

Solution of linear systems $\mathbf{A}x = \mathbf{B}$

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Introduction to Vectors and Matrices

Coordinate form of a real N -dimensional vector,

$$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N).$$

x_1, x_2, \dots , and x_N are the **components of X** .

- The set consisting of all N -dimensional vectors is called ***N-dimensional space***.
- When a vector is used to denote a point or position in space, it is called a ***position vector***.
- When it is used to denote a movement between two points in space, it is called a ***displacement vector***.

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$$X \cdot Y = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_Ny_N. \quad (1)$$

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An important relationship exists between the dot product and the norm of a vector. If both sides of equation (2) are squared and equation (1) is used, with Y being replaced with X , we have

$$\| X \|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_N^2 = X \cdot X.$$

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Using equation (2) and (3), we can write down the formula for the distance between two points in N -space.

$$\|Y - X\| = \left((y_1 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - x_2)^2 + \dots + (y_N - x_N)^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

When the distance between points is computed using formula above, we say that the points lie in ***N-dimensional Euclidean space***.

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Difference	$X - Y = (-4, -4, 3, 3)$
Scalar multiple	$3X = (6, -9, 15, -3)$
Length	$\ X\ = (4 + 9 + 25 + 1)^{1/2} = 39^{1/2}$
Dot product	$X \cdot Y = 12 - 3 + 10 + 4 = 23$
Displacement from X to Y	$Y - X = (4, 4, -3, -3)$
Distance from X to Y	$\ Y - X\ = (16 + 16 + 9 + 9)^{1/2} = 50^{1/2}$

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The set of vectors has a zero element $\mathbf{0}$, which is defined by

$$\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

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Theorem 1. Vector Algebra.

Suppose that X , Y , and Z are N -dimensional vectors and a and b are scalars (real numbers). The following properties of vector addition and scalar multiplication hold:

$$Y + X = X + Y$$

commutative property

$$0 + X = X + 0$$

additive identity

$$X - X = X + (-X) = 0$$

additive inverse

$$(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$$

associative property

$$(a + b)X = aX + bX$$

distributive property for scalars

$$a(X + Y) = aX + aY$$

distributive property for vectors

$$a(bX) = (ab)X$$

associative property for scalars

Matrices and Two-dimensional Arrays

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers that is arranged systematically in rows and columns. A matrix having M rows and N columns is called an $M \times N$ (read " M by N ") matrix. The capital letter A denotes a matrix and the lowercase subscripted letter a_{ij} denotes one of the numbers forming the matrix. We write

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{M \times N} \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq M, 1 \leq j \leq N.$$

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where a_{ij} is the number in location (i,j) (i.e.. stored in the i th row and j th column of the matrix). We refer to a_{ij} as the element in location (i,j) . In expanded form we write

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The rows of the $M \times N$ matrix A are N -dimensional vectors:

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If A is an upper-triangular matrix, then $AX = B$ is said to be an **upper-triangular system** of linear equations and has the form

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \cdots + a_{1N-1}x_{N-1} + a_{1N}x_N &= b_1 \\a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \cdots + a_{2N-1}x_{N-1} + a_{2N}x_N &= b_2 \\a_{33}x_3 + \cdots + a_{3N-1}x_{N-1} + a_{3N}x_N &= b_3 \\&\vdots \\a_{N-1N-1}x_{N-1} + a_{N-1N}x_N &= b_{N-1} \\a_{NN}x_N &= b_N.\end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 2. Back Substitution.

Suppose that $AX = B$ is an upper-triangular system. If

$$a_{kk} \neq 0 \quad ; \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

then there exists a unique solution.

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Once the values $x_N, x_{N-1}, \dots, x_{k+1}$ are known, the general step is

$$x_k = \frac{b_k - \sum_{j=k+1}^N a_{kj}x_j}{a_{kk}} \quad \text{for } k = N-1, N-2, \dots, 1.$$

The N th equation implies that b_N/a_{NN} is the only possible value of x_N . Then finite induction is used to establish that $x_{N-1}, x_{N-2}, \dots, x_1$ are **unique**.

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Theorem 3. Elementary Transformations.

The following operations applied to a linear system yield an equivalent system:

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|-------------------|--|
| (1) Interchanges: | The order of two equations can be changed. |
| (2) Scaling: | Multiplying an equation by a nonzero constant. |
| (3) Replacement: | An equation can be replaced by the sum of itself and a nonzero multiple of any other equation. |

It is common to use (3) by replacing an equation with the difference of that equation and a multiple of another equation.

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We arrive at the equivalent upper-triangular system. The back-substitution algorithm is now used to find the coefficients $C = 4/2 = 2$, $B = -2 - 3(2) = -8$, and $A = 1 - (-8) - 2 = 7$, and the equation of the parabola is $y = 7 - 8x + 2x^2$.

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The **augmented matrix** is denoted $[A|B]$ and the linear system is represented as follows:

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Theorem 4. Elementary Row Operations.

The following operations applied to the augmented matrix yield an equivalent linear system.:

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- (2) Scaling: Multiplying a row by a nonzero constant.
- (3) Replacement: The row can be replaced by the sum of that row and a nonzero multiple of any other row; that is:
 $\text{row}_r = \text{row}_r - m_{rp} \times \text{row}_p.$

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Definition 2. Pivot.

The number a_{11} in the coefficient matrix A that is used to eliminate a_{kr} , where $k = r + 1, r + 2, \dots, N$, is called the r th **pivotal element**, and the r th row is called the **pivot row**.

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The back-substitution algorithm can be used to solve the system.

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The process described above is called **Gaussian elimination**.

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The upper-triangularization process is now complete.

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Pivoting to Avoid $a_{pp}^{(p)} = 0$

If $a_{pp}^{(p)} = 0$, row p cannot be used to eliminate the elements in column p below the main diagonal. It is necessary to find row k , where $a_{kp}^{(p)} \neq 0$ and $k > p$, and then interchange row p and row k so that a nonzero pivot element is obtained. This process is called pivoting and the criterion for deciding which row to choose is called a pivoting strategy.

The **trivial pivoting** strategy is as follows. If $a_{pp}^{(p)} \neq 0$, do not switch rows. If $a_{pp}^{(p)} = 0$, locate the first row below p in which $a_{kp}^{(p)} \neq 0$ and switch rows k and p . This will result in a new element $a_{pp}^{(p)} \neq 0$, which is a nonzero pivot element.

Pivoting to Reduce Error

Because the computer uses fixed-precision arithmetic, it is possible that a small error will be introduced each time that an arithmetic operation is performed. The following example illustrates how the use of the trivial pivoting strategy in Gaussian elimination can lead to significant error in the solution of a linear system of equations.

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Use four-digit arithmetic and Gaussian elimination with trivial pivoting to find a computed approximate solution to the system. The multiple $m_{21} = 24.14/1.133 = 21.31$ of row 1 is to be subtracted from row 2 to obtain the upper-triangular system.

Using four digits in the calculations, we obtain the new coefficients

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The error in the solution of the linear system is due to the magnitude of the multiplier $m_{21} = 21.31$. In the next example the magnitude of the multiplier m_{21} is reduced by first interchanging the first and second equations in the linear system and then using the trivial pivoting strategy in Gaussian elimination to solve the system.

Ill conditioning

A matrix A is called **ill conditioned** if there exists a matrix B for which small perturbations in the coefficients of A or B will produce large changes in $X = A^{-1}B$. The system $AX = B$ is said to be ill conditioned when A is ill conditioned. In this case, numerical methods for computing an approximate solution are prone to have more error.

One circumstance involving ill conditioning occurs when A is "nearly singular" and the determinant of A is close to zero. Ill conditioning can also occur in systems of two equations when two lines are nearly parallel (or in three equations when three planes are nearly parallel). A consequence of ill conditioning is that substitution of erroneous values may appear to be genuine solutions.

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Here the discrepancy from 0 is only ± 0.04 . However, the true solution to this linear system is $x = 0.8$ and $y = 0.6$, so the errors in the approximate solution are $x - x_0 = 0.80 - 1.00 = -0.20$ and $y - y_0 = 0.60 - 0.48 = 0.12$. Thus, merely substituting values into a set of equations is not a reliable test for accuracy.

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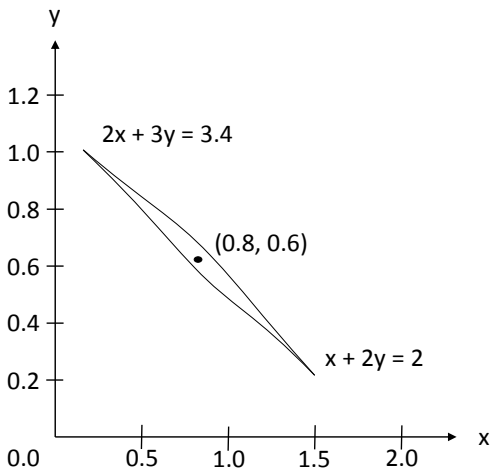


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There are points in R that are far away from the solution point $(0.8, 0.6)$ and yet produce small values when substituted into the equations. If it is suspected that a linear system is ill conditioned, computations should be carried out in multiple-precision arithmetic.

Ill conditioning has more drastic consequences when several equations are involved. Consider the problem of finding the cubic polynomial $y = c_1x^3 + c_2x^2 + c_3x + c_4$ that passes through the four points $(2, 8)$, $(3, 27)$, $(4, 64)$, and $(5, 125)$ (clearly $y = x^3$ is the desired cubic polynomial).

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Definition 3.

The nonsingular matrix A has a **triangular factorization** if it can be expressed as the product of a lower-triangular matrix L and an upper-triangular matrix U :

$$A = LU.$$

In matrix form, this is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} & u_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} & u_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{44} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Solution of a Linear System

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Theorem 5. Direct Factorization $A = LU$. No Row Interchanges.

Suppose that Gaussian elimination, without row interchanges, can be successfully performed to solve the general linear system $AX = B$. Then the matrix A can be factored as the product of a lower-triangular matrix L and an upper-triangular matrix U :

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Proof. When the Gaussian elimination process is followed and B is stored in column $N + 1$ of the augmented matrix, the result after the upper-triangularization step is the equivalent upper-triangular system $UX = Y$. The matrices L , U , B , and Y will have the form

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The upper-triangular process is now complete. Notice that one array is used to store the elements of both L and U . The 1's of L are not stored, nor are the 0's of L and U that lie above and below the diagonal, respectively. Only the essential coefficients needed to reconstruct L and U are stored!

We must now verify that the product $LU = A$. Suppose that $D = LU$ and consider the case when $r \leq c$. Then d_{rc} is

$$(1) \quad d_{rc} = m_{r1}a_{1c}^{(1)} + m_{r2}a_{2c}^{(2)} + \cdots + m_{rr-1}a_{r-1c}^{(r-1)} + a_{rc}^{(r)}.$$

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When the substitutions in (2) are used in (1), the result is

$$d_{rc} = a_{rc}^{(1)} - a_{rc}^{(2)} + a_{rc}^{(2)} - a_{rc}^{(3)} + \cdots + a_{rc}^{(r-1)} - a_{rc}^{(r)} + a_{rc}^{(r)} = a_{rc}^{(1)}.$$

The other case, $r > c$, is similar to prove.

Computational Complexity

At the first N columns of the augmented matrix in Theorem 5 the outer loop of step $p + 1$ requires $N - p = N - (p + 1) + 1$ divisions to compute the multipliers m_{rp} . Inside the loops, but for the first N columns only, a total of $(N - p)(N - p)$ multiplications and the same number of subtractions are required to compute the new row elements a_{rc}^{p+1} . This process is for $p = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$. The triangulation factorization portion of $A = LU$ requires:

$$\sum_{p=1}^{N-1} (N - p)(N - p + 1) = \frac{(N^3 - N)}{3} \text{ multiplications and divisions} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\sum_{p=1}^{N-1} (N - p)(N - p) = \frac{(2N^3 - 3N^2 + N)}{6} \text{ subtractions.} \quad (2)$$

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Once the triangular factorization $A = LU$ has been obtained, the solution to the lower-triangular system $LY = B$ will require $0 + 1 + \dots + N - 1 = (N^2 - N)/2$ multiplications and subtractions; no divisions are required because the diagonal elements of L are 1's. Then the solution of the upper-triangular system $UX = Y$ requires $1 + 2 + \dots + N = (N^2 + N)/2$ multiplications and divisions and $(N^2 - N)/2$ subtractions. Therefore, finding the solution to $LUX = B$ requires

N^2 multiplications and divisions, and $N^2 - N$ subtractions.

The bulk of the calculation lies in the triangularization portion of the solution. If the linear system is to be solved many times, with the same coefficients matrix A but with different column matrices B , it is not necessary to triangularize the matrix each time if the factors are saved.

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Suppose that A has a direct factorization LU ; then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Permutation Matrices

The matrices L and U on the right-hand side of (3) can be multiplied and each element of the product compared with the corresponding element of the matrix A .

$$1 = 1u_{11}$$

$$4 = m_{21}u_{11} = m_{21}$$

$$-2 = m_{31}u_{11} = m_{31}$$

$$2 = 1u_{12}$$

$$8 = m_{21}u_{12} = (4)(2) + u_{22}, \text{ then } u_{22} = 0$$

$$3 = m_{31}u_{12} + m_{32}u_{22} = (-2)(2) + m_{32}(0) = -4, \text{ which is a contradiction.}$$

Therefore, A does not have a LU factorization.

Permutation Matrices

A permutation of the first N positive integers $1, 2, \dots, N$ is an arrangement k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N of these integers in a definite order. For example, $1, 4, 2, 3, 5$ is a permutation of $1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. The standard base vectors $E_i = [00 \dots 0 1_i 0 \dots 0]$,

Definition 4.

An $N \times N$ **permutation matrix** P is a matrix with precisely one entry whose value is 1 in each column and row, and all of whose other entries are 0. The rows of P are a permutation of the rows of the identity matrix and can be written as

$$P = [E'_{k_1} \ E'_{k_2} \ \dots \ E'_{k_N}]'. \quad (4)$$

The elements of $P = [p_{ij}]$ have the form

$$p_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & j = k_i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Permutation Matrices

For example, the following 4×4 matrix is a permutation matrix,

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = [E'_2 \ E'_1 \ E'_4 \ E'_3]'.$$

Theorem 6.

Suppose that $P = [E'_{k_1} \ E'_{k_2} \ \dots \ E'_{k_N}]'$ is a permutation matrix. The product PA is a new matrix whose rows consist of the rows of A rearranged in the order $\text{row}_{k_1}A, \text{row}_{k_2}A, \dots, \text{row}_{k_N}A$.

Iterative Methods for Linear Systems

We consider an extension of fixed-point iteration that applies to systems of linear equations.

Example: Jacobi Iteration

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}4x - y + z &= 7 \\4x - 8y + z &= -21 \\-2x + y + 5z &= 15.\end{aligned}$$

These equations can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{7 + y - z}{4} \\y &= \frac{21 + 4x + z}{8} \\z &= \frac{15 + 2x - y}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{7 + y - z}{4} \\y &= \frac{21 + 4x + z}{8} \\z &= \frac{15 + 2x - y}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

Let us show that if we start with $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 2, 2)$, then the iteration in (3) appears to converge to the solution $(2, 4, 3)$.

Substitute $x_0 = 1$, $y_0 = 2$, and $z_0 = 2$ into the right-hand side of each equation in (3) to obtain the new values

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= \frac{7 + 2 - 2}{4} = 1.75 \\y_1 &= \frac{21 + 4 + 2}{8} = 3.375 \\z_1 &= \frac{15 + 2 - 2}{5} = 3.00\end{aligned}$$

Iterative Methods for Linear Systems

The new point $P_1 = (1.75, 3.375, 3.00)$ is closer to $(2, 4, 3)$ than P_0 . Iteration using (3) generates a sequence of points P_k that converges to the solution $(2, 4, 3)$

k	x_k	y_k	z_k
0	1.0	2.0	2.0
1	1.75	3.375	3.0
2	1.84375	3.875	3.025
3	1.9625	3.925	2.9625
4	1.99062500	3.97656250	3.00000000
5	1.99414063	3.99531250	3.00093750
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
15	1.99999993	3.99999985	2.99999993
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
19	2.00000000	4.00000000	3.00000000

This process is called **Jacobi iteration** and can be used to solve certain types of linear systems. After 19 steps, the iteration has converged to the nine-digit machine approximation $(2.00000000, 4.00000000, 3.00000000)$

Iterative Methods for Linear Systems

Linear systems with as many as 100,000 variables often arise in the solution of partial differential equations. The coefficient matrices for these systems are sparse that is, a large percentage of the entries of the coefficient matrix are zero. If there is a pattern to the nonzero entries (i.e., tridiagonal systems), then an iterative process provides an efficient method for solving these large systems.

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Sometimes the Jacobi method does not work. Let us experiment and see that a rearrangement of the original linear system can result in a system of iteration equations that will produce a divergent sequence of points.

Iterative Methods for Linear Systems

Example 2: Let the linear system be rearranged as follows: (4)

$$-2x + y + 5z = 15$$

$$4x - 8y + z = -21$$

$$4x - y + z = 7.$$

These equations can be written in the form (5)

$$x = \frac{-15 + y + 5z}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{21 + 4x + z}{8}$$

$$z = 7 - 4x + y.$$

This suggests the following Jacobi iterative process: (6)

$$x_{k+1} = \frac{-15 + y_k + 5z_k}{2}$$

$$y_{k+1} = \frac{21 + 4x_k + z_k}{8}$$

$$z_{k+1} = 7 - 4x_k + y_k.$$

Iterative Methods for Linear Systems

See that if we start with $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 2, 2)$ then the iteration using (6) will diverge away from the solution $(2, 4, 3)$.

Substitute $x_0 = 1, y_0 = 2$, and $z_0 = 2$ into the right-hand side of each equation in (6) to obtain the new values x_1, y_1 , and z_1 :

$$x_1 = \frac{-15 + 2 + 10}{2} = -1.5$$

$$y_1 = \frac{21 + 4 + 2}{8} = 3.375$$

$$z_1 = 7 - 4 + 2 = 5.00.$$

The new point $P_1 = (-1.5, 3.375, 5.00)$ is farther away from the solution $(2, 4, 3)$ than P_0 . Iteration using the equations in (6) produces a divergent sequence.

k	x_k	y_k	z_k
0	1.0	2.0	2.0
1	-1.5	3.375	5.0
2	6.6875	2.5	16.375
3	34.6875	8.015625	-17.25
4	-46.617188	17.8125	-123.73438
5	-307.929688	-36.150391	211.28125
6	502.62793	-124.929688	1202.56836
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

Sometimes the convergence can be speeded up. Observe that the Jacobi iterative process yields three sequence x_k , y_k , and z_k that converge to 2, 4, and 3, respectively. It seems reasonable that x_{k+1} could be used in place of x_k in the computation of y_{k+1} . Similarly, x_{k+1} and y_{k+1} might be used in the computation of z_{k+1} . The next example shows what happens when this is applied to the equations in Example 1.

Example

Consider the system of equations given and Gauss-Seidel iterative process suggested by: (7)

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= \frac{7 + y_k - z_k}{4} \\y_{k+1} &= \frac{21 + 4x_{k+1} + z_k}{8} \\z_{k+1} &= \frac{15 + 2x_{k+1} - y_{k+1}}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

See that if we start with $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 2, 2)$. then iteration using (7) will converge to the solution $(2, 4, 3)$.

Substitute $y_0 = 2$ and $z_0 = 2$ into the first equation of (7) and obtain

$$x_1 = \frac{7 + 2 - 2}{4} = 1.75$$

Then substitute $x_1 = 1.75$ and $z_0 = 2$ into the second equation and get

$$y_1 = \frac{21 + 4(1.75) + 2}{8} = 3.75$$

Finally, Substitute $x_1 = 1.75$ and $y_1 = 3.75$ into the third equation to get

$$z_1 = \frac{15 + 2(1.75) + 3.75}{5} = 2.95$$

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

The new point $P_1 = (1.75, 3.75, 2.95)$ is closer to $(2, 4, 3)$ than P_0 and is better than the value given in Example 1. Iteration using (7) generates a sequence P_k that converges to $(2, 4, 3)$.

k	x_k	y_k	z_k
0	1.0	2.0	2.0
1	1.75	3.75	2.95
2	1.95	3.96875	2.98625
3	1.995625	3.99609375	2.99903125
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
8	1.99999983	3.99999988	2.99999996
9	1.99999998	3.99999999	3.00000000
10	2.00000000	4.00000000	3.00000000

In view of Example 1 and 2, it is necessary to have some criterion to determine whether the jacobi iteration will converge. Hence we make the following definition.

Definition 5

A matrix A of dimension $N \times N$ is said to be strictly diagonally dominant provided that (8)

$$|a_{kk}| > \sum_{j=1}^N |a_{kj}|, \quad j \neq k \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

This means that in each row of the matrix the magnitude of the element on the main diagonal must exceed the sum of the magnitudes of all other elements in the row. The coefficient matrix of the linear system (1) in Example 1 is strictly diagonally dominant because

$$\text{In row 1: } |4| > |-1| + |1|$$

$$\text{In row 2: } |-8| > |4| + |1|$$

$$\text{In row 3: } |5| > |-2| + |1|.$$

All the rows satisfy relation (8) in Definition 5; therefore, the coefficient matrix A for the linear system (1) is strictly diagonally dominant.

The coefficient matrix A of the linear system (4) in Example 2 is not strictly diagonally dominant because

$$\text{In row 1: } |-2| < |1| + |5|$$

$$\text{In row 2: } |-8| > |4| + |1|$$

$$\text{In row 3: } |1| < |4| + |-1|.$$

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

Rows 1 and 3 do not satisfy relation (8) in Definition 5; therefore, the coefficient matrix A for the linear system (4) is not strictly diagonally dominant.

We now generalize the Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel iteration processes. Suppose that the given linear system is (9)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1j}x_j + \cdots + a_{1N}x_N & = & b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2j}x_j + \cdots + a_{2N}x_N & = & b_2 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ a_{N1}x_1 + a_{N2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{Nj}x_j + \cdots + a_{NN}x_N & = & b_N \end{array}$$

Let the k th point be $P_k = (x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, \dots, x_j^{(k)}, \dots, x_N^{(k)})$; then the next point is $P_{k+1} = (x_1^{(k+1)}, x_2^{(k+1)}, \dots, x_j^{(k+1)}, \dots, x_N^{(k+1)})$. The superscript (k) on the coordinates of P_k enables us to identify the coordinates that belong to this point.

Gauss-Seidel Iteration

The iteration formulas use row j of (9) to solve for $x_j^{(k+1)}$ in terms of a linear combination of the previous values $x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, \dots, x_j^{(k)}, \dots, x_N^{(k)}$:

Jacobi iteration: (10)

$$x_j^{(k+1)} = \frac{b_j - a_{j1}x_1^{(k)} - \dots - a_{jj-1}x_{j-1}^{(k)} - a_{jj+1}x_{j+1}^{(k)} - \dots - a_{jN}x_N^{(k)}}{a_{jj}}$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Jacobi iteration uses all old coordinates to generate all new coordinates, whereas Gauss-Seidel iteration uses the new coordinates as they become available:

Gauss-Seidel Iteration: (11)

$$x_j^{(k+1)} = \frac{b_j - a_{j1}x_1^{(k+1)} - \dots - a_{jj-1}x_{j-1}^{(k+1)} - a_{jj+1}x_{j+1}^{(k)} - \dots - a_{jN}x_N^{(k)}}{a_{jj}}$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Gauss-Seidel Iteration.

Theorem 7. Jacobi Iteration.

Suppose that A is a strictly diagonally dominant matrix. Then $AX = B$ has a unique solution $X = P$. Iteration using formula (10) will produce a sequence of vectors P_k that will converge to P for any choice of the starting vector P_0 .

Proff The proof can be found in advanced texts on numerical analysis. It can be proved that the Gauss-Seidel method will also converge when the matrix A is strictly diagonally dominant. In many cases the Gauss-Seidel method will converge faster than the Jacobi method; hence it is usually preferred. It is important to understand the slight modification of formula (10) that has been made to obtain formula (11). In some cases the Jacobi method will converge even though the Gauss-Seidel method will not.

Convergence

A measure of the closeness between vectors is needed so that we can determine if P_k is converging to P . The Euclidean distance between $P = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ and $Q = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)$ is

$$\|P - Q\| = \left(\sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - y_j)^2 \right)^{1/2}. \quad (5)$$

Its disadvantage is that it requires considerable computing effort. Hence we introduce a different norm, $\|X\|_1$:

$$\|X\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N |x_j|. \quad (6)$$

The following result ensures that $\|X\|_1$ has the mathematical structure of a metric and hence is suitable to use as a generalized "distance formula." From the study of linear algebra we know that on a finite-dimensional vector space all norms are equivalent; that is, if two vectors are close in the $\|\cdot\|_1$ norm, then they are also close in the Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|$.

Convergence

Theorem 8.

Let X and Y be N -dimensional vectors and c be a scalar. Then the function $\|X\|_1$ has the following properties:

$$\|X\|_1 \geq 0,$$

$$\|X\|_1 = 0 \text{ if and only if } X = 0,$$

$$\|cX\|_1 = |c| \|X\|_1,$$

$$\|X + Y\|_1 \leq \|X\|_1 + \|Y\|_1.$$

Proof We prove and leave the others as exercises. For each j , the triangle inequality for real numbers states that $|x_j + y_j| \leq |x_j| + |y_j|$. Summing these yields inequality:

$$\|X + Y\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N |x_j + y_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |x_j| + \sum_{j=1}^N |y_j| = \|X\|_1 + \|Y\|_1. \quad (7)$$

The norm given can be used to define the distance between points.

Convergence

Definition 6.

Suppose that X and Y are two points in N -dimensional space. We define the distance between X and Y in the $\| * \|_1$ norm as

$$\|X - Y\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N |x_j - y_j|.$$

Example Determine the Euclidean distance and $\| * \|_1$ distance between the points $P = (2, 4, 3)$ and $Q = (1.75, 3.75, 2.95)$.
The Euclidean distance is

$$\|P - Q\|_2 = ((2 - 1.75)^2 + (4 - 3.75)^2 + (3 - 2.95)^2)^{1/2} = 0.3570. \quad (8)$$

The $\| * \|_1$ distance is

$$\|P - Q\|_1 = |2 - 1.75| + |4 - 3.75| + |3 - 2.95| = 0.55 \quad (9)$$

The $\| * \|_1$ is easier to compute and use for determining convergence in N -dimensional space.

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

Iterative techniques will now be discussed that extend the methods to the case of systems of nonlinear functions. Consider the functions

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} f_1(x, y) &= x^2 - 2x - y + 0.5 \\ f_2(x, y) &= x^2 + 4y^2 - 4 \end{aligned}$$

We seek a method of solution for the system of nonlinear equations

$$(2) \quad f_1(x, y) = 0 \text{ and } f_2(x, y) = 0.$$

The equations $f_1(x, y) = 0$ and $f_2(x, y) = 0$ implicitly define curves in the xy -plane. Hence a solution of the system (2) is a point (p, q) where the two curves cross (i.e., both $f_1(p, q) = 0$ and $f_2(p, q) = 0$). The curves for the system in (1) are well known:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} x^2 - 2x + 0.5 &= 0 \text{ is the graph of a parabola,} \\ x^2 + 4xy^2 - 4 &= 0 \text{ is the graph on a ellipse.} \end{aligned}$$

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

The graphs show that there are two solution points and that they are in the vicinity of $(-0.2, 1.0)$ and $(1.9, 0.3)$.

The first techniques is fixed-point iteration. A method must be devised for generating a sequence (p_k, q_k) that converges to the solution (p, q) . The first equation in (3) can be used to solve directly for x . However, a multiple of y can be added to each side of the second equation to get $x^2 + 4y^2 - 8y - 4 = -8y$. The choice of adding $-8y$ is crucial and will be explained later.

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

We now have an equivalent system of equations:

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{x^2 - y + 0.5}{2} \\ y &= \frac{-x^2 - 4y^2 + 8y + 4}{8} \end{aligned}$$

These two equations are used to write the recursive formulas. Start with an initial point (p_0, q_0) , and then compute the sequence $\{(pk + 1, qk + 1)\}$ using

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} p_{k+1} &= g_1(p_k, q_k) = \frac{p_k^2 - q_k + 0.5}{2} \\ q_{k+1} &= g_2(p_k, q_k) = \frac{-p_k^2 - 4q_k^2 + 8q_k + 4}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

Case(i) : If we use the starting value $(p_0, q_0) = (0, 1)$, then

$$p_1 = \frac{0^2 - 1 + 0.5}{2} = -0.25 \text{ and } q_1 = \frac{-0^2 - 4(1)^2 + 8(1) + 4}{8} = 1.0.$$

In this case the sequence converges to the solution that lies near the starting value $(0, 1)$.

Case(ii) : If we use the starting value $(p_0, q_0) = (2, 0)$, then

$$p_1 = \frac{2^2 - 0 + 0.5}{2} = 2.25 \text{ and } q_1 = \frac{-2^2 - 4(0)^2 + 8(0) + 4}{8} = 0.0.$$

In this case the sequence diverges away from the solution

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

Case (i): Start with (0, 1)			Case (ii): Start with (2, 0)		
k	p_k	q_k	k	p_k	q_k
0	0.00	1.00	0	2.00	0.00
1	-0.25	1.00	1	2.25	0.00
2	-0.21875	0.9921875	2	2.78125	-0.1328125
3	-0.2221680	0.9939880	3	4.184082	-0.6085510
4	-0.2223147	0.9938121	4	9.307547	-2.4820360
5	-0.2221941	0.9938029	5	44.80623	-15.891091
6	-0.2222163	0.9938095	6	1011.995	-392.60426
7	-0.2222147	0.9938083	7	512263.2	-205477.82
8	-0.2222145	0.9938084	This sequence is diverging.		
9	-0.2222146	0.9938084			

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

Iteration using formulas (5) cannot be used to find the second solution (1.900677, 0.3112186). To find this point a different pair of iteration formulas are needed. Start with equation (3) and add $-2x$ to the first equation and $-11y$ to the second equation and get

$$x^2 - 4x - y + 0.5 = -2x \text{ and } x^2 + 4y^2 - 11y - 4 = -11y.$$

These equations can then be used to obtain the iteration formulas

$$(6) \quad p_{k+1} = g_1(p_k, q_k) = \frac{-p_k^2 + 4p_k + q_k - 0.5}{2}$$
$$q_{k+1} = g_2(p_k, q_k) = \frac{-p_k^2 - 4q_k^2 + 11q_k + 4}{11}.$$

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

k	p_k	q_k
0	2.00	0.00
1	1.75	0.00
2	1.71875	0.0852273
3	1.753063	0.1776676
4	1.808345	0.2504410
8	1.903595	0.3160782
12	1.900924	0.3112267
16	1.900652	0.3111994
20	1.900677	0.3112196
24	1.900677	0.3112186

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

Definition 7. Jacobian Matrix.

Assume that $f_1(x, y)$ and $f_2(x, y)$ are functions of the independent variables x and y ; then their Jacobian matrix $J(x, y)$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, if $f_1(x, y, z)$, $f_2(x, y, z)$, and $f_3(x, y, z)$ are functions of the independent variables x , y , and z , then their 3×3 Jacobian matrix $J(x, y, z)$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Generalized Differential

For a function of several variables, the differential is used to show how changes of the independent variables affect the change in the dependent variables. Suppose that we have

$$u = f_1(x, y, z), v = f_2(x, y, z) \text{ and } w = f_3(x, y, z).$$

Suppose that the values of the functions in (9) are known at the point (x_0, y_0, z_0) and we wish to predict their value at a nearby point (x, y, z) . Let du, dv , and dw denote differential changes in the dependent variables and dx, dy , and dz denote differential changes in the independent variables.

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These changes obey the relationships

$$\begin{aligned}(10) \quad du &= \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dx + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dy + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dz, \\ dv &= \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dx + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dy + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dz, \\ dw &= \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dx + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dy + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z}(x_0, y_0, z_0)dz,\end{aligned}$$

If vector notation is used, (10) can be compactly written by using the Jacobian matrix. The function changes are dF and the changes in the variables are denoted dX .

$$dF = \begin{bmatrix} du \\ dv \\ dw \end{bmatrix} = J(x_0, y_0, z_0) \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{bmatrix} = J(x_0, y_0, z_0)dX.$$

Convergence Near Fixed Points

The extensions of the definitions and theorems to the case of two and three dimensions are now given. The notation for N -dimensional functions has not been used. The reader can easily find these extensions in many books on numerical analysis.

Definition 8.

A fixed point for the system of two equations

$$(12) \quad x = g_1(x, y) \text{ and } y = g_2(x, y)$$

is a point (p, q) such that $p = g_1(p, q)$ and $q = g_2(p, q)$. Similarly, in three dimensions a fixed point for the system

$$(13) \quad x = g_1(x, y, z), y = g_2(x, y, z) \text{ and } z = g_3(x, y, z)$$

is a point (p, q, r) such that $p = g_1(p, q, r)$, $q = g_2(p, q, r)$ and $r = g_3(p, q, r)$.

Definition 9.

For the functions (12), **fixed-point iteration** is

$$(14) \quad p_{k+1} = g_1(pk, qk) \text{ and } q_{k+1} = g_2(pk, qk)$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots$. Similarly, for the functions (13), **fixed-point iteration is**

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} p_{k+1} &= g_1(pk, qk, rk) \\ q_{k+1} &= g_2(pk, qk, rk) \\ r_{k+1} &= g_3(pk, qk, rk) \end{aligned}$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots$

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Theorem 9. Fixed-Point Iteration.

Assume that the functions in (12) and (13) and their first partial derivatives are continuous on a region that contains the fixed point (p, q) or (p, q, r) , respectively. If the starting point is chosen sufficiently close to the fixed point, then one of the following cases applies.

Case(i): Two dimensions. If (p_0, q_0) is sufficiently close to (p, q) and if

$$(16) \quad \left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x}(p, q) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y}(p, q) \right| < 1.$$
$$\left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x}(p, q) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y}(p, q) \right| < 1.$$

then the iteration in (14) converges to the fixed point (p, q) .

Case(ii): Three dimensions. If (p_0, q_0, r_0) is sufficiently close to (p, q, r) and if

$$(17) \quad \left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x}(p, q, r) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y}(p, q, r) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial z}(p, q, r) \right| < 1.$$
$$\left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x}(p, q, r) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y}(p, q, r) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial z}(p, q, r) \right| < 1.$$
$$\left| \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial x}(p, q, r) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial y}(p, q, r) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial z}(p, q, r) \right| < 1.$$

then the iteration in (15) converges to the fixed point (p, q, r) .

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If conditions (16) or (17) are not met, the iteration might diverge. This will usually be the case if the sum of the magnitudes of the partial derivatives is much larger than 1. Theorem 9 can be used to show why the iteration (5) converged to the fixed point near $(-0.2, 1.0)$. The partial derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}g_1(x,y) &= x, & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}g_1(x,y) &= -\frac{1}{2}. \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}g_2(x,y) &= -\frac{x}{4}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}g_2(x,y) &= -y + 1.\end{aligned}$$

Indeed, for all (x,y) satisfying $-0.5 < x < 0.5$ and $0.5 < y < 1.5$, the partial derivatives satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x}g_1(x,y) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y}g_1(x,y) \right| &= |x| + |-0.5| < 1, \\ \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x}g_2(x,y) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y}g_2(x,y) \right| &= \frac{|-x|}{4} + |-y + 1| < 0.625 < 1.\end{aligned}$$

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Therefore, the partial derivative conditions in (16) are met and Theorem 9 implies that fixed-point iteration will converge to $(p, q) \approx (0.2222146, 0.9)$. Notice that near the other fixed point $(1.90068, 0.31122)$ the partial derivatives do not meet the conditions in (16); hence convergence is not guaranteed. That is,

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g_1(1.90068, 0.31122) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g_1(1.90068, 0.31122) \right| = 2.40068 > 1,$$
$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g_2(1.90068, 0.31122) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} g_2(1.90068, 0.31122) \right| = 1.16395 > 1.$$

Seidel Iteration

An improvement, analogous to the Gauss-Seidel method for linear systems, of fixed point iteration can be made. Suppose that $p_k + 1$ is used in the calculation of $q_k + 1$ (in three dimensions both $p_k + 1$ and $q_k + 1$ are used to compute $r_k + 1$). When these modifications are incorporated in formulas (14) and (15), the method is called Seidel iteration:

$$(18) \quad p_{k+1} = g_1(p_k, q_k) \text{ and } q_{k+1} = g_2(p_{k+1}, q_k),$$

and

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} p_{k+1} &= g_1(p_k, q_k, r_k) \\ q_{k+1} &= g_2(p_{k+1}, q_k, r_k) \\ r_{k+1} &= g_3(p_{k+1}, q_{k+1}, r_k) \end{aligned}$$

Iteration for Nonlinear: Seidel and Newton

We now outline the derivation of Newton's method in two dimensions. Newton's method can easily be extended to higher dimensions. Consider the system

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} u &= f_1(x, y) \\ v &= f_2(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

which can be considered a transformation from the xy -plane to the uv -plane. We are interested in the behavior of this transformation near the point (x_0, y_0) whose image is the point (u_0, v_0) . If the two functions have continuous partial derivatives, then the differential can be used to write a system of linear approximations that is valid near the point (x_0, y_0) :

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} u - u_0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0), \\ v - v_0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0) \end{aligned}$$

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The system (21) is a local linear transformation that relates small changes in the independent variables to small changes in the dependent variable. When the Jacobian matrix $J(x_0, y_0)$ is used, this relationship is easier to visualize:

$$(22) \quad \begin{bmatrix} u - u_0 \\ v - v_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2(x_0, y_0) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(x_0, y_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If the system in (20) is written as a vector function $V = F(X)$, the Jacobian $J(x, y)$ is the two-dimensional analog of the derivative, because (22) can be written as

$$(23) \quad \Delta F \approx J(x_0, y_0) \Delta X$$

We now use (23) to derive Newton's method in two dimensions

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Consider the system (20) with u and v set equal to zero:

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= f_1(x, y) \\ 0 &= f_2(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that (p, q) is a solution of (24); that is

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= f_1(p, q) \\ 0 &= f_2(p, q). \end{aligned}$$

To develop Newton's method for solving (24), we need to consider small changes in the functions near the point (p_0, q_0) :

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta u &= u - u_0, & \Delta p &= x - p_0. \\ \Delta v &= v - v_0, & \Delta q &= y - q_0. \end{aligned}$$

Set $(x, y) = (p, q)$ in (20) and use (25) to see that $(u, v) = (0, 0)$. Hence the changes in the dependent variables are

$$(27) \quad \begin{aligned} u - u_0 &= f_1(p, q) - f_1(p_0, q_0) = 0 - f_1(p_0, q_0) \\ v - v_0 &= f_2(p, q) - f_2(p_0, q_0) = 0 - f_2(p_0, q_0). \end{aligned}$$

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Use the result of (27) in (22) to get the linear transformation

$$(28) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(p_0, q_0) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(p_0, q_0) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2(p_0, q_0) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(p_0, q_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p \\ \Delta q \end{bmatrix} \approx - \begin{bmatrix} f_1(p_0, q_0) \\ f_2(p_0, q_0) \end{bmatrix}$$

If the Jacobian $J(p_0, q_0)$ in (28) is nonsingular, we can solve for $\Delta P = [\Delta p \Delta q]' = [pq]' - [p_0 q_0]'$ as follows:

$$(29) \quad \Delta P \approx -J(p_0, q_0)^{-1} F(p_0, q_0).$$

Then the next approximation P_1 to the solution P is

$$(30) \quad P_1 = p_0 + \Delta P = P_{=} - J(p_0, q_0)^{-1} F(p_0, q_0).$$

Notice that (30) is the generalization of Newton's method for the one variable cases that is $p_1 = p_0 - f(p_0)/f'(p_0)$.

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Outline of Newton's Method

Suppose that P_k has been obtained.

Step 1. Evaluate the function

$$F(p_k) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(p_k, q) \\ f_2(p_k, q) \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2. Evaluate the Jacobian

$$J(p_k) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_1(p_k, q_k) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_1(p_0, q_0) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f_2(p_0, q_0) & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f_2(p_0, q_0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3. Solve the linear system

$$J(P_k)\Delta P = -F(P_k) \text{ for } \Delta P$$

Now, repeat the process.

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Example: Consider the nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= x^2 - 2x - y + 0.5 \\0 &= x^2 + 4y^2 - 4.\end{aligned}$$

Use Newton's method with the starting value $(p_0, q_0) = (2.00, 0.25)$ and compute (p_1, q_1) , (p_2, q_2) , and (p_3, q_3) .

The function vector and Jacobian matrix are

$$F(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 - 2x - y + 0.5 \\ x^2 + 4y^2 - 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - 2 & 1 \\ 2x & 8y \end{bmatrix}.$$

At the point $(2.00, 0.25)$ the take on the values

$$F(2.00, 0.25) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix} \quad J(2.00, 0.25) = \begin{bmatrix} 2.0 & -1.0 \\ 4.0 & 2.0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The differentials Δp and Δq are solutions of the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.0 & -1.0 \\ 4.0 & 2.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p \\ \Delta q \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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A straightforward calculation reveals that

$$\Delta P = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p \\ \Delta q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.09375 \\ 0.0625 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The next point in the iteration is

$$P_1 = P_0 + \Delta P = \begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -0.09375 \\ 0.0625 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.90625 \\ 0.3125 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, the next two points are

$$P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.900691 \\ 0.311213 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.900677 \\ 0.311219 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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The coordinates of P_3 are accurate to six decimal places. Calculations for finding P_2 and P_3 are summarized

P_k	Solution of the linear system $J(P_k)\Delta P = -F(P_k)$				$P_k + \Delta P$
$\begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2.0 & -1.0 \\ 4.0 & 2.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.09375 \\ 0.0625 \end{bmatrix}$	$= -$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.25 \\ 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.90625 \\ 0.3125 \end{bmatrix}$
$\begin{bmatrix} 1.90625 \\ 0.3125 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.8125 & -1.0 \\ 3.8125 & 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.005559 \\ 0.001287 \end{bmatrix}$	$= -$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.008789 \\ 0.024414 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.900691 \\ 0.311213 \end{bmatrix}$
$\begin{bmatrix} 1.900691 \\ 0.311213 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.801381 & -1.000000 \\ 3.801381 & 2.489700 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.900691 \\ 0.311213 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.000014 \\ 0.000006 \end{bmatrix} = -$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.000031 \\ 0.000038 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.900677 \\ 0.311219 \end{bmatrix}$