

# The Gauss-Seidel method: (successive displacements): ①

For finding solution  $x$  of the linear system

$$Ax = b,$$

where  $A = [a_{ij}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ ,  $x = [x_j]_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ ,  $b = [b_i]_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ ,

rewrite the  $i$ th row of the system  $\rightarrow$

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

with  $\sum_{j=1}^0 = \sum_{j=n+1}^n = 0$ . Assume that  $a_{ii} \neq 0$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

For given initial approximation  $x^{(0)}$ , define

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

from (1) & (2), if  $e^{(n)} = x - x^{(n)}$ , then

$$e_i^{(n+1)} = - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{ii}} e_j^{(n+1)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{ii}} e_j^{(n)}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (3)$$

Define  $\alpha_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \left| \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{ii}} \right|$ ;  $\beta_i = \sum_{j=i+1}^n \left| \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{ii}} \right|$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

with  $\alpha_1 = \beta_n = 0$ . Define

$$\mu = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (\alpha_i + \beta_i).$$

We assume  $\mu < 1$ . Then define

$$\eta = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{\beta_i}{1 - \alpha_i}$$

from (3),

$$|e_i^{(n+1)}| \leq \alpha_i \|e^{(n+1)}\|_{\infty} + \beta_i \|e^{(n)}\|_{\infty} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

Let  $k$  be the subscript for which

$$\|e^{(n+1)}\|_{\infty} = |e_k^{(n+1)}|.$$

$$|e_k^{(n+1)}| \leq \alpha_k \|e^{(n+1)}\|_\infty + \beta_k \|e^{(n)}\|_\infty.$$

and hence

$$\|e^{(n+1)}\|_\infty \leq \alpha_k \|e^{(n+1)}\|_\infty + \beta_k \|e^{(n)}\|_\infty.$$

$$\Rightarrow \|e^{(n+1)}\|_\infty \leq \frac{\beta_k}{1-\alpha_k}$$

and thus

$$\|e^{(n+1)}\|_\infty \leq \eta \|e^{(n)}\|_\infty.$$

Note that for each  $i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_i + \beta_i) - \frac{\beta_i}{1-\alpha_i} &= \frac{(1-\alpha_i)(\alpha_i + \beta_i) - \beta_i}{1-\alpha_i} = \frac{\alpha_i - (\alpha_i + \beta_i)\alpha_i}{1-\alpha_i} \\ &= \frac{\alpha_i (1 - (\alpha_i + \beta_i))}{1-\alpha_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\alpha_i + \beta_i \leq M, \quad -(\alpha_i + \beta_i) \geq -M \Rightarrow 1 - (\alpha_i + \beta_i) \geq 1 - M$$

$$\therefore (\alpha_i + \beta_i) - \frac{\beta_i}{1-\alpha_i} = \frac{\alpha_i (1 - (\alpha_i + \beta_i))}{1-\alpha_i} \geq \frac{\alpha_i (1-M)}{1-\alpha_i} \geq 0$$

we have

$$(\alpha_i + \beta_i) \geq \frac{\beta_i}{1-\alpha_i}$$

and

$$\eta \leq M < 1.$$

Therefore  $e^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , since  $M < 1$ .  
 We expect that ~~the rate of convergence~~ the Gauss-Seidel method converges faster than Gauss-Jacobi method.

## General framework for iterative methods:

(3)

To solve  $Ax=b$ , form a split  $A$

$$A = N - P$$

and write  $Ax=b$  as  $Nx = b + Px$ . — (1)

The matrix  $N$  is chosen in such a way that the linear system  $Nz=f$  is easily solvable for any  $f$ . For example,  $N$  might be diagonal, ~~tridiagonal~~, or tridiagonal.

Define the iterative method by

$$Nx^{(n+1)} = b + Px^{(n)}, \quad n \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

with  $x^{(0)}$  given.

Examp: (1) Gauss Jacobi method

$$N = \text{diag}[a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}], \quad P = N - A.$$

(2) Gauss Seidel method:

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix};$$

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For error analysis, from (1) & (2),  $e = x - x^u$

$$Ne^{(n+1)} = Pe^{(n)} \Rightarrow e^{(n+1)} = (N^{-1}P)e^{(n)}$$

$$e^{(n+1)} = Me^{(n)}, \quad \text{where } M = N^{-1}P.$$



By induction,

$$e^{(m)} = M^m e^{(0)}, \quad m \geq 0.$$

In order that  $e^{(m)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , it is necessary that  $M^m \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thm. Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .

Then  $A^m$  converges to zero matrix as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,

if and only if  $\rho(A) < 1$ , where

$$\rho(A) = \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |\lambda|, \quad \sigma(A) = \text{set of all eigenvalues of } A.$$

Therefore the iteration method converges if  $\rho(M) < 1$ .

Recall the Gauss-Seidel method.

$$x_i^{(m+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left\{ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{(m+1)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij} x_j^{(m)} \right\} \quad (*)$$

Successive over Relaxation Method: (SOR)

Introduce an acceleration parameter  $\omega$ , and consider the following modification of  $(*)$

$$z_i^{(m+1)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left\{ b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{(m+1)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij} x_j^{(m)} \right\}$$

$$x_i^{(m+1)} = \omega z_i^{(m+1)} + (1-\omega) x_i^{(m)}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n,$$

for  $m \geq 0$ .

Let us exemplify this SOR for Gauss-Seidel method. (5)

Decompose the matrix  $A \rightarrow$

$$A = D + L + U$$

with  $D = \text{diag}[a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}]$ ,  $L$  lower triangular,  $U$  upper triangular, with both  $L$  and  $U$  having zeros on the diagonal. This implies

$$z^{(n+1)} = D^{-1} [b - Lx^{(n+1)} - Ux^{(n)}]$$

$$x^{(n+1)} = \omega z^{(n+1)} + (1-\omega)x^{(n)}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Eliminating  $z^{(n+1)}$  and solving for  $x^{(n+1)}$ .

$$x^{(n+1)} = \omega [D^{-1}(b - Lx^{(n+1)} - Ux^{(n)})] + (1-\omega)x^{(n)}$$

$$[I + \omega D^{-1}L]x^{(n+1)} = \omega D^{-1}b + [(1-\omega)I - \omega D^{-1}U]x^{(n)}$$

for the error

$$e^{(n+1)} = M(\omega)e^{(n)}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

$$M(\omega) = [I + \omega D^{-1}L]^{-1} [(1-\omega)I - \omega D^{-1}U].$$

The parameter  $\omega$  to be chosen to minimize

$\rho(M(\omega))$ , in order to obtain convergence

It is required that  $\rho(M(\omega)) < 1$ .