

# Programming linear solver

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# Linear problem

We want to find  $x$  such that

$$Ax = b \tag{1}$$

$A$  is symmetric positive definite. The function

$$J(y) = \frac{1}{2}y^\top Ay - b^\top y$$

is strictly convex and has unique minimum  $x$  which is characterized by

$$J'(x) = Ax - b = 0$$

The solution of (1) is the unique minimizer of  $J$ .

# Steepest descent method

Descent direction

$$d_n = -J'(x_n) = b - Ax_n =: r_n$$

Determine step size

$$J(x_n + \omega_n d_n) = \min_{\omega} J(x_n + \omega d_n) \implies \omega_n = \frac{d_n^{\top} r_n}{d_n^{\top} A d_n}$$

Update

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \omega_n d_n$$

# Conjugate direction method

In first step, descent direction

$$d_0 = -J'(x_0) = b - Ax_0$$

Then for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , choose next descent direction  $d_n$  to be  $A$ -orthogonal to all previous descent directions

$$d_j^\top A d_n = 0, \quad 0 \leq j \leq n-1$$

Determine step size

$$J(x_n + \omega_n d_n) = \min_{\omega} J(x_n + \omega d_n) \implies \omega_n = \frac{d_n^\top r_n}{d_n^\top A d_n}$$

Update

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \omega_n d_n$$

# CG algorithm

Assume initial guess  $x_0$  is given. Otherwise set  $x_0 = 0$

Set  $n = 0$

$$r_0 = b - Ax_0, \quad d_0 = r_0$$

While  $\|r_n\| > \varepsilon \|r_0\|$  and  $n < N_{max}$

- If  $n > 0$

$$d_n = r_n + \frac{\|r_n\|^2}{\|r_{n-1}\|^2} d_{n-1}$$

- $\omega_n = \frac{\|r_n\|^2}{d_n^T A d_n}$
- $x_{n+1} = x_n + \omega_n d_n$
- $r_{n+1} = r_n - \omega_n A d_n$
- $n = n + 1$

Need matrix-vector product and dot product of two vectors.

# CG algorithm: Computer version

Assume initial guess  $x$  is given. Otherwise set  $x = 0$

Set  $n = 0$

$$r = b - Ax, \quad d = r, \quad \rho_0 = \|r_0\|^2$$

While  $\sqrt{\rho_n} > \varepsilon\sqrt{\rho_0}$  and  $n < N_{max}$

- If  $n > 0$

$$d \leftarrow r + \frac{\rho_n}{\rho_{n-1}}d$$

- $v = Ad$
- $\omega = \frac{\rho_n}{d^T v}$
- $x \leftarrow x + \omega d$
- $r \leftarrow r - \omega v$
- $\rho_{n+1} = \|r\|^2$
- $n \leftarrow n + 1$

**Remark:** Need storage for three vectors:  $r, d, v$

# Jacobi method

Solve  $i$ 'th equation of

$$Ax = b$$

for  $x_i$

$$x_i = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N a_{ij} x_j \right]$$

Jacobi method: Make an initial guess  $x^0$  and then iterate

$$x_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right]$$

Rewrite

$$x_i^{n+1} = x_i^n + \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right]$$

# Jacobi method

## Algorithm:

Make initial guess  $x$ , set  $n = 0$

- ①  $r = b - Ax$ ,  $\rho = \|r\|$
- ② If  $n = 0$ , then  $\rho_0 = \rho$
- ③ If  $\rho < \varepsilon\rho_0$ , then stop.
- ④ For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$x_i \leftarrow x_i + \frac{r_i}{a_{ii}}$$

- ⑤  $n \leftarrow n + 1$ , go to step (1)

**Remark:** Need additional storage for vector  $r$ .

**Remark:** Very good for parallelization



# Gauss-Seidel (GS) method

Solve  $i$ 'th equation of

$$Ax = b$$

for  $x_i$

$$x_i = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N a_{ij} x_j \right]$$

GS method: Make an initial guess  $x^0$  and then iterate

$$x_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{n+1} - \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right]$$

Rewrite

$$x_i^{n+1} = x_i^n + \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{n+1} - \sum_{j=i}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right]$$

# Gauss-Seidel (GS) method

## Algorithm:

Make initial guess  $x$ , set  $\rho = \rho_0 = 1$

① If  $\rho < \varepsilon\rho_0$ , then stop.

②  $\rho = 0$

③ For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$r = b_i - \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}x_j$$

$$x_i \leftarrow x_i + \frac{r}{a_{ii}}$$

$$\rho \leftarrow \rho + r * r$$

④  $\rho \leftarrow \sqrt{\rho}$

⑤ If  $n = 0$ ,  $\rho_0 = \rho$

⑥  $n \leftarrow n + 1$ , go to step (1)

**Remark:** No additional storage is required.

**Remark:** Cannot be parallelized.

# Successive Over Relaxation (SOR) method

A variation on GS method. Choose  $\omega > 1$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\begin{aligned}x_i^* &= \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{n+1} - \sum_{j=i}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right] + x_i^n \\x_i^{n+1} &= x_i^n + \omega(x_i^* - x_i^n)\end{aligned}$$

or equivalently

$$x_i^{n+1} = x_i^n + \frac{\omega}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{n+1} - \sum_{j=i}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right]$$

**Remark:**  $\omega = 1$  yields the GS method.

# Successive Over Relaxation (SOR) method

## Algorithm:

Make initial guess  $x$ , set  $\rho = \rho_0 = 1$

① If  $\rho < \varepsilon\rho_0$ , then stop.

②  $\rho = 0$

③ For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$r = b_i - \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}x_j$$

$$x_i \leftarrow \omega \frac{r}{a_{ii}} + x_i$$

$$\rho \leftarrow \rho + r * r$$

④  $\rho \leftarrow \sqrt{\rho}$

⑤ If  $n = 0$ ,  $\rho_0 = \rho$

⑥  $n \leftarrow n + 1$ , go to step (1)

# Symmetric Gauss-Seidel (SGS) method

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$x_i^* = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^* - \sum_{j=i}^N a_{ij} x_j^n \right] + x_i^n$$

For  $i = N, N-1, \dots, 1$

$$x_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^* - \sum_{j=i}^N a_{ij} x_j^{n+1} \right] + x_i^*$$

**Remark:** Symmetric SOR (SSOR) method is obtained by doing over-relaxation in SGS method.