

Jacobi Method

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1 Jacobi Method

In numerical linear algebra, the Jacobi method is **an iterative algorithm for determining the solutions of a strictly diagonally dominant system of linear equations**. Each diagonal element is solved for, and an approximate value is plugged in. The process is then iterated until it converges.

Given a linear system of equation and initial values for unknowns, assume zeros if there are no initial values.

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 = b_2$$

$$a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 = b_3$$

solutions are

$$x_1 = \frac{b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{b_2 - a_{21}x_1 - a_{23}x_3}{a_{22}}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{b_3 - a_{31}x_1 - a_{32}x_2}{a_{33}}$$

Substitute with the initial values and repeat **n** times

1.1 Implementation

We define the `jacobi_method` function. The function accepts the matrices A and b . Where A is the coefficient matrix and b is the column vector of constant terms. Solves the equation $Ax = b$ and return an array of the solutions.

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[1]: # import needed packages  
  
import numpy as np
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```
def jacobi_method(A, b, number_of_iterations = 10, guess = None):

    # User enters the initial guess. If none, the default initial value is zeros
    if guess is None:
        guess = np.zeros(A.ncols());

    diagonal_elements = np.diagonal(A)

    matrix_without_diagonal_elements = A - np.diagflat(diagonal_elements)

    for i in range(number_of_iterations):
        guess = (b - np.dot(matrix_without_diagonal_elements, guess)) / ↵
        ↵diagonal_elements

    return guess
```

1.2 Test with an example

Use the Jacobi method to solve

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 0.1x_2 - 0.2x_3 &= 7.85 \\ 0.1x_1 + 7x_2 - 0.3x_3 &= -19.3 \\ 0.3x_1 - 0.2x_2 + 10x_3 &= 71.4 \end{aligned}$$

with number of iterations = 3

```
[2]: A = matrix([[3,-0.1,-0.2], [0.1,7,-0.3], [0.3,-0.2,10]])
      b = np.array([7.85, -19.3, 71.4])
      jacobi_method(A, b, 3)
```

```
[2]: array([ 3.00080635, -2.49973844,  7.00020667])
```

The exact solution is

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[3]: A.solve_right(b)
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[3]: (3.0000000000000000, -2.5000000000000000, 7.0000000000000000)
```