

Numerical methods – part 1

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A linear matrix system of order I is written

$$(1) \quad \mathbb{A} \Phi = \mathcal{S}$$

where $\mathbb{A} = \{a_{i,j} ; i = 1, I \text{ and } j = 1, I\}$ is the coefficient matrix, $\Phi = \text{col}\{\phi_i ; i = 1, I\}$ is the unknown vector and $\mathcal{S} = \text{col}\{s_i ; i = 1, I\}$ is the source vector.

- This linear system can be solved by a direct approach, such as the **Gauss elimination** or the **Cholesky factorization** or by an iterative approach.
- The discretization of the transport or diffusion equation over a 1D domain generally leads to a linear system whose coefficient matrix has a dense profile of non-zero values surrounding its diagonal. Moreover, the number of unknowns I is sufficiently small to justify the use of a direct approach.
- The linear system produced by 2D and 3D cases is generally solved using an iterative approach.

The Gauss elimination method proceeds in two steps. The first step is the **forward elimination** which consists in transforming the linear system (1) into an **upper triangular system** such as

$$(2) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h_{12} & h_{13} & \dots & h_{1I} \\ 0 & 1 & h_{23} & \dots & h_{2I} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & h_{3I} \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_3 \\ \vdots \\ g_I \end{pmatrix} .$$

A number of I sub-steps, denoted with index (k) , are required to obtain this upper triangular system. We are limiting our presentation to the case where \mathbb{A} is positive-definite, in order to avoid the pivot maximization operation at each sub-step.

We set $a_{i,j}^{(0)} = a_{i,j}$ and $S_i^{(0)} = S_i$, the right terms being the components of matrix \mathbb{A} and vector S . We proceed line-by-line, starting with the first. The algorithm is

1. Set $k = 1$
2. Define the pivot $p^{(k)} = a_{k,k}^{(k-1)}$ and compute:

$$a_{k,j}^{(k)} = \frac{a_{k,j}^{(k-1)}}{p^{(k)}} ; j = k, I$$

$$S_k^{(k)} = \frac{S_k^{(k-1)}}{p^{(k)}}$$

$$a_{i,j}^{(k)} = a_{i,j}^{(k-1)} - a_{i,k}^{(k-1)} a_{k,j}^{(k)} ; i = k + 1, I \text{ and } j = k + 1, I$$

$$(3) \quad S_i^{(k)} = S_i^{(k-1)} - a_{i,k}^{(k-1)} S_k^{(k)} ; i = k + 1, I .$$

3. If $k = I$, go to 4. Otherwise, set $k = k + 1$ and return to 2.
4. Compute:

$$h_{i,j} = a_{i,j}^{(i)} ; i = 1, I \text{ and } j = 1, I$$

$$g_i = S_i^{(i)} ; i = 1, I .$$

In the particular case where \mathbb{A} is tri-diagonal, this process is simplified as

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{12} &= \frac{a_{12}}{a_{11}} \\
 g_1 &= \frac{S_1}{a_{11}} \\
 h_{i,i+1} &= \frac{a_{i,i+1}}{a_{i,i} - a_{i,i-1}h_{i-1,i}} ; \quad i = 2, I \\
 g_i &= \frac{S_i - a_{i,i-1}g_{i-1}}{a_{i,i} - a_{i,i-1}h_{i-1,i}} ; \quad i = 2, I \\
 h_{i,j} &= 0 \quad \text{if } j > i + 1 .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

Gauss elimination

The second step of the Gauss elimination method is the **backward substitution**. The solution of linear system (2) is obtained by substitution, starting with the last equation. We write

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_I &= g_I \\ (5) \quad \phi_i &= g_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^I h_{i,j} \phi_j \quad ; \quad i = I - 1, I - 2, \dots, 1 \end{aligned}$$

A native implementation of the general Gauss elimination method is available in Matlab, using a **matrix left division**. If \mathbb{A} is a matrix and \mathbf{s} is the source column vector, then the solution of the linear system is simply obtained as

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbb{A} \setminus \mathbf{s} ;$$

The Matlab script `f=aslv3(a,s)` implements the recursion (4), for solving a linear system using Gauss elimination in the particular case where matrix \mathbb{A} is

- symmetric,
- positive-definite and
- tri-diagonal.

Such a system is obtained from the mesh-corner or mesh-centered finite difference discretization of the 1D diffusion equation.

Cholesky factorization

- Numerical analysis algorithms may require the resolution of many linear systems, all with the same coefficient matrix \mathbb{A} , but with different source terms S .
- We now present the **Cholesky factorization** method that is designed to perform the greatest part of arithmetic operations from the knowledge of \mathbb{A} , **not** of S .
- We will limit our presentation to the case where \mathbb{A} is symmetric and positive-definite.

The Cholesky factorization method proceeds in two steps. The first step consists in factorizing matrix \mathbb{A} as a product of three matrices:

$$(6) \quad \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{L} \mathbb{D} \mathbb{L}^T$$

where $\mathbb{D} = \text{diag}\{d_i ; i = 1, I\}$ is a diagonal matrix and \mathbb{L} is a lower triangular matrix written

$$(7) \quad \mathbb{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{I1} & \ell_{I2} & \ell_{I3} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Cholesky factorization

The components d_i and $\ell_{i,j}$ are computed with the following algorithm:

$$(8) \quad d_1 = a_{11}$$

$$(9) \quad \ell_{i,1} = \frac{a_{i,1}}{d_1} \quad ; \quad i = 2, I$$

$$(10) \quad d_i = a_{i,i} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \ell_{i,k}^2 d_k \quad ; \quad i = 2, I$$

$$(11) \quad \ell_{i,j} = \frac{1}{d_j} \left[a_{i,j} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \ell_{i,k} d_k \ell_{j,k} \right] \quad ; \quad i = 2, I \text{ and } j = 2, i - 1 .$$

This algorithm involves no square root operations, making it a better alternative than the $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{L}\mathbb{L}^\top$ factorization presented in some textbooks.

- We note that matrix \mathbb{L} is characterized by the same **external profile** as matrix \mathbb{A} , so that

$$(12) \quad \text{if } \{a_{i,j} = 0 ; j = 1, k_i\} \text{ then } \{\ell_{i,j} = 0 ; j = 1, k_i\}$$

where k_i is an integer taken in interval $1 \leq k_i < i$ and equal to the number of zero components on the left of the first non-zero component on the i -th row.

- The property of preserving the external profile is closely related to the introduction of the **compressed diagonal storage mode** for matrices \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{L} .
- Instead of storing matrix \mathbb{A} in a $I \times I$ 2D array, we can store the components, located inside the external profile, in a 1D row array. The components of \mathbb{A} , located inside the external profile, are stored in the row vector $\mathbf{A}' = \{a'_k ; k = 1, u_I\}$ as

$$(13) \quad a'_{u_i - i + j} = a_{i,j} ; i = 1, I \text{ and } j = k_i + 1, i .$$

- A second integer row array of dimension I is required to keep track of the matrix component positions. This array $\mathbf{u} = \{u_i ; i = 1, I\}$ is defined as

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} u_1 &= 1 \\ u_i &= u_{i-1} + i - k_i ; i = 2, I . \end{aligned}$$

In the following example, a matrix \mathbb{A} is defined as

$$(15) \quad \mathbb{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} .$$

This matrix is symmetric and has three zero components, located outside its external profile, in its low-diagonal section. It can be written in compressed diagonal storage mode as

$$(16) \quad \mathbf{A}' = (3 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 6)$$

in association with the index vector \mathbf{u} required to reconstruct \mathbb{A} . This vector is written

$$(17) \quad \mathbf{u} = (1 \quad 3 \quad 5 \quad 8 \quad 12) .$$

The factorization can be performed effectively for a matrix in compressed diagonal storage mode. The components $\ell_{i,j}$ can be computed in such a way as to replace components $a_{i,j}$ one-by-one. The Matlab script `ldlt=allldlf(asm,mu1)` exploits this idea.

Cholesky factorization

Next comes the **resolution step**, used to compute the unknown vector Φ from the knowledge of the source vector S . The computer resources required for this resolution step are much smaller than those required to factorize \mathbb{A} . The linear system (1) can now be written

$$(18) \quad \mathbb{L} \mathbb{D} \mathbb{L}^T \Phi = S .$$

We define an auxiliary vector as

$$(19) \quad \mathbf{h} = \mathbb{D} \mathbb{L}^T \Phi$$

and we first solve a lower-triangular matrix system,

$$(20) \quad \mathbb{L} \mathbf{h} = S ,$$

using forward substitution. A simple recursion, written as

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} h_1 &= S_1 \\ h_i &= S_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \ell_{i,j} h_j \ ; \ i = 2, I \end{aligned}$$

is required to obtain \mathbf{h} .

The unknown vector Φ is finally obtained using backward substitution in the upper-triangular linear system (19). This recursion is written

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi_I &= \frac{h_I}{d_I} \\ \phi_i &= \frac{h_i}{d_i} - \sum_{j=i+1}^I \ell_{j,i} \phi_j ; i = I - 1, I - 2, \dots, 1 . \end{aligned}$$

- The overall resolution step is implemented in the Matlab script `f=alldls(ldlt,mu1,s)`.
- The factorization step, as implemented in `alldlf`, is performed only once, for a given coefficient matrix \mathbb{A} .
 - The factorization step requires a number of arithmetic operations proportional to I^3
- The resolution step, as implemented in `alldls`, must be performed for each different value of the source vector S .
 - The resolution step requires a number of arithmetic operations proportional to I^2

The Crout factorization

The **Crout factorization** is a generalization of the Cholesky factorization that could be used in cases where matrix \mathbb{A} is non-symmetric. It is written

$$(23) \quad \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{L} \mathbb{U}$$

where

$$(24) \quad \mathbb{L} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{I1} & l_{I2} & l_{I3} & \dots & l_{II} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} & \dots & u_{1I} \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} & \dots & u_{2I} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & u_{3I} \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} .$$

The solution of a linear system after Crout factorization is similar to the approach already presented in this Subsection.

The iterative approach

- The Cholesky factorization method allows us to get rid of the zero components located outside the external profile of \mathbb{A} , but has no effect on those located inside this profile.
- This limited capability becomes a problem for the resolution of matrix systems originating from the discretization of 2D and 3D domains, as the number of internal zero components is high in these cases.
- The transformation of internal zero components of \mathbb{A} into non-zero components in \mathbb{L} is identified as **factorization fill-in** and is a major issue in numerical analysis.
- The **iterative method** is one numerical analysis technique permitting us to avoid fill-in in the resolution of a linear system.

The iterative approach

The iterative approach consists of introducing a **preconditioning matrix** \mathbb{M} sufficiently close to \mathbb{A}^{-1} so that the number of iterations of a fixed point method remains acceptable. The multiplication of the left and right sides of Eq. (1) by \mathbb{M} leads to

$$(25) \quad \mathbb{M} \mathbb{A} \Phi = \mathbb{M} \mathbf{S} .$$

A fixed point iterative strategy is set-up, based on Eq. (25). An asymptotic series of approached solutions, denoted $\{\Phi^{(j)} ; j \geq 0\}$, is set-up using

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} &\Phi^{(0)} \text{ given} \\ &\Phi^{(j+1)} = \Phi^{(j)} + \mathbb{M} (\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A} \Phi^{(j)}) \text{ if } j \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi^{(0)}$ is an initial estimate of the solution that can be set to the zero vector if no **a priori** information is available.

The convergence analysis of the fixed point (26) requires the introduction of a **residual matrix** \mathbb{R} , defined as

$$(27) \quad \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{I} - \mathbb{M} \mathbb{A}$$

where \mathbb{I} is the **identity matrix**.

The fixed point algorithm (26) generates the following asymptotic series:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi^{(1)} &= \mathbf{M}\mathbf{S} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}) \Phi^{(0)} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}) \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{R} \Phi^{(0)} \\
 \Phi^{(2)} &= (2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{M}\mathbf{S} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A})^2 \Phi^{(0)} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}^2) \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{R}^2 \Phi^{(0)} \\
 \Phi^{(3)} &= [3\mathbf{I} - (3\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}] \mathbf{M}\mathbf{S} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}\mathbf{A})^3 \Phi^{(0)} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}^3) \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{R}^3 \Phi^{(0)} \\
 &\vdots \\
 \Phi^{(j)} &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}^j) \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{R}^j \Phi^{(0)} .
 \end{aligned}$$

(28)

We note that the asymptotic series converges to the exact solution $\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{S}$ of the linear system if and only if

$$(29) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{R}^j = \mathbf{O}$$

where \mathbf{O} is the **zero matrix** whose components are all set to zero. This condition is satisfied if a norm $\| \cdot \|$ of matrix \mathbf{R} exists such that

$$(30) \quad \|\mathbf{R}\| < 1 .$$

The iterative approach

- Equation (30) is the condition that must satisfy the preconditioning matrix \mathbb{M} to guarantee the convergence of the fixed-point iterations.
- We are presenting preconditioning techniques that have proven useful for solving linear systems originating from the discretization of transport or diffusion equations.
- These three techniques all satisfy the condition (30) in the case where matrix \mathbb{A} is symmetric and diagonally dominant.

The preconditioning techniques are based on a **matrix splitting** of \mathbb{A} defined as

$$(31) \quad \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{U} + \mathbb{L} + \mathbb{L}^T$$

where \mathbb{U} is a diagonal matrix and \mathbb{L} is a lower triangular matrix. They are written as

$$(32) \quad \mathbb{U} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{II} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{I1} & a_{I2} & a_{I3} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

1. The **Jacobi method** consists in assuming that

$$(33) \quad \mathbf{A} \simeq \mathbf{U}$$

$$(34) \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^{-1} .$$

2. The **Gauss-Seidel method** consists in assuming that

$$(35) \quad \mathbf{A} \simeq \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}$$

$$(36) \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L})^{-1} .$$

3. The **successive over-relaxation (SSOR) method** consists in assuming that

$$(37) \quad \mathbf{A} \simeq (\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{U}^{-1} (\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}^{\top})$$

$$(38) \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}^{\top})^{-1} \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L})^{-1} .$$

These three iterative methods are efficient as no inversion of matrices $(\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L})$ and $(\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}^{\top})$ is required. Any linear system of the form $(\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}$ ou $(\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{L}^{\top}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}$ can be efficiently solved using forward or backward substitution.

A closely related preconditioning technique is the **alternating direction implicit** (ADI) method. In the case of a Cartesian tri-dimensional domain, the ADI splitting is written

$$(39) \quad \mathbb{A} = \mathbb{U} + \mathbb{P}_x \mathbb{X} \mathbb{P}_x^\top + \mathbb{P}_y \mathbb{Y} \mathbb{P}_y^\top + \mathbb{P}_z \mathbb{Z} \mathbb{P}_z^\top$$

where

\mathbb{U} = matrix containing the diagonal elements of \mathbb{A}

$\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{Z}$ = symmetrical matrices containing the nondiagonal elements of \mathbb{A}

$\mathbb{P}_x, \mathbb{P}_y, \mathbb{P}_z$ = permutation matrices that ensure a minimum bandwidth for matrices \mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y} and \mathbb{Z} .

The corresponding preconditioning matrix can be defined as

$$(40) \quad \mathbb{M} = \left(\mathbb{P}_z \tilde{\mathbb{Z}}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_z^\top \right) \mathbb{U} \left(\mathbb{P}_y \tilde{\mathbb{Y}}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_y^\top \right) \mathbb{U} \left(\mathbb{P}_x \tilde{\mathbb{X}}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_x^\top \right)$$

where

$$(41) \quad \tilde{\mathbb{X}} = \mathbb{X} + \mathbb{P}_x^\top \mathbb{U} \mathbb{P}_x, \quad \tilde{\mathbb{Y}} = \mathbb{Y} + \mathbb{P}_y^\top \mathbb{U} \mathbb{P}_y \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{P}_z^\top \mathbb{U} \mathbb{P}_z .$$

The iterative approach

- The Matlab script `free()` implements the basic iteration of Eq. (26) for solving a linear system.
- The script parameter `atv` is a user-defined function returning $\Phi^{(j)} + \mathbb{M}(\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A}\Phi^{(j)})$ as a function of $\Phi^{(j)}$ and \mathbf{S} .
- The script parameter `b` is the source vector $\mathbb{M}\mathbf{S}$.

```
function [x, err, iter] = free(x, b, atv, errtol, maxit, varargin)
    errtol=errtol*norm(b);
    rho=Inf; err=[ ];
    iter=0;
    while((rho > errtol) && (iter < maxit))
        iter=iter+1;
        r=feval(atv,x,b,varargin{:})-x;
        rho=norm(r); err=[err;rho];
        x=x+r;
    end
```

The iterative approach

- The following Matlab script is an example of iterative solution of a linear system $A*x=b$ with a coefficient matrix A selected among the 'wilk' collection in Matlab.
- We also selected $\text{inv}(M1)$ as preconditioning matrix, using an arbitrary choice for $M1$.

```
A=gallery('wilk',21);
M1=diag([10:-1:1 0 1:10]); M1(10:12,10:12)=A(10:12,10:12);
b=sum(A,2);
x0=zeros(21,1);
[out,err,total_iters]=free(x0, inv(M1)*b, 'atv', 1e-10, 100, ...
    inv(M1)*A);
```

where

```
function y=atv(x,b,A)
% compute x+(b-Ax) for an iterative algorithm.
y=x+(b-A*x);
```

The iterative approach

A first **convergence acceleration** technique, known as the **Livolant acceleration** method, consists in introducing a dynamic acceleration factor $\mu^{(j)}$ in Eq. (26),

$$(42) \quad \Phi^{(j+1)} = \Phi^{(j)} + \mu^{(j)} \mathbb{M} (\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A}\Phi^{(j)}) ,$$

and in adjusting it in such a way as to minimize the L^2 norm of residue $\mathbf{R}^{(j+1)}$ at the next iteration. A consistent definition of the residue is written as

$$(43) \quad \mathbf{R}^{(j)} = \mathbb{M} (\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A}\Phi^{(j)}) .$$

The value of the residue at the next iteration will be given as

$$(44) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}^{(j+1)} &= \mathbb{M} (\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A}\Phi^{(j+1)}) \\ &= \mathbb{M} \left[\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A} \left(\Phi^{(j)} + \mu^{(j)} \mathbb{M} (\mathbf{S} - \mathbb{A}\Phi^{(j)}) \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbf{R}^{(j)} - \mu^{(j)} \mathbb{M} \mathbb{A} \mathbf{R}^{(j)} . \end{aligned}$$

The iterative approach

The L^2 norm of this residue will be minimum if

$$(45) \quad \frac{d}{d\mu^{(j)}} \langle \mathbf{R}^{(j+1)}, \mathbf{R}^{(j+1)} \rangle = 0$$

so that

$$(46) \quad \mu^{(j)} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{R}^{(j)}, \mathbb{M} \mathbb{A} \mathbf{R}^{(j)} \rangle}{\langle \mathbb{M} \mathbb{A} \mathbf{R}^{(j)}, \mathbb{M} \mathbb{A} \mathbf{R}^{(j)} \rangle} .$$

- The acceleration parameter can be recomputed dynamically as a function of the actual residue.
- In order to stabilize the iterative process, we suggest alternating cycles of three free and three accelerated iterations.
- Moreover, we must carefully detect any convergence instability where $\mu^{(j)} \leq 0$, especially near convergence where the denominator of Eq. (46) approaches zero. In case of convergence instability, we recommend setting $\mu^{(j)} = 1$.

The Matlab script implementing the Livolant acceleration method is implemented as

```
[x, err, iter] = livolant(x, b, atv, errtol, maxit, varargin)
```


- The GMRES (Generalized Minimum RESidual) algorithm was proposed as a Krylov subspace method for nonsymmetric systems.
- The GMRES algorithm is a very powerful and stable technique to speed up iterations in solving large linear systems.
- The vector basis for the **Krylov space** is constructed and must be stored as the iteration progresses.
- This means that in order to perform k GMRES iterations, one must store k vectors of length N , leading to prohibitive computer resource requirements.
- One way to avoid this problem is to restart the GMRES algorithm every m (Matlab variable `nstart`) iterations, leading to the GMRES(m) algorithm.

The GMRES(m) algorithm is implemented in the Matlab script `gmres_m()` as

```
[x, err, iter] = gmres_m(x, b, atv, errtol, nstart, maxit, varargin)
```

