

**Exercise 14.1** (*LU decomposition*).

- (a) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  be given with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -4 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & -10 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the LU decomposition of  $A$ , i.e. determine a unipotent lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that  $A = LU$  is valid.

- (b) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  be given with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ -4 & -7 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the LU decomposition (with permutations) of  $A$ , i.e. determine a unipotent lower triangular matrix  $L$ , an upper triangular matrix  $U$  and a permutation matrix  $P$  such that  $PA = LU$  is valid. For comparability reasons do not use partial pivoting.

- (c) Solve the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -13 \end{pmatrix},$$

by forward and backward substitution.

**Suggested Solution.**

- (a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -9 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = LU. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Step 1: Permutation vector  $p = (1, 0)$

$$P_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ -4 & -7 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 2:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 A &= L_1^{-1} \cdot L_1 P_1 A \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Permutation vector  $p = (1, 3)$

$$P_2 P_1 A = P_2 L_1^{-1} P_2 \cdot P_2 L_1 P_1 A$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = LU,$$

where

$$P = P_2 P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) With

$$Ax = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=:L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}_{=:U} x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -13 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} y = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -13 \end{pmatrix}$$

it follows using forward substitution

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using backward substitution in

$$Ux = y \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

we finally obtain

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Exercise 14.2** (*Cholesky decomposition*). Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  be given with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 17 & -11 \\ 6 & -11 & 17 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Determine the Cholesky decomposition of  $A$ , i.e. determine a lower triangular matrix  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with positive diagonal entries, such that  $A = GG^T$ .

**Suggested Solution.** Applying the Cholesky algorithm we obtain

$$\underline{k=1}: \quad (\text{i}) \quad g_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}^{(1)}} = \sqrt{4} = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

$$(\text{ii}) \quad g_{21} = \frac{a_{21}^{(1)}}{g_{11}} = \frac{-2}{2} = \underline{\underline{-1}}$$

$$g_{31} = \frac{a_{31}^{(1)}}{g_{11}} = \frac{6}{2} = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$(\text{iii}) \quad (g_{i1}g_{j1})_{2 \leq i,j \leq 3} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{21}^2 & \star \\ g_{31}g_{21} & g_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \star \\ -3 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{(2)} = (a_{ij}^{(2)})_{2 \leq i,j \leq 3} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 & -11 \\ -11 & 17 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \star \\ -3 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & -8 \\ -8 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{k=2}: \quad (\text{i}) \quad g_{22} = \sqrt{a_{22}^{(2)}} = \sqrt{16} = \underline{\underline{4}}$$

$$(\text{ii}) \quad g_{32} = \frac{a_{32}^{(2)}}{g_{22}} = \frac{-8}{4} = \underline{\underline{-2}}$$

$$(\text{iii}) \quad (g_{i2}g_{j2})_{3 \leq i, j \leq 3} = g_{32}^2 = (-2)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{(3)} = (a_{ij}^{(3)})_{3 \leq i, j \leq 3} = a_{33}^{(2)} - g_{32}^2 = 8 - 4 = 4$$

$$\underline{k=3}: \quad (\text{i}) \quad g_{33} = \sqrt{a_{33}^{(3)}} = \sqrt{4} = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

From this we finally obtain

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

**Exercise 14.3** (*condition number*). Compute  $\text{cond}_2(A)$  and  $\text{cond}_F(A)$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Suggested Solution.** Since  $A$  is symmetric we can compute a largest absolute eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_A(\lambda) &= (1 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda) - 4 \\ &= 5 - 6\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4 \\ &= (\lambda - 3)^2 - 8 \end{aligned}$$

with solutions  $\lambda_{1/2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{8}$ . From this we obtain

$$\text{cond}_2(A) = \frac{|\lambda_{\max}|}{|\lambda_{\min}|} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{8}}{3 - \sqrt{8}}.$$

Computation of  $\text{cond}_F(A)$ : Since

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we obtain

$$\text{cond}_F(A) = \sqrt{5^2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 1^2} \sqrt{5^2 + 2(-2)^2 + 1^2} = 34.$$

**Exercise 14.4** (*Linear Least-Squares Problem*). Determine the optimal least-squares fit of the model function

$$y = f(x; k_0, k_1) = k_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right) + k_1 \sqrt{|x|}$$

to the data points

$x$	-4	0	4	16
$y$	3.9	0.1	7.9	12.1

**Suggested Solution.** Solution via the normal equations: with

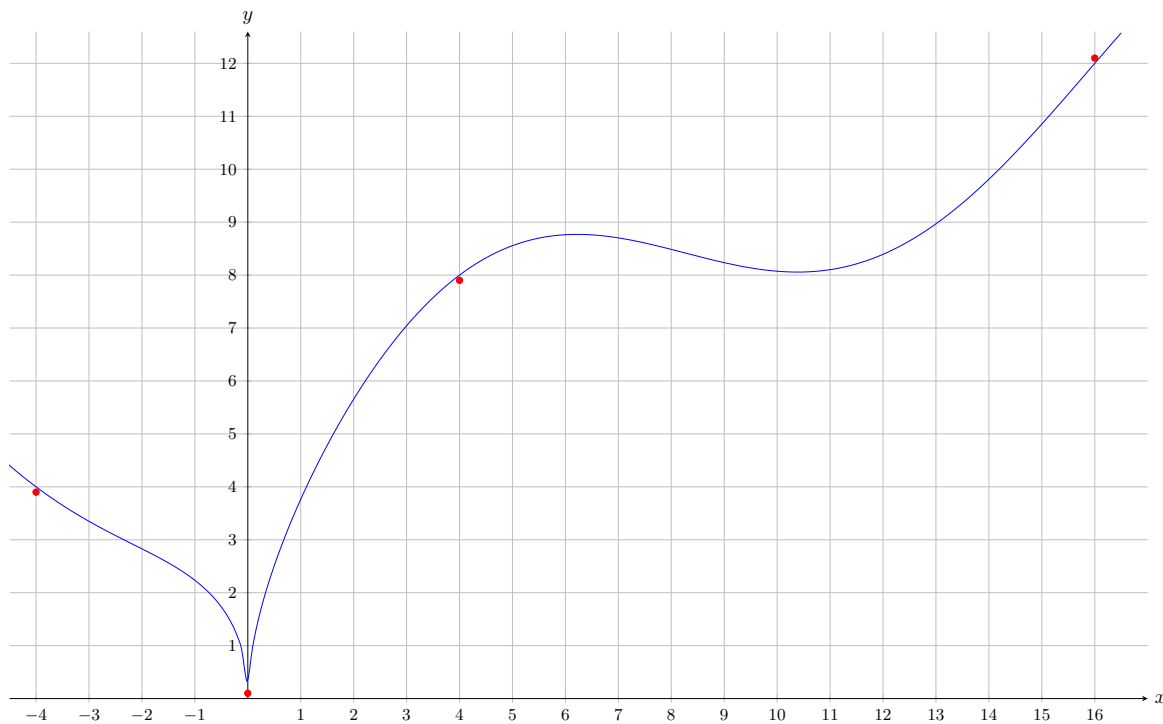
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^t = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^t A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 24 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} 3.9 \\ 0.1 \\ 7.9 \\ 12.1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^t y = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 72 \end{pmatrix}$$

one has to solve the following SLE

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^t A \begin{pmatrix} k_0 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix} &= A^t y \\
 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 24 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_0 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 72 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_0 \\ k_1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} k_0 = 2 \\ k_1 = 3 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

From this we get the optimal model function

$$f(x) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right) + 3\sqrt{|x|}.$$



**Exercise 14.5.** Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 - x - y &= 0 \\
 x + y - 2 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Apply Newton's method once with the starting point  $x^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , i.e. compute  $x^{(1)}$ .

**Suggested Solution.** Letting

$$F(x, y) := \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - x - y \\ x + y - 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

we first compute the Jacobian matrix:

$$JF(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x - 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

With

$$JF(1,0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad F(1,0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we need to solve

$$\begin{aligned} JF(x^{(0)})s^{(0)} &= -F(x^{(0)}) &\Leftrightarrow & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &&\Leftrightarrow & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &&\Leftrightarrow & s^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

From this we get

$$x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} + s^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Exercise 14.6.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric and positive definite. Show that

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_A : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \langle x, y \rangle_A := \langle Ax, y \rangle,$$

is a scalar product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Here,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the Euclidean scalar product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Suggested Solution.**

- (1)  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x + y, z \rangle_A = \langle A(x + y), z \rangle = \langle Ax, z \rangle + \langle Ay, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle_A + \langle y, z \rangle_A$
- (2)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \langle \lambda x, y \rangle_A = \langle A(\lambda x), y \rangle = \langle \lambda Ax, y \rangle = \lambda \langle Ax, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle_A$
- (3)  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle_A = \langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, A^T y \rangle = \langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ay, x \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle_A$
- (4)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} : \langle x, x \rangle_A = \langle Ax, x \rangle > 0$ , since  $A$  is positive definite.

**Exercise 14.7.** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric and positive definite. Show that

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_{ii}|.$$

**Hint:** One of many possible solutions would be to use the result from [Exercise 14.6](#) and apply the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

**Suggested Solution.**

Possibility 1: Let  $m := \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_{ii}|$  and define the symmetric bilinear form

$$\Psi(x, y) = \langle Ax, y \rangle,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the Euclidean scalar product. By "polarization" we get

$$\Psi(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} (\Psi(x, x) + \Psi(y, y) - \Psi(x - y, x - y)).$$

Letting  $x := e_i$ ,  $y := e_j$ ,  $q_{\mp} = \Psi(x \mp y, x \mp y)$  we obtain for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$

$$a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \underbrace{a_{ii}}_{\leq m} + \underbrace{a_{jj}}_{\leq m} - \underbrace{q_{-}}_{\geq 0} \right)$$

and, substituting  $y$  by  $-y$  we get

$$-a_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \underbrace{a_{ii}}_{\leq m} + \underbrace{a_{jj}}_{\leq m} - \underbrace{q_+}_{\geq 0} \right).$$

This means

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}| \leq m.$$

The converse inequality is trivially true.

Possibility 2: Letting  $x = e_i, y = e_j$  we get using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{ij}|^2 &= |\langle e_i, e_j \rangle_A|^2 \\ &\leq |\langle e_i, e_i \rangle_A| \cdot |\langle e_j, e_j \rangle_A| \\ &= |a_{ii}| \cdot |a_{jj}| \end{aligned}$$

First, taking the maximum over all  $i$  we get

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 \leq |a_{jj}| \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_{ii}|.$$

Second, we take the maximum over all  $j$  to obtain

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_{ii}| \right)^2.$$

Since

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 = \left( \max_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}| \right)^2$$

we can take the square root and the claim follows.

**Exercise 14.8.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be arbitrary.

(a) Show that the mapping

$$\rho: \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \rho(A) := \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |\lambda|$$

defines no matrix norm in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

(b) Show that  $\rho$  defines a matrix norm on the subset of all symmetric matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

**Suggested Solution.**

(a) For  $A := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  we have that  $\rho(A) = 0$  contradicting the positive definiteness of a norm.

(b) According to the lecture/exercises we have

$$\rho(A) = |\lambda_{\max}| = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}^2} = \sqrt{\rho(A^2)} = \sqrt{\rho(A^T A)} = \|A\|_2.$$

Remark: It is also possible to show the norm properties directly (cf. [Exercise 14.9](#)).

**Exercise 14.9.** Show that for all symmetric  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  it holds that

$$\rho(A + B) \leq \rho(A) + \rho(B).$$

**Suggested Solution.** Let  $v$  be an eigenvector of (the symmetric matrix)  $A + B$  corresponding to a largest eigenvalue  $\lambda_{\max}$  with  $\|v\|_2 = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(A + B) &= |\lambda_{\max}| \\ &= |\lambda_{\max}| \cdot \|v\|_2 \\ &= \|\lambda_{\max} v\|_2 \\ &= \|(A + B)v\|_2 \\ &\leq \|Av\|_2 + \|Bv\|_2 \\ &\leq \|A\|_2 \|v\|_2 + \|B\|_2 \|v\|_2 \\ &= \rho(A) + \rho(B).\end{aligned}$$