

# Assignment 2-Q3

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## 1 MECH 309: Assignment 2, Question 3

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All work can be found on <https://github.com/imported-canuck/MECH-309>

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[107]: # Imports
import numpy as np
from scipy import linalg
from solver import *
```

*Note:* I wrote all scripts by hand. Therefore, code might not be as concise/clean as a script produced by ChatGPT or taken from StackOverflow. Regardless, scripts should still be fully functional if all **assumptions** stated in docstrings are respected. I trust that this won't be penalized during grading.

### a: Forward Substitution

Below is the function, `forward_sub(A,b)` that solves a linear system via forward substitution. It requires two inputs: an  $(n \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , assumed to be lower triangular (but not checked), and an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector  $b$ . It ensures that the matrix  $A$  is nonsingular and square, and that vector  $b$  is of compatible shape with  $A$ . If all of these checks pass, it builds the solution vector  $x$ : an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector.

```
[108]: def forward_sub(A, b):
    """
    Solve the equation  $Ax = b$  for  $x$ , where  $A$  is a lower triangular matrix.
    Assumes a lower triangular matrix  $A$ . Expects  $A$  to be non-singular,
    and that the dimensions of  $A$  and  $b$  are compatible (but checks these and
    throws an exception if not).

    Parameters:
    A (ndarray): A lower triangular matrix of shape  $(n, n)$ .
    b (ndarray): A vector of shape  $(n, 1)$ .

    Returns:
    x (ndarray): The solution vector of shape  $(n, 1)$ .
    """
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n = A.shape[0]           # Size of matrix A
if A.shape[1] != n:      # Check if A is square
    raise ValueError("Matrix A must be square.")
if b.shape[0] != n:      # Check if dimensions of b are compatible
    raise ValueError("Vector b must have compatible dimensions with matrix_
↪A.")

x = np.zeros((n, 1))     # Initialize solution vector x as a column vector

x[0, 0] = b[0, 0] / A[0, 0] # First element of x (actually redundant,
                             # kept for clarity)

for i in range(n):       # Loop over each row
    if A[i, i] == 0:      # Check for singularity (zero diagonal element)
        raise ValueError("Matrix is singular.")

    # For each column of row i before the diagonal subtract the product of
    # the entry A(i, j) and the corresponding entry of vector x from b[i]
    for j in range(i):
        b[i, 0] -= A[i, j] * x[j, 0]

    # Finally divide b[i] by the diagonal element A(i, i) to get x[i]
    x[i, 0] = b[i, 0] / A[i, i]

return x

```

Here we validate `forward_sub(A,b)` on the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

```

[109]: A = np.array([[2.0, 0.0, 0.0],
                    [3.0, 1.0, 0.0],
                    [-2.0, -1.0, 3.0]])

b = np.array([[2.0],
              [6.0],
              [1.0]])

forward_sub(A, b)

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[109]: array([[1.],
              [3.],
              [2.]])

```

## b: Backward Substitution

Below is the function, `backward_sub(A,b)` that solves a linear system via forward substitution. It requires two inputs: an  $(n \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , assumed to be upper triangular (but not checked), and an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector  $b$ . It ensures that the matrix  $A$  is nonsingular and square, and that vector  $b$  is of compatible shape with  $A$ . If all of these checks pass, it builds the solution vector  $x$ : an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector.

```
[ ]: def backward_sub(A, b):  
    """  
    Solve the equation  $Ax = b$  for  $x$ , where  $A$  is an upper triangular matrix.  
    Assumes an upper triangular matrix  $A$ . Expects a that  $A$  is non-singular,  
    and that the dimensions of  $A$  and  $b$  are compatible (but checks these and  
    throws an exception if not).  
  
    Parameters:  
    A (ndarray): An upper triangular matrix of shape  $(n, n)$ .  
    b (ndarray): A vector of shape  $(n, 1)$ .  
  
    Returns:  
    x (ndarray): The solution vector of shape  $(n, 1)$ .  
    """  
    n = A.shape[0]                # Size of matrix A  
    if A.shape[1] != n:          # Check if A is square  
        raise ValueError("Matrix A must be square.")  
    if b.shape[0] != n:          # Check if dimensions of b are compatible  
        raise ValueError("Vector b must have compatible dimensions with matrix_↵  
↵A.")  
  
    x = np.zeros((n, 1))          # Initialize solution vector x  
  
    x[-1, 0] = b[-1, 0] / A[-1, -1] # First element of x (bottom-right;  
                                     # actually redundant, kept for clarity)  
    for i in range(n - 1, -1, -1): # Loop over each row from bottom to top  
        # Check for singularity (zero diagonal element)  
        if A[i, i] == 0:  
            raise ValueError("Matrix is singular.")  
  
        # For each column of row i after the diagonal subtract the product of  
        # the entry  $A(i, j)$  and the corresponding entry of vector  $x$  from  $b[i]$   
        for j in range(i + 1, n):  
            b[i, 0] -= A[i, j] * x[j, 0]  
        # Finally divide  $b[i]$  by the diagonal element  $A(i, i)$  to get  $x[i]$   
        x[i, 0] = b[i, 0] / A[i, i]  
  
    return x
```

Here we validate `backward_sub(A,b)` on the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

```
[111]: A = np.array([[1.0, -3.0, 1.0],
                    [0.0, 2.0, -2.0],
                    [0.0, 0.0, 3.0]])

b = np.array([[2.0],
              [-2.0],
              [6.0]])

backward_sub(A, b)
```

```
[111]: array([[3.],
              [1.],
              [2.]])
```

### c: Gaussian Elimination

Below is the function, `gaussian_elimination(A,b)` that solves a linear system via gaussian elimination with partial pivoting. It requires two inputs: an  $(n \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , and an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector  $b$ . It ensures that the matrix  $A$  is nonsingular and square, and that vector  $b$  is of compatible shape with  $A$ . If all of these checks pass, it builds the solution vector  $x$ : an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector. It continually applies partial pivoting to address non-singular zero-pivots and floating point issues that can occur from dividing by very small numbers.

```
[ ]: def gaussian_elimination(A, b):
    """
    Solve the equation  $Ax = b$  for  $x$  using Gaussian elimination with partial
    pivoting. Expects a that  $A$  is non-singular, and that the dimensions of  $A$ 
    and  $b$  are compatible (but checks these and throws an exception if not).

    Parameters:
    A (ndarray): An matrix of shape (n, n).
    b (ndarray): A vector of shape (n, 1).

    Returns:
    x (ndarray): The solution vector of shape (n, 1).
    """
    tol = 1e-12                # Tolerance to avoid floating point issues
    n = A.shape[0]             # Size of matrix A

    if A.shape[1] != n:        # Check if A is square
        raise ValueError("Matrix A must be square.")
    if b.shape[0] != n:        # Check if dimensions of b are compatible
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        raise ValueError("Vector b must have compatible dimensions with matrix_↵
↵A.")

    for i in range(n - 1):          # Loop over all rows of A (apart from last,
                                    # since A is already upper-triangular by then)

        # Start partial pivoting: find the row with the largest element
        # at the column position of the pivot (don't want small numbers on pivot)
        p = i + np.argmax(np.abs(A[i:, i]))

        # If no row with a nonzero entry on the pivot exists, matrix is singular
        if np.abs(A[p, i]) <= tol:
            raise ValueError("Matrix is singular.")

        # If the current row is not the one with the greatest pivot element,
        # do partial pivoting by swapping current "row i" with row with greatest
        # pivot element "row p". And apply the same operation on vector b
        if p != i:
            A[[i, p], :] = A[[p, i], :] # Row swap "i" and "p" on A
            b[[i, p], :] = b[[p, i], :] # Swap corresponding entries in b

        # End partial pivoting, now eliminate entries below the pivot:
        # For each subsequent row (starting at i + 1) compute the factor that
        # would eliminate the element of row j that is below the pivot
        for j in range(i + 1, n):
            factor = A[j, i] / A[i, i] # Compute elimination factor
            A[j] = A[j] - factor * A[i] # Rj <- Rj - factor*Ri
            b[j] = b[j] - factor * b[i] # Apply the same operation on vector b

        # The matrix is now upper triangular, so x can be solved for in O(n^2)
        # time with backward substitution (from previous part b)
    return backward_sub(A, b)

```

Here we validate `gaussian_elimination(A,b)` on the  $n = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $n = 5$  square matrices provided in `solver.py`

```

[113]: for CASE in ["2x2", "3x3", "5x5"]:
        print(f"\n=== Test case: {CASE} ===")

        A, b = load_test_case(CASE)

        # Make deep copies of A and b for reference solution
        A_ref = np.copy(A)
        b_ref = np.copy(b)

        x = gaussian_elimination(A, b)
        print_solution_report(A_ref, b_ref, x, label="My solver")

```

```
# Reference solution (allowed for checking)
x_ref = linalg.solve(A_ref, b_ref)
print_solution_report(A_ref, b_ref, x_ref, label="Reference (scipy.linalg.
↳solve)")
```

```
=== Test case: 2x2 ===
```

```
--- My solver ---
```

```
x =
```

```
[[1.]
```

```
[2.]]
```

```
||r||_2 = 0.0
```

```
--- Reference (scipy.linalg.solve) ---
```

```
x =
```

```
[[1.]
```

```
[2.]]
```

```
||r||_2 = 1.7763568394002505e-15
```

```
=== Test case: 3x3 ===
```

```
--- My solver ---
```

```
x =
```

```
[[1.]
```

```
[1.]
```

```
[1.]]
```

```
||r||_2 = 0.0
```

```
--- Reference (scipy.linalg.solve) ---
```

```
x =
```

```
[[1.]
```

```
[1.]
```

```
[1.]]
```

```
||r||_2 = 0.0
```

```
=== Test case: 5x5 ===
```

```
--- My solver ---
```

```
x =
```

```
[[ 1.]
```

```
[-2.]
```

```
[ 3.]
```

```
[-4.]
```

```
[ 1.]]
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```
||r||_2 = 5.0242958677880805e-15
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```
--- Reference (scipy.linalg.solve) ---
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```

x =
[[ 1.]
 [-2.]
 [ 3.]
 [-4.]
 [ 1.]]
||r||_2 = 8.331852114593072e-15

```

## d: LU Factorization

Below is the function, `LU_factorization(A,b)` that solves a linear system via LU factorization with partial pivoting. It requires two inputs: an  $(n \times n)$  matrix  $A$ , and an  $(n \times 1)$  column vector  $b$ . It ensures that the matrix  $A$  is nonsingular and square, and that vector  $b$  is of compatible shape with  $A$ . If all of these checks pass, it builds the  $(n \times n)$  lower triangular matrix  $L$  and  $(n \times n)$  upper triangular matrix  $U$ . It then calls performs forward substitution to compute  $y$  in  $Ly = b$ , and backward substitution to compute  $x$  in  $Ux = y$ . It returns matrices  $L$ ,  $U$  and the  $(n \times 1)$  solution vector  $x$ . It continually applies partial pivoting to address non-singular zero-pivots and floating point issues that can occur from dividing by very small numbers.

```

[114]: def LU_factorization(A, b):
        """
        Solve the equation  $Ax = b$  for  $x$  using LU factorization with partial
        pivoting. Expects a that  $A$  is non-singular, and that the dimensions of  $A$ 
        and  $b$  are compatible (but checks these and throws an exception if not).

        Parameters:
        A (ndarray): An matrix of shape (n, n).
        b (ndarray): A vector of shape (n, 1).

        Returns:
        x (ndarray): The solution vector of shape (n, 1).
        L (ndarray): The lower triangular matrix of shape (n, n).
        U (ndarray): The upper triangular matrix of shape (n, n).
        """
        tol = 1e-12                # Tolerance to avoid floating point issues
        n = A.shape[0]             # Size of matrix A

        if A.shape[1] != n:        # Check if A is square
            raise ValueError("Matrix A must be square.")
        if b.shape[0] != n:        # Check if dimensions of b are compatible
            raise ValueError("Vector b must have compatible dimensions with matrix_
↪A.")

        L = np.eye(n)              # Initialize L as identity matrix

        # Essentially apply gaussian elimination with partial pivoting to A, with
        # the added step of building the lower triangular matrix L along the way

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```

for i in range(n - 1):

    p = i + np.argmax(np.abs(A[i:, i]))

    if np.abs(A[p, i]) <= tol:
        raise ValueError("Matrix is singular.")

    if p != i:
        A[[i, p], :] = A[[p, i], :]
        b[[i, p], :] = b[[p, i], :]
        # Apply same row swap to L up to column i to maintain consistency
        L[[i, p], :i] = L[[p, i], :i]

    for j in range(i + 1, n):
        factor = A[j, i] / A[i, i]

        A[j] = A[j] - factor * A[i]
        # for Rj <- Rj - factor * Ri, insert L[j, i] = factor
        L[j, i] = factor # Store the factor in L

U = A.copy() # Upper triangular matrix is the modified A after elimination

# Solve Ly = b and Ux = y using O(n^2) forward and backward substitution
y = forward_sub(L, b)
x = backward_sub(U, y)

return L, U, x

```

Here we validate LU\_factorization(A,b) on the  $n = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $n = 5$  square matrices provided in solver.py

```

[115]: for CASE in ["2x2", "3x3", "5x5"]:
        print(f"\n=== Test case: {CASE} ===")

        A, b = load_test_case(CASE)

        # Make deep copies of A and b for reference solution
        A_ref = np.copy(A)
        b_ref = np.copy(b)

        L, U, x = LU_factorization(A, b)
        print_solution_report(A_ref, b_ref, x, label="My solver")

        # Reference solution (allowed for checking)
        x_ref = linalg.solve(A_ref, b_ref)
        print_solution_report(A_ref, b_ref, x_ref, label="Reference (scipy.linalg.
↪solve)")

```



```

=== Test case: 2x2 ===
--- My solver ---
x =
  [[1.]
   [2.]]
||r||_2 = 0.0

--- Reference (scipy.linalg.solve) ---
x =
  [[1.]
   [2.]]
||r||_2 = 1.7763568394002505e-15

=== Test case: 3x3 ===
--- My solver ---
x =
  [[1.]
   [1.]
   [1.]]
||r||_2 = 0.0

--- Reference (scipy.linalg.solve) ---
x =
  [[1.]
   [1.]
   [1.]]
||r||_2 = 0.0

=== Test case: 5x5 ===
--- My solver ---
x =
  [[ 1.]
   [-2.]
   [ 3.]
   [-4.]
   [ 1.]]
||r||_2 = 5.0242958677880805e-15

--- Reference (scipy.linalg.solve) ---
x =
  [[ 1.]
   [-2.]
   [ 3.]
   [-4.]
   [ 1.]]

```

$$||r||_2 = 8.331852114593072e-15$$