

Thm Cholesky Theorem on LL^T factorizations

If A is a real, symmetric and pos. def. matrix, then it has a unique factorization, $A = LL^T$ in which L is lower triangular with positive diagonal entries.

Pf $A^T = A$ and $x^T Ax > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$. $A = \begin{pmatrix} \dots & & & \\ & A_k & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \dots \end{pmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow A$ is invertible (in fact all eigenvalues are positive see HW3)

In fact $A_k^T = A_k \ \forall k$ and if $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$$x^T Ax = (x_1 \dots x_k) A_k \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{pmatrix} \text{ So } A_k \text{ is also pos. def.}$$

In particular, all n leading principal minors of A are invertible. Hence by prev. thm, it has an LU -decomposition.

Now, $LU = A = A^T = U^T L^T$ multiply from left by L^{-1}
// // right by $(L^T)^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow U(L^T)^{-1} = L^{-1} U^T$$

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 upper tri. lower tri.

Inverses and products of lower (upper) tri. are lower (upper) tri. see HW3.

Thus, we have lower tri. = upper tri. so they are both diagonal.

Set $D = U(L^T)^{-1}$ so $U = DL^T$

Thus, $A = LU = L D L^T \Rightarrow D$ is pos. def! see HW3

So D also has all eigenvalues positive. Since it is diagonal, this means all diagonal entries $d_{ii} > 0$.

Set $D^{1/2}$ be the diag. matrix with entries $\sqrt{d_{ii}}$.

let $\hat{L} = L D^{1/2}$. Then $A = L D L^T = L D^{1/2} D^{1/2} L^T = \hat{L} \hat{L}^T$

Uniqueness is exercise!

4.3 Pivoting and Constructing an Algorithm

Basic Gaussian Elimination

Example Solve $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 12 & -8 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & -13 & 9 & 3 \\ -6 & 4 & 1 & -18 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 34 \\ 27 \\ -38 \end{pmatrix}$

Apply $R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2$, $R_3 - \frac{1}{2}R_1 \rightarrow R_3$ and $R_4 + R_1 \rightarrow R_4$ to get

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 & 10 \\ 0 & -12 & 8 & 1 & 21 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -14 & -26 \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Pivot row (in the first step)} \\ \text{and 6 is the pivot element.} \\ +2, +\frac{1}{2}, -1 \text{ are called multipliers} \\ \text{(for the first step)} \end{array}$$

Next $R_3 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3$ $R_4 + \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_4$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -13 & -21 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \text{row 2 is the pivot row and } -4 \text{ is the pivot} \\ \text{element in the second step.} \\ \text{Multipliers are } 3, -\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Next $R_4 - 2R_3 \rightarrow R_4$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right) \text{ Multiplier is } 2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow -3x_4 &= -3 \Rightarrow x_4 = 1 \\ 2x_3 - 5x_4 &= 2x_3 - 5 = -9 \Rightarrow x_3 = -2 \\ -4x_2 - 4 + 2 &= 10 \Rightarrow x_2 = -3 \\ 6x_1 + 6 - 4 + 4 &= 12 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is unique solution.

Recall that applying ERO \Leftrightarrow multiplication by elementary matrices

Thus $E_6 \cdot E_5 E_4 A = U = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

Hence, $A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_6^{-1} U$

The inverse of $R_i + cR_j \rightarrow R_i$ is $R_i - cR_j \rightarrow R_i$ (This is why we took negatives to get multipliers.)

The last operation we applied was $R_4 - 2R_3 \rightarrow R_4$

So $E_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow E_6^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ notice last multiplier

The previous two operations were

$$R_3 - 3R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \quad R_4 + \frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_4$$

Thus, $E_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $E_5^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Note that $E_4^{-1} E_5^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ multipliers.

$$E_4^{-1} E_5^{-1} E_6^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general, set $L = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_6^{-1}$

then $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ 2 & 1 & & & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & & & \\ -1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}$ is a unit lower triangular matrix

and $A = LU$ is Doolittle's factorization.

Note that in their process, we only used EROs of the form $R_i + cR_j \rightarrow R_i$ where $i > j$. This is precisely why L is unit and lower triangular.

If any one of the pivot elements was a 0, then the process would have failed (unless we alter it).

Assuming none of the pivot elements is 0, we will write this algorithm in general now.

Say A is the given $n \times n$ matrix.

Set $A = A^{(1)} \sim A^{(2)} \sim A^{(3)} \sim \dots \sim A^{(n)}$

so that

$$A^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^{(k)} & & & & & a_{1n}^{(k)} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(k)} & & & & a_{2n}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & & 0 & a_{k-1, k-1}^{(k)} & & a_{k-1, n}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & & & 0 & a_{kk}^{(k)} & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & a_{ik}^{(k)} & \vdots \\ 0 & & & 0 & a_{nk}^{(k)} & a_{nn}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}$$

At the k^{th} step, starting with $A^{(k)}$, we apply the EROs given by $R_i - \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}} R_k \rightarrow R_i$ for $k < i \leq n$ to make all the elements below the pivot ($a_{kk}^{(k)} \neq 0$) 0 and that gives us $A^{(k+1)}$.

Therefore, starting with $A^{(1)} = A$ ($a_{ij}^{(1)} = a_{ij}$) we can define $A^{(k+1)}$ inductively by

$$a_{ij}^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} a_{ij}^{(k)} & \text{if } i \leq k \\ a_{ij}^{(k)} - \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}} a_{kj}^{(k)} & \text{if } i \geq k+1 \text{ and } j \geq k+1 \\ 0 & \text{if } j \leq k \text{ and } i \geq k+1 \end{cases}$$

$$A^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & & * \\ 0 & * & & * \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & 0 & a_{kk}^{(k)} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & & 0 & a_{nk}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{nn}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we set

$U = A^{(n)}$ (which is upper triangular by construction)

and define L by

$$l_{ik} = \begin{cases} a_{ik}^{(k)} / a_{kk}^{(k)} & \text{if } i \geq k+1 \\ 1 & \text{if } i = k \\ 0 & \text{if } i \leq k-1 \end{cases}$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \text{Multipliers} & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm (Theorem on Nonzero Pivots)

If all the pivot elements $a_{kk}^{(k)}$ are nonzero, then $A = LU$.

Pivoting

The above algorithm fails even on $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

or if we have $\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ then $R_2 - \epsilon^{-1} R_1 \rightarrow R_2$
 $\epsilon x_1 + x_2 = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 1-\epsilon^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-\epsilon^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so } x_2 = \frac{2-\epsilon^{-1}}{1-\epsilon^{-1}} \text{ and } x_1 = \frac{1-x_2}{\epsilon}$$

if ϵ is small enough, $fl(2-\epsilon^{-1}) = -\epsilon^{-1}$ and $fl(1-\epsilon^{-1}) = -\epsilon^{-1}$
thus $x_2 = 1$ and $x_1 = 0$. In this case, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} !$$

Here the problem is not that ϵ is very small but rather that it is small relative to other elements in its row!

Let's consider

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1-\epsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1-2\epsilon \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_2 = 2 \\ (1-\epsilon)x_2 = (1-2\epsilon) \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1-2\epsilon}{1-\epsilon} \approx 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 = 2 - x_2 \approx 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ \epsilon+1 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see that even if we can't compute the exact answers, we still have a good approximation.

Q) How do we determine which permutations to use?

A) Gaussian Elimination with Scaled Row Pivoting

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ example of a perm matrix

Say we want to solve $Ax = b$ and we somehow determined a permutation matrix P s.t. PA has an LU decomposition.

Then we have $PA = LU$ and $PAx = Pb$

Thus, $LUx = Pb$ or $L(Ux) = Pb$. Setting $Ux = z$

We can first solve $Lz = Pb$ by forward subs. and then solve $Ux = z$ by back subs.

So we need to figure out how to determine P or equivalently a permutation vector $(p_1 p_2 \dots p_n)$. e.g. (3, 4, 2, 1)

Given A , set $s_i = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |a_{ij}|$ (maximum modulus on i^{th} row)

Start with perm. vect. $p = (1 \ 2 \ \dots \ n)$ (representing no perm.)

Find the largest $|a_{i1}|/s_i$. The corresponding row will be

our first pivot row. Say it is p_i^{th} row then swap 1 and p_i

in the perm vector.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{0} & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow s_1 \\ \rightarrow s_2 \\ \rightarrow s_3 \end{matrix}$$

$$(1 \ 2 \ \dots \ p_i \ \dots \ n) \longrightarrow (p_i \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ 1 \ \dots \ n)$$

Using p_i^{th} row as pivot, make all other elements in the 1st column 0.

(applying $R_i - \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{p_1}} R_{p_1} \rightarrow R_i$ for i in this set!)

Next, we look for largest $|a_{i2}|/s_i$ for i in the same set.

Then the perm vector becomes $(p_1 \ p_2 \ 3 \ 4 \ \dots \ 2 \ \dots \ 1 \ \dots \ n)$

and we continue in this manner.

We will start with an example next time.