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Tridiagonal Algorithm: Multiple Right Hand Sides

Sometimes we need to solve tridiagonal linear systems with the same coefficient matrix but different right hand sides. We then only need to do one *LU*-factorization of the coefficient matrix. The forward and backward substitutions can be performed separately for each right hand side.

Initially arrays $a[j]$, $b[j]$ and $c[j]$ store the three diagonals of the tridiagonal coefficient matrix.

- The main diagonal is $b[j]$, for $j=1, 2, \dots, n$.
- The upper diagonal is $c[j]$, for $j=1, 2, \dots, n-1$.
- The lower diagonal is $a[j]$, for $j=1, 2, \dots, n-1$.
- The right hand side vector is stored in the array $f[j]$, for $j=1, 2, \dots, n$.

The LU factorization of the tridiagonal coefficient matrix is:

```
For j from 1 to ndim-1 do
  a[j] = a[j]/b[j]
  b[j+1] = b[j+1] - a[j]*c[j]
end do
```

Arrays $a[j]$ and $b[j]$ are overwritten and now store the required elements of the *LU*-factorization.

The forward substitution stage is:

```
For j from 1 to ndim-1 do
  f[j+1] = f[j+1] - a[j]*f[j]
end do
```

Note array $f[j]$ is overwritten.

The backward substitution stage is:

```
f[ndim] = f[ndim]/b[ndim]
For k from ndim-1 to 1 by -1 do
  f[k] = (f[k] - c[k]*f[k+1])/b[k]
end do
```

On completion the solution vector is stored in the array $f[j]$, for $j=1, 2, \dots, n$.

Assignment

1. (a) Write a Maple procedure, a Matlab function or a *Mathematica* module to implement the *LU*-factorization of the Tridiagonal algorithm for multiple right hand sides.
 - The inputs to the procedure are the three one dimensional arrays a , b , and c .
 - A Maple procedure should check that a , b and c are of type **Array**.

- Your Maple procedure, Matlab function or *Mathematica* module will have to determine the dimension of the system (from array b) or this could be a fourth input which should have type positive integer (`posint`) if coded in Maple.
- On completion the procedure should output the modified arrays a and b .
- An example Maple procedure is:

```
procedurename := proc(Aarray::Array, Barray::Array,.....)
    local i, j, .....;
    description "some comments";
    Commands;
    Aarray,Barray;
end:
```

Make sure to choose an appropriate name for your procedure.

- An example Matlab function is:

```
function [Aout,Bout]=SomeName(Aarray,Barray,Carray)
    Commands;
end
```

Make sure to choose an appropriate name for your function.

- An example *Mathematica* module is:

```
SomeName[a_,b_,c_] :=
    Module[{i, j, .....,Aout,Bout}, (* local variables *)
    Commands;
    {Aout,Bout}
]
```

Make sure to choose an appropriate name for your module. a , b and c are one dimensional lists.

- (b) Write a Maple procedure, a Matlab function or *Mathematica* module to implement the forward and backward substitution stages of the Tridiagonal algorithm for multiple right hand sides (given that the LU -factorization has already been determined).
- The inputs to the procedure are the modified one-dimensional arrays a and b from the LU -factorization, the array c (upper diagonal) and the right hand side vector f .
 - A Maple procedure should check that a , b , c and f are of type **Array**.
 - Your Maple procedure, Matlab function or *Mathematica* module will have to determine the dimension of the system (from arrays b or f) or this could be a fifth input which should have type positive integer (`posint`) if coded in Maple.
 - On completion the procedure should output the solution of the tridiagonal linear system.
- (c) Create a 6 by 6 tridiagonal linear system with known solution and use it to test your Maple procedures, Matlab functions or *Mathematica* module. That is, solve the 6 by 6 tridiagonal linear system using your Maple procedures, Matlab functions or *Mathematica* module.

Heat Conduction in Clothing

An arctic construction worker is wearing a protective suit made of M400 Thinsulate. Inside a warm building, the suit and heat generated by the worker, keep her skin temperature at about 30°C.

When the worker leaves the protection of the building (at $t = 0$) into sub-zero air temperature, the temperature on the surface of the suit ($x = 0$) reduces instantaneously to the ambient temperature U_A .

The suit has thickness L cm. Initially (at $t = 0$) the temperature profile in the suit satisfies a linear relationship on $0 \leq \frac{x}{L} \leq 1$.

At the workers skin ($\frac{x}{L} = 1$), the heat flux generated by the worker ($\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = Fl$) remains constant for all time t .

Heat flow in the suit is governed by the heat equation: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, where κ is the thermal diffusivity. For M400 Thinsulate the thermal diffusivity is $0.0055 \text{cm}^2 \text{sec}^{-1}$.

If the suit is divided into N equally spaced grid points, then the grid spacing is $h = \frac{L}{N}$ and the grid points are $x_i = i.h$, for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Let U_i^j represent the temperature at $x = x_i$ when $t = j.\Delta t$, for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

The initial temperature at each grid point is given by $U_i^0 = A(i\frac{h}{L}) + B$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$ and $U_0^j = U_A$, for all j .

Using a finite difference discretization the heat equation reduces to solving the following tridiagonal linear system:

$$\begin{aligned} -sU_{i-1}^{j+1} + (1+2s)U_i^{j+1} - sU_{i+1}^{j+1} &= U_i^j, & \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, N-1, \\ (1+2s)U_1^{j+1} - sU_2^{j+1} &= U_1^j + s.U_A, & \text{for } i = 1, \\ -2sU_{N-1}^{j+1} + (1+2s)U_N^{j+1} &= U_N^j - 2s.h.Fl, & \text{for } i = N, \text{ where } s = \kappa \frac{\Delta t}{h^2}. \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form the system looks like:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+2s & -s & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -s & 1+2s & -s & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -s & 1+2s & -s & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ - & - & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & - & - & - \\ - & - & - & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & - & - \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & -s & 1+2s & -s & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & -s & 1+2s & -s \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2s & 1+2s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1^{j+1} \\ U_2^{j+1} \\ U_3^{j+1} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ U_{N-1}^{j+1} \\ U_N^{j+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_1^j \\ U_2^j \\ U_3^j \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ U_{N-1}^j \\ U_N^j \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} s.U_A \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 2s.h.Fl \end{bmatrix}$$

Given the temperature profile at time $t = j.\Delta t$, we can then solve the tridiagonal linear system and find the temperature profile at time $t = (j+1).\Delta t$.

The tridiagonal coefficient matrix does not change so we need only do one LU -factorization.

Assignment

Based on the last digit of your student number, the remaining parameters are given in the following Table.

Last digit	0	1	2	3	4
$L(\text{cm})$	4	6	5	4	7
$U_A(^{\circ}\text{C})$	-5	-10	-12	0	-25
N	50	100	75	60	70
$Fl(^{\circ}\text{Csec}^{-1})$	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.7
A	10	12	5	9	12
B	20	20	25	22	18

Last digit	5	6	7	8	9
$L(\text{cm})$	5	5.5	6	4.5	5.5
$U_A(^{\circ}\text{C})$	-16	-15	-13	-3	-6
N	80	100	90	85	110
$Fl(^{\circ}\text{Csec}^{-1})$	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.25	1.75
A	5	12	10	8	4
B	26	22	22	18	22

- Set $\Delta t = 0.5\text{sec}$. Calculate h and s .
Create an array of N elements storing the initial temperature profile.
Plot the initial temperature profile.
- Create three one dimensional arrays storing the diagonals of the tridiagonal coefficient matrix. Use your MatLab .m function, Maple procedure or *Mathematica* module from Question 1(a) to find the LU -factorization of the coefficient matrix.
You will not need to find the LU -factorization again.
- Find the temperature profile after ten minutes. That is: Do 1200 time steps. (Solve the linear system 1200 times.)
Use your MatLab .m function, Maple procedure or *Mathematica* module from Question 1(b) to solve the linear system given the LU -factorization.
Plot the temperature profile against thickness (cm) after ten minutes. Remember to add the surface temperature point to the set of data.
Label the axes and include a plot title.
- Start the process again, (re-set the initial conditions), increase the number of time steps if necessary and determine in minutes when the skin temperature of the construction worker drops below 20°C . (The last element of the temperature array is the skin temperature of the worker.)