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#### Abstract

This paper deliberates the use of the Half-sweep Accelerated Overelaxation (HSAOR) method to solve 2D Poisson equations by using the half-sweep triangle finite element (FE) approximation equation based on the Galerkin scheme. In fact, formulations of the full sweep successive over relaxation (FSSOR), half sweep successive over relaxation (HSSOR), full-sweep accelerated over relaxation (FSAOR) and half-sweep accelerated over relaxation (HSAOR) triangle finite element (FE) approaches are also shown. Some numerical experiments are steered to show that the HSAOR method is loftier to the existing FSAOR, HSSOR and FSSOR methods.


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## 1 Introduction

The problem of deciphering partial differential equations ascends in many mathematical models of scientific and engineering applications. One of the most widely held and significant research branches is FE method. Researchers has a broad application in several weighted residual schemes such as the subdomain, collocation, least-square, moments and Galerkin that can be used to setback approximate solutions (Fletcher, 1978; Fletcher, 1984; Belytschko, Krongauz, Organ, Fleming and Krysl, 1996; Zhu, 1999; Yagawa and Furukawa, 2000). Using the first order triangle FE approximation equation based on the Galerkin scheme, this paper proposes the HSAOR for solving the 2D Poisson equation. In comparison, the Full-Sweep Gauss-Seidel (FSGS) iterative methods act as control method. To investigate the effectiveness of the HSAOR iterative method, let us consider the 2D Poisson equation defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial^{2} U}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} U}{\partial y^{2}}=f(x, y), \quad(x, y) \in[a, b] \times[a, b] \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 1: (a) and (b) show the solution domain $\Omega$ of triangle elements for the full- and halfsweep cases at $n=8$.
with the dirichlet boundary conditions

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
U(x, a)=g_{1}(x), & a \leq x \leq b, & U(x, b)=g_{2}(x), & a \leq x \leq b, \\
U(a, y)=g_{3}(y), & a \leq x \leq b, & U(b, y)=g_{4}(x), & a \leq y \leq b,
\end{array}
$$

whereas, $f(x, y)$ is a given function with sufficient smoothness. To facilitate in formulating the half-sweep triangle element approximation equations for problem (1.1), our next confab will focus on uniform node points only as shown in Figure. 1. Based on the Figure. 1, the solution domain, need to be discretized uniformly in both $x$ and $y$ directions with a mesh size, $h$ which is defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
h=\frac{b-a}{n}, \quad m=n+1, \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $n$ is arbitrary positive integer. Based on Figure. 1, we also need to build the networks of triangle FE as a guideline in order to derive triangle FE approximation equations for problem (1.1). Similarly using the same concept of the full-sweep approach applied to FD methods (Abdullah, 1991; Othman and Abdullah, 1998; Sulaiman, Hasan and Othman, 2004), FE networks will consist of several TE in which each will involve three solid node points only of type - as shown in Figure. 1. As a result, the implementation of the full- and half-sweep iterative algorithms will be performed onto the node points of the same type until the iterative convergence criterion will be satisfied. Then other approximate solutions at remaining node points (points of the different type) will be calculated directly (Abdullah, 1991; Evans, 1997; Sulaiman et al., 2004; Yousif and Martins, 2008; Aruchunan and Sulaiman, 2011; Muthuvalu and SuIaiman, 2011; Akhir, Othman, Sulaiman, Majid and Suleiman, 2012).

The outline of this paper is organized in the following way. An implementation of the triangle FE in discretizing problem (1.1) is presented in Section 2 followed by the formulation of the


Figure 2: (a) and (b) show the definition of the hat function $R_{i, j}(x, y)$, of full- and half-sweep triangle elements at the solution domain.
tested iterative methods in Section 3. Numerical results of the tested iterative methods and concluding remarks are summarized in Section 4 and 5 respectively.

## 2 Half-Sweep Triangle Element Approximations

Without a loss of platitude, and for vulgarization purpose we will consider case of the FE approximation equation based on the GS to solve 2D Poisson equations. By considering three node points of type - only, the common approximation of the function $U(x, y)$, in the form of interpolation function for an arbitrary triangle element, $e$ is given by (Fletcher, 1978; Fletcher, 1984; Lewis and Ward, 1991).

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tilde{U}^{[e]}(x, y)=N_{1}(x, y) U_{1}+N_{2}(x, y) U_{2}+N_{3}(x, y) U_{3} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the shape functions $N_{k}(x, y), k=1,2,3$, can generally be shown as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det} A=x_{1}\left(y_{2}-y_{3}\right)+x_{2}\left(y_{3}-y_{1}\right)+x_{3}\left(y_{1}-y_{2}\right) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where,

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \\
a_{2} \\
a_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{2} y_{3}-x_{3} y_{2} \\
x_{3} y_{1}-x_{1} y_{3} \\
x_{1} y_{2}-x_{2} y_{1}
\end{array}\right], \quad\left[\begin{array}{l}
b_{1} \\
b_{2} \\
b_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
y_{2}-y_{3} \\
y_{3}-y_{1} \\
y_{1}-y_{2}
\end{array}\right], \quad\left[\begin{array}{l}
c_{1} \\
c_{2} \\
c_{3}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{3}-x_{2} \\
x_{1}-x_{3} \\
x_{2}-x_{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Adjacent to this, the first order partial derivatives of the shape functions towards $x$ and $y$ are given respectively as

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(N_{k}(x, y)\right) & =\frac{b_{k}}{\operatorname{det} A},  \tag{2.3}\\
\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(N_{k}(x, y)\right) & =\frac{c_{k}}{\operatorname{det} A},
\end{array}\right\}, \quad k=1,2,3
$$

In Figure. 2 (a) and (b), the definition of the hat function, $R_{r, s}(x, y)$ in the solution domain is easily to be shown. Then based on the distribution of the hat function, $R_{r, s}(x, y)$ in the figure,
the approximation of the functions, $U(x, y)$ and $f(x, y)$ in case of the full-sweep and half-sweep cases for the intact domain will be well-defined respectively as (Vichnevetsky, 1981)

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tilde{U}(x, y)=\sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{s=0}^{m} R_{r, s}(x, y) U_{r, s}  \tag{2.4}\\
& \tilde{f}(x, y)=\sum_{r=0}^{m} \sum_{s=0}^{m} R_{r, s}(x, y) f_{r, s} \tag{2.5}
\end{align*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
\tilde{U}(x, y) & =\sum_{r=0,2,4}^{m} \sum_{s=0,2,4}^{m} R_{r, s}(x, y) U_{r, s}+\sum_{r=1,3,5}^{m-1} \sum_{s=1,3,5}^{m-1} R_{r, s}(x, y) U_{r, s}  \tag{2.6}\\
\tilde{f}(x, y) & =\sum_{r=0,2,4}^{m} \sum_{s=0,2,4}^{m} R_{r, s}(x, y) f_{r, s}+\sum_{r=1,3,5}^{m-1} \sum_{s=1,3,5}^{m-1} R_{r, s}(x, y) f_{r, s} \tag{2.7}
\end{align*}
$$

Thus, Eqs. (2.4) and (2.6) are approximate solutions for problem (1.1). To construct the fullsweep and half-sweep linear FE approximation equations for problem (1.1), this paper proposes the Galerkin scheme. Therefore, let consider the GS (Fletcher, 1978; Fletcher, 1984; Lewis and Ward, 1991) be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\iint_{D} R_{i, j}(x, y) E_{i, j}(x, y)=0, \quad i, j=0,1,2, \ldots, m \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, $E(x, y)=\frac{\partial^{2} U}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2} U}{\partial y^{2}}-f(x, y)$ is a residual function. By applying the Green theorem, Eq. (2.5) can be shown in the subsequent form

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{\lambda}\left(-R_{i, j}(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} d x+R_{i, j}(x, y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} d y\right) \\
&-\int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}\left(\frac{\partial R_{i, j}(x, y)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial R_{i, j}(x, y)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) d x d y=F_{i, j} \tag{2.9}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\sum \sum K_{i, j, r, s}^{*} U_{r, s}=\sum \sum C_{i, j, r, s}^{*} f_{r, s} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
K_{i, j, r, s}^{*} & =\int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}\left(\frac{\partial R_{i, j}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial R_{r, s}}{\partial x}\right) d x d y+\int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}\left(\frac{\partial R_{i, j}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial R_{r, s}}{\partial y}\right) d x d y, \\
C_{i, j, r, s}^{*} & =\int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}\left(R_{i, j}(x, y) R_{r, s}(x, y)\right) d x d y .
\end{aligned}
$$

Actually the linear system in Eq. (2.6) for the full- and half-sweep cases can be easily expressed in the stencil form respectively as follows

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\text { Full-sweep: } & {\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & \\
1 & -4 & 1 \\
& 1 &
\end{array}\right] U_{i, j}=\frac{h^{2}}{12}\left[\begin{array}{lll} 
& 1 & 1 \\
1 & 6 & 1 \\
1 & 1 &
\end{array}\right] f_{i, j}}  \tag{2.11}\\
& {\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & & 1 & \\
& -4 & & 0 \\
1 & & 1
\end{array}\right] U_{i, j}=\frac{h^{2}}{6}\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & & 1 \\
& 5 & \\
1 & & 1
\end{array}\right]}
\end{array}\right] f_{i, j}, \quad i=1 . \quad .
$$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\text { Half-sweep: } \quad & {\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & & 1 & \\
0 & & -4 & \\
& 1 & & 1
\end{array}\right] U_{i, j}=\frac{h^{2}}{6}\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 
& 1 & \\
1 & & 1 \\
1 & & 6
\end{array}\right.} \\
& 1 \tag{2.12}
\end{array}\right]
$$

In fact, the stencil forms in Eqs. (2.11) till (2.12) forms consist of seven node points in formulating their approximation equations. On the other hand, two of its coefficients are zero. Apart of this, the form of the stencil forms for both triangle finite element schemes is the same compared to the existing five points FD scheme, see (Young, 1971; Abdullah, 1991; Yousif and Evans, 1995; Ibrahim and Abdullah, 1995; Evans, 1997; Akhir et al., 2012).

## 3 The AOR Method

The subsequent discussion can be found in (Hadjidimos, 1978; Evans and Martins, 1994).

### 3.1 FSAOR Method for Poisson Equation

The subsequent discussion can be found in (Yousif and Martins, 2008).

### 3.2 HSAOR Method for Poisson Equation

To derive the HSAOR iterative method, we use half-sweep approach, in which the domains are divided into two type of points (i.e., • and o) as shown in Fig. 1(b). By applying AOR method (Hadjidimos, 1978) into Eq. (2.12), we get the HSAOR method for 2D Poisson equation as

$$
\begin{align*}
U_{i, j}^{(k+1)}= & \frac{r}{4}\left(U_{i-1, j-1}^{(k+1)}-U_{i-1, j-1}^{(k)}+U_{i+1, j-1}^{(k+1)}-U_{i+1, j-1}^{(k)}\right) \\
& +\frac{w}{4}\left(U_{i+1, j+1}^{(k)}+U_{i-1, j-1}^{(k+1)}+U_{i+1, j-1}^{(k+1)}+U_{i-1, j+1}^{(k)}-h^{2} F_{i, j}\right)+(1-w) U_{i, j}^{(k)} \tag{3.1}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
F_{i, j}=\frac{1}{12}\left(f_{i-2, j}+f_{i+2, j}+f_{i-1, j-1}+f_{i-1, j+1}+f_{i+1, j-1}+f_{i+1, j+1}+6 f_{i, j}\right)
$$

Eq. (3.1) allows us to iterate through half of the points, lying on the $\sqrt{2 h}$-grid. Again, it can be observed that Eq. (3.1) involves points of type • and o. Therefore the iteration can be carried out autonomously involving only this type of point. The algorithm of HSAOR method is display in Algorithm 3.2:
Algorithm 3.2. Discretize the solution domain into point of two types • and $\circ$ as shown in Figure 1(b).

1. Perform iterations (using Eq. (3.1)) taking the values of $r=w$ from the segment $[1,2)$.
2. Within the interval $\pm 0.1$ from the value found in the step 2, define the optimal $w$ opt with precision 0.01 by choosing consecutive values for which $k$ is minimal; $r$ is taken the same as $w$.
3. Perform experiments using the value of $w$ opt and choosing consecutive values of $r$ with precision 0.01 within the interval $\pm 0.1$ from the $w$ opt.
4. Define the value $r$ opt for which $k$ is minimal.
5. Evaluate the solutions at the remaining points (Abdullah, 1991; Evans, 1997; Sulaiman et al., 2004; Yousif and Martins, 2008; Aruchunan and Sulaiman, 2011; Muthuvalu and Sulaiman, 2011; Akhir et al., 2012) type $\circ$ (using Eq. (2.11)).

$$
U_{i, j}=\frac{1}{4}\left(U_{i-1, j}+U_{i+1, j}+U_{i, j-1}+U_{i, j+1}-h^{2} F_{i, j}\right)
$$

where

$$
F_{i, j}=\frac{1}{12}\left(f_{i-1, j}+f_{i+1, j}+f_{i, j-1}+f_{i, j+1}+f_{i-1, j-1}+f_{i+1, j+1}+6 f_{i, j}\right)
$$

6. Display approximate solutions.

## 4 Numerical Results

In this section, Algorithm 3.2 was tested on the following model following 2D Poisson equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial U}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial U}{\partial y^{2}}=-\cos (x+y)+\cos (x-y) \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where its boundary conditions are given as

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
U(x, 0)=\cos x, \\
U(0, y)=\cos y,
\end{array} \quad U\left(x, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)=0, y\right)=-\cos y . ~ \$
$$

Then exact solution of problem (4.1) is given by

$$
U(x, y)=\cos (x) \cos (y) .
$$

Through the experiments, three parameters were observed, such as the number of iterations ( $k$ ), maximum absolute error (Abs. Error) and execution time, $t$ (in seconds). Three iterative methods such as Gauss-Seidel (GS), SOR and AOR were tested on several mesh sizes i.e 284, 308, 332 and 356. In the course of implementation the proposed iterative methods, the value of the tolerance error, considered $\varepsilon=10^{-10}$. The computer language used for the programming is $\mathrm{C}^{++}$, and the program performed on a personal PC Intel(R) Core (TM) i7 CPU 860@3.00 Ghz, 6.00 GB RAM. The operation system used was Windows 7 with the installation Borland $\mathrm{C}^{++}$compiler version 5.5. Based on the given example, all of the results of numerical experiments are recorded through the implementation of three proposed iterative methods in Table 1. Whereas Table 2 describes the depreciation percentage of the number of iterations and execution time for AOR method compared to the SOR and GS methods.

Table 1: Comparison of a number of iterations, execution time (seconds) and maximum absolute error for the iterative methods.

| $n$ | Methods |  | Methods | Methods |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $k$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $w$ |  |  |  | $r$ |  | $w$ |  |
|  | FSGS | 115954 | FSSOR | 1.952 | 3428 | FSAOR | 1.989 | 1.979 | 1890 |
| 284 | HSGS | 60810 | HSSOR | 1.949 | 1820 | HSAOR | 1.961 | 1.960 | 1292 |
|  | FSGS | 134823 | FSSOR | 1.949 | 4288 | FSAOR | 1.989 | 1.987 | 1939 |
| 308 | HSGS | 70743 | HSSOR | 1.941 | 2528 | HSAOR | 1.982 | 1.969 | 1245 |
|  | FSGS | 154979 | FSSOR | 1.939 | 5960 | FSAOR | 1.986 | 1.991 | 2668 |
| 332 | HSGS | 81316 | HSSOR | 1.940 | 2988 | HSAOR | 1.981 | $1 . .986$ | 1754 |
|  | FSGS | 176045 | FSSOR | 1.939 | 6815 | FSAOR | 1.987 | 1.993 | 3032 |
| 356 | HSGS | 92654 | HSSOR | 1.939 | 3488 | HSAOR | 1.980 | 1.989 | 2215 |
| $t$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\underline{284}$ | FSGS | 267.61 | FSSOR | 1.952 | 11.97 | FSAOR | 1.989 | 1.979 | 9.43 |
|  | HSGS | 75.85 | HSSOR | 1.949 | 5.56 | HSAOR | 1.961 | 1.960 | 4.82 |
| 308 | FSGS | 366.50 | FSSOR | 1.949 | 17.69 | FSAOR | 1.989 | 1.987 | 11.75 |
|  | HSGS | 110.07 | HSSOR | 1.941 | 9.52 | HSSOR | 1.982 | 1.969 | 5.94 |
|  | FSGS | 490.68 | FSSOR | 1.939 | 28.58 | FSAOR | 1.986 | 1.991 | 18.84 |
| 332 | HSGS | 153.91 | HSSOR | 1.940 | 12.17 | HSAOR | 1.981 | 1.986 | 9.29 |
|  | FSGS | 638.22 | FSSOR | 1.939 | 37.63 | FSAOR | 1.987 | 1.993 | 24.70 |
| 356 | HSGS | 203.54 | HSSOR | 1.939 | 17.67 | HSAOR | 1.980 | 1.989 | 5.92 |
| Abs. Error |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 284 | FSGS | $1.0913 e-6$ | FSSOR | 1.952 | $3.0217 e-7$ | FSAOR | 1.989 | 1.979 | $2.8268 e-7$ |
|  | HSGS | $4.0311 e-6$ | HSSOR | 1.949 | $4.0294 e-6$ | HSAOR | 1.961 | 1.960 | $4.0294 e-6$ |
| 308 | FSGS | 1.1936e-6 | FSSOR | 1.949 | $2.6481 e-7$ | FSAOR | 1.989 | 1.987 | $2.4128 e-7$ |
|  | HSGS | $3.4323 e-6$ | HSSOR | 1.941 | $3.4304 e-6$ | HSAOR | 1.982 | 1.969 | $3.4304 e-6$ |
| 332 | FSGS | $1.3165 e-6$ | FSSOR | 1.939 | $2.4124 e-7$ | FSAOR | 1.986 | 1.991 | $2.0723 e-7$ |
|  | HSGS | $2.9578 e-6$ | HSSOR | 1.940 | $2.9558 e-6$ | HSAOR | 1.981 | $1 . .986$ | $2.9558 e-6$ |
|  | FSGS | $1.4576 e-6$ | FSSOR | 1.939 | $2.1950 e-7$ | FSAOR | 1.987 | 1.993 | $1.8023 e-7$ |
| 356 | HSGS | $2.5755 e-6$ | HSSOR | 1.939 | $2.5734 e-6$ | HSAOR | 1.980 | 1.989 | $4.0293 e-6$ |

$k$ is the number of iterations, $t$ is the computation time.

Table 2: Reduction percentages of the number of iterations and execution time for the iterative methods compared with FSGS method.

| Methods | $k$ | $t$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| HSGS | $47.37-473.56$ | $68.11-71.97$ |
| FSSOR | $96.13-97.04$ | $94.10-95.49$ |
| HSSOR | $98.01-98.43$ | $97.23-97.86$ |
| FSAOR | $98.27-98.37$ | $96.13-96.48$ |
| HSAOR | $98.74-98.89$ | $98.20-99.07$ |

$k$ is the number of iterations, $t$ is the computation time.

## 5 Discussion of Results

In the previous section, it can be seen that the half- and full-sweep triangle FE approximation equations based on the Galerkin scheme can be easily represented in the stencil forms, see in Eq. (2.11) till (2.12). Through numerical results observed in Table 1, clearly show that by applying the AOR methods can reduce number of iterations compared to the SOR and GS method. Table 2 shows the decrement percentages number of iterations for FSAOR, HSAOR, FSSOR, HSSOR, HSGS methods compared to the FSGS method in solving the proposed example. Through the observation in Tables 1 and 2, found that applications of the half-sweep iteration idea reduce the execution time of the iterative method. In the meantime, decrement percentages of the execution time for FSAOR, HSAOR, FSSOR, HSSOR, HSG methods compared with FSGS method have been summarized in Table 2. In terms of accuracy, approximate solutions for the FSAOR and HSAOR methods are in good agreement compared to the FSSOR, HSAOR, FSGS and HSGS methods.

Generally, the numerical results prove that the HSAOR iterative method is a better method compared with the FSAOR, FSSOR, HSSOR, FSGS and HSGS methods in the sense of the complexity and execution time. This is due to the computational complexity of the HSAOR method is approximately $50 \%$ less than FSAOR and FSSOR methods.

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