

CS 450: Numerical Analysis¹

Linear Systems

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Vector Norms

► Properties of vector norms

$$||\mathbf{x}|| \geq 0$$

$$||\mathbf{x}|| = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$||\alpha \mathbf{x}|| = |\alpha| \cdot ||\mathbf{x}||$$

$$||\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}|| \leq ||\mathbf{x}|| + ||\mathbf{y}|| \quad (\text{triangle inequality}) \text{ implies continuity}$$

- **A norm is uniquely defined by its unit sphere:** *Surface defined by space of vectors $\mathbb{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{V}, ||\mathbf{x}|| = 1$*

► **p -norms** $||\mathbf{x}||_p = \left(\sum_i |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$

- $p = 1$ gives sum of absolute values of entry (unit sphere is diamond-like)
- $p = \infty$ gives maximum entry in absolute value (unit sphere is box-like)
- $p = 2$ gives Euclidean distance metric (unit sphere is spherical)

Inner-Product Spaces

- **Properties of inner-product spaces:** Inner products $\langle x, y \rangle$ must satisfy

$$\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x = 0$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$$

$$\langle x, y + z \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle$$

$$\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$$

- **Inner-product-based vector norms**

The $p = 2$ vector norm is the Euclidean inner-product norm,

$$||x||_2 = \sqrt{x^T x}$$

and due to Cauchy-Schwartz inequality $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle \cdot \langle y, y \rangle}$,

$$|x^T y| \leq ||x||_2 ||y||_2.$$

Other inner-products can be expressed as $\langle x, y \rangle = x^T A y$ where A is symmetric positive definite, yielding norms $||x||_A = \sqrt{x^T A x}$

Matrix Norms

► Properties of matrix norms:

$$||\mathbf{A}|| \geq 0$$

$$||\mathbf{A}|| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$||\alpha\mathbf{A}|| = |\alpha| \cdot ||\mathbf{A}||$$

$$||\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}|| \leq ||\mathbf{A}|| + ||\mathbf{B}|| \quad (\text{triangle inequality})$$

► Frobenius norm:

$$||\mathbf{A}||_F = \left(\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

► Operator/induced/subordinate matrix norms:

For any vector norm $||\cdot||$, the induced matrix norm is

$$||\mathbf{A}|| = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} ||\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}|| / ||\mathbf{x}|| = \max_{||\mathbf{x}||=1} ||\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}||$$

Induced Matrix Norms

- **Interpreting induced matrix norms:** *A matrix is uniquely defined with respect to a norm by a unit-ball, which is the space of vectors $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ for all $\mathbf{x}$ on the unit-sphere of the norm.*

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_p = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p$$

*is the maximum possible p -norm **amplification** due to application of $\mathbf{A}$*

$$1/\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_p = \min_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_p$$

*is the maximum possible p -norm **reduction** due to application of $\mathbf{A}$*

- **General induced matrix norms:**

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{mp} = \max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_m$$

*typically $m = p$ so we write $\|\mathbf{A}\|_p$ and almost always we have $p \in \{1, 2, \infty\}$.
(Computing the matrix norm for certain choices of $m \neq p$ is NP-complete.)*

Matrix Condition Number

Demo: Conditioning of 2x2 Matrices

Demo: Condition number visualized

- ▶ **Definition:** $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$ is the ratio between the shortest/longest distances from the unit-ball center to any point on the surface.
- ▶ **Intuitive derivation:**

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{\text{inputs}} \max_{\text{perturbations in input}} \left| \frac{\text{relative perturbation in output}}{\text{relative perturbation in input}} \right|$$

since a matrix is a linear operator, we can decouple its action on the input x and the perturbation δx since $\mathbf{A}(x + \delta x) = \mathbf{A}x + \mathbf{A}\delta x$, so

$$\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \left| \frac{\overbrace{\max_{\text{perturbations in input}} \text{relative perturbation growth}}^{\|\mathbf{A}\|}}{\underbrace{\max_{\text{inputs}} \text{relative input reduction}}_{1/\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|}} \right|$$

Matrix Conditioning

- ▶ The matrix condition number $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$ is the ratio between the max and min distance from the surface to the center of the unit ball transformed by $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$:
 - ▶ *The max distance to center is given by the vector maximizing $\max_{\|x\|=1} \|\mathbf{A}x\|_2$.*
 - ▶ *The min distance to center is given by the vector minimizing $\min_{\|x\|=1} \|\mathbf{A}x\|_2 = 1/(\max_{\|x\|=1} \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}x\|_2)$.*
 - ▶ *Thus, we have that $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2$*
- ▶ The matrix condition number bounds the worst-case amplification of error in a matrix-vector product: *Consider $y + \delta y = A(x + \delta x)$, assume $\|x\|_2 = 1$*
 - ▶ *In the worst case, $\|y\|_2$ is minimized, that is $\|y\|_2 = 1/\|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|_2$*
 - ▶ *In the worst case, $\|\delta y\|_2$ is maximized, that is $\|\delta y\|_2 = \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\delta x\|_2$*
 - ▶ *So $\|\delta y\|_2 / \|y\|_2$ is at most $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) \|\delta x\|_2 / \|x\|_2$*

Norms and Conditioning of Orthogonal Matrices

- ▶ **Orthogonal matrices:** *A matrix Q is orthogonal, if its square and its columns are orthonormal, or equivalently $Q^T = Q^{-1}$.*
- ▶ **Norm and condition number of orthogonal matrices:** *For any $\|v\|_2 = 1$,*

$$\begin{aligned}\|Qv\|_2 &= \left(\left\langle v^T Q^T, Qv \right\rangle \right)^{1/2} = \left(v^T Q^T Q v \right)^{1/2} = \left(v^T v \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \|v\|_2\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $\|Q\|_2 = \|Q^{-1}\|_2 = \kappa(Q) = 1$.

Qv expresses v in a coordinate system whose axes are columns of Q^T

Singular Value Decomposition

► **The singular value decomposition (SVD):**

We can express *any* matrix A as

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

where U and V are orthogonal, and Σ is square nonnegative and diagonal,

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{max} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_{min} \end{bmatrix}$$

Any matrix is diagonal when expressed as an operator mapping vectors from a coordinate system given by V to a coordinate system given by U^T .

Norms and Conditioning via SVD

► **Norm and condition number in terms of singular values:**

When multiplying a vector by matrix $A = U\Sigma V^T$

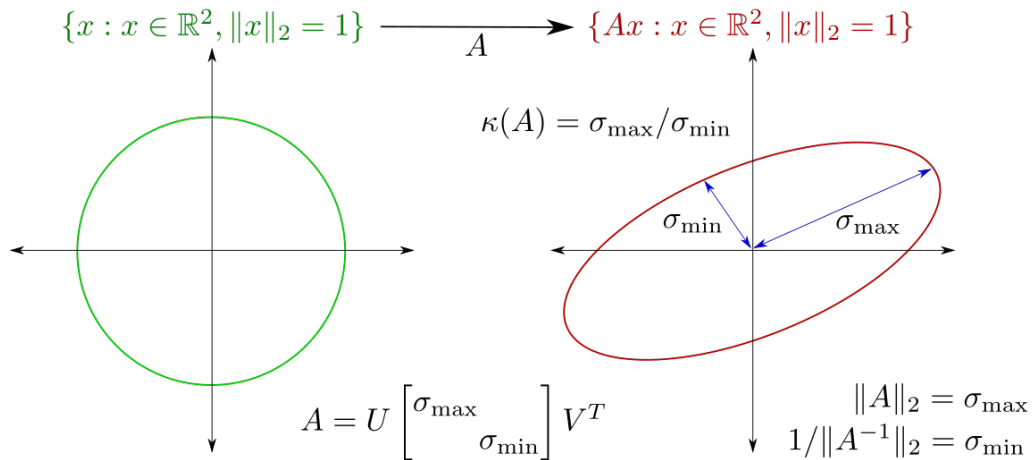
- *Multiplication by V^T changes coordinate systems, leaving the norm unchanged*
- *Multiplication by U changes coordinate systems, leaving the norm unchanged*

so, only multiplication by Σ has an effect on the vector norm

- *Note that $\|\Sigma\|_2 = \sigma_{max}$, $\|\Sigma^{-1}\|_2 = 1/\sigma_{min}$, so*

$$\kappa(A) = \kappa(\Sigma) = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{min}}$$

Visualization of Matrix Conditioning



Conditioning of Linear Systems

- Lets now return to formally deriving the conditioning of solving $Ax = b$:

Consider a perturbation to the right-hand side (input) $\hat{b} = b + \delta b$

$$A\hat{x} = \hat{b}$$

$$A(x + \delta x) = b + \delta b$$

$$A\delta x = \delta b$$

we wish to bound the size of the relative perturbation to the output $\|\delta x\|/\|x\|$
with respect to the size of the relative perturbation the the input $\|\delta b\|/\|b\|$

$$\delta x = A^{-1}\delta b$$

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} = \frac{\|A^{-1}\delta b\|}{\|x\|} \leq \frac{\|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\delta b\|}{\|x\|}$$

we can use that $\|x\| \geq \|b\|/\sigma_{max} = \|b\|/\|A\|$ so

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \underbrace{\|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|}_{\kappa(A)} \cdot \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|} = \frac{\sigma_{max}\|\delta b\|}{\sigma_{min}\|b\|}$$

Conditioning of Linear Systems II

- **Consider perturbations to the input coefficients $\hat{A} = A + \delta A$:**

In this case we solve the perturbed system

$$\hat{A}\hat{x} = b$$

$$Ax + \delta Ax = b - \hat{A}\delta x$$

$$\delta Ax = -\hat{A}\delta x \approx -A\delta x$$

we wish to bound the size of the relative perturbation to the output $\|\delta x\|/\|x\|$ with respect to the size of the relative perturbation the the input $\|\delta A\|/\|A\|$

$$\delta x = -A^{-1}\delta Ax$$

$$\|\delta x\| = \|A^{-1}\delta Ax\| \leq \|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|\delta A\| \cdot \|x\|$$

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \underbrace{\|A^{-1}\| \cdot \|A\|}_{\kappa(A)} \cdot \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}$$

Solving Basic Linear Systems

- ▶ Solve $Dx = b$ if D is diagonal
 $x_i = b_i/d_{ii}$ with total cost $O(n)$
- ▶ Solve $Qx = b$ if Q is orthogonal
 $x = Q^T b$ with total cost $O(n^2)$
- ▶ Given SVD $A = U\Sigma V^T$, solve $Ax = b$
 - ▶ Compute $z = U^T b$
 - ▶ Solve $\Sigma y = z$ (diagonal)
 - ▶ Compute $x = Vx$

Solving Triangular Systems

- $Lx = b$ if L is lower-triangular is solved by forward substitution:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} l_{11}x_1 & = & b_1 \qquad x_1 = b_1/l_{11} \\ l_{21}x_1 + l_{22}x_2 & = & b_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_2 = (b_2 - l_{21}x_1)/l_{22} \\ l_{31}x_1 + l_{32}x_2 + l_{33}x_3 & = & b_3 \quad x_3 = (b_3 - l_{31}x_1 - l_{32}x_2)/l_{33} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{array}$$

- Algorithm can also be formulated recursively by blocks:

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & \\ l_{21} & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = b_1/l_{11}$, then solve recursively for $\mathbf{x}_2$ in $L_{22}\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{b}_2 - l_{21}x_1$.

Solving Triangular Systems

- ▶ **Existence of solution to $Lx = b$:**

If some $l_{ii} = 0$, the solution may not exist, and L^{-1} does not exist.

- ▶ **Uniqueness of solution:** *Even if some $l_{ii} = 0$ and L^{-1} does not exist, the system may have a solution. The solution will not be unique since columns of L are necessarily linearly dependent if a diagonal element is zero. May want to select solution minimizing norm of x .*

- ▶ **Computational complexity of forward/backward substitution:**

The recursive algorithm has the cost recurrence,

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + n = \sum_{i=1}^n i = n(n+1)/2.$$

The total cost is $n^2/2$ multiplications and $n^2/2$ additions to leading order.

Properties of Triangular Matrices

- ▶ $Z = XY$ is lower triangular if X and Y are both lower triangular:

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_{11} & z_{12} \\ z_{21} & Z_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \\ x_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & \\ y_{21} & Y_{22} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly, $z_{11} = x_{11}y_{11}$ and $z_{12} = 0$, then we proceed by the same argument for the triangular matrix product $Z_{22} = X_{22}Y_{22}$.

- ▶ L^{-1} is lower triangular if it exists:

We give a constructive proof by providing an algorithm for triangular matrix inversion. We need $Y = X^{-1}$ so

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & \\ Y_{21} & Y_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \\ & I \end{bmatrix},$$

from which we can deduce

$$Y_{11} = X_{11}^{-1}, \quad Y_{22} = X_{22}^{-1}, \quad Y_{21} = -Y_{22}X_{21}Y_{11}.$$

LU Factorization

- ▶ An **LU factorization** consists of a unit-diagonal lower-triangular **factor** L and upper-triangular factor U such that $A = LU$:
 - ▶ Unit-diagonal implies each $l_{ii} = 1$, leaving $n(n-1)/2$ unknowns in L and $n(n+1)/2$ unknowns in U , for a total of n^2 , the same as the size of A .
 - ▶ For rectangular matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, one can consider a full LU factorization, with $L \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \max(m,n)}$ and $U \in \mathbb{R}^{\max(m,n) \times n}$, but it is fully described by a reduced LU factorization, with lower-trapezoidal $L \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \min(m,n)}$ and upper-trapezoidal $U \in \mathbb{R}^{\min(m,n) \times n}$.
- ▶ Given an LU factorization of A , we can solve the linear system $Ax = b$:
 - ▶ using forward substitution $Ly = b$
 - ▶ using backward substitution to solve $Ux = y$

Backward substitution is the same as forward substitution with a reversal of the ordering of the elements of the vectors and the ordering of the rows/columns of the matrix.

Gaussian Elimination Algorithm

- Algorithm for factorization is derived from equations given by $A = LU$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \mathbf{a}_{12} \\ \mathbf{a}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ \mathbf{l}_{21} & \mathbf{L}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & \mathbf{u}_{12} \\ & \mathbf{U}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_{11} & \\ \mathbf{L}_{21} & \mathbf{L}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{11} & \mathbf{U}_{12} \\ & \mathbf{U}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- First, observe $\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & \mathbf{u}_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \mathbf{a}_{12} \end{bmatrix}$
- To obtain $\mathbf{l}_{21}$ compute $\mathbf{l}_{21} = \mathbf{a}_{21}/u_{11}$
- Obtain $\mathbf{L}_{22}$ and $\mathbf{U}_{22}$ by recursively computing LU of the **Schur complement**

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_{22} - \mathbf{l}_{21}\mathbf{u}_{12}$$

- The computational complexity of LU is $O(n^3)$:

Computing $\mathbf{l}_{21} = \mathbf{a}_{21}/u_{11}$ requires $O(n)$ operations, finding $\mathbf{S}$ requires $2n^2$, so to leading order the complexity of LU is

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 2n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n 2i^2 \approx 2n^3/3$$

Existence of LU Factorization

- ▶ **The LU factorization may not exist:** Consider matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Proceeding with Gaussian elimination we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & l_{32} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & u_{21} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we need that $4 = 4 + u_{21}$ so $u_{21} = 0$, but at the same time $l_{32}u_{21} = 3$.

More generally, if and only if for any partitioning $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ the leading minor is singular ($\det(\mathbf{A}_{11}) = 0$), $\mathbf{A}$ has no LU factorization.

- ▶ **Permutation of rows enables us to transform the matrix so the LU factorization does exist:**

Gaussian elimination can only fail if dividing by zero. At every recursive step of Gaussian elimination, if the leading entry of the first row is zero, we permute it with a row with an leading nonzero (if $a_{21} = 0$, we set $u_{11} = 0$ and $l_{21} = 0$).

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

- ▶ **Partial pivoting** permutes rows to make divisor u_{ii} is maximal at each step:

Based on our argument above, for any matrix A there exists a permutation matrix P that can permute the rows of A to permit an LU factorization,

$$PA = LU.$$

Partial pivoting finds such a permutation matrix P one row at a time. The i th row is selected to maximize the magnitude of the leading element (over elements in the first column), which becomes the entry u_{ii} . This selection ensures that we are never forced to divide by zero during Gaussian elimination and that the magnitude of any element in L is at most 1.

- ▶ A row permutation corresponds to an application of a **row permutation matrix** $P_{jk} = I - (e_j - e_k)(e_j - e_k)^T$:

If we permute row i_j to be the leading (i th) row at the i th step, the overall permutation matrix is given by $P^T = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} P_{ii_j}$.

Partial Pivoting Example

- ▶ Lets consider again the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

- ▶ *The largest magnitude element in the first column is 6, so we select this as our pivot and perform the first step of LU*

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} & 1 \\ 1 & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_1} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - (1/2) \cdot 4 \\ 0 & 3 - 0 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ *The Schur complement is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T$ and we proceed with pivoted LU,*

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} & 1 \\ 1 & \end{bmatrix}}_{P_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ *The overall LU factorization is then given by $P_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & P_2 \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$*

Complete Pivoting

- ▶ **Complete pivoting** permutes rows and columns to make divisor u_{ii} is maximal at each step:
 - ▶ *Partial pivoting ensures that the magnitude of the multipliers satisfies*
 $|l_{21}| = |a_{21}|/|u_{11}| \leq 1$
 - ▶ *Complete pivoting also gives $\|u_{12}\|_{\infty} \leq |u_{11}|$ and consequently*
 $|l_{21}| \cdot \|u_{12}\|_{\infty} = |a_{21}| \cdot \|u_{12}\|_{\infty}/|u_{11}| \leq |a_{21}|$
 - ▶ *Complete pivoting yields a factorization of the form $LU = PAQ$ where P and Q are permutation matrices*
- ▶ **Complete pivoting is noticeably more expensive than partial pivoting:**
 - ▶ *Partial pivoting requires just $O(n)$ comparison operations and a row permutation*
 - ▶ *Complete pivoting requires $O(n^2)$ comparison operations, which somewhat increases the leading order cost of LU overall*

Round-off Error in LU

- ▶ **Lets consider factorization of $\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ where $\epsilon < \epsilon_{\text{mach}}$:**
 - ▶ *Without pivoting we would compute $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/\epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $U = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - 1/\epsilon \end{bmatrix}$*
 - ▶ *Rounding yields $fl(U) = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 0 & -1/\epsilon \end{bmatrix}$*
 - ▶ *This leads to $Lfl(U) = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, a backward error of $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$*
- ▶ **Permuting the rows of A in partial pivoting gives $PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}$**
 - ▶ *We now compute $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$, so $fl(U) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$*
 - ▶ *This leads to $Lfl(U) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 + \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$, a backward error of $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$*

Error Analysis of LU

- ▶ **The main source of round-off error in LU is in the computation of the Schur complement:**
 - ▶ *Recall that division is well-conditioned, while addition can be ill-conditioned*
 - ▶ *After k steps of LU, we are working on Schur complement $A_{22} - L_{21}U_{12}$ where A_{22} is $(n - k) \times (n - k)$, L_{21} and U_{12}^T are $(n - k) \times k$*
 - ▶ *Partial pivoting and complete pivoting improve stability by making sure $L_{21}U_{12}$ is small in norm*
- ▶ **When computed in floating point, absolute backward error δA in LU (so $\hat{L}\hat{U} = A + \delta A$) is $|\delta a_{ij}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{mach}}(|\hat{L}| \cdot |\hat{U}|)_{ij}$**
For any a_{ij} with $j \geq i$ (lower-triangle is similar), we compute

$$a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^i \hat{l}_{ik} \hat{u}_{kj} = a_{ij} - \langle \hat{l}_i, \hat{u}_j \rangle,$$

which in floating point incurs round-off error at most $\epsilon_{\text{mach}} \langle |\hat{l}_i|, |\hat{u}_j| \rangle$. Using this, for complete pivoting, we can show $|\delta a_{ij}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{mach}} n^2 \|A\|_{\infty}$.

Helpful Matrix Properties

- ▶ Matrix is **diagonally dominant**, so $\sum_{i \neq j} |a_{ij}| \leq |a_{ii}|$:

Pivoting is not required if matrix is strictly diagonally dominant

$$\sum_{i \neq j} |a_{ij}| < |a_{ii}|.$$

- ▶ Matrix is **symmetric positive definite (SPD)**, so $\forall_{x \neq 0}, x^T A x > 0$:

*$L = U$ and pivoting is not required, **Cholesky** algorithm $A = LL^T$ can be used (L in Cholesky is not unit-diagonal).*

- ▶ Matrix is **symmetric but indefinite**:

*Compute pivoted **LDL factorization** $PAP^T = LDL^T$ (where L is lower-triangular and unit-diagonal, while D is diagonal)*

- ▶ Matrix is **banded**, $a_{ij} = 0$ if $|i - j| > b$:

LU without pivoting and Cholesky preserve banded structure and require only $O(nb^2)$ work.

Solving Many Linear Systems

Demo: Sherman-Morrison

Activity: Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury Formula

- ▶ Suppose we have computed $A = LU$ and want to solve $AX = B$ where B is $n \times k$ with $k < n$:

Cost is $O(n^2k)$ for solving the k independent linear systems

- ▶ Suppose we have computed $A = LU$ and now want to solve a perturbed system $(A - uv^T)x = b$:

Can use the **Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury** formula

$$(A - uv^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} + \frac{A^{-1}uv^T A^{-1}}{1 - v^T A^{-1}u}$$

- ▶ Consequently we have $Ax = b + \frac{uv^T A^{-1}}{1 - v^T A^{-1}u}b = b + \frac{v^T A^{-1}b}{1 - v^T A^{-1}u}u$
- ▶ Need not form A^{-1} or L^{-1} or U^{-1} , suffices to use backward/forward substitution to solve $w^T A = v^T$, i.e. solve $U^T L^T w = v$ and then solve

$$LUx = b + \underbrace{\left(\frac{w^T b}{1 - w^T u} \right)}_{\text{scalar}} u$$