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**SOLVING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS.
BY SOKOLOV'S METHOD**

1. Procedure declaration. Procedure *sleS2* solves by Sokolov's iterative method (method of averaged functional corrections) [1] the system of linear equations

$$(1) \quad Ax = b,$$

where A is a square matrix of order n , and $x, b \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

Data:

- n — order of the system,
- $a[1:n, 1:n]$ — array of coefficients of the matrix A ,
- $b[1:n]$ — vector b of free terms,
- $x[1:n]$ — initial solution x_0 which may be arbitrary,
- $fi1, fi2[1:n]$ — orthogonal vectors φ_1 and φ_2 which have to be chosen so that the necessary condition of the convergence of the method (see section 2) be satisfied,
- eps — positive number ε characterizing the relative error of the solution; the calculations are finished if, for the approximations $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in})$ and $x_{i-1} = (x_{i-1,1}, x_{i-1,2}, \dots, x_{i-1,n})$ of the solution of (1), there holds

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_{ik} - x_{i-1,k}| / |x_{ik}| < \varepsilon,$$

- $maxit$ — maximum number of iterations to be performed during the calculations.

Results:

- $x[1:n]$ — solution of (1),
- $maxit$ — number of performed iterations.

Other parameters:

- ns — label (outside of the body of procedure *sleS2*) to which a jump is made when after $maxit$ iterations the required accuracy has not been obtained.

Remark. The elements on the main diagonal of A must be different from zero.

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procedure sleS2(n,a,b,x,fi1,fi2,eps,maxit,ns);
  value n,eps;
  integer n,maxit;
  real eps;
  array a,b,x,fi1,fi2;
  label ns;
  begin
    integer i,j,m;
    real aij,a1,a2,c1i,c2i,d,s11,s12,s21,s22,t1,t2,yi;
    Boolean conv;
    array c1,c2,y[1:n];
    s11:=s12:=s21:=s22:=.0;
    for i:=1 step 1 until n do
      begin
        c1i:=c2i:=.0;
        for j:=i+1 step 1 until n do
          begin
            aij:=a[i,j];
            c1i:=c1i-aij*fi1[j];
            c2i:=c2i-aij*fi2[j]
          end j;
        for j:=i-1 step -1 until 1 do
          begin
            aij:=a[i,j];
            c1i:=c1i-aij*c1[j];
            c2i:=c2i-aij*c2[j]
          end j;
        d:=1.0/a[i,i];
        c1i:=c1[i]:=c1i*d;

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c2i:=c2[i]:=c2i*d;
yi:=f11[i];
s11:=s11+yi*(yi-c1i);
s12:=s12-yi*c2i;
yi:=f12[i];
s21:=s21-yi*c1i;
s22:=s22+yi*(yi-c2i);
y[i]:=x[i]
end i;
d:=1.0/(s11*s22-s12*s21);
s11:=s11*d;
s12:=s12*d;
s21:=s21*d;
s22:=s22*d;
for m:=1 step 1 until maxit do
begin
t1:=t2:=.0;
for i:=1 step 1 until n do
begin
yi:=b[i];
for j:=i-1 step -1 until 1,i+1 step 1 until n do
yi:=yi-a[i,j]*y[j];
yi:=y[i]:=yi/a[i,i];
yi:=yi-x[i];
t1:=t1+yi*f11[i];
t2:=t2+yi*f12[i]
end i;
a1:=s22*t1-s12*t2;
a2:=s11*t2-s21*t1;

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conv:=true;
for i:=1 step 1 until n do
  begin
    yi:=y[i]:=y[i]+a1*c1[i]+a2*c2[i];
    if conv
      then conv:=abs((x[i]-yi)/yi) < eps;
    x[i]:=yi
  end i;
if conv
  then
    begin
      maxit:=m;
      go to exit
    end conv
  end m;
go to ns;
exit:end sleS2

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2. Method used. Let us represent the matrix A in the form

$$(2) \quad A = L + D + U,$$

where L and U are the lower and upper triangular matrices, respectively, with zeros on the main diagonal, and D is the diagonal matrix. Let the vectors $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_p$ ($p \leq n$), $\varphi_j \in \mathbf{R}^n$, form an orthogonal system. We construct the sequence of vectors $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m, \dots$ ($x_m \in \mathbf{R}^n$) with x_0 given and

$$(3) \quad (L + D)x_m = b - U(x_{m-1} + \alpha_m),$$

where

$$(4) \quad \alpha_m = \Phi_p \delta_m,$$

$$\Phi_p = \sum_{j=1}^p \gamma_j^{-1} \varphi_j \varphi_j', \quad \gamma_j = \|\varphi_j\|^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varphi_j' \varphi_j, \quad \delta_m = x_m - x_{m-1}.$$

The symbol $'$ denotes transposition. Calculate now x_m from (3). We have

$$x_m = Nb - NU\psi_p x_{m-1},$$

where $N = (L + D + U\Phi_p)^{-1}$, $\psi_p = E - \Phi_p$, and E denotes the unit matrix of order n . For method (3)-(4) to be convergent, it is necessary and sufficient that all eigenvalues of $NU\psi_p$ be absolutely less than one. It is easy to verify that

THEOREM. *If the sufficient condition for the convergence of Seidel's method is satisfied, i. e. if*

$$(5) \quad \|M\| < 1,$$

where $M = -(L + D)^{-1}U$, and $\| \cdot \|$ denotes the spectral or Euclidean norm of a square matrix, then method (3)-(4) is convergent, and

$$(6) \quad \|x^* - x_m\| \leq \frac{\|M\|}{1 - \|M\|} \|\psi_p \delta_m\|$$

holds, where x^* is the exact solution of (1).

In fact, from (3) we have

$$(L + D)x_m = b - Ux_m + U\psi_p \delta_m.$$

Subtracting sidewise this equation from

$$(L + D)x^* = b - Ux^*,$$

we obtain, after simple derivations,

$$x^* - x_m = (E - M)^{-1}M\psi_p \delta_m.$$

Hence and from (5), it follows (6).

Now, we shall prove that $\|\psi_p \delta_m\| \rightarrow 0$ for $m \rightarrow \infty$. Equation (3) can be written as

$$(L + D)x_m = b - U(\Phi_p x_m + \psi_p x_{m-1}).$$

Hence

$$(7) \quad \delta_m = M(\Phi_p \delta_m + \psi_p \delta_{m-1}).$$

Since $\Phi_p' = \Phi_p$ and $\Phi_p^2 = \Phi_p$, we have $w_1' \Phi_p' \psi_p w_2 = 0$ for every $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbf{R}^n$. Thus, $\|\delta_m\|^2 = \|\Phi_p \delta_m\|^2 + \|\psi_p \delta_m\|^2$ and, from (7), we obtain

$$\|\Phi_p \delta_m\|^2 + \|\psi_p \delta_m\|^2 \leq \|M\|^2 (\|\Phi_p \delta_m\|^2 + \|\psi_p \delta_{m-1}\|^2)$$

which can be written as follows:

$$\|\psi_p \delta_m\|^2 \leq (\|M\|^2 - 1) \|\Phi_p \delta_m\|^2 + \|M\|^2 \|\psi_p \delta_{m-1}\|^2.$$

By the assumption $\|M\| < 1$, i. e. $\|M\|^2 - 1 < 0$, we have

$$\|\psi_p \delta_m\| < \|M\| \cdot \|\psi_p \delta_{m-1}\|.$$

Therefore, $\|\psi_p \delta_m\| \rightarrow 0$ for $m \rightarrow \infty$. From (6) it follows also that $\|x^* - x_m\| \rightarrow 0$.

It has been noticed in [1] that the above-mentioned theorem can be obtained as a corollary from the theorem stating the sufficient condition of the convergence of Sokolov's method applied to $x = f + \lambda Ax$, where A denotes the linear operator in the Hilbert space H , $f, x \in H$, and λ is a complex number; our proof is based on the fundamental idea included in the proof of the theorem given in [1].

If $p = 0$, formula (3) gives Seidel's method, and formula (6) is the known inequality of Collatz.

For numerical purposes the new versions of formulae (3) and (4) are convenient:

$$(8) \quad x_m = s_m + \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_{mj} c_j,$$

where

$$(9) \quad s_m = D^{-1}(b - Ls_m - Ux_{m-1}),$$

$$\gamma_j \beta_{mj} - \sum_{i=1}^p \varphi'_j c_i \beta_{mi} = \varphi'_j (s_m - x_{m-1}), \quad c_j = -D^{-1}(Lc_j + U\varphi_j)$$

$$(j = 1, 2, \dots, p).$$

Procedure *sleS2* is based on (8) and (9) for $p = 2$. In this case, it is necessary to perform $n^2 + 4(n+1)$ multiplications and divisions in every iteration step, and, moreover, $n(2n+5) + 7$ multiplications and divisions have to be performed in the initial step.

3. Certification. Procedure *sleS2* has been tested on the Odra 1204 computer for Pei matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} d & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & d & \dots & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & d \end{bmatrix}$$

with solution vector $x = (1, 2, \dots, n)'$ from which the vector b could be calculated. On entry, it was assumed $x[i] = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), $fi1[i] = 1$, $fi2[i] = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, [n/2]$), $fi1[i] = 0$, $fi2[i] = 1$ ($i = [n/2] + 1, [n/2] + 2, \dots, n$), and $eps = 10^{-7}$.

The following maximum absolute errors of the solution components have been obtained:

$n \backslash d$	3	2	1.5	1.25
10		5.62 ₁₀ -8	3.76 ₁₀ -7	4.66 ₁₀ -7
20	1.06 ₁₀ -7	2.38 ₁₀ -7	5.41 ₁₀ -7	

The method was compared with that of Seidel. The iteration numbers I , needed to obtain the required accuracy, and the calculation times t in secs. were as follows:

d	n	<i>sleS2</i>		Seidel	
		I	t	I	t
3	20	29	38.0	99	105.2
2	10	26	10.2	75	20.9
2	20	58	74.1	229	243.4
1.5	10	43	16.6	154	42.8
1.5	20	124	156.7	300	319.2
1.25	10	84	31.9	315	87.5

For $d = 1.5$ and $n = 20$, the calculations for the Seidel method were stopped after the 300-th iteration; the maximum absolute error of the solution components was then equal to $1.13_{10} - 3$.

4. Example of an application of Sokolov's method to the solution of boundary problems. Consider the differential problem:

$$\Delta u \equiv \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y) \quad (a < x < b, c < y < d),$$

$$(10) \quad u(a, y) = g_1(y), \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=b} = g_2(y),$$

$$u(x, c) = g_3(x), \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=d} = g_4(x).$$

Denoting by u_{ik} the approximate value of u in the point $x_i = a + ih$, $y_k = c + kh_1$ ($i = 0, 1, \dots, m+1$; $k = 0, 1, \dots, n+1$; $h = (b-a)/(m+0.5)$, $h_1 = (d-c)/(n+0.5)$) and substituting in (10) the usual differential approximation, one gets the difference boundary problem

$$(11) \quad u_{i+1,k} + u_{i-1,k} + \gamma^2(u_{i,k+1} + u_{i,k-1}) - 2(1 + \gamma^2)u_{ik} = h^2 f_{ik},$$

$$u_{0k} = g_{1k}, \quad u_{m+1,k} - u_{mk} = g_{2k},$$

$$u_{i0} = g_{3i}, \quad u_{i,n+1} - u_{in} = g_{4i}$$

$$(i = 1, 2, \dots, m; k = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

where f_{ik} , g_{1k} , g_{2k} , g_{3i} and g_{4i} are given and $\gamma = h/h_1$. The eigenfunctions of (11) for $f_{ik} \equiv 0$ and homogeneous boundary conditions attain the form (see [2])

$$v_{ik}^{(q,r)} = 4((2m+1)(2n+1))^{-1/2} \sin i \frac{2q-1}{2m+1} \sin k \frac{2r-1}{2n+1}$$

$$(i, q = 1, 2, \dots, m; k, r = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

These functions form an orthonormal system.

System (11) has been solved by Sokolov's method ($p = 2$), assuming for φ_1 and φ_2 the functions $v^{(1,1)}$ and $v^{(2,1)}$, respectively, and by Seidel's method. For problem (10) with known exact solution

$$u = \cosh \pi y \sin \pi x / \cosh 0.475 \pi \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1, |y| \leq 0.475),$$

the results for $\varepsilon = 5_{10} - 5$ are as follows (I denotes the number of performed iterations, t the calculation time in secs., and Δ the maximum absolute error of the solution):

m	n	Sokolov			Seidel		
		I	t	Δ	I	t	Δ
9	9	27	48.0	$1.09_{10} - 2$	190	187.5	$9.21_{10} - 3$
19	18	101	753.1	$3.83_{10} - 3$	614	2571.5	$4.86_{10} - 3$

It is worth noticing that the speed of convergence in Sokolov's method depends upon the choice of φ_1 and φ_2 . For the last example, taking eigenfunctions, different from the above ones, leads, for $m = n = 9$, to an iteration number of at least 48.

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STRESZCZENIE

Procedura *sls2* rozwiązuje iteracyjną metodą Sokółowa (metodą uśredniania poprawek funkcjonalnych) [1] układ n równań liniowych $Ax = b$, gdzie A jest macierzą kwadratową n -tego stopnia, złożoną ze współczynników układu, natomiast $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Dane:

- n – stopień układu,
 $a[1:n, 1:n]$ – tablica elementów macierzy A ,
 $b, x, fi1, fi2 [1:n]$ – tablice składowych wektora b , początkowego przybliżenia rozwiązania x_0 oraz ortogonalnych wektorów φ_1 i φ_2 ; x_0 jest dowolne, φ_1 i φ_2 zaś muszą być tak wybrane, by spełniony był warunek konieczny zbieżności metody (zobacz § 2), jeśli spełnione jest założenie twierdzenia z § 2 (w szczególności, jeśli macierz A jest dodatnio określona), to φ_1 i φ_2 są w zasadzie dowolne (byle ortogonalne),
 eps – liczba dodatnia ε , charakteryzująca błąd względny rozwiązania; obliczenia kończy się, gdy dla przybliżeń $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in})$ oraz $x_{i-1} = (x_{i-1,1}, x_{i-1,2}, \dots, x_{i-1,n})$ rozwiązania układu zachodzi nierówność

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_{ik} - x_{i-1,k}| / |x_{ik}| < \varepsilon,$$

$maxit$ – zmienna, której wartością jest liczba ograniczająca liczbę wykonywanych iteracji.

Wyniki:

- $x[1:n]$ – rozwiązanie układu,
 $maxit$ – liczba wykonanych iteracji.

Inne parametry:

- ns – etykieta instrukcji (poza treścią procedury *sls2*), do której następuje skok, gdy po wykonaniu $maxit$ iteracji nie otrzymano rozwiązania z żadaną dokładnością.

Uwaga. Elementy występujące na przekątnej głównej macierzy A muszą być różne od zera.