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scipy.linalg.solve_banded

scipy.linalg.solve_banded(*l_and_u, ab, b, overwrite_ab=False, overwrite_b=False, debug=None, check_finite=True*) [\[source\]](#)

(<https://github.com/scipy/scipy/blob/v1.5.4/scipy/linalg/basic.py#L361-L471>)

Solve the equation $a x = b$ for x , assuming a is banded matrix.

The matrix a is stored in ab using the matrix diagonal ordered form:

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ab[u + i - j, j] == a[i,j]
```

Example of ab (shape of a is (6,6), $u=1$, $l=2$):

```
*   a01 a12 a23 a34 a45
a00 a11 a22 a33 a44 a55
a10 a21 a32 a43 a54  *
a20 a31 a42 a53  *   *
```

Parameters: (l, u) : (*integer, integer*)

Number of non-zero lower and upper diagonals

ab : ($l + u + 1, M$) *array_like*

Banded matrix

b : ($M,$) or (M, K) *array_like*

Right-hand side

$overwrite_ab$: *bool, optional*

Discard data in ab (may enhance performance)

$overwrite_b$: *bool, optional*

Discard data in b (may enhance performance)

$check_finite$: *bool, optional*

Whether to check that the input matrices contain only finite numbers. Disabling may give a performance gain, but may result in problems (crashes, non-termination) if the inputs do contain infinities or NaNs.

Returns: **x :** ($M,$) or (M, K) *ndarray*

The solution to the system $a x = b$. Returned shape depends on the shape of b .

Examples

Solve the banded system $ax = b$, where:

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

There is one nonzero diagonal below the main diagonal ($l = 1$), and two above ($u = 2$). The diagonal banded form of the matrix is:

$$ab = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ * & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

```
>>> from scipy.linalg import solve_banded >>>
>>> ab = np.array([[0, 0, -1, -1, -1],
...               [0, 2, 2, 2, 2],
...               [5, 4, 3, 2, 1],
...               [1, 1, 1, 1, 0]])
>>> b = np.array([0, 1, 2, 2, 3])
>>> x = solve_banded((1, 2), ab, b)
>>> x
array([-2.37288136,  3.93220339, -4.          ,  4.3559322 , -1.3559322 ])
```

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