

4 iterative methods

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Setup: To solve $Ax = b$. Suppose $I - B$ is invertible, and that $x = Bx + c$.
Under certain conditions, starting from any vector u_0 , the sequence (u_k)
 $u_{k+1} = Bu_k + c, k \in \mathbb{N}$ converges to x .

Thm 9.1 For any square matrix B , the following conditions are equivalent.

(1) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k = 0$.

(2) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k v = 0 \quad \forall$ vectors v .

(3) $\rho(B) < 1$

(4) $\|B\| < 1$, for some subordinate matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$.

proof. (1) \rightarrow (2) Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k = 0$, then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|B^k v\| \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|B^k\| \|v\| = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k v = 0$.

(2) \rightarrow (3) Assume $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k v = 0$. If $\rho(B) \geq 1$, then $\exists u \neq 0$ and λ
s.t. $Bu = \lambda u, |\lambda| = \rho(B) \geq 1$.

But then $(B^k u) \not\rightarrow 0$ because $B^k u = \lambda^k u$ and $|\lambda|^k \geq 1$.

Thus, $\rho(B) < 1$.

(3) \rightarrow (4) Assume $\rho(B) < 1$. By Prop 8.9/8.12, $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists$ a
subordinate matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$ s.t. $\|B\| \leq \rho(B) + \varepsilon$.

Choose ε small enough that $\rho(B) + \varepsilon < 1$.

(4) \rightarrow (1) Assume $\|B\| < 1$ for some subordinate matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$.

Then $\|B^k\| \leq \|B\|^k \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|B^k\| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k = 0$.

Prop 9.1/9.2 For every square matrix $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and every matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|B^k\|^{1/k} = \rho(B).$$

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$$\Rightarrow \rho(B) \leq \|B^k\|^{1/k} \quad \forall k \geq 1,$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(B) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|B^k\|^{1/k}.$$

Need to show $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N(\varepsilon)$ s.t.

$$\|B^k\|^{1/k} \leq \rho(B) + \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } k \geq N(\varepsilon).$$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$, let $B_\varepsilon = \frac{B}{\rho(B) + \varepsilon}$. Then $\|B_\varepsilon\| < 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B_\varepsilon^k = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists N(\varepsilon)$ s.t. $\forall k \geq N(\varepsilon)$,

$$\|B_\varepsilon^k\| = \frac{\|B^k\|}{(\rho(B) + \varepsilon)^k} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \|B^k\|^{1/k} \leq \rho(B) + \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

Thm 9.2/9.3 Given a system $u = Bu + c$, with a unique solution \tilde{u} s.t. $\tilde{u} = \tilde{x}$, the unique solution to $Ax = b$, if $I - B$ is invertible, then the following are equivalent:

(1) Let $u_{k+1} = Bu_k + c$. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k = \tilde{u}$. (i.e. the iterative method is convergent)

(2) $\rho(B) < 1$.

(3) $\|B\| < 1$, for some subordinate matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$.

proof. Define the error vector $e_k = u_k - \tilde{u}$.

Clearly convergence is equivalent to $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} e_k = 0$.

Claim: $e_k = B^k e_0$, $k \geq 0$, where $e_0 = u_0 - \tilde{u}$.

proof. By induction. Base case $k=0$ is trivial.

$$\text{Then } u_{k+1} = Bu_k + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u_{k+1} - \tilde{u} &= Bu_k + c - \tilde{u} \\ &= Bu_k - B\tilde{u} \end{aligned}$$

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\Rightarrow u_{k+1} - \tilde{u} &= Bu_k + c - u \\
&= Bu_k - B\tilde{u} \\
&= B(u_k - \tilde{u}) \\
&= Be_k = BB^k e_0 = B^{k+1} e_0,
\end{aligned}$$

proving the induction step. □

Thus, the iterative method converges iff $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B^k e_0 = 0$.

Now just apply **Thm 9.1!** □

Prop. 9.2/9.4 Let $\|\cdot\|$ be any norm, let $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a matrix such that $I - B$ is invertible, and let \tilde{u} be the unique soln of $u = Bu + c$.

(1) If (u_k) is any sequence defined iteratively by

$$u_{k+1} = Bu_k + c, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

then
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sup_{\|u_0 - \tilde{u}\| = 1} \|u_k - \tilde{u}\|^{1/k} \right] = \rho(B)$$

(2) Let B_1 and B_2 be two matrices such that $I - B_1$ and $I - B_2$ are invertible. Assume that both $u = B_1 u + c_1$ and $u = B_2 u + c_2$

have the same unique soln \tilde{u} , and consider two sequences (u_k) and (v_k) defined inductively by

$$u_{k+1} = B_1 u_k + c_1,$$

$$v_{k+1} = B_2 v_k + c_2$$

with $u_0 = v_0$. If $\rho(B_1) < \rho(B_2)$, then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there is some integer $N(\varepsilon)$, s.t. for all $k \geq N(\varepsilon)$, we have

$$\sup_{\|u_0 - \tilde{u}\| = 1} \left[\frac{\|v_k - \tilde{u}\|}{\|u_k - \tilde{u}\|} \right]^{1/k} \geq \frac{\rho(B_2)}{\rho(B_1) + \varepsilon}$$

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$$u_k - \tilde{u} = B^k e_0,$$

with $e_0 = u_0 - \tilde{u}$. For every $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\|B^k\| = \sup_{\|e_0\|=1} \|B^k e_0\|,$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\|e_0\|=1} \|B^k e_0\|^{1/k} = \|B^k\|^{1/k}$$

By Prop 9.1/9.2, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|B^k\|^{1/k} = \rho(B)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sup_{\|e_0\|=1} \|B^k e_0\|^{1/k} \right] = \rho(B)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sup_{\|u_0 - \tilde{u}\|=1} \|u_k - \tilde{u}\|^{1/k} \right] = \rho(B), \text{ proving part (1)}$$

Note that $u_k - \tilde{u} = B_1^k e_0$

$$v_k - \tilde{u} = B_2^k e_0, \text{ with } e_0 = u_0 - \tilde{u} = v_0 - \tilde{u}.$$

By Prop 9.1/9.2, $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N(\varepsilon)$ s.t. if $k \geq N(\varepsilon)$, then

$$\|B_1^k\|^{1/k} \leq \rho(B_1) + \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\|e_0\|=1} \|B_1^k e_0\|^{1/k} \leq \rho(B_1) + \varepsilon$$

Furthermore, $\rho(B_2)^k = \rho(B_2^k) \leq \|B_2^k\| = \sup_{\|e_0\|=1} \|B_2^k e_0\|$

$$\Rightarrow \exists e_0 = e_0(k) \text{ for every } k \geq N(\varepsilon)$$

$$\|e_0\|=1 \text{ and } \|B_2^k e_0\|^{1/k} \geq \rho(B_2).$$

$$\text{Then } \sup_{\|u_0 - \tilde{u}\|=1} \left[\frac{\|v_k - \tilde{u}\|}{\|u_k - \tilde{u}\|} \right]^{1/k} = \sup_{\|e_0\|=1} \frac{\|B_2^k e_0\|^{1/k}}{\|B_1^k e_0\|^{1/k}} \geq \frac{\rho(B_2)}{\rho(B_1) + \varepsilon}$$



Thus, $\rho(B) < 1$ implies convergence, and the smaller $\rho(B)$, the faster the method converges.

factor the method converges.

In worst case, the error vector $e_k = B^k e_0$ behaves like $(\rho(B))^k$.

Consider the linear system $Ax = b$, with A invertible.

Suppose $A = M - N$, where M is invertible and "easy to invert" (i.e. close to diagonal or triangular, perhaps by blocks),

$$\text{then } Au = b \iff Mu = Nu + b$$

$$\iff u = M^{-1}Nu + M^{-1}b$$

Let $B = M^{-1}N$ and $c = M^{-1}b$, and we

get a system $u = Bu + c$, as described before.

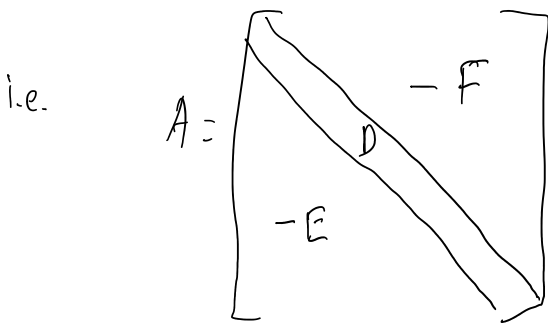
Practically, solving $Mu_{k+1} = Nu_k + b$, $k \geq 0$ is faster than inverting M .

Three iterative methods

Let $A = D - E - F$, where D is $\text{diag}(A)$,

E only has nonzero entries below the diagonal

F only has nonzero entries above the diagonal.



Jacobi method: Assume $a_{ii} \neq 0 \forall i$. (diagonal entries all nonzero)

$$\text{Let } M = D$$

$$N = E + F$$

$$\Rightarrow B = M^{-1}N = D^{-1}(E + F) = I - D^{-1}A$$

Notation: Jacobi's matrix $J = I - D^{-1}A$.

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Gauss-Seidel: Let $M = D - E$
 $N = F$.

$$\Rightarrow B = M^{-1}N = (D - E)^{-1}F$$

Notation: matrix of Gauss-Seidel $\mathcal{L}_1 = (D - E)^{-1}F$.

Relaxation: Let $M = \frac{D}{\omega} - E$

$$N = \frac{1-\omega}{\omega}D + F, \quad \text{where } \omega \neq 0 \text{ is the } \mathbb{R} \text{ parameter of relaxation}$$

Relaxation matrix $\mathcal{L}_\omega = \left(\frac{D}{\omega} - E\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1-\omega}{\omega}D + F\right) = (D - \omega E)^{-1}((1-\omega)D + \omega F)$.

Repeatedly solve $(D - \omega E)u_{k+1} = ((1-\omega)D + \omega F)u_k + \omega b$

$$\Leftrightarrow Du_{k+1} = Du_k - \omega(Du_k - Eu_{k+1} - Fu_k - b)$$

Prop. 9.3/9.5: Let A be any Hermitian pos. def. matrix, written as $A = M - N$, with M invertible.

Then $M^* + N$ is Hermitian, and if it is pos. def., then $\rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$, so the iterative method converges.

proof. Since $M = A + N$ and A is Hermitian, $A^* = A$, so
 $M^* + N = A^* + N^* + N = A + N + N^* = M + N^* = (M^* + N)^*$
 $\Rightarrow M^* + N$ is Hermitian.

Consider the vector norm $\|\cdot\|$ defined by $\|v\| = \sqrt{v^* A v}$, and its subordinate matrix norm.

Claim: $\|M^{-1}N\| < 1$

proof. $\|M^{-1}N\| = \|I - M^{-1}A\| = \sup_{\|v\|=1} \|v - M^{-1}Av\|$

Let $w = M^{-1}Av$. $\Leftrightarrow v = A^{-1}Mw$. Then

Let $w \in M^{-1}Av$. $\Leftrightarrow v = A^{-1}Mw$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - w\|^2 &= (v - w)^* A (v - w) \\ &= \|v\|^2 - v^* Aw - w^* Av + w^* Aw \\ &= 1 - w^* M^* w - w^* M w + w^* A w \\ &= 1 - w^* \underbrace{(M^* + N)}_{\text{pos. def.}} w \end{aligned}$$

If $w \neq 0$, then $w^*(M^* + N)w > 0$

\Rightarrow if $\|v\|=1$, then $\|v - M^{-1}Av\| < 1$.

But $v \mapsto \|v - M^{-1}Av\|$ is continuous because it is a composition of continuous functions, and therefore has a maximum on the compact subset $\{v \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \|v\|=1\}$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\|v\|=1} \|v - M^{-1}Av\| < 1, \quad \square$$

Thus, $\|M^{-1}N\| < 1$, so by **Thm 9.1**, the iterative method converges □

$\Rightarrow \rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$

(Ostrowski-Reich Thm)

Thm 9.3/9.6 If $A = D - E - F$ is Hermitian positive def., and if $0 < \omega < 2$, then the relaxation method converges. This also holds for a block decomposition of A .

proof. Recall $A = M - N$ with $M = \frac{D}{\omega} - E$, $N = \frac{1-\omega}{\omega} D + F$.

Note $D^* = D$, $E^* = F$, and $\omega \neq 0$ is real, so

$$M^* + N = \frac{D^*}{\omega} - E^* + \frac{1-\omega}{\omega} D + F$$

$$= \frac{2 - \omega}{\omega} D$$

\Rightarrow Hermitian pos. def. $A \neq 0 \Rightarrow D$ has no zeros on

$$= \frac{1}{\omega} \cdot \nu$$

But because A is Hermitian pos def, $a_{ii} \neq 0 \Rightarrow D$ has no zeros on the diagonal.

\Rightarrow For $\omega \in (0, 2)$, $\frac{2-\omega}{\omega} D$ is Hermitian pos def.

The same argument carries through if D consists of diagonal blocks of A .

So $M^* + N$ is Hermitian pos def \Rightarrow the relaxation method converges.



Prop. 9.4/9.7

Given any matrix $A = D - E - F$, with A and D invertible, for any $\omega \neq 0$, we have

$$\rho(L_\omega) \geq |\omega - 1|,$$

where $L_\omega = \left(\frac{D}{\omega} - E\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1-\omega}{\omega} D + F\right)$. Therefore, the relaxation method doesn't converge unless $\omega \in (0, 2)$. If $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$, then we must have $|\omega - 1| < 1$ for relaxation to converge.

proof. Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ be eigenvalues of L_ω .

$$\text{Then } \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n = \det(L_\omega) = \frac{\det\left(\frac{1-\omega}{\omega} D + F\right)}{\det\left(\frac{D}{\omega} - E\right)} = (1-\omega)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(L_\omega) \geq |\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = |1-\omega|$$



So, the last couple theorems give information about convergence of Gauss-Jordan and the method of relaxation.

You can do similar analyses for specific Jacobi matrices, and there are relationships between Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel (e.g. for tridiagonal matrices), but if you're interested, you should take a numerical analysis class.