

# Computational Physics

## Homework 5

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### 1 Problem

Calculation of arbitrary testing poisson or laplace equation with Dirichlet boundary data by Gauss-Seidel algorithm. In question (c) (d), successive over-relaxation algorithm are applied and we discussing asymptotic convergence rate as function of lattice size and  $w$ .

$$\Delta^2\phi = f(x, y) \quad (1)$$

#### 1.1 Algorithms

(a) Gauss-Seidel Algorithm with black-red ordering can be written in following equation.

$$v_{m,i,j} = (v_{m,i-1} + v_{m,i+1,j} + v_{m,i,j-1} + v_{m,i,j+1} + h^2 f_{ij})/4 \quad (2)$$

$$v_{m+1,i,j} = (v_{m+1,i-1} + v_{m+1,i+1,j} + v_{m+1,i,j-1} + v_{m+1,i,j+1} + h^2 f_{ij})/4 \quad (3)$$

which, equation (3) is for all nodes  $i,j$  that are red, so that we can update the red node by the old number in black node. Similarly, we update all nodes  $i,j$  that are black by the new red nodes.

(b) Overrelaxation (*SOR*) method optimize the successive iteration. The step of overrelaxation on two dimensional Poisson's equation with red-black ordering.

$$v_{m,i,j} = (1 - w)v_{m,i,j} + w(v_{m,i-1} + v_{m,i+1,j} + v_{m,i,j-1} + v_{m,i,j+1} + h^2 f_{ij})/4 \quad (4)$$

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where  $w = 0$  is equivalent to the Gauss-Seidel method,  $w < 1$  is underrelaxation,  $w > 1$  is overrelaxation. (c) Convergence of Gauss-Seidel with overrelaxation parameter can be proved

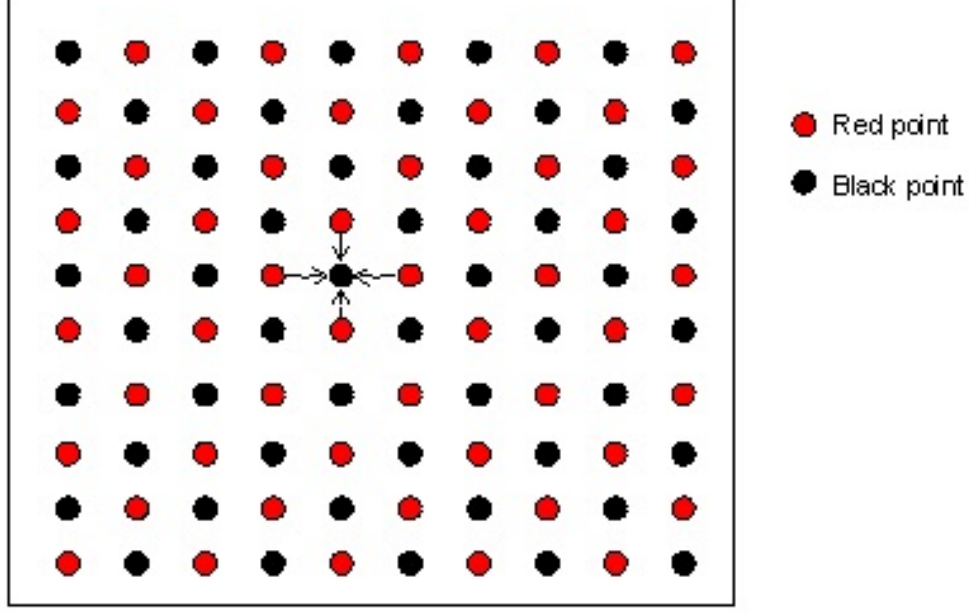


Figure 1: Red-black ordering ensure gauss seidel algorithm updating the new data by old data each time.

much faster then Jacobi and just Gauss-Seidel method. For the relaxation parameter  $1 < w = 2/(1 + \sin(\frac{\pi}{N+1})) < 2$  is

$$\rho(R_{SOR(w)}) = \frac{\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{N+1}}{(1 + \sin \frac{\pi}{N+1})} \approx 1 - \frac{2\pi}{N+1} \quad (6)$$

which is approximately N times faster than previous method. (d)The optimized  $w$  are given below.

$$w_{opt} = \frac{2}{(1 + \sqrt{1 - \mu})^2} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mu$  is eigenvalue of  $R_{SG}$  matrix. One can proved that  $\mu$  is equal to  $\cos \frac{\pi}{N+1}$ ,  $N$  is the dimension of matrix.

Therefore, the spectral radius  $\rho(R)$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(R_{SOR(w)}) &= w - 1, w_{opt} \leq w \leq 2 \\ \rho(R_{SOR(w)}) &= 1 - w + \frac{1}{2}w^2\mu^2 + w\mu\sqrt{1 - w + \frac{1}{4}w^2\mu^2}, 0 < w < w_{opt} \end{aligned}$$

## 1.2 Sample output

(a) Testing function  $\phi$  and its boundary condition are defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= x + xy + y + 1 \\ \phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} &= 0 \\ \phi(x, y) &= 0, \text{ at all boundary}\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

Figure(2) are the result of convergence rate,  $N = 8, 16, 32$ , versus relaxation parameter, the behavior of experimental convergence rate fit theory better in small  $N$  than large  $N$ . In  $N = 16$ , some displacement are exist near and after  $w_{opt}$ . At the same time, experimental curve are lower than theory at  $w = 1$  in picture of  $N = 16$ , and points after  $w_{opt}$  become more sparse.

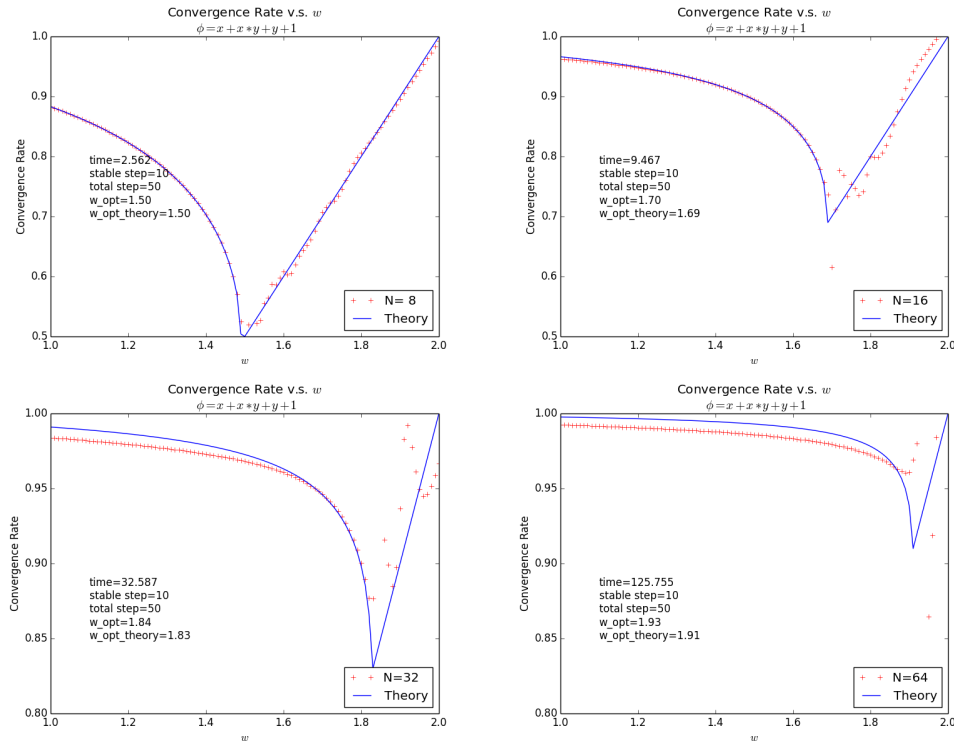


Figure 2: Convergence rate versus relaxation parameter. Lower text shows the operating time, warm up step, and total step. Optimal  $w$  in experiment and theory are found to be close.

The second function taken into the test is

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi &= x^3 + y^3 \\
\phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} &= 6(x + y) \\
\phi(0, y) &= y^3 \\
\phi(1, y) &= y^3 + 1 \\
\phi(x, 0) &= x^3 \\
\phi(x, 1) &= x^3 + 1
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

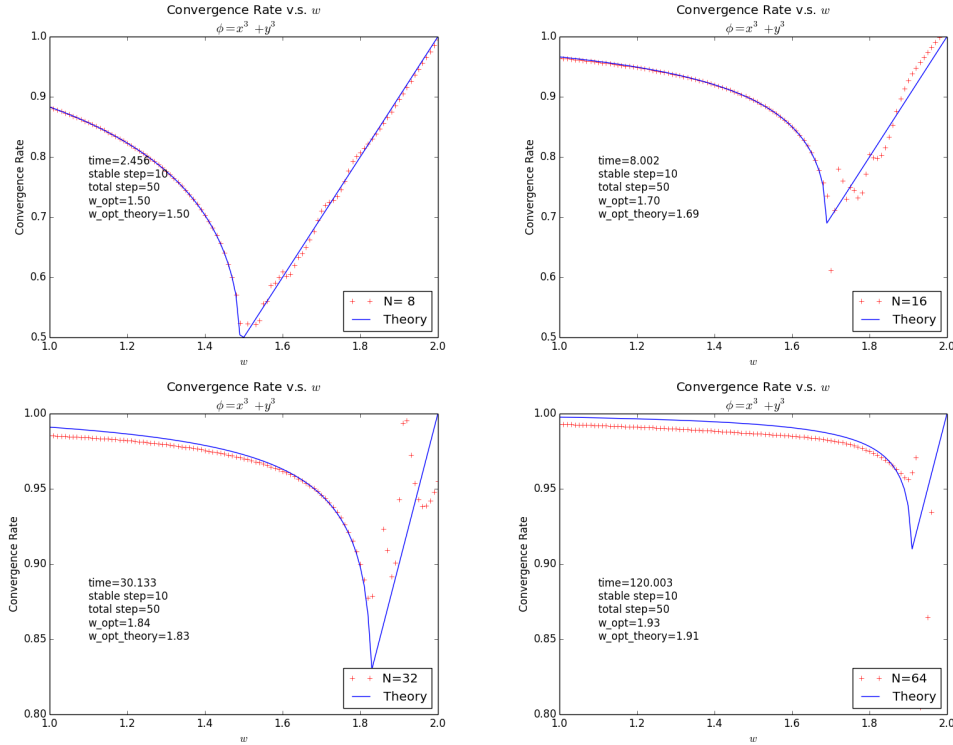


Figure 3: Convergence rate versus relaxation parameter. Lower text shows the operating time, warm up step, and total step. Optimal  $w$  in experiment and theory are found to be close. Compare to different testing function we can conclude that the behavior of convergence rate is independent of solution, boundary condition but depends on lattice size.

We can observe the same behavior as well as in the previous pictures. As a result, one can conclude that the asymptotic convergence rate are independent of particular function, boundary data or initial guess.

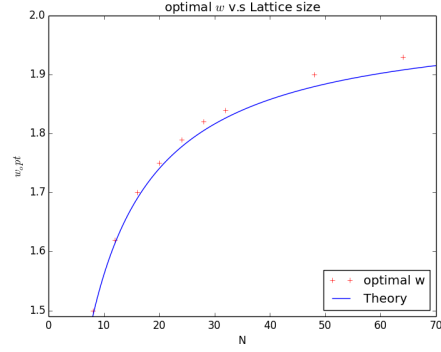


Figure 4: The convergence rate versus relaxation parameter.

Figure 4 picture the optimal  $w$  v.s. lattice size. Compare the experiment and theory, experiment fit theory well when  $N$  is small. When  $N$  goes up, optimal  $w$  from experiment become larger than predict.

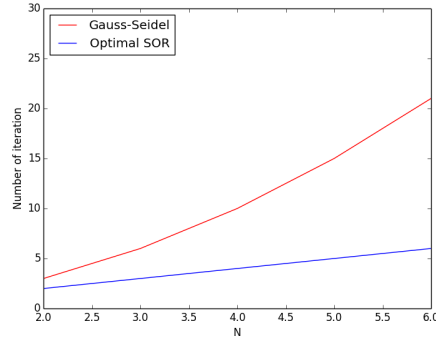


Figure 5: Number of iteration to reduce error by 100 time than initial guess.

Figure 5 illustrated that the number of iteration to reduce error by optimal  $w$  grows much slower than GS method do.