

CS 3331 Numerical Methods

Lecture 6: Iterative Methods for Solving  
Linear Systems

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# Outline

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# Background

# Motivation

- Some linear systems are large and sparse.
  - They cannot be stored into an  $n \times n$  array.
  - Number of nonzero elements are  $O(n)$ .
  - The L-factor and U-factor are not sparse, but still large.
  - Time complexity of LU factorization is  $O(n^3)$ .
- Iterative methods
  - Access matrix elements constant times/iteration.
  - Need only  $O(n)$  extra storage.
  - Transform  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^k = \mathbf{Cx}^{k-1} + \mathbf{d}$ .

## Basic idea LVF pp.226

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + a_{14}x_4 = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + a_{24}x_4 = b_2$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 + a_{34}x_4 = b_3$$

$$a_{41}x_1 + a_{42}x_2 + a_{43}x_3 + a_{44}x_4 = b_4$$

Ex. Jacobi method

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= && -\frac{a_{12}}{a_{11}}x_2 & -\frac{a_{13}}{a_{11}}x_3 & -\frac{a_{14}}{a_{11}}x_4 & +\frac{b_1}{a_{11}} \\x_2 &= & -\frac{a_{21}}{a_{22}}x_1 && -\frac{a_{23}}{a_{22}}x_3 & -\frac{a_{24}}{a_{22}}x_4 & +\frac{b_2}{a_{22}} \\x_3 &= & -\frac{a_{31}}{a_{33}}x_2 & -\frac{a_{32}}{a_{33}}x_3 && -\frac{a_{34}}{a_{33}}x_4 & +\frac{b_3}{a_{33}} \\x_4 &= & -\frac{a_{41}}{a_{44}}x_1 & -\frac{a_{42}}{a_{44}}x_3 & -\frac{a_{43}}{a_{44}}x_4 && +\frac{b_4}{a_{44}}\end{aligned}$$

## Fixed point iteration LVF pp.5,22, Last year's note

- Suppose  $x = g(x)$  has a unique solution  $x^*$  in  $[a, b]$ . Then  $x_{k+1} = g(x_k)$  will converge to  $x^*$  with any  $x_0$ , if
  1.  $g(x)$  maps  $[a, b]$  to  $[a, b]$ .
  2.  $\exists \lambda < 1$  s.t.  $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq \lambda|x - y|$  for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$ .
- Linear convergence with rate  $\lambda$ .
$$|x^* - x_{k+1}| = |g(x^*) - g(x_k)| \leq \lambda|x^* - x_k| \cdots \leq \lambda^k|x^* - x_0|.$$
- In this chapter,  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}$ .  $\|g(\mathbf{x}) - g(\mathbf{y})\| = \|\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{y}\|$ 
$$\|\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}\| = \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_k)\| = \cdots = \|\mathbf{C}^k(\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_0)\| \leq \|\mathbf{C}^k\| \|\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}_0\|$$
  - Converge condition: the maximum absolute value of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{C}$  (spectral radius) is less than 1.

# Iterative Methods

## Jacobi method LVF pp.227

- Decompose  $A = L + D + U$

- $L$  lower triangular part.

- $D$  diagonal part.

- $U$  upper triangular part.

$$Dx = (-L - U)x + b$$

$$x = \underbrace{D^{-1}(-L - U)}_C x + \underbrace{D^{-1}b}_d$$

- If  $A$  is *strictly diagonal dominant*, then the maximum absolute valued eigenvalue of  $C < 1$ .

- Strictly diagonal dominant:  $|a_{ii}| > \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}|$

- Operation count: number of iterations  $\times$  time for matrix-vector multiplication.
- Easy to be parallelized.



## Sensitive to equation order LVF pp.227,233

- Consider  $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 6 \\ x + 2y = 6 \end{cases}$

$$- \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$- \|\mathbf{C}\| = 1/2 < 1.$$

- Exchange the equation order  $\begin{cases} x + 2y = 6 \\ 2x + y = 6 \end{cases}$

$$- \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$- \|\mathbf{C}\| = 2 > 1.$$

## Gauss–Seidel method LVF pp.234

Consider a system 
$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = -1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 6 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = -3 \end{cases}$$

Jacobi method

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(k+1)} &= 0.5x_2^{(k)} - 0.5x_3^{(k)} - 0.5 \\ x_2^{(k+1)} &= -0.5x_1^{(k)} - 0.5x_3^{(k)} + 3 \\ x_3^{(k+1)} &= -0.5x_1^{(k)} + 0.5x_2^{(k)} - 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

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## Gauss–Seidel method LVF pp.237

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{D}^{-1}(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L})\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= -\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \\ (\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L})\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= -\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= -(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L})^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + (\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L})^{-1}\mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is symmetric positive definite, Gauss–Seidel converges with any initial guess.
- Like Jacobi method, it can diverge. But when converging, it is more faster than Jacobi method.
- Hard to parallelize.

## Successive over-relaxation LVF pp.238

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Linear combination of  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  and the vector from Gauss–Seidel.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(k+1)} &= (1 - \omega)x_1^{(k)} + \frac{\omega}{a_{11}}(b_1 - a_{12}x_2^{(k)} - a_{13}x_3^{(k)}) \\ x_2^{(k+1)} &= (1 - \omega)x_2^{(k)} + \frac{\omega}{a_{22}}(b_2 - a_{21}x_1^{(k+1)} - a_{23}x_3^{(k)}) \\ x_3^{(k+1)} &= (1 - \omega)x_3^{(k)} + \frac{\omega}{a_{33}}(b_3 - a_{31}x_1^{(k+1)} - a_{32}x_2^{(k+1)}) \end{aligned}$$

- For  $0 < \omega < 1$ , the method is called *successive under-relaxation*.
- For  $1 < \omega < 2$ , the method is called *successive over-relaxation*.

## Successive over-relaxation LVF pp.240

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= (1 - \omega)\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega[-\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{b}] \\ \mathbf{D}^{-1}(\mathbf{D} + \omega\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= [(1 - \omega)\mathbf{I} - \omega\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}]\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \\ (\mathbf{D} + \omega\mathbf{L})\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= [(1 - \omega)\mathbf{D} - \omega\mathbf{U}]\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= (\mathbf{D} + \omega\mathbf{L})^{-1} [((1 - \omega)\mathbf{D} - \omega\mathbf{U})\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega\mathbf{b}] \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{D} + \omega\mathbf{L})^{-1}((1 - \omega)\mathbf{D} - \omega\mathbf{U})$ .
- Determinant of  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $(1 - \omega)^n$ .

$$\det \mathbf{C} = \frac{\det((1 - \omega)\mathbf{D} - \omega\mathbf{U})}{\det(\mathbf{D} + \omega\mathbf{L})} = \frac{(1 - \omega)^n \prod_{i=1}^n d_i}{\prod_{i=1}^n d_i} = (1 - \omega)^n$$

– Always choose  $0 < \omega < 2$ .