Remarks:

- Zeros may be created in the diagonal position.
- Rearrange the system to have the largest coefficient in the diagonal position.
- Where there are many equations, the round-off error may cause large effect.
- If the matrix is ill-conditioned, results are particularly sensitive to round-off error.

LU decomposition method:

Any square matrix A can be expressed as

$$A = LU$$
,

where L is the lower triangular matrix:

and U is the upper triangular matrix:

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LU decomposition method:

A given linear system takes the following form using LU decomposition:

$$A\mathbf{x} = LU\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}.$$

Define the vector $\mathbf{z} = U\mathbf{x}$.

The system takes the form:

$$L\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}.$$

LU decomposition method:

First, solve

 $L\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$

for **z**.

Secondly, set

 $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$

and solve for \mathbf{x} .

Example:

Develop an algorithm for LU factorization.

Solution

There are three algorithms available.

- **1.** Doolittle's factorization. $l_{ii} = 1$ for $1 \le i \le n$.
- 2. Crout's factorization. $u_{ii} = 1$ for $1 \le i \le n$.
- 3. Cholesky's factorization. $U = L^T$ so that $I_{ii} = u_{ii}$ for $1 \le i \le n$.

Crout's factorization.

The elements of L and U are determined by

$$u_{ii} = 1; i = 1, 2, \ldots, n.$$

$$I_{ij} = \left\{a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} I_{ik} u_{kj}\right\}; \ i \ge j; \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$u_{ij} = \left\{ \frac{a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} I_{ik} u_{kj}}{I_{ii}} \right\}; \ i < j; \ j = 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

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With matlab

[V,D]=eig(A) produces a diagonal matrix D of eigenvalues and full matrix V whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors so that A*V=V*D.

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 $\rho(A) = \max |\lambda|,$

where λ is an eigenvalue of A.

Vector norm:

 I_p norm of the vector $x = [x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n]^T$ is

$$||x||_p = \left\{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right\}^{1/p},$$

where 0 < ρ < ∞ , and the I_{∞} norm is

$$\|x\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \le i \le n} |x_i|$$

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Exercise

For each $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, show that $||x||_{\infty} \le ||x||_2 \le \sqrt{n} ||x||_{\infty}$

Matrix norm:

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$$||A||_{1} = \max_{1 \le j \le n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_{ij}| = \text{maximum column sum}$$
$$||A||_{\infty} = \max_{1 \le i \le n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}| = \text{maximum row sum}$$
$$||A||_{f} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}^{2}\right)^{1/2} \text{(Frobenius norm)}$$

L_2 norm of a matrix:

The spectral radius of a matrix A is defined as

$$\rho(A) = \max_{1 \le i \le n} |\lambda_i|,$$

where λ_i 's are eigenvalues of A. This is also known as the L_2 norm of a matrix.

Properties of matrix norm:

1.
$$||A|| \ge 0$$
 and $||A|| = 0$ if and only if $A = 0$.

2.
$$||kA|| = |k|||A||.$$

3.
$$||A + B|| \le ||A|| + ||B||$$
.

4.
$$||AB|| \le ||A|| ||B||.$$

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The degree of ill-conditioning of a matrix is measured by its condition number.

Problem: Express upper and lower bounds for relative error using the condition number of the coefficient matrix.

Solution:

Define the error $e = \mathbf{x} - \tilde{x}$.

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Taking the norm of $\mathbf{r} = A\mathbf{e}$, we get $\|\mathbf{r}\| \le \|A\| \|\mathbf{e}\|$.

Therefore,

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|A\|} \le \|\mathbf{e}\| \le \|A^{-1}\| \, \|\mathbf{r}\|.$$

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Hence,

$$\frac{1}{\operatorname{cond}(A)} \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} \le \frac{\|\mathbf{e}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \le \operatorname{cond}(A) \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}.$$

This is the desired relationship. (Here, $cond(A) = ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||$ or $C(A) = ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||$.

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If the condition number is near unity, the relative residual is a good measure of the relative error.

Problem:

Show that the error of the solution relative to the norm of the computed solution can be as large as the relative error in the coefficients of A multiplied by the condition number of A.

Proof:

Want to show that

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{x}-\tilde{x}\|}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|} \leq C(A)\frac{\|E\|}{\|A\|}.$$

Let $\tilde{A} = A + E$ be the perturbed coefficient matrix. We desire to know how large is $\mathbf{x} - \tilde{x}$, where \mathbf{x} is the solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and \tilde{x} is the solution of $\tilde{A}\tilde{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

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Since $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\tilde{A}\tilde{x} = \mathbf{b}$, we get

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}(\tilde{A}\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x} + A^{-1}E\tilde{x}.$$

Taking norm of $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{\tilde{x}}$ we conclude the proof.

Exercise

Suppose that \tilde{x} is an approximation to the solution of Ax = b, A is a non-singular matrix, and r is the residual vector for \tilde{x} . Then, show that

(i)
$$||x - \tilde{x}|| \le ||r|| \cdot ||A^{-1}||$$

(ii) $\frac{||x - \tilde{x}||}{||x||} \le ||A|| \cdot ||A^{-1}|| \frac{||r||}{||b||}.$

Can we think for an alternate method for solving Ax = b?

The solution requires the inversion of the coefficient matrix:

$$x = A^{-1}b.$$

In Matlab, we use

$$x = A \setminus b$$

Let us consider the system:

$$6x - 2y + z = 11$$

$$-2x + 7y + 2z = 5$$

$$x + 2Y - 5z = -1$$

We have a 3×3 matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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How about any of the following matrices:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each of these matrices are easy to invert.

None of these matrices are obtained by an appropriate elimination process.

$$Dx = b$$
 is easier to solve than $Ax = b$.

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$$y = \frac{1}{7}(5 + 2x - 2z)$$

$$z = \frac{1}{-5}(-1 - x - 2y)$$

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If we assume

x = 0, y = 0, z = 0

an approximate solution, then we get

$$x = 11/6, y = 5/7, z = 1/5.$$

We can switch between assumed solution and obtained solution to end up with an approximate solution iteratively.

Jacobi iteration

Let us consider the decomposition

$$A = L + D + U,$$

where

D is the diagonal elements of A,

L is the strictly lower triangular elements of A, and

U is the strictly upper triangular elements of A.

Jacobi iteration

We can re-write the system Ax = b as

$$Dx = b - (L + U)x.$$

Since D is a diagonal matrix and it is easy to find D^{-1} , we construct the Jacobi method:

$$x^{k+1} = D^{-1}[b - (L+U)x^k].$$

Let A = M + B. A linear system Ax = b can be written as

$$Mx = b - Bx$$
,

where M is a non-singular matrix that is easy to invert.

Therefore, one writes

$$x = M^{-1}(b - Bx).$$