

Project 3 - 4x4 matrix

Gaussian Elimination Report

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Problem Statement

Matrix A:

```
1  [[ 3. -13.  9.  3.]
2  [ -6.  4.  1. -18.]
3  [  6. -2.  2.  4.]
4  [ 12. -8.  6. 10.]
```

Vector b:

```
1  [-19. -34. 16. 26.]
```

Algorithm Overview

- Compute scale factors $s[i] = \max_j |A[i, j]|$
- For each column k:
 1. Compute ratio $|A[i, k]|/s[i]$ for $i=k..n-1$
 2. Select pivot row with max ratio, swap if needed
 3. Eliminate $A[i, k]$ for $i>k$
- Back-substitution to solve for x

```
1  def scaled_partial_pivot_gauss(A, b, return_steps=False, tol=1e-10):
2      """
3      Solves Ax = b using Gaussian elimination with scaled partial pivoting.
4      Returns the solution vector x, and optionally step-by-step logs.
5
6      Parameters:
7      -----
8      A : array-like
9          Coefficient matrix
10     b : array-like
11         Right-hand side vector
12     return_steps : bool, optional
13         If True, return detailed steps of the algorithm
14     tol : float, optional
15         Tolerance for detecting near-singular matrices
16
17     Returns:
18     -----
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19     x : ndarray
20         Solution vector
21     steps : list, optional
22         Detailed steps of the algorithm (if return_steps=True)
23     """
24     # Convert inputs to numpy arrays
25     A = np.array(A, dtype=float)
26     b = np.array(b, dtype=float)
27     n = A.shape[0]
28     # Validate dimensions
29     if A.shape[0] != A.shape[1]:
30         raise ValueError("Matrix A must be square.")
31     if b.size != n:
32         raise ValueError("Vector b length must equal A dimension.")
33
34     steps = []
35     # Compute scaling factors for each row
36     s = np.max(np.abs(A), axis=1)
37
38     # Check for zero scaling factors
39     if np.any(s == 0):
40         raise ValueError("Matrix contains a row of zeros.")
41
42     # Forward elimination with scaled partial pivoting
43     for k in range(n - 1):
44         # Determine pivot row based on scaled ratios
45         Ratios = np.Abs (A[k:, k]) / s[k:]
46         Idx_max = np.Argmax (ratios)
47         p = k + idx_max
48         Ratio = float (ratios[idx_max]) # scaled ratio for pivot
49
50         # Check for near-singular matrix
51         If abs (A[p, k]) < tol:
52             Raise ValueError ("Matrix is singular or nearly singular.")
53
54         # Swap rows if necessary, logging ratio
55         If p != k:
56             A[[k, p], :] = A[[p, k], :]
57             B[k], b[p] = b[p], b[k]
58             Steps.Append ({
59                 "step": "swap",
60                 "k": k,
61                 "pivot_row": p,
62                 "ratio": ratio,
63                 "A": A.copy (),
64                 "b": b.copy ()
65             })
66         Else:
67             Steps.Append ({
68                 "step": "pivot",
69                 "k": k,
70                 "pivot_row": p,
71                 "ratio": ratio,
72                 "A": A.copy (),
73                 "b": b.copy ()
74             })
75         # Eliminate entries below pivot
76         For i in range (k + 1, n):
77             # Compute multiplier with fraction components
78             Num = A[i, k]
79             Den = A[k, k]

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80         M = num / den
81         # Perform elimination row update
82         A[i, k:] = A[i, k:] - m * A[k, k:]
83         B[i] = b[i] - m * b[k]
84         Steps.Append ({
85             "step": "elimination",
86             "k": k,
87             "i": i,
88             "multiplier": m,
89             "mult_num": num,
90             "mult_den": den,
91             "A": A.copy (),
92             "b": b.copy ()
93         })
94
95     # Back substitution to solve for x
96     X = np.Zeros (n, dtype=float)
97     For i in reversed (range (n)):
98         If abs (A[i, i]) < tol:
99             Raise ValueError ("Matrix is singular or nearly singular.")
100         X[i] = (b[i] - np.Dot (A[i, i+1:], x[i+1:])) / A[i, i]
101         Steps.Append ({
102             "step": "back_substitution",
103             "i": i,
104             "value": x[i],
105             "A": A.copy (),
106             "b": b.copy ()
107         })
108
109     If return_steps:
110         Return x, steps
111     Return x

```

Step-by-step Details

Step 1: Swap

Column 0: pivot row 2 selected with scaled ratio 1.000. Swapped row 0 and 2.

```

1  [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2  [-6.0, 4.0, 1.0, -18.0, -34.0]
3  [3.0, -13.0, 9.0, 3.0, -19.0]
4  [12.0, -8.0, 6.0, 10.0, 26.0]

```

Step 2: Elimination

Row 1: eliminate A[1,0] using multiplier -6.0/6.0 = -1.000.

```

1  [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2  [0.0, 2.0, 3.0, -14.0, -18.0]
3  [3.0, -13.0, 9.0, 3.0, -19.0]
4  [12.0, -8.0, 6.0, 10.0, 26.0]

```

Step 3: Elimination

Row 2: eliminate A[2,0] using multiplier 3.0/6.0 = 0.500.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, 2.0, 3.0, -14.0, -18.0]
3 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
4 [12.0, -8.0, 6.0, 10.0, 26.0]
```

Step 4: Elimination

Row 3: eliminate A[3,0] using multiplier $12.0/6.0 = 2.000$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, 2.0, 3.0, -14.0, -18.0]
3 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
4 [0.0, -4.0, 2.0, 2.0, -6.0]
```

Step 5: Swap

Column 1: pivot row 2 selected with scaled ratio 2.000. Swapped row 1 and 2.

```
1 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
2 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
3 [0.0, 2.0, 3.0, -14.0, -18.0]
4 [0.0, -4.0, 2.0, 2.0, -6.0]
```

Step 6: Elimination

Row 2: eliminate A[2,1] using multiplier $2.0/-12.0 = -0.167$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.33333333333333, -13.83333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, -4.0, 2.0, 2.0, -6.0]
```

Step 7: Elimination

Row 3: eliminate A[3,1] using multiplier $-4.0/-12.0 = 0.333$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.33333333333333, -13.83333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, -0.666666666666665, 1.66666666666667, 3.0]
```

Step 8: Pivot

Column 2: pivot row 2 selected with scaled ratio 0.722. No swap needed.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.33333333333333, -13.83333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, -0.666666666666665, 1.66666666666667, 3.0]
```

Step 9: Elimination

Row 3: eliminate A[3,2] using multiplier $-0.666666666666665/4.33333333333333 = -0.154$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
```

```
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.333333333333333, -13.833333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -0.46153846153846145, -0.46153846153846123]
```

Step 10: Back Substitution

Back substitute for $x[3]$: $x[3] = 1$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.333333333333333, -13.833333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -0.46153846153846145, -0.46153846153846123]
```

Step 11: Back Substitution

Back substitute for $x[2]$: $x[2] = -2$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.333333333333333, -13.833333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -0.46153846153846145, -0.46153846153846123]
```

Step 12: Back Substitution

Back substitute for $x[1]$: $x[1] = 1$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.333333333333333, -13.833333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -0.46153846153846145, -0.46153846153846123]
```

Step 13: Back Substitution

Back substitute for $x[0]$: $x[0] = 3$.

```
1 [6.0, -2.0, 2.0, 4.0, 16.0]
2 [0.0, -12.0, 8.0, 1.0, -27.0]
3 [0.0, 0.0, 4.333333333333333, -13.833333333333334, -22.5]
4 [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -0.46153846153846145, -0.46153846153846123]
```

Solution

```
1 (3.0000000000000004, 0.9999999999999991, -2.0000000000000013, 0.9999999999999996)
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Performance Metrics

Execution Time: 0.000780 seconds

Estimated Floating-point Operations: 42

Solution Verification

Residual ($Ax - b$): [0.00000000 e+00 0.00000000 e+00 3.55271368 e-15 3.55271368 e-15]

Infinity Norm of Residual: 3.553 e-15

References & Notes

- [Gaussian elimination – Wikipedia](#)
- Burden & Faires, *Numerical Analysis*, Ch. 3
- Cheney & Kincaid, *Numerical Mathematics and Computing*, 7th Edition
- Uses scaled partial pivoting for numerical stability.
- Debugging assistance from Qwen 3 locally run