

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

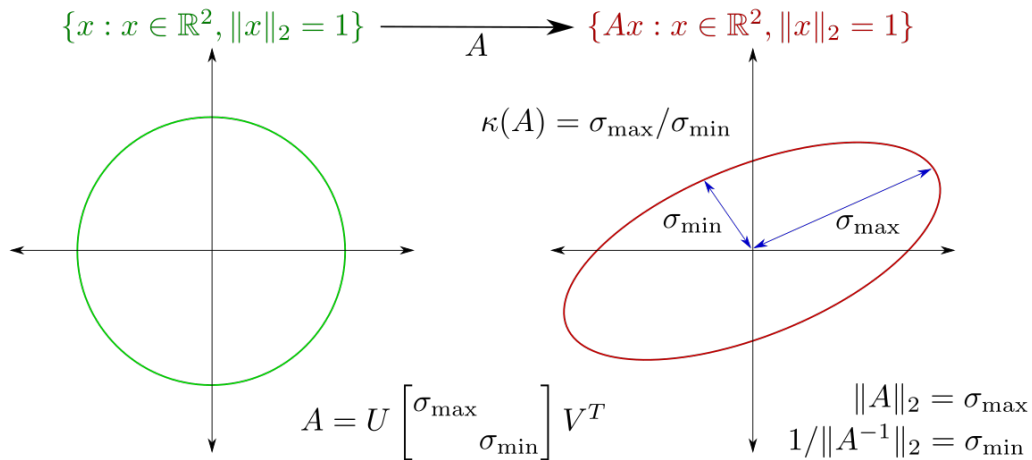
- ▶ The singular value decomposition (SVD):

Norms and Conditioning via SVD

Activity: Singular Value Decomposition and Norms

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

Visualization of Matrix Conditioning



Conditioning of Linear Systems

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

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
- ▶ Solve $Qx = b$ if Q is orthogonal
- ▶ Given SVD $A = U\Sigma V^T$, solve $Ax = b$

Solving Triangular Systems

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

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

- ▶ Algorithm can also be formulated recursively by blocks:

Solving Triangular Systems

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

LU Factorization

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

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

Gaussian Elimination Algorithm

- ▶ Algorithm for factorization is derived from equations given by $A = LU$:
- ▶ The computational complexity of LU is $O(n^3)$:

Existence of LU Factorization

$$A = LU$$

- The LU factorization may not exist: Consider matrix

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \triangledown \\ \triangledown \\ \triangledown \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & ? \\ 2 & ? \\ 0 & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \triangledown & \triangledown \\ \triangledown & \triangledown \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$PA = LU \quad \text{always exist if } A \text{ is full rank}$$

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

Partial Pivoting Example

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

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ 1/2 & \\ 0 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \downarrow \\ P_2 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ P_2 & \end{bmatrix} P_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Complete Pivoting $P_1 A P_2^T x = b$ $PA = LU$ or $P_1 A P_2^T = LU$

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

$$P_1 A P_2^T = LU \quad |l_{ij}| \leq 1$$

$$|l_{21}| \cdot \|u_{12}\|_{\infty} \leq |a_{21}|$$

$$P_1 A P_2^T = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ l_{21} & l_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Complete pivoting is noticeably more expensive than partial pivoting:

P-P $O(n)$ comparisons for each column

C-P Complete pivoting, need $O(n^2)$ comparisons per column

Round-off Error in LU

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

$$f(x+y) = x \text{ if } y < \epsilon_{\text{mach}}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\epsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(1 - 1/\epsilon) = -1/\epsilon$$

$$f(U) = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ -1/\epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A - L \cdot f(U) = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

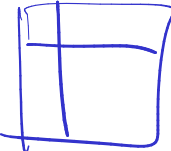
$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\epsilon \end{bmatrix}$$


$$f(U) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{since } f(1-\epsilon) = 1$$

$$L \cdot f(U) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1+\epsilon \end{bmatrix} \quad A - L \cdot f(U) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

Error Analysis of LU

- The main source of round-off error in LU is in the computation of the Schur complement:



$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} \\ & U_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$


$$S_{22} = \underbrace{A_{22} - L_{21}U_{12}}_{S_{22} = L_{22}U_{22}}$$

- When computed in floating point, absolute backward error δA in LU (so $\hat{L}\hat{U} = A + \delta A$) is $|\delta a_{ij}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{mach}} (|\hat{L}| \cdot |\hat{U}|)_{ij}$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & l_1 & \\ & l_2 & \\ & \vdots & \\ & & l_n \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{a_{ij} - (l_i, u_j)}{f(a_{ij} - (l_i, u_j)) - \text{true}} = \epsilon \langle l_i, u_j \rangle$$

Helpful Matrix Properties

$$\sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}| < |a_{ii}| \quad \& \quad \sum_{i \neq j} |a_{ij}| < |a_{jj}|$$

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

↑
strict

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

Cholesky

$$\lambda_i(A) > 0$$

$$A = L L^T$$

↑ not unit diagonal

- Matrix is symmetric but indefinite:

$$A = A^T$$

$$P A P^T = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & -D \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ unit-diagonal

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \times & & 0 \\ & \times & \\ 0 & & \times \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \times & & \\ & \times & \\ & & \times \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \times & & \\ & \times & \\ & & \times \end{bmatrix} \quad O(n^2)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \times & & \\ & \times & \\ & & \times \end{bmatrix} \quad A = D \quad d_{ii} > 0$$

$$x^T D x = \sum_i x_i^2 d_{ii}$$

$$A = U D U^T$$

$$x^T A x = x^T U D U^T x$$

$$= y^T D y \quad y = U^T x$$

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 $k < n$:

$$\boxed{A} \boxed{X} = \boxed{B}$$

$A \quad X \quad B$

$$\boxed{} \boxed{}^k = \boxed{}$$

$O(n^3 + n^2k)$

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

$$x = (A - uv^T)^{-1}b$$

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

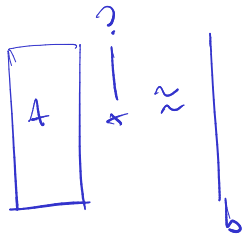
$$A - uv^T$$

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

$$A = LU$$

$$Ax = \left(I + \frac{uv^TA^{-1}}{1 - v^TA^{-1}u} \right) b$$

$$(A - uv^T)x = b \Rightarrow \overset{LU}{\underset{\uparrow}{A}}x = b - \frac{v^TA^{-1}b}{1 - v^TA^{-1}u}u$$



$$\underline{A^T A x = A^T b}$$

Cholesky ($A^T A$)

$$\kappa(A)^2 = \kappa(A^T A)$$

$$\underbrace{x^T A^T A x}_{y^T y} = y^T y > 0$$