# AM 120 Notes

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### 1 September 6 Lecture

There are two main problems that we will learn how to handle in this class.

- 1. Find  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that Ax = b. A is m by n matrix,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  vector
- 2. Find x and  $\lambda$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$

Example

$$x + 2y = 3$$
$$4x + 5y = 6$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are 3 ways to solve:

1. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow y = 2, x = -1$$

2. 
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} det A = -3$$
  
 $x = A^{-1}b \Rightarrow \frac{1}{-3} \begin{bmatrix} +3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$ 

3. Kramer's rule

Summary Topics covered in next 3 classes:

- 1. Geometric interpretation of solving linear systems
- 2. Matrix notation (LU factorization)
- 3. Singular cases (no solution, multiple soln's)
- 4. Efficient way to solve Ax = b using computers

Example Graphical method:

Row interpretation (plot lines on coordinate system):

$$2x - y = 1$$

$$x + y = 5$$
 Solution:  $x = 2, y = 3$ 

Column interpretation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1 \end{bmatrix} y = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example** 3 by 3 system:

Each row represents a plane:

$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$4u - 6v + 0 = -2$$

$$-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$$

Remember: inner product of vector with another vector equals  $0 \Rightarrow$  orthogonal. Column interpretation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\\4\\2 \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-6\\7 \end{bmatrix} v + \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\2 \end{bmatrix} w = \begin{bmatrix} 5\\-2\\9 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example** Overdetermined system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: c = 1, d = 1

In 4 dimensions, the rows represent 3-spaces, which are 'flat' relative to 4 dimensional space. If we intersect (x, y, z, t = 0) with (x, y, z = 0, t), two three spaces, we get (x, y) plane.

$$a_1u + a_2v + a_3w + a_4z = b$$

$$A = (a_1|a_2|a_3|a_4)$$

#### 1.1 Algorithmic approach

Generalizing to n by n. How to solve Ax = b in a way that scales well? Gaussian elimination (row reduction).

$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$4u - 6v + 0 = -2$$

$$-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$$

$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -8v - 2w = -12$$

$$8v + 3w = 14$$

$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow -8v - 2w = -12$$

$$w = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 1, u = 1$$

We need a process that takes:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$
$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

...this Ax = b problem and transforms it to a  $Ux = \hat{b}$  problem. We can get an upper triangular matrix, and obtain solution by back substitution.

**Problems** One issue that could arise is if the bottom row is all 0s: infinitely many solutions.

### 2 September 11 Lecture

Last class:

- Introduced first central problem of linear algebra: solving linear equations
- Studied column and row interpretation of linear systems
- Introduced Gaussian elimination

**Example** (from previous class) Row/Column interpretation.

$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$4u - 6v + 0 = -2$$

$$-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$$

Row: Three planes intersecting. Column: linear combination of three vectors

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We were trying to figure out how to transform matrix A into an upper triangular matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$0 \quad 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Matrix operations** Addition is associative: A+B+C=(A+B)+C=A+(B+C) Multiplication: dimension  $m\times n$  multiplied by  $n\times p$  results in  $m\times p$  matrix.  $AB\neq BA$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & & & \dots & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} x_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i} x_i \\ \dots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ni} x_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \dots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ b_1 & b_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ Ab_1 & Ab_2 \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduction In matrix form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Subtract 2 times row 1 to row 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{E_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}_{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Subtract -1 times row 1 to row 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{E_{31}} E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Subtract -1 times row 2 to row 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{E_{32}} E_{31} E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Originally we wanted to solve Ax = b. Now we have:

$$E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = U$$

where U is an upper triangular matrix.

$$E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}Ax = Ux$$

Let's let  $E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}=L$ . Then, we have

$$L^{-1}A = U$$
 
$$A = LU$$
 
$$Ux = C = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}b$$

Now we can solve by back substitution.

$$L^{-1} = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix inverse properties:

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} (A_1A_2...A_n)^{-1} = A_n^{-1}...A_2^{-1}A_1^{-1}$$

So we have:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1}$$

Row reduction matrices A matrix that subtracts l times row j from row i is such that it includes -l in row i, column j.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{L} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{U}$$

L is lower triangular and U is upper triangular.

- 1. Compute LU factorization
- 2. Solve for c in Lc = b (forward substitution)
- 3. Solve for x in Ux = c (back substitution)

We want to solve Ax = b. We factor to get LUx = b. First we find c such that Lc = b

#### 2.1 General Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c_1 &= b_1/l_{11} \\ c_2 &= b_2 - b_1l_{21}/l_{11} \\ c_3 &= b_3 - l_{31}b_1 - l_{32}(b_2 - b_1l_{21}) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1}{u_{22}}(c_2 - u_{23}c_3/u_{33}) \\ x_1 &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

## 3 September 13 Lecture

Announcements

- Matlab tutorials (sections)
- Final projects
  - Adjustment based on class size
  - Pairs
- Assignment 1 due Fri @ 7pm in Pierce 303
- Collaboration policy

From last time:

- Linear equations  $\rightarrow$  Matrix notation
- Column j of  $AB = Ab_i$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ab_1 & Ab_2 & \dots & Ab_n \end{bmatrix}$$

• Introduced the LU factorization of square matrix A (see general example at end of last lecture)

$$Ax = b \Rightarrow LUx = b$$

- 1. Find LU
- 2. Solve for c in Lc = b
- 3. Solve for x in Ux = c

Example LU factorization

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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1. Subtract 2 times row 1 to row 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{E_{21}} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Subtract 3 times row 1 to row 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{E_{31}} E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Subtract 2 times row 2 to row 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_E 32E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}_U$$

$$L^{-1} = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 - 2 & 1 & 0 - 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L^{-1}A = U$$

$$L = E_{21}^{-1}E_{31}^{-1}E_{32}^{-1}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generalizing LU factorization To  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- 1. Introduce zeros below  $a_{11}$  by subtracting multiples of row 1
- 2. Use multipliers  $l = \frac{a_i 1}{a_1 1}$
- 3. Repeat 1 and 2 for  $a_{22}^*, a_{33}^*, \dots$

Step 1:

Step 2:

How many operations does this algorithm use?

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{n} k = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

### 4 September 18 Lecture

To review: solving Ax = b:

- 1. Find LU = A
- 2. Solve for c in Lc = b (forward substitution)
- 3. Solve for x in Ux = c (back-subst)

Multipliers to find U are entries of L.

What is the # of operations needed to get LU factorization?

$$\approx \frac{n^3 - n}{3}$$

Forward substitution Number of operations:

$$(n-1) + (n-2) + \dots (1) \approx O(n^2)$$

Back substitution is similar process (also  $O(n^2)$ ). Most time consuming place is step 1.

**Algorithm Failure** This Ax = b:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has solution  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . However, our algorithm won't find the answer because it can't switch rows. If the algorithm fails we have two options:

- 1. We need to rearrange rows
- 2. No solution
- 3. Infinitely many solutions

Example of (2):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example of (3):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fact det(A) = det(LU) = det(L) det(U)

$$\det(U) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} u_{ii}$$

Example Consider this:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0001 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0001 & 1 \\ 0 & -9999 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -9998 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{9998}{9999}$$

$$0.0001x_1 + \frac{9998}{9999} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{10000}{9999}$$

If we do all of this with limited precision (say 3 digits), we do the following:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0001 & 1 \\ 0 & -10^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -10^4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 1$$

Then if we use the first equation, we get

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0$$

This is called **catastrophic cancellation**.

### 5 September 20 Lecture

First part of AM120 is to solve Ax = b for arbitrary ||A|| = n.

$$u_{11} = a_{11}, u_{22} = a_{22}$$

Pseudocode did not have 0s in L and U. Second part of code is given L and b, should output c. Third part takes U and c and outputs x.

Assignment 2 Due on Monday morning (9am).

This Doolittle algorithm can fail:

- 1. If there is a pivot = 0
  - (a) System is singular  $\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0$ . This means there is no solution or infinitely many solutions.
  - (b) We can exchange rows and 'cure' system.

$$\det(A) = \det(L)\det(U) = 1\prod_{k=1}^{n} u_{kk}$$

**Example** From last class:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0001 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This had true solution:

$$x_1 = \frac{10000}{9999}, x_2 = \frac{9998}{9999}$$

But with limited precision (three digit arithmetic), we got:

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1$$

What if we switch the rows?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0.0001 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^{-4} & 1 \end{bmatrix}_L \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 - 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \end{bmatrix}$$