

# COL726 Lecture 12: Conjugate Gradient method

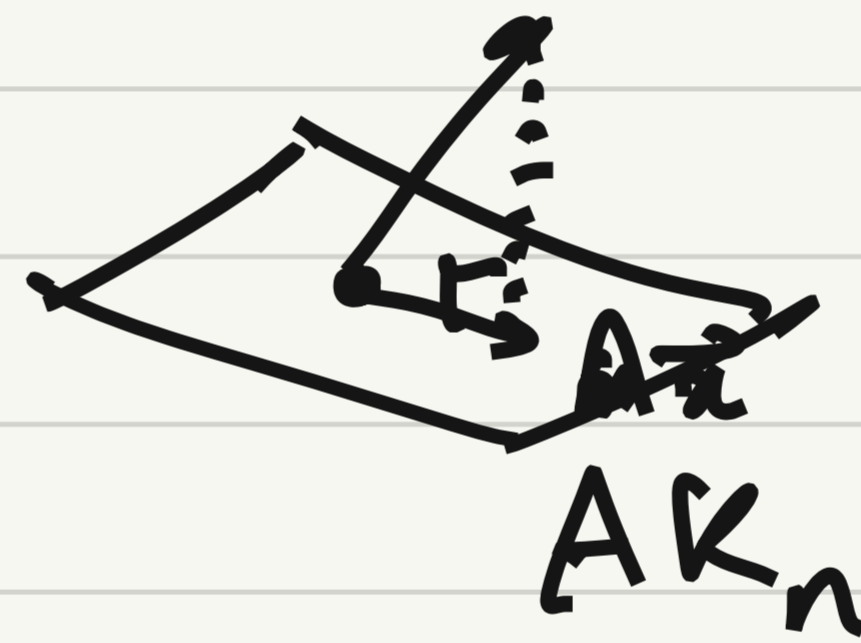
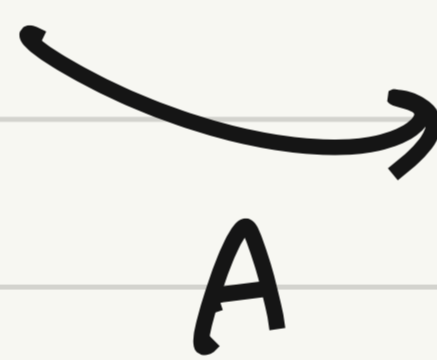
1. wrap-up GMRES ←
2. Minor exam logistics
3. CG

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

$$K_n = \langle \vec{b}, A\vec{b}, A^2\vec{b}, \dots, A^{n-1}\vec{b} \rangle$$

$$\vec{x}_n = \operatorname{argmin}_{\vec{x} \in K_n} \|\vec{b} - A\vec{x}\|_2$$

$$\vec{r}_n = \vec{b} - A\vec{x}_n$$



Thm: At  $n$ th step of GMRES,

$$\frac{\|\vec{r}_n\|}{\|\vec{b}\|} \leq \inf_{p_n \in P_n} \|p_n(A)\| \leq \kappa(V) \inf_{p_n \in P_n} \|p_n\|_{\Lambda(A)}$$

$$A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$$

$$\max_{\lambda_j} |p(\lambda_j)|$$

$$\vec{r}_0 = \vec{b} - A\vec{x}_0 = \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{x} \in K_n$$

$$[c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}]$$

$$q(z) = c_0 + c_1 z + \dots + c_{n-1} z^{n-1}$$

$$\vec{x} = q(A)\vec{b}$$

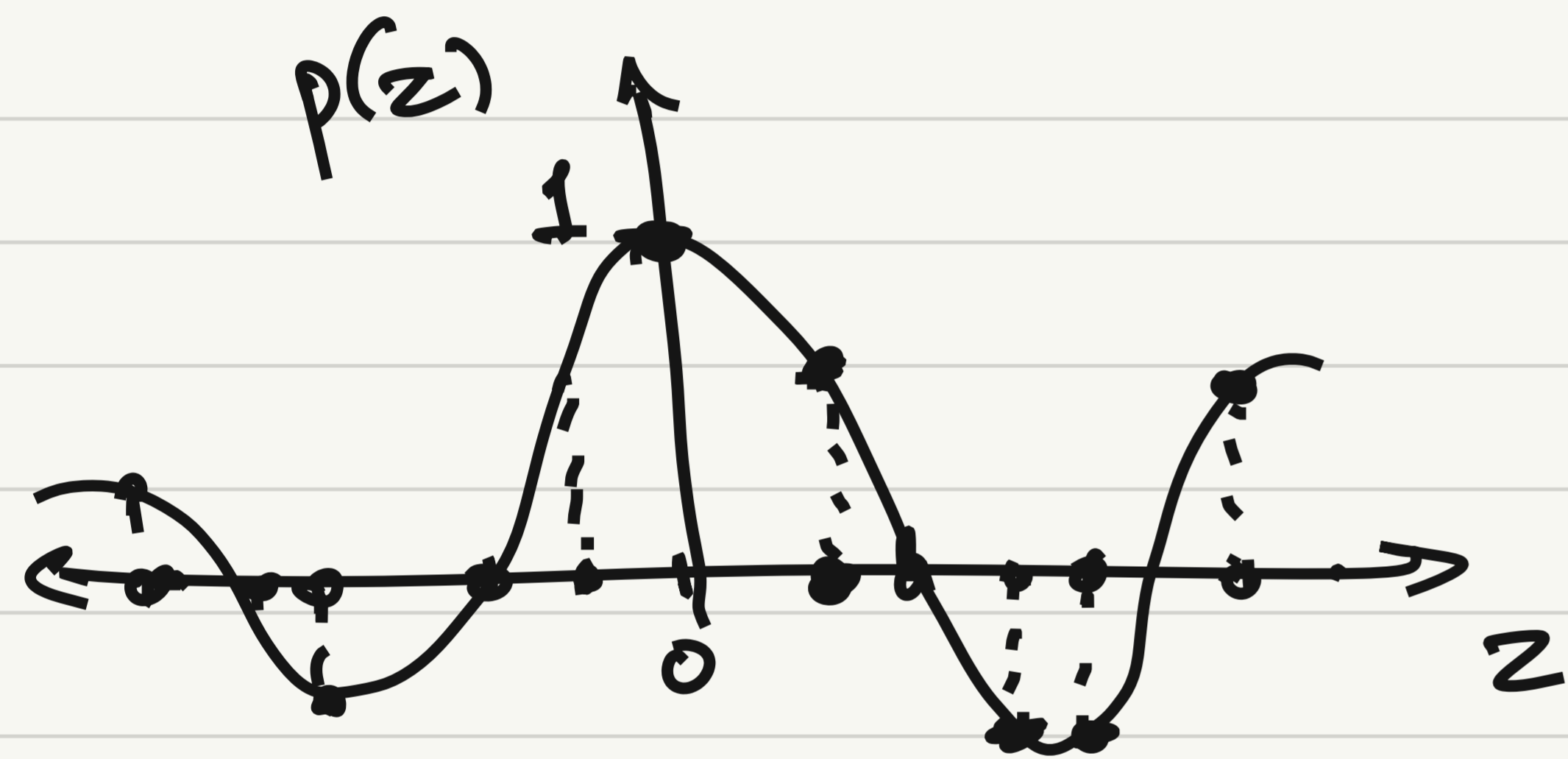
$$\vec{r} = p(A)\vec{b}$$

$$\frac{\|r_n\|}{\|z_0\|} \leq \kappa(V) \inf_{p_n \in P_n} \|p_n\|_{\Lambda(A)}$$

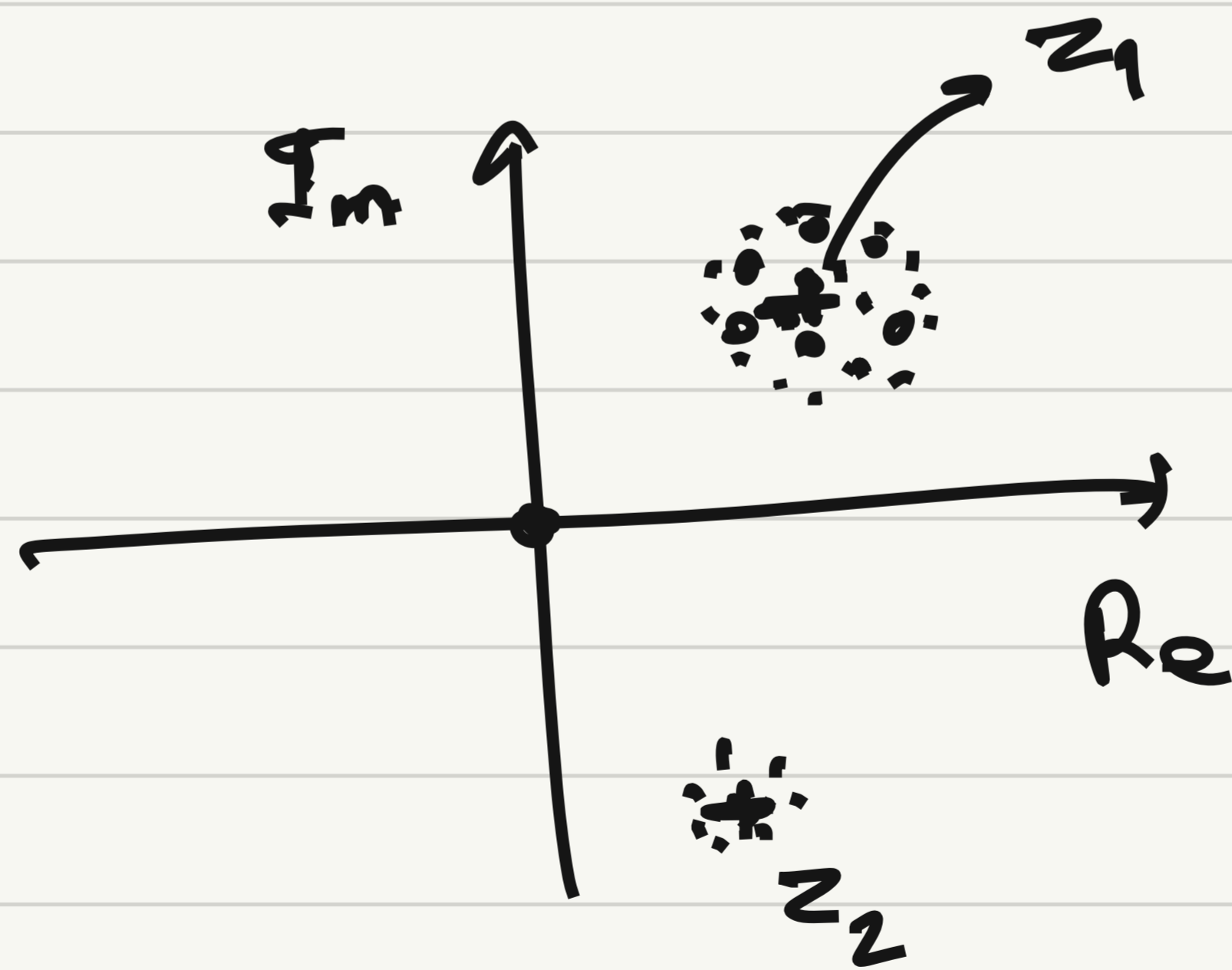
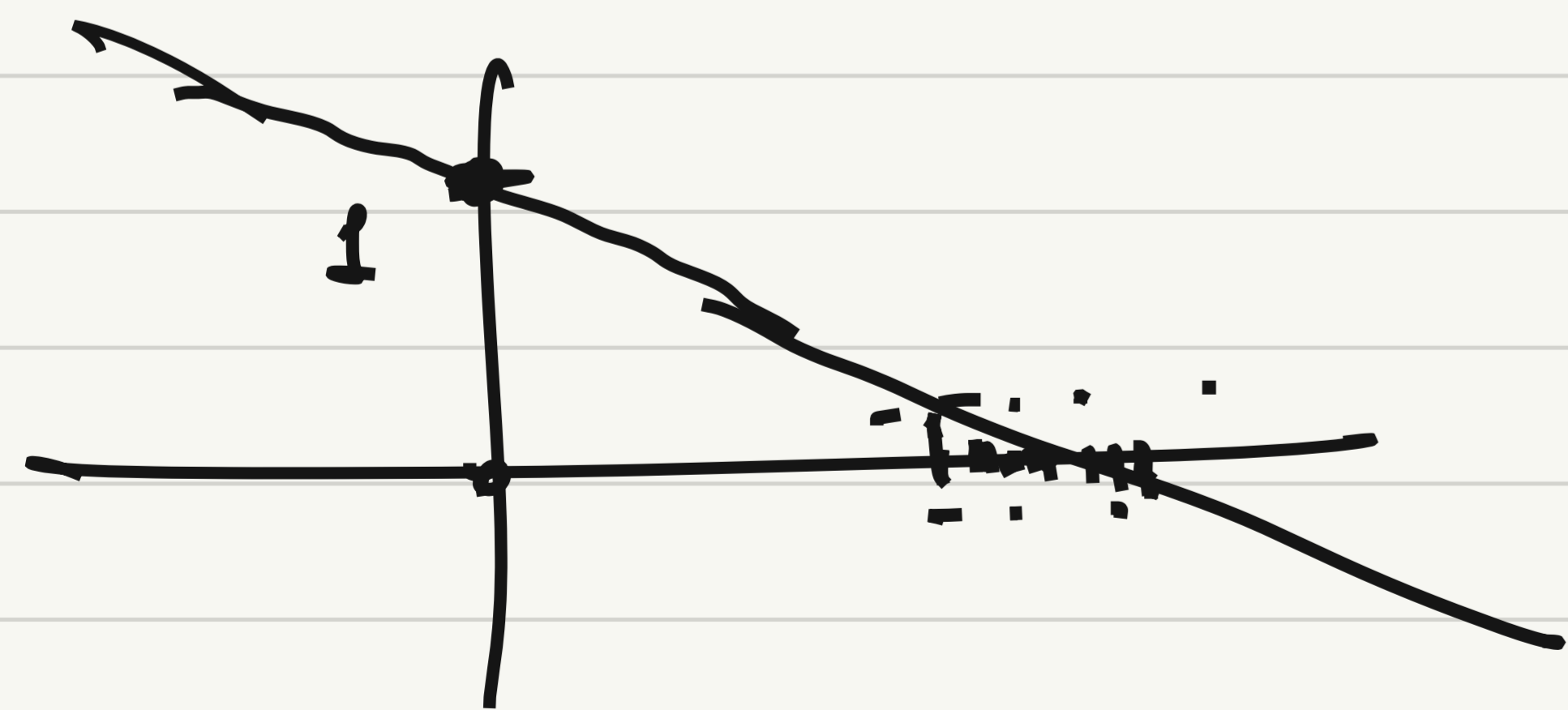
$$= \max_{\lambda_j} |p(\lambda_j)|$$

$\Rightarrow$  Residual at  $n$ th iter is small if:

- $\kappa(V)$  is small (eigenvectors of  $A$  are close to ortho.)

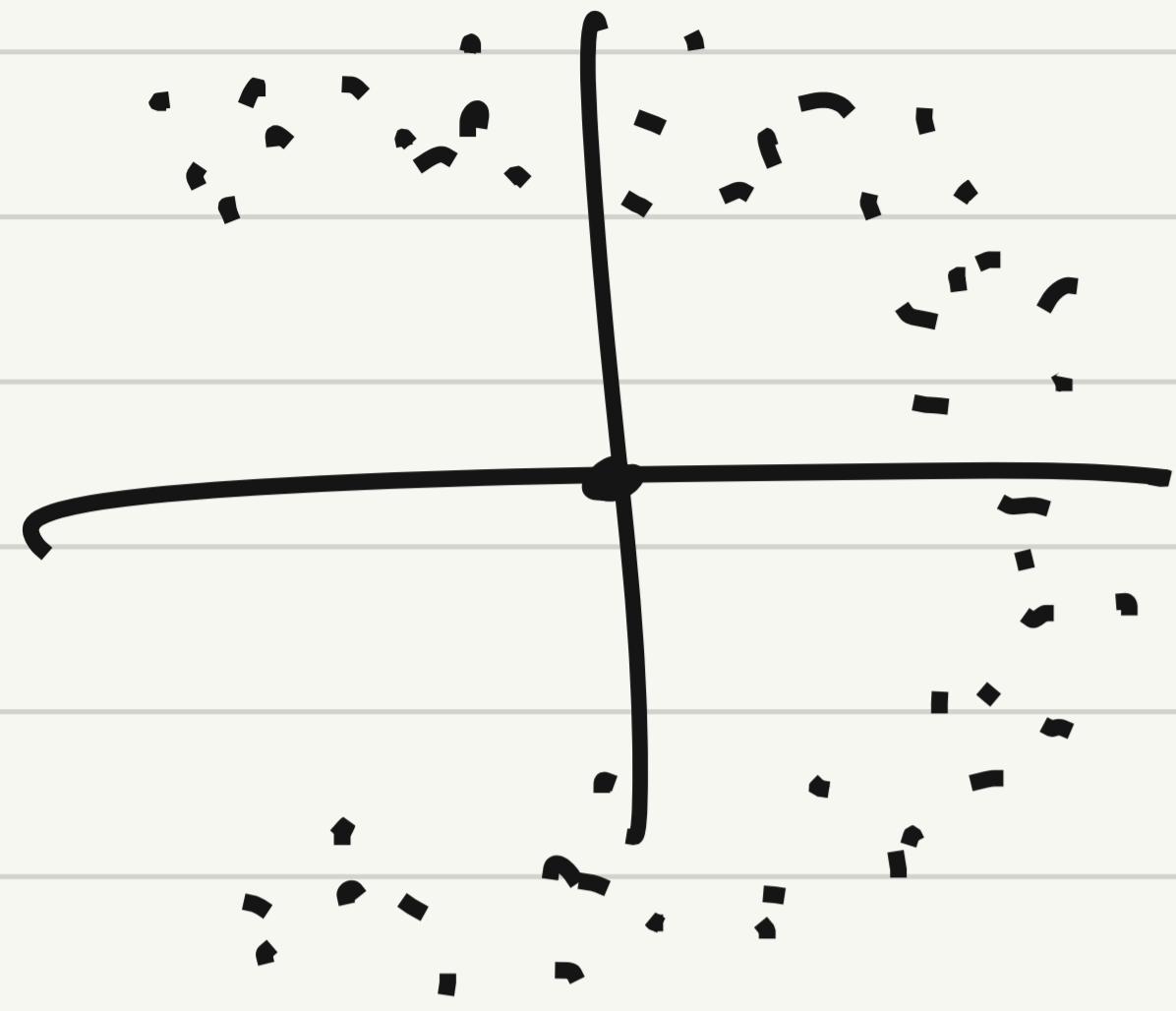


- and  $\exists p_n$  of degree  $n$ ,  $p_n(0)=1$  which is small on all  $\lambda_j$



$$p_1(z) = 1 - \frac{z}{z_1}$$

$$p_2(z) = \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_2}\right)$$

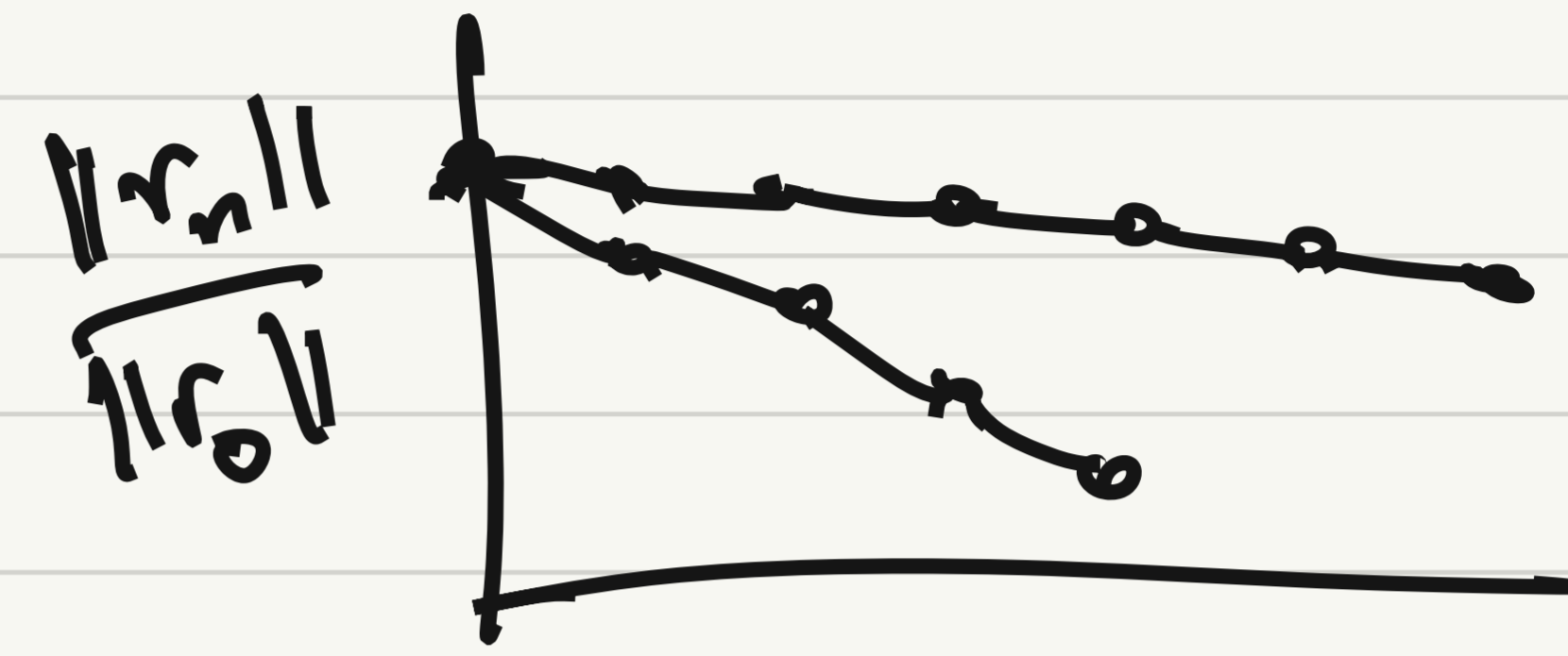


GMRES will converge slowly

Termination criterion?

- max # iterations
- tolerance on  $\|\vec{r}_n\|$
- ...

$$x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_n \rightarrow \dots$$



## Minor Exam:

Online only, on Gradescope

Monday 4-5pm + 15 min for scanning & uploading ]  
Upload by 5:15pm

Syllabus = everything including today

Open book, open notes, open internet

But no collaboration or discussion : with other people

except for clarifications on Piazza

# Conjugate Gradients (CG)

$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  : only if  $A$  is Hermitian positive definite  $A^* = A$

most famous Krylov subspace method!

$$\vec{x}^* A \vec{x} > 0 \text{ for all } \vec{x} \neq 0$$

We'll only consider real case:  $A^T = A$ ,  $\vec{x}^T A \vec{x} > 0$  if  $\vec{x} \neq 0$

Residual  $\vec{r} = \vec{b} - A\vec{x}$ ,

Error  $\vec{e} = \vec{x}_* - \vec{x}$        $A\vec{x}_* = \vec{b}$

$$A\vec{e} = \vec{r}$$

big picture, no proofs

① define problem-dependent norm

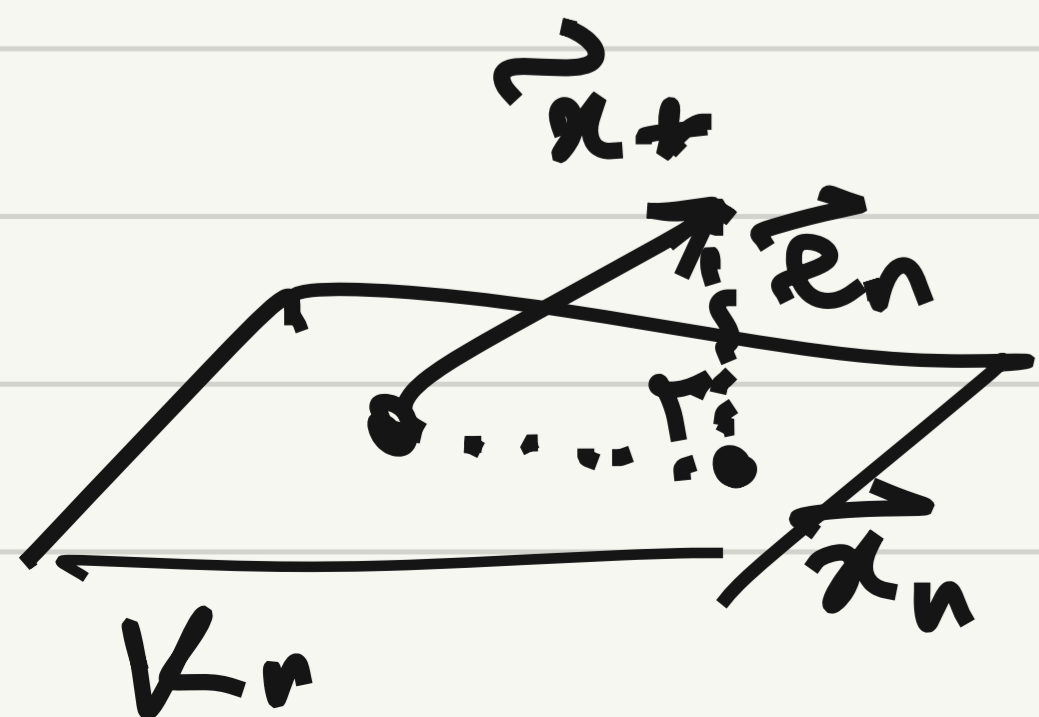
$$\|\vec{x}\|_A = \sqrt{\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}}$$

$$\vec{x}_n = \operatorname{argmin}_{\vec{x} \in K_n} \|\vec{e}_n\|_A \quad \|\vec{x}_* - \vec{x}_n\|_A$$

$$f(\vec{x}) = \|\vec{x}_* - \vec{x}\|_A^2 = (\vec{x}_* - \vec{x})^T A (\vec{x}_* - \vec{x})$$

$$= \underbrace{\vec{x}_*^T A \vec{x}_*}_{\text{const.}} + \underbrace{\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}}_{\vec{b}} - 2 \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}_*$$

$$= \vec{x}^T A \vec{x} - 2 \vec{x}^T \vec{b} + \text{const.}$$



In 2-norm,  $\vec{e}_n \perp K_n \Leftrightarrow \vec{v}^T \vec{e}_n = 0$  for all  $\vec{v} \in K_n$

CG algo:

Initialize  $\vec{x}_0 = 0, \vec{r}_0 = \vec{b}, \vec{p}_0 = \vec{b}$

repeat for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ :

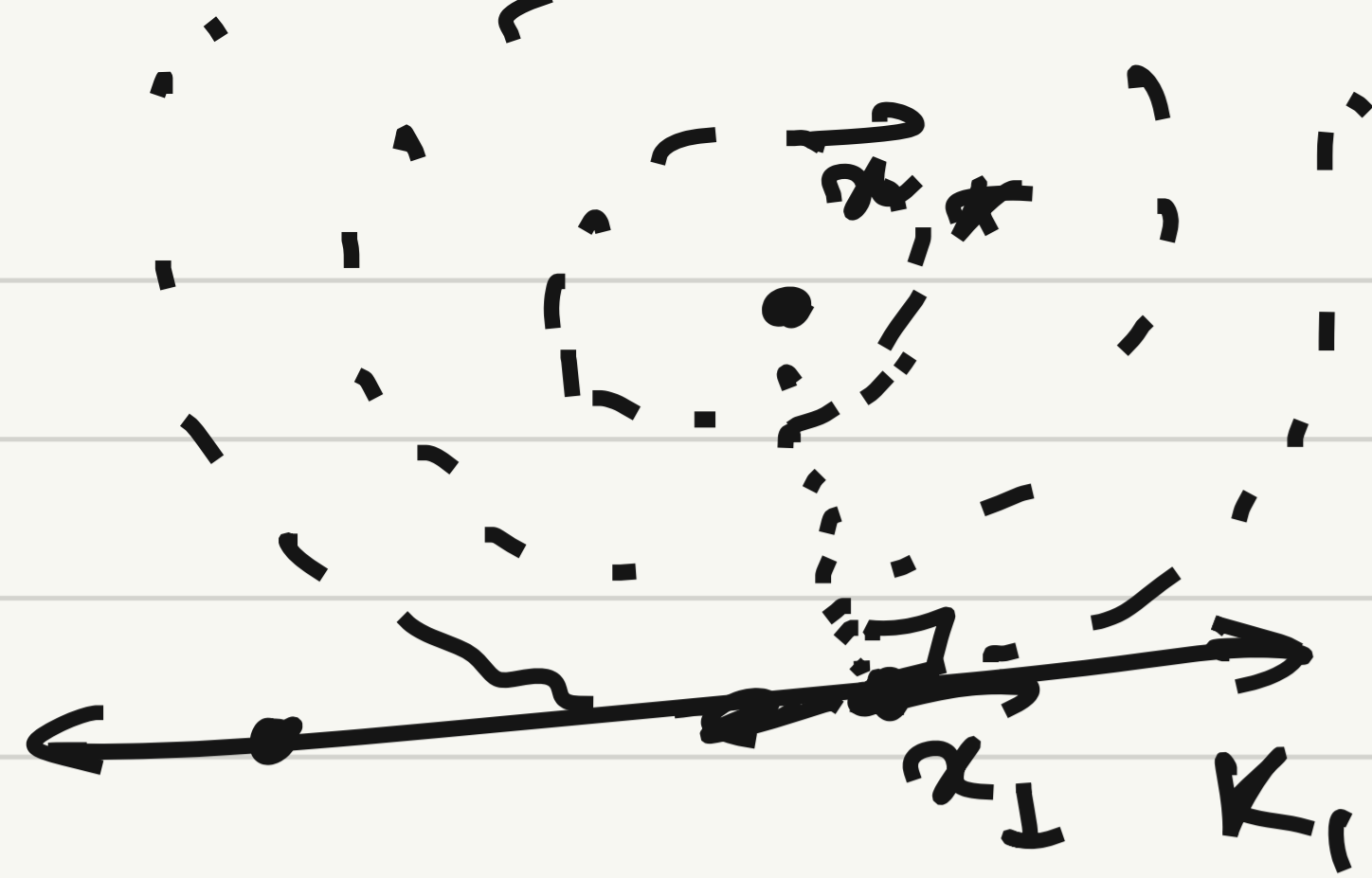
$$\alpha = \vec{r}_n^T \vec{r}_n / \vec{p}_n^T A \vec{p}_n$$

$$\vec{x}_{n+1} = \vec{x}_n + \alpha \vec{p}_n$$

$$\vec{r}_{n+1} = \vec{r}_n - \alpha A \vec{p}_n$$

$$\beta = \vec{r}_{n+1}^T \vec{r}_{n+1} / \vec{r}_n^T \vec{r}_n$$

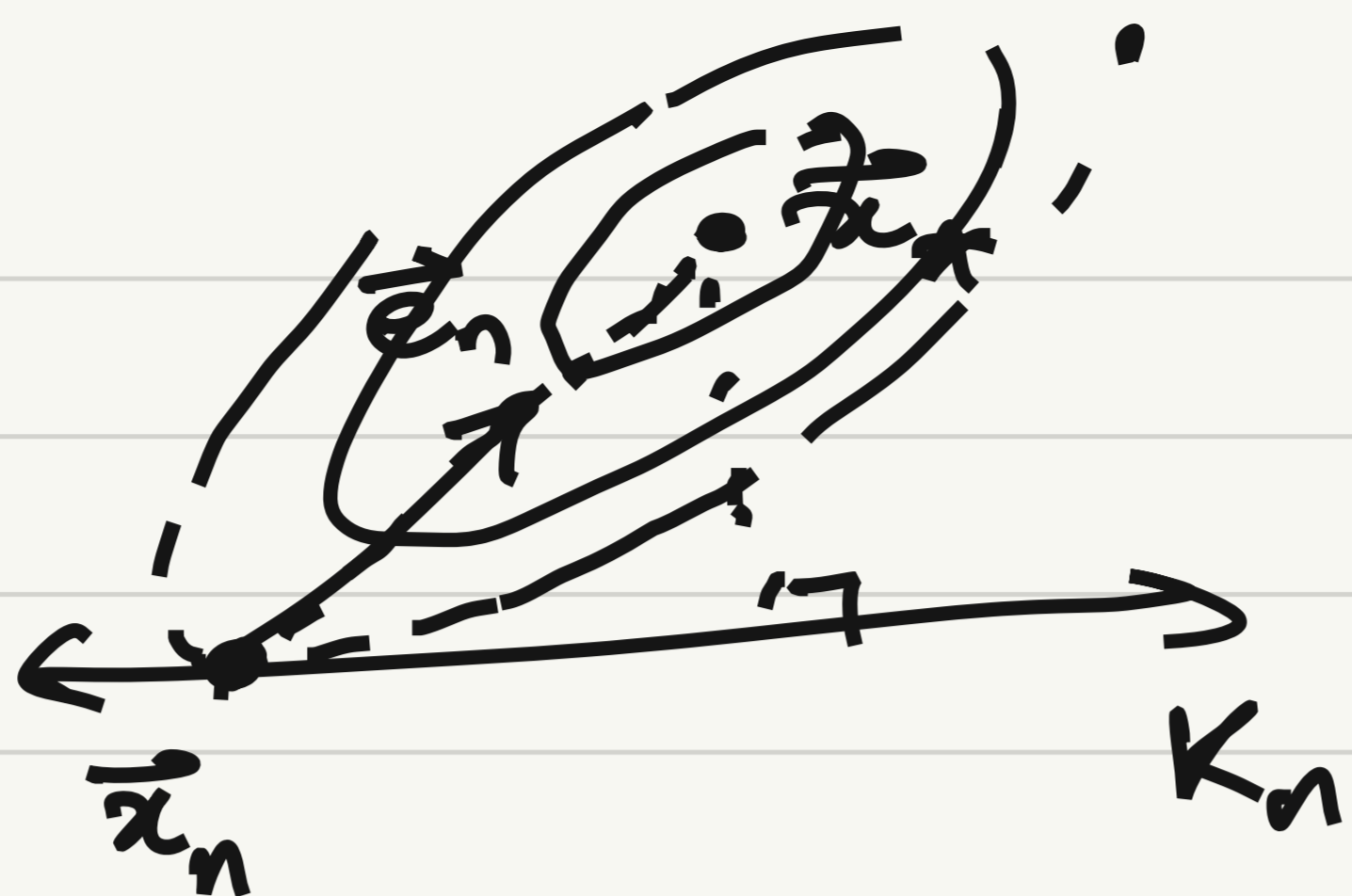
$$\vec{p}_{n+1} = \vec{r}_{n+1} + \beta \vec{p}_n$$



2-norm

$$\vec{v}^T (\vec{x}_* - \vec{x}_\perp) = 0$$

for all  $\vec{v} \in K_1$



A-norm

$$\vec{v}^T A (\vec{x}_* - \vec{x}_n) = 0$$

for all  $\vec{v} \in K_n$

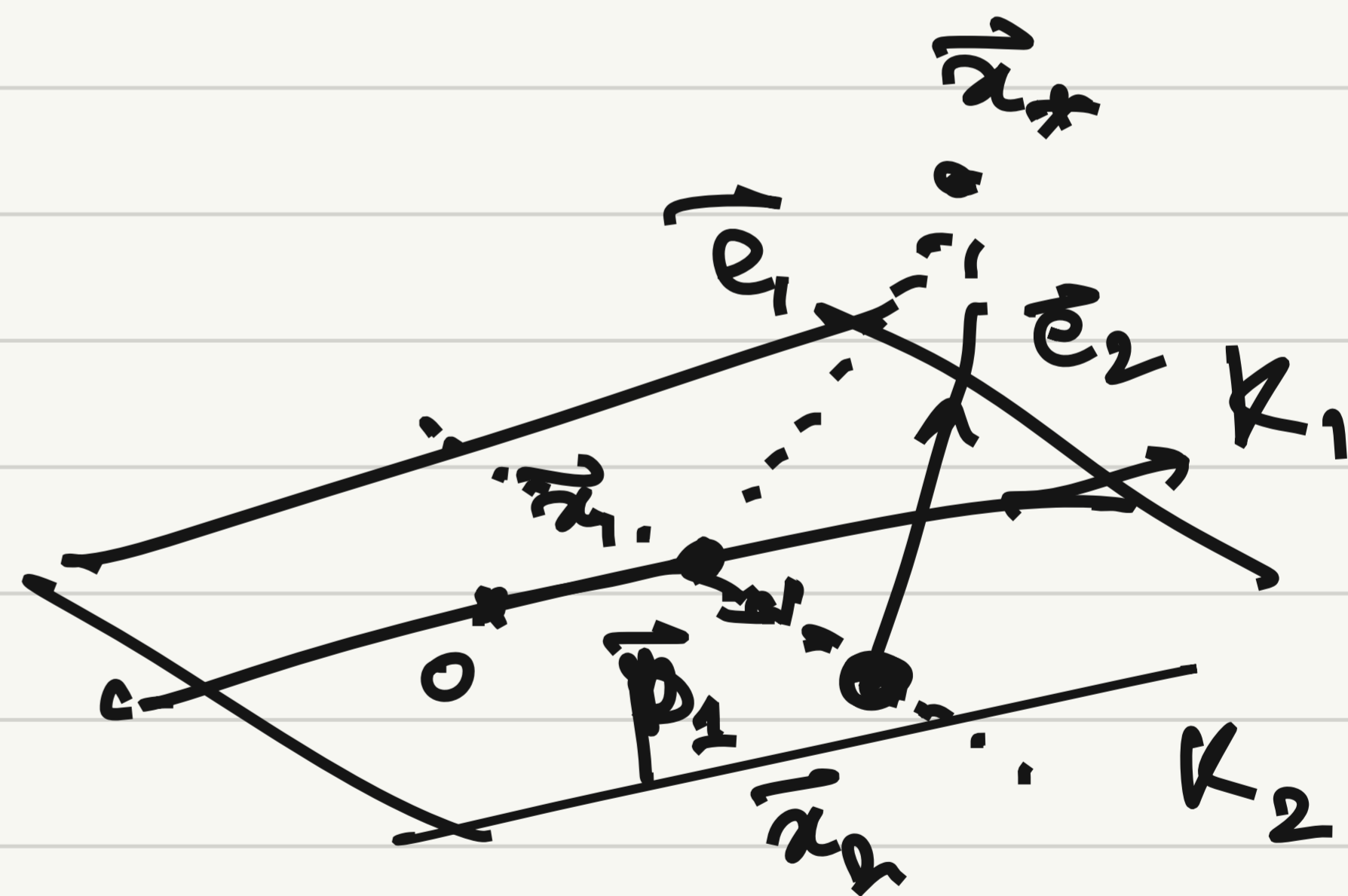
$\vec{v}$  is  $A$ -orthogonal or  $A$ -conjugate to  $\vec{x}_* - \vec{x}_n$

Alg.: At  $n$ th iter,  $\vec{x}_n$  minimizes  $f(\vec{x}_n)$  over  $K_n$

$$\vec{r}_n = \vec{b} - A\vec{x}_n \in K_{n+1}$$

Want  $\vec{x}_{n+1}$  which min  $f(\vec{x}_{n+1})$  over  $K_{n+1}$

Choose Search direction  $\vec{p}_n \in K_{n+1}$ ,  $\vec{x}_{n+1} = \vec{x}_n + \alpha \vec{p}_n$



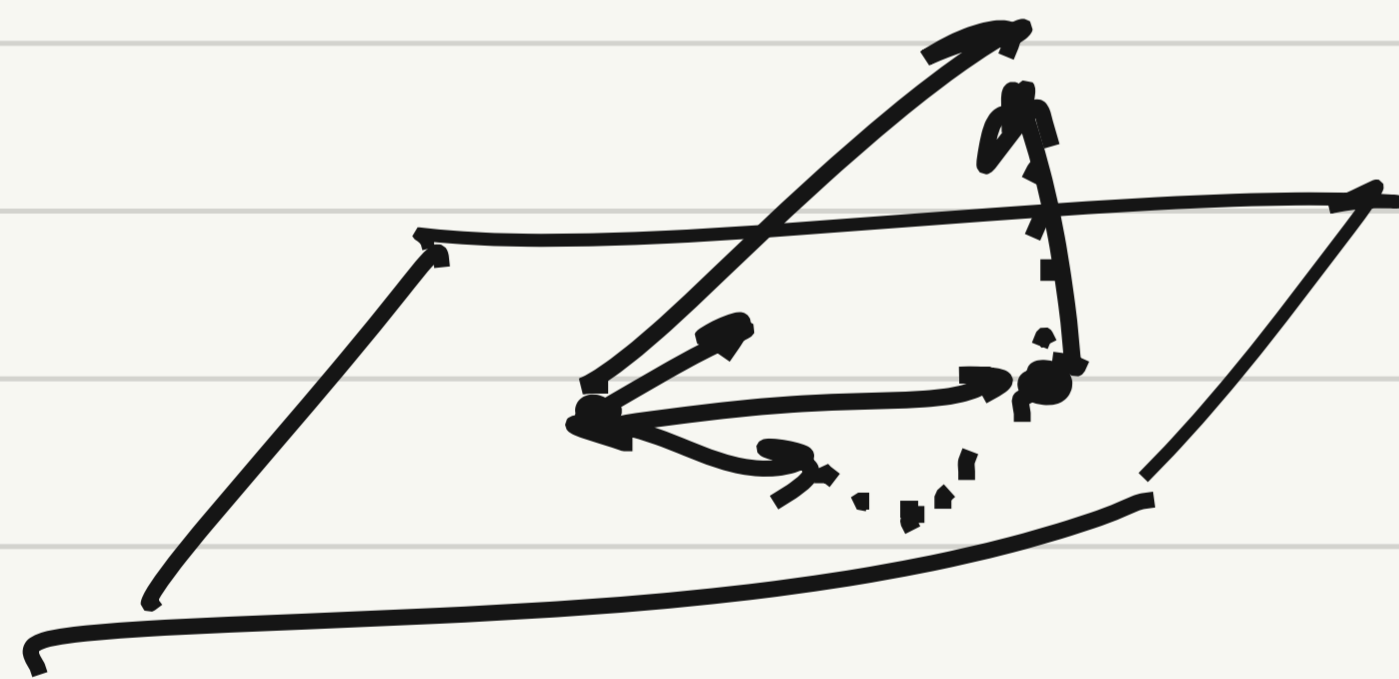
$$\vec{x}_{n+1} = \vec{x}_n + \alpha \vec{p}_n$$

Choose  $\alpha$  to minimize  $f(\vec{x}_n + \alpha \vec{p}_n)$  : quadratic

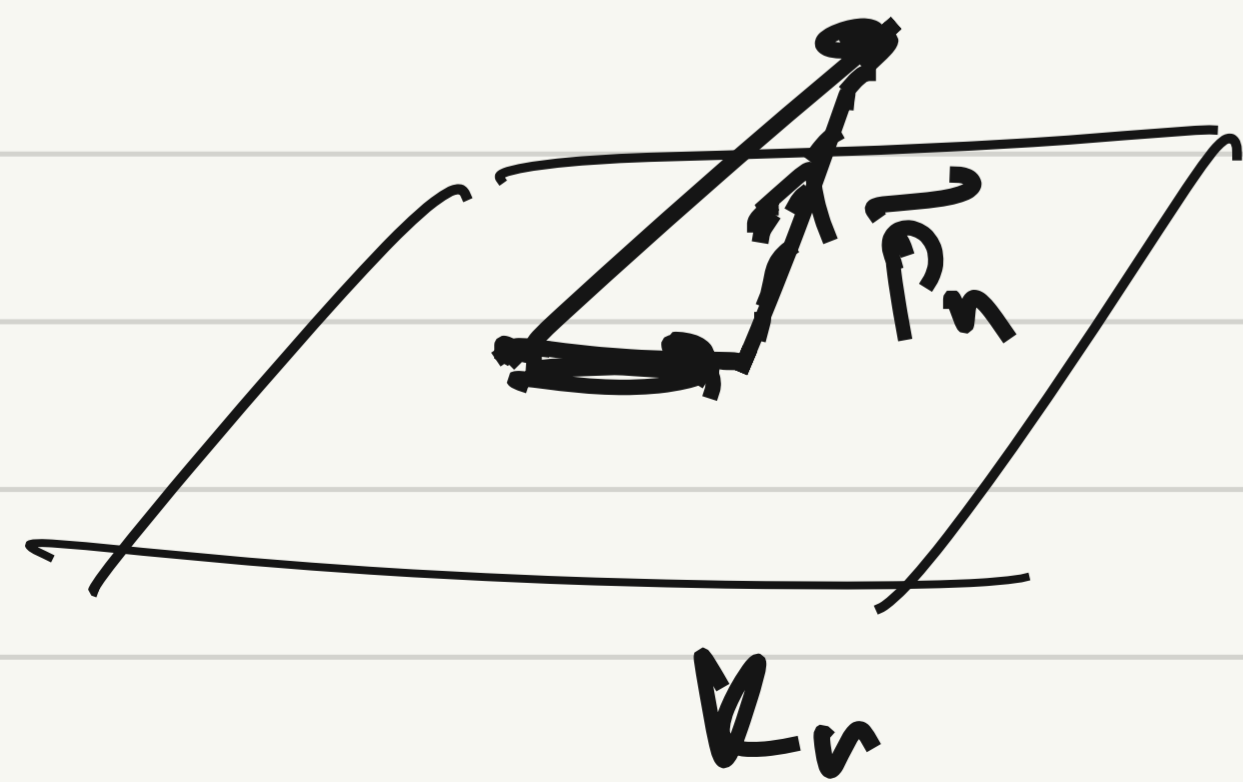
How to choose  $\vec{p}_n$ ? If  $\vec{p}_n$  is  $A$ -conjugate to  $K_n$  then  $\vec{x}_{n+1}$  is optimal over  $K_{n+1}$ !

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}^T \vec{y} &\rightarrow \vec{x}^T A \vec{y} \\ \|\vec{x}\|_2 &\rightarrow \|\vec{x}\|_A \end{aligned}$$

Pick any vector in  $K_{n+1}$ , eg.  $\vec{r}_n$ , do  $A$ -conjugate decomp. with  $\vec{p}_0, \dots, \vec{p}_{n-1}$



③  $\vec{r}_n$  is already  $A$ -conjugate to  $\vec{p}_0, \vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_{n-2}$



$$\Rightarrow \vec{p}_n = \vec{r}_n + \beta \vec{p}_{n-1}$$

Shewchuk, "An Introduction to CG without the Agonizing Pain"



## Convergence of CG

$\|\vec{e}_n\|_A$  decreases monotonically with  $n$ , goes to zero in  $\leq m$  iters

CG is Krylov subspace method  $\Rightarrow \vec{x}_n = q_n(A) \cdot \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{e}_n = p(A) \vec{e}_0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|\vec{e}_n\|_A}{\|\vec{e}_0\|_A} \leq \inf_{p \in \mathcal{P}_n} \|p(A)\|_A$$

$$p(A) = V p(\Lambda) V^T = V \begin{bmatrix} p(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

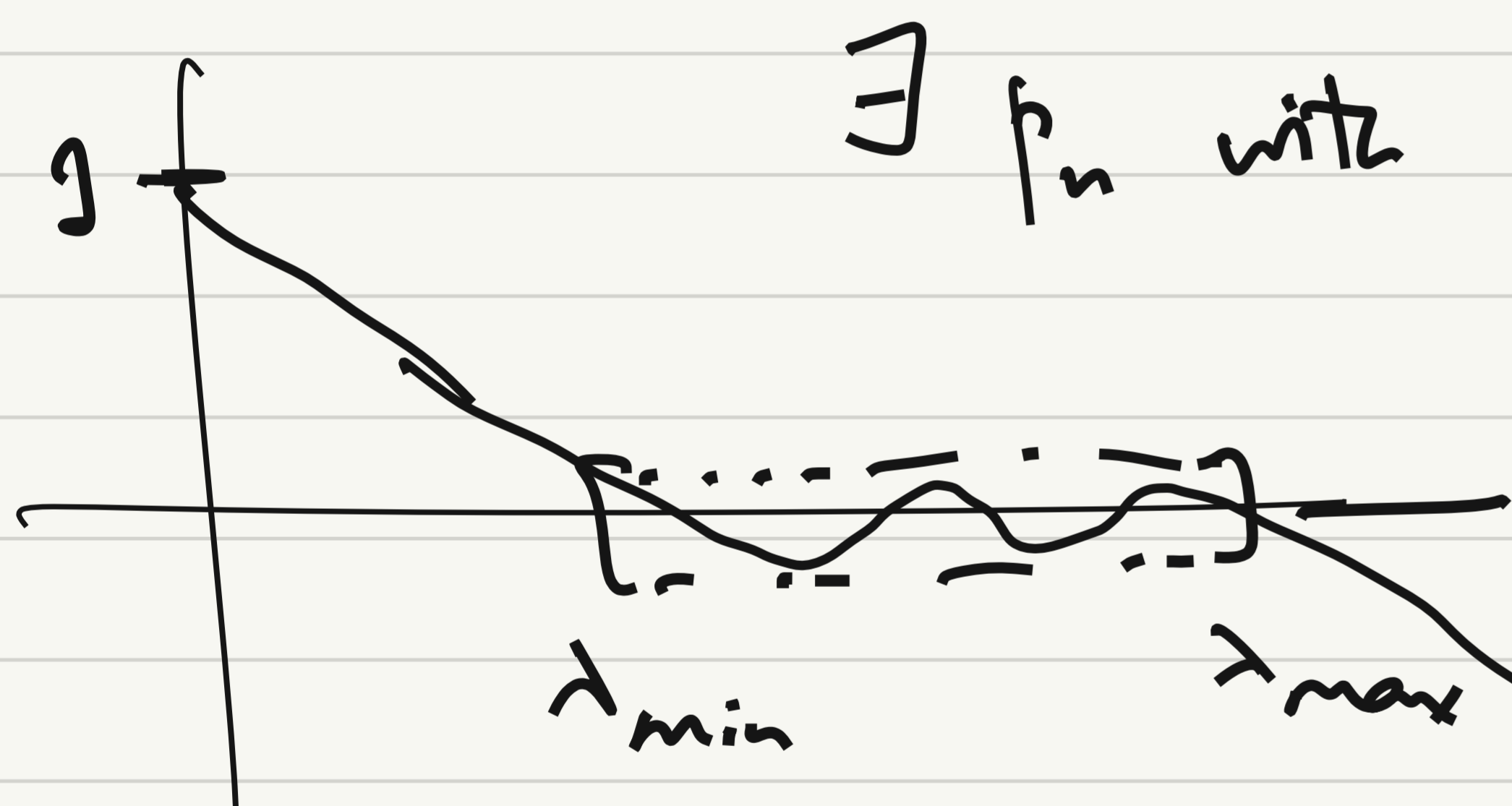
$A^T = A \Rightarrow$  eigenvectors are orthogonal,  $A$ -conjugate

$A$  is SPD  $\Rightarrow$  eigenvalues are real, positive  $\Rightarrow \|p(A)\|_A = \max_j |p(\lambda_j)|$

$$\frac{\|\vec{e}_n\|_A}{\|\vec{e}_0\|_A} \leq \max_j |p(\lambda_j)|$$

Two consequences:

1. If only  $n$  distinct eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow$  CG converges in  $\leq n$  iterations
2. If  $\lambda_j \in [\lambda_{\min}, \lambda_{\max}]$  then  $\kappa = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$



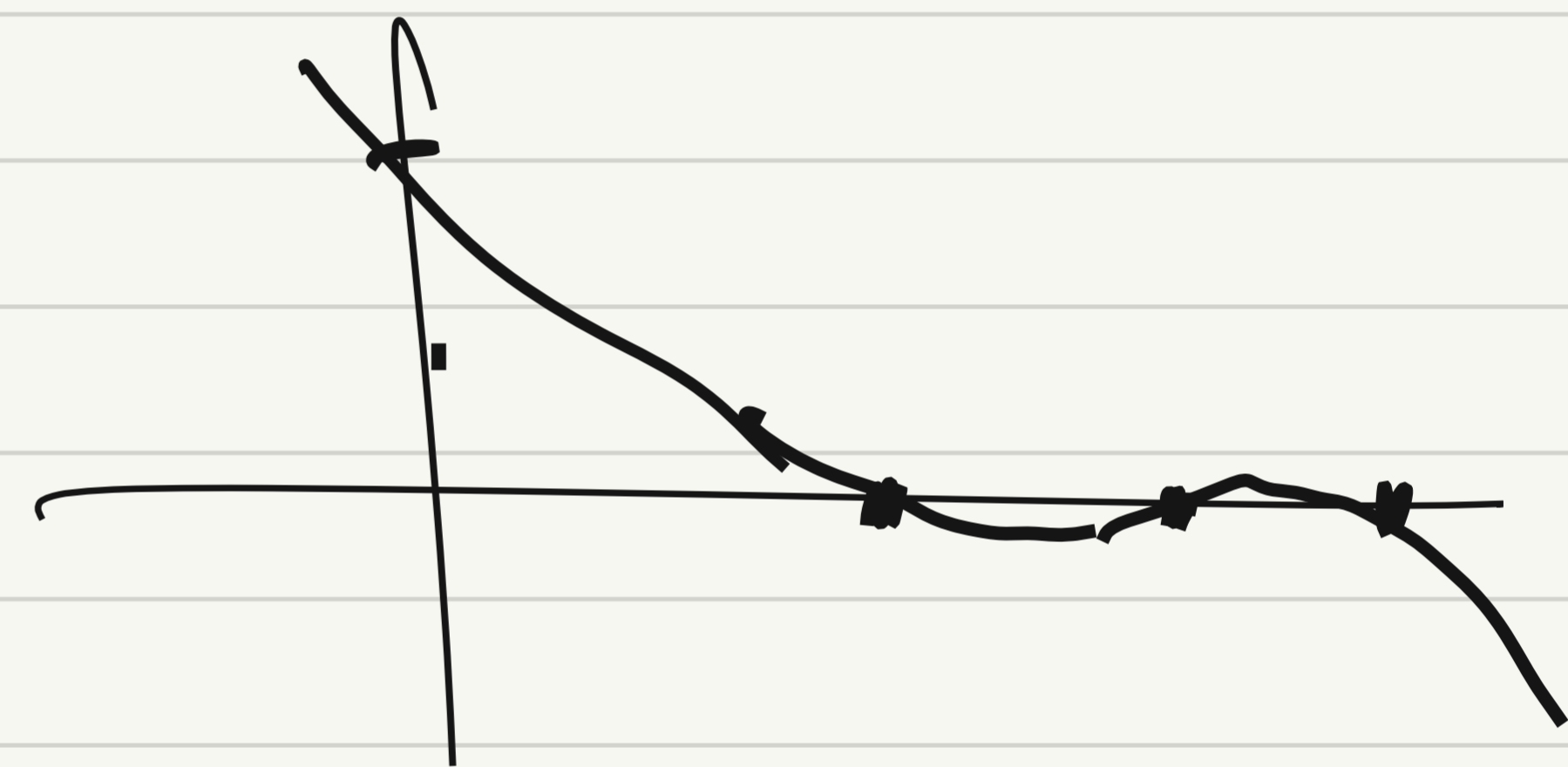
$\exists p_n$  with  $p_n(0) = 1$ ,

$$p_n(x) \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|e_n\|}{\|e_0\|} \leq 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\kappa} - 1}{\sqrt{\kappa} + 1} \right)^n$$

At each iter, error decreases by  $\approx \frac{2}{\sqrt{\kappa}}$

Convergence to specified tolerance in  $O(\sqrt{\kappa})$  iters



$\approx 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\kappa}}$  for large  $\kappa$