

Problem 4: Gaussian elimination and partial pivoting

- a) Please check problem4_a.py
- b) Please check problem4_b.py
- c) Please check problem4_c{1,2,3}.py

1) a 'random' matrix

- condition number for matrix A : 2032.7
- residual from un-pivoted solve: 9.57203e-11
- error from un-pivoted solve: 4.5902e-11
- residual from partially-pivoted solve: 6.66282e-11
- error from partially-pivoted solve: 2.56879e-10
- residual from np.linalg.solve: 1.48289e-13
- error from np.linalg.solve: 8.26606e-13

This is not a well conditioned matrix, Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting is more accurate than Gaussian elimination without pivoting.

2) the matrix given by

- condition number for matrix A : 1.02
- un-pivoted solves failed
- residual from partially-pivoted solve: 3.89423e-14
- error from partially-pivoted solve: 7.90039e-15
- residual from np.linalg.solve: 3.92022e-14
- error from np.linalg.solve: 7.95229e-15

This is a well conditioned matrix. From the result, we can find that unpivoted case would be possible to fail solving the problem. However, partially-pivoted Gaussian elimination could solve the problem somewhat well.

3) the matrix given by

- condition number for matrix A : 1.30228
- residual from un-pivoted solve: 6.38225e-08
- error from un-pivoted solve: 6.42032e-08
- residual from partially-pivoted solve: 4.67187e-15
- error from partially-pivoted solve: 4.53856e-15
- residual from np.linalg.solve: 4.51273e-15
- error from np.linalg.solve: 4.35569e-15

This is a well conditioned matrix. Both Gaussian unpivoted and partially-pivoted Gaussian elimination could solve the problem. For this matrix, Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting is more accurate than Gaussian elimination without pivoting.