

Matrices in Geometry - 12.259

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Problem Statement

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 5 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -22 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

With an initial guess of the solution $(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3)^\top = (1 \ 1 \ 1)^\top$, the approximate value of the solution $(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3)^\top$ after one iteration of the Gauss-Seidel method is

- (a) $(2 \ -4.4 \ 1.625)^\top$
- (b) $(2 \ 4.4 \ 1.625)^\top$
- (c) $(2 \ -4 \ -3)^\top$
- (d) $(2 \ -4 \ 3)^\top$

Solution

Let the initial guess of the solution be

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Isolating each variable from the given equations

$$x_1 = \frac{13 - 2x_2 - x_3}{5}, \quad x_2 = \frac{-22 + 2x_1 - 2x_3}{5}, \quad x_3 = \frac{14 + x_1 - 2x_2}{8} \quad (2)$$

Substituting $x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1$ in the first equation

$$x_1 = \frac{13 - 2 - 1}{5} = \frac{10}{5} = 2 \quad (3)$$

Solution

Substituting $x_1 = 2, x_3 = 1$ in the second equation

$$x_2 = \frac{-22 + 4 - 2}{5} = \frac{-20}{5} = -4 \quad (4)$$

Substituting $x_1 = 2, x_2 = -4$

$$x_3 = \frac{14 + 2 + 8}{8} = \frac{24}{8} = 3 \quad (5)$$

After one iteration of the Gauss-Seidel method, we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

which is option (d)

Solution

Plotting these points in a graph

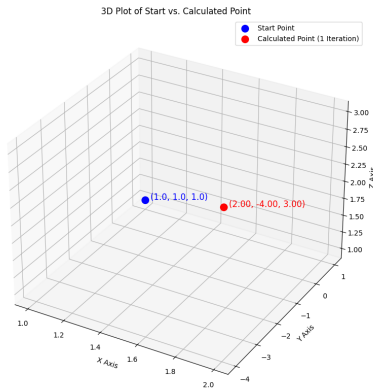


Figure: Graph for 12.259