

## **Math 4: Numerical Linear Algebra**

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# Numerical Linear Algebra

## 1.1 Introduction

- **Matrix Notation:** For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , we say

$$A = (a_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- **Vector notation:** For a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ), we have

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- **Submatrix notation (rows):**

$$A(i, :) \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n} \iff A(i, :) = [a_{i1} \ a_{i2} \ \cdots \ a_{in}].$$

- **Submatrix notation (columns):**

$$A(:, j) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1} \iff A(:, j) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Sparse Matrix:** A sparse matrix or sparse array is a matrix in which most of the elements are zero. There is no strict definition regarding the proportion of zero-value elements for a matrix to qualify as sparse but a common criterion is that the number of non-zero elements is roughly equal to the number of rows or columns.
- **Dense Matrix:** if most of the elements are non-zero, the matrix is considered dense
- **Sparsity:** The number of zero-valued elements divided by the total number of elements is sometimes referred to as the sparsity of the matrix.
- **Band Matrix:** a band matrix or banded matrix is a sparse matrix whose non-zero entries are confined to a diagonal band, comprising the main diagonal and zero or more diagonals on either side.

$$A(i_1 : i_2, :) \in \mathbb{R}^{(i_2 - i_1 + 1) \times n} \iff A(i_1 : i_2, :) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{i_1 1} & a_{i_1 2} & \cdots & a_{i_1 n} \\ a_{i_1 + 1, 1} & a_{i_1 + 1, 2} & \cdots & a_{i_1 + 1, n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i_2 1} & a_{i_2 2} & \cdots & a_{i_2 n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A(:, j_1 : j_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (j_2 - j_1 + 1)} \iff A(:, j_1 : j_2) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1 j_1} & a_{1, j_1 + 1} & \cdots & a_{1 j_2} \\ a_{2 j_1} & a_{2, j_1 + 1} & \cdots & a_{2 j_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m j_1} & a_{m, j_1 + 1} & \cdots & a_{m j_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Where

$A(i_1 : i_2, :) :$  all rows between  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ , across all columns,

$A(:, j_1 : j_2) :$  all columns between  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ , across all rows.

- **Transposition:**  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

$$C = A^T \iff c_{ij} = a_{ji}.$$

- **Addition**  $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$

$$C = A + B \implies c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}.$$

- **Scalar-matrix Multiplication:**  $(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$

$$C = \alpha A \implies c_{ij} = \alpha a_{ij}.$$

- **Matrix-matrix Multiplication:**  $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times p} \times \mathbb{R}^{p \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$

$$C = AB \implies c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ik} b_{kj}.$$

- **Matrix-vector Multiplication:**  $(\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m)$

$$y = Ax \implies y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j.$$

- **Inner product (or dot product):**  $(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$

$$c = x^T y \implies c = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

- **Outer product:**  $(\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times n})$

$$C = xy^T \implies c_{ij} = x_i y_j.$$

- **Flops:** A flop is a floating-point operation between numbers stored in a floating-point format on a computer.

If  $x$  and  $y$  are numbers stored in a floating point format, then the following operations are each one flop

$$x + y \quad x - y \quad xy \quad x/y.$$

## 1.2 Gaussian Elimination and its variants

### 1.2.1 Matrix Multiplication

- **Matrix Multiplication:** In general, if  $A$  is a real matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, and  $x$  is a real vector with  $n$  entries, then

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

If  $b = Ax$ , then  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and

$$b_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j = a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{in}x_n, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Thus,  $b_i$  is the **inner-product** between the  $i$ -row of  $A$ ,

$$A(i, :) = [a_{i1} \quad \cdots \quad a_{in}], \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

and the vector  $x$ .

Also,

$$b = A(:, 1)x_1 + \cdots + A(:, n)x_n,$$

so  $b$  is a **linear combination** of the columns of  $A$ , i.e.,

$$A(:, j) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

- **Matrix-Matrix Multiplication:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ .

If  $B = AX$  then  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$  and

$$b_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}x_{kj}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$

That is,  $b_{ij}$  is the inner-product between row  $i$  of  $A$  and column  $j$  of  $X$ .

Also, each column of  $B$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

Total flops required for matrix multiplication is

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{k=1}^n 2 = 2mnp.$$

If  $A, X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then computing  $B = AX$  requires  $2n^3 = O(n^3)$  flops.

- **Block Matrices:** Partition  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  into blocks:

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n_1 & n_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}, \quad X = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

where  $n = n_1 + n_2$ ,  $m = m_1 + m_2$ , and  $p = p_1 + p_2$ .

If  $B = AX$ , and

$$B = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} p_1 & p_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix},$$

then

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} = B = AX = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}X_{11} + A_{12}X_{21} & A_{11}X_{12} + A_{12}X_{22} \\ A_{21}X_{11} + A_{22}X_{21} & A_{21}X_{12} + A_{22}X_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

That is,

$$B_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^2 A_{ik}X_{kj}, \quad i, j = 1, 2.$$

### 1.2.2 Systems of Linear Equations

- **Systems of linear equations:** Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , our goal is to find  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = b$
- **Singularity:** A **singular matrix** is a square matrix that does not have an inverse.

A **nonsingular** matrix is a square matrix that does have an inverse.

The following are equivalent

- $Ax = b$  has a unique solution
- $\det(A) \neq 0$
- $A^{-1}$  exists
- There is no nonzero vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ay = 0$

If any one of the following are true, they all are true, and  $A$  is non-singular

- **Solution to  $Ax = b$ :** If  $A$  is nonsingular, then  $A^{-1}$  exists, and

$$x = A^{-1}b.$$

Which is the unique solution to  $Ax = b$

**Note:** Practically, it is not wise to compute  $A^{-1}$ , as this can be expensive.

### 1.2.3 Triangular systems

- **Upper triangular:** A square matrix  $A = U$  of the form

$$A = U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

is called **upper triangular**

- **Lower triangular:** A square matrix  $A = L$

$$A = L = \begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{n1} & \ell_{n2} & \cdots & \ell_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

is called **lower triangular**

- **Solutions to triangular systems:** Consider the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{n1} & \ell_{n2} & \cdots & \ell_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{11}x_1 &= b_1 \\ \ell_{21}x_1 + \ell_{22}x_2 &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \ell_{n1}x_1 + \ell_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + \ell_{nn}x_n &= b_n. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$x_1 = \frac{b_1}{\ell_{11}}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{22}x_2 &= b_2 - \ell_{21}x_1 \\ \implies x_2 &= \frac{b_2 - \ell_{21}x_1}{\ell_{22}}. \end{aligned}$$

In general, we have

$$x_i = \frac{b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \ell_{ij}x_j}{\ell_{ii}}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . This method is called **Forward Substitution**.

A similar process is used on upper triangular matrices and is called **Backward Substitution**.



- **Counting flops for the forward substitution method:** We have

```

0  for i = 1:n
1      for j=1:i-1
2          b[i] = b[i] - ell[i,j]b[j]
3      end
4      b[i] = b[i] / ell[i,i]
5  end

```

Thus, the count of flops is

$$\begin{aligned}
 n + \sum_{i=1}^n 2(i-1) &= n + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (i-1) = n + 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i - \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right) \\
 &= n + 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i - n \right) = n + 2 \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \right) \\
 &= n + n^2 - n = n^2
 \end{aligned}$$

So, forward substitution is  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

- **Column oriented forward substitution:** Suppose we have  $Lx = b$  when  $L$  is lower triangular, we split the matrix into the following blocks

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 \\ \hat{\ell} & \hat{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \hat{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \hat{b} \end{bmatrix}.$$

With  $\hat{\ell} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ ,  $\hat{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$ ,  $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ ,  $\ell_{11}, x_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $\hat{L}$  is also lower triangular.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ell_{11}x_1 &= b_1 \implies x_1 = \frac{b_1}{\ell_{11}} \\
 \hat{\ell}x_1 + \hat{L}\hat{x} &= \hat{b} \implies \hat{L}\hat{x} = \hat{b} - \hat{\ell}x_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we reduced the dimension by one. We repeat this process for the remaining  $x_i$ . The process is

1. Compute  $x_1 = \frac{b_1}{\ell_{11}}$
2. Compute  $\hat{b} - \hat{\ell}x_1 = \tilde{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$
3. Find  $\hat{L}\hat{x} = \tilde{b}$

- **Counting flops for column oriented forward substitution:** Let  $f_n$  be the flop count, we have

$$f_n = 1 + 2(n-1) + f_{n-1}.$$

With

$$f_{n-1} = 1 + 2(n-2) + f_{n-2}.$$

Until

$$f_1 = 1 + 2 + f_0$$

with  $f_0 = 0$

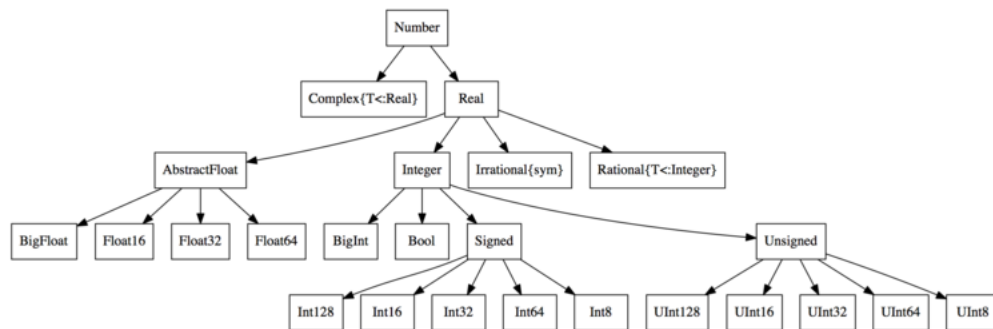
So,

$$\begin{aligned} f_n &= 1 + 2(n-1) + 1 + 2(n-2) + \dots + 1 + 2(n - (n-1)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 1 + 2(n-1) = n + 2n^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n i \\ &= \dots = n^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, column oriented forward substitution is also  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

# Julia

## 2.1 Types



- **Subtype constraint**  $A <: B$  means  $A$  is a subtype of  $B$

```
0  Int <: Number #true
```

## 2.2 Functions

## 2.3 Linear Algebra

### 2.3.1 Matrix creation and operations

- **Array constructors:**
  - `Array{T}(undef, dims...)`
  - `Vector{T}(undef, n)`
  - `Matrix{T}(undef, m, n)`
- **Zeros/ones/fills**
  - `zeros(n)`, `zeros(m,n)`
  - `ones(n)`, `ones(m,n)`
  - `fill(x, dims...)`
- **Uniform ranges:**
  - `collect(1:n) → vector`
  - `collect(1:m, 1:n) → matrix (grid)`