

Can restarted GMRES exhibit any nonincreasing convergence curve ?

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1. Prescribed convergence for full GMRES

Throughout we will consider a system of linear algebraic equations

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad b \in \mathbb{C}^n,$$

with a non-hermitian nonsingular matrix to be solved by the GMRES method.

Starting with $x_0 = 0$, the k th GMRES iterate x_k **minimizes the residual norm**,

$$\|r_k\| = \|b - Ax_k\| = \min \|b - As\| \quad \text{over all } s \in \mathcal{K}_k(A, b) \equiv \text{span}\{b, Ab, \dots, A^{k-1}b\}.$$

We denote the underlying **Arnoldi decomposition** as

$$AV_k = V_{k+1}\hat{H}_k, \quad \text{where } V_{k+1}^*V_{k+1} = I_{k+1}$$

and $\hat{H}_k \in \mathbb{C}^{(k+1) \times k}$ is upper Hessenberg. If we write $x_k = V_k y_k \in \mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0)$, then

$$\|r_k\| = \|b - AV_k y_k\| = \|V_{k+1}\|b\|e_1 - AV_k y_k\| = \|V_{k+1}(\|b\|e_1 - \hat{H}_k y_k)\| = \min_{y \in \mathbb{C}^k} \left\| \|b\|e_1 - \hat{H}_k y \right\|,$$

i.e. the residual norm is fully determined by the Hessenberg matrix \hat{H}_k .



1. Prescribed convergence for full GMRES

It is known since 1994 [Greenbaum, Strakoš], that if a GMRES convergence curve is generated by some matrix and right hand side $\{A, b\}$, the same curve can be generated by a pair $\{C, d\}$ where the matrix C has **arbitrary nonzero spectrum**.

In 1996, Greenbaum, Pták and Strakoš complemented this result by showing that **any non-increasing convergence curve** is possible with any nonzero spectrum.

Finally, in 1998, Arioli, Pták and Strakoš closed this series of papers with a **parametrization** of the pairs $\{A, b\}$ generating arbitrary Arnoldi behavior:

Theorem 1 [Arioli, Pták and Strakoš - 1998]. *Let n complex nonzero numbers $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and n positive numbers*

$$f(0) \geq f(1) \geq \dots \geq f(n-1) > 0,$$

be given. Let A be a square matrix of size n and let b be a nonzero n -dimensional vector. The following assertions are equivalent:



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1. The matrix A has the **eigenvalues** $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, and the GMRES method applied to A and right-hand side b with zero initial guess yields **residuals** $r^{(k)}$, $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$ such that

$$\|r^{(k)}\| = f(k), \quad k = 0, \dots, n - 1.$$

2. The pair $\{A, b\}$ is of the form

$$A = W \begin{bmatrix} & R \\ h & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_0 \\ I_{n-1} & \vdots \\ & -\alpha_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & R \\ h & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} W^*, \quad b = Wh,$$

where W is a unitary matrix, R is a nonsingular upper triangular matrix of order $n - 1$,

$$h = [\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n]^T, \quad \eta_k = \sqrt{f(k-1)^2 - f(k)^2}, \quad k < n, \quad \eta_n = f(n-1)$$



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and $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ are the coefficients of the polynomial $q(\lambda)$ with roots $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$,

$$q(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n) = \lambda^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j \lambda^j.$$

The previous parametrization contains the unitary matrix $W = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$ representing an **orthogonal basis of the Krylov residual space** $AK_n(A, r_0)$,

$$\text{span}\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\} = \text{span}\{Ab, A^2b, \dots, A^n b\}.$$

From [DT, Meurant - 2012] we easily obtain an **alternative parametrization** working with a unitary matrix $V = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ representing an **orthogonal basis of the Krylov space** $\mathcal{K}_n(A, r_0)$,

$$\text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} = \text{span}\{b, Ab, \dots, A^{n-1}b\} :$$



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Theorem 2 [DT, Meurant]. *Let n complex nonzero numbers $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and n positive numbers*

$$f(0) \geq f(1) \geq \dots \geq f(n-1) > 0,$$

be given. Let A be a square matrix of size n and let b be a nonzero n -dimensional vector. The following assertions are equivalent:

1. *The matrix A has the **eigenvalues** $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, and the GMRES method applied to A and right-hand side b with zero initial guess yields **residuals** $r^{(k)}$, $k = 0, \dots, n-1$ such that*

$$\|r^{(k)}\| = f(k), \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1, .$$



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2. The pair $\{A, b\}$ is of the form

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} & g^T \\ & 0 & T \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_0 \\ I_{n-1} & \vdots \\ & -\alpha_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g^T \\ 0 & T \end{bmatrix} V^*, \quad b = f(0)Ve_1,$$

where V is a unitary matrix, T is nonsingular upper triangular of size $n - 1$,

$$g_1 = \frac{1}{f(0)}, \quad g_k = \frac{\sqrt{f(k-2)^2 - f(k-1)^2}}{f(k-2)f(k-1)}, \quad k = 2, \dots, n$$

and $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ are the coefficients of the polynomial $q(\lambda)$ with roots $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$,

$$q(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n) = \lambda^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha_j \lambda^j.$$



2. Prescribed convergence for restarted GMRES

Prescribing residual norms in **restarted** GMRES was considered in the paper [Vecharinsky, Langou - 2011]. It assumes a rather special situation in GMRES(m) (GMRES restarted after every m th iteration):

1. During every restart cycle, all residual norms **stagnate** except for the very last iteration inside the cycle.
2. In this very last iteration it is assumed that the residual norm is **strictly** decreasing.

Theorem 3 [Vecharinsky, Langou - 2011]. *Let n complex nonzero numbers $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ and k positive numbers*

$$f(0) > f(1) > \dots > f(k-1) > 0,$$

be given. With the assumptions 1. and 2. above, let the very last residual norm at the end of the k th cycle be denoted by $\|\bar{r}_k\|$. If $km < n$, then:



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- There *exists* a matrix A of order n with a right hand side such that GMRES(m) generates residual norms satisfying

$$\|\bar{r}_j\| = f(j), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, k.$$

- The matrix A has the *eigenvalues* $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

In this talk we try to generalize the result of Vecharinsky and Langou. First we wish to

1. **eliminate the condition that** during every restart cycle, all **residual norms stagnate** except for the very last iteration inside the cycle, i.e. we wish to prescribe residual norms **inside** restart cycles,
2. but we keep the condition that the residual norm in the last iteration of every cycle is **strictly** decreasing.



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The system matrix A and right hand side b that we construct will be parametrized as

$$A = VHV^*, \quad b = \|b\|Ve_1,$$

where H is unreduced upper Hessenberg and V is unitary. We will investigate what entries H must have in order to prescribe the residual norms in restarted GMRES.

For the moment we focus on prescribing residual norms in the initial and in the second restart cycle. Let their residuals be denoted as

$$\begin{aligned} r_0^{(1)} &= b, r_1^{(1)}, \dots, r_m^{(1)}, \\ r_0^{(2)} &= r_m^{(1)}, r_1^{(2)}, \dots, r_m^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$



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Let m iterations of the **initial cycle** give the Arnoldi decomposition

$$AV_m^{(1)} = V_{m+1}^{(1)} \hat{H}_m^{(1)}, \quad \text{where} \quad V_{m+1}^{(1)*} V_{m+1}^{(1)} = I_{m+1}.$$

The m iterations of the **second cycle** give the Arnoldi decomposition

$$AV_m^{(2)} = V_{m+1}^{(2)} \hat{H}_m^{(2)}, \quad \text{where} \quad V_{m+1}^{(2)*} V_{m+1}^{(2)} = I_{m+1}, \quad V_{m+1}^{(2)} e_1 = \frac{r_m^{(1)}}{\|r_m^{(1)}\|} \equiv V_{m+1}^{(1)} z^{(1)}.$$

The vector $z^{(1)}$ is $z^{(1)} = \left(I_{m+1} - \hat{H}_m^{(1)} (\hat{H}_m^{(1)})^\dagger \right) e_1 / \left\| \left(I_{m+1} - \hat{H}_m^{(1)} (\hat{H}_m^{(1)})^\dagger \right) e_1 \right\|$.

Then we know that the columns $1, \dots, m$ of H are

$$H \begin{bmatrix} I_m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{H}_m^{(1)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$



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Lemma 1. The matrix $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ is the Hessenberg matrix generated by m iterations of Arnoldi with input matrix H and initial vector $\begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)T} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$, i.e.

$$HZ_m = Z_{m+1}\hat{H}_m^{(2)}, \quad \text{where } Z_{m+1}e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{m+1}^*Z_{m+1} = I_{m+1}. \quad (1)$$

Can we construct the columns $m+1, m+2, \dots, 2m$ of H such that (1) is satisfied with a **prescribed Hessenberg matrix** $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$? This will depend on the number of non-zeroes in $\begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)T} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$ because

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & H & Z_m & Z_{m+1} & \hat{H}_m^{(2)} \\
 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} .
 \end{array}$$



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Lemma 2. Let $r_m^{(1)} = V_{m+1}^{(1)} z^{(1)}$. Then the last $j - 1$ entries of $z^{(1)}$ are zero, i.e.

$$e_i^T z^{(1)} = 0, \quad i = m + 3 - j, \dots, m + 1$$

for an integer j if and only if the last j residual norms are equal, i.e.

$$\|r_0^{(1)}\| \geq \|r_1^{(1)}\| \geq \dots \geq \|r_{m-j}^{(1)}\| > \|r_{m-j+1}^{(1)}\| = \dots = \|r_m^{(1)}\|.$$

Hence with our assumption that the residual norm in the last iteration of every cycle is **strictly** decreasing, we always have $e_{m+1}^T z^{(1)} \neq 0$. By choosing appropriately the columns $m + 1, m + 2, \dots$ of H such that

$$HZ_m = Z_{m+1} \hat{H}_m^{(2)}, \quad \text{where} \quad Z_{m+1} e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{m+1}^* Z_{m+1} = I_{m+1},$$

we can force the Hessenberg matrix $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ to have **prescribed** entries.



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Theorem 4. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix, $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be a nonzero vector and $\hat{H}_m^{(1)}, \hat{H}_m^{(2)} \in \mathbb{C}^{(m+1) \times m}$ be unreduced upper Hessenberg matrices with positive subdiagonal. The following assertions are equivalent.

1. The initial cycle of GMRES(m) applied to A and b *does not stagnate in its last iteration* and generates the Hessenberg matrix $\hat{H}_m^{(1)}$ and the second cycle generates the Hessenberg matrix $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$.
2. The matrix A and the vector b have the form

$$A = VHV^*, \quad b = \|b\|Ve_1,$$

where V is unitary and H is upper Hessenberg and *its first $2m$ columns are:*



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$$H \begin{bmatrix} I_{2m} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{H}_m^{(1)} & \vdots & z^{(1)} e_1^T \hat{H}_m^{(2)} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 & \hat{h}^{(2)} & & \\ 0 & 0 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix} \hat{H}_m^{(2)} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

with $z^{(1)} = \left(I_{m+1} - \hat{H}_m^{(1)} (\hat{H}_m^{(1)})^\dagger \right) e_1 / \left\| \left(I_{m+1} - \hat{H}_m^{(1)} (\hat{H}_m^{(1)})^\dagger \right) e_1 \right\|$ and the vector $\hat{h}^{(2)} = [\hat{h}_1^{(2)}, \dots, \hat{h}_{m+2}^{(2)}]^T$ having the entries

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{h}_1^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{h}_{m+1}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\zeta_{m+1}^{(1)}} \left(h_{1,1}^{(2)} z^{(1)} - \hat{H}_m^{(1)} \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_1^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \zeta_m^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad \hat{h}_{m+2}^{(2)} = \frac{h_{2,1}^{(2)}}{\zeta_{m+1}^{(1)}}.$$



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This result can be easily generalized for k restart cycles, as long as $k \cdot m < n$.

Theorem 5. Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix, $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be a nonzero vector and let for $k \cdot m < n$,

$$\hat{H}_m^{(1)}, \dots, \hat{H}_m^{(k)} \in \mathbb{C}^{(m+1) \times m}$$

be k unreduced upper Hessenberg matrices with positive subdiagonal. The following assertions are equivalent.

1. The k th cycle of GMRES(m) applied to A and b *does not stagnate in its last iteration and generates the Hessenberg matrix $\hat{H}_m^{(k)}$.*
2. The matrix A and the vector b have the form

$$A = VHV^*, \quad b = \|b\|Ve_1,$$

where V is unitary, H is upper Hessenberg and *the columns $(k-1)m+1$ till km corresponding to the k th cycle are:*



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$$H \left[e_{(k-1)m+1}, \dots, e_{km} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\prod_{i=2}^{k-1} \zeta_1^{(i)} \right) z^{(1)} e_1^T \hat{H}_m^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \zeta_1^{(k-1)} z^{(k-2)} e_1^T \hat{H}_m^{(k)} \\ \hat{h}^{(k)} \quad z^{(k-1)} e_1^T \hat{H}_m^{(k)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix} \hat{H}_m^{(k)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \\ 0 \quad \quad \quad 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where}$$



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$$z^{(i)} = \left(I_{m+1} - \hat{H}_m^{(i)} (\hat{H}_m^{(i)})^\dagger \right) e_1 / \left\| \left(I_{m+1} - \hat{H}_m^{(i)} (\hat{H}_m^{(i)})^\dagger \right) e_1 \right\|, \quad i = 1, \dots, k-1,$$

$$\hat{h}^{(k)} = [\hat{h}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \hat{h}_{m+1}^{(k)}]^T = \frac{1}{\zeta_{m+1}^{(k-1)}} \left(h_{1,1}^{(k)} z^{(k-1)} - \hat{H}_m^{(k-1)} [\zeta_1^{(k-1)}, \dots, \zeta_m^{(k-1)}]^T \right),$$

and

$$\hat{h}_{m+2}^{(k)} = \frac{h_{2,1}^{(k)}}{\zeta_{m+1}^{(k-1)}}.$$

Thus we know how to generate, by the right choice of columns of H , **arbitrary** Hessenberg matrices during *all* restarts. Therefore **we can prescribe not only GMRES residual norms, but also Ritz values and other values** (singular values, harmonic Ritz values ...). For residual norms we obtain:



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Corollary. *The residual vectors for the k th restart cycle $r_0^{(k)}, \dots, r_m^{(k)}$ satisfy*

$$\|r_i^{(k)}\| = f(i), \quad i = 0, \dots, m$$

if and only if the initial residual of the cycle has norm $f(0)$ and the generated Hessenberg matrix is of the form

$$\hat{H}_m^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1^{(k)} & \cdots & g_{m+1}^{(k)} \\ & 0 & T_m^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_1^{(k)} & \cdots & g_m^{(k)} \\ & 0 & T_{m-1}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{(m+1) \times m}$$

for a nonsingular upper triangular matrix $T_m^{(k)}$ of size m with leading principal submatrix $T_{m-1}^{(k)}$ of size $m - 1$ and

$$g_1^{(k)} = \frac{1}{f(0)}, \quad g_i^{(k)} = \frac{\sqrt{f(i-2)^2 - f(i-1)^2}}{f(i-2)f(i-1)}, \quad i = 2, \dots, m.$$



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Remark: Note that prescribing k restarts under the condition $km < n$ means that in the parametrization of the matrix A and the vector b ,

$$A = VHV^*, \quad b = \|b\|Ve_1,$$

we prescribe km residual norms and **we put conditions on the first km columns of H only**. The last column can be chosen arbitrarily. It can be checked, that **any nonzero spectrum of A is possible with an appropriate choice of the last column**.

Now we come to the case of **stagnation at the end of the cycles**. For the first two cycles, recall that the Hessenberg matrix $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ of the second cycle satisfies

$$HZ_m = Z_{m+1}\hat{H}_m^{(2)}, \quad \text{where} \quad Z_{m+1}e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} z^{(1)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{m+1}^*Z_{m+1} = I_{m+1},$$

and that for the entries of $z^{(1)}$ we have:



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The last $j - 1$ entries of $z^{(1)}$ are zero,

$$e_i^T z^{(1)} = 0, \quad i = m + 3 - j, \dots, m + 1,$$

if and only if the last j residual norms of the first cycle are equal,

$$\|r_0^{(1)}\| \geq \|r_1^{(1)}\| \geq \dots \geq \|r_{m-j}^{(1)}\| > \|r_{m-j+1}^{(1)}\| = \dots = \|r_m^{(1)}\|.$$

Then the Arnoldi decomposition $HZ_m = Z_{m+1}\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ looks like

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \square \\ m \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Z_m \\ \square \\ j \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} Z_{m+1} \\ \square \\ j \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \hat{H}_m^{(2)} \\ \square \\ j \end{array} .$$



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Therefore, with $j - 1$ stagnation steps at the end of the first restart cycle,

- the first $j - 1$ columns of the Hessenberg matrix of the second cycle $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ are fully determined by $\hat{H}_m^{(1)}$ and $z^{(1)}$ - they cannot be prescribed.
- We can also prove that the first row of $\hat{H}_m^{(2)}$ is zero on its first $j - 1$ positions, i.e. they correspond to iterations with **stagnation!**

Corollary If the **last** $j - 1$ residual norms stagnate in the initial cycle, i.e.

$$\|r_0^{(1)}\| \geq \|r_1^{(1)}\| \geq \dots \geq \|r_{m-j}^{(1)}\| > \|r_{m-j+1}^{(1)}\| = \dots = \|r_m^{(1)}\|$$

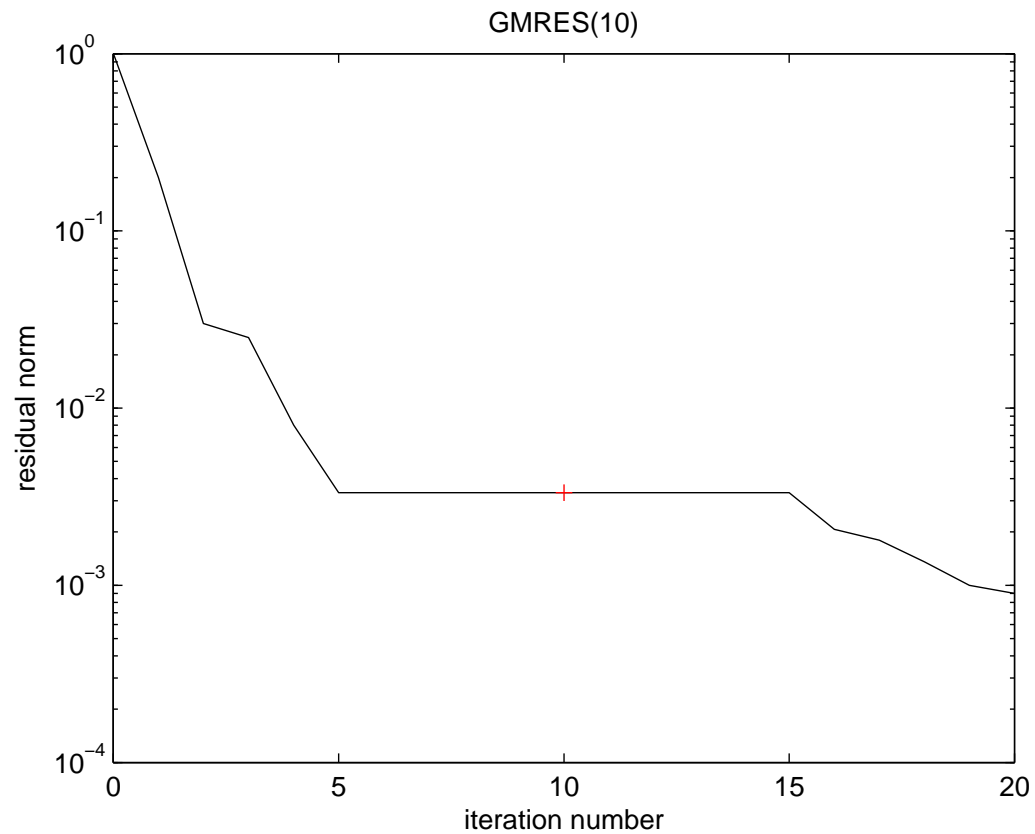
then the **first** $j - 1$ residual norms stagnate in the second cycle,

$$\|r_0^{(2)}\| = \|r_1^{(2)}\| = \dots = \|r_{j-1}^{(2)}\|.$$

Hence **stagnation in one cycle is literally mirrored in the next cycle!**



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Summarizing our results, under the assumption $km < n$, we showed that:

- **Any** non-increasing convergence curve is possible for **restarted** GMRES with **any** nonzero spectrum if there is **no stagnation at the end of any cycle**.
- With prescribed **stagnation at the end of one cycle**, we must prescribe **stagnation at the beginning of the next cycle**.

Future work includes:

- What can be said about the case $km \geq n$?
- Consequences for restarted Arnoldi (recall we can prescribe **Ritz values** instead of residual norms)



Thank you for your attention!

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