

# Iterative Solvers for Large Linear Systems

## Part Ib: Consistency and Convergence

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- **Basics of Iterative Methods**
- Splitting-schemes
  - Jacobi- u. Gauß-Seidel-scheme
  - Relaxation methods
- Methods for symmetric, positive definite Matrices
  - Method of steepest descent
  - Method of conjugate directions
  - CG-scheme

- Multigrid Method
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- Methods for non-singular Matrices
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- Preconditioning
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# A trivial scheme

- Choose  $B = I$

$$\implies M = I^{-1}(I - A) = I - A$$

$$N = I$$

$$\implies x_{m+1} = (I - A)x_m + b$$

"+" : no assumptions on  $A$

"+" :  $I^{-1}x$  is easy to calculate

"-" : bad approximation of  $A$  in general

Model problem:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & -0.4 \\ -0.2 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}}_{A:=} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{x:=} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.3 \end{pmatrix}}_{b:=}$$

- $A$  is non-singular ( $\det A = 0.27$ ) and  $x^* = A^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

# Fundamental questions

**Aim:** Find an answer to each of the following questions

- 1 When does a Splitting scheme converge?
- 2 Which are the ingredients that determine the rate of convergence?

# A trivial scheme

Trivial scheme				
$m$	$x_{m,1}$	$x_{m,2}$	$\varepsilon_m := \ x_m - x^*\ _\infty$	$\varepsilon_m / \varepsilon_{m-1}$
0	2.100000e+01	-1.900000e+01	2.000000e+01	
1	-1.000000e+00	-5.000000e+00	6.000000e+00	3.000000e-01
2	-2.000000e+00	-2.400000e+00	3.400000e+00	5.666667e-01
3	-1.260000e+00	-1.300000e+00	2.300000e+00	6.764706e-01
4	-5.980000e-01	-6.020000e-01	1.602000e+00	6.965217e-01
5	-1.202000e-01	-1.206000e-01	1.120600e+00	6.995006e-01
6	2.157000e-01	2.156600e-01	7.843400e-01	6.999286e-01
7	4.509740e-01	4.509700e-01	5.490300e-01	6.999898e-01
8	6.156802e-01	6.156798e-01	3.843202e-01	6.999985e-01
9	7.309760e-01	7.309759e-01	2.690241e-01	6.999998e-01
10	8.116832e-01	8.116832e-01	1.883168e-01	7.000000e-01
11	8.681782e-01	8.681782e-01	1.318218e-01	7.000000e-01
12	9.077248e-01	9.077248e-01	9.227525e-02	7.000000e-01
13	9.354073e-01	9.354073e-01	6.459267e-02	7.000000e-01
14	9.547851e-01	9.547851e-01	4.521487e-02	7.000000e-01
15	9.683496e-01	9.683496e-01	3.165041e-02	7.000000e-01
20	9.946805e-01	9.946805e-01	5.319484e-03	7.000000e-01
25	9.991060e-01	9.991060e-01	8.940457e-04	7.000000e-01
30	9.998497e-01	9.998497e-01	1.502623e-04	7.000000e-01
40	9.999958e-01	9.999958e-01	4.244537e-06	7.000000e-01
55	1.000000e-00	1.000000e-00	2.015120e-08	7.000000e-01
70	1.000000e-00	1.000000e-00	9.566903e-11	7.000002e-01
85	1.000000e-00	1.000000e-00	4.540812e-13	6.998631e-01
96	1.000000e-00	1.000000e-00	8.881784e-15	6.956522e-01

# A trivial scheme

Model problem:

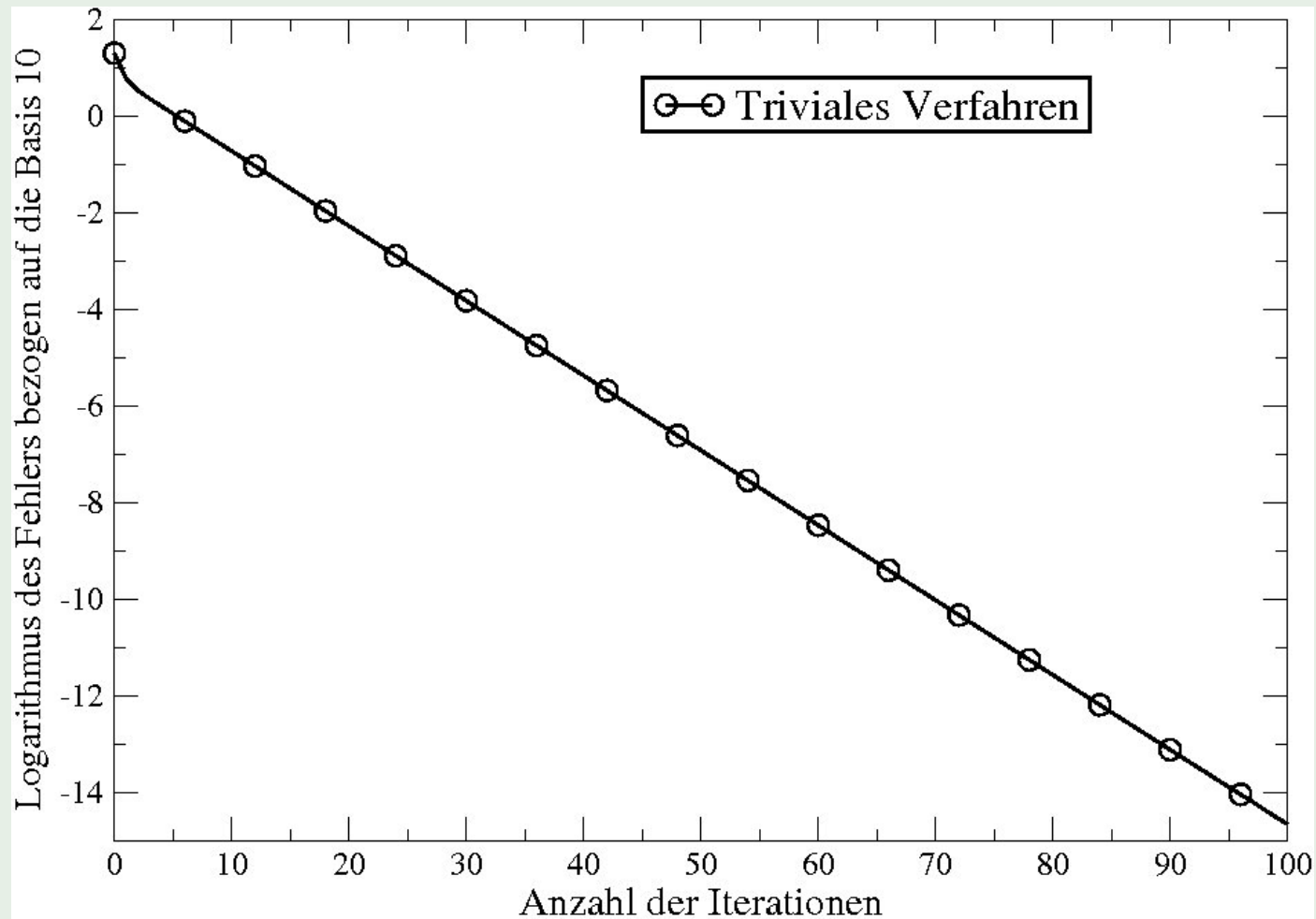


Abbildung: Convergence history  $\log_{10} \varepsilon_m$

# A trivial scheme

## Definition: Spectral radius

A number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is called eigenvalue of  $A$ , if a vector  $x \neq 0$  exists, such that  $Ax = \lambda x$ . The number

$$\rho(A) := \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \text{ is eigenvalue of } A\}$$

is called spectral radius of  $A$ .



# A trivial scheme

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- $A$  is non-singular ( $\det A = 0.27$ )
- $x^* = A^{-1}b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Spectral radius of the iteration matrix:

$$\rho(M) = \rho(I - A) = \rho \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} = 0.7$$

# Consistency, convergence and rate of convergence

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# Consistency, convergence and rate of convergence

## Consistency:

An iterative solution method  $x_{m+1} = \phi(x_m, b)$  is called consistent w.r.t. the matrix  $A$ , if the solution  $x^* = A^{-1}b$  represents a fixpoint of  $\phi$ , that means

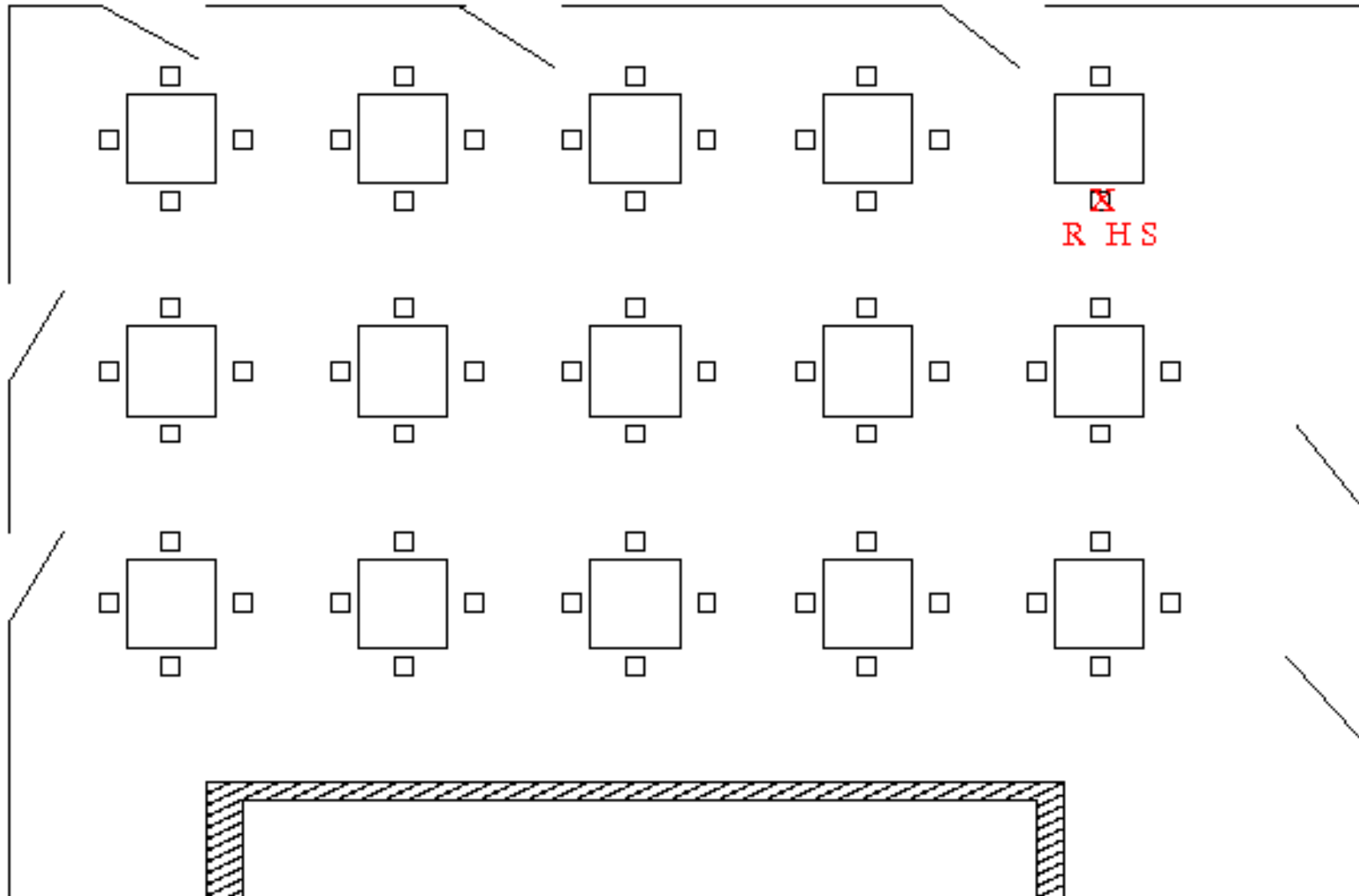
$$x^* = \phi(x^*, b)$$

for each right hand side  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

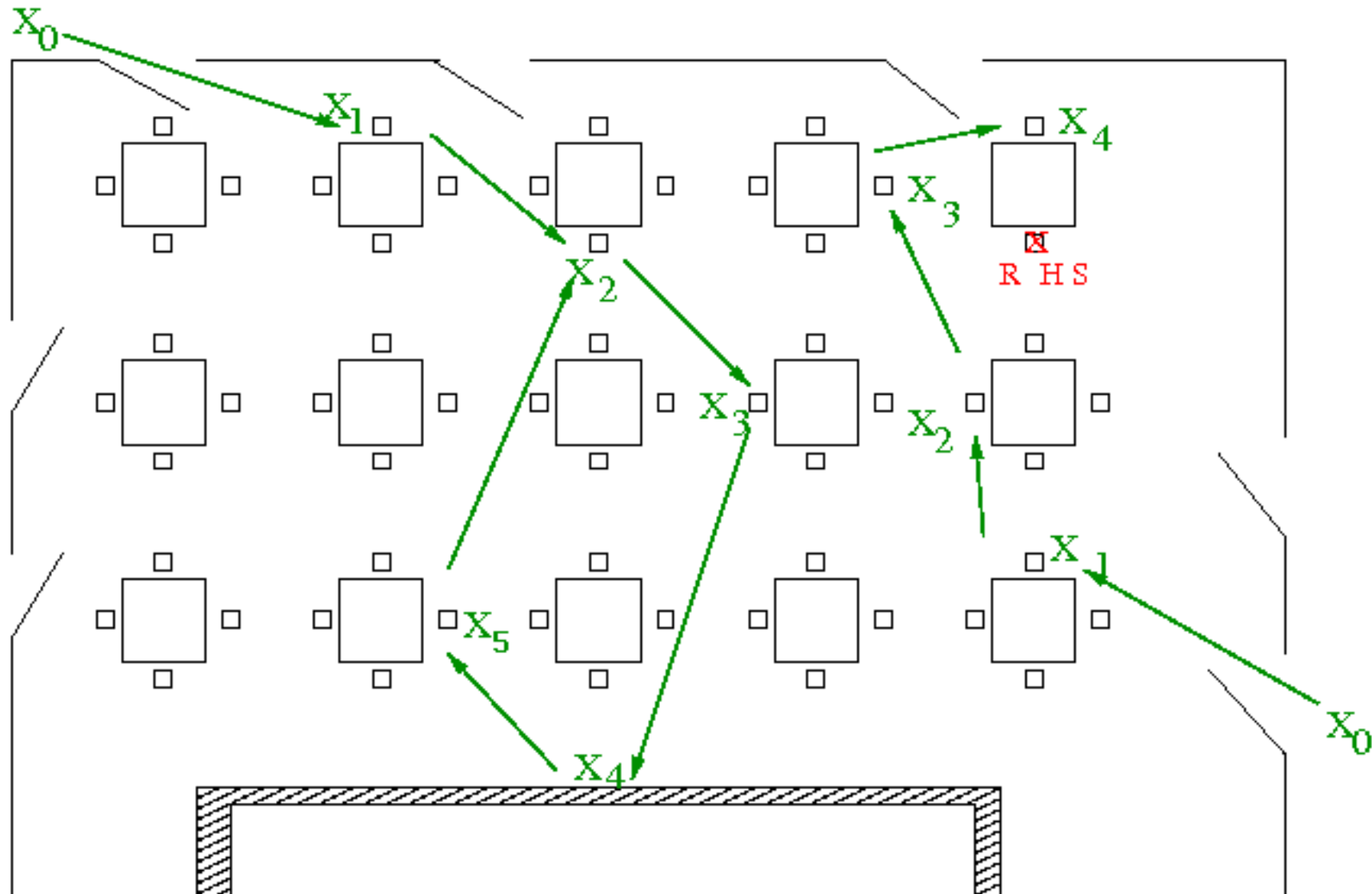
## In other words: Consistency means

If the iterative solution method yields  $x_m = A^{-1}b$ ,  
then  $x_k = A^{-1}b$  for all  $k \geq m$ .

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## Consistency:



# Consistency

## Statement for consistency

An iterative solution method is consistent if and only if

$$M = I - NA.$$

Justification: Let  $x^* = A^{-1}b$

" $\Leftarrow$ " Let  $M = I - NA$ , then we obtain

$$x^* = Mx^* + N \underbrace{Ax^*}_{=b} = Mx^* + Nb = \phi(x^*, b).$$

" $\Rightarrow$ " Let  $\phi$  be consistent, then

$$\begin{aligned} x^* &= \phi(x^*, b) = Mx^* + Nb = Mx^* + NAx^* \\ &= (M + NA)x^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{b=Ax^*} M = I - NA.$$

# Consistency

General form of a Splitting method

$$x_{m+1} = \underbrace{B^{-1}(B - A)}_{M:=} x_m + \underbrace{B^{-1}b}_{N:=}, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

For each Splitting method, one gets:

$$M = B^{-1}(B - A) = I - B^{-1}A = I - NA$$

Hence:

Each Splitting method is linear and consistent.

# Convergence

## Convergence:

An iterative solution method  $x_{m+1} = \phi(x_m, b)$  is called convergent, if there exists a limit

$$x = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_{m-1}, b)$$

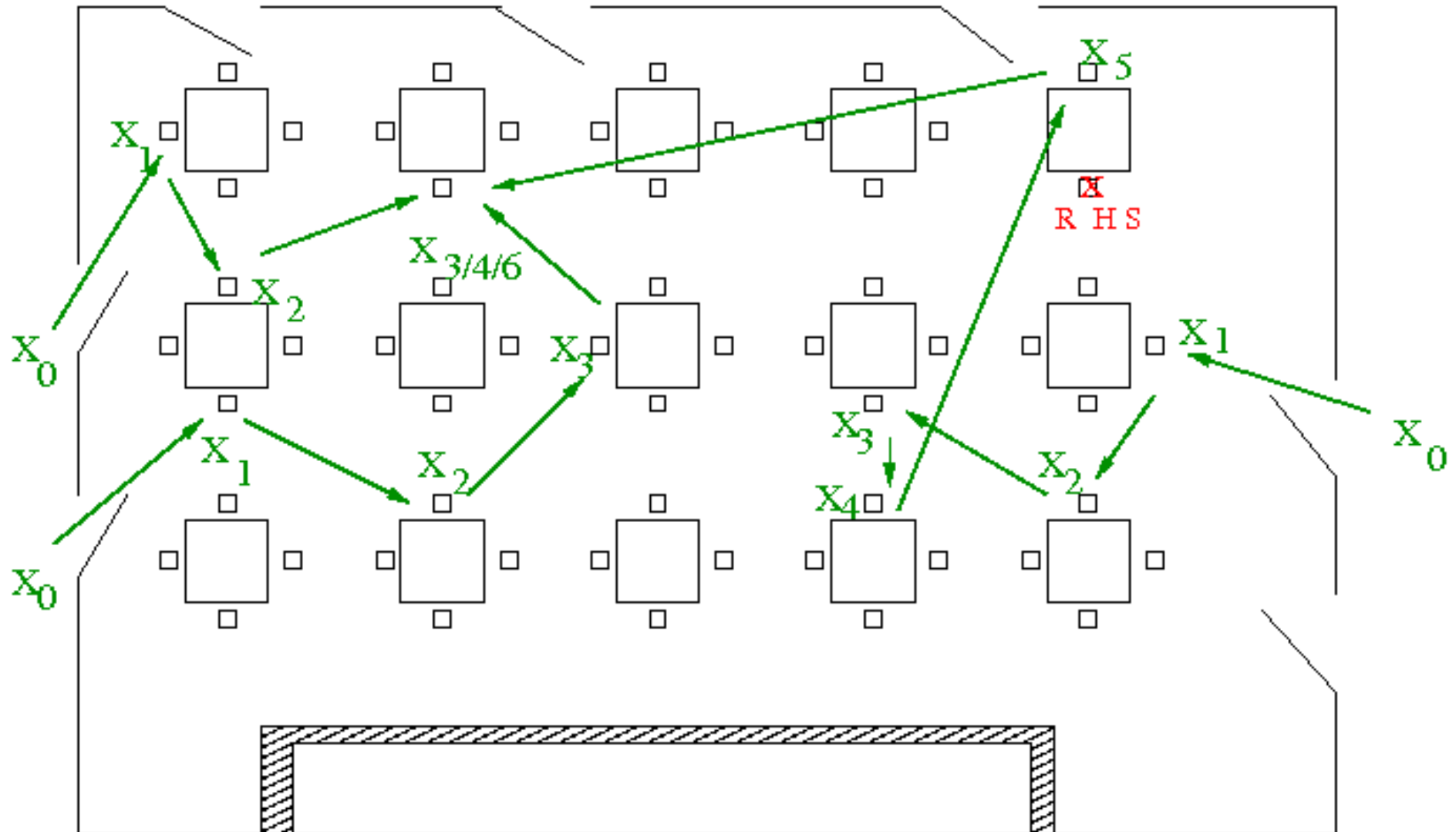
for each right hand side  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , which is independent of the initial guess  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$

In other words: Convergence means:

The method has a **unique** destination.



## Convergence:



# Convergence and Consistency

We obtain:

For a consistent and convergent linear iterative solution method  $x_{m+1} = \phi(x_m, b)$  one gets

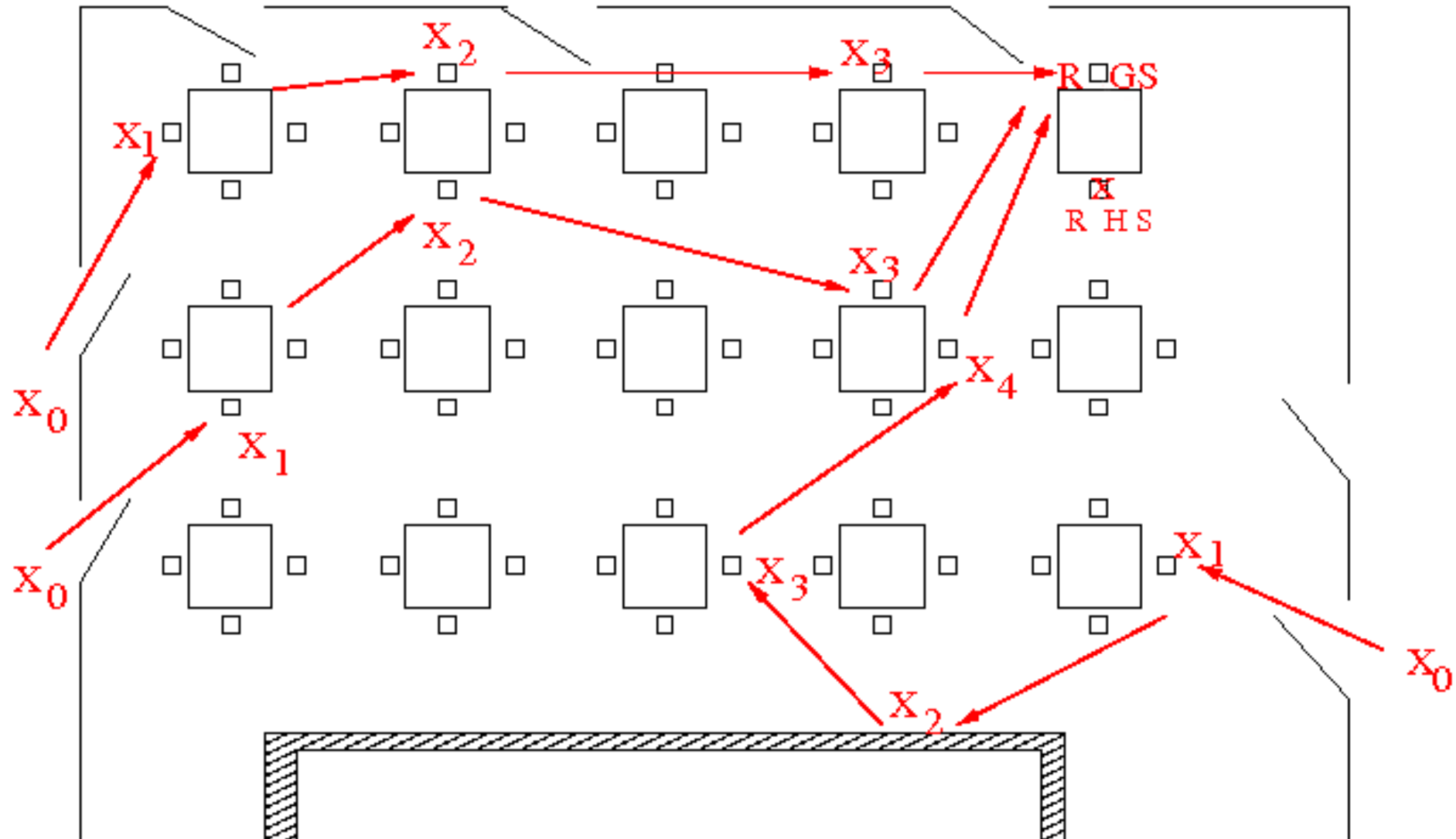
$$x^* = A^{-1}b = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_m, b)$$

for all  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Justification:

- Convergence
  - $x = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m$  represents a fixpoint of the linear mapping  $\phi$ .
  - There exists exactly one fixpoint.
- Consistency
  - $x^* = A^{-1}b$  is a fixpoint.

## Consistency and Convergence



# Banach fixed point theorem

When does a Splitting scheme converge?

## Banach fixed point theorem:

Let  $D$  be a complete subset of a normed space  $X$  and let  $f : D \rightarrow D$  be a contracting mapping on  $X$ , then the sequence

$$x_{m+1} = f(x_m) \quad , m = 0, 1, \dots$$

is convergent independent of the initial guess  $x_0 \in D$ . Furthermore the unique limit satisfies the equation  $x = f(x) \in D$  and thus represents the unique fixpoint of  $f$ . Thereby, two inequalities describe the rate of convergence:

a priori: 
$$\|x_m - x\| \leq \frac{q^m}{1 - q} \|x_1 - x_0\|$$

a posteriori: 
$$\|x_m - x\| \leq \frac{q}{1 - q} \|x_m - x_{m-1}\|$$

where  $0 \leq q < 1$  represents the Lipschitz constant of  $f$ .

# Banach fixed point theorem

## Definition

Contractivity means:

We have

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq q\|x - y\| \quad \text{with } 0 \leq q < 1.$$

for all  $x, y$ .

# Banach fixed point theorem

## Example:

We are looking for an  $x \in D = [0, 1]$  which satisfies  $x = \cos x$ .

$\implies$  Consequently, we are looking for a fixpoint of

$$f(x) = \cos x \quad \text{in } [0, 1]$$

## Properties:

- 1  $f : [0, 1] \longrightarrow [0, 1]$
- 2  $[0, 1]$  represents a complete subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  w.r.t.  $\|x\| = |x|$ .
- 3  $f'(x) = -\sin x$   
 $\implies q := \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |f'(x)| < 1$   
 $\implies |f(x) - f(y)| \leq q \cdot |x - y| \quad \text{with } 0 \leq q < 1$

$\longrightarrow$  The sequence  $x_{m+1} = f(x_m)$  will converge to  $x = f(x)$  independent of the initial value  $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ .

# Banach fixed point theorem

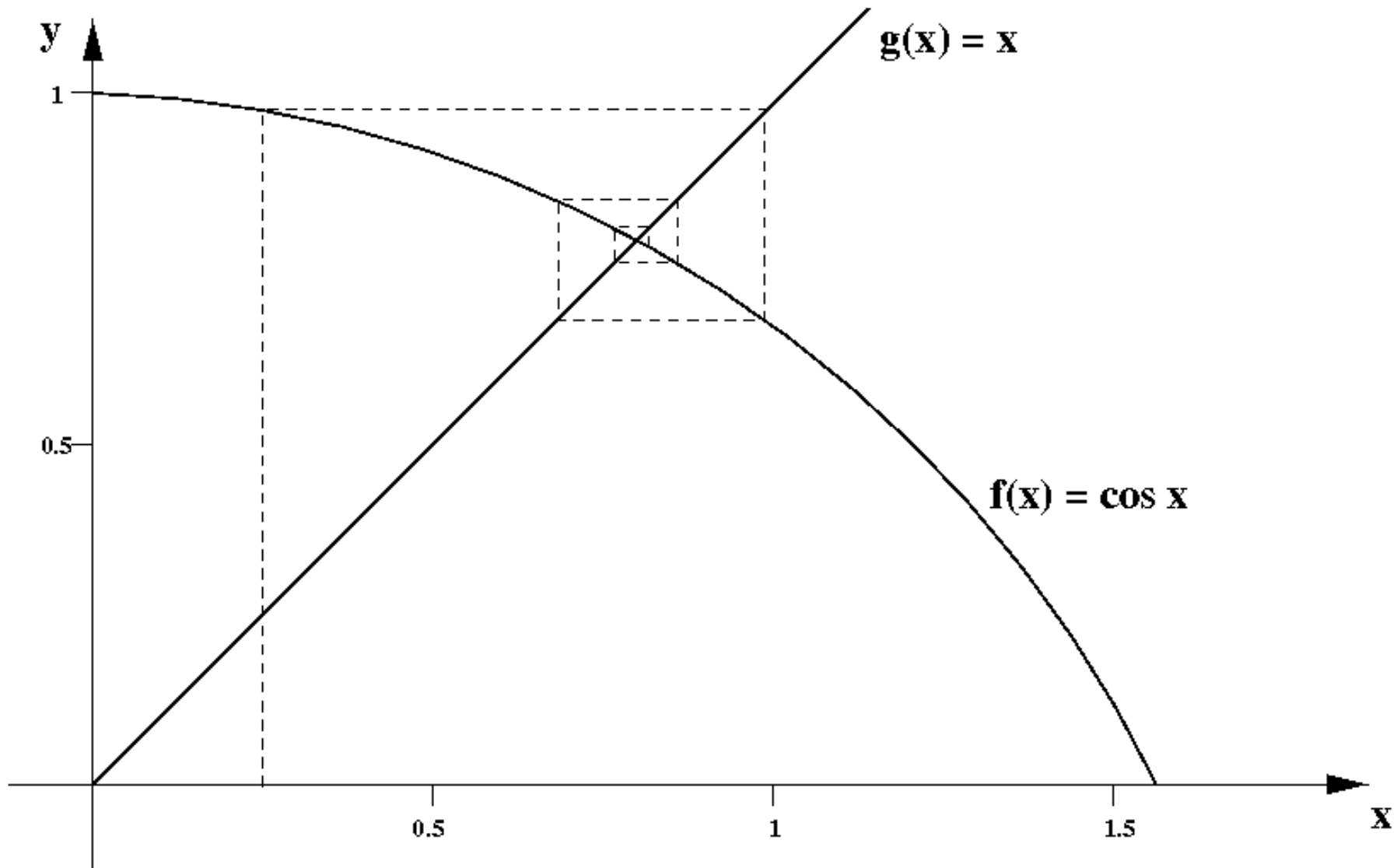


Fig.:Convergence history concerning  $x_0 = 0.25$

# Convergence

In the context of a Splitting scheme we have:

$$\|\phi(x, b) - \phi(y, b)\| = \|Mx + Nb - (My + Nb)\| = \|M(x - y)\| \leq \|M\| \|x - y\|$$

Thus **our fixpoint theorem** reads

Let  $\|M\| < 1$ , then the Splitting method

$$\phi(x, b) = Mx + Nb$$

convergent.

A-priori error estimate:

$$\|x_m - x^*\| \leq \frac{\|M\|^m}{1 - \|M\|} \|x_1 - x_0\|$$



# Conjunction between norm und spectral radius

There hold:

- $\rho(M) \leq \|M\|$  for each matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .
- For each matrix  $M$  and each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a norm such that

$$\|M\| \leq \rho(M) + \epsilon.$$

Thus, for each  $M$  we can write:

- If there exists a norm such that  $\|M\| < 1$ , then  $\rho(M) < 1$
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# Convergence

We obtain:

A Splitting method  $\phi(x, b) = Mx + Nb$  is convergent if and only if

$$\rho(M) < 1$$

holds.

Definition: Rate of convergence

$\rho(M)$  is called rate of convergence.

# Consistency, convergence and rate of convergence

**Aim:** Find an answer to each of the following questions

① When does a Splitting scheme converge?

Method is convergent if and only if  $\iff \rho(M) < 1$

② Which are the ingredients that determine the rate of convergence?

The rate convergence directly depends on  $\rho(M)$

$\implies$  The smaller the merrier

# Summary

- Splitting methods are always **linear**.
- Splitting methods are always **consistent**.
- Splitting methods **converge** to  $x^* = A^{-1}b$  for each initial guess  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  to  $x^* = A^{-1}b$  if and only if  $\rho(M) < 1$ .
- Usually splitting methods are **converging faster if the spectral radius  $\rho(M)$  is smaller**.
- **Rule of thumb** for convergent schemes:  
Squaring down the spectral radius leads to an iterative solution method, which requires only half of the iteration to reach the same error bound.