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In this MATLAB coding assignment, we focus on solving the following **structured** linear system of equations:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

where A is an $n^2 \times n^2$ matrix taking the following form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_n & -I_n & & & 0 \\ -I_n & A_n & -I_n & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -I_n & A_n & -I_n \\ 0 & & & -I_n & A_n \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

Here I_n is the $n \times n$ identity matrix and

$$A_n = \begin{bmatrix} 2^d & -1 & & & 0 \\ -1 & 2^d & -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -1 & 2^d & -1 \\ 0 & & & -1 & 2^d \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

It is a block-Toeplitz matrix with Toeplitz blocks. We first consider solving the linear system by using an iterative method, the **Gauss-Seidel method**.

- (a) (i) Show that A is a symmetric positive definite matrix for $d \geq 2$. Therefore Gauss-Seidel method converges when applied to solving the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.
(ii) Let the right-hand side vector $\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{e}$ where

$$\mathbf{e} = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T$$

and the true solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is \mathbf{e} . Write a MATLAB program to implement the **Gauss-Seidel method** for solving $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with the initial guess $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ and the stopping criterion is as follows:

$$\|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{e}\|_2 < 10^{-6}$$

where \mathbf{x}_n is the approximate solution obtained in the n th iteration.

- (iii) What is the computational cost in each iteration of the Gauss-Seidel method?
(iv) Report the number of iterations for convergence for the following pairs of (n, d) , $n = 10, 20, 30, 40$ and $d = 2, 3, 4, 5$. Discuss your observations.

(b) We then consider solving the same linear system of equations by using the **Block Jacobi method**. The idea is to consider the splitting of the matrix A as the sum of the diagonal block bimatrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} A_n & & & & 0 \\ & A_n & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & A_n & \\ 0 & & & & A_n \end{bmatrix}$$

and the bi-diagonal block matrix $(A - D)$.

(i) Write a MATLAB program to implement the **Block Jacobi method** for solving $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with the initial guess $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ and the same stopping criterion

$$\|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{e}\|_2 < 10^{-6}$$

where \mathbf{x}_n is the approximate solution obtained in the n th iteration.

(ii) What is the computational cost in each iteration of the block Jacobi method?

(iii) Report the number of iterations for convergence for the following pairs of (n, d) , $n = 10, 20, 30, 40$ and $d = 2, 3, 4, 5$. Discuss your observations.

(c) We then consider solving the same linear system of equations by using the **Block Gauss-Seidel method**. The idea is to consider the splitting of the matrix A as the sum of the lower triangular blocks

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} A_n & & & & 0 \\ -I_n & A_n & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -I_n & A_n \\ 0 & & & & -I_n & A_n \end{bmatrix}$$

and the upper triangular blocks $(A - L)$.

(i) Write a MATLAB program to implement the **block Gauss-Seidel method** for solving $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with the initial guess $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ and the same stopping criterion

$$\|\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{e}\|_2 < 10^{-6}$$

where \mathbf{x}_n is the approximate solution obtained in the n th iteration.

(ii) What is the computational cost in each iteration of the block Gauss-Seidel method?

(iii) Report the number of iterations for convergence for the following pairs of (n, d) , $n = 10, 20, 30, 40$ and $d = 2, 3, 4, 5$. Discuss your observations.