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02635 - Programming of Mathematical Software

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Part 1: Forward Substitution

To perform forward substitution the given formula is used

$$b_k \leftarrow \left(b_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} b_i R_{ik}\right) / \left(\alpha + R_{kk}\right)$$

To translate this formula into a function

int fwdsub(unsigned long n, double alpha, double **R, double *b)

a for loop going from 0 to n-1 is initialised to get each value of k. To check for numerical errors, the divisor $\alpha + R_{kk}$ is first calculated and stored for later. If this is 0, the function returns -1, as it would result in a numerical error.

Now only the sum is needed to finish the calculation. This is done with a for loop with the variable i going from 0 to k-1. In the loop our indices k and i from the for loops are used to access the correct elements of b and R and add the product to the sum. Finnally, this can be used to overwrite the kth value of b with the solution.

Part 2: Triangular Sylvester equation

To implement a function

int tri_sylvester_solve(const matrix_t *R, matrix_t *C)

that can solve a system of equations on the form $R^TX + XR = C$, two steps have to be performed

1.
$$\mathbf{c}_k \leftarrow \mathbf{c}_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathbf{c}_j R_{jk}$$

2.
$$\mathbf{c}_k \leftarrow \left(R_{kk}I + R^T\right)^{-1}\mathbf{c}_k$$

First the input matrices R and C are checked for invalid inputs. If either of their respective matrices A are NULL -2 is returned. Furthermore, it is checked whether the input dimensions are all equal, meaning $m_R = n_R = m_C = n_C$, if this is not the case -2 is returned.

A for loop is now initialised with k as the variable, going from 0 to $m_C - 1$, as we want to update each row of C. Now a helping variable c_k of the given struct vector is allocated, if there is not enough memory for the pointer to the array, -2 is returned.

To fill this variable, a help function

double* step1(vector_t c_k, const matrix_t *R, matrix_t * C, unsigned long k)

is created. This function calculates step 1 by looping through the length of the input vector c_k with the variable i. First, the initial values of the kth row in C is assigned to the vector and the sum $\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \mathbf{c}_j R_{jk}$ is then subtracted. The sum is calculated by starting a new for loop going from 0 to k-1 with the variable j and using the ith element of the jth row in C as \mathbf{c}_j and the kth element of the jth row in R as R_{jk} and adding the product of these to the sum.

After c_k is filled using the function step1, the second step can be performed. Here we use the previously implemented fwdsub with the number of rows in C as n, R_{kk} as α , the R matrix as R and c_k as b. If this results in a numerical error -1 is returned, otherwise c_k is updated with the solution and the kth row of C can now be overwritten with c_k . Finally, the memory used by c_k is freed and the outer loop can continue the next row.