

# Homework 2

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## Problem 1: (10 points)

(a) What is the LU factorization of the following matrix?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Given the LU factorization of A, under what condition is the matrix singular?

(a)

$$A = LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & c - ab \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) The matrix is singular if there is a pivot is zero, thus when  $c - ab = 0$ , the matrix is singular.

## Problem 2:(10 points)

Show that the Woodbury formula

$$(A - UV^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}U(I - V^T A^{-1}U)^{-1}V^T A^{-1}$$

given in Section 2.4.9 is correct. (Hint: Multiply both sides by  $(A - UV^T)$ .)

$$\begin{aligned} (A - UV^T)RHS &= I - UV^T A^{-1} + U(I - A^T A^{-1}U)^{-1}V^T A^{-1} - UV A^{-1}(I - A^T A^{-1}U)^{-1}V^T A^{-1} \\ &= I - U(-I + (I - A^T A^{-1}U)^{-1}V^T A^{-1} - UV^T A^{-1}(I - A^T A^{-1}U)^{-1})V^T A^{-1} \\ &= I - U(-I + (I - A^T A^{-1}U)(I - A^T A^{-1}U)^{-1})V^T A^{-1} \\ &= I - U(-I + I)V^T A^{-1} \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

$$(A - UV^T)LHS = I$$

$$\text{Thus, } (A - UV^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} + A^{-1}U(I - V^T A^{-1}U)^{-1}V^T A^{-1}$$

### Problem3:(10 points)

Let  $A$  be a symmetric positive definite matrix. Show that the function

$$||\vec{x}||_A := (\vec{x}^T A \vec{x})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

satisfies the three properties of a vector norm given near the end of Section 2.3.1. This vector norm is said to be induced by the matrix  $A$ . (It is often referred to as the  $A$ -norm of  $\vec{x}$ .)

- Since  $A$  is symmetric positive definite matrix, if  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ ,  $(\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}) > 0$ , thus,  
 $(\vec{x}^T A \vec{x})^{\frac{1}{2}} > 0$
- $||\gamma x|| = ((\gamma x)^T A (\gamma x))^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\gamma^2 \vec{x}^T A \vec{x})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \gamma ||x||$
- According to Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} x^T A y &= y^T A x = \langle x, y \rangle_A \\ ||x||_A^2 + ||y||_A^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle_A &= ||x + y||_A^2 \\ \langle x, y \rangle_A &\leq ||x||_A ||y||_A \\ ||x + y||_A^2 &\leq 2||x||_A ||y||_A + ||x||_A^2 + ||y||_A^2 \\ ||x + y||_A^2 &\leq (||x||_A + ||y||_A)^2 \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 4: (5 points)

For the matrix norm of your choice, find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  that demonstrates

$$||A^{-1}|| \neq ||A||^{-1}$$

Let us set

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus, } ||A^{-1}||_1 = \frac{7}{2} \text{ and } ||A||_1^{-1} = \frac{1}{7}$$

## Problem 5: (5 points)

Suppose that  $B$  is nonsingular. Show that  $A := B^T B$  is symmetric positive definite.

$$z^T A z = z^T B^T B z = (Bz)^T (Bz) = \|Bz\|_2^2 > 0 \text{ if } z \neq 0$$

## Problem 6: (10 points)

Suppose that the symmetric matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} A & \vec{a} \\ \vec{a}^T & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

is Positive definite

(a) Show that  $\alpha > 0$ . (Hint: Find a vector  $\vec{x}$  of length  $n + 1$  that isolates the effect of  $\alpha$  when computing  $\|\vec{x}\| A$ .

We denote  $z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$ , so that

$$z^T B z = \begin{bmatrix} x^T & \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & a \\ a^T & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $z^T B z = x^T A x + \beta(a^T x + x^T a) + \alpha \beta^2$

Since  $B$  is positive definite,  $z^T B z > 0$  for  $Bz \neq 0$ , if  $x = \vec{0}$ ,  $\alpha \beta^2 > 0$ , Thus  $\alpha > 0$

(b) Since  $B$  is positive definite,  $z^T B z > 0$  for  $Bz \neq 0$ , if  $\beta = 0$ ,  $x^T A x > 0$ , Thus,  $A$  is positive definite.

## Problem 7: (30 points)

In this problem you'll solve a linear system using the **LU** factorization of a given matrix that has

been modified by a rank-one update after the factorization.

1. Write a function that computes the **LU** factorization of a matrix. Your function should return two matrices **L** and **U**.
2. Write a function that solves an upper triangular system using back-substitution and

another function that solves a lower triangular system using forward substitution. Your functions should receive as inputs a matrix  $A$  and a vector  $b$  and return as output the vector  $x$ .

3. Write a function that takes as inputs  $L$ ,  $U$ , and  $b$  and solves the linear system  $Ax = LUx = b$ . You must use your back and forward substitution functions in this function.

4. Solve the system  $Ax = b$  with:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Now suppose that the matrix  $A$  in the previous bullet changes so that  $a_{1,2} = 2$ . Use the Sherman-Morrison updating technique to compute the new solution  $x$  without refactoring the matrix, using the original right-hand-side vector  $b$ .

6. Finally, solve the system again with a factorization of the updated matrix and the original right-hand-side vector  $b$ . Are the solutions the same using the Sherman-Morrison formula and the factorization of the updated matrix? What is the advantage or disadvantage of using Sherman-Morrison?

The code for LU factorisation

```
import numpy as np

def LU(M):
    size = M.shape[0]
    L = np.eye(size)
    U = np.copy(M)
    for i in range(size-1):
        # eliminating
        coeff = (U[i+1:,i]/U[i,i]).reshape(size-i-1,1)
        U[i+1:,i:] -= coeff.dot(U[i,i:].reshape((1,size-i)))
        L[i+1:,i] = coeff.reshape((size-i-1,))
    return L, U
```

The code for substitution: `forward_sub` for forward substitution and `backward_sub` for backward substitution

```
def backward_sub(U, b):
    size = U.shape[0]
    x = np.zeros(size)
```

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    for i in range(size):
        k = size-i-1
        x[k] = (b[k]-U[k,k+1:].dot(x[k+1:]))/U[k,k]
    return x

def forward_sub(L, b):
    size = L.shape[0]
    x = np.zeros(size)
    for i in range(size):
        x[i] = (b[i]-L[i,:i].dot(x[:i]))/L[i,i]
    return x

```

The code for solve function, either use `solve` for  $Ax=b$  or `solveLU` for  $LUx=b$

```

def solve(A, b):
    L, U = LU(A)
    Ux = forward_sub(L, b)
    x = backward_sub(U, Ux)
    return x

def solveLU(L, U, b):
    Ux = forward_sub(L, b)
    x = backward_sub(U, Ux)
    return x

def solveUpdate(L, U, x, u, v):
    z = solveLU(L, U, u)
    y = x+v.dot(x)/(1-v.dot(z))*z
    return y

```

The code for solves for the system and its verification

```

A = np.array([[2, 4, -2], [4, 9, -3], [-2, -1, 7]],
dtype=np.float)
b = np.array([2, 8, 10], dtype=np.float)
L, U = LU(A)
x = solveLU(L, U, b)
print x # it is python2 and the reason to factorise is for the
next question
print np.linalg.solve(A, b)

```

The code for solves updated system and in this case  $u = [1, 0, 0]$  and  $v = [0, 2, 0]$  for

updating

```
u = np.array([1, 0, 0], dtype=np.float)
v = np.array([0, 2, 0], dtype=np.float)
y = solveUpdate(L, U, x, u, v)
A_prim = np.array([[2, 2, -2], [4, 9, -3], [-2, -1, 7]],
dtype=np.float)
print y
print np.linalg.solve(A_prim, b)
```

Advantage: The algorithm is way faster for small change  $O(n^2)$  in this case comparing to  $O(n^3)$  which resolves the equation.

Disadvantage: More steps and might leads to inaccuracy in some cases.

## Problem 8

An  $n \times n$  Hilbert matrix  $H$  has entries  $h_{ij} = 1/(i + j - 1)$ , so it has the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/3 & \dots \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/4 & \dots \\ 1/3 & 1/4 & 1/5 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ , generate the Hilbert Matrix of order  $n$ , and also generate the  $n$ -vector  $b = Hx$ , where  $x$  is the  $n$ -vector with all of its components equal to 1. Use a library routine for Gaussian elimination (or Cholesky factorization, since the Hilbert Matrix is symmetric and positive definite) to solve the resulting linear system  $Hx = b$ , obtaining an approximate solution  $\hat{x}$ . Compute the  $\infty$ -norm of the residual  $r = b - H\hat{x}$  and of the error  $\Delta x = x - \hat{x}$  where  $x$  is the vector of all ones. How large can you take  $n$  before the error is 100 percent (i.e. there are no significant digits in the solution)? Also use a condition estimator to obtain **cond (H)** for each value of  $n$ . Try to characterize the condition number as a function of  $n$ .

When  $n$  equals 13, all the significant bits are all lost.

```
import numpy as np
def H(n):
    return 1.0/np.array([[i+j+1 for i in range(n)] for j in
range(n)])

def x(n):
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    return np.ones((n,1))

def b(n):
    return H(n).dot(x(n))

def x_hat(n):
    return np.linalg.solve(H(n), b(n))

def r(n):
    return b(n)-H(n).dot(x_hat(n))

def error(n):
    return x(n)-x_hat(n)

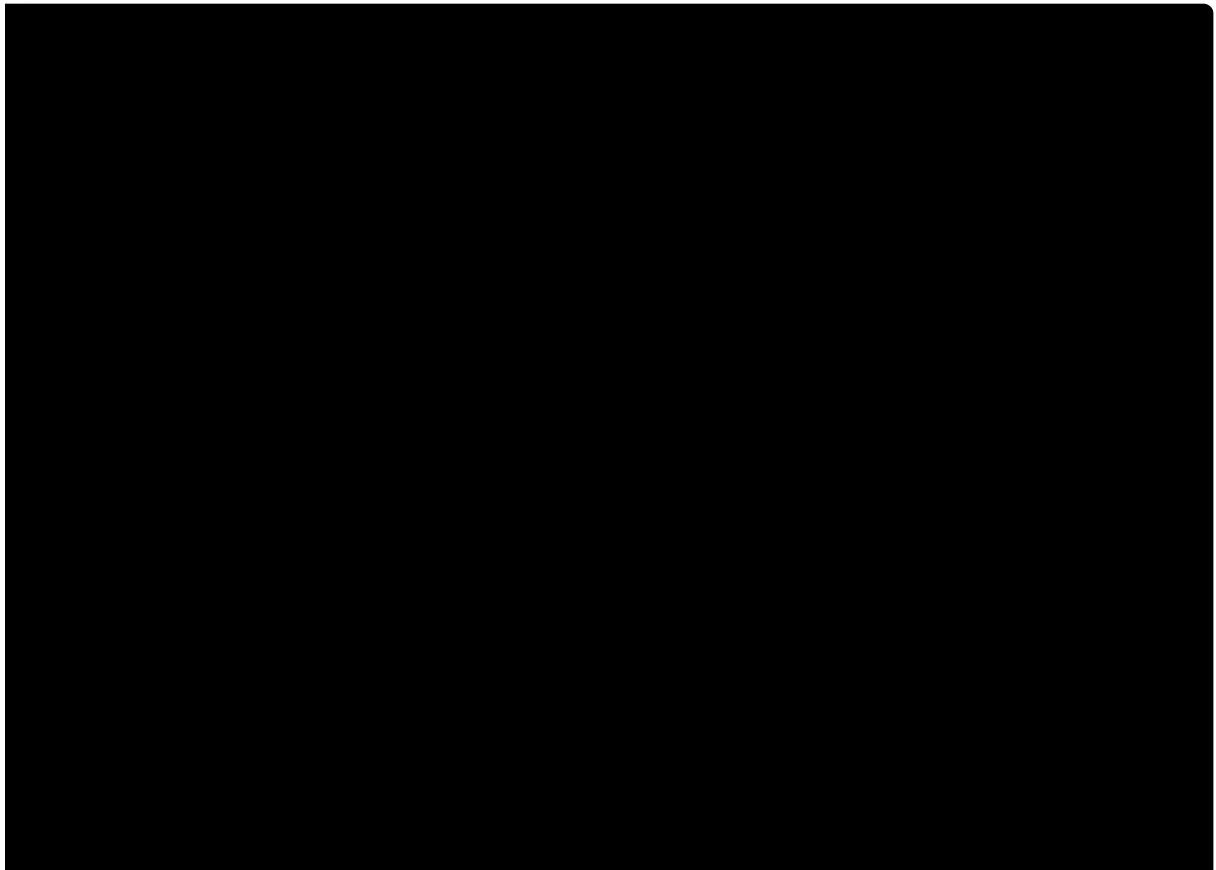
def norm(v):
    return np.max(np.abs(v))

def k(n):
    return str(norm(error(n)))+ " "+str(norm(r(n)))+ " "+str(n)

print "\n".join(map(k, range(1,20)))

```

result:



The code below shows the growth of conditional number

```
def cond(n):  
    return np.linalg.cond(H(n), np.inf)  
  
map(lambda n: cond(n+1)/cond(n), range(1, 10))
```

result:

```
[27.0000000000000011,  
27.703703703703795,  
37.934491978605998,  
33.256599118943456,  
30.806012999379739,  
33.890107818373167,  
34.381817418000253,  
32.46413906551134,  
32.149950139241625]
```

So, my guess is the conditional number is roughly  $\text{cond}(H_n) \approx 30^n$