

## Gaussian Elimination and LU

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**Recall:** Last class, we reviewed key concepts in linear algebra that will be useful in our discussions for this last section of material. Those are:

- Vector space and subspaces
- Linear combinations and linear dependence / independence
- Bases and dimension
- Range  $R(A)$  and rank  $r(A)$  and their relationship to the **existence** of solutions of  $Ax=b$ .
- Nullspace  $N(A)$  and nullity  $v(A)$  and their relationship to **uniqueness** of solutions of  $Ax=b$ .
- Rank and nullity theorem, and what can happen for overdetermined, underdetermined and determined (square) systems of linear equations.
- How we can test whether an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is invertible.

We then discussed the differences between **direct solvers** and **iterative solvers**. Today we will be discussing our first topic: Gaussian Elimination and its associated matrix factorization, the LU decomposition. This is the first and prime example of a **direct solver**.

$$\underset{n \times n}{A} \vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad \text{"ELIMINATION METHOD"} \\ \text{↳ DIRECT METHOD.}$$

Special case where it is not needed:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & x_1 \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \dots & x_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn} & x_n \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_{n-1} \\ b_n \end{array} \right]$$

upper triangular

SOLVE:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad x_n &= \frac{1}{a_{nn}} \cdot b_n && \xrightarrow{\text{1 div.}} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad x_{n-1} &= \frac{1}{a_{n,n-1}} \left[ b_{n-1} - \sum_{k=n}^{n-1} a_{n,k} x_k \right] && \xrightarrow{\text{1 mult}} \\ &\vdots && \\ x_j &= \frac{1}{a_{jj}} \left[ b_j - \sum_{k>j} a_{jk} x_k \right] && \} \text{ "back. subst. substitution"} \end{aligned}$$

$\bar{A}$  upper triangular - back sub.  
 $\bar{A}$  lower triangular - forward sub.

OP COUNT:

$$\underline{2(1+2+3+\dots+n-1)} + n$$

$$2 \left( \underbrace{1+2+3+\dots+n-1}_{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \right) + n$$

$$\cancel{2} \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = n(n-1) + n \rightarrow \boxed{\underline{\underline{\mathcal{O}(n^2)}}}$$

$3 \times 3$  example:

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{2}{4} R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{1}{4} R_1$$

"Elementary row operations"

- multiply  $R_i$  by  $c \neq 0$ .
- permute  $R_i$  and  $R_j$ .
- $R_j \leftarrow R_j + aR_i$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{1}{4} R_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & \frac{9}{4} & \frac{15}{4} & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{augmented matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{69}{22} & \frac{207}{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad x_3 = \frac{207}{69} = 3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{11}(-1 - \frac{3}{2} \cdot 3) = -1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4}(8 - x_3 + x_2)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{SOL } x = (1, -1, 3),$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & \\ 0 & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $k=1$  to  $n-1$ :  
 for  $j$  from  $k+1$  to  $n$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left| \begin{matrix} a_{11} & & & \\ 0 & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & a_{kk} & \cdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \boxed{a_{kk} \ a_{k+1,k} \ \cdots} & \\ 0 & & \downarrow & \\ & & n-k & \end{matrix} \right|
 \end{array}$$

for  $j$  from  $k+1$  to  $n$

$$\begin{cases} R_j = R_j - \left( \frac{a_{jk}}{a_{kk}} \right) R_k \\ b_j = b_j - \left( \frac{a_{jk}}{a_{kk}} \right) b_k. \end{cases}$$

for  $k = 1$  to  $n-1$ :

for  $j$  from  $k+1$  to  $n$ :

$$m_{jk} = a_{jk}/a_{kk}; \text{ % compute multiplier.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(j, k+1:n) = A(j : k+1:n) \\ - m_{jk} A(k, k+1:n); \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A(j, k) = 0$$

$$b_j = b_j - m_{jk} b_k;$$


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$$2 \left[ (n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2 + (n-3)^2 + \dots + 1 \right]$$

$$2 \left[ \frac{(n-1)(n)(2n-1)}{6} \right] \rightarrow \frac{4}{6} n^3 + \dots$$

$$\underline{\underline{O(n^3)}},$$


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$$\boxed{\{ \begin{matrix} Ax = b_1, \\ Ax = b_2, \\ Ax = b_3, \\ \dots \end{matrix} \}}$$

$$Ax = b \xrightarrow{} \sum \vec{x} = \vec{c}$$

$$R_j = R_j - m_{jk} R_k$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left| \begin{matrix} 1 & & & \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & 1 & \cdots \\ j & & \boxed{m_{jk}} & 1 \end{matrix} \right| \xrightarrow{\text{lower triangular}}
 \end{array}$$

$$j \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} -m_{ik} & 1 & 1 & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & 1 & \\ & & -m_{k+1,k} & 1 \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & -m_{nk} & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad L_k = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & m_{k+1,k} & 1 \\ & & & m_{nk} & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$U = (L_{n-i} \cdots L_2 L_1) A, \quad \vec{c} = (L_{n-i} \cdots L_2 L_1) \vec{b}$$

$$A = \underbrace{(L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} \cdots L_{n-1}^{-1})}_L U$$

$$Ax = b \rightarrow U(Ux) = b$$

$$y = \text{forward\_sub}(L, b) \quad O(n^2)$$

$$x = \text{back\_sub}(U, y) \quad O(n^2)$$


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