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Homework 6.3.3.1

3/3 points (graded)

Algorithm: $[b] := \text{UTRSV_UNB_VAR1}(U, b)$

Partition $U \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c} U_{TL} & U_{TR} \\ \hline U_{BL} & U_{BR} \end{array} \right), b \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right)$

where U_{BR} is 0×0 , b_B has 0 rows

while $m(U_{BR}) < m(U)$ **do**

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$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} U_{TL} & U_{TR} \\ \hline 0 & U_{BR} \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} U_{00} & u_{01} & U_{02} \\ \hline 0 & v_{11} & u_{12}^T \\ \hline 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} b_0 \\ \hline \beta_1 \\ \hline b_2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\beta_1 := \beta_1 - u_{12}^T b_2$$

$$\beta_1 := \beta_1 / v_{11}$$

Continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} U_{TL} & U_{TR} \\ \hline 0 & U_{BR} \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} U_{00} & u_{01} & U_{02} \\ \hline 0 & v_{11} & u_{12}^T \\ \hline 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} b_0 \\ \hline \beta_1 \\ \hline b_2 \end{array} \right)$$

endwhile

With pencil and paper, side-by-side, solve the upper triangular linear system

$$-2x_0 - x_1 + x_2 = 6$$

$$-3x_1 - 2x_2 = 9$$

$$x_2 = 3$$

via back substitution and by executing the above algorithm with inputs

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } b = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$x_0 =$ ✓ Answer: 1

$x_1 =$ ✓ Answer: -5

$x_2 =$ ✓ Answer: 3

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i Answers are displayed within the problem

Homework 6.3.3.2

1 point possible (graded)

Algorithm: $[b] := \text{UTRSV_UNB_VAR1}(U, b)$

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where U_{BR} is 0×0 , b_B has 0 rows

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Repartition

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$$\beta_1 := \beta_1 / v_{11}$$

Continue with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} U_{TL} & U_{TR} \\ \hline 0 & U_{BR} \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} U_{00} & u_{01} & U_{02} \\ \hline 0 & v_{11} & u_{12}^T \\ \hline 0 & 0 & U_{22} \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} b_0 \\ \hline \beta_1 \\ \hline b_2 \end{array} \right)$$

endwhile

Implement the algorithm in the above figure.

- `[b_out] = Utrsv_unb_var1(U, b)`

You can check that it computes the right answer with the following script:

- `test_Utrsv_unb_var1.m` (In LAFF-2.0xM/Programming/Week06/)

Unfortunately, PictureFLAME does not work for this problem.

This script exercises the function by starting with matrix

```
U = [  
    2    0    1    2  
    0   -1    2    1  
    0    0    1   -1  
    0    0    0   -2  
]
```

Next, it solves $Ux = b$ with the right-hand size vector

```
b = [  
    2  
    4  
    3  
    2  
]
```

by calling

```
x = Utrsv_unb_var1( U, b )
```

Finally, it checks if x indeed solves $Ux = b$ by computing

```
b - U * x
```

which should yield a zero vector of size four.

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Here is our implementations of the function:

- [Utrsv_unb_var1.m](#)

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