

SI214C Project: Multigrid Method

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I. INTRODUCTION

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II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

A. Finite difference method

To solve a one dimensional boundary value problem:

$$-u''(x) + u(x) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1 \quad (1)$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0 \quad (2)$$

one could use the central difference instead of the exact derivative:

$$-\frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{h^2} + u_i = f_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (3)$$

$$u_0 = u_N = 0 \quad (4)$$

where N is a given positive integer, $h = 1/N$, $x_i = ih$ for $i = 0, \dots, N$, $f_i = f(x_i)$. $u_i \approx u(x_i)$ is the approximate solution. The above equations can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+h^2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2+h^2 & -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 2+h^2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1) \times (N-1)}, \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}, \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} h^2 f_1 \\ \vdots \\ h^2 f_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1} \quad (6)$$

Similarly, we can transform a 2-dimensional boundary value problem:

$$-u_{xx} + -u_{yy} = f(x, y), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < 1 \quad (7)$$

$$u(0, y) = u(1, y) = u(x, 0) = u(x, 1) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1 \quad (8)$$

into a similar block-tridiagonal system as (5) TBD, make the system more clear. The problem now focuses on how to solve the problem (5)

B. Iterative method

In this section, we are going to solve the linear system:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} \quad (9)$$

There are two ways to solve such a linear system: direct methods and the iterative methods. Since the special structure of the problem (\mathbf{A} is a tri-diagonal matrix) and N is usually very large, one often chooses the iterative method as the solver. TBD, We will compare two kind of methods in Appendix A.

Now we introduce three basic iterative solvers:

1) The first one is the Jacobi method, which takes the form:

$$u_i^{k+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left(b_i - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} u_j^k \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (10)$$

2) The second one is the Gauss-Seidel method, which takes the form:

$$u_i^{k+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left(b_i - \sum_{j < i} a_{ij} u_j^{k+1} - \sum_{j > i} a_{ij} u_j^k \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (11)$$

3) The third one is the SOR method, which involves a parameterized splitting of \mathbf{A} :

$$u_i^{k+1} = \omega \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left(b_i - \sum_{j < i} a_{ij} u_j^{k+1} - \sum_{j > i} a_{ij} u_j^k \right) + (1 - \omega) x_i^k, \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (12)$$

where $\omega > 0$ is the parameter.

The iterative methods can actually be seen as ways to decompose the matrix \mathbf{A} : If we write \mathbf{A} as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{U}$$

where \mathbf{D} is the diagonal, \mathbf{L} and \mathbf{U} are the strictly lower and upper parts of \mathbf{A} . Then the above three methods can be rewritten as

$$(Jacobi) \quad \mathbf{u}^{k+1} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} (\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{U}) \mathbf{u}^k + \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{f} \quad (13)$$

$$(Gauss - Seidel) \quad \mathbf{u}^{k+1} = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{u}^k + (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{f} \quad (14)$$

$$(SOR) \quad \mathbf{u}^{k+1} = \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L} \right)^{-1} \left(\left(\frac{1}{\omega} - 1 \right) \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{U} \right) \mathbf{u}^k + \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{f} \quad (15)$$

III. MULTIGRID METHOD

A. Error Analysis

With the iterative solvers for the linear system, we now analyze the convergence of three methods: Define the error term

$$\|\mathbf{e}^k\| := \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^k\| \quad (16)$$

where the norm usually set as 1, 2 or inf norm . The iterative method can be seen as minimize the residual:

$$\|\mathbf{r}\| := \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u}\| \quad (17)$$

By the definition of the residual, we obtain the relationship defined by the three iterative methods:

$$(Jacobi) \quad \mathbf{e}^{k+1} = \mathbf{R}_J \mathbf{e}^k \quad (18)$$

$$(Gauss - Seidel) \quad \mathbf{e}^{k+1} = \mathbf{R}_G \mathbf{e}^k \quad (19)$$

$$(SOR) \quad \mathbf{e}^{k+1} = \mathbf{R}_\omega \mathbf{e}^k \quad (20)$$

where $\mathbf{R}_J = \mathbf{D}^{-1} (\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{U})$, $\mathbf{R}_G = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{U}$ and $\mathbf{R}_\omega = \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{L} \right)^{-1} \left(\left(\frac{1}{\omega} - 1 \right) \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{U} \right)$.

To ensure the convergence of the iterative methods, we have the following lemma

Lemma 1. *The iterative methods are convergent if and only if*

$$\rho(\mathbf{R}) < 1 \quad (21)$$

where $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_J$ for Jacobi method, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_G$ for Gauss-Seidel method, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_\omega$ for SOR method. $\rho(\mathbf{R})$ is the spectral radius of \mathbf{R} , that is, if we denote $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N-1}$ as the eigenvalues of \mathbf{R} , then

$$\rho(\mathbf{R}) = \max\{|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_{N-1}|\} \quad (22)$$

Actually, the convergence rate is dominant by $\rho(\mathbf{R})$, which means

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{e}^M\|}{\|\mathbf{e}^0\|} \leq \|\mathbf{R}\|^M \approx (\rho(\mathbf{R}))^M \quad (23)$$

Now we analyze the convergence of the Gauss-Seidel method, the analysis to other two methods are similar. The eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of $\mathbf{R}_G = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{U}$ are given by

$$\lambda_k(\mathbf{R}_G) = \cos^2\left(\frac{k\pi}{N}\right), \mathbf{v}_k^j = (\lambda_k)^{j/2} \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{N}\right), \quad j, k = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (24)$$

Now, we use the eigenvectors of \mathbf{R}_G as the initial guess for the equation $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{e} = 0$, the number of iterations required to reduce

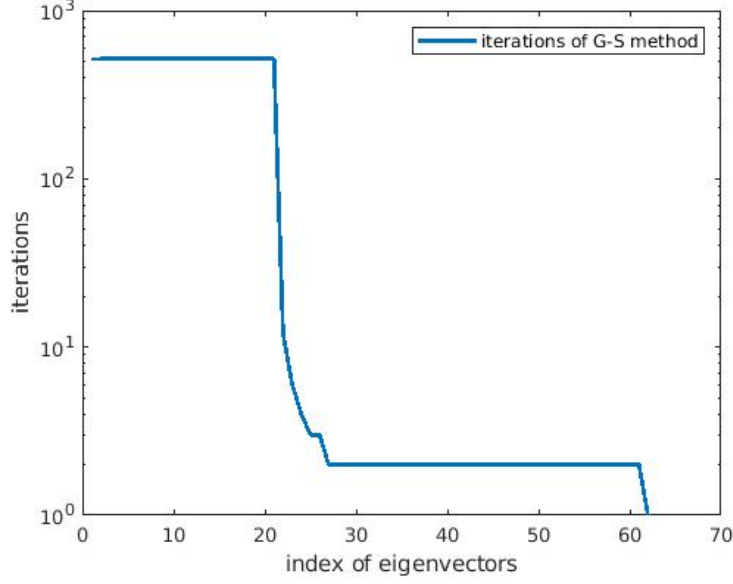


Fig. 1. The relationship between initial guess and the convergent iterations

to $\|\mathbf{e}\|_\infty \leq 0.1$ is shown in 1.

Lemma 2. *The eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are linearly independent.*

By the above lemma, for any initial guess \mathbf{w} of Gauss-Seidel method, it can be written as

$$\mathbf{e}^0 = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \alpha_j \mathbf{v}_j \quad (25)$$

As shown in 1, now the convergence rate depends on the low frequency term (j is small). So, the problem is: Can we accelerate the convergence of Gauss-Seidel method? That is how multigrid method comes out.

B. Multigrid method

The basic idea is that we consider the linear system (5) in the *coarse grid*, where low frequency term acts like high frequency term, that way, the iterative method is accelerated.

1) *1-d case*: Mathematically, we first use Gauss-Seidel method to reduce the error on the fine grid x_0, \dots, x_N , then we consider the coarse grid, of which intervals have length $2h$, we denote the coarse grid as $y_1, \dots, y_{N/2}$ (we assume that $N/2$ is the smallest integer that is larger than $N/2$, we still write it in the form $N/2$ for simplicity), it can be seen that $x_{2j} = y_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, N/2$.

In 2-d cases, we first

The algorithm is given as follows:

C. Recursive multigrid method

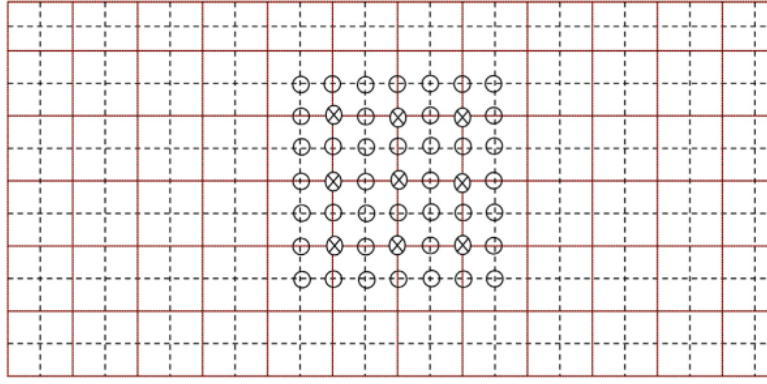
Note that we can actually use multi-level multigrid method to make the iterative methods converges faster. The idea is

D. Algebraic multigrid method

Though (Geometric) multigrid methods is easy to understand and implement, it has some disadvantages:

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To solve these problems, algebraic multigrid methods are proposed. The basic idea is that



○ Node locations for fine (F) grid
 ⊗ Node locations for both fine (F) and coarse (C) grid

Fig. 2. Coarse and fine grid in ta Two-Grid algorithm with Uniform Mesh Spacing

Algorithm 1 Multigrid Method

Require: Generating meshes and their relationships and set the initial guess \mathbf{u}^0 for $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$

- 1: **while** NOT convergent **do**
 - 2: Smoothing on the fine grid via iterative method
 - 3: Compute the residual on fine grid
 - 4: Transfer of fine-grid residual to coarse grid (restriction)
 - 5: Smoothing on coarse grid
 - 6: Transfer of coarse-grid correction to fine grid (prolongation)
 - 7: Update of fine-grid solution
 - 8: **end while**
 - 9:
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V. CONCLUSION

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