a residual-minimizing nonlinear optimization method applied to tensor approximation

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1. introduction

- tensor = *N*-dimensional array
- *N*=3:



 canonical decomposition: decompose tensor in sum of *R* rank-one terms (approximately)



introduction \approx x (from "Tensor Decompositions and Applications", Kolda and Bader, SIAM Rev., 2009 [1]) OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM given tensor $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \ldots \times I_N}$, find rank-R canonical tensor $\mathcal{A}_R \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \ldots \times I_N}$ that minimizes $f(\mathcal{A}_R) = rac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{A}_R\|_F^2.$ FIRST-ORDER OPTIMALITY EQUATIONS $\nabla f(\mathcal{A}_R) = \mathbf{g}(\mathcal{A}_R) = 0.$

(problem is non-convex, multiple (local) minima, solution may not exist, ...; but smooth, and assume there is a local minimum)

(de Silva and Lim, SIMAX, 2009)

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link with singular value decomposition

• SVD of
$$A \in I\!\!R^{m imes n}$$
 $m \ge n$
 $A = U \,\Sigma \,V^t = \sigma_1 \, u_1 \, v_1^T + \ldots + \sigma_n \, u_n \, v_n^T$

canonical decomposition of tensor



(from "Tensor Decompositions and Applications", Kolda and Bader, SIAM Rev., 2009 [1])



2. tensor approximation applications

(1) "Discussion Tracking in Enron Email Using PARAFAC" by Bader, Berry and Browne (2008) (sparse, nonnegative)



tensor approximation applications

(2) "All-at-once Optimization for Coupled Matrix and Tensor Factorizations" by Acar, Kolda and Dunlavy (2011)



 $f(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{V}) = \| \mathbf{X} - [\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}] \|^2 + \| \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}^{\mathsf{T}} \|^2$



tensor approximation applications

(3) chemometrics: analyze spectrofluorometer data
 (dense) (Bro et al.,

http://www.models.life.ku.dk/nwaydata1)

- 5 x 201 x 61 tensor: 5 samples (with different mixtures of three amino acids), 61 excitation wavelengths, 201 emission wavelengths
- goal: recover emission spectra of the three amino acids (to determine what was in each sample, and in which concentration)
- also: psychometrics, ...

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3. alternating least squares (ALS) $f(\mathcal{A}_R) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathcal{T} - \sum_{r=1}^R a_r^{(1)} \circ \frac{a_r^{(2)} \circ a_r^{(3)}}{a_r^{(2)} \circ a_r^{(3)}} \right\|_F^2$

(1) freeze all a_r⁽²⁾, a_r⁽³⁾, compute optimal a_r⁽¹⁾ via a least-squares solution (linear, overdetermined)
(2) freeze a_r⁽¹⁾, a_r⁽³⁾, compute a_r⁽²⁾
(3) freeze a_r⁽¹⁾, a_r⁽²⁾, compute a_r⁽³⁾



alternating least squares (ALS)

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ight\|_F^2$$

- ALS is monotone
- ALS is sometimes fast, but can also be extremely slow (depending on problem and initial condition)







- for linear systems $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$, when a simple iterative method is slow, we accelerate it with
 - GMRES (generalized minimal residual method)
 - CG (conjugate gradient method), etc.
- for optimization problems, general approaches to accelerate simple iterative methods are uncommon (do not exist?)
- let's try to accelerate ALS for the tensor optimization problem
- issues: nonlinear, optimization context



4. nonlinear GMRES acceleration of ALS



Algorithm 1: N-GMRES optimization algorithm (window size w)

Input: w initial iterates $\mathbf{u}_0, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_{w-1}$.

$$\begin{split} i &= w - 1 \\ \textbf{repeat} \\ &\text{STEP I: (generate preliminary iterate by one-step update process M(.))} \\ & \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} &= M(\mathbf{u}_i) \\ &\text{STEP II: (generate accelerated iterate by nonlinear GMRES step)} \\ & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} &= \texttt{gmres}(\mathbf{u}_{i-w+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_i; \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) \\ &\text{STEP III: (generate new iterate by line search process)} \\ & \mathbf{u}_{i+1} &= \texttt{linesearch}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \beta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})) \\ &\text{STEP III: (generate new iterate by line search process)} \\ & \mathbf{u}_{i+1} &= \texttt{linesearch}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \beta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})) \\ &\text{satisfies Wolfe conditions)} \\ & i &= i + 1 \\ \textbf{until convergence criterion satisfied} \end{split}$$



step II: N-GMRES acceleration: $\nabla f(A_R) = \mathbf{g}(A_R) = 0$



history of nonlinear acceleration mechanism for nonlinear systems (step II)

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{STEP I: } (generate preliminary iterate by one-step update process } M(.)) \\ & \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = M(\mathbf{u}_i) \\ \text{STEP II: } (generate accelerated iterate by nonlinear GMRES step) \\ & \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \text{gmres}(\mathbf{u}_{i-w+1}, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_i; \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) \\ \text{STEP III: } (generate new iterate by line search process) \\ & \mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \text{linesearch}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \beta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})) \\ \text{ Washio and Oosterlee, ETNA, 1997} \\ \text{ GMRES, Saad and Schultz, 1986} \\ (also flexible GMRES, Saad, 1993) \\ \end{array} \right| \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^{i} \alpha_j \left(\mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j)\right) \|_2.$

- Anderson mixing, 1965; DIIS (direct inversion in the iterative subspace), Pulay, 1980
- can be interpreted as a specific Broyden-type multi-secant method for $\nabla f(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ (see Fang and Saad, 2009; Walker and Ni, 2011)
- BUT: apparently not used systematically yet for optimization (or not common)
- this looks like a generally applicable continuous optimization method ...

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5. numerical results for ALS-preconditioned N-GMRES applied to tensor problem

 dense test problem (from Tomasi and Bro; Acar et al.): random rank-R tensor modified to obtain specific column collinearity, with added noise



numerical results: dense test problem



dense test problem: optimal window size



6. why does this work: linear case

GMRES for linear systems: $A u = b_{t}$

- stationary iterative method $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$ (preconditioning process)
- preconditioner $\mathbf{M}^{-1} \approx \mathbf{A}^{-1}$
- define residual and error:

 $\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i$ $\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_i$ $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{r}_i$

- exact update equation: $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$
- approximate update equation: $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$



GMRES for linear systems: A u = b

- stationary iterative method $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$
- generates residuals recursively: $\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{b} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i$

• define Krylov space
$$K_{i+1}(\mathbf{AM}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{AM}^{-1})^i \mathbf{r}_0.$$

 $V_{1,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{r}_0, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i\},$
 $V_{2,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{AM}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_0, (\mathbf{AM}^{-1})^2 \mathbf{r}_0\}, \dots, (\mathbf{AM}^{-1})^i \mathbf{r}_0\}$ (Washio and Oosterlee, ETNA, 1997)
 $= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{AM}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0),$ (Washio and Oosterlee, ETNA, 1997)
 $V_{3,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_2 - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\},$
 $V_{4,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\}$
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 $= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}) \mathbf{r}_{i-1}$

GMRES for linear systems: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$

(Washio and Oosterlee, ETNA, 1997)

• stationary iterative process $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$ generates preconditioned residuals that build Krylov space

$$egin{aligned} V_{1,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{r}_0,\ldots,\mathbf{r}_i\},\ V_{2,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{r}_0,\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\,\mathbf{r}_0,(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^2\,\mathbf{r}_0\},\ldots,(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^i\,\mathbf{r}_0\}\ &= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1},\mathbf{r}_0), \end{aligned}$$

• GMRES: take optimal linear combination of residuals in Krylov space to minimize the residual $\|\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{i+1}\|_2$



$$\begin{split} \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{b}, \\ \mathbf{u}_{i+1} &= \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \, \mathbf{r}_i \end{split} \begin{matrix} V_{1,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1} \, \mathbf{r}_0, (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^2 \, \mathbf{r}_0\}, \dots, (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \, \mathbf{r}_0\} \\ &= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0), \\ V_{3,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_2 - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\}, \\ &\quad V_{4,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\} \end{split}$$

- GMRES: minimize $\|\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{i+1}\|_2$
- seek optimal approximation $\mathbf{M}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} \mathbf{u}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_j \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} \mathbf{u}_j)$

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=0}^{i} \beta_j \left(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j \right)$$

$$= \mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \left(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i \right) + \sum_{j=0}^{i} \beta_j \left(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j \right)$$

 $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i+1} + \sum_{j=0} \alpha_j \left(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j \right)$ same as for N-GMRES

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convergence speed of GMRES

- $$\begin{split} \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{u}_{i+1} &= \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \, \mathbf{r}_i \\ \mathbf{r}_i &= \mathbf{b} \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{u}_i \\ &= (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1}) \, \mathbf{r}_{i-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1}) \, \mathbf{r}_{i-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \, \mathbf{r}_0. \end{split} \qquad \begin{aligned} & V_{1,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \, \mathbf{r}_0, (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1})^2 \, \mathbf{r}_0\}, \dots, (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \, \mathbf{r}_0\} \\ &= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0), \\ &= (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1}) \, \mathbf{r}_{i-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \, \mathbf{r}_0. \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} & V_{3,i+1} &= span\{\mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} \mathbf{u}_i)\}, \\ &= (\mathbf{I} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \, \mathbf{r}_0. \end{aligned}$$
- GMRES: minimize $\|\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{i+1}\|_2$
- polynomial method: convergence determined by optimal polynomial (diagonalizable matrix, $A=V\Lambda V^{-1}$)

$$||r_n|| \le \inf_{p \in P_n} ||p_n(A)|| \le \kappa_2(V) \inf_{p \in P_n} \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |p(\lambda)|$$



convergence speed of N-GMRES

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 $\|\mathbf{g}(ar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^i \, lpha_j \, (\mathbf{g}(ar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j))\|_2.$

- GMRES (linear case): convergence determined by optimal polynomial
- convergence speed of N-GMRES for optimization: open problem



7. general N-GMRES optimization method

general methods for nonlinear optimization (smooth, unconstrained) ("Numerical Optimization", Nocedal and Wright, 2006)

- 1. steepest descent with line search
- 2. Newton with line search
- 3. nonlinear conjugate gradient (N-CG) with line search
- 4. trust-region methods
- 5. quasi-Newton methods (includes Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb– Shanno (BFGS) and limited memory version L-BFGS)
- 6. N-GMRES as a general optimization method?



general N-GMRES optimization method

• first question: what would be a general preconditioner?

OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

find \mathbf{u}^* that minimizes $f(\mathbf{u})$

FIRST-ORDER OPTIMALITY EQUATIONS

 $\nabla f(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) = 0$

idea: general N-GMRES preconditioner \$\overline{u}_{i+1} = M(u_i)\$

 update in direction of steepest descent
 (or: use N-GMRES to accelerate steepest descent)



8. steepest-descent preconditioning

STEP I: (generate preliminary iterate by one-step update process M(.)) $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = M(\mathbf{u}_i)$ STEP II: (generate accelerated iterate by nonlinear GMRES step) $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \text{gmres}(\mathbf{u}_{i-w+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_i; \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})$ STEP III: (generate new iterate by line search process) $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \text{linesearch}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \beta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}))$

STEEPEST DESCENT PRECONDITIONING PROCESS:

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i - \beta \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)\|} \quad \text{with}$$
OPTION A:
OPTION B:

$$\beta = \beta_{sdls},$$

$$\beta = \beta_{sd} = \min(\delta, \|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)\|)$$

• option A: steepest descent with line search

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- option B: steepest descent with predefined small step
- claim: steepest descent is the 'natural' preconditioner for N-GMRES

steepest-descent preconditioning

- claim: steepest descent is the 'natural' preconditioner for N-GMRES
- example: consider simple quadratic optimization problem

$$f(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{u}$$
 where A is SPD

• we know
$$\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i) = A\mathbf{u}_i - b = -\mathbf{r}_i$$
 so
 $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i - \beta \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)\|}$ becomes $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \beta \frac{\mathbf{r}_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_i\|}$

• this gives the same residuals as $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$ with $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$: steepest-descent N-GMRES preconditioner corresponds to identity preconditioner for linear GMRES UNIVERSITY OF (and: small step is sufficient) (and: small step is sufficient)

9. numerical results: steepest-descent preconditioning



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$$f(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*)^T D \mathbf{y} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*) + 1,$$

with $D = \text{diag}(1, 2, \dots, n)$ and $\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$ given by
 $y_1(\mathbf{x}) = x_1$ and $y_i(\mathbf{x}) = x_i - 10 x_1^2$ $(i = 2, \dots, n).$

- steepest descent by itself is slow
- N-GMRES with steepest descent preconditioning is competitive with N-CG and L-BFGS
- option A slower than option B (small step)

numerical results: steepest-descent preconditioning



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 $f(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n} t_{j}^{2}(\mathbf{u}), \text{ with } n \text{ even and}$ $t_{j} = 10 (u_{j+1} - u_{j}^{2}) \qquad (j \text{ odd}),$ $t_{j} = 1 - u_{j-1} \qquad (j \text{ even}).$

- extended Rosenbrock function
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10. convergence of steepest-descent preconditioned N-GMRES optimization

 assume line searches give solutions that satisfy Wolfe conditions:



convergence of steepest-descent preconditioned N-GMRES optimization

THEOREM 2.1 (Global convergence of N-GMRES optimization algorithm with steepest descent line search preconditioning). Consider N-GMRES Optimization Algorithm 1 with steepest descent line search preconditioning (2.1) for Optimization Problem I, and assume that all line search solutions satisfy the Wolfe conditions, (2.11) and (2.12). Assume that objective function f is bounded below in \mathbb{R}^n and that f is continuously differentiable in an open set \mathcal{N} containing the level set $\mathcal{L} = \{\mathbf{u} : f(\mathbf{u}) \leq f(\mathbf{u}_0)\}$, where \mathbf{u}_0 is the starting point of the iteration. Assume also that the gradient ∇f is Lipschitz continuous on \mathcal{N} , that is, there exists a constant L such that $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}) - \nabla f(\hat{\mathbf{u}})\| \leq L \|\mathbf{u} - \hat{\mathbf{u}}\|$ for all $\mathbf{u}, \hat{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathcal{N}$. Then the sequence of N-GMRES iterates $\{\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, \ldots\}$ is convergent to a fixed point of Optimization Problem I in the sense that



convergence of steepest-descent preconditioned N-GMRES optimization

sketch of (simple!) proof • Consider the sequence $\{\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1, \ldots\}$ formed by the iterates \mathbf{u}_0 , $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_1$, \mathbf{u}_1 , $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_2$, \mathbf{u}_2 , \ldots • use Zoutendijk's theorem: $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \cos^2 \theta_i \|\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)\|^2 < \infty$ with $\cos \theta_i = \frac{-\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)^T \mathbf{p}_i}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)\| \|\mathbf{p}_i\|}$ and thus $\lim_{i \to \infty} \cos^2 \theta_i \|\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)\|^2 = 0$

• all u_i are followed by a steepest descent step, so

 $\lim_{i \to \infty} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)\| = 0.$

• global convergence to a stationary point for general f(u)



the power of N-GMRES optimization (tensor problem)



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- thank you
- questions?

- Hans De Sterck, 'A Nonlinear GMRES Optimization Algorithm for Canonical Tensor Decomposition', submitted, May 2011, arXiv:1105.5331
- Hans De Sterck, 'Steepest Descent Preconditioning for Nonlinear GMRES Optimization', submitted, June 2011, arXiv:1106.4426







• non-preconditioned GMRES for linear systems:

 $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$ $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$ Krylov space $K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0)$

- apply non-preconditioned GMRES to preconditioned linear system $\mathbf{AM}^{-1}(\mathbf{Mu}) = \mathbf{b}$ or $(\mathbf{AM}^{-1})\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$
- preconditioner changes the spectrum of the operator such that (non-preconditioned) GMRES applied to the preconditioned operator converges better
- this alternative viewpoint of preconditioned GMRES leads to the same formulas as what we derived in the previous slides



conjugate gradient (CG)

Algorithm 5.2 (CG).

Given x_0 ; Set $r_0 \leftarrow Ax_0 - b$, $p_0 \leftarrow -r_0$, $k \leftarrow 0$; while $r_k \neq 0$

$$\alpha_k \leftarrow \frac{r_k^T r_k}{p_k^T A p_k};$$

$$x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_k + \alpha_k p_k;$$

$$r_{k+1} \leftarrow r_k + \alpha_k A p_k;$$

$$\beta_{k+1} \leftarrow \frac{r_{k+1}^T r_{k+1}}{r_k^T r_k};$$

$$p_{k+1} \leftarrow -r_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} p_k;$$

$$k \leftarrow k+1;$$

end (while)

(Nocedal and Wright, 2006)

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preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG)

Algorithm 5.3 (Preconditioned CG).

Given x_0 , preconditioner M; Set $r_0 \leftarrow Ax_0 - b$; Solve $My_0 = r_0$ for y_0 ; Set $p_0 = -y_0, k \leftarrow 0$; while $r_k \neq 0$

 $\alpha_{k} \leftarrow \frac{r_{k}^{T} y_{k}}{p_{k}^{T} A p_{k}};$ $x_{k+1} \leftarrow x_{k} + \alpha_{k} p_{k};$ $r_{k+1} \leftarrow r_{k} + \alpha_{k} A p_{k};$ Solve $My_{k+1} = r_{k+1};$ $\beta_{k+1} \leftarrow \frac{r_{k+1}^{T} y_{k+1}}{r_{k}^{T} y_{k}};$ $p_{k+1} \leftarrow -y_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} p_{k};$ $k \leftarrow k+1;$

end (while)

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(Nocedal and Wright, 2006)

nonlinear conjugate gradient (N-CG)

Algorithm 5.4 (FR).

Given x_0 ; Evaluate $f_0 = f(x_0), \nabla f_0 = \nabla f(x_0)$; Set $p_0 \leftarrow -\nabla f_0, k \leftarrow 0$; while $\nabla f_k \neq 0$ Compute α_k and set $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$;

Evaluate ∇f_{k+1} ;

$$\beta_{k+1}^{\text{FR}} \leftarrow \frac{\nabla f_{k+1}^T \nabla f_{k+1}}{\nabla f_k^T \nabla f_k}; \tag{5.41a}$$

$$p_{k+1} \leftarrow -\nabla f_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1}^{\text{FR}} p_k; \qquad (5.41b)$$

 $k \leftarrow k + 1; \tag{5.41c}$

end (while)



9. numerical results: steepest-descent preconditioning



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 - AMG for Markov chains
 - AMG for eigenproblems and SVD → today's talk
 - 'graph applications', clustering (images), ...
- grid/cloud/hadoop/database, spin systems, inverse problems, ...

general N-GMRES optimization method

general methods for nonlinear optimization (smooth, unconstrained) ("Numerical Optimization", Nocedal and Wright, 2006)

- 1. steepest descent with line search
- 2. Newton with line search
- 3. nonlinear conjugate gradient (N-CG) with line search
- 4. trust-region methods
- 5. quasi-Newton methods (includes Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb– Shanno (BFGS) and limited memory version L-BFGS)
- 6. N-GMRES as a general optimization method

11. the power of N-GMRES optimization

- N-GMRES optimization method is a general, convergent method (steepest-descent preconditioning)
- its real power: N-GMRES optimization framework can employ sophisticated nonlinear preconditioners

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Algorithm 1: N-GMRES optimization algorithm (window size w)

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differences with SVD

- 1. truncated SVD is best rank-*R* approximation:
- $A = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \ldots + \sigma_R u_R v_R^T + \sigma_{R+1} u_{R+1} v_{R+1}^T + \ldots + \sigma_n u_n v_n^T$

 $\underset{B \text{ with rank } \leq R}{\arg\min} \|A - B\|_F = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \ldots + \sigma_R u_R v_R^T$

BUT best rank-*R* tensor cannot be obtained by truncation: different optimization problems for different *R*!

given tensor $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \ldots \times I_N}$, find rank-Rcanonical tensor $\mathcal{A}_R \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \ldots \times I_N}$ that minimizes

$$f(\mathcal{A}_R) = rac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{A}_R\|_F^2.$$

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differences with SVD

2. SVD factor matrices are orthogonal

$$A = U \Sigma V^t \qquad U^t U = I_m \qquad V^t V = I_n$$

 $\sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \ldots + \sigma_R u_R v_R^T = \underset{B \text{ with rank } \leq R}{\arg \min} \|A - B\|_F$

BUT best rank-*R* tensor factor matrices are not orthogonal

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(from "Tensor Decompositions and Applications", Kolda and Bader, SIAM Rev., 2009 [1])

tensor approximation applications

(3) chemometrics: analyze spectrofluorometer data
 (dense) (Bro et al.,

http://www.models.life.ku.dk/nwaydata1)

- 5 x 201 x 61 tensor: 5 samples (with different mixtures of three amino acids), 61 excitation wavelengths, 201 emission wavelengths
- goal: recover emission spectra of the three amino acids (to determine what was in each sample, and in which concentration)

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step II: N-GMRES acceleration: $\nabla f(A_R) = g(A_R) = 0$

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{1} & \mathbf{u}_{2} \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{2} & \mathbf{u}_{2} \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{3} & \mathbf{u}_{3} \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{3} & \mathbf{u$$

$$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{lpha} &= (lpha_0, \dots, lpha_i)^T, \ \mathbf{p}_j &= \mathbf{g}(ar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j), \ \mathbf{P} &= \left[\mathbf{p}_0 \middle| \dots \middle| \mathbf{p}_j
ight], \end{aligned}$$

minimize $\|\mathbf{P}\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})\|_2$

$$\mathbf{P}^T \, \mathbf{P} \, oldsymbol{lpha} = - \mathbf{P}^T \, \mathbf{g}(ar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})$$

dense test problem: comparison

h^* a	accuracy 10^{-3}	A	LS	N-GMRES		N-CG	
	problem parameters	it	time	it	time	it	time
1	$s=\!20, c=\!0.5, R=\!3, l_1=\!1, l_2=\!1$	18	0.083	16	0.21	34	0.17
2	$s=\!\!20,c=\!\!0.5,R=\!\!5,l_1=\!\!10,l_2=\!\!5$	9	0.083	8	0.17	64	0.51
3	$s=\!\!20,c=\!\!0.9,R=\!\!3,l_1=\!\!0,l_2=\!\!0$	186	0.8	153	1.7	137	0.57
4	$s=\!20, c=\!0.9, R=\!5, l_1=\!1, l_2=\!1$	19	0.15	13	0.34	195	1.4
5	$s=50, c=0.5, R=3, l_1=1, l_2=1$	11	0.089	8	0.21	38	0.46
6	$s=\!50,c=\!0.5,R=\!5,l_1=\!10,l_2=\!5$	10	0.15	9	0.3	50	0.97
7	$s=\!50,c=\!0.9,R=\!3,l_1=\!0,l_2=\!0$	314	2.2	56	1.6	200	1.8
8	$s=\!50,c=\!0.9,R=\!5,l_1=\!1,l_2=\!1$	15	0.2	10	0.43	>1821	>32
9	$s=\!100,c=\!0.5,R=\!3,l_1=\!1,l_2=\!1$	9	0.31	9	1.1	71	5.7
10	$s=\!100,c=\!0.5,R=\!5,l_1=\!10,l_2=\!5$	15	0.68	13	2.2	66	7.5
11	$s=\!100,\overline{c=}0.9,R=\!3,l_1=\!0,l_2=\!0$	178	5.9	30	3.9	340	23
12	$s=\!100,c=\!0.9,R=\!5,l_1=\!1,l_2=\!1$	12	0.52	9	1.7	260	24

TABLE 3.1

(gradients, test case and N-CG from "A scalable optimization approach for fitting canonical tensor decompositions" by Acar, Dunlavy and Kolda, Chemometrics, 2011)

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dense test problem: comparison

h* a	accuracy 10^{-10}	ALS N-GMRES		N-CG			
	problem parameters	it	time	it	time	it	time
1	$s=\!\!20,c=\!\!0.5,R=\!\!3,l_1=\!\!1,l_2=\!\!1$	37	0.16	22	0.3	52	0.24
2	$s=\!\!20,c=\!\!0.5,R=\!\!5,l_1=\!\!10,l_2=\!\!5$	37	0.28	17	0.39	97	0.7
3	$s=\!\!20,c=\!\!0.9,R=\!\!3,l_1=\!\!0,l_2=\!\!0$	>1600	>6.9	189	2.4	>400	>6.1
4	$s=\!\!20,c=\!\!0.9,R=\!\!5,l_1=\!\!1,l_2=\!\!1$	>1200	>8.6	139	4.5	1100	6.8
5	$s=\!50,c=\!0.5,R=\!3,l_1=\!1,l_2=\!1$	32	0.23	16	0.42	67	0.69
6	$s=\!50,c=\!0.5,R=\!5,l_1=\!10,l_2=\!5$	36	0.44	17	0.67	89	1.6
7	$s=\!50,c=\!0.9,R=\!3,l_1=\!0,l_2=\!0$	>1200	>8.5	104	3.5	>553	>7.6
8	$s=\!50,c=\!0.9,R=\!5,l_1=\!1,l_2=\!1$	1252	14	171	10	>1821	>32
9	$s = 100, c = 0.5, R = 3, l_1 = 1, l_2 = 1$	31	1	16	2	136	9.6
10	$s=\!100,c=\!0.5,R=\!5,l_1=\!10,l_2=\!5$	42	1.8	22	4.1	178	16
11	$s=100, c=0.9, R=3, l_1=0, l_2=0$	>800	>27	99	17	>748	>60
12	$s=\!100,c=\!\!0.9,R=\!\!5,l_1=\!\!1,l_2=\!\!1$	1218	51	112	26	880	72

TABLE 3.3

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numerical results: sparse test problem

 sparse test problem: d-dimensional finite difference Laplacian (2 d-way tensor)

sparse test problem: comparison

h^* accuracy 10^{-10}		ALS		N-GI	MRES	N-CG		
problem parameters		it	time	it	time	it	time	
1	N = 4, s = 8, R = 6	>400	>9.6	55	3.1	380	3.7	
2	N = 4, s = 8, R = 6	242	5.8	26	1.5	327	3.5	
3	N = 4, s = 16, R = 3	>800	>12	119	3.8	419	3.5	
4	N = 4, s = 16, R = 3	724	11	84	2.7	375	3.2	
5	N = 6, s = 4, R = 2	52	0.94	19	0.65	153	1.6	
6	N = 6, s = 4, R = 2	51	0.95	18	0.67	386	3.3	
7	N = 6, s = 8, R = 5	613	24	81	18	213	40	
8	N = 6, s = 8, R = 5	127	5.1	31	6.8	262	46	
9	N = 8, s = 4, R = 2	70	2	21	1.5	111	5.2	
10	N = 8, s = 4, R = 2	72	2.1	24	1.8	>280	>19	

TABLE 4.3

6. why does this work: GMRES

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{A} \, \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{u}_{i+1} &= \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \, \mathbf{r}_i \end{split} \begin{matrix} & V_{1,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{r}_0, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i\}, & \text{ETNA, 1997} \\ & V_{2,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1} \, \mathbf{r}_0, (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^2 \, \mathbf{r}_0\}, \dots, (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \, \mathbf{r}_0\} \\ &= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0), \\ & V_{3,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_2 - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\}, \\ & V_{4,i+1} = span\{\mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M} \, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\} \end{matrix}$$

- N-GMRES step II reduces to preconditioned GMRES in the linear case $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \sum_{i=0}^{i} \alpha_j (\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j)$
- 'nonlinear Krylov space' $span\{(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} \mathbf{u}_0), (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} \mathbf{u}_i)\}$
- $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = M(\mathbf{u}_i)$ in step I is a nonlinear preconditioner

for N-GMRES (ALS) UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOOD STEP I: (generate preliminary iterate by one-step update process M(.)) $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = M(\mathbf{u}_i)$ STEP II: (generate accelerated iterate by nonlinear GMRES step) $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \operatorname{gmres}(\mathbf{u}_{i-w+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_i; \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1})$ STEP III: (generate new iterate by line search process) $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \operatorname{linesearch}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \beta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}))$

numerical results: steepest-descent preconditioning

problem	N-GMRES-sdls	N-GMRES-	-sd N-CG	L-BFGS
D $n = 500$	525	172	222	166
D <i>n</i> =1000	445	211	223	170
E $n = 100$	294	259	243	358
E $n=200$	317	243	240	394
F $n=200$	140	102(1)	102	92
F $n = 500$	206(1)	175(1)	135	118
G <i>n</i> =100	1008(2)	152	181	358
G n=200	629(1)	181	137	240

TABLE 3.2

- standard test problems, 10 random initial guesses
- N-GMRES with steepest descent preconditioning is competitive with N-CG and L-BFGS
- N-GMRES preconditioner option A (line search) slower than option B (small step)

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12. conclusions

- we have proposed the 3-step preconditioned N-GMRES optimization algorithm as a general nonlinear optimization method (smooth *f(u)*, unconstrained) (uncommon approach, new in optimization?)
- steepest descent preconditioning is the natural 'default' preconditioner, it makes N-GMRES competitive with N-CG and L-BFGS, and we have proved global

conclusions

- the real power of the N-GMRES optimization framework is that advanced nonlinear preconditioners can be used
- ALS-preconditioned N-GMRES optimization performs very well for tensor optimization problem

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STEP III: (generate new iterate by line search process)

$$\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = ext{linesearch}(ar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + eta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - ar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}))$$

$$i = i + 1$$

until convergence criterion satisfied