

# Solution of Linear Equations

## 2. Indirect Methods

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## Iterative Methods

- Consider the equations
 
$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n \end{aligned}$$
- Rearrange
  - Unknowns on left
  - Knowns on right
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{b_1 - (a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n)}{a_{11}} \\ x_2 &= \frac{b_2 - (a_{21}x_1 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n)}{a_{22}} \\ &\vdots \\ x_n &= \frac{b_n - (a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn-1}x_{n-1})}{a_{nn}} \end{aligned}$$
- Make a guess
 
$$x_1^0, x_2^0, \dots, x_n^0$$

## Jacobi Method

- Initial guess  $x_1^0, x_2^0, \dots, x_n^0$
- Next approximation of the solution

$$\begin{aligned}x_1^1 &= \frac{b_1 - (a_{12}x_2^0 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n^0)}{a_{11}} \\x_2^1 &= \frac{b_2 - (a_{21}x_1^0 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n^0)}{a_{22}} \\&\vdots \\x_n^1 &= \frac{b_n - (a_{n1}x_1^0 + a_{n2}x_2^0 + \dots + a_{nn-1}x_{n-1}^0)}{a_{nn}}\end{aligned}$$

## Jacobi Method

- After you do this  $k$  times ( $k$  iterations)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1^{k+1} &= \frac{b_1 - (a_{12}x_2^k + \dots + a_{1n}x_n^k)}{a_{11}} \\x_2^{k+1} &= \frac{b_2 - (a_{21}x_1^k + \dots + a_{2n}x_n^k)}{a_{22}} \\&\vdots \\x_n^{k+1} &= \frac{b_n - (a_{n1}x_1^k + a_{n2}x_2^k + \dots + a_{nn-1}x_{n-1}^k)}{a_{nn}}\end{aligned}$$

## Example – Jacobi Method

- Equations

$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 8$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 10$$

- Rearrange

$$x_1^{k+1} = \frac{5 + x_2^k - x_3^k}{2}$$

$$x_2^{k+1} = \frac{8 - x_1^k + 2x_3^k}{3} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$x_3^{k+1} = \frac{10 - x_1^k - 2x_2^k}{3}$$

$$x_1^{k=0} = 0, \quad x_2^{k=0} = 0, \quad x_3^{k=0} = 0$$

## Example – Jacobi Method

- Initial guess

$$x_1^0 = 0, \quad x_2^0 = 0, \quad x_3^0 = 0$$

$$x_1^{k=1} = \frac{5 + 0 - 0}{2} = 2.5$$

$$x_1^{k=2} = \frac{5 + 2.6667 - 3.3333}{2} = 2.1667$$

$$x_2^{k=1} = \frac{8 - 0 + 0}{3} = 2.66667$$

$$x_2^{k=2} = \frac{8 - 2.5 + 2(3.3333)}{3} = 4.0555$$

$$x_3^{k=1} = \frac{10 - 0 - 0}{3} = 3.3333$$

$$x_3^{k=2} = \frac{10 - 2.5 - 2(2.6667)}{3} = 0.7222$$

- After several iterations

$$x_1 = 3, \quad x_2 = 2, \quad x_3 = 1$$

## Errors and Stopping Criteria

- How do we know when to stop ( $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots ?$ )
- Two major sources of error in numerical methods:
  - Roundoff error: Computers represent quantities with a finite number of digits
  - Truncation error: Numerical methods employ approximations to represent exact mathematical operations and quantities
- Consider the error between the numerical and analytical solutions
  - True value  $x$
  - Approximate value  $\tilde{x}$

## Error Measures

- $E = \text{Error} = \text{True value} - \text{Approximation}$        $E = x - \tilde{x}$
- $e = \text{relative error}$       
$$e = \left| \frac{x - \tilde{x}}{x} \right|$$
- $d = \text{significant digits}$       
$$e = \left| \frac{x - \tilde{x}}{x} \right| < \frac{1}{2} 10^{-d}$$

## Example

- Approximate  $\tilde{\pi} = 3.1416$
- “True” value  $\pi = 3.1415927$
- Find: error, relative error, significant digits in approximation

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \pi - \tilde{\pi} \\ &= 3.1415927 - 3.1416 \\ &= -0.0000073 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} e &= \left| \frac{\pi - \tilde{\pi}}{\pi} \right| = \left| \frac{-0.0000073}{3.1415927} \right| \\ &= 0.0000023237 \\ &= 2.3237 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

## Example

- Find: significant digits in approximation

$$e < \frac{1}{2} 10^{-d}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &< -\frac{\ln(2e)}{\ln(10)} \\ &= -\frac{\ln(2 * 0.0000023237)}{\ln(10)} \\ &= 5.3329 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2e &< 10^{-d} \\ \frac{\ln(2e)}{\ln(10)} &< -d \end{aligned}$$

## Approximate Error

- $E_A$  is the approximate error between the current approximate value and our previous approximate value

$$e_A = \left| \frac{\tilde{x}^{k+1} - \tilde{x}^k}{\tilde{x}^{k+1}} \right|$$

## Example

- Taylor Series for  $e^x$  
$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$
- Estimate  $e^x$  for  $x = 0.5$ 
  - Start with 1 term and add more and more terms
  - Compute the value and the error after adding each new term
  - Add terms until the error  $e < 0.005$

## Example

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

- Using the first term

$$e^x \approx 1$$

- Using the first 2 terms

$$e^x \approx 1 + x = 1 + 0.5 = 1.5$$

- Using the first 3 terms

$$e^x \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} = 1 + 0.5 + 0.125 = 1.625$$

## Example

- From a calculator,  $e^x = 1.648721271$

$$e = \left| \frac{x - \tilde{x}}{x} \right| = \left| \frac{1.648721271 - 1.5}{1.648721271} \right| = 0.09 = 9\%$$

# of Terms	Result, $e^{0.5}$	Error, $e$
1	1	0.393
2	1.5	0.09
3	1.625	0.014
4	1.645833333	0.0017
5	1.648437500	0.00017
6	1.648697917	0.000014

## Jacobi Method

$$x_1^{k+1} = \frac{b_1 - (a_{12}x_2^k + \dots + a_{1n}x_n^k)}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_2^{k+1} = \frac{b_2 - (a_{21}x_1^k + \dots + a_{2n}x_n^k)}{a_{22}}$$

⋮

$$x_n^{k+1} = \frac{b_n - (a_{n1}x_1^k + a_{n2}x_2^k + \dots + a_{nn-1}x_{n-1}^k)}{a_{nn}}$$

We stop when

$$e_1 = \left| \frac{\tilde{x}_1^{k+1} - \tilde{x}_1^k}{\tilde{x}_1^{k+1}} \right| < e$$

$$e_2 = \left| \frac{\tilde{x}_2^{k+1} - \tilde{x}_2^k}{\tilde{x}_2^{k+1}} \right| < e$$

⋮

$$e_n = \left| \frac{\tilde{x}_n^{k+1} - \tilde{x}_n^k}{\tilde{x}_n^{k+1}} \right| < e$$

## Gauss Seidel Method (better)

- Current approximation becomes available after each step – use it

$$x_1^{k+1} = \frac{b_1 - (a_{12}x_2^k + \dots + a_{1n}x_n^k)}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_2^{k+1} = \frac{b_2 - (a_{21}x_1^{k+1} + \dots + a_{2n}x_n^k)}{a_{22}}$$

⋮

$$x_n^{k+1} = \frac{b_n - (a_{n1}x_1^{k+1} + a_{n2}x_2^{k+1} + \dots + a_{nn-1}x_{n-1}^{k+1})}{a_{nn}}$$

## Gauss-Seidel Method - Example

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x_1 - x_2 = 1 \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 8 \\ -x_2 + 2x_3 = -5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{convenient initial guess} \\ x_1^0 = 0, x_2^0 = 0, x_3^0 = 0 \end{array}$$

after 1 iteration of the method

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_1^{k+1} = \frac{1+x_2^k}{2} & x_1^1 = \frac{1+x_2^0}{2} = \frac{1+0}{2} = 0.5 \\ x_2^{k+1} = \frac{8+x_1^{k+1}+x_3^k}{3} & x_2^1 = \frac{8+x_1^1+x_3^0}{3} = \frac{8+0.5+0}{3} = 2.8333 \\ x_3^{k+1} = \frac{-5+x_2^{k+1}}{2} & x_3^1 = \frac{-5+x_2^1}{2} = \frac{-5+2.8333}{2} = -1.08333 \end{array}$$

## Gauss-Seidel Method

after 1 iteration

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1^1 = 0.5 \\ x_2^1 = 2.8333 \\ x_3^1 = -1.08333 \end{array}$$

after 2 iterations

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1^2 = \frac{1+x_2^1}{2} = \frac{1+0.5}{2} = 1.9167 \\ x_2^2 = \frac{8+x_1^2+x_3^1}{3} = \frac{8+1.9167+(-1.0833)}{3} = 2.9444 \\ x_3^2 = \frac{-5+x_2^2}{2} = \frac{-5+2.9444}{2} = -1.0278 \end{array}$$

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$\text{after 9 iterations} \quad x_2 = 3$$

$$x_3 = -1$$