

# ITERATIVE PROJECTION METHODS FOR SPARSE LINEAR SYSTEMS AND EIGENPROBLEMS CHAPTER 8 : QMR METHODS

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# Two-sided Lanczos method

A different approach to the biconjugate gradient method is based on the following **two-sided Lanczos** or **nonsymmetric Lanczos** algorithm which was proposed by **Lanczos** (1950) as a method to transform a general matrix to tridiagonal form.

The two-sided Lanczos process determines basis vectors  $v^j$  and  $w^j$  of the Krylov spaces  $\mathcal{K}_k(v^0, A)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_k(w^0, A^T)$ , respectively (i.e. for “both sides of the matrix”) such that  $v^j$  and  $w^j$  are **biorthogonal**, i.e.

$$(w^j)^T v^k = 0 \quad \text{for } j \neq k.$$

In the following algorithm the coefficients are chosen such that:

$$(w^j)^T v^k = \delta_{jk}.$$

Other “normalizations” are possible and are in use.

# Two-sided Lanczos method

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1: Choose  $v^1, w^1$  with  $(v^1)^T w^1 \neq 0$ ;  $v^0 = 0$ ;  $w^0 = 0$ ;  $\beta_0 = 0$ ;  $\gamma_0 = 0$ 
2: for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  do
3:    $\tilde{v} = Av^k$ ;  $\tilde{w} = A^T w^k$ ;
4:    $\alpha_k = \tilde{v}^T w^k$ ;
5:    $\tilde{v} = \tilde{v} - \alpha_k v^k - \beta_{k-1} v^{k-1}$ 
6:    $\tilde{w} = \tilde{w} - \alpha_k w^k - \gamma_{k-1} w^{k-1}$ 
7:    $\gamma_k = \|\tilde{v}\|_2$ 
8:   if  $\gamma_k == 0$  then
9:     STOP
10:  end if
11:   $v^{k+1} = \tilde{v}/\gamma_k$ 
12:   $\beta_k = \tilde{w}^T v^{k+1}$ 
13:  if  $\beta_k == 0$  then
14:    STOP
15:  end if
16:   $w^{k+1} = \tilde{w}/\beta_k$ 
17: end for
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## Two-sided Lanczos ct.

With  $V_k := (v^1, \dots, v^k)$ ,  $W_k := (w^1, \dots, w^k)$  and

$$H_k = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \alpha_{k-1} & \beta_{k-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \gamma_{k-1} & \alpha_k \end{pmatrix}$$

the two-sided Lanczos process can be written as

$$AV_k = V_k H_k + \gamma_k v^{k+1} (e^k)^T, \quad A^T W_k = W_k H_k^T + \beta_k w^{k+1} (e^k)^T.$$

The biorthogonality obtains the form

$$W_k^T V_k = I_k.$$

From

$$\mathcal{K}_k(v^1, A) = \text{span}\{v^1, \dots, v^k\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}_k(w^1, A^T) = \text{span}\{w^1, \dots, w^k\}$$

it follows that the  $k$ -th approximation of the BiCG method can be determined from the tridiagonal system

$$W_k^T (A(x^0 + V_k y^k) - b) = H_k y^k - W_k^T r^0 = 0,$$

$$x^k = x^0 + V_k y^k.$$

The two-sided Lanczos process can break down for two reasons.

If  $\gamma_k = 0$ , i.e.  $v^{k+1} = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{K}_k(r^0, A)$  is an invariant subspace of  $A$ , and for  $v^1 = \beta_0 r^0$

$$AV_k y^k = V_k H_k y^k = r^0 = \beta V_k e^1 \iff V_k (H_k y^k - \beta_0 e^1) = 0.$$

Hence, the solution of  $Ax = b$  has the representation  $x^0 + V_k y^k$ , and the system is solved exactly. This breakdown is called **regular termination** or **lucky termination**.

Secondly the method can break down with  $v^{k+1} \neq 0$  and  $\beta_k = 0$ , i.e.  $(v^{k+1})^T \tilde{w} = 0$ . This case is called **serious breakdown**. One does not obtain biorthogonal bases of the Krylov spaces of dimension  $k + 1$  or higher from the two-sided Lanczos process (with initial vectors  $v^1$  and  $w^1$ ).

## Two-sided Lanczos ct.

With  $r^0 = b - Ax^0 = \beta_0 v^1$  and

$$\tilde{H}_k = \begin{pmatrix} H_k \\ \gamma_k (e^k)^T \end{pmatrix}$$

the residuum of  $x := x^0 + V_k y$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} b - Ax &= b - A(x^0 + V_k y) = r^0 - AV_k y \\ &= \beta_0 v^1 - V_{k+1} \tilde{H}_k y = V_{k+1} (\beta_0 e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y). \end{aligned}$$

The GMRES solution is obtained minimizing

$$\|b - Ax\|_2 = \|V_{k+1} (\beta_0 e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y)\|_2.$$

Observe however, that  $V_{k+1}$  does not have orthonormal columns, and therefore this least squares problem is fully populated.

We neglect the matrix  $V_{k+1}$ , solve the least square problem

$$\|\beta_0 \mathbf{e}^1 - \tilde{H}_k \mathbf{y}\|_2 = \min!$$

and set  $x^k = x^0 + V_k y^k$ .

This can be interpreted as minimizing the residuum with respect to the transformed norm

$$\|W_{k+1}^T r\|_2 = \|W_{k+1}^T V_{k+1}(\beta_0 \mathbf{e}^1 - \tilde{H}_k \mathbf{y})\|_2 = \|\beta_0 \mathbf{e}^1 - \tilde{H}_k \mathbf{y}\|_2 = \min!$$

Hence, to enable a short recurrence the norm is modified in every single step.



Similarly as in the GMRES method the least squares problem in the QMR method can be solved using Givens reflections.

Similarly as in MINRES  $x^k = x^0 + V_k y^k$  can be updated. We do not have to store all previous search directions, but only two of them.

The residual norms are not monotonely decreasing, however, magnifications usually appear only in very few iterations and are of small magnitude.

# QMR with 3 term recurrence

$r = b - Ax$ ;  $\beta = \|r\|$ ;  $v^1 = r/\beta_0$ ;  $w^1 = v^1$ ;  $z_1 = 1$   
 $\beta_0 = 0$ ;  $\gamma_0 = 0$ ;  $v^0 = 0$ ;  $w^0 = 0$ ;  $p^{-1} = 0$ ;  $p^{-2} = 0$ ;

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

$$\tilde{v} = Av^k; \tilde{w} = A^T w^k$$

$$\alpha_k = \tilde{v}^T w^k$$

$$\tilde{v} = \tilde{v} - \alpha_k v^k - \beta_{k-1} v^{k-1};$$

$$\tilde{w} = \tilde{w} - \alpha_k w^k - \gamma_{k-1} w^{k-1}$$

$$\gamma_k = \|\tilde{v}\|_2; v^{k+1} = \tilde{v}/\gamma_k$$

$$\beta_k = \tilde{w}^T v^{k+1}; w^{k+1} = \tilde{w}/\beta_k$$

**if**  $k > 2$  **then**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \beta_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{k-2} & S_{k-2} \\ S_{k-2} & -C_{k-2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta_{k-1} \end{pmatrix};$$

**end if**

**if**  $k > 1$  **then**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_{k-1} \\ \alpha_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{k-1} & S_{k-1} \\ S_{k-1} & -C_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{k-1} \\ \alpha_k \end{pmatrix};$$

**end if**

$$\eta = \sqrt{\alpha_k^2 + \gamma_k^2}$$

$$s_k = \gamma_k/\eta; \quad c_k = \alpha_k/\eta$$

$$\alpha_k = \eta$$

$$z_{k+1} = s_k z_k; \quad z_k = c_k z_k$$

$$p^{k-1} = (v^k - \beta_{k-1} p^{k-2} - \rho p^{k-3})/\alpha_k$$

$$x = x + \beta z_k p^{k-1}$$

**end for**

# Cost of QMR

2 matrix-vector products

3 scalar products

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**Storage requirements:** 10 vectors

$\|r^k\|_2$  is not determined in the QMR method.

However, it holds

$$b - Ax = V_{k+1}(\beta e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y).$$

If the two-sided Lanczos process is normalized such that  $\|v^k\|_2 = 1$  for every  $k$ , then it follows

$$\|r^k\|_2 \leq \|V_{k+1}\|_S \|\beta_0 e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m+1} \|\beta_0 e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y\|_2,$$

and the termination can be based on the moderate overestimation of  $\|r^k\|_2$  on the right.

The norm of the QMR residual can be related to that of the optimal GMRES residual as follows:

## Theorem 8.1

If  $r_G^k$  and  $r_Q^k$  denote the GMRES and QMR residual, respectively, then it holds

$$\|r_Q^k\|_2 \leq \kappa(V_{k+1}) \|r_G^k\|_2,$$

where  $V_{k+1}$  is the matrix of basis vectors for  $\mathcal{K}_{k+1}(r^0, A)$  constructed by the two-sided Lanczos method and  $\kappa(V_{k+1})$  denotes its condition number.

**Proof:** For the GMRES residual it holds that

$$\|r_G^k\|_2 = \min_y \|V_{k+1}(\beta e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y)\| \geq \sigma_{\min}(V_{k+1}) \min_y \|\beta e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y\|_2,$$

where  $\sigma_{\min}(V_{k+1})$  is the smallest singular value of  $V_{k+1}$ . Combining this with

$$\|r_Q^k\|_2 \leq \|V_{k+1}\|_2 \|\beta e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y\|_2 \quad \text{for every } y \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

gives the desired result.

Following the work of [Cullum & Greenbaum](#) (1996) we establish a relationship between the residual norms in the BiCG and the QMR method.

To this end we first consider the relationship between upper Hessenberg linear systems and least squares problems. Let  $H_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  be a family of upper Hessenberg matrices where  $H_{k-1}$  is the  $(k-1)$ -by- $(k-1)$  principal submatrix of  $H_k$ , and let

$$\tilde{H}_k = \begin{pmatrix} H_k \\ h_{k+1,k}(\mathbf{e}^k)^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $\tilde{H}_k$  can be factored in the form  $\tilde{H}_k = F^T R$ , where  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1 \times k+1}$  is an orthogonal matrix and  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1 \times k}$  in an upper triangular matrix.

The factorization  $\tilde{H}_k = F^T R$  can be performed using plane rotations in the manner described for the GMRES algorithm:

$$(F_k \dots F_1) \tilde{H}_k = R, \quad \text{where } F_j = \begin{pmatrix} I_{j-1} & & & \\ & c_j & -s_j & \\ & s_j & c_j & \\ & & & I_{k-j} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that the first  $k - 1$  sines and cosines  $s_j, c_j, j = 1, \dots, k - 1$  are those used in the factorization of  $\tilde{H}_{k-1}$ .

Let  $\beta > 0$  be given, and assume that  $H_k$  is nonsingular. Let  $\tilde{y}^k$  be the solution of the linear system  $H_k y = \beta e^1$ , let  $y^k$  denote the solution of the least squares problem  $\|\tilde{H}_k y - \beta e^1\|_2 = \min$ , and let

$$\tilde{v}^k = \tilde{H}_k \tilde{y}^k - \beta e^1 \quad \text{and} \quad v^k = \tilde{H}_k y^k - \beta e^1.$$



## Lemma 8.2

$$\|v^k\| = \beta |s_1 s_2 \dots s_k| \quad \text{and} \quad \|\tilde{v}^k\| = \beta \frac{1}{|c_k|} |s_1 \dots s_k| \quad (1)$$

$$\|\tilde{v}^k\| = \frac{\|v^k\|}{\sqrt{1 - (\|v^k\|/\|v^{k-1}\|)^2}} \quad (2).$$

**Proof:** The least squares problem with  $\tilde{H}_k$  can be written in the form

$$\min_y \|\tilde{H}_k y - \beta e^1\| = \min_y \|F(\tilde{H}_k y - \beta y^1)\| = \min_y \|Ry - \beta Fe^1\|,$$

and the solution  $y^k$  is determined by solving the triangular system corresponding to the leading  $m$  components of  $Ry - \beta Fe^1$ .

The remainder is therefore zero except for the last component, which is just the last entry of

$$-\beta Fe^1 = -\beta F_k \dots F_1 e^1 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad -\beta s_1 \dots s_k.$$

This establishes the first equality in (1).

# Proof ct.

For  $\tilde{y}^k = \beta H_k^{-1} e^1$  we have

$$\tilde{v}^k = \beta \tilde{H}_k H_k^{-1} e^1 - \beta e^1$$

which is zero except for the last entry, and this one is  $\beta h_{k+1,k}$  times the  $(m, 1)$  entry of  $H_k^{-1}$ .

$H_k$  can be factored in the form  $\tilde{F}^T \tilde{R}$ , where  $\tilde{F} = \tilde{F}_{k-1} \dots \tilde{F}_1$ , and  $\tilde{F}_j$  is the  $j$ -by- $j$  principle submatrix of  $F_j$ .

The matrix  $\tilde{H}_k$  after applying the first  $k - 1$  plane rotations has the form

$$(\tilde{F}_{k-1} \dots \tilde{F}_1) \tilde{H}_k = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & \dots & * \\ & * & \dots & * \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & r \\ & & & h \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $r$  is the  $(k, k)$ -entry of  $\tilde{R}$  and  $h = h_{k+1,k}$ .

The  $k$ -th rotation is chosen such to annihilate the nonzero entry in the last row:

$$c_k = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}}, \quad s_k = -\frac{h}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}}.$$

Since  $H_k^{-1} = \tilde{R}^{-1} \tilde{F}$ , the  $(k, 1)$ -entry of this is  $\frac{1}{r}$  times the  $(k, 1)$ -entry of  $\tilde{F} = \tilde{F}_{k-1} \dots \tilde{F}_1$ , and this is just  $s_1 \dots s_{k-1}$ .

It follows that the nonzero entry of  $\tilde{v}^k$  is  $\beta \frac{h_{k+1,k}}{r} s_1 \dots s_{k-1}$ . Finally, using the fact that  $|s_k/c_k| = |h/r| = |h_{k+1,k}/r|$  we obtain the second equality in (1).

From equation (1) it is clear that

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{v}^k\|}{\|\mathbf{v}^{k-1}\|} = |s_k| \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}^k\|}{\|\mathbf{v}^k\|} = \frac{1}{|c_k|}.$$

The result (2) follows upon replacing  $|c_k|$  by  $\sqrt{1 - |s_k|^2}$ .

An immediate consequence of Lemma 8.2 is the following relationship between the BiCG residual and the quantity

$$z_Q^k = \beta e^1 - \tilde{H}_k y_Q^k,$$

which is related to the residual  $r_Q^k$  of the QMR algorithm:

$$r_Q^k = V_{k+1} z_Q^k, \quad \|r_Q^k\| \leq \sqrt{m+1} \|z_Q^k\|.$$

We will refer to  $z_Q^k$  as the QMR **quasi-residual**, the vector whose norm is actually minimized in the QMR algorithm.

## Theorem 8.3

Assume that the Lanczos vectors at step 1 through  $m$  are defined and that the triangular matrix generated by the Lanczos algorithm at step  $m$  is nonsingular.

Then The BiCG residual  $r_B^k$  and the QMR quasi-residual  $z_Q^k$  are related by

$$\|r_B^k\| \leq \frac{\|z_Q^k\|}{\sqrt{1 - (\|z_Q^k\|/\|z_Q^{k-1}\|)^2}}.$$

**Proof:** From

$$AV_k = V_{k+1}\tilde{H}_k, \quad x^k = x^0 + V_k y^k \quad \text{and} \quad H_k y^k = \beta e^1$$

it follows that the BiCG residual can be written as

$$r_B^k = r^0 - AV_k y_B^k = r^0 - V_{k+1}\tilde{H}_k y_B^k = V_{k+1}(\beta e^1 - \beta\tilde{H}_k H_k^{-1} e^1).$$

The quantity in parentheses has only one nonzero entry (in its last component), and from  $\|v^{k-1}\| = 1$  we get

$$\|r_B^k\| = \|\beta e^1 - \beta\tilde{H}_k H_k^{-1} e^1\|.$$

The desired result follows from Lemma 8.2 and the definition of  $z_Q^k$ .

In most cases, the quasi-residual norms and the actual residual norms in the QMR algorithm are of the same order of magnitude:

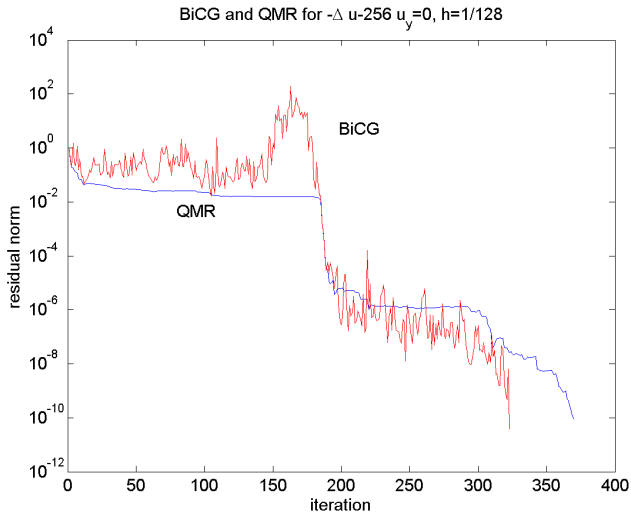
$$\sigma_{\min}(V_{k+1})\|z_Q^k\| \leq \|r_Q^k\| \leq \sqrt{m+1}\|z_Q^k\|.$$

Theorem 8.3 shows that if the QMR quasi-residual norm is reduced by a significant factor at step  $m$ , then the BiCG residual norm will be approximately equal to the QMR quasi-residual norm at step  $m$ , since the denominator in the right hand side will be close to 1.

If the QMR quasi-residual norm remains almost constant, then the denominator will be close to 0, and the BiCG residual norm will be much larger.

Note that the graph of the QMR quasi-residual norm must be very flat before the BiCG residual norm is orders-of-magnitude larger. Peaks in the BiCG residual norm always correspond to plateaus of the QMR quasi-residual norm.

# Example



QMR can be preconditioned as before solving the linear system

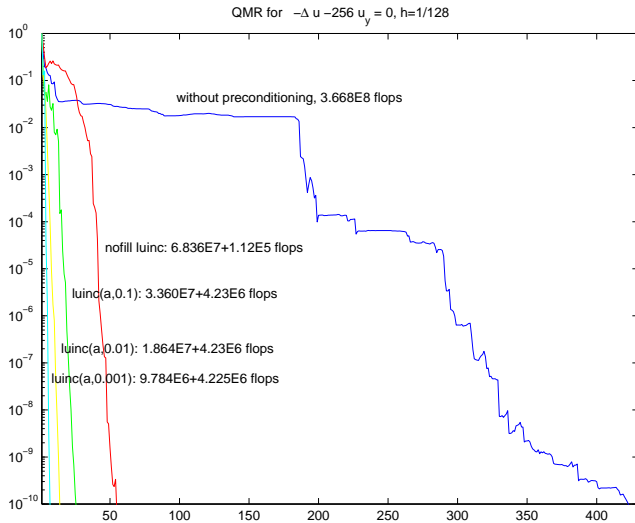
$$M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b \quad \text{or} \quad AM^{-1}y = b, \quad x = M^{-1}y,$$

where  $M \approx A$  and linear systems with coefficient matrix  $M$  can be solved inexpensively.

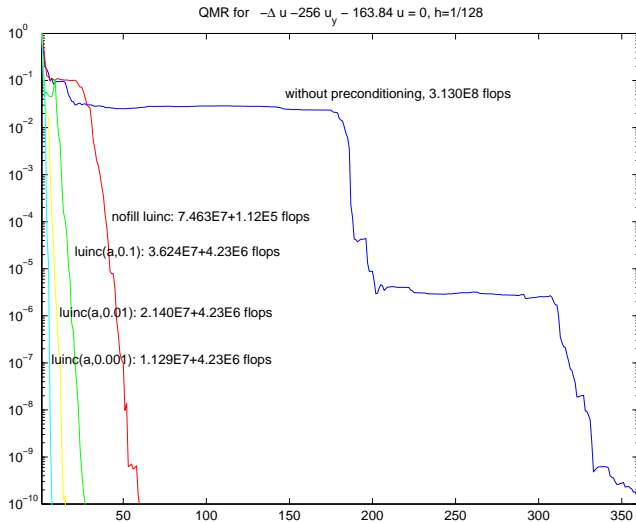
The following examples demonstrate the efficiency of left preconditioning.



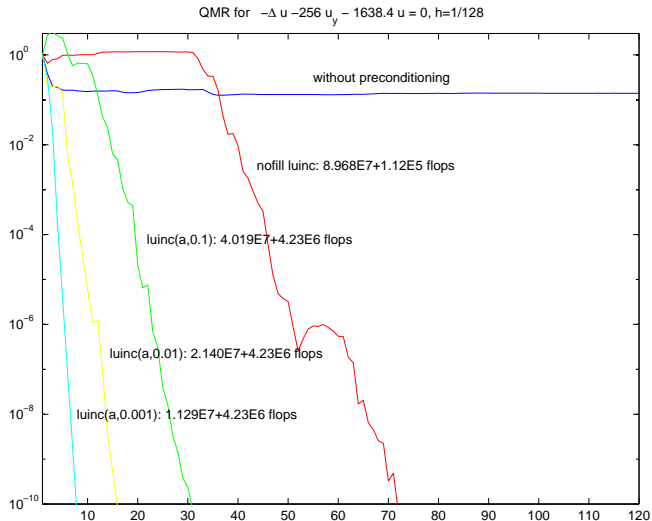
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# Two-term recurrence

In addition to the two-sided Lanczos process with 3-term recurrence a coupled 2-term Lanczos process was introduced by [Freund & Nachtigal \(1994\)](#) to determine biorthogonal bases  $\{v^j\}$  and  $\{w^j\}$ . In this case additional bases  $\{p^j\}$  of  $\mathcal{K}_k(v^1, A)$  and  $\{q^j\}$  of  $\mathcal{K}_k(w^1, A^T)$  are determined.

Let  $P_k = [p^1, \dots, p^k]$ ,  $Q_k = [q^1, \dots, q^k]$ . We want to recover from these matrices the Lanczos bases  $v^j, w^j, j = 1, \dots, k$ . That is, we have to find  $R_k, \tilde{R}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$  und  $L, \tilde{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1 \times k}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} V_k &= P_k R_k & \text{and} & & W_k &= Q_k \tilde{R}_k \\ A P_k &= V_{k+1} L_k & \text{and} & & A^T Q_k &= Q_{k+1} \tilde{L}_k \end{aligned}$$

From  $\text{span}\{v^1, \dots, v^j\} = \text{span}\{p^1, \dots, p^j\} = \mathcal{K}_j(v^1, A)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, k$  it follows, that  $R_k$  (for analogous reasons  $\tilde{R}_k$ ) is an upper triangular matrix, and

$$A p^j = A \left( \sum_{i=1}^j r_{ij}^{(-1)} v^i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^j r_{ij}^{(-1)} A v^i = \sum_{i=1}^{j+1} \rho_{ij} v^i$$

demonstrates that  $L$  (and correspondingly  $\tilde{L}$ ) is an upper Hessenberg matrix.

## Two-term recurrence ct.

Let  $\ell^k$  be the last column of  $L$ . From  $W_k^T V_k = I_k$  we get

$$Ap^k = V_{k+1}\ell^k \quad \text{and} \quad V_k W_k^T Ap^k = V_k W_k^T V_{k+1}\ell^k = V_k [I_k, 0]\ell^k,$$

and assuming  $\ell_{k+1,k} = 1$  which is just a scaling of  $p^k$  it follows that

$$v^{k+1} = Ap^k - V_k W_k^T Ap^k = Ap^k - V_k \tilde{R}_k^T Q_k^T Ap^k,$$

and analogously

$$w^{k+1} = A^T q^k - W_k V_k^T A^T q^k = A^T q^k - W_k R_k^T P_k^T A^T q^k.$$

These two equations demonstrate, that  $Q_k^T Ap^k$  determines the length of the recurrences for the Lanczos vectors  $v^k$  and  $w^k$ .

To obtain a short recurrence for  $v^{k+1}$  and  $w^{k+1}$  we require  $A$ -orthogonality of  $P_k$  and  $Q_k$ :

$$Q_k^T AP_k = D_k = \text{diag}\{d_1, \dots, d_k\}.$$

## Two-term recurrence ct.

From

$$v^k = \sum_{j=1}^k r_{jk} p^j \Rightarrow p^k = \frac{1}{r_{kk}} \left( v^k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} r_{jk} p^j \right)$$

it follows for  $i = 1, \dots, k-2$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (q^i)^T A p^k = \frac{1}{r_{kk}} q^i A \left( v^k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} r_{jk} p^j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r_{kk}} (q^i)^T A v^k - \frac{1}{r_{kk}} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} r_{jk} (q^i)^T A p^j = \frac{1}{r_{kk}} (A q^i)^T v^k - \frac{r_{ik}}{r_{kk}} d_k. \end{aligned}$$

$A q^i \in \mathcal{K}_{i+1}(v^1, A)$  implies  $(A q^i)^T v^k = 0$ , from which we obtain  $r_{ik} = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k-2$ .

Hence,  $R$  (and analogously  $\tilde{R}$ ) is a bidiagonal upper triangular matrix.

## Two-term recurrence ct.

$p^k = v^k + \alpha p^{k-1}$ , and multiplying by  $(q^{k-1})^T A$  from the left yields

$$0 = (q^{k-1})^T A p^k = (q^{k-1})^T A v^k + \alpha (q^{k-1})^T A p^{k-1}$$

i.e.

$$p^k = v^k - p^{k-1} \frac{(q^{k-1})^T A v^k}{(q^{k-1})^T A p^{k-1}}.$$

Analogously, we obtain

$$q^k = w^k - q^{k-1} \frac{(p^{k-1})^T A^T w^k}{(q^{k-1})^T A p^{k-1}}.$$

## Two-term recurrence ct.

From  $Q_k A P_k = D_k$  and

$$v^{k+1} = A p^k - V_k \tilde{R}_k^T Q_k^T A p^k,$$

it follows  $v^{k+1} = A p^k + \alpha v^k$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $(w^k)^T v^{k+1} = 0$  yields

$$v^{k+1} = A p^k - v^k \frac{(w^k)^T A p^k}{(w^k)^T v^k},$$

and similarly

$$w^{k+1} = A^T q^k - w^k \frac{(w^k)^T A^T q^k}{(w^k)^T v^k}.$$

Hence,  $L_k$  and  $\tilde{L}_k$  are lower bidiagonal  $(k+1) \times k$  Hessenberg matrices.



## Two-term recurrence ct.

In conclusion, we obtain the following coupled two-term recurrence

$$\begin{aligned}p^k &= v^k - p^{k-1} \frac{(q^{k-1})^T A v^k}{(q^{k-1})^T A p^{k-1}} \\q^k &= w^k - q^{k-1} \frac{(p^{k-1})^T A^T w^k}{(q^{k-1})^T A p^{k-1}} \\v^{k+1} &= A p^k - v^k \frac{(w^k)^T A p^k}{(w^k)^T v^k} \\w^{k+1} &= A^T q^k - w^k \frac{(w^k)^T A^T q^k}{(w^k)^T v^k}.\end{aligned}$$

$x^k = x^0 + P_k y^k$ ,  $y^k \in \mathbb{R}^k$  implies

$$r^k = r^0 - A P_k y^k = r^0 - V_{k+1} L_k y^k = V_{k+1} (e^1 - L_k y^k),$$

and the QMR method can be performed by

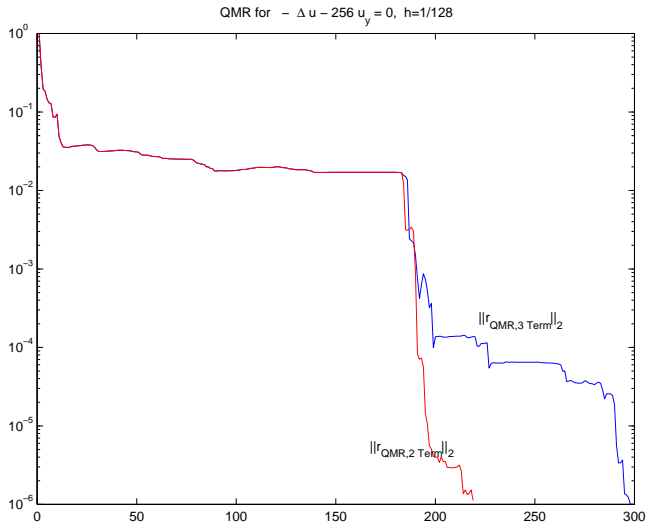
$$\|e^1 - L_k y^k\| = \min!, \quad x^k = x^0 + P_k y^k.$$

Work and storage requirements are low and comparable to the original implementation.

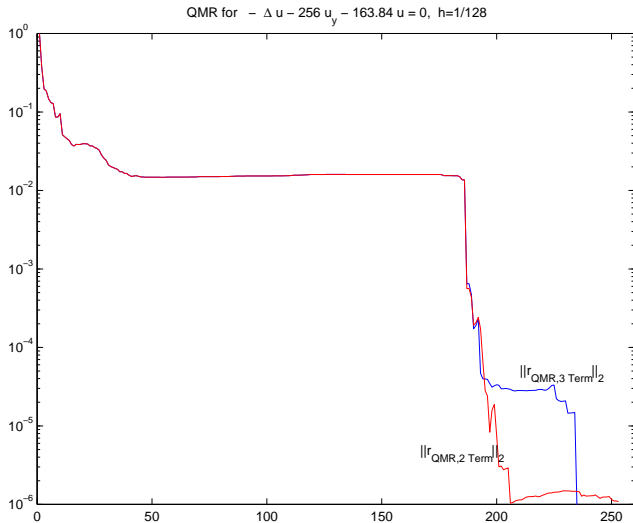
Direction vectors used to update  $x^k$  also have a two-term recurrence.

Numerical examples indicate that the numerical properties are better. Typically,  $\kappa(L_k) < \kappa(H_k)$ , and sometimes  $\kappa(L_k) \ll \kappa(H_k)$

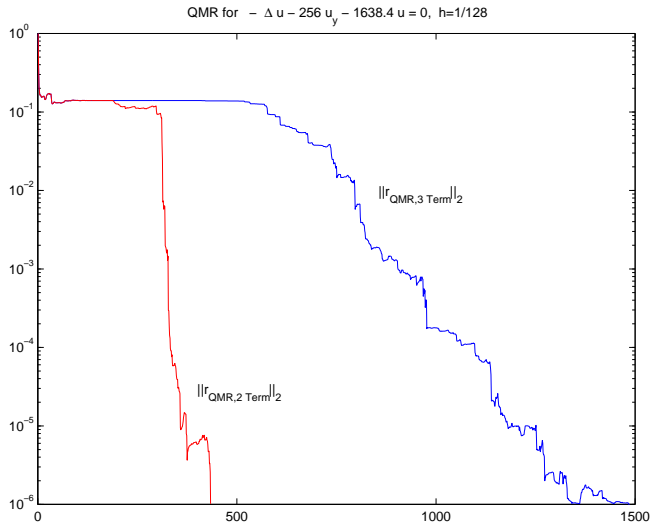
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The look-ahead Lanczos process prevents possible break downs of the classical Lanczos method by relaxing the biorthogonality condition.

Look-ahead Lanczos methods were introduced by Parlett, Taylor & Liu (1985) solving eigenvalue problems numerically; in connection with QMR methods for sparse linear systems they were studied by Freund, Gutknecht & Nachtigal (1993,1994).

It fills the gap between regular vectors  $v^{k_j}$  and  $v^{k_{j+1}}$  (and between  $w^{k_j}$  and  $w^{k_{j+1}}$ ) such that  $k_{j+1} > k_j + 1$  adding vectors

$$v^k \in \mathcal{K}_k(v^1, A) \setminus \mathcal{K}_{k-1}(v^1, A), \quad w^k \in \mathcal{K}_k(w^1, A^T) \setminus \mathcal{K}_{k-1}(w^1, A^T),$$

$$k = k_j, \dots, k_{j+1} - 1, ..$$

These **inner** vectors can be chosen such that the vectors  $v^j$  and  $w^k$  from different blocks are biorthogonal, where the vectors  $v^i$ ,  $i = k_j, \dots, k_{j+1} - 1$ , are referred to as the  $j$ -th block.

# Two-sided Lanczos method

```
1: Choose  $v^1, w^1$  with  $(v^1)^T w^1 \neq 0$ ;  $v^0 = 0$ ;  $w^0 = 0$ ;  $\beta_0 = 0$ ;  $\gamma_0 = 0$ 
2: for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  do
3:    $\tilde{v} = Av^k$ ;  $\tilde{w} = A^T w^k$ ;
4:    $\alpha_k = \tilde{v}^T w^k$ ;
5:    $\tilde{v} = \tilde{v} - \alpha_k v^k - \beta_{k-1} v^{k-1}$ 
6:    $\tilde{w} = \tilde{w} - \alpha_k w^k - \gamma_{k-1} w^{k-1}$ 
7:    $\gamma_k = \|\tilde{v}\|_2$ 
8:   if  $\gamma_k == 0$  then
9:     STOP
10:  end if
11:   $v^{k+1} = \tilde{v} / \gamma_k$ 
12:   $\beta_k = \tilde{w}^T v^{k+1}$ 
13:  if  $\beta_k == 0$  then
14:    STOP
15:  end if
16:   $w^{k+1} = \tilde{w} / \beta_k$ 
17: end for
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# Look-ahead ct.

Basic idea:

Compute pairs of inner vectors

$$v^j \quad \text{and} \quad w^j, \quad j = k + 1, \dots, k'$$

that satisfy a relaxed biorthogonality condition

$$(w^i)^T v^j = (w^j)^T v^i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k - 1$$

until it is safe to compute a next pair of regular vectors  $v^{k'+1}$  and  $w^{k'+1}$ .

The look-ahead Lanczos method generates blocks of vectors of length  $k' + 1 - k$

$$V^\ell = [v^k \ v^{k+1} \ \dots \ v^{k'}], \quad W^\ell = [w^k \ w^{k+1} \ \dots \ w^{k'}]$$

( $k' = k$  for the standard Lanczos algorithm) such that

$$[v^1 \ v^2 \ \dots \ v^k] = [V^{(1)} \ V^{(2)} \ \dots \ V^{(\ell)}], \quad [w^1 \ w^2 \ \dots \ w^k] = [W^{(1)} \ W^{(2)} \ \dots \ W^{(\ell)}].$$

The biorthogonality requirement for the standard Lanczos method is replaced by the block biorthogonality

$$(W^{(j)})^T V^{(\ell)} = (W^{(\ell)})^T V^{(j)} = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, \ell - 1,$$

and  $H_k = W_k^T A V_k$  becomes block-tridiagonal.



# Look ahead Lanczos method

Choose  $v^1, w^1$  with  $\|v^1\|_2 = 1; \|w^1\|_2 = 1$

$$\tilde{V}_1 = v^1; \tilde{W}_1 = w^1; \tilde{D}_1 := \tilde{W}_1^T \tilde{V}_1$$

$$\tilde{V}_0 = \emptyset; \tilde{W}_0 = \emptyset; v^0 = 0; w^0 = 0$$

$$k_1 = 1; p = 1; \rho_1 = 1; \xi_1 = 1$$

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

**if**  $\det \tilde{D}_p \neq 0$  **then**

$$\tilde{v}^{k+1} = Av^k - \tilde{V}_p \tilde{D}_p^{-1} \tilde{W}_p^T Av^k - \tilde{V}_{p-1} \tilde{D}_{p-1}^{-1} \tilde{W}_{p-1}^T Av^k$$

$$\tilde{w}^{k+1} = A^T w^k - \tilde{W}_p \tilde{D}_p^{-1} \tilde{V}_p^T A^T w^k - \tilde{W}_{p-1} \tilde{D}_{p-1}^{-1} \tilde{V}_{p-1}^T A^T w^k$$

$$k_{p+1} = k + 1; p = p + 1; \tilde{V}_p = \emptyset; \tilde{W}_p = \emptyset$$

**else**

$$\tilde{v}^{k+1} = Av^k - \zeta_k v^k - (\eta_k / \rho_k) v^{k-1} - \tilde{V}_{p-1} \tilde{D}_{p-1}^{-1} \tilde{W}_{p-1}^T Av^k$$

$$\tilde{w}^{k+1} = A^T w^k - \zeta_k w^k - (\eta_k / \rho_k) w^{k-1} - \tilde{W}_{p-1} \tilde{D}_{p-1}^{-1} \tilde{V}_{p-1}^T A^T w^k$$

**end if**

# Look ahead Lanczos ct.

$$\rho_{k+1} = \|\tilde{v}^{k+1}\|_2$$

$$\xi_{k+1} = \|\tilde{w}^{k+1}\|_2$$

**if**  $\rho_{k+1}\xi_{k+1} == 0$  **then**

STOP

**end if**

$$v^{k+1} = \tilde{v}^{k+1} / \rho_{k+1}$$

$$w^{k+1} = \tilde{w}^{k+1} / \xi_{k+1}$$

$$\tilde{V}_p = (\tilde{V}_p, v^{k+1})$$

$$\tilde{W}_p = (\tilde{W}_p, w^{k+1})$$

$$\tilde{D}_p = \tilde{W}_p^T \tilde{V}_p$$

**end for**

1.  $\zeta_k$  and  $\eta_k$  are coefficients which (with the exception of  $\eta_{k_j} = 0$ ) can be chosen arbitrarily. Since the blocks, which are built in the look-ahead Lanczos method, are usually small ([Freund, Gutknecht & Nachtigal](#) report that the maximum size that they observed in their numerical examples was 4) the choice of  $\zeta_k$  and  $\eta_k$  is not of great influence on the total iteration.

2. In the algorithm above inner vectors are only determined if a serious breakdown would appear in exact arithmetic. In practice a look-ahead Lanczos algorithm must also be able to handle near break-downs, i.e.  $((w^k)^T v^k \approx 0$ , but  $v^k \neq 0$ ,  $w^k \neq 0$ ).

To check the regularity of  $\tilde{D}_p$  in QMRPACK the minimal singular value of  $\tilde{D}_p$  is monitored.

3. If only regular steps are performed then the look-ahead Lanczos process reduces to the two-sided Lanczos method.

For the coupled 2-term recurrences breakdown is possible not only since  $(w^k)^T v^k \approx 0$ , but also since  $d_k = (q^k)^T A p^k \approx 0$ .

The remedy: Look-ahead in both sequences

There exists (public domain) FORTRAN implementation of [Freund & Nachtigal \(1993\)](#).

There exists a **transpose free QMR method** (**Freund** (1993)).

The name is a little misleading. Actually, TFQMR is not a transpose free variant of the QMR method, but a QMR variant of the transpose free CGS method.

The CGS method is given by

- 1:  $r^0 = b - Ax^0$ ;  $d^1 = r^0$ ;  $u^0 = r^0$
- 2: Choose  $\tilde{r}^0$  with  $\alpha_0 = (\tilde{r}^0)^T r^0 \neq 0$
- 3: **for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence **do**
- 4:    $s^k = Ad^k$
- 5:    $\gamma_k = (\tilde{r}^0)^T s^k$
- 6:    $\tau_k = \alpha_{k-1} / \gamma_k$
- 7:    $q^k = u^{k-1} - \tau_k s^k$
- 8:    $w^k = u^{k-1} + q^k$
- 9:    $x^k = x^{k-1} + \tau_k w^k$
- 10:    $r^k = r^{k-1} - \tau_k Aw^k$
- 11:    $\beta_k = 1 / \alpha_{k-1}$ ;    $\alpha_k = (\tilde{r}^0)^T r^k$ ;    $\beta_k = \alpha_k \beta_k$
- 12:    $u^k = r^k + \beta_k q^k$
- 13:    $d^{k+1} = u^k + \beta_k (q^k + \beta_k d^k)$
- 14: **end for**

The CGS algorithm can be interpreted in the following way:  $x^k$  is updated in two steps,  $x^{k+1/2} = x^k + \tau_k u^k$  and  $x^{k+1} = x^{k+1/2} + \tau_k q^k$  corresponding to the increase of the degree of the residual polynomial in each step by 2. To avoid indices which are multiples of 1/2 we double the indices in the CGS method. Then the statements in the for-loop obtain the following form:

- 1:  $\tau_{2k} = (\tilde{r}^0)^T r^{2k} / (\tilde{r}^0)^T A d^{2k}$
- 2:  $q^{2k} = u^{2k} - \tau_{2k} A d^{2k}$
- 3:  $x^{2k+2} = x^{2k} + \tau_{2k} (u^{2k} + q^{2k})$
- 4:  $r^{2k+2} = r^{2k} - \tau_{2k} A (u^{2k} + q^{2k})$
- 5:  $\beta_{2k} = (\tilde{r}^0)^T r^{2k+2} / (\tilde{r}^0)^T r^{2k}$
- 6:  $u^{2k+2} = r^{2k+2} + \beta_{2k} q^{2k};$
- 7:  $d^{2k+2} = u^{2k+2} + \beta_{2k} (q^{2k} + \beta_{2k} d^{2k})$

$x^{2k+2}$  is updated in two steps:

$$\begin{aligned}x^{2k+1} &= x^{2k} + \tau_{2k} u^{2k}; \\x^{2k+2} &= x^{2k+1} + \tau_{2k} q^{2k};\end{aligned}$$

Putting  $u^{2k+1} := q^{2k}$  and  $\tau_{2k+1} := \tau_{2k}$  both statements read

$$x^k = x^{k-1} + \tau_{k-1} u^{k-1}.$$

For even  $m$  this is exactly the approximation from the CGS method, for odd  $m$  these approximations of the solution do not appear in the CGS method.



With the matrix

$$U_k = (u^0, \dots, u^{k-1})$$

and the vector

$$z^k = (\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_{k-1})^T$$

the approximation  $x^k$  can be written as

$$x^k = x^0 + U_k z^k = x^{k-1} + \tau_{k-1} u^{k-1},$$

and the residuum is

$$r^k = r^0 - AU_k z^k = r^{k-1} - \tau_{k-1} Au^{k-1}.$$

The last equation yields

$$Au^k = \frac{1}{\tau_k} (r^k - r^{k+1}).$$

Hence,

$$AU_k = R_{k+1} \tilde{B}_k$$

with

$$R_{k+1} = (r^0, r^1, \dots, r^k) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\tilde{B}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{\tau_0}, \frac{1}{\tau_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{\tau_{k-1}} \right\},$$

and the residuum is

$$r^k = r^0 - AU_k z_k = R_{k+1} (e^1 - \tilde{B}_k z^k).$$

If the columns of  $R_{k+1}$  are scaled by the diagonal matrix  $\Delta_{k+1} = \text{diag}\{\delta_0, \dots, \delta_k\}$ , then one obtains

$$r^k = R_{k+1} \Delta_{k+1}^{-1} \Delta_{k+1} (e^1 - \tilde{B}_k z^k) = R_{k+1} \Delta_{k+1}^{-1} (\delta_0 e^1 - \tilde{H}_k)$$

with  $\tilde{H}_k := \Delta_{k+1} \tilde{B}_k$ .

It is easily seen that the approximations  $x^{2k}$  of the CGS method are given by

$$x^{2k} = x^0 + U_{2k} H_{2k}^{-1} (\delta_0 e^1),$$

where  $H_{2k}$  is obtained from  $\tilde{H}_{2k}$  by deleting the last row.

Solving (similarly as in the transition from the BiCG to the GMRES method) the least squares problem

$$\|\delta e^1 - \tilde{H}_k z^k\| = \min!,$$

then one obtains the approximation

$$x^k = x^0 + U_k z^k$$

of the **TFQMR** method.

To implement this method we still have to deduce how to update  $x^k$  for otherwise all previous vectors  $u^k$  would have to be stored. This can be found in

[Saad: Iterative Methods for Sparse Linear Systems.](#)

# TFQMR algorithm

$$r = b - Ax; \tilde{r} = r; w = r; u = r; v = Au; d = 0$$

$$\tau = \|r\|_2; \theta = 0; \eta = 0; \rho = \tilde{r}^T r; z^0 = Au$$

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

$$\alpha_1 = \rho / (v^T \tilde{r}); \alpha_0 = \alpha_1$$

$$u^0 = u; u = u - \alpha_0 v$$

$$w = w - \alpha_0 z^0$$

$$d = u^0 + \theta^2 \eta d / \alpha_0$$

$$\theta = \|w\|_2 / \tau; c = 1 / \sqrt{1 + \theta^2}; \tau = \tau \theta c; \eta = c^2 \alpha_0$$

$$x = x + \eta d$$

$$z^1 = Au$$

$$w = w - \alpha_1 z^1$$

$$d = u + \theta^2 \eta d / \alpha_1$$

$$\theta = \|w\|_2 / \tau; c = 1 / \sqrt{1 + \theta^2}; \tau = \tau \theta c; \eta = c^2 \alpha_1$$

$$x = x + \eta d$$

$$\beta = 1 / \rho; \rho = \tilde{r}^T w; \beta = \beta \rho$$

$$u = w + \beta u$$

$$z^0 = Au$$

$$v = z^0 + \beta(z^1 + \beta v)$$

**end for**

# Cost of TFQMR

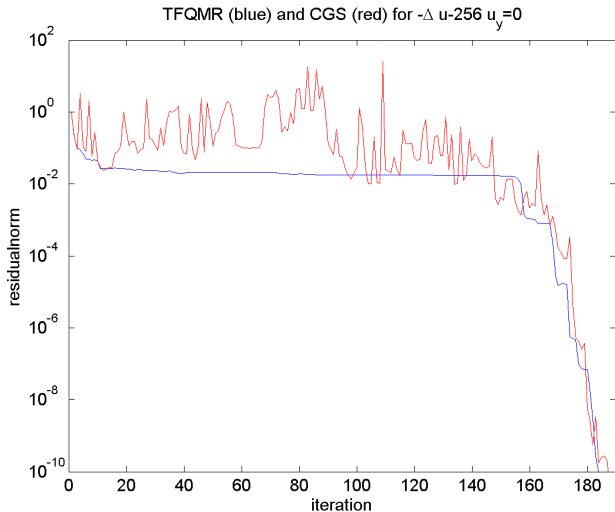
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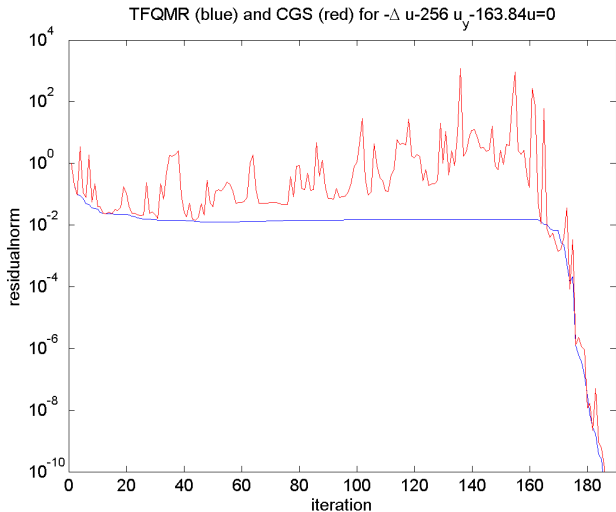
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**Storage requirements:** 10 Vectors

# Example

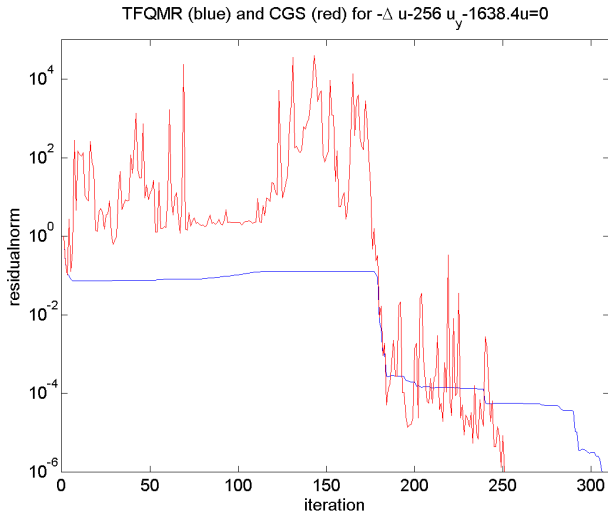


# Example





# Example



In the same way as the QMR variant TFQMR was deduced from the CGS method [Chan, Gallopoulos, Simoncini, Szeto und Tong \(1994\)](#) derived the QMR variant **QMRBiCGStab** from the BiCGStab method.

# QMRBiCGStab algorithm

```
1:  $r = b - Ax$ ;  $\tilde{r} = r$ ;  $u = r$ ;  $v = Au$ ;  $d = 0$ 
2:  $\tau = \|r\|_2$ ;  $\rho = \tilde{r}^T r$ ;  $\theta = 0$ ;  $\eta = 0$ 
3: for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  until convergence do
4:    $\alpha = \rho / (\tilde{r}^T v)$ ;  $s = r - \alpha v$ ;
5:    $\tilde{\theta} = \|s\|_2 / \tau$ ;  $c = 1 / \sqrt{1 + \tilde{\theta}^2}$ 
6:    $d = u + \theta^2 \eta d / \alpha$ 
7:    $\eta = c^2 \alpha$ ;  $x = x + \eta d$ 
8:    $\tau = \tau \tilde{\theta} c$ 
9:    $w = As$ 
10:   $\omega = w^T s / (w^T w)$ 
11:   $r = s - \omega w$ 
12:   $\theta = \|r\|_2 / \tau$ ;  $c = 1 / \sqrt{1 + \theta^2}$ 
13:   $d = s + \tilde{\theta}^2 \eta d / \omega$ 
14:   $\eta = c^2 \omega$ 
15:   $x = x + \eta d$ 
16:   $\tau = \tau \theta c$ ;  $\beta = 1 / \rho$ ;  $\rho = \tilde{r}^T r$ ;  $\beta = \beta \rho \alpha / \omega$ 
17:   $u = r + \beta(u - \omega v)$ 
18:   $v = Au$ 
19: end for
```

# Cost of QMRBiCGStab

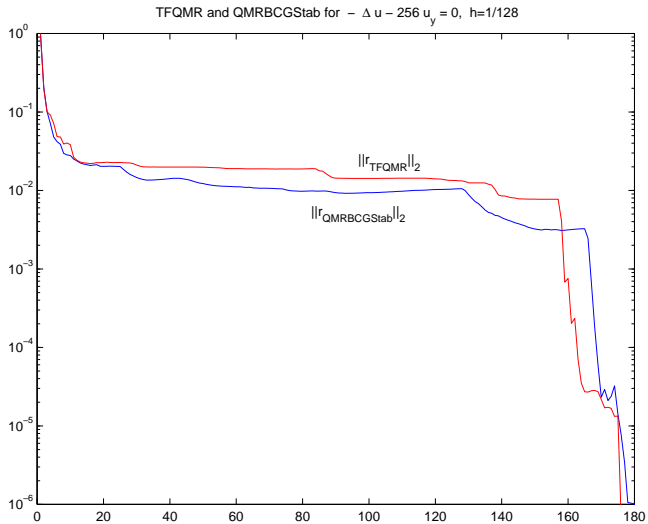
2 matrix-vector products

6 scalar products

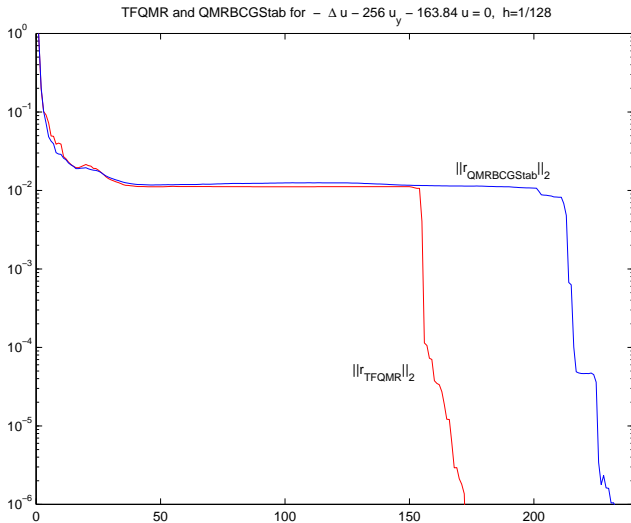
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**Storage requirements:** 8 vectors

# Example



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