



# Computational Methods

**NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF LINEAR SYSTEMS OF  
EQUATIONS**



## QUOTE



Work is the only thing that  
gives substance to life.

Albert Einstein

  
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# The Jacobi Method

A **vector norm** on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a function,  $\|\cdot\|$ , from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,
- (ii)  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ,
- (iii)  $\|\alpha\mathbf{x}\| = |\alpha|\|\mathbf{x}\|$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,
- (iv)  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$  for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

The  $l_2$  and  $l_\infty$  norms for the vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^t$  are defined by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|.$$

# The Jacobi Method

A **matrix norm** on the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices is a real-valued function,  $\| \cdot \|$ , defined on this set, satisfying for all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  and all real numbers  $\alpha$ :

- (i)  $\|A\| \geq 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\|A\| = 0$ , if and only if  $A$  is  $O$ , the matrix with all 0 entries;
- (iii)  $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \|A\|$ ;
- (iv)  $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$ ;
- (v)  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$ .

# The Jacobi Method

If  $\|\cdot\|$  is a vector norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\|A\| = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \|A\mathbf{x}\|$  is a matrix norm. The matrix norms we will consider have the forms

$$\|A\|_{\infty} = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}=1} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}, \quad \text{the } l_{\infty} \text{ norm,}$$

and

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2, \quad \text{the } l_2 \text{ norm.}$$

If  $A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\|A\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ .

# The Jacobi Method

The **Jacobi iterative method** is obtained by solving the  $i$ th equation in  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for  $x_i$  to obtain (provided  $a_{ii} \neq 0$ )

$$x_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \left( -\frac{a_{ij}x_j}{a_{ii}} \right) + \frac{b_i}{a_{ii}}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

For each  $k \geq 1$ , generate the components  $x_i^{(k)}$  of  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  from the components of  $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$  by

$$x_i^{(k)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \left( -a_{ij}x_j^{(k-1)} \right) + b_i \right], \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

# The Jacobi Method

The linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  given by

$$E_1 : 10x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 6,$$

$$E_2 : -x_1 + 11x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 25,$$

$$E_3 : 2x_1 - x_2 + 10x_3 - x_4 = -11,$$

$$E_4 : 3x_2 - x_3 + 8x_4 = 15$$

has the unique solution  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, -1, 1)^t$ . Use Jacobi's iterative technique to find approximations  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  to  $\mathbf{x}$  starting with  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0, 0)^t$  until

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\|_\infty}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_\infty} < 10^{-3}.$$

## The Jacobi Method

**Solution** We first solve equation  $E_i$  for  $x_i$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= \frac{1}{10}x_2 - \frac{1}{5}x_3 + \frac{3}{5}, \\x_2 &= \frac{1}{11}x_1 + \frac{1}{11}x_3 - \frac{3}{11}x_4 + \frac{25}{11}, \\x_3 &= -\frac{1}{5}x_1 + \frac{1}{10}x_2 + \frac{1}{10}x_4 - \frac{11}{10}, \\x_4 &= -\frac{3}{8}x_2 + \frac{1}{8}x_3 + \frac{15}{8}.\end{aligned}$$



## The Jacobi Method

From the initial approximation  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0, 0)^t$  we have  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$  given by

$$x_1^{(1)} = \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(0)} - \frac{1}{5}x_3^{(0)} + \frac{3}{5} = 0.6000,$$

$$x_2^{(1)} = \frac{1}{11}x_1^{(0)} + \frac{1}{11}x_3^{(0)} - \frac{3}{11}x_4^{(0)} + \frac{25}{11} = 2.2727,$$

$$x_3^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{5}x_1^{(0)} + \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(0)} + \frac{1}{10}x_4^{(0)} - \frac{11}{10} = -1.1000,$$

$$x_4^{(1)} = -\frac{3}{8}x_2^{(0)} + \frac{1}{8}x_3^{(0)} + \frac{15}{8} = 1.8750.$$

# The Jacobi Method

Additional iterates,  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}, x_3^{(k)}, x_4^{(k)})^t$ , are generated in a similar manner and are presented in Table.

$k$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$x_1^{(k)}$	0.0000	0.6000	1.0473	0.9326	1.0152	0.9890
$x_2^{(k)}$	0.0000	2.2727	1.7159	2.053	1.9537	2.0114
$x_3^{(k)}$	0.0000	-1.1000	-0.8052	-1.0493	-0.9681	-1.0103
$x_4^{(k)}$	0.0000	1.8750	0.8852	1.1309	0.9739	1.0214

  

$k$	6	7	8	9	10
$x_1^{(k)}$	1.0032	0.9981	1.0006	0.9997	1.0001
$x_2^{(k)}$	1.9922	2.0023	1.9987	2.0004	1.9998
$x_3^{(k)}$	-0.9945	-1.0020	-0.9990	-1.0004	-0.9998
$x_4^{(k)}$	0.9944	1.0036	0.9989	1.0006	0.9998

## The Jacobi Method

We stopped after ten iterations because

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(10)} - \mathbf{x}^{(9)}\|_{\infty}}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(10)}\|_{\infty}} = \frac{8.0 \times 10^{-4}}{1.9998} < 10^{-3}.$$

In fact,  $\|\mathbf{x}^{(10)} - \mathbf{x}\|_{\infty} = 0.0002$ .

## The Gauss-Seidel Method

A possible improvement can be seen by reconsidering the Jacobi method. The components of  $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$  are used to compute all the components  $x_i^{(k)}$  of  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ . But, for  $i > 1$ , the components  $x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k)}$  of  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  have already been computed and are expected to be better approximations to the actual solutions  $x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}$  than are  $x_1^{(k-1)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k-1)}$ . It seems reasonable, then, to compute  $x_i^{(k)}$  using these most recently calculated values. That is, to use

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

for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . This modification is called the **Gauss-Seidel iterative technique**.

## The Gauss-Seidel Method

Use the Gauss-Seidel iterative technique to find approximate solutions to

$$\begin{aligned}10x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 &= 6, \\ -x_1 + 11x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 &= 25, \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + 10x_3 - x_4 &= -11, \\ 3x_2 - x_3 + 8x_4 &= 15\end{aligned}$$

starting with  $\mathbf{x} = (0, 0, 0, 0)^t$  and iterating until

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}\|_{\infty}}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_{\infty}} < 10^{-3}.$$

# The Gauss-Seidel Method

**Solution** The solution  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, -1, 1)^t$  was approximated by Jacobi's method in Example. For the Gauss-Seidel method we write the system, for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  as

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(k-1)} - \frac{1}{5}x_3^{(k-1)} + \frac{3}{5}, \\ x_2^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{11}x_1^{(k)} + \frac{1}{11}x_3^{(k-1)} - \frac{3}{11}x_4^{(k-1)} + \frac{25}{11}, \\ x_3^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{5}x_1^{(k)} + \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(k)} + \frac{1}{10}x_4^{(k-1)} - \frac{11}{10}, \\ x_4^{(k)} &= -\frac{3}{8}x_2^{(k)} + \frac{1}{8}x_3^{(k)} + \frac{15}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (0, 0, 0, 0)^t$ , we have  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = (0.6000, 2.3272, -0.9873, 0.8789)^t$ . Subsequent iterations give the values in Table.

## The Gauss-Seidel Method

$k$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$x_1^{(k)}$	0.0000	0.6000	1.030	1.0065	1.0009	1.0001
$x_2^{(k)}$	0.0000	2.3272	2.037	2.0036	2.0003	2.0000
$x_3^{(k)}$	0.0000	-0.9873	-1.014	-1.0025	-1.0003	-1.0000
$x_4^{(k)}$	0.0000	0.8789	0.9844	0.9983	0.9999	1.0000

Because

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}^{(5)} - \mathbf{x}^{(4)}\|_{\infty}}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(5)}\|_{\infty}} = \frac{0.0008}{2.000} = 4 \times 10^{-4},$$

$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$  is accepted as a reasonable approximation to the solution. Note that Jacobi's method in Example required twice as many iterations for the same accuracy.

## Exercises

Find the first two iterations of the Jacobi method and the Gauss-Seidel method for the following linear systems, using  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$ :

**a.** 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 1, \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0, \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 + 7x_3 &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

**b.** 
$$\begin{aligned} 10x_1 - x_2 &= 9, \\ -x_1 + 10x_2 - 2x_3 &= 7, \\ -2x_2 + 10x_3 &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

**c.** 
$$\begin{aligned} 10x_1 + 5x_2 &= 6, \\ 5x_1 + 10x_2 - 4x_3 &= 25, \\ -4x_2 + 8x_3 - x_4 &= -11, \\ -x_3 + 5x_4 &= -11. \end{aligned}$$

**d.** 
$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_5 &= 6, \\ -x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 6, \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 - x_4 - x_5 &= 6, \\ -x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + 4x_4 &= 6, \\ 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 + 4x_5 &= 6. \end{aligned}$$