

# Calculus 3 for Computer Science Project

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# 1 Introduction

Much of the code used within this assignment is Ruby version 1.9.x. Since it is, for most intents and purposes, a lesser known language than say, Java, we felt it necessary to explain bits of the language which might surface in the code we wrote for this project.

## 1.1 Ruby

First and foremost, Ruby shares many similarities with, and is inspired by, Lisp, Smalltalk, and Perl (most likely in that order). It contains many of the niceties of functional programming that Lisp does, it is truly object oriented in the same way Smalltalk is, and it is a terse scripting language with powerful features like Perl is.

### 1.1.1 Syntax, Language Quirks, Etc.

Notations that might seem confusing unless one has a background in all three of these languages are such:

**Basic Syntax** Comments are preceded by a `#`. Strings are wrapped in either single- or double-quotes. Indentation is two spaces. Rather than using indentation-based block delimiters or curly braces, Ruby simply uses the `end` keyword.

**Blocks** Blocks are notations for anonymous functions in Ruby (like `lambda` in Lisp). They can be written a number of ways, such as:

```
# Assigning a lambda/proc to a variable, and then calling it
f = ->(x){ x + 1 }
f[2] #=> 3

# Array#map is one of several functions which takes a block as an argument
a = [1,2,3]
a.map { |i| i * i } #=> [1,4,9]

# This is the expanded form of the block, used for creating multi-line anonymous functions
a.each do |item|
  puts item
end
# would print 1, 2, and 3 on separate lines
```

**Ranges** Ranges are represented in Ruby with one of two operators, `..` or `...`. `0..10` is an inclusive range ( $[0, 10]$ ) in a more mathematical notation, whereas `0...5` is exclusive ( $[0, 5)$ ). Ranges can be iterated across.

**Method Invocation** In Ruby, method invocation has optional parens. Rather than using the form `instance.method(arg1, arg2)`, one can use the form `instance.method`

`arg1`, `arg2`. In the case where an invocation doesn't have arguments, the parentheses are still optional.

**Object Oriented** Ruby, like Smalltalk, is object oriented down to the primitives of the language. This means that all things in Ruby are objects, and thus have methods that can operate on them. This library was written to make use of this, monkey-patching functionality into the existing Matrix and Vector classes in Ruby.

**Notation** Ruby has a common nomenclature for expressing its classes and their methods. `Object#method` is the de facto standard among Rubyists, hence, that's the form we'll use here. Similarly, `#=>` is used to denote return values.

**Further Notes** Ruby's Matrix and Vector classes lack `#[]=` methods, therefore, we often convert these two datatypes to arrays and back again to perform matrix or vector arithmetic or other operations.

Hopefully, that should clear up any misconceptions or confusion before addressing the actual code at hand. That said, all three parts of this report do make use of both some standard libraries in Ruby, as well as extensions upon them.

- <http://www.ruby-doc.org/core/classes/Array.html>
- <http://www.ruby-doc.org/core/classes/Matrix.html>
- <http://www.ruby-doc.org/core/classes/Vector.html>

### 1.1.2 Common Code

Additionally, we wrote an abstraction layer into some of these classes via monkeypatching in order to add some common functionality:

Listing 1: Common Code for All Three Parts

```
class Vector
  private
  def sign(x)
    return 1 if x > 0
    return -1 if x < 0
    return 0
  end
end

class Matrix
  def pretty_print
    str = ""
    self.to_a.each do |row|
      row.each do |i|
        if i.to_i >= 0
          str << " "
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
```

```

        end
        if ("%3f" % i).to_f == i.to_i
            str << "#{i.to_i} "
        else
            str << "%3f " % i
        end
    end
    end
    str << "\n"
end
puts str
end

def inf_norm
    self.to_a.map do |a|
        a.map do |ar|
            ar.abs
        end.inject(&:+)
    end.sort[0]
end

def is_lower_triangular?
    triangular(self.column_vectors)
end

def is_upper_triangular?
    triangular(self.row_vectors)
end

private
def triangular(vecs)
    for i in 0...vecs.length
        vec = vecs[i].to_a
        unless i <= 1
            return false unless vec[0...i].all? { |n| n == 0 } and vec[i..-1].all? { |n| n != 0 }
        end
    end
    return true
end
end

```

## 1.2 Java

Part Two is written in Java. The code therein extends the Matrix class with a few methods and constructors. We assume that Java's syntax is understood by the reader given its prominence, especially here at Georgia Tech.

## 1.3 About This Document

This document was typeset in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. It uses the *color* and *listings* packages for the code formatting. It additionally uses *hyperref* for in-document links in the compiled PDF.

The source code for this document is available, along with the compiled PDF form, at <http://github.com/wfarr/calc3-for-cs/blob/master/report/report.tex>. All of the

actual code used in the report, along with data output from the code can be viewed at <http://github.com/wfarr/calc3-for-cs/tree/master/code>. The unique advantage of viewing the code this way is that the user can walk through individual commits and see the code evolve into its final form (the same can be said of the report, since it is in fact just code and content).

## 2 Part One

The purpose of Part One of the project is to solve the typical  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  equation, with  $A$  being a Hilbert matrix. A Hilbert matrix is a square matrix whose elements follow the form

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{i + j - 1}$$

Here's an implementation in Ruby:

Listing 2: Hilbert Matrix Implementation

```
class Matrix
  def self.hilbert(n)
    m = Matrix.zero(n).to_a
    m = m.each_index.map{|row| m[row].each_index.map{|col| 1 / (row + col + 1)}}
    return Matrix.rows(m)
  end
end

Matrix.hilbert(4) #=> Matrix[[1/1,1/2,1/3,1/4], [1/2,1/3,1/4,1/5], [1/3,1/4,1/5,1/6],
[1/4,1/5,1/6,1/7]]
```

Often times, simplifying a single matrix  $A$  into two or more “nicer” matrices (in the case of these algorithms,  $LU$  or  $QR$ ) can make solving the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  easier. Such algorithms introduce the potential for error, namely because they are modified forms of the original matrix.

All of the algorithms used in this section are taken from *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* by Laszlo Erdos, chapters 1-3.

### 2.1 LU Decomposition

LU Decomposition uses matrix multiplication to reduce a matrix  $A$  into two matrices,  $L$  (a lower triangular matrix) and  $U$  (an upper triangular matrix).

The algorithm is taken from chapter 2 of *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* (p 22-25).

#### 2.1.1 Explanation of the Algorithm

The algorithm for doing so is fairly simple in and of itself:

1. Starting with the first column, find the first non-zero entry below the diagonal. Let this entry be considered  $x$ . Let that column's diagonal element be  $y$ .
2. Multiply an Identity matrix, with the location of the entry  $x$  set to the value  $-\frac{x}{y}$ . This matrix is  $L_n$ .

3. The resulting matrix is the new  $A$  for the next iteration.
4. Repeat these steps until the resulting  $A$  is upper triangular. At this point,  $A$  becomes  $U$ .
5. To find  $L$ , multiply  $L_1^{-1}L_2^{-1}...L_n^{-1}$ .
6. Substitute  $A$  with  $LU$  in the equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  and solve.

This is commonly known as the Doolittle algorithm.

### 2.1.2 Implementation of the Algorithm

Listing 3: LU Decomposition

```
class Matrix
  def lu_decomposition
    return nil unless self.square?
    n = self.row_size
    a = self
    l_n = []
    cvs = a.column_vectors.map { |v| v.to_a }
    for k in 0...cvs.length
      for j in 0...cvs.length
        l_new = Matrix.identity(n).to_a
        if l_new[j][k] == 1 || j < k
          next
        end
        l_new[j][k] = - (cvs[k][j] / cvs[k][k])
        l_n << l_new
        a = Matrix[*l_new] * Matrix[*cvs.transpose]
        cvs = a.column_vectors.map { |v| v.to_a }
      end
    end
    l_final = l_n.map { |m| Matrix[*m].inverse }.inject(&:*)
    u_final = a
    return l_final, u_final
  end
end
```

The algorithm first begins with an essential check: the method `self.square?` determines if the matrix is a square matrix, and returns true if it is. LU Decomposition can only be done on square matrices, thus, the method returns nil when given a non-square matrix. Next, the algorithm defines  $A$  (written as `a` in the code because `A` would've been a Constant rather than a variable) to be the instance of `self`. To iterate across the columns efficiently, we use `Matrix#column_vectors`, which returns an array of column vectors. This array is then mapped over to convert the vectors into arrays. The end result is that `cvs` is an array of arrays representing the columns of `self`.

The actual computation lies in the nested `for` loops. For each iteration, an `l_new` matrix is created and converted to an array. If the current values of `j` and `k` are above the diagonal,



then the algorithm skips to the next iteration. Next, `l_new[j][k]` is set to  $-\frac{x}{y}$ , as above in the algorithm's description. A new `a` is made as the product of `l_new` and `cvs.transpose` (the same matrix as `A`). The last step of each iteration is rebuilding `cvs` based off of the newest `a`.

Finally, `L` and `U` are assigned and returned. While `u_final` is straight-forward, `l_final` is a bit more complicated. `l_n.map { |m| Matrix[*m].inverse }` returns an array of inverted matrices from the original array of arrays (of arrays). The one bit of syntactic sugar in that line is the use of `Matrix[*m]`. In this case, `*` is acting as the glob operator, essentially inserting all the content of the array it's called on rather than simply inserting the array itself.

This is necessary because `Matrix[...]` takes a list of rows (in the form of arrays) as its argument. Finally, this new array is passed `Array#inject`, which applies a given block to all elements of an array and returns the result. In this case, the injection is making use of a feature in Ruby 1.9 called `symbol_to_proc`, which allows for passing the method the `:*` symbol and automatically converting it into a proc/lambda. Thus, the result of the injection is to multiply all the results of the map together, in order.

### 2.1.3 Results and Analysis

Below are the results from the solving  $LU\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  for  $\vec{x}$ . `sol` is the solution vector. Errors are not listed for these computations because the resulting errors are all 0. This is because the LU algorithm used here doesn't introduce any additional error. However, there is still technically error inherent in the problem itself, which can be found by evaluating  $cond(LU)$  because  $cond(A) = cond(LU) \leq cond(L)cond(U)$ .

N = 2

sol = Vector[-2, 6]

N = 3

sol = Vector[3, -24, 30]

N = 4

sol = Vector[-4, 60, -180, 140]

N = 5

sol = Vector[5, -120, 630, -1120, 630]

N = 6

sol = Vector[-6, 210, -1680, 5040, -6300, 2772]

N = 7

sol = Vector[7, -336, 3780, -16800, 34650, -33264, 12012]

N = 8

sol = Vector[-8, 504, -7560, 46200, -138600, 216216, -168168, 51480]

N = 9

sol = Vector[9, -720, 13860, -110880, 450450, -1009008, 1261260, -823680, 218790]

N = 10

sol = Vector[-10, 990, -23760, 240240, -1261260, 3783780, -6726720, 7001280, -3938220, 923780]

N = 11

sol = Vector[11, -1320, 38610, -480480, 3153150, -12108096, 28588560, -42007680, 37413090, -18475600, 3879876]

N = 12

sol = Vector[-12, 1716, -60060, 900900, -7207200, 34306272, -102918816, 199536480, -249420600, 193993800, -85357272, 16224936]

N = 13

sol = Vector[13, -2184, 90090, -1601600, 15315300, -88216128, 325909584, -798145920, 1309458150, -1422621200, 981608628, -389398464, 67603900]

N = 14

sol = Vector[-14, 2730, -131040, 2722720, -30630600, 209513304, -931170240, 2793510720, -5761615860, 8180071900, -7852869024, 4867480800, -1757701400, 280816200]

N = 15

sol = Vector[15, -3360, 185640, -4455360, 58198140, -465585120, 2444321880, -8779605120, 22086194130, -39264345120, 49080431400, -42184833600, 23728968900, -7862853600, 1163381400]

N = 16

sol = Vector[-16, 4080, -257040, 7054320, -105814800, 977728752, -5975009040, 25241364720, -75724094160, 163601438000, -255218243280, 284747626800, -221470376400, 114011377200, -34901442000, 4808643120]

N = 17

```
sol = Vector[17, -4896, 348840, -10852800, 185175900, -1955457504, 13742520792,
-67310305920, 236637794250, -607662484000, 1148482094760, -1594586710080,
1605660228900, -1140113772000, 540972351000, -153876579840, 19835652870]
```

N = 18

```
sol = Vector[-18, 5814, -465120, 16279200, -313374600, 3747960216, -29983681728,
168275764800, -683620294500, 2050860883500, -4593928379040, 7707169098720,
-9633961373400, 8835881733000, -5770371744000, 2538963567360, -674412197580,
81676217700]
```

N = 19

```
sol = Vector[19, -6840, 610470, -23876160, 514829700, -6919311168, 62466003600,
-397742716800, 1845774795150, -6380456082000, 16652990374020, -33030724708800,
49775467095900, -56549643091200, 47605566888000, -28774920430080, 11802213457650,
-2940343837200, 335780006100]
```

N = 20

```
sol = Vector[-20, 7980, -790020, 34321980, -823727520, 12355912800, -124932007200,
894921112800, -4698335842200, 18503322637800, -55509967913400, 127994058246600,
-227544992438400, 311023037001600, -323717854838400, 251780553763200, -141626561491800,
54396360988200, -12759640231800, 1378465288200]
```

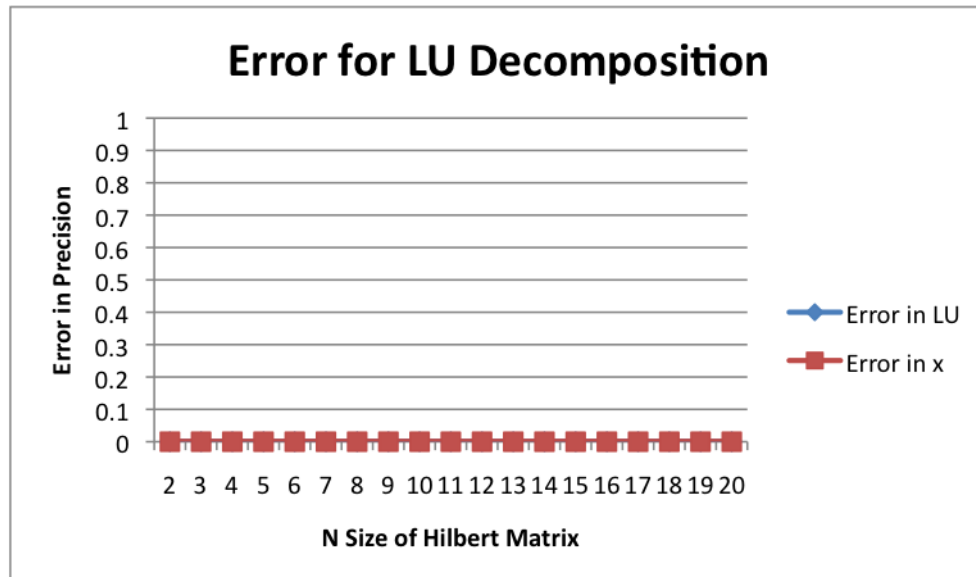


Figure 1: Error for LU Decomposition.

## 2.2 Householder Reflections

The Householder Reflection is, as Wikipedia might say: “a linear transformation that describes a reflection in a hyperplane (containing the origin)”.

The algorithm is taken from *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* (p 32-35).

### 2.2.1 Description of the Algorithm

1. Let  $\vec{a}$  be the first column of the given matrix  $A$ .

2. Let  $\vec{u} = (a_1 + \text{sign}(a_1) * ||\vec{a}||, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)^t$ .

3. Let

$$H(\vec{a}) = I - 2 \frac{\vec{u}\vec{u}^t}{||\vec{u}||^2}$$

4. If  $H(\vec{a})$  is the same size as  $A$ ,  $H(\vec{a}) = H_1$ . Else, let  $H_1$  be an Identity matrix, where the bottom right  $n \times n$  entries are the contents of  $H(\vec{a})$ .

5. Let  $A_1 = H_1 A$ .

6. Let  $\vec{a_2}$  be the second column of  $A_1$ , using only the items including and below the diagonal.

7. Let  $\vec{u_2} = (a_{21} + \text{sign}(a_{21}) * ||\vec{a_2}||, a_{22}, a_{23}, \dots, a_{2n})^t$ .

8. Find  $H(\vec{a_2})$  as described above.

9. Find  $H_2$  as described above.

10. Let  $A_2 = H_2 A_1$ .

11. Repeat the above as necessary until  $A_n$  is upper triangular.  $A_n = R$ .

12.  $Q = H_1 H_2 H_{(n-1)} H_n$ .

### 2.2.2 Implementation of the Algorithm

Listing 4: QR Decomposition via Householder Reflections

```
class Matrix
def householder
  return nil unless self.square?
  current_iteration = self
  init_dim = self.row_size
  h_list = []
  cv = current_iteration.column_vectors[0]
```

```

h = (cv.find_householder_reflection - Matrix.identity(cv.size)).expand_to_dimensions(
    init_dim, init_dim) + Matrix.identity(init_dim)
h_list << h
current_iteration = h * current_iteration
for i in 0...self.row_size
    cv = current_iteration.get_column_vector(i+1)
    break if cv.size < 2 || current_iteration.is_upper_triangular?
    h = (cv.find_householder_reflection - Matrix.identity(cv.size)).expand_to_dimensions(
        init_dim, init_dim) + Matrix.identity(init_dim)
    h_list << h
    current_iteration = h * current_iteration
end
q,r = h_list.inject(&:*), current_iteration
return q,r
end

def expand_to_dimensions(x,y)
    curr_x, curr_y, a = self.row_size, self.column_size, self.to_a
    a.each_index do |row|
        for i in 0...(y - curr_y)
            a[row] = a[row].insert(0,0)
        end
    end
    for i in 0...(x - curr_x)
        a = a.insert(0, Array.new(y){0})
    end
    return Matrix.rows(a)
end

def get_column_vector(x)
    return Vector.elements(self.column(x)[x..-1])
end

class Vector
    def find_householder_reflection
        a = self.to_a
        a = a[0] if a[0].is_a?(Array)
        a[0] = a[0] + sign(a[0]) * self.r
        u = Vector[*a]
        norm_u_sqrd = u.r**2
        uut = u.covector.transpose * u.covector
        h = Matrix.identity(uut.row_size) - (uut * (2 / norm_u_sqrd))
        return h
    end
end

```

`Matrix#householder` begins by asserting that the instance of `self` is a square matrix (which, since it ought to be a Hilbert matrix, it should be). `current_iteration` is assigned to `self`, for now, but in the algorithm itself, it is really  $A_n$ . `init_dim` is  $n$  for this  $n \times n$  matrix, and is used for `Matrix#expand_to_dimensions`, which serves to form an  $n \times n$  matrix the same size as `self`, where  $H(\vec{a}_n)$  is the bottom-right  $j \times j$  entries of the matrix and all other entries are 0, for iterations of the Householder Reflection past the first (as described in step 4). Because the Householder Reflection works by essentially iterating across the column vectors of a matrix, we store the current column vector in `cv`. `h` is found by first calling the `Vector#find_householder_reflection` method, which takes `self` (an instance of `Vector`)

and finds  $(I - 2\vec{u}\vec{u}^t/||\vec{u}||^2)$ ; then, we subtract an Identity matrix of `cv.size` from it, so that, when the matrix is expanded to the right dimensions, we can simply add an Identity matrix of size `init_dim` to it, and thus determine  $H_n$ . `h` is then appended to `h_list`, which stores all given  $H_n$  matrices so  $Q$  can be found at the end of the process. `current_iteration` then becomes `h * current_iteration`, as it is again  $A_n$ . This process is repeated in the `for` loop until  $A_n$  is upper triangular.

Once the `for` loop is done, `q` is found by `injecting :*` to the array (finding the product of all its elements), and then the method returns both `q` and `r`.

### 2.2.3 Results and Analysis

Below are the solutions for  $n = 2, 3, \dots, 20$  and their respective errors. `sol` is the solution to the equation  $QR\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , `err1` is  $||QR - H||_\infty$  and `err2` is  $||H\vec{x} - \vec{b}||_\infty$ . It is important to note that regardless of the other error measurements, there remains inherent error in the original problem; however, it is more stable than other decompositions as  $Q$  is orthogonal, and its condition number becomes 1, making  $cond(A) = cond(QR) = cond(R)$  (*Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods*, pg 30).

N = 2

`sol = Vector[-2.0, 6.0]`

`err1 = 1.66533453693773e-16`

`err2 = 1.60118641699469e-15`

N = 3

`sol = Vector[3.000000000000003, -24.00000000000001, 30.00000000000001]`

`err1 = 1.94289029309402e-16`

`err2 = 1.52807993228568e-14`

N = 4

`sol = Vector[-3.999999999999912, 59.9999999999891, -179.999999999973, 139.999999999983]`

`err1 = 8.32667268468867e-17`

`err2 = 9.99822253751169e-14`

N = 5

`sol = Vector[5.00000000000005, -120.0000000000098, 630.000000000437, -1120.0000000007, 630.00000000032]`

`err1 = 2.77555756156289e-17`

`err2 = 1.52010783481848e-11`

N = 6

`sol = Vector[-6.00000000089631, 210.000000026659, -1680.00000018463, 5040.00000048848,`

-6300.00000054552, 2772.00000021677]

err1 = 1.66533453693773e-16

err2 = 4.50239798778978e-11

N = 7

sol = Vector[7.00000002203342, -336.000000875792, 3780.00000842381, -16800.000032749, 34650.0000600293, -33264.0000519156, 12012.0000170525]

err1 = 5.55111512312578e-17

err2 = 1.06241414529746e-08

N = 8

sol = Vector[-7.99999865279824, 503.999925690703, -7559.99901077151, 46199.9945707619, -138599.985226035, 216215.978917003, -168167.984892845, 51479.9957131147]

err1 = 1.52655665885959e-16

err2 = 2.09425467726484e-07

N = 9

sol = Vector[8.99991121736821, -719.993737591431, 13859.8922690749, -110879.221232176, 450447.11486721, -1009002.0608654, 1261253.1328125, -823675.828304291, 218788.96420002]

err1 = 1.17961196366423e-16

err2 = 1.21468854032131e-06

N = 10

sol = Vector[-9.9992164587602, 989.931160077453, -23758.5153179169, 240226.370779037, -1261194.48214722, 3783598.73800659, -6726421.01654053, 7000989.76269531, -3938067.03869629, 923746.248901367]

err1 = 3.81639164714898e-16

err2 = 8.29218156290765e-05

N = 11

sol = Vector[10.9215391352773, -1311.73552900553, 38394.4682121277, -478059.230010986, 3138670.80151367, -12057010.7783203, 28476986.6474609, -41855156.7421875, 37286086.8505859, -18416710.2607422, 3868220.01245117]

err1 = 2.28983498828939e-16

err2 = 0.00185948780040064

N = 12

sol = Vector[-11.6805649157614, 1679.12435483932, -58989.5669555664, 887300.243652344, -7113479.57226562, 33916613.15625, -101885819.21875, 197749121.4375, -247409658.1875, 192575582.5, -84787765.75, 16125571.2402344]

err1 = 8.32667268468867e-17  
err2 = 0.0585635613263169

N = 13  
sol = Vector[-17.629118386656, 2490.83803939819, -86599.147064209, 1297060.88525391,  
-10418336.40625, 50111503.28125, -153161826.6875, 306042975.75, -401453162.5,  
338343685.75, -172737279.125, 46734931.15625, -4675286.6953125]  
err1 = 2.56739074444567e-16  
err2 = 1.56440400784855

N = 14  
sol = Vector[11.0518277585506, -1764.99642848969, 68637.5826416016, -1136988.75390625,  
9953654.8203125, -51021878.3125, 159625676.25, -299363132.0, 285460295.0, 19638141.5,  
-388452240.125, 449289740.5625, -231062811.6875, 47002828.21875]  
err1 = 1.11022302462516e-16  
err2 = 1.33430942738243

N = 15  
sol = Vector[3.29442912340164, -380.200534820557, 7961.71643066406, 4005.939453125,  
-1492676.53125, 17134611.625, -93579339.75, 288969014.0, -501815422.0, 360213708.0,  
326874200.0, -1012593684.0, 1003466117.0, -480407496.0, 93219587.1875]  
err1 = 1.52655665885959e-16  
err2 = 2.91871352864347

N = 16  
sol = Vector[3.48647512495518, -349.450300216675, 5386.19491577148, 54487.87109375,  
-1854269.609375, 17502754.9375, -84299294.625, 228281192.75, -323287753.5, 95025811.625,  
424792122.0, -671701552.0, 339574854.0, 80873993.5, -147689482.0, 42722294.125]  
err1 = 1.2490009027033e-16  
err2 = 0.32930532191147

N = 17  
sol = Vector[-3.22108361124992, 728.225301265717, -36159.6916503906, 724344.018554688,  
-7402839.390625, 43077150.21875, -148688391.75, 295754646.5, -275331067.0, -  
47381104.0, 241467401.0, 230313529.5, -896512947.0, 851724014.0, -286636087.0,  
-30766117.5, 29693161.5]  
err1 = 1.38777878078145e-16  
err2 = 9.96697505353901

N = 18



```

sol = Vector[-13.0393237173557, 2013.47146224976, -75089.7684326172, 1170257.80664062,
-9283656.0390625, 39911290.9375, -85617516.25, 27606976.125, 287936783.125, -
636646629.0, 483502426.0, -37884332.0, 181593149.0, -677921490.0, 485359060.0,
129016824.0, -273697056.0, 85027202.375]
err1 = 1.38777878078145e-16
err2 = 8.97655984917988

```

```

N = 19
sol = Vector[-10.575250312686, 1318.33017349243, -38301.4317016602, 435838.275390625,
-2257109.34375, 5587472.8125, -14746395.5, 107632294.5, -505401583.0, 1146077540.0,
-970212002.0, -862750557.0, 2432907180.0, -1225124416.0, -950342148.0, 820311713.0,
549310000.0, -743750960.5, 212360400.75]
err1 = 2.25514051876985e-16
err2 = 2.63674345603329

```

```

N = 20
sol = Vector[2.00276151299477, -391.758289337158, 18499.1511230469, -364428.8125,
3674418.6875, -20653072.0625, 65033263.25, -100826814.25, 24646409.0, 77025627.0,
218001766.0, -800348840.0, 587811592.0, 426437661.0, -533096001.0, -313934860.0,
292470652.0, 454225316.5, -534529997.0, 154409446.5]
err1 = 1.04083408558608e-16
err2 = 1.33007968616477

```

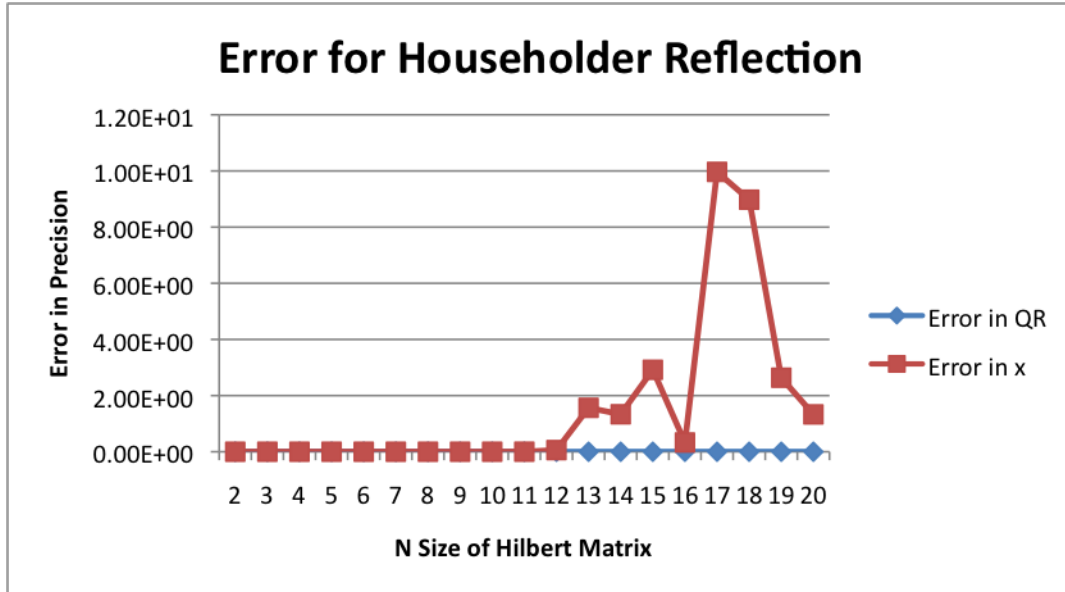


Figure 2: Error for Householder Reflection.

There are a few trends to examine within these results. First and foremost, it is clear that for the first handful of iterations, the Householder Reflections are extremely accurate. However, it is important to note that inaccuracy present at, and the huge increases in `err2` after  $N = 13$ . Since the errors measured above indicated this, but didn't offer any conclusive reason why (other than error amplification in  $\vec{x}$ , further investigations were necessary. Invoking the same property above, and using the property  $\|A\| = |\max \lambda_i|$ , I used the Power method to find the absolute value of the maximum eigenvalue of  $A$  to compute the  $\text{cond}(R)$  to determine the inherent error amplification in the problem.

Listing 5: Determining  $\text{cond}(R)$  for Householder

```
for i in 2..20
  m = Matrix.hilbert(i)
  q,r = m.householder
  norm_r = r.power_method.abs
  norm_r_inv = r.inverse.power_method.abs
  puts "cond(N=#{i}): #{norm_r * norm_r_inv}"
end
```

As expected, this code snippet printed out condition numbers for each matrix... up until the 13th iteration.

```
cond(N=2): 15.0000000633676
cond(N=3): 299.040132219316
cond(N=4): 6349.76484639525
cond(N=5): 138457.647018696
```

```

cond(N=6): 3063599.23761458
cond(N=7): 68420347.6630276
cond(N=8): 1537937583.62974
cond(N=9): 34733563292.8343
cond(N=10): 787269502031.433
cond(N=11): 17829448576474.5
cond(N=12): 4.02515205148727e+14

```

Having let the program run for twenty minutes, fully utilizing one 2.4Ghz core, we determined that the solution could not be computed (the execution had hung). This was because the Power Method did not converge to an eigenvalue for  $\|R^{-1}\|$ . This is most likely because the matrix itself is ill-conditioned, having incredibly small eigenvalues. This is more than likely a contributing factor of the inaccuracy of the results after the 13th iteration.

## 2.3 Givens Rotations

The Givens Rotation, like the Householder Reflection, is a more efficient and stable decomposition method than Gram-Schmidt. Unlike the Householder Reflection, however, the Givens Rotation uses counterclockwise rotations in order to zero out items below the diagonal. This is done based off of the principle of a standard rotation matrix in 2 dimensions:

$$\begin{bmatrix} c & s \\ -s & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$c = \frac{a_{ii}}{\sqrt{a_{ii}^2 + a_{ij}^2}}$$

and

$$s = -\frac{a_{ij}}{\sqrt{a_{ii}^2 + a_{ij}^2}}$$

and  $c$  and  $s$  represent  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$  respectively.

The algorithm is taken from *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* (p 37-41).

### 2.3.1 Explanation of the Algorithm

1. Iterate through the columns of  $A$ , looking for non-zero entries below the diagonal. When such an entry is found, let it be  $a_{ij}$ .
2. Find  $c$  and  $s$  using the formulas above.

3. Create a new Identity matrix of size  $n$ , called  $G_n$ .
4. Replace  $g_{ii}$  and  $g_{jj}$  with  $c$ . Then, replace  $g_{ij}$  with  $-s$  and  $g_{ji}$  with  $s$ .
5. Let  $A_n = G_n A_{(n-1)}$ .
6. Repeat the above process until  $A_n$  is upper triangular.
7.  $Q = G_1^t G_2^t \dots G_n^t$  and  $R = A_n$ .

### 2.3.2 Implementation of the Algorithm

Listing 6: QR Decomposition via Givens Rotations

```

class Matrix
  def givens
    return nil unless self.square?
    n = self.row_size
    a = self
    g_n = []
    cvs = a.column_vectors.map { |v| v.to_a }
    for i in 0...cvs.length
      for j in 0...cvs.length
        next unless j > i
        g = Matrix.identity(n).to_a
        c = cvs[i][i] / Math.sqrt(cvs[i][i]**2 + cvs[i][j]**2)
        s = -cvs[i][j] / Math.sqrt(cvs[i][i]**2 + cvs[i][j]**2)
        g[i][i], g[j][j] = c, c
        g[j][i], g[i][j] = s, -s
        g = Matrix[*g]
        g_n << g
        a = g * a
        cvs = a.column_vectors.map { |v| v.to_a }
      end
    end
    q, r = g_n.map { |m| m.t }.inject(&:*), a
    return q, r
  end
end

```

`Matrix#givens`, like `Matrix#householder`, iterates across the column vectors of  $A_n$ . The nested `for` loops serve to track  $i$  and  $j$  for the iterations. The inner loop automatically skips to the next iteration unless the current  $j$  is below the diagonal. Next, `c` and `s` are assigned, and inserted into `g`. The `Array → Matrix` conversion is again used due to the lack of an `Matrix#[]=` method.

Once the loops are finished, `q` and `r` are computed, with a `map` to transpose the  $G_n$  and an `injection` to find the product of all  $G_n$  in the case of the former. Finally, they are returned.

### 2.3.3 Results and Analysis

```

N = 2
sol = Vector[-2.0, 6.0]

```

err1 = 5.55111512312578e-17  
err2 = 9.93013661298909e-16

N = 3  
sol = Vector[3.000000000000007, -24.00000000000004, 30.00000000000004]  
err1 = 1.94289029309402e-16  
err2 = 1.03578512786223e-14

N = 4  
sol = Vector[-3.99999999999983, 59.9999999999975, -179.999999999994, 139.999999999995]  
err1 = 5.55111512312578e-17  
err2 = 3.11850560999409e-13

N = 5  
sol = Vector[4.99999999999852, -119.999999999996, 630.0000000000051, -1120.000000000016,  
630.0000000000073]  
err1 = 1.2490009027033e-16  
err2 = 1.36606012668301e-11

N = 6  
sol = Vector[-6.0000000000084128, 210.00000002468, -1680.00000016997, 5040.00000044797,  
-6300.00000049779, 2772.00000019732]  
err1 = 1.80411241501588e-16  
err2 = 2.77657346835272e-10

N = 7  
sol = Vector[7.0000000199434, -336.000000780041, 3780.00000739936, -16800.0000284091,  
34650.0000515878, -33264.0000442229, 12012.0000144187]  
err1 = 6.93889390390723e-17  
err2 = 1.55557238094569e-09

N = 8  
sol = Vector[-7.99999896803638, 503.999942819588, -7559.99923548102, 46199.9957879186,  
-138599.988499641, 216215.983540893, -168167.988176227, 51479.9966375828]  
err1 = 8.32667268468867e-17  
err2 = 7.94069060736149e-08

N = 9  
sol = Vector[8.99992426042445, -719.994748193771, 13859.9107559323, -110879.360818863,  
450447.649126053, -1009003.18890953, 1261254.46387482, -823676.650474548, 218789.171199322]

err1 = 7.63278329429795e-17  
err2 = 4.66503786431221e-06

N = 10  
sol = Vector[-9.99773236410692, 989.805655956268, -23755.8858902454, 240202.779294968,  
-1261083.16352844, 3783295.4758606, -6725927.26672363, 7000515.76196289, -  
3937819.6257019, 923692.114944458]  
err1 = 5.55111512312578e-17  
err2 = 0.000118021401875031

N = 11  
sol = Vector[10.9579401044175, -1315.64038014412, 38497.7383804321, -479232.092895508,  
3145750.00866699, -12082177.5825195, 28532307.1542969, -41931200.3964844, 37349712.1035156,  
-18446337.2919922, 3874106.02575684]  
err1 = 6.93889390390723e-17  
err2 = 0.00195217793208091

N = 12  
sol = Vector[-11.7637949250638, 1689.72214841843, -59325.9497375488, 891934.624389648,  
-7147851.09570312, 34069381.0234375, -102316196.78125, 198536336.8125, -248341644.9375,  
193264411.125, -85076605.21875, 16178025.9941406]  
err1 = 4.16333634234434e-17  
err2 = 0.115012096881196

N = 13  
sol = Vector[-61.8027538955212, 9494.16192626953, -359111.035888672, 5871992.68164062,  
-51801904.90625, 276049891.0, -945991737.0, 2154025841.0, -3292805052.0, 3339661792.0,  
-2154944515.0, 800648371.0, -130364935.875]  
err1 = 6.24500451351651e-17  
err2 = 8.90425266073271

N = 14  
sol = Vector[7.45895887166262, -1295.68168830872, 54003.9275512695, -952275.251953125,  
8870901.421875, -48738288.0, 166811664.25, -360888921.25, 476149459.5, -321513091.25,  
-8250174.0, 188159185.5625, -129611016.0, 29910008.9082031]  
err1 = 9.0205620750794e-17  
err2 = 0.62963504942535

N = 15  
sol = Vector[12.3366819694638, -1821.77809238434, 65374.663269043, -992064.502929688,

7841929.44140625, -35339854.515625, 92208062.125, -126442974.375, 41272087.75,  
 109135805.75, -80595176.125, -157957808.5, 290534658.25, -180913882.0, 41185843.65625]  
 err1 = 6.24500451351651e-17  
 err2 = 1.07872075743074

N = 16

sol = Vector[70.3090637922287, -11236.7543334961, 440947.072753906, -7426134.3671875,  
 66566162.375, -351925447.5, 1145727382.0, -2272672160.0, 2441160344.0, -556420716.0,  
 -1655614908.0, 1192563112.0, 1264526288.0, -2290058780.0, 1285152142.0, -262007026.0]  
 err1 = 4.85722573273506e-17  
 err2 = 30.713229091634

N = 17

sol = Vector[-3.61188149452209, 725.89476776123, -33253.7346801758, 621643.462890625,  
 -5928474.9375, 31899825.4375, -99654787.25, 170816763.0, -115289738.0, -55190619.125,  
 15787368.75, 275831749.625, -188990795.5, -450670627.5, 804762953.25, -494987422.6875,  
 111024901.21875]  
 err1 = 9.0205620750794e-17  
 err2 = 1.22101337499855

N = 18

sol = Vector[2.92630496621132, -69.7963218688965, -11038.7431640625, 392856.178710938,  
 -5161550.10546875, 34689883.0859375, -131933774.5, 287567094.5, -336914135.0,  
 214197943.0, -338028503.0, 819475402.0, -438687772.0, -1515573252.0, 3161195832.0,  
 -2670750844.0, 1102708686.0, -183166515.5]  
 err1 = 1.07552855510562e-16  
 err2 = 5.73895360472133

N = 19

sol = Vector[-5.86808938533068, 761.973731994629, -22226.7529602051, 229556.625488281,  
 -614158.8046875, -5032363.90625, 43757105.6875, -130368521.375, 118144546.0,  
 259113075.25, -781019987.5, 660212292.0, 74774548.5, -430512041.5, 483743559.0,  
 -992752915.0, 1328748118.0, -817227380.5, 188826241.8125]  
 err1 = 8.32667268468867e-17  
 err2 = 10.3948622428631

N = 20

sol = Vector[-8.68420749902725, 1128.25052070618, -33044.6605834961, 343626.84375,  
 -916979.609375, -8018512.4375, 71636052.25, -228503793.0, 268607218.0, 276694216.5,  
 -1191775110.0, 1161745104.0, 109201064.0, -942929664.0, 881892328.0, -1341010140.0,

```

2050000240.0, -1638338480.0, 616628050.0, -85223057.0]
err1 = 6.59194920871187e-17
err2 = 3.44515872161303

```

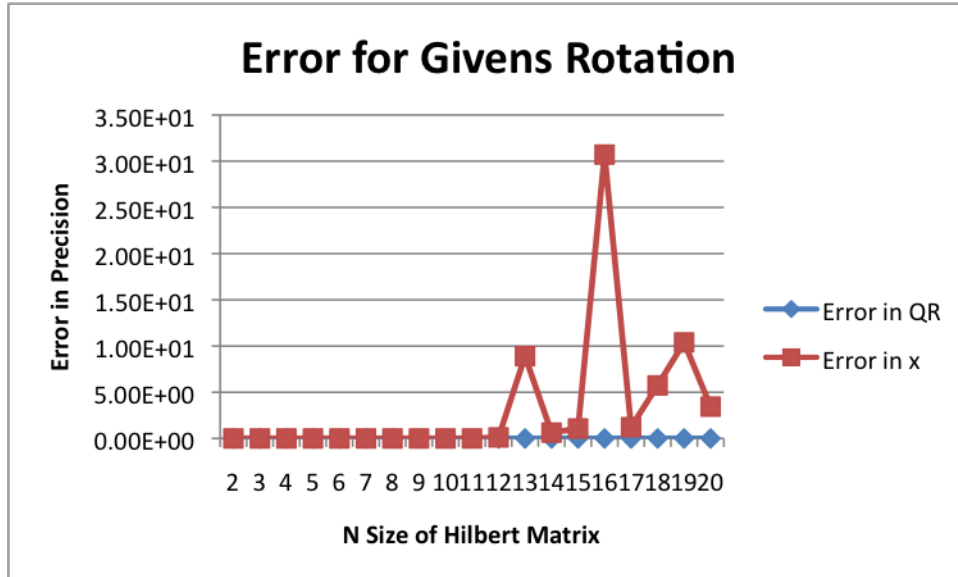


Figure 3: Error for Givens Rotation.

Again, like the Householder Reflection method, the Givens Rotation suffers odd errors once it reaches the  $13 \times 13$  Hilbert matrix. And again, the problem arises because it is an ill-conditioned matrix.

Listing 7: Determining  $\text{cond}(R)$  for Givens

```

for i in 2..20
  m = Matrix.hilbert(i)
  q,r = m.givens
  r_norm = r.power_method.abs
  r_inv_norm = r.inverse.power_method.abs
  puts "cond(N=#{i}): #{r_norm * r_inv_norm}"
end

```

Results were:

```

cond(N=2): 15.0000011125923
cond(N=3): 299.040144310689
cond(N=4): 6349.7651396892
cond(N=5): 138457.652248714
cond(N=6): 3063599.34834093

```



```

cond(N=7): 68420350.0720479
cond(N=8): 1537937656.71739
cond(N=9): 34733602598.1239
cond(N=10): 787216766308.864
cond(N=11): 17863296168299.8
cond(N=12): 4.05102981075616e+14
cond(N=13): 2.11135930217763e+16

```

The Givens Rotation's  $\text{cond}(R)$  ceases to calculate at  $N = 14$ , one dimension after the Householder Reflection.

## 2.4 Comparing All Three Algorithms

While LU is by far the most accurate, the two QR algorithms are much more efficient. As Erdos says in *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* (p 43):

It is interesting to compare how these two algorithms perform in reality. This can be an interesting computer project. A computer test run on randomly generated matrices reveals that

(i) Householder is faster, especially for larger matrices, but (ii) Givens is slightly more accurate.

The reason is that Householder is a greedier algorithm: it tries to zero more elements at the same time. Hence it is faster, but lousier. Givens is a slow but more accurate algorithm. However, the error is in fact almost negligible in both cases.

Of course, in Erdos's measurements, the largest matrix he deals with is a  $7 \times 7$ , and its values are assuredly much larger than many of the Hilbert matrices values (the same holds true for the relationship between the matrices' eigenvalues).

## 3 Part Two

This problem is centered around the rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  convolutional code. The convolutional code takes in one binary stream of data ( $x$ ), and encodes it into two different binary output streams  $Y_1$  and  $y_0$ . This section focuses on how this encoding formula can be recompiled into a linear transformation problem of the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ . The encoding itself will be split into two separate problems. Although it is possible to create one matrix to encode any data stream, it is more convenient when decoding to use two separate matrices for the two output streams. This will be seen when using iterative methods to decode the output streams.

### 3.1 Convolutional Encoding

The first step to create a linear transformation from the convolutional code was to establish the two different algorithms for producing the output streams.

$$y_n^0 = x_n + x_{(n-2)} + x_{(n-3)}$$

$$y_n^1 = x_n + x_{(n-1)} + x_{(n-3)}$$

From these two statements one can derive the Matrices that represent encoding into either data stream. Here are two Java methods that will take an empty matrix of the appropriate size and fill it with entries for the encoding method.

Listing 8: Creating the Matrices Necessary for Part Two

```
public class Matrix {
    //fills a matrix to correctly encode the y0 stream
    public Matrix fillMatrixZero() {
        int length = this.length;
        for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)
            for (int j = 0; j < length; j++)
                if (i >= j) {
                    if (i == j) {
                        this.entry[i][j] = 1;
                    }
                    if (i == j + 2) {
                        this.entry[i][j] = 1; }
                    if (i == j + 3) {
                        this.entry[i][j] = 1; }
                } else {
                    this.entry[i][j] = 0;
                }
        return this;
    }

    //fills a matrix to encode the y1 stream
    public Matrix fillMatrixOne() {
        int length = this.length;
        for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < length; j++) {
                if (i >= j) {
```

```

        if (i == j) {
            this.entry[i][j] = 1;
        }
        if (i == j + 1) {
            this.entry[i][j] = 1;
        }
        if (i == j + 3) {
            this.entry[i][j] = 1;
        }
        } else {
            this.entry[i][j] = 0;
        }
    }
}
return this;
}
}

```

From this point one only has to multiply an input stream by the matrix to calculate the desired output stream. Below is Java code that will encode the input stream:

$$x = (1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0)$$

#### Listing 9: Encoding the Stream

```

input = Matrix.generateInput();
A = new Matrix(input.length, input.length);
A = A.fillMatrixZero();
B = new Matrix(input.length, input.length);
B = B.fillMatrixOne();
Y0 = A.matrixMultiply(input);
Y1 = B.matrixMultiply(input);

```

With the results:

$$y^0 = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0)$$

$$y^1 = (1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$$

## 3.2 Jacobi Method

The Jacobi Method is an iterative method used to solve the problem of the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$  through a number of iterations until the algorithm converges. Since this problem is addressed entirely in binary, there is no large amount of error to worry about, the number of iterations to find the correct solution will be lower than usual.

To implement Jacobi method the coordinate formula is used, derived originally from the Jacobi decomposition, both are shown below:

$$\vec{x}^{(n)} = -D^{-1}(L + U)\vec{x}^{(n-1)} + D^{-1}\vec{b}$$

$$x_i^{(n)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}}(b_i - \sum_{j:j \neq i} a_{ij}x_j^{(n-1)})$$

The algorithm is taken from *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* (p 51). The algorithm implemented in Java code is shown here.

Listing 10: Jacobi Implementation

```
public class Matrix {
    public Matrix jacobiIteration(Matrix A, int maxit) {
        int k, i, j;

        Matrix result = new Matrix (A.length, maxit);
        for (k = 0; k < maxit; k++) {
            for (i = 0; i < this.length; i++) {
                double sum = 0;
                for (j = 0; j < A.length; j++) {
                    if (i != j) {
                        if (k == 0) {
                            sum = 0;
                        } else {
                            sum = ((A.entry[i][j] * result.entry[j][k - 1]) + sum) % 2;
                        }
                    }
                }
                result.entry[i][k] = (1 / A.entry[i][i]) * ((Math.abs(this.entry[i][0] - sum))) % 2;
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

Here the modulus 2 operator is used to implement binary addition and subtraction. This method can be used to solve for the original input stream of any randomly generated output stream  $y^0$  or  $y^1$ . The proper convolutional code matrix is passed into the method by the matrix parameter along with the number of iterations to perform.

For the cases tested the Jacobi iteration usually converged within 6 iterations.

### 3.3 Gauss-Seidel Method

The Gauss-Seidel method is another iterative method used to solve linear systems. Once again, the error in this system is not large because it has been implemented in binary. Gauss-Seidel is generally held to converge faster than the Jacobi iteration in most situations, and the actual formula looks similar to the Jacobi Method.

Here are the formulas as they appear in *Linear Algebra for Math2601: Numerical Methods* (p 55):

$$\vec{x}^{(n)} = (L + D)^{-1}(\vec{b} - U\vec{x}^{(n-1)})$$

$$x_i^{(n)} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}}(b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij}x_j^{(n)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij}x_j^{(n-1)})$$

Here is the method implemented in Java.

Listing 11: Gauss-Seidel Implementation

```
public class Matrix {
    public Matrix gaussseidelIteration(Matrix A, int maxit) {
        int k, i, j;

        Matrix result = new Matrix (A.length, maxit);
        for (k = 0; k < maxit; k++) {
            for (i = 0; i < this.length; i++) {
                double sum = 0;
                for (j = 0; j <= i-1; j++) {
                    sum = ((A.entry[i][j] * result.entry[j][k]) + sum) % 2;
                }
                for (j = i + 1; j < A.length; j++) {
                    if (k == 0) {
                        sum = (A.entry[i][j] * 0 + sum) % 2;
                    } else {
                        sum = ((A.entry[i][j] * result.entry[j][k - 1]) + sum) % 2;
                    }
                    result.entry[i][k] = (1 / A.entry[i][i]) * ((Math.abs(this.entry[i][0] -
                        sum))) % 2;
                }
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

As with the Jacobi iteration, the modulus 2 operator is used to implement binary arithmetic. This method can also be used to solve for the input stream of any randomly generated why output stream. Again, the correct output stream matrix is passed in as a parameter along with the number of iterations.

In all cases tested, the Gauss-seidel method converged in two-three iterations.

### 3.4 Results and Analysis

The results of decoding random output streams are shown in an  $n \times m$  matrix where  $n$  is the length of the output stream and resultant input vector, and  $m$  is the number of iterations. The last column of the matrix, the largest  $m$ , is the final result of the iterative method. This visual representation helps to see the methods progress over a set number of iterations. Below are results from some test cases run in Java.

```
0.0
1.0
```

0.0  
1.0  
1.0  
1.0  
1.0  
0.0  
0.0  
0.0  
0.0  
1.0  
1.0  
13 by 1

Decoding...  
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
0.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
1.0 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
13 by 8

0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
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1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0  
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0

```

1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
13 by 8

```

```

5 by 5

```

```

1.0
0.0
0.0
0.0
0.0
5 by 1

```

```

Decoding...

```

```

1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
0.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
5 by 8

```

```

1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0
5 by 8

```

The Gauss-seidel appears to always be more efficient, converging faster than Jacobi. Since error is not an issue within this binary system, Gauss-seidel will always be a faster and more efficient choice to decode any output stream. Every Gauss-seidel iteration matches up with every other Jacobi iteration, since it is converging about twice as faster. For most test cases, Gauss-seidel would converge in two to three iterations while Jacobi would take closer to five or six.

## 4 Part Three

The purpose of Part Three is to implement the Power Method in order to find the largest eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  matrix, in particular a Leslie matrix that models the population of a city. Using the Leslie matrix we can study the growth of populations by modeling the population distribution in future years and exploring the meaning of the Leslie matrix eigenvalue.

### 4.1 Leslie Matrices

Leslie Matrices are used to describe population growth in a city. As shown in the problem, the first row of the matrix represents the per capita average number of female offsprings of that age group, or the fecundity. The following numbers in each column are the fractions of people surviving to the next age class. Each entry in the given population distribution matrix is the part of the population in that age group, each group being of ten years (0-9,10-19, etc). The first population distribution matrix given is for the year 2000 and is shown later in listing 7.

The given Leslie Matrix of the city shown in Ruby is shown later on in listing 7 as well.

### 4.2 Power Method

The Power Method is used to calculate eigenvalues of  $n \times n$  matrices. In the class notes it was shown that after defining

$$\vec{u}(n+1) = A\vec{u}(n)$$

it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}(n+1)}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}(n)} = \lambda$$

The following is an implementation of the Power Method in Ruby. Its explanation is found in the solutions below.

### 4.3 Implementation of the Power Method

Listing 12: Power Method

```
class Matrix
  def power_method
    a = self
    u_prev = Array.new(a.column_size) { 1 }
    w = Array.new(a.column_size) { |i| i == 0 ? 1 : 0 }
```



```

lambda, innerProd1, innerProd2 = 0, 0, 0
u_new_matrix = a * Vector[*u_prev].covector.transpose
u_new_array = u_new_matrix.to_a
u_new = []

for i in 0...u_new_array.size
  u_new.push(u_new_array[i][0])
end

innerProd1 = innerProd1 + Vector[*w].inner_product(Vector[*u_new])
innerProd2 = innerProd2 + Vector[*w].inner_product(Vector[*u_prev])
lambda_prev = lambda
lambda = (innerProd1/innerProd2).to_f
u_prev = u_new
u_new_matrix = a * Vector[*u_prev].covector.transpose
u_new_array = u_new_matrix.to_a
u_new = []

for i in 0...u_new_array.size
  u_new.push(u_new_array[i][0])
end

while true
  innerProd1 = innerProd1 + Vector[*w].inner_product(Vector[*u_new])
  innerProd2 = innerProd2 + Vector[*w].inner_product(Vector[*u_prev])
  lambda_prev = lambda
  lambda = (innerProd1/innerProd2).to_f
  u_prev = u_new
  u_new_matrix = a * Vector[*u_prev].covector.transpose
  u_new_array = u_new_matrix.to_a
  u_new = []
  for i in 0...u_new_array.size
    u_new.push(u_new_array[i][0])
  end
  break if (lambda - lambda_prev).abs <= 0.00000001
end
return lambda
end
end

```

## 4.4 Answering the Question of Population Trends

### 4.4.1 Social Factors and Influences of the Leslie Matrix

The original problem asks to interpret the data in the matrix and discuss the social factors that influence those numbers. The solution was derived from an analysis of the given Leslie matrix.

In the given Leslie matrix the survival rate in the different age groups and the fecundity both vary. The fecundity can be seen when analyzing the first row of the matrix. In the age groups 0-9 and 50 and over, the average birth of females from that age class is zero because women are not physically fertile. In the ranges 10-19 and 20-29 the birth rate is low because women generally have the most children in their thirties, which is apparent in the .9 per capita average in that age group.

Looking at the data in each of the columns of the matrix, the fraction of surviving

individuals varies due to several factors. The number in each column represents the surviving fraction that makes it to the next group. Newborns of age 0-9 have a survival rate of .7 possibly due to infant deaths which occur due to birth complications and medical problems. The survival rates increase in the groups of 10-19 and 20-29, particularly because individuals are the healthiest during this "prime" of their life. The rate slowly decreases after 30-39 and over the next few age groups until it drops .4 in the 70-79 age group in which health complications due to old age cause more deaths.

#### 4.4.2 Projected Population Distributions

In this implementation, the output is written to a file using the `content` variable and the new matrices for the population distributions are shown in the code.

Listing 13: Populations

```
output = File.new("data3.txt", "w+")
content = ""

leslie = Matrix[[0, 1.2, 1.1, 0.9, 0.1, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0.7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0.85, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0.9, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0.9, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0.88, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.8, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.77, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.4, 0]]

# largest eigenvalue of leslie

content << "largest lambda: #{leslie.power_method}\n"

# population distributions

x_0 = Matrix[[2.1], [1.9], [1.8], [2.1], [2.0], [1.7], [1.2], [0.9], [0.5]]
x_1 = leslie * x_0 #=> Matrix[[6.35], [1.47], [1.615], [1.62], [1.89], [1.76], [1.36],
                             [0.924], [0.36]]
x_2 = leslie * x_1 #=> Matrix[[5.1875], [4.445], [1.2495], [1.4535], [1.458], [1.6632],
                             [1.408], [1.0472], [0.3696]]
x_3 = leslie * x_2 #=> Matrix[[8.1624], [3.63125], [3.77825], [1.12455], [1.30815],
                             [1.28304], [1.33056], [1.08416], [0.41888]]
x_4 = leslie * x_3 #=> Matrix[[9.656485], [5.71368], [3.0865625], [3.400425], [1.012095],
                             [1.151172], [1.026432], [1.0245312], [0.433664]]
x_5 = leslie * x_4 #=> Matrix[[13.41322675], [6.7595395], [4.856628], [2.77790625],
                             [3.0603825], [0.8906436], [0.9209376], [0.79035264], [0.40981248]]

# total populations

populations = [
  x_0.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
  x_1.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
  x_2.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
  x_3.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
  x_4.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
```

```

        x_5.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000
    ]

content << "2010: #{populations[1]}
2020: #{populations[2]}
2030: #{populations[3]}
2040: #{populations[4]}
2050: #{populations[5]}
"

# percentage of population change

content << "2000 -> 2010: %.2f\%
2010 -> 2020: %.2f\%
2020 -> 2030: %.2f\%
2030 -> 2040: %.2f\%
2040 -> 2050: %.2f\%" % [((populations[1] - populations[0]) / populations[0] * 100),
                        ((populations[2] - populations[1]) / populations[1] * 100),
                        ((populations[3] - populations[2]) / populations[2] * 100),
                        ((populations[4] - populations[3]) / populations[3] * 100),
                        ((populations[5] - populations[4]) / populations[4] * 100)]

```

The next section requires a calculation of the population distribution, total population, and fraction of change of the total population in 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050.

The approach to this problem was to use the Leslie Matrix Model and multiply the Leslie Matrix by each previous population distribution, starting in 2010 and using the given distribution for 2000.

The population distribution is shown in the code as matrices and written is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{x}(1) &= (6.35, 1.47, 1.615, 1.62, 1.89, 1.76, 1.36, 0.924, 0.36)(10^5) \\
 \vec{x}(2) &= (5.1875, 4.445, 1.2495, 1.4535, 1.458, 1.6632, 1.408, 1.0472, 0.3696)(10^5) \\
 \vec{x}(3) &= (8.1624, 3.63125, 3.77825, 1.12455, 1.30815, 1.28304, 1.33056, 1.08416, 0.41888)(10^5) \\
 \vec{x}(4) &= (9.656485, 5.71368, 3.0865625, 3.400425, 1.0121, 1.1512, 1.02643, 1.02453, 0.4337)(10^5) \\
 \vec{x}(5) &= (13.413227, 6.75954, 4.8566, 2.777906, 3.06038, 0.89064, 0.92094, 0.790353, 0.409812)(10^5)
 \end{aligned}$$

The total population of the city in question for each year was as follows:

```

2010: 173490.0
2020: 182815.0
2030: 221212.4
2040: 265050.467
2050: 338794.2932

```

With the fractional change of the total population:

2000 → 2010:	22.18%
2010 → 2020:	5.37%
2020 → 2030:	21.00%
2030 → 2040:	19.82%
2040 → 2050:	27.82%

By implementing the formula given in the problem

$$\vec{x}(k+1) = A\vec{x}(k)$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  and  $\vec{x}(0)$  is the given population distribution, the population distribution could be calculated for each decade increase. This, more simply put, is a multiplication of the Leslie matrix with the previous population distribution. This is seen in the code as `x_1 = leslie * x_0` where `x_0` is the  $\vec{x}(0)$  population distribution. The next decades are calculated in the same manner. In order to find the total population of one year, a simple summation of the elements of each of the population distribution matrices (multiplied by  $10^5$ ) shown in the code as `population` gives the total population. The percent increase of the population was calculated by taking the difference in total population divided by the previous population, for each decade as seen in the last portion of the code in listing 7.

#### 4.4.3 Obtaining the Eigenvalue and its Meaning

In order to evaluate these populations it was required to write a program implementing the Power method to calculate the largest eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  matrix where the method stops after 8 digits of accuracy. The program could be used to calculate the largest eigenvalue of the given Leslie matrix.

The bulk of this problem was in developing a Power method algorithm in Ruby that took in an  $n \times n$  matrix that iterated until 8 digit decimal precision was achieved. After testing to see if the program returned correct eigenvalues for any square matrix, it was passed the Leslie matrix in order to find the largest eigenvalue.

After running the program using the Leslie matrix, the method returns the eigenvalue 1.28865626235758.

Implementing the power method in Ruby only required the creation of one method because of some shared coding with part 1 including the `Vector#inner_product` method to calculate the dot product, used in part of the algorithm. The general formula for the power method can be found in the web notes by Laszlo Erdos for *Linear Algebra: Numerical Methods in Numerical Computation of Eigenvalues*(p 62).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}(n+1)}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}(n)} = \lambda$$

where  $\vec{w}$  and  $\vec{u}_0$  are randomly chosen nonzero vectors. As shown in the declarations of `u_prev` and `w` in the power method program implemented uses a  $\vec{w}$  vector of  $[1, 0, 0, \dots, 0_n]^t$  and a  $\vec{u}_0$  vector of  $[1, 1, 1, \dots, 1_n]^t$  both with the number of entries equal to  $n$  of the  $n \times n$  Leslie matrix. These are the vectors we used in class to compute eigenvalues with the Power Method but they could be any vectors as long as they are not zero. The coding of the algorithm for the actual iterations of the method can be seen in the while loop. There are two general parts to calculating the eigenvalue. First,  $\vec{u}_1$  is calculated and later  $\vec{u}_{(n+1)}$  with the same code but over many iterations in the while loop, represented in the code, after certain conversions, as `u_new`. This is modeled by  $\vec{u}_{(n+1)} = A\vec{u}_{(n)}$  on page 62 of the web notes by Erdos, where in the code `u_new` is  $\vec{u}_{(n+1)}$ , `u_prev` is  $\vec{u}_n$  and `a` is  $A$ , the given matrix.

The second part involves the eigenvalue calculated using the inner products according to the limit exemplified earlier. The code is first implemented when using `innerProd1` and `innerProd2` and later on over multiple iterations, where `lambda` is the approximated eigenvalue and `lambda_prev` is saved for precision calculation. The break statement terminates the loop after the difference in `lambdas` is less than  $10^{-8}$ , guaranteeing that precision. The first iteration does not have a `lambda` to compare so it occurs outside and before the loop, creating some repetition of code. When converting matrices to arrays in order to multiply the inner product we encounter a small problem in Ruby. When using the `Matrix#.to_a` the given matrix is converted to an array of arrays containing numbers instead of just an array of numbers. To take care of this, a new array is created and filled with the elements of the old array shown as `u_new.push(u_new_array[i][0])`. In the code the first calculation of  $\vec{u}_{(n+1)}$  is `u_new_matrix` and in Ruby is of the type `Matrix`. The array conversion is denoted as `u_new_array` and finally the array of numbers which can actually be used is `u_new`. Once `lambda` is calculated as a float point of precision to 8 decimals it is returned by `Matrix#power_method`.

The next part of the problem asked to analyze the eigenvalue obtained for the Leslie matrix and discuss what this means about the growth of the population in the long run.

Obtaining the eigenvalue of 1.28865626 reveals the eventual behavior of the population of the given city. The eigenvalue is greater than 1 which means the population will grow. If it was less than 1, the population would over time become extinct and if it was equal to 1 then the population would remain the same, with equal birth and death. This can be shown using the theorem covered in chapter 4 of Erdos's notes (p 49):

Theorem 4.1

For a square matrix  $A$ ,  $\|A^k\| \rightarrow 0$  if and only if, all eigenvalues of  $A$  satisfy  $|\lambda| < 1$

When looking at the iterative model given in the question

$$\vec{x}(k) = A^k \vec{x}(0)$$

it is possible to see that a norm that converges to zero with a large enough  $k$  would eventually give a population of zero when multiplied by the distribution vector. This would happen if the largest eigenvalue was less than 1, and it can be drawn that because our eigenvalue computed for the Leslie matrix is greater than 1 the population must grow, getting closer to that rate as  $k$  gets larger.

Therefore we arrive at the equation

$$\vec{x}(n+1) = \lambda \vec{x}(n)$$

for large values of  $n$ , where  $\lambda$  is the dominant or largest eigenvalue.

This shows that as  $n$  gets larger  $\vec{x}(n+1)$  is a scalar multiple of  $\vec{x}(n)$  and if that scalar, the computed eigenvalue, is positive the population will eventually grow by that growth rate, as shown in our given case of the population of a city.

#### 4.4.4 Supposing a Change in Birth Rate

In this implementation, the output is written to a file using the `content` variable

Listing 14: Populations

```
leslie = Matrix[[0, 0.6, 1.1, 0.9, 0.1, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0.7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0.85, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0.9, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0.9, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0.88, 0, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.8, 0, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.77, 0, 0],
               [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.4, 0]]

x_3new = leslie * x_2
x_4new = leslie * x_3new
x_5new = leslie * x_4new

populations_new = [
    x_2.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
    x_3new.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
    x_4new.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000,
    x_5new.to_a.flatten.inject(&:+) * 10000
]

content << "\n\nWith 2020's second set modified.\n"

content << "2020: #{populations_new[0]}
2030: #{populations_new[1]}
2040: #{populations_new[2]}
2050: #{populations_new[3]}
"

content << "largest lambda: #{leslie.power.method}\n"
```

```

content << "2020 -> 2030: %.2f\%
2030 -> 2040: %.2f\%
2040 -> 2050: %.2f\%" % [((populations_new[1] - populations_new[0]) / populations_new[0] *
    100),
                        ((populations_new[2] - populations_new[1]) / populations_new[1] *
    100),
                        ((populations_new[3] - populations_new[2]) / populations_new[2] *
    100)]

output.write(content)

```

The problem asks to decrease the birth rate of the second age group by half in 2020 and then predict the population for 2030, 2040 and 2050, discussing again the meaning of the eigenvalue for this new matrix over a long period of time.

This was approached by changing the original Leslie matrix to reflect the new change in birth rate and then applying the previous method of calculating using the total populations and fractional change for the years of 2030, 2040, and 2050.

The newly computed eigenvalue is 1.16790279. The new populations of the following years are:

```

2020: 182815.0
2030: 194542.4
2040: 224593.967
2050: 262190.9132

```

and the percentage of change in populations are

```

2020 -> 2030: 6.41%
2030 -> 2040: 15.45%
2040 -> 2050: 16.74%

```

These values were arrived at by first altering the Leslie matrix as seen above, where the birth rate of the second age group, which was previous at 1.2 was decreased to 0.6. This birth rate changes in 2020 so the population distribution in 2010 and 2020 remains the same as presented in the data. In calculating the distribution in 2030, the calculation used before still applies but includes the new Leslie matrix. The population distribution in 2030 is equal to the new Leslie matrix times the population distribution in 2020. In Ruby this looks like `x_3new = leslie * x_2` and the code following it, where `x_3new`, `x_4new`, `x_5new` are all of the new distribution matrices. Once these are calculated the total populations can be found by using the same method earlier, which was to add each of the numbers in the population distribution in `populations_new`. Finding the percent change was also the same as previously done.

The eigenvalue is computed by using the Power Method on the new Leslie matrix, using a simple call to the method `leslie.power_method`

This eigenvalue is still a positive number greater than 1, showing a population that will still grow positively and eventually level off at a factor of 1.167902791647756 for the new birth rate, which is somewhat lower than the previous rate. The population totals show the growing populations diminish due to the halved birthrate of the second age group in 2020. By 2050 where the population would have been 338794.2932 it is now 262190.9132. However, in the long run the population will not diminish because it's dominant eigenvalue is still greater than 1.