

Tuesday 9-10:15

③ Gaussian elimination / direct methods in solving  $Ax = b$

- ① • Solve  $Ax = b$  directly, expensive  $O(n^3)$   $O(10^{-10})$  "exact"  
• later you will see indirect or iterative methods  $O(10^{-8})$  or set tolerance  
cheaper  
• advantage of direct: once factor A can solve for any RHS  $\vec{b}$ .

Three cases arise when solving  $Ax = b$

- ✓ 1) No solution:  $b \notin R(A)$   
2) infinitely many solutions  $N(A) \neq \emptyset$  (non-trivial)  
✓ 3) exactly one solution ( $A$  invertible)

① Elimination - forward and backward sub

- based on how to solve triangular systems.  
- we use gaussian elimination to put  $A$  into upper triangular form  $U$  and then use back-substitution on  $U$   
• Recall a matrix is upper triangular  
 $\Leftrightarrow [u_{ij} = 0 : i > j]$  0 below diagonal

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & u_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Start at bottom? } u_{nn}x_n = b_n \Leftrightarrow x_n = \frac{b_n}{u_{nn}}$$

$$u_{n-1,n-1}x_{n-1} + u_{n-1,n}x_n = b_{n-1}$$

$$x_{n-1} = \frac{b_{n-1} - u_{n-1,n}x_n}{u_{n-1,n-1}}$$

known computed  
prior iterate

$$u_{n-2,n-2}x_{n-2} + u_{n-2,n-1}x_{n-1} + u_{n-2,n}x_n = b_{n-2}$$

$$x_{n-2} = \frac{b_{n-2} - u_{n-2,n}x_n - u_{n-2,n-1}x_{n-1}}{u_{n-2,n-2}}$$

- computationally cheap!  $O(n^2)$

for  $i = n, n-1, \dots, 1$

$$x_i = b_i$$

for  $j = i+1, i+2, \dots, n$

$$x_i = x_i - u_{ij}x_j$$

end

$$x_i = \frac{x_i}{u_{ii}}$$

end

Similarly, Forward substitution for a lower triangular matrix

$$l_{ij} = 0 \quad j > i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & & & & \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & & & \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & & \\ | & | & | & | & \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & l_{n3} & \dots & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ | \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ | \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Forward Sub - Start at the top!

$$x_1 = \frac{b_1}{l_{11}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{(b_2 - l_{21}x_1)}{l_{22}}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{(b_3 - l_{31}x_1 - l_{32}x_2)}{l_{33}} \dots$$

algorithm)

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$

$x_i = b_i$

for  $j = 1, \dots, i-1$

$x_i = x_i - e_{ij} x_j$

end

$x_i = x_i / e_{ii}$

end

, why do we care about triangular systems?  
 - use gaussian elimination (as we  
 have been doing) to transform  $Ax=b$   
 in upper tri system  $Ux=y$  and use  
 back substitution to solve

- The elementary row operations are applied to augmented system  $[A|b]$   
 to introduce zeros below diagonal without changing solution

Elementary row ops

- ✓ 1) Multiply row by scalar
- 2) Add scalar multiple of 1 row to another
- 3) permute rows

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ | & & & | \\ a_{m-11} & & & a_{m-1n} \\ a_{mn} & \cdots & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

1) 0 all elements in first column below the diagonal

2) make sure pivot  $\neq 0$  if it is swap row

Three types of pivoting (don't want pivot too small)

① partial: swap w/ largest in row (most common)

② rook: swap w/ largest in row or column

③ full: swap w/ largest in full submatrix (expensive)

$$\boxed{\text{row}(i') = \text{row}(i) - \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{ii}} \text{row}(i)} \quad \forall i' \ 2 \leq i' \leq n$$

$$A' = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & \overset{\text{pivot}}{a_{13}} & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & A' [2:m, 2:n] & \end{array} \right]$$

• continue inductively on  $(m-1) \times (m-1)$  submatrix

## ② LU decomposition

- So far, we have always written GEs as equations on row operations. We can write it in terms of matrix  $L$ . (premult by  $L$ )  $LA = U$

- look at first <sup>transformations</sup>  $L_1$
- 1st row of  $A$  should not be affected by  $L_1$ :  $\vec{a}_1 = [1, 0, 0 \dots 0]$

$$\vec{a}'_{2j} = a_{2j} - \left( \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \right) a_{1j}$$

$$L_2 = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Column 1 of  $L_2$   
 $L_2$  multiplied by row 1 of  $A$

$$L_1 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & & & & \\ -\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} & 1 & & & \\ -\frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} & & 1 & & \\ -\frac{a_{41}}{a_{11}} & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A' = L_1 A$$

$$2) A'' = L_2 A' = L_2 L_1 A$$

$$L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} & \\ & & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A for  $n-1$  elimination steps.

$$U = L_{n-1} L_{n-2} \cdots L_2 L_1 A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = (L_{n-1} L_{n-2} \cdots L_2 L_1)^{-1} U$$

$$= \underbrace{L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} \cdots L_{n-1}^{-1} U}_{L} = LU$$

- Since inverse of lower triangular matrix is lower tri and product of lower tri
- $L$  is lower tri

### Special properties of $L_1^{-1}$

- Easy to compute inverses
- each takes a row & subtracts constant times another row
- Since the inverse should undo whatever  $L_1$  did it should add that constant

$$\Rightarrow \text{only a sign difference } L_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Also simple to multiply - multiplication factors preserved at original location

$$L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} \cdots L_{n-1}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} & 1 & & \\ \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} & \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} & 1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

- fills in each column

$\Rightarrow L$  always has ones on diagonals  
(unit lower triangular)

- $U$  has pivots on diagonal
- $$\det(A) = \det(LU) = \det(L) \det(U) = \det(U)$$

② LU with pivoting:  $P A = LU$

$P$ , permutation matrix takes care of row swaps.

$$\det(P) = \pm 1 \quad \text{So} \quad \det(PA) = \det(P) \det(A) = \det(A)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A) = \pm \det(U)$$

Why do we need  $P$ ?

Gaussian elimination from top to bottom can fail (ignore 0 & small pivots)  
numerically don't want to introduce large numbers

Ex.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  • swap rows 1+2  
to get upper triangular.

How to use to solve  $Ax = b$

Once have  $A = LU$  can use to solve  
for any RHS  $b$

$$Ax = L(Ux) = b \quad \text{Let } Ux = y$$

- ① Solve  $Ly = b$  for  $y$  (forward sub)
- ② Solve  $Ux = y$  for  $x$  (back sub)

Further properties of matrix form.

Let us consider the vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
and zeroing entries  $i > j$

$$L_j \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_j \\ x_{j+1} \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_j \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
column  
of  $A$

We can write it succinctly in  
outer product form:

$$\text{Recall } e_i^T = \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq i \\ 1 & j = i \end{cases} \quad (0 - 1 0 - 0)$$

$$= I - \left( \frac{x_{j+1}}{x_j} \right) e_{j+1} e_j^T \quad (\text{To zero out } x_{j+1})$$

↑ look at  $(j+1)^{\text{th}}$  element

$$(I - \left( \frac{x_{j+1}}{x_j} \right) e_{j+1} e_j^T) x = (0 - 1 0 - 0) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_j \\ x_{j+1} \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = x$$

$$= x - \frac{x_{j+1}}{x_j} e_{j+1} (e_j^T x)$$

$$= x - x_{j+1} e_{j+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_j \\ x_{j+1} \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_j \\ x_{j+1} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

3x3 case  $L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2/4 & 0 & 0 \\ x_3/4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} L_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Example  $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

To zero all elements below we define  $L_j = I - Pe_j^T$  put in  $j^{th}$  column

$\tilde{T}_k = \begin{cases} 0 & k \leq j \\ \frac{x_k}{x_j} & k > j \end{cases}$  Gaussian transformation

We can use closed form to prove inverse property:

$$L_j^{-1} = I + Pe_j^T$$

$$\text{Proof: } (I - Pe_j^T)(I + Pe_j^T)$$

$$= I - Pe_j^T + Pe_j^T - I(Pe_j^T P) e_j^T$$

But  $e_j^T P = 0$ , since  $P_{ij} = 0$  by definition.

③ we have special factorizations to exploit special properties in matrices:

- 1) Symmetric  $A = A^T$  (less storage)
- 2) positive definite  $\forall x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad x^T A x > 0$

$$A \succ 0$$

- all eigenvalues are positive
- positive diagonal's  $a_{ii} > 0$
- invertible

Ex:  $A^T A$  is positive definite

$$x^T A^T A x = (Ax)^T Ax = \|Ax\|_2^2 \geq 0$$

$$= 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

- negative definite:  $z^T M z < 0 \quad z \neq 0$
- positive semi-definite:  $x^T A x \geq 0$  (can have 0 eigenvalues) non-invertible
- indefinite:  $x^T A x > 0$  and  $y^T A y < 0 \quad \exists x, y$   
positive & negative eigenvalues
- $A_r$  submatrix positive definite

## Special Factorizations

A matrix is symmetric positive definite (Spd)

$\Leftrightarrow \exists$  lower triangular matrix L w/ real positive diagonal entries s.t.

$$A = L L^T = R^T R$$

L unique

## Cholesky Factorization

- no need for pivoting - positive diagonal so can take sqrt
- Symmetric Case
- In GE, we use row operations to introduce 0's below diagonal in each column
- To maintain symmetry we can apply the same operations to columns of matrix to introduce 0's in first row

-  $\boxed{LDL^T}$  Since A is symmetric, it is clear that strictly upper triangular portion of U must be symmetric to strictly lower triangular part of L

- we can't write  $U = L^T$  since diagonals of L & U aren't the same

- $L$  is unit lower w/ all 1s on diagonal
- +  $U$  has pivots on diagonal
- Store pivots on diagonal  $\xrightarrow{D}$
- Let  $U = \boxed{DL^T} \Rightarrow A = LU = \boxed{LDL^T}$

Special case) Cholesky - positive definite

all diagonal elements  $a_{ii} > 0$ , so we can take the sqrt

$$A = L D^{\frac{1}{2}} D^{\frac{1}{2}} L^T$$

$$= \boxed{(LD^{\frac{1}{2}})(LD^{\frac{1}{2}})^T} \quad \text{since } D^T = D$$

$$= \boxed{L_1 L_1^T}$$

$$D^{-1} = \left( \frac{1}{d_{11}}, \dots, \frac{1}{d_{nn}} \right)$$

Since nonzero no pivoting necessary for Cholesky

- Exercise: Symmetric and triangular  
⇒ diagonal

#### ④ Conditioning and perturbation studies for $Ax = b$

##### ill-conditioning

- (1) will small perturbations in the data + round-off error lead to small or large errors in solution vector  $x$ ?

First, we must define matrix and vector norms

- NORM on a vector space  $V$  is a function

$\| \cdot \|$  is  $V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  or  $SOS$  that satisfies:

1) absolute homogeneity:  $\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \|v\| \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

2) subadditivity (triangle inequality)  
 $\|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$

3) nondegeneracy:  $\|v\|=0 \Leftrightarrow v=0$

It gives the length of a vector & is a convex function

•  $L^p$  norms  $\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$

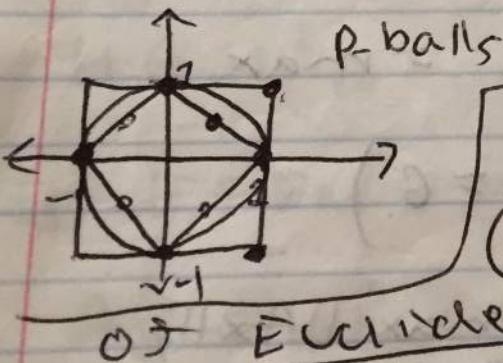
1) Standard Euclidean 2 norm

$$\|\vec{x}\|_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}} \quad \text{dot product}$$

2) Infinity (maximum) norm

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$$

3)  $\|\vec{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$



### Matrix norms

(1) Frobenius norm is extension  
of Euclidean norm:  $\|A\|_F = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

sqrt of sum of all elements squared

$$= \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(AA^T)}$$

$$\text{tr}(A^T A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} a_{ji} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2$$

Submultiplicative  $\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\|_F \|B\|_F$

2-norm  $\|A\|_2 = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2}$

$$= \sup_{\|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2$$

- max amplitude of length of vector when subjected to A
- difficult to calculate - will see later that it is the maximum singular value SVD

Other p-norms which are simpler to calculate:

idea is,  $\|A\|_\infty = \sup_{\|x\|_\infty=1} \|Ax\|_\infty = \max \text{ row sum}$   
 to express in terms of vector norms  
 $= \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$  |Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\|A\|_\infty = 7$

$\|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}| = \max \text{ col sum}$  (Eg:  $\|A\|_1 = 6$ )

Proof: ~~Show~~ We want  $\max \|Ax\|_2$   
 s.t.  $\|x\|_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j| = 1$

$\|Ax\|_2 = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \vec{a}_j \right\|_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j| \|a_j\|_2$   
 triangle inequality  
 scalar

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j| \left( \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|a_{ij}\|_1 \right) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|a_{ij}\|_1$$

$$= \boxed{\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|}$$

This is achieved when  $x = e_j$

### Important Properties

1) All induced matrix norms are submultiplicative:  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$

$$\|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \|x\|$$

2) 2 norm and Frobenius are invariant under orthogonal transformations

$$\|QA\|_2 = \|A\|_2 \quad \text{for orthogonal matrix } Q^\top Q = I = QQ^\top$$

$$\|QA\|_F = \|A\|_F$$

Proof:  $\|QAx\|_2^2 = x^\top A^\top Q^\top Q Ax = (Ax)^\top Ax = \|Ax\|_2^2$

$$\|QA\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(A^\top Q^\top Q A) = \text{tr}(Q^\top Q) \checkmark$$

① Effect on  $\vec{x}$  from perturbation in  $\vec{b}$   
 $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$A\vec{y} = \delta\vec{b} \leftarrow \text{perturbation in } \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{y} = \vec{x} + \delta\vec{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A(\vec{x} + \delta\vec{x}) = \vec{b} + \delta\vec{b}}$$

\* How big is relative change in  $\vec{x}$  as a result of relative change in  $\vec{b}$ ?

$$\frac{\|\delta \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \text{ related } \frac{\|\delta \vec{b}\|}{\|\vec{b}\|} ?$$

$$\text{Subtract 2 equations: } A(\vec{x} + \delta \vec{x}) = \vec{b} + \delta \vec{b}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A\delta \vec{x} = \delta \vec{b}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\delta \vec{x} = A^{-1}\delta \vec{b}}$$

use Submultiplicativity

$$\|\delta \vec{x}\| = \|A^{-1}\delta \vec{b}\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\delta \vec{b}\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|\delta \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \leq \frac{\|A^{-1}\|}{\|\vec{b}\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\|\delta \vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \leq \|A^{-1}\| \|A\| \frac{\|\delta \vec{b}\|}{\|\vec{b}\|}$$

At worst the relative change is

$$\|A\| \|A^{-1}\| = k(A) \quad \text{Condition number}$$

ill-conditioned matrices:  $k(A) = \infty$

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.001 \end{bmatrix}$

(close to being singular)

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 10001 & -10000 \\ -10000 & 10000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow k(A) \approx 40,000 \text{ in Frobenius norm}$$

- ill-conditioning is a property of the system, not algorithm. Check

$X(A)$  before solving matrix-vector eqn

## ② Round-off error accumulation (LU)

Ex: from small pivot terms of

$$\text{Solve } Ax = b \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 1 \\ 0 & -101 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -100 \end{bmatrix}$$

$K(A) \approx 3$  well-conditioned

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 1 \\ 0 & -101 \end{bmatrix} \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -100 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Solve } Ux = c$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0.99099099 \\ 0.99099099 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now suppose we can only work w/  
2 pt floating pt arithmetic  
•  $-101$  truncated to  $-100$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{100} x_1 = 1 - x_2 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \Rightarrow$  huge change in answer!

How to write in floating point (2 digits)

$$0.01 = 10 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$-101 = -10 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$1 = 10 \times 10^{-1}$$

can't store the additional  
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Imagine this on a real example of  $\epsilon \geq 10^{-16}$   
machine precision.

\* problem is caused by small pivot 0.01.  
The large multiplication (100), lnf in

$a_{22} = -1$  is overwhelmed +  
truncated by large -100 subtraction  
 $\Rightarrow$  catastrophic cancellation (CC)

To avoid CC: swap rows for larger  
pivot:

$$\frac{1}{100} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0.01 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1.01 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
truncated  
rounding error

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ w/ rounding err}$$

$$x_2 = 1, x_1 = x_2 = 1$$

$$\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  very small perturbation of exact

\* need to avoid small pivots

- partial pivoting is most common strategy

even well-conditioned matrices ( $K(IA) \approx 1$ )  
can suffer from round-off error  
(algorithmic design)

$PA = LU$  for more stable LU