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# On the Seidel's Method, a Stronger Contraction Fixed Point Iterative Method of Solution for Systems of Linear Equations 

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#### Abstract

In the solution of a system of linear equations, there exist many methods most of which are not fixed point iterative methods. However, this method of Sidel's iteration ensures that the given system of the equation must be contractive after satisfying diagonal dominance. The theory behind this was discussed in sections one and two and the end; the application was extensively discussed in the last section.


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## INTRODUCTION

This section is concerned with methods for solving the following system of n simultaneous equations in the $n$ unknown $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{\mathrm{n}}$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& f_{1}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=0 \\
& f_{2}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=0 \\
& \vdots  \tag{1}\\
& f_{n}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=0
\end{align*}
$$

However, if these functions are linear in the $x$ ' $s, 1$ can be rewritten (Chika ${ }^{[1]}$ ) as:

$$
\begin{align*}
& b_{11} x_{1}+b_{12} x_{2}+\cdots+b_{1 n} x_{n}=y_{1} \\
& b_{12} x_{1}+b_{22} x_{2}+\cdots+b_{2 n} x_{n}=y_{2} \\
& \vdots  \tag{2}\\
& b_{n 1} x_{1}+b_{n 2} x_{2}+\cdots+b_{n m} x_{n}=y_{m}
\end{align*}
$$

More concisely, we (Carnahan ${ }^{[2]}$ ) have

$$
\begin{equation*}
B x=y \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

in which $B$ is a matrix of coefficients, $y=\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}, \ldots y_{n}\right)$ is the right-hand side vector

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and $x=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, \ldots y_{n}\right)$ is the solution vector. Assuming negligible computational round-off error, direct methods considered for this work are the Seidel's method. This iterative technique is more appropriate when dealing with a large number of simultaneous equations (typically of the order of 100 equations or more), which will often possess certain other special characteristics. However, this particular Seidel's iterative method is as in the following theorem.

## Theorem 1 (the main result)

Let $x=f(x)$ be a well-defined map in the metric space ( $X, \rho$ ) such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i j} x_{j}+\beta \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Satisfies the Banach's contraction mapping principle then $\bar{x}=\bar{x}_{n}$ generated by

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i k}=\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{i j} x_{j k}+\sum \alpha_{i j} x_{j k-1}+\beta \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq k$ when

$$
\bar{x}_{0}=\bar{x}^{0}=x_{1}^{0}, x_{2}^{0}, \ldots, x_{n}^{0}
$$

Is the fixed point for 4

## Proof

Let $x^{*}$ be the unique fixed point, then by the contraction principle,

$$
x_{n}=\mathrm{T}\left(x_{n}\right)
$$

However, $x_{1}=T\left(x_{0}\right)$, then

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
x_{2}=T\left(x_{1}\right)=T\left(T\left(x_{0}\right)\right)=T^{2}\left(x_{0}\right) \\
x_{3}=T\left(x_{2}\right)=T^{2}\left(T\left(x_{0}\right)\right)=T^{3}\left(x_{0}\right)  \tag{6}\\
\vdots \\
x_{n}=T^{n-1}\left(T\left(x_{0}\right)\right)=T^{n}\left(x_{0}\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Hence, we have constructed a sequence $\left\{x_{n}\right\}_{n=0}$ of linear operators for the Seidel's iterative method defined in the metric space ( $\mathrm{X}, \rho$ ). We now establish that the above-generated sequence is Cauchy. First, we compute $\rho\left(x_{n}, x_{n+1}\right)=\rho\left(T\left(x_{n}, x_{n+1}\right)\right)$ and by 1.1.3, it is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \leq K T\left(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}\right) \\
& =K^{2} T\left(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}\right) \\
& \vdots \\
& =K^{n} T\left(x_{0}, x_{1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence,

$$
\begin{equation*}
K T\left(x_{n}, x_{n-1}\right) \leq K^{n} T\left(x_{0}, x_{1}\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, showing that $x_{n}$ is Cauchy let $m>n$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho\left(x_{n}, x_{m}\right) \leq & \rho\left(x_{n}, x_{m}\right)+\rho\left(x_{n-1}, x_{m-1}\right)+\ldots \\
& +\rho\left(x_{n-k-1}, x_{m-k-1}\right) \\
& \leq K^{n} T\left(x_{0}, x_{1}\right)\left(1+K+K^{2}+\ldots\right. \\
& +K^{n-m-1}+K^{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since the series on the right-hand side is a geometric progression with a common ratio $<1$, its sum to infinity $\leq \frac{1}{1-K}$ so from the above, we have that

$$
\rho\left(x_{n}, x_{m}\right) \leq K^{n} T\left(x_{0}, x_{1}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1-K}\right) \rightarrow 0
$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ since $K<1$.
Hence, the sequence is Cauchy in $(X, \rho)$ since it is complete and $\left\{x_{n}\right\}$ converges to a point in $X$.
Let $x_{n} \rightarrow x^{*}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since $T$ is a contraction and continuous it follows that $T\left(x_{n}\right) \rightarrow T\left(x^{*}\right)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
However, $T\left(x_{n}\right)=x_{n+1}$, a contraction and continuous it follows that progression with a common ratio number of simultaneous this work is the Seidel

$$
x_{n+1}=T\left(x_{n}\right)=T\left(x^{*}\right)
$$

Since limits are unique in a metric space and from above, we obtain

$$
T\left(x^{*}\right)=x^{*}
$$

We shall now prove that $T$ has a unique fixed point.
Suppose for the contraction there exists $y^{*} \in X$ such that $y^{*}=x^{*}$ and $T\left(x^{*}\right)=y^{*}$
Then

$$
\rho\left(x^{*}, y^{*}\right)=\rho\left(T\left(x^{*}\right), T\left(y^{*}\right)\right) \leq k T\left(x^{*}, y^{*}\right)
$$

So that

$$
(k-1) T\left(x^{*}, y^{*}\right) \geq 0
$$

and

$$
T\left(x^{*}, y^{*}\right)=0=\rho
$$

We then divide by it to get $k-1 \geq 0$, i.e., $k \geq 1$ which is a contradiction.
Hence, $x^{*}=y^{*}$ and the fixed point is unique. Therefore, $\bar{x}=\bar{x}_{n}$ generated by Seidel's method

$$
x_{i k}=\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{i j} x_{j k}+\sum_{j=i-1}^{n} \alpha_{i j} x_{j, k-1}+\beta
$$

Is a fixed point iterative method for the system of equations

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i j} x_{j}+\beta=\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{i j} x_{j}^{(n-1)}
$$

Hence, $T$ has a unique fixed point in $(X, \rho)$

## CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS, AN EXPLANATION TO THE ABOVE MAIN RESULT

To investigate the conditions for the convergence of the Seidel's iterative method, we first phrase the iteration in terms of the individual components. Let $x_{i k}$ denote the $k t h$ approximation to the $i$ th component of the solution vector $x=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)^{t}$. Let $\left(x_{10}, x_{20}, \ldots, x_{n 0}\right)^{t}$ be an arbitrary initial approximation (though as with the Jacobi method, if a good estimate is known, it should be used for efficiency). ${ }^{[3-6]}$ Let $A$ and $v$ be given and define

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i k}=\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{i j} x_{j k}+\sum_{j=i+1}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j, k-1}+v_{i} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq k$. When $i=1, \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{i j} x_{j k}$ is interpreted as zero, and when $i=n, \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j, k-1}$ is
likewise interpreted as zero.
Write $\mathrm{A}=A_{L}+A_{R}$ where $\left(\right.$ Eziokwu $\left.^{[6]}\right)$

$$
\begin{gather*}
A_{L}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
a_{21} & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & & & \vdots & \\
a_{n 1} & a_{n 2} & \ldots & a_{n, n-1} & 0
\end{array}\right]  \tag{9}\\
A_{R}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & a_{12} & \ldots & a_{i n} \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & a_{2 n} \\
\vdots & & & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0
\end{array}\right]
\end{gather*}
$$

Thus, $A_{L}$ is a strictly lower-triangular matrix whose sub-diagonal entries are the elements of A in their natural positions. A similar description applies to $A_{R}$ that if $x_{k}=\left[x_{1 k}, x_{2 k}, \ldots, x_{n k}\right]^{t}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{k}=A_{L} x_{k}+A_{R} x_{k-1}+v \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

This can be paraphrased as

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{k}=\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1} A_{R} x_{k-1}+\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is then of the Jacobi form. This (Chidume ${ }^{[5]}$ ) means the necessary and sufficient condition for the convergence is that the eigenvalues of $\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1}$ be less in modulus. ${ }^{[7]}$ The eigenvalues of $\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1} A_{R}$ by solving det $\left(\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1} A_{R}-\lambda I\right)=0$.
Thus, the Seidel's iterative process converges if all the zeros of the determinant of

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
-\lambda & a_{12} & a_{13} & \ldots & a_{1 n}  \tag{12}\\
a_{21} \lambda & -\lambda & a_{23} & \ldots & a_{2 n} \\
a_{31} \lambda & a_{32} \lambda & -\lambda & & a_{3 n} \\
\vdots & & & & \vdots \\
a_{n 1} \lambda & a_{n 2} \lambda & a_{n 3} \lambda & \ldots & -\lambda
\end{array}\right]
$$

are $<1$ in absolute value.

Since $a_{i i}=0,1 \leq i \leq n$, while $a_{i j}=-b_{i j} / b_{i}$ the determinant of 12 has the same zero determinants of

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
b_{11} \lambda & b_{12} & b_{13} & \ldots & b_{1 n} \\
b_{21} \lambda & b_{22} \lambda & b_{23} & \ldots & b_{2 n} \\
b_{31} \lambda & b_{32} \lambda & b_{33} \lambda & & b_{3 n} \\
\vdots & & & & \vdots \\
b_{n 1} \lambda & b_{n 2} \lambda & b_{n 3} \lambda & \ldots & b_{n n} \lambda
\end{array}\right]
$$

It develops that conditions analogous to (9) proved sufficient to guarantee convergence

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n}\left|\frac{b_{i j}}{b_{i i}}\right| \leq \mu<1 \text { or } \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n}\left|\frac{b_{j i}}{b_{j j}}\right| \leq \mu<1 \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

The first of these may be demonstrated as previously stated that since

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|b_{i i}\right|>\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n}\left|b_{i j}\right| \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

$B$ is nonsingular, thus a solution vector $x$ exists and $x=A_{x}+v$, whence $\left(\right.$ Argyros $\left.^{[4]}\right)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i}=\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n} a_{i j} x_{j}+v_{i} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

in which $a i j=-b_{i j} / b_{i i}$. Subtracting this yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|x_{i k}-x_{i}\right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{i-1}\left|a_{i j}\right|\left|x_{j k}-x_{j}\right|+\sum_{j=i+1}^{n}\left|a_{i j}\right|\left|x_{j, k}\right| \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $e_{k}$ denote the maximum of the numbers $\left|x_{i k}-x_{i}\right|$ as $i$ varies. Then,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|x_{i k}-x_{i}\right| \leq \sum_{j=2}^{n}\left|a_{i j}\right| e_{k-1} \leq \mu e_{k-1}<e_{k-1} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting we (Altman ${ }^{[3]}$ ) have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|x_{2 k}-x_{2}\right| \leq\left|a_{21}\right| e_{k-1} \leq \mu e_{k-1} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Continuing as indicated gives $\left|x_{i k}-x_{i}\right| \leq \mu e_{\mathrm{k}-1}, 1 \leq i \leq n$. This means, of course, that (Friegyes and Nagy ${ }^{[8]}$ ) $\left|x i k-x_{i}\right| \leq \mu^{k} e_{0}$, whence $0<\mu<1, \lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{i k}=x_{i}$.

More interesting still than the sufficiency conditions of 18 is the fact that convergence always takes place if the matrix $B$ of 13 is positive
definite. To demonstrate this, let $B=L+L+\bar{L}^{t}$ where $D=\bar{D}$ is the matrix $\operatorname{diag}\left(b_{11}, b_{22}, \ldots, b_{n n}\right)$ and L is the strictly lower-triangular matrix formed from the elements of B below the diagonal. Starting from 14, it is seen that a necessary and sufficient condition for convergence is that all eigenvalues of $\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1} A_{R}$ be of modulus less than unity. However, $A_{L}=-D^{-L} L$ and $A_{R}=-D^{-1} L^{*}$. Thus, $\quad\left(I-A_{L}\right)^{-1} A_{R}=-(D+L)^{-1} L^{*}$. The eigenvalues of this matrix, except for sign are those of $(D+L)^{-1} L^{*}$, which we consider instead. Let $\lambda_{i}$ be an eigenvalue of this matrix and let $w_{i}$ be the corresponding eigenvector. Since B is positive definite, ${ }^{[9]}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(w_{i}, B w_{i}\right)=\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right)+\left(w_{i}, L w_{i}\right)+\left(w_{i}, L^{*} w_{i}\right)>0 \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

However, $\quad(D+L)^{-1} L^{*} w_{i}=\lambda_{i} w_{i}, \quad$ so that $L^{*} w_{i}=\lambda_{i} D w_{i}+\lambda_{i} L w_{i}$; then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(w_{i} L^{*} w_{i}\right)=\lambda_{i}\left[\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right)+\left(w_{i}, L w_{i}\right)\right] \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Taking the conjugate of both sides, $\left(L^{*} w_{i}, w_{i}\right)=\left(w_{i}, L w_{i}\right)=\bar{\lambda}_{i}\left[\left(D w_{i}, w_{i}\right)+\left(L w_{i}, w_{i}\right)\right]$, or

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(w_{i}, L w_{i}\right)=\bar{\lambda}_{i}\left[\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right)+\left(w_{i}, L^{*} w_{i}\right)\right] \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

Combining 21 and 22 gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(w_{i}, L^{*} w_{i}\right)=\frac{\lambda_{i}+\lambda_{i} \bar{\lambda}_{i}}{I-\lambda_{i} \bar{\lambda}_{i}}\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right), \\
& \left(w_{i}, L w_{i}\right)=\frac{\bar{\lambda}_{i}+\bar{\lambda}_{i} \lambda_{i}}{I-\bar{\lambda}_{i} \lambda_{i}}\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Substituting directly in 20 yields

$$
\frac{\left(1+\lambda_{i}\right)\left(1+\bar{\lambda}_{i}\right)}{1-\bar{\lambda}_{i} \lambda_{i}}\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right)>0
$$

Since $D$ is itself positive definite, $\left(w_{i}, D w_{i}\right)>0$; hence, $1-\bar{\lambda}_{i} \lambda_{i}>0$ or $\left|\lambda_{i}\right|<1$. Thus, sufficiency has been shown. It is also possible to prove that if the matrix B is Hermitian and all diagonal elements are positive, then convergence requires that $B$ be positive definite.
The solution of systems of equation by iterative procedures such as the Jacobi and Seidel's iterative
methods is sometimes termed relaxation (the errors in the initial estimate of the solution vector are decreased or relaxed as calculation continues). The Seidel's iterative method and related methods are used extensively in the solution of large systems of linear equations, generated as the result of the final difference approximation of partial differential equations.

## APPLICATION OF SEIDEL'S ITERATIVE METHOD IN THE SOLUTION OF SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

## Problem statement

Write a program that implements the Seidel iterative method described previously for solving the following system of $n$ simultaneous linear equations:

$$
\begin{align*}
& a_{11} x_{1}+a_{12} x_{2}+\ldots+a_{1 n} x_{n}=a_{1, n+1} \\
& a_{21} x_{1}+a_{22} x_{2}+\ldots+a_{2 n} x_{n}=a_{2, n+1} \\
& \vdots  \tag{23}\\
& a_{n 1} x_{1}+a_{n 2} x_{2}+\ldots+a_{n n} x_{n}=a_{n, n+1}
\end{align*}
$$

in which they $a_{i j}$ are constants.

## Method of solution

To reduce the number of divisions required in the calculations, the coefficients of 23 are first normalized by dividing all elements in row $i$ by $a_{i i}$, $i=1,2, \ldots, n$, to produce an augmented coefficient matrix of the form ${ }^{[8,10]}$

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
1 & a_{12}^{\prime} & a_{13}^{\prime} & \ldots & a_{1 n}^{\prime} & a_{1, n+1}^{\prime}  \tag{24}\\
a_{21}^{\prime} & 1 & a_{23}^{\prime} & \ldots & a_{2 n}^{\prime} & a_{2, n+1}^{\prime} \\
\vdots & & & & \vdots & \vdots \\
a_{n 1}^{\prime} & a_{n 2}^{\prime} & a_{n 3}^{\prime} & \ldots & 1 & a_{n, n+1}^{\prime}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Where, $a_{i j}^{\prime}=a_{i j} / a_{i i}$
In terms of this notation, the approximation to the solution vector after $k t h$ iteration,

$$
x_{k}=\left[x_{1 k}, x_{2 k}, \ldots, x_{n k}\right]^{t}
$$

is modified by the algorithm

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i, k+1}=a_{i, n+1}^{\prime}-\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{i j}^{\prime} x_{j, k+1}-\sum_{j=i+1}^{n} a_{i j}^{\prime} x_{j k}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

to produce the next approximation

$$
x_{k+1}=\left[x_{1, k+1}, x_{2, k+1}, \ldots, x_{n, k+1}\right]^{t}
$$

Since, in the Seidel's iterative method the new value $x_{i, k+1}$ replaces the old values $\mathrm{x}_{i k}$ as soon as computed the iteration subscript k can be omitted and (25) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{i}=a_{i, n+1}^{\prime}-\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n} a_{i j}^{\prime} x_{j}, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

in which the most recently available $x_{j}$ values are always used on the right-hand side. Hopefully, the $x_{i}$ values computed by iterating with 26 will converge to the solution of (23).
The convergence criterion is,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|x_{i, k+1}-x_{i k}\right|<\varepsilon, \quad i=1,2, \ldots, n \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

that is, no element of the solution vector may have its magnitude changed by an amount greater than \varepsilon as a result of one Gauss-Seidel iteration. Since convergence may not occur, an upper limit on the number of iterations. $k_{\text {max }}$ is also specified as in the FORTRAN implementation below which flowchart scheme can be seen in the appendix before references. ${ }^{[11-13]}$

## FORTRAN

Implementation

Program Symbol A

ASTAR, ASTAR

EPS

FLAG

ITER
ITMAX

N

X

Definition
$n \times(n+1)$ augmented coefficient matrix, containing elements $a_{i j}$ Temporary storage locations for elements of A and X, respectively Tolerance used in convergence test, $\varepsilon$ A flag used in convergence testing; it has the value 1 for successful convergence and the value 0 otherwise Iteration counter, $k$ The maximum number of iterations allowed $k_{\max }$
Number of simultaneous equations, $n$ Vector containing the elements of the current approximation to the solution vector $x_{k}$

## Program

## Listing

C APPLIED NUMERICAL METHODS, EXAMPLE 3.3
C SEIDEL ITERATION FOR N SIMULTANEOUS LINEAR EQUATIONS
C THE ARRAY A CONTAINS THE N X N + 1 AUGMENTED COEFFICIENT MATRIX
C THE VECTOR X CONTAINS THE LATEST APPROXIMATION TO THE SOLUTION
C THE COEFFICIENT MATRIX SHOULD BE DIAGONALLY DOMINANT AND
C PREFERABLY POSITIVE DEFINITE. ITMAX IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
C ITERATIONS ALLOWED. EPS IS USED IN CONVERGENCE TESTING. IN
C TERMINATING THE ITERATIONS, NO ELEMENT OF X
MAY UNDERGO A MAGNITUDE
C CHANGE GREATER THAN EPS FROM ONE ITERATION TO THE NEXT
INTEGER FLAG
DIMENSION A $(20,20)$, X (20)
C
C ......READ AND CHECK INPUT PARAMETERS
C COEFFICIENT MATRIX AND STARTING VECTOR......
$1 \operatorname{READ}(5,100) \mathrm{N}$, ITMAX, EPS
WRITE $(6,200)$ N, ITMAX, EPS
NP1 $=\mathrm{N}+1$
$\operatorname{READ}(5,101)((\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J}), \mathrm{J}=1, \mathrm{NP} 1), \mathrm{I}=1, \mathrm{~N})$

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    \(\operatorname{READ}(5,101)(\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{I}=1, \mathrm{~N})\)
    DO \(2 \mathrm{I}=1\), N
2 WRITE \((6,201)\) (A (I, J), J = 1, NP1)
    WRITE \((6,202)(X(I), I=1, N)\)
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C
C
.NORMALIZE DIAGONAL ELEMENTS IN EACH ROW......
DO $3 \mathrm{I}=1$, N
ASTAR $=\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{I})$
DO $3 \mathrm{~J}=1$, NP1
3
$\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J})=\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J}) /$ ASTAR
C
C
.BEGIN SEIDEL ITERATIONS......
DO 9 ITER $=1$, ITMAX
FLAG $=1$
DO $7 \mathrm{I}=1, \mathrm{~N}$
$\mathrm{XSTAR}=\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I})$
$\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I})=\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{NPI})$
C
C ......FIND NEW SOLUTION VALUE, X (I)......
DO $5 \mathrm{~J}=\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{N}$
IF (I.EQ. J) GO TO 5
$\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I})=\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I})-\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J}) * \mathrm{X}(\mathrm{J})$
5 CONTINUE
C
C
......TEST X (I) FOR CONVERGENCE.....
IF (ABS (XSTAR - X (I)) .LE. EPS) GO TO 7
FLAG $=0$
7 CONTINUE
IF (FLAG .NE. 1) GO TO 9
WRITE $(6,203)$ ITER, $(X(I), \quad I=1, N)$
GO TO 1
9 CONTINUE
C ......REMARK IF METHOD DID NOT CONVERGE......
WRITE $(6,204)$ ITER, ( $\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{I}=1, \mathrm{~N})$
GO TO 1
C
C ......FORMATS FOR INPUT AND OUTPUT STATEMENTS......
100 FORMAT (6X, 14, 16X, 14, 14X, F10.6)
101 FORMAT (10X, 6F10.5)
200 FORMAT (17H1 SOLUTION OF SIMULTANEOUS LINEAR EQUATIONS BY
GAUSS-SEIDEL METHOD, WITH/1H0, $15 \mathrm{X}, 9 \mathrm{HN}=14 /$
$26 \mathrm{X}, 9 \mathrm{HITMAX}=, 14 / 6 \mathrm{X}, 9 \mathrm{HEPS}=, \mathrm{F} 10.5 / 47 \mathrm{H} 0$ THE COEFFICIENT
3 MATRIX A (1,1).A ( $\mathrm{N}+1, \mathrm{~N}+1$ ) IS)
201 FORMAT (1H0, 11F10.5)

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202 FORMAT (36 H0 THE STARTING VECTOR
X (1).X (N) IS/(H0, 10F10.5))
203 FORMAT (35H0 PROCEDURE CONVERGED, WITH ITER = , 14/
    1 32H0 SOLUTION VECTOR X (1).X (N) IS/(1H0, 10F10.5))
204 FORMAT (16H0 NO CONVERGENCE/10H0 ITER = , 14/
    1 31H0 CURRENT VECTOR X (1).X (N) IS/(1H0, 10F10.5)) CEND
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## Program Listing (Continued)

Data

| $\mathrm{N}=4$ |  | ITMAX | $=$ | 15 |  | EPS | $=$ | 0.0001 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{A}(1,1)=$ | 5.0 | 1.0 |  | 3.0 | 0.0 |  | 16.0 | 1.0 |
|  | 4.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0 | 11.0 |  | -1.0 | 2.0 |
|  | 6.0 | -2.0 |  | 23.0 | 1.0 |  | -1.0 | 1.0 |
|  | 4.0 | -2.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{X}(1)=$ | 1.0 | 2.0 |  | 3.0 | 4.0 |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{N}=4$ |  | ITMAX | $=$ | 15 |  | EPS | $=$ | 0.0001 |
| $\mathrm{A}(1,1)=$ | 5.0 | 1.0 |  | 3.0 | 0.0 |  | 16.0 | 1.0 |
|  | 4.0 | 1.0 |  | 1.0 | 11.0 |  | -1.0 | 2.0 |
|  | 6.0 | -2.0 |  | 23.0 | 1.0 |  | -1.0 | 1.0 |
|  | 4.0 | -2.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{X}(1)=$ | 50.0 | 50.0 |  | 50.0 | 50.0 |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{N}=6$ |  | ITMAX | $=$ | 50 |  | EPS | $=$ | 0.0001 |
| A (1,1) = | 4.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | 100.0 | -1.0 |  | 4.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | -1.0 |
|  | 0.0 | 0.0 |  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 4.0 | 0.0 |
|  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | 4.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | 100.0 |  | 0.0 | -1.0 |
|  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 4.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 0.0 | -1.0 |  | 4.0 | 0.0 |
| $\mathrm{X}(1)=$ | 0.0 | 0.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |

## Computer Output

Results for the $1^{\text {st }}$ Data set
SOLUTION OF SIMULTANEOUS LINEAR EQUATIONS BY SEIDEL'S ITERATIVE METHOD WITH -
$\mathrm{N}=4$
ITMAX $=15$
EPS = 0.00010
THE COEFFICIENT MATRIX A (1,1)...A (N + 1, N + 1) IS

| 5.00000 | 1.00000 | 3.00000 | 0.0 | 16.00000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1.00000 | 4.00000 | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 11.00000 |
| -1.00000 | 2.00000 | 6.00000 | -2.00000 | 23.00000 |
| 1.00000 | -1.00000 | 1.00000 | 4.00000 | -2.00000 |

THE STARTING VECTOR X (1)...X (N) IS
1.00000
2.00000
3.00000
4.00000

PROCEDURE CONVERGED WITH ITER $=12$
SOLUTION VECTOR X (1)...X (N) IS
0.99998
2.00000
2.99999
-0.99999

THE STARTING VECTOR X (1)...X (N) IS $50.00000 \quad 50.00000$
50.00000
50.00000

PROCEDURE CONVERGED WITH ITER $=13$
SOLUTION VECTOR X (1)...X (N) IS
1.00002
2.00000
3.00001
$-1.00001$

## Partial Results for the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Data Set (Same Equations as $1^{\text {st }}$ Set)

Results for the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Data Set
SOLUTION OF SIMULTANEOUS LINEAR EQUATIONS BY SEIDEL'S ITERATIVE METHOD, WITH
$\mathrm{N}=6$
ITMAX $=50$
EPS $=0.00010$
THE COEFFICIENT MATRIX A (1,1)...A (N + 1, N + 1) IS

| 4.00000 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.00000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| -1.00000 | 4.00000 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 0.0 | -1.00000 | 4.00000 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -1.00000 | 0.0 |
| -1.00000 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.00000 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | 100.00000 |
| 0.0 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | -1.00000 | 4.00000 | -1.00000 | 0.0 |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | -1.00000 | 0.0 | -1.00000 | 4.00000 | 0.0 |

THE STARTING VECTOR X (1)...X (N) IS
$\begin{array}{lll}0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0\end{array}$

PROCEDURE CONVERGED WITH ITER $=13$
SOLUTION VECTOR X (1).X (N) IS
38.09517 14.28566

## A simple illustrative example

Use the Seidel's iterative method discussed above to illustrate the solution of the simple system of equations below.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 10 x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3}=12 \\
& 2 x_{1}+10 x_{2}+x_{3}=13 \\
& 2 x_{1}+3 x_{2}+10 x_{2}=15
\end{aligned}
$$

## Solution

Since the diagonal dominance is satisfied and for $\mathrm{i}=1$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{1}^{(i)}=-0.1 x_{2}-0.1 x_{3}^{(i-1)}+1.2 \\
& x_{2}^{(i)}=-0.2 x_{1}^{(i)}-0.1 x_{3}^{(i-1)}+1.3 \\
& x_{3}^{(i)}=-0.2 x_{1}^{(i)}-0.3 x_{2}^{(i)}+1.5
\end{aligned}
$$

with $\bar{x}_{0}=(1.2,1.3,1.5)$ which gave rise to the table of results below in which
$\bar{x}^{*}=x_{10}=(1,1,1)$ is the fixed point for the given problem in the above example.

|  | $\chi_{1}$ | $\chi_{2}$ | $\chi_{3}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 1 | 0.92 | 0.966 | 1.1262 |
| 2 | 1.00078 | 0.997224 | 1.0006768 |
| 3 | 1.00020992 | 0.999890336 | 0.999990915 |
| 4 | 1.000011875 | 1.000000351 | 0.999997519 |
| 5 | 1.000000213 | 1.000000206 | 0.999999895 |
| 6 | 0.999999989 | 1.000000013 | 0.999999998 |
| 7 | 0.999999998 | 1.000000001 | 1.000000001 |
| 8 | 0.999999999 | 0.999999999 | 1.000000001 |
| 9 | 0.999999999 | 1.000000000 | 1.000000000 |
| 10 | 1.000000000 | 1.000000000 | 1.000000000 |

Above table generated on manual solution of parent example above as computed by the corresponding Author, Eziokwu, and test runned
using the FORTRAN programming package implementation in page 10 above, under the supervision of the Co-author, Chika

## APPENDIX FOR A FLOW DIAGRAM OF THE ABOVE FORTRAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM



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