Exercise Sheet 2

1. Consider the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that the matrix A is positive definite.
- (b) Show that the Jacobi method for solving the linear system Ax = b for a given b and non-zero staring vector $x^{(0)}$ diverges.
- 2. Consider the Jacobi method to solve the linear equation Ax = b, for a given diagonal dominant matrix $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$ of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha \\ \beta & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in (0, 1)$$

and a vector $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Instead, we can equivalently consider the equation

$$PAx = Pb$$
.

where P is an invertible matrix of the form

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\ell_2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\ell_{n-1} & \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 0 \\ -\ell_n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \ell_i = \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}}, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

Show that the convergence of the Jacobi method is improved using this socalled preconditioning for the given matrix P. 3. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1/2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Examine if the Gauss-Seidel method converges to the solution of Ax = b, $b \in \mathbb{R}^3$ for every non-zero starting vector $x^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

4. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show that the iterative methods, Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel and SOR converge to the solution of the linear equation Ax = b, $b \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Compare the speed of convergence of the three methods.

Hint: For the SOR method, consider the optimal value of the over-relaxation parameter ω which occurs when the two eigenvalues of the iteration matrix T_{SOR} are equal.

5. Consider a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with positive diagonal elements and the matrix

$$\tilde{A} = D^{-1/2}AD^{-1/2}$$
, where $D = \text{diag}(a_{11}, ..., a_{nn})$.

Then, show that the above scaling does not affect the spectral radii of the Jacobi and the SOR methods, this means,

$$\rho(T_J) = \rho(\tilde{T}_J) \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(T_{SOR}) = \rho(\tilde{T}_{SOR}),$$

where T_J, \tilde{T}_J are the iteration matrices of the Jacobi method for A and \tilde{A} , respectively. Equivalently, T_{SOR}, \tilde{T}_{SOR} are the iteration matrices of the SOR method for A and \tilde{A} , respectively.

- 6. Implement in MATLAB the Arnoldi iterative method (Lecture notes: Algorithm 6).
- 7. Write a MATLAB-PROGRAM, that if the input matrix is symmetric and positive definite approximates the solution $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ of the linear system Ax = b, for a given vector $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, using the conjugate gradient method, otherwise it returns an error message.