

# OPTIMAL COMPLEX SIM–SOR FOR INTERSECTING LINES SPECTRA

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## Abstract

We consider the application of Semi-Iterative methods (SIM) to the standard Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR) method, with complex relaxation parameter  $\omega$ , under the assumptions that the associated Jacobi matrix  $J$  is “weakly cyclic of index 2” and “consistently ordered” and that the spectrum  $\sigma(J)$  belongs to one or several line segments of the form  $[-\mu, \mu]$ ,  $\mu \in \mathcal{C}$ , with  $1 \notin [-\mu, \mu]$ . By using results from approximation and from potential theory in the complex domain, we provide the region of optimal choice of  $\omega \in \mathcal{C}$ , along with the exact region of convergence, for the combination SIM-SOR. Our work was motivated by recent results of M. Eiermann and R.S. Varga (Linear Algebra Appl., **182**, pp. 257–277 (1993), and pp. 47–73 in *Numerical Linear Algebra*, L. Reichel et al (eds), de Gruyter, 1993).