

## Chapter 3-2. Systems of linear algebraic equations

### 4) Iteration method

$$Ax = b$$

$$\det A \neq 0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & a_{i3} & \dots & a_{in} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdots \\ x_i \\ \cdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdots \\ b_i \\ \cdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

**Iteration method defines a sequence of approximate solutions  $x^{(k)}$  that converge to the exact solution  $x^{(k)} \rightarrow x^*$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$**

*Let us transform  $Ax=b$  to the form  $x=Cx+d$ , then choose some  $x^{(1)}$  and organize iterations:*

$$x^{(k+1)} = Cx^{(k)} + d, \quad k=1,2,\dots$$

**Example:**  $1.01 x_1 + 0.2 x_2 = 3 \rightarrow (1+0.01) x_1 + 0.2 x_2 = 3$   
 $0.05 x_1 + 1.08 x_2 = 2 \rightarrow 0.05 x_1 + (1+0.08) x_2 = 2$

$$x_1 = 3 - 0.01 x_1 - 0.2 x_2$$

$$x_2 = 2 - 0.05 x_1 - 0.08 x_2$$

*choose  $x_1^{(1)}=3$ ,  $x_2^{(1)}=2$*

$$x_1^{(k+1)} = 3 - 0.01 x_1^{(k)} - 0.2 x_2^{(k)}$$

$$x_2^{(k+1)} = 2 - 0.05 x_1^{(k)} - 0.08 x_2^{(k)}$$

*A way of transforming  $Ax=b$  to the form  $x=Cx+d$  is Jacobi iterative method*



Carl Jacobi 1804 - 1851

We illustrate it for the case  $n=3$  :

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

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

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

Suppose the diagonal elements  $a_{ii}$  are non-zero and divide the first equation by  $a_{11}$ , the second by  $a_{22}$  and third by  $a_{33}$ :

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{a_{11}}(b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{a_{22}}(b_2 - a_{21}x_1 - a_{23}x_3)$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{a_{33}}(b_3 - a_{31}x_1 - a_{32}x_2)$$

We choose

$$\boldsymbol{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_1^{(1)} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_2^{(1)} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_3^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

and define iterations:

$$x_1^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{11}}(b_1 - a_{12}x_2^{(k)} - a_{13}x_3^{(k)})$$

$$x_2^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{22}}(b_2 - a_{21}x_1^{(k)} - a_{23}x_3^{(k)})$$

$$x_3^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{33}}(b_3 - a_{31}x_1^{(k)} - a_{32}x_2^{(k)})$$

$$\textcolor{red}{x^{(k+1)} = Cx^{(k)} + \beta}, \quad \beta_i = b_i/a_{ii}$$

**diagonal elements of matrix  $C$  are zeros in the Jakobi method**

$$x^{(k+1)} = Cx^{(k)} + \beta$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} & \dots & c_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ c_{i1} & c_{i2} & c_{i3} & \dots & c_{in} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & c_{n3} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem.** A sufficient condition for convergence of  $x^{(k)}$  to exact solution  $x^{(k)} \rightarrow x^*$  is  $\|C\| < 1$ , where  $\|C\|$  is a norm of matrix  $C$ .  
**(Proof is omitted).**

The convergence means  $x_i^{(k)} \rightarrow x_i^*$  for any  $i$

For the properties of a norm, see textbook by S.Sastry.  
There are 3+ types of matrix norms:

$$1) \quad \|C\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^n |c_{ij}| \quad \text{"column" norm}$$

$$2) \quad \|C\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |c_{ij}| \quad \text{"row" norm}$$

$$x_1 = 0.01 x_1 - 0.2 x_2 + 3$$

$$x_2 = -0.05 x_1 + 0.08 x_2 + 2$$

3) **Euclidean norm:**

$$\|C\|_e = \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n |c_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

## Column vector norms:

For the vector

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

some useful norms are

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \dots + |x_n| = \sum_{i=1}^m |x_i|$$

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right]^{1/2} = \|x\|_e$$

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|.$$

The norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is called the *Euclidean* norm since it is just the formula for distance in the   Euclidean space.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1.1 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Scilab :**

`norm(A,1)`

`norm(A,'inf')`

(Matlab : `norm(A,'infty')`)

Note: condition  $\|C\| < 1$  is analogous to  
 the condition  $|\varphi'(x)| < 1$  in the section of Chapter 1  
 addressing the nonlinear equation  $f(x)=0$      $x=\varphi(x)$

Theorem (on the accuracy of successive approximations  $x^{(k)}$ ) :  $x^{(k+1)} = Cx^{(k)} + \beta$

1)

$$\|x^{(k)} - x^*\| \leq \frac{\|C\|^k}{1 - \|C\|} \|\beta\|$$

2)

$$\|x^{(k)} - x^*\| \leq \frac{\|C\|}{1 - \|C\|} \|x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}\|$$



P. Seidel 1821-1896

A modified version of the **Jacobi** iteration method is **Seidel** method:

*Seidel suggested to immediately insert the calculated  $x_i^{(k+1)}$  into the right-hand sides of next equations. This accelerates the convergence  $x^{(k)} \rightarrow x^*$*

$$x_1^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{11}}(b_1 - a_{12}x_2^{(k)} - a_{13}x_3^{(k)})$$

$$x_2^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{22}}(b_2 - a_{21}x_1^{(k+1)} - a_{23}x_3^{(k)})$$

$$x_3^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{33}}(b_3 - a_{31}x_1^{(k+1)} - a_{32}x_2^{(k+1)})$$

The number of arithmetic operations per iteration  
is  $\approx n^2$

Therefore, the effectiveness of iterative methods  
essentially depends on the required number of  
iterations  $k$

## *Ill-conditioned systems of linear equations*

Sometimes **small changes** in the coefficients of the system produce **large changes** in the solution. Such systems are called **ill-conditioned**. This can usually be expected when  $\det(A)$  is small.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} 2.01x + y &= 4 \\ 2x + y &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

For ill-conditioned systems, the errors of approximate solutions  $\textcolor{red}{x}^{(k)}$  are typically large.

Meanwhile the accuracy of approximate solutions  $\textcolor{red}{x}^{(k)}$  can be improved using an iterative procedure and substitutions.

Notice:

If **small** changes in the coefficients of the system produce **small** changes in the solution, then the system is called **well**-conditioned.