

# On computing quadrature-based bounds for the $A$ -norm of the error in conjugate gradients

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# Problem formulation

Consider a system

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

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is **symmetric, positive definite**.

Without loss of generality,  $\|b\| = 1$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ .

# The conjugate gradient method

**input**  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $b$

$r_0 = b$ ,  $p_0 = r_0$

**for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  **do**

$$\gamma_{k-1} = \frac{r_{k-1}^T r_{k-1}}{p_{k-1}^T \mathbf{A} p_{k-1}}$$

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + \gamma_{k-1} p_{k-1}$$

$$r_k = r_{k-1} - \gamma_{k-1} \mathbf{A} p_{k-1}$$

$$\delta_k = \frac{r_k^T r_k}{r_{k-1}^T r_{k-1}}$$

$$p_k = r_k + \delta_k p_{k-1}$$

test quality of  $x_k$

**end for**

# Mathematical properties of CG

optimality property

CG  $\rightarrow x_k, r_k, p_k$

The  $k$ th Krylov subspace,

$$\mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, b) \equiv \text{span}\{b, \mathbf{A}b, \dots, \mathbf{A}^{k-1}b\}.$$

- Residuals  $r_0, \dots, r_{k-1}$  form an orthogonal basis of  $\mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, b)$ .
- The CG approximation  $x_k$  is optimal

$$\|x - x_k\|_{\mathbf{A}} = \min_{y \in \mathcal{K}_k} \|x - y\|_{\mathbf{A}}.$$

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The (relative)  $\mathbf{A}$ -norm of the error plays an important role in stopping criteria in many problems [Deuffhard 1994], [Arioli 2004], [Jiránek, Strakoš, Vohralík 2006]

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# CG versus Lanczos

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be symmetric, positive definite

The CG approximation is the given by

$$x_k = \mathbf{V}_k y_k \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{T}_k y_k = \|b\| e_1.$$

It holds that

$$v_{k+1} = (-1)^k \frac{r_k}{\|r_k\|}, \quad \mathbf{T}_k = \mathbf{L}_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{L}_k^T,$$

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## Summary

- Both algorithms generate an orthogonal basis of the Krylov subspace  $\mathcal{K}_k(\mathbf{A}, b)$ .
- Lanczos generates an orthonormal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  using a **three-term recurrence**  $\rightarrow \mathbf{T}_k$ .
- CG generates an orthogonal basis  $r_0, \dots, r_{k-1}$  using a **coupled two-term recurrence**  $\rightarrow \mathbf{T}_k = \mathbf{L}_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{L}_k^T$ .
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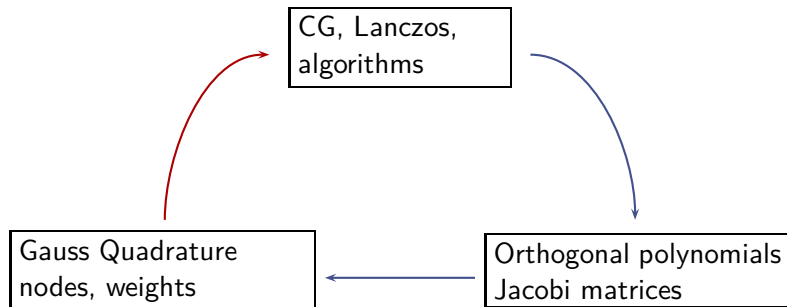
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**CG-related** quantities

$$\|x\|_{\mathbf{A}}^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \gamma_j \|r_j\|^2 + \|x - x_k\|_{\mathbf{A}}^2.$$

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & & & & \\ \beta_1 & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & \beta_{k-1} & & \\ & & & \beta_{k-1} & \alpha_k & \beta_k \\ & & & & \beta_k & \tilde{\alpha}_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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where  $\tau_k \equiv (\mathbf{T}_k^{-1})_{1,1}$ ,  $\tilde{\tau}_k \equiv (\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_k^{-1})_{1,1}$ .

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and update the  $\Delta$ 's without subtraction. Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_j &= \left(\mathbf{T}_{j+1}^{-1}\right)_{1,1} - \left(\mathbf{T}_j^{-1}\right)_{1,1}, \\ \hat{\Delta}_{k+d-1} &= \left(\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{k+d}^{-1}\right)_{1,1} - \left(\mathbf{T}_{k+d-1}^{-1}\right)_{1,1}.\end{aligned}$$

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# CGQL (Conjugate Gradients and Quadrature via Lanczos)

**input**  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $b$ ,  $x_0$ ,  $\mu$

$$r_0 = b - \mathbf{A}x_0, p_0 = r_0$$

$$\delta_0 = 0, \gamma_{-1} = 1, c_1 = 1, \beta_0 = 0, d_0 = 1, \tilde{\alpha}_1^{(\mu)} = \mu,$$

**for**  $k = 1, \dots$ , until convergence **do**

CG-iteration ( $k$ )

$$\alpha_k = \frac{1}{\gamma_{k-1}} + \frac{\delta_{k-1}}{\gamma_{k-2}}, \beta_k^2 = \frac{\delta_k}{\gamma_{k-1}^2}$$

$$d_k = \alpha_k - \frac{\beta_{k-1}^2}{d_{k-1}}, \Delta_{k-1} = \|r_0\|^2 \frac{c_k^2}{d_k},$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_{k+1}^{(\mu)} = \mu + \frac{\beta_k^2}{\alpha_k - \tilde{\alpha}_k^{(\mu)}},$$

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- This idea can be used also for other types of quadratures (Gauss-Lobatto, Anti-Gauss).

# CGQ (Conjugate Gradients and Quadrature)

[Meurant & T. 2012]

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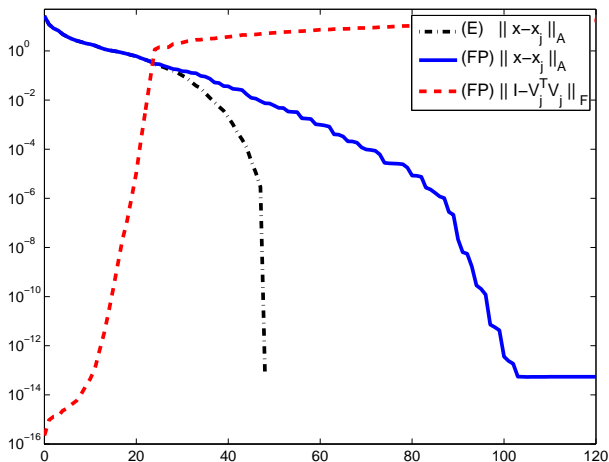
- What happens in finite precision arithmetic?
- How to choose  $d$ ?
- How to choose  $\mu$ ?



# Finite precision arithmetic

## CG behavior

Orthogonality is lost, convergence is delayed!



Identities need not hold in finite precision arithmetic!

- Lower bound [Strakoš & T. 2002, 2005]: The equality

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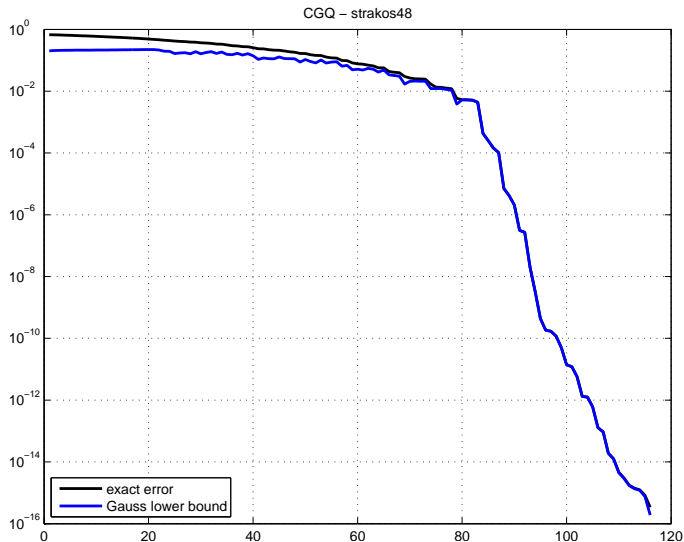
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- Upper bound: There is **no rounding error analysis** of

$$\|x - x_k\|_{\mathbf{A}}^2 = \sum_{j=k}^{k+d-2} \Delta_j + \Delta_{k+d-1}^{(\mu)} + \mathcal{R}_{k+d}^{(R)}.$$

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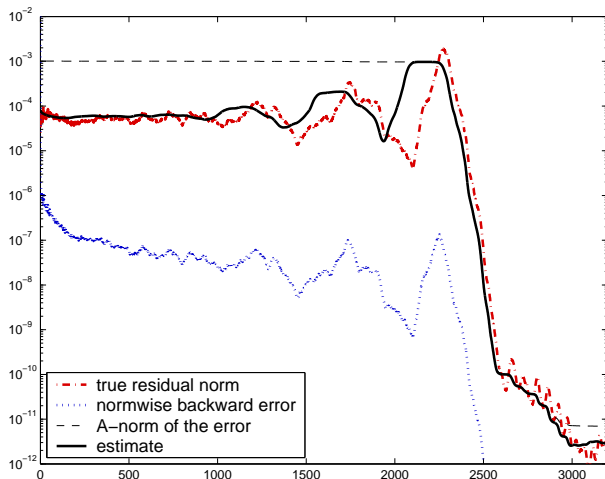
Strakos matrix,  $n = 48$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\lambda_n = 1000$ ,  $\rho = 0.9$ ,  $d = 4$



# The choice of $d$ - Experiment 2

R. Kouhia: Cylindrical shell (Matrix Market), matrix s3dkt3m2

**PCG**,  $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = 3.62e + 11$ ,  $n = 90499$ ,  $d = 200$ ,  $\text{cholinc}(\mathbf{A}, 0)$ .



## The choice of $d$

$$\|x - x_k\|_{\mathbf{A}}^2 = \sum_{j=k}^{k+d-1} \Delta_j + \|x - x_{k+d}\|_{\mathbf{A}}^2$$

We get a tight lower bound if

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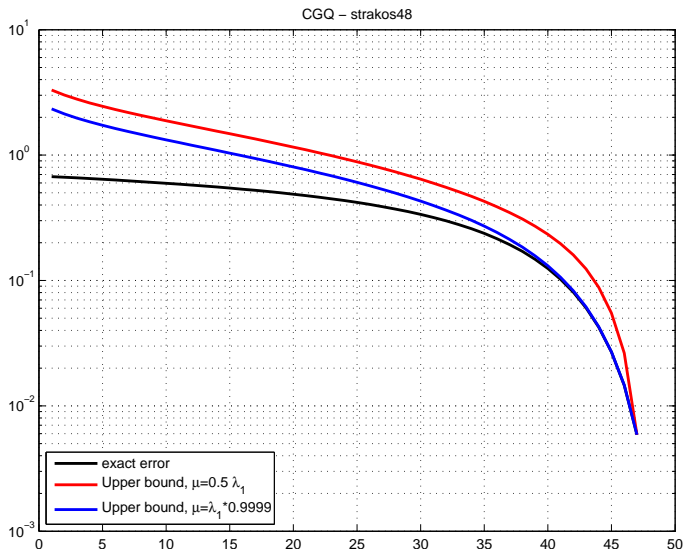
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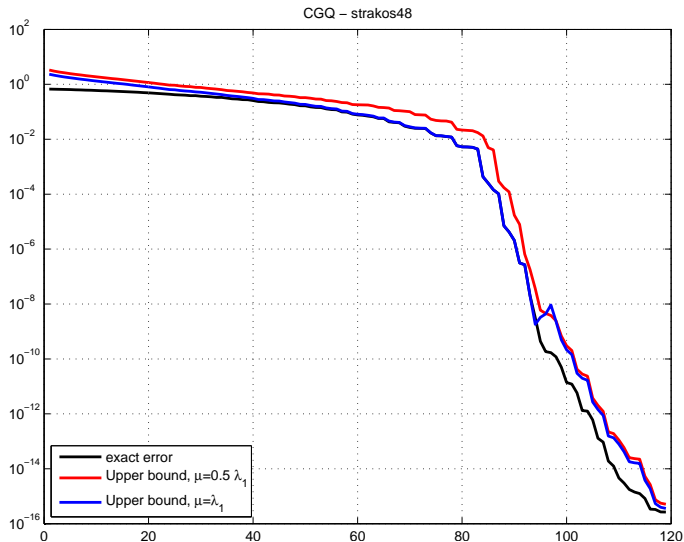
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