

# The Comparison of the convergence rate with different preconditioners for Linear Systems

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## Abstract

In this paper, the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative methods are proposed with different preconditioners. The comparison theorem is obtained under the different preconditioners when the coefficient matrix  $A$  of linear system is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix. This generalizes the result in [1]. Numerical example are given to illustrate our theoretical result.

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## I Introduction

We consider the linear system of  $n$  equations

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

Where  $A = (a_{ij}) \in R^{n \times n}$  and  $b \in R^n$  are given and  $x \in R^n$  is unknown.

Assume that

$$A = M - N$$

Where  $M$  is nonsingular. Then the basic iterative method for solving (1) can be expressed in the form

$$x^{(k+1)} = M^{-1}Nx^{(k)} + M^{-1}b, k = 0, 1, \dots$$

Where  $x^{(0)}$  is an initial vector. As it is well known, the above iterative process is convergent to the unique solution  $x = A^{-1}b$  for each initial value  $x^{(0)}$  if and only if the spectral radius of the iteration matrix  $M^{-1}N$  satisfies  $\rho(M^{-1}N) < 1$ .

For simplicity, we let  $A = I - L - U$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix,  $L$  and  $U$  are strictly lower and strictly upper triangular matrices, respectively. Then the iteration matrix of the

Gauss-Seidel iterative method for solving the linear system (1) is

$$T = (I - L)^{-1}U \quad (2)$$

In order to accelerate the convergence of iterative method for solving the linear system (1), the original system (1) is transformed into the following preconditioned linear system

$$PAx = Pb \quad (3)$$

where  $P \in R^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular and called a preconditioner. Then the corresponding basic iterative method is given in general by

$$x^{(k+1)} = M_p^{-1}N_p x^{(k)} + M_p^{-1}Pb, k = 0,1,2 \dots$$

where  $PA = M_p - N_p$  is a splitting of  $PA$  and  $M_p$  is nonsingular. Similar to the original system (1), we call the basic iterative methods corresponding to the preconditioned system the preconditioned iterative methods, such as the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel method and preconditioned *AOR* iterative method.

In [1]-[9], some different preconditioners have been proposed by several authors. In [1], the author presented preconditioned Gauss-Seidel method for linear systems and compared the convergence rate by using different preconditioners.

In this paper, we propose the new preconditioned Gauss-Seidel with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. Furthermore, we compare the convergence rate of preconditioned Gauss-Seidel with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

The preconditioner  $P_1$  is of the form  $P_1 = I + R_\alpha + U$ , where

$$R_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -\alpha_1 a_{n1} & -\alpha_2 a_{n2} & \dots & -\alpha_{n-1} a_{nn-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\alpha_i (i=1,2,\dots,n-1)$  are real numbers. If  $\alpha_i = 1 (i=1,2,\dots,n-1)$ , the  $R_\alpha$  becomes  $R$  in [1].

The preconditioner  $P_2$  is of the form  $P_2 = I + R_\alpha + S$ , where

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{23} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & -a_{n-1n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\alpha_i = 1 (i=1,2,\dots,n-1)$ , the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  become the preconditioners  $P_{RU}$  and  $P_{SR}$ , respectively.

For convenience, some notations, definitions, lemmas and the theorems that will be used in the following parts are given below.

## II Preliminaries

In this paper,  $\rho(\cdot)$  denotes the spectral radius of a matrix.

**Definition 2.1([10]).** For  $A = (a_{ij}), B = (b_{ij}) \in R^{n \times n}$ , we write  $A \geq B$ , if  $a_{ij} \geq b_{ij}$  holds for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Calling  $A$  nonnegative matrix if  $A \geq 0 (a_{ij} \geq 0, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ .

**Definition 2.2([11]).** A matrix  $A$  is a L-matrix if  $a_{ii} \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $a_{ij} \leq 0$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, i \neq j$ . A nonsingular L-matrix  $A$  is a nonsingular M-matrix if  $A^{-1} \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.1([10]).** Let  $A$  be a nonnegative  $n \times n$  nonzero matrix. Then

- (a)  $\rho(A)$ , the spectral radius of  $A$ , is an eigenvalue;
- (b)  $A$  has a nonnegative eigenvector corresponding to  $\rho(A)$ ;
- (c)  $\rho(A)$  is a simple eigenvalue of  $A$ ;
- (d)  $\rho(A)$  increases when any entry of  $A$  increases.

**Definition 2.3([10]).** For  $n \times n$  real matrices  $A, M$  and  $N$ ,  $A = M - N$  is a regular splitting of the matrix  $A$  if  $M$  is nonsingular with  $M^{-1} \geq 0$  and  $N \geq 0$ . Similarly,

$A = M - N$  is a weak regular splitting of the matrix  $A$  if  $M$  is nonsingular with  $M^{-1} \geq 0$

and  $M^{-1}N \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.2([2]).** Let  $A$  be a nonnegative matrix. Then

(1) If  $\alpha x \leq Ax$  for some nonnegative vector  $x, x \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha \leq \rho(A)$ .

(2) If  $Ax \leq \beta x$  for some positive vector  $x$ , then  $\rho(A) \leq \beta$ . Moreover, if  $A$  is irreducible and if  $0 \neq \alpha x \leq Ax \leq \beta x, \alpha x \neq Ax, Ax \neq \beta x$  for some nonnegative vector  $x$ , then  $\alpha < \rho(A) < \beta$  and  $x$  is a positive vector.

**Lemma 2.3([1]).** Suppose that  $A_1 = M_1 - N_1$  and  $A_2 = M_2 - N_2$  are weak regular splitting of the monotone matrices  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , respectively, such that  $M_2^{-1} \geq M_1^{-1}$ . If there exists a positive vector  $x$  such that  $0 \leq A_1 x \leq A_2 x$ . Then, for the monotonic norm associated with  $x$ ,

$$\|M_2^{-1}N_2\|_x \leq \|M_1^{-1}N_1\|_x$$

In particular, if  $M_1^{-1}N_1$  has a positive Perron vector, then

$$\rho(M_2^{-1}N_2) \leq \rho(M_1^{-1}N_1)$$

### III Preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative method and comparison theorem

For the linear system (1), we consider its preconditioned from

$$A_1 x = P_1 A x = P_1 b \quad (4)$$

where  $P_1 = I + R_\alpha + U$ .

Now, we express the coefficient matrix of (4) as

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= P_1 A = (I + R_\alpha + U)(I - L - U) \\ &= I - L - U + R_\alpha - R_\alpha L - R_\alpha U + U - UL - U^2 \\ &= I - D_0 - D_1 - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0) - (F_0 + U^2) \\ &= M_{UR_\alpha} - N_{UR_\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

where  $UL = D_0 + E_0 + F_0$  and  $R_\alpha U = D_1 + E_1$ .  $D_0, E_0$  and  $F_0$  are diagonal, strictly lower and upper triangular parts of  $UL$ , respectively.  $D_1$  and  $E_1$  are diagonal and strictly lower triangular parts of  $R_\alpha U$ .

Suppose that  $M_{UR_\alpha} = I - D_0 - D_1 - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0)$  (5)

$$N_{UR_\alpha} = F_0 + U^2 \quad (6)$$

Then the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iteration matrix with the preconditioner  $P_1$

$$T_{UR_\alpha} = M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{UR_\alpha} = [(I - D_0 - D_1) - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0)]^{-1} (F_0 + U^2) \quad (7)$$

Similarly, we consider its preconditioned form

$$A_2 x = P_2 A x = P_2 b \quad (8)$$

where  $P_2 = I + R_\alpha + S$ .

We express the coefficient matrix of (8) as

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= P_2 A = (I + R_\alpha + S)(I - L - U) \\ &= I - L - U + R_\alpha - R_\alpha L - R_\alpha U + S - SL - SU \\ &= I - D_1 - D_2 - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2) - (U - S + SU) \\ &= M_{SR_\alpha} - N_{SR_\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $SL = D_2 + E_2$ ,  $D_2$  and  $E_2$  are diagonal and strictly lower triangular parts of  $SL$ , respectively.

Suppose that

$$M_{SR_\alpha} = I - D_1 - D_2 - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2) \quad (9)$$

$$N_{SR_\alpha} = U - S - SU \quad (10)$$

Then the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iteration matrix with the preconditioner  $P_2$

$$T_{SR_\alpha} = M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{SR_\alpha} = [(I - D_1 - D_2) - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2)]^{-1} (U - S + SU) \quad (11)$$

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be the coefficient matrices of linear system (4) and (8), respectively.  $M_{UR_\alpha}$ ,  $N_{UR_\alpha}$ ,  $M_{SR_\alpha}$  and  $N_{SR_\alpha}$  are defined by (5),(6),(9) and (10), respectively. Let  $A$

be a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix. Suppose that  $0 \leq \sum_{j=k+1}^n a_{kj} a_{jk} < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i a_{mi} a_{im} < 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Then  $A_1 = M_{UR_\alpha} - N_{UR_\alpha}$  and  $A_2 = M_{SR_\alpha} - N_{SR_\alpha}$  are weak regular splitting of

$A_1$  and  $A_2$ , respectively.

**Proof.** First, we prove that  $A_1 = M_{UR_\alpha} - N_{UR_\alpha}$  is weak regular splitting of  $A_1$ . Since  $A$  is

nonsingular  $M$ -matrix,  $0 \leq \sum_{j=k+1}^n a_{kj} a_{jk} < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i a_{ni} a_{in} < 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} &= [(I - D_0 - D_1) - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0)]^{-1} \\ &= [I - (I - D_0 - D_1)^{-1} (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0)]^{-1} (I - D_0 - D_1)^{-1} \\ &= \left\{ I + (I - D_0 - D_1)^{-1} (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0) + [(I - D_0 - D_1)^{-1} (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0)]^2 + \dots \right\} (I - D_0 - D_1)^{-1} \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $N_{UR_\alpha} = F_0 + U^2 \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{UR_\alpha} \geq 0$ . By Definition 2.3, we obtain

that  $A_1 = M_{UR_\alpha} - N_{UR_\alpha}$  is weak regular splitting of  $A_1$ .

Now, we will prove that  $A_2 = M_{SR_\alpha} - N_{SR_\alpha}$  is weak regular splitting of  $A_2$ .

Since  $A$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix, we have  $0 \leq a_{ii+1} a_{i+1i} < 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . According

to  $0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i a_{ni} a_{in} < 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} &= [(I - D_1 - D_2) - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2)]^{-1} \\ &= [I - (I - D_1 - D_2)^{-1} (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2)]^{-1} (I - D_1 - D_2)^{-1} \\ &= \left\{ I + (I - D_1 - D_2)^{-1} (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2) + [(I - D_1 - D_2)^{-1} (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2)]^2 + \dots \right\} (I - D_1 - D_2)^{-1} \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $N_{SR_\alpha} = U - S + SU \geq 0$ . By Definition 2.3, we obtain that  $A_2 = M_{SR_\alpha} - N_{SR_\alpha}$  is weak regular splitting of  $A_2$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be the coefficient matrices of linear system (4) and (8), respectively.  $M_{UR_\alpha}$ ,  $N_{UR_\alpha}$ ,  $M_{SR_\alpha}$  and  $N_{SR_\alpha}$  are defined by (5),(6),(9) and (10), respectively. Let  $A$

be a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix. Suppose that  $0 \leq \sum_{j=k+1}^n a_{kj} a_{jk} < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i a_{ni} a_{in} < 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Then  $\rho(M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{UR_\alpha}) \leq \rho(M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{SR_\alpha})$ .

**Proof.** For a positive vector  $x$  and  $A$  is a nonsingular  $M$ -matrix,

$A_1x = (I + R_\alpha + U)Ax \geq (I + R_\alpha + S)Ax \geq 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} M_{SR_\alpha} - M_{UR_\alpha} &= (I - D_1 - D_2) - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_2) \\ &- [(I - D_0 - D_1) - (L - R_\alpha + R_\alpha L + E_1 + E_0)] \\ &= (D_0 + E_0) - (D_2 + E_2) \\ &= (D_0 + E_0) - SL \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

By Theorem 3.1, we know that  $M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} \geq 0$  and  $M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} \geq 0$ . Pre-multiplying and post-multiplying

(12) by  $M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1}$  and  $M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1}$ , respectively, we have

$$M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} - M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} \geq 0$$

Thus,  $M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} \geq M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1}$ . By Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 3.1, we obtain that

$$\rho(M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{UR_\alpha}) \leq \rho(M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{SR_\alpha})$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark** If  $\alpha_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , Theorem 3.2 becomes the result of Theorem 4.3 in

[1].

#### IV Numerical example

In this section, we give the following example to illustrate the results obtained in section 3.

**Example** The coefficient matrix  $A$  of (1) is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0.2 & -0.3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & 1 & -0.1 & -0.3 & -0.1 \\ -0.2 & -0.1 & 1 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ -0.2 & -0.1 & -0.1 & 1 & -0.3 \\ -0.1 & -0.2 & -0.2 & -0.1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see that  $A$  satisfies the condition of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2.

If  $\alpha_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.2$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 0.2$ ,  $\alpha_4 = 1$ , we denote the spectral radius of the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative matrix with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  by  $\rho(M_{U_1R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{U_1R_\alpha})$  and  $\rho(M_{S_1R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{S_1R_\alpha})$ , respectively.

If  $\alpha_1 = 0.2$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0.5$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_4 = 0.2$ , we denote the spectral radius of the preconditioned

Gauss-Seidel iterative matrix with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  by  $\rho (M_{U_2R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{U_2R_\alpha})$  and  $\rho (M_{S_2R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{S_2R_\alpha})$ , respectively.

If  $\alpha_1 = 0.8, \alpha_2 = 0.2, \alpha_3 = 0.3, \alpha_4 = 0.5$ , we denote the spectral radius of the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative matrix with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  by  $\rho (M_{U_3R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{U_3R_\alpha})$  and  $\rho (M_{S_3R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{S_3R_\alpha})$ , respectively.

If  $\alpha_1 = 0.1, \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_3 = 1, \alpha_4 = 1$ , we denote the spectral radius of the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative matrix with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  by  $\rho (M_{U_4R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{U_4R_\alpha})$  and  $\rho (M_{S_4R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{S_4R_\alpha})$ , respectively.

If  $\alpha_1 = 0.9, \alpha_2 = 0.4, \alpha_3 = 0.8, \alpha_4 = 0.5$ , we denote the spectral radius of the preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative matrix with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  by  $\rho (M_{U_5R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{U_5R_\alpha})$  and  $\rho (M_{S_5R_\alpha}^{-1} N_{S_5R_\alpha})$ , respectively. Then we obtain the Table 1.

**Table 1** The comparison of the spectral radius of preconditioned Gauss-Seidel iterative matrix with the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

$i$	$\rho (M_{U_iR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{U_iR_\alpha})$	$\rho (M_{S_iR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{S_iR_\alpha})$
$i = 1$	0.1818	0.3313
$i = 2$	0.1745	0.3110
$i = 3$	0.1732	0.3137
$i = 4$	0.1570	0.2724
$i = 5$	0.1670	0.3002

From Table 1, we can see that  $\rho (M_{UR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{UR_\alpha}) \leq \rho (M_{SR_\alpha}^{-1} N_{SR_\alpha})$ .

**Conjectures** In this paper, the preconditioners  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are generalized to the preconditioners with multi-parameters, the result may be correct.



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