

Welcome to Math 21! Lec 8 Fall 24

Recall Induction step of $PA=LU$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{cc}
 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \vdots \\ m-1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{array} \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c|c}
 A_{11} & A_{12} \\
 \hline
 A_{21} & A_{22}
 \end{array} \right] & = & \begin{array}{cc}
 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \vdots \\ m-1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} m-1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{array} \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c|c}
 1 & 0 \\
 \hline
 \frac{A_{21}}{A_{11}} & I
 \end{array} \right] & \cdot & \begin{array}{cc}
 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \vdots \\ m-1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{array} \\
 \left[\begin{array}{c|c}
 A_{11} & A_{12} \\
 \hline
 0 & \underbrace{A_{22} - \frac{A_{21} \cdot A_{12}}{A_{11}}}_{\text{repeat}}
 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Express induction steps as code

for $i = 1:n$

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

... ignore perm for now

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

$$\text{if } i < n, \quad A(i+1:n, i+1:n) = A(i+1:n, i+1:n) - L(i+1:n, i) \cdot U(i, i+1:n)$$

Add permutations

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

swap rows i and j of L and A ,

record in P

how to choose nonzero $A(j, i)$

called "pivoting", choices later

Don't waste space: L and U overwrite A

row i of U overwrites row i of A

$$\text{omit } U(i, i:n) = A(i, i:n)$$

col i of L below diagonal overwrites

same entries of A, which are available because zeroed out:

change first line to

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

change last line to

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

Summarize:

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

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

swaps rows i and j

record swap in P

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

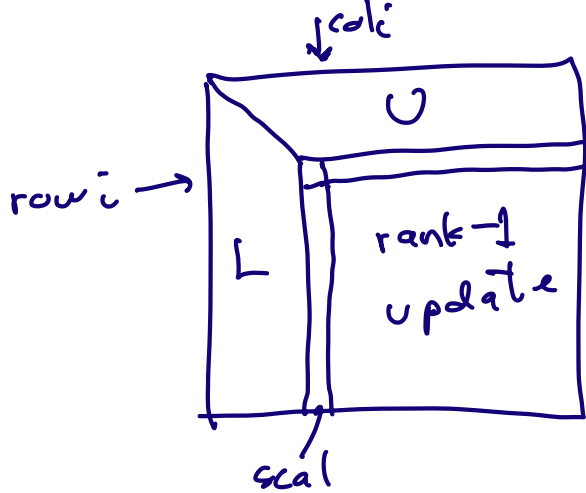
... BLAS1 scal

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

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

... BLAS2 ger rank-1 update

no data reuse yet, slow



$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ flops} &= \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) + 2(n-i)^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} n^3 + O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

How to pivot, i.e. Choose $A(i,i) \neq 0$

Goal: backward stability

$$P \cdot L \cdot U = A + E, \quad \|E\| = O(\epsilon) \cdot \|A\|$$

not guaranteed by $A(i,i) \neq 0$

Ex: single precision $\epsilon \sim 10^{-7}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-8} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} \cong \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -10^8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\kappa(A) \sim 2.6$ well-conditioned
 \Rightarrow expect accurate answer

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-8} & 1 \\ 0 & \text{fl}(1 - 10^8 \cdot 1) \\ & = -10^8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{fl}(\frac{1}{10^{-8}})$

Get same L, U if $A(2,2)$ were $5, -1, \dots$
 because $\text{fl}(A(2,2) - 10^8 \cdot 1)$ "forgets"

$A(2,2)$ if small enough, $O(1)$,
so solving $Ax=b$ using this L, U
gives same answer independent of $A(2,2)$
wrong!

Instead: swap rows 1 and 2 $\Rightarrow A(1,1)=1$
and get full accuracy in A^{-1} , $Ax=b$

Intuition: want large entry of A
on diagonal

Recall Q1.10: $C = fl(A \cdot B) = A \cdot B + E$
 $|E| \leq n \cdot \epsilon \cdot |A| \cdot |B|$

since $A = P \cdot L \cdot U$, get similar bound:

Thm: (Backward Error of LU)
if P, L, U from Gaussian Elim
 $A - E = P \cdot L \cdot U$

$$|E| \leq n \cdot \epsilon \cdot P \cdot |L| \cdot |U|$$

Cor: Solve $Ax=b$ by GE, forward
substitution with L , backwards with U
computed \hat{x} satisfies

$$(A - F)\hat{x} = b, \quad |F| \leq 3 \cdot n \cdot \epsilon \cdot P \cdot |L| \cdot |U|$$

Proof of Cor: assume $P=I$ for simplicity
(imagine running alg on $P^T A$)

Use Q1.11

$$\text{Solve } Ly = b, \text{ get } (L + \delta L)\hat{y} = b \quad |\delta L| \leq n \cdot \varepsilon \cdot |L|$$

$$\text{Solve } Ux = \hat{y}, \text{ get } (U + \delta U)\hat{x} = \hat{y} \quad |\delta U| \leq n \cdot \varepsilon \cdot |U|$$

$$b = (L + \delta L)\hat{y} = (L + \delta L)(U + \delta U)\hat{x}$$

$$= (L \cdot U + \delta L \cdot U + L \cdot \delta U + \delta L \cdot \delta U)\hat{x}$$

$$= (A - E + \delta L \cdot U + L \cdot \delta U + \delta L \cdot \delta U) \cdot \hat{x} \quad \text{by Thm}$$

$$= (A - F)\hat{x}$$

$$|F| \leq |E| + |\delta L \cdot U| + |L \cdot \delta U| + |\delta L \cdot \delta U|$$

$$\leq |E| + |\delta L| \cdot |U| + |L| \cdot |\delta U| + |\delta L| \cdot |\delta U|$$

$$\leq n \cdot \varepsilon |L| \cdot |U| + n \varepsilon |L| \cdot |U| + |L| \cdot n \varepsilon |U|$$

$$+ (n \varepsilon)^2 (L \cdot |U|)$$

$$\approx 3n \varepsilon |L| \cdot |U| \quad \text{QED of Cor.}$$

Proof sketch of Thm (assume $P = I$)

Trace through alg: how is $U(i, j)$ computed?

$$\text{when } i \leq j \quad U(i, j) = A(i, j) - L(i, 1) \cdot U(1, j)$$

$$- L(i, 2) \cdot U(2, j)$$

$$= A(i, j) - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} L(i, k) \cdot U(k, j)$$

dot product of
row i of L with col j of U

Use previous analysis of dot prods

when $i > j$ same idea

$$L(i,j) = \frac{A(i,j) - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} L(i,k) \cdot U(k,j)}{U(j,j)}$$

again use dot product QED

\Rightarrow intuition: want $|L(i,j)|$ to be small

(i) Standard: "partial pivoting" (GEPP)

At each step choose largest entry among $A(i:n, i)$

$$\Rightarrow |L(k,i)| = |A(k,i) / A(i,i)| \leq 1$$

Thm: with GEPP, $|L| \leq 1$

$$\text{and } \max(|U(:,i)|) \leq 2^{n-1} \max(|A(i,j)|)$$

Bad news: attainable in worst case

$$\|F\| \leq n \cdot \epsilon \cdot 2^n \|A\|, \text{ lose all}$$

precision in single precision for $n \geq 24$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -10 & 1 & 0 & 12 \\ -10 & -10 & 1 & 12 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{matrix}$$

Good news: hardly ever happens,

GEPP is standard alg

Empirical observation $\frac{\|L \cdot U\|}{\|A\|} = g \leq n^{2/3}$

g = "growth factor"

If entries of A are random
true with high probability

(2) Complete Pivoting: permute rows and columns
so each $A(i, i)$ is largest in all remaining
rows and columns

$$P_r^T A P_c^T = LU \quad \text{called GECP}$$

more stable than GEPP, $O(n^3)$ more expensive

$$\text{Thm } g < n^{(\log n / 4)}$$

Empirically $g < n^{1/2}$, not much better than GEPP
rarely used in practice

(3) Tournament pivoting: needed to
hit communication lower bound $O\left(\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{M}}\right)$

(4) Threshold pivoting (sparse case)

trade off stability and sparsity,
i.e. speed

Error bound for $Ax = b$

$$\frac{\|x - \hat{x}\|}{\|x\|} \leq k(A) \cdot \text{backward error}$$

$$\leq \kappa(A) \cdot 3 \cdot n \cdot \epsilon \cdot g$$

$g = \text{growth factor}$

$$= \kappa(A) \cdot 3 \cdot n \cdot \epsilon \cdot \frac{\|L \cdot U\|}{\|A\|}$$

We can estimate $\kappa(A)$ and g in $O(n^2)$ work

What if error bound too large?

or error ok, but too slow, so want to use lower precision?

Try Iterative Refinement aka Newton's Method

Used mixed precision

most work ($O(n^3)$ part) in low prec (fast)
rest, $O(n^2)$, in high prec (slow)

Low/high could mean

single / double

half / single

double / quad

other combinations, using 3 precisions, or 5...

Do GEPP to solve $Ax=b$ in low prec
call initial solution $x(1)$

$i > 1$

repeat $r = A \cdot x(i) - b$ in high prec
 $O(n^2)$ cost

solve $Ad = r$ in low prec, using

$A = P \cdot L \cdot U$, $O(n^2)$ cost

update $x(i+1) = x(i) - d$ in low prec
 $O(n)$ cost

until "convergence"

Testing "convergence" depends on goals:

(1) Getting a small backward in higher prec.

$$\|A x_{\text{comp}} - b\| = O(\epsilon_{\text{high}}) \cdot \|A\| \cdot \|x_{\text{comp}}\|$$

or get a warning that A too ill-conditioned
to converge

Easy to implement because we already have

$$r = A \cdot x_{\text{comp}} - b$$

Motivation: use 16-bit accelerators
for $O(n^3)$ work

Recent work beyond Newton:
use GMRES instead (Chop6)

(2) Getting a small relative error
in lower precision

$$\frac{\|x - x_{\text{comp}}\|}{\|x\|} = O(\epsilon_{\text{low}})$$

or a warning if too ill-conditioned;
convergence criterion complicated, need
to avoid being "fooled" by misconvergence
Details in class notes, see LAPACK
sgesvxx

(3) What is value of doing $r = Ax(i) - b$
in low prec?

can get $|E| \leq n \cdot \epsilon \cdot |A|$

i.e. preserve sparsity

Reorganizing GE to Minimize Comm.

Goal: same lower bound as Matmul:

$$\Omega\left(\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{M}}\right)$$

Historically: reorganize GEPP to
use BLAS3 (use GEMM i.e. matmul
and TRSM, $LX = B$)

Idea: similar induction proof as
for GEPP:

do b columns at a time,
apply updates to Schur
complement all at once, using GEMM

Ignore pivoting

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} b & n-b \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} b \\ n-b \end{matrix} & \left[\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11} U_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline L_{21} U_{11} & A_{22} \end{array} \right]$$

where $\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} \\ L_{21} \end{bmatrix} U_{11}$ using GEP on b columns

$$= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11} U_{11} & L_{11} U_{12} \\ \hline L_{21} U_{11} & A_{22} \end{array} \right] \quad \text{where we solved } A_{12} = L_{11} U_{12} \text{ for } U_{12} \text{ using TRSM}$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} L_{11} & 0 \\ \hline L_{21} & I \end{array} \right] \circ \left[\begin{array}{c|c} U_{11} & U_{12} \\ \hline 0 & A_{22} - L_{21} U_{12} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow S = \text{Schur complement}$$

update A_{22} using GEMM

repeat on S

Often very fast, but for some combinations of n and $M = \text{cache size}$, can't choose $b = \text{block size}$ to reach $O\left(\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{M}}\right)$

Just as for matmul, there is a cache oblivious GEP that reaches $O\left(\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{M}}\right)$ (1997, Toledo)

High level

Do LU on left half of A

Update right half (U at top

Schur complement
at bottom

Do LU on Schur Complement

Function $[L, U] = \text{RLU}(A)$ recursive LU

... assume A $n \times m$, $n \geq m$, m power of 2

if $m = 1$... one column

pivot so $A(1,1)$ largest entry, pivot
rest of matrix

$$L = A / A_{11}, U = A_{11}$$

$$\text{else write } A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n/2 & m/2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} n/2 \\ n-m/2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} \\ L_{21} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} m/2 \\ n-m/2 \end{matrix}$$

$$[L_1, U_1] = \text{RLU} \left(\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_{21} \end{bmatrix} \right) \dots \text{LU of left half}$$

$$\text{Solve } A_{12} = L_{11} \cdot U_{12} \text{ for } U_{12} \dots \text{update } U$$

$$A_{22} = A_{22} - L_{21} \cdot U_{12} \dots \text{update Schur compl}$$

$$[L_2, U_2] = \text{RLU}(A_{22})$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}^{n \times m}, U = \begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} \\ 0 & U_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{m \times m}$$

correct by induction

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cost } A(n) &= \text{recurrence} \\ &= \# \text{arith ops} = \frac{2}{3} n^3 + O(n^2) \\ &= \text{same as usual GEPP} \\ W(n) &= \# \text{ words moved} = O\left(\frac{n^3}{\sqrt{M}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

RLU : only minimizes # words moved
not # messages : need more ideas