

# Extending Preconditioned GMRES to Nonlinear Optimization

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this talk is about

“**accelerating convergence** of iterative  
*nonlinear optimization* methods”

the approach will be to

“extend concepts of preconditioned GMRES for  
*linear systems* to nonlinear optimization”  
(note: fully *nonlinear* preconditioning)

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# 1. background: convergence acceleration for linear systems

- start from simple example: finite difference discretization of **Poisson equation on unit square** with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = b(x, y)$$

$$\frac{u_{i+1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i-1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{u_{i,j+1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j-1}}{h^2} = b(x_i, y_j)$$

- linear system:  **$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$**

# convergence acceleration for linear systems

- simple iterative method: Gauss-Seidel (GS)

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{U}$$

$$(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{U}) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$(\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{b}$$

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

$$\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$$

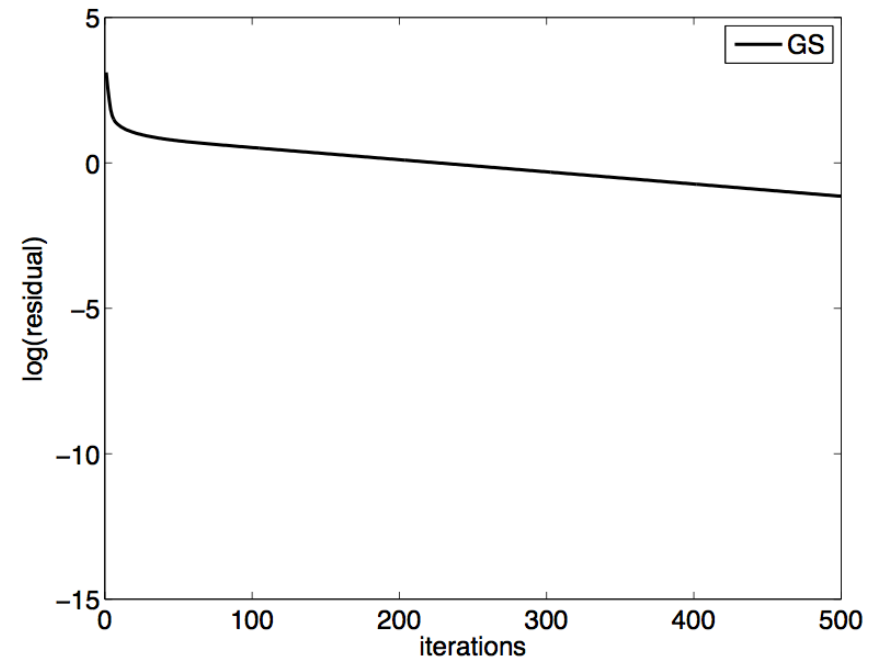
- stationary iterative method:

$$\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} \approx \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

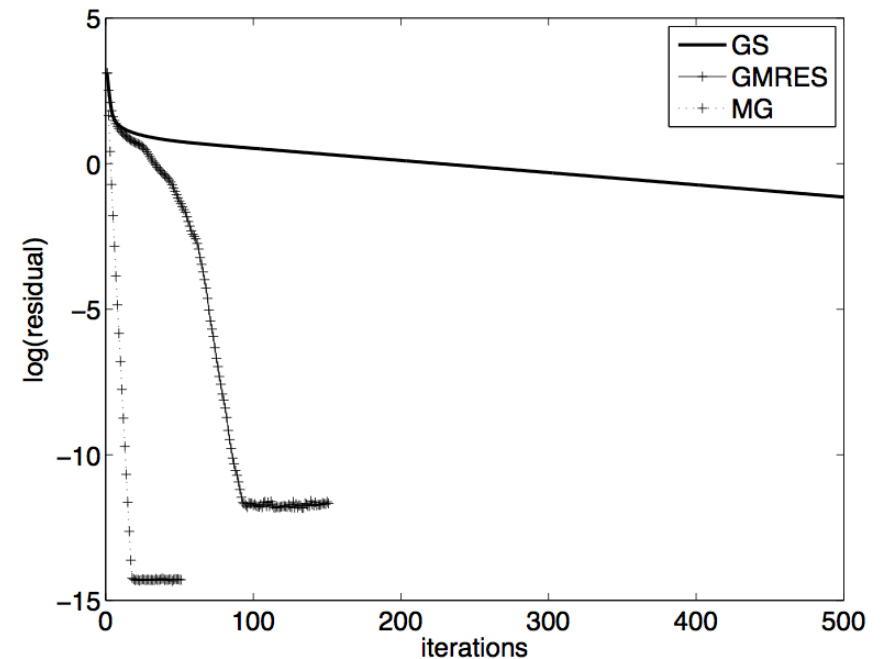
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- number of iterations grows as grid is refined
- can we accelerate GS?  
yes!
  - GMRES acceleration  
(generalized minimal residual method)
  - multigrid acceleration



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# GMRES as an acceleration mechanism

(Washio and  
Oosterlee, ETNA,  
1997)

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

- stationary iterative method  $\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$
- generates residuals recursively:  $\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}_i$   
 $= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1}) \mathbf{r}_{i-1}$   
 $= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1})^i \mathbf{r}_0.$
- define Krylov space  $K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0)$

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LEMMA 2.1.  $V_{1,i+1} = V_{2,i+1} = V_{3,i+1} = V_{4,i+1}$



# GMRES as an acceleration mechanism

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

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

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$$= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0),$$

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

# GMRES as an acceleration mechanism

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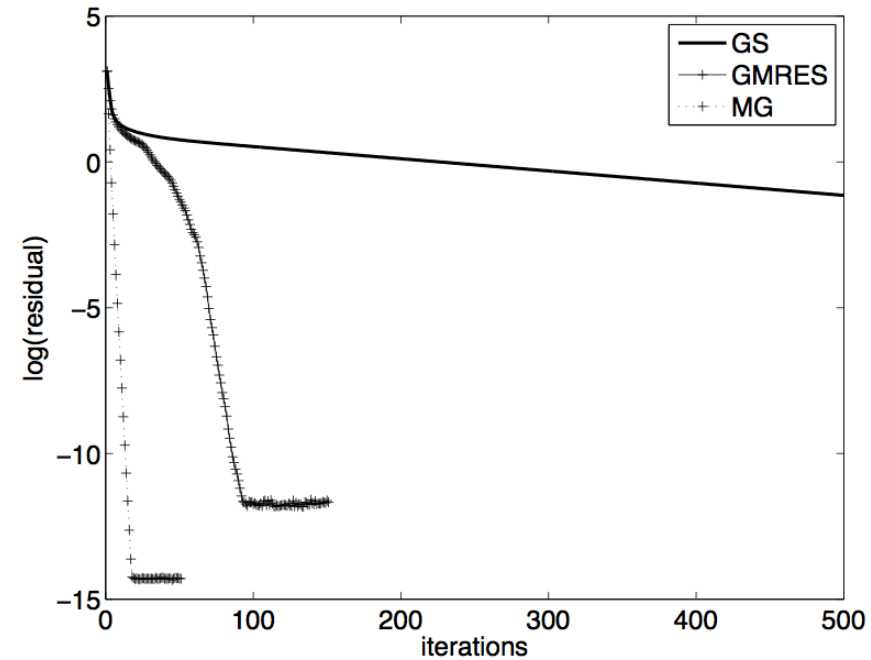
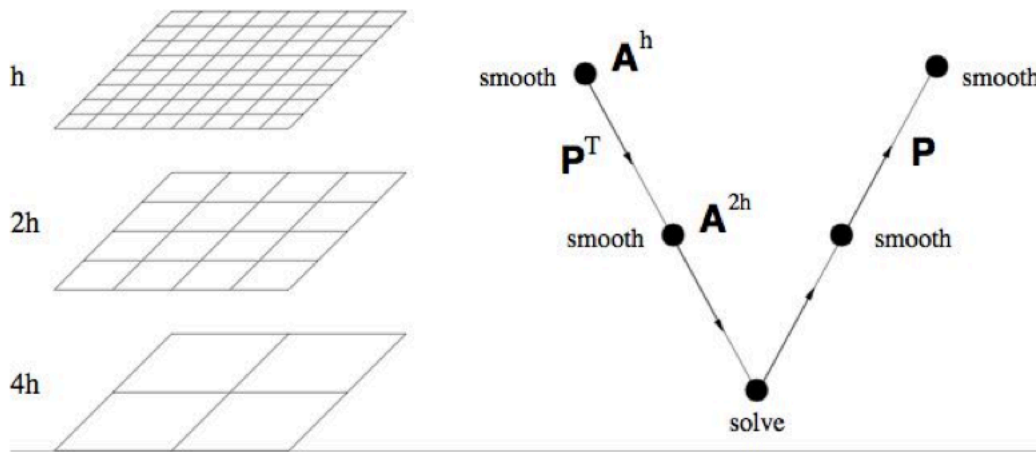
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- seek optimal approximation  $\mathbf{M}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i) = \sum_{j=0}^i \beta_j \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j)$   
 $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_{j=0}^i \beta_j (\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j)$  that minimizes  $\|\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{i+1}\|_2$
- this is *mathematically “essentially equivalent” to right-preconditioned GMRES*
- the stationary iterative method is the preconditioner
- GMRES accelerates the stationary iterative method

# alternative: multigrid as an acceleration mechanism



- multigrid accelerates the smoother (Gauss-Seidel)
- GMRES (or: CG, ...) and multigrid are ways to accelerate Gauss-Seidel

## 2. nonlinear optimization – tensor decomposition

- consider simple iterative optimization methods for smooth nonlinear optimization problem

Optimization Problem

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

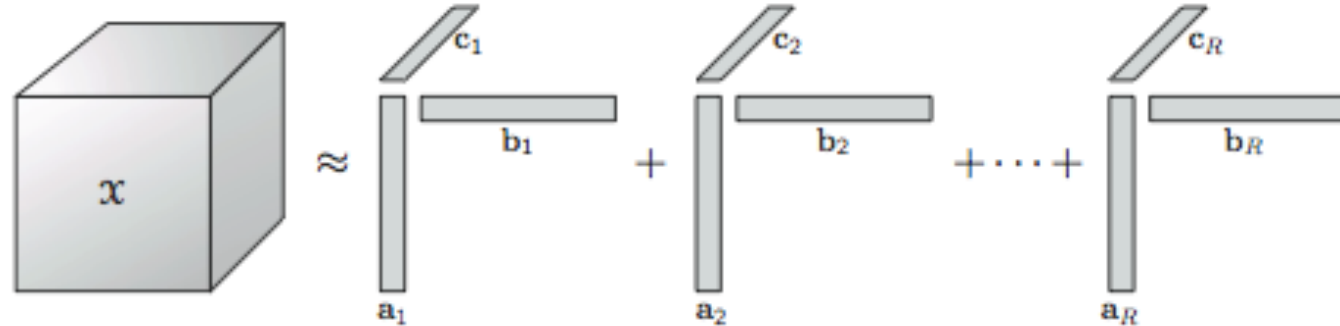
First-order optimality equations

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

- can we accelerate the convergence of simple iterative optimization methods?

# application: canonical tensor decomposition

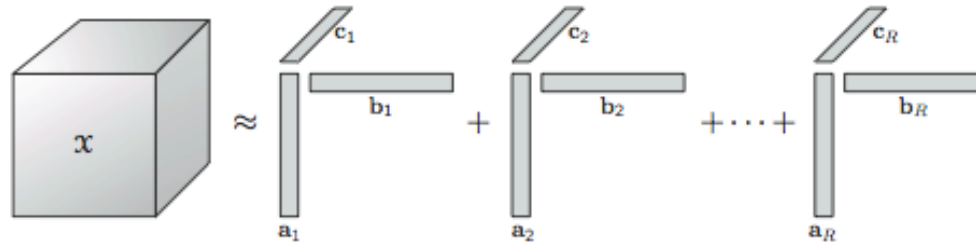
- tensor = element of tensor product of real vector spaces ( $N$ -dimensional array)
- $N=3$ :



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

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

# canonical tensor decomposition



## OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

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

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

## 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** (ill-posed), ... ; but smooth, and **we assume there is a local minimum**)

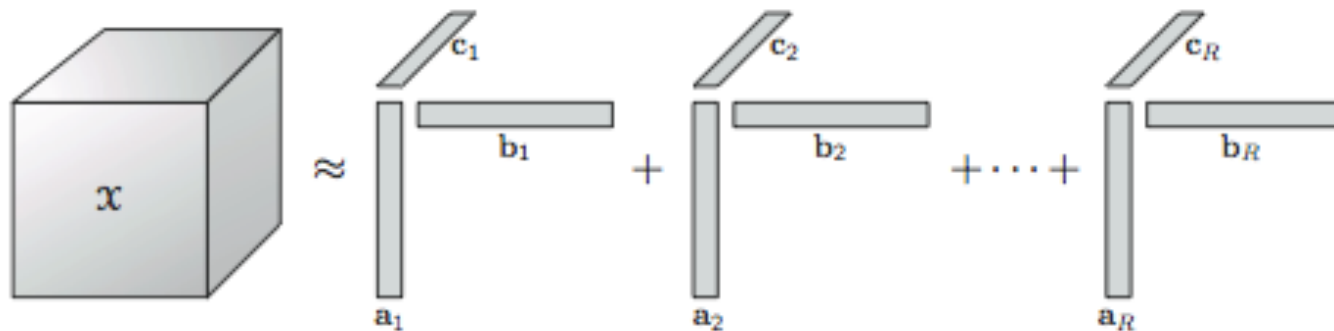
(de Silva and Lim, SIMAX, 2009)

## link with singular value decomposition

- SVD of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$   $m \geq n$

$$A = U \Sigma V^t = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \dots + \sigma_n u_n v_n^T$$

- canonical decomposition of tensor





a difference with the SVD

truncated SVD is best rank- $R$  approximation:

$$A = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \dots + \sigma_R u_R v_R^T + \sigma_{R+1} u_{R+1} v_{R+1}^T + \dots + \sigma_n u_n v_n^T$$

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

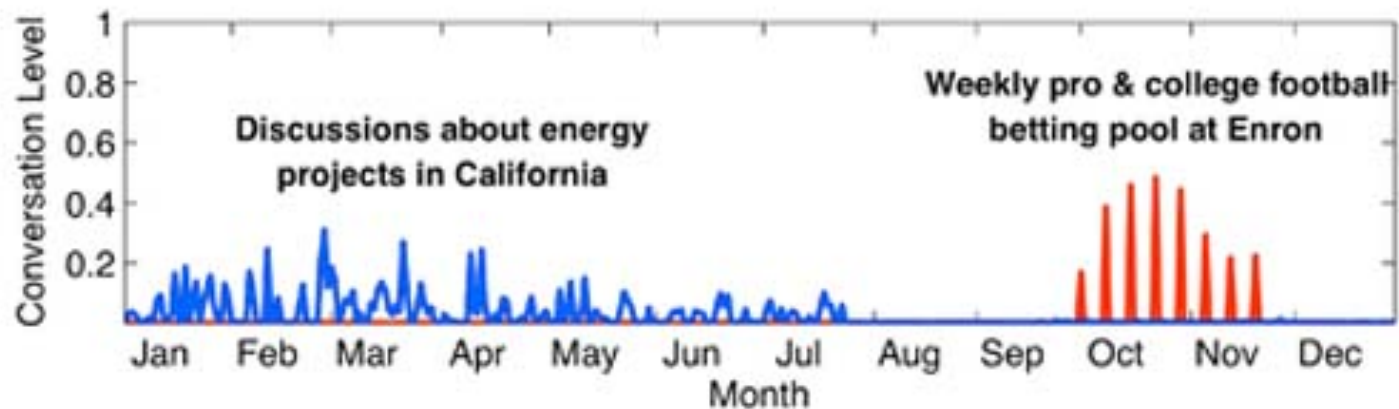
**BUT** best rank- $R$  tensor cannot be obtained by truncation: different optimization problems for different  $R$ !

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# tensor approximation applications

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

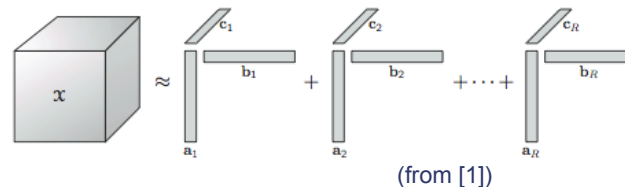
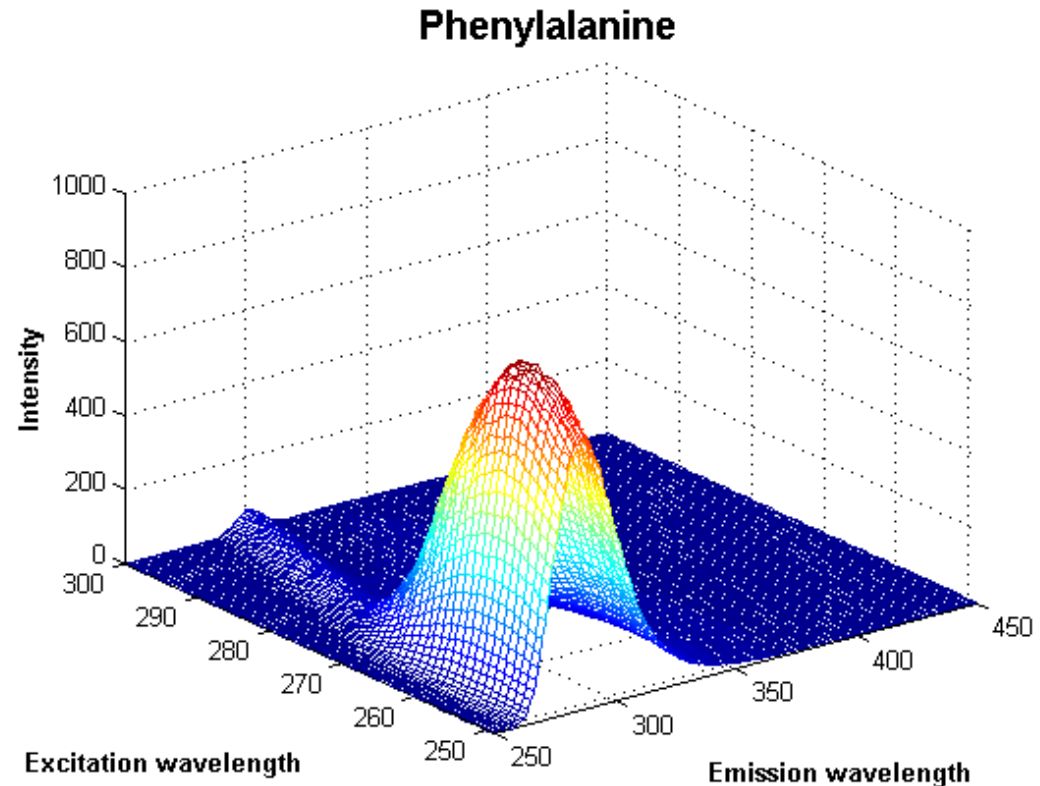


# tensor approximation applications

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

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

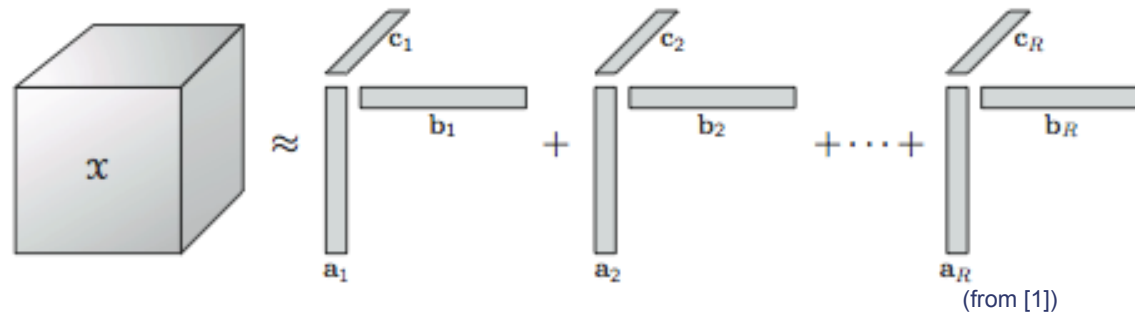
- 5 x 201 x 61 tensor: 5 samples (with different mixtures of three amino acids), 61 excitation wavelengths, 201 emission wavelengths
- goal: recover emission spectra of the three amino acids (to determine what was in each sample, and in which concentration)
- also: psychometrics, ...



# 'workhorse' algorithm: alternating least squares (ALS)

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

- (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  $a_r^{(3)}$
- repeat



## alternating least squares (ALS)

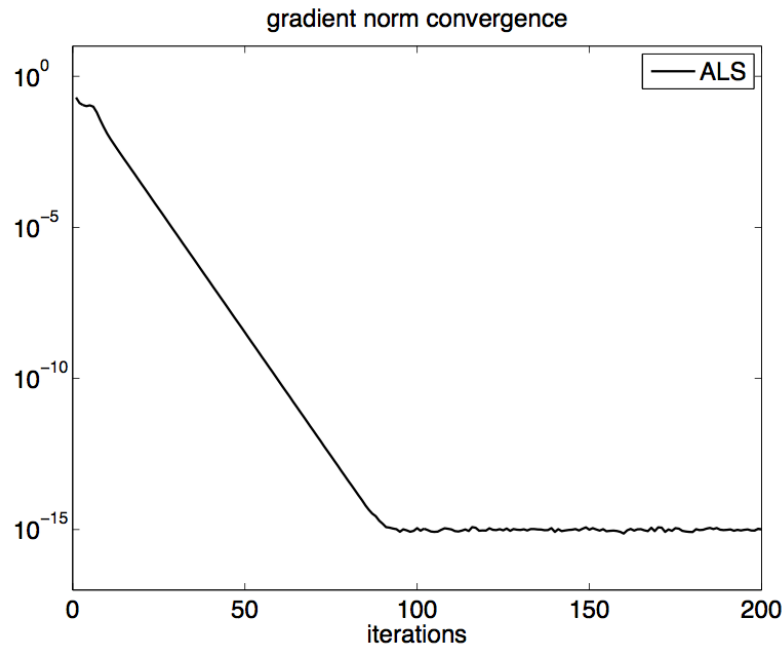
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- “simple iterative optimization method”
- ALS is block nonlinear Gauss-Seidel
- ALS is monotone
- ALS is sometimes fast, but can also be extremely slow (depending on problem and initial condition) (convergence: Uschmajew’s talk)

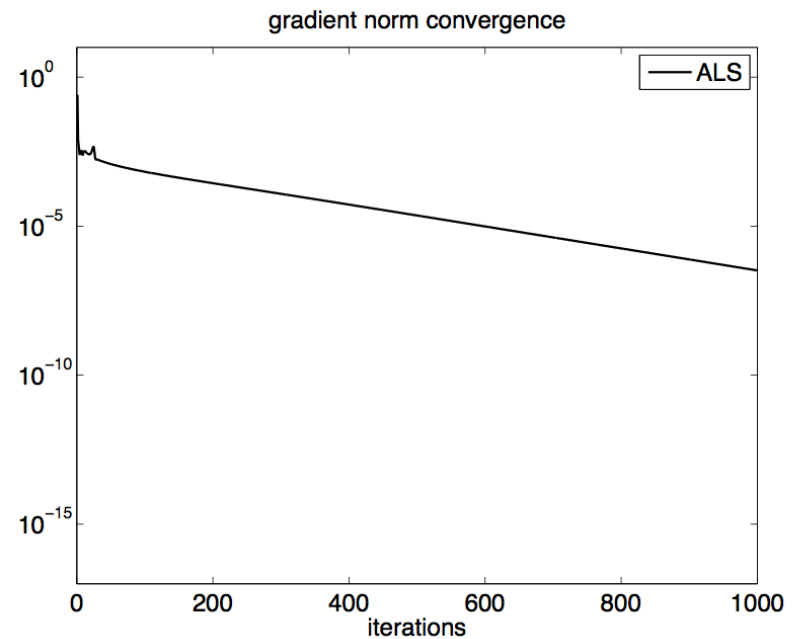
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fast case

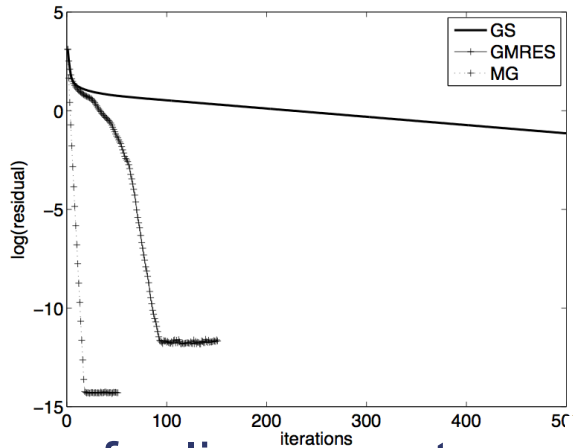


slow case

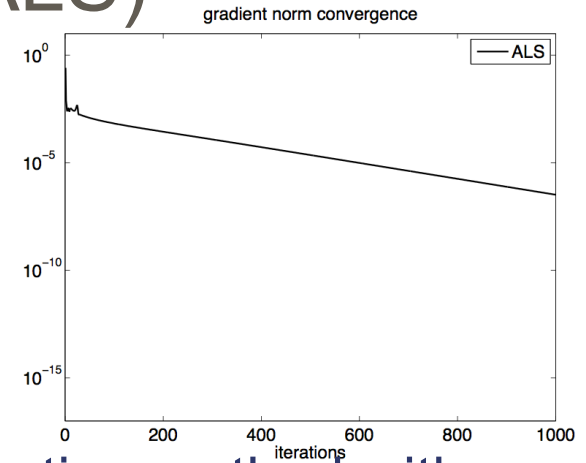


(we used Matlab with Tensor Toolbox (Bader and Kolda) and Poblano Toolbox (Dunlavy et al.) for all computations)

# alternating least squares (ALS)



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- for linear systems  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ : accelerate simple iterative method with
  - GMRES
  - multigrid
- the simple iterative method is called the ‘preconditioner’
- let’s try to accelerate ALS for the tensor optimization problem
- for nonlinear optimization problems, general approaches to accelerate simple iterative methods (like ALS) appear uncommon (e.g., not in Nocedal and Wright) (“nonlinear preconditioning” does not appear to be a common notion in optimization)
- issues: nonlinear, optimization context



### 3. existing methods: convergence acceleration for nonlinear systems $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}^*) = 0$

- nonlinear system:

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}^*) = 0$$

- equivalent: fixed-point equation

$$\mathbf{u}^* = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{u}^*)$$

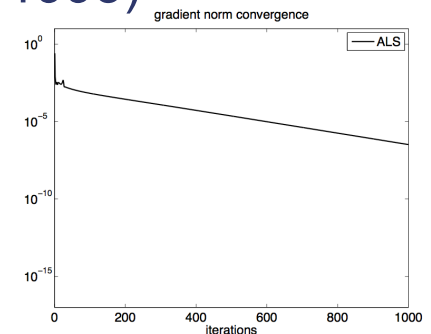
$$\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{u}^*) = \mathbf{u}^* - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{u}^*) = 0$$

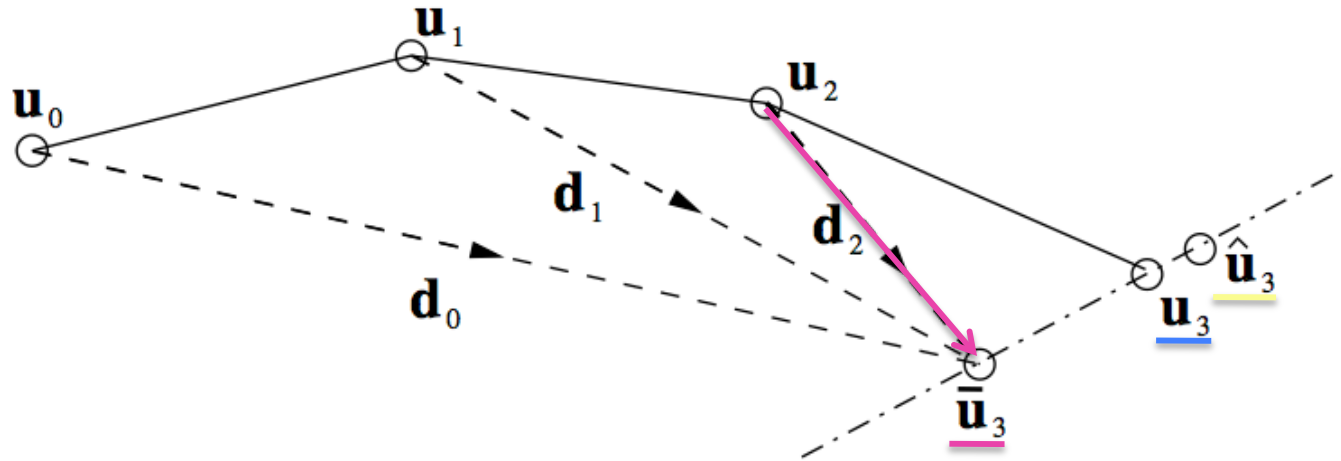
(‘simple iterative method’)

# convergence acceleration for nonlinear systems

- existing convergence acceleration method for nonlinear systems  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}^*) = 0$  : (“iterate recombination”)
  - Anderson acceleration (1965) (popular in electronic structure calculation)
  - Pulay mixing – direct inversion in the iterative subspace (DIIS) (1980)
  - Washio and Oosterlee (1997): Krylov acceleration for nonlinear multigridalso related to: (in PETSc)
  - GMRES (Saad and Schultz, 1986), flexible GMRES (Saad, 1993)recent papers on Anderson mixing/DIIS for nonlinear systems:
  - Fang and Saad (2009)
  - Walker and Ni (2011)
  - Rohwedder and Schneider (2011)plus many other papers with similar ideas and developments
- we will use this type of approach as a building block of our N-GMRES nonlinearly preconditioned optimization algorithm



# 4. nonlinear GMRES optimization method (N-GMRES)




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

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

$i = w - 1$

**repeat**

STEP I: (generate preliminary iterate by one-step update process  $M(\cdot)$ ) (ALS)

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = M(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

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)

$$\mathbf{u}_{i+1} = \text{linesearch}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \beta(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}))$$

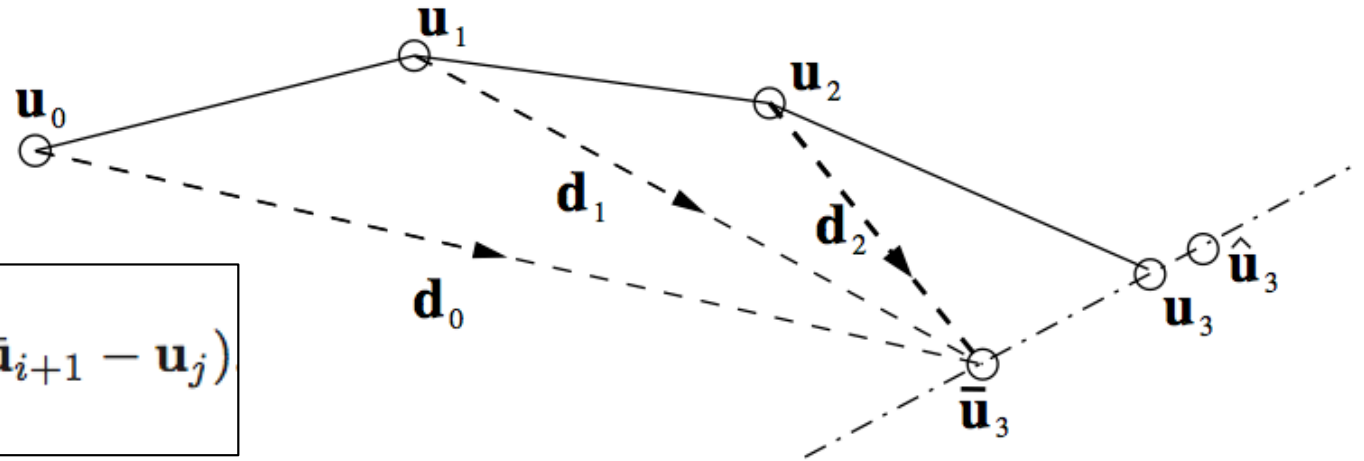
(Moré-Thuente line search,  
satisfies Wolfe conditions)

$i = i + 1$

**until** convergence criterion satisfied

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



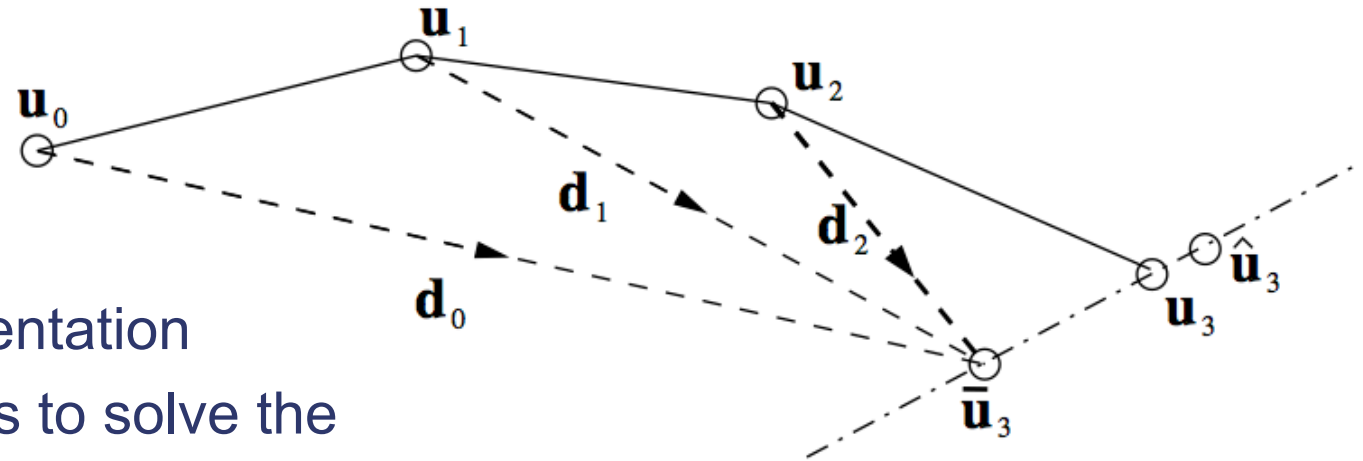
$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j (\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) &\approx \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^i \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}} \alpha_j (\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j) \\ &\approx \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j (\mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j)) \end{aligned}$$

find coefficients  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i)$  that minimize

$$\left\| \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j (\mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j)) \right\|_2.$$

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- windowed implementation
- several possibilities to solve the small least-squares problems:
  - normal equations (with reuse of scalar products; cost  $2nw$ ) (Washio and Oosterlee, 1997)
  - QR with factor updating (Walker and Ni, 2011)
  - SVD and rank-revealing QR (Fang and Saad, 2009)

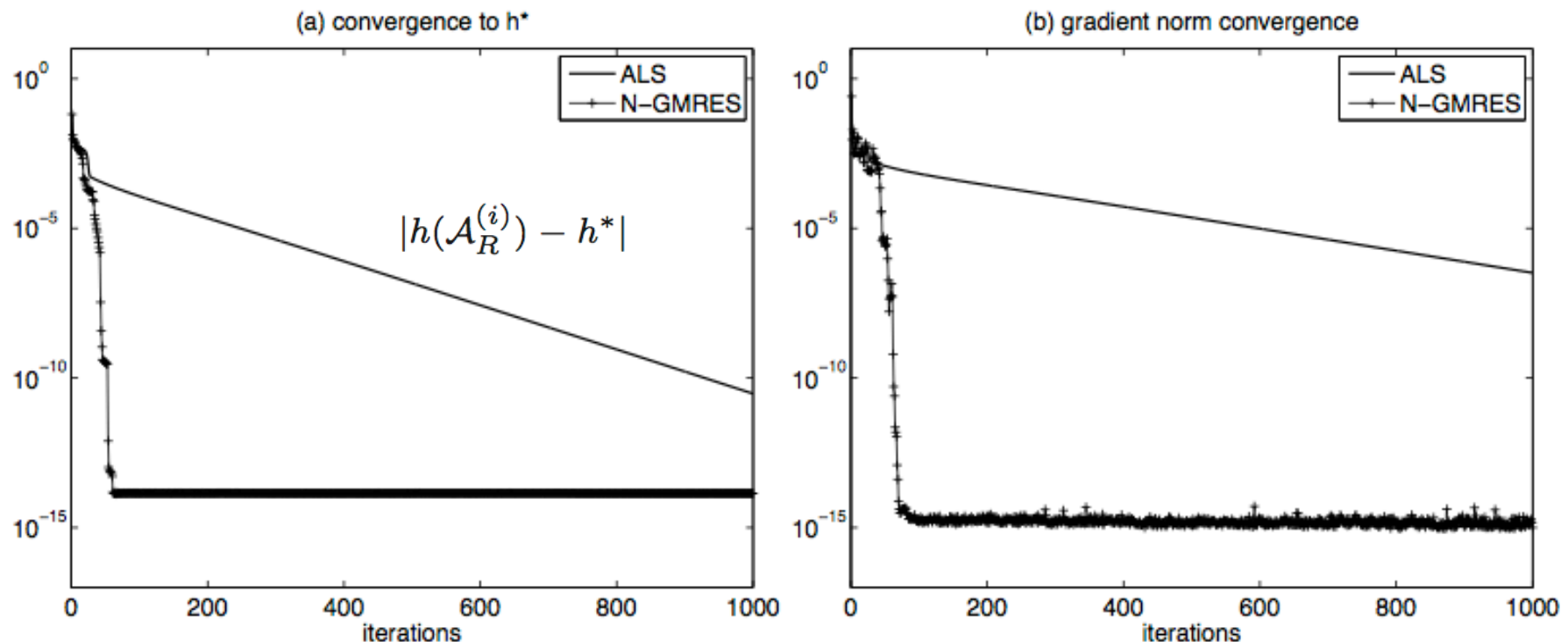
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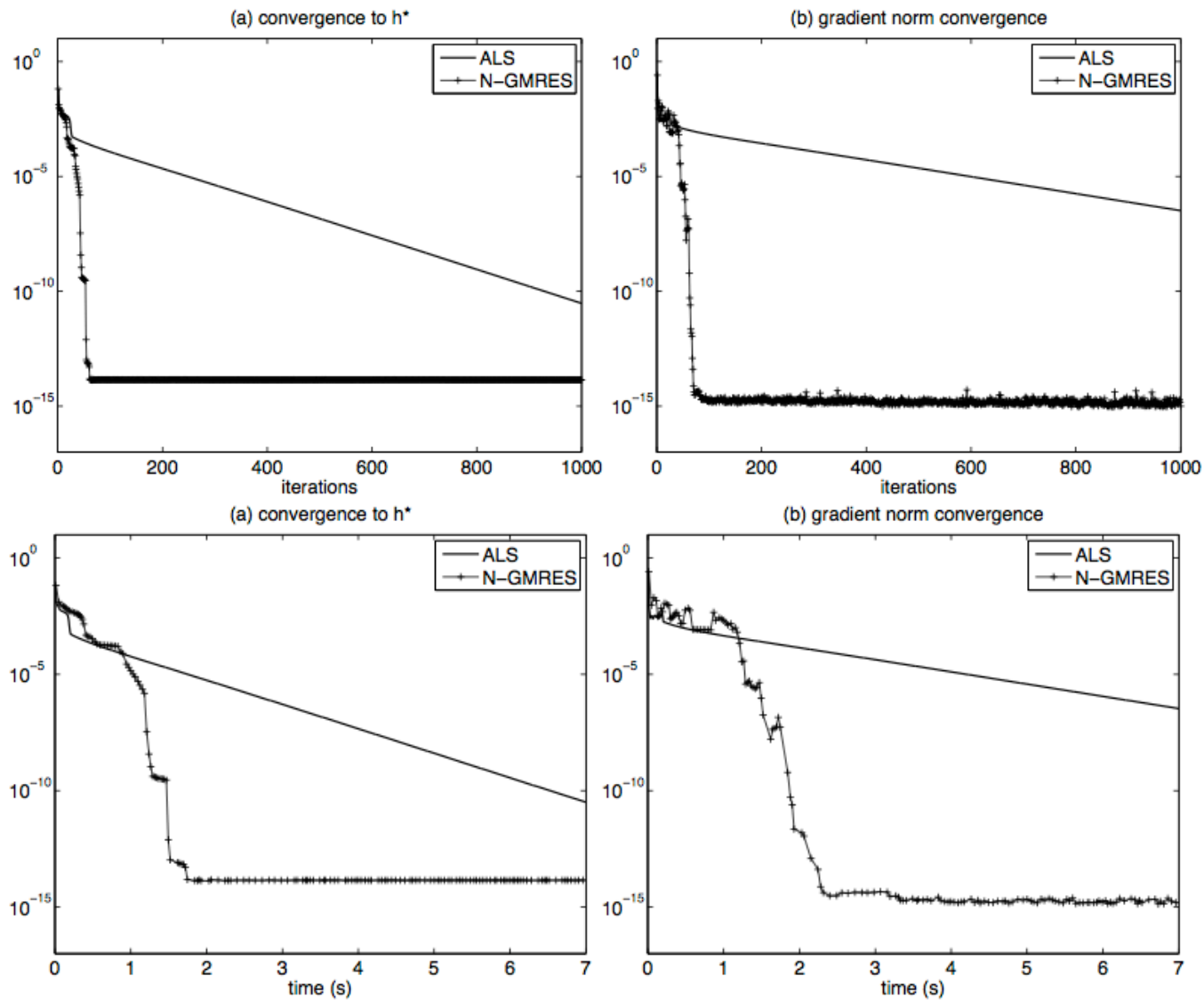
# numerical results for ALS-preconditioned N-GMRES applied to tensor problem

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



$$h(\mathcal{A}_R^{(i)}) = \frac{\|\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{A}_R^{(i)}\|_F}{\|\mathcal{T}\|_F}$$

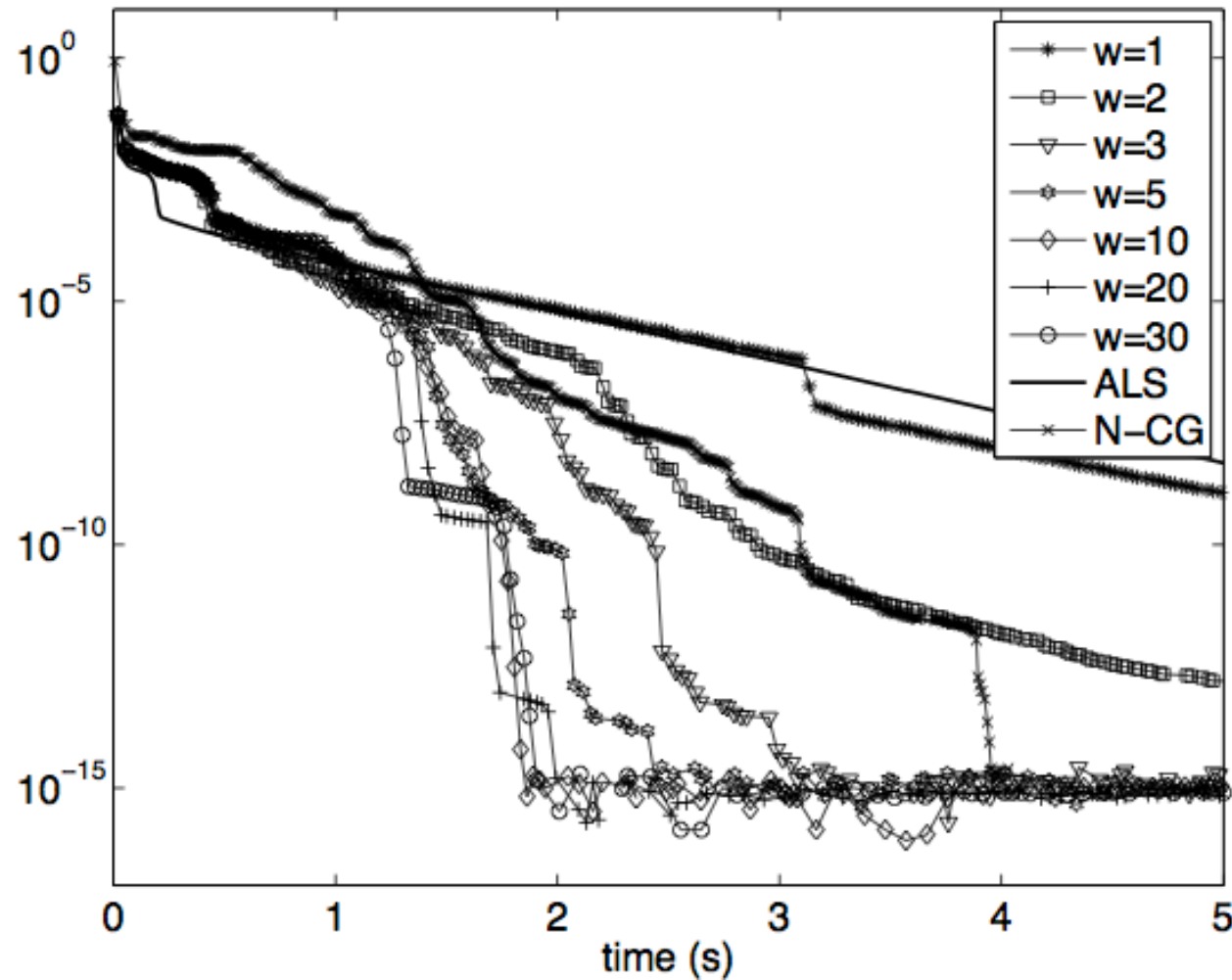
# numerical results: dense test problem





# dense test problem: optimal window size

(a) convergence to  $h^*$



# dense test problem: comparison

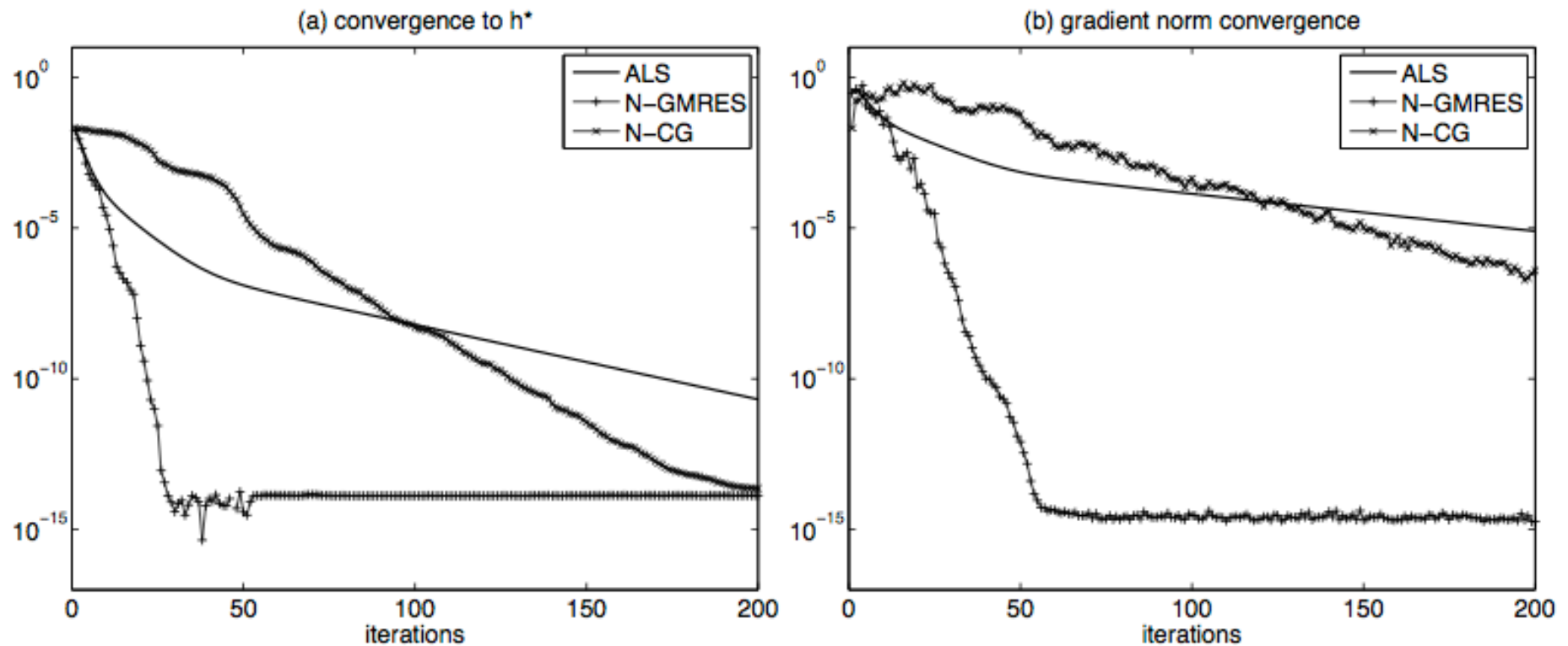
$h^*$ accuracy $10^{-10}$		ALS		N-GMRES		N-CG	
problem parameters		it	time	it	time	it	time
1	$s = 20, c = 0.5, R = 3, l_1 = 1, l_2 = 1$	37	<b>0.16</b>	22	0.3	52	0.24
2	$s = 20, c = 0.5, R = 5, l_1 = 10, l_2 = 5$	37	<b>0.28</b>	17	0.39	97	0.7
3	$s = 20, c = 0.9, R = 3, l_1 = 0, l_2 = 0$	>1600	>6.9	189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

TABLE 3.3

(N-CG from Acar, Dunlavy and Kolda, 2011)

# numerical results: sparse test problem

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



# comparing N-GMRES to GMRES

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$$V_{2,i+1} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{r}_0, (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^2\mathbf{r}_0, \dots, (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1})^i\mathbf{r}_0\}$$

$$= K_{i+1}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}^{-1}, \mathbf{r}_0),$$

$$V_{3,i+1} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_2 - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\},$$

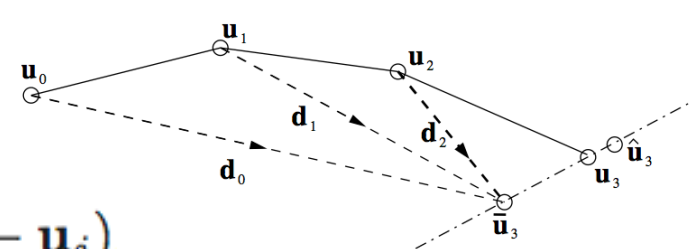
$$V_{4,i+1} = \text{span}\{\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_1), \dots, \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i)\}$$

- GMRES: minimize  $\|\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{i+1}\|_2$

- seek optimal approximation  $\mathbf{M}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_i) = \sum_{j=0}^i \beta_j \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j)$

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

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



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

same as for N-GMRES

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} + \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j (\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} - \mathbf{u}_j)$$

# N-GMRES: what's in a name...

- CG for  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$



N-CG for  $\text{find } \mathbf{u}^* \text{ that minimizes } f(\mathbf{u})$

# conjugate gradient (CG) for $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$

**Algorithm 5.2** (CG).

Given  $x_0$ ;

Set  $r_0 \leftarrow \mathbf{A}x_0 - \mathbf{b}$ ,  $p_0 \leftarrow -r_0$ ,  $k \leftarrow 0$ ;

**while**  $r_k \neq 0$

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

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

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

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

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

$$k \leftarrow k + 1;$$

**end (while)**

(Nocedal and Wright, 2006)

# nonlinear conjugate gradient (N-CG)

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

**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  $\alpha_k$  and set  $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k p_k$ ;

    Evaluate  $\nabla f_{k+1}$ ;

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

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

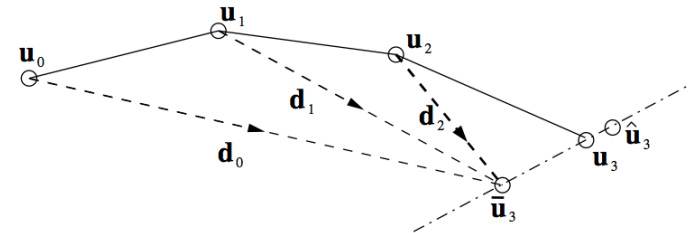
$$k \leftarrow k + 1; \quad (5.41c)$$

**end (while)**

(Nocedal and Wright, 2006)



# N-GMRES



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find coefficients  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i)$  that minimize

$$\|g(\bar{u}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j (g(\bar{u}_{i+1}) - g(u_j))\|_2.$$

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N-GMRES for  $\text{find } \mathbf{u}^* \text{ that minimizes } f(\mathbf{u})$

(symmetry...)

# 5. N-GMRES as a general optimization method

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

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2. Newton with line search
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5. quasi-Newton methods (includes Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno (BFGS) and limited memory version L-BFGS)
6. preconditioned 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  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = M(\mathbf{u}_i)$   
= update in direction of steepest descent  
(or: use N-GMRES to accelerate steepest descent)

# steepest-descent preconditioning

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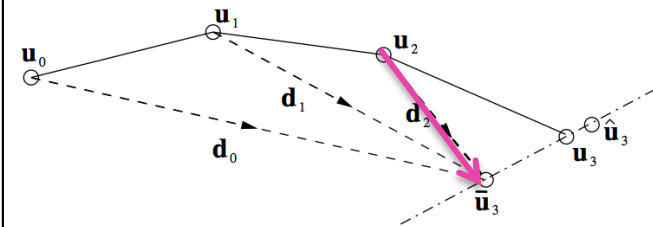
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STEEPEST DESCENT PRECONDITIONING PROCESS:

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

OPTION A:  $\beta = \beta_{sdls},$

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

- option A: steepest descent with line search
- option B: steepest descent with predefined small step
- claim: steepest descent is the ‘natural’ preconditioner for N-GMRES (note also: link with fixed-point equation)

## steepest-descent preconditioning

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

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

- we know  $\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i) = A \mathbf{u}_i - \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{r}_i$  so

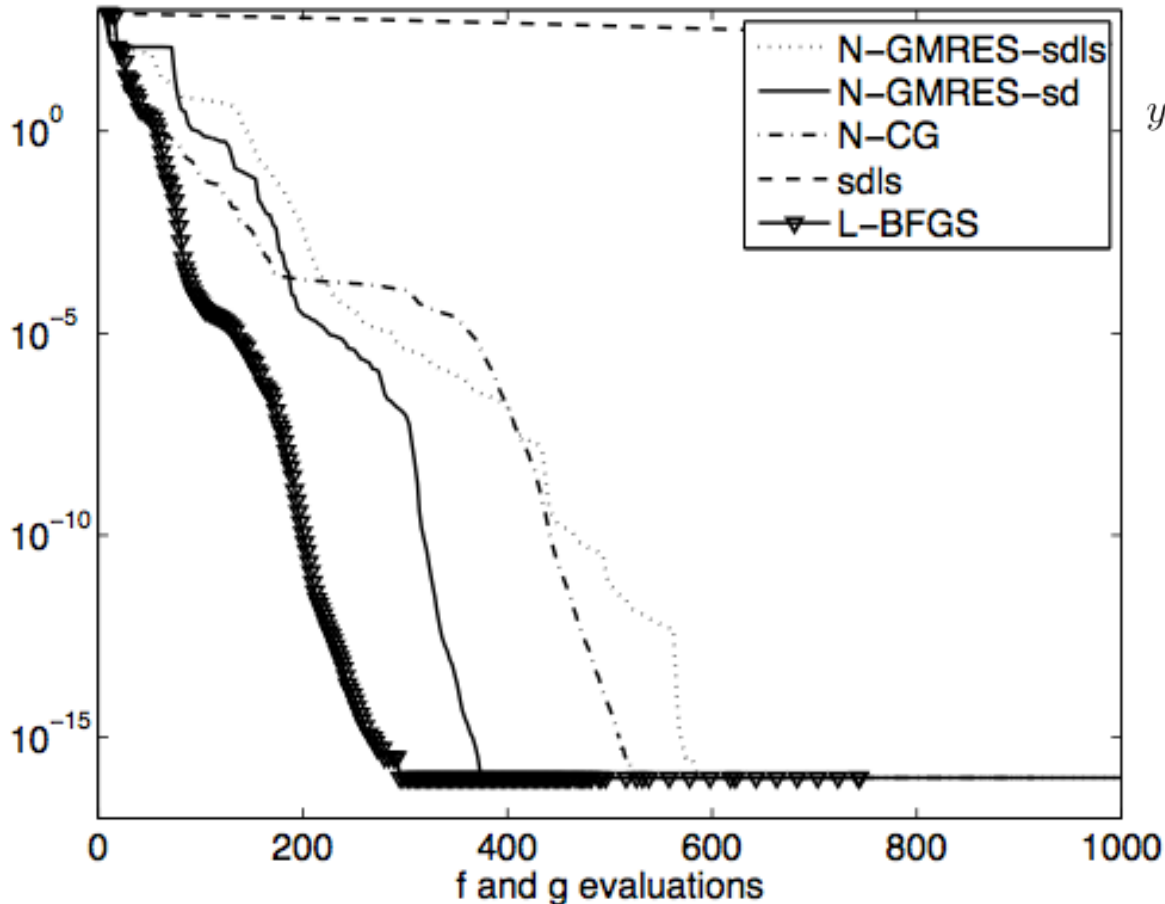
$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i - \beta \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)\|} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1} = \mathbf{u}_i + \beta \frac{\mathbf{r}_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_i\|}$$

- 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

# numerical results: steepest-descent preconditioning

(c) convergence to  $f^*$



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

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

- 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)



# convergence of steepest-descent preconditioned N-GMRES optimization

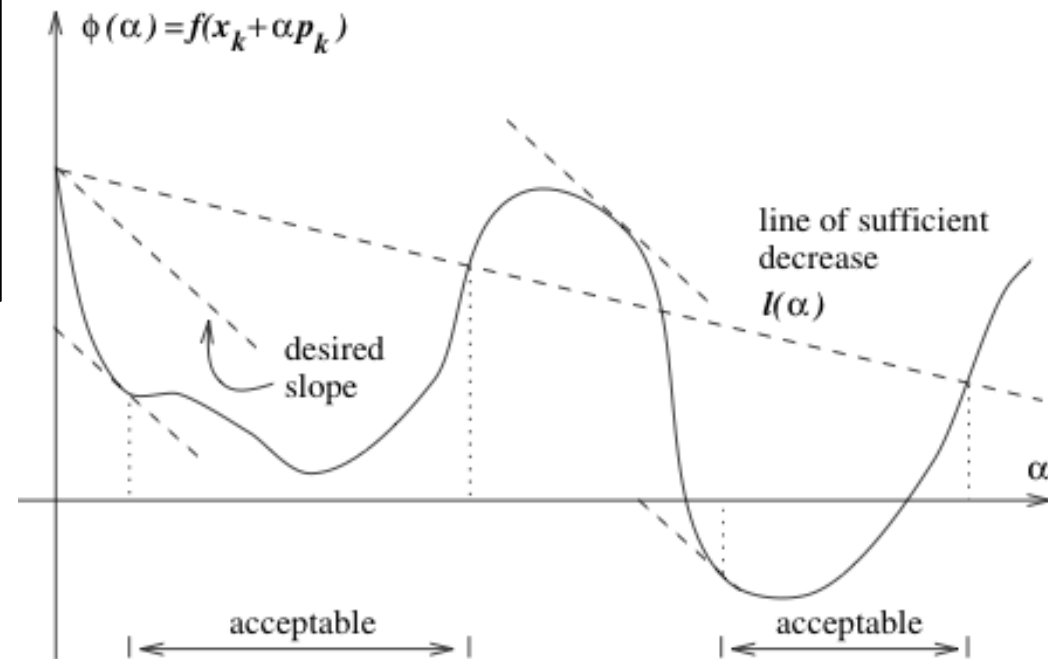
- assume line searches give solutions that satisfy Wolfe conditions:

SUFFICIENT DECREASE CONDITION:

$$f(\mathbf{u}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{p}_i) \leq f(\mathbf{u}_i) + c_1 \beta_i \nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)^T \mathbf{p}_i,$$

CURVATURE CONDITION:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i + \beta_i \mathbf{p}_i)^T \mathbf{p}_i \geq c_2 \nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)^T \mathbf{p}_i,$$

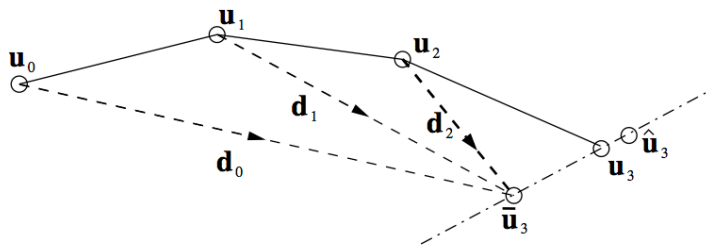


(Nocedal and Wright, 2006)

# 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  $\nabla f$  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  $\{\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, \dots\}$  is convergent to a fixed point of Optimization Problem I in the sense that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{u}_i)\| = 0. \quad (2.13)$$



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# convergence of steepest-descent preconditioned N-GMRES optimization

## sketch of (simple!) proof

- Consider the sequence  $\{\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1, \dots\}$  formed by the iterates  $\mathbf{u}_0, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_1, \mathbf{u}_1, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots$

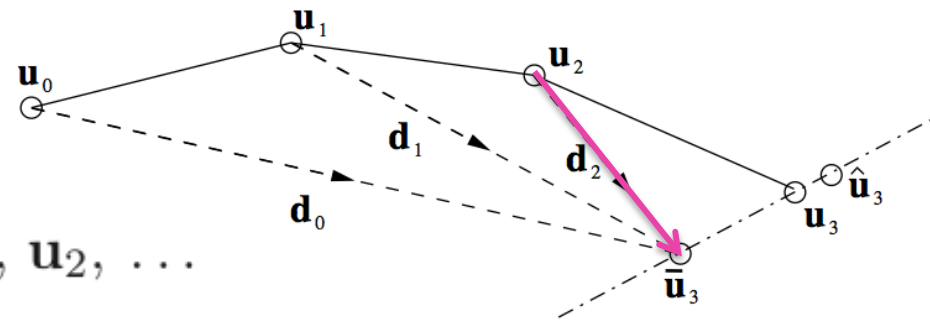
- use Zoutendijk's theorem:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \cos^2 \theta_i \|\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)\|^2 < \infty$   
with  $\cos \theta_i = \frac{-\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)^T \mathbf{p}_i}{\|\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)\| \|\mathbf{p}_i\|}$  and thus  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \cos^2 \theta_i \|\nabla f(\mathbf{v}_i)\|^2 = 0$

- all  $u_i$  are followed by a steepest descent step, so

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

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

(note also: Absil and Gallivan, 2009)



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a few more notes on related methods for  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}^*) = 0$

- acceleration step in N-GMRES is similar to Anderson acceleration and DIIS, but not exactly the same
- “mathematical equivalence” with GMRES in the linear case is discussed by Washio and Oosterlee (1997), Walker and Ni (2011), Rohwedder and Schneider (2011), and others
- equivalence of Anderson/DIIS with certain multisecond update methods (Broyden) is discussed by Fang and Saad (2009), Rohwedder and Schneider (2011), and others
- ‘nonlinear preconditioning’ for N-CG, L-BFGS, multisecond methods is not commonly considered
- ‘nonlinear preconditioning’ view is natural for the N-GMRES optimization framework

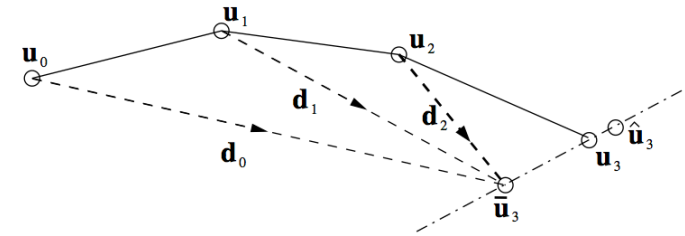
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- as mentioned before, there are quite a few other papers that present related ideas:
  - Eirola and Nevanlinna, Accelerating with rank-one updates, 1989
  - Brown and Saad, Hybrid Krylov methods for nonlinear systems of equations, 1990
  - Vuik and van der Vorst, A comparison of some GMRES-like methods, 1992
  - Saad (1993): flexible GMRES
  - Fokkema, Sleijpen and van der Vorst, Accelerated Inexact Newton Schemes for Large Systems of Nonlinear Equations, 1998
  - etc.



## 6. conclusions

- N-GMRES optimization method:
  - extends concept of preconditioned GMRES to nonlinear optimization (*nonlinear* preconditioning)
  - uses iterate recombination (like Anderson acceleration, DIIS) as an important building block



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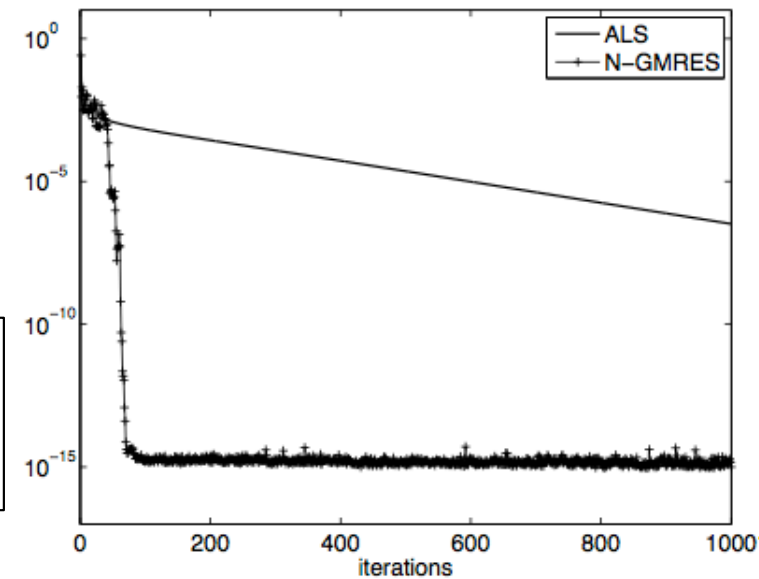
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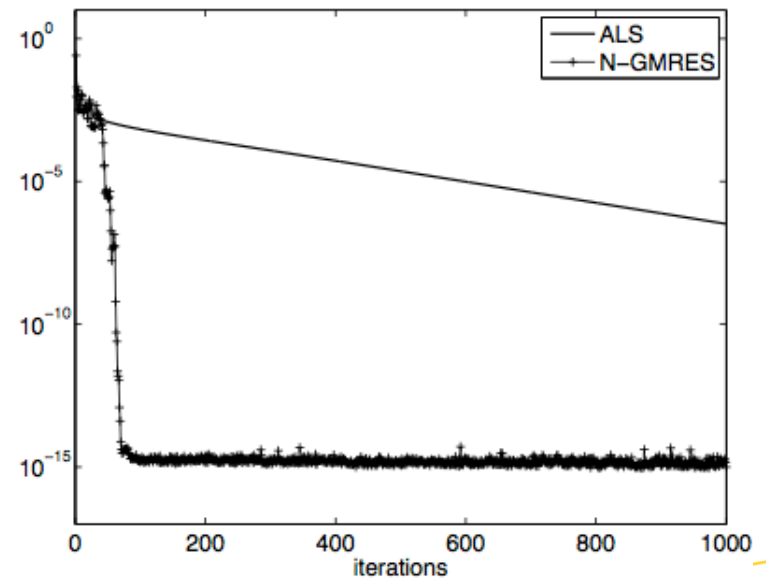
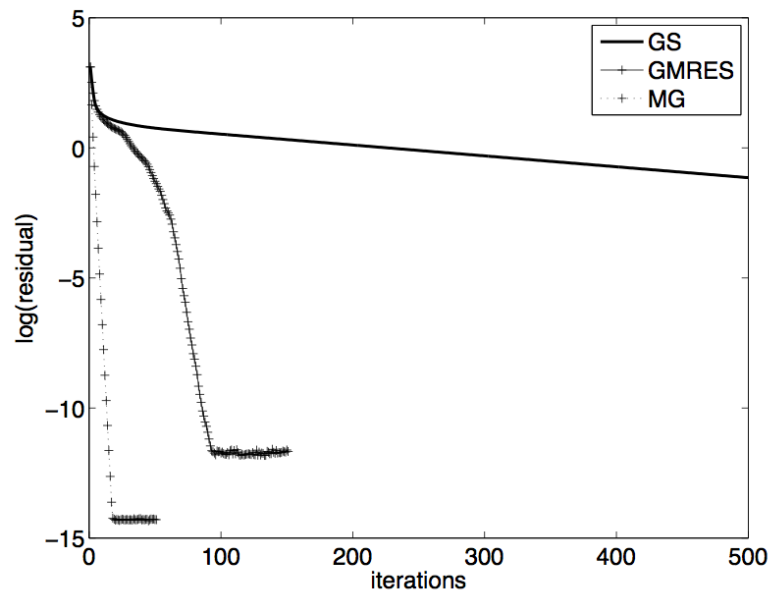
$$\|\mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=0}^i \alpha_j (\mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i+1}) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}_j))\|_2.$$





## conclusions

- N-GMRES optimization method:  
accelerates simple iterative optimization method  
(the nonlinear preconditioner) (ALS)
- just like GMRES accelerates stationary iterative  
method (preconditioner) for  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$

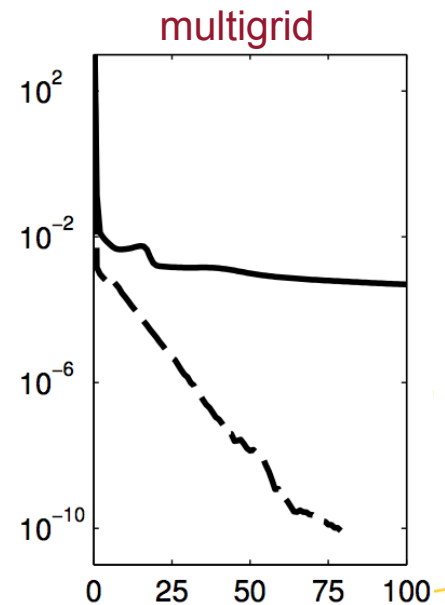
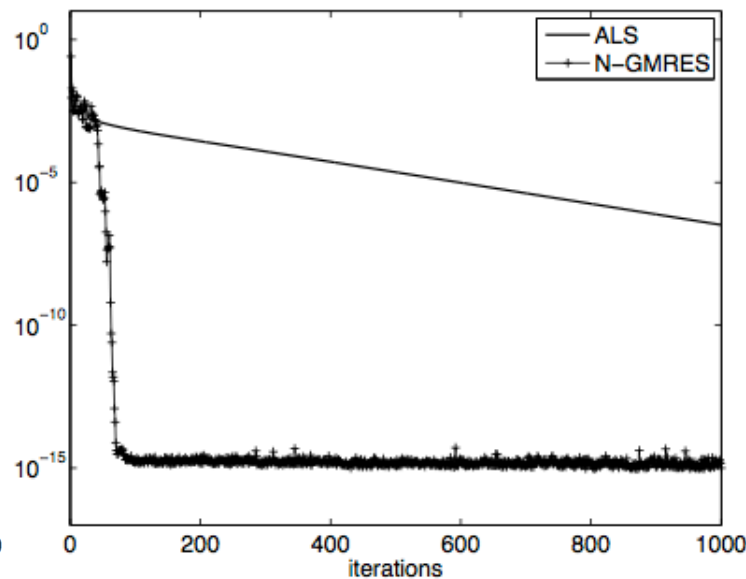
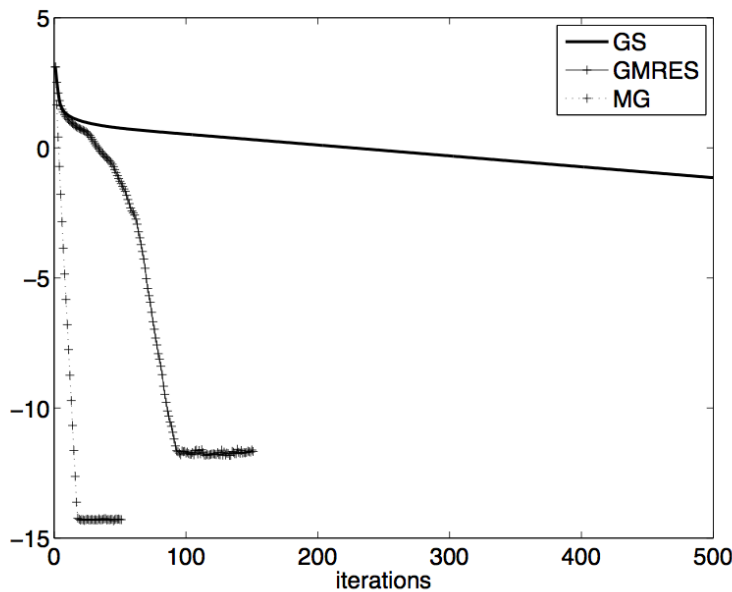


# conclusions

- N-GMRES (with ALS preconditioning) gives strongly improved solver for **canonical tensor decomposition**
- note: we can also do nonlinear adaptive **multigrid** acceleration for the tensor nonlinear optimization problem!

see MS 37. **Optimization methods for tensor decomposition**, Wednesday

12:15–12:40 “*An algebraic multigrid optimization method for low-rank canonical tensor decomposition*”, Killian Miller (ALS smoother)



## conclusions

- N-GMRES optimization method:
  - a general, convergent method (with steepest-descent preconditioning)
  - appears competitive with N-CG, L-BFGS
  - ‘nonlinear preconditioning’ viewpoint is key

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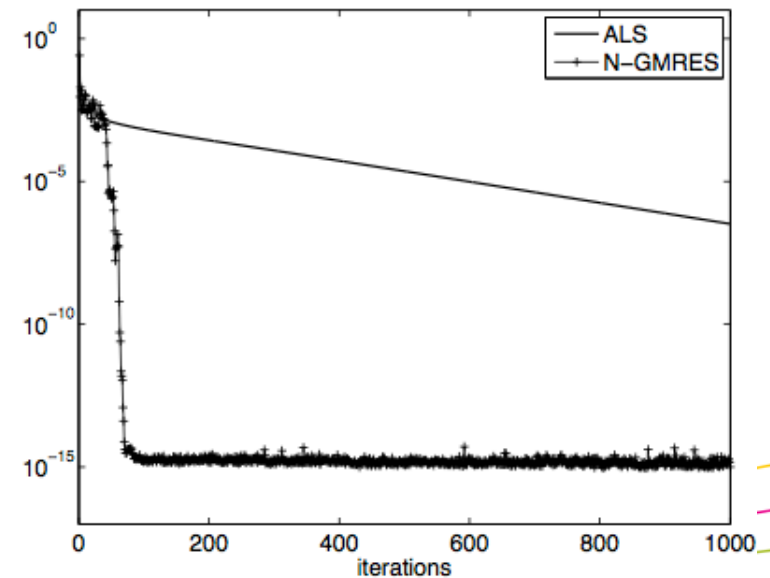
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# open questions: convergence speed of N-GMRES

- GMRES (linear case): convergence rate can be analyzed by considering optimal polynomials etc.
- convergence speed of N-GMRES for optimization: many open questions  
(cfr. Rohwedder and Schneider (2011) for DIIS, superlinear convergence?, multiseccant)
- we should try more applications... (to ALS for other tensor decompositions (see e.g. Grasedyck's talk), and to other problems)

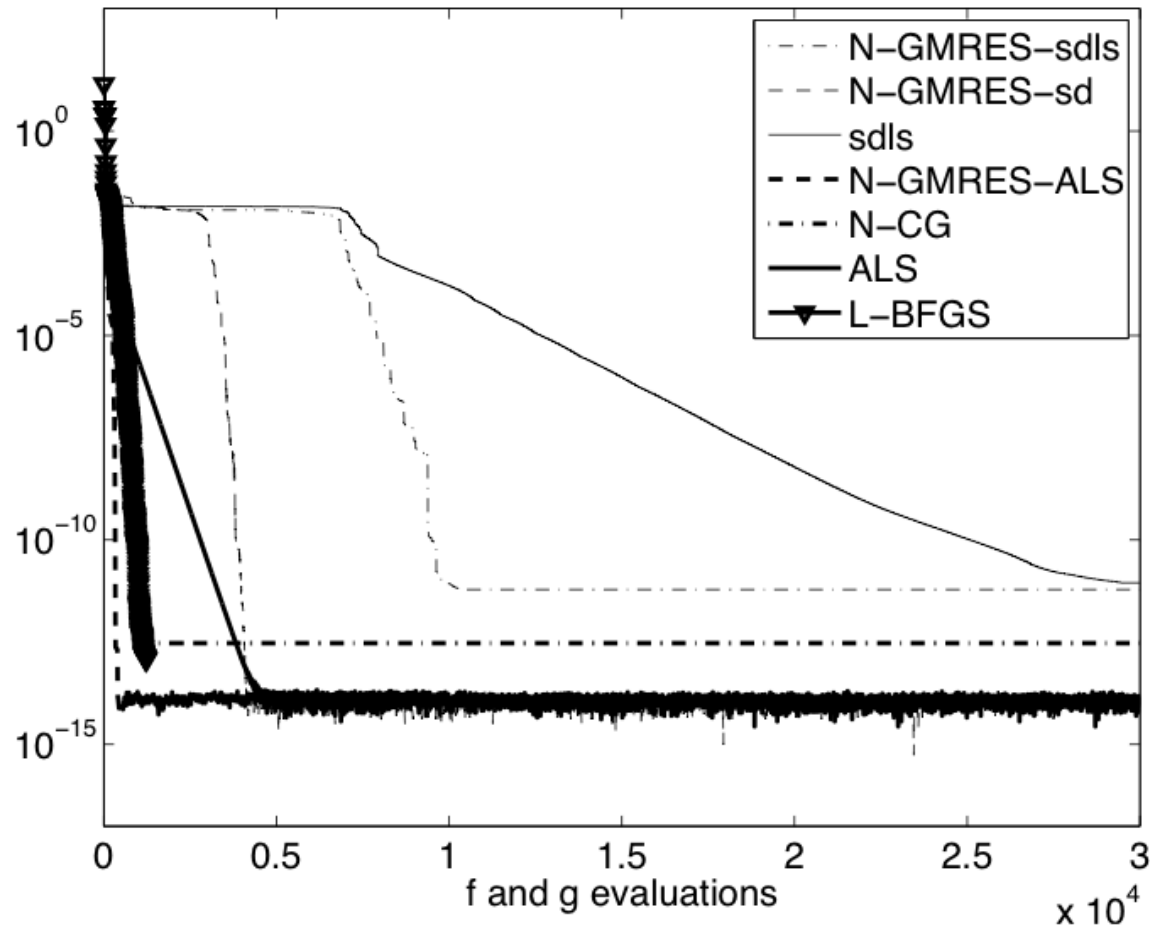
## conclusions

- real power of N-GMRES: N-GMRES optimization framework can employ sophisticated nonlinear preconditioners (use ALS in tensor case)
- power lies in good preconditioners (like case of GMRES for linear systems)

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# the power of N-GMRES optimization (tensor problem)

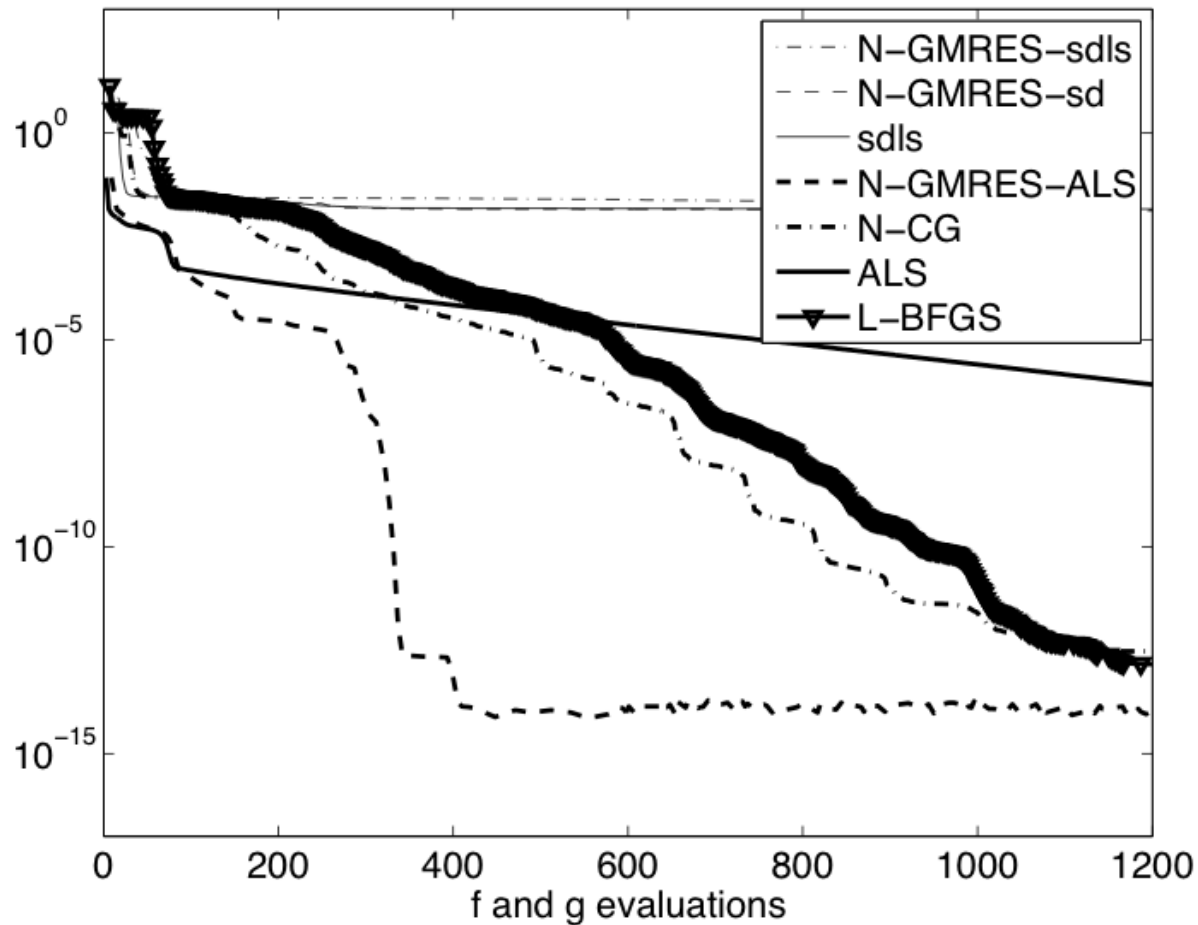
(a) convergence to  $f^*$



steepest  
descent is not  
good enough  
as a  
preconditioner  
for N-GMRES  
(for the tensor  
problem)

# the power of N-GMRES optimization (tensor problem)

(b) convergence to  $f^*$



ALS is a much  
better  
preconditioner!



- thank you
- questions?

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