Linear and Nonlinear Iterative Multiuser Detection

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- BPSK data $x_k[j] \in \{-1, 1\}$
- Spreading $\mathbf{s}_k[i] \in \left\{-1/\sqrt{N}, +1/\sqrt{N}\right\}^N$
- AWGN $\mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{n}[i]\mathbf{n}^{t}[i]\right\} = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}$



$$\mathbf{r}[i] = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{s}_k[i] a_k x_k[i] + \mathbf{n}[i]$$
$$= \mathbf{S}[i] \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}[i] + \mathbf{n}[i]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}[i] &= \mathbf{S}^{t}[i]\mathbf{r}[i] \\ &= \mathbf{S}^{t}[i]\mathbf{S}[i]\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}[i] + \mathbf{S}^{t}[i]\mathbf{n}[i] \\ &= \mathbf{R}[i]\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}[i] + \mathbf{z}[i] \end{aligned}$$

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- Matched filter output is a sufficient statistic
- $\mathbf{R}[i] = \mathbf{S}^t[i]\mathbf{S}[i]$ is the correlation matrix
- $\mathbf{z}[i]$ is colored Gaussian noise, $\mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{z}[i]\mathbf{z}^t[i]\right\} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{R}[i]$
- Assume unit norm modulation, $R_{ii} = 1$ and $|R_{ij}| \le 1$, $i \ne j$.

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Optimal Joint Detection

Minimum error probability optimal multiuser detector

$$\hat{x}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \{-1,1\}^K} \Pr(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{r})$$
$$= \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \{-1,1\}^K} p(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{x}) \Pr(\mathbf{x}).$$

Equiprobable data - maximum-likelihood detector,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{\mathrm{ML}} &= \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \{-1,1\}^{K}} p(\mathbf{r} | \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \{-1,1\}^{K}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{SAx}||^{2}\right) \\ &= \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \{-1,1\}^{K}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{RAx}\right) \mathbf{R}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{RAx}\right)^{t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

• Complexity $\mathcal{O}\left(2^{K}\right)$

Optimal Joint Detection



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• Suppose correlation matrix $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$ is invertible

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{x}} &= \left(\mathbf{S}^{t}\mathbf{S}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{S}^{t}\mathbf{r} \\ &= \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{z}, \quad \mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^{t}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\right\} = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{R}^{-1} \end{split}$$

- y consists of correlated data RAx and correlated noise R,
- $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ consists of independent data $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ and correlated noise \mathbf{R}^{-1} .
- Multiple-access interference elimination vs. noise enhancement
- ML when relaxing $\mathbf{x} \in \{-1, 1\}^K$ to $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^K$.
- ML for unknown A (estimates Ax rather than x).

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 \blacksquare Let ${\bf x}$ and ${\bf y}$ be random vectors with

$$\begin{split} \bar{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\}\\ \bar{\mathbf{y}} &= \mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{y}\right\}\\ \mathbf{G}_{xy} &= (\mathsf{Cov}\left\{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{y}\right\})^{-1}\,\mathsf{Cov}\left\{\mathbf{y},\mathbf{x}\right\} \end{split}$$

 \blacksquare LMMSE estimate of ${\bf x}$ given ${\bf y}$ is

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{G}_{xy}^t \left(\mathbf{y} - \bar{\mathbf{y}} \right).$$

 For jointly Gaussian x, y linear estimate in fact minimizes mean squared error.

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Linear Minimum Mean Square Error Detectors

• Chip-level (considering \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}) or symbol-level (considering \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{r} &= \mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\} + \mathbf{G}_{xr}^{t}\left(\mathbf{r} - \bar{\mathbf{r}}\right) \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{y} &= \mathsf{E}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\} + \mathbf{G}_{xy}^{t}\left(\mathbf{y} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}\right) \end{split}$$

• Independent data with $E \{x\} = \bar{x}$ and $Cov \{x, x\} = I - diag (\bar{x}\bar{x}^t) = V$ results in

$$\begin{split} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{r} &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{VAS}^{t} \left(\mathbf{SAVAS}^{t} + \sigma^{2} \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{SA} \bar{\mathbf{x}} \right) \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{y} &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{VAR} \left(\mathbf{RAVAR} + \sigma^{2} \mathbf{R} \right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{RA} \bar{\mathbf{x}} \right) \\ &= \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{A}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{R} + \sigma^{2} \left(\mathbf{AVA} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{RA} \bar{\mathbf{x}} \right). \end{split}$$

Zero mean data results in

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^r = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}^t \left(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{S}^t + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{r} \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}^y = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{R} + \sigma^2\mathbf{A}^{-2}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{y}.$$

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Interference Cancellation

 \blacksquare Matched filter output for user k

$$y_{k} = \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t}\mathbf{r}$$

$$= a_{k}x_{k} + \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t}\left(\sum_{j \neq k} \mathbf{s}_{j}a_{j}x_{j} + \mathbf{n}\right)$$

$$= a_{k}x_{k} + \sum_{\substack{j \neq k \\ \text{multiple-access interference}}} R_{kj}a_{j}x_{j} + z_{k}$$

- User k could subtract an estimate of the MAI
- Estimate will not be perfect leaving residual MAI.
- This motivates an *iterative* cancellation approach

• Let estimate of user k at iteration n be $\hat{x}_k^{(n)}$.

$$\begin{split} \hat{x}_{k}^{(n+1)} &= a_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t} \left(\mathbf{r} - \sum_{j \neq k} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)} \right) \quad \text{chip-rate} \\ &= a_{k}^{-1} \left(y_{k} - \sum_{j \neq k} R_{jk} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)} \right) \quad \text{symbol-rate} \end{split}$$

Choosing initial estimate x̂⁽⁰⁾_k = 0 yields x̂⁽¹⁾_k = a⁻¹_ky_k.
If x̂⁽ⁿ⁾ = x cancellation is perfect,

$$\hat{x}_k^{(n+1)} = x_k + \frac{z_k}{a_k}$$

Parallel Cancellation



Serial Cancellation

Cancel estimates as soon as they are available

$$\hat{x}_{k}^{(n+1)} = a_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t} \left(\mathbf{r} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n+1)} - \sum_{j=k+1}^{K} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)} \right)$$
$$= a_{k}^{-1} \left(y_{k} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} R_{jk} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n+1)} - \sum_{j=k+1}^{K} R_{jk} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)} \right)$$

• Let $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{L}^t + \mathbf{I}$ where L is strictly triangular

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{L} \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} - \mathbf{L}^t \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)}
ight)$$

Serial Cancellation



Implementation via Residual Error Update

Chip-level parallel interference canceller

$$\hat{x}_{k}^{(n+1)} = a_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t} \left(\mathbf{r} - \sum_{j=1}^{K} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)} + \mathbf{s}_{k} a_{k} \hat{x}_{k}^{(n)} \right)$$
$$= \hat{x}_{k}^{(n)} + a_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t} \left(\mathbf{r} - \sum_{j=1}^{K} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)} \right).$$
$$= \hat{x}_{k}^{(n)} + a_{k}^{-1} \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t} \boldsymbol{\eta}^{(n)}$$

Residual error, or noise hypothesis

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(n)} = \mathbf{r} - \sum_{j=1}^{K} \mathbf{s}_j a_j \hat{x}_j^{(n)}$$

• Perfect cancellation, residual is thermal noise, $\eta^{(n)} = \mathbf{n}$.

Can do same thing for serial cancellation

$$\hat{x}_k^{(n+1)} = \hat{x}_k^{(n)} + a_k^{-1} \mathbf{s}_k^t \boldsymbol{\eta}_k^{(n)},$$

• Residual error seen by user k after iteration n.

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_{k}^{(n)} = \mathbf{r} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n+1)} - \sum_{j=k}^{K} \mathbf{s}_{j} a_{j} \hat{x}_{j}^{(n)}$$

Implementation via Residual Error Update

Can write iteration in terms of an update to residual error

$$\Delta \eta_{k}^{(n)} = \mathbf{s}_{k} a_{k} \left(\hat{x}_{k}^{(n-1)} - \hat{x}_{k}^{(n)} \right)$$

$$= -\mathbf{s}_{k} \mathbf{s}_{k}^{t} \eta_{k}^{(n-1)}.$$

$$\stackrel{\hat{x}_{k}^{(n-1)}}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{(n)}{\longrightarrow} \stackrel{(n)}$$

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Modular Parallel Cancellation



Modular Serial Cancellation



Tentative Decision Functions

- \blacksquare Transmitted symbols discrete $\{-1,+1\}$
- Estimates $\hat{x}_k^{(n)}$ could be any real number.
- What if $\left| \hat{x}_{k}^{(n)} \right| \gg 1$?
- Non-linear tentative decision function $\zeta : \mathbb{R} \mapsto [-1, +1]$



Tentative Decision Functions



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- Both decorrelator and LMMSE require $K \times K$ matrix inversion
- Complexity scales $\mathcal{O}(K^3)$
- There are many lower complexity approaches for solving linear systems
- Series expansions
- Iterative matrix inversion
- Gradient descent
- These can all be implemented as interference cancellation

Output of decorrelator or LMMSE can be written

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{R}^K} \|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$$

- $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{R}$ for the decorrelator,
- ${f M}={f R}{f A}$ for the normalized decorrelator,
- $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{R} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{A}^{-2}$ for LMMSE.
- Solution to the *unconstrained* optimization problem is

 $\mathbf{M}\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{y}.$

- Gaussian elimination followed by back-substitution.
- Symmetric ${\bf M}$ equivalent to Cholesky factorization

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^t$$

followed by forward and backward substitution,

 $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}$ forward substitution $\mathbf{F}^t \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{z}$ backward substitution

- Cholesky factorization is $\mathcal{O}\left(K^3/3\right)$,
- Each substitution step is $\mathcal{O}(K^2/2)$.
- If $M_{ij} = 0$ for |i j| > b, Cholesky decomposition is $\mathcal{O}(K(b^2 + 3b))$ and substitution steps are $\mathcal{O}(Kb)$

Series Expansions

• Find coefficients c_n such that

$$\mathbf{M}^{\scriptscriptstyle -1} = \sum_n c_n \mathbf{M}^n.$$



- With K terms this is $\mathcal{O}(K^3)$.
- Truncate series to $n \ll K$.

Series Expansions

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Cayley Hamilton - Finite Series

Theorem (Cayley Hamilton)

$$p_{\mathbf{M}}(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{n=0}^{K} (-1)^{K-n} c_{K-n} \mathbf{M}^n = 0$$

■ Can write any power of **M** as a linear combination of **M**ⁿ, n = 0, 1, ..., K.

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{(-1)^{K} \det(\mathbf{M})} \sum_{n=1}^{K} (-1)^{K-n} c_{K-n} \mathbf{M}^{n-1}$$

- *K*-stage multistage implementation.
- Computation of c_n is as complex as matrix inversion
- There exists coefficients such that a finite power series implements matrix inversion exactly.

Taylor series

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{X})^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\mathbf{X})^n,$$

- \blacksquare Convergent if spectral radius satisfies $\rho\left(\mathbf{X}\right)<1$
- \blacksquare Setting $\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{I}$,

$$\mathbf{M}^{\scriptscriptstyle -1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I})^n,$$

• Convergent if $\rho(\mathbf{M}) < 2$.

Taylor Series

First order truncation results in the approximate decorrelator

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} = (2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R})\mathbf{y}$$
$$= \mathbf{y} - \underbrace{(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{y}}_{\text{Interference}}$$

Higher-order truncation

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)} = \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R})\mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R})^2\mathbf{y} + \dots + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R})^n\mathbf{y}$$
$$= \mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n-1)}$$

This is parallel interference cancellation:



Taylor Series: Decorrelator



Taylor Series: LMMSE



Taylor Series: Interference Cancellation Module



Decorrelator $\alpha_k = 1$ and LMMSE, $\alpha_k = 1 - \sigma^2/a_k^2$

- Infinite series rather than finite series.
- Convergent only if $\rho(\mathbf{M}) < 2$.
- Easy computation of series cofficients.
- LMMSE only marginally more complex than decorrelator.

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Iterative Solution Methods

- Let $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2$. Then $(\mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2)\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{y}$,
- Fixed point equation,

$$\mathbf{M}_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{M}_2 \hat{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Motivates iteration of the form

$$\mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{x}^{(n)}.$$

Require:

- **1** Easy to solve $M_1 x = z$. E.g. M_1 triangular or diagonal.
- **2** Choose M_1 and M_2 so iteration converges quickly.

Iterative Solution Methods

• Let
$$\mathbf{e}^{(n)} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}^{(n)}$$

 $\|\mathbf{e}^{(n)}\| = \|(\mathbf{M}_1^{-1}\mathbf{M}_2)^n\mathbf{e}^{(0)}\| \le \|(\mathbf{M}_1^{-1}\mathbf{M}_2)^n\|\|\mathbf{e}^{(0)}\|$

Theorem

A necessary and sufficient condition for convergence of in any norm is

 $\rho\left(\mathbf{M}_{1}^{-1}\mathbf{M}_{2}\right) < 1.$

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Choose

$$\mathbf{M}_1 = \omega \mathbf{D}$$
$$\mathbf{M}_2 = \omega \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{M}.$$

With $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{y}$, iteration becomes

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \frac{\mathbf{D}^{-1}}{\omega} \left(\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{M} - \omega \mathbf{D}) \mathbf{x}^{(n)} \right).$$

- Taylor series expansion of $(\omega \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{M})^{-1}$.
- Multistage parallel interference cancellation.

Theorem

The Jacobi implementation of the decorrelator with $\mathbf{M}_1 = \omega \mathbf{I}$ is convergent for any $\omega > 0$ such that $\rho(\mathbf{R}) < 2\omega$.

• For $\omega = 1$, the LMMSE Jacobi iteration is

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}^{-2}\sigma^2\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}^{(n)}\right).$$

Per-user signal-to-noise ratio scaling each iteration.

Theorem

The Jacobi iterative implementation of the LMMSE filter is convergent if and only if

$$\rho_{J} = \rho\left(\left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}^{-2}\sigma^{2}\right)^{-1}\left(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}\right)\right) < 1$$

Theorem

The Jacobi iterative implementation of the LMMSE filter is convergent if

$$\rho\left(\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{I}\right) < 1 + \gamma_{\max}^{-1}$$

where $\gamma_{\max} = \max_k A_k^2 / \sigma^2$. The iteration is not convergent if

$$\rho\left(\mathbf{R}-\mathbf{I}\right) > 1 + \gamma_{\min}^{-1}$$

where $\gamma_{\min} = \min_k A_k^2 / \sigma^2$.

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

Choose

$$\mathbf{M}_1 = \frac{1}{\omega}\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L}$$
$$\mathbf{M}_2 = \frac{1-\omega}{\omega}\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L}^t$$

Results in the following iteration (with $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{y}$)

$$\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L}\right)\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \mathbf{y} + \left(\frac{1-\omega}{\omega}\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L}^t\right)\mathbf{x}^{(n)}.$$

Successive cancellation

Theorem

Gauss-Seidel iteration is convergent for symmetric positive definite \mathbf{M} and $\omega \in (0, 2)$.

Descent Algorithms

 \blacksquare For symmetric positive definite ${\bf M},$ define

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = \|\mathbf{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \mathbf{x}^t \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x},$$

Define $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_{\mathbf{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$. Least-squares minimization is solution to

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{R}^K} f(\mathbf{x}).$$

Note

$$\nabla \left(\mathbf{x} \right) \triangleq \left(\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_K} \right)^t = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}.$$

Gradient is equal to the error vector $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$, and unique stationary point is $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$.

Descent algorithms take the form

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(n)} + t_n \mathbf{d}^{(n)}$$

- \blacksquare Direction $\mathbf{d}^{(n)}$ chosen to reduce objective function
- Step size *t_n* chosen each iteration to minimize objective function in the direction of **d**^(*n*).

Steepest Descent

- Search direction is negative gradient of objective function, $\mathbf{d}^{(n)}=-\nabla(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}),$ resulting in

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} - t_n \nabla(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)})$$
(1)

$$= t_n \mathbf{y} - (t_n \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)}, \qquad (2)$$

where the optimal step size is

$$t_n = \frac{\|\mathbf{e}^{(n)}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{M}^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{e}^{(n)}\|_2}.$$
(3)

 Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel are steepest descent algorithms with suboptimal t_n.

Theorem

The error norm of the steepest descent algorithm with optimal step size decreases geometrically with rate at least

$$\left(1 - rac{\lambda_{\min}}{\lambda_{\max}}
ight)$$

where λ_{min} and λ_{max} are the smallest and largest eigenvalues of M.

- Better approach: new search direction orthogonal to all previous directions (d⁽ⁿ⁺¹⁾, Md^(j)) = 0, j = 0, 1, ..., n.
- Choose a linear combination of current error vector (steepest descent) and previous direction, where the combining coefficient β_n ensures orthogonality.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^{(0)} &= -\mathbf{e}^{(0)} \\ \mathbf{d}^{(n+1)} &= -\mathbf{e}^{(n+1)} + \beta_n \mathbf{d}^{(n)} \quad \text{where} \\ \beta_n &= \frac{(\mathbf{e}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{M} \mathbf{d}^{(n)})}{(\mathbf{d}^{(n)}, \mathbf{M} \mathbf{d}^{(n)})}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

The error norm for the conjugate gradient algorithm decreases geometrically with rate at least

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{\kappa}-1}{\sqrt{\kappa}+1}\right)$$

where $\kappa = \lambda_{max}/\lambda_{min}$ is the condition number of \mathbf{M} .

Conjugate Gradient

 Efficient implementation: Only two extra inner products and one extra vector addition compared to parallel cancellation.



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Linear detectors were solutions to unconstrained optimization

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg\min\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_{\mathbf{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

- Ignores discrete alphabet of x.
- Idea: Introduce manageable constraints to approximate discrete alphabet.

$$\min f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{subject to} \\ g_i(\mathbf{x}) \le 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

 Use barrier functions to replace constrained probem with equivalent unconstrained problem

$$\min f(\mathbf{x}) + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{m} I\left(g_i(\mathbf{x})\right)}_{\text{penalty function}}$$

where the ideal barrier function I is defined as

$$I(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & u \le 0\\ \infty & u > 0. \end{cases}$$

Approximate I(·) by differentiable approximation b(u) ≈ I(u)
 Define penalty function

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} b(g_i(\mathbf{x})) \tag{4}$$

New optimization problem

 $\min f(\mathbf{x}) + \varphi(\mathbf{x}),$

Gradient descent

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} = t_n \mathbf{y} - (t_n \mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)} - t_n \varphi' \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)} \right).$$

• Setting $t_n = 1$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} + \varphi'\left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)}\right) = \mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I})\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)}.$$

Supposing $\xi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} + \varphi'(\mathbf{x})$ has inverse function $\zeta = \xi^{-1}$,

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} = \zeta \left(\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)} \right),$$

Nonlinear parallel interference cancellation!

Nonlinear Iteration

Theorem

The non-linear iteration

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n+1)} = \zeta \left(\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)} \right)$$

is a gradient method for numerical solution of

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_{\mathbf{M}^{-\frac{1}{2}}} + \varphi(\mathbf{x})$$

where φ satisfies

$$\zeta^{-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi'(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{x}.$$

If φ is convex, then the iteration is convergent to the unique point $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ satisfying

$$\mathbf{M}\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \varphi'(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{y}.$$

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Parallel cancellation decorrelator, K = 8, $E_b/N_0 = 7$ dB.



Parallel cancellation, K = 8, N = 32, $E_b/N_0 = 7$ dB.





Serial, K = 8, N = 16, $E_b/N_0 = 10$ dB.



Serial, K = 8, N = 16, 8 iterations.



Descent algorithms, K = 8, N = 16, $E_b/N_0 = 10 \text{ dB}$



Descent, LMMSE, K = 8, N = 16, $E_b/N_0 = 10$ dB.



Decorrelator & LMMSE, K = 8, N = 16, $E_b/N_0 = 10$ dB.





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