

Hard Optimization Problems: Practical Approach

Problems for Lecture 8

Exc#9: Error calculations

1. Use Taylor expansion to calculate the error when $U''(x)$ is approximated by

$$\frac{U(x-h) - 2U(x) + U(x+h)}{h^2}$$

2. Find a, b, c, d and e such that

$$aU(x-2h) + bU(x-h) + cU(x) + dU(x+h) + eU(x+2h) = U''(x) + O(h^4)$$

This is a higher order approximation for $U''(x)$ than the one in exercise 1.

Exc#10: Gauss Seidel relaxation

Solve the 1D Laplace equation $U''(x)=0$ by Gauss Seidel relaxation.

Start with the approximations 1. $U_i = \text{random}(0,1)$,

2. $U_i = \sin(\pi x)$, where $U_0 = U_N = 0$ for $N=32$.

Plot the L2 norm of the error and of the residual versus the number of iterations $k=1, \dots, 100$, where

the L2 norm of a vector v is $\|v\|_2 = \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \right]^{1/2}$

and the residual of $LU=F$ is $R=F-LU$

Do you see a difference in the asymptotic behavior between the 2 norms?

Which case converges faster 1. or 2. , explain

