
MTH 9821 Homework One *

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1 UNIQUENESS OF LU -DECOMPOSITION

Let L_1 and L_2 be nonsingular lower triangular matrices and let U_1 and U_2 be nonsingular upper triangular matrices. If $L_1 U_1 = L_2 U_2$, show that there exists a nonsingular diagonal matrix D such that

$$L_1 = L_2 D, \quad \text{and} \quad U_1 = D^{-1} U_2.$$

Proof: Since L_1 , L_2 , U_1 , and U_2 are nonsingular, apply L_2^{-1} from the left and U_1^{-1} from the right:

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 U_1 = L_2 U_2 &\Rightarrow L_2^{-1} L_1 U_1 U_1^{-1} = L_2^{-1} L_2 U_2 U_1^{-1} \\ &\Rightarrow \underbrace{L_2^{-1} L_1}_{\text{lower-triangular}} = \underbrace{U_2 U_1^{-1}}_{\text{upper-triangular}} \\ &\Rightarrow L_2^{-1} L_1 = U_2 U_1^{-1} = D, \end{aligned}$$

where D is a nonsingular diagonal matrix. In other words,

$$L_1 = L_2 D, \quad \text{and} \quad U_1 = D^{-1} U_2.$$

2 LU -DECOMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL MATRIX

Find the LU -decomposition without pivoting of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution: This LU -decomposition can be done by hand exactly:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 16 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The entries of U on the rightmost column are unbound relative to the those of the original matrix as the matrix dimension grows. This is a classic example of a matrix whose LU -decomposition is unstable.

3 LU-DECOMPOSITION WITH NO-PIVOTING AND ROW-PIVOTING

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Show that the 2×2 leading principal minor of A is 0.

Proof: Direct computation,

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \times 1 - (-1) \times (-2) = 2 - 2 = 0.$$

(ii) Attempt to do the LU -decomposition without pivoting of the matrix A , and show that the division by U_{22} cannot be performed when trying to compute the second row of L .

Solution: We perform LU -decomposition with no pivoting at stages:

Stage 1:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \times & 0 \\ 2 & \times & \times \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

Stage 2: we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & \boxed{0} & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

At this stage, we get $U_{22} = A_{22} = 0$. Thus, the division by U_{22} cannot be performed when trying to compute the second row of L .

(iii) Show that the matrix A is nonsingular, and compute the LU -decomposition with row pivoting of A .

Solution: Let $P = (1, 2, 3)$. We perform LU -decomposition with row pivoting at stages:

Stage 1: Interchange row 1 and row 3, $P = (3, 2, 1)$,

$$A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & \times & 0 \\ 1/2 & \times & \times \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

Stage 2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 5/2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

No exchange of rows is needed,

$$A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 5/2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -1 & \times \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/2 \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{pmatrix}.$$

Stage 3: $-1 \times 5/2 = -5/2$. Thus, no exchange of rows,

$$A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 5/2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In summary,

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_P \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_L \times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}}_U.$$

The existence of an LU -decomposition with row pivoting serves as a proof that the matrix A is nonsingular.

4 PSEUDOCODE FOR THE FORWARD SUBSTITUTION FOR A LOWER TRIANGULAR BANDED MATRIX

Write the pseudocode for the forward substitution corresponding to a lower triangular banded matrix of band m , i.e. for solving $Lx = b$ where b is an n vector and L is an $n \times n$ lower triangular matrix such that

$$L_{jk} = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq j, k \leq n, \quad j - k > m.$$

What is the corresponding operation count?

Function Call:

`x = forward_subst_banded(L,b)`

Input:

`L = nonsingular lower triangular banded matrix of band m of size n`

`b = column vector of size n`

Output:

`x = solution to $Lx=b$`

`x(1) = b(1)/L(1,1);`

```

for j = 2 : n
    sum = 0;
    for k = max{1,j-m} : (j-1)
        sum = sum + L(j,k)x(k);
    end
    x(j) = (b(j) - sum)/L(j,j);
end

```

The operation count of the above forward substitution for a lower triangular banded matrix is given by

$$1 + \sum_{j=2}^{m+1} [2(j-1) + 2] + \sum_{j=m+2}^n (2m+2) = 2mn - m^2 + O(m).$$

5 PSEUDOCODE FOR THE BACKWARD SUBSTITUTION FOR AN UPPER TRIANGULAR BANDED MATRIX

Write the pseudocode for the backward substitution corresponding to an upper triangular banded matrix of band m , i.e. for solving $Ux = b$ where b is an n vector and U is an $n \times n$ upper triangular matrix such that

$$U_{jk} = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq j, k \leq n, \quad k - j > m.$$

What is the corresponding operation count?

Function Call:

`x = backward_subst_banded(U,b)`

Input:

`U = nonsingular upper triangular banded matrix of band m of size n`
`b = column vector of size n`

Output:

`x = solution to $Ux=b$`

`x(n) = b(n)/U(n,n);`

```

for j = (n-1) : 1
    sum = 0;
    for k = (j+1) : min{n,j+m}
        sum = sum + U(j,k)x(k);
    end
    x(j) = (b(j) - sum)/U(j,j);
end

```

The operation count of the above forward substitution for a lower triangular banded matrix is given by

$$1 + \sum_{j=n-m}^{n-1} [2(n-j) + 2] + \sum_{j=1}^{n-m-1} (2m+2) = 2mn - m^2 + O(m).$$

6 PSEUDOCODE FOR THE LU -DECOMPOSITION WITHOUT PIVOTING FOR BANDED MATRICES

6.1 LU -DECOMPOSITION WITHOUT PIVOTING

Write the pseudocode for the LU -decomposition without pivoting for banded matrices of band m . What is the operation count?

Function Call:

`[L,U]=lu_no_pivoting_banded(A)`

Input:

`A = nonsingular banded matrix of band m`

Output:

`L = lower triangular matrix with entries 1 on main diagonal`

`U = upper triangular matrix`

`such that A = LU`

```
for i = 1:(n-1)
    for k = i:n
        U(i,k) = A(i,k);
        L(k,i) = A(k,i)/U(i,i);
    end
    for j = (i+1):n
        for k = (i+1):n
            A(j,k) = A(j,k) - L(j,i)U(i,k);
        end
    end
end
end
```

`L(n,n)=1; U(n,n)=A(n,n);`

The derivation of the operation count is given in the lecture,

$$\text{Operation Count} = \frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2).$$

6.2 LU-DECOMPOSITION WITHOUT PIVOTING: BAND SIMPLIFICATION

Use (without proving) the fact that the L and U factors from the LU -decomposition without pivoting of a banded matrix of band m are a banded lower triangular matrix of band m and a banded upper triangular matrix of band m , respectively. What is the corresponding operation count?

Function Call:

`[L,U]=lu_no_pivoting_banded(A)`

Input:

`A = nonsingular banded matrix of band m`

Output:

`L = lower triangular matrix with entries 1 on main diagonal`

`U = upper triangular matrix`

`such that A = LU`

`L=0, U=0; // all entries zero`

`for i = 1:(n-1)`

`for k = i : min{n,i+m}`

`U(i,k) = A(i,k);`

`L(k,i) = A(k,i)/U(i,i);`

`end`

`for j = (i+1) : min{n,i+m}`

`for k = (i+1) : min{n,i+m}`

`A(j,k) = A(j,k) - L(j,i)U(i,k);`

`end`

`end`

`end`

`L(n,n)=1; U(n,n)=A(n,n);`

The operation count is divided into two parts at $i = n - m$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-m-1} \left(m+1 + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{i+m} \sum_{j=1}^{i+m} 2}_{=2m^2} \right) + \sum_{i=n-m}^{n-1} \left(n-i+1 + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{n-i} \sum_{j=1}^{n-i} 2}_{2(n-i)^2} \right) = (2m^2 + m + 1)n - \frac{4}{3}m^3 + O(m^2).$$

7 C++ CODES FOR BACKWARD AND FORWARD SUBSTITUTION

```
#include <triangular_solve.h>
#include <Eigen/Dense>
#include <cassert>

Eigen::VectorXd forward_subst(const Eigen::MatrixXd & L,
                             const Eigen::VectorXd & b)
{
    int n = b.size();
    assert(L.rows() == n);
    assert(L.cols() == n);

    Eigen::VectorXd x(n);
    x(0) = b(0)/L(0,0);
    for (int i=1; i<n; i++) {
        double sum = 0;
        for (int j=0; j<i; j++) {
            sum += L(i,j)*x(j);
        }
        x(i) = (b(i)-sum)/L(i,i);
    }

    return x;
}

Eigen::VectorXd backward_subst(const Eigen::MatrixXd & U,
                               const Eigen::VectorXd & b)
{
    int n = b.size();
    assert(U.rows() == n);
    assert(U.cols() == n);

    Eigen::VectorXd x(n);
    x(n-1) = b(n-1)/U(n-1,n-1);
    for (int i=n-2; i>=0; i--) {
        double sum = 0;
        for (int j=i+1; j<n; j++) {
            sum += U(i,j)*x(j);
        }
        x(i) = (b(i)-sum)/U(i,i);
    }

    return x;
}
```

8 C++ CODES FOR *LU*-DECOMPOSITION

```
#include <lu.h>
#include <Eigen/Dense>
#include <cassert>
#include <tuple>

static void lu_helper(int k, int n,
                     Eigen::MatrixXd * A,
                     Eigen::MatrixXd * L,
                     Eigen::MatrixXd * U)
{
    for (int i=k; i<n; i++) {
        (*U)(k,i) = (*A)(k,i);
        (*L)(i,k) = (*A)(i,k)/(*U)(k,k);
    }

    for (int i=k+1; i<n; i++) {
        for (int j=k+1; j<n; j++) {
            (*A)(i,j) -= (*L)(i,k)*(*U)(k,j);
        }
    }
}

std::tuple<Eigen::MatrixXd, Eigen::MatrixXd>
lu_no_pivoting(const Eigen::MatrixXd & A)
{
    Eigen::MatrixXd Acopy = A;
    int n = Acopy.rows();
    assert(n == Acopy.cols());

    Eigen::MatrixXd L(n,n);
    Eigen::MatrixXd U(n,n);

    L.triangularView<Eigen::StrictlyUpper>().setZero();
    U.triangularView<Eigen::StrictlyLower>().setZero();

    for (int k=0; k<n-1; k++) {
        lu_helper(k, n, &Acopy, &L, &U);
    }

    L(n-1,n-1) = 1;
    U(n-1,n-1) = Acopy(n-1,n-1);

    return std::make_tuple(L,U);
}
```

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std::tuple<Eigen::VectorXi, Eigen::MatrixXd, Eigen::MatrixXd>
lu_row_pivoting(const Eigen::MatrixXd & A)
{
    Eigen::MatrixXd Acopy = A;
    int n = Acopy.rows();
    assert(n == Acopy.cols());

    Eigen::VectorXi p = Eigen::VectorXi::LinSpaced(n,1,n);
    Eigen::MatrixXd L = Eigen::MatrixXd::Zero(n,n);
    Eigen::MatrixXd U = Eigen::MatrixXd::Zero(n,n);

    for (int k=0; k<n-1; k++) {
        int maxRow, maxCol;
        Acopy.block(k,k,n-k,1).array().abs().maxCoeff(&maxRow, &maxCol);
        Acopy.row(k).swap(Acopy.row(maxRow+k));
        p.row(k).swap(p.row(maxRow+k));
        L.row(k).swap(L.row(maxRow+k));
        lu_helper(k, n, &Acopy, &L, &U);
    }

    L(n-1,n-1) = 1;
    U(n-1,n-1) = Acopy(n-1,n-1);

    return std::make_tuple(p,L,U);
}

```
