

# Linear equations 2

## Direct methods

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# Overview

## Goals

Today we are going to write a program, which can solve a set of linear equations

- The first method is called Gaussian elimination
- We will encounter some problems with Gaussian elimination
- Then LU decomposition will be introduced

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# Define the linear system

Consider the system:

$$Ax = b$$

In general:

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Desired solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Using row operations

- Use row operations to simplify the system. Eliminate element  $A_{10}$  by subtracting  $A_{10}/A_{00} = d_{10}$  times row 1 from row 2.
- In this case, Row 1 is the pivot row, and  $A_{00}$  is the pivot element.

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The matrix is now a triangular matrix — the solution can be obtained by back-substitution.

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```

In general:

$$x_N = \frac{b_N}{A_{NN}} \quad x_i = \frac{b_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^N A_{ij}x_j}{A_{ii}}$$

# Writing the program

- Create a function that provides the framework: take matrix  $A$  and vector  $b$  as an input, and return the solution  $x$  as output:

```
1 def gaussian_eliminate(A, b):  
2     pass # Your implementation here
```

- We will use *for-loops* instead of typing out each command line.
- Useful Python (with NumPy) shortcuts:
  - $A[0, :] = [A_{00}, A_{01}, A_{02}]$
  - $A[:, 1] = [A_{01}, A_{11}, A_{21}]$
  - $A[0, 1:] = [A_{01}, A_{02}]$
- A row operation could look like:

```
1 A[i, :] = A[i, :] - d * A[0, :]
```

# The program: elimination step

An initial draft could look like:

```
1 def gaussian_eliminate_draft(A,b):
2     """Perform elimination to obtain an upper triangular matrix"""
3     A = np.array(A,dtype=np.float64)
4     b = np.array(b,dtype=np.float64)
5
6     assert A.shape[0] == A.shape[1], "Coefficient matrix should be square"
7
8     N = len(b)
9     for col in range(N-1): # Select pivot
10         for row in range(col+1,N): # Loop over rows below pivot
11             d = A[row,col] / A[col,col] # Choose elimination factor
12             for element in range(row,N): # Elements from diagonal to right
13                 A[row,element] = A[row,element] - d * A[col,element]
14             b[row] = b[row] - d * b[col]
15
16     return A,b
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# Testing

Let's try to eliminate our linear system! If you create/downloaded our file `gaussjordan.py`, you can access the functions by importing them. The file should be stored where your own code/notebook is:

```
1 from gaussjordan import gaussian_eliminate_draft, gaussian_eliminate_v1
2 import numpy as np
3
4 A = np.array([[1, 1, 1], [2, 1, 3], [3, 1, 6]])
5 b = np.array([4, 7, 5])
6
7 Aprime, bprime = gaussian_eliminate_draft(A, b)
8 print(Aprime)
9 print(bprime)
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4     x = np.copy(b)
5     N = len(b)
6
7     for row in range(N-1, -1, -1):
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8
9     return x
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# A full Gauss Elimination solver

- The functions we just built are distributed via Canvas too
- Use **help** GaussianEliminate to find out how it works
- Solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 9 & 5 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 10 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compare your solution with `np.linalg.solve(A,b)`

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- It does not work! Division by zero, due to  $A_{11} = 0$ .
- Solution: Swap rows to move largest element to the diagonal.

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- Do the same for b — store and swap

```
temp = b[column]  
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```

# Adding the partial pivoting rules

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1 def gaussian_eliminate_partial_pivot(A,b):
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4
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11        A[col,:] = A[index,:]
12        A[index,:] = temp
13
14        temp = b[col]
15        b[col] = b[index]
16        b[index] = temp
17        for row in range(col+1,N):
18            d = A[row,col] / A[col,col]
19            A[row,:] = A[row,:] - d * A[col,:]
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21
22    return A,b
```

# Improve the program by using re-usable functions

```
1 def swap_rows(mat,i1,i2):  
2     """Swap two rows in a matrix/vector"""  
3     temp = mat[i1,...].copy()  
4     mat[i1,...] = mat[i2,...]  
5     mat[i2,...] = temp
```

```
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2     A = np.array(A,dtype=np.float64)  
3     b = np.array(b,dtype=np.float64)  
4  
5     assert A.shape[0] == A.shape[1], "Coefficient matrix should be square"  
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10        swap_rows(A,col,index)  
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12        for row in range(col+1,N):  
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  - LU decomposition takes  $\mathcal{O}(2N^3/3)$  flops, 3 times less!
  - Forward and backward substitution each take  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  flops (both cases)

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Suppose we want to solve the previous set of equations, but with several right hand sides:

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Factor the matrix A into two matrices, L and U, such that  $A = LU$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & 1 & 0 \\ \times & \times & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we can solve for each right hand side, using only a forward followed by a backward substitution!

# Substitutions

- Define a lower and upper matrix  $L$  and  $U$  so that  $A = LU$
- Therefore  $LUx = b$
- Define a new vector  $y = Ux$  so that  $Ly = b$
- Solve for  $y$ , use  $L$  and forward substitution
- Then we have  $y$ , solve for  $x$ , use  $Ux = y$
- Solve for  $x$ , use  $U$  and backward substitution
- But how to get  $L$  and  $U$ ?

# Decomposing the matrix (1)

When we eliminate the element  $A_{21}$  we can keep multiplying by a matrix that undoes this row operations, so that the product remains equal to  $A$ .

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## Decomposing the matrix (2)

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We now have a lower matrix  $L$  and an upper matrix  $U$ . This finishes the LU decomposition!

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Multiplying with a permutation matrix will swap the rows of a matrix. The permutation matrix is just an identity matrix, whose rows have been interchanged.

# Recipe for LU decomposition

When decomposing matrix  $A$  into  $A = LU$ , it may be beneficial to swap rows to get the largest values on the diagonal of  $U$  (pivoting). A permutation matrix  $P$  is used to store row swapping such that:

$$PA = LU$$

- Write down a permutation matrix and the linear system
- Promote the largest value in the column diagonal
- Eliminate all elements below diagonal
- Move on to the next column and move largest elements to diagonal
- Eliminate elements below diagonal
- Repeat 5 and 6
- Write down  $L, U$  and  $P$

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Promote the largest value into the diagonal of column 1 — swap row 1 and 2:

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

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Elimination of column 1 is done. Now step to the next column, and move the largest value below the diagonal to the top of the column. This is the pivot. The pivot is 1.5. Swap row 2 and row 3. Update L accordingly:

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We have obtained the matrices from  $PA = LU$ :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1.5 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proceed with solving for x.

# Substitutions

$$Ax = b \quad \Rightarrow \quad PAx = Pb \equiv d$$

$$PA = LU \quad \Rightarrow \quad LUx = d$$

- Define a new vector  $y = Ux$ 
  - $Ly = b \quad \Rightarrow \quad Ly = d$
  - Solve for  $y$ , forward substitution:

$$y_0 = \frac{d_0}{L_{00}}$$

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- Then solve  $Ux = y$ :
  - Solve for  $x$ , backward substitution:

$$x_N = \frac{y_N}{U_{NN}}$$

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- Use this as a basis to create a function that takes  $A$  and  $b$ , and returns  $x$ .
- Use the function to check the performance for various matrix sizes and inspect the performance.

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# Summary

- This lecture covered direct methods using elimination techniques.
- Gaussian elimination can be slow ( $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ )
- Back substitution is often faster ( $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ )
- LU decomposition means that we don't have to do Gaussian elimination every time (saves time and effort), but the matrix has to stay the same.
- Python's libraries have built in routines for solving linear equations and LU decomposition.
- Advanced techniques such as (preconditioned) conjugate gradient or biconjugate gradient solvers are also available.
- Next part covers iterative approaches