

Basic Gaussian Elimination

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Problem solve square system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

Here $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Reduce problem to solution of Δ systems.

① Backward substitution (upper Δ systems)

② Forward substitution (lower Δ systems)

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Upper triangular system $U\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ & & u_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Last equation: $u_{33}x_3 = b_3 \Rightarrow x_3 = b_3/u_{33}$ known

Middle equation: $u_{22}x_2 + u_{23}x_3 = b_2$ known
 $\Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{(b_2 - u_{23}x_3)}{u_{22}}$

Last equation: $u_{11}x_1 + u_{12}x_2 + u_{13}x_3 = b_1$
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{(b_1 - u_{12}x_2 - u_{13}x_3)}{u_{11}}$



General algorithm

$$U\vec{x} = \vec{b} \iff \sum_{k=1}^n u_{jk} x_k = b_j \quad j=1,2,\dots,n$$

since U upper Δ ,
 $u_{jk} = 0$ if $k < j$

$$\sum_{k=j}^n u_{jk} x_k = b_j \iff u_{jj} x_j + \sum_{k=j+1}^n u_{jk} x_k = b_j$$

$$x_j = (b_j - \sum_{k=j+1}^n u_{jk} x_k) / u_{jj}$$

for $j = n, n-1, \dots, 1$

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Similar algorithm for $L\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
 \uparrow lower Δ

LU factorization

Find P, L, U s.t. $PA = LU$

Then $A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow PA\vec{x} = P\vec{b} \Rightarrow LU\vec{x} = P\vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = U^{-1}L^{-1}P\vec{b}$$

uses forward, then
backward substitutions 

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

$$R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ -4 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_2 R_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -8 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Up to know

$$M = R_2 R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -4 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$MA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -8 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

NOW TAKE $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
permutation

$$PMA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_P \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_M \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ -4 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}}_U$$

Here $P = P^T = P^{-1}$ so $A = M^{-1}PU$ and $PA = \underbrace{PM^{-1}}_L P U$

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

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{lower } \Delta \nabla$$

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