



# Gauss-Siedel Method

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An iterative method.

Basic Procedure:

- Algebraically solve each linear equation for  $x_i$
- Assume an initial guess solution array
- Solve for each  $x_i$  and repeat
- Use absolute relative approximate error after each iteration to check if error is within a pre-specified tolerance.



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## Why?

The Gauss-Seidel Method allows the user to control round-off error.

Elimination methods such as Gaussian Elimination and LU Decomposition are prone to round-off error.

Also: If the physics of the problem are understood, a close initial guess can be made, decreasing the number of iterations needed.



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## Algorithm

A set of  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$\vdots$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\vdots$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + a_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

If: the diagonal elements are non-zero

Rewrite each equation solving for the corresponding unknown

ex:

First equation, solve for  $x_1$

Second equation, solve for  $x_2$



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## Algorithm

Rewriting each equation

$$x_1 = \frac{c_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3 \dots - a_{1n}x_n}{a_{11}} \quad \leftarrow \text{From Equation 1}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{c_2 - a_{21}x_1 - a_{23}x_3 \dots - a_{2n}x_n}{a_{22}} \quad \leftarrow \text{From equation 2}$$

$\vdots$        $\vdots$        $\vdots$

$$x_{n-1} = \frac{c_{n-1} - a_{n-1,1}x_1 - a_{n-1,2}x_2 \dots - a_{n-1,n-2}x_{n-2} - a_{n-1,n}x_n}{a_{n-1,n-1}} \quad \leftarrow \text{From equation n-1}$$

$$x_n = \frac{c_n - a_{n1}x_1 - a_{n2}x_2 - \dots - a_{n,n-1}x_{n-1}}{a_{nn}} \quad \leftarrow \text{From equation n}$$



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## Algorithm

General Form of each equation

$$x_1 = \frac{c_1 - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq 1}}^n a_{1j} x_j}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_{n-1} = \frac{c_{n-1} - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq n-1}}^n a_{n-1,j} x_j}{a_{n-1,n-1}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{c_2 - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq 2}}^n a_{2j} x_j}{a_{22}}$$

$$x_n = \frac{c_n - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq n}}^n a_{nj} x_j}{a_{nn}}$$



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## Algorithm

General Form for any row 'i'

$$x_i = \frac{c_i - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n a_{ij} x_j}{a_{ii}}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

How or where can this equation be used?



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Solve for the unknowns

Assume an initial guess for  $[X]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Use rewritten equations to solve for each value of  $x_i$ .

Important: Remember to use the most recent value of  $x_i$ . Which means to apply values calculated to the calculations remaining in the **current** iteration.





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Calculate the Absolute Relative Approximate Error

$$|\epsilon_a|_i = \left| \frac{X_i^{\text{new}} - X_i^{\text{old}}}{X_i^{\text{new}}} \right| \times 100$$

So when has the answer been found?

The iterations are stopped when the absolute relative approximate error is less than a prespecified tolerance for all unknowns.



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

Given the system of equations

$$12x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 28$$

$$3x_1 + 7x_2 + 13x_3 = 76$$

With an initial guess of

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The coefficient matrix is:

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

Will the solution converge using the Gauss-Seidel method?



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

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Checking if the coefficient matrix is diagonally dominant

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|a_{11}| = |12| = 12 \geq |a_{12}| + |a_{13}| = |3| + |-5| = 8$$

$$|a_{22}| = |5| = 5 \geq |a_{21}| + |a_{23}| = |1| + |3| = 4$$

$$|a_{33}| = |13| = 13 \geq |a_{31}| + |a_{32}| = |3| + |7| = 10$$

The inequalities are all true and at least one row is *strictly* greater than:

Therefore: The solution should converge using the Gauss-Seidel Method



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

With an initial guess of

Rewriting each equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 28 \\ 76 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3}{12}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1 - 3(0) + 5(1)}{12} = 0.50000$$

$$x_2 = \frac{28 - x_1 - 3x_3}{5}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{28 - (0.5) - 3(1)}{5} = 4.90000$$

$$x_3 = \frac{76 - 3x_1 - 7x_2}{13}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{76 - 3(0.50000) - 7(4.90000)}{13} = 3.0923$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

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The absolute relative approximate error

$$|\epsilon_a|_1 = \left| \frac{0.50000 - 1.00000}{0.50000} \right| \times 100 = 67.662\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_2 = \left| \frac{4.9000 - 0}{4.9000} \right| \times 100 = 100.00\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_3 = \left| \frac{3.0923 - 1.0000}{3.0923} \right| \times 100 = 67.662\%$$

The maximum absolute relative error after the first iteration is 100%



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

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After Iteration #1

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5000 \\ 4.9000 \\ 3.0923 \end{bmatrix}$$

Substituting the x values into the equations

$$x_1 = \frac{1 - 3(4.9000) + 5(3.0923)}{12} = 0.14679$$

$$x_2 = \frac{28 - (0.14679) - 3(3.0923)}{5} = 3.7153$$

$$x_3 = \frac{76 - 3(0.14679) - 7(4.900)}{13} = 3.8118$$

After Iteration #2

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.14679 \\ 3.7153 \\ 3.8118 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

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Iteration #2 absolute relative approximate error

$$|\epsilon_a|_1 = \left| \frac{0.14679 - 0.50000}{0.14679} \right| \times 100 = 240.62\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_2 = \left| \frac{3.7153 - 4.9000}{3.7153} \right| \times 100 = 31.887\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_3 = \left| \frac{3.8118 - 3.0923}{3.8118} \right| \times 100 = 18.876\%$$

The maximum absolute relative error after the first iteration is 240.62%

This is much larger than the maximum absolute relative error obtained in iteration #1. Is this a problem?



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 1

Repeating more iterations, the following values are obtained

Iteration	$a_1$	$ \mathcal{E}_a _1$	$a_2$	$ \mathcal{E}_a _2$	$a_3$	$ \mathcal{E}_a _3$
1	0.50000	67.662	4.900	100.00	3.0923	67.662
2	0.14679	240.62	3.7153	31.887	3.8118	18.876
3	0.74275	80.23	3.1644	17.409	3.9708	4.0042
4	0.94675	21.547	3.0281	4.5012	3.9971	0.65798
5	0.99177	4.5394	3.0034	0.82240	4.0001	0.07499
6	0.99919	0.74260	3.0001	0.11000	4.0001	0.00000

The solution obtained

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.99919 \\ 3.0001 \\ 4.0001 \end{bmatrix}$$

is close to the exact solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

The upward velocity of a rocket is given at three different times

**Table 1** Velocity vs. Time data.

Time, $t$ (s)	Velocity $v$ (m/s)
5	106.8
8	177.2
12	279.2



The velocity data is approximated by a polynomial as:

$$v(t) = a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3, 5 \leq t \leq 12.$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

Using a Matrix template of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1^2 & t_1 & 1 \\ t_2^2 & t_2 & 1 \\ t_3^2 & t_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system of equations becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Initial Guess: Assume an initial guess of

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

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Rewriting each equation

$$a_1 = \frac{106.8 - 5a_2 - a_3}{25}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_2 = \frac{177.2 - 64a_1 - a_3}{8}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{279.2 - 144a_1 - 12a_2}{1}$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

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Applying the initial guess and solving for  $a_i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Initial Guess

$$a_1 = \frac{106.8 - 5(2) - (5)}{25} = 3.6720$$

$$a_2 = \frac{177.2 - 64(3.6720) - (5)}{8} = -7.8510$$

$$a_3 = \frac{279.2 - 144(3.6720) - 12(-7.8510)}{1} = -155.36$$

When solving for  $a_2$ , how many of the initial guess values were used?



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

Finding the absolute relative approximate error

$$|\epsilon_a|_i = \left| \frac{x_i^{new} - x_i^{old}}{x_i^{new}} \right| \times 100$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_1 = \left| \frac{3.6720 - 1.0000}{3.6720} \right| \times 100 = 72.76\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_2 = \left| \frac{-7.8510 - 2.0000}{-7.8510} \right| \times 100 = 125.47\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_3 = \left| \frac{-155.36 - 5.0000}{-155.36} \right| \times 100 = 103.22\%$$

At the end of the first iteration

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.6720 \\ -7.8510 \\ -155.36 \end{bmatrix}$$

The maximum absolute relative approximate error is 125.47%



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

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Iteration #2

Using

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.6720 \\ -7.8510 \\ -155.36 \end{bmatrix}$$

from iteration #1

the values of  $a_i$  are found:

$$a_1 = \frac{106.8 - 5(-7.8510) - 155.36}{25} = 12.056$$

$$a_2 = \frac{177.2 - 64(12.056) - 155.36}{8} = -54.882$$

$$a_3 = \frac{279.2 - 144(12.056) - 12(-54.882)}{1} = -798.34$$



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

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Finding the absolute relative approximate error

$$|\epsilon_a|_1 = \left| \frac{12.056 - 3.6720}{12.056} \right| \times 100 = 69.543\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_2 = \left| \frac{-54.882 - (-7.8510)}{-54.882} \right| \times 100 = 85.695\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_3 = \left| \frac{-798.34 - (-155.36)}{-798.34} \right| \times 100 = 80.540\%$$

At the end of the second iteration

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12.056 \\ -54.882 \\ -798.54 \end{bmatrix}$$

The maximum absolute relative approximate error is 85.695%



# Gauss-Seidel Method: Example 2

Repeating more iterations, the following values are obtained

Iteration	$a_1$	$ \epsilon_a _1 \%$	$a_2$	$ \epsilon_a _2 \%$	$a_3$	$ \epsilon_a _3 \%$
1	3.6720	72.767	-7.8510	125.47	-155.36	103.22
2	12.056	69.543	-54.882	85.695	-798.34	80.540
3	47.182	74.447	-255.51	78.521	-3448.9	76.852
4	193.33	75.595	-1093.4	76.632	-14440	76.116
5	800.53	75.850	-4577.2	76.112	-60072	75.963
6	3322.6	75.906	-19049	75.972	-249580	75.931

Notice – The relative errors are not decreasing at any significant rate

Also, the solution is not converging to the true solution of 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.29048 \\ 19.690 \\ 1.0857 \end{bmatrix}$$