Let x^k denotes the approximate solution of Ax = b, then we can write

$$x^{k+1} = M^{-1}(b - Bx^k)$$

or

$$x^{k+1} = Gx^k + M^{-1}b.$$

 x^k is called *k*-th iterate.

 $G = -M^{-1}B$ is called the iteration matrix.

M is usually picked such that the resulting system is easy to solve.

Jacobi iteration

We can rewrite this process as

$$x^{k+1} = D^{-1}[b - (L + U + D - D)x^k],$$

which gives

$$x^{k+1} = D^{-1}[b - (L + U + D - D)x^k].$$

Therefore

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + D^{-1} \underbrace{[b - Ax^k]}_{r^k}.$$

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Jacobi iteration

We have the Jacobi iteration matrix $-D^{-1}(L + U)$, where A = L + D + U.

Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ and $x = [x_j]$, where $i, j = 1, 2 \dots, n$.

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We can write

$$Ux = \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} a_{ij} x_j$$

and

$$Lx = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j.$$

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Jacobi iteration

Therefore, the Jacobi iteration scheme can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} x_i^{k+1} &= \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^k - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij} x_j^k \right], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ k = 1, 2, \dots \\ x_i^{k+1} &= \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_{ij} x_j^k \right], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ k = 1, 2, \dots, \dots \end{aligned}$$

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Gauss-Seidel iteration:

Consider the scheme

$$Dx^{k+1} = b - Lx^k - Ux^k.$$

If we replace assumed values x_j^k with the approximated values x_i^{k+1} as soon as they are available, we get

$$Dx^{k+1} = b - Lx^{k+1} - Ux^k.$$

The Gauss-Seidel iteration takes the following form

$$x^{k+1} = (L+D)^{-1}[b - Ux^k].$$

Gauss-Seidel iteration:

This can also be stated as:

$$x_i^{k+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} x_j^{k+1} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij} x_j^k \right], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Remark:

Jacobi method calculates all x_i^{k+1} using old values x_i^k .

Gauss-Seidel method uses x_i^{k+1} for calculating x_{i+1}^{k+1}

Convergence criterion iterative methods

The iterative process can be stopped if

$$\|b - Ax^{k+1}\| \le \epsilon \text{ or } \|x^{k+1} - x^k\| \le \epsilon$$

or if

$$\frac{\|b-A\!x^{k+1}\|}{\|b\|} \leq \epsilon \text{ or } \frac{\|x^{k+1}-x^k\|}{\|x^k\|} \leq \epsilon$$

Convergence criterion:

The sufficient condition for convergence is the diagonally dominant property;

$$|a_{ii}| > \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^n |a_{ij}|.$$

If the matrix A is diagonally dominant, both the Jacobi method and the Gauss-Seidel method converge irrespective of the initial values x^k .