Matrices and Numerical Linear Algebra

Matrices – Dense and Sparse

Dense: No zero elements (or almost none)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.24 & 5.76 & -12.3 & 6.11 \\ -7.55 & 4.32 & -5.02 & 4.48 \\ 3.20 & 7.19 & 12.12 & 0.24 \\ -3.14 & 8.27 & -9.81 & -2.11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sparse: Many zero elements

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.24 & 0 & 0 & 6.11 \\ 0 & 0 & -5.02 & 0 \\ 3.20 & 0 & 12.12 & 0 \\ -3.14 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Why is there a distinction? Storage and performance!

Dense matrices: Image processing

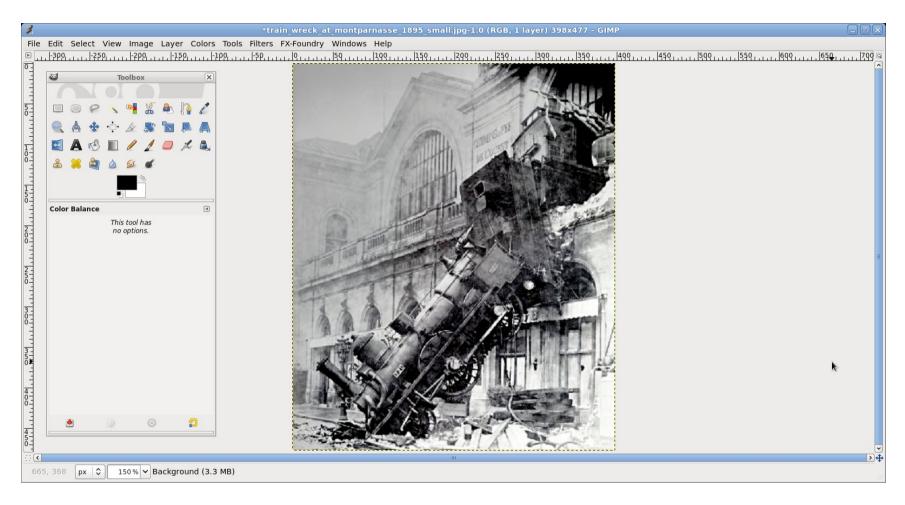
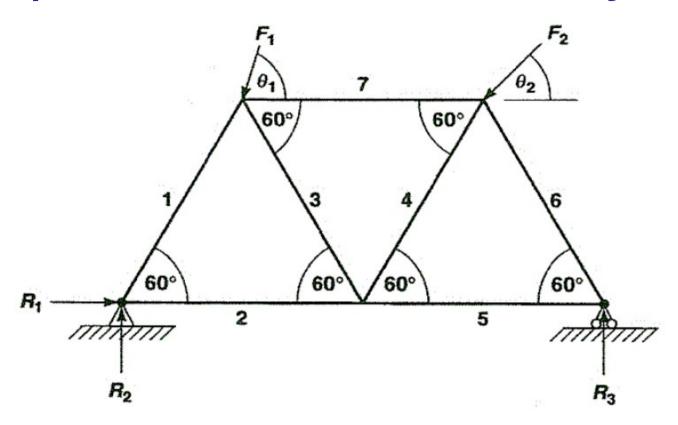


Image is a matrix, every element corresponds to a pixel (black/white level).

Sparse: Structural Analysis



- For bridge in equilibrium (i.e. not collapsing):
 - Sum of forces at each joint = 0
 - Sum of moments at each joint = 0

Force balance equation is sparse

Matrix is sparse because each link pin interacts with its neighbors only.

What matrices are dense or sparse?

- Dense: Image processing, video.
- Sparse: Statics.
- Dense: Time series audio processing, stock price analysis.
- Sparse: Electronic circuit analysis.
- Sparse: Solving PDEs.
- Sparse: Graph theory.

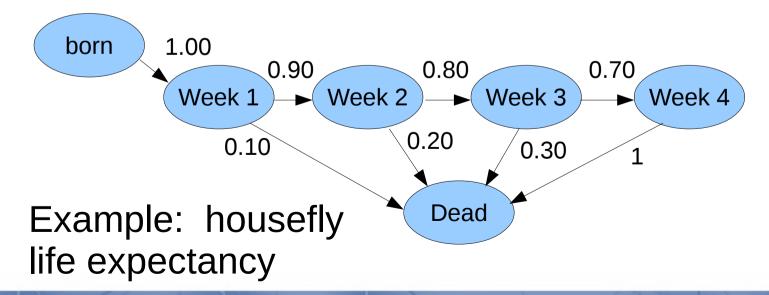
Example: population dynamics



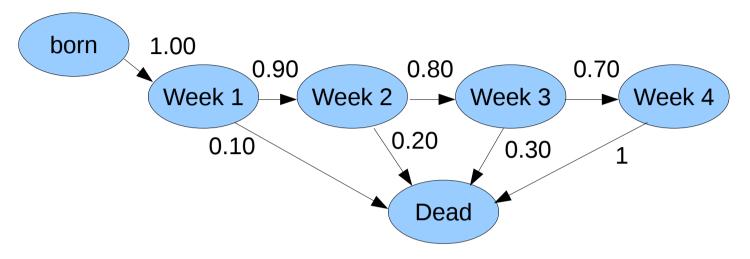
- Consider the domestic house fly.
- Lifespan is around 15 30 days.
- Model of fly's life: Consider weekly probability of death.

This population model is a Markov process – a **graph** of transitions

- Transition matrix
 - Notes are states
 - Edges are probabilities to jump
- Markov process



Markov Matrix



Next state (row)
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & .7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .1 & .2 & .3 & 1 & 1 & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is sparse!

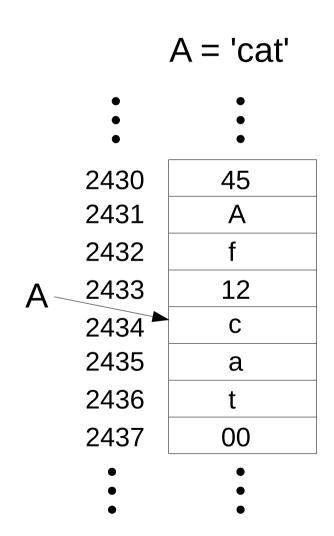
Storage of matrices in memory

- Why do I care about sparse vs. dense?
 - Because they are stored in totally different ways in memory.
 - When you start to scale up to large problems ("big data"), thinking about dealing with your memory becomes important.
- We'll also find later that certain algorithms are more performant with sparse matrices.



Memory as linear address space

- Memory is 1D array of storage locations
- Locations are each 8 bytes wide
- Each byte has an address (32 or 64 bit)
- Longer words occupy successive bytes
 - Endianness



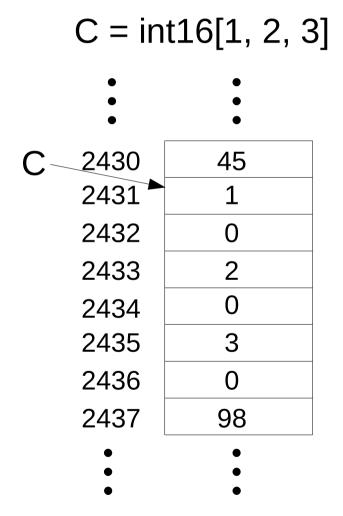
Storage of floating point scalars

- Consider 32 bit float (single) representation B = -5.625
- Hex representation: C0B40000
- Word starts at address 2432
- Intel is "little endian".

```
B = float(-5.625)
           45
 2430
 2431
 2432
            00
 2433
            00
            B4
 2434
            C0
 2435
 2436
 2437
           00
```

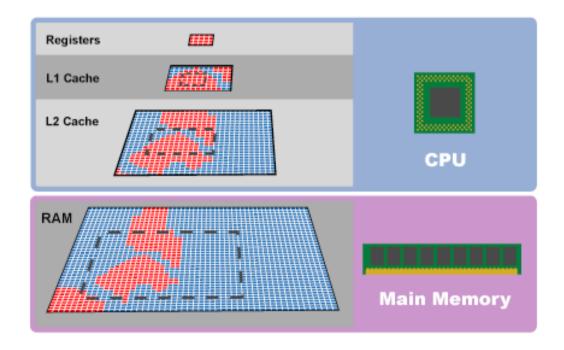
Storage of vectors

- Vector elements are stored sequentially as words in memory
- In this case, the words are 16 bits long
- Note storage is little endian



Locality of Reference

- Computations frequently use values in memory which lie close to each other.
- Smart compilers exploit this fact by loading memory blocks up to 1KB into cache for faster access.



Storage of Matrices?

Row major order

Column major order

Column major

- Fortran
- Matlab
 - Linear indexing

```
octave:37> A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6]
A =

1    2    3
4    5    6

octave:38> A(1)
ans = 1
octave:39> A(2)
ans = 4
octave:40> A(3)
ans = 2
octave:41> A(4)
ans = 5
octave:42> A(5)
ans = 3
octave:43> A(6)
ans = 6
```

Row major

• C, C++

- Must be mindful when passing pointers to arrays to subroutines
- Also important for "locality of reference" when iterating over large arrays.
- Python/NumPy

```
In [26]: A
Out[26]:
array([[1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6]]
In [27]: A[numpy.unravel index(0, A.shape)]
Out[27]: 1
In [28]: A[numpy.unravel index(1, A.shape)]
Out[28]: 2
In [29]: A[numpy.unravel index(2, A.shape)]
Out[291: 3
In [30]: A[numpy.unravel index(3, A.shape)]
Out[30]: 4
In [31]: A[numpy.unravel index(4, A.shape)]
Out[31]: 5
```

Sparse storage – the naive way

Matrix stored as list of (i, j, value) triplets

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.24 & 0 & 0 & 6.11 \\ 0 & 0 & -5.02 & 0 \\ 3.20 & 0 & 12.12 & 0 \\ -3.14 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i	1	1	2	3	3	4
j	1	4	3	1	3	1
X	3.24	6.11	-5.02	3.20	12.12	-3.14

- This representation grows as O(nnz)
- Dense grows as O(N²)

Also in Matlab/Octave....

```
octave:3> sprandn(3, 4, .3)
ans =

Compressed Column Sparse (rows = 3, cols = 4, nnz = 3 [25%])

(2, 1) -> 0.97173
(3, 1) -> 0.76803
(3, 3) -> -0.64265
```

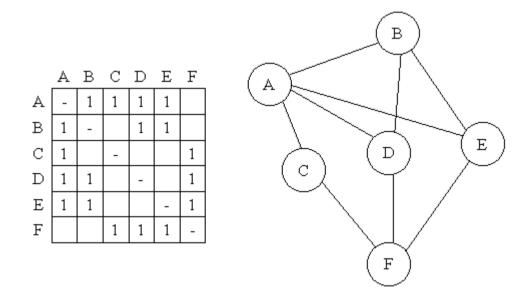
- Draw this on blackboard.
- This is how it's displayed, not how it's actually stored...

The basic difference between sparse and dense

- Think of dense matrices stored as one big rectangle laid out in linear memory.
- Think of sparse matrices as a list of (i, j, value) 3-tuples (or as three separate lists).
- Algorithms processing them will be completely different, and will try to take advantage of the difference between the two storage formats.

A big sparse matrix

- Consider Facebook.
 1.5 Billion users at end of 2015.
- The connections of "friends" can be represented as a big adjacency matrix.



- What is size of adjacency matrix (dense)?
- What is size of adjacency matrix (sparse)?

New Topic: Numerical Linear Algebra

$$Ax = b$$

- The classic linear algebra problem
- First we talk about matrix multiplication (today).
- Then we talk about solvers and matrix decompositions (today and next several classes).

Matrix Multiplication

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} -24 & -22 & 8 & -1 & -12 \\ -35 & -36 & 16 & 0 & 8 \\ -32 & -24 & -22 & 1 & -20 \\ -25 & 33 & 29 & -12 & -26 \\ 1 & -8 & 2 & 16 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Naive algorithm uses 3 nested loops:

- 1. Rows of A
- 2. Cols of B
- 3. Loop over elements doing multiplication and sum

Matrix Multiplication -- Naive

```
function z = matmul(x, y)
  % Matrix multiplication the naive way, using loops.
  % This algorithm is O(n^3)
  % z = x*v
  % size(x) = [n, m]
  % size(y) = [m, p]
  % size(z) = [n, p]
  [n, m] = size(x);
  [m, p] = size(y);
  z = zeros(n, p); % Preallocate z for performance
  for row = 1:n
    for col = 1:p
      for idx = 1:m
        z(row, col) = z(row, col) + x(row, idx)*y(idx, col);
      end
    end
  end
return
```

Three nested loops.

An aside.....

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & -1 & -5 & 1 \\ -3 & -3 & -4 & -5 & 3 \\ -1 & -5 & 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & -4 & -4 \\ -5 & 3 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & -1 & -4 \\ 4 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Think about how dense matrix multiplication must be different from sparse matrix multiplication.
 - If both matrices have lots of zeros, it's a waste to loop over each and every element.

How does run time scale with matrix size?

- Three nested loops suggests run time should grow as N³.
- We call this an O(N³) algorithm
- Timing using time_matmul()

```
>> [x, y] = time_matmul;

N = 10, avg multiplication time = 0.00010812 sec

N = 30, avg multiplication time = 0.02607275 sec

N = 300, avg multiplication time = 0.63386387 sec

N = 1000, avg multiplication time = 32.70939337 sec

Scaled time vec (seconds per multiplication) = 1.0e-06 *
```

Timing matmul

This uses my naive implementation

Improving matmul: Strassen's algorithm

Consider the usual algorithm:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_{11} = a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21}$$
 $c_{12} = a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22}$
 $c_{21} = a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21}$ $c_{22} = a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22}$

8 multiplies, 4 additions.

Floating point multiplication performed in hardware. Takes more time than addition.

 Note that the elements can themselves be matrices (recursive computation).

Strassen's algorithm

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Take
$$q_1 = (a_{11} + a_{22}) * (b_{11} + b_{22})$$
 $q_2 = (a_{21} + a_{22}) * b_{11}$ $q_3 = a_{11} * (b_{12} - b_{22})$ $q_4 = a_{22} * (b_{21} - b_{11})$ $q_5 = (a_{11} + a_{12}) * b_{22}$ $q_6 = (a_{21} - a_{11}) * (b_{11} + b_{12})$ $q_7 = (a_{12} - a_{22}) * (b_{21} + b_{22})$

Then
$$c_{11} = q_1 + q_4 - q_5 + q_7$$

$$c_{12} = q_3 + q_5$$

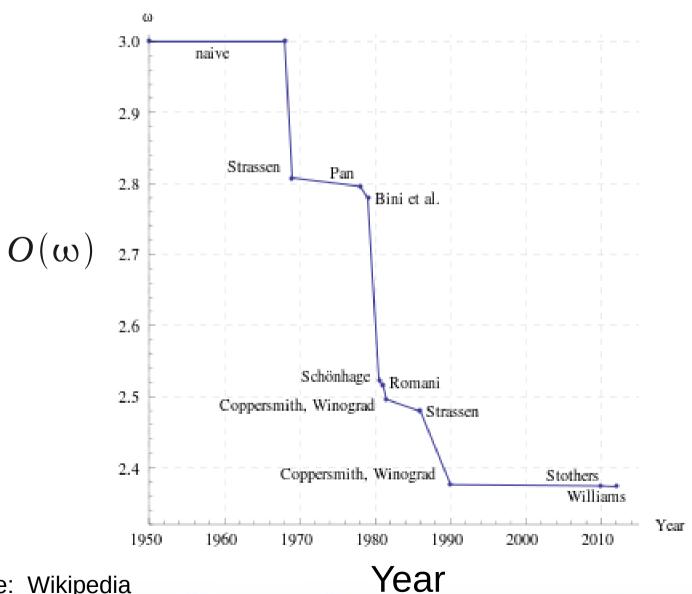
$$c_{21} = q_2 + q_4$$

$$c_{22} = q_1 + q_3 - q_2 + q_6$$

Fewer multiplications but more additions.

- 7 multiplies, 13 additions.
- Elements can also be matrices recursive algorithm.

Progress in matmul



Source: Wikipedia

Timing matmul

 This uses MATLAB built-in multiplication (BLAS)

```
>> [x, y] = time_matmul;

N = 10, avg multiplication time = 0.00001400 sec

N = 30, avg multiplication time = 0.00002912 sec

N = 100, avg multiplication time = 0.00025200 sec

N = 300, avg multiplication time = 0.00333462 sec

N = 1000, avg multiplication time = 0.08979813 sec

Scaled time vec (seconds per multiplication) = 1.0e-07 *

0.1400 0.0108 0.0025 0.0012 0.0009

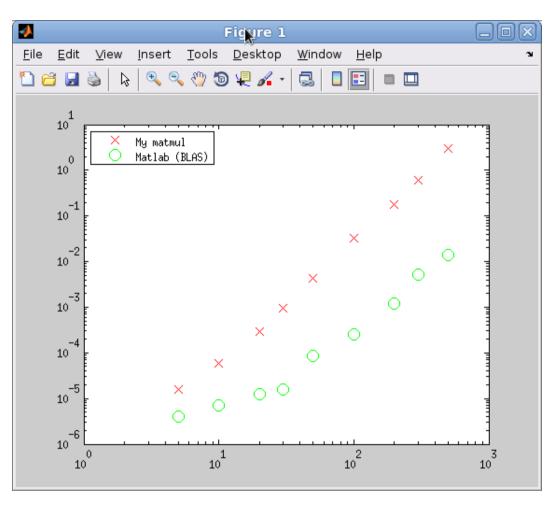
Multiplication is O(2.296)

Much better than O(N^3)
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Comparison: mymatmul vs. Matlab

>> time matmul mvmatmul 3, avg multiplication time = N =0.00005175 sec 5, avg multiplication time = N =0.00001300 sec 10, avg multiplication time = 0.00003575 sec N =N =20, avg multiplication time = 0.00024750 sec 30, avg multiplication time = 0.00093600 sec N =N =50, avg multiplication time = 0.00428825 sec N =100, avg multiplication time = 0.03385675 sec 200, avg multiplication time = N =0.20763750 sec 300, avg multiplication time = N =0.62138575 sec 500, avg multiplication time = N =3.58971225 sec 1000, avg multiplication time = N =36.35315700 sec BLAS 3, avg multiplication time = N =0.00000800 sec 5, avg multiplication time = N =0.00000525 sec 10, avg multiplication time = 0.00000850 sec N =20, avg multiplication time = N =0.00001350 sec 30, avg multiplication time = N =0.00002050 sec 50, avg multiplication time = N =0.00008450 sec 100, avg multiplication time = 0.00023975 sec N =200, avg multiplication time = 0.00169225 sec N =300, avg multiplication time = N =0.00588450 sec 500, avg multiplication time = N =0.02320725 sec 1000, avg multiplication time = 0.08831325 sec N =My multiplication is $O(N^2.962)$ Matlabs multiplication is O(N².428)

Scaling of matmul



- O(N^p) is asymptotic behavior.
 - Naive implementation: $O(N^3)$
 - Matlab/BLAS: $\approx O(N^{2.4})$

Detour: Libraries for Linear Algebra

- Accessible as function calls from C, Fortran, Java, etc.
- BLAS Basic operations on vectors and matrices
 - Level 1: vector-vector operations.
 - Level 2: matrix-vector operations
 - Level 3: matrix-matrix operations
- LAPACK higher-level algorithms
 - Linear solvers
 - Matrix decompositions

BLAS/LAPACK naming convention

X	Υ	Υ	Z	Z	Z
d	g	е	m	m	

- X = S, D, C, Z for single, double, single complex, double complex.
- YY = Code for matrix type
 - ge = general
 - dl = diagonal
 - he = Hermitian
- ZZZ = Name of algorithm

Examples:

- dgemm general matrixmatrix multiply for double: $A*B+\beta C$
- daxpy vector vector addition for double: $\alpha X + Y$

This naming convention has carried over to other math packages as well.

BLAS

- BLAS cheat sheet
 - http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug/node145.html
- Exploits locality of reference
 - Try to perform all operation on elements close to each other in memory before moving to next set of elements.

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- Block strategies for matrix multiply.
- Rely on optimizing cache hits for best performance.

Dgemm example

Demo under:

/home/sbrorson/Northeastern1_Spring2016/Class3/dgemm

LAPACK – Linear algebra

- Overview http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug/node19.html
- Naming scheme http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug/node24.html
- Available routines http://www.netlib.org/lapack/lug/node27.html

Users of BLAS and LAPACK

- Matlab built in
 - http://www.mathworks.com/company/newslette rs/articles/matlab-incorporates-lapack.html
- Octave, SciLab, Julia.... -- built in.
- C++/Boost must #include
- You should too. These programs have been optimized by scores of incredibly smart people for many years. Don't re-invent the wheel.

New topic: Linear Solvers

• Linear system written out:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

 $a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$
 \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots $a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$.

Matrix notation:

$$Ax = b$$

- In general, we know A and b, want to find x.
- Never do this: $x = A^{-1}b$!!!

http://www.johndcook.com/blog/2010/01/19/dont-invert-that-matrix/

Solving a linear system in Matlab

Linear system written out:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

 $a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$
 \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots $a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$.

In matrix notation

A, b known, x is vector of unknowns
$$Ax = b$$

Matlab solution:

$$x = A \setminus b$$

Solve Ax = b using \ operator

```
octave:55> A = eye(4) + 0.006*randn(4);

octave:56> x = A\b;

octave:57> r1 = b - A*x 	← Residual: This should be zero

r1 =

-2.7756e-17

-2.2204e-16

0.0000e+00

-2.2204e-16
```

- Residual is (related to) the error of your solution x.
- Residual is generally non-zero, but the goal is to minimize it.

Four different division operators in Matlab

Solve

- mldivide "\": $Ax=b \rightarrow x=A^{-1}b \xrightarrow{A} x=b \setminus A$
- mrdivide "/": $xA=b \rightarrow x=bA^{-1} \rightarrow x=b/A$
- Idivide ".\":

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} \setminus \begin{vmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} b_{11}/a_{11} & b_{12}/a_{12} & b_{13}/a_{13} \\ b_{21}/a_{21} & b_{22}/a_{22} & b_{23}/a_{23} \end{vmatrix}$$

rdivide "./":

Elementwise divide

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} / \begin{vmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11}/b_{11} & a_{12}/b_{12} & a_{13}/b_{13} \\ a_{21}/b_{21} & a_{22}/b_{22} & a_{23}/b_{23} \end{vmatrix}$$

Difference between residual and error

- Consider: $x = A \setminus b$
- Error: $x_{true} = x_{comp} + e$
- Residual: $r=b-Ax_{comp}$
- By definition: $Ax_{true} = b$
- Therefore: $A(x_{comp} + e) = b$

$$Ae = b - Ax_{comp}$$

$$Ae=r$$

 Note that we can know r and A, but the value of e is not directly observable.

A and b are both known exactly. The computed x will have some small error.

Find residual of simple computation

Residual is small, but not zero

Try a different matrix

```
A = ones(4) + 0.006*randn(4);

x = A\b;

r2 = b - A*x

r2 =

1.0e-13 *

Residual: This should be zero

-0.0466
-0.2043
-0.1577
-0.1016
```

- Larger error!
- This A is closer to singular matrix.
- In general, the closer A is to singular, the larger the residual.

How to characterize this effect?

We want a measure of how singular a matrix is.....

Matrix condition number

Matrix norm ||A||

$$k = ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||$$

- Small condition number (near 1), solvers are stable -> low error.
- Large condition number, solvers are errorprone -> high error.
- Matlab: cond(A)

Condition number requires matrix norm

- Vector norms:
 - 1 norm: $||x||_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$
 - Infinity norm: $||x||_{\infty} = max(|x_0|, |x_1|, \dots, |x_n|)$
 - Euclidian norm: $||x|| = \sqrt{\sum_{i} |x_i^2|}$

General p-norm for vectors:

$$||x||_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i^p|\right)^{1/p}$$

Matrix norm is generalization of vector norms

• 1 norm:

$$||A||_1 = \max_j \left(\sum_i |A_{ij}| \right)$$

Infinity norm:

$$||A||_{\infty} = max_i \left(\sum_{j} |A_{ij}| \right)$$

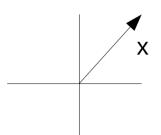
• Induced norm:

$$||A|| = max_i \left(\sqrt{\lambda(A^T A)} \right)$$

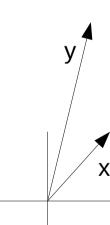
Maximum singular value of A

Matrix as linear transformation

Consider vector x



 Apply matrix A to vector x via multiplication.



We get new vector y = Ax

Induced matrix norm

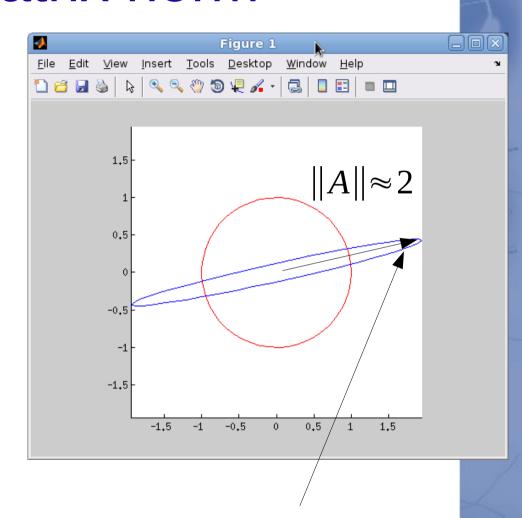
- Ax is a vector. A acts on x, stretching and rotating x.
- Therefore, we can extend the concept of vector norm by focusing on product Ax.
- Consider action of A on all vectors x satisfying ||x|| = 1.
- This gives the "Induced norm":
 ||A|| = max(||Ax||) when ||x|| = 1.
- Therefore, the induced norm is (related to) max eigenvalue (singular value) of A

Induced matrix norm

Start with vector norm:

 Define matrix norm by considering action of matrix on all vectors:

$$||A|| = max \left(\frac{||Ax||}{||x||} : x \in K^n \right)$$



Find largest extension of unit circle induced by matrix.

Condition number

$$k = ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||$$

```
>> A = eye(4) + 0.006*randn(4);
>> cond(A)

Matrix is far from singular - condition number close to 1.

1.0107

>> A = ones(4) + 0.006*randn(4);
>> cond(A)

Matrix is close to singular - high condition number.

2.3771e+03
```

Which matrix norm is used for k? Doesn't matter....

Main ideas in lecture

- Types of matrix: dense and sparse.
 - Difference is in how they are stored in memory.
 - This also implies a difference in processing algorithms.
- Matrix multiplication (dense).
- Solving Ax = b, and errors (residual).
- Matrix condition number
 - Characterizes potential for error.