

## Homework no. 4

The files (a\_i.txt, b\_i.txt,  $i=1, \dots, 5$ ) posted on the lab's web page, contain five linear systems with sparse triangular matrix,  $Ax = f$ , in the following way:

- $n$  system's size,  $p, q$  – indices where the secondary nonzero diagonals begin
- $n$  values for the main diagonal of the matrix (vector  $a$ ), followed by  $n-1$  ( $n-p+1$ ) values of vector  $b$  and then the  $n-1$  ( $n-q-1$ ) elements of vector  $c$ . The three vectors are separated by empty lines.
- $f_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$  the elements of vector  $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

For this homework we consider traingular matrices of the following form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & a_2 & b_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & a_3 & b_3 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & c_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & c_{n-1} & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Using the attached files, read the size of the linear system, the vector  $f$ , the non-zero elements of matrix  $A$ , generate the necessary data structures for economically storing the sparse matrix (use the sparse storing method described in [Homework 3](#)). Assume that all the elements on the main diagonal of the matrix are non-zero. Verify that these main diagonal elements of the matrix are non-zero.

Consider the computation error  $\varepsilon = 10^{-p}$  as input.

2. Using the sparse storage for matrix  $A$ , approximate the solution of the linear system:

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

employing the Gauss-Seidel method. Display (also) the number of iterations performed until convergence.

3. Verify the correctness of the computed solution by displaying the norm:

$$\|A\mathbf{x}_{GS} - \mathbf{f}\|_{\infty}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{GS}$  is the approximate solution obtained using Gauss-Seidel method.

4. In all computations that involve the elements of matrix  $A$ , use the sparse storage structures (do not declare a classical matrix).
5. When implementing the Gauss-Seidel method use only one vector  $\mathbf{x}_{GS}$ .

**Bonus 20 pt.:** solve a linear sparse system of equations with the Gauss-Seidel for general tridiagonal matrices ( $p, q$  are not restricted).

### Iterative methods for solving sparse linear systems

Assume known that  $\det A \neq 0$ . Denote the exact solution of system (1) by  $\mathbf{x}^*$ :

$$\mathbf{x}^* := A^{-1}\mathbf{f}.$$

The iterative methods for solving linear systems were developed for ‘large’ systems ( $n$  ‘large’), with sparse matrix  $A$  (has ‘few’ nonzero elements  $a_{ij} \neq 0$ ). The iterative methods do not change the matrix  $A$  (as it happens in Gaussian elimination or in  $LU$  decompositions or in  $QR$  factorizations), the non-zero elements of the matrix are employed for approximating the exact solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$ . For sparse matrices, special storing methods are employed (as the one described in Homework 3).

For approximating the solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$ , a sequence of real vectors  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is computed. If certain conditions are fulfilled, this sequence converges to the exact solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$  of system (1):

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k)} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^*, \text{ for } k \rightarrow \infty$$

The first vector of the sequence,  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ , is, usually, set to 0:

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}, i = 1, \dots, n \quad (2)$$

When the sequence converges, the limit is  $\mathbf{x}^*$  the exact solution of system (1).

### Gauss-Seidel Method

In order to be able to apply this method all the diagonal elements of matrix  $A$  must be non-zero:

$$a_{ii} \neq 0, i=1, \dots, n$$

When reading the matrix from one of the attached files, verify that all the diagonal elements of the matrix are non-zero ( $|a_{ii}| > \varepsilon, \forall i$ ). If there exists a zero, diagonal element, the system cannot be solved using successive over-relaxation iterative method.

The sequence of vectors generated by the Gauss-Seidel iterative method, is computed with the following relation:

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)} = \frac{\left( f_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j^{(k+1)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j^{(k)} \right)}{a_{ii}}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (3)$$

The above formula must be adapted to the new way of storing the sparse matrix  $A$ . In the above sums for computing the *i-th* component of a vector, one needs only the non-zero elements  $a_{ij}$  from line *i*. For fast computing *i-th* component  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)}$  we need to rewrite formula (3) using only the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

For all iterative methods that solve linear systems, the convergence or divergence of sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\}$  doesn't depend on the choice of the first vector  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  in the sequence. There exist non-singular linear systems for which the

sequence computed with Gauss-Seidel method is not convergent (does not compute a sequence that converge to the solution of the linear system).

In order to get an approximation for solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$  one must compute an element  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  of the sequence of vectors, for  $k$  sufficiently large. If the difference between two consecutive elements of the sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\}$  becomes sufficiently ,*small*', then the last computed vector is ,*near*' the exact solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\| \leq \varepsilon &\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^*\| \leq c \varepsilon, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}_+ \\ &\rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} \approx \mathbf{x}^* \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

It is not necessary to store all the vectors of the sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\}$ , we only need the last two computed elements, and for approximating the solution we need the vector that satisfies  $\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\| \leq \varepsilon$ . In your program, you can use only two vectors:

$$\mathbf{x}^c \text{ for vector } \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} \text{ and } \mathbf{x}^p \text{ for vector } \mathbf{x}^{(k)}.$$

The Gauss-Seidel method can be implemented by only using one vector for all the computations.

$$\mathbf{x}_{GS} = \mathbf{x}^c = \mathbf{x}^p.$$

When using one vector, computing formula (3) and the norm computation  $\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\| = \|\mathbf{x}^c - \mathbf{x}^p\|$  must be done in the same *for* loop.

***Iterative method for solving a linear system***

**$x^c = x^p = 0;$**

**$k = 0;$**

**do**

**{**

**$x^p = x^c;$**

**compute new  $x^c$  using  $x^p$  (with formula (3));**

**compute  $\Delta x = \|x^c - x^p\|;$**

**$k = k + 1;$**

**}**

**while ( $\Delta x \geq \varepsilon$  and  $k \leq k_{max}$  and  $\Delta x \leq 10^8$ )  $// (k_{max} = 10000)$**

**if ( $\Delta x < \varepsilon$ )  $x^c \approx x^*$ ;  $// x^c$  is the approximation of the exact solution**

**else ,divergence';**

**Example:**

System matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 102.5 & 2.5 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 3.5 & 104.88 & 1.05 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 1.3 & 100.0 & 0.33 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.73 & 101.3 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.5 & 102.23 \end{pmatrix}$$

Assume that:

$$x^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 \\ 2.0 \\ 3.0 \\ 4.0 \\ 5.0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad f = \begin{pmatrix} 6.0 \\ 7.0 \\ 8.0 \\ 9.0 \\ 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_1^{(1)}$  (classical storing)

$$= (f_1 - a_{12}x_2^{(0)} - a_{13}x_3^{(0)} - a_{14}x_4^{(0)} - a_{15}x_5^{(0)}) / a_{11} =$$

$$= (6.0 - 0.0 * 2.0 - 2.5 * 3.0 - 0.0 * 4.0 - 0.0 * 5.0) / 102.5$$

(sparse storing uses only the non-zero elements of row 1)

$$= (6.0 - 2.5 * 3.0) / 102.5 = -0.01463414...$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_2^{(1)} & \quad (\text{classical storing}) \\
& = (f_2 - a_{21}x_1^{(1)} - a_{23}x_3^{(0)} - a_{24}x_4^{(0)} - a_{25}x_5^{(0)}) / a_{22} = \\
& = (7.0 - 3.5 * (-0.01463414...) - 1.05 * 3.0 - 0.0 * 4.0 - 0.33 * 5.0) / 104.88 \\
& \quad (\text{sparse storing uses only the non-zero elements of row 2}) \\
& = (7.0 - 3.5 * 1.0 - 1.05 * (-0.01463414...)) / 104.88 = 0.033536
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_3^{(1)} & \quad (\text{classical storing}) \\
& = (f_3 - a_{31}x_1^{(1)} - a_{32}x_2^{(1)} - a_{34}x_4^{(0)} - a_{35}x_5^{(0)}) / a_{33} = \\
& = (8.0 - 0.0 * (-0.01463414...) - 1.3 * 0.033536 - 0.33 * 4.0 - 0.0 * 5.0) / 100.0 \\
& \quad (\text{sparse storing uses only the non-zero elements of row 3}) \\
& = (8.0 - 1.3 * 0.033536 - 0.33 * 4.0) / 100.00 = 0.066364
\end{aligned}$$

$$x^{(k+1)}[i] \quad (\text{sparse storing uses only the non-zero elements of the } i\text{-th row})$$

$$= \frac{(f[i] - a[i][i-1] * x^{(k+1)}[i-1] - a[i][i+1] * x^{(k)}[i+1])}{a[i][i]}$$

The linear systems that are stored in the files posted on the lab's web page have the following solutions:

- (a\_1.txt, f\_1.txt) has the solution  $x_i = 1, \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ,
- (a\_2.txt, f\_2.txt) has the solution  $x_i = 1.0 / 3.0, \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$
- (a\_3.txt, f\_3.txt) has the solution  $x_i = 2.0 * (i + 1) / 5.0, \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$
- (a\_4.txt, f\_4.txt) has the solution  $x_i = 2000 / (i + 1), \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$
- (a\_5.txt, f\_5.txt) has the solution  $x_i = 2.0, \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$ . (??)