

## Math 5601 Homework 9

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### Problem 1.

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Let  $A$  be a nonsingular matrix, and let  $A^{(2)}$  be the matrix from the lecture slides in the second step of Gaussian elimination. Then there exists  $s \geq 2$  such that  $a_{2s}^{(2)} \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary. By the Gaussian elimination process, we know that  $a_{21}^{(2)} = 0$ . If there is no  $s \geq 2$  such that  $a_{2s}^{(2)} \neq 0$ , then the whole second row of  $A^{(2)}$  is zero. Hence, expanding by cofactors along the second row, we see that the determinant of  $A^{(2)}$  is

$$\det(A^{(2)}) = 0 \cdot \det(B_1) + 0 \cdot \det(B_2) + \cdots + 0 \cdot \det(B_n) = 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $B_i$  is the cofactor corresponding to  $a_{2i}^{(2)}$ . Then  $A^{(2)}$  is singular.

This is a contradiction because  $A^{(2)}$  was obtained from  $A$  by elementary row operations, and  $A$  was nonsingular, and applying row operations to a nonsingular matrix must result in a nonsingular matrix.  $\square$

### Problem 2.

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Let  $A = \{a_{ij}\}$ , and consider the SOR iteration for solving  $Ax = b$ :

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

If  $L$  is the lower-triangular part of  $A$  and  $U$  is the upper-triangular part, and  $D$  is the diagonal, so that  $A = L + U + D$ , then the SOR iteration becomes

$$x^{(k+1)} = (1 - \sigma)x^{(k)} + \sigma D^{-1} [b - Lx^{(k+1)} - Ux^{(k)}] \quad (3)$$

$$\implies (D + \sigma L)x^{(k+1)} = ((1 - \sigma)D - \sigma U)x^{(k)} + \sigma b \quad (4)$$

$$\implies x^{(k+1)} = \left( L + \frac{1}{\sigma}D \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma}D - D - U \right) x^{(k)} + \left( L + \frac{1}{\sigma}D \right)^{-1} b \quad (5)$$

$$= - \left( L + \frac{1}{\sigma}D \right)^{-1} \left( D - \frac{1}{\sigma}D + U \right) x^{(k)} + \left( L + \frac{1}{\sigma}D \right)^{-1} b. \quad (6)$$

Define  $M = L + \frac{1}{\sigma}D$ , and  $N = -(D - \frac{1}{\sigma}D + U)$ . Then

$$x^{(k+1)} = M^{-1}Nx^{(k)} + M^{-1}b, \quad (7)$$

and

$$A = L + D + U = \left( L + \frac{1}{\sigma}D \right) + \left( D - \frac{1}{\sigma}D + U \right) = M - N. \quad (8)$$

Therefore, SOR is an iterative method that uses the  $M$  and  $N$  defined above.