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## Convergence Theorems

Problem Solve a non singular system  $Ax = b$

Iteratively given an initial vector  $x^{(0)}$ .

Recall the recursive equation

$$Qx^{(k)} = (Q - A)x^{(k-1)} + b \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

i.e.

$$x^{(k)} = (I - Q^{-1}A)x^{(k-1)} + Q^{-1}b$$

$n$

$$x^{(k)} = G x^{(k-1)} + h$$

where  $G = I - \Phi^{-1}A$  is the iteration matrix

$h = \Phi^{-1}b$  is the iteration vector

Even though we generally do not compute  $\Phi^{-1}$  when solving the system iteratively,  $\Phi^{-1}$  is useful in the analysis of convergence of the method.

Let  $x$  be the solution of the above system

$$Ax = b.$$

[Matrix  $A$  is non singular so  $x$  exists and it is unique!

$$Ax = b$$

$$A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b$$

$$Ix = A^{-1}b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

Uniqueness: Suppose  $x$  &  $y$  are solutions

$$Ax = b \quad \& \quad Ay = b$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = Ay$$

$$A(x-y) = 0$$

$$x-y = 0 \quad A \text{ non singular}$$

Subtract  $x$  from the recursive equation

$$x^{(k)} - x \equiv (I - Q^{-1}A)x^{(k-1)} - x + Q^{-1}b$$

$$\equiv (I - Q^{-1}A)x^{(k-1)} - x + Q^{-1}Ax$$

$$\equiv (I - Q^{-1}A)x^{(k-1)} - (I - Q^{-1}A)x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{(k)} - x = (I - Q^{-1}A) [x^{(k-1)} - x] \quad (*)$$

Let  $e^{(k)} \equiv x^{(k)} - x$  i.e. the error vector at  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration

From equation (\*) we get

$$e^{(k)} = (I - Q^{-1}A) e^{(k-1)}$$

wish:  $e^{(k)}$  to become smaller as  $k$  increases

Question: When is  $e^{(k)}$  smaller than  $e^{(k-1)}$ ?

- if  $(I - Q^{-1}A)$  is small (in some sense)
- would need  $Q^{-1}A$  close to  $I$ .

- Thus  $Q$  should be 'close' to  $A$ .

### Theorem 1 Spectral Radius Theorem

In order that the sequence generated by

$$Qx^{(k)} = (Q - A)x^{(k-1)} + b$$

to converge, no matter what the initial vector  $x^{(0)}$  is

selected, it is necessary and sufficient that all

eigenvalues of  $I - Q^{-1}A$  lie in the open unit disc,  $|z| < 1$ , in the complex plane.

That is

$$\rho(I - Q^{-1}A) < 1 \quad \text{the spectral radius.}$$

Recall:

For any  $n \times n$  matrix, with eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$

$$\rho(Q) = \max |\lambda_i|$$

Sequence converges if and only if  $\rho(I - Q^{-1}A) < 1$

**Necessary & suff**

Example

Consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine whether the Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel and SOR

methods (with  $\omega = 1.1$ ) converge for all initial iterates.

Solution

Jacobi method.

$$B = I - \Phi^{-1}A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{9}{2} + 2\lambda - \lambda\right)\lambda$$

$$0 = \lambda\frac{9}{2} + \lambda^2 + \lambda - = -\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + \lambda - =$$

$$= 0 + (0 - \lambda\frac{9}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{3}\lambda - 0) \lambda - =$$

$$= -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{vmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{vmatrix} \lambda - =$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \lambda - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \lambda - \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} =$$



$$\lambda = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \approx \pm 0.5774$$

$$\rho(B) = \max \{0, \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} < 1$$

radius

By the spectral <sub>radius</sub> theorem, the Jacobi method converges for any initial iterate.

Gauss-Seidel method:

$$I - \Phi^{-1}A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

Find eigenvalues  $\lambda$

$$\det(I - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{6} - \lambda & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{6} - \lambda & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\lambda \left( \left( \frac{1}{6} - \lambda \right)^2 - \frac{1}{36} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \quad \vee \quad \left( \frac{1}{6} - \lambda \right)^2 - \frac{1}{36} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{6} - \lambda \right)^2 = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$\frac{1}{6} - \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \mp \frac{1}{6} = \lambda$$

$$\frac{1}{3}, 0 = \lambda$$

$$f(\lambda) = \max \left\{ 0, 0, \frac{1}{3} \right\} = \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

Hence Gauss-Seidel method will converge for any starting vector by the spectral radius theorem.

Generally computing  $\rho(I - Q^{-1}A)$  may be difficult.

Recall

A general matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is strictly

diagonally dominant if

$$|a_{ii}| > \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n |a_{ij}| \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

