



# On the properties of Krylov subspaces in finite precision CG computations

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# The essence of the CG method

Consider preconditioned system

$$Ax = b, \quad A \in \mathbb{F}^{N \times N} \text{ HPD}, \quad b \in \mathbb{F}^N, \quad \mathbb{F} \text{ is } \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}$$

**CG is the projection method which minimizes the energy norm of the error**

$$x_k \in x_0 + \mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0), \quad r_k \perp \mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$
$$\mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0) = \text{span}\{r_0, Ar_0, A^2r_0, \dots, A^{k-1}r_0\}$$

$$\|x - x_k\|_A = \min \{ \|x - y\|_A : y \in x_0 + \mathcal{K}_k(A, r_0) \}.$$

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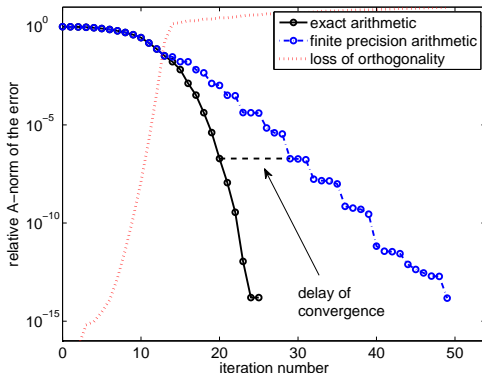


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# CG in finite precision computations

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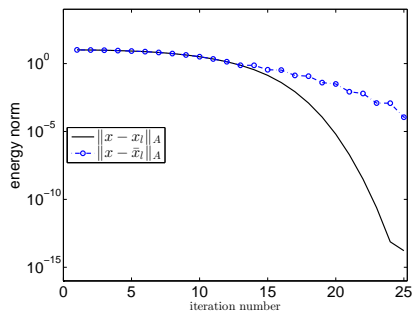
We relate:  $k$ -th iteration of **FP CG**  $\iff$   $l$ -th iteration of exact CG

- $k - l \approx$  delay of convergence
- $k - l \approx$  rank-deficiency of computed Krylov subspace

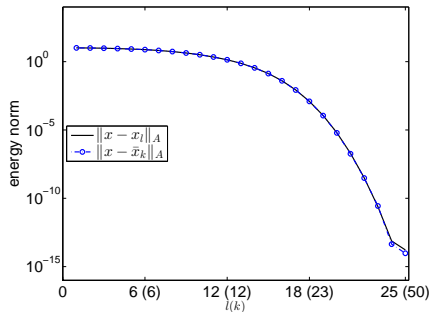
We want to study:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - \bar{x}_k\|_A &\times \|x - x_l\|_A \\ \bar{x}_k &\times x_l \\ \bar{\mathcal{K}}_k(A, r_0) &\times \mathcal{K}_l(A, r_0) \end{aligned}$$

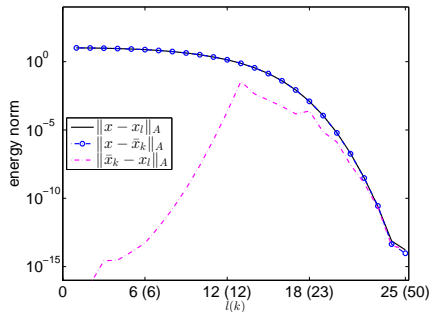
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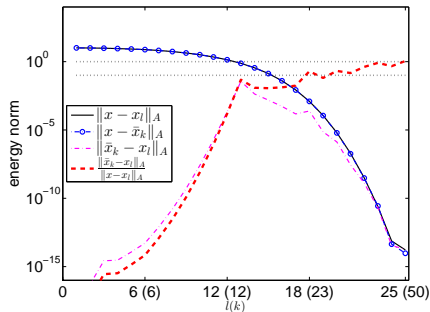
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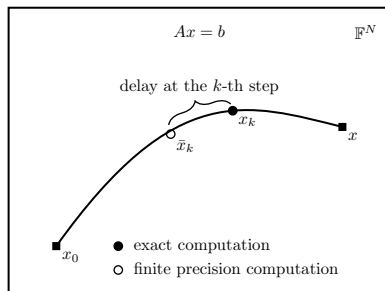
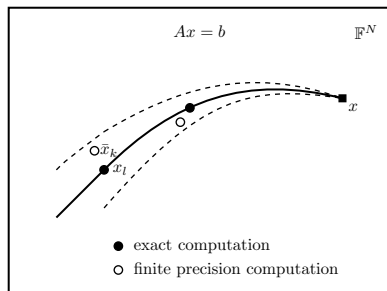
**Observation**

$$\frac{\|\bar{x}_k - x_l\|_A}{\|x - x_l\|_A} \ll 1$$

Trajectories of approximation vectors are very similar in space  $\mathbb{F}^N$ .



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Trajectory of approximations  $\bar{x}_k$  generated by FP CG computations follows closely the trajectory of the exact CG approximations  $x_l$ .

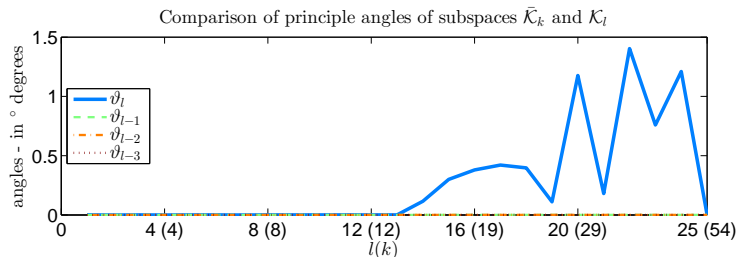
# Comparison of Krylov subspaces

## Canonical angles and vectors

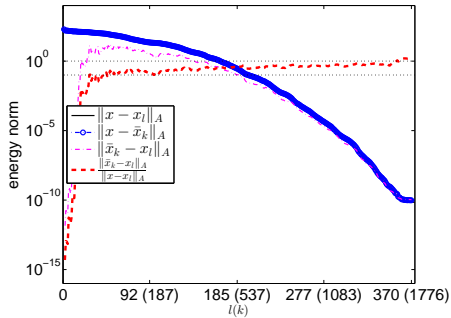
$$\vartheta_j = \min_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{F}_j \\ \|p\|=1}} \min_{\substack{q \in \mathcal{G}_j \\ \|q\|=1}} \arccos(p^*q) \equiv \arccos(p_j^*q_j), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, l$$

where

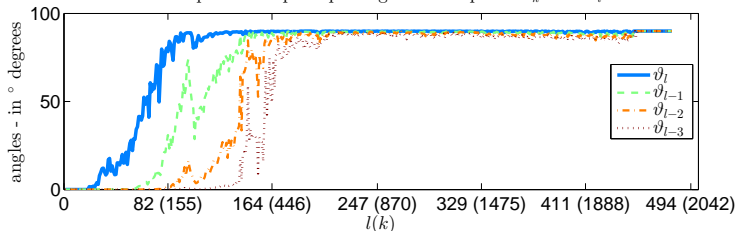
$$\mathcal{F}_j \equiv \mathcal{F} \cap \{p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}\}^\perp, \quad \mathcal{G}_j \equiv \mathcal{G} \cap \{q_1, \dots, q_{j-1}\}^\perp, \\ \mathcal{F} = \bar{\mathcal{K}}_k(A, r_0), \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{K}_l(A, r_0).$$



# “Things are not so nice” (Data: bus494 from MatrixMarket)



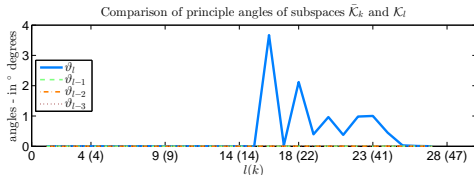
Comparison of principle angles of subspaces  $\bar{\mathcal{K}}_k$  and  $\mathcal{K}_l$



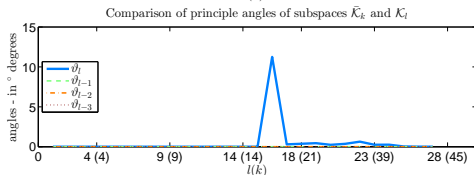
# Influence of clustered eigenvalues

Cluster of 3 largest eigenvalues with width  $\Delta$ .

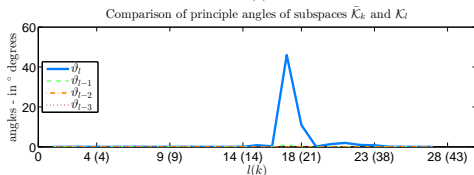
$$\Delta = 10^{-3}$$



$$\Delta = 10^{-8}$$



$$\Delta = 10^{-12}$$



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