

Last time

- Matrix & vector norms
- condition number
- Gaussian elimination

Solving $Ax=b$

GF illustration

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & | & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 & | & -1 \\ -3 & -4 & 4 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & | & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 8 & | & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 5 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & | & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back substitution

Idea :

Multiplication from left \Rightarrow row operations

Multiplication from right \Rightarrow column operations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2nd row \rightarrow $\begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ a_2^T \\ a_3^T \end{bmatrix}$ \leftarrow 1st row unchanged

$2a_1^T + a_2^T$

no change

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T \\ a_2^T \\ a_3^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplication from the right \Rightarrow column op.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrices can encode column $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{row} \\ \text{operations} \end{array} \right.$

Algorithm : GE to upper triangular matrix

for $k = 1 \dots n-1$

for $i = k+1 \dots n$

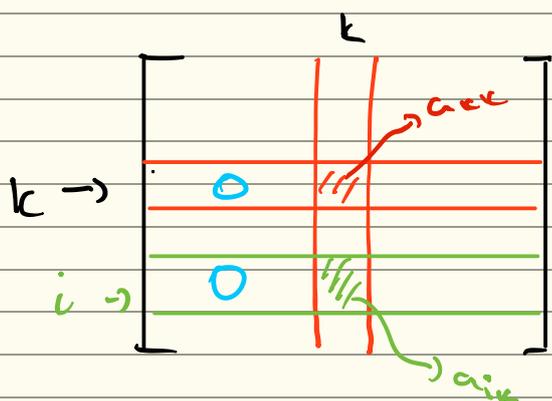
$$\alpha_i = a_{ik} / a_{kk}$$

$$a_{ik} = 0$$

for $j = k+1 \dots n$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij} - \alpha_i a_{kj}$$

} vector subtraction



Check $j=k$

$$a_{ik} = a_{ik} - \alpha_i a_{kk}$$

$$= a_{ik} - \frac{a_{ik}}{a_{kk}} \cdot a_{kk}$$

$$= 0$$

of operations

k-th step

- There are $n-k$ rows below k
- 1 multiplication & 1 subtraction
(on $n-k$ columns)

Together gives $2(n-k)^2$ operations per k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 2(n-k)^2 = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j^2 = \frac{2(n-1)n(2n-1)}{6}$$

\uparrow
 $j=n-k$

$$\approx \frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2)$$
$$\frac{n(2n^2 - 2n - n + 1)}{3}$$

Need to count divisions (α_i)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \approx O(n^2)$$

=> Answer

$$\frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2)$$

Cost of Back Substitution

Solve $Ux = c$

$$x_n = c_n / u_{nn}$$

for $i = n-1 \dots 1$

$$s_i = c_i$$

for $j = i+1 \dots n$

$$s_i = s_i - u_{ij} \cdot x_j$$

$$x_i = s_i / u_{ii}$$

of operations

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{j=i+1}^{n-1} 2 + 1 \right) &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2(n-i) + (n-1) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) + n \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k + n \\ &= 2 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + n \\ &= n^2 - n + n \\ &= n^2 \end{aligned}$$

Idea from before

Row operation

$$\hat{A} = A + \alpha_i E_{ij} A \quad E_{ij} : e_{kl} = \begin{cases} 1 & k=i, l=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{A} = (I + \alpha_i E_{ij}) A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} x = b$$

A

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) A$$

E_{ij} encodes adding i -th row to j -th row

Full step

$$A \mapsto (I_n - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} E_{21}) A$$

$$\mapsto (I_n - \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} E_{31}) (I_n - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} E_{21}) A$$

$$\mapsto (I_n - \frac{a_{n1}}{a_{11}} E_{n1}) \cdots (I_n - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} E_{21}) A = A^{(1)}$$

Multiply out

$$A^{(1)} = \underbrace{\left(I_n - \frac{a_{n1}}{a_{11}} E_{n1} - \cdots - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} E_{21} \right)}_L A$$

upper triangular
 E_{ij} $i > j$

why $E_{i1} \cdot E_{j1} = 0$ since $i, j > 1$

Next iteration

$$L_2 = I_n - \frac{a_{32}^{(1)}}{a_{22}^{(1)}} E_{32} - \dots - \frac{a_{n2}^{(1)}}{a_{22}^{(1)}} E_{n2}$$

$$A^{(2)} = L_2 \cdot A^{(1)} = L_2 L_1 A$$

Claim:

$$U = L_{n-1} \dots L_1 A$$

We want to now express A

$$L_1^{-1} = I_n + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} E_{21} + \dots + \frac{a_{n1}}{a_{11}} E_{n1}$$

$$L_2^{-1} = I_n + \frac{a_{32}^{(1)}}{a_{22}^{(1)}} E_{32} + \dots$$

\vdots

$$L_{n-1}^{-1} = I_n + \frac{a_{n,n-1}^{(n-2)}}{a_{n-1,n-1}^{(n-2)}} E_{n,n-1}$$

Observe: ① L_i^{-1} is easy to compute from L_i
② L_i^{-1} is lower triangular

Computing A

$$A = \underbrace{L_1^{-1} L_2^{-1} \dots L_{n-1}^{-1}}_L U$$

$$L = I_n + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} E_{21} + \dots + \frac{a_{n1}}{a_{11}} E_{n1} + \frac{a_{32}^{(1)}}{a_{22}^{(1)}} E_{32} + \dots + \frac{a_{n,n-1}^{(n-2)}}{a_{n-1,n-1}^{(n-2)}} E_{n,n-1}$$

Computing the LU decomposition

for $k = 1, \dots, n-1$

for $k+1, \dots, n$

$$l_{ik} = a_{ik} / a_{kk}$$

for $j = k+1, \dots, n$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij} - l_{ik} a_{kj}$$

$u_{ij} = a_{ij}$ (at the end)

of operations $\frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2)$ (same as GE)

forward substitution $Ly = b$

\hookrightarrow cost is n^2

Alternate argument for $L_1 \cdot L_2$ is lower diagonal

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ l_{n1} & & & l_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving $Ax=b$ with LU decomposition

① Compute $A=LU$ $(\frac{2}{3}n^3 + O(n^2))$

② Solve $Ly=b$ $(n^2 - n)$

③ Solve $Ux=y$ (n^2)

↳ because we have 1 on the diagonal

Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ -4 & -1 & -4 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 & -7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -14 \\ 7 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. $L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

2. Rešimo $Ly = b$ in dobimo $y = (8 \ 2 \ -5 \ -1)^T.$

3. Rešimo $Ux = y$ in dobimo $x = (1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1)^T.$

Existence & Stability of LU decomposition

Problematic matrix examples

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-17} & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

if 10^{-17} is below machine precision

if we have the leading $k \times k$ submatrix of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (leading principal submatrices)

Theorem

The following 2 statements are equivalent

- ① LU decomp. exists & is unique
- ② k -th leading principal submatrices are invertible for $k=1, \dots, n$

Partial Pivoting

Before elimination of j -th column compare

$$a_{jj}, a_{j+1,j}, \dots, a_{nj}$$

then permute the j -th row with the one whose element is the largest (in absolute value)

Exchanging / permuting rows can be done through left multiplication with permutation matrices. (Exchanging j -th row & k -th row)

$$P_{jk} = I_n - E_{jj} - E_{kk} + E_{jk} + E_{kj}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & 0 & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & 1 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem

With partial pivoting $A \rightarrow U$ is given by

$$A \mapsto P_1 A \mapsto L_1 P_1 A \mapsto P_2 L_1 P_1 A \\ \mapsto L_{n-1} P_{n-1} \dots L_1 P_1 A := U$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{PA = LU}$$

$$\text{where } P := P_{n-1} P_{n-2} \dots P_1 \quad L = \hat{L}_1^{-1} \hat{L}_2^{-1} \dots \hat{L}_{n-1}^{-1}$$

$$\hat{L}_i^{-1} = P^{(i)} L_i^{-1} (P^{(i)})^T \quad (\text{See Proof below})$$

$$P^{(i)} = P_{n-1} \dots P_{i+1}$$

Proof

Constructively (above)

$$L_{n-1} P_{n-1} \dots L_1 P_1 A = U$$

(left hand side)
 \Rightarrow move from LHS to RHS
(right hand side)

$$P_{n-1} \dots L_1 P_1 A = L_{n-1}^{-1} U$$

$$L_{n-2} P_{n-2} \dots L_1 P_1 A = P_{n-1}^T L_{n-1}^{-1} U$$

\vdots

$$A = P_1^T L_1^{-1} P_2^T L_2^{-1} \dots P_{n-1}^T L_{n-1}^{-1} U$$

$$PA = \underbrace{P_{n-1} \dots P_1}_P P_1^T L_1^{-1} P_2^T L_2^{-1} \dots P_{n-1}^T L_{n-1}^{-1} U$$

$$P \cdot P_1^T = P_{n-1} \dots P_2 \underbrace{P_1 P_1^T}_I = \underbrace{P_{n-1} \dots P_2}_{P^{(1)}}$$

$$PA = P^{(1)} L_1^T P_2^T \underbrace{(P_3^T \dots P_{n-1}^T)(P_{n-1} \dots P_3)}_I L_2^{-1} \dots P_{n-1}^T L_{n-1}^{-1} U$$

$$PA = \underbrace{P^{(1)} L_1^T P^{(1)T}}_{\hat{L}_1^{-1}} \cdot P^{(2)} L_2^{-1} \dots L_{n-1}^{-1} U$$

$$\hat{L}_1^{-1} \cdot \dots \cdot \hat{L}_{n-1}^{-1} \cdot U$$

Algorithm

$$P, L = I_n$$

for $k = 1, \dots, n-1$

find $q \neq k$ s.t. $|a_{qk}| = \max_{k \leq p \leq n} |a_{pk}|$

permute rows $q \neq k$ in A, P, L

for $k+1, \dots, n$

$$l_{ik} = a_{ik}/a_{kk}$$

for $j = k+1, \dots, n$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij} - l_{ik} a_{kj}$$

$$v_{ij} = a_{ij} \quad (\text{at the end})$$

Cost $\frac{2}{3} n^3 + O(n^2)$

pivoting costs $O(n^2)$

rewriting 2 rows $O(n) \rightarrow n$ times

Solving $Ax=b$ w/ partial pivoting

① Compute $PA=LU$ Cost: $\frac{2}{3} n^3 + O(n^2)$

② Solve $Ly=Pb$ Cost: $n^2 - n$

③ Solve $Ux=y$ Cost: n^2

Theorem: Equivalent statements for matrix A

① LU decomposition with partial pivoting exists

② A is invertible

Example

Primer.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ -4 & -1 & -4 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 & -7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -14 \\ 7 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$1. \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{5} & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{8} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 & -4 & 7 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{2} & 3 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{16}{5} & \frac{58}{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Rešimo $Ly = Pb$ in dobimo $y = (-14 \quad 0 \quad -9 \quad -\frac{1}{8})^T$.

3. Rešimo $Ux = y$ in dobimo $x = (1 \quad -1 \quad 1 \quad -1)^T$.

LU razcep z delnim pivotiranjem: [koda](#)

Primer: [koda](#)

LU w/ complete pivoting

Complete pivoting : find largest entry in $A(j:n, j:n)$

\Rightarrow exchange rows & columns

Cost is $O(n^3)$ (comparisons & exchanges)

\rightarrow substantially slower

(theoretically & practically)

Numerical Stability

Solving $Ax = b$ via LU

3 steps

① $(A+E) = \hat{L}\hat{U}$ (only theoretically unstable step)

② $\hat{L}\hat{y} = b$

③ $\hat{U}\hat{x} = \hat{y}$

Recall: basic rounding error $= 2^{-m} = u$
; $|A| = [|a_{ij}|]_{ij}$ (largest abs. value entry)

Theorem: If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is invertible w/o pivoting
 \hat{L}, \hat{U} w/ $A = \hat{L}\hat{U} + E$, then

$$|E| \leq 3(n-1)u(|A| + |\hat{L}| |\hat{U}|) + O(u^2)$$

Proof: Induction on n

$n=1$ LU is trivial $\Rightarrow |E| = 0$ (or just rounding error $O(u)$)

Assume it holds for $(n-1) \times (n-1)$, write

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & w^T \\ v & B \end{pmatrix}$$

↑ holds for this matrix $B = (n-1) \times (n-1)$

$$\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \hat{z} & \hat{A}_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{z} = f\left(\frac{v}{\alpha}\right) = \frac{v}{\alpha} + f \leftarrow \text{error}$$

$$|f| \leq \frac{|v|}{|\alpha|} u$$

$$\hat{A}_1 = f(B - \hat{z}\omega^T) = B - \hat{z}\omega^T + F$$

$$\Rightarrow F \leq 2\alpha(|B| + |\hat{z}| \cdot |\omega^T|) \quad \text{(*)}$$

$$\hat{A}_1 = \hat{L}_1 \hat{U}_1 + E_1 \quad |E_1| \leq 3(n-2)\alpha(|\hat{A}_1| + |\hat{L}_1| \cdot |\hat{U}_1|) + O(\alpha^2)$$

↑
by induction
assumption

$$\hat{L}\hat{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \hat{z} & \hat{L}_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \omega^T \\ 0 & \hat{U}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \omega^T \\ \alpha\hat{z} & \hat{z}\omega^T + \hat{A}_1 - E_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= A + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \alpha f & \underbrace{F - E_1}_H \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|F - E_1| \leq |F| + |E_1|$$

$$\text{(*)} \leq 2\alpha(|B| + |\hat{z}| \cdot |\omega^T|) + 3(n-2)\alpha(|\hat{A}_1| + |\hat{L}_1| \cdot |\hat{U}_1|) + O(\alpha^2)$$

$$= 3(n-1)\alpha(|B| + |\hat{z}| \cdot |\omega^T| + |\hat{L}_1| + |\hat{U}_1|) + O(\alpha^2)$$

↓

$$\text{from } |A_1| \leq (1 + 2\alpha)(|B| + |\hat{z}| \cdot |\omega^T|) + O(\alpha^2)$$

$$\text{So } |H| \leq 3(n-1)\alpha \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} |\alpha| & |\omega^T| \\ |\nu| & |B| \end{pmatrix}}_{|A|} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ |\hat{z}| & |\hat{L}_1| \end{pmatrix}}_{|\hat{L}|} \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha| & |\omega^T| \\ 0 & |\hat{U}_1| \end{pmatrix}$$

as required.

With partial pivoting

$$\|E\|_{\infty} \leq 3(n-1)u (\|A\|_{\infty} + (\|\hat{L}\|_{\infty} \|\hat{U}\|_{\infty}) + O(u^2))$$

$$\leq 3(n-1)u (\|A\|_{\infty} + (\|\hat{L}\|_{\infty} \|\hat{U}\|_{\infty}) + O(u^2))$$

$$\leq 3(n-1)u \|A\|_{\infty} + 3(n-1)(u \|\hat{U}\|_{\infty}) + O(u^2)$$

→ submultiplicativity

— w/ partial pivoting all elements of L are upper bounded by 1

$$\text{so } \|L\|_{\infty} \leq n$$

Relative error

$$\frac{\|E\|_{\infty}}{\|A\|_{\infty}} \leq 3(n-1)u + 3(n-1)nu \frac{\|\hat{U}\|_{\infty}}{\|A\|_{\infty}} + O(u^2)$$

↑
stability result
partial pivoting

↓
key quantity
people use
(pivot growth)

Pivot growth

$$\rho(A) = \frac{\max_{i,j} |\hat{u}_{ij}|}{\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|}$$

$$\frac{\|\hat{U}\|_{\infty}}{\|A\|_{\infty}} \leq n \rho(A)$$

So absolute value of the largest value increases by a factor of 2 (each step)

With partial pivoting pivot growth
at most 2^{n-1}

$$\rho(A) \leq 2^{n-1}$$

Proof: $|l_{ij}| \leq 1$ a_{ij} for each step w/ $n-1$ steps

$$a_{ij} \leftarrow a_{ij} - l_{ik} a_{kj}$$

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij} - l_{ik} a_{kj}$$

So absolute value of the largest value
increases by a factor of 2 (at most)
each step.

But 2^{n-1} is bad (but can happen)

Example

Primer
Matrika

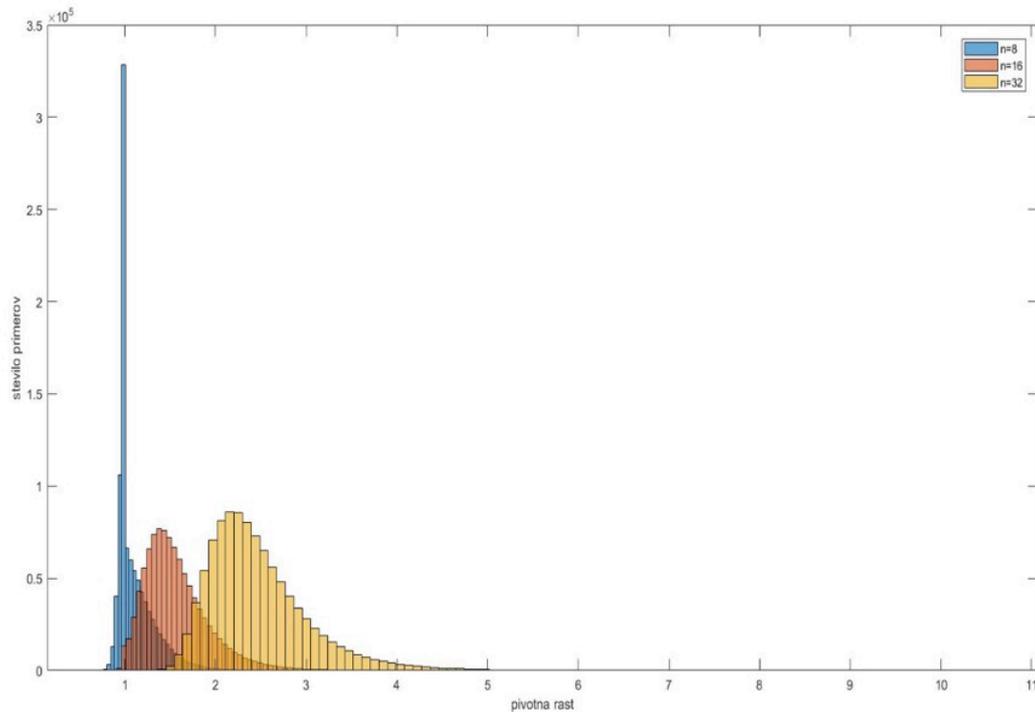
$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & \dots & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

ima pivotno rast 2^{n-1} .

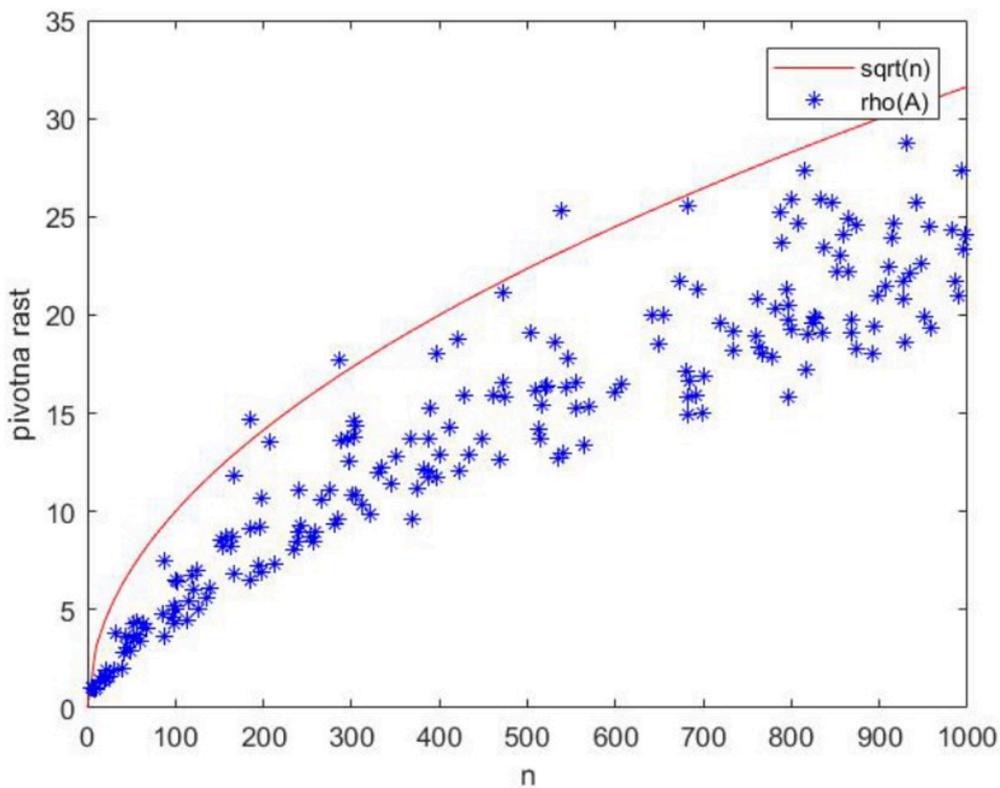
For certain random matrices (uniform
entries) $\rho(A) \sim O(n^{1/2}) \rightsquigarrow$ so more stable

For certain random matrices $\sim O(n)$

Verjetnostne porazdelitve slučajne spremenljivke ρ , generirane z milijon naključnimi matrikami velikosti $n \times n$ (tj. vsak vhod naključen element iz enakomerne zvezne porazdelitve na intervalu $[0, 1]$):



Pivotna rast 200 naključnih matrik velikosti $n \times n$ (tj. vsak vhod naključen element iz enakomerne zvezne porazdelitve na intervalu $[0, 1]$):



LDL decomposition for symmetric matrices

Claim: if $A = A^T$

$$A = LU, \quad U = \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{diagonal} \\ \text{matrix}}}{D} L^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{A = LDL^T}$$

Proof: $LU = A = A^T = (LU)^T = U^T L^T$

Multiply on the left w/ (L^{-1})

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

Multiply on the right w/ $(L^T)^{-1}$

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

$$\underbrace{U (L^T)^{-1}} = \underbrace{L^{-1} \cdot U^T}_D$$

2 upper
triangular

2 lower
triangular

only matrix which
is upper & lower
triangular
 \Rightarrow diagonal

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

$$\boxed{A = LU = LDL^T}$$

Cholesky Decomposition

For positive definite matrices

* A is symmetric positive def. iff

$$A^T = A \quad \& \quad x^T A x > 0 \text{ for all } x \neq 0$$

Then there exists a lower triangular matrix V such that

$$A = V V^T$$

where $V = L D^{1/2}$

Proof: $A = L D L^T$

Claim: all diagonal entries of D are strictly positive so $D^{1/2}$ is well-defined

$$\rightarrow x^T A x > 0$$

$$\underbrace{x^T L}_{y} D \underbrace{L^T x}_{y} > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y^T D y > 0$$

can pick x so $y = e_i$

$$\Rightarrow A = L D L^T$$

$$= L D^{1/2} \cdot D^{1/2} L^T = L D^{1/2} (D^{1/2})^T L^T$$

$$= L D^{1/2} (L D^{1/2})^T$$

$$= V V^T$$

↓
transpose
of diagonal
matrix is the
same

Algorithm

for $k = 1 \dots n$

$$v_{kk} = \left(a_{kk} - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} v_{ki}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

for $j = k+1 \dots n$

for $i = 1, \dots, k-1$

$$a_{jk} \leftarrow a_{jk} - v_{ji} v_{ki}$$

$$v_{jk} = a_{jk} / v_{kk}$$

Cost: $\frac{n^3}{3} + O(n^2)$

↑

cheapest computationally

Solving $Ax=b$

① Compute $A = VV^T$ $\left(\frac{n^3}{3} + O(n^2) \right)$

② Solve $Vy=b$ (n^2)

③ Solve $V^T x = y$ (n^2)

Numerically stable