

# coursework2

## Problem 1:

In Lecture we considered application of the classical and modified Gram-Schmidt algorithms to produce a QR factorisation the problem Lauchli matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \ell & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ell & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ell \end{bmatrix} = QR$$

In several application areas, it is important to compute the columns of Q so that their orthogonality is as strict as possible. For these cases, reorthogonalisation can vastly improve performance of the algorithm. Specically, the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation process is repeated p times. For the classical Gram-Schmidt algorithm, this modification results in:

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### Algorithm CGS

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1: for j = 1 to n do
2:    $u_j = a_j$ 
3:   for i = 1 to j - 1 do
4:      $r_{ij} = q_i^* a_j$ 
5:      $u_j = u_j - r_{ij} q_i$ 
6:   end for
7:    $r_{jj} = ||u_j||_2$ 
8:    $q_j = u_j / r_{jj}$ 
9: end for
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### Algorithm CGS with reorthogonalisation

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1: for j = 1 to n do
2:    $u_j = a_j$ 
3:   for k = 1 to p do
4:     for i = 1 to j - 1 do
5:        $u_j = u_j - q_i^* u_j q_i$ 
6:     end for
7:   end for
8:    $q_j = u_j / ||u_j||_2$ 
9: end for
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Notice that Algorithm 2 does not include the computation of the elements of  $R$ , since the projection step is repeated  $p$  times Base on the above

**(a)**

write the corresponding algorithm for the modified Gram-Schmidt (MGS) processs with reorthogonalisation, including with the computation of the elements of  $R$

the original modified Gram Schmidt using orthogonal projectors is

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**Algorithm** original MGS

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1: for j = 1 to n do
2:    $u_j = a_j$ 
3: end for
4: for j = 1 to n do
5:    $r_{jj} = ||u_j||_2$ 
6:    $q_j = u_j / r_{jj}$ 
7:   for k = j+1 to n do
8:      $r_{jk} = q_j^* u_k$ 
9:      $u_k = u_k - r_{jk} q_j$ 
10:  end for
11: end for
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with reorthogonalisation

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**Algorithm** MGS with Reorthogonalisation and Computation of  $R$

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```
1: for j = 1 to n do
2:    $u_j = a_j$ 
3: end for
4: for j = 1 to n do
5:    $r_{jj} = ||u_j||_2$ 
6:    $q_j = u_j / r_{jj}$ 
7:   for i = 1 to p do
8:     for k = j + 1 to n do
9:        $r_{jk} = q_j^* u_k$ 
10:       $u_k = u_k - r_{jk} q_j$ 
11:    end for
12:  end for
13: end for
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**(b)**

Apply CGS and MGS with one reorthogonalisation step ( $p = 2$ ) to the Lauchi matrix  $A$

we apply the conditions in the lecture, assuming  $\ell$  is small or

$$\begin{cases} 1 + \ell = 1 \\ 1 + \ell^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

and from  $1 + \ell^2 = 1$ ,  $\ell^2 = 0$ , we can purge any  $\ell^2$

## In CGS with reorthogonalization

first we initialize U with A, and R with an empty matrix the size of U, in the Lauchi matrix,  $n = 3$

- $j = 1 : u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - since  $j - 1 = 0 < 1$ , the inner two loop do not execute

- $q_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|_2} = \frac{u_1}{\sqrt{1+\ell^2}} = u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- $j = 2 : u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - $k = 1$ 
    - $i = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= u_1 - q_1^* u_2 q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - [1 \quad \ell \quad 0 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- $k = 2$ 
  - $i = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2 = u_2 - q_1^* u_2 q_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \ell & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - (-\ell^2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \ell^2 \\ -\ell + \ell^3 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad q_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|_2} = \frac{u_2}{\sqrt{2}\ell^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\ell} u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \quad j = 3 : u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}$$

- k = 1

- i = 1

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_3 = u_3 - q_1^* u_3 q_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \ell & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- i = 2

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_3 = u_3 - q_2^* u_3 q_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \ell \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- k = 2

- i = 1

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_3 = u_3 - q_1^* u_3 q_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \ell & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \ell^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\ell^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(\ell + \ell^3) \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- i = 2

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_3 &= u_3 - q_2^* u_3 q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - 0 \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$-q_3 = \frac{u_3}{||u_3||_2} = \frac{u_3}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\ell^2 + \frac{1}{4}\ell^2 + \ell^2}} = \frac{u_3}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}\ell}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we can get the corresponding Q U, this algorithm does not calculate R

## In MGS with reorthogonalization:

first we initialize U with A, and R with an empty matrix the size of U, in the Lauchi matrix, n = 3

$$\bullet j = 1 : u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, r_{11} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\ell^2}} = 1, q_1 = u_1 / r_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- when i = 1,

- k = 2

$$-r_{12} = q_1^* u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$$-u_2 = u_2 - 1 * q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- k = 3

$$-r_{13} = q_1^* u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$$- u_3 = u_3 - 1 * q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- i = 2$$

$$- k = 2$$

$$- r_{12} = q_1^* u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = -\ell^2$$

$$- u_2 = u_2 + \ell^2 * q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \ell^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ell^2 \\ \ell(-1 + \ell^2) \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- k = 3$$

$$- r_{13} = q_1^* u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} = -\ell^2$$

$$- u_3 = u_3 + \ell^2 * q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} + \ell^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \ell \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \ell^2 \\ -\ell(-1 + \ell^2) \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}$$

$$j = 2 : u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ \ell \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, r_{22} = \sqrt{2\ell^2} = \sqrt{2}\ell, q_2 = u_2/r_{22} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- \text{when } i = 1,$$

$$- k = 3$$

$$- r_{23} = q_2^* u_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ell$$

$$- u_3 = u_3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ell * q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\ell \\ 0 \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \ell \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \ell \\ -\frac{1}{2} \ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- i = 2$$

$$- k = 3$$

$$- r_{23} = q_2^* u_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \ell \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \ell \\ -\frac{1}{2} \ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$-u_3 = u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}$$

$$j = 3, u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ -\frac{1}{2}\ell \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}, r_{33} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}\ell}},$$

$$\bullet q_3 = u_3 / \|u_3\|_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we can get the corresponding Q U R

**(c)**

in CGS

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**Algorithm** CGS with reorthogonalisation

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1: for j = 1 to n do //n cycles
2:    $u_j = a_j$ 
3:   for k = 1 to p do //p cycles
4:     for i = 1 to j - 1 do //1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1
5:        $u_j = u_j - q_i^* u_j q_i$ 
6:     end for
7:   end for
8:    $q_j = u_j / \|u_j\|_2$ 
9: end for

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assume  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

in line 5, since  $q_i, u_j, q_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $q_i^* u_j$  is a scalar

therefore the flop operation in this line is  $m + m + m$

the first for vector minus, the second for vector dot product and the last of multiplying a scalar with a vector

in line 8, the  $\ell_2$  norm of  $u_j$ , first calculates the square of all elements, and then adds them together, do square root then do the division, this takes  $m + (m-1) + m + 1 = 3m$

therefore the total flop operations is

$$n * (3m) + (\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i * p * 3m) = 3mn \left( \frac{p(n-1)}{2} + 1 \right) = 3 * 4 * 3 * 3 = 108$$

in MGS, this is similar,



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**Algorithm** MGS with Reorthogonalisation and Computation of R

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```
1: for j = 1 to n do
2:    $u_j = a_j$ 
3: end for
4: for j = 1 to n do
5:    $r_{jj} = ||u_j||_2$ 
6:    $q_j = u_j / r_{jj}$ 
7:   for i = 1 to p do
8:     for k = j + 1 to n do
9:        $r_{jk} = q_j^* u_k$ 
10:       $u_k = u_k - r_{jk} q_j$ 
11:    end for
12:  end for
13: end for
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line 2 takes no flops

line 5 and line 6 take 3m (see CGS line 8)

line 9 and line 10 is similar to CGS line 5

so the flop in the is just the same as CGS, 108

## Problem 2:

Given the following matrix **A**, its inverse and a vector **b**:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{152} \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 29 & 9 \\ -4 & 9 & 29 \end{bmatrix}; b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a)

Find the conditional number of **A** using both the  $\ell_1$  norm and the  $\ell_\infty$  norms

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(A) &= ||A|| ||A^{-1}|| \\ &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\| \left\| \frac{1}{152} \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 29 & 9 \\ -4 & 9 & 29 \end{bmatrix} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

if using the  $\ell_1$  norm, or the maximum absolute column sum

$$\text{then } \kappa(A) = 9 * \frac{1}{152} 42 = \frac{210}{152} = \frac{189}{76}$$

if using the  $\ell_\infty$ , or the maximum absolute row sum

$$\text{then } \kappa(A) = 9 * \frac{1}{152} 42 = \frac{189}{76}$$

**(b)**

**Solve the equation  $Ax = b$  using an analytical method**

since in edstem *Any non-iterative method can be considered analytical.*

$$\begin{aligned}x &= A^{-1}b \\&= \frac{1}{152} \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 29 & 9 \\ -4 & 9 & 29 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\&= \frac{1}{152} \begin{bmatrix} 148 \\ 9 \\ 29 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

## Problem3

In lecture, we examined the stability of multiplying vectors with vectors and triangular matrices. We now consider the problem of computing the general matrix product  $Ax = b$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $x, b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . We use the following simple algorithm to compute  $b$  for given  $A, x$

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### Algorithm Matrix-Vector Multiplication

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1: b = 0
2: for i = 1 to n do
3:   for j = 1 to n do
4:      $b_i = b_i + A_{ij}x_j$ 
5:   end for
6: end for
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**Perform a backward stability analysis of this algorithm. You may assume the given data are floating-point numbers (errors are only introduced by arithmetic operations)**

we assume the floating point precision of the machine that this algorithm will run on is  $\epsilon_{\text{machine}}$ , and the floating point operations to be  $\oplus, \otimes$  for add and multiply, and  $\text{fl}()$  for convert the numerical values to the real value used in the program

according to the question

- input data can be seen as  $x$
- output is  $Ax$

in order to check an algorithm is backwards stable, we need to check

- $\tilde{f}(x) = f(\tilde{x})$
- $\frac{\|\tilde{x} - x\|}{\|x\|} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{\text{machine}})$

for clarity

we first analyse the inner cycle, or line 3 to 5,

then the inner loop will iteratively increment  $b_i$  by  $A_{ij}x_j$

therefore, the inner loop does  $b_i = b_i \oplus (A_{ij} \otimes x_j)$  iteratively

Since

$$\begin{aligned} fl(A_{ij}) \otimes fl(x_j) &= A_{ij} \otimes x_j \\ &= (1 + \delta_1)A_{ij}x_j \end{aligned}$$

where, as the question states, we assume everything is floating point, or fl is the identity function.  $\delta_1$  is the error caused during multiplying floating point numbers and  $|\delta| \leq \epsilon_{\text{machine}}$

therefore we can show that, the inner cycle will turn  $b_i$  to

$$b_i + \sum_{j=1}^n (1 + \delta_1)A_{ij}x_j$$

combined with the outer loop, which does the same operation for each i, independently

the program turns b (initially 0), to  $(1 + \delta_1)Ax$

therefore  $\tilde{f}(x) = (1 + \delta_1)(1 + \delta_2)Ax$

where  $\delta_2$  is the error caused by  $\oplus$

to satisfy  $f(\tilde{x})$  which  $f(x) = Ax$ , we let  $\tilde{x} = (1 + \delta_1)(1 + \delta_2)x$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\tilde{x} - x\|}{\|x\|} &= \frac{\|(1 + \delta_1)(1 + \delta_2)x - x\|}{\|x\|} \\ &= \frac{\|(\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_1\delta_2)x\|}{\|x\|} \\ &= \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{\text{machine}}) \end{aligned}$$

therefore, we can safely conclude that this algorithm is backward stable

## Problem 4

We defined the growth factor for Gaussian elimination of a matrix  $A \in \mathcal{L}^{m \times m}$  to be

$$\rho = \frac{\max_{i,j} |u_{i,j}|}{\max_{i,j} |a_{i,j}|}$$

where  $A = LU$ ,  $a_{i,j}$  is the element  $A[i, j]$  and  $u_{i,j}$  is the element  $U[i, j]$ . Show that with partial pivoting this growth factor is bounded by  $\rho \leq 2^{m-1}$

we use induction to prove this

## base case:

$m = 1$ ,  $A$  is an  $1 \times 1$  matrix say  $[a]$

then we don't need elimination for solving  $A = LU$

$A = U$ , or  $\rho = 1 = 2^0 = 2^{1-1} = 2^{m-1}$

therefore when  $m = 1$ , the growth factor is bounded by  $2^{m-1}$

## Induction hypothesis

$\forall N \in \mathbb{R}^{(m-1) \times (m-1)}, \rho_{(m-1)} \leq 2^{(m-1)-1} = 2^{m-2}$

## Inductive Step:

take arbitrary matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$

During the first step of Gaussian elimination, we look for the largest absolute value in the first column of the matrix to serve as the pivot.

Let  $M = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |a_{i1}|$  be the largest absolute value in the first column

Assume we swap the first row containing  $M$  (the pivot row).

then we do the following operation on the remaining rows in Gaussian Elimination

$$u_{ij} := u_{ij} - \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}} u_{1j}$$

(reminder: we assume the pivot is in the first row for clarity)

since  $a_{11}$  is the pivot, this limits  $|\frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}}| \leq 1$  since  $a_{11} \geq |a_{i1}| \forall i$

therefore, after performing the elimination, the maximum absolute value of the entries in  $U$  can at most be doubled

this can happen when  $\frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}} = -1$

and since, by inductive hypothesis,  $\rho_{m-1} \leq 2^{m-2}$

therefore  $\rho_m \leq 2 * 2^{m-2} = 2^{m-1}$

So in conclusion, we have shown that  $\rho \leq 2^{m-1}$  if  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$