

Linear equation systems: exact methods

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Linear eq. system

⇒ This and the next lecture will focus on a well known problem. Solve the following equation system:

$$A \cdot x = b,$$

⇒ $A = a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\det(A) \neq 0$

⇒ $b = b_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

⇒ The problem: Find the x vector.

Error digression

- ⇒ There is enormous amount of ways to solve the linear equation system.
- ⇒ The choice of one over the other of them should be gathered by the *condition* of the matrix A denoted at $cond(A)$. ⇒ If the $cond(A)$ is small we say that the problem is well conditioned, otherwise we say it's ill conditioned.
- ⇒ The *condition* relation is defined as:

$$cond(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$$

- ⇒ Now there are many definitions of different norms... The most popular one (so-called "column norm"):

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{i,j}|,$$

where n -is the dimension of A , i, j are columns and rows numbers.

More norms

⇒ A different norm is a spectral norm:

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\rho(A^T A)}$$

$$\rho(M) = \max\{|\lambda_i| : \det M - \lambda I = 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

where $\rho(M)$ - spectral radius of M matrix, I unit matrix, λ_i eigenvalues of M .

⇒ Row norm:

$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{i,j}|,$$

Digression:

⇒ Calculation of the matrix norms are not a simple process at all. There are certain class of matrices that make the calculations easier.

⇒ The spectral norm can be also defined:

$$\text{cond}_2(A) = \frac{\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i|}{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i|},$$

Example, ill-conditioned matrix

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$$h_{i,j}^{4 \times 4} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{7} \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ The condition of this matrix:

$$\text{cond}(A) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{e^{3.52N}}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

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$$x_i = \frac{\det A_i}{\det A}$$

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Exact methods: Gauss method

⇒ The idea besides the Gauss method is simple: transform the $Ax = b$ to get the equivalent matrix $A^{[n]}x = b^{[n]}$ where $A^{[n]}$ is triangular matrix:

$$A^{[n]} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{[n]} & a_{12}^{[n]} & \dots & a_{1n}^{[n]} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{[n]} & \dots & a_{2n}^{[n]} \\ \dots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn}^{[n]} \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ The algorithm: ⇒ To do so we calculate the: $d_{i,1}^{[1]} = \frac{a_{i1}^{[1]}}{a_{11}^{[1]}}$

⇒ The first row multiplied by the $d_{i,1}^{[1]}$ we subtract from the i^{th} row. ⇒ After this we get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{[1]} & a_{12}^{[1]} & \dots & a_{1n}^{[1]} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{[1]} & \dots & a_{2n}^{[1]} \\ \dots & & & \\ 0 & a_{n2}^{[1]} & \dots & a_{nn}^{[1]} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{x} \begin{pmatrix} b_1^{[1]} \\ b_1^{[1]} \\ \dots \\ b_1^{[1]} \end{pmatrix}$$

Exact methods: Gauss method 2

⇒ Now one needs to repeat the above n times moving each time row down.

Cons:

- ⇒ The algorithm can be stopped if you divide by zero.
- ⇒ The method is very efficient to accumulate numerical errors.

Pros:

- ⇒ The number of needed floating point operations is less than Cramer.
- ⇒ Example for 15 equations: 1345 vs $5 \cdot 10^{12}$.

Exact methods: modified Gauss method

- ⇒ The biggest disadvantage of Gauss method is the fact that we can have zero elements :(
- ⇒ The modified method fixes this problem :)
- ⇒ The modification is as follows:
 - In each step before we do the elimination we look for main element:

$$|a_{mk}^{(k)}| = \max\{|a_{jk}^{(k)}| : j = k, k+1, \dots, n\}$$

- We exchange the rows m and k .
- We do the standard elimination.

Exact methods: Jordan elimination method

⇒ The Jordan elimination method is similar to Gauss method but the idea is to transform the matrix from $Ax = b$ to $Ix = b^{[n+1]}$.

1. We start from eliminating the as in Gauss method in the first row.
2. When we move to the second row we eliminate the x_2 element also from the first row.
3. The third row we eliminate the first and second row.
4. We repeat this n times.

⇒ After this we will get new system $Ix = b^{[n+1]}$.

⇒ The $b^{[n+1]}$ is already the solution! No need to do more.

Exact methods: LU method

- ⇒ The most popular of the exact methods is so-called LU method.
- ⇒ The idea is very simple; we represent the matrix in a form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & l_{n3} & \dots & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & \dots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} & \dots & u_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} & \dots & u_{3n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & u_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = L \cdot U$$

- ⇒ After this decomposition we need to solve:

$$\begin{cases} Ly = b \\ Ux = y \end{cases}$$

Exact methods: LU method, algorithms

⇒ We solve the following matrix: $A^{[1]}x = b^{[1]}$

⇒ We start by preparing the matrix $L^{[1]}$:

$$L^{[1]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -l_{21} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -l_{31} & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & \\ -l_{n1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where the l_{i1} are defined:

$$l_{i1} = \frac{a_{i1}^{[1]}}{a_{11}^{[1]}}$$

⇒ Now we take our base equation by $L^{[1]}$:

$$L^{[1]}A^{[1]}x = L^{[1]}b^{[1]}$$

⇒ We get the a new system:

$$A^{[2]}x = b^{[2]} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad L^{[1]}A^{[1]}x = L^{[1]}b^{[1]}$$

Exact methods: LU method, algorithms

⇒ In the second step we construct the $L^{[2]}$ in the form:

$$L^{[2]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -l_{32} & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & \\ 0 & -l_{n2} & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where :

$$l_{i2} = \frac{a_{i2}^{[2]}}{a_{22}^{[2]}}$$

⇒ Now we take the $A^{[2]}x = b^{[2]}$ and multiply it by $L^{[2]}$:

$$L^{[2]}A^{[2]}x = L^{[2]}b^{[2]}$$

⇒ We get the a new system:

$$A^{[3]}x = b^{[3]} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad L^{[2]}L^{[1]}A^{[1]}x = L^{[2]}L^{[1]}b^{[1]}$$

Exact methods: LU method, algorithms

⇒ Now we repeat the above steps $n - 1$ times after which we get:

$$L^{[n-1]} L^{[n-2]} \dots L^{[2]} L^{[1]} A^{[1]} = A^{[n]} = U$$

$$L^{[n-1]} L^{[n-2]} \dots L^{[2]} L^{[1]} b^{[1]} = b^{[n]}$$

⇒ From the above we can calculate:

$$A^{[1]} = \left(L^{[1]}\right)^{-1} \left(L^{[2]}\right)^{-1} \dots \left(L^{[n-1]}\right)^{-1} A^{[n]}$$

⇒ So the matrix L we search for is:

$$L = \left(L^{[1]}\right)^{-1} \left(L^{[2]}\right)^{-1} \dots \left(L^{[n-1]}\right)^{-1}$$

⇒ The $\left(L^{[k]}\right)^{-1}$ can be easily calculated:

$$\left(L^{[k]}\right)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & l_{k+1k} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & l_{k+2k} & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & l_{nk} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exact methods: LU method, algorithms

⇒ Now the only thing left is to solve the simple linear system:

$$\begin{cases} Ly = b \\ Ux = y \end{cases}$$

⇒ Because of the triangular matrix the solution is straightforward:

$$y_1 = \frac{b_1}{L_{11}}, \quad y_i = \frac{b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} L_{ij}y_j}{L_{ii}} \quad i \geq 2$$

Summary

- ⇒ This lecture we learn the exact methods of solving linear equation system.
- ⇒ The three most popular one are: Gauss, Jordan, LU.
- ⇒ By default the LU method should be used.
- ⇒ And remember: be sure the system is well conditioned!

Backup

