perform the following tasks for  $n = 20$  and  $n = 100$  with initialization  $x^{(0)} = 0$ .

Find the optimal result first for comparison that we are gonna do

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In [2]: def f(x, A, b):
return 0.5 * x.T @ A @ x - b.T @ x

def grad_f(x, A, b):
return A @ x - b

n_values = [2, 100]
results = {}
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## Gradient Descent

### 1. Initialization:

Set  $x^{(0)} = 0$  (or any initial guess), choose a step size  $\alpha > 0$ , and let  $t = 0$ .

### 2. Repeat for $t = 0, 1, \dots, T - 1$ :

- Compute the gradient:

$$\nabla f(x^{(t)}) = Ax^{(t)} - b.$$

- Update the solution:

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} - \alpha \nabla f(x^{(t)}).$$

### 3. Stop after $T$ iterations.

- Both methods can stop after  $T = n$  iterations or based on convergence criteria such as:

$$f(x^{(t)}) - f(x^*) \leq \epsilon,$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$  is a small tolerance.

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In [3]: def gradient_descent(A, b, x0, stepsize, iterations):
x = x0.copy()
f_values = []
x_values = []
for _ in range(iterations):
f_values.append(f(x, A, b))
x_values.append(x.copy())
x -= stepsize * grad_f(x, A, b)
return np.array(f_values), np.array(x_values)
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# Conjugate Gradient

## 1. Initialization:

Set  $x^{(0)} = 0$ ,  $r^{(0)} = b - Ax^{(0)}$ ,  $p^{(0)} = r^{(0)}$ , and let  $t = 0$ .

## 2. Repeat for $t = 0, 1, \dots, T - 1$ :

- Compute  $Ap^{(t)}$ :

$$Ap^{(t)}.$$

- Compute the step size  $\alpha^{(t)}$ :

$$\alpha^{(t)} = \frac{(r^{(t)})^T r^{(t)}}{(p^{(t)})^T Ap^{(t)}}.$$

- Update the solution:

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} + \alpha^{(t)} p^{(t)}.$$

- Update the residual:

$$r^{(t+1)} = r^{(t)} - \alpha^{(t)} Ap^{(t)}.$$

- Compute the conjugate direction coefficient  $\beta^{(t)}$ :

$$\beta^{(t)} = \frac{(r^{(t+1)})^T r^{(t+1)}}{(r^{(t)})^T r^{(t)}}.$$

- Update the search direction:

$$p^{(t+1)} = r^{(t+1)} + \beta^{(t)} p^{(t)}.$$

## 3. Stop after $T$ iterations.

- Both methods can stop after  $T = n$  iterations or based on convergence criteria such as:

$$\|r^{(t)}\| \leq \epsilon, \quad f(x^{(t)}) - f(x^*) \leq \epsilon,$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$  is a small tolerance.

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In [4]: def conjugate_gradient(A, b, x0, iterations):
x = x0.copy()
r = b - A @ x
p = r.copy()
f_values = []
x_values = []
for _ in range(iterations):
    f_values.append(f(x, A, b))
    x_values.append(x.copy())
    Ap = A @ p
    alpha = r.T @ r / (p.T @ Ap)
    x += alpha * p
    r_new = r - alpha * Ap
    beta = (r_new.T @ r_new) / (r.T @ r)
    p = r_new + beta * p
    r = r_new
return np.array(f_values), np.array(x_values)
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In [5]: for n in n_values:
A = np.diag(np.arange(1, n + 1))
b = np.ones(n)

# Optimal solution
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x_star = np.linalg.solve(A, b)

x0 = np.zeros(n)
iterations = n

# Adjust the stepsize based on the largest eigenvalue
stepsize = 1 / (2 * n)

f_values_gd, x_values_gd = gradient_descent(A, b, x0, stepsize, iterations)
f_values_cg, x_values_cg = conjugate_gradient(A, b, x0, iterations)

f_star = f(x_star, A, b)
f_errors_gd = np.maximum(f_values_gd - f_star, 1e-16)
f_errors_cg = np.maximum(f_values_cg - f_star, 1e-16)
x_errors_gd = np.maximum(np.linalg.norm(x_values_gd - x_star, axis=1), 1e-16)
x_errors_cg = np.maximum(np.linalg.norm(x_values_cg - x_star, axis=1), 1e-16)

results[n] = {
    "f_errors_gd": f_errors_gd,
    "f_errors_cg": f_errors_cg,
    "x_errors_gd": x_errors_gd,
    "x_errors_cg": x_errors_cg,
}

plt.figure()
plt.semilogy(f_errors_gd, label="Gradient Descent")
plt.semilogy(f_errors_cg, label="Conjugate Gradient")
plt.xlabel("Iterations")
plt.ylabel("$f(x^{(t)}) - f(x^*)$")
plt.title(f"Function Value Error (n={n})")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

plt.figure()
plt.semilogy(x_errors_gd, label="Gradient Descent")
plt.semilogy(x_errors_cg, label="Conjugate Gradient")
plt.xlabel("Iterations")
plt.ylabel("$||x^{(t)} - x^*||$")
plt.title(f"Solution Error (n={n})")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

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