

CS 450: Numerical Analysis¹

Linear Systems

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Vector Norms

- ▶ **Properties of vector norms**
- ▶ **A norm is uniquely defined by its unit sphere:**
- ▶ **p -norms**

Inner-Product Spaces

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

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

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x = \mathbf{0}$$

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

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

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

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

Matrix Norms

► Properties of matrix norms:

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

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

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

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

► Frobenius norm:

► Operator/induced/subordinate matrix norms:

Induced Matrix Norms

- ▶ **Interpreting induced matrix norms:**

- ▶ **General induced matrix norms:**

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 matrix condition number bounds the worst-case amplification of error in a matrix-vector product:

Norms and Conditioning of Orthogonal Matrices

- ▶ **Orthogonal matrices:**
- ▶ **Norm and condition number of orthogonal matrices:**

Singular Value Decomposition

- The singular value decomposition (SVD):

$$\sigma_i \geq 0$$

$$A = U S V^T$$

$$\square = \square \setminus \square$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} u^{(1)} & \dots & u^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \underset{\substack{| \\ \perp}}{u^{(i)}} \underset{\substack{| \\ \perp}}{v^{(i)T}}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix}$$

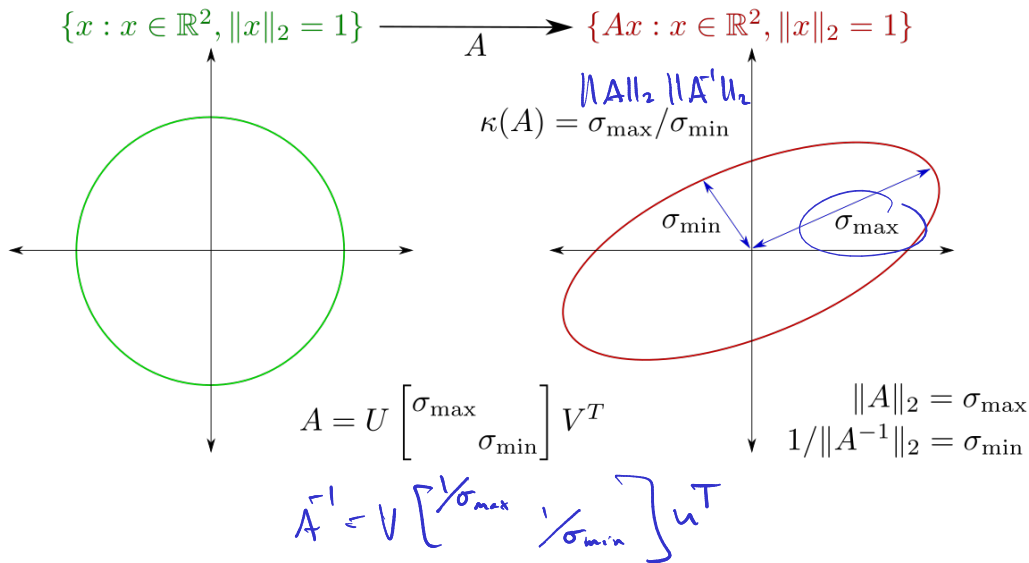
$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \sigma_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v^{(1)} & \dots & v^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Norms and Conditioning via SVD

Activity: Singular Value Decomposition and Norms

- ▶ **Norm and condition number in terms of singular values:**

Visualization of Matrix Conditioning



$$\|A\|_2 = \max_{\|x\|=1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Ax\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(A)$$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u^{(i)} v^{(i)\top}$$

$$A v^{(i)} = \sigma_i u^{(i)} \underbrace{(v^{(i)\top} v^{(i)})}_1$$

$$= \sigma_i u^{(i)}$$

Conditioning of Linear Systems

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

$$\boxed{\quad} \overset{?}{=} \quad$$

$$\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|}$$

$$b \rightarrow b + \delta b \Rightarrow x \rightarrow x + \delta x$$

$$\|Mx\|_2 \leq \|M\|_2 \|x\|_2$$

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

$$\|AB\|_F \leq \|A\|_F \|B\|_F$$

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

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

$$\frac{\|A\| \|x\|}{\|x\|} \geq \frac{\|b\|}{\|x\|}$$

Conditioning of Linear Systems II

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

Solving Basic Linear Systems

- Solve $Dx = b$ if D is diagonal

$$x = D^{-1}b \quad x_i = b_i / d_i$$

$O(n)$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$D^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/d_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1/d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve $Qx = b$ if Q is orthogonal

$$Q^{-1} = Q^T$$

$$x = Q^T b$$

$O(n^2)$

$$x_i = \sum_j q_{ij} b_j$$

- Given SVD $A = U \Sigma V^T$, solve $Ax = b$

$$x = V \Sigma^{-1} U^T b \leftarrow U \Sigma V^T x = b$$

$$U y = b \Rightarrow y = U^T b$$

$$\Sigma z = y \Rightarrow y = \Sigma^{-1} z$$

for i
for j

$$x_i \leftarrow \sum_j q_{ij} b_j$$

$$V^T x = z \Rightarrow x = Vz$$

Solving Triangular Systems

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

$$\Delta | = 1$$

$$l_{11}x_1 = b_1$$

$$x_1 = b_1 / l_{11}$$

$$l_{21}x_1 + l_{22}x_2 = b_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = (b_2 - l_{21}x_1) / l_{22}$$

$$l_{31}x_1 + l_{32}x_2 + l_{33}x_3 = b_3$$

$$x_3 = (b_3 - l_{31}x_1 - l_{32}x_2) / l_{33}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & & \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & \\ l_{31} & \dots & l_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Algorithm can also be formulated recursively by blocks:

$$\begin{bmatrix} L_{11} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

solve $L_{11}x_1 = b_1$ then using $L_{21}x_1 + L_{22}x_2 = b_2$

solve $L_{22}x_2 = b_2 - L_{21}x_1$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n^2) \\ = O(n^2)$$

Solving Triangular Systems

- Existence of solution to $Lx = b$:

if $l_{ii} = 0$, sol'n does not exist

- Uniqueness of solution:

- Computational complexity of forward/backward substitution:

Properties of Triangular Matrices

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

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

Y

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

$$Y_{11} = L_{11}^{-1}$$

$$\underline{Y_{21} L_{11} + Y_{22} L_{21} = 0}$$

$$\textcircled{Y_{22} L_{22}} = I$$

LU Factorization

- An **LU factorization** consists of a unit-diagonal lower-triangular **factor** L and upper-triangular factor U such that $A = LU$:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ l_{21} & 1 & & \\ & l_{32} & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & \cdots & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given an LU factorization of A , we can solve the linear system $Ax = b$:

$$LU\tilde{x} = b$$

$$L\tilde{y} = b$$

$$U\tilde{x} = \tilde{y}$$

Gaussian Elimination Algorithm

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ l_{21} & l_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ & u_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[a_{11} \ a_{12}] \rightarrow [1 \] \ u \Rightarrow u_{11} = a_{11}, u_{12} = a_{12}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ l_{21} & l_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} \\ u_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} \\ l_{21}u_{11} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{l_{21} = a_{21} / u_{11}} \quad O(n)$$

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

$$n \cdot O(n^2) = O(n^3)$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{21} & l_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{12} \\ u_{22} \end{bmatrix} = A_{22}$$

Schur complement $A_{22} = L_{22}u_{22} + l_{21}u_{12}$

$$\boxed{A_{22} - l_{21}u_{12}} = L_{22}u_{22} \quad O(n^2)$$

Existence of LU Factorization

- The LU factorization may not exist: Consider matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & & \\ 0 & & \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$PA = LU$$

$$A = P^T LU$$

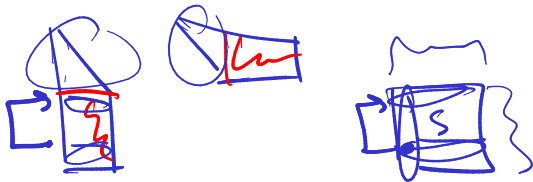
$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = P \cdot v$$

$$W_i = v_{\pi(i)}$$

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

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



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

$$P_{jk} = I - (e_j - e_k)(e_j - e_k)^T$$

Hand-drawn diagram illustrating the row permutation matrix P_{jk} . It shows a sequence of operations: a diagonal line, a minus sign, a vertical line, a minus sign, a vertical line, a minus sign, a vertical line, a minus sign, a vertical line, and a bracketed matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ followed by $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Partial Pivoting Example

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

Complete Pivoting

- ▶ ***Complete pivoting*** permutes rows and columns to make divisor u_{ii} is maximal at each step:
- ▶ Complete pivoting is noticeably more expensive than partial pivoting:

Round-off Error in LU

► Lets consider factorization of $\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ where $\epsilon < \epsilon_{\text{mach}}$:

► Permuting the rows of A in partial pivoting gives $PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Error Analysis of LU

- ▶ The main source of round-off error in LU is in the computation of the Schur complement:
- ▶ When computed in floating point, absolute backward error δA in LU (so $\hat{L}\hat{U} = A + \delta A$) is $|\delta a_{ij}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{mach}}(|\hat{L}| \cdot |\hat{U}|)_{ij}$

Helpful Matrix Properties

- ▶ Matrix is ***diagonally dominant***, so $\sum_{i \neq j} |a_{ij}| \leq |a_{ii}|$:
- ▶ Matrix is ***symmetric positive definite (SPD)***, so $\forall_{x \neq 0}, x^T A x > 0$:
- ▶ Matrix is symmetric but indefinite:
- ▶ Matrix is ***banded***, $a_{ij} = 0$ if $|i - j| > b$:

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 $k < n$:
- ▶ 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

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