Fast Iterative Solvers

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Work Package for Multigrid Assignment - Part 1

Summary

This is preparatory work for multigrid methods. Here you will *not* assemble sparse matrices explicitly, so there is no need to use CSR storage format.

Poisson Solver

Consider the Poisson equation with homogeneous boundary conditions

$$Lu := -\nabla^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega$$
$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

where $\Omega = (0,1) \times (0,1)$. Consider a Finite Difference discretization on a Cartesian Grid

$$\mathcal{G}_h := \{ (ih, jh) : i, j = 0, \dots, N; \ hN = 1 \}. \tag{1}$$

This means finding $u_{i,j} := u(x_i, y_j)$ such that

$$-f_{i,j} = \frac{1}{h^2} \left(u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j} \right) + \frac{1}{h^2} \left(u_{i,j-1} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i,j+1} \right) , \quad i, j = 1, \dots N - 1 , \quad (2)$$

Note that we don't iterate over the boundary points! These should be initialized to zero, and then not be touched again. Implement a Gauss-Seidel Relaxation with lexicographical ordering (GS-LEX) to solve the problem. Lexicographical ordering means that the iteration is "line by line": For indexing as above, first i=1,2...,N-1 for j=1, then i=1,2,...,N-1 for j=2 and so forth until j=N-1, which completes one iteration.

You should implement this as a function, i.e. $\mathbf{u} = GS(\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{f}; \nu)$, where \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{f} are two-dimensional arrays for the solution and right-hand sides, respectively. $\mathbf{u}_0 = 0$ is the initial guess, and ν is the number of iterations.

- Test this for the right-hand side $f(x,y) = 8\pi^2 \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y)$
- For this choice the solution is $u(x,y) = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(2\pi y)$.
- Choose ν large enough that $||\mathbf{u}_{\nu} \mathbf{u}_{\nu-1}||_{\infty} < 10^{-10}$,
- Measure the *converged* maximum error, i.e. $\max_{i,j} |u_{i,j} u(x_i, y_j)|$ for $N_x = N_y = N$, and N = 10, as well as N = 100
- Note: For this Cartesian grid, you should not assemble any matrix to implement the Gauss-Seidel iteration!