

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \langle X, X \rangle \langle X, Y \rangle$$

in which $\langle X, X \rangle = E X_{11} X E_{11} = \text{diag } X$
 $\langle X, Y \rangle = 2 E X E_{11} Y_{11}$.

According to the properties of the inner product matrix, it is easy to verify that

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in which $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, Y \in \mathbb{A} \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Here we discuss the iterative algorithm of the matrix equation (1) as:

Algorithm CG-W.

Step1. Initialization. For initial matrix $X_1 \in \mathbb{S} \mathbb{A} \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, compute

$$R_1 = C - A X_1 B,$$

$$P_1 = \frac{A R_1 B^T + R_1^T A^T B}{2},$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{P_1 + E P_{11} + P E_{11}}{2} = \text{diag } P_{11}$$

Step2. Iteration. For $k = 1, 2, \dots$, compute

$$X_{k+1} = X_k + \frac{\|R_k\|^2}{\|Q_k\|^2} Q_k,$$

Step3. Compute

$$R_{k+1} = C - A X_{k+1} B,$$

$$P_{k+1} = \frac{A R_{k+1} B^T + R_{k+1}^T A^T B}{2},$$

$$Q_{k+1} = \frac{\text{trace } P_{k+1} Q_{k+1}}{\|Q_k\|^2} Q_k.$$

if $\|R_{k+1}\| = 0$ or $\|R_{k+1}\| = 0, \|Q_{k+1}\| = 0$, stop; otherwise continue to step (2).

By algorithm CG-W it is clear that:

$$P_i \in \mathbb{S} \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, Q_i \in \mathbb{S} \mathbb{A} \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, X_i \in \mathbb{S} \mathbb{A} \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, i = 1, 2, \dots$$

The following will demonstrate that the algorithm CG-W is terminated by a finite iterative step.

Lemma 1. The sequences $\{R_i\}$ and $\{Q_i\}$ generalized by Algorithm CG-W satisfy

$$\text{trace } R_i^T R_j = \text{trace } R R^T \frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|R_j\|^2} = \text{trace } Q P_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3)$$

$$\text{trace } R_i = Q_i$$

Proof: Since $P_i^T = P_i, Q_i^T = Q_i$, by Algorithm CG-W, we have

$$\text{trace } R_i^T R_j = \text{trace} \left(\frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|Q_i\|^2} B^T Q_i A^T R_j \right) = \frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|Q_i\|^2} \text{trace} \left(\frac{Q_i A^T R_j B^T + R_j^T A^T B Q_i}{2} \right) = \frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|Q_i\|^2} \text{trace } P_{ij} = \text{trace } R R^T \frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|R_j\|^2} = \text{trace } Q P_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{trace } R_i = \text{trace} \left(\frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|Q_i\|^2} B^T Q_i A^T R_i \right) = \frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|Q_i\|^2} \text{trace} \left(\frac{Q_i A^T R_i B^T + R_i^T A^T B Q_i}{2} \right) = \frac{\|R_i\|^2}{\|Q_i\|^2} \text{trace } P_{ii} = \text{trace } R_i = Q_i$$

$$\text{trace } R R^T \dots$$

Lemma 2. For $k \geq 2$, the sequences $\{R_i\}$, $\{Q_i\}$ generalized by Algorithm CG-W satisfy

$$\text{trace } R R^T \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots, i, j, i, j, i, j, k \leq j \quad (4)$$

Proof: We shall prove this lemma by induction.

First, notice that $P_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $Q_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, by Lemma 1 and Algorithm CG-W, we obtain

$$\text{trace } R R^T \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots, \dots, \|R\|^2, \|Q\|^2, \dots$$

as well as $\text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$

$$\text{trace } \dots, \text{trace } P \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$$

Suppose that (4) holds for $k \leq s-2$ and notice that $\text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$. According to Lemma 1, we have

$$\text{trace } R \dots, \text{trace } R R^T \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots, \text{trace } P \dots$$

$$\text{trace } P Q \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$$

and

$$\text{trace } Q \dots, \text{trace } \dots, \text{trace } P \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$$

Thus, by Lemma 1, it is clear that $\text{trace } R \dots$ is zero when $j \leq 1$. And we notice that $\text{trace } R R^T \dots$, $\text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$, $\text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$ for $j \leq 2, 3, \dots, s-1$. By Lemma 1 and Algorithm CG-W, we have

$$\text{trace } R \dots, \text{trace } R R^T \dots, \frac{\|R\|^2}{\|Q_s\|^2} \text{trace } Q P \dots, \frac{\|R\|^2}{\|Q_s\|^2} \text{trace } Q \dots$$

and $\text{trace } Q \dots$

$$\text{trace } P Q \dots, \text{trace } P Q \dots, \text{trace } P Q \dots, \text{trace } Q Q^T \dots$$

which gives

$$\text{trace } Q \text{ }_{s \times j} \text{ } \text{trace } Q P \text{ }_{j \times s} .$$

$$\frac{\|R\|^2}{\|Q\|^2} \text{trace } Q P \text{ }_{j \times s} \text{trace } R \text{ }_{s \times j}$$

$$\frac{\|R\|^2}{\|Q\|^2} \text{trace } R \text{ }_{s \times j} \text{trace } R \text{ }_{j \times s} ,$$

Thus, (4) holds when $k \leq s - 1$. By the induction, we know that (4) holds for when $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$.

Lemma 3. Suppose that the equation is consistent and X^* is one solution of (1), then the sequences $\{R_i\}$ and $\{Q_i\}$ generalized by Algorithm CG-W satisfy

$$\text{trace } X^* X_k \|Q_k\| R_k^2, k \in \{1, 2, \dots\} \tag{5}$$

Proof: We shall also prove this lemma by induction. First of all, when $k = 1$ we have

$$\text{trace } X^* X_1 \|Q_1\| P \text{ }_{s \times j} \text{ } \text{trace } X^* X_1 \|P\|$$

$$\text{trace } X^* X_1 \|A R B^T\| \text{ }_{s \times j} \text{ } \|A R B^T\| \text{ }_{j \times s}$$

$$\text{trace } B R A X_{1T}^* + X_1 B R^T + X_1 B R A X_{1T}^* + X_1 B R^T$$

$$\text{trace } A X^* + X_1 B R^T + X_1 B R A X_{1T}^* + X_1 B R^T$$

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Suppose that (5) holds when $k \leq s$. Owing to

$$\text{trace } X^* X_s \|Q_s\| R_s^2 \text{ } \dots \text{ } \|R_s\|^2 \cdot \frac{\|R_s\|^2}{\|Q_s\|^2}$$

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we obtain

$$\text{trace } X^* X_s \|Q_s\| R_s^2 \text{ } \dots \text{ } \|Q_s\|^2 \text{ } \text{trace } P$$

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By the induction, we know that (5) holds for $k = 1, 2, \dots$.
Theorem 1. Suppose that the matrix equation (1) is consistent and for any initial matrix $X_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, the sequence $\{X_k\}$ generated by Algorithm CG-W converges to a solution of (1) after finite-steps.

Proof: The proof is by contradiction. Assume that $R_i \neq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, mp$, then by Lemma 3, we have $Q_i \neq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, mp$ and can further obtain X_{mp+1} and R_{mp+1} . If $R_{mp+1} \neq 0$, then according to Lemma 2 we get the orthogonal basis matrix set $\{R_{1,2}, R_{mp}, R_{mp+1}\}$ of R_{mp+1} , which contradicts the assumption. Thus, $R_{mp+1} = 0$, and X_{mp+1} is the exact solution of (1).

Theorem 2. Suppose that the matrix equation (1) is consistent, then we take the initial matrix

$$X_1 = P_1, P_1 = \frac{A H B^T T + B H A^T}{2},$$

with any $H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times s}$ (or specially, for $X_1 = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$), the Algorithm CG-W converges to the minimum norm solution of (1) after finite-steps.

Proof: If we take $X_1 = P_1, P_1 = \frac{A H B^T T + B H A^T}{2}$ with

any $H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times s}$, by Algorithm CG-W, we can get a solution \hat{X} of the matrix equation $A X B = C$ after finite-steps, and there exists the matrix $\hat{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times s}$, such that $\hat{X} = P \hat{H}$ with $P = \frac{A H B^T T + B H A^T}{2}$. From $A X B = C$

we know that all the symmetric arrowhead solution of matrix equation $A X B = C$ can be expressed as $\hat{X} = X$ with $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, satisfying $A X B = 0$. For $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, we get $A X B = 0$, thus we have

$$\langle X - \hat{X}, P \hat{H} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{A^T H B B^T H A}{2}, \hat{X} \right\rangle = 0.$$

$$\langle H A X B^T, \hat{X} \rangle = 0$$

thus we get

$$X \hat{X} = X \hat{X}^2 = X \hat{X}^2 = \hat{X} \hat{X} = \hat{X} X^2$$

\hat{X} is the symmetric arrowhead minimum norm solution of (1). It is not difficult to verify the solution set of (1) is a closed convex set, therefore, the symmetric arrowhead minimum norm solution of (1) is unique.

III. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

In this section, under the compatibility condition of the constrained matrix equation $A X B = C$, we give an example to illustrate the efficiency and investigate the performance of Algorithm CG-W which has been shown to be numerically reliable in various circumstances. All functions are defined by Matlab 7.0 and all codes are calculated with machine precision around 10^{-9} .

Example 1. Given $A = \text{toeplitz}(1:30^*)$ i zeros, $(30^*, 11^*)$ i i of row full rank, $B = \text{eye}(40^*)$ i ones i ; $(, 40^*)$ i of column full rank for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$ and $C = A X B$. Given $Y = 0.5 \text{ones}(n, n)$,

and $X = E Y_1 + P Y_1 \text{diag}(Y) = 2 E Y E_{11}$. Notice that in this case, the matrix equation $C = A X B$ is consistent and has a unique minimum norm solution.

TABLE I
THE ITERATIVE STEPS, ITERATIVE TIME AND RESIDUAL NORM OF THE ALGORITHM CG-W

		CG-W
$i = 1$	Iter	94
	CPU	0.282
	$\ R_k\ $	3.8626e-008
$i = 2$	Iter	249
	CPU	1.690
	$\ R_k\ $	4.1348e-008
$i = 3$	Iter	420
	CPU	7.995
	$\ R_k\ $	8.8017e-008
$i = 4$	Iter	609
	CPU	23.669
	$\ R_k\ $	9.5693e-008
$i = 5$	Iter	820
	CPU	62.574
	$\ R_k\ $	9.7150e-008

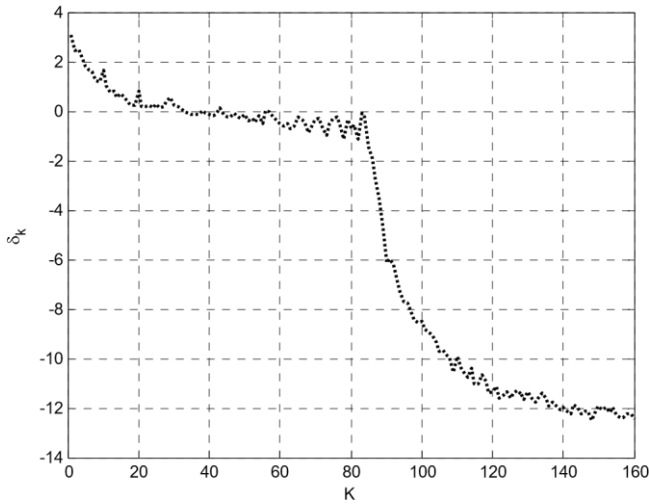


Fig. 1 Relation between error δ_k and iterative number K when $i = 1$

In Table I, we obtain iterative steps(Iter), Iterative time (CPU) and residual norm $R_k = \|AX - B - C\|_F$ of the algorithm respectively. We set a stop criterion for $R_k \leq 10^{-7}$. Then, Fig. 1 plots the relation between error δ_k and the iterative number K when $i = 1$.

We choose the initial matrix $X_0 = \text{zeros}(41 \times 41)$, the unique minimal norm solution of the matrix equation (1) is obtained by the algorithm CG-W. It can be seen from the Table I, when the order of the matrices A and B is growing exponentially, the iterative steps of the algorithm CG-W is growth multiples.

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