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## Gauss-Seidel Iteration Method

Consider a system of  $n$  linear algebraic equations in  $n$  unknown

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow (1)$$

where  $a_{ij}$  ( $i, j = 1(1)n$ ) are the known coefficients,  $b_i$  ( $i = 1(1)n$ ) are the known values and  $x_i$  ( $i = 1(1)n$ ) are the unknowns to be determined.

For "Gauss-Seidel Iteration method", all assume the quantities  $a_{ii}$  in (1) are pivot elements. The equation (1) may be written as -

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -\frac{1}{a_{11}}(a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n - b_1) \\ x_2 &= -\frac{1}{a_{22}}(a_{21}x_1 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n - b_2) \\ &\vdots \\ x_n &= -\frac{1}{a_{nn}}(a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n - b_n) \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow (2)$$

Next starting this iteration method with initial approximation  $x_1 = x_1^{(0)}, x_2 = x_2^{(0)}, \dots, x_n = x_n^{(0)}$ .

If we use this initial value of  $x_i^{(0)}$  ( $i = 1(1)n$ ) in (2) we get 1st approximation which are

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{a_{11}}(a_{12}x_2^{(0)} + a_{13}x_3^{(0)} + \dots + a_{1n}x_n^{(0)} - b_1) \\ x_2^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{a_{22}}(a_{21}x_1^{(1)} + a_{23}x_3^{(0)} + \dots + a_{2n}x_n^{(0)} - b_2) \\ &\vdots \\ x_n^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{a_{nn}}(a_{n1}x_1^{(1)} + a_{n2}x_2^{(1)} + \dots + a_{nn}x_n^{(1)} - b_n) \end{aligned}$$

(Note: In calculation of  $x_2^{(1)}, \dots, x_n^{(1)}$  we use the new value of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , which is less difference between this method and Gauss-Jacobi method).



In this way we get  $(k+1)$ th approximation as

$$x_1^{(k+1)} = -\frac{1}{a_{11}} (a_{12}x_2^{(k)} + a_{13}x_3^{(k)} + \dots + a_{1n}x_n^{(k)} + b_1)$$

$$x_2^{(k+1)} = -\frac{1}{a_{22}} (a_{21}x_1^{(k+1)} + a_{23}x_3^{(k)} + \dots + a_{2n}x_n^{(k)} - b_2)$$

$$\vdots$$

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

Since we replace the vector  $x^{(k)}$  in the right side of (1) element by element, this method is also called the method of successive displacements.

In matrix notation, we first express the coefficient matrix  $A$  in the form

$A = D + L + U$  where  $D$  is a diagonal part of  $A$ ,

$L$  is strictly lower triangular part of  $A$ , and

$U$  is strictly upper triangular part of  $A$ ,

[Note: It is important to keep in mind that the matrices  $L$  and  $U$  used here are in no way related to the LU decomposition of the coefficient matrix.]

Let  $Ax = b$

Let  $\{x^{(k+1)}\}$  and  $\{x^{(k)}\}$  are the seq<sup>n</sup> of root.

$$\text{and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k+1)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x^{(k)} = x$$

Let's suppose  $A = M - N$  where

$$M = D + L \text{ and } N = -U$$

$$\text{Then } Ax = b$$

$$\Rightarrow (M - N)x = b$$

$$\Rightarrow Mx = Nx + b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = M^{-1}Nx + M^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{(k+1)} = -(D+L)^{-1}Ux^{(k)} + (D+L)^{-1}b$$

$$= Hx^{(k)} + c$$



where  $H = -(D+L)^{-1}U$

$$c = (D+L)^{-1}b.$$

Alternatively be written as

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= x^{(k)} + (D+L)^{-1}(b - Ax^{(k)})$$

$$\therefore x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)} = (D+L)^{-1}(b - Ax^{(k)})$$

$$\rightarrow v^{(k)} = (D+L)^{-1}r^{(k)}$$

where  $v^{(k)} = x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}$  and

$r^{(k)} = b - Ax^{(k)}$  is the residual vector.

$$(D+L)v^{(k)} = r^{(k)}.$$

and solve for  $v^{(k)}$  by forward substitution

The solution is then found from

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + v^{(k)}$$

These equation describe the Gauss-Seidel method in an error format.



Ex: Find the Soln of the System of eqn by Gauss-Seidel method -

$$20x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 17$$

$$3x_1 + 20x_2 - x_3 = 18$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 20x_3 = 25$$

Soln: Take the initial approximation as  $x^{(0)} = 0$   
 i.e.  $x_1^{(0)} = 0, x_2^{(0)} = 0, x_3^{(0)} = 0$ .

Now rewrite the system as the form iteration formula

$$x_1^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{20} (x_2^{(k)} - 2x_3^{(k)} - 17)$$

$$x_2^{(k+1)} = -\frac{1}{20} (3x_1^{(k+1)} - x_3^{(k)} + 18)$$

$$x_3^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{20} (2x_1^{(k+1)} - 3x_2^{(k+1)} - 25)$$

1st Iterat

$$x_1^{(1)} = \frac{1}{20} (x_2^{(0)} - 2x_3^{(0)} - 17) = \frac{1}{20} (-17) = -0.85$$

$$x_2^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{20} (3(-0.85) - 0 + 18) = -1.0275$$

$$x_3^{(1)} = \frac{1}{20} (2(-0.85) - 3(-1.0275) - 25) = \frac{1}{20} (-2.7 + 3.0825 - 25) = -1.0709$$

2nd Iteratio

$$x_1^{(2)} = \frac{1}{20} (-1.0275 - 2(-1.0709) - 17) = 1.0025$$

$$x_2^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{20} (3(1.0025) - (-1.0709) + 18) = -0.9998$$

$$x_3^{(2)} = \frac{1}{20} (2(1.0025) - 3(-0.9998) - 25) = 0.9998$$

3rd

$$x_1^{(3)} = \frac{1}{20} (0.9998 - 2(0.9998) - 17) = 1.0000$$

$$x_2^{(3)} = -\frac{1}{20} (3(1.0000) - 0.9998 + 18) = -1.0000$$

$$x_3^{(3)} = \frac{1}{20} (2(1.0000) - 3(-1.0000) - 25) = 1.0000$$

Solution is  $x_1 = 1$   
 $x_2 = -1$   
 $x_3 = 1$

$$x^{(k+1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/8 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} x^{(k)} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 9/4 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(1+1)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/8 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} x^{(0)} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 9/4 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/8 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 9/4 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 9/4 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$x^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/8 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 9/4 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7/2 \\ 9/4 \\ 13/8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4.125 \\ 3.625 \\ 2.3125 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.3125 \\ 4.3125 \\ 2.6563 \end{bmatrix}$$