

System of Equations :-

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

Gaussian Elimination :-

Gaussian elimination is viewed as transforming a full linear system into an upper triangular matrix, by using transformations on the left of the given system matrix \underline{A}

$$\rightarrow \underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \quad (\text{non-singular system matrix})$$

The idea is to introduce zeros below the diagonal column at a time. This is accomplished by subtracting multiples of each row from subsequent rows!

(Here L_k are lower triangular matrices)

$$\underbrace{L_{m-1} L_{m-2} \dots L_2 L_1}_{\underline{L}} \underline{A} = \underline{U}$$

$$\underbrace{\underline{L}_{m-1}^{-1} \underline{L}_{m-1} \underline{L}_{m-2} \dots \underline{L}_2 \underline{L}_1}_{\underline{I}} \underline{A} = \underline{L}_{m-1}^{-1} \underline{U}$$

$$\underbrace{L_{m-2}^{-1} L_{m-1}^{-1} \dots L_2^{-1}}_I L_1 A = L_{m-2}^{-1} L_{m-1}^{-1} U$$

finally $A = \underbrace{L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} \dots L_{m-1}^{-1}}_U U$

gives $L U$ factorization of A
i.e $\boxed{A = L U}$

$L \rightarrow$ lower triangular matrix

$U \rightarrow$ upper triangular matrix

In practice, we choose L to be unit lower triangular which means all of its diagonal entries are equal to 1.

Ex:- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_1} \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} L_3 L_2 L_1 A \quad A \quad L_1 A \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{array} \right] \xleftarrow{L_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{array} \right] \xleftarrow{L_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$L_1 L_2 A$$

The k^{th} transformation L_k introduces zeros below the diagonal in the column k , by subtracting multiples of row k from rows $k+1, k+2, \dots m$

Gaussian Elimination
→ triangular triangulation

choice of L_k ?

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$
(Non-singular matrix), let \underline{x}_k denote k^{th} column of the matrix at the beginning of step k .

Then L_k must be chosen such that

$$\underline{x}_k = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_{1k} \\ x_{2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{kk} \\ x_{k+1,k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{mk} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L_k} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1k} \\ x_{2k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{kk} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

To do this we subtract $L_{jk} \times \text{row } k$
from j^{th} row : $j = k+1, \dots, m$

$$L_{jk} = \frac{x_{jk}}{x_{kk}} \quad (L_{jk} \text{ is known as multiplier})$$

Then $\underline{L}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & -L_{k+1,k} & \dots & \\ & -L_{m,k} & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $\underline{L}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ L_{k+1,k} & & & \\ L_{k+2,k} & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ L_{m,k} & & & \end{bmatrix}$ Then
 $\underline{L}_k = I - \underline{L}_k \underline{e}_k^T$
 $\underline{e}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow k^{\text{th}} \text{ entry}$

Verify

$$\underline{e}_k^T \underline{L}_k = 0$$

Consider the product $(I - \underline{L}_k \underline{e}_k^T)(I + \underline{L}_k \underline{e}_k^T)$

$$= I - \underline{L}_k \underline{e}_k^T \underline{L}_k \underline{e}_k^T$$

$$= I \quad (\text{since } \underline{e}_k^T \underline{L}_k = 0)$$

Similarly consider the product

$$(\underline{I} + \underline{l}_k \underline{e}_k^T)(\underline{I} - \underline{l}_k \underline{e}_k^T) = \underline{I}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{l}_k^{-1} = \underline{I} + \underline{l}_k \underline{e}_k^T}$$

\underline{l}_k matrix as defined before,
to construct \underline{l}_k^{-1} , we just negate
all entries \underline{l}_k

$$\text{Now consider } \underline{l}_k^{-1} \underline{l}_{k+1}^{-1}; \quad \underline{e}_k^T \underline{l}_{k+1} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{l}_k^{-1} \underline{l}_{k+1}^{-1} &= (\underline{I} + \underline{l}_k \underline{e}_k^T)(\underline{I} + \underline{l}_{k+1} \underline{e}_{k+1}^T) \\ &= (\underline{I} + \underline{l}_k \underline{e}_k^T + \underline{l}_{k+1} \underline{e}_{k+1}^T) \end{aligned}$$

This matrix $\underline{l}_k^{-1} \underline{l}_{k+1}^{-1}$ is just
a matrix with entries of $\underline{l}_k^{-1}, \underline{l}_{k+1}^{-1}$

merged.

$$\underline{l} = \underline{l}_1^{-1} \underline{l}_2^{-1} \cdots \underline{l}_{m-1}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & & & \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ l_{m1} & l_{m2} & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \underbrace{\quad}_{m, m-1} & \end{bmatrix}$$

Algo :- Gaussian Elimination
 without pivoting

$$\underline{U} = \underline{A}$$

$$\underline{L} = \underline{I}$$

for $k=1$ to $m-1$

 for $j=k+1$ to m

$$L(j,k) = u(j,k) / u(k,k)$$

$$u(j,k:m) = u(j,k:m)$$

$$- L(j,k) * u(k,k:m)$$

end for

end for

Operation count :-

The dominant expense is

$$u(j,k:m) = u(j,k:m) - \underbrace{L(j,k) * u(k,k:m)}$$

→ one scalar multiplication
 one vector subtraction

Total flops $\approx \frac{2}{3}m^3$

* Solution of $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ by $\underline{L}\underline{U}$ factorization

$$\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

$$\underline{L}\underline{U}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

First solve $\underline{L}\underline{y} = \underline{b}$ for an intermediate variable \underline{y}

(forward substitution)

→ Then solve $\underline{U}\underline{x} = \underline{y}$ for unknown variable \underline{x} (backward substitution)

* The initial factorization

of \underline{A} into $\underline{L}\underline{U} \sim \frac{2}{3}m^3$

* forward & backward substitution $\sim m^2$ flops

Total work to solve $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ by

$\underline{L}\underline{U}$ factorization $\sim \frac{2}{3}m^3$ flops,

half the amount required to solve $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ using Householder triangulation

Instability in Gaussian elimination :-

$$\text{eg: } \underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad l_{jk} = \frac{x_{jk}}{x_{kk}}$$

Gaussian elimination breaks down if

$$x_{kk} = 0$$

$$K(\underline{A}) \approx 2.618$$

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^{20} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - 10^{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^{20} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 0 & -10^{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 - 10^{20} = -10^{20}$$

$$\tilde{L} \tilde{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{This is not at all close to } \underline{A}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b} \quad \text{where } \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ we}$$

get $\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ But $x = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 correct answer

Though \tilde{L} and \tilde{U} are close to
 the true factors L and U
 But we have not been able to use
 \tilde{L} and \tilde{U} to solve $A\tilde{x} = b$
 stably because using LU factorization
 to solve $Ax = b$ is not stable!

Gaussian elimination with pivoting :-

* Instability of Gaussian elimination
 can be controlled by permuting rows
 of A as we proceed.

Pivots:

$$\xrightarrow{\text{row } k}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x_{kk} & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x & x \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x_{kk} & x & x & x \\ * & * & x & x & x \\ * & * & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x & x \end{array} \right]$$

This x_{kk} is called pivot
we could zero out other entries
($k < i \leq m$)

$$\xrightarrow{k=2 \quad i=4} \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x_{ik} & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ x_{ik} & x & x & x \\ 0 & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

We could also zero out entries
in column j instead of k
($k < j \leq m$)

e.g. $k=2$ $i=4, j=3$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad \downarrow \quad} \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x & x \\ x_{ij} & x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x & x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x & x \\ * & 0 & * & * \\ * & 0 & * & * \\ x_{ij} & x & x & x \\ * & 0 & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

We can choose any entry $x_{(k:m, k:m)}$
as pivot as long as it is not zero!

→ After choosing x_{ij} as pivot,
interchange rows and columns of the
matrix so that x_{ij} takes the position
of x_{kk} .

→ Every entry in $X(k:m, k:m)$ as a possible pivot at step k , then we must examine $(m-k+1)^2$ elements and choose largest so that total number of elements examined

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (m-k+1)^2 \approx O(m^3)$$

If you choose the pivot in the above way, it is called complete pivoting!

Hence we do partial pivoting and we only search for elements in column k for the largest one! For a given k , $(m-k+1)$ elements need to be searched!

Total number of elements examined

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (m-k+1) = O(m^2)$$

e.g.: $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\stackrel{P A}{=} (A \text{ with } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ and } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ rows permuted})$

The k^{th} step of Gaussian elimination
with partial pivoting can be viewed

as:

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} x & x & x & x & x \\ x_{kk} & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{P_k} \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} x & x & x & x & x \\ x_{ik} & * & * & * \\ x & x & x & x \\ * & * & * & * \\ x & x & x & x \end{array} \right] \\ \text{pivot selection} \quad \text{row } i \quad \text{interchange} \\ \downarrow L_k \end{array}$$

$$L_m P_m \dots L_2 P_2 L_1 P_1 A = U$$

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{rrrr} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{rrrr} x & x & x & x \\ x_{ik} & x & x & x \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & x & x & x \end{array} \right]$$

Interchange 1st and 3rd row
(Left multiply A
with P_1)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{array} \right] \\
 P_1 \qquad \qquad \qquad P_1 A
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{3}{4} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 1 & 9 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} & -\frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{7}{4} & \frac{9}{4} & \frac{17}{4} \end{array} \right] \\
 L_1 \qquad \qquad \qquad P_1 A \qquad \qquad \qquad L_1 P_1 A
 \end{array}$$

left multiply $L_1 P_1 A$ with P_2

$$\underbrace{L_3 P_3 L_2 P_2 L_1 P_1 A}_U = U$$

$$U = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 8 & 7 & 9 & 5 \\ \frac{7}{4} & \frac{9}{4} & \frac{17}{4} & \\ 0 & -\frac{6}{7} & -\frac{2}{7} & \frac{2}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

$$L \cdot U = P A$$

$$\underbrace{L_3 P_3 L_2 P_2 L_1 P_1 A}_U = U$$

$$= \underbrace{L'_3 L'_2 L'_1}_{P_3 P_2 P_1} P P_2 P_1$$

$$L'_3 = L_3; \quad L'_2 = P_3^{-1} L_2 P_3^{-1}; \quad L'_1 = \underbrace{P_3^{-1} P_2^{-1} L_1^{-1}}_{P_2^{-1} P_3^{-1}}$$

$$\underbrace{L_3 P_3 L_2 P_2 \dots L_1 P_1}_{=} = \underbrace{L_3}_{\substack{(P_3 L_2 P_3^{-1})}} \underbrace{(P_3 P_2 L_1 P_2 P_3^{-1})}_{\substack{P_3 P_2 P_1}}$$

In general $m \times m$ case Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting can be written as

$$\underbrace{(L_{m-1}^{-1} L_{m-2}^{-1} \dots L_2^{-1} L_1^{-1})}_{=} (P_{m-1} P_{m-2} \dots P_2 P_1) A$$

$$\text{where } L_k^{-1} = P_{m-1} \dots P_{k+1} \underbrace{L_{k+1} P_{k+1}^{-1} \dots P_{m-1}}_{= U}$$

$$\text{and write } L = (L_{m-1}^{-1} L_{m-2}^{-1} \dots L_2^{-1} L_1^{-1}) \text{ and } P$$

$$\text{as } P = \underbrace{P_{m-1} P_{m-2} \dots P_2 P_1}_{= U}$$

$$\text{we have } PA = LU$$

L is unit lower triangular and elements of L satisfy

$|L_{ij}| \leq 1$ and U is upper triangular.

"Permute matrix \underline{A} ahead of time using matrix P and then apply Gaussian elimination to this permuted matrix."

Thm: let $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ non-singular matrix, compute $\underline{A} = \underline{L}\underline{U}$ by Gaussian elimination process, then the computed matrices $\underline{\underline{L}}, \underline{\underline{U}}$ satisfy

$$\underline{\underline{L}}\underline{\underline{U}} = \underline{A} + \underline{\underline{S}}\underline{A}, \quad \frac{\|\underline{\underline{S}}\underline{A}\|}{\|\underline{L}\| \|\underline{U}\|} = O(\epsilon_n)$$

(if \underline{A} has successful LU factorization without encountering zero pivots)

Remarks:-

- (1) If $\|\underline{L}\|$ and/or $\|\underline{U}\|$ is large relative to $\|\underline{A}\|$, then $\frac{\|\underline{\underline{S}}\underline{A}\|}{\|\underline{A}\|} \neq O(\epsilon_n)$

② If $\|L\| \|U\| = O(\|A\|)$ then
Gaussian elimination is backward stable!

③ Idea behind pivoting is to
make sure $\|L\|, \|U\|$ are not
too large

For partial pivoting,
→ the elements of L all satisfy
 $|l_{ij}| \leq 1$
→ $\|L\| = O(1)$
→ The condition $\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|L\| \|U\|} = O(\epsilon_m)$
for backward stability of Gaussian
elimination with partial pivoting
reduce to $\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|U\|} = O(\epsilon_m)$, this
algo is backward stable provided
 $\|U\| = O(\|A\|)$

To study stability of Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting we define growth factor for \underline{A} as

$$f = \frac{\max_{ij} |U_{ij}|}{\max_{ij} |a_{ij}|} \quad \text{If } f = O(1),$$

elimination process is stable.

This definition of f implies

$$\|U\| = O(f \|A\|) \text{ and}$$

Thm: Suppose we compute $\underline{P}\underline{A} = \underline{L}\underline{U}$ for a given $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, then computed matrices $\tilde{\underline{P}}, \tilde{\underline{L}}, \tilde{\underline{U}}$ satisfy

$$\tilde{\underline{L}}\tilde{\underline{U}} = \tilde{\underline{P}}\underline{A} + \underline{\delta A} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\frac{\|\underline{\delta A}\|}{\|\underline{A}\|} = O(f \varepsilon_m) \quad \text{for some } \underline{\delta A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

* Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting is backward stable if $f = O(1)$

uniformly for all matrices of
a dimension m , otherwise it is