

MATH3322 Matrix Computation  
Homework 2

Due date: 29 March, Sunday

1. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 14 \\ 2 & 6 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the LU decomposition with partial pivoting of  $A$ .

2. Instead of the LU decomposition, we can also use a *UL decomposition* to solve the system of linear equations. In particular, given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we decompose  $A = UL$ , where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is unit upper triangular and  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is lower triangular. Propose an algorithm for computing the UL decomposition of  $A$ .

3. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a tridiagonal matrix, i.e.,  $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $|i - j| > 1$ . We also assume that  $A$  is symmetric positive definite (SPD).

(a) Prove that the Cholesky decomposition  $A = LL^T$  satisfies  $l_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i - j > 1$ . In other words,  $L$  is bi-diagonal.

(b) Propose an  $O(n)$  algorithm for computing the Cholesky decomposition of  $A$ . What is the number of operations needed of your algorithm? Your answer should be in the form of  $Cn + O(1)$  with explicit constant  $C$ .

(c) Based on the Cholesky decomposition, construct an  $O(n)$  algorithm to solve  $Ax = b$ . Express the number of operations needed in the form of  $Cn + O(1)$  with explicit  $C$ .

4. We consider a discrete 1-D Laplacian equation  $Ax = b$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(a) Prove that  $A$  is SPD.

(b) Since  $A$  is also tridiagonal, the algorithms in Question 3 can be applied. Write a Matlab code to implement your algorithm in Question 3(b)(c) for solving  $Ax = b$  where  $A$  template file `spdtriadsolver.m` is provided. Plot the solution you obtained with  $n = 500$ .

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3(a) Using the Cholesky algorithm learnt in class to decompose  $A$ ,

for  $k=1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\textcircled{1} L(k, k) = \sqrt{A(k, k) - L(k, 1:k-1) (L(k, 1:k-1))^T}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} L(k+1, k) = (A(k+1, n, k) - L(k+1, n, 1:k-1) (L(k, 1:k-1))^T) / L(k, k)$$

end

$$\text{Assume } A = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & c_1 & & \\ c_1 & d_2 & c_2 & \\ & c_2 & d_3 & c_3 \\ & & c_3 & \ddots & \\ & & & c_{n-1} & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $c_i, d_i \neq 0$

$$\text{At step 1, } L(1, 1) = \sqrt{A(1, 1)} = \sqrt{d_1}$$

$$L(2:n, 1) = \frac{A(2:n, 1)}{L(1, 1)}$$

$$\text{Since } A(3:n, 1) = 0, \quad A(2:n, 1) = A(2, 1).$$

$$L(2, 1) = \frac{A(2, 1)}{L(1, 1)} = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{d_1}}$$

$$\text{So, } L(1:n, 1), \text{ there is only 2 entries with value } \neq 0.$$

$$\text{The bi-diagonal property holds at step 1}$$

$$\therefore \text{The bi-diagonal property holds at step 1, i.e. } L(i, 1) = 0 \text{ for all } i-1 > 1.$$

$$\text{Assume the bi-diagonal property holds for step 1 to step } k-1.$$

$$\text{i.e. for } i=k-1, l_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } j-i > 1$$

$$\text{for } j=k-1, l_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i-j > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow i=k-1, l_{ji} = 0 \text{ for } j-i > 1.$$

For step  $k$ , (when  $i=k$ )

$$\textcircled{1} L(k, k) = \sqrt{A(k, k) - L(k, 1:k-1) (L(k, 1:k-1))^T}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} L(k+1, k) = (A(k+1, n, k) - L(k+1, n, 1:k-1) (L(k, 1:k-1))^T) / L(k, k)$$

$$\text{which is } \textcircled{1} L(k, k) = \sqrt{A(k, k) - L(k, 1:k-1) (L(k, 1:k-1))^T}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Same as } \textcircled{2} L(k+1, k) = \frac{A(k+1, k)}{L(k, k)}$$

$$L(k+2, n, k) = \frac{A(k+2, n, k) - L(k+2, n, 1:k-1) L(k+2, n, 1:k-1)^T}{L(k, k)}$$

$$= \frac{0 - 0 (L(k, 1:k-1))^T}{L(k, k)}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \text{The bi-diagonal property holds for step } k.$$

$$\therefore \text{Using mathematical induction}$$

$$\text{The Cholesky decomposition } A = LL^T \text{ satisfies}$$

$$\text{bi-diagonal property, } l_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } i-j > 1.$$

3(b). Algorithm:

For  $k = 1:n$

$$L(k, k) = \sqrt{A(k, k) - L(k, k-1)^2}$$

$$L(k+1, k) = A(k+1, k) / L(k, k)$$

End

Running cost:

3 operations for first line, except when  $k=1$ , 1 operation is needed.

1 operation for second line, except when  $k=n$ , no operation is needed.

So it is  $(3+1)n - 2 - 1 = 4n - 3$  cost.

3(c).

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First, decompose  $A$  in  $LL^T$ , where  $L$  and  $L^T$  are both bi-diagonal matrix using the algorithm in (b).

Then, we use forward substitution to compute  $Ly = b$  where  $L$  is the lower bi-diagonal matrix.

Pseudo code for forward substitution:

for  $j = 1:n$

$$y_j = \frac{b_j - L(j, j-1)y_{j-1}}{L(j, j)}$$

end

Finally, after we obtain  $y$ , we use backward substitution to compute  $L^T x = y$

Pseudo Code for backward substitution:

for  $i = n:1$

$$x_i = \frac{y_i - L(i, i+1)x_{i+1}}{L(i, i)}$$

end

Running Cost Analysis:

Using the result of (b), Cholesky decomposition costs  $4n-3$ . Forward

substitution costs  $3(n-1) + 1 = 3n - 1$

2. Backward substitution costs  $3(n-1) + 1 = 3n - 2$

Total cost =  $10n - 7$

Q4(a).

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