

Modeling in Aerospace Engineering Repository

This repository contains the laboratory assignments for **Modeling in Aerospace Engineering** in the **Aerospace Engineering program** at **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)**. It includes problem-solving approaches, MATLAB scripts, and numerical analysis reports designed to bridge theory with computational implementation.

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Repository Structure

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│       ├── sor_method.m
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│       └── residual_plot.m
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Project Descriptions

1. Assignment I – Solving Linear Systems: Direct and Iterative Methods

This assignment focuses on analyzing and solving large linear systems using both **direct methods** (e.g., LU decomposition) and **iterative methods** (e.g., Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, SOR, Gradient Descent, Conjugate Gradient). Implemented in MATLAB, the objective is to evaluate the efficiency, accuracy, and convergence behavior of each method.

Main Objectives:

- To solve a linear system using **LU decomposition** with and without pivoting.
- To compare the performance of **iterative solvers**: Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, and **Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR)**.
- To analyze the behavior of **non-stationary methods**, such as **Gradient Descent** and **Conjugate Gradient** (with and without preconditioning).
- To visualize and interpret the **evolution of the residual norm** across iterations.
- To identify conditions for convergence using **spectral radius** and **matrix properties**.

Methods Covered

- **LU Decomposition** (with Gaussian Elimination and Partial Pivoting)
- **Jacobi Iteration**
- **Gauss-Seidel Iteration**
- **SOR Method** (Optimal ω determined by minimizing $\rho(T)$)
- **Gradient Descent**
- **Conjugate Gradient** with Preconditioning

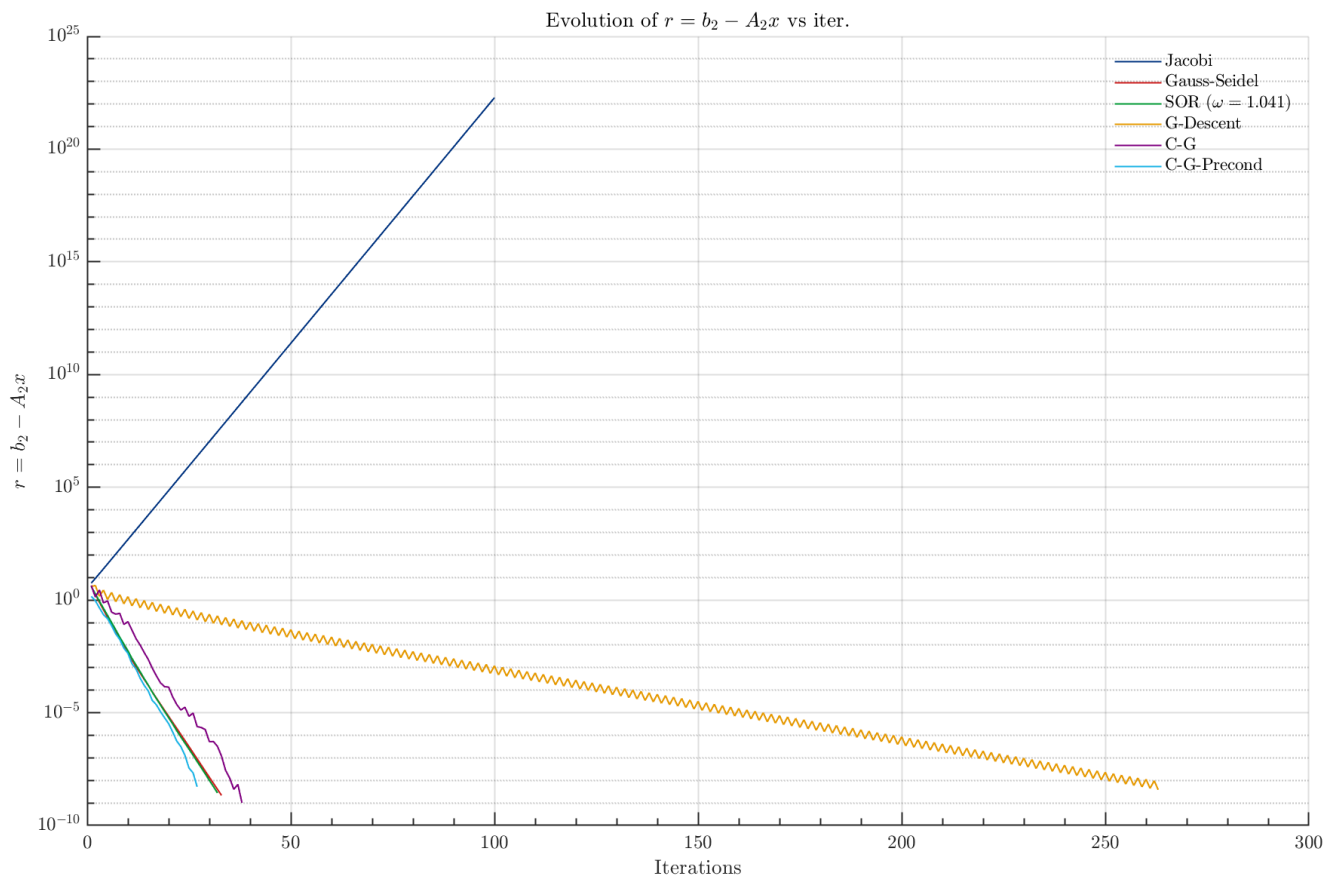
Key Results

- Pivoting drastically improved LU decomposition accuracy, reducing the residual from $1e-3$ to $\sim 1e-15$.
- Jacobi failed to converge due to lack of diagonal dominance.
- Gauss-Seidel and SOR converged in ~ 33 iterations; optimal $\omega \approx 1.04$.
- Preconditioned Conjugate Gradient outperformed all methods with **~ 27 iterations**.
- Plots of residual norm vs. iteration reveal linear vs. zigzag convergence behavior depending on method.

How to Run the Code

1. Open the folder `MATLAB_scripts/` and run each `.m` file in MATLAB.
2. Make sure matrices `A1`, `A2`, and vectors `b1`, `b2` are defined (or loaded) in the workspace.
3. Use `residual_plot.m` to visualize convergence performance across methods.

Visualization Example



✂ All methods and analysis are explained in detail in [Hw_1_Modeling_AVV_SVG.pdf](#).

🚀 How to Use

1. Clone the repository:

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git clone https://github.com/Himalia13/Modeling-Homework-Assignments-
from-Aerospace-Engineering-UC3M
```

2. Navigate to the project of interest and open the .m files in MATLAB to run the simulations.
3. Review the PDFs to understand the theoretical framework and the results.
4. Each laboratory session contains:
 - A PDF report with theoretical background, methodology, and results
 - Source code for data analysis and visualization

🔧 Requirements

- MATLAB (for data analysis and plotting)

📦 Download as .zip

If you prefer, you can download the entire repository as a .zip file:

1. Visit the repository page in GitHub.
2. Click the green **Code** button.
3. Select **Download ZIP** and extract the contents to your local directory.

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Course Information

- **Institution:** Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)
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Contribution

Contributions are welcome. If you want to add or improve a simulation, create a pull request or open an issue to discuss it.

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