

Practical Example

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for $j, k = 1, \dots, n$ with $u_{0,k}, u_{n+1,k}, u_{j,0}, u_{j,n+1}$ given.

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e.g. Jacobi iteration for this problem is: guess $u^{(0)}$

for iterates $i = 1, 2, \dots$

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$$u_{j,k}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{4} [u_{j+1,k}^{(i-1)} + u_{j-1,k}^{(i-1)} + u_{j,k+1}^{(i-1)} + u_{j,k-1}^{(i-1)} + h^2 f_{j,k}]$$

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Proposition for $r, s = 1, \dots, n$

$$\lambda^{r,s} = \frac{1}{2}(\cos r\pi h + \cos s\pi h)$$

is an eigenvalue of the Jacobi iteration matrix for A with eigenvector $\underline{v}^{r,s}$ having entries

$$v_{jk}^{r,s} = \sin rj\pi h \ \sin sk\pi h$$

Proof direct calculation: see exercises

Remark shows Jacobi iteration converges as
 $-1 < \lambda^{r,s} < 1$ for each r, s but

$$\rho(\text{Jacobi}) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos \pi h + \cos \pi h) = \cos \pi h = 1 - \frac{\pi^2 h^2}{2} + O(h^4)$$

so very close to 1 for small $h \Rightarrow$ slow convergence.

But recalling (in this notation)

$$\underline{u} - \underline{u}^{(i)} = (M^{-1}N)^i(\underline{u} - \underline{u}^{(0)}) = \sum_{r,s=1}^n \alpha_{r,s}(\lambda^{r,s})^i \underline{v}^{r,s}$$

we see that $\lambda^{r,s}$ small \Rightarrow error component in $\underline{v}^{r,s}$ reduces very quickly to zero, so $\underline{u} - \underline{u}^{(i)}$ is quickly dominated by components $\underline{v}^{r,s}$ for which $|\lambda^{r,s}| \simeq 1$.

More interesting for our purpose: relaxed Jacobi: for $\theta Ax = \theta b$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $M = D$, $N = (1 - \theta)D - \theta(L + U)$

$$\Rightarrow M^{-1}N = (1 - \theta)I - \theta D^{-1}(L + U)$$

has eigenvalues $1 - \theta + \frac{\theta}{2}(\cos r\pi h + \cos s\pi h)$

so e.g. for $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$, eigenvalues

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(\cos r\pi h + \cos s\pi h) \in (0, 1)$$

AND high frequency eigenvectors (r, s large) correspond to small eigenvalues ($\lambda^{r,s} \ll 1$) \Rightarrow a ‘smoother’