

Welcome to Ma221, Lecture 11, Sep 18

## Gaussian Elimination

Additional Goals, on top of  
avoid communication, run in  $O(n^3)$  ops

Backward Stability: exact solution  
of  $(A+E)\hat{x} = b+f$

$$\frac{\|E\|}{\|A\|} = O(\epsilon) \quad \frac{\|f\|}{\|b\|} = O(\epsilon)$$

Exploit Structure of  $A$

$A$ : symmetric, positive definite  
"sparse" = depends on  $\ll n^2$   
parameters, so could have  
mostly zero entries in  $A$ ,  
or depend on few parameters  
but be dense.

Ex: Vandermonde Matrix

$$V_{ij} = x_i^{j-1} \quad \text{given } [x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

multiplication  $V$  by  $c$ :  $V \cdot c = b$   
= polynomial evaluation at  $x_i$   
coefficients  $c_i$

Solve  $Vc = b$  for  $c$ :

= polynomial interpolation  
can be done much faster than  $O(n^3)$

## Seek Matrix Factorizations

$A$  = product of simpler matrices

$$\text{SVD: } A = U \Sigma V^T \\ = \text{orthog} \cdot \text{diag} \cdot \text{orthog}$$

Gaussian Elim:

$$A = P \cdot L \cdot U$$

$P$  = permutation

$L$  = "unit" Lower triangular  
 $L_{ii} = 1$

$U$  = upper triangular

$$\text{Least Squares } A = Q \cdot R \\ = \text{orthog} \cdot \text{upper triang}$$

$$\text{Eigen } A = Q T Q^T \\ = \text{orthog} \cdot \text{triang} \cdot \text{orthog}$$

Def: Permutation matrix:

identity matrix with permuted rows

Facts: Let  $P, P_1, P_2$  be permutation matrices

$P$  has exactly one 1 in each row and column

$P \cdot X = X$  with permuted rows

$X \cdot P = X$  with permuted columns

$P_1 \cdot P_2 = \text{permutation}$

$P^{-1} = P^T$  i.e.  $P$  orthogonal

proof: note that  $(P^T P)_{ii} = 1 \Rightarrow P^T P = I$

$$\det(P) = \pm 1$$

storing and multiplying by  $P$  cheap:  
store indices of 1's, copy rows

Thm: (LU decomposition)

Given any  $m \times n$  full rank  $A$   $m \geq n$

$\exists$   $m \times m$  perm  $P$

$m \times n$  unit lower triangular  $L = \begin{matrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \circ & & & \\ & \circ & & \\ & & \circ & \\ & & & \circ \end{matrix}} \end{matrix}$   $L_{ii} = 1$

$n \times n$  upper triangular nonsingular  $U$

such that  $A = P \cdot L \cdot U$

Cor:  $A$   $n \times n$ , nonsingular:

$\exists$   $n \times n$  perm  $P$

$n \times n$  unit lower triang  $L$ :  $\Delta$

$n \times n$  upper triang nonsing  $U$ :  $\nabla$

$$A = P \cdot L \cdot U$$

To Solve  $Ax = b$

(1) Factor  $A = P \cdot L \cdot U$

expensive part: costs  $\frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2)$

(2) Solve  $P \cdot L \cdot U \cdot x = b$  for  $L \cdot U \cdot x = P^T b$

by permuting entries of  $b$  cost =  $O(n)$

(3) Solve  $L \cdot U \cdot x = P^T b$  for  $U \cdot x = L^{-1} \cdot P^T \cdot b$

by forward substitution, cost =  $n^2$

(4) Solve  $U \cdot x = L^{-1} \cdot P^T \cdot b$  for  $x = U^{-1} \cdot L^{-1} \cdot P^T \cdot b$

by back substitution, cost =  $n^2$

Given another  $b'$ , can solve  $Ax' = b'$  in just  $O(n^2)$  additional work

Note: We do not compute  $A^{-1}$  and multiply  $A^{-1} \cdot b$

(1) 3x more expensive in dense case  
(can be  $O(n^2)$  x more expensive in sparse case)

(2) Not numerically stable

Proof of:  $A = P \cdot L \cdot U$  (Gaussian Elimination)

If  $A$  full rank,  $\Rightarrow$  first column nonzero

$\Rightarrow \exists P$  s.t.  $(PA)(1,1) \neq 0$   
perm

$$PA = \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 1 & n-1 \\ \hline A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{matrix} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 1 & m-1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline A_{21} & I \\ \hline A_{11} & \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} m-1 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{matrix} \\ \hline \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 1 & n-1 \\ \hline A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline 0 & A_{22} - A_{21} A_{11}^{-1} A_{12} \\ \hline \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{matrix} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$S = \text{Schur Complement}$

$A$  full rank  $\Rightarrow PA$  full rank  $\Rightarrow S$  full rank

Otherwise  $\exists x \neq 0$  s.t.  $Sx = 0$

and then  $A \begin{bmatrix} -A_{12} \cdot x / A_{11} \\ x \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow A$  not full rank  
contradiction

Simpler in square case:

$$0 \neq \det(A) = \pm \det(PA) = \pm \det(1^{\text{st}} \text{ factor}) \cdot \det(2^{\text{nd}} \text{ factor})$$

$$= \pm 1 \cdot 1 \cdot A_{11} \cdot \det(S) \Rightarrow \det(S) \neq 0$$

Apply induction to  $S = P' \cdot L' \cdot U'$

$$PA = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{A_{21}}{A_{11}} & I \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline 0 & P' \cdot L' \cdot U' \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{A_{21}}{A_{11}} & P' \cdot L' \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline 0 & U' \end{array} \right]$$

upper triangular, nonsing

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & P' \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{P'^T A_{21}}{A_{11}} & L' \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline 0 & U' \end{array} \right]$$

perm                      unit lower triangular

$$A = \underbrace{P^T}_{\text{perm}} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & P' \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{P'^T A_{21}}{A_{11}} & L' \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline 0 & U' \end{array} \right]$$

$$= P \cdot L \cdot U \quad \text{QED}$$

Express induction proof as Gaussian Elimination (GE)

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$

... when  $i = 1$  perform alg in proof

... when  $i > 1$  apply same alg. to  $S$

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$

$L(i, i) = 1$ ,  $L(i+1:n, i) = A(i+1:n, i) / A(i, i)$

... ignore permutations for now

$U(i, i:n) = A(i, i:n)$

if  $(i < n)$

$$A(i+1:n, i+1:n) = A(i+1:n, i+1:n) - L(i+1:n, i) \cdot U(i, i+1:n)$$

Add permutations: after "for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ " add  
 if  $A(i, i) = 0$  and some  $A(j, i) \neq 0$  for some  $j > i$   
 (else error)

swap rows  $i$  and  $j$  of  $L$  and of  $A$   
 record swap in  $P$

... how to choose  $A(j, i)$  called "pivoting"  
 details later

Don't waste space: Let  $L$  and  $U$  overwrite  $A$   
 row  $i$  of  $U$  overwrites row  $i$  of  $A$ :  
 omit  $U(i, i:n) = A(i, i:n)$

col  $i$  of  $L$  (below diagonal) overwrites  
 same entries of  $A$ , they are available  
 because they get zeroed out:  
 change 1st line to

$$A(i+1:n, i) = A(i+1:n, i) / A(i, i)$$

iterate from  $i$  to  $n-1$ : change last line to  
 $A(i+1:n, i+1:n) = A(i+1:n, i+1:n) -$   
 $A(i+1:n, i) \cdot A(i, i+1:n)$

Summary:

for  $i = 1$  to  $n-1$

if  $A(i, i) = 0$ , and  $A(j, i) \neq 0$  for  $j > i$

swap rows  $i$  and  $j$  of  $A$

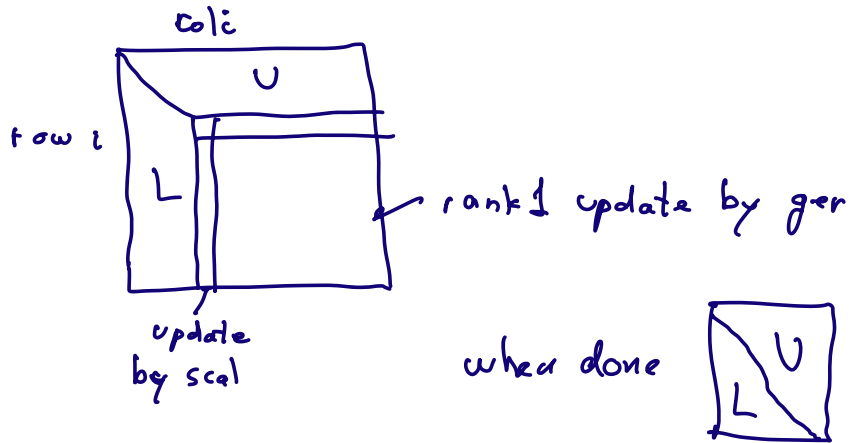
record swap in  $P$

$$A(i+1:n, i) = A(i+1:n, i) / A(i, i)$$

... BLAS1 scal

$$A(i+1:n, i+1:n) = A(i+1:n, i+1:n) - A(i+1:n, i) \cdot A(i, i+1:n) \quad \square$$

... BLAS2 ger



$$\# \text{flops} = \frac{2}{3} n^3 + O(n^2)$$

Same as "traditional GF":

for  $i=1$  to  $n-1$   
 ... add a multiple of row  $i$  to  
 ... row  $j > i$  to zero out entry  $(j, i)$   
 ... i.e. zero out below diagonal  
 $m = A(j, i) / A(i, i)$   
 $A(j, i:n) = A(j, i:n) - m \cdot A(i, i:n)$

"Optimize" by

(1) not bothering to compute 0s below diagonal!  
 change to  $A(j, i+1:n) = A(j, i+1:n) - m \cdot A(i, i+1:n)$

(2) compute all multipliers  $m$  first, store in  
 "zeroed out" entries

for  $i=1$  to  $n-1$

for  $j=i+1:n$

$$A(j, i) = A(j, i) / A(i, i)$$

for  $j = i+1:n$

$$A(j, i+1:n) = A(j, i+1:n) - A(j, i) \cdot A(i, i+1:n)$$

(3) combine 2 inner loops

for  $i = 1$  to  $n-1$

$$A(i+1:n, i) = A(i+1:n, i) / A(i, i)$$

$$A(i+1:n, i+1:n) = A(i+1:n, i+1:n) - A(i+1:n, i) \cdot A(i, i+1:n)$$

Same cost as above:  $\frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2)$