

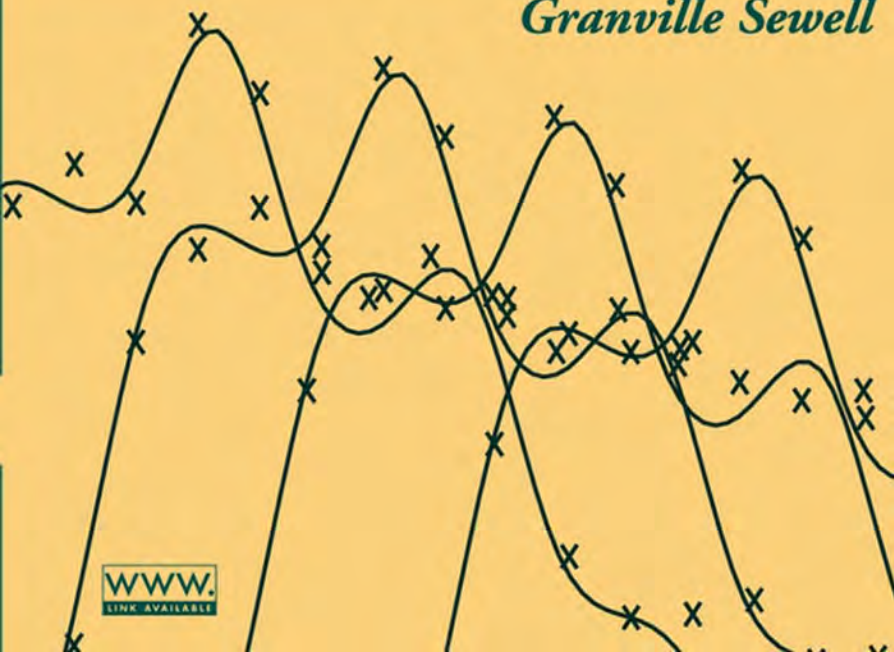
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*To my son, Kevin*

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# Preface

This text is appropriate for a course on the numerical solution of linear algebraic problems, designed for senior level undergraduate or beginning level graduate students. Although it will most likely be used for a second course in numerical analysis, the only prerequisite to using this text is a good course in linear or matrix algebra; however, such a course is an extremely important prerequisite.

Chapter 0 presents some basic definitions and results from linear algebra which are used in the later chapters. By no means can this short chapter be used to circumvent the linear algebra prerequisite mentioned above; it does not even contain a comprehensive review of the basic ideas of linear algebra. It is intended only to present some miscellaneous ideas, selected for inclusion because they are especially fundamental to later developments or may not be covered in a typical introductory linear algebra course.

Chapters 1–4 present and analyze methods for the solution of linear systems of equations (direct and iterative methods), linear least squares problems, linear eigenvalue problems, and linear programming problems; in short, we attack everything that begins with the word “linear”. Truly “linear” numerical analysis problems have the common feature that they can be solved exactly, in a finite number of steps, if exact arithmetic is done. This means that all errors are due to roundoff; that is, they are attributable to the use of finite precision by the computer. (Iterative methods for linear systems and all methods for eigenvalue problems—which are not really linear—are exceptions.) Thus stability with respect to roundoff error must be a major consideration in the design of software for linear problems.

Chapter 5 discusses the fast Fourier transform. This is not a topic normally covered in texts on computational linear algebra. However, the fast Fourier transform is really just an efficient way of multiplying a special matrix times an arbitrary vector, and so it does not seem too out of place in a computational linear algebra text.

Chapter 6 contains a practical introduction for the student interested in writing computational linear algebra software that runs efficiently on today’s vector and parallel supercomputers.

Double-precision FORTRAN90 subroutines, which solve each of the main

problems covered using algorithms studied in the text, are presented and highlighted. A top priority in designing these subroutines was *readability*. Each subroutine is written in a well-documented, readable style, so that the student will be able to follow the program logic from start to finish. Even though we have steadfastly resisted the temptation to make them slightly more efficient at the expense of readability, the subroutines that solve the truly linear problems are nearly state-of-the-art with regard to efficiency. The eigenvalue codes, on the other hand, are not state-of-the-art, but nor are they grossly inferior to the best programs available.

MATLAB<sup>®</sup> versions of the codes in Chapters 1–5 are listed in Appendix A. Machine-readable copies of the FORTRAN90 and MATLAB codes in the book can be downloaded from

[http://www.math.tamu.edu/~sewell/computational\\_methods](http://www.math.tamu.edu/~sewell/computational_methods)

There is very little difference between the FORTRAN and MATLAB versions; they are almost line-by-line translations, so the student who is familiar with MATLAB (or any other programming language, for that matter) will have no trouble following the logic of the FORTRAN programs in the text. But students can do the computer problems using either FORTRAN or MATLAB, with the exception of the problems in Chapter 6. The problems in this chapter require a FORTRAN90 compiler and an MPI library.

Subroutines DEGNON, DPOWER, and DFFT contain double-precision complex variables, typed COMPLEX\*16, which is a nonstandard, but widely recognized, type. Otherwise, the subroutines conform to the FORTRAN90 standard and thus should be highly portable. In fact, the programs in Chapters 1–4 will run on most FORTRAN77 compilers.

For extensive surveys on other available mathematical software, including software for the problems studied in this text, the reader is referred to the books by Heath [2002; summary in each chapter] and Kincaid and Cheney [2004; Appendix B].

The author developed this text for a graduate course at the University of Texas El Paso and has also used it at Universidad Nacional de Tucuman in Argentina for a course in the Fall of 1999.

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## Reference Material

### 0.1 Miscellaneous Results from Linear Algebra

As mentioned in the preface, it is assumed that the reader has a good foundation in linear algebra; so we shall make no attempt here to present a comprehensive review of even the basic ideas of linear algebra. However, we have chosen a few results for review in this chapter, selected for inclusion either because they are especially important to later developments or else because they may not be covered in a typical introductory course in linear algebra.

Computational linear algebra deals primarily with matrices, rectangular arrays of real or complex numbers (unless otherwise stated, our matrices will consist only of real numbers). We shall consider vectors to be  $N$  by 1 matrices (i.e., column vectors), and we shall treat them differently from other matrices only in that they will be designated by italic boldface type, as  $\mathbf{b}$ , and their norms will be defined differently (Section 0.3).

If  $A$  is an  $N$  by  $M$  matrix with  $a_{ij}$  in row  $i$ , column  $j$ , then the **transpose** of  $A$ , denoted by  $A^T$ , is an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix with  $a_{ji}$  in row  $i$ , column  $j$ . For example, if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{then} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are vectors, that is,  $N$  by 1 matrices, then  $\mathbf{x}^T$  is a 1 by  $N$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$  is a 1 by 1 matrix, namely,

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_N] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_N y_N.$$

Thus  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$  is the scalar product of vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ .  $\mathbf{xy}^T$ , on the other hand, is an  $N$  by  $N$  matrix.

We now present four miscellaneous theorems, which will be needed in later chapters.

**Theorem 0.1.1.**  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ , for arbitrary matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , provided that the product  $AB$  exists.

**Proof:** If  $A$  is an  $N$  by  $K$  matrix with elements  $a_{ij}$ , and  $B$  is a  $K$  by  $M$  matrix with elements  $b_{ij}$ , then, using the definition of matrix multiplication, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (B^T A^T)_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^K (B^T)_{ik} (A^T)_{kj} = \sum_{k=1}^K b_{ki} a_{jk} = \sum_{k=1}^K a_{jk} b_{ki} \\ &= (AB)_{ji} = [(AB)^T]_{ij}. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

In other words, the transpose of a product is the product of the transposes, in reverse order.

**Theorem 0.1.2.**

- (a) *The product (if it exists) of two upper triangular matrices is an upper triangular matrix ( $A$  is upper triangular if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $j < i$ ), and the product of two lower triangular matrices is lower triangular.*
- (b) *The inverse (if it exists) of an upper triangular matrix is upper triangular, and the inverse (if it exists) of a lower triangular matrix is lower triangular.*

**Proof:**

- (a) If  $A$  is an  $N$  by  $K$  upper triangular matrix with elements  $a_{ij}$ , and  $B$  is a  $K$  by  $M$  upper triangular matrix with elements  $b_{ij}$ , then  $C \equiv AB$  has elements given by

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^K a_{ik} b_{kj}.$$

Now, if  $j < i$ , it is not possible for  $j \geq k$  and  $k \geq i$  to hold simultaneously, for any  $k$ ; otherwise we would have  $j \geq i$ . Therefore either  $j < k$  or  $k < i$ , or both. In the former case,  $b_{kj} = 0$  since  $B$  is upper triangular and, in the latter case,  $a_{ik} = 0$  since  $A$  is upper triangular. Thus at least one of the factors in each term in the expression for  $c_{ij}$  is zero, and so  $c_{ij} = 0$  if  $j < i$ . Therefore,  $C = AB$  is upper triangular. If  $A$  and  $B$  are lower triangular, the proof that  $AB$  is lower triangular is similar.

- (b) Suppose  $A$  is an  $N$  by  $N$  upper triangular matrix (we can assume that  $A$  is square; otherwise it has no inverse), and suppose  $B$  is an  $N$  by  $N$  matrix that is *not* upper triangular. Then let  $j$  be a column of  $B$  with nonzero elements below the diagonal, and let  $i$  ( $i > j$ ) be such that  $b_{ij}$  is the last nonzero element in that column. Then  $C \equiv AB$  has elements given by

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^K a_{ik} b_{kj}.$$

Now, since  $A$  is upper triangular,  $a_{ik} = 0$  for  $k < i$ , and since  $b_{ij}$  is the last nonzero in column  $j$ ,  $b_{kj} = 0$  for  $k > i$ . Thus at least one of the factors in each term in the expression for  $c_{ij}$  is zero except the one with  $k = i$ . So  $c_{ij} = a_{ii}b_{ij}$ , but  $b_{ij} \neq 0$  by assumption and, since the upper triangular matrix  $A$  is assumed to be nonsingular,  $a_{ii} \neq 0$  also; therefore  $c_{ij} \neq 0$ . Since  $i > j$ , this means the matrix  $C$  cannot be diagonal, and thus  $AB$  cannot be equal to the identity matrix  $I$ . So we have shown that, if  $B$  is not upper triangular, it cannot be the inverse of  $A$ . The proof that the inverse of a lower triangular matrix is lower triangular is similar. ■

**Theorem 0.1.3.** *If  $p \geq 0$ , and  $N$  is a positive integer, then*

$$\frac{N^{p+1}}{p+1} \leq 1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + N^p \leq \frac{N^{p+1}}{p+1} \left(1 + \frac{p+1}{N}\right)$$

**Proof:** From calculus, we know that the area under the curve  $y = x^p$  between  $x = 0$  and  $x = N$  is given by

$$\int_0^N x^p dx = \frac{N^{p+1}}{p+1}.$$

Since  $x^p$  is a nondecreasing function, we see in Figure 0.1.1 that the sum of the areas of the solid rectangles is less than the area under the curve  $y = x^p$ . Thus

$$0^p + 1^p + 2^p + \dots + (N-1)^p \leq \frac{N^{p+1}}{p+1}.$$

Similarly, the sum of the areas of the dashed rectangles is greater than the area under the curve; so

$$1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + N^p \geq \frac{N^{p+1}}{p+1}.$$

The desired formula follows directly from these two bounds. ■

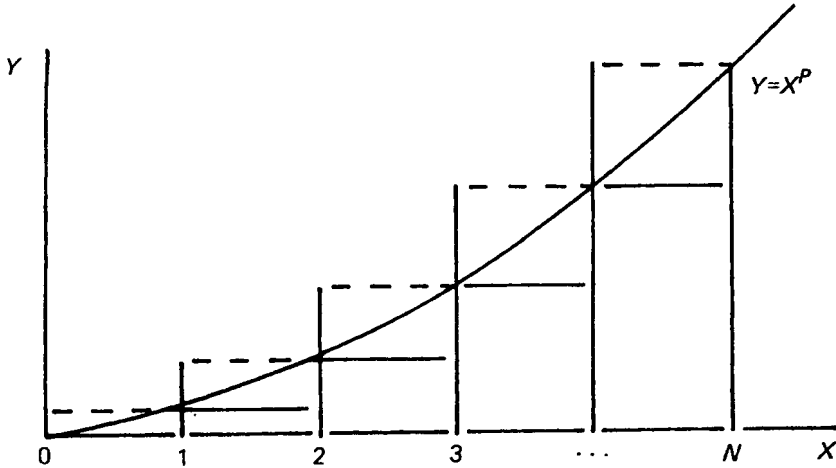


Figure 0.1.1

This theorem will be useful when we try to estimate the amount of work done by certain algorithms. When  $N$  is a large number, Theorem 0.1.3 implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N i^p \approx \frac{N^{p+1}}{p+1}. \quad (0.1.1)$$

**Theorem 0.1.4.** *If the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  have the block structure*

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} m & N-m \\ \hline A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} m \\ N-m \end{array} \quad B = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} m & N-m \\ \hline B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} m \\ N-m \end{array}$$

where  $A_{11}, \dots, A_{22}$  and  $B_{11}, \dots, B_{22}$  are matrices with dimensions as indicated, then the product matrix will have the form

$$AB = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} m & N-m \\ \hline A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} & A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\ A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} & A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} m \\ N-m \end{array}$$

**Proof:** The proof involves simply carrying out the indicated multiplications and will be omitted. ■

Note that what Theorem 0.1.4 says is that block matrices can be multiplied as if the subblocks were just scalar elements.

## 0.2 Special Matrices

The algorithms that we shall study in later chapters involve a number of special matrix types. The more frequently used types are defined below.

The first few types are characterized by their nonzero structures. We shall be primarily interested in square matrices of the types listed below, even though the definitions themselves do not limit us to square matrices.

- (1)  $A$  is **diagonal** if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ . An example is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (2)  $A$  is **tridiagonal** if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $|i - j| > 1$ . An example is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (3)  $A$  is **upper triangular** if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $j < i$ . An example is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A lower triangular matrix is defined similarly.

- (4)  $A$  is **upper Hessenberg** if  $a_{ij} = 0$  when  $j < i - 1$ . An example is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A lower Hessenberg matrix is defined similarly.

Note that each of these definitions specifies which positions must contain zeros and not which contain nonzero elements. Thus, for example, a diagonal matrix technically qualifies as a tridiagonal, an (upper or lower) triangular, and an (upper or lower) Hessenberg matrix, although we would not normally refer to it by any of these names.

The following matrix types are characterized by numerical properties, rather than by their nonzero structures. Each of the definitions below implicitly require  $A$  to be square, although in some cases this is not immediately obvious.



(5)  $A$  is **symmetric** if  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ , for each  $i, j$ . An example is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

A symmetric matrix is thus one for which  $A^T = A$ . An important feature of (real) symmetric matrices is that their eigenvalues are all real. To show this, suppose  $Az = \lambda z$ . Then (the overbar denotes complex conjugate)

$$\lambda \bar{z}^T z = \bar{z}^T Az = (\bar{z}^T Az)^T = z^T A^T \bar{z} = z^T A \bar{z} = z^T (\overline{Az}) = \bar{\lambda} z^T \bar{z},$$

and, since  $\bar{z}^T z = z^T \bar{z} = |z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_N|^2$  is real and positive,  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ .

(6)  $A$  is **nonsingular** if a matrix  $A^{-1}$  exists such that  $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$ . ( $I$  is the identity matrix, a diagonal matrix with 1 elements along the diagonal.)

If  $A$  is not square,  $A^{-1}A$  and  $AA^{-1}$  cannot be equal, as they will not even be of the same size. Thus only a square matrix can be nonsingular. If  $A$  is square, the following are true if and only if  $A$  is nonsingular:

- (a) the rows of  $A$  are linearly independent;
- (b) the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent;
- (c) the determinant of  $A$  is nonzero;
- (d)  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution (any  $b$ ).

(7)  $A$  is **positive-definite** if it is symmetric, and

$$x^T Ax > 0, \quad \text{for all } x \neq 0.$$

Since a positive-definite matrix  $A$  is symmetric, its eigenvalues, and thus also its eigenvectors, are real. The eigenvalues are also positive for, if  $Az = \lambda z$ , then, since an eigenvector is by definition nonzero,

$$0 < z^T Az = \lambda z^T z = \lambda(z_1^2 + \dots + z_N^2)$$

and so  $\lambda > 0$ .  $A$  is said to be positive-semidefinite if it is symmetric and  $x^T Ax \geq 0$  for all  $x$ . Clearly all eigenvalues of a positive-semidefinite matrix are nonnegative, but not necessarily positive.

(8)  $A$  is **orthogonal** if  $A^T A = A A^T = I$ .

In other words,  $A$  is orthogonal if its transpose is its inverse. Now

$$I_{ij} = (A^T A)_{ij} = \sum_k (A^T)_{ik} (A)_{kj} = \sum_k a_{ki} a_{kj} = (\text{col. } i)^T (\text{col. } j).$$

Since  $I_{ij}$  is 0 when  $i \neq j$  and 1 when  $i = j$ , we see that the columns of an orthogonal matrix are mutually orthogonal and each column is normalized to have length one. The same can be said of its rows, since  $A A^T = I$  also.

Orthogonal matrices will be very important in Chapters 2 and 3.

### 0.3 Vector and Matrix Norms

Vector and matrix norms play important roles in later chapters. As seen below, although vector and matrix norms employ similar notations, they are defined quite differently.

For  $p \geq 1$ , the “ $p$ -norm” (or  $L_p$ -norm) of a vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$  is defined by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p \equiv (|x_1|^p + \dots + |x_N|^p)^{1/p}. \quad (0.3.1)$$

Thus the 1-norm of  $\mathbf{x}$  is the sum of the absolute values of its components, and the 2-norm (also called the Euclidian norm) is the square root of the sum of squares of its components. Note that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}$ .

Now suppose we hold the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  fixed and let  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $M \equiv \max |x_i|$  and  $K$  denotes the number of components with  $|x_i| = M$ , then by (0.3.1)

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left[ M \left( \frac{|x_1|^p}{M^p} + \dots + \frac{|x_N|^p}{M^p} \right)^{1/p} \right] = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} [M(K)^{1/p}] = M$$

Thus it seems reasonable to define  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \equiv M \equiv \max |x_i|$ . The three norms  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2$  and  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty$  are the only ones in common use. It is easy to verify that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq N \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty$  for any  $p \geq 1$ , so that these norms differ from each other by at most a factor of  $N$ .

For each vector norm, there is an associated matrix norm, defined by

$$\|A\|_p \equiv \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \left( \frac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p} \right). \quad (0.3.2)$$

Note that it follows immediately from (0.3.2) that  $\|A\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ . However, it is not feasible to calculate a norm of a matrix using (0.3.2) directly. The following theorem provides formulas that can be used to calculate the

three commonly used matrix norms. Although (0.3.2) does not require that  $A$  be square, in this book we shall only be interested in the norms of square matrices.

**Theorem 0.3.1.** *If the elements of the  $N$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$  are  $a_{ij}$ , then*

$$(a) \|A\|_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} \sum_{i=1}^N |a_{ij}|,$$

$$(b) \|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \sum_{j=1}^N |a_{ij}|,$$

$$(c) \|A\|_2 = \mu_{\max}^{1/2},$$

where  $\mu_{\max}$  is the largest eigenvalue of  $A^T A$ .

**Proof:** For  $p = 1, \infty$ , and 2, we need to show first that with  $\|A\|_p$  defined by formulas (a), (b), and (c), respectively,  $\|A\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq \|A\|_p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p$ , for arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}$ . This verifies that our matrix norm formula is an upper bound on the ratios

$$\frac{\|A\mathbf{x}\|_p}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p}. \quad (0.3.3)$$

Then, if we can find one nonzero vector  $\mathbf{z}$  such that  $\|A\mathbf{z}\|_p = \|A\|_p \|\mathbf{z}\|_p$ , we have shown that our matrix norm formula is actually the least upper bound to the ratios (0.3.3), and hence it is really the matrix norm.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^N |(A\mathbf{x})_i| = \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_j \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N |a_{ij}| |x_j| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \sum_{i=1}^N |a_{ij}| \right) |x_j| \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} \sum_{i=1}^N |a_{ij}| \right) \sum_{j=1}^N |x_j| = \|A\|_1 \|\mathbf{x}\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

If  $J$  is the value (or one of the values) of  $j$  for which the “column sum”  $\sum_{i=1}^N |a_{ij}|$  is maximized, then we can choose  $\mathbf{z}$  to be the vector that has  $z_J = 1$  and all other components equal to zero. Then  $\|\mathbf{z}\|_1 = 1$  and since  $A\mathbf{z}$  is equal to the  $J$ th column of  $A$ ,  $\|A\mathbf{z}\|_1 = \|A\|_1 = \|A\|_1 \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$ .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_\infty &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |(A\mathbf{x})_i| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left| \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_j \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N |a_{ij}| |x_j| \right) \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq N} |x_j| \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \sum_{j=1}^N |a_{ij}| \right) = \|A\|_\infty \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

If  $I$  is the value (or one of the values) of  $i$  for which the “row sum”  $\sum_{j=1}^N |a_{ij}|$  is maximized, then we can choose  $\mathbf{z}$  to be the vector that has  $z_j = 1$  when  $a_{Ij} \geq 0$  and  $z_j = -1$  when  $a_{Ij} < 0$ . Then  $\|\mathbf{z}\|_\infty = 1$  and the largest component of  $A\mathbf{z}$  will be component  $I$ , which will have the value  $(A\mathbf{z})_I = a_{I1}z_1 + \dots + a_{IN}z_N = |a_{I1}| + \dots + |a_{IN}| = \|A\|_\infty$ . Thus  $\|A\mathbf{z}\|_\infty = \|A\|_\infty = \|A\|_\infty \|\mathbf{z}\|_\infty$ .

- (c) Even if  $A$  is not symmetric, the matrix  $A^T A$  is, since  $(A^T A)^T = A^T A$ . It is also positive-semidefinite, since  $\mathbf{x}^T (A^T A) \mathbf{x} = (A\mathbf{x})^T (A\mathbf{x}) = \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \geq 0$ ; so the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are all real and nonnegative. Now by a basic theorem of linear algebra, since  $A^T A$  is symmetric, there exists an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  ( $Q^T Q = I$ ) such that  $A^T A = Q^T D Q$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix containing the (nonnegative) eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ . If we denote these eigenvalues by  $\mu_i$ , and if the components of  $Q\mathbf{x}$  are  $q_i$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 &= (A\mathbf{x})^T (A\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T (A^T A) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T (Q^T D Q) \mathbf{x} = (Q\mathbf{x})^T D (Q\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i q_i^2 \leq \mu_{\max} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i^2 = \mu_{\max} (Q\mathbf{x})^T (Q\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \mu_{\max} \mathbf{x}^T Q^T Q \mathbf{x} = \mu_{\max} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2. \end{aligned} \tag{0.3.4}$$

Thus  $\|A\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \mu_{\max}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ . Now, if  $I$  is the value (or one of the values) of  $i$  that maximizes  $\mu_i$ , we can choose  $\mathbf{z}$  to be such that  $Q\mathbf{z}$  has  $q_I = 1$ , and all other components equal to 0. Then clearly we can replace the only inequality in (0.3.4) by an equality, and  $\|A\mathbf{z}\|_2 \leq \mu_{\max}^{1/2} \|\mathbf{z}\|_2$ . ■

Note that, if  $A$  is symmetric, the eigenvalues  $\mu_i$  of  $A^T A = AA$  are the squares of those ( $\lambda_i$ ) of  $A$ , and so

$$\|A\|_2 = \mu_{\max}^{1/2} = |\lambda_{\max}|,$$

where  $\lambda_{\max}$  is the eigenvalue of  $A$  of largest modulus.

As an example, consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We calculate that  $\|A\|_1 = 8$ , since the sum of the absolute values of the three columns are 8, 6, and 7, and the 1-norm is the maximum of these. Also,  $\|A\|_\infty = 10$ , since the sum of the absolute values of the three rows are 8, 3,

and 10, and the  $\infty$ -norm is the maximum of these. To calculate the 2-norm of  $A$  is much more difficult. First we form

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 22 & -18 & 10 \\ -18 & 20 & -6 \\ 10 & -6 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, using a computer program to be presented in Section 3.2, we find the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  to be 2.668, 20.400, and 45.931. Hence  $\|A\|_2 = 45.931^{1/2} = 6.777$ .

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# Systems of Linear Equations

## 1.1 Introduction

Consider the electrical circuit shown in Figure 1.1.1.

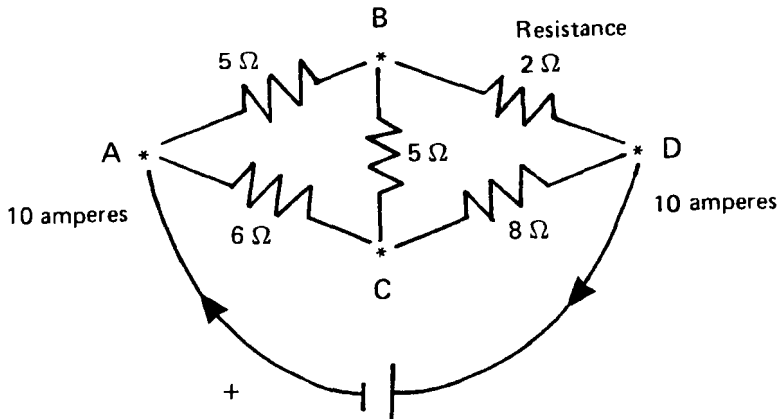


Figure 1.1.1.

We want to calculate the current  $I_{AB}$  flowing from node A to node B, and also the currents  $I_{BC}$ ,  $I_{AC}$ ,  $I_{BD}$  and  $I_{CD}$ . It is known that the net current flowing into any node is zero, and also that the voltage drop (current times

resistance) around any closed loop is zero. From the first rule we deduce that

$$10 - I_{AB} - I_{AC} = 0, \quad (1.1.1a)$$

$$I_{AB} - I_{BC} - I_{BD} = 0, \quad (1.1.1b)$$

$$I_{AC} + I_{BC} - I_{CD} = 0, \quad (1.1.1c)$$

$$I_{BD} + I_{CD} - 10 = 0. \quad (1.1.1d)$$

The second rule gives

$$5I_{AB} + 5I_{BC} - 6I_{AC} = 0, \quad (1.1.2a)$$

$$2I_{BD} - 8I_{CD} - 5I_{BC} = 0, \quad (1.1.2b)$$

$$5I_{AB} + 2I_{BD} - 8I_{CD} - 6I_{AC} = 0. \quad (1.1.2c)$$

It appears that we have seven linear equations for the five unknown currents. However, if we add equations 1.1.1a–1.1.1c together we get equation 1.1.1d; so the last equation is redundant and may be dropped. Similarly, if we add 1.1.2a and 1.1.2b, we get equation 1.1.2c, so that 1.1.2c can also be dropped, leaving us with the five equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 5 & -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{AB} \\ I_{BC} \\ I_{AC} \\ I_{BD} \\ I_{CD} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.1.3)$$

Systems of simultaneous linear equations, such as 1.1.3, have to be solved frequently by workers in almost every branch of science and engineering, and they arise during the solution of many of the other problems faced by numerical analysts, such as nonlinear systems, partial differential equations, and optimization problems. In this chapter we shall develop and analyze methods for the computer solution of linear systems.

## 1.2 Gaussian Elimination

The solution of linear systems is one of the few problems in numerical analysis where the first method taught in mathematics classes is still used by state-of-the-art software. The method of Gaussian elimination, whereby a system of linear equations is systematically reduced to an equivalent system of triangular form and then back solved for the unknowns, is the foundation for most modern algorithms—at least those designed for small dense systems. However, a few modifications are employed by sophisticated computer codes.

The basic tool used to reduce a general system of  $N$  linear equations in  $N$  unknowns to triangular form is the addition of a multiple of one equation to

another. For example, the 2 by 2 system

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 2x_2 &= 5, \\ -6x_1 + 3x_2 &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

can be reduced to triangular form by adding twice the first row to the second row:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 2x_2 &= 5, \\ 7x_2 &= 7. \end{aligned}$$

Now the last equation can be solved for  $x_2 = 1$ , and then the first equation can be solved for  $x_1 = (5 - 2x_2)/3 = 1$ .

For a general  $N$  by  $N$  system,  $Ax = b$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2N} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & a_{N3} & \dots & a_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.2.1)$$

and the basic Gaussian elimination process is as follows. First, for  $j = 2, \dots, N$  we take a multiple  $-a_{j1}/a_{11}$  of the first row and add it to the  $j$ th row, to make  $a_{j1} = 0$ . Since we are really adding a multiple of the first equation to the  $j$ th equation, we must also add the same multiple of  $b_1$  to  $b_j$ . Once we have knocked out all elements of  $A$  below the "pivot" element  $a_{11}$  in the first column, we have the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \dots & a'_{2N} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} & \dots & a'_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a'_{N2} & a'_{N3} & \dots & a'_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ \vdots \\ b'_N \end{bmatrix},$$

which is equivalent to 1.2.1.

Now, for  $j = 3, \dots, N$ , we take a multiple  $-a_{j2}/a'_{22}$  of the second row and add it to the  $j$ th row. When we have finished this, all subdiagonal elements in the second column are zero, and we are ready to process the third column. Applying this process to columns  $i = 1, \dots, N - 1$  (there are no subdiagonal elements to knock out in the  $N$ th column) completes the forward elimination stage, and the coefficient matrix  $A$  has been reduced to upper triangular form



(see 1.2.7).

$$A = \begin{matrix} & & & & \text{column} \\ & & & & i \\ & & & & \\ \text{row } i & \left[ \begin{array}{cccccccc} X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{ii} & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X & X \\ \text{row } j & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{ji} & X & X & X \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X \end{array} \right] & . & (1.2.2)
 \end{matrix}$$

It is important to note that, because we eliminate subdiagonal elements column by column, beginning with the first column, the zeroed elements remain zero; while we are adding a multiple  $-a_{ji}/a_{ii}$  of row  $i$  to row  $j$  ( $j > i$ ), to knock out  $a_{ji}$ , we are just adding multiples of zero to zero in columns 1 to  $i - 1$  (see 1.2.2). In fact, we can skip over these unnecessary calculations when we program this process.

Obviously, if one of the diagonal pivots  $a_{ii}$  is zero, we cannot use  $a_{ii}$  to knock out the elements below it; we cannot change  $a_{ji}$  by adding *any* multiple of  $a_{ii} = 0$  to it. We must switch row  $i$  with another row  $l$  below it (switching with a row above  $i$  would destroy some of the zeros introduced earlier), which contains a nonzero element  $a_{li}$  in the  $i$ th column. Again, since we cannot switch the left-hand sides of two equations without interchanging the right-hand sides, we have to switch the values of  $b_i$  and  $b_l$  also. Now the new pivot  $a_{ii}$  is not zero, and we can continue the Gaussian elimination scheme as usual.

If  $a_{li} = 0$  for  $l = i, \dots, N$ , then it will not be satisfactory to switch row  $i$  with any of the rows below it, as all the potential pivots are zero. It is time to give up, because the reduced matrix (and thus also the original matrix) is singular. To see this, note that the last  $N - i + 1$  rows have nonzero elements only in the last  $N - i$  columns (see 1.2.2); so they all belong to the same  $(N - i)$ -dimensional subspace of  $R^N$ . However,  $N - i + 1$  vectors in an  $(N - i)$ -dimensional space are necessarily linearly dependent, which means that the matrix is singular. If  $A$  is square and singular,  $Ax = b$  may (or may not) still have solutions, but it will never have a unique solution. In Chapter 2 we give an algorithm that can be used to return a solution if solutions exist, or a near-solution if solutions do not exist, but in this chapter we are only interested in systems with unique solutions, and we shall simply give up if  $A$  is found to be singular.

Now, as long as all arithmetic is done exactly, the above-described forward-elimination process will, unless  $A$  is singular, produce an exactly equivalent triangular system, from which the unknowns can be solved in reverse order. However, when we solve linear systems on a computer—which does not do

arithmetic exactly—we must modify the algorithm somewhat. As long as we do arithmetic exactly, there is no need to switch rows until a pivot is found that is *exactly* zero; when computations are done on a computer we find that a *nearly* zero pivot is also to be avoided, as it can lead to serious inaccuracies in the final answer.

Perhaps the best way to see that a nearly zero pivot poses a threat to accuracy is to consider a linear system such as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.2.3)$$

If exact arithmetic is done, we could take  $-3$  times the first equation and add it to the second and third equations, reducing 1.2.3 to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.2.4)$$

We now have to switch rows 2 and 3, to bring a nonzero up to the pivot ( $a_{22}$ ) position. Then back substitution produces  $z = y = x = 1$ , as can easily be verified.

On the other hand, if exact arithmetic is *not* done,  $a_{22}$  in 1.2.4 will not in general be exactly zero, but some number  $\epsilon$  that is essentially a small random number:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.2.5)$$

We may argue that “since  $a_{22}$  is not zero, there is no need to switch rows” and proceed to add  $-1/\epsilon$  times the second equation to the third equation, and we may then back solve for the unknowns. However, we are taking as significant a number that is essentially garbage ( $\epsilon$  is as likely to be positive as negative), and the result on a real computer is that our solution will probably also be garbage. In fact, when we solved 1.2.3 on an IBM 3081 computer using single-precision arithmetic, with *no row interchanges*, the result was  $x = -4, y = 16, z = 1$ , which is nowhere close to the true solution  $x = y = z = 1$ . On the same computer, when rows 2 and 3 were switched, the answer was accurate to six decimal places in each unknown.

Thus the most important modification to the classical elimination scheme that must be made to produce a good computer algorithm is this: We interchange rows whenever  $|a_{ii}|$  is small, and not only when it is zero.

But how small is “small”? Several strategies are available for deciding when a pivot is too small to use. We could, for example, switch rows when  $|a_{ii}|$  is less than a certain arbitrary threshold. However, we shall see when we program Gaussian elimination (Figure 1.2.1) that switching rows requires a

negligible amount of work compared with the actual elimination calculations; so it is not unreasonable to use the following strategy, called partial pivoting: For each column  $i$ , we *always* switch row  $i$  with row  $l$ , where  $a_{li}$  is the largest (in absolute value) of all the potential pivots  $a_{ii}, a_{i+1,i}, \dots, a_{Ni}$ .

The partial pivoting strategy avoids the problem of choosing an arbitrary threshold, by using the largest pivot available each time. Although it is possible to construct example systems that fool this algorithm into making a poor choice of pivot (see Section 1.7), partial pivoting is what is used by most of the popular Gaussian elimination computer codes, and on "real-world" problems it is very unlikely that we can find another pivoting strategy that will significantly improve on the accuracy produced by partial pivoting.

A competing strategy is "complete pivoting" in which the entire lower right hand  $N - i + 1$  by  $N - i + 1$  submatrix is searched for the element that is largest in absolute value. By row *and* column interchanges (row interchanges are accompanied by interchanges in  $\mathbf{b}$ , while column interchanges must be accompanied by interchanges in  $\mathbf{x}$ ) this element is brought to the pivot position  $a_{ii}$  before proceeding. Most experts agree, however, that the gain in numerical stability offered by complete pivoting is not usually worth the extra effort.

Now let us summarize Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting (see 1.2.6).

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1i} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & a_{ii} & \dots & a_{iN} \\ \cdot & & \cdot & & \cdot \\ 0 & \dots & a_{ji} & \dots & a_{jN} \\ \cdot & & \cdot & & \cdot \\ 0 & \dots & a_{Ni} & \dots & a_{NN} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_N \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_i \\ \cdot \\ b_j \\ \cdot \\ b_N \end{array} \right]. \quad (1.2.6)$$

For a given column  $i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N - 1$ ) we first search the potential pivots  $a_{ii}, a_{i+1,i}, \dots, a_{Ni}$  for the one that has largest absolute value (the method used to break ties is unimportant). If the largest one lies in row  $l$  ( $a_{li}$ ), we switch rows  $i$  and  $l$ , and also switch  $b_i$  and  $b_l$ . If all the potential pivots are zero, we give up. Then, for  $j = i + 1, \dots, N$ , we knock out  $a_{ji}$  by adding  $-a_{ji}/a_{ii}$  times the  $i$ th row to the  $j$ th row, and  $-a_{ji}/a_{ii}$  times  $b_i$  to  $b_j$ .

Once we have finished this forward-elimination phase, we begin the back substitution phase, to solve the reduced triangular system

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1i} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ & & a_{ii} & \dots & a_{iN} \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & a_{NN} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_i \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_i \\ \vdots \\ b_N \end{array} \right]. \quad (1.2.7)$$

At this point we know that the diagonal elements (the pivots) are all nonzero; otherwise we would have given up earlier (actually  $a_{NN} \neq 0$  must be checked separately, since we have only processed columns 1 to  $N - 1$ ). Thus we can solve the last equation  $a_{NN}x_N = b_N$  for  $x_N = b_N/a_{NN}$  and then solve for the other unknowns in reverse order; for each  $i$  ( $i = N - 1$  to 1) we have

$$a_{ii}x_i + \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{ij}x_j = b_i$$

or, since  $x_{i+1}$  to  $x_N$  are by now known,

$$x_i = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{ij}x_j \right).$$

A FORTRAN program that implements Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting is shown in Figure 1.2.1. Note that the program considers the matrix to be singular only if the largest potential pivot at any stage is exactly zero. Alternatively, it would be reasonable to give up when the largest potential pivot is less than some small threshold, in absolute value. A code that uses that strategy may occasionally give up prematurely, when it could still have produced a solution with some significant digits. Our code, on the other hand, runs a risk of returning garbage without a warning.

There are two features of DLINEQ that may be confusing to the reader at this point, but whose purposes will be clarified in the next section. One is the use of the permutations vector IPERM and the other is statement 30, where  $A(J, I)$  is set to LJI, when it clearly should be set to zero (after all, the whole aim of loop 30 is to make  $A(J, I) = 0!$ ). For now, we can simply consider IPERM to be an output vector containing useless information, and it should be noticed that subdiagonal element  $A(J, I)$  is never used again after it is zeroed; so, as long as we remember that it is really zero, we can store whatever information we like in that piece of memory.

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SUBROUTINE DLINEQ(A,N,X,B,IPERM)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N),X(N),B(N)
  INTEGER N,IPERM(N)
C
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
  DOUBLE PRECISION LJI
C
C SUBROUTINE DLINEQ SOLVES THE LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=B
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C           ON INPUT                               ON OUTPUT

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C          -----
C
C  A      - THE N BY N COEFFICIENT MATRIX.  THE DIAGONAL AND UPPER
C                                               TRIANGLE OF A CONTAINS U
C                                               AND THE LOWER TRIANGLE
C                                               OF A CONTAINS THE LOWER
C                                               TRIANGLE OF L, WHERE
C                                               PA = LU, P BEING THE
C                                               PERMUTATION MATRIX
C                                               DEFINED BY IPERM.
C
C  N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C  X      -
C                                               AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C                                               THE SOLUTION.
C
C  B      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.  DESTROYED.
C
C  IPERM  -
C                                               AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C                                               A RECORD OF THE ROW
C                                               INTERCHANGES MADE.  IF
C                                               J = IPERM(K), THEN ROW
C                                               J ENDED UP AS THE K-TH
C                                               ROW.
C-----
C
C                                     INITIALIZE IPERM = (1,2,3,...,N)
C
C      DO 10 K=1,N
C          IPERM(K) = K
C 10 CONTINUE
C
C                                     BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION
C
C      DO 35 I=1,N-1
C
C                                     SEARCH FROM A(I,I) ON DOWN FOR
C                                     LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT, A(L,I)
C
C          BIG = ABS(A(I,I))
C          L = I
C          DO 15 J=I+1,N
C              IF (ABS(A(J,I)).GT.BIG) THEN
C                  BIG = ABS(A(J,I))
C                  L = J
C              ENDIF
C 15 CONTINUE
C
C                                     IF LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT IS ZERO,
C                                     MATRIX IS SINGULAR
C
C          IF (BIG.EQ.0.0) GO TO 50
C
C                                     SWITCH ROW I WITH ROW L, TO BRING
C                                     UP LARGEST PIVOT
C
C      DO 20 K=1,N

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        TEMP = A(L,K)
        A(L,K) = A(I,K)
        A(I,K) = TEMP
20    CONTINUE
C
        SWITCH B(I) AND B(L)
        TEMP = B(L)
        B(L) = B(I)
        B(I) = TEMP
C
        SWITCH IPERM(I) AND IPERM(L)
        ITEMP = IPERM(L)
        IPERM(L) = IPERM(I)
        IPERM(I) = ITEMP
        DO 30 J=I+1,N
C
                CHOOSE MULTIPLIER TO ZERO A(J,I)
                LJI = A(J,I)/A(I,I)
                IF (LJI.NE.0.0) THEN
C
                        SUBTRACT LJI TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J
                        DO 25 K=I+1,N
                                A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(I,K)
25                CONTINUE
C
                        SUBTRACT LJI TIMES B(I) FROM B(J)
                        B(J) = B(J) - LJI*B(I)
                        ENDIF
C
                SAVE LJI IN A(J,I).  IT IS UNDERSTOOD,
C
                HOWEVER, THAT A(J,I) IS REALLY ZERO.
30                A(J,I) = LJI
35    CONTINUE
        IF (A(N,N).EQ.0.0) GO TO 50
C
                SOLVE U*X = B USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
        X(N) = B(N)/A(N,N)
        DO 45 I=N-1,1,-1
                SUM = 0.0
                DO 40 J=I+1,N
                        SUM = SUM + A(I,J)*X(J)
40                CONTINUE
                X(I) = (B(I)-SUM)/A(I,I)
45    CONTINUE
        RETURN
C
                MATRIX IS NUMERICALLY SINGULAR.
50    PRINT 55
55    FORMAT (' ***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
        RETURN
END

```

Figure 1.2.1

When DLINEQ was used to solve 1.1.3 for the currents in Figure 1.1.1, the result was  $I_{AB} = 6.05$ ,  $I_{BC} = -1.30$ ,  $I_{AC} = 3.95$ ,  $I_{BD} = 7.35$ , and  $I_{CD} = 2.65$ .

Note that  $I_{BC}$  is negative, which means the current really flows from C to B. When we try, using DLINEQ, to solve naively the first five of the seven equations (1.1.1-1.1.2), we get an error message from DLINEQ indicating that the matrix is singular (owing to the redundancies mentioned earlier).

A superficial analysis of subroutine DLINEQ shows that loop 25, where a multiple of row  $i$  is subtracted from row  $j$ , is where nearly all the computer time is spent, when  $N$  is large (note that this is the only triply nested DO loop in the program). Thus, for large  $N$ , the total amount of work done by DLINEQ is nearly equal to the amount done by the abbreviated program

```

DO 35 I=1,N-1
  DO 30 J=I+1,N
    DO 25 K=I+1,N
      A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(I,K)
    25      CONTINUE
  30      CONTINUE
35      CONTINUE

```

The number of multiplications done by this program is (see 0.1.1)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (N-i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (N^2 - 2Ni + i^2) \approx N^3 - N^3 + \frac{N^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3}N^3.$$

Thus the total work done by DLINEQ to solve an  $N$  by  $N$  linear system is about  $\frac{1}{3}N^3$  multiplications. Note that the work to carry out the back substitution is only  $O(N^2)$  (it uses only double nested loops); most of the computer time is spent in the forward-elimination phase.

### 1.3 Solving Several Systems with the Same Matrix

Frequently in applications we have to solve several systems with the same coefficient matrix but different right-hand side vectors. As an example, consider the shifted inverse power iteration 3.5.3, where we solve a sequence of linear systems with identical coefficient matrices. The electrical circuit of Figure 1.1.1 suggests another example. If we connect the battery leads to different nodes or vary the battery voltage, only the right-hand side of 1.1.3 will change.

One alternative in such situations is obviously to calculate  $A^{-1}$ . Once we have an inverse it only takes  $N^2$  multiplications to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  by multiplying  $A^{-1}$  times  $\mathbf{b}$ . However, there is a more efficient way to accomplish the same thing; we shall see how to calculate something that serves the same purpose as an inverse but that falls out “for free” when the first linear system is solved.

If  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are simultaneously available, we can of course solve two linear systems  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  for essentially the price of one, by modifying

DLINEQ to process  $c$  along with  $b$  (switching  $c_i$  and  $c_l$  each time that  $b_i$  and  $b_l$  are switched, etc.), but we shall not use this approach, because often it is necessary to solve the first system *before* solving the second; for example, in the inverse power iteration 3.5.3 we must solve  $(A - pI)v_{n+1} = v_n$  before we know what the next right-hand side is.

Subroutine DRESLV (Figure 1.3.1) allows us to solve a second system  $Ax = c$  almost for free (in  $O(N^2)$  operations) *after* we have finished solving the first system  $Ax = b$  the hard way (using DLINEQ). The idea is simply to keep up with what was done to  $b$  when  $Ax = b$  was solved and then to do the same things to  $c$ . To explain how DRESLV works, let us first assume that no row interchanges are done by either DLINEQ or DRESLV. Later we shall take the row interchanges into account.

```

SUBROUTINE DRESLV(A,N,X,C,Iperm)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N),X(N),C(N)
INTEGER N,Iperm(N)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
DOUBLE PRECISION LJI
C
C SUBROUTINE DRESLV SOLVES THE LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=C IN O(N**2) TIME,
C AFTER DLINEQ HAS PRODUCED AN LU DECOMPOSITION OF PA.
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT          ON OUTPUT
C          -----          -
C
C A      - THE N BY N COEFFICIENT MATRIX
C        AFTER PROCESSING BY DLINEQ.
C        AS OUTPUT BY DLINEQ, A CONTAINS
C        AN LU DECOMPOSITION OF PA.
C
C N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C X      -          AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C              THE SOLUTION.
C
C C      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.   DESTROYED.
C
C Iperm  - THE PERMUTATION VECTOR OF
C        LENGTH N OUTPUT BY DLINEQ.
C
C-----
C          CALCULATE C=P*C, WHERE P IS PERMUTATION
C          MATRIX DEFINED BY Iperm.

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```

DO 5 K=1,N
  J = IPERM(K)
  X(K) = C(J)
5 CONTINUE
DO 10 K=1,N
  C(K) = X(K)
10 CONTINUE
C                               BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION, TO CALCULATE
C                               C = L**(-1)*C
DO 20 I=1,N-1
  DO 15 J=I+1,N
C                               RETRIEVE MULTIPLIER SAVED IN A(J,I)
      LJI = A(J,I)
C                               SUBTRACT LJI TIMES C(I) FROM C(J)
      C(J) = C(J) - LJI*C(I)
15 CONTINUE
20 CONTINUE
C                               SOLVE U*X = C USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
X(N) = C(N)/A(N,N)
DO 30 I=N-1,1,-1
  SUM = 0.0
  DO 25 J=I+1,N
      SUM = SUM + A(I,J)*X(J)
25 CONTINUE
  X(I) = (C(I)-SUM)/A(I,I)
30 CONTINUE
RETURN
END

```

Figure 1.3.1

When DLINEQ subtracts a multiple  $l_{ji}$  of row  $i$  from row  $j$  (and the same multiple of  $b_i$  from  $b_j$ ),  $a_{ji}$  is overwritten by  $l_{ji}$ , even though it is understood that  $a_{ji}$  is now really zero. This does not cause DLINEQ any problems, since  $A(j, i)$  is never used again by this subroutine, in the rest of the forward elimination or in the back substitution. When DLINEQ has finished,  $A$  has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & \dots & u_{1N} \\ (l_{21}) & u_{22} & u_{23} & \dots & u_{2N} \\ (l_{31}) & (l_{32}) & u_{33} & \dots & u_{3N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (l_{N1}) & (l_{N2}) & (l_{N3}) & \dots & u_{NN} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.3.1)$$

$A$  is really, at this point, in its reduced triangular form  $U$ . The elements below the diagonal are enclosed in parentheses to indicate that the corresponding elements of  $U$  are really zero, but we are using  $A(j, i)$  ( $j > i$ ) to store the multiple ( $l_{ji}$ ) of row  $i$ , which was subtracted from row  $j$  to eliminate  $a_{ji}$ .

Thus, when DRESLV is used to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ ,  $A$  as output by DLINEQ contains not only the final upper triangular form of  $A$  but also a record of the multiples used to reduce  $A$  to this triangular form.  $A(j, i)$  tells us what multiple of row  $i$  we must subtract from row  $j$ , and what multiple of  $c_i$  we must subtract from  $c_j$ , in order to reduce  $A$  to upper triangular form again. However, this time we can skip the operations on the rows of  $A$ , and only perform them on  $\mathbf{c}$ , since we already know what these multiples are going to be. This allows us to skip the expensive loop 25, where a multiple of row  $i$  is subtracted from row  $j$ . The forward-elimination phase (loop 20 in Figure 1.3.1) now requires only about  $\frac{1}{2}N^2$  multiplications, since (see 0.1.1)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (N-i) \approx N^2 - \frac{1}{2}N^2 = \frac{1}{2}N^2.$$

Since the upper triangle of  $A$ , as output by DLINEQ, already contains the final (reduced) triangular form of  $A$ , we can now back solve for the solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ . This back-substitution phase (loop 30 in Figure 1.3.1) requires another  $\frac{1}{2}N^2$  multiplications, since

$$\sum_{i=N-1}^1 (N-i) \approx \frac{1}{2}N^2.$$

So DRESLV does a total of about  $N^2$  multiplications to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ , the same number as required by the multiplication  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{c}$ , but note that it cost DLINEQ virtually nothing extra to save the multipliers used by DRESLV, whereas computing the inverse of  $A$  is an expensive process (see Problem 2).

So far we have assumed that no row interchanges are done by DLINEQ, but usually this will not be the case. However, DLINEQ also provides DRESLV with a record of the interchanges it makes in the permutation vector IPERM, so that it can make the same interchanges when it solves  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ . IPERM is set to  $(1, 2, 3, \dots, N)$  initially by DLINEQ; then each time that rows  $i$  and  $l$  are switched,  $\text{IPERM}(i)$  and  $\text{IPERM}(l)$  are also interchanged. After DLINEQ is finished,  $\text{IPERM}(k)$  contains the number of the original row (equation), which ended up as the  $k$ th row (equation).

Now, if we had known before we began to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  in what order the equations would end up, we could have (in DLINEQ) reordered these equations (i.e., rows of  $A$  and elements of  $\mathbf{b}$ ) *before* we started, and then no row interchanges would need to be done during the elimination; at each step the largest potential pivot would already be in the pivot position. Then the final  $A$  (stored multipliers and upper triangle) and the final  $\mathbf{b}$  would be exactly the same as if the interchanges were done one by one during the elimination, as prescribed by the partial pivoting formula. Although DLINEQ in fact has to do the interchanges one by one (it cannot predict the future), since the final  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are the same in either case, we can pretend that the rows of  $A$  and



pivoting we somehow have the foresight to permute the equations (rows of  $A$  and elements of  $\mathbf{b}$ ) into their final order at the start, rather than doing the switches one by one as the need becomes apparent.

After permuting the equations, our linear system now has the form

$$PA\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{b}, \quad (1.4.2)$$

where  $P$  is some appropriate permutation matrix. No further interchanges will be required.

Now to zero a subdiagonal element  $a_{ji}$  we can premultiply both sides of 1.4.2 by  $M_{ij}$ , where  $M_{ij}$  is as shown in 1.4.1, with  $l_{ji}$  chosen appropriately. If we zero the elements in the proper (column by column) order, we have

$$M_{N-1,N} \dots M_{12} PA\mathbf{x} = M_{N-1,N} \dots M_{12} P\mathbf{b}. \quad (1.4.3)$$

These premultiplications are designed so that

$$M_{N-1,N} \dots M_{12} PA = U, \quad (1.4.4)$$

where  $U$  is upper triangular. If we call the right-hand side of 1.4.3  $\mathbf{y}$ , then 1.4.3 can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y} &= M_{N-1,N} \dots M_{12} P\mathbf{b}, \\ U\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y}. \end{aligned}$$

The upper triangular system  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  is solved by back substitution.

Now, if we have a new system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  with the same coefficient matrix, DRESLV (Figure 1.3.1) solves this system similarly, by forming

$$\mathbf{y} = M_{N-1,N} \dots M_{12} P\mathbf{c} \quad (1.4.5a)$$

and then back solving

$$U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}. \quad (1.4.5b)$$

That is, DRESLV first premultiplies  $\mathbf{c}$  by  $P$  (using the information saved in IPERM), then premultiplies by the  $M_{ij}$  matrices ( $M_{ij}$  is of the form 1.4.1 where  $l_{ji}$  is saved in subdiagonal position  $(j, i)$  of  $A$  (see 1.3.1)) and finally solves 1.4.5b by back substitution ( $U$  is stored in the diagonal and upper triangle of  $A$ ).

Now from 1.4.4 we have

$$PA = M_{12}^{-1} \dots M_{N-1,N}^{-1} U. \quad (1.4.6)$$

The inverse of  $M_{ij}$  (see 1.4.1) is easily seen to be

$$M_{ij}^{-1} = \begin{matrix} & \text{column} & & \text{column} \\ & i & & j \\ \text{row } i & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{array} \right. \\ \text{row } j & \left. \begin{array}{cccc} & & & \\ & & l_{ji} & \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}.$$

Since the product of lower triangular matrices is lower triangular (Theorem 0.1.2), from 1.4.6 we have

$$PA = LU, \tag{1.4.7}$$

where  $L \equiv M_{12}^{-1} \dots M_{N-1,N}^{-1}$  is a lower triangular matrix, and  $U$  is upper triangular. In fact, it can be verified by direct multiplication (Problem 3) that

$$L = M_{12}^{-1} \dots M_{N-1,N}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ l_{21} & 1 & & & \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ l_{N1} & l_{N2} & l_{N3} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{1.4.8}$$

Thus the matrix  $A$  as output by DLINEQ (see 1.3.1) contains  $U$  on its diagonal and upper triangle and the lower triangular part of  $L$  in its lower triangle. In other words, DLINEQ calculates the  $LU$  decomposition 1.4.7 not of  $A$  but of a row-wise permutation  $PA$  of  $A$  and overwrites  $A$  with  $L$  and  $U$  (the diagonal elements of  $L$  are not saved, but we can remember that they are all ones).

The traditional way to use this  $LU$  decomposition to solve a new system  $Ax = c$  is to premultiply both sides by  $P$  and then to rewrite  $PAx = Pc$  as  $LUx = Pc$ ; finally, this system is solved in the form

$$Ly = Pc,$$

$$Ux = y.$$

Recalling the definition (see 1.4.8) of  $L$ , we see that the equations 1.4.5 used by DRESLV to solve a new system  $Ax = c$  can be written in the form

$$y = L^{-1}Pc, \tag{1.4.9a}$$

$$Ux = y. \tag{1.4.9b}$$

Now 1.4.9 is essentially equivalent to the traditional approach, except that  $Ly = Pc$  is normally solved by forward substitution (the unknowns are solved for in forward order).

If  $A$  is positive-definite, the diagonal elements are all positive initially, since  $a_{ii} = \mathbf{e}_i^T A \mathbf{e}_i > 0$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_i$  is the vector with 1 in position  $i$  and zeros elsewhere. Now it can be shown [Sewell 2005, Section 0.2] that, if no pivoting is done, the diagonal elements will remain positive throughout the Gaussian elimination process. Thus, when the  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$  is formed, the diagonal portion  $D$  of  $U$  consists of positive elements. It is shown in Problem 4b that (since  $A$  is symmetric)  $A = PA = LU = LDL^T$ . Now, since  $D$  consists of positive elements,  $D^{1/2}$  is real, and

$$A = LDL^T = (LD^{1/2})(D^{1/2}L^T) = (LD^{1/2})(LD^{1/2})^T \equiv L_1 L_1^T. \quad (1.4.10)$$

Equation 1.4.10 is called the Cholesky decomposition of a positive-definite matrix, and it will be useful later (Section 3.6). Note that  $L_1 \equiv LD^{1/2}$  is lower triangular and, since it has positive diagonal elements (the square roots of the elements of  $D$ ), it is nonsingular. Now

$$\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^T (L_1 L_1^T) \mathbf{x} = (L_1^T \mathbf{x})^T (L_1^T \mathbf{x}) = \|L_1^T \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \geq 0$$

and, since  $L_1^T$  is nonsingular, this can be zero only when  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus we see that  $A$  has a Cholesky decomposition if *and only if* it is positive-definite.

## 1.5 Banded Systems

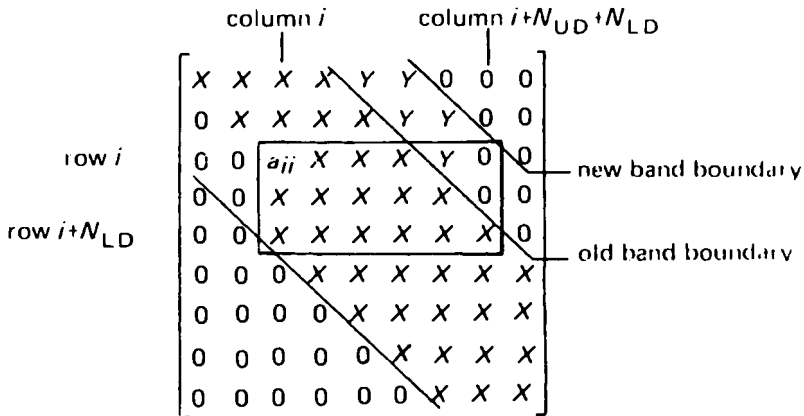
The large linear systems that arise in applications are usually sparse; that is, most of the matrix coefficients are zero. Many of these systems can, by properly ordering the equations and unknowns, be put into “banded” form, where all elements of the coefficient matrix are zero outside some relatively small band around the main diagonal. For example, the huge linear systems that arise when differential equations are solved using finite difference or finite element methods are nearly always banded. A typical band matrix is exhibited in Figure 1.5.1.  $N_{LD}$  is the number of diagonals below the main diagonal which contain some nonzero elements and  $N_{UD}$  is the number of diagonals above the main diagonal. For the matrix shown in Figure 1.5.1,  $N_{LD} = 2$  and  $N_{UD} = 3$ . Thus the total number of diagonals, called the band width, is  $N_{LD} + N_{UD} + 1$ .

When Gaussian elimination is applied to a linear system with a banded coefficient matrix, if we take advantage of the fact that the elements outside the band are zero, we can solve such a system much more rapidly than a similar size system with a full coefficient matrix.



$U$  (see 1.3.1) will necessarily be band matrices also, and neither will extend outside the original band of  $A$ . The inverse of a band matrix is generally a full matrix; so we see that for banded systems the  $LU$  decomposition is *much* more economical to form and use than the inverse (and it serves the same purpose).

If partial pivoting is used, as it normally should be, the  $N_{LD}$  diagonals immediately above the band may “fill in” and become nonzero during the Gaussian elimination, but all elements below the band will remain zero. Figure 1.5.3 illustrates how these diagonals may fill in. In the worst case, row  $i$  may have to be interchanged with row  $i + N_{LD}$ , in which case row  $i$  will then be nonzero out to column  $i + N_{UD} + N_{LD}$  and, when multiples of row  $i$  are added to rows  $i + 1$  to  $i + N_{LD}$ , everything inside the rectangle shown may fill in.



**Figure 1.5.3**  
**Partially Processed Band Matrix (Pivoting Allowed)**  
 X, nonzero originally; Y, nonzero owing to previous fill-in.

FORTTRAN subroutine DBAND (Figure 1.5.4) solves a banded linear system  $Ax = b$  using Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting. The program follows closely the pattern of DLINEQ, but the limits of most of the DO loops are designed to take advantage of the fact that only the first  $N_{LD}$  subdiagonals, the main diagonal, and the first  $N_{UD} + N_{LD}$  superdiagonals will ever contain nonzero elements. Furthermore, only these  $2N_{LD} + N_{UD} + 1$  diagonals are actually stored; we do not waste computer memory storing elements that will always be zero. The columns of the FORTRAN array  $A$  hold the diagonals of the matrix  $A$ , as shown in Figure 1.5.5. The first subscript of array  $A$  represents the row number, while the second represents the diagonal number, which can vary from  $-N_{LD}$  to  $N_{UD} + N_{LD}$ . Diagonal number 0 (column 0 of array  $A$ ) is the main diagonal. In general we see that array element  $A(i, j - i)$  holds matrix element  $(i, j)$ . There will be some elements of the array  $A$  (denoted by  $Z$  in Figure 1.5.5) that represent positions outside the matrix, and



these will never be used, but they represent only a small amount of wasted storage.

```

SUBROUTINE DBAND(A,N,NLD,NUD,X,B)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,-NLD:NUD+NLD),X(N),B(N)
INTEGER N,NLD,NUD
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
DOUBLE PRECISION LJI
C
C SUBROUTINE DBAND SOLVES THE LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=B, WHERE A IS A
C BAND MATRIX.
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT          ON OUTPUT
C          -----          -----
C
C A      - THE BAND MATRIX OF SIZE N,          DESTROYED.
C          DIMENSIONED A(N,-NLD:NUD+NLD)
C          IN THE MAIN PROGRAM. COLUMNS
C          -NLD THROUGH NUD OF A CONTAIN
C          THE NONZERO DIAGONALS OF A. THE
C          LAST NLD COLUMNS ARE USED AS
C          WORKSPACE (TO HOLD THE FILL-IN
C          IN THE NLD DIAGONALS DIRECTLY
C          ABOVE A).
C
C N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C NLD    - NUMBER OF NONZERO LOWER DIAGONALS
C          IN A, I.E., NUMBER OF DIAGONALS
C          BELOW THE MAIN DIAGONAL.
C
C NUD    - NUMBER OF NONZERO UPPER DIAGONALS
C          IN A, I.E., NUMBER OF DIAGONALS
C          ABOVE THE MAIN DIAGONAL.
C
C X      -          AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C          THE SOLUTION.
C
C B      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.      DESTROYED.
C
C-----
C          ZERO TOP NLD DIAGONALS (WORKSPACE)
DO 10 I=1,N

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      DO 10 J=NUD+1,NUD+NLD
        A(I,J) = 0.0
10 CONTINUE
C                                     BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION
      DO 35 I=1,N-1
C                                     SEARCH FROM AII ON DOWN FOR
C                                     LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT, ALI
        BIG = ABS(A(I,0))
        L = I
        DO 15 J=I+1,MIN(I+NLD,N)
          IF (ABS(A(J,I-J)).GT.BIG) THEN
            BIG = ABS(A(J,I-J))
            L = J
          ENDIF
15 CONTINUE
C                                     IF LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT IS ZERO,
C                                     MATRIX IS SINGULAR
      IF (BIG.EQ.0.0) GO TO 50
C                                     SWITCH ROW I WITH ROW L, TO BRING
C                                     UP LARGEST PIVOT
      DO 20 K=I,MIN(I+NUD+NLD,N)
        TEMP = A(L,K-L)
        A(L,K-L) = A(I,K-I)
        A(I,K-I) = TEMP
20 CONTINUE
C                                     SWITCH B(I) AND B(L)
      TEMP = B(L)
      B(L) = B(I)
      B(I) = TEMP
      DO 30 J=I+1,MIN(I+NLD,N)
C                                     CHOOSE MULTIPLIER TO ZERO AJI
        LJI = A(J,I-J)/A(I,0)
        IF (LJI.NE.0.0) THEN
C                                     SUBTRACT LJI TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J
          DO 25 K=I,MIN(I+NUD+NLD,N)
            A(J,K-J) = A(J,K-J) - LJI*A(I,K-I)
          25 CONTINUE
C                                     SUBTRACT LJI TIMES B(I) FROM B(J)
          B(J) = B(J) - LJI*B(I)
        ENDIF
30 CONTINUE
35 CONTINUE
      IF (A(N,0).EQ.0.0) GO TO 50
C                                     SOLVE U*X = B USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
      X(N) = B(N)/A(N,0)
      DO 45 I=N-1,1,-1
        SUM = 0.0
        DO 40 J=I+1,MIN(I+NUD+NLD,N)

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      SUM = SUM + A(I,J-I)*X(J)
40    CONTINUE
      X(I) = (B(I)-SUM)/A(I,0)
45    CONTINUE
      RETURN
C
      MATRIX IS NUMERICALLY SINGULAR.
50    PRINT 55
55    FORMAT (' ***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
      RETURN
      END

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Figure 1.5.4

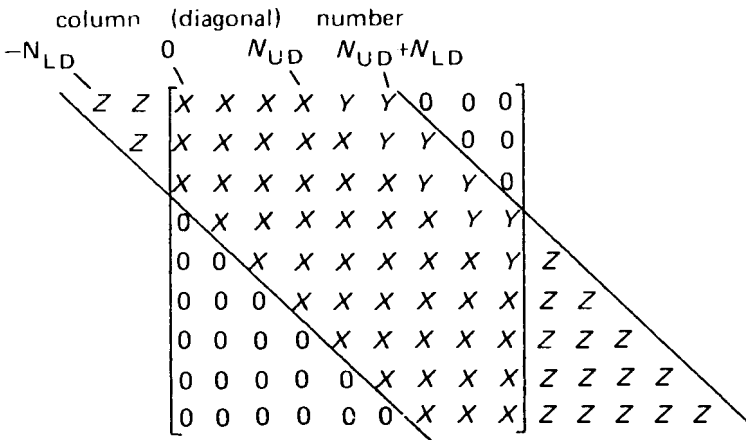


Figure 1.5.5

**Diagonals of Matrix Stored in Columns of FORTRAN Array**  
 X, nonzero originally; Y, nonzero owing to fill-in;  
 Z, unaccessed elements outside A.

Loop 25 is (as it was for DLINEQ) where most of the computer time is spent, if  $N_{LD}$  and  $N_{UD}$  are large compared with 1. Then the following abbreviated program does approximately the same quantity of work as DBAND:

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      DO 35 I=1,N-1
        DO 30 J=I+1,MIN(I+NLD,N)
          DO 25 K=I,MIN(I+NUD+NLD,N)
            A(J,K-J)=A(J,K-J)-LJI*A(I,K-I)
25          CONTINUE
30        CONTINUE
35      CONTINUE

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If we also assume that, even though they are large compared with 1,  $N_{LD}$  and  $N_{UD}$  are small compared with  $N$ , then "usually"  $\min(i + N_{LD}, N) =$

$i + N_{LD}$  and  $\min(i + N_{UD} + N_{LD}, N) = i + N_{UD} + N_{LD}$  and the total number of multiplications done by this program is about

$$(N - 1)N_{LD}(N_{UD} + N_{LD} + 1) \approx NN_{LD}(N_{UD} + N_{LD}).$$

Hence this also approximates the work done by DBAND.

If  $N_{LD}$  and  $N_{UD}$  are constant (e.g., tridiagonal matrices have  $N_{LD} = 1$  and  $N_{UD} = 1$ ), the total work required to solve a banded linear system is  $O(N)$ , which compares *very* favorably with the  $O(N^3)$  work required by DLINEQ to solve a full  $N$  by  $N$  system. The amount of computer memory required is  $N(2N_{LD} + N_{UD} + 1)$ , which also compares very favorably with the  $O(N^2)$  memory used by DLINEQ.

Although the simplest way to take advantage of sparsity during Gaussian elimination is to order the unknowns and equations so that the matrix is banded, there are often other orderings, such as the “minimal degree” ordering, which may produce even less fill-in. These algorithms are generally somewhat complicated to implement efficiently and are beyond the scope of this book. Useful references for these “sparse direct” methods are Duff and Reid [1986], and George and Liu [1981]. Problem 12b gives a simple example of a linear system that is sparse but not banded, and that can be solved efficiently using Gaussian elimination.

## 1.6 Application: Cubic Spline Interpolation

Many of the algorithms used to solve other numerical analysis problems have as one of their steps the solution of a system of linear equations. If you look, for example, at a subroutine in the IMSL or NAG library which solves partial differential equations, integral equations, systems of nonlinear equations, or multivariate optimization problems, you will often find that it calls a linear system solver; in fact, for most of these applications, the bulk of the computer time is spent in the linear system solver.

Interpolation and smoothing of data are other problem areas where the solution of a linear system is often required. Currently the functions that are most widely used to interpolate between accurate data points, or to smooth a set of inaccurate data points, are cubic splines. A cubic spline is a function  $s(x)$  that is a cubic polynomial in each subinterval  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$  of the range of data, with  $s(x)$ ,  $s'(x)$ , and  $s''(x)$  continuous at the knots  $x_i$ . Thus for  $x$  in  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$  we have

$$s(x) = a_i + b_i(x - x_i) + c_i(x - x_i)^2 + d_i(x - x_i)^3. \quad (1.6.1)$$

Suppose we want to determine the coefficients of a cubic spline  $s(x)$  that interpolates to the data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . The requirement that  $s(x_i) = y_i$  and  $s(x_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}$  gives us two equations that must be satisfied by the four coefficients  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$ ,  $c_i$ , and  $d_i$  that determine the form of  $s(x)$  in

$(x_i, x_{i+1})$ . If we also specify the second derivative  $s''(x_i) = \sigma_i$  at each data point, setting  $s''(x_i) = \sigma_i$  and  $s''(x_{i+1}) = \sigma_{i+1}$  will give us two more equations, and the coefficients of  $s(x)$  in the subinterval  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$  are uniquely determined, namely,

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= y_i, \\ b_i &= \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h_i} - \frac{h_i(2\sigma_i + \sigma_{i+1})}{6}, \\ c_i &= \frac{\sigma_i}{2}, \\ d_i &= \frac{\sigma_{i+1} - \sigma_i}{6h_i}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.6.2}$$

where  $h_i \equiv x_{i+1} - x_i$ . It is easy to verify by direct calculation that  $s(x)$  as expressed in 1.6.1 with coefficients given by 1.6.2, does satisfy  $s(x_i) = y_i$ ,  $s(x_{i+1}) = y_{i+1}$ ,  $s''(x_i) = \sigma_i$ , and  $s''(x_{i+1}) = \sigma_{i+1}$ .

Now how should the second derivatives  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N$  be chosen? We have already ensured that the piecewise cubic polynomial  $s(x)$  will interpolate to the data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ; so all that remains is to make sure that  $s(x)$  is a cubic spline, that is, that  $s, s'$ , and  $s''$  are continuous. However, no matter what the values of the  $y$ -coordinates  $y_1, \dots, y_N$  are,  $s(x)$  will be continuous at the knots, since the cubic polynomials on each side of a knot have to match the same value ( $y_i$ ). Similarly, no matter how we choose the values  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N$  of the second derivatives,  $s''(x)$  will be continuous at the knots, since the cubic polynomials on each side of a knot have the same second derivative  $\sigma_i$ . So our only consideration in choosing the parameters  $\sigma_i$  is that  $s'(x)$  must also be continuous at each knot.

From 1.6.1 we see that, in  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s'(x) &= b_i + 2c_i(x - x_i) + 3d_i(x - x_i)^2, \\ s'(x_{i+1}) &= b_i + 2c_i h_i + 3d_i h_i^2, \end{aligned}$$

while, in  $(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s'(x) &= b_{i+1} + 2c_{i+1}(x - x_{i+1}) + 3d_{i+1}(x - x_{i+1})^2, \\ s'(x_{i+1}) &= b_{i+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for continuity of  $s'(x)$  across the knot  $x_{i+1}$ , we must have

$$b_i + 2c_i h_i + 3d_i h_i^2 = b_{i+1}.$$

Using equations 1.6.2, this equation simplifies to

$$\frac{h_i}{6}\sigma_i + \frac{h_i + h_{i+1}}{3}\sigma_{i+1} + \frac{h_{i+1}}{6}\sigma_{i+2} = \frac{y_{i+2} - y_{i+1}}{h_{i+1}} - \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h_i} \quad (i = 1, \dots, N - 2). \tag{1.6.3}$$



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C SUBROUTINE DSPLN FITS AN INTERPOLATORY CUBIC SPLINE THROUGH THE
C POINTS (X(I),Y(I)), I=1,...,N, WITH SPECIFIED SECOND DERIVATIVES
C AT THE END POINTS, AND EVALUATES THIS SPLINE AT THE OUTPUT POINTS
C XOUT(1),...,XOUT(NOUT).
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT          ON OUTPUT
C          -----          -
C
C X      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
C          THE X-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
C          POINTS.
C
C Y      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
C          THE Y-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
C          POINTS.
C
C N      - THE NUMBER OF DATA POINTS
C          (N.GE.3).
C
C YXX1   - THE SECOND DERIVATIVE OF THE
C          CUBIC SPLINE AT X(1).
C
C YXXN   - THE SECOND DERIVATIVE OF THE
C          CUBIC SPLINE AT X(N). (YXX1=0
C          AND YXXN=0 GIVES A NATURAL
C          CUBIC SPLINE)
C
C XOUT   - A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT CONTAINING
C          THE X-COORDINATES AT WHICH THE
C          CUBIC SPLINE IS EVALUATED. THE
C          ELEMENTS OF XOUT MUST BE IN
C          ASCENDING ORDER.
C
C YOUT   - A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT.
C          YOUT(I) CONTAINS THE
C          VALUE OF THE SPLINE
C          AT XOUT(I).
C
C NOUT   - THE NUMBER OF OUTPUT POINTS.
C
C-----
C      SIG(1) = YXX1
C      SIG(N) = YXXN
C
C          SET UP TRIDIAGONAL SYSTEM SATISFIED
C          BY SECOND DERIVATIVES (SIG(I)=SECOND
C          DERIVATIVE AT X(I)).

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DO 5 I=1,N-2
  HI = X(I+1)-X(I)
  HIP1 = X(I+2)-X(I+1)
  R(I) = (Y(I+2)-Y(I+1))/HIP1 - (Y(I+1)-Y(I))/HI
  A(I,-1) = HI/6.0
  A(I, 0) = (HI + HIP1)/3.0
  A(I, 1) = HIP1/6.0
  IF (I.EQ. 1) R(1) = R(1) - HI/ 6.0*SIG(1)
  IF (I.EQ.N-2) R(N-2) = R(N-2) - HIP1/6.0*SIG(N)
5 CONTINUE
C
C          CALL DBAND TO SOLVE TRIDIAGONAL SYSTEM
NLD = 1
NUD = 1
CALL DBAND(A,N-2,NLD,NUD,SIG(2),R)
C
C          CALCULATE COEFFICIENTS OF CUBIC SPLINE
C          IN EACH SUBINTERVAL
DO 10 I=1,N-1
  HI = X(I+1)-X(I)
  COEFF(1,I) = Y(I)
  COEFF(2,I) = (Y(I+1)-Y(I))/HI - HI/6.0*(2*SIG(I)+SIG(I+1))
  COEFF(3,I) = SIG(I)/2.0
  COEFF(4,I) = (SIG(I+1)-SIG(I))/(6.0*HI)
10 CONTINUE
L = 1
DO 25 I=1,NOUT
C
C          FIND FIRST VALUE OF J FOR WHICH X(J+1) IS
C          GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO XOUT(I). SINCE
C          ELEMENTS OF XOUT ARE IN ASCENDING ORDER,
C          WE ONLY NEED CHECK THE KNOTS X(L+1)...X(N)
C          WHICH ARE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO
C          XOUT(I-1).
  DO 15 J=L,N-1
    JSAVE = J
    IF (X(J+1).GE.XOUT(I)) GO TO 20
15 CONTINUE
20 L = JSAVE
C
C          EVALUATE CUBIC SPLINE IN INTERVAL
C          (X(L),X(L+1))
  P = XOUT(I)-X(L)
  YOUT(I) = COEFF(1,L) + COEFF(2,L)*P
  & + COEFF(3,L)*P*P + COEFF(4,L)*P*P*P
25 CONTINUE
RETURN
END

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Figure 1.6.2



**Theorem 1.6.1.** *Among all functions that are continuous, with continuous first and second derivatives, which interpolate to the data points  $(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, N$ , the natural cubic spline  $s(x)$  interpolant minimizes*

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_N} [s''(x)]^2 dx.$$

**Proof:** Let  $u(x)$  be any other function that is continuous, with continuous first and second derivatives, which also interpolates to the data points. Then define  $e(x) \equiv u(x) - s(x)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_1}^{x_N} [u''(x)]^2 dx &= \int_{x_1}^{x_N} [s''(x)]^2 dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_N} [e''(x)]^2 dx \\ &\quad + 2 \int_{x_1}^{x_N} s''(x)e''(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

If we can show that the last integral (of  $s''(x)e''(x)$ ) is zero, we are finished, since then the integral of  $s''(x)^2$  is less than or equal to the integral of  $u''(x)^2$ . Now

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_N} s''e'' dx = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} s''e'' dx = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (s''e')' - (s'''e)' + s^{iv}e dx.$$

Since  $s(x)$  is a polynomial of degree three in  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$ ,  $s^{iv} \equiv 0$ ; so the integral of  $s''e''$  becomes

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} s''(x_{i+1})e'(x_{i+1}) - s''(x_i)e'(x_i) - s'''(x_{i+1})e(x_{i+1}) + s'''(x_i)e(x_i).$$

Since  $s(x)$  and  $u(x)$  interpolate the same values at the knots,  $e(x_i) = e(x_{i+1}) = 0$ . Finally, since  $s''(x)e'(x)$  is continuous across the knots, the sums involving  $s''e'$  telescope and, since  $s'' = 0$  at the end points, we have

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_N} s''(x)e''(x) dx = s''(x_N)e'(x_N) - s''(x_1)e'(x_1) = 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

Since the  $L_2$ -norm of the second derivative is a measure of the curvature of a function, we can state Theorem 1.6.1 in the following words: Of all functions of continuous curvature that can be drawn through a given set of data points, the natural cubic spline has the least curvature. If we take a semirigid rod and force it (using nails?) to pass through our data points, it will very nearly take on the form of the natural cubic spline interpolant. This gives some insight into the nature of the natural cubic spline interpolant; it remains as "straight" as it can, given that it has to pass through the data points.

It is remarkable that Theorem 1.6.1 does not say that the natural cubic spline interpolant is the piecewise cubic of minimum curvature, or even the

piecewise polynomial of minimum curvature, which interpolates to the data, but the (smooth) *function* of minimum curvature.

If  $(x_i, y_i)$  represent points on a smooth curve  $y = f(x)$  (which may or may not be known explicitly), there is another obvious choice for the user-specified end conditions: We can set  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_N$  equal to estimates of  $f''(x_1)$  and  $f''(x_N)$ . If we know (or can at least estimate) the second derivative of  $f$ , we would expect  $s(x)$  to be a better approximation to  $f(x)$  if we set  $s''(x_1) = f''(x_1)$  and  $s''(x_N) = f''(x_N)$ , rather than arbitrarily setting the second derivatives to zero. The following theorem, stated without proof, confirms this expectation.

**Theorem 1.6.2.** *If the cubic spline  $s(x)$  interpolates to  $f(x)$  at the knots  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ , and if  $s''(x) = f''(x)$  at  $x = x_1$  and  $x = x_N$ , then (assuming that the right-hand side is finite)*

$$\|s - f\|_2 \leq h^4 \|f^{iv}\|_2,$$

where  $h = \max(h_i)$ , and the 2-norm of a function is defined by

$$\|u\|_2^2 = \int_{x_1}^{x_N} [u(x)]^2 dx.$$

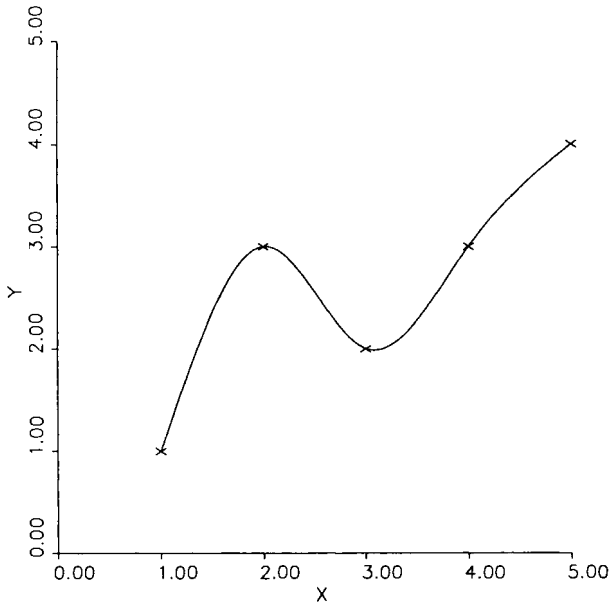
Thus, if we set  $s''(x)$  equal to  $f''(x)$  at the end points, the cubic spline error is  $O(h^4)$ . It can be shown [de Boor 1978, Chapter 4] that setting  $s'' = 0$  at the end points knocks the order of accuracy down to  $O(h^2)$ , unless, of course,  $f''$  happens to be zero at the end points.

In summary, if the data points lie on a smooth curve  $y = f(x)$ , and if  $f''(x)$  can be estimated, we shall get a more accurate representation of  $f(x)$  if we set  $s''(x_1) \approx f''(x_1)$  and  $s''(x_N) \approx f''(x_N)$ . However, if we simply want to draw a smooth, visually pleasing curve through a set of given data points, the natural cubic spline end conditions are recommended.

Figure 1.6.3 shows the natural cubic spline, calculated by DSPLN, which interpolates to the points (1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 3), and (5, 4). In Section 2.4 we shall see cubic splines used in another application, one designed to illustrate linear least squares applications.

## 1.7 Roundoff Error

The errors committed by numerical methods can be grouped into two categories. Those that would still exist even if the arithmetic were done exactly are called truncation errors, and those that go away when exact arithmetic is done are called roundoff errors. Since Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting gives exact answers when the arithmetic is exact (as do most methods applied to linear problems of any sort), there is no truncation error to worry about; so we have to worry about roundoff errors in this section. Unfortunately, while the analysis of truncation errors is a science, the analysis of



**Figure 1.6.3**  
**Natural Cubic Spline Interpolation**

roundoff errors is an art, and the best that we can hope to do is to find some qualitative rules that allow us to predict (usually) the order of magnitude of the roundoff errors. As evidence that we cannot hope for more, recall that, even when we solve problems that are inherently susceptible to roundoff, it is possible for the roundoff error to be zero, owing to fortuitous cancellations.

Let us direct our attention first to 2 by 2 linear systems, since in this case we can analyze the situation geometrically. When we solve two linear equations in two unknowns, we are really just finding the intersection of two straight lines. If the lines  $a_{11}x + a_{12}y = b_1$  and  $a_{21}x + a_{22}y = b_2$  are parallel, the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

is singular, and there are either many solutions (if the two lines coincide) or no solutions (if they do not coincide). If the two lines are nearly parallel, we

say that the system  $Ax = b$  is “ill-conditioned” and we should expect to have problems, because  $A$  is nearly singular. In fact, it is clear that, if the two lines are nearly parallel, the minute that we store  $b_1$  in our computer memory we are in trouble, as chopping it off to fit our floating point word length changes  $b_1$  slightly, effectively translating the first line slightly (Figure 1.7.1).

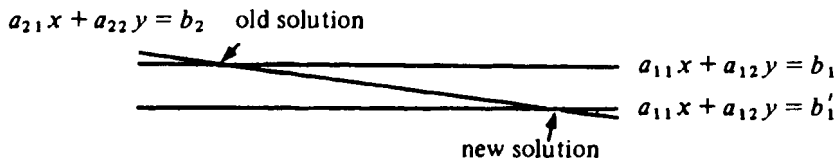


Figure 1.7.1  
The Intersection of Nearly Parallel Lines

If the two lines are nearly parallel, this small change in  $b_1$  will make a large change in the solution, even if we could solve the new system exactly. Further errors are introduced when we store the other coefficients  $b_2, a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}$  and—of course—when we do the Gaussian elimination arithmetic itself. Note that, since we cannot generally even store the coefficients of a linear system exactly, no modification to our solution algorithm (e.g., to employ a better pivoting strategy) can save us from large errors if the system is ill-conditioned. The only thing we can do is to use higher-precision arithmetic.

If there is no cure for ill-conditioning, we would at least like to develop some tools to help us to diagnose this disease. This is not as easy as it sounds. Consider, for example, the following four linear systems:

$$Bx = b, \quad Cx = c, \quad Dx = d, \quad Ex = e \quad (1.7.1)$$

where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-10} & 10^{-20} \\ 10^{-20} & 10^{-10} \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10^{-10} \\ 10^{-20} & 10^{-10} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10^{-10} \\ 10^{-10} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0001 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the right-hand side vectors  $b, c, d, e$  are chosen so that the exact solution in each case is  $(1, 1)$ .

If we plot the two lines for each system, it is clear that  $Ex = e$  is the most ill-conditioned system, since the first three involve two nearly perpendicular lines, while the last involves two nearly parallel lines. This conclusion was confirmed when we actually solved the four systems, using single precision on an IBM 3081 computer, with partial pivoting (equivalent to no pivoting, in each case). For the first three systems the calculated solution was accurate to machine precision, but the last system produced a 1% error in each component. Thus, for systems of two equations, the angle  $\theta$  between the two lines

appears to be a good measure of conditioning, but we would like a measure that generalizes to  $N$  by  $N$  systems.

Since a singular matrix has zero determinant, we might naively take the size of the determinant as a measure of how ill-conditioned a matrix is. The determinants of the above four matrices are

$$\det(B) \approx 10^{-20}, \quad \det(C) \approx 10^{-10}, \quad \det(D) \approx 1, \quad \det(E) \approx 10^{-4}.$$

The determinant incorrectly points to  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  as the most poorly conditioned system, because it is scale sensitive:  $\det(\alpha A) = \alpha^N \det A$ . The systems  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$  represent the exact same pairs of lines but, since  $B = 10^{-10}D$ ,  $B$  has a smaller determinant.

A more commonly used measure of the condition of a matrix is

$$c(A) \equiv \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|,$$

where any matrix norm may be used. This measure has the advantage that it is not scale sensitive, since  $c(\alpha A) = \|\alpha A\| \|(\alpha A)^{-1}\| = c(A)$ , and the following theorem accounts for the popularity of this condition number.

**Theorem 1.7.1.** *If the right-hand side of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is changed by  $\Delta\mathbf{b}$ , and the coefficient matrix is changed by  $\Delta A$ , the change  $\Delta\mathbf{x}$  in the solution satisfies*

$$(1 - \|A^{-1}\Delta A\|) \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \leq \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \left( \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|} + \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right),$$

where any vector-matrix norm pair can be used.

**Proof:** If  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $(A + \Delta A)(\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b} + \Delta\mathbf{b}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} A \Delta\mathbf{x} &= \Delta\mathbf{b} - \Delta A \mathbf{x} - \Delta A \Delta\mathbf{x} \\ \Delta\mathbf{x} &= A^{-1}\Delta\mathbf{b} - A^{-1}\Delta A \mathbf{x} - A^{-1}\Delta A \Delta\mathbf{x} \\ \|\Delta\mathbf{x}\| &\leq \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta\mathbf{b}\| + \|A^{-1}\| \|\Delta A\| \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|A^{-1}\Delta A\| \|\Delta\mathbf{x}\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \|A^{-1}\Delta A\|) \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} &\leq \|A^{-1}\| \left( \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} + \|\Delta A\| \right) \\ &= \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \left( \frac{\|\Delta\mathbf{b}\|}{\|A\| \|\mathbf{x}\|} + \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}$  and so  $\|\mathbf{b}\| \leq \|A\| \|\mathbf{x}\|$ , the result of Theorem 1.7.1 follows immediately. ■

When  $\Delta A$  is small, the quantity in parentheses on the left-hand side is nearly equal to one; so in this case Theorem 1.7.1 says that the relative change in the solution is bounded by the relative change in  $\mathbf{b}$  plus the relative change in  $A$ , all multiplied by  $c(A)$ .

As mentioned earlier, just chopping off the elements of  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  to fit them into memory causes  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  to change. In fact, the relative changes in  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  should be no more than about  $\epsilon$ , the machine relative precision. Thus Theorem 1.7.1 suggests that an upper bound on the relative error in the solution, owing to the inaccuracies in  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , should be around  $c(A)\epsilon$ .

Of course, additional errors arise when we actually do the arithmetic of Gaussian elimination. However, it has been shown [Stewart 1973, Section 3.5] that, when Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting is done, the resulting approximate solution  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is always the exact solution to another linear system  $(A + \Delta A)\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\|\Delta A\|/\|A\| \approx \epsilon$ . Thus the errors resulting from doing inexact arithmetic during Gaussian elimination can be thought of as resulting from making further changes to  $A$ , changes that are comparable with those made when we chop the coefficients off to fit them into memory. So Theorem 1.7.1 effectively gives a bound on the overall error in  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Note that  $c(A) = \|A\|\|A^{-1}\| \geq \|AA^{-1}\| = \|I\| = 1$  (in any matrix norm), so that the condition number is always greater than or equal to one. The condition number is essentially the factor by which the small errors in the coefficients are amplified when  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is solved.

Now the condition number  $c(A)$  appears to be the roundoff error predictor for which we were looking. If  $c(A) = 10^m$ , we can use Theorem 1.7.1 to predict that the relative error in our solution will be at most about  $10^m\epsilon$ ; that is, we expect to lose at most  $m$  significant decimal digits in our answer. Unfortunately, Theorem 1.7.1 provides only an upper bound, and this bound can be so pessimistic as to be very misleading. For example, let us calculate the condition numbers of the four systems 1.7.1, using the matrix infinity norm:

$$c(B) \approx 1, \quad c(C) \approx 10^{10}, \quad c(D) \approx 1, \quad c(E) \approx 4 \times 10^4.$$

We see that the condition number incorrectly points to  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  as the most poorly conditioned system. It predicts that we may lose up to ten significant decimal digits in our answer, whereas we have already mentioned that essentially no significant digits are lost in the actual computer solution of this system.

Although the condition number  $c(A)$  is not fooled (as is the determinant) when we multiply all equations by a scalar, and it is able to recognize that  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$  are equally well-conditioned, it is fooled (for reasons explored in Problem 6) when we multiply a single equation through by a scalar, and it is not able to recognize that  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  is essentially equivalent to  $D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$ , as it involves the same pair of lines. When, in the Gaussian elimination process, we add a multiple of one row to another, the scaling of the rows affects the size of the multiple used, and nothing else.

However, this does not mean that  $c(A)$  is useless as a predictor of roundoff,

for consider the 2 by 2 system

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It can be shown (Problem 7) that

$$\frac{M^2}{|\det(A)|} \leq \|A\|_\infty \|A^{-1}\|_\infty \leq \frac{4M^2}{|\det(A)|}, \quad (1.7.2)$$

where  $M$  is the largest element of  $A$ , in absolute value. It can also be shown (Problem 7) that

$$\frac{M_1 M_2}{|\det(A)|} \leq \frac{1}{|\sin(\theta)|} \leq \frac{2M_1 M_2}{|\det(A)|}, \quad (1.7.3)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle of intersection of the two lines, and  $M_i$  is the largest element in row  $i$ , in absolute value. From 1.7.2 and 1.7.3 we see that, if the rows of  $A$  are scaled so that  $M_1 \approx M_2 \approx M$ ,  $c(A)$  is approximately equal to  $1/|\sin(\theta)|$ . Since we have taken  $\theta$  as our definitive measure of the condition of a system of two equations, we conclude that  $c(A) = \|A\|_\infty \|A^{-1}\|_\infty$  is a good measure of conditioning, *provided that the rows of  $A$  are comparably scaled*. Although we have only analyzed the situation for  $N = 2$ , the above conclusion is more generally valid.

In the above discussion, we have assumed that the norm (any norm) of  $\Delta \mathbf{x}$  is a reasonable way to measure roundoff error. However, if the components of  $\mathbf{x}$  are scaled very differently—for example, if  $(x_1, x_2)$  represent the coordinates of a ship, with  $x_1$  measured in microns and  $x_2$  measured in kilometers— $\|\Delta \mathbf{x}\|$  may be an unreasonable way to measure error. For the example just given, a norm of  $(10^{-6} \Delta x_1, 10^3 \Delta x_2)$  would be a better way to measure error. In general, if the unknowns are poorly scaled, we should use  $\|D \Delta \mathbf{x}\|$  to measure roundoff, where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix of appropriately chosen weights. Then, if we write  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  in the form  $(AD^{-1})(D\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$ , we can see that  $c(AD^{-1})$  is a better estimate of the true condition of the system than is  $c(A)$ , since it predicts the error  $D \Delta \mathbf{x}$ , rather than  $\Delta \mathbf{x}$ . Since postmultiplying by  $D^{-1}$  multiplies column  $i$  of  $A$  by  $1/d_{ii}$ , we are really just rescaling the columns of  $A$ , when we calculate  $AD^{-1}$ .

In summary, the size of  $c(A)$  is a reasonable predictor of the accuracy in the solution to be expected when  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is solved, *provided that the rows of  $A$  are comparably scaled*. Fortunately, in most “real-world” applications, the rows (and columns) are already comparably scaled, since usually the unknowns represent similar quantities, and the equations are generated by similar considerations. However, if the equations (rows) are not similarly scaled, we must rescale the rows before calculating  $c(A)$  if we want to estimate the loss of accuracy in  $\mathbf{x}$  and, if we want to estimate the loss of accuracy in  $D\mathbf{x}$ , we must rescale the columns (postmultiply  $A$  by  $D^{-1}$ ) also.

Now rescaling the rows and columns of  $A$  is not important only for predicting roundoff error. Rescaling the rows is also important for the proper functioning of our algorithm itself. Consider the linear system  $D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$  exhibited in 1.7.1. The partial pivoting strategy correctly tells us not to switch rows. Switching rows would bring the  $10^{-10}$  to the pivot position with disastrous results, despite the fact that this is a very well-conditioned system and large roundoff errors are by no means inevitable. Now suppose we multiply the second equation of  $D\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$  through by  $10^{11}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 10^{-10} \\ 10 & 10^{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 10^{-10} \\ 10 + 10^{11} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.7.4)$$

Now, when Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting is applied to the linear system 1.7.4, the rows *will* be switched, since 10 is larger than 1. The result is still a disaster: The calculated solution (using single precision) is  $(0, 1)$ , whereas the exact solution is  $(1, 1)$ . The vastly different norms of the two rows fools our partial pivoting algorithm into switching rows; it does not realize that  $a_{21} = 10$  is really a very small number, while  $a_{11} = 1$  is really a large number and should be used as the pivot. So we see that scaling the rows comparably may be important not only for predicting the error but also for the proper functioning of our algorithm itself.

A popular alternative to actually rescaling the equations is “scaled partial pivoting”. In this approach, we compare  $|a_{ii}|/s_i, \dots, |a_{Ni}|/s_N$ , rather than  $|a_{ii}|, \dots, |a_{Ni}|$ , to determine which element to use as the pivot for column  $i$ , where  $s_i$  is the magnitude of the largest element in row  $i$  of the original matrix. The resulting pivoting strategy is exactly the same as results from partial pivoting applied to the matrix after each row has been rescaled to have the largest element of magnitude one. Scaled partial pivoting, or actually rescaling the equations, is only necessary, however, when the equations are grossly out of scale. Modifying DLINEQ to do scaled partial pivoting would no doubt make it more robust, but differences of several orders of magnitude in the scaling factors  $s_1, \dots, s_N$  can be tolerated by DLINEQ as written.

Let us now perform a numerical experiment. The Hilbert matrix  $H_N$ , whose elements are given by the formula

$$H_N(i, j) = \frac{1}{i + j - 1}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N,$$

is known to be very ill-conditioned, for large  $N$ . Note that  $H_N$  has reasonably well-scaled rows and columns. We solve several systems of the form  $H_N\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{b}$  is rigged so that the exact solution is  $\mathbf{x}^* = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ , for different values of  $N$ . The results using DLINEQ are displayed in Table 1.7.1.

Note that, for large  $N$ , the relative error in  $\mathbf{x}$  is large and approximately equal to  $c(H_N)\epsilon$ , as expected, where  $\epsilon \approx 10^{-16}$  since double-precision arithmetic was used on an IBM 3081. However, even when the approximate solution appears to be pure garbage ( $N = 15$ ), it still satisfies  $H_N\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  very closely—see Problem 8 for an explanation.



**Table 1.7.1**  
Hilbert Matrix Example

$N$	$c(H_N) = \ H_N\ _\infty \ H_N^{-1}\ _\infty$	$\ x - x^*\ _\infty / \ x^*\ _\infty$	$\ H_N x - b\ _\infty$
3	$7.5 \times 10^2$	$0.1 \times 10^{-13}$	$0.3 \times 10^{-15}$
6	$2.9 \times 10^7$	$0.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.4 \times 10^{-15}$
9	$1.1 \times 10^{12}$	$0.3 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.6 \times 10^{-15}$
12	$4.2 \times 10^{16}$	$0.4 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.6 \times 10^{-15}$
15	$3.3 \times 10^{20}$	223	$0.2 \times 10^{-14}$

At this point we may well ask, if we have to calculate  $A^{-1}$  in order to compute the condition number, of what practical use is  $c(A)$ ? The answer is that it is possible, if we are clever, to estimate  $\|A^{-1}\|$  without actually calculating  $A^{-1}$  [Hagar 1988, Section 3.4]. The usual approach is to solve several systems  $Ax_i = b_i$ , where the right-hand sides are chosen cleverly (or even randomly), and to estimate the norm of  $A^{-1}$  by

$$\|A^{-1}\| \approx \max_i \left( \frac{\|A^{-1}b_i\|}{\|b_i\|} \right) = \max_i \left( \frac{\|x_i\|}{\|b_i\|} \right).$$

As discussed in Section 1.4, the systems  $Ax_i = b_i$  can be solved inexpensively once an  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$  is available.

Some sophisticated codes [Forsythe et al. 1977, Dongarra et al. 1979] for solving  $Ax = b$  return an estimate of  $c(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$  along with the solution, so that the user has some idea of the accuracy of the returned solution.

## 1.8 Iterative Methods

If direct methods for linear systems, which find the exact answer (to within roundoff error) in a finite number of steps, are available to us, why would anyone bother to develop iterative methods? The answer is that iterative methods are attractive only for the linear systems that arise in certain types of applications. We cannot do better than Gaussian elimination if our linear system has an arbitrary full coefficient matrix, but the huge sparse systems that arise in certain applications often can be solved more efficiently by iterative methods. The iterative methods that we shall discuss were designed primarily to solve the systems that arise when partial differential equations are solved by finite difference or finite element methods, but they are useful in some other applications also.

The iterative methods that we shall introduce here are all based on the following idea. We split  $A$  into two parts,  $B$  and  $A - B$ , and write  $Ax = b$  in the form

$$Bx + (A - B)x = b$$

or

$$B\mathbf{x} = (B - A)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}. \quad (1.8.1)$$

Now we define an iterative method based on this formula:

$$B\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = (B - A)\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{b}. \quad (1.8.2)$$

First, it is clear that we must choose  $B$  so that we can easily solve 1.8.2; otherwise each iteration may require as much work as solving the original system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Now, when we compare 1.8.1 and 1.8.2, we see that, if  $\mathbf{x}_n$  converges to a vector  $\mathbf{x}_\infty$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_\infty$  will satisfy 1.8.1, and thus will be a solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

To determine when this iteration will converge, we subtract 1.8.1 from 1.8.2 and get

$$B\mathbf{e}_{n+1} = (B - A)\mathbf{e}_n,$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_n \equiv \mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{x}$  is the error after  $n$  iterations. Then

$$\mathbf{e}_{n+1} = (I - B^{-1}A)\mathbf{e}_n = (I - B^{-1}A)^{n+1}\mathbf{e}_0. \quad (1.8.3)$$

The question of convergence reduces to whether or not the powers of the matrix  $I - B^{-1}A$  converge to zero. To answer this question we need the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.8.1.**  $H^n$  converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , if and only if all eigenvalues of  $H$  are less than one in absolute value.

**Proof:** The proof is almost trivial if  $H$  is diagonalizable, but not every matrix is similar to a diagonal matrix. However, for any matrix  $H$  there exists a matrix  $J$  of Jordan canonical form such that  $H = SJS^{-1}$  and  $J$  has the nearly diagonal form [Wilkinson 1965]

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & & \\ & J_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & J_m \end{bmatrix},$$

where each  $J_i$  is an  $\alpha_i$  by  $\alpha_i$  square block of the form

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_i & 1 \\ & & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}.$$

The diagonal elements  $\lambda_i$  of  $J_i$  are eigenvalues of the upper triangular matrix  $J$ , and thus also of  $H$ . Now  $H^n = (SJS^{-1})(SJS^{-1}) \dots (SJS^{-1}) = SJ^nS^{-1}$ ;

so (since  $J^n = S^{-1}H^nS$  also)  $H^n \rightarrow 0$  if and only if  $J^n \rightarrow 0$ . Now (see Theorem 0.1.4)

$$J^n = \begin{bmatrix} J_1^n & & & \\ & J_2^n & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & J_m^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let us look at an individual block  $J_i^n$ . If  $J_i$  is 2 by 2,  $J_i^n$  has the form (Problem 13)

$$J_i^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^n & n\lambda_i^{n-1} \\ 0 & \lambda_i^n \end{bmatrix},$$

and if  $J_i$  is 3 by 3,  $J_i^n$  has the form

$$J_i^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^n & n\lambda_i^{n-1} & \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)\lambda_i^{n-2} \\ 0 & \lambda_i^n & n\lambda_i^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

In general, we see that, if  $J_i$  is  $\alpha_i$  by  $\alpha_i$ , the components of  $J_i^n$  will all be polynomials in  $n$  of order less than  $\alpha_i$ , times  $\lambda_i^n$ . Now clearly, if  $|\lambda_i| \geq 1$ , the nonzero elements of  $J_i^n$  do not converge to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and it is well known (and easy to prove) that, if  $|\lambda_i| < 1$ ,  $\lambda_i^n$  times any polynomial in  $n$  goes to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, in summary, if all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $H$  are less than one in absolute value, each  $J_i^n$ , and thus  $J^n$ , converges to the zero matrix while, if any eigenvalue is greater than or equal to one in absolute value,  $J^n$  does not converge to the zero matrix. ■

Now we can give a convergence theorem.

**Theorem 1.8.2.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are both nonsingular, and the initial guess  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is not exactly equal to the solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , and if  $B\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = (B - A)\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{b}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_n$  converges to  $\mathbf{x}$  if and only if all eigenvalues of  $I - B^{-1}A$  are less than one in absolute value.*

**Proof:** The result follows immediately by applying Theorem 1.8.1 to equation 1.8.3, with  $H \equiv I - B^{-1}A$ . ■

Note that neither the right-hand side vector  $\mathbf{b}$  nor the initial guess  $\mathbf{x}_0$  has any influence on whether or not the iteration converges, although choosing  $\mathbf{x}_0$  close to the true solution will clearly cause convergence to occur earlier, if the iteration does converge.

How then should we choose  $B$ ? As mentioned earlier, we must choose  $B$  so that  $B\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = (B - A)\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{b}$  is easily solved for  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}$ ; otherwise the iteration is not of much use. However, from the proof of Theorem 1.8.1 it is obvious that the smaller the maximum eigenvalue of  $I - B^{-1}A = B^{-1}(B - A)$ , the

faster the iteration will converge; so we also want to choose  $B$  as close to  $A$  (in some sense) as we can, so that the eigenvalues of  $B^{-1}(B - A)$  are as small as possible, and certainly less than one in absolute value.

One obvious choice for  $B$  is  $D$ , the diagonal matrix that is equal to  $A$  on the diagonal; it is easy to solve a linear system with a diagonal coefficient matrix. This choice defines the Jacobi iteration

$$D\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = (D - A)\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{b}$$

or

$$(x_i)_{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij}(x_j)_n \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, N. \tag{1.8.4}$$

Intuitively, we expect that the Jacobi method will converge if  $A$  is in some sense well approximated by its diagonal portion, and this is confirmed by the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.8.3.** *If  $A$  is diagonal-dominant, that is, if for each  $i$*

$$|a_{ii}| > \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|,$$

*then the Jacobi iteration 1.8.4 will converge.*

**Proof:** The matrix  $I - B^{-1}A = I - D^{-1}A$  has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a_{12}/a_{11} & -a_{13}/a_{11} & \dots & -a_{1N}/a_{11} \\ -a_{21}/a_{22} & 0 & -a_{23}/a_{22} & \dots & -a_{2N}/a_{22} \\ -a_{31}/a_{33} & -a_{32}/a_{33} & 0 & \dots & -a_{3N}/a_{33} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -a_{N1}/a_{NN} & -a_{N2}/a_{NN} & -a_{N3}/a_{NN} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $A$  is diagonal-dominant, the sum of the absolute values of the elements of any row of the above matrix is less than one; hence the infinity norm of  $I - D^{-1}A$  is less than one. Now we shall show that, for any matrix  $H$ , all eigenvalues are less (in absolute value) than any matrix norm  $\|H\|$ . If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $H$ , with eigenvector  $\mathbf{z}$ , then

$$|\lambda|\|\mathbf{z}\| = \|H\mathbf{z}\| \leq \|H\|\|\mathbf{z}\|.$$

Since an eigenvector cannot be zero, we see that  $|\lambda| \leq \|H\|$ , and so any matrix norm of  $H$  is an upper bound on the absolute values of the eigenvalues of  $H$ . We have found a matrix norm of  $I - D^{-1}A$  which is less than one, and therefore all eigenvalues of  $I - D^{-1}A$  must be less than one, and the Jacobi method converges, by Theorem 1.8.2. ■

Note that this theorem does not say that the Jacobi method will converge *only* if  $A$  is diagonal-dominant. In fact, the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is not diagonal-dominant, and yet

$$I - D^{-1}A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ ; so the Jacobi method will converge (in only two iterations!) when applied to a system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Intuitively, however, for the Jacobi method to converge, the diagonal elements must be large in *some* sense; indeed we cannot even solve for  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}$  if any of the diagonal elements  $a_{ii}$  are zero.

Another reasonable choice for  $B$  is  $B = L + D$ , where  $L$  is defined to be the matrix that is equal to  $A$  below the diagonal and equal to 0 on and above the diagonal, and  $D$  is the diagonal matrix that has the same diagonal elements as  $A$ . Since  $B$  is lower triangular, it is easy to solve for  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1}$  each iteration, and  $L + D$  would seem to be a better approximation to  $A$  than  $D$  alone. This choice for  $B$  gives the Gauss-Seidel iteration. If we further define  $U$  to be the matrix that is equal to  $A$  above the diagonal and equal to 0 on and below the diagonal,  $A = L + D + U$ , and the Gauss-Seidel iteration can be written in matrix-vector form as

$$(L + D)\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = -U\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{b}$$

or

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = D^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - L\mathbf{x}_{n+1} - U\mathbf{x}_n),$$

or in component form as

$$(x_i)_{n+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j < i} a_{ij}(x_j)_{n+1} - \sum_{j > i} a_{ij}(x_j)_n \right). \quad (1.8.5)$$

Although 1.8.5 appears to be implicit, note that, if we calculate new unknowns in the natural order  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , then, by the time that we calculate a new value for  $x_i$ , new values for  $x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}$  are already available, so that everything on the right-hand side is known. In fact, the only difference between iterations 1.8.4 and 1.8.5 is that the Jacobi method insists that all variables on the right-hand side be from the previous iteration vector  $\mathbf{x}_n$ , while the Gauss-Seidel method uses the latest available values for the variables on the right-hand side.

The Gauss-Seidel iteration is also guaranteed to converge when  $A$  is diagonal-dominant (see Problem 15).

A third popular iterative method, called successive overrelaxation (SOR) [Young 1971], is defined by the choice  $B = L + D/\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a parameter whose value will be discussed shortly. The SOR iteration can be written in matrix-vector form as

$$\left(L + \frac{D}{\omega}\right) \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \left(\frac{D}{\omega} - D - U\right) \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{b}$$

or

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \omega D^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - L\mathbf{x}_{n+1} - U\mathbf{x}_n) + (1 - \omega)\mathbf{x}_n,$$

or in component form as

$$(\mathbf{x}_i)_{n+1} = \frac{\omega}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j<i} a_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_j)_{n+1} - \sum_{j>i} a_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_j)_n \right) + (1 - \omega)(\mathbf{x}_i)_n. \quad (1.8.6)$$

Note that the SOR formula assigns a value to the new  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , which is a weighted average of the old value of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and the new value assigned by the Gauss–Seidel formula. When  $\omega = 1$ , SOR reduces to the Gauss–Seidel method.

We shall now show that, if  $A$  is positive-definite and  $0 < \omega < 2$ , the SOR method (and thus also the Gauss–Seidel method) will converge to the solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

**Theorem 1.8.4.** *If  $A$  is positive-definite and  $0 < \omega < 2$ , the eigenvalues of  $I - B^{-1}A$  are all less than one in absolute value, when  $B = L + D/\omega$ . Therefore, the SOR iteration 1.8.6 will converge.*

**Proof:** Suppose

$$(I - B^{-1}A)\mathbf{z} = \lambda\mathbf{z}.$$

Since  $I - B^{-1}A$  is not necessarily symmetric (even though  $A$  is), we have to assume that the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and eigenvector  $\mathbf{z}$  may be complex. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (B - A)\mathbf{z} &= \lambda B\mathbf{z}, \\ (D - \omega D - \omega U)\mathbf{z} &= \lambda(D + \omega L)\mathbf{z}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A$  is symmetric,  $U = L^T$ . Now we premultiply both sides by  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T$ :

$$(1 - \omega)\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T D\mathbf{z} - \omega\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T L^T \mathbf{z} = \lambda\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T D\mathbf{z} + \lambda\omega\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T L\mathbf{z}. \quad (1.8.7)$$

If we define  $d \equiv \bar{\mathbf{z}}^T D\mathbf{z}$  and  $l \equiv \bar{\mathbf{z}}^T L\mathbf{z}$ , we have

$$\bar{l} = \mathbf{z}^T L\bar{\mathbf{z}} = (\mathbf{z}^T L\bar{\mathbf{z}})^T = \bar{\mathbf{z}}^T L^T \mathbf{z}.$$

Then 1.8.7 can be written

$$(1 - \omega)d - \omega\bar{l} = \lambda d + \lambda\omega l. \quad (1.8.8)$$

Since  $A = L + D + L^T$ , we also have

$$\bar{z}^T A z = \bar{z}^T L z + \bar{z}^T D z + \bar{z}^T L^T z.$$

If we further define  $a \equiv \bar{z}^T A z$ , we can write this as

$$a = l + d + \bar{l}. \quad (1.8.9)$$

Since  $A$  is positive-definite, both  $a$  and  $d$  must be real and positive (see Problem 9);  $l$  may be complex, however. Now replace  $\bar{l}$  in 1.8.8 by  $\bar{l} = a - l - d$ , then solve 1.8.8 for  $l$ , giving  $l = -d/\omega + a/(1 - \lambda)$ . Finally, replacing  $l$  and its conjugate by this formula in 1.8.9 gives

$$1 - |\lambda|^2 = \frac{d(2 - \omega)|1 - \lambda|^2}{a\omega}.$$

Since  $a, d, 2 - \omega$ , and  $\omega$  are positive, the right-hand side is positive, unless  $\lambda$  is exactly equal to 1. However, if  $\lambda$  were equal to 1, then we would have  $(I - B^{-1}A)z = z$ , or  $Az = 0$ , which is impossible for nonzero  $z$ , since  $A$  is positive-definite and therefore nonsingular. Thus the left-hand side must be positive, and so  $|\lambda|^2 < 1$ , for an arbitrary eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $I - B^{-1}A$ . ■

Since these three iterative methods were originally designed to solve the types of linear systems that arise when partial differential equations are solved, and they are not very useful for solving arbitrary full systems, to appreciate them fully we must study them in their native habitat. So let us consider the partial differential equation

$$-U_{xx} - U_{yy} - U_{zz} = 1 \quad \text{in } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

with

$$U = 0 \quad \text{on the boundary.}$$

We can approximate the differential equation and boundary conditions using finite differences as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{U_{i+1,j,k} - 2U_{i,j,k} + U_{i-1,j,k}}{h^2} - \frac{U_{i,j+1,k} - 2U_{i,j,k} + U_{i,j-1,k}}{h^2} \\ & - \frac{U_{i,j,k+1} - 2U_{i,j,k} + U_{i,j,k-1}}{h^2} = 1, \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, \dots, M-1, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & 6U_{i,j,k} - U_{i+1,j,k} - U_{i-1,j,k} - U_{i,j+1,k} - U_{i,j-1,k} - U_{i,j,k+1} \\ & - U_{i,j,k-1} = h^2, \quad \text{for } i, j, k = 1, \dots, M-1, \end{aligned} \quad (1.8.10a)$$

with

$$U_{i,j,k} = 0 \quad (1.8.10b)$$

when

$$i = 0, \quad i = M, \quad j = 0, \quad j = M, \quad k = 0, \quad k = M,$$

where  $h = 1/M$  and  $U_{i,j,k}$  approximates  $U(i/M, j/M, k/M)$ .

Now 1.8.10 represents a system of  $N = (M - 1)^3$  linear equations for the  $(M - 1)^3$  unknowns  $U_{i,j,k}$ ,  $i, j, k = 1, \dots, M - 1$ . The coefficient matrix has the following form: In the row corresponding to equation  $(i, j, k)$  (which row this is depends on the ordering that we assign to the equations) there will be a 6 in the diagonal position (corresponding to unknown  $(i, j, k)$ ) and at most six -1's scattered about. Most rows will have exactly six -1's but those adjacent to the boundary will have fewer than six, since  $U_{i,j,k}$  can be replaced by 0 when  $i, j$ , or  $k$  is equal to 0 or  $M$ . Thus our coefficient matrix is almost, but not quite, diagonal-dominant. It can be shown that the matrix is positive-definite, however (see Problem 10); so, by Theorem 1.8.4, both Gauss-Seidel and SOR (with  $0 < \omega < 2$ ) are guaranteed to converge.

Now explicitly forming this coefficient matrix is somewhat involved, and we first would have to decide on how to order the  $(M - 1)^3$  equations and unknowns. Fortunately, our three iterative methods can be programmed to solve this problem without ever even forming the matrix. For the Jacobi method 1.8.4, all we do is solve the  $i$ th equation for the  $i$ th unknown, then input old values on the right-hand side and calculate new values on the left-hand side. In our case we should say, solve the  $(i, j, k)$ th equation for the  $(i, j, k)$ th unknown, since we never explicitly decided on an ordering for the equations and unknowns, nor do we need to do this. The Jacobi method applied to the system 1.8.10 is then

$$U_{i,j,k}^{n+1} = \frac{h^2}{6} + \frac{U_{i+1,j,k}^n + U_{i-1,j,k}^n + U_{i,j+1,k}^n + U_{i,j-1,k}^n + U_{i,j,k+1}^n + U_{i,j,k-1}^n}{6}.$$

Now some of the "unknowns" on the right-hand side are really known boundary values. When  $i = 1$ , for example,  $U_{i-1,j,k}$  is known to be zero. This causes us no confusion when we program the method, however, if we store all values of  $U_{i,j,k}$ —unknowns and knowns—together in one  $M + 1$  by  $M + 1$  by  $M + 1$  array. Figure 1.8.1 shows a FORTRAN program that solves the system 1.8.10 using the Jacobi iteration, with an initial guess of  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ . The iteration halts when the relative residual  $\|A\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{b}\|_\infty / \|\mathbf{b}\|_\infty$  ( $\|\mathbf{b}\|_\infty = h^2$  for the system 1.8.10) is less than  $10^{-10}$ . Note that we only check for convergence every ten iterations; calculating the residual every iteration would slow the program down appreciably.

To use the Gauss-Seidel iteration 1.8.5 we also solve the  $i$ th equation ( $(i, j, k)$ th equation, in our case) for the  $i$ th ( $(i, j, k)$ th) unknown, and iterate with this formula. However, while the Jacobi method requires that we use all old ( $n$ th iteration) values on the right-hand side, the Gauss-Seidel formula uses the latest available values for each unknown on the right-hand side. This is even easier to program than the Jacobi method, as now we only need one



array to hold  $U$ . Figure 1.8.2 gives a FORTRAN program that solves the linear system 1.8.10 using the Gauss-Seidel method.

This program is exceptionally simple; if we use only one array to store  $U$ , the latest available value of each unknown on the right-hand side will automatically be used, since the latest value is the only one that has been saved. We do not even have to think about which of the unknowns on the right-hand side are new and which are old.

Finally, the SOR iteration 1.8.6 can be programmed by making a trivial modification to Figure 1.8.2. We simply replace statement 10 by

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10    U(I,J,K) = W*GAUSS + (1-W)*U(I,J,K)
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where  $W$  represents the parameter  $\omega$ .

Table 1.8.1 shows the number of iterations which were required by the Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, and SOR methods to solve 1.8.10. Several values of  $\omega$  were tried for the SOR method. The same convergence criterion (relative residual less than  $10^{-10}$ ) was used in each test.

The results are typical for this type of problem. The Gauss-Seidel method converged about twice as fast as the Jacobi method, and the SOR method did even better, for  $\omega > 1$ . Typically the best value of  $\omega$  for the SOR method is between 1 and 2.

**Table 1.8.1**  
Performance of Jacobi, Gauss-Seidel, and SOR Iterative Methods

Method	Number of Iterations	
	$M = 10$ (729 unknowns)	$M = 20$ (6859 unknowns)
Jacobi	480	1920
SOR ( $\omega = 1.0$ ) ( $\equiv$ Gauss-Seidel)	240	960
SOR ( $\omega = 1.1$ )	200	790
SOR ( $\omega = 1.2$ )	160	640
SOR ( $\omega = 1.3$ )	130	520
SOR ( $\omega = 1.4$ )	100	410
SOR ( $\omega = 1.5$ )	70	310
SOR ( $\omega = 1.6$ )	60*	220
SOR ( $\omega = 1.7$ )	80	140
SOR ( $\omega = 1.8$ )	130	130*
SOR ( $\omega = 1.9$ )	250	260

\*, Optimum value

If the system 1.8.10 is solved using Gaussian elimination, the amount of work is  $O(N^3)$ , where  $N = (M-1)^3$  is the number of unknowns. If this system is put into band form and a band solver is used, the amount of work will be



```

IF (MOD(ITER,10).NE.0) GO TO 25
RMAX = 0.0
DO 20 I=1,M-1
DO 20 J=1,M-1
DO 20 K=1,M-1
RESID = 6*UOLD(I,J,K) - UOLD(I+1,J,K) - UOLD(I-1,J,K)
& - UOLD(I,J+1,K) - UOLD(I,J-1,K)
& - UOLD(I,J,K+1) - UOLD(I,J,K-1) - H**2
RMAX = MAX(RMAX,ABS(RESID))
20 CONTINUE
RMAX = RMAX/H**2
PRINT *, ITER, RMAX
IF (RMAX.LE.1.D-10) STOP
25 CONTINUE
STOP
END

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Figure 1.8.1

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C GAUSS-SEIDEL METHOD
PARAMETER (M=10)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
DOUBLE PRECISION U(0:M,0:M,0:M)
H = 1.DO/M
C SET BOUNDARY KNOWN TO ZERO PERMANENTLY
C AND INTERIOR UNKNOWN TO ZERO TEMPORARILY
DO 5 I=0,M
DO 5 J=0,M
DO 5 K=0,M
5 U(I,J,K) = 0.0
C BEGIN GAUSS-SEIDEL ITERATION
DO 20 ITER = 1,10000
C UPDATE UNKNOWN ONLY
DO 10 I=1,M-1
DO 10 J=1,M-1
DO 10 K=1,M-1
GAUSS = H**2/6.0 + ( U(I+1,J,K) + U(I-1,J,K)
& + U(I,J+1,K) + U(I,J-1,K)
& + U(I,J,K+1) + U(I,J,K-1))/6.0
10 U(I,J,K) = GAUSS
C EVERY 10 ITERATIONS CALCULATE MAXIMUM
C RESIDUAL AND CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE
IF (MOD(ITER,10).NE.0) GO TO 20
RMAX = 0.0
DO 15 I=1,M-1
DO 15 J=1,M-1
DO 15 K=1,M-1
RESID = 6*U(I,J,K) - U(I+1,J,K) - U(I-1,J,K)

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&                - U(I,J+1,K) - U(I,J-1,K)
&                - U(I,J,K+1) - U(I,J,K-1) - H**2
      RMAX = MAX(RMAX,ABS(RESID))
15  CONTINUE
      RMAX = RMAX/H**2
      PRINT *, ITER, RMAX
      IF (RMAX.LE.1.D-10) STOP
20  CONTINUE
      STOP
      END

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Figure 1.8.2

## 1.9 Problems

1. The Gaussian elimination algorithm could be modified so that each pivot  $a_{ii}$  is used to eliminate the elements below *and* above it, in column  $i$  (Gauss-Jordan). Then at the end of the forward-elimination phase we have reduced  $A$  to diagonal rather than triangular form. Calculate the approximate number of multiplications that this algorithm requires to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and compare with the  $\frac{1}{3}N^3$  used by DLINEQ (Figure 1.2.1).
2. Write a routine to calculate the inverse of an arbitrary  $N$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$ . Use the fact that the  $k$ th column of  $A^{-1}$  is the solution to  $A\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{e}_k$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_k$  is the  $k$ th column of the identity matrix. Call DLINEQ to solve  $A\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1$ , and DRESLV (Figure 1.3.1) to solve  $A\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{e}_k$  for  $k = 2, \dots, N$ . By carefully examining subroutines DLINEQ and DRESLV, determine the (approximate) total number of multiplications used to calculate  $A^{-1}$  in this manner, and compare this with the number  $\frac{1}{3}N^3$  required to calculate the  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$ . Test your routine by solving the system below in the form  $\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  (exact solution is  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 16 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 16 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 16 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 31 \\ 31 \\ 27 \\ 23 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Verify (for the case  $N = 3$ ) that  $L = M_{12}^{-1} \dots M_{N-1,N}^{-1}$  has the form shown in 1.4.8, where the matrices  $M_{ij}$  are as shown in 1.4.1. Show by an example, however, that  $L^{-1} = M_{N-1,N} \dots M_{12}$  does *not* have the

(perhaps expected) form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ -l_{21} & 1 & & & & \\ -l_{31} & -l_{32} & 1 & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \\ -l_{N1} & -l_{N2} & -l_{N3} & \dots & 1 & \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. a. Show that, if Gaussian elimination is done on a symmetric matrix without pivoting, after the first  $m$  columns have been zeroed, the  $N - m$  by  $N - m$  submatrix in the lower right-hand corner is still symmetric. (Hint: When a multiple  $-a_{j1}/a_{11}$  of row 1 is added to row  $j$ , to zero  $a_{j1}$ , element  $a_{jk}$  is replaced by  $a_{jk} - (a_{j1}/a_{11})a_{1k}$ . Show that the new  $a_{jk}$  and the new  $a_{kj}$  are equal, and use induction to extend the argument.)
  - b. Show that, if  $A$  is symmetric, the  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$  computed with no pivoting has  $U = DL^T$ , where  $D$  is the diagonal part of  $U$ , and so  $A = LDL^T$ . (Hint: When  $a_{ji}(j > i)$  is eliminated, the negative of the multiplier used to zero it is saved as  $l_{ji} = a_{ji}/a_{ii}$ , where the elements of  $A$  mentioned here represent the values immediately before  $a_{ji}$  is zeroed and not the original values. By Problem 4a,  $a_{ji} = a_{ij}$ ; so  $l_{ji} = a_{ij}/a_{ii} = u_{ij}/u_{ii}$ .)
5. Modify subroutine DLINEQ so that it solves a symmetric system without pivoting, taking full advantage of symmetry. According to Problem 4a, the subdiagonal element  $a_{ji}(j > i)$  will remain equal to the superdiagonal element  $a_{ij}$  until it is eliminated; so DLINEQ does not need ever to modify or access the subdiagonal elements. The total work can be cut in half if only the superdiagonal elements are manipulated. Test your program on the system of Problem 2. The coefficient matrix is positive-definite, so it is appropriate to solve this system without pivoting.
6. As mentioned in the text, the condition number of  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  (see 1.7.1) is very large (about  $10^{10}$ ) even though this system represents the intersection of two nearly perpendicular lines, and Gaussian elimination produces very little roundoff error when  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  is solved. However, show by an example that  $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\|/\|\mathbf{x}\|$  can indeed be very large when  $\|\Delta\mathbf{c}\|/\|\mathbf{c}\|$  is very small, so that Theorem 1.7.1 is not misleading, in this respect. What is misleading is our measure  $\|\Delta\mathbf{c}\|/\|\mathbf{c}\|$  of the relative error in  $\mathbf{c}$ . You may be able to make  $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}\|/\|\mathbf{x}\|$  large without making  $\|\Delta\mathbf{c}\|/\|\mathbf{c}\|$  large, but not without making a large relative change in some of the components of  $\mathbf{c}$ .

7. Verify 1.7.2 and 1.7.3 for an arbitrary 2 by 2 matrix  $A$ . (Hint: For the second formula, start with the cross-product formula

$$\|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_2 \|\mathbf{v}\|_2 |\sin(\theta)|,$$

where  $\mathbf{u} = (a_{11}, a_{12}, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (a_{21}, a_{22}, 0)$ .)

8. As mentioned in Section 1.7, it has been shown that, when  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is solved using Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting, the resulting approximate solution  $\mathbf{x}_1$  satisfies  $(A + \Delta A)\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{b}$  exactly, for some small matrix  $\Delta A$  whose norm is of the same order of magnitude as  $\epsilon\|A\|$  ( $\epsilon$  is the machine relative precision). Use this information to show that, if the elements of  $A, \mathbf{b}$ , and the exact solution  $\mathbf{x}$  are all of moderate size (norms are  $O(1)$ ), the relative residual

$$\frac{\|A\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{b}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$$

will be small, even if  $A$  is very ill-conditioned and  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is a very poor approximation to  $\mathbf{x}$ . For the case  $N = 2$ , give a geometric explanation for why the residual may be very small even though the computed solution is far from the true solution.

9. Verify the assertions made in the proof of Theorem 1.8.4 that, if  $A$  is a positive-definite matrix and  $D$  is its diagonal part, then  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T A \mathbf{z}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}^T D \mathbf{z}$  are real and positive, for any nonzero (possibly complex)  $\mathbf{z}$ . (Hint: Show that  $D$  has positive elements, and use the fact that  $A = S^T E S$ , where  $E$  is a diagonal matrix containing the positive eigenvalues of  $A$ .)
10. Show that the coefficient matrix of the linear system 1.8.10 is positive-definite. (Hint: Given that the eigenvectors are

$$U_{i,j,k} = \sin\left(\frac{l\pi i}{M}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi j}{M}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi k}{M}\right), \quad l, m, n = 1, \dots, M-1,$$

find all the eigenvalues, and show that they are positive. You will need to use the trigonometric identity

$$\sin(a+b) = \sin(a)\cos(b) + \cos(a)\sin(b).$$

11. For the Jacobi method, applied to the linear system 1.8.10,  $B = D = 6I$ . If the eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix  $A$  are  $\lambda_{l,m,n}$ , what are the eigenvalues of  $I - B^{-1}A = I - A/6$ ? Using the eigenvalues of  $A$  as calculated in Problem 10, show that the largest eigenvalue, in absolute value, of  $I - B^{-1}A$  is  $1 - O(1/M^2)$ . Since the factor by which the error decreases each iteration is the absolute value of the largest eigenvalue of  $I - B^{-1}A$ , show that the number of iterations required to reduce the error by a factor of  $\epsilon$  is  $O(M^2)$ .

12. Consider the 1D boundary value problem  $-U_{xx} + U = 2\sin(x)$  with boundary conditions  $U(0) = U(2\pi) = 0$ . This differential equation can be approximated using the finite difference equation:

$$\frac{-U_{i+1} + 2U_i - U_{i-1}}{h^2} + U_i = 2\sin(x_i)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N-1$ , where  $x_i = ih$ ,  $h = 2\pi/N$ , and  $U_i$  is an approximation to  $U(x_i)$ . The boundary conditions imply  $U_0 = U_N = 0$ .

- a. The resulting linear system is tridiagonal, so it could be solved using DBAND, with  $NLD = NUD = 1$ , but write your own tridiagonal linear system solver to solve it. Your routine should hold the three diagonals in three vectors, where  $a(i) = A_{i,i-1}$ ,  $b(i) = A_{i,i}$ ,  $c(i) = A_{i,i+1}$ . You may assume no pivoting is necessary; in fact, this  $N-1$  by  $N-1$  system does not require pivoting. The forward elimination and backward substitution may have 10 or fewer lines of code! If  $N$  is large, your solution should be close to the true solution of the differential equation  $U_i = \sin(x_i)$ .
- b. Now change the boundary conditions to “periodic” boundary conditions,  $U(0) = U(2\pi)$ ,  $U_x(0) = U_x(2\pi)$ . These conditions can be approximated by  $U_0 = U_N$  and  $(U_{N+1} - U_N)/h = (U_1 - U_0)/h$ , or  $U_{N+1} = U_1$ . Thus, in the finite difference equation corresponding to  $i = 1$ ,  $U_0$  can be replaced by  $U_N$ , and in the equation corresponding to  $i = N$ ,  $U_{N+1}$  can be replaced by  $U_1$ , and we then have  $N$  equations for the  $N$  unknowns  $U_1, \dots, U_N$ . Now the system is almost still tridiagonal, except that  $A_{1,N}$  and  $A_{N,1}$  are also nonzero, so the bandwidth is the maximum possible. Nevertheless, modify your program from part (a) to solve this linear system without pivoting, using  $O(N)$  work and  $O(N)$  storage. (Hint: The only fill-in is in the last column and last row.) The differential equation solution is still  $U(x) = \sin(x)$ .
- c. Show that the matrix  $A$  in part (b) is diagonal-dominant; thus the Jacobi and Gauss–Seidel iterative methods will converge when applied to these equations ( $A$  is also positive-definite, so SOR converges as well). Write a program to solve the linear system of part (b) using Gauss–Seidel. How does the computer time for this method compare with the direct solver?

This example shows that direct (Gauss elimination-based) solvers can sometimes be used to efficiently solve linear systems that are sparse but not banded.

13. Prove the formulas given for  $J_i^n$  in Section 1.8, for the 2 by 2 and 3 by 3 cases, by writing  $J_i^n = (\lambda_i I + N)^n$ , where  $N$  is the nilpotent matrix with ones on the first superdiagonal and zeros elsewhere.

14. a. Using hand calculations, without pivoting, find the  $LU$  decomposition of

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- b. Notice that the diagonal element was already the largest potential pivot (in absolute value) in each case, so you actually used partial pivoting in part (a). Now suppose the original matrix had been

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a permutation matrix  $P$  such that  $PA = B (= LU)$ . Thus if you had started with  $A$  and done partial pivoting, you would have ended up computing the  $LU$  decomposition of  $PA$ . Note that  $A = P^{-1}LU$ , where  $P^{-1}$  is also a permutation matrix. What is  $P^{-1}$  for this example?

- c. Now use the  $LU$  decomposition of  $PA$  to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{b} = (5, 1, 20)$ ; that is, first find  $P\mathbf{b}$ , then solve  $L\mathbf{y} = P\mathbf{b}$  using forward substitution, then solve  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  using back substitution.
15. Prove that the Gauss–Seidel iteration 1.8.5 converges when  $A$  is diagonal-dominant. (Hint: Show that

$$|(e_i)_{n+1}| \leq r_i \|e_{n+1}\|_\infty + s_i \|e_n\|_\infty,$$

where  $r_i = \sum_{j < i} |a_{ij}|/|a_{ii}|$  and  $s_i = \sum_{j > i} |a_{ij}|/|a_{ii}|$ . Then let  $i$  be the index that maximizes  $|(e_i)_{n+1}|$ .)

16. Nick Trefethen of Oxford University published a “100-dollar, 100-digit Challenge” set of problems in the *SIAM News* [Trefethen 2002], which consisted of ten numerical analysis problems. The answer to each was a single real number; the challenge was to compute it to ten significant digits. One of the problems was as follows: “Let  $A$  be the  $20,000 \times 20,000$  matrix whose entries are zero everywhere except for the primes 2, 3, 5, 7, ..., 224737 along the main diagonal and the number 1 in all the positions  $a_{ij}$  with  $|i - j| = 1, 2, 4, 8, \dots, 16384$ . What is the (1,1) entry of  $A^{-1}$ ?”

Since there are only about 15 nonzeros in each row, this is a very sparse matrix, so we don’t want to actually calculate the full matrix  $A^{-1}$ , we want to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  for a certain  $\mathbf{b}$  (what  $\mathbf{b}$ ?). Since  $A$  is not a band



matrix, we shouldn't use a band solver. The matrix is not diagonal-dominant, but it is heavy along the diagonal, so an iterative method (or sparse direct method) seems indicated. Try solving this system using the Gauss-Seidel iterative method.

## 2

# Linear Least Squares Problems

## 2.1 Introduction

The program DLINEQ in Figure 1.2.1 will only allow us to solve linear systems  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where  $A$  is square (and then only if  $A$  is nonsingular), and probably most applications have the same number of equations as unknowns; however, sometimes there are more equations than unknowns ( $A$  has more rows than columns), in which case there usually is no solution, and sometimes there are more unknowns than equations ( $A$  has more columns than rows), in which case there are usually many solutions. Even if we have the same number of equations as unknowns,  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  may have many solutions or none. If there are many solutions, we may be satisfied to find any one of them and, if there are no solutions, we may be happy to find a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  which *nearly* solves the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , in some sense. A standard linear system solver such as DLINEQ will be of no help in either case.

In this chapter we want to develop algorithms for solving the linear least squares problem

$$\text{minimize } \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2 \tag{2.1.1}$$

Our algorithms will always return a solution, one of the (possibly many) vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  which solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with as little residual as possible, measured in the  $L_2$ -norm. (Algorithms for minimizing the residual in the  $L_\infty$ - and  $L_1$ -norms are described in Problems 3 and 4 of Chapter 4.)

As an example application, consider the problem of fitting a polynomial  $p(x) = a_1 + a_2x + a_3x^2 + \dots + a_Nx^{N-1}$  of degree  $N - 1$  through  $M$  data points  $(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, M$ . The coefficients  $a_1, \dots, a_N$  must satisfy the  $M$  linear

equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{N-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_M & x_M^2 & \dots & x_M^{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_M \end{bmatrix}.$$

If there are the same number of polynomial coefficients ( $N$ ) as data points ( $M$ ), this is a square system, and it can be shown that (provided that the  $x_i$  are all distinct) the matrix is nonsingular and so DLINEQ can be used to solve it, although DLINEQ may experience numerical difficulties, since the linear system is ill-conditioned. However, often we may want to pass a low-order polynomial through many data points ( $M \gg N$ ). This is usually impossible to do, but we can determine the polynomial that fits the  $M$  data points as closely as possible, in the least squares sense, by solving 2.1.1.

Another example application is the ranking of college football teams. If we assign a point rating  $p_k$  to each team, we might ideally like to have  $p_k - p_i = s_{ki}$  if the point spread was  $s_{ki}$  when team  $k$  and team  $i$  played ( $s_{ki}$  is positive if team  $k$  won). Since the “transitive law of football scores” does not always hold (often team 1 will beat team 2 and team 2 will beat team 3, but then team 1 will lose to team 3), such an assignment is impossible. However, if we can settle for a point assignment that comes as close as possible (in the least squares sense) to satisfying the ideal equations  $p_k - p_i = s_{ki}$ , we can calculate ratings for each team by solving a linear least squares problem. (I actually did this for a number of years, and the results were quite reasonable.) Note that the solution to this least squares problem cannot be unique, as we can add any constant to all ratings without changing their relative positions.

The following theorem suggests that 2.1.1 is very easy to solve. We shall see subsequently that things are not quite as simple as this theorem might seem to imply.

**Theorem 2.1.1.**

(a)  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to the linear least squares problem

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$$

if and only if it satisfies  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$ .

(b)  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$  always has solutions, and it will have a unique solution if the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent.

**Proof:**

- (a) Suppose  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ , where  $A$  is an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix. Then, if  $\mathbf{e}$  is an arbitrary  $N$ -vector,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}) - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 &= (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} + A\mathbf{e})^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} + A\mathbf{e}) \\ &= (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b})^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) + 2(A\mathbf{e})^T (A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) + (A\mathbf{e})^T (A\mathbf{e}) \\ &= \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \|A\mathbf{e}\|_2^2 + 2\mathbf{e}^T (A^T A \mathbf{x} - A^T \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \|A\mathbf{e}\|_2^2 \geq \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{e}$  is arbitrary, this shows that  $\mathbf{x}$  minimizes the 2-norm of  $A\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}$  over all  $N$ -vectors  $\mathbf{y}$ . The converse is established in Problem 1.

- (b) First, note that  $A^T A$  is a square  $N$  by  $N$  matrix. Now, if  $\mathbf{v}$  is an arbitrary vector perpendicular to the range of  $A^T A$ , then  $0 = \mathbf{v}^T (A^T A \mathbf{v}) = (A\mathbf{v})^T (A\mathbf{v}) = \|A\mathbf{v}\|_2^2$ , and  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . If the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent,  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , and so the only vector perpendicular to the range space of  $A^T A$  is the zero vector, which means that the range is all of  $R^N$ , and thus  $A^T A$  is a nonsingular (square) matrix. In this case,  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution.

On the other hand, if the columns of  $A$  are not linearly independent, we still have  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  for any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  perpendicular to the range space of  $A^T A$ , and thus  $0 = (A\mathbf{v})^T \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{v}^T (A^T \mathbf{b})$ ; however, this means that  $A^T \mathbf{b}$  is perpendicular to every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  normal to the range space of  $A^T A$ , and thus  $A^T \mathbf{b}$  lies in the range of  $A^T A$ . Therefore, even if  $A^T A$  is a singular matrix,  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$  still has solutions. ■

It appears from Theorem 2.1.1 that all one has to do to find the least squares solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is simply to multiply both sides by  $A^T$  and to solve the resulting square  $N$  by  $N$  system, called the “normal equations”. Indeed, this approach is probably satisfactory in the majority of cases. However, there are two potential problems.

First, if the columns of  $A$  are not linearly independent, the matrix  $A^T A$  is singular and, even though  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$  will still have solutions, a standard linear equation solver such as DLINEQ will detect the singularity and stop without returning any solution. Second, even if  $A^T A$  is nonsingular, the normal equations will be more poorly conditioned than the original system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . To appreciate this, assume that  $A$  is square ( $M = N$ ), and let us compare the condition numbers of  $A$  and  $A^T A$ . Recall from Section 1.7 that the condition number is defined by  $c(B) = \|B\| \|B^{-1}\|$ . If we use 2-norms in this definition,

$$\begin{aligned} c(A) &= \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2, \\ c(A^T A) &= \|A^T A\|_2 \|(A^T A)^{-1}\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Recall also from Section 0.3 that the 2-norm of a general square matrix  $A$  is the square root of the maximum eigenvalue of the positive-semidefinite matrix  $A^T A$ , and the 2-norm of a square symmetric matrix is the absolute value of its dominant eigenvalue. Thus

$$c(A) = [\lambda_{\max}(A^T A) \lambda_{\max}(A^{-T} A^{-1})]^{1/2} \quad (2.1.2)$$

and, since  $A^T A$  and its inverse are symmetric (with nonnegative eigenvalues),

$$c(A^T A) = \lambda_{\max}(A^T A) \lambda_{\max}(A^{-1} A^{-T}). \quad (2.1.3)$$

Now  $A^{-T} A^{-1}$  and  $A^{-1} A^{-T}$  have the same eigenvalues (they are similar:  $A(A^{-1} A^{-T}) A^{-1} = A^{-T} A^{-1}$ ); so by comparing 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 we see that

$$c(A^T A) = [c(A)]^2. \quad (2.1.4)$$

The condition number of a matrix is always greater than or equal to one, and so 2.1.4 shows that the condition of  $A^T A$  is always worse than that of  $A$ . If  $c(A) = 10^m$ ,  $c(A^T A) = 10^{2m}$ , and according to the discussion in Section 1.7 we expect to lose about  $m$  significant decimal digits when  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is solved, and around  $2m$  digits when  $A^T A\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$  is solved.

Although 2.1.4 was derived assuming  $A$  to be square, if  $M \neq N$ , solving the normal equations still amplifies roundoff error unnecessarily, compared with the methods of the next two sections, which attack the problem  $A\mathbf{x} \approx \mathbf{b}$  directly.

## 2.2 Orthogonal Reduction

The basic strategy behind nearly all the algorithms outlined in this book is this: We find a transformation that preserves the property that we are interested in, and then we transform the matrix or system into a form in which that property is obvious. If we could transform  $A$  into “row echelon” form, the linear least squares solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  would then be obvious. Row echelon form means the first nonzero entry in each row (called a “nonzero pivot”) is farther to the right than the first nonzero entry in the previous row. An example of a linear system whose matrix is in row echelon form is shown in Figure 2.2.1.

Note the characteristic “stair-step” nonzero structure. The least squares problem is to minimize  $\mathbf{r}_1^2 + \dots + \mathbf{r}_M^2$ , where  $\mathbf{r} \equiv A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}$  is the residual vector. In the above example, the last eight components of the residual vector are

$$\mathbf{r}_i = 0x_1 + \dots + 0x_{12} - b_i \quad (i = 7, \dots, 14).$$

Now these last components are going to be  $(-b_7, \dots, -b_{14})$  no matter how we choose the unknowns; we have no control over these components. On the other hand, we can choose  $x_1, \dots, x_{12}$  so that the first six equations are

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 0 & P & X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\
 0 & 0 & P & X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & P & X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P & X & X & X & X & X & X \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P & X & X & X & X & X \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P & X \\
 \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 x_1 \\
 x_2 \\
 x_3 \\
 x_4 \\
 x_5 \\
 x_6 \\
 x_7 \\
 x_8 \\
 x_9 \\
 x_{10} \\
 x_{11} \\
 x_{12}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 b_1 \\
 b_2 \\
 b_3 \\
 b_4 \\
 b_5 \\
 b_6 \\
 \dots \\
 b_7 \\
 b_8 \\
 b_9 \\
 b_{10} \\
 b_{11} \\
 b_{12} \\
 b_{13} \\
 b_{14}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Figure 2.2.1 Row Echelon Form**  
*P*, nonzero pivot; *X*, not necessarily zero.

satisfied exactly, and so  $\tau_1 = \dots = \tau_6 = 0$ . Clearly, then, the residual is minimized (in the 2-norm or in any other norm) by choosing the unknowns so that the first six equations are satisfied exactly. In the present example, there are many ways to do this; we can assign arbitrary values to the “non-pivot” unknowns  $x_1, x_5, x_8, x_9, x_{10}$ , and  $x_{12}$  and solve for the “pivot” variables  $x_{11}, x_7, x_6, x_4, x_3, x_2$  in reverse order. (A variable is a pivot variable if there is a pivot in the corresponding column.) Thus the least squares solution is not unique, for this example. A matrix in row echelon form is always upper triangular; if the diagonal elements are all nonzero, then all the variables are pivot variables and the least squares solution is unique. In this case, there are no variables that need to be assigned arbitrary values, and the least squares solution is found by ordinary back substitution.

Most introductory texts on matrix algebra explain how to reduce an arbitrary rectangular matrix to row echelon form using elementary row operations. (Their objective is to determine whether there are solutions or not, and to find the general solution if there are solutions.) We can therefore transform an arbitrary linear system  $Ax = b$  to its row echelon form by premultiplying both sides by the  $M_{ij}$  matrices introduced in Section 1.4. The only problem is that this type of transformation does not preserve the property we are interested in; there is no reason why the least squares solution of the row echelon system (which is obvious) should be the same as the least squares solution of the original system  $Ax = b$ .

However, if we can reduce  $Ax = b$  to row echelon form by multiplying both sides by *orthogonal* matrices, the least squares solution of the reduced



combination of old rows  $i$  and  $j$ . If we choose (for any  $l$ )

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \frac{a_{ii}}{(a_{ii}^2 + a_{ji}^2)^{1/2}}, \\ s &= \frac{a_{jl}}{(a_{ii}^2 + a_{ji}^2)^{1/2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.2)$$

we can make  $b_{jl}$  equal to zero (note that  $c^2 + s^2 = 1$ , as required). Thus we can use “pivots” ( $a_{ii}$  here) to knock out lower elements ( $a_{ji}$ ) in the pivot column, in much the same way as before; only now the pivot element (and entire pivot row) changes also. Note that, if the pivot  $a_{ii}$  is zero, that is not a problem. The denominators in 2.2.2 will be zero only if *both* the pivot and the element to be eliminated are zero but, if the element to be zeroed is already zero, no transformation is needed. In fact, if the pivot  $a_{ii}$  is zero and the element  $a_{ji}$  to be eliminated is not, note that  $c$  will be 0 and  $s$  will be  $\pm 1$ ; so the effect of the Givens rotation will be essentially a row switch!

So we can reduce an arbitrary rectangular matrix to row echelon form using orthogonal transformations, in much the same way as is commonly done using elementary row operations (i.e., premultiplying with  $M_{ij}$  matrices). First we use  $a_{11}$  to knock out all elements below it. Then we check to see whether  $a_{11}$  is zero (it will be zero only if all elements in the first column were zero to start with—see Problem 6); if it is zero, we move on to the next entry ( $a_{12}$ ) in the first row and use it to knock out everything below it. If  $a_{12}$  is zero after the second column has been zeroed, we move on to  $a_{13}$ , and so on, until we find a nonzero pivot (identified by  $P$  in Figure 2.2.1) in the first row. Then we move down to the second row and continue this process in that row. Note that, since we eliminate elements column by column, starting with the first column, by the time we use  $a_{ii}$  as a pivot, all elements in rows  $i$  to  $M$  of the previous columns 1 to  $l - 1$  are already zero. Thus, while we are using  $a_{ii}$  to knock out lower elements  $a_{ji}$ , we are just adding multiples of zero to zero in columns 1 to  $l - 1$  (we can skip these calculations, in fact); so the elements in the previous columns which were zeroed earlier remain zero, just as in the Gaussian elimination algorithm. Naturally, when we premultiply  $A$  by  $Q_{ij}^T$ , we also premultiply the right-hand side  $\mathbf{b}$  by this matrix.

Continuing this process (which is familiar to anyone who has reduced a matrix to row echelon form using Gaussian elimination), we eventually reach a form like that shown in Figure 2.2.1, from which the least squares solution can easily be extracted.

Figure 2.2.2 displays a FORTRAN program that solves the linear least squares problem 2.1.1 using the algorithm described above. Using Givens rotations (equations 2.2.1 and 2.2.2), it reduces an arbitrary  $M$  by  $N$  linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  to its row echelon form. Then it computes the least squares solution to the reduced system, by ignoring the last equations, corresponding to zero rows, and solving the other equations by back substitution, with nonpivot variables arbitrarily assigned a value of zero. Thus, whether there



are more equations than unknowns, or more unknowns than equations, and whether our linear system has no solution or many solutions (or a unique solution), DLLSQR will return a solution that will be the best (in the least squares sense), or one of the best.

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SUBROUTINE DLLSQR(A,M,N,X,B)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(M,N),X(N),B(M)
  INTEGER M,N
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
  INTEGER PIVOT(M)
C
C SUBROUTINE DLLSQR SOLVES THE LINEAR LEAST SQUARES PROBLEM
C
C          MINIMIZE 2-NORM OF (A*X-B)
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT          ON OUTPUT
C          -----          -
C  A      - THE M BY N MATRIX.          DESTROYED.
C
C  M      - THE NUMBER OF ROWS IN A.
C
C  N      - THE NUMBER OF COLUMNS IN A.
C
C  X      -          AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C          THE LEAST SQUARES
C          SOLUTION.
C
C  B      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE M-VECTOR.  DESTROYED.
C
C-----
C          EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
C          PRECISION
C *****
C          DATA EPS/2.D-16/
C *****
C          AMAX = MAXIMUM ELEMENT OF A
C
C          AMAX = 0.0
C          DO 5 I=1,M
C          DO 5 J=1,N
C          5 AMAX = MAX(AMAX,ABS(A(I,J)))
C          ERR LIM = 1000*EPS*AMAX
C
C          REDUCTION TO ROW ECHELON FORM

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      BI = C*B(I) + S*B(J)
      BJ = -S*B(I) + C*B(J)
      B(I) = BI
      B(J) = BJ
10    CONTINUE
C      PIVOT A(I,L) IS NONZERO AFTER PROCESSING
C      COLUMN L--MOVE DOWN TO NEXT ROW, I+1
      IF (ABS(A(I,L)).LE.ERRLLIM) A(I,L) = 0.0
      IF (A(I,L).NE.0.0) THEN
          NPIVOT = I
          PIVOT(NPIVOT) = L
          I = I+1
          IF (I.GT.M) RETURN
      ENDIF
15    CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

```

Figure 2.2.2

In fact, the only advantage that DLINEQ has over DLLSQR for square systems is that it is four times faster, because DLINEQ requires  $N-i$  multiplications to knock out  $a_{ji}$  (loop 25 of DLINEQ in Figure 1.2.1), while DLLSQR has to do  $4(N-i+1)$  multiplications (loop 5 of subroutine REDQ in Figure 2.2.2) to knock out  $a_{ji}$  (for nonsingular square systems,  $i=l$ ). Since DLINEQ does  $\frac{1}{3}N^3$  multiplications, DLLSQR requires  $\frac{4}{3}N^3$  multiplications, for a nonsingular square system. DLLSQR also has to compute  $O(N^2)$  square roots, while DLINEQ has no square roots to calculate.

We have seen how to reduce  $A$  to its row echelon form, which we shall call  $R$  (for “right” triangular, which is the same as upper triangular), by premultiplying it by a series of orthogonal Givens matrices. In other words,

$$Q_L^T Q_{L-1}^T \dots Q_2^T Q_1^T A = R,$$

where each  $Q_k$  represents one of the Givens  $Q_{ij}$  matrices. Once we have done this, we have found what is called the  $QR$  decomposition of  $A$ , since  $A = QR$ , where  $Q = Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_{L-1} Q_L$ . Since the product of orthogonal matrices is orthogonal ( $(Q_1 Q_2)^T (Q_1 Q_2) = Q_2^T Q_1^T Q_1 Q_2 = I$ , if  $Q_1^T Q_1 = I$  and  $Q_2^T Q_2 = I$ )  $Q$  is orthogonal, and  $R$  is upper triangular (or right triangular).

The  $QR$  decomposition plays a role similar to that played by the  $LU$  decomposition. One does not need to form the  $LU$  decomposition explicitly in order to solve a square nonsingular system  $Ax = b$ , but it is obtained at no extra cost when one such linear system is solved and, if another system  $Ax = c$  with the same coefficient matrix is encountered subsequently, it can be solved quickly by solving the triangular systems  $Ly = c$  and  $Ux = y$ . In a similar manner, we do not need to form the  $QR$  decomposition of a rectangular matrix  $A$  explicitly in order to solve the problem (minimize  $\|Ax - b\|_2$ ) but,

once we have it, another problem (minimize  $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2$ ) can be solved quickly by first solving  $Q\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c}$  ( $\mathbf{y} = Q^T\mathbf{c}$ ) and then finding the least squares solution to  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  (found by back substitution, since  $R$  is in row echelon form).

The computer program DLLSQR does not explicitly form the  $QR$  decomposition of  $A$ , but it could easily be modified to do so (Problem 7). We could start with  $Q = I$ , and every time that  $A$  is multiplied by a  $Q_{ij}^T$ , postmultiply  $Q$  by  $Q_{ij}$ .

## 2.3 Reduction Using Householder Transformations

A rectangular matrix can alternatively be reduced to row echelon form using the orthogonal ‘‘Householder’’ matrices, which have the form  $H = I - 2\omega\omega^T$ , where  $\omega$  is a *unit*  $M$ -vector. First note that  $H$  is symmetric, since  $H^T = (I - 2\omega\omega^T)^T = I - 2\omega\omega^T = H$ . Then, to verify that the  $M$  by  $M$  matrix  $H$  is orthogonal, for any unit vector  $\omega$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} H^T H = H H &= (I - 2\omega\omega^T)(I - 2\omega\omega^T) = I - 4\omega\omega^T + 4\omega(\omega^T\omega)\omega^T \\ &= I - 4\omega\omega^T + 4\omega(1)\omega^T = I. \end{aligned}$$

The  $M$ -vector  $\omega$  will be chosen so that  $H_i \equiv I - 2\omega\omega^T$  will zero *all* elements below a given pivot  $a_{il}$ , when it is used to premultiply an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$ . To this end, we first stipulate that the first  $i - 1$  components of  $\omega$  must be zero, so that  $H_i$  has the nonzero structure

$$H_i = \begin{matrix} & & & & & \text{column} & & \text{column} \\ & & & & & i & & M \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ \text{row } i & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ \text{row } M & & & & & & & \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & & & \\ & & 1 & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & & 1 & & & \\ & & & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & & & X & X \\ & & & & & & X & X \\ & & & & & & X & X \\ & & & & & & X & X \\ & & & & & & X & X \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly, premultiplication by  $H_i$  will change only rows  $i$  to  $M$ , no matter how we choose components  $i$  to  $M$  of  $\omega$ . However, we want to choose  $\omega$  so that, when  $A$  is premultiplied by  $H_i$ , components  $i + 1$  to  $M$  of column  $l$  (i.e., everything below the pivot  $a_{il}$ ) all become zero. Now, if  $\mathbf{a}_l$  denotes column  $l$  of  $A$ , then

$$H_i \mathbf{a}_l = (I - 2\omega\omega^T)\mathbf{a}_l = \mathbf{a}_l - 2\alpha\omega,$$

where  $\alpha \equiv \omega^T \mathbf{a}_l$ . This means that we must set components  $i + 1$  to  $M$  of  $\omega$  equal to  $l/2\alpha$  times the corresponding components of  $\mathbf{a}_l$ . If the components

of  $\omega$  are denoted by  $\omega_j$  and the components of  $\mathbf{a}_i$  by  $a_j$ , we have from the definition of  $\alpha$  (recall that the first  $i - 1$  components of  $\omega$  are zero):

$$\omega_i a_i + \omega_{i+1} a_{i+1} + \dots + \omega_M a_M = \alpha, \quad (2.3.1)$$

but, since  $\omega$  must be a unit vector, we also have

$$\omega_i^2 + \omega_{i+1}^2 + \dots + \omega_M^2 = 1. \quad (2.3.2)$$

Let us define  $s$  and  $\beta$  by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} s &= a_i^2 + \dots + a_M^2, \\ \omega_i &= \frac{a_i + \beta}{2\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.3a)$$

Recall also that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_j &= 0, & j &= 1, \dots, i-1, \\ \omega_j &= \frac{a_j}{2\alpha}, & j &= i+1, \dots, M. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.3b)$$

Using 2.3.3a and 2.3.3b to replace the components of  $\omega$  in equations 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 gives

$$\begin{aligned} a_i \beta + s &= 2\alpha^2, \\ 2a_i \beta + \beta^2 + s &= 4\alpha^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.4)$$

Now the two equations 2.3.4 can be solved for the two unknowns  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and the result is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \pm(s)^{1/2}, \\ 2\alpha &= [2\beta(a_i + \beta)]^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.5)$$

If  $a_{i+1}$  to  $a_M$  are almost zero already,  $s \approx a_i^2$  and  $\beta$  will be nearly  $\pm|a_i|$ . We shall take  $\beta$  to have the same sign as  $a_i$ , otherwise  $a_i + \beta \approx 0$ ,  $\alpha \approx 0$ , and all components of  $\omega$  will be approximately of the (numerically dangerous) indeterminate form  $0/0$ . Notice that  $\alpha = 0$  only if  $s = 0$ , that is, if  $a_i = a_{i+1} = \dots = a_M = 0$ , in which case no transformation is necessary.

Now we can use  $H_i = I - 2\omega\omega^T$  to eliminate everything directly below the pivot  $a_{ii}$ . Before premultiplying by  $H_i$ ,  $A$  will look something like this

(cf. Figure 2.2.1):

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{row } i \\
 \vdots \\
 \text{row } M
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & P & a & a & a & a & a & a & a & a & a & a \\
 0 & 0 & P & a & a & a & a & a & a & a & a & a \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & P & a & a & a & a & a & a & a & a \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x & x & x
 \end{bmatrix}$$

After premultiplication, the elements in column  $l$  marked  $Z$  will be zero, by design, and those marked  $x$  may be changed. The previous columns  $a_j, j = 1, \dots, l - 1$ , will be unchanged because  $\omega^T a_j = 0$  (components 1 to  $i - 1$  of  $\omega$  are zero, while components  $i$  to  $M$  of  $a_j$  are zero); so  $H_i a_j = (I - 2\omega\omega^T)a_j = a_j$ . Thus the zeros introduced by the previous transformations will not be destroyed by  $H_i$ .

To use Householder transformations in place of Givens rotations in the computer program in Figure 2.2.2, replace subroutine REDQ by the subroutines REDH and CALW in Figure 2.3.1.

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SUBROUTINE REDH(A,M,N,B,PIVOT,NPIVOT,ERRLIM)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION A(M,N),B(M),ERRLIM
INTEGER PIVOT(M),M,N,NPIVOT
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
DOUBLE PRECISION W(M)
C          USE HOUSEHOLDER TRANSFORMATIONS TO
C          REDUCE A TO ROW ECHELON FORM
I = 1
DO 30 L=1,N
C          USE PIVOT A(I,L) TO KNOCK OUT ELEMENTS
C          I+1 TO M IN COLUMN L.
IF (I+1.LE.M) THEN
C          CHOOSE UNIT M-VECTOR W (WHOSE FIRST
C          I-1 COMPONENTS ARE ZERO) SUCH THAT WHEN
C          COLUMN L IS PREMULIPLIED BY
C          H = I - 2W*W**T, COMPONENTS I+1 THROUGH
C          M ARE ZEROED.
CALL CALW(A(1,L),M,W,I)

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C                                PREMULTIPLY A BY H = I - 2W*W**T
      DO 15 K=L,N
        WTA = 0.0
        DO 5 J=I,M
          WTA = WTA + W(J)*A(J,K)
5      CONTINUE
        TWOWTA = 2*WTA
        DO 10 J=I,M
          A(J,K) = A(J,K) - TWOWTA*W(J)
10     CONTINUE
15     CONTINUE
C                                PREMULTIPLY B BY H = I - 2W*W**T
      WTA = 0.0
      DO 20 J=I,M
        WTA = WTA + W(J)*B(J)
20     CONTINUE
        TWOWTA = 2*WTA
        DO 25 J=I,M
          B(J) = B(J) - TWOWTA*W(J)
25     CONTINUE
      ENDIF
C                                PIVOT A(I,L) IS NONZERO AFTER PROCESSING
C                                COLUMN L--MOVE DOWN TO NEXT ROW, I+1
      IF (ABS(A(I,L)).LE.ERRRLIM) A(I,L) = 0.0
      IF (A(I,L).NE.0.0) THEN
        NPIVOT = I
        PIVOT(NPIVOT) = L
        I = I+1
        IF (I.GT.M) RETURN
      ENDIF
30 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

      SUBROUTINE CALW(A,M,W,I)
      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
      DOUBLE PRECISION A(M),W(M)
C                                SUBROUTINE CALW CALCULATES A UNIT
C                                M-VECTOR W (WHOSE FIRST I-1 COMPONENTS
C                                ARE ZERO) SUCH THAT PREMULTIPLYING THE
C                                VECTOR A BY H = I - 2W*W**T ZEROES
C                                COMPONENTS I+1 THROUGH M.
      S = 0.0
      DO 5 J=I,M
        S = S + A(J)**2
        W(J) = A(J)
5     CONTINUE
      IF (A(I) .GE. 0.0) THEN

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      BETA = SQRT(S)
    ELSE
      BETA = -SQRT(S)
    ENDIF
    W(I) = A(I) + BETA
    TWOALP = SQRT(2*BETA*W(I))
C      TWOALP=0 ONLY IF A(I),...,A(M) ARE ALL
C      ZERO. IN THIS CASE, RETURN WITH W=0
    IF (TWOALP.EQ.0.0) RETURN
C      NORMALIZE W
    DO 10 J=I,M
      W(J) = W(J)/TWOALP
10 CONTINUE
    RETURN
  END

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Figure 2.3.1

If we actually had to form the  $M$  by  $M$  matrix  $H_i$ , and to multiply it by the  $M$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$  in the usual way, we would have to do  $O(M^2N)$  work per column, making this algorithm useless, but we do not; the premultiplication by  $H_i$  is done in the following manner:

$$H_i A = (I - 2\omega\omega^T)A = A - 2\omega(\omega^T A).$$

The formation of  $\omega$  (in subroutine CALW) requires only  $O(M)$  work. Then only columns  $l$  to  $N$  of  $A$  are processed, since the previous columns have already been reduced and will not be altered by this premultiplication. Premultiplication of each column  $\mathbf{a}_k$  ( $k = l, \dots, N$ ) by  $H_i$  involves first calculating the scalar product  $\omega^T \mathbf{a}_k = \omega^T \mathbf{a}_k$  (loop 5) and then subtracting  $2\omega^T \mathbf{a}_k$  times  $\omega$  from  $\mathbf{a}_k$  (loop 10). Each of these calculations requires  $M - (i - 1)$  multiplications, since the first  $i - 1$  components of  $\omega$  are zero. So about  $2(M - i)$  multiplications per column are required and, since there are about  $N - l$  columns to process (actually  $N - l + 2$  columns counting  $\mathbf{b}$ ), the total work to multiply  $H_i A$  is about  $2(N - l)(M - i)$  multiplications. Let us assume for simplicity that the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent (hence the least squares solution is unique, and  $M \geq N$ ); so no zero pivots will be encountered, and we can take  $l = i$ . Then, since transformations involving  $H_1, \dots, H_N$  are required, the total number of multiplications required to orthogonally reduce an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$  to upper triangular form using Householder transformations is about (see 0.1.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N [2(N - i)(M - i)] &= \sum_{i=1}^N [2NM - 2(N + M)i + 2i^2] \\ &\approx 2N^2M - (N + M)N^2 + \frac{2}{3}N^3 = N^2(M - \frac{1}{3}N). \end{aligned}$$



The work done during back substitution is negligible, as it is for Gaussian elimination.

While each Householder transformation processes an entire column, a Givens rotation eliminates only one element at a time. In column  $l$  ( $l = 1, \dots, N$ ), there are about  $M - l$  elements to zero, and it requires about  $4(N - l)$  multiplications to knock out each (see loop 5 of REDQ in Figure 2.2.2). Assuming as above that  $i = l$ , the total number of multiplications required to reduce orthogonally a rectangular matrix to upper triangular form using Givens transformations is about

$$\sum_{i=1}^N [4(N - i)(M - i)] \approx 2N^2(M - \frac{1}{3}N).$$

So, while both methods require  $O(N^2M)$  work, the Householder method is twice as fast, for large problems. Note that the Householder method requires only  $O(N)$  square roots while, if we use Givens rotations, we must compute  $O(N^2)$  square roots. Also note that, for square nonsingular systems ( $M = N$ ), the Householder reduction is only twice as slow as Gaussian elimination.

As discussed in Section 2.1, we can also solve a linear least squares problem by forming and solving the normal equations  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ . If  $A$  is  $M$  by  $N$ , forming the matrix  $A^T A$  requires  $N^2 M$  multiplications; then solving the  $N$  by  $N$  linear system involves  $\frac{1}{3}N^3$  multiplications, using Gaussian elimination. However, if we take advantage of symmetry, both the formation and the solution work (see Problem 5 of Chapter 1) can be cut in half, and the total number of multiplications is  $\frac{1}{2}N^2(M + \frac{1}{3}N)$ . If  $M$  is large compared with  $N$ , the normal equations approach is about twice as fast as Householder reduction. Thus the main argument for orthogonal reduction is not speed, but accuracy.

## 2.4 Least Squares Approximation with Cubic Splines

In Section 1.6 we saw that a “natural” cubic spline is uniquely determined by its values at the knots  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ . Thus, if we define  $\Phi_j(x)$  to be the natural cubic spline with  $\Phi_j(x_j) = 1$  and  $\Phi_j(x_k) = 0$  for  $k \neq j$ , it is clear that any natural cubic spline with the same knots can be expressed as a linear combination of the functions  $\Phi_j(x)$ :

$$s(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N y_j \Phi_j(x). \quad (2.4.1)$$

If we want to calculate a natural cubic spline  $s(x)$  that passes through the  $M$  data points  $(x_d, y_d), d = 1, \dots, M$ , we have to solve the  $M$  by  $N$  linear

system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_1(xd_1) & \Phi_2(xd_1) & \dots & \Phi_N(xd_1) \\ \Phi_1(xd_2) & \Phi_2(xd_2) & \dots & \Phi_N(xd_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Phi_1(xd_M) & \Phi_2(xd_M) & \dots & \Phi_N(xd_M) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} yd_1 \\ yd_2 \\ \vdots \\ yd_M \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2.4.2)$$

In Section 1.6 the knots  $x_i$  were chosen to coincide with the data points  $xd_i$ ; in this case there is a unique solution to the linear system 2.4.2, and thus a unique natural cubic spline interpolant. (In fact, the coefficient matrix reduces to the identity, and  $y_i = yd_i$ .)

Now interpolation may be appropriate if the data points are known to be accurate but, if it is known that there is some experimental scatter in the data, forcing  $s(x)$  to pass exactly through each point will produce a curve that fluctuates in an unreasonable manner. In this case, we should probably choose  $N$  (the number of knots) to be smaller than  $M$  (the number of data points). With fewer degrees of freedom, the spline cannot fluctuate as rapidly, and it will generally not be possible to force it to pass exactly through all the data points. In other words, 2.4.2 will generally have no solution. However, if we solve 2.4.2 in the least squares sense, we shall get the natural cubic spline, among all those with the given knots, which most nearly interpolates to the data.

Figure 2.4.1 gives a FORTRAN program that calculates the natural cubic spline with knots  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ , which is the least squares approximation to the data points  $(xd_i, yd_i), i = 1, \dots, M$ . For each  $j$ , it calls the subroutine DSPLN in Figure 1.6.2 to calculate the natural cubic spline  $\Phi_j(x)$ , and to evaluate  $\Phi_j$  at the points  $xd_1, \dots, xd_M$ . Each call to DSPLN thus gives us one column of the coefficient matrix of the linear system 2.4.2. Then DLLSQR (Figure 2.2.2) is called to solve 2.4.2 in the least squares sense, computing values for the coefficients  $y_j$  of the  $\Phi_j(x)$ . Now it is easy to see from 2.4.1 that  $y_j$  is just the value of the spline  $s(x)$  at  $x_j$ , so DSPLN is called again to compute the coefficients of the natural cubic spline that takes the values  $y_j$  at the knots, and to evaluate this spline at the user-supplied output points.

DLSQSP (Figure 2.4.1) was used to calculate the least squares natural cubic spline approximation, with  $N$  equally spaced knots, to a set of  $M = 20$  data points. The splines produced by DLSQSP with  $N = 5$  and  $N = 15$  are shown in Figures 2.4.2 and 2.4.3. As  $N$  increases, the number of degrees of freedom increases, and the spline becomes more wiggly and approximates the data points more closely. Which approximation is more reasonable depends on how much accuracy can be assumed for our data.

When  $N$  is larger than  $M$ , the system 2.4.2 has many solutions, and DLLSQR returns one of these many solutions. So the spline calculated by DLSQSP interpolates the data points exactly; however, it oscillates wildly between data points. No doubt there are other solutions (cf. Problem 8) that interpolate the data with less oscillation.

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SUBROUTINE DLSQSP(X,N,XD,YD,M,XOUT,YOUT,NOUT)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C
C           DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION X(N),XD(M),YD(M),XOUT(NOUT),YOUT(NOUT)
INTEGER N,M,NOUT
C
C           DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
DOUBLE PRECISION Y(N),A(M,N)
C
C SUBROUTINE DLSQSP CALCULATES A NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE WITH KNOTS AT
C X(1),...,X(N) WHICH IS THE LEAST SQUARES FIT TO THE DATA POINTS
C (XD(I),YD(I)), I=1,...,M, AND EVALUATES THIS SPLINE AT THE OUTPUT
C POINTS XOUT(1),...,XOUT(NOUT).
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C           ON INPUT           ON OUTPUT
C           -----           -
C
C X      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
C         THE SPLINE KNOTS.
C
C N      - THE NUMBER OF KNOTS.
C         (N.GE.3).
C
C XD     - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
C         THE X-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
C         POINTS.
C
C YD     - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING   DESTROYED.
C         THE Y-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
C         POINTS.
C
C M      - THE NUMBER OF DATA POINTS.
C
C XOUT   - A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT CONTAINING
C         THE X-COORDINATES AT WHICH THE
C         CUBIC SPLINE IS EVALUATED. THE
C         ELEMENTS OF XOUT MUST BE IN
C         ASCENDING ORDER.
C
C YOUT   -                               A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT.
C                                         YOUT(I) CONTAINS THE
C                                         VALUE OF THE SPLINE
C                                         AT XOUT(I).
C
C NOUT   - THE NUMBER OF OUTPUT POINTS.
C
C-----

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ZERO = 0.0D0
DO 5 J=1,N
  Y(J) = 0.0
5 CONTINUE
DO 10 J=1,N
  Y(J) = 1.0
C
C          CALCULATE PHI(J,X), NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE
C          WHICH IS EQUAL TO ONE AT KNOT X(J) AND
C          ZERO AT OTHER KNOTS. THEN SET
C          A(I,J) = PHI(J,XD(I)), I=1,...,M
  CALL DSPLN(X,Y,N,ZERO,ZERO,XD,A(1,J),M)
  Y(J) = 0.0
10 CONTINUE
C
C          CALL DLLSQR TO MINIMIZE NORM OF A*Y-YD
  CALL DLLSQR(A,M,N,Y,YD)
C
C          LEAST SQUARES SPLINE IS
C          Y(1)*PHI(1,X) + ... + Y(N)*PHI(N,X).
C          EVALUATE SPLINE AT XOUT(1),...,XOUT(NOUT)
  CALL DSPLN(X,Y,N,ZERO,ZERO,XOUT,YOUT,NOUT)
  RETURN
END

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Figure 2.4.1

## 2.5 Problems

1. The least squares problem

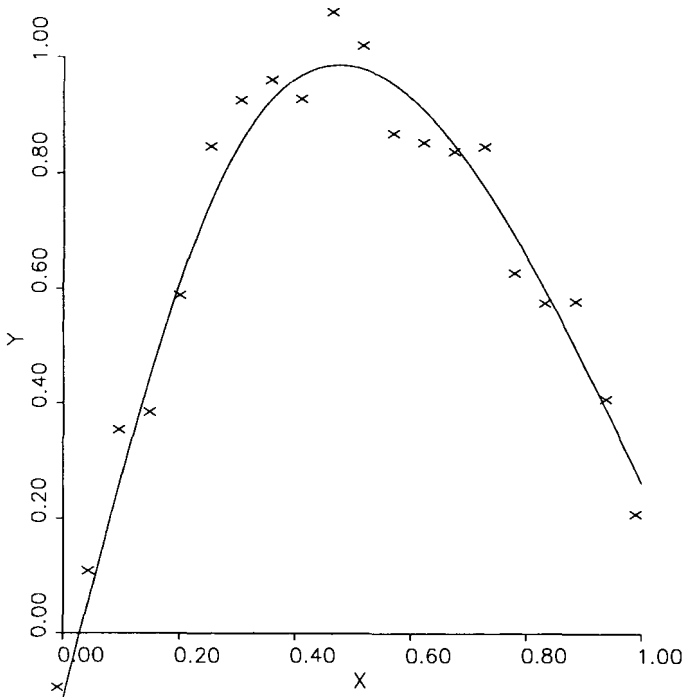
$$\text{minimize } \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$$

can be written in component form as

$$\text{minimize } f(x_1, \dots, x_N) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^M (a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{iN}x_N - b_i)^2.$$

Using the fact that the partial derivatives of  $f$  must all be zero at a minimum, show that any solution  $\mathbf{x}$  to the least squares problem satisfies  $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ .

2. If  $N > M$ , will the least squares problem ever have a unique solution? Why or why not?
3. Use DLLSQR (Figure 2.2.2) to solve all seven linear equations 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 for the five unknown currents.



**Figure 2.4.2**  
Least Squares Spline Approximation, with Five Knots

4. Here are the scores from games between Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Texas, and UTEP:

Texas A&M 14, Oklahoma 7

Texas A&M 35, Texas 3

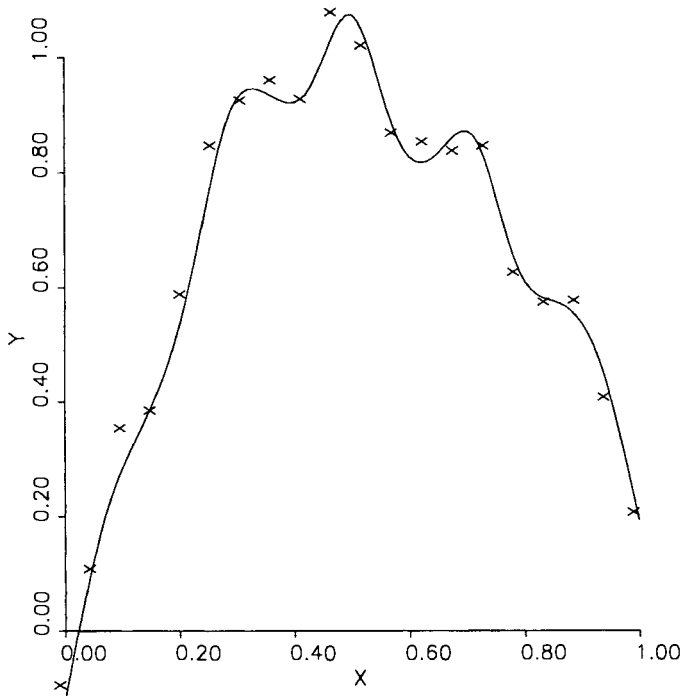
UTEP 7, Texas A&M 7

Texas 10, Oklahoma 7

UTEP 19, Oklahoma 6

UTEP 7, Texas 0.

Calculate ratings for Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Texas, and UTEP based on the discussion in Section 2.1. Use DLLSQR to solve the linear least squares system that results. The solution is not unique: How does



**Figure 2.4.3**  
**Least Squares Spline Approximation, with 15 Knots.**

DLLSQR pick a particular solution? (In my original football poll I added the constraint that the average rating must be 25, to get a unique solution. In this way, one could compare the best teams from different years.)

5. Use DLLSQR to compute the polynomial of degree  $n$  which most closely fits the data points  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(4, 3)$ , and  $(5, 4)$ , for  $n = 1, 3$ , and  $5$ . Plot your least squares straight line ( $n = 1$ ) and compare it with the best  $L_\infty$  straight line, drawn in Figure 4.5.2. Note that, for  $n = 5$ , there are many polynomials that pass through the given five points; DLLSQR will return one of them.
6. Show that the  $L_2$ -norm of each column of  $A$  does not change when  $A$  is

premultiplied by an orthogonal matrix  $Q$ . Thus, during an orthogonal reduction process, when a pivot element is used to “knock out” the elements directly below it, since the elements above the pivot do not change, the pivot element grows in magnitude at the expense of the eliminated elements. Therefore a pivot can be zero *after* it has been used to knock out the elements below it only if the pivot and all elements below were zero to begin with.

7.
  - a. Modify DLLSQR to return the  $QR$  factorization of  $A$ , by initializing  $Q = I$  and postmultiplying by the  $Q_{ij}$  matrices. Test your  $QR$  factorization on the system in Problem 5, with  $n = 3$ . Verify that  $Q$  is orthogonal, and that  $Q$  times  $R$  (final  $A$ ) does restore the original matrix.
  - b. Your program for part (a) will do  $O(M^2N)$  arithmetic operations; if  $M \gg N$  this is unacceptable. It is possible to get the  $QR$  decomposition essentially for free while solving the first least squares problem, if you don't insist on actually forming the  $M$  by  $M$  matrix  $Q$ , but just save enough information to be able to compute  $Q^T \mathbf{c}$  (so that  $R\mathbf{x} = Q^T \mathbf{c}$  can then be solved in the least squares sense) when you need to solve a second least squares problem,  $\min \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_2$ . Following the pattern used by DLINEQ/DRESLV, modify DLLSQR (in REDQ) to save the rotation angle (ATAN2(S,C)) in A(J,L), although it is understood that A(J,L) is really zero. Then create another routine, DLLSQ2, which takes A as output by DLLSQR and solves another least squares problem efficiently. DLLSQ2 should be identical to DLLSQR, except the loop that premultiplies A by  $Q_{ij}^T$  should be removed, and set S=SIN(A(J,L)), C= COS(A(J,L)) (also, set ERR LIM=0). With this approach, you can compute  $Q^T \mathbf{c}$  in  $O(MN)$  operations, rather than  $O(M^2)$ , also an important improvement when  $M \gg N$ . Test your programs by calling your modified DLLSQR to solve the system in Problem 5 with  $n = 3$ , then call DLLSQ2 to solve it again.
8. A linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  that has no solution is called an overdetermined system, while one that has many solutions is called underdetermined. The “underdetermined least squares problem” is to find, of all solutions to an underdetermined system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , the one that minimizes  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2$ . Show that, if  $\mathbf{z}$  is any solution to the square system  $AA^T \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$  (there will always be at least one solution), and  $\mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{z}$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is the solution to the underdetermined least squares problem. (Hint: Obviously  $\mathbf{x}$  is a solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . To show that it is the minimum norm solution, let  $\mathbf{y}$  be any other solution to  $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$  and let  $\mathbf{e} \equiv \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$ . Then show that  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{e}\|_2^2$  following the pattern given in the proof of Theorem 2.1.1a.)

9. Using the approach outlined in Problem 8, find the polynomial of degree  $n = 5$  that passes through the five points given in Problem 5, which minimizes the sum of squares of the coefficients. While this polynomial may be better in some sense than the polynomial of degree 5 found by DLLSQR, neither is the polynomial interpolant of minimum curvature.
10. Consider the least squares problem  $\min \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 12 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Use a single Givens rotation, with hand calculations, to solve this problem, and also display the  $QR$  decomposition of  $A$ .
- Solve the problem using the normal equations.



# 3

## The Eigenvalue Problem

### 3.1 Introduction

The eigenvalues of a square  $N$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$  are those scalar values  $\lambda$  for which

$$Ax = \lambda x \tag{3.1.1}$$

has one or more nonzero solutions  $\mathbf{x}$ . The corresponding solutions are called the eigenvectors. (We reject  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  as an eigenvector because otherwise all scalars  $\lambda$  could claim to be eigenvalues.) Since 3.1.1 is equivalent to  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , we see that the eigenvalues are those scalars for which  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .

In theory, we can use  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  to calculate the eigenvalues of  $A$ . When the determinant is expanded,  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  becomes a polynomial of degree  $N$  in  $\lambda$ ; so calculation of the eigenvalues of  $A$  is reduced to finding the roots of a polynomial of degree  $N$ . Although this is of theoretical interest, because now we see that  $A$  will always have exactly  $N$  eigenvalues (counting multiple roots multiply) and that the eigenvalues (and therefore also the eigenvectors) of a real matrix may be complex, it is not practical to calculate the eigenvalues in this way, unless  $N$  is very small.

It has been proved that it is not possible to calculate the roots of an arbitrary  $N$ th-degree polynomial exactly in a finite number of steps, for  $N > 4$ . Now for any given polynomial  $p_N(\lambda) = \lambda^N + \alpha_1 \lambda^{N-1} + \dots + \alpha_{N-1} \lambda + \alpha_N$ , we can construct a matrix  $A$  such that  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \pm p_N(\lambda)$ . In fact, such

a matrix is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & \dots & -\alpha_{N-1} & -\alpha_N \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore we cannot hope to devise an algorithm that finds the eigenvalues of an arbitrary matrix  $A$  exactly in a finite number of steps; otherwise we could use this algorithm as a means to find the roots of a general polynomial, in violation of the known theory for polynomials.

This result sets the eigenvalue problem apart from the other problems in a text on computational linear algebra. Problems that are really “linear”, such as linear systems, linear least squares problems, and linear programming (LP) problems, should be solvable exactly in a finite number of calculations, but the “linear” eigenvalue problem is not really linear; all methods for finding matrix eigenvalues are iterative. However, this distinction has little computational significance because, whether a computation is iterative or terminating in theory, on a computer the end result is the same: After a finite number of operations we have an answer that is correct to a finite number of digits.

Most methods for finding all the eigenvalues and/or eigenvectors of a matrix are based on the fact that the transformation  $A \rightarrow Q^{-1}AQ$  does not alter the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Since  $Q^{-1}AQ\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  implies  $A(Q\mathbf{x}) = \lambda(Q\mathbf{x})$ , we see that, if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $Q^{-1}AQ$ , with eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $\lambda$  is also an eigenvalue of  $A$ , with eigenvector  $Q\mathbf{x}$ . Thus “transformation” methods attempt to find matrices  $Q$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  has a form that makes eigenvalue extraction trivial (the eigenvalues can be read off the diagonals of triangular and diagonal matrices) or at least easier (the eigenvalues of tridiagonal and Hessenberg matrices require a little extra work to calculate).

Many matrix eigenvalue problems arise from the discretization of ordinary or partial differential equation eigenvalue problems. For example, calculating the allowable energy states of an electron in an atom requires solving the Schrödinger partial differential equation, in which the energy levels are the eigenvalues and the corresponding electron probability distributions are the eigenfunctions. The approximate solution of this problem always requires the solution of a related matrix eigenvalue problem.

Let us consider another example. The vibrational frequencies of an elastic membrane (e.g., a drumhead) stretched over a square frame are the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of the partial differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} -U_{xx} - U_{yy} &= \lambda U && \text{in } (0, 1) \times (0, 1), \\ U &= 0 && \text{on the boundary.} \end{aligned} \tag{3.1.2}$$

We can approximate the differential equation and boundary condition using finite differences as follows:

$$\frac{U_{i+1,j} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i-1,j}}{h^2} - \frac{U_{i,j+1} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i,j-1}}{h^2} = \lambda U_{i,j},$$

$$U_{i,0} = U_{i,M} = U_{0,j} = U_{M,j} = 0,$$

where  $h = 1/M$ , and  $U_{i,j}$  approximates  $U(ih, jh)$ . This is a matrix eigenvalue problem, and when  $M = 5$  it can be written in the form  $A\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u}$ , where  $\mathbf{u} = [U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{13}, U_{14}, U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{23}, U_{24}, U_{31}, U_{32}, U_{33}, U_{34}, U_{41}, U_{42}, U_{43}, U_{44}]$  and  $A$  is shown in Figure 3.1.1.

Many, perhaps most, eigenvalue problems that occur in applications involve symmetric matrices, like the one in Figure 3.1.1. As shown in Section 0.2, all the eigenvalues (and thus all eigenvectors) of a symmetric matrix are real. Symmetric matrix eigenvalue problems are so much easier to solve—in part because we can avoid complex arithmetic, but also for other reasons—and they arise so often in applications that they are generally solved using algorithms especially designed for symmetric matrices, such as the method presented in the next section.

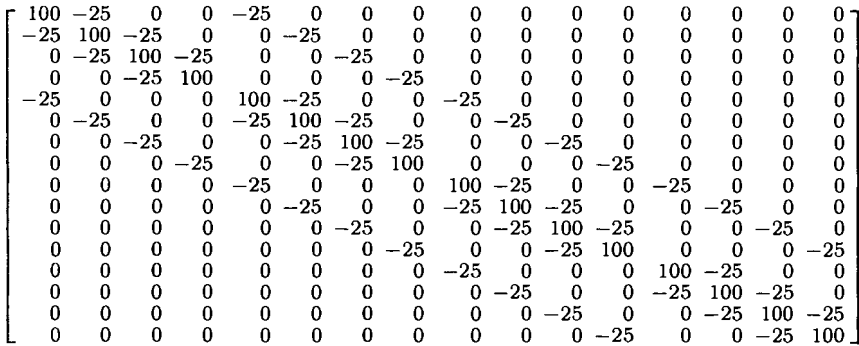


Figure 3.1.1

### 3.2 The Jacobi Method for Symmetric Matrices

The Jacobi method [Forsythe and Henrici 1960] for the symmetric eigenvalue problem is no longer considered state-of-the-art; there are other methods that are somewhat faster. However, it has the advantage that it is simple to program and to analyze, and it is no less stable or robust than the more sophisticated methods; it is guaranteed to find all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix in a reasonable amount of time.



Although all elements in rows  $i$  and  $j$  and columns  $i$  and  $j$  may be modified by the transformation, we shall primarily be interested in the new values  $b_{ii}$ ,  $b_{jj}$ , and (especially)  $b_{ji} = b_{ij}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} b_{ii} &= c^2 a_{ii} + s^2 a_{jj} + 2sca_{ji}, \\ b_{jj} &= s^2 a_{ii} + c^2 a_{jj} - 2sca_{ji}, \\ b_{ji} &= b_{ij} = cs(a_{jj} - a_{ii}) + (c^2 - s^2)a_{ji}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2.3}$$

If we want  $b_{ji} = b_{ij} = 0$ , we need to choose  $c$  and  $s$  so that

$$\frac{c^2 - s^2}{cs} = \frac{a_{ii} - a_{jj}}{a_{ji}} \equiv 2\beta \tag{3.2.4}$$

(we can assume that  $a_{ji} \neq 0$ ; otherwise no transformation is necessary). Substituting  $c = (1 - s^2)^{1/2}$  into 3.2.4 gives

$$s^4 - s^2 + \frac{1}{4 + 4\beta^2} = 0$$

or, using the quadratic equation,

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\frac{1}{2}\beta}{(1 + \beta^2)^{1/2}}.$$

Thus the following values for  $s$  and  $c$  will satisfy 3.2.4 and  $s^2 + c^2 = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\frac{1}{2}\beta}{(1 + \beta^2)^{1/2}} \right)^{1/2}, \\ c &= \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\beta}{(1 + \beta^2)^{1/2}} \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2.5}$$

Thus by proper choice of  $s$  and  $c$  we can introduce a zero into any specified off-diagonal position, while preserving the eigenvalues (and the symmetry) of  $A$ . Now it would be nice if we could zero all the off-diagonal elements of  $A$  in succession, and after  $N(N - 1)/2$  transformations have a diagonal matrix that is similar to  $A$ ; then we could read the eigenvalues off the diagonal.

But there must be a catch because, as mentioned in the last section, it is not possible to devise an algorithm that finds the eigenvalues of an arbitrary matrix (even an arbitrary symmetric matrix) exactly, in a finite number of steps. The catch is that, when we zero a new element of  $A$ , a previously zeroed element may become nonzero. Every time we knock out one off-diagonal element, others pop back up; so it might seem that our algorithm is useless. Fortunately, as we shall now show, although our transformed matrices never become quite diagonal, they do make steady progress toward that goal.

Note that proving that the Jacobi method will always converge is essentially a constructive proof of a fundamental theorem of linear algebra, that any symmetric matrix is orthogonally similar to a diagonal matrix.

**Theorem 3.2.1.** *When the symmetric matrix  $A$  is transformed into  $B = Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$ , with  $Q_{ij}$  chosen so that  $b_{ji} = 0$ , the sum of the squares of the diagonal elements increases by  $2a_{ji}^2$ , while the sum of squares of the off-diagonal elements decreases by the same amount.*

**Proof:** Using equations 3.2.3 and the fact that  $c^2 + s^2 = 1$ , it is a straightforward but messy exercise in algebra (Problem 1) to show that

$$2b_{ji}^2 + b_{ii}^2 + b_{jj}^2 = 2a_{ji}^2 + a_{ii}^2 + a_{jj}^2.$$

Since  $b_{ji} = 0$  by design,

$$b_{ii}^2 + b_{jj}^2 = 2a_{ji}^2 + a_{ii}^2 + a_{jj}^2.$$

Now, only rows  $i$  and  $j$  and columns  $i$  and  $j$  of  $A$  change during a Jacobi transformation; so  $a_{ii}$  and  $a_{jj}$  are the only diagonal elements to change. Thus

$$\sum_{k=1}^N b_{kk}^2 = 2a_{ji}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_{kk}^2,$$

which proves the first part of the theorem.

Next we shall show that the transformation  $Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$  does not change the sum of squares of all the elements of  $A$ . That will complete the proof since, if the sum of squares along the diagonal increases by  $2a_{ji}^2$  and the total sum of squares is constant, the sum of squares of the off-diagonal elements must decrease by  $2a_{ji}^2$ .

If we denote the  $k$ th row of  $A$  by  $\mathbf{a}_k^T$  and the  $k$ th row of  $P \equiv Q_{ij}^T A$  by  $\mathbf{p}_k^T$ , it is easy to see from 3.2.2 that only the  $i$ th and  $j$ th rows of  $A$  and  $P$  differ, and that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}_i^T &= c\mathbf{a}_i^T + s\mathbf{a}_j^T, \\ \mathbf{p}_j^T &= -s\mathbf{a}_i^T + c\mathbf{a}_j^T, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.6)$$

but then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}_i^T \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{p}_j^T \mathbf{p}_j &= c^2 \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_i + 2cs \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_j + s^2 \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{a}_j \\ &\quad + s^2 \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_i - 2cs \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_j + c^2 \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{a}_j \\ &= \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{a}_i + \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{a}_j \end{aligned}$$

and, since the other rows of  $A$  and  $P$  are identical, we see that the premultiplication by  $Q_{ij}^T$  does not change the total sum of squares. In a similar fashion, the columns of  $P$  and  $B = P Q_{ij} = Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$  are the same except for

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}_i &= c\mathbf{p}_i + s\mathbf{p}_j, \\ \mathbf{b}_j &= -s\mathbf{p}_i + c\mathbf{p}_j, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.7)$$

where now the subscript indicates the column number. It can likewise be verified that this postmultiplication does not change the total sum of squares.

■

Now, to perform one Jacobi iteration, we first pick out a nonzero off-diagonal element  $a_{ji}$  ( $j > i$ ) to knock out, then we use 3.2.4 and 3.2.5 to determine the proper values for  $c$  and  $s$ ; finally we actually perform the transformation  $Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$  using equations 3.2.6 and 3.2.7. The only thing missing is a strategy for determining which elements  $a_{ji}$  to zero, and in what order.

One obvious possibility is to zero all off-diagonal elements in a systematic order, for example,  $\{(a_{ji}, j = i + 1, \dots, N), i = 1, \dots, N - 1\}$ , and then to repeat this cycle until all off-diagonal elements are small. The only problem with this strategy is that we may be wasting time zeroing some elements that are already very small. Since the progress made toward diagonal form depends on the size of the element knocked out (see Theorem 3.2.1), our time is better spent zeroing the larger elements. Alternatively, we could search for the largest (in absolute value) off-diagonal element each time and zero it; however, just searching for the largest element requires  $O(N^2)$  work (unless we are very clever), while the entire transformation  $Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$  only requires  $O(N)$  work!

We have chosen a third approach in our implementation: We check all the off-diagonal elements in a systematic order, zeroing only those whose squares exceed  $\frac{1}{2}e_k/[N(N-1)]$ , where  $e_k$  is given by

$$e_k = \sum_{i \neq j} \sum a_{ij}^2$$

after  $k$  iterations. In other words, we cyclically check all off-diagonal elements but skip over those whose squares are less than half the current average for all off-diagonal elements. (Note that there will always be elements greater than this threshold, because they cannot all have below-average squares.) To determine the rate of convergence of this algorithm, we need the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.2.** *If at each step of the Jacobi method the element to be zeroed satisfies  $a_{ji}^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}e_k/[N(N-1)]$ , then the convergence criterion*

$$\sum_{i \neq j} \sum a_{ij}^2 \leq \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}^2$$

*will be satisfied after at most  $L = N^2 \ln(1/\epsilon)$  iterations.*

**Proof:** According to Theorem 3.2.1,  $e_{k+1} = e_k - 2a_{ji}^2$ , where  $a_{ji}$  is the element

zeroed on the  $(k + 1)$ st iteration. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} e_{k+1} &= e_k - 2a_{ji}^2 \leq e_k - \frac{e_k}{N(N-1)} \\ &\leq e_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{N^2}\right) \leq e_k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{N^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from the fact that  $1 - h \leq \exp(-h)$  for all positive  $h$  (see Problem 2). Then, after  $L$  iterations,

$$\begin{aligned} e_L &\leq \left[\exp\left(-\frac{1}{N^2}\right)\right]^L e_0 \leq \exp\left[-L \ln\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)\right] e_0 = \epsilon e_0 \\ &\leq \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (a_0)_{ij}^2 = \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}^2 \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

According to Theorem 3.2.2, the number of iterations for convergence of the Jacobi method is  $O(N^2)$  but, since the work per iteration is  $O(N)$ , the total work to find the eigenvalues using the Jacobi method is  $O(N^3)$ .

Our algorithm would not be practical if we had to calculate  $e_k$ , the sum of squares of the off-diagonal elements, directly each iteration, as it requires  $O(N^2)$  work to sum the squares of the off-diagonal elements. Fortunately, we can calculate  $e_0$  from the definition, and then use Theorem 3.2.1 to keep up with how  $e_k$  decreases each iteration (but see Problem 3 for a discussion of the risks involved in not calculating  $e_k$  directly). Now the Jacobi method can be summarized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= A, \\ A_{n+1} &= Q_n^T A_n Q_n, \end{aligned}$$

where each  $Q_n$  has the form 3.2.1 for some  $i, j$ . Once the iteration has converged, so that  $A_L = D$ , where  $D$  is nearly diagonal, we have

$$D = Q_L^T Q_{L-1}^T \dots Q_2^T Q_1^T A Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_{L-1} Q_L.$$

If we define

$$Q \equiv Q_1 Q_2 \dots Q_{L-1} Q_L,$$

then

$$D = Q^T A Q,$$

and, since  $Q$  is still orthogonal,

$$A Q = Q D. \tag{3.2.8}$$

From 3.2.8, we see that not only are the eigenvalues of  $A$  contained in the diagonal of  $D$ , but also the columns of  $Q$  contain the corresponding eigenvectors. This is clear when we notice that 3.2.8 says that  $A$  times the  $k$ th column



of  $Q$  is equal to  $d_{kk}$  times the  $k$ th column of  $Q$ . Hence, if we start with  $X_0 = I$  and calculate  $X_{n+1} = X_n Q_n$  each Jacobi iteration, the last  $X_L$  will be  $Q$  and will contain the orthogonal eigenvectors of  $A$ , already normalized.

Figure 3.2.1 displays a FORTRAN program that solves a symmetric eigenvalue problem using the Jacobi method described above. Although, as stated at the beginning of this section, it is no longer considered state-of-the-art, it is very easy to program and it is only marginally slower than the best codes for general symmetric eigenproblems (which also require  $O(N^3)$  work). Since simplicity and not speed is DEGSYM's strongest point, we opted to sacrifice some further gains in speed to keep the program simple and did not even take advantage of symmetry in the calculations of loops 25 and 30.

DEGSYM was used to find the eigenvalues of the symmetric matrix displayed in Figure 3.1.1. The Jacobi method converged after 380 transformations, with diagonal elements as shown in Table 3.2.1. The exact eigenvalues of this matrix are known to be [Sewell 2005, Section 4.7]

$$\lambda = 100 \left[ \sin^2 \left( \frac{k\pi}{10} \right) + \sin^2 \left( \frac{l\pi}{10} \right) \right], \quad k, l = 1, 2, 3, 4,$$

in agreement with the results of Table 3.2.1 to the number of digits printed.

**Table 3.2.1**  
Eigenvalues Calculated by DEGSYM

19.0983	75.0000	100.0000	130.9017
44.0983	75.0000	100.0000	155.9017
44.0983	100.0000	125.0000	155.9017
69.0983	100.0000	125.0000	180.9017

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SUBROUTINE DEGSYM(A,N,X)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N),X(N,N)
  INTEGER N
C
C  SUBROUTINE DEGSYM SOLVES THE EIGENVALUE PROBLEM
C
C                                     A*X = LAMBDA*X
C
C  WHERE A IS A SYMMETRIC MATRIX.
C
C  ARGUMENTS
C                                     ON INPUT                                     ON OUTPUT

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C          -----
C
C  A      - THE N BY N SYMMETRIC MATRIX.      A DIAGONAL MATRIX,
C                                               WITH THE EIGENVALUES
C                                               OF A ON THE DIAGONAL.
C
C  N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C  X      -                                     AN N BY N MATRIX WHICH
C                                               CONTAINS THE EIGEN-
C                                               VECTORS OF A IN ITS
C                                               COLUMNS, IN THE SAME
C                                               ORDER AS THE EIGENVALUES
C                                               APPEAR ON THE DIAGONAL.
C
C-----
C
C                               EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
C                               PRECISION
C *****
C          DATA EPS/2.D-16/
C *****
C                               ANORM = SUM OF ALL SQUARES
C                               X INITIALIZED TO IDENTITY
C
C          ANORM = 0.0
C          DO 10 I=1,N
C            DO 5 J=1,N
C              ANORM = ANORM + A(I,J)**2
C              X(I,J) = 0.0
C          5  CONTINUE
C            X(I,I) = 1.0
C          10 CONTINUE
C          ERR LIM = 1000*EPS*ANORM
C
C                               EK = SUM OF OFF-DIAGONAL SQUARES
C
C          EK = 0.0
C          DO 15 I=1,N
C            DO 15 J=1,N
C              IF (I .NE. J) EK = EK + A(I,J)**2
C          15 CONTINUE
C          IF (EK .LE. ERR LIM) RETURN
C          THRESH = 0.5*EK/N/(N-1)
C          20 CONTINUE
C            DO 40 I=1,N-1
C              DO 35 J=I+1,N
C
C                               IF A(J,I)**2 LESS THAN HALF THE
C                               AVERAGE FOR OFF-DIAGONALS, SKIP IT.
C          IF (A(J,I)**2 .LE. THRESH) GO TO 35
C
C                               KNOCKING OUT A(J,I) WILL DECREASE OFF-
C                               DIAGONAL SUM OF SQUARES BY 2*A(J,I)**2.

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EK = EK - 2*A(J,I)**2
C          CALCULATE NEW THRESHOLD.
THRESH = 0.5*EK/N/(N-1)
C          CALCULATE C,S
BETA = (A(I,I)-A(J,J))/(2.*A(J,I))
FRACT = 0.5*BETA/SQRT(1.0+BETA**2)
S = SQRT(MAX(0.5-FRACT,0.DO))
C = SQRT(MAX(0.5+FRACT,0.DO))
C          PREMULTIPLY A BY Qij**T
DO 25 K=1,N
    PIK = C*A(I,K)+S*A(J,K)
    PJK = -S*A(I,K)+C*A(J,K)
    A(I,K) = PIK
    A(J,K) = PJK
25 CONTINUE
C          POSTMULTIPLY A AND X BY Qij
DO 30 K=1,N
    BKI = C*A(K,I)+S*A(K,J)
    BKJ = -S*A(K,I)+C*A(K,J)
    A(K,I) = BKI
    A(K,J) = BKJ
    XKI = C*X(K,I)+S*X(K,J)
    XKJ = -S*X(K,I)+C*X(K,J)
    X(K,I) = XKI
    X(K,J) = XKJ
30 CONTINUE
C          CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE
    IF (EK .LE. ERR LIM) RETURN
35 CONTINUE
40 CONTINUE
C          RETURN TO BEGINNING OF CYCLE
GO TO 20
END

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Figure 3.2.1

### 3.3 The $QR$ Method for General Real Matrices

In Section 3.2, we used the Givens rotation matrices  $Q_{ij}$  (see 3.2.1) to introduce zeros into positions  $a_{ji}$ . Unfortunately, the zeros introduced in this way pop back up on later iterations, although  $A_n$  does approach diagonal form in the limit. Thus, even when  $A$  is symmetric, the Jacobi method cannot produce a diagonal matrix in a finite number of steps. The Jacobi method can be modified to knock out  $a_{ji}$  even when  $a_{ij} \neq a_{ji}$ , and by iteratively knocking out subdiagonal elements it may transform a nonsymmetric matrix into upper triangular form (from which the eigenvalues can also be read off the diagonal),

but certainly not in a finite number of steps, and usually not even in the limit. Indeed, if the nonsymmetric matrix has any complex eigenvalues, there is no hope of convergence to triangular form, for real matrix multiplications cannot produce a triangular matrix with complex diagonal entries.

If we are willing to be less ambitious, however, and instead of trying to achieve upper triangular form we aim for "upper Hessenberg" form, which has one extra diagonal below the upper triangle of nonzero elements, this we *can* achieve in a finite number of steps. Since we shall still use orthogonal matrices, which preserve symmetry, if the original matrix is symmetric, the final Hessenberg matrix will be also, which means it will be tridiagonal.

The eigenvalues of Hessenberg and tridiagonal matrices are not as easily extracted as those of upper triangular and diagonal matrices; so, once we reduce  $A$  to a similar Hessenberg (or tridiagonal, in the symmetric case) matrix, we still have work to do, but we shall see that these forms are much easier to deal with than the original full matrix.

We shall again use Givens rotation matrices to accomplish the reduction, but this time we shall use  $Q_{ij}$ , not to zero  $a_{ji}$ , but  $a_{j,i-1}$ . Since premultiplication by  $Q_{ij}^T$  modifies the  $i$ th and  $j$ th rows, and postmultiplication by  $Q_{ij}$  modifies the  $i$ th and  $j$ th columns, if we choose  $c$  and  $s$  so that the element in row  $j$ , column  $i-1$  is zeroed by the premultiplication, it will not be modified by the postmultiplication. Note, however, that, since  $j > i$ , only the elements  $a_{j,i-1}$  ( $j = i+1, \dots, N$ ) of column  $i-1$  can be eliminated in this manner, and the elements  $a_{i,i-1}$  on the first subdiagonal cannot be zeroed, but this is the price we have to pay to protect the zeros created now from destruction later.

To determine  $c$  and  $s$ , let us form the product  $Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & & & \\ \dots & b_{i,i-1} & b_{ii} & \dots & b_{ij} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \dots & b_{j,i-1} & b_{ji} & \dots & b_{jj} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \end{bmatrix} = B \equiv Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij} \quad (3.3.1) \\ & = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & c & & s & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & -s & & & c & \\ & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & & & \\ \dots & a_{i,i-1} & a_{ii} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \dots & a_{j,i-1} & a_{ji} & \dots & a_{jj} & \dots \\ & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & & & & \\ & & c & & -s & \\ & & & 1 & & \\ & & & & 1 & \\ & s & & & c & \\ & & & & & 1 & \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the postmultiplication does not alter the element in row  $j$ , column  $i-1$ , we have

$$b_{j,i-1} = -sa_{i,i-1} + ca_{j,i-1},$$

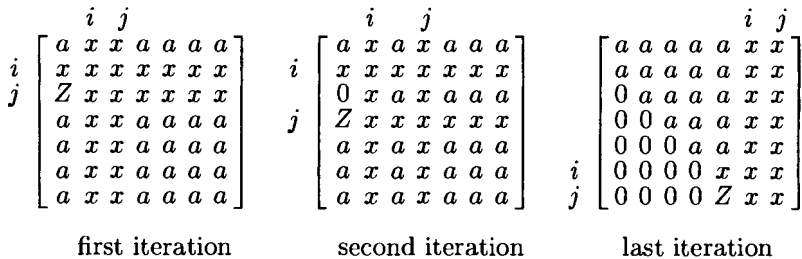
and setting this to zero gives (using also  $c^2 + s^2 = 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 c &= \frac{a_{i,i-1}}{(a_{i,i-1}^2 + a_{j,i-1}^2)^{1/2}}, \\
 s &= \frac{a_{j,i-1}}{(a_{i,i-1}^2 + a_{j,i-1}^2)^{1/2}}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.3.2}$$

Since we shall only perform the transformation when  $a_{j,i-1}$  is not already zero, the danger of a zero denominator is avoided.

Now, if we want the zeroed elements to remain zero, it is essential to knock them out in the proper order. When we reduced  $A$  to row echelon form in Section 2.2 by premultiplying with  $Q_{ij}$  matrices, it was important to zero the subdiagonal elements column by column, beginning with the first column. (The same is true of ordinary Gaussian elimination, where we premultiply  $A$  by  $M_{ij}$  matrices.) This ensures that, while we are knocking out subdiagonal elements in column  $i$ , we are only adding multiples of 0 to 0 back in columns 1 to  $i - 1$ . In a similar manner, to make sure that later premultiplications do not destroy zeros created earlier, we shall zero subdiagonal elements of  $A$  column by column, beginning with the first column. That is, we shall eliminate elements in the order  $\{(a_{j,i-1}, j = i + 1, \dots, N), i = 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ . Furthermore, because we use  $Q_{ij}^T$  to knock out elements in the  $(i - 1)$ st column, when we postmultiply by  $Q_{ij}$ , only columns  $i$  and  $j$  ( $j > i$ ) are altered, and the zeros in columns 1 to  $i - 1$  will not be destroyed. Thus neither the premultiplication nor postmultiplication will destroy any of the zeros created earlier (Figure 3.3.1).

In Section 3.2 we knocked out elements in the  $i$ th column using  $Q_{ij}$ , and that made it possible for us to eliminate *any* target subdiagonal element, whereas using  $Q_{ij}$  to knock out elements in the  $(i - 1)$ st column means we have to leave the first diagonal below the main diagonal untouched. But in Section 3.2 we paid a price—the zeroed elements did not stay zero.



**Figure 3.3.1**  
**Reduction to Upper Hessenberg Form**  
*Z*, zeroed by premultiplication (and not changed by postmultiplication)  
*x*, may change during this iteration.

For a given  $i$  and  $j$ , and once we have chosen  $c$  and  $s$  (using 3.3.2), the transformation  $B = Q_{ij}^T A Q_{ij}$ , or  $P = Q_{ij}^T A, B = P Q_{ij}$ , is done exactly as before, using equations 3.2.6 and 3.2.7. Each transformation, as before, requires  $O(N)$  operations and, as there are  $(N-1)(N-2)/2$  elements to zero, the total work done reducing  $A$  to Hessenberg form is  $O(N^3)$ .

Now we have reduced our arbitrary real matrix to an upper Hessenberg (possibly tridiagonal) matrix with the same eigenvalues. There are various methods available to find the eigenvalues of this Hessenberg matrix, including the inverse power method discussed in Section 3.5. Most of these methods could be applied to the original full matrix but can be applied much more efficiently to a Hessenberg matrix. For example, the inverse power method requires solving a linear system each iteration, and this is much less expensive if the coefficient matrix is upper Hessenberg.

A popular and powerful method for finding the eigenvalues of a general real matrix (preferably after it has been reduced to upper Hessenberg form) is the  $QR$  method [Francis 1961]. To do one iteration of the  $QR$  method, we first reduce  $A$  to upper triangular form using orthogonal reduction; that is, we premultiply  $A$  by an orthogonal matrix,  $Q^T (= Q^{-1})$ , designed so that  $Q^{-1}A = R$  is upper triangular. Then we postmultiply by the inverse matrix,  $Q$ . Although the postmultiplication destroys the upper triangular structure created by the premultiplication, under certain conditions the  $QR$  method nevertheless makes gradual progress toward triangular form, as the following theorem states.

**Theorem 3.3.1.** *If the real  $N$  by  $N$  matrix  $A$  has  $N$  eigenvalues satisfying*

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| > \dots > |\lambda_N| > 0,$$

*and the  $QR$  iteration is defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= A, \\ A_n &= Q_{n-1}^{-1} A_{n-1} Q_{n-1}, \end{aligned}$$

*where  $R_{n-1} \equiv Q_{n-1}^{-1} A_{n-1}$  is upper triangular, then, for large  $n$ ,  $A_n$  approaches upper triangular form.*

**Proof:** First note that

$$A_n = Q_{n-1}^{-1} A_{n-1} Q_{n-1} = \dots = Q_{n-1}^{-1} \dots Q_0^{-1} A Q_0 \dots Q_{n-1}, \quad (3.3.3)$$

and so  $A_n$  is similar to  $A$ . Also note that

$$Q_0 \dots Q_{n-1} A_n = A Q_0 \dots Q_{n-1}. \quad (3.3.4)$$

Then using  $A_n = Q_n R_n$  and 3.3.4 repeatedly, we get

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0 \dots Q_{n-1} R_{n-1} \dots R_0 &= Q_0 \dots Q_{n-2} A_{n-1} R_{n-2} \dots R_0 \\ &= A Q_0 \dots Q_{n-2} R_{n-2} \dots R_0 \\ &= A Q_0 \dots Q_{n-3} A_{n-2} R_{n-3} \dots R_0 \\ &= A^2 Q_0 \dots Q_{n-3} R_{n-3} \dots R_0 = \dots = A^n. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3.5)$$

Meanwhile, since  $A$  has  $N$  distinct eigenvalues, by a well-known theorem of linear algebra,  $A$  is diagonalizable,  $A = ZDZ^{-1}$ , where we have arranged the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i = d_{ii}$  in descending order in the diagonal matrix  $D$  and have packed the eigenvectors into the columns of  $Z$  in the corresponding order.

Now let us form the  $LU$  decomposition of  $Z^{-1} = LU$ , where  $L$  has ones along the diagonal (see Section 1.4). We have assumed that no pivoting is required during the formation of this  $LU$  decomposition (so  $P = I$  in 1.4.7) and, since  $Z^{-1}$  is nonsingular, an exactly zero pivot is unlikely to arise. In any case, J.H. Wilkinson [1965], in his classic text *The Algebraic Eigenvalue Problem*, shows how to continue the proof even if pivoting is required.

Now from 3.3.5 we have

$$Q_0 \dots Q_{n-1} R_{n-1} \dots R_0 = A^n = ZD^n Z^{-1} = ZD^n LU.$$

Since  $\lambda = 0$  was assumed not to be an eigenvalue of  $A$ ,  $A^n$  is nonsingular, and therefore so are all the  $R_i$ . So,

$$Z^{-1} Q_0 \dots Q_{n-1} = D^n L U R_0^{-1} \dots R_{n-1}^{-1} \equiv H_n, \quad (3.3.6)$$

where 3.3.6 defines the matrix  $H_n$ .

From 3.3.3 then,

$$A_n = (ZH_n)^{-1} A (ZH_n) = H_n^{-1} (Z^{-1} A Z) H_n = H_n^{-1} D H_n. \quad (3.3.7)$$

Now let us look more closely at the matrix  $H_n$ . From 3.3.6,

$$H_n = (D^n L D^{-n}) D^n U R_0^{-1} \dots R_{n-1}^{-1}. \quad (3.3.8)$$

If the lower triangular matrix  $L$  has elements  $l_{ij}$  ( $l_{ii} = 1$ ), the matrix in parentheses is

$$D^n L D^{-n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ l_{21} \left(\frac{d_{22}}{d_{11}}\right)^n & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ l_{31} \left(\frac{d_{33}}{d_{11}}\right)^n & l_{32} \left(\frac{d_{33}}{d_{22}}\right)^n & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ l_{41} \left(\frac{d_{44}}{d_{11}}\right)^n & l_{42} \left(\frac{d_{44}}{d_{22}}\right)^n & l_{43} \left(\frac{d_{44}}{d_{33}}\right)^n & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i = d_{ii}$  are numbered in order of descending absolute value, the subdiagonal terms all tend to zero, and  $D^n L D^{-n}$  converges to the identity matrix, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus for large  $n$ , from 3.3.8,

$$H_n \approx D^n U R_0^{-1} \dots R_{n-1}^{-1}.$$

Since the inverse of an upper triangular matrix is upper triangular, and the product of upper triangular matrices is upper triangular (Theorem 0.1.2), we see that  $H_n$  is upper triangular, for large  $n$ . Then, going back to 3.3.7, we

see that  $A_n$  is the product of upper triangular matrices too and is thus also upper triangular, for large  $n$ . ■

Since  $A$  is real, complex eigenvalues will appear in conjugate pairs, with equal absolute values. Thus the assumptions in Theorem 3.3.1 are violated whenever  $A$  has complex eigenvalues, but then we should never have expected that using only real matrix multiplications we could converge to a triangular matrix if some of the eigenvalues are complex. Fortunately, however, the usefulness of the  $QR$  iteration is not limited to problems with real or distinct eigenvalues, as the following theorem shows.

**Theorem 3.3.2.** *If  $A$  is real, diagonalizable, and nonsingular, and if its eigenvalues occur in groups of at most two with equal absolute values, the  $QR$  iterate  $A_n$  approaches “quasitriangular” form, for large  $n$ . A quasitriangular matrix is upper Hessenberg with no two consecutive nonzero elements on the first subdiagonal.*

**Proof:** Under the assumptions on the eigenvalues  $d_{ii}$  of  $A$ , we can see from its expansion above that  $D^n L D^{-n}$  is quasitriangular for large  $n$ , since the only subdiagonal elements that do not converge to zero are on the first subdiagonal, and they are isolated from each other. Note that we are not saying that  $D^n L D^{-n}$  (or  $A_n$ ) converges to *anything*; in fact the nonconvergent subdiagonal elements may well oscillate forever, but the other subdiagonal elements do converge to zero. It is left as a problem (Problem 5) to show that the nonzero structure of a quasitriangular matrix is preserved when it is multiplied by an upper triangular matrix or by another quasitriangular matrix of the same nonzero structure, and when it is inverted. Once these intuitively reasonable results are established, it follows from 3.3.8 that  $H_n$  is quasitriangular, and from 3.3.7 that  $A_n$  is quasitriangular, for large  $n$ . ■

Although the  $QR$  method convergence proofs given above are rather complex, it is possible to give an “intuitive explanation” for why this method works. Each transformation  $A_n = Q_{n-1}^{-1} A_{n-1} Q_{n-1}$  is designed so that the premultiplication produces an upper triangular matrix ( $R_{n-1}$ ). The ensuing postmultiplication destroys this triangular structure; however, while the premultiplication is systematically, purposefully shoveling nonzero “material” over into the upper triangle, the postmultiplication is scattering material about aimlessly. It is not hard to believe that the directed efforts of the premultiplication gradually win out over the undirected efforts of the postmultiplication, and the matrix gradually moves, *as far as it can*, toward upper triangular form.

An example of a quasitriangular matrix is given in Figure 3.3.2. We shall see that the real and complex eigenvalues can be calculated trivially once we



reduce  $A$  to quasitriangular form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & S & X & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S & X & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X & X \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & X \end{bmatrix}$$

**Figure 3.3.2**

**A Quasitriangular Matrix**

$S$ , nonzeros on first subdiagonal;  $X$ , other nonzero elements.

Our implementation of the  $QR$  method will use more Givens rotations, but now our strategy has changed. Previously, every time that we premultiplied our matrix by  $Q_{ij}^{-1} = Q_{ij}^T$  we immediately followed this with a postmultiplication by the corresponding inverse matrix  $Q_{ij}$ . Indeed, if we are to preserve the eigenvalues of  $A$  we must postmultiply by the inverse. However, with the  $QR$  method, we *temporarily* forget about the postmultiplications and simply premultiply by orthogonal  $Q_{ij}^T$  matrices until we have an upper triangular matrix. Only after we have reduced  $A$  to upper triangular form  $R$  do we go back and postmultiply by the corresponding  $Q_{ij}$  matrices. What difference does it make whether we do all the premultiplications first, or alternate between premultiplications and postmultiplications (as done for the Jacobi method or the reduction to Hessenberg form)? The only difference is that our choices for  $c$  and  $s$  will depend on the order in which we multiply these matrices.

The reduction to upper triangular form follows the pattern of the orthogonal reduction in Section 2.2, except that we begin with a Hessenberg matrix, which is already nearly triangular. In fact, we could apply the  $QR$  method directly to the original full matrix, but each reduction would require  $O(N^3)$  operations. Since an upper Hessenberg matrix has at most  $N - 1$  nonzero subdiagonal elements, only  $N - 1$  premultiplications are required to reach triangular form, each of which requires  $O(N)$  work to perform. There are an equal number of postmultiplications to be done afterward, and so the total work for one  $QR$  iteration is  $O(N^2)$ , if we start with a Hessenberg matrix. It is easy to verify (Figure 3.3.3) that a  $QR$  iteration does not destroy the Hessenberg structure. That is, although the  $N - 1$  postmultiplications destroy the upper triangular structure created by the premultiplications, the nonzeros







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DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N)
INTEGER N
IF (N.LE.2) RETURN

C                               USE GIVENS ROTATIONS TO REDUCE A
C                               TO UPPER HESSENBERG FORM
DO 20 I=2,N-1
  DO 15 J=I+1,N
    IF (A(J,I-1).EQ.0.0) GO TO 15
    DEN = SQRT(A(I,I-1)**2+A(J,I-1)**2)
    C = A(I,I-1)/DEN
    S = A(J,I-1)/DEN
C                               PREMULTIPLY BY Qij**T
    DO 5 K=I-1,N
      PIK = C*A(I,K) + S*A(J,K)
      PJK = -S*A(I,K) + C*A(J,K)
      A(I,K) = PIK
      A(J,K) = PJK
5    CONTINUE
C                               POSTMULTIPLY BY Qij
    DO 10 K=1,N
      BKI = C*A(K,I) + S*A(K,J)
      BKJ = -S*A(K,I) + C*A(K,J)
      A(K,I) = BKI
      A(K,J) = BKJ
10   CONTINUE
15   CONTINUE
20  CONTINUE
RETURN
END

SUBROUTINE QR(A,N,ERRLIM)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C                               DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N),ERRLIM
INTEGER N
C                               DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
DOUBLE PRECISION SAVE(2,N)
IF (N.LE.2) RETURN
C                               USE QR ITERATION TO REDUCE HESSENBERG
C                               MATRIX A TO QUASI-TRIANGULAR FORM
NITER = 1000*N
DO 35 ITER=1,NITER
C                               REDUCE A TO UPPER TRIANGULAR FORM USING
C                               ORTHOGONAL REDUCTION (PREMULTIPLY BY
C                               Qij**T MATRICES)
DO 10 I=1,N-1
  IF (A(I+1,I).EQ.0.0) THEN

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      C = 1.0
      S = 0.0
    ELSE
      DEN = SQRT(A(I,I)**2 + A(I+1,I)**2)
      C = A(I,I)/DEN
      S = A(I+1,I)/DEN
    ENDIF
C                                     USE SAVE TO SAVE C,S FOR POST-
C                                     MULTIPLICATION PHASE
      SAVE(1,I) = C
      SAVE(2,I) = S
      IF (S.EQ.0.0) GO TO 10
C                                     IF MATRIX SYMMETRIC, LIMITS ON K
C                                     CAN BE: K = I , MIN(I+2,N)
      DO 5 K=I,N
        PIK = C*A(I,K) + S*A(I+1,K)
        PJK = -S*A(I,K) + C*A(I+1,K)
        A(I,K) = PIK
        A(I+1,K) = PJK
    5   CONTINUE
  10  CONTINUE
C                                     NOW POSTMULTIPLY BY Qij MATRICES
      DO 20 I=1,N-1
        C = SAVE(1,I)
        S = SAVE(2,I)
        IF (S.EQ.0.0) GO TO 20
C                                     IF MATRIX SYMMETRIC, LIMITS ON K
C                                     CAN BE: K = MAX(1,I-1) , I+1
        DO 15 K=1,I+1
          BKI = C*A(K,I) + S*A(K,I+1)
          BKJ = -S*A(K,I) + C*A(K,I+1)
          A(K,I) = BKI
          A(K,I+1) = BKJ
    15  CONTINUE
    20  CONTINUE
C                                     SET NEARLY ZERO SUBDIAGONALS TO ZERO,
C                                     TO AVOID UNDERFLOW.
      DO 25 I=1,N-1
        IF (ABS(A(I+1,I)).LT.ERRLLIM) A(I+1,I) = 0.0
    25  CONTINUE
C                                     CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE TO "QUASI-
C                                     TRIANGULAR" FORM.
      ICONV = 1
      DO 30 I=2,N-1
        IF (A(I,I-1).NE.0.0 .AND. A(I+1,I).NE.0.0) ICONV = 0
    30  CONTINUE
        IF (ICONV.EQ.1) RETURN
    35  CONTINUE

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C

HAS NOT CONVERGED IN NITER ITERATIONS

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PRINT 40
40 FORMAT (' ***** QR ITERATION DOES NOT CONVERGE ***** ')
RETURN
END

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**Figure 3.3.4**

Unless there are more than two eigenvalues of the same modulus, the  $QR$  iteration will (eventually) reduce the Hessenberg matrix to quasitriangular form, and DEGNON is able to extract automatically the eigenvalues of the 1 by 1 and 2 by 2 irreducible diagonal blocks in the final matrix. If there are groups of  $k > 2$  eigenvalues with the same modulus, the final matrix may (or may not!) contain irreducible  $k$  by  $k$  diagonal blocks, which do not reveal their eigenvalues as easily as the 1 by 1 and 2 by 2 blocks of a quasitriangular matrix. Nevertheless, the  $QR$  iteration will almost always introduce some new zeros into the first subdiagonal of the Hessenberg matrix, and DEGNON will still calculate the eigenvalues of the 1 by 1 and 2 by 2 blocks automatically; the eigenvalues of the larger blocks can be calculated “by hand”, if they are not too large.

Although DEGNON will nearly always eventually find all the eigenvalues of  $A$ , convergence can sometimes be quite slow. The rate of convergence to zero of the subdiagonal element  $a_{i+1,i}$  depends on the magnitude of the ratio  $|\lambda_{i+1}|/|\lambda_i|$ . Note, however, that DEGNON stops when  $A$  reaches quasitriangular form; so, if there are two eigenvalues of nearly equal (or equal) absolute values, this will not hurt anything. Only if there are three clustered closely together will we have slow convergence, since only then will two consecutive subdiagonal elements converge to zero slowly.

More sophisticated codes employ a “shifted  $QR$ ” method, which may speed convergence substantially. The shifted  $QR$  method is based on the transformation

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n &= Q_{n-1}^{-1}(A_{n-1} - \sigma_{n-1}I)Q_{n-1} + \sigma_{n-1}I \\
 &= Q_{n-1}^{-1}A_{n-1}Q_{n-1},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.3.11}$$

where  $R_{n-1} \equiv Q_{n-1}^{-1}(A_{n-1} - \sigma_{n-1}I)$  is upper triangular.

The philosophy behind the shifts is easily seen by looking at the expansion for  $D^n L D^{-n}$  given earlier and noting that, when we do several iterations of the shifted  $QR$  method with a constant shift  $\sigma$ , we are really just applying the ordinary  $QR$  method to the matrix  $B = A - \sigma I$  (and restoring the  $\sigma I$  at the end). This shifts the eigenvalues from  $d_{ii}$  to  $d_{ii} - \sigma$ , and, by choosing  $\sigma$  close to an eigenvalue  $d_{kk}$ , we can cause the subdiagonal elements of  $D^n L D^{-n}$  which contain  $d_{kk} - \sigma$  in the numerator to converge rapidly to zero. By cleverly varying  $\sigma_n$ , then, we can speed selected subdiagonal elements on their way to zero (see Problem 9).





Since  $H_i^{-1} = H_i^T$  (because  $H_i$  is orthogonal) and  $H_i^T = H_i$  (because it is symmetric), a Householder transformation has the form  $A_{n+1} = H_i A_n H_i$ . Note that premultiplication by  $H_i$  has the effect of changing only rows  $i$  to  $N$ , while postmultiplication by  $H_i$  changes columns  $i$  to  $N$ . In Section 2.3 the nonzero portion of  $H_i$  was chosen so that premultiplication by  $H_i$  would zero the elements in rows  $i + 1$  to  $M$  of the pivot column  $i$  (we assume that the columns of  $A$  are independent, so that  $l = i$ ). However, to preserve the eigenvalues of  $A$ , we now have to postmultiply by  $H_i$ , and the postmultiplication, since it changes columns  $i$  to  $N$ , will destroy the zeros in column  $i$  created by the premultiplication. Recall that we faced a similar problem using the Givens  $Q_{ij}$  matrices and, to ensure that the postmultiplication did not destroy the zeros created by the premultiplication, we used  $Q_{ij}$  to create (during premultiplication) zeros back in the  $(i - 1)$ st column, where they are safe from the postmultiplication, which changes only columns  $i$  and  $j$  ( $j > i$ ). In a similar manner, we shall have to use  $H_i$  to zero the elements in rows  $i + 1$  to  $N$ , not of column  $i$  but of the previous column  $i - 1$ , where they will be safe during the postmultiplication phase, when columns  $i$  to  $N$  are altered. This means, again, that the elements  $a_{i,i-1}$  on the first subdiagonal cannot be zeroed (Figure 3.4.1).

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{row } i \\
 \text{row } N
 \end{array}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 & & & & \text{column } i & & \text{column } N & & \\
 a & a & a & a & a & x & x & x & x \\
 a & a & a & a & a & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & a & a & a & a & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & a & a & a & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & a & a & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & Z & x & x & x & x
 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Figure 3.4.1**

**One Householder Iteration, Using  $H_i$**

$Z$ , zeroed by premultiplication (and not changed by postmultiplication)  
 $x$ , may change during this iteration.

Since the  $H_i$  matrices are orthogonal, symmetry is preserved and, if we start with a symmetric matrix, we shall end up with a tridiagonal matrix, as before.

To use Householder transformations in place of Givens rotations in DEGNON, we replace subroutine HESSQ in Figure 3.3.4 by the subroutine HESSH shown in Figure 3.4.2. Subroutine CALW in Figure 2.3.1 must also be loaded; we use this subroutine to determine the unit vector  $\omega$  such that premultiplication by  $H_i = I - 2\omega\omega^T$  will zero components  $i + 1$  to  $N$  of column  $i - 1$ .

The premultiplication is done (as in Section 2.3) in the following manner:

$$H_i A = (I - 2\omega\omega^T)A = A - 2\omega(\omega^T A).$$

The formation of  $\omega$  (in subroutine CALW) requires only  $O(N)$  work. Then only columns  $i - 1$  to  $N$  of  $A$  are processed, since the previous columns have already been reduced to their Hessenberg form and will not be altered by the premultiplication (see Figure 3.4.1). Premultiplication of each column  $\mathbf{a}_k$  ( $k = i - 1, \dots, N$ ) by  $H_i$  involves first calculating the scalar product  $\omega^T \mathbf{a}_k$  (loop 5) and then subtracting  $2\omega^T \mathbf{a}_k$  times  $\omega$  from  $\mathbf{a}_k$  (loop 10). Each of these calculations requires  $N - (i - 1)$  multiplications, since the first  $i - 1$  components of  $\omega$  are zero. Thus about  $2(N - i)$  multiplications per column are required and, since there are about  $N - i$  columns to process, the total work during the premultiplication stage is about  $2(N - i)^2$  multiplications.

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SUBROUTINE HESSH(A,N)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
C          DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N)
C          INTEGER N
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
C          DOUBLE PRECISION W(N)
C          IF (N.LE.2) RETURN
C          USE HOUSEHOLDER TRANSFORMATIONS TO
C          REDUCE A TO UPPER HESSENBERG FORM
DO 35 I=2,N-1
C          CHOOSE UNIT N-VECTOR W (WHOSE FIRST
C          I-1 COMPONENTS ARE ZERO) SUCH THAT WHEN
C          COLUMN I-1 IS PREMULTIPLIED BY
C          H = I - 2W*W**T, COMPONENTS I+1 THROUGH
C          N ARE ZEROED.
CALL CALW (A(1,I-1),N,W,I)
C          PREMULTIPLY A BY H = I - 2W*W**T
DO 15 K=I-1,N
    WTA = 0.0
    DO 5 J=I,N
        WTA = WTA + W(J)*A(J,K)
    5    CONTINUE
    TWOWTA = 2*WTA
    DO 10 J=I,N
        A(J,K) = A(J,K) - TWOWTA*W(J)
    10   CONTINUE
    15   CONTINUE
C          POSTMULTIPLY A BY H = I - 2W*W**T
DO 30 K=1,N
    WTA = 0.0
    DO 20 J=I,N
        WTA = WTA + W(J)*A(K,J)
    20   CONTINUE
    30   CONTINUE

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20     CONTINUE
      TWOWTA = 2*WTA
      DO 25 J=I,N
        A(K,J) = A(K,J) - TWOWTA*W(J)
25     CONTINUE
30     CONTINUE
35 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

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Figure 3.4.2

The postmultiplication is done similarly:

$$AH_i = A(I - 2\omega\omega^T) = A - 2(A\omega)\omega^T.$$

Now all  $N$  rows have to be processed. Postmultiplication of each row  $\mathbf{a}_k^T$  ( $k = 1, \dots, N$ ) by  $H_i$  involves first calculating the scalar product  $\omega^T \mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{a}_k^T \boldsymbol{\omega}$  (loop 20), and subtracting  $2\omega^T \mathbf{a}_k$  times  $\boldsymbol{\omega}^T$  from  $\mathbf{a}_k^T$  (loop 25). Each of these calculations requires  $N - (i - 1)$  multiplications and, since there are  $N$  rows to process, the total work during the postmultiplication by  $H_i$  is about  $2N(N - i)$ . Since transformations involving  $H_2, \dots, H_{N-1}$  have to be performed, the total number of multiplications done in the reduction to Hessenberg form is about (see 0.1.1)

$$\sum_{i=2}^{N-1} [2(N - i)^2 + 2N(N - i)] = \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} (4N^2 - 6Ni + 2i^2) \approx \frac{5}{3}N^3.$$

While each Householder transformation reduces an entire column to its Hessenberg form, a Givens rotation eliminates only one element at a time. For each  $i$  ( $i = 2, \dots, N - 1$ ), there are  $N - i$  elements to zero, and it requires  $4[(N - (i - 2))] + 4N$  multiplications to knock out each (see loops 5 and 10 of subroutine HESSQ in Figure 3.3.4). Thus the total number of multiplications required to reduce a general matrix to Hessenberg form using Givens transformations is about

$$\sum_{i=2}^{N-1} (N - i)[4(N - i) + 4N] \approx \frac{10}{3}N^3.$$

So, while both methods require  $O(N^3)$  work, the Householder method is twice as fast, for large problems. However, for most problems, the time spent finding the eigenvalues of the Hessenberg matrix (using, e.g., the  $QR$  method) will be substantially greater than the computer time spent reducing the original matrix to Hessenberg form; so replacing HESSQ by HESSH will speed up DEGNON by a factor of much less than 2. There is nothing to be gained by using Householder transformations to  $QR$  factor the upper Hessenberg matrix, since only one element per column is zeroed.

The elementary matrices  $M_{ij}$  of Section 1.4 can also be used to transform a general real matrix to Hessenberg form. Recall that  $M_{ij}$  and  $M_{ij}^{-1}$  have the forms

$$M_{ij} = \begin{matrix} & \text{column } i & \text{column } j & & \\ & & & & \\ \text{row } i & & & & \\ & & & & \\ \text{row } j & & & & \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & r & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{ij}^{-1} = \begin{matrix} & \text{column } i & \text{column } j & & \\ & & & & \\ \text{row } i & & & & \\ & & & & \\ \text{row } j & & & & \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & -r & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each transformation has the form  $A_{n+1} = M_{ij}^{-1}A_nM_{ij}$ . Note that premultiplication by  $M_{ij}^{-1}$  has the effect of subtracting  $r$  times row  $i$  from row  $j$ , while postmultiplication by  $M_{ij}$  has the effect of adding  $r$  times column  $j$  to column  $i$ . In Section 1.4 we were able to reduce  $A$  to upper triangular form by premultiplying with  $M_{ij}$  matrices, but now the postmultiplication threat forces us to follow the tactics outlined in Section 3.3, and to use  $M_{ij}$  to zero  $a_{j,i-1}$  rather than  $a_{ji}$ . If we choose  $r = a_{j,i-1}/a_{i,i-1}$ , we shall introduce a zero into row  $j$ , column  $i - 1$  during the premultiplication stage and, since the postmultiplication alters only column  $i$ , the zero introduced into column  $i - 1$  will survive the postmultiplication (Figure 3.4.3).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & -r & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & a_{i,i-1} & a_{ii} & \dots & a_{ij} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dots & a_{j,i-1} & a_{ji} & \dots & a_{jj} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & r & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 3.4.3

We can now proceed to reduce  $A$  to upper Hessenberg form, eliminating subdiagonal elements column by column, beginning with the first column, just as we did using Givens transformations. However, when we calculated the elements  $c$  and  $s$  of  $Q_{ij}$  using equations 3.3.2, there was no danger of a zero denominator (unless the element to be eliminated was already zero, in which case we simply skip the transformation); now we have a problem if  $a_{i,i-1}$  is zero.

During Gaussian elimination we use the diagonal elements  $a_{ii}$  as pivots, to “knock out” the elements below and, if one of the pivots is zero, we have to switch rows to move a nonzero element to the pivot position. Here we are essentially using the elements  $a_{i,i-1}$  on the first *subdiagonal* as pivots, to knock out the elements below the first subdiagonal. Now, if  $a_{i,i-1} = 0$ , then  $r = \infty$ ,

and we must switch row  $i$  with a row  $l > i$ , to bring a nonzero element into the pivot position. However, switching rows  $i$  and  $l$  is equivalent to premultiplying  $A$  by a permutation matrix  $P_{il}$  ( $P_{il}$  is just the identity matrix with rows  $i$  and  $l$  switched), and so we must also postmultiply by  $P_{il}^{-1} = P_{il}$ , which has the effect of switching columns  $i$  and  $l$ . Fortunately, switching columns  $i$  and  $l$  ( $l > i$ ) does not change any elements in columns 1 to  $i - 1$ .

As we learned in our study of Gaussian elimination, it is a good idea not to wait until a pivot becomes exactly zero to switch rows. It is better to always bring the potential pivot (in this case the potential pivots are  $a_{i,i-1}, \dots, a_{N,i-1}$ ) that has the largest absolute value up to the pivot position before knocking out the elements below the pivot. If all the potential pivots are zero, this is not a problem; go on to the next column!

In summary, the reduction of a general full matrix to upper Hessenberg form using  $M_{ij}$  and  $P_{il}$  matrices is very much similar to Gaussian elimination (which reduces  $A$  to upper triangular form) with partial pivoting, except for two things. First, we use the elements on the first subdiagonal, rather than those on the main diagonal, to knock out the lower elements. Second, every time that we take a multiple  $-r$  of row  $i$  and add it to row  $j$ , we must then add  $r$  times column  $j$  to column  $i$  and, every time that we switch rows  $i$  and  $l$ , we must also switch columns  $i$  and  $l$ .

If subroutine HESSQ in Figure 3.3.4 is replaced by subroutine HESSM in Figure 3.4.4, the reduction to Hessenberg form will be done by  $M_{ij}$  and  $P_{il}$  matrices. By comparing loops 5 and 10 of subroutine HESSQ with loops 20 and 25 of HESSM, we see that the transformation  $A_{n+1} = M_{ij}^{-1} A_n M_{ij}$  requires only a quarter as many multiplications as a Givens transformation, and the same number of transformations are required. Thus this approach is four times as fast as using Givens rotations, and twice as fast as using Householder transformations. On the other hand, the  $M_{ij}$  transformations do not preserve symmetry; so, even if we begin with a symmetric matrix, the result will not be a tridiagonal matrix.

There are also alternatives to the  $QR$  method for extracting the eigenvalues of an upper Hessenberg (or tridiagonal) matrix. The  $LR$  method [Rutishauser 1958] is closely related to the  $QR$  method, but it is based not on the  $QR$  decomposition, but on the  $LU$  (or " $LR$ ") decomposition (see 1.4.7). Recall that one iteration of the  $QR$  method involves premultiplication by several elementary orthogonal matrices (usually Givens  $Q_{ij}$  matrices) to reduce  $A$  to upper triangular form, followed by several postmultiplications by the inverses (transposes) of the same elementary orthogonal matrices. Similarly, to do one iteration of the  $LR$  method, we reduce  $A$  to upper triangular form using Gaussian elimination, that is, we premultiply  $A$  by several elementary  $M_{ij}$  matrices, and *then* we postmultiply by the inverses of these same matrices. Although the postmultiplications destroy the upper triangular structure created by the premultiplications, the  $LR$  iteration, like the  $QR$  iteration, usually makes gradual progress toward triangular, or quasitriangular, form.

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SUBROUTINE HESSM(A,N)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N)
  INTEGER N
  IF (N.LE.2) RETURN
C          USE Mij TRANSFORMATIONS TO REDUCE A
C          TO UPPER HESSENBERG FORM
  DO 35 I=2,N-1
C          SEARCH FROM A(I,I-1) ON DOWN FOR
C          LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT, A(L,I-1)
    BIG = ABS(A(I,I-1))
    L = I
    DO 5 J=I+1,N
      IF (ABS(A(J,I-1)).GT.BIG) THEN
        BIG = ABS(A(J,I-1))
        L = J
      ENDIF
  5    CONTINUE
C          IF ALL SUBDIAGONAL ELEMENTS IN COLUMN
C          I-1 ALREADY ZERO, GO ON TO NEXT COLUMN
  IF (BIG.EQ.0.0) GO TO 35
C          PREMULTIPLY BY Pil
C          (SWITCH ROWS I AND L)
  DO 10 K=I-1,N
    TEMP = A(L,K)
    A(L,K) = A(I,K)
    A(I,K) = TEMP
  10  CONTINUE
C          POSTMULTIPLY BY Pil**(-1) = Pil
C          (SWITCH COLUMNS I AND L)
  DO 15 K=1,N
    TEMP = A(K,L)
    A(K,L) = A(K,I)
    A(K,I) = TEMP
  15  CONTINUE
  DO 30 J=I+1,N
    R = A(J,I-1)/A(I,I-1)
    IF (R.EQ.0.0) GO TO 30
C          PREMULTIPLY BY Mij**(-1)
C          (SUBTRACT R TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J)
    DO 20 K=I-1,N
      A(J,K) = A(J,K) - R*A(I,K)
  20  CONTINUE
C          POSTMULTIPLY BY Mij
C          (ADD R TIMES COLUMN J TO COLUMN I)
  DO 25 K=1,N
    A(K,I) = A(K,I) + R*A(K,J)

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25     CONTINUE
30     CONTINUE
35 CONTINUE
    RETURN
    END

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**Figure 3.4.4**

In fact, the convergence Theorems 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 apply equally well to the  $QR$  or  $LR$  methods. Although the notation of Theorem 3.3.1 might suggest that  $Q_{n-1}$  is orthogonal, nowhere in the statement or proof of the theorem is that assumed; so  $Q_{n-1}$  could be a lower triangular matrix or any other nonsingular matrix such that  $Q_{n-1}^{-1}A_{n-1}$  is upper triangular.

If  $A$  is upper Hessenberg before the premultiplications reduce it to upper triangular form, the postmultiplications will return  $A$  to its Hessenberg form (cf. Figure 3.3.3). In fact, if  $A$  is tridiagonal, it is easy to see that it will remain tridiagonal throughout the  $LR$  iteration; the  $QR$  iteration, by contrast, only preserves *symmetric* tridiagonal structures.

Figure 3.4.5 shows a subroutine  $LR$  that can be used to replace subroutine  $QR$  in Figure 3.3.4. This subroutine uses the  $LR$  iteration to reduce an upper Hessenberg matrix to triangular, or quasitriangular, form. Note that if, during the premultiplication phase, a (nearly) zero pivot is encountered, we simply give up. It is not really necessary to give up; we could interchange rows  $i$  and  $i + 1$ , and then interchange columns  $i$  and  $i + 1$  later, during the postmultiplication phase. However, the tridiagonal structure of a matrix is destroyed by pivoting and, more importantly, we have observed that (surprisingly) the  $LR$  iteration is more stable numerically if pivoting is *not* done.

Thus the calculation of the eigenvalues of a general real matrix can be done in two phases: First the matrix is reduced to upper Hessenberg form, in a finite number ( $O(N^3)$ ) of computations, and then an iterative method is used to compute the eigenvalues of the Hessenberg matrix. We see now that for each phase there are available methods based on orthogonal reduction, and methods based on Gaussian elimination. The Gaussian elimination-based methods are faster; nevertheless, the orthogonal reduction methods are much more widely used, even for nonsymmetric problems, where preservation of symmetry cannot be cited as a reason for preferring orthogonal transformations.

The reason for this is that orthogonal transformations are more stable with respect to roundoff error. We spent some time in Chapter 1 worrying about roundoff error, because that is the only error that we have when  $Ax = b$  is solved using direct methods. In this chapter we have ignored the problem of roundoff error because we have other errors to worry about when eigenvalue problems are solved. The reader is referred to the book by Wilkinson [1965] for a thorough treatment of this topic, and for a rigorous demonstration of the superiority of orthogonal transformations. The heart of the matter is that

an orthogonal transformation does not change the Euclidean norm (2-norm) of a matrix, for, if  $B = Q^T A Q$ , where  $Q^T Q = I$ , then  $B^T B = Q^T A^T A Q$  and by Theorem 0.3.1, since  $B^T B$  and  $A^T A$  are similar,  $A$  and  $B$  have the same 2-norm. On the other hand, multiplication by nonorthogonal matrices can cause large elements to arise (see Problem 11).

There are other alternatives as well, for finding the eigenvalues of an upper Hessenberg matrix. One is the inverse power method (Section 3.5), which finds only one eigenvalue at a time. Another obvious alternative is to use a good nonlinear equation solver to find the roots of  $f(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$  and, for each given  $\lambda$ , to evaluate this determinant directly. If we are prepared to do complex arithmetic, there is no reason why we cannot find the complex eigenvalues of  $A$  in this manner.

The fastest way to evaluate a determinant is to reduce the matrix to upper triangular form, using ordinary Gaussian elimination. As long as we only add multiples of one row to another, the determinant does not change and, since the determinant of an upper triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries, this product gives the determinant of the original matrix. (If we have to switch rows, each row switch reverses the sign of the determinant.) Now  $O(N^3)$  operations are required to reduce a full matrix to upper triangular form, and thus to calculate its determinant, but it takes only  $O(N^2)$  operations to reduce an upper Hessenberg matrix to triangular form, and  $O(N)$  to reduce a tridiagonal matrix. Thus, once a matrix has been reduced to Hessenberg (or tridiagonal) form, the function  $f(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$  can be evaluated much more economically, and this approach may be feasible if an efficient and robust root finder is available.

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SUBROUTINE LR(A,N,ERRLIM)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N),ERRLIM
  INTEGER N
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
  DOUBLE PRECISION SAVE(N)
  IF (N.LE.2) RETURN
C          USE LR ITERATION TO REDUCE HESSENBERG
C          MATRIX A TO QUASI-TRIANGULAR FORM
  NITER = 1000*N
  DO 35 ITER=1,NITER
C          REDUCE A TO UPPER TRIANGULAR FORM USING
C          GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION (PREMULTIPLY BY
C          Mij**(-1) MATRICES)
    DO 10 I=1,N-1
      IF (A(I+1,I).EQ.0.0) THEN

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      R = 0.0
      ELSE
C          IF PIVOTING NECESSARY, GIVE UP
          IF (ABS(A(I,I)).LT.ERRLIM) GO TO 40
          R = A(I+1,I)/A(I,I)
      ENDIF
C          USE SAVE TO SAVE R FOR POST-
C          MULTIPLICATION PHASE
      SAVE(I) = R
      IF (R.EQ.0.0) GO TO 10
C          IF MATRIX TRIDIAGONAL, LIMITS ON K
C          CAN BE: K = I , I+1
      DO 5 K=I,N
          A(I+1,K) = A(I+1,K) - R*A(I,K)
5      CONTINUE
10     CONTINUE
C          NOW POSTMULTIPLY BY Mij MATRICES
      DO 20 I=1,N-1
          R = SAVE(I)
          IF (R.EQ.0.0) GO TO 20
C          IF MATRIX TRIDIAGONAL, LIMITS ON K
C          CAN BE: K = I , I+1
      DO 15 K=1,I+1
          A(K,I) = A(K,I) + R*A(K,I+1)
15     CONTINUE
20     CONTINUE
C          SET NEARLY ZERO SUBDIAGONALS TO ZERO,
C          TO AVOID UNDERFLOW.
      DO 25 I=1,N-1
          IF (ABS(A(I+1,I)).LT.ERRLIM) A(I+1,I) = 0.0
25     CONTINUE
C          CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE TO "QUASI-
C          TRIANGULAR" FORM.
      ICONV = 1
      DO 30 I=2,N-1
          IF (A(I,I-1).NE.0.0 .AND. A(I+1,I).NE.0.0) ICONV = 0
30     CONTINUE
          IF (ICONV.EQ.1) RETURN
35     CONTINUE
C          HAS NOT CONVERGED IN NITER ITERATIONS
40     PRINT 45
45     FORMAT (' ***** LR ITERATION DOES NOT CONVERGE *****')
      RETURN
      END

```

Figure 3.4.5

## 3.5 The Power and Inverse Power Methods

Often in applications we are only interested in one or a few of the eigenvalues of  $A$ —usually the largest or smallest. For example, only the smallest few eigenvalues of the matrix displayed in Figure 3.1.1 are reasonable approximations to the eigenvalues of the partial differential equation eigenproblem 3.1.2; so only the first few eigenvalues hold any interest for us. (This is not surprising, since the PDE eigenproblem has an infinite number of eigenvalues  $\lambda_{kl} = (k^2 + l^2)\pi^2$ ,  $k, l = 1, 2, \dots$ , while the matrix eigenvalue problem has only 16.) In such cases, the power or inverse power methods, which quickly find one eigenvalue at a time, may be more appropriate than the transformation methods in Sections 3.2–3.4.

The power method is marvelously simple: We just pick a starting vector  $v_0$  and start multiplying it by the matrix  $A$ . The following theorem states that, unless we are very unlucky in our choice of starting vector, the power method will find the eigenvalue of  $A$  of largest modulus, provided only that there is an eigenvalue of largest modulus.

**Theorem 3.5.1.** *Suppose the matrix  $A$  has one eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , which is greater in absolute value than all other eigenvalues, and let  $v_{n+1} = Av_n$ . Then, if the nonzero vectors  $v_0$  and  $u$  are chosen randomly,  $u^T v_{n+1}/u^T v_n$  will converge to  $\lambda_1$ , with probability one.*

**Proof:** Let us first suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable, which will be true, for example, if  $A$  is symmetric or has distinct eigenvalues. The proof for this special case is much easier and more instructive, and it will motivate the proof for the general case.

We assume, then, that  $A = SDS^{-1}$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix containing the eigenvalues of  $A$  in order of descending modulus, and so  $A^n = SD^nS^{-1}$ . If the first  $L$  diagonal elements of  $D$  are equal to  $\lambda_1$  (note that the assumptions of Theorem 3.5.1 do not prevent  $\lambda_1$  from being a multiple eigenvalue; what must be avoided are unequal eigenvalues of equal absolute values), then the fastest-growing components of  $D^n$  are equal to  $\lambda_1^n$ . So we divide  $D^n$  by  $\lambda_1^n$ , take the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{D^n}{\lambda_1^n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1} \right)^n & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1} \right)^n & & \\ & & & \left( \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right)^n & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & \left( \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} \right)^n & \\ & & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 0 & \\ & & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \equiv E. \end{aligned}$$

Then, since  $A^n = SD^nS^{-1}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{A^n}{\lambda_1^n} \right) = SES^{-1} \equiv G.$$

Now  $G$  is not the zero matrix, because otherwise  $E = S^{-1}GS$  would be zero also, and it is not. Therefore the null space of  $G$  is a subspace of dimension at most  $N - 1$ , and hence, if  $\mathbf{v}_0$  is chosen at random, the probability is one that  $G\mathbf{v}_0 \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Then, if  $\mathbf{u}$  is chosen randomly, the probability is one that it is not perpendicular to  $G\mathbf{v}_0$ ; so  $\mathbf{u}^T G\mathbf{v}_0 \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1}}{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^T (A^{n+1} \mathbf{v}_0)}{\mathbf{u}^T (A^n \mathbf{v}_0)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^T (A^{n+1} \mathbf{v}_0 / \lambda_1^{n+1})}{\mathbf{u}^T (A^n \mathbf{v}_0 / \lambda_1^n)} \lambda_1 \right) \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{u}^T G \mathbf{v}_0}{\mathbf{u}^T G \mathbf{v}_0} \lambda_1 = \lambda_1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we have shown that  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} / \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n$  will (almost always) converge to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , provided that  $A$  is diagonalizable.

If  $A$  is *not* diagonalizable, the proof follows the same pattern, but it is more involved, and begins with  $A = SJS^{-1}$ , where  $J$  is the Jordan canonical form of  $A$ . It is known that *any* square matrix is similar to a matrix  $J$  of the

form

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & & \\ & J_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & J_m \end{bmatrix}, \tag{3.5.1a}$$

where each  $J_i$  is an  $\alpha_i$  by  $\alpha_i$  square block of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_i & 1 \\ & & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}. \tag{3.5.1b}$$

The diagonal elements of  $J_i$  (which are eigenvalues of the upper triangular matrix  $J$ , and thus also of  $A$ ) are all equal. The  $\lambda_i$  corresponding to different blocks may or may not be equal. Now we form (cf. Theorem 0.1.4)

$$A^n = S J^n S^{-1} = S \begin{bmatrix} J_1^n & & & \\ & J_2^n & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & J_m^n \end{bmatrix} S^{-1}$$

and look at an individual block  $J_i^n$ . If  $J_i$  is 2 by 2,  $J_i^n$  has the form (see Problem 13 of Chapter 1)

$$J_i^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^n & n\lambda_i^{n-1} \\ 0 & \lambda_i^n \end{bmatrix},$$

and if  $J_i$  is 3 by 3,  $J_i^n$  has the form

$$J_i^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^n & n\lambda_i^{n-1} & \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)\lambda_i^{n-2} \\ 0 & \lambda_i^n & n\lambda_i^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i^n \end{bmatrix}.$$

The structure for larger blocks is essentially clear from these two examples. If  $J_i$  is  $\alpha_i$  by  $\alpha_i$ , the fastest-growing component of  $J_i^n$ , of order  $O(n^{\alpha_i-1}\lambda_i^n)$ , will be in its upper right-hand corner. If we designate by  $J_1, \dots, J_L$  the *largest* blocks (of size  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha$ ) containing  $\lambda_1$  on the diagonal, then the fastest-growing elements in all of  $J^n$  are in the upper right-hand corners of  $J_1^n, \dots, J_L^n$ , and they are of order  $O(n^{\alpha-1}\lambda_1^n)$ . So we divide  $J^n$  by  $n^{\alpha-1}\lambda_1^n$  and get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{J^n}{n^{\alpha-1}\lambda_1^n} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & E_L & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv E, \tag{3.5.2}$$

where  $E$  has the same block structure as  $J$  (3.5.1a), and every  $E_i$  is a zero matrix except  $E_1, \dots, E_L$ , which are nonzero only in their upper right-hand corners. Then, from 3.5.2, since  $A^n = SJ^nS^{-1}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{A^n}{n^{\alpha-1} \lambda_1^n} \right) = SES^{-1} \equiv G.$$

Now, since  $E$  is a nonzero matrix, so is  $G$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{u}^T G \mathbf{v}_0$  is nonzero with probability one again. So, even if  $A$  is not diagonalizable,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1}}{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^T (A^{n+1} \mathbf{v}_0)}{\mathbf{u}^T (A^n \mathbf{v}_0)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{u}^T (A^{n+1} \mathbf{v}_0 / (n+1)^{\alpha-1} / \lambda_1^{n+1})}{\mathbf{u}^T (A^n \mathbf{v}_0 / n^{\alpha-1} / \lambda_1^n)} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{\alpha-1} \lambda_1 \right] \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{u}^T G \mathbf{v}_0}{\mathbf{u}^T G \mathbf{v}_0} \lambda_1 = \lambda_1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we have shown that  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} / \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n$  will (almost always) converge to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , even if  $A$  is not diagonalizable. ■

We shall normally choose  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}_n$  (there is nothing in the proof of Theorem 3.5.1 that prevents us from letting  $\mathbf{u}$  vary with  $n$ ). In Problem 12 it is shown that, if  $A$  is symmetric, this is a particularly good choice for  $\mathbf{u}$ .

Since, for large  $n$ ,  $\mathbf{u}^T A \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} \approx \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n$ , for (essentially) arbitrary  $\mathbf{u}$ , we conclude that  $A \mathbf{v}_n \approx \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_n$ . Thus, for large  $n$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_n$  is an approximate eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ .

It is clear from the proof of Theorem 3.5.1 that, if  $\lambda_1$  occurs only in blocks of size one (e.g., if it is a simple root or if  $A$  is symmetric), the convergence of the inverse power method is exponential. In fact, the most slowly decaying component in the limit equation 3.5.2 goes to zero as  $|\lambda_2 / \lambda_1|^n$ , where  $\lambda_2$  is the eigenvalue of second-largest modulus. Since the power method may not converge at all when there are two eigenvalues of equal modulus, it seems reasonable that convergence would be slowed by another eigenvalue of nearly equal magnitude.

However, if, in the Jordan canonical form 3.5.1,  $\lambda_1$  occurs in blocks of size  $\alpha > 1$ , the most stubborn elements go to zero much more slowly, like  $1/n$ .

Since the complex eigenvalues of a real matrix occur in conjugate pairs, with equal absolute values, the assumptions of Theorem 3.5.1 are violated if  $A$  is real and its largest eigenvalues are complex but, if  $\mathbf{v}_0$  is real, it is hardly surprising that the power iteration  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} = A \mathbf{v}_n$  is unable to find complex roots. However, Theorem 3.5.2 suggests a way to use the power method not only to find complex roots but also to locate any eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.5.2.** *Suppose the matrix  $A$  has one eigenvalue  $\lambda_p$  that is closer to  $p$  than all other eigenvalues, and let  $(A - pI) \mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_n$ . Then, if the nonzero*

vectors  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  are chosen randomly,  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n / \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} + p$  will converge to  $\lambda_p$ , with probability one.

**Proof:** Since  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1} = (A - pI)^{-1} \mathbf{v}_n$ , by Theorem 3.5.1,  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} / \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n$  converges to the eigenvalue of  $(A - pI)^{-1}$  of largest modulus. Now the eigenvalues of  $(A - pI)^{-1}$  are  $1/(\lambda_i - p)$ , where the  $\lambda_i$  are eigenvalues of  $A$ , and so the largest eigenvalue of  $(A - pI)^{-1}$  is  $1/(\lambda_p - p)$ . Thus  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} / \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n$  converges to  $1/(\lambda_p - p)$ , and  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n / \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1} + p$  converges to  $\lambda_p$ . ■

If we again choose  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}_n$ , we get the “shifted” inverse power iteration, with its estimate  $\lambda$  of  $\lambda_p$ :

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (A - pI)\mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_n \\ \lambda = p + \frac{\mathbf{v}_n^T \mathbf{v}_n}{\mathbf{v}_n^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{n+1}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{n+1}\|_2} \end{array} \right. \quad (3.5.3)$$

Note that we renormalize  $\mathbf{v}_{n+1}$  each step, to avoid underflow or overflow.

If we take  $p = 0$ , the inverse power method  $A\mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_n$  allows us to find the eigenvalue of  $A$  which is smallest in modulus (closest to 0) and, if we choose  $p$  to be complex, we can even converge to complex eigenvalues, provided that we are willing to do some complex arithmetic. Using the shifted inverse power method we can find *any* eigenvalue of  $A$ , by choosing  $p$  to be closer to the desired eigenvalue than any other. Since we do not usually know exactly where the eigenvalues are, this process is somewhat like going fishing: We throw out a  $p$  and catch whatever “fish” is nearest to  $p$ .

In fact, it is clear that the closer we choose  $p$  to the eigenvalue we are fishing for, the faster the convergence. The largest eigenvalue (in modulus) of  $(A - pI)^{-1}$  is  $1/(\lambda_p - p)$ , while the second largest is  $1/(\lambda_q - p)$ , where  $\lambda_q$  is the next-closest eigenvalue (of  $A$ ) to  $p$ . The ratio of the second-largest to largest eigenvalue (of the iteration matrix  $(A - pI)^{-1}$ ), which governs the rate of convergence, is then  $|\lambda_p - p|/|\lambda_q - p|$ , and moving  $p$  closer to  $\lambda_p$  will clearly decrease this ratio and speed convergence.

In fact, this suggests that the following iteration, which updates  $p$  and sets it equal to the current best approximation of  $\lambda_p$ , might locate  $\lambda_p$  even faster:

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (A - p_n I)\mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \mathbf{v}_n \\ \lambda = p_n + \frac{\mathbf{v}_n^T \mathbf{v}_n}{\mathbf{v}_n^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1}} \\ p_{n+1} = \lambda \\ \mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{n+1}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{n+1}\|_2} \end{array} \right. \quad (3.5.4)$$

Indeed it does converge more rapidly, once  $p_n$  is close to  $\lambda_p$ . However, the constant- $p$  algorithm 3.5.3 has two advantages that may offset this faster convergence, at least in part. First, we can  $LU$  factor  $A - pI$  once, and then

use it to solve each  $(A - pI)v_{n+1} = v_n$  so that each iteration after the first, we only do  $O(N^2)$  work. If we vary  $p$ , we have to refactor each iteration, and refactoring requires  $O(N^3)$  operations, if  $A$  is a full matrix. Second, 3.5.3 has the advantage that it is guaranteed to converge to the eigenvalue closest to  $p$ , whereas 3.5.4 may converge to another (possibly unwanted) eigenvalue. Both of these considerations suggest that the best strategy might be to fix  $p_n$  for several iterations between each update.

Naturally, 3.5.4 can be applied more efficiently after the original matrix has been reduced through similarity transformations (Sections 3.3 and 3.4) to upper Hessenberg or tridiagonal form, as then only  $O(N^2)$  or  $O(N)$  work, respectively, is required to solve  $(A - p_n I)v_{n+1} = v_n$ .

In Figure 3.5.2 a subroutine DPOWER is given which implements the shifted inverse power method, with  $p_n$  updated every IUPDAT iterations, where IUPDAT is a user-supplied parameter. DPOWER allows  $p_n$  and  $v_n$  to be complex, so that complex eigenvalue–eigenvector pairs can be found. The system  $(A - p_n I)v_{n+1} = v_n$  is solved using versions of DLINEQ and DRESLV (CLINEQ and CRESLV) which have been modified to solve complex linear systems. As shown in Figure 3.5.2, only the type statements of DLINEQ and DRESLV had to be modified. The user supplies  $p_0$  (EIG) and  $v_0$  (V) although, if  $v_0 = \mathbf{0}$  on input, it will be replaced by a starting vector of random components. The iteration stops when  $rv_{n+1} \approx v_n$ , where  $r \equiv v_n^T v_n / v_n^T v_{n+1}$ . If we premultiply both sides of  $rv_{n+1} \approx v_n$  by  $A - p_n I$ , we see that this stopping criterion is equivalent to  $Av_n \approx (p_n + r)v_n$ , so that  $\lambda = p_n + r$  and  $v_n$  are an (approximate) eigenvalue–eigenvector pair.

Let us experiment with DPOWER, by applying it to the 5 by 5 non-symmetric matrix 3.3.12. We tried various values for  $p_0$ , with and without updating  $p$ , and the results are reported in Table 3.5.1. In every case, we input  $v_0 = \mathbf{0}$ , so that a random starting vector would be used. The location of the eigenvalues of this matrix are shown in Figure 3.5.1, along with the starting approximations  $p_0$  used.

These results confirm our expectations: Without updating, the shifted inverse power method always converges to the eigenvalue nearest  $p$  and, the closer  $p$  is chosen to an eigenvalue, the faster it converges. With updating, convergence is generally more rapid, but not always to the eigenvalue nearest  $p_0$ . With no updating, when we set  $p = 13$ , which is equally close to the two eigenvalues  $(13.14 \pm 4.94i)$ ,  $v_n$  oscillated indefinitely, and our estimate did not converge to either eigenvalue.

When  $p$  is very close to an eigenvalue,  $A - pI$  is nearly singular; so it might seem that the inverse power method would be plagued by roundoff error then, but such is not the case.  $v_{n+1}$  may be calculated inaccurately, but it is sure to be large; so  $r \equiv v_n^T v_n / v_n^T v_{n+1}$  will be small, and  $\lambda = p + r$  will be close to the true eigenvalue. Note in Table 3.5.1 that when we set  $p = 4.8798093$ , which is one of the eigenvalues as calculated by DEGNON earlier (Section 3.3), DPOWER converges in a single iteration. The rou-

**Table 3.5.1**  
Shifted Inverse Power Method Example

$p_o$	Updating Frequency	Converged to	Iterations to Convergence
$10 + 10 i$	Never	$13.14 + 4.94 i$	25
$13 + 5 i$	Never	$13.14 + 4.94 i$	5
$7 i$	Never	$-4.58 + 6.94 i$	30
4.8798093	Never	4.8798093	1
13	Never	← did not converge →	
$10 + 10 i$	Each step	$13.14 + 4.94 i$	7
$13 + 5 i$	Each step	$13.14 + 4.94 i$	4
$7 i$	Each step	$13.14 + 4.94 i$	12

tine also returns a good estimate of the corresponding eigenvector, namely,  $(-0.29464, -0.63515, -0.26891, 0.66035, 0.03745)$ . This illustrates the usefulness of DPOWER in calculating eigenvectors, once the eigenvalues are known.

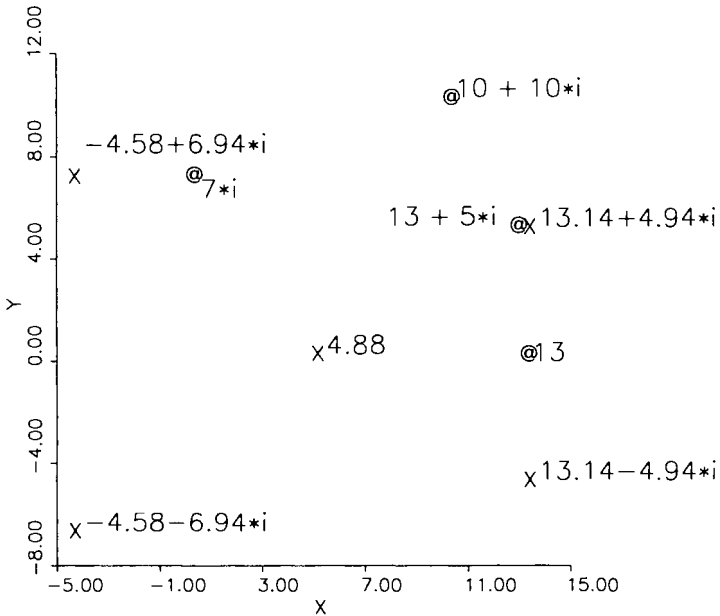
With  $p = 13 + 5i$ , and with no updating (3.5.3), when our starting vector  $v_0$  was chosen exactly equal to this eigenvector of 4.8798093, we obtained the sequence of eigenvalue approximations shown in Table 3.5.2.

**Table 3.5.2**

Iteration	Eigenvalue Estimate
0	$4.87980 + 0.00000 i$
1	$4.88013 + 0.00024 i$
2	$4.88091 + 0.02503 i$
3	$3.65013 + 1.08108 i$
4	$12.31745 + 5.11298 i$
5	$13.14311 + 4.93595 i$
6	$13.14065 + 4.93692 i$
7	$13.14066 + 4.93688 i$
8	$13.14066 + 4.93688 i$
9	$13.14066 + 4.93688 i$

Since  $v_0$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 4.8798093$ , it is not surprising that the first few eigenvalue estimates are close to 4.8798093, even though this is *not* the eigenvalue closest to  $p = 13 + 5i$ . We can show that this is one of the unlucky choices of  $v_0$  which have  $Gv_0 = 0$  (Problem 14). However, note that after a few iterations the closest eigenvalue  $13.14066 + 4.93688 i$  takes over, and the iteration eventually converges to this eigenvalue, despite





**Figure 3.5.1**  
Locations of Eigenvalues (X) and Starting Points (@)

the unlucky choice of  $v_0$ .  $Gv_n$  will not remain exactly zero, owing to roundoff errors, and eventually the dominant eigenvalue triumphs, as it always will when inexact arithmetic is done. Here is a case where the unstable growth of small errors works to our advantage!

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SUBROUTINE DPOWER(A,N,EIG,V,IUPDAT)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C
C           DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
COMPLEX*16 EIG,V(N)
DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N)
INTEGER N,IUPDAT
C
C           DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
COMPLEX*16 VN(N),VNP1(N),B(N,N),PN,R,RNUM,RDEN
INTEGER IPERM(N)
C
C SUBROUTINE DPOWER FINDS ONE EIGENVALUE OF A, AND A CORRESPONDING
C EIGENVECTOR, USING THE SHIFTED INVERSE POWER METHOD.

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C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT          ON OUTPUT
C          -----          -----
C
C  A      - THE N BY N MATRIX.
C
C  N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C  EIG    - A (COMPLEX) INITIAL GUESS AT          AN EIGENVALUE OF A,
C          AN EIGENVALUE.                        NORMALLY THE ONE CLOSEST
C                                                  TO THE INITIAL GUESS.
C
C  V      - A (COMPLEX) STARTING VECTOR          AN EIGENVECTOR OF A,
C          FOR THE SHIFTED INVERSE POWER        CORRESPONDING TO THE
C          METHOD. IF ALL COMPONENTS OF        COMPUTED EIGENVALUE.
C          V ARE ZERO ON INPUT, A RANDOM
C          STARTING VECTOR WILL BE USED.
C
C  IUPDAT - THE NUMBER OF SHIFTED INVERSE
C          POWER ITERATIONS TO BE DONE
C          BETWEEN UPDATES OF P. IF
C          IUPDAT=1, P WILL BE UPDATED EVERY
C          ITERATION. IF IUPDAT > 1000,
C          P WILL NEVER BE UPDATED.
C-----
C
C                      EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
C                      PRECISION
C *****
C          DATA EPS/2.D-16/
C *****
C          DO 5 I=1,N
C             IF (V(I).NE.0.0) GO TO 15
C          5 CONTINUE
C
C                      IF V = 0, GENERATE A RANDOM STARTING
C                      VECTOR
C
C          SEED = N+10000
C          DEN = 2.0**31-1.0
C          DO 10 I=1,N
C             SEED = MOD(7**5*SEED,DEN)
C             V(I) = SEED/(DEN+1.0)
C          10 CONTINUE
C          15 CONTINUE
C
C                      NORMALIZE V, AND SET VN=V
C
C          VNORM = 0.0
C          DO 20 I=1,N

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      VNORM = VNORM + ABS(V(I))**2
20  CONTINUE
      VNORM = SQRT(VNORM)
      DO 25 I=1,N
          V(I) = V(I)/VNORM
          VN(I) = V(I)
25  CONTINUE
C
C          BEGIN SHIFTED INVERSE POWER ITERATION
      NITER = 1000
      DO 60 ITER=0,NITER
          IF (MOD(ITER,IUPDAT).EQ.0) THEN
C
C          EVERY IUPDAT ITERATIONS, UPDATE PN
C          AND SOLVE (A-PN*I)*VNP1 = VN
          PN = EIG
          DO 30 I=1,N
          DO 30 J=1,N
              IF (I.EQ.J) THEN
                  B(I,J) = A(I,J) - PN
              ELSE
                  B(I,J) = A(I,J)
              ENDIF
30      CONTINUE
          CALL CLINEQ(B,N,VNP1,V,IPERM)
          ELSE
C
C          BETWEEN UPDATES, WE CAN USE THE LU
C          DECOMPOSITION OF B=A-PN*I CALCULATED
C          EARLIER, TO SOLVE B*VNP1=VN FASTER
          CALL CRESLV(B,N,VNP1,V,IPERM)
          ENDIF
C
C          CALCULATE NEW EIGENVALUE ESTIMATE,
C          PN + (VN*VN)/(VN*VNP1)
      RNUM = 0.0
      RDEN = 0.0
      DO 35 I=1,N
          RNUM = RNUM + VN(I)*VN(I)
          RDEN = RDEN + VN(I)*VNP1(I)
35  CONTINUE
      R = RNUM/RDEN
      EIG = PN + R
C
C          SET V = NORMALIZED VNP1
      VNORM = 0.0
      DO 40 I=1,N
          VNORM = VNORM + ABS(VNP1(I))**2
40  CONTINUE
      VNORM = SQRT(VNORM)
      DO 45 I=1,N
          V(I) = VNP1(I)/VNORM
45  CONTINUE

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C                                     IF R*VNP1 = VN (R = (VN*VN)/(VN*VNP1) ),
C                                     ITERATION HAS CONVERGED.
      ERRMAX = 0.0
      DO 50 I=1,N
        ERRMAX = MAX(ERRMAX,ABS(R*VNP1(I)-VN(I)))
50    CONTINUE
      IF (ERRMAX.LE.10*SQRT(EPS)) RETURN
C                                     SET VN = V = NORMALIZED VNP1
      DO 55 I=1,N
        VN(I) = V(I)
55    CONTINUE
60    CONTINUE
      PRINT 65
65    FORMAT (' ***** INVERSE POWER METHOD DOES NOT CONVERGE *****')
      RETURN
      END

```

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      SUBROUTINE CLINEQ(A,N,X,B,IPERM)
      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
      COMPLEX*16 A(N,N),X(N),B(N)
      INTEGER N,IPERM(N)
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
      COMPLEX*16 LJI,TEMP,SUM

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(rest of CLINEQ identical to DLINEQ, Figure 1.2.1)

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      SUBROUTINE CRESLV(A,N,X,C,IPERM)
      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
      COMPLEX*16 A(N,N),X(N),C(N)
      INTEGER N,IPERM(N)
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
      COMPLEX*16 LJI,SUM

```

(rest of CRESLV identical to DRESLV, Figure 1.3.1)

Figure 3.5.2

### 3.6 The Generalized Eigenvalue Problem

The matrix eigenvalue problem corresponding to Figure 3.1.1 was derived using finite differences to approximate the partial differential equation eigenproblem 3.1.2. An alternative method for reducing a PDE eigenproblem to a matrix eigenvalue problem is the finite element method. To solve 3.1.2 using the finite element method, we start by assuming that the eigenfunction  $U$  can be written as a linear combination  $U \approx \sum_j z_j \Phi_j(x, y)$  of  $M$  given linearly independent basis functions  $\Phi_j$ . The  $\Phi_j$  are almost always piecewise polynomial functions of some sort, and they all satisfy  $\Phi_j = 0$  on the boundary, so that  $U$  will satisfy the boundary condition regardless of how the coefficients  $z_j$  are chosen. Then (in the Galerkin version of the finite element method) instead of requiring that  $U_{xx} + U_{yy} + \lambda U$  be equal to zero identically, we only ask that it be “orthogonal” to each basis function  $\Phi_i$ , in the sense that

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \Phi_i (U_{xx} + U_{yy} + \lambda U) \, dx \, dy = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, M,$$

or

$$-\sum_{j=1}^M \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \Phi_i [(\Phi_j)_{xx} + (\Phi_j)_{yy}] z_j \, dx \, dy = \lambda \sum_{j=1}^M \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \Phi_i \Phi_j z_j \, dx \, dy.$$

This can be written as

$$Az = \lambda Bz, \tag{3.6.1}$$

where  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_M)$ , and the components of matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ij} &= -\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \Phi_i [(\Phi_j)_{xx} + (\Phi_j)_{yy}] \, dx \, dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (\Phi_i)_x (\Phi_j)_x + (\Phi_i)_y (\Phi_j)_y \, dx \, dy, \end{aligned} \tag{3.6.2a}$$

$$B_{ij} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \Phi_i \Phi_j \, dx \, dy. \tag{3.6.2b}$$

The second formula for  $A_{ij}$  was obtained from the first by integration by parts, and using the fact that each  $\Phi_i$  is zero on the boundaries  $x = 0, x = 1, y = 0$ , and  $y = 1$ .

Problem 3.6.1 is called a generalized eigenvalue problem. If  $B^{-1}$  exists, 3.6.1 is obviously equivalent to  $B^{-1}Az = \lambda z$  and could be solved by applying the techniques discussed earlier to the matrix  $B^{-1}A$ . On the other hand, if  $B^{-1}$  does not exist, 3.6.1 may not be equivalent to any matrix eigenvalue problem. Consider, for example, the eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is equivalent to

$$0 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 - \lambda \\ 1 - \lambda & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)^2 - (1 - \lambda)^2 \equiv 0.$$

Since this equation is satisfied for any  $\lambda$ , all complex numbers are eigenvalues of  $Az = \lambda Bz$ , for this choice of  $A$  and  $B$ ! This shows that the generalized eigenvalue problem is fundamentally different from the usual matrix eigenvalue problem, when  $B^{-1}$  does not exist. We shall not further discuss the case where  $B$  is singular.

It might be thought that, if  $A$  and  $B$  are both symmetric, the eigenvalues of the generalized problem have to be real, but this is not true. For example, the reader can easily verify that the problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

has complex eigenvalues, even though  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric ( $B^{-1}A$  is not symmetric, however). However, if, in addition to requiring that  $A$  and  $B$  be symmetric, we require that  $B$  also be positive-definite, then the eigenvalues of the generalized problem *are* guaranteed to be real. For, if  $B$  is positive-definite, we can find a nonsingular lower triangular matrix  $L$  such that  $B = LL^T$  (see 1.4.10), and then the problem  $Az = \lambda Bz = \lambda LL^T z$  is equivalent to

$$L^{-1}AL^{-T}(L^T z) = \lambda(L^T z)$$

or

$$L^{-1}AL^{-T}\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{y}, \quad (3.6.3)$$

where  $\mathbf{y} \equiv L^T z$ . Since  $A = A^T$ ,  $(L^{-1}AL^{-T})^T = L^{-1}AL^{-T}$ , and so the matrix in 3.6.3 is symmetric, and its eigenvalues  $\lambda$  must be real.

In our example,  $A$  and  $B$  given by 3.6.2 are clearly symmetric, and  $B$  is also positive-definite (Problem 16) and therefore nonsingular. Thus we can solve  $Az = \lambda Bz$  either as the matrix eigenvalue problem  $B^{-1}Az = \lambda z$  or in the form 3.6.3. Since  $L^{-1}AL^{-T}$  is symmetric and  $B^{-1}A$  is generally nonsymmetric, 3.6.3 is the preferred form, because methods designed for general nonsymmetric problems are less efficient and must assume the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are complex, even though in this case they are not.

Thus we could, for example, use DEGSYM (Figure 3.2.1) to solve 3.6.3. Then the eigenvalues returned by DEGSYM are the eigenvalues of the original problem  $Az = \lambda Bz$ , but the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{y}_i$  returned must be multiplied by  $L^{-T}$  ("back transformed") to give the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{z}_i$  of the original problem.

A better choice for our problem might be the shifted inverse power method (3.5.3 or 3.5.4), because (for reasons discussed in the last section) only the first few eigenvalues are of interest and, in addition,  $A$  and  $B$  will generally be band matrices, if the basis functions  $\Phi_i(x, y)$  are chosen cleverly [Sewell

2005, Section 5.11]. According to Theorem 3.5.2, applied to the equivalent problem  $B^{-1}Az = \lambda z$ , if

$$(B^{-1}A - pI)v_{n+1} = v_n$$

or

$$(A - pB)v_{n+1} = Bv_n,$$

then

$$\lambda = p + \frac{\mathbf{u}^T v_n}{\mathbf{u}^T v_{n+1}}$$

will converge to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_p$  of the generalized problem closest to  $p$ . It can be shown that, when  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric, the best choice for  $\mathbf{u}$  is  $\mathbf{u} = Bv_n$  [Sewell 2005, Section 4.11].

The fact that  $A$  and  $B$ , and thus  $A - pB$ , are band matrices obviously makes it possible to calculate  $v_{n+1}$  more efficiently.

### 3.7 Problems

1. Verify the assertion made in the proof of Theorem 3.2.1 that

$$2b_{ji}^2 + b_{ii}^2 + b_{jj}^2 = 2a_{ji}^2 + a_{ii}^2 + a_{jj}^2,$$

where  $b_{ji}$ ,  $b_{ii}$ , and  $b_{jj}$  are given by 3.2.3.

2. Verify the assertion made in the proof of Theorem 3.2.2 that  $1 - h \leq \exp(-h)$  for any positive  $h$ . (Hint: The two functions  $1 - h$  and  $\exp(-h)$  are equal at  $h = 0$ ; compare their slopes for  $h \geq 0$ .)
3. DEGSYM (Figure 3.2.1) uses the formula  $e_{k+1} = e_k - 2a_{ji}^2$  to keep up with the sum of squares of the off-diagonal elements. Explain why this idea is somewhat dangerous from a numerical point of view. It is not feasible to recalculate  $e_k$  directly (by summing the squares) after each individual transformation, but it might be reasonable to recalculate  $e_k$  directly after each complete cycle of transformations. DEGSYM (FORTRAN version) has been written so that this can be accomplished by moving a single statement. Which one and where should it be moved?
4. Because of the way DEGSYM chooses  $c$  and  $s$ ,  $s$  may be close to one even when the matrix has almost reached diagonal form, which means that eigenvalues on the diagonal may be permuted each iteration up to the very end. Modify DEGSYM so that this cannot happen, and test your new routine on the matrix of Figure 3.1.1.
5. Verify the assertions made in the proof of Theorem 3.3.2, namely, that

- a. the nonzero structure of a quasitriangular matrix is preserved when it is multiplied by another quasitriangular matrix of the same structure (once you have established this, it follows that its structure is preserved when multiplied by an upper triangular matrix—why?);
  - b. the nonzero structure of a quasitriangular matrix is preserved when it is inverted (assuming that the inverse exists).
6. The assumptions that  $A$  is nonsingular and diagonalizable were useful to simplify the proofs of Theorems 3.3.1 and 3.3.2. However, if

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

verify that  $P^{-1}AP = J$ , and explain why this shows that  $A$  is neither nonsingular nor diagonalizable. Nevertheless, verify that the  $QR$  method (use DEGNON in Figure 3.3.4) and the  $LR$  method (DEGNON + LR in Figure 3.4.5) both converge when applied to this matrix.

7. Modify DEGNON so that the  $QR$  transformations take advantage of the fact that  $A$  is symmetric (the required modifications are already suggested in the comments). Then apply this modified version to the matrix of Figure 3.1.1, which is symmetric. Compare the total computer time with that used by the unmodified version.
8. Expand the determinant 3.3.9 of the example quasitriangular matrix, and show that this determinant reduces to the factors shown in 3.3.10. (Hint: Expand along the first column.)
9. Modify DEGNON to implement the shifted  $QR$  iteration 3.3.11, with  $\sigma_n = a_{mm}$ , where  $m = N - \text{mod}(n/3, N)$ . In this way, the shift parameter is set cyclically to each diagonal element. Count the number of  $QR$  iterations required when this modified version of DEGNON is applied to the matrix in Figure 3.1.1, and compare this with the number of iterations used by the unshifted  $QR$  version.
10. a. Reduce the following matrix to a similar upper Hessenberg matrix,



using elementary matrices  $M_{ij}$  (do calculations by hand):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 9 & 3 \\ -6 & -1 & -16 & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- b. Transpose this Hessenberg matrix (transposing does not change the eigenvalues) and reduce *this* matrix to upper Hessenberg form, using more elementary matrix transformations. As long as you do not have to do any row switches, the zeros in the upper right-hand corner will be preserved (if orthogonal transformations are used, they will not). Thus the final result is a tridiagonal matrix with the same eigenvalues as the original matrix. (Although for this example row interchanges are not required for numerical stability, normally they will be, and this approach will not work, in general. In fact, it has been shown that it is impossible to reduce a *general* nonsymmetric matrix to a similar tridiagonal matrix in a stable manner.)
  - c. Use DEGNON to calculate the eigenvalues of the original matrix  $A$ , the Hessenberg matrix, and the final tridiagonal matrix, to verify that the eigenvalues have not changed.
11. Use a random number generator to generate the coefficients of a 50 by 50 nonsymmetric matrix. Find the eigenvalues using DEGNON, first with HESSQ and QR called by DEGNON, and then with HESSM and LR. Compare the execution times, and print out the final (quasitriangular) matrix in each case. Note that the matrix produced by HESSM and LR contains some elements that are very large compared with the diagonal and subdiagonal elements, while the other matrix does not. Explain why this is dangerous from a numerical point of view.
  12. The  $n$ th power method iterate  $\mathbf{v}_n$  is equal to  $A^n \mathbf{v}_0$ . If  $A$  is symmetric, then  $A = QDQ^T$ , where  $D$  is diagonal and  $Q$  is orthogonal, and so  $\mathbf{v}_n = QD^n Q^T \mathbf{v}_0$ . Use this formula to express

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}_n^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1}}{\mathbf{v}_n^T \mathbf{v}_n}$$

in a form that makes it apparent why this gives a more accurate approximation to  $\lambda_1$  than

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_{n+1}}{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}_n}$$

does for arbitrary  $\mathbf{u}$ .

13. If  $A$  is the 2 by 2 matrix

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

do several iterations (by hand) of the shifted inverse power method 3.5.3, to find the eigenvalue of  $A$  nearest to  $p = 1$ . Verify that the error is reduced each step by a factor of about  $|\lambda_p - p|/|\lambda_q - p|$ , where  $\lambda_p$  and  $\lambda_q$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$  closest and next closest, respectively, to  $p$ .

14. Show that if  $\mathbf{v}_0$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to an eigenvalue *other than*  $\lambda_1$ , then  $G\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $G$  is defined in Section 3.5. (Hint: Show that  $SJS^{-1}\mathbf{v}_0 = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_0$  ( $i > 1$ ) implies that the first  $L\alpha$  components of  $S^{-1}\mathbf{v}_0$  are zero, and thus  $E(S^{-1}\mathbf{v}_0) = \mathbf{0}$ .)

Construct a counterexample that shows that  $G\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}$  does *not* necessarily mean that  $\mathbf{v}_0$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .

15. Use DPOWER (Figure 3.5.2) to find an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  in Problem 6, with
- (a)  $p_0 = 0.9$  and no updating of  $p$  (EIG = 0.9, IUPDAT > 1000);
  - (b)  $p_0 = 1.9$  and no updating of  $p$  (EIG = 1.9, IUPDAT > 1000);
  - (c)  $p_0 = 1.9$  and updating of  $p$  every step (EIG = 1.9, IUPDAT = 1).

In each case let DPOWER choose a random starting vector  $\mathbf{v}_0$ , and print out the eigenvalue estimate each iteration. Why does the iteration converge so slowly in test (b)? (Hint: Look at the Jordan canonical form of  $A$  given in Problem 6.)

16. Verify that the matrix  $B$  defined by 3.6.2b is positive-definite. (Hint: Show that

$$\mathbf{z}^T B \mathbf{z} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left( \sum_j z_j \Phi_j \right)^2 dx dy$$

17. The “singular value decomposition” of an arbitrary  $M$  by  $N$  matrix is  $A = UDV^T$ , where  $U$  is an  $M$  by  $M$  orthogonal matrix,  $V$  is an  $N$  by  $N$  orthogonal matrix, and  $D$  is an  $M$  by  $N$  diagonal matrix. The diagonal elements of  $D$  are called the singular values of  $A$ .

- a. First, let's suppose  $A$  is a nonsingular square ( $N$  by  $N$ ) matrix. Even though  $A$  may be nonsymmetric,  $A^T A$  is symmetric and positive-definite, so there exists an orthogonal matrix  $V$  such that  $V^T A^T A V = D^2$ , where  $D^2$  is diagonal with the (real and positive)

eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ . Show that  $U = AVD^{-1}$  is orthogonal, and that  $UDV^T = A$ , so we have found a singular value decomposition of  $A$ . Notice that the singular values are just the square roots of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ , which are positive if  $A$  is nonsingular, and nonnegative for any  $A$ .

- b. Find the singular value decomposition for the 5 by 5 nonsymmetric matrix given below, by forming  $A^T A$  and using DEGSYM (Figure 3.2.1) to find  $D^2$  and  $V$ , and thus  $U = AVD^{-1}$ . Note that the largest singular value is the 2-norm of  $A$  (see Section 0.3), and show that the ratio of the largest to the smallest singular value gives the condition number of  $A$ , for this norm.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 7 & 3 & 4 & -8 \\ 5 & 8 & 3 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 & -3 & -4 & 5 \\ -3 & 0 & 4 & 5 & 3 \\ 7 & 4 & 5 & 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- c. If  $A$  is not square, or square and singular,  $A^T A$  is still symmetric and square, so there still exists an orthogonal matrix  $V$  such that  $V^T A^T A V = D^2$ . But now the  $N$  by  $N$  diagonal matrix  $D$  will not be the right size (if  $M \neq N$ ) or will not have an inverse (if  $A$  is square and singular), so the above approach will no longer work. If  $D$  has only  $K$  nonzero (positive) elements, which we take to be the first  $K$  for convenience, then let us define an  $M$  by  $N$  diagonal matrix  $E$  that has all zero elements except that  $E_{ii} = D_{ii}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, K$ . Note that  $K$  cannot be larger than the minimum of  $M$  and  $N$  (why?). Then the idea is still to find an orthogonal matrix  $U$  such that  $UE = AV$ , so that  $UEV^T = A$ . We can take the first  $K$  columns of  $U$  to be equal to the corresponding columns of  $AV$ , divided by  $E_{ii}$ . Show that the first  $K$  columns of  $U$  then form an orthonormal set.
- d. Show that the last  $N - K$  columns of  $AV$  are all zero, and thus whatever we put in the last  $M - K$  columns of  $U$ ,  $UE = AV$  will still hold. Thus it is just a question of extending the orthonormal vectors in the first  $K$  columns of  $U$  to an orthonormal basis for all of  $R^M$ . Why is this always possible to do?
- e. If  $A = UEV^T$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_i$  is the  $i$ th column of  $U$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_i^T$  is the  $i$ th row of  $V^T$ , and  $E_{ii}$  is the  $i$ th element of the diagonal matrix  $E$ , show that  $A = \sum_{i=1}^K E_{ii} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$ . If  $A$  is a large matrix with many zero or nearly zero singular values  $E_{ii}$ , we can throw away the corresponding small terms in this series, leaving us with a more compact approximate representation of  $A$ . If there are only  $L$  terms left after we discard the smaller terms, then we have an approximation of the  $M$  by  $N$

matrix  $A$  which requires only  $L(M + N)$  words of memory, which may be small compared to  $MN$ . If  $U$  and  $V$  were arbitrary, non-orthogonal, matrices, this series truncation procedure might not work. Why? This technique for data compression can be used to store pictures compactly; for example, the use of SVD to compress fingerprints is illustrated in Kahaner et al. [1989, p. 224].

- f. One of the singular values for the matrix in part (b) is close to zero. Replace this small value in  $D$  by 0, recompute  $UDV^T$ , and compare with  $A$ .

18. Use hand calculations on the upper Hessenberg matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a. Do one Jacobi iteration, to zero  $A_{2,1}$ .
- b. Do one complete  $QR$  iteration (i.e., reduce to upper triangular form and then postmultiply).
- c. Do one complete  $LR$  iteration.

# 4

## Linear Programming

### 4.1 Linear Programming Applications

Linear programming applications often represent problems in economics, rather than science or engineering. The following are illustrative of LP applications.

#### 4.1.1 The Resource Allocation Problem

A factory produces two products: chairs and tables. They make a profit of \$40 on each chair produced and \$50 on each table. A chair requires the following resources to produce: 2 man-hours, 3 hours of machine time, and 1 unit of wood. The table requires 2 man-hours, 1 hour of machine time, and 4 units of wood. The factory has 60 man-hours, 75 machine hours, and 84 units of wood available each day for producing these two products. How should the resources (man-hours, machine-hours, and wood) be allocated between the two products in order to maximize the factory's profit?

If we let  $c$  be the number of chairs produced per day and  $t$  the number of tables produced per day, then this problem can be stated mathematically as

$$\text{maximize } P = 40c + 50t \tag{4.1.1}$$

with the constraints that

$$2c + 2t \leq 60,$$

$$3c + t \leq 75,$$

$$c + 4t \leq 84,$$

and the bounds

$$c \geq 0,$$

$$t \geq 0.$$

The function to be maximized,  $40c + 50t$ , represents the profit, and the constraints state that the total man-hours, machine-hours, and wood used cannot exceed the amounts available. The bounds state the obvious facts that the factory cannot produce a negative number of chairs or tables.

### 4.1.2 The Blending Problem

A feed company wants each feed bag that they produce to contain a minimum of 120 units of protein and 80 units of calcium. Corn contains 10 units of protein and 5 units of calcium per pound, and bonemeal contains 2 units of protein and 5 units of calcium per pound. If corn costs 8 cents per pound and bonemeal costs 4 cents per pound, how much of each should they put in each bag, in order to minimize costs?

If we let  $c$  be the number of pounds of corn used per bag and  $b$  the number of pounds of bonemeal used per bag, then the problem can be stated mathematically as

$$\text{minimize } P = 8c + 4b \quad (4.1.2)$$

with the constraints that

$$\begin{aligned} 10c + 2b &\geq 120, \\ 5c + 5b &\geq 80, \end{aligned}$$

and the bounds

$$\begin{aligned} c &\geq 0, \\ b &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The function to be minimized,  $8c + 4b$ , represents the cost per bag, and the two constraints ensure that the total protein and calcium per bag equal or exceed the stated minimum requirements.

### 4.1.3 The Transportation Problem

A bulldozer company has two warehouses and three stores. The first warehouse has 40 bulldozers in stock and the second has 20. The three stores have 25, 10, and 22 bulldozers, respectively, on order. If  $C_{ij}$  is used to represent the cost to transport a bulldozer from warehouse  $i$  to store  $j$ , we know that  $C_{11} = \$550$ ,  $C_{12} = \$300$ ,  $C_{13} = \$400$ ,  $C_{21} = \$350$ ,  $C_{22} = \$300$ , and  $C_{23} = \$100$ . Determine the routing that will satisfy the needs of the stores, at minimum cost.

If we let  $X_{ij}$  be the number of bulldozers transported from warehouse  $i$  to store  $j$ , then the problem can be stated mathematically as

$$\text{minimize } 550X_{11} + 300X_{12} + 400X_{13} + 350X_{21} + 300X_{22} + 100X_{23} \quad (4.1.3)$$

with the constraints that

$$\begin{array}{rccccrcr}
 X_{11} & + & X_{12} & + & X_{13} & & \leq & 40, \\
 & & & & & X_{21} & + & X_{22} & + & X_{23} & \leq & 20, \\
 X_{11} & & & & & + & X_{21} & & & & = & 25, \\
 & & X_{12} & & & & & + & X_{22} & & = & 10, \\
 & & & & X_{13} & & & & & + & X_{23} & = & 22,
 \end{array}$$

and the bounds

$$X_{11} \geq 0, X_{12} \geq 0, X_{13} \geq 0, X_{21} \geq 0, X_{22} \geq 0, X_{23} \geq 0.$$

The function to be minimized represents the total transportation cost. The first two constraints state that the number of bulldozers leaving each warehouse cannot exceed the warehouse capacity, and the last three constraints state that the number of bulldozers arriving at each of the three stores must be equal to the number ordered. (Actually, the number arriving at each store must be *at least* as many as ordered. However, the minimum cost solution will clearly not specify that we deliver more bulldozers than ordered to any store so we can write the last three constraints as equalities rather than inequalities, if we like.)

#### 4.1.4 Curve Fitting

We want to find the straight line  $y = mx + b$  that best fits the data points  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 3)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(4, 3)$ , and  $(5, 4)$ , in the  $L_\infty$ -norm. That is, we want to find  $m$  and  $b$  such that the maximum error

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq 5} |mx_i + b - y_i|$$

is minimized, where  $(x_i, y_i)$  represent the data points.

In other words, we want to find  $m$ ,  $b$ , and  $\epsilon$  such that  $|mx_i + b - y_i| \leq \epsilon$  for all  $i$ , with  $\epsilon$  as small as possible. This problem can be posed mathematically as

$$\text{minimize } \epsilon$$

with the constraints that

$$\begin{array}{l}
 mx_i + b - y_i \leq \epsilon \quad (i = 1, \dots, 5), \\
 mx_i + b - y_i \geq -\epsilon \quad (i = 1, \dots, 5).
 \end{array}$$

The constraints are equivalent to  $|mx_i + b - y_i| \leq \epsilon$ .

For  $(x_i, y_i)$  as given above, the problem can be rewritten as

$$\text{minimize } 0m + 0b + \epsilon \tag{4.1.4}$$

with the constraints that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -1m - b + \epsilon &\geq -1, \\
 -2m - b + \epsilon &\geq -3, \\
 -3m - b + \epsilon &\geq -2, \\
 -4m - b + \epsilon &\geq -3, \\
 -5m - b + \epsilon &\geq -4, \\
 1m + b + \epsilon &\geq 1, \\
 2m + b + \epsilon &\geq 3, \\
 3m + b + \epsilon &\geq 2, \\
 4m + b + \epsilon &\geq 3, \\
 5m + b + \epsilon &\geq 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Each of the above problems will be solved later in this chapter.

## 4.2 The Simplex Method, with Artificial Variables

The linear programming problem that we shall solve is

$$\text{maximize } P \equiv c_1x_1 + \dots + c_Nx_N \tag{4.2.1}$$

with constraints

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
 a_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{1,N}x_N & = & b_1 & \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & \\
 a_{M,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{M,N}x_N & = & b_M & \text{(all } b_i \geq 0)
 \end{array}$$

and bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 &\geq 0 \\
 &\vdots \\
 x_N &\geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the constraint right-hand sides must be nonnegative; however, if  $b_i$  is negative, this is easily corrected by multiplying the constraint through by  $-1$ .

The linear expression to be maximized,  $P = c_1x_1 + \dots + c_Nx_N$ , is called the objective function and points  $(x_1, \dots, x_N)$  that satisfy both constraints and bounds are called feasible points. We want to find the feasible point or points that maximize  $P$ .



The problem 4.2.1 is more general than it appears at first. If we want to *minimize* a linear function  $P$ , we can simply maximize  $-P$ . Furthermore, “less than or equal to” constraints, of the form

$$a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N \leq b_i \quad (i = 1, \dots),$$

can be converted to “equation” constraints, by introducing additional non-negative “slack variables,” defined by

$$x_{N+i} \equiv b_i - (a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N)$$

(so called because they “take up the slack” between  $a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N$  and its upper limit  $b_i$ ). The  $i$ th constraint then becomes

$$a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N + x_{N+i} = b_i.$$

Similarly, constraints of the form

$$a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N \geq b_i \quad (i = 1, \dots)$$

can be converted to equation constraints by introducing slack variables

$$x_{N+i} \equiv (a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N) - b_i.$$

In this case, the new equation constraints have the form

$$a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N - x_{N+i} = b_i.$$

In either case, the slack variables, like the other variables, are bounded below by zero.

What the LP problem 4.2.1 reduces to is this: Of all the solutions (and normally there are an infinite number of them) to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  which have non-negative coefficients, find the one(s) that maximize  $\mathbf{c}^T\mathbf{x}$ .

The simplex method [Dantzig 1951, 1963] solves this problem by iteratively moving from one feasible point to a better feasible point (“better” means the objective function is larger there). However, finding a feasible point from which to start the iteration is not easy, in general. Finding any solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  with all coefficients nonnegative is not a trivial task—indeed, there may not be any such solutions.

We shall use the method of artificial variables to find a starting feasible point. We introduce  $M$  additional “artificial” variables  $x_{N+1}, \dots, x_{N+M}$ , defined by

$$x_{N+i} = b_i - (a_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{i,N}x_N) \quad (i = 1, \dots, M).$$

Although they are defined in a way that reminds us of the slack variables, their purpose is quite different. We shall now solve the related problem

$$\text{maximize } P \equiv c_1x_1 + \dots + c_Nx_N - \alpha x_{N+1} - \dots - \alpha x_{N+M} \quad (4.2.2)$$

with constraints

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 a_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{1,N}x_N + x_{N+1} & = & b_1 \\
 \vdots & & \vdots \\
 a_{M,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{M,N}x_N + x_{N+M} & = & b_M
 \end{array} \quad (\text{all } b_i \geq 0)$$

and bounds

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x_1 \geq 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 x_{N+M} \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a very large positive number. Now there is no problem getting started with the simplex method; we can use  $(0_1, \dots, 0_N, b_1, \dots, b_M)$  as a beginning feasible point, since  $b_i \geq 0$ . But how does solving 4.2.2 help us with 4.2.1, the problem that we really want to solve?

If the optimal solution to 4.2.2 has  $x_{N+1} = \dots = x_{N+M} = 0$ , then this solution is clearly also the solution to 4.2.1. (If there were a better solution to 4.2.1, by appending  $x_{N+1} = \dots = x_{N+M} = 0$  to that point we could get a better solution to 4.2.2.) On the other hand, if the best solution to 4.2.2 has one or more nonzero artificial variables, we conclude that 4.2.1 allows no feasible points. This conclusion follows from the fact that  $\alpha$  will be taken to be such a large number (in fact we shall computationally treat  $\alpha$  as if it were the symbol  $+\infty$ ) that all feasible points of 4.2.2 with  $x_{N+1} = \dots = x_{N+M} = 0$  give a better (higher) objective function value than *any* with nonzero (i.e., positive) artificial variables. Therefore, if the best feasible point of 4.2.2 has some nonzero artificial variables, there must not exist any feasible points of 4.2.1. In other words, the coefficients of the artificial variables in the objective function  $P$  are so large and negative that the penalty for retaining any nonzero artificial variables will be such that they will be retained only if there is no alternative.

Thus solving 4.2.2 will either give us the solution to 4.2.1, or else tell us that 4.2.1 allows no feasible points.

Now we outline the simplex method, applied to 4.2.2. We combine the equation  $P \equiv c_1x_1 + \dots + c_Nx_N - \alpha x_{N+1} - \dots - \alpha x_{N+M}$  and the constraint

equations into one linear system as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,N} & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{M,1} & \dots & a_{M,N} & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ -c_1 & \dots & -c_N & \alpha & \dots & \alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \\ x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_M \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{all } b_i \geq 0). \quad (4.2.3)$$

The  $M + 1$  by  $N + M + 1$  matrix, together with the right-hand side vector, is called the "simplex tableau."

Our job now is to find the solution(s) of the linear system 4.2.3 (normally there will be many solutions, since there are  $N$  more unknowns than equations), with  $x_1 \geq 0, \dots, x_{N+M} \geq 0$ , which maximizes  $P$ . Because this makes the explanation simpler, we shall assume that  $\alpha$  is a specific large positive number, such as  $10^{20}$ . This works fine as long as all arithmetic is done exactly, but, when we actually implement this algorithm on a computer, we shall have to be more clever to avoid numerical problems.

The first step is to clear the  $\alpha$ 's from the last row of 4.2.3. This can be done by adding  $-\alpha$  times the first equation to the last, then  $-\alpha$  times the second equation to the last, and so on. The resulting linear system, which is equivalent to 4.2.3, is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,N} & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{M,1} & \dots & a_{M,N} & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ d_1 & \dots & d_N & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \\ x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_M \\ P_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{all } b_i \geq 0), \quad (4.2.4)$$

where  $P_0 = -\alpha(b_1 + \dots + b_M)$  and  $d_j = -c_j - \alpha(a_{1,j} + \dots + a_{M,j})$ .

Now a solution to 4.2.4 is immediately obvious:  $(0_1, \dots, 0_N, b_1, \dots, b_M, P_0)$ . This solution also satisfies the bounds  $x_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N + M$ ), and so  $(0_1, \dots, 0_N, b_1, \dots, b_M)$  is a feasible point of 4.2.2. Feasible points with at most  $M$  nonzero  $x$ -components are called extreme feasible points; therefore this solution is also an extreme feasible point.

This particular solution, of the many that exist, was found by setting  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  equal to zero and solving for  $x_{N+1}, \dots, x_{N+M}, P$ . The variables that are easy to solve for—because the corresponding columns of  $A$  form an

identity matrix—are called the basis variables ( $P$  is normally not considered part of the basis, however), and those that are set to zero are called the nonbasis variables.

Currently, the basis variables are all artificial variables, but in each step of the simplex algorithm we shall add one new variable to the basis and delete one old variable. Then using the basic row operations described in Section 1.2 (multiply a row through by a nonzero constant, and add a multiple of one row to another) we manipulate the linear system 4.2.4 into a new equivalent form, in which a new solution can easily be extracted, by setting the nonbasis variables equal to zero and solving for the new basis variables. The variables to be added and deleted from the basis will be chosen in a manner that will ensure that the new solution will satisfy the bounds  $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ , so that it is still an (extreme) feasible point, and that the value of the objective function at the new point is at least as good as at the previous point.

Concretely, the iteration proceeds as follows. The last equation in 4.2.4 can be rewritten

$$P = P_0 - d_1x_1 - \dots - d_Nx_N.$$

At the current point, the nonbasis variables  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  are all zero, so that  $P = P_0$ . If the  $d_j$  are all positive or zero, we cannot improve on this value, because  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  are only allowed to increase from their current values of 0, and so  $P$  can only be decreased from its current value of  $P_0$ . Since we cannot remain within the feasible region and increase  $P$  by moving in any direction from the current point, this means that we have found a point  $\mathbf{x}_L$  that represents a local maximum of the objective function.

Does the objective function also attain its global maximum at  $\mathbf{x}_L$ ? The answer is yes, for suppose there were another feasible point  $\mathbf{x}_G$  at which the objective function is larger. Since both  $\mathbf{x}_L$  and  $\mathbf{x}_G$  are in the feasible region (i.e., satisfy the constraints  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and bounds  $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ ), it is easy to verify that any point  $\mathbf{x} = (1-s)\mathbf{x}_L + s\mathbf{x}_G$  ( $0 \leq s \leq 1$ ) on the straight line connecting  $\mathbf{x}_L$  and  $\mathbf{x}_G$  also satisfies the constraints and bounds and is thus also feasible. However, since the objective function is linear, it must increase linearly along this straight line as we move from  $\mathbf{x}_L$  to  $\mathbf{x}_G$ ; thus  $\mathbf{x}_L$  cannot represent a local maximum. For a general constrained optimization problem we may find local maxima that do not represent global maxima but, when the constraints and objective function are linear, this cannot happen. Thus, when all the  $d_j$  are nonnegative, we have found the global maximum (of 4.2.2).

On the other hand, if at least one  $d_j$  is negative, we can improve on our current solution. If there is more than one negative  $d_j$ , we shall choose the most negative one,  $d_{jp}$ , but we could use any one of them (see Problem 10). We can now increase  $P$  by increasing (from zero) the value of  $x_{jp}$  while holding the other nonbasis variables equal to zero. Of course, we want to remain in the feasible region as we increase  $x_{jp}$ ; so the linear system 4.2.4, rewritten

below in more detail, must still be enforced:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,jp} & \dots & a_{1,N} & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ a_{i,1} & \dots & a_{i,jp} & \dots & a_{i,N} & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ a_{M,1} & \dots & a_{M,jp} & \dots & a_{M,N} & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ d_1 & \dots & d_{jp} & \dots & d_N & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{jp} \\ \vdots \\ x_N \\ x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+i} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_i \\ \vdots \\ b_M \\ P_0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4.2.5}$$

If the other nonbasis variables are all held equal to zero, we can see how the basis variables vary with  $x_{jp}$  by rewriting equations 4.2.5:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{N+1} &= b_1 - a_{1,jp}x_{jp} \\ &\vdots \\ x_{N+i} &= b_i - a_{i,jp}x_{jp} \\ &\vdots \\ x_{N+M} &= b_M - a_{M,jp}x_{jp}. \end{aligned}$$

To remain in the feasible region, we must also make sure that none of these basis variables goes negative as  $x_{jp}$  is increased. Now, if all the elements  $a_{1,jp}, \dots, a_{M,jp}$  in column  $jp$  of  $A$  are negative or zero, we can increase  $x_{jp}$  indefinitely, and none of the basis variables will ever become negative. Since  $P \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x_{jp} \rightarrow \infty$ , this means we can stay within the feasible region and increase the objective function to infinity. In this case we are finished and must conclude that  $P$  has an unbounded maximum. (This is only possible, of course, if the feasible region is unbounded.) Thus the original problem 4.2.1 also has an unbounded maximum, because the presence of artificial variables can only decrease the maximum.

On the other hand, if at least one of  $a_{1,jp}, \dots, a_{M,jp}$  is positive, there is a limit on how far we can increase  $x_{jp}$  without permitting any basis variables to go negative. If  $a_{i,jp}$  is positive, we must stop increasing  $x_{jp}$  when  $x_{N+i} = 0$ , that is, when  $x_{jp} = b_i/a_{i,jp}$ . Since we cannot allow any variables to become negative, we must stop increasing  $x_{jp}$  when the *first* basis variable reaches zero, that is, when

$$x_{jp} = \frac{b_{ip}}{a_{ip,jp}},$$

where  $ip$  is the value of  $i$  that minimizes  $(b_i/a_{i,jp})$  such that  $a_{i,jp} > 0$ . (In case of a tie, set  $ip$  equal to any one of these  $i$ .) In other words,  $x_{N+ip}$  is the first basis variable to reach zero as  $x_{jp}$  increases, and it will be replaced in the next basis by  $x_{jp}$  (Figure 4.2.1). Note that, if  $b_{ip}$  is zero, unfortunately, the value of  $P$  will not actually increase this simplex iteration, since  $x_{jp}$  cannot increase past 0, but at least it will not decrease.

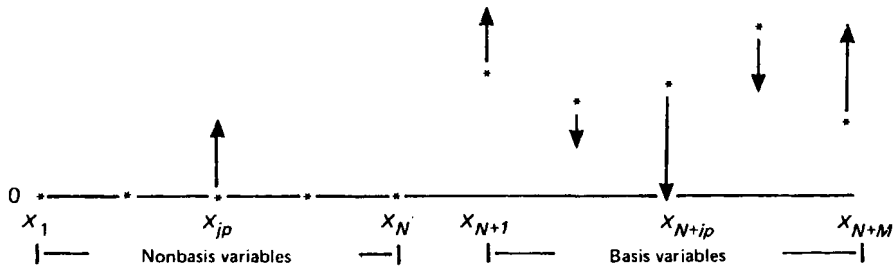


Figure 4.2.1

$x_{jp}$  Stops Increasing When the First Basis Variable Reaches Zero

To calculate the new solution obtained by allowing  $x_{jp}$  to become positive (and thus to enter the basis) and forcing  $x_{N+ip}$  to zero (and thus to exit the basis), we shall perform some basic row operations on the simplex tableau 4.2.5.  $a_{ip,jp}$  is by assumption positive. Therefore we can take multiples of the “pivot row”  $ip$  and add them to each of the other rows, to zero all other elements in the “pivot column”  $jp$ . Then, after we divide row  $ip$  by  $a_{ip,jp}$ , the system 4.2.5 has the equivalent form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a'_{1,1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & a'_{1,N} & 1 & \dots & Y & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a'_{ip,1} & \dots & 1 & \dots & a'_{ip,N} & 0 & \dots & Y & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a'_{M,1} & \dots & 0 & \dots & a'_{M,N} & 0 & \dots & Y & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ d'_1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & d'_N & 0 & \dots & Y & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{jp} \\ \vdots \\ x_N \\ x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+ip} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ \vdots \\ b'_{ip} \\ \vdots \\ b'_M \\ P_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.2.6)$$

Note that the  $ip$ th column of the identity has moved from column  $N + ip$  to column  $jp$ , making it now easy to solve for  $x_{jp}$  and not for  $x_{N+ip}$ . Now we could switch columns  $jp$  and  $N + ip$ , and switch the two corresponding

unknowns in the “unknowns” vector, producing

$$\begin{bmatrix} a'_{1,1} & \dots & Y & \dots & a'_{1,N} & 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a'_{ip,1} & \dots & Y & \dots & a'_{ip,N} & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a'_{M,1} & \dots & Y & \dots & a'_{M,N} & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ d'_1 & \dots & Y & \dots & d'_N & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+ip} \\ \vdots \\ x_N \\ x_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{jp} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N+M} \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ \vdots \\ b'_{ip} \\ \vdots \\ b'_M \\ P_1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.2.7)$$

This linear system is identical in form with the linear system 4.2.5 that we started from on this step, but the names of the variables in the basis have changed. As before, we can easily extract a solution to the linear system, by setting the (new) nonbasis variables equal to zero and solving for the (new) basis variables. In fact, the values of the new basis variables (and  $P = P_1$ ) can be read directly from the right-hand side vector, since the corresponding columns of the tableau form an identity matrix.

However, it is not necessary to switch columns physically, to keep the identity matrix in columns  $N + 1$  to  $N + M$ . If the columns of the identity matrix are scattered throughout the tableau, that is not a problem as long as we keep up with where those columns are. We shall do this using a vector BASIS, defined so that BASIS( $i$ ) gives the tableau column number that holds the  $i$ th column of the identity. In other words, BASIS(1), ..., BASIS( $M$ ) identify the variables in the current basis. Since the initial basis consists entirely of artificial variables, we initialize BASIS( $i$ ) to  $N + i$ ; then, when a pivot  $a_{ip,jp}$  is used to knock out the other elements in column  $jp$ , column  $jp$  will take on the form of the  $ip$ th column of the identity (and another column will lose this form), so we set BASIS( $ip$ ) =  $jp$ .

We know that the  $b_i$  are all still nonnegative, since they are equal to the basis variables, and we took measures to ensure that no variables would become negative. We also know from our previous analysis that  $P_1$  is at least as large as the previous objective function value  $P_0$ . We have now completed one iteration of the simplex algorithm, and the next step begins with the tableau 4.2.6.

Let us summarize (without the complicating explanations) the simplex algorithm as outlined above, starting with a tableau such as 4.2.5, with BASIS( $i$ ) initialized to  $N + i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, M$ .

(I) Find the most negative element in the last row,  $d_{jp}$ . The column  $jp$  is

called the pivot column. If there are no negative elements, we cannot improve on the current solution; so go to step (IV).

- (II) Move up the pivot column and for each *positive* element  $a_{i,jp}$ , calculate  $b_i/a_{i,jp}$ . The row on which the smallest such ratio occurs is called the pivot row,  $ip$ , and  $a_{ip,jp}$  is the “pivot.” If there are no positive elements in the pivot column, we conclude that the objective function (of 4.2.1) has an infinite maximum, and we are finished.
- (III) By elementary row operations, use the pivot row to knock out all other elements in the pivot column, and reduce the pivot itself to 1. This transforms column  $jp$  into the  $ip$ th column of the identity matrix and destroys the  $ip$ th column that previously existed in another column; so set  $\text{BASIS}(ip) = jp$ . Go to step (I) and start a new iteration.
- (IV) If the basis variables still include any artificial variables, that is, if  $\text{BASIS}(i) > N$  for any  $i$ , we conclude that the problem 4.2.1 has no feasible solution. Otherwise, the optimal solution of 4.2.1 is obtained by setting all nonbasis variables to zero and solving (trivially) for the basis variables: if  $\text{BASIS}(i) = k$ ,  $x_k = b_i$ .

### 4.3 The Dual Solution

Consider again the LP problem 4.2.1, rewritten below in matrix–vector form:

$$\text{maximize } P = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \tag{4.3.1}$$

with constraints

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

and bounds

$$\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

The following problem is called the “dual” of this problem (4.3.1 is then called the “primal” problem):

$$\text{minimize } D = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} \tag{4.3.2}$$

with constraints

$$A^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c}.$$

Note that there are no bounds in this dual problem.

We shall prove that the optimal objective function values for the primal problem  $P_{\max}$  and the dual problem  $D_{\min}$  are equal. First we prove the following theorem.



**Theorem 4.3.1.** For any primal-feasible  $\mathbf{x}$  and any dual-feasible  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$ .

**Proof:**  $\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} = (A\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T A^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{c}$ . For the last step, we have used both  $A^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ . ■

If the dual has any feasible solution  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$  will be an upper bound for the primal objective function and, similarly, if the primal problem has any feasible solution  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$  will be a lower bound for the dual objective function. Hence we have the following corollary.

**Corollary** If the primal problem has an unbounded maximum  $(+\infty)$ , then the dual problem has no feasible solution and, if the dual problem has an unbounded minimum  $(-\infty)$ , the primal problem is infeasible.

Before proving the main theorem connecting the primal and dual problems, let us look at the simplex tableau in more detail. Let us reorder the columns of the simplex tableau 4.2.3 and the corresponding unknowns so that the *initial* tableau has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_n & A_b & I & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{c}_n^T & -\mathbf{c}_b^T & \alpha \mathbf{1}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_n \\ \mathbf{x}_b \\ \mathbf{x}_a \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.3.3)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_b$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_a$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_n$  are vectors containing the *final* basis variables, the artificial variables, and the other variables not in the *final* basis, and  $\mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1_M)$ . We assume there are no artificial variables in the final basis (even though the initial basis consists entirely of artificial variables); otherwise the original problem 4.2.1 is infeasible. Of course, we do not know which variables will be in the final basis until we have finished the simplex algorithm (determining which variables are in the basis is the main task of the simplex method) but, for our theoretical purposes, it is convenient to assume that the variables destined to end up in the final basis are ordered after those that will not be in the final basis.

Now to transform 4.3.3 into the final tableau we can use row operations to reduce  $A_b$  to the identity matrix and  $-\mathbf{c}_b^T$  to zero or, equivalently, we can premultiply both sides of 4.3.3 by the  $M+1$  by  $M+1$  matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_b^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This produces the final simplex tableau (see Theorem 0.1.4)

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_b^{-1} A_n & I & A_b^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} A_n - \mathbf{c}_n^T & \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} + \alpha \mathbf{1}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_n \\ \mathbf{x}_b \\ \mathbf{x}_a \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_b^{-1} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.3.4)$$

Now we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.2.** *If the primal problem is feasible and has a bounded maximum, the optimal solution to the dual problem is  $\mathbf{y}^* = A_b^{-T} \mathbf{c}_b$ , and the maximum primal objective function value  $P_{\max}$  is equal to the minimum dual objective function value  $D_{\min}$ .*

**Proof:** We first show that  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is dual feasible. We know that there can be no negative entries in the last row of the final simplex tableau; otherwise the simplex algorithm must continue. Therefore (see 4.3.4)  $\mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} A_n - \mathbf{c}_n^T \geq \mathbf{0}^T$  or, transposing both sides,  $A_n^T A_b^{-T} \mathbf{c}_b \geq \mathbf{c}_n$  and so

$$A^T \mathbf{y}^* = \begin{bmatrix} A_n^T \\ A_b^T \end{bmatrix} [A_b^{-T} \mathbf{c}_b] \geq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_n \\ \mathbf{c}_b \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{c},$$

proving that  $\mathbf{y}^*$  is dual feasible.

Now the solution to the primal problem is (as we have already seen) found by setting the nonbasis variables  $\mathbf{x}_n$  and  $\mathbf{x}_a$  to zero and solving for the basis variables and  $P$  in the final tableau 4.3.4, which gives  $\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_b = A_b^{-1} \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_a = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $P_{\max} = \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} \mathbf{b}$ . By Theorem 4.3.1, for any dual-feasible  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} \geq P_{\max} = \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{y}^{*T} \mathbf{b}$ , and therefore  $\mathbf{y}^*$  minimizes  $\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$  over all dual-feasible points, and  $D_{\min} = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}^* = P_{\max}$ . ■

Note that, in the final tableau 4.3.4, the dual solution  $\mathbf{y}^{*T} = \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1}$  appears in the last row, in the columns corresponding to artificial variables. Thus both the primal and the dual solutions are readily available from the final tableau.

As illustrated by the examples in Section 4.1, LP applications more often come with inequality constraints than equation constraints. For example, a resource allocation problem usually takes the form

$$\text{maximize } P = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \tag{4.3.5}$$

with constraints

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$$

and bounds

$$\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

When slack variables  $s$  are added to convert the inequality constraints to equation constraints, the problem can be put in the form 4.3.1, as follows:

$$\text{maximize } P = [\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{0}]^T [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}]$$

with constraints

$$[A \quad I] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{b}]$$

and bounds

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The dual of this problem is, according to 4.3.2,

$$\text{minimize } D = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$$

with constraints

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T \\ I \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{y}] \geq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\text{minimize } D = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} \tag{4.3.6}$$

with constraints

$$A^T \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{c}$$

and bounds

$$\mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

Now of what use is the dual solution? First, it is sometimes more convenient to solve the dual than the primal (or vice versa). For example, if the matrix  $A$  in 4.3.5 is  $M$  by  $N$ ,  $M$  slack variables and  $M$  artificial variables have to be added, and the simplex tableau 4.2.3 will be  $M + 1$  by  $N + 2M + 1$ . The matrix  $A^T$ , which appears in the dual problem, on the other hand, is  $N$  by  $M$ , and hence the simplex tableau will be  $N + 1$  by  $M + 2N + 1$ . If  $M$  is much larger than  $N$ , the primal tableau will be a much larger matrix than the dual tableau, and thus it is more efficient to solve the dual problem. Other LP problems that are much easier to solve in dual form are given in Problems 3 and 4.

More importantly, however, the dual solution has a physically meaningful and useful interpretation. This interpretation comes from the fact that the optimal objective function value of the primal,  $P_{\max}$ , is equal to  $\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}^*$ , or  $b_1 y_1^* + \dots + b_M y_M^*$ . Hence, if  $b_j$  is changed by a small amount (small enough that the final basis does not change, and thus  $\mathbf{y}^* = A_b^{-T} \mathbf{c}_b$  does not change), and the other right-hand sides are held constant while the problem is re-solved, then the new optimum will change by  $\Delta P_{\max} = y_j^* \Delta b_j$ .

In other words, if we solve an LP problem such as 4.2.1 once, we shall obtain the optimal solution and the value of  $P$  (which is  $P_{\max}$ ) at that point but, by looking at the dual solution, we can determine which right-hand side(s) should be increased if we want to obtain an even higher maximum.

It might sometimes be useful to know how the optimum depends on the coefficients  $a_{i,j}$  as well as how it depends on  $b_j$ , but this type of "sensitivity

analysis" is not as easy to do. In typical LP applications, however, the constraint limits  $b_j$  are more readily controlled than the matrix coefficients; so how the solution depends on the right-hand side is of more practical interest. For example, in the resource allocation problem given by 4.1.1, the number of man-hours or the quantity of wood required to build a chair is not so easily modified, but the number of man-hours available, or the quantity of wood available, can be increased simply by hiring more workers, or buying more wood.

## 4.4 Examples

Let us use the simplex method to solve the resource allocation problem in 4.1.1, repeated here:

$$\text{maximize } P = 40c + 50t$$

with constraints

$$2c + 2t \leq 60,$$

$$3c + t \leq 75,$$

$$c + 4t \leq 84,$$

and bounds

$$c \geq 0,$$

$$t \geq 0.$$

After adding slack variables, we have

$$\text{maximize } P = 40c + 50t + 0s_1 + 0s_2 + 0s_3 \tag{4.4.1}$$

with constraints

$$2c + 2t + s_1 = 60,$$

$$3c + t + s_2 = 75,$$

$$c + 4t + s_3 = 84,$$

and bounds

$$c \geq 0,$$

$$t \geq 0,$$

$$s_1 \geq 0,$$

$$s_2 \geq 0,$$

$$s_3 \geq 0.$$

For resource allocation problems, there is no need for artificial variables, since the simplex tableau already contains an identity matrix, and the right-hand

side components are already positive. Hence a starting feasible point, namely,  $(0, 0, 60, 75, 84)$ , is already available.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \textcircled{4} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -40 & -50 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ t \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 75 \\ 84 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4.4.2}$$

The most negative entry in the last row is  $-50$ ; so the second column will be the pivot column. Comparing  $60/2, 75/1$ , and  $84/4$  (since 2, 1, and 4 are all positive), we see that the minimum is  $84/4 = 21$ ; so the pivot row will be the third row, and the pivot element will be the 4 circled in 4.4.2. We shall use this pivot to knock out all other elements in the pivot column. After this is done, and the third row is divided by 4 to reduce the pivot to 1, the simplex tableau has the form shown below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1.5} & 0 & 1 & 0 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 2.75 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -0.25 & 0 \\ 0.25 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.25 & 0 \\ -27.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ t \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 54 \\ 21 \\ 1050 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4.4.3}$$

The new basis consists of  $(s_1, s_2, t)$  (BASIS =  $\{3, 4, 2\}$ ), since the corresponding columns form an identity matrix, and we can get our new extreme feasible point by setting  $c = s_3 = 0$  and solving for the basis variables. This gives  $c = 0, t = 21, s_1 = 18, s_2 = 54, s_3 = 0, P = 1050$ .

Now we are finished with the first simplex iteration and are ready to start a new one. The most negative entry in the last row is now in column 1, and the minimum of  $18/1.5, 54/2.75, 21/0.25$  is  $18/1.5$ ; so the new pivot element is in row 1, column 1 (circled in 4.4.3). Row operations using this pivot produced the new tableau shown below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.667 & 0 & -0.333 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.833 & 1 & 0.667 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.167 & 0 & 0.333 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 18.333 & 0 & 3.333 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ t \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 21 \\ 18 \\ 1380 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The new basis consists of  $(c, s_2, t)$ , and the new extreme feasible point that we have found is  $c = 12, t = 18, s_1 = 0, s_2 = 21, s_3 = 0, P = 1380$ . Now all entries in the last row are nonnegative, so we have finished, and we have determined that our factory should produce 12 chairs and 18 tables per day.

Furthermore, we can calculate that the dual of this problem is (18.333, 0.0, 3.333). This means that increasing the limit on the second constraint (increasing the number of machine-hours available) will not increase our profits. This is because producing 12 chairs and 18 tables per day does not exhaust the machine-hours already available. However, the dual solution tells us that profits will increase by \$18.33 for each additional man-hour, and by \$3.33 for each additional unit of wood, made available to the factory, at least until the increases force a change in the composition of the final basis. Indeed, when the above problem was re-solved with the number of units of wood available increased by 1 (to 85) the optimal profit did increase by exactly \$3.33, to \$1383.33.

It is instructive to look at this problem, and the simplex iteration, geometrically. Figure 4.4.1 shows the feasible region for the problem given by 4.1.1, which consists of those points  $(c, t)$  satisfying the three constraints and the two bounds. We started the simplex iteration at the point  $c = 0, t = 0$  (also  $s_1 = 60, s_2 = 75, s_3 = 84$ ). The first iteration moved us to another vertex of the feasible region,  $c = 0, t = 21$ , and the second iteration moved us to the vertex  $c = 12, t = 18$ , the optimal solution. We see here that at each iteration of the simplex method we move from one vertex (extreme feasible point) to a neighboring but better vertex.

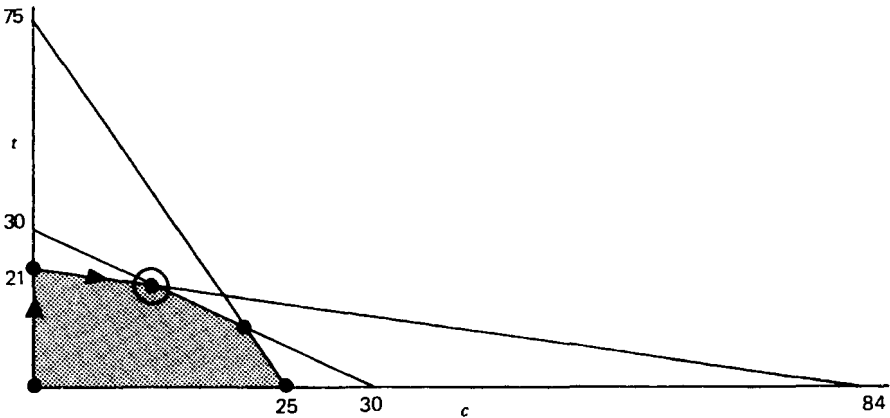


Figure 4.4.1  
Feasible Region for Resource Allocation Problem

Next let us apply the simplex method to the blending problem given by 4.1.2. To convert this minimization problem to the form 4.2.1, we negate the objective function, and add slack variables to convert the inequality constraints to equation constraints:

$$\text{maximize } P = -8c - 4b + 0s_1 + 0s_2$$

with constraints

$$\begin{aligned} 10c + 2b - s_1 &= 120, \\ 5c + 5b - s_2 &= 80, \end{aligned}$$

and bounds

$$\begin{aligned} c &\geq 0, \\ b &\geq 0, \\ s_1 &\geq 0, \\ s_2 &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we do have to use artificial variables ( $a_1, a_2$ ) to get started, because no starting feasible point is readily available (setting  $c = b = 0$  yields negative values for  $s_1, s_2$ ). After adding artificial variables (cf. 4.2.3), the simplex tableau is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 0 & 0 & \alpha & \alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ 80 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For this problem, the artificial variables can be thought of as representing very expensive packets of pure protein and pure calcium. We start by using  $a_1 = 120$  packets of pure protein and  $a_2 = 80$  packets of pure calcium. If we are still using any of these expensive packets in our optimal solution, that means there is no way to fulfill the requirements with corn and bonemeal alone. If we are not, then we have solved our original problem; the expensive packets are no longer needed.

Before actually starting the first simplex iteration, we need to clear the  $\alpha$ 's from the last row. We shall not actually assign a value to  $\alpha$  but shall treat it as an arbitrary large positive number. The starting tableau is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{10} & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 - 15\alpha & 4 - 7\alpha & \alpha & \alpha & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ 80 \\ -200\alpha \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\alpha$  is large,  $8 - 15\alpha$  is the most negative entry in the last row; so the first column is the pivot column. Comparing  $120/10$  and  $80/5$ , we see that

the first row must be chosen as the pivot row. After the row operations to knock out the other elements in the pivot column, we have the next tableau:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & -0.1 & 0 & 0.1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{4} & 0.5 & -1 & -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.4 - 4\alpha & 0.8 - 0.5\alpha & \alpha & -0.8 + 1.5\alpha & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 20 \\ -96 - 20\alpha \end{bmatrix}.$$

After another iteration we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -0.125 & 0.05 & 0.125 & -0.05 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.125 & -0.25 & -0.125 & 0.25 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.6 & -0.5 + \alpha & -0.6 + \alpha & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ b \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 5 \\ -108 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since all entries on the last row are now positive, we have finished. The last basis  $\{c, b\}$  no longer includes any of the artificial variables  $a_1, a_2$ ; so we conclude that there is a solution, and it is  $c = 11, b = 5$  (also  $s_1 = s_2 = 0$  and  $P = -108$ ). Thus the feed company should mix 11 pounds of corn with 5 pounds of bonemeal in each bag. Since the maximum of the negative of the cost was  $-108$  cents, the minimum cost, corresponding to this blend, is 108 cents.

### 4.5 A FORTRAN90 Program

A FORTRAN90 program, DLPRG, which solves the LP problem 4.2.1, using the simplex algorithm described in Section 4.2, is shown in Figure 4.5.1. The matrix TAB holds the simplex tableau matrix but, since the last column of this matrix never changes from its initial form  $(0, \dots, 0, 1)$ , there is no need to store it, and the right-hand side vector is stored in this column instead. The matrix TAB is  $M + 2$  by  $N + M + 1$  rather than  $M + 1$  by  $N + M + 1$ , because the  $J$ th element of the last row of the tableau is stored in the form  $\text{TAB}(M+1, J) + \alpha * \text{TAB}(M+2, J)$ . Thus we treat  $\alpha$  as an arbitrary large number, rather than assigning it a specific large value. This is necessary to avoid serious accuracy problems: Adding a large number to a small one obscures the small one.





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C           SOLUTION.
C
C   Y           A VECTOR OF LENGTH M
C           WHICH CONTAINS THE DUAL
C           SOLUTION.
C-----
C           EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
C           PRECISION
C           BIGNO = A VERY LARGE NUMBER
C *****
C           DATA EPS,BIGNO/2.D-16,1.D35/
C *****
C           BASIS(1),...,BASIS(M) HOLD NUMBERS OF
C           BASIS VARIABLES.  INITIAL BASIS CONSISTS
C           OF ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES ONLY
C
C           DO 5 I=1,M
C             BASIS(I) = N+I
C           5 CONTINUE
C
C           INITIALIZE SIMPLEX TABLEAU
C
C           DO 10 I=1,M+2
C             DO 10 J=1,N+M+1
C               TAB(I,J) = 0.0
C           10 CONTINUE
C
C           LOAD A INTO UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER
C           OF TABLEAU
C
C           DO 15 I=1,M
C             DO 15 J=1,N
C               TAB(I,J) = A(I,J)
C           15 CONTINUE
C
C           LOAD M BY M IDENTITY TO RIGHT OF A
C           AND LOAD B INTO LAST COLUMN
C
C           DO 20 I=1,M
C             TAB(I,N+I) = 1.0
C             TAB(I,N+M+1) = B(I)
C           20 CONTINUE
C
C           ROW M+1 CONTAINS -C, INITIALLY
C
C           DO 25 J=1,N
C             TAB(M+1,J) = -C(J)
C           25 CONTINUE
C
C           ROW M+2 CONTAINS COEFFICIENTS OF
C           "ALPHA", WHICH IS TREATED AS +INFINITY
C
C           DO 30 I=1,M
C             TAB(M+2,N+I) = 1.0
C           30 CONTINUE
C
C           CLEAR "ALPHAS" IN LAST ROW
C
C           DO 35 I=1,M
C             DO 35 J=1,N+M+1

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      TAB(M+2,J) = TAB(M+2,J) - TAB(I,J)
35 CONTINUE
C
C          SIMPLEX METHOD CONSISTS OF TWO PHASES
DO 90 IPHASE=1,2
  IF (IPHASE.EQ.1) THEN
C          PHASE I: ROW M+2 (WITH COEFFICIENTS OF
C          ALPHA) SEARCHED FOR MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY
      MROW = M+2
      LIM = N+M
  ELSE
C          PHASE II: FIRST N ELEMENTS OF ROW M+1
C          SEARCHED FOR MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY
C          (COEFFICIENTS OF ALPHA NONNEGATIVE NOW)
      MROW = M+1
      LIM = N
C          IF ANY ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES LEFT IN
C          BASIS AT BEGINNING OF PHASE II, THERE
C          IS NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION
      DO 45 I=1,M
        IF (BASIS(I).GT.N) THEN
          PRINT 40
          FORMAT (' ***** NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION *****')
          RETURN
        ENDIF
45      CONTINUE
      ENDIF
C          THRESH = SMALL NUMBER. WE ASSUME SCALES
C          OF A AND C ARE NOT *TOO* DIFFERENT
      THRESH = 0.0
      DO 50 J=1,LIM
        THRESH = MAX(THRESH,ABS(TAB(MROW,J)))
50      CONTINUE
      THRESH = 1000*EPS*THRESH
C          BEGINNING OF SIMPLEX STEP
55      CONTINUE
C          FIND MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY IN ROW MROW,
C          IDENTIFYING PIVOT COLUMN JP
      CMIN = -THRESH
      JP = 0
      DO 60 J=1,LIM
        IF (TAB(MROW,J).LT.CMIN) THEN
          CMIN = TAB(MROW,J)
          JP = J
        ENDIF
60      CONTINUE
C          IF ALL ENTRIES NONNEGATIVE (ACTUALLY,
C          IF GREATER THAN -THRESH) PHASE ENDS
      IF (JP.EQ.0) GO TO 90

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C             FIND SMALLEST POSITIVE RATIO
C             B(*)/TAB(*,JP), IDENTIFYING PIVOT
C             ROW IP
      RATMIN = BIGNO
      IP = 0
      DO 65 I=1,M
        IF (TAB(I,JP).GT.THRESH) THEN
          RATIO = TAB(I,N+M+1)/TAB(I,JP)
          IF (RATIO.LT.RATMIN) THEN
            RATMIN = RATIO
            IP = I
          ENDIF
        ENDIF
65      CONTINUE
C             IF ALL RATIOS NONPOSITIVE, MAXIMUM
C             IS UNBOUNDED
      IF (IP.EQ.0) THEN
        PRINT 70
70      FORMAT (' ***** UNBOUNDED MAXIMUM *****')
        RETURN
      ENDIF
C             ADD X(JP) TO BASIS
      BASIS(IP) = JP
C             NORMALIZE PIVOT ROW TO MAKE TAB(IP,JP)=1
      AMULT = 1.0/TAB(IP,JP)
      DO 75 J=1,N+M+1
        TAB(IP,J) = AMULT*TAB(IP,J)
75      CONTINUE
C             ADD MULTIPLES OF PIVOT ROW TO OTHER
C             ROWS, TO KNOCK OUT OTHER ELEMENTS IN
C             PIVOT COLUMN
      DO 85 I=1,MROW
        IF (I.EQ.IP) GO TO 85
        AMULT = TAB(I,JP)
        DO 80 J=1,N+M+1
          TAB(I,J) = TAB(I,J) - AMULT*TAB(IP,J)
80      CONTINUE
85      CONTINUE
      GO TO 55
C             END OF SIMPLEX STEP
90 CONTINUE
C             END OF PHASE II; READ X,P,Y FROM
C             FINAL TABLEAU
      DO 95 J=1,N
        X(J) = 0.0
95 CONTINUE
      DO 100 I=1,M
        K = BASIS(I)

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      X(K) = TAB(I,N+M+1)
100 CONTINUE
      P = TAB(M+1,N+M+1)
      DO 105 I=1,M
        Y(I) = TAB(M+1,N+I)
105 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

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Figure 4.5.1

The simplex calculations are divided into two “phases.” During the first phase, the most negative entry in the last row of the tableau is determined by looking only at the coefficients of  $\alpha$ , that is, at row  $M + 2$  of TAB, since  $\alpha$  is assumed to be so large we can neglect the other terms. Phase I ends when all entries in row  $M + 2$  are nonnegative, which means that we have solved 4.2.2 with  $c_1, \dots, c_N$  taken to be negligible (zero). If any artificial variables are still nonzero in this solution, the original problem 4.2.1 must be infeasible. Otherwise—if no artificial variables remain in the basis—this solution is a feasible point for 4.2.1 and phase II continues from this point. Throughout phase II the  $\alpha$ -components of the artificial variables will equal one and the  $\alpha$ -components of the other (first  $N$ ) variables will equal zero (see Problem 6). Therefore, during phase II we determine the most negative entry of the last row of the tableau by looking at only the first  $N$  components of row  $M + 1$  of TAB.

As discussed in Section 4.2, we do not actually switch the columns of TAB every time that a new variable enters the basis, to keep the identity in the last  $M$  columns of the tableau. We simply keep up with where the columns of this identity matrix are (and hence which variables are in the basis) through the vector BASIS.

As shown in Section 4.2, the simplex method moves from one basis to another and will only stop iterating when it determines either that the maximum is unbounded or that it has reached the maximum (of 4.2.2, which is also the maximum of 4.2.1 unless the latter has no feasible points). Now there are only a finite number of possible bases, since there are only  $(N + M)!/[N!M!]$  ways to choose which  $M$  of the  $N + M$  variables to include in the basis. Now, as long as the value of  $P$  actually increases each simplex iteration, no basis can be repeated, and hence  $(N + M)!/[N!M!]$  is an upper bound to the number of iterations required to reach the correct solution (or correctly determine that there are no feasible points, or that the maximum is unbounded). However, we noted in Section 4.2 that, if  $b_{ip}$  is zero,  $P$  will not change in that step (nor does  $\mathbf{x}$ , for that matter, although the basis does change). This raises the possibility of “cycling,” where the algorithm returns to a basis that it has seen earlier, and thus cycles forever through two or more different bases corresponding to the same value of  $P$ .

In practice, cycling is a very rare phenomenon, but it can happen, unless anticycling measures are taken [Gill et al. 1991, Section 8.3]. Furthermore, the upper bound of  $(N + M)!/[N!M!]$  iterations is astronomically pessimistic in real applications; the number of steps required by the simplex method to converge to the correct solution is very rarely more than a small multiple of the number  $M$  of equations. This is because the method is designed to continually move toward increasing  $P$ , and thus it never passes through the vast majority of the extreme feasible points (see Problem 7). Again, however, it is possible (with much effort) to construct examples where the number of iterations varies exponentially with the problem size.

It is easy to see by examining DLPRG that the number of multiplications done each simplex iteration is approximately  $M(N + M)$ . This is because, when  $N$  and  $M$  are large, nearly 100% of the computer time will be spent in loop 80, where a multiple of row  $IP$  is added to row  $I$  (this is the only doubly nested loop executed each iteration).

Now let us use DLPRG to solve the transportation problem given by 4.1.3, repeated below:

$$\text{minimize } P = 550X_{11} + 300X_{12} + 400X_{13} + 350X_{21} + 300X_{22} + 100X_{23}$$

with constraints

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} X_{11} & + & X_{12} & + & X_{13} & & & \leq & 40, \\ & & & & & X_{21} & + & X_{22} & + & X_{23} & \leq & 20, \\ X_{11} & & & & & + & X_{21} & & & & = & 25, \\ & & X_{12} & & & & & + & X_{22} & & = & 10, \\ & & & X_{13} & & & & & + & X_{23} & = & 22, \end{array}$$

and the bounds

$$X_{11} \geq 0, X_{12} \geq 0, X_{13} \geq 0, X_{21} \geq 0, X_{22} \geq 0, X_{23} \geq 0.$$

This problem has inequality and equality constraints, but it can be put into the form 4.2.1 by adding nonnegative slack variables to the first two inequalities. Then we can call DLPRG with  $N = 8, M = 5$ , and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 40 \\ 20 \\ 25 \\ 10 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $C = (-550, -300, -400, -350, -300, -100, 0, 0)$ .

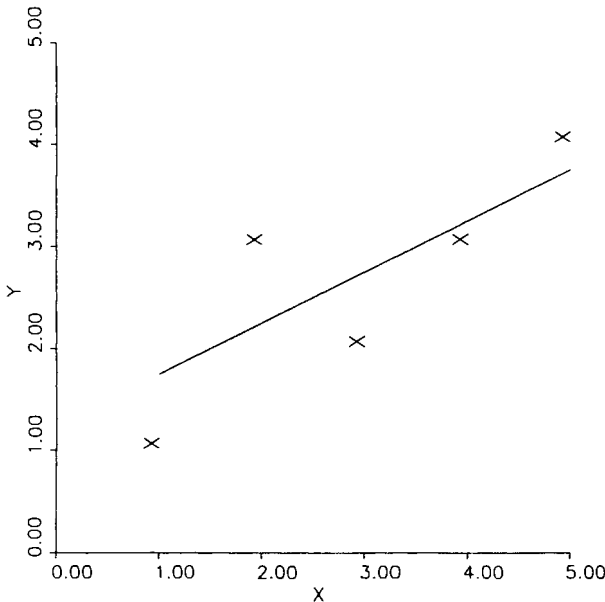
The solution returned by DLPRG is  $X_{11} = 25, X_{12} = 10, X_{13} = 2, X_{21} = 0, X_{22} = 0, X_{23} = 20, P = -19550$ . This means that the optimal solution is to ship 25 bulldozers from warehouse 1 to store 1, 10 from warehouse 1 to store 2, 2 from warehouse 1 to store 3, and 20 from warehouse 2 to store 3, at a total cost of \$19,550.

The curve-fitting problem given by 4.1.4 does not require that the unknowns be nonnegative; so it does not appear at first to be solvable using DLPRG. However, note that the problem in 4.1.4 is precisely the dual 4.3.2 of the problem in 4.3.1, if we take

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & -5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$\mathbf{c} = (-1, -3, -2, -3, -4, 1, 3, 2, 3, 4)$ , and  $\mathbf{y} = (m, b, \epsilon)$ .

Therefore we solve 4.3.1 using DLPRG, and the dual solution returned,  $(0.5, 1.25, 0.75)$ , tells us that  $m = 0.5$ ,  $b = 1.25$ , and  $\epsilon = 0.75$ . Therefore,  $y = 0.5x + 1.25$  is the best straight-line approximation to the data, in the  $L_\infty$ -norm, and the maximum error is then  $\epsilon = 0.75$ . This line is plotted in Figure 4.5.2, along with the original data points.



**Figure 4.5.2**  
Best Linear Fit to Data in  $L_\infty$ -norm

## 4.6 The Revised Simplex Method

Consider again the LP problem

$$\text{maximize } P = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \quad (4.6.1)$$

with constraints

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad (\mathbf{b} \geq \mathbf{0})$$

and bounds

$$\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0},$$

where  $A$  is an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix. Suppose the initial simplex tableau is written in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_n & A_b & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{c}_n^T & -\mathbf{c}_b^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_n \\ \mathbf{x}_b \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_b$  and  $\mathbf{x}_n$  are vectors containing the variables that will be in the basis and will not be in the basis, respectively, at a certain stage in the simplex method computations. Then the simplex tableau at that stage will have the form (multiply the first block “row” through by  $A_b^{-1}$  and add  $\mathbf{c}_b^T$  times the first row to the second, as in 4.3.4);

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_b^{-1}A_n & I & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1}A_n - \mathbf{c}_n^T & \mathbf{0}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_n \\ \mathbf{x}_b \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_b^{-1}\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c}_b^T A_b^{-1}\mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4.6.2)$$

In the implementation of the simplex method as described in Section 4.2, the matrix  $A_b^{-1}$  is never explicitly formed or stored; the entries in the tableau are computed using elementary row operations. In the *revised* simplex method, the matrix  $A_b^{-1}$  is stored and updated every simplex iteration; it is the tableau itself that is not explicitly formed. However, it is easy to see from 4.6.2 that, as long as we keep up with which variables are in the basis and have  $A_b^{-1}$  available, the rest of the information contained in the tableau is computable. We shall show that it is possible to keep  $A_b^{-1}$  up to date, and to compute the information required to take one simplex step, in an efficient manner.

At each step of the simplex method we must calculate the following:

- (1)  $\mathbf{y} = A_b^{-T} \mathbf{c}_b$  and  $\mathbf{d}^T = \mathbf{y}^T A - \mathbf{c}^T$ . Then we inspect  $\mathbf{d}^T$  (the last row of the tableau) to determine which entry,  $d_{jp}$ , is most negative.
- (2)  $\mathbf{v} = A_b^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{jp}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_b = A_b^{-1} \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_{jp}$  represents the  $jp$ th column of  $A$ . Then we compare the ratios of the components of these two vectors to determine the pivot row,  $ip$ .



- (3) Finally, we must update  $A_b^{-1}$ . The new  $A_b$  (which we shall call  $A'_b$ ) and the previous one are identical except that the  $i$ th column of  $A_b$  has now been replaced by  $\mathbf{a}_{jp}$ , since  $\mathbf{x}_{jp}$  has been added to the basis. Since premultiplying  $\mathbf{a}_{jp}$  by  $A_b^{-1}$  gives  $\mathbf{v}$ , and premultiplying each of the other (unchanged) columns of  $A'_b$  by  $A_b^{-1}$  will give a column of the identity matrix, we have  $A_b^{-1}A'_b = E$ , where

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & v_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & v_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & v_{ip} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & v_{M-1} & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & v_M & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The inverse of this elementary matrix is given by

$$E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \frac{-v_1}{v_{ip}} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & \frac{-v_2}{v_{ip}} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{1}{v_{ip}} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{-v_{M-1}}{v_{ip}} & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{-v_M}{v_{ip}} & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Recall that  $v_{ip}$  is the simplex pivot element; so it is nonzero.) Therefore  $A_b'^{-1} = E^{-1}A_b^{-1}$ .

After convergence of the simplex method,  $\mathbf{x}_b$  contains the values of the basis variables (the nonbasis variables are zero), and  $\mathbf{y} = A_b^{-T}\mathbf{c}_b$  contains the dual solution (see Theorem 4.3.2).

A subroutine that solves the LP problem 4.6.1 using the revised simplex method is given in Figure 4.6.1. DLPRV assumes that the last  $M$  columns of the matrix  $A$  contain an identity matrix (these columns may correspond to slack variables or artificial variables). Thus we can begin with a basis containing the last  $M$  variables, and with  $A_b^{-1} = I$ . Note that  $\mathbf{x}_b$  is not calculated directly from  $\mathbf{x}_b = A_b^{-1}\mathbf{b}$  each iteration but is rather updated using the formula  $\mathbf{x}'_b = A_b'^{-1}\mathbf{b} = E^{-1}A_b^{-1}\mathbf{b} = E^{-1}\mathbf{x}_b$ , which requires only  $O(M)$  work.

The usual simplex method applied to 4.6.1 requires about  $MN$  multiplications per iteration, because that is the operation count for the row operations

required to zero everything in the pivot column, above and below the pivot. The operations per iteration done by the revised simplex code DLPRV can be counted as follows (we ignore  $O(M)$  and  $O(N)$  computations):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d}^T &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{c}^T && \text{(loop 25)} && (N - M)M \text{ multiplications,} \\ \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{A}_b^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{jp} && \text{(loop 40)} && M^2, \\ \mathbf{A}'^{-1} &= \mathbf{E}^{-1} \mathbf{A}_b^{-1} && \text{(loop 60)} && M^2, \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{A}_b^{-T} \mathbf{c}_b && \text{(loop 70)} && M^2. \end{aligned}$$

This gives a total of  $M(N + 2M)$ . If  $M$  is small compared with  $N$  (frequently the case), then the two algorithms are comparable in speed; otherwise it appears that the ordinary simplex method is slightly faster. However, if the matrix  $A$  is *sparse* the calculation of  $\mathbf{d}^T = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{c}^T$  does not really require  $(N - M)M$  operations, if advantage is taken of the sparsity of  $A$ . Thus, if  $M \ll N$  and  $A$  is sparse, the revised simplex method may be much faster and may require much less memory than the ordinary simplex method. This is important, because most large LP problems have sparse constraint matrices. The usual simplex algorithm cannot take advantage of sparseness because, even if the initial tableau is sparse, it will fill in rapidly as the algorithm progresses.

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SUBROUTINE DLPRV(DOTA,B,C,N,M,P,X,Y)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION B(M),C(N),P,X(N),Y(M)
  INTEGER N,M
  EXTERNAL DOTA
C
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
  DOUBLE PRECISION V(M),WK(M),XB(M),D(N),ABINV(M,M)
  INTEGER BASIS(M)
C
C SUBROUTINE DLPRV USES THE REVISED SIMPLEX METHOD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM
C
C           MAXIMIZE      P = C(1)*X(1) + ... + C(N)*X(N)
C
C WITH X(1),...,X(N) NONNEGATIVE, AND
C
C           A(1,1)*X(1) + ... + A(1,N)*X(N) = B(1)
C           .                               .
C           .                               .
C           A(M,1)*X(1) + ... + A(M,N)*X(N) = B(M)
C
C THE LAST M COLUMNS OF A MUST CONTAIN AN IDENTITY MATRIX, AND
C B(1),...,B(M) MUST BE NONNEGATIVE.
C
C ARGUMENTS
C

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C          ON INPUT                      ON OUTPUT
C          -----                      -----
C
C   DOTA  - NAME OF A USER-SUPPLIED FUNCTION:
C          DOTA(Z,J) SHOULD RETURN THE
C          DOT PRODUCT OF THE M-VECTOR Z
C          WITH COLUMN J OF A, FOR J .LE. N-M
C          (IDENTITY MATRIX ASSUMED IN LAST
C          M COLUMNS) .
C
C   B      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
C          THE RIGHT HAND SIDES OF THE
C          CONSTRAINTS.  THE COMPONENTS OF
C          B MUST ALL BE NONNEGATIVE.
C
C   C      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
C          THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE
C          FUNCTION.
C
C   N      - THE NUMBER OF UNKNOWNNS (N>M) .
C
C   M      - THE NUMBER OF CONSTRAINTS.
C
C   P      -                               THE MAXIMUM OF THE
C          OBJECTIVE FUNCTION.
C
C   X      -                               A VECTOR OF LENGTH N
C          WHICH CONTAINS THE LP
C          SOLUTION.
C
C   Y      -                               A VECTOR OF LENGTH M
C          WHICH CONTAINS THE DUAL
C          SOLUTION.
C-----
C          EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
C          PRECISION
C          BIGNO = A VERY LARGE NUMBER
C *****
C          DATA EPS,BIGNO/2.D-16,1.D35/
C *****
C          INITIALIZE Ab**(-1) TO IDENTITY
C          DO 5 I=1,M
C          DO 5 J=1,M
C             ABINV(I,J) = 0.0
C             IF (I.EQ.J) ABINV(I,J) = 1.0
C          5 CONTINUE
C
C          BASIS(1),...,BASIS(M) HOLD NUMBERS OF

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C          BASIS VARIABLES
DO 10 I=1,M
C          INITIAL BASIS = LAST M VARIABLES
      K = N-M+I
      BASIS(I) = K
C          INITIALIZE Y TO  $Ab^{**(-T)} * Cb = Cb$ 
      Y(I) = C(K)
C          INITIALIZE  $Xb$  TO  $Ab^{**(-1)} * B = B$ 
      XB(I) = B(I)
10 CONTINUE
C          THRESH = SMALL NUMBER. WE ASSUME SCALES
C          OF A AND C ARE NOT *TOO* DIFFERENT
      THRESH = 0.0
      DO 15 J=1,N
        THRESH = MAX(THRESH,ABS(C(J)))
15 CONTINUE
      THRESH = 1000*EPS*THRESH
C          BEGINNING OF SIMPLEX STEP
20 CONTINUE
C           $D^{**T} = Y^{**T} * A - C^{**T}$ 
      DO 25 J=1,N
        IF (J.LE.N-M) THEN
          D(J) = DOTA(Y,J) - C(J)
        ELSE
          D(J) = Y(J-(N-M)) - C(J)
        ENDIF
25 CONTINUE
C          FIND MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY IN D,
C          IDENTIFYING PIVOT COLUMN JP
      CMIN = -THRESH
      JP = 0
      DO 30 J=1,N
        IF (D(J).LT.CMIN) THEN
          CMIN = D(J)
          JP = J
        ENDIF
30 CONTINUE
C          IF ALL ENTRIES NONNEGATIVE (ACTUALLY,
C          IF GREATER THAN -THRESH) WE ARE THROUGH
      IF (JP.EQ.0) GO TO 80
C           $V = Ab^{**(-1)} * A_{jp}$  ( $A_{jp}$  = COLUMN JP OF A)
      DO 40 I=1,M
        DO 35 J=1,M
35      WK(J) = ABINV(I,J)
        IF (JP.LE.N-M) THEN
          V(I) = DOTA(WK,JP)
        ELSE
          V(I) = WK(JP-(N-M))

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        ENDIF
40    CONTINUE
C
C        FIND SMALLEST POSITIVE RATIO
C        Xb(I)/V(I), IDENTIFYING PIVOT ROW IP
        RATMIN = BIGNO
        IP = 0
        DO 45 I=1,M
            IF (V(I).GT.THRESH) THEN
                RATIO = XB(I)/V(I)
                IF (RATIO.LT.RATMIN) THEN
                    RATMIN = RATIO
                    IP = I
                ENDIF
            ENDIF
45    CONTINUE
C
C        IF ALL RATIOS NONPOSITIVE, MAXIMUM
C        IS UNBOUNDED
        IF (IP.EQ.0) THEN
            PRINT 50
50    FORMAT (' ***** UNBOUNDED MAXIMUM *****')
            RETURN
        ENDIF
C
C        ADD X(JP) TO BASIS
        BASIS(IP) = JP
C
C        UPDATE Ab**(-1) = E**(-1)*Ab**(-1)
C        Xb = E**(-1)*Xb
        DO 55 J=1,M
55    ABINV(IP,J) = ABINV(IP,J)/V(IP)
        XB(IP) = XB(IP)/V(IP)
        DO 65 I=1,M
            IF (I.EQ.IP) GO TO 65
            DO 60 J=1,M
                ABINV(I,J) = ABINV(I,J) - V(I)*ABINV(IP,J)
60    CONTINUE
            XB(I) = XB(I) - V(I)*XB(IP)
65    CONTINUE
C
C        CALCULATE Y = Ab**(-T)*Cb
        DO 75 I=1,M
            Y(I) = 0.0
            DO 70 J=1,M
                K = BASIS(J)
                Y(I) = Y(I) + ABINV(J,I)*C(K)
70    CONTINUE
75    CONTINUE
        GO TO 20
C
C        END OF SIMPLEX STEP
80 CONTINUE
C
C        CALCULATE X

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      DO 85 J=1,N
        X(J) = 0.0
85 CONTINUE
      DO 90 I=1,M
        K = BASIS(I)
        X(K) = XB(I)
90 CONTINUE
C          CALCULATE P
      P = 0.0
      DO 95 I=1,N
        P = P + C(I)*X(I)
95 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

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Figure 4.6.1

In fact, when we use the revised simplex code DLPRV to solve 4.6.1, we do not even have to store the constraint matrix in a FORTRAN array. The constraint matrix is defined indirectly by the user, by means of a function DOTA(Z,J), which returns the dot product of  $Z$  with the  $J$ th column of  $A$ , when an arbitrary vector  $Z$  is passed to it. This approach assures that, when  $A$  is sparse, the memory and execution time requirements of DLPRV are reduced accordingly.

The transportation problem (e.g., 4.1.3) is clearly an LP problem for which the revised simplex method is ideally suited. If  $N_W$  is the number of warehouses,  $N_S$  the number of stores,  $WCAP(i)$  the capacity of warehouse  $i$ ,  $SREQ(j)$  the requirement of store  $j$ ,  $COST(i,j)$  the cost per unit to ship from warehouse  $i$  to store  $j$ , and  $X(i,j)$  the number of units shipped from warehouse  $i$  to store  $j$ , then the transportation problem can be formulated as follows:

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^{N_W} \sum_{j=1}^{N_S} COST(i,j)X(i,j) \quad (4.6.3)$$

with

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_S} X(i,j) \leq WCAP(i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N_W$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_W} X(i,j) = SREQ(j) \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, N_S$$

and bounds

$$X(i,j) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N_W, j = 1, \dots, N_S.$$

The number of unknowns is  $N = N_W N_S$  while the number of constraints is only  $M = N_W + N_S$ ; so clearly  $M \ll N$  for large problems. Furthermore, the constraint matrix is extremely sparse, and the revised simplex method can take good advantage of this sparsity.

Let us consider the two-warehouse three-store problem posed in Section 4.1.3. If we add slack variables to the first two (warehouse capacity) constraints, we have a problem of the form 4.6.1:

$$\max -550X_{11} - 300X_{12} - 400X_{13} - 350X_{21} - 300X_{22} - 100X_{23} + 0S_1 + 0S_2$$

with

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} X_{11} + X_{12} + X_{13} & & & & + S_1 & = & 40, \\ & & & X_{21} + X_{22} + X_{23} & & + S_2 & = & 20, \\ X_{11} & & & + X_{21} & & & = & 25, \\ & X_{12} & & & + X_{22} & & = & 10, \\ & & X_{13} & & & + X_{23} & = & 22, \end{array}$$

and

$$X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}, S_1, S_2 \geq 0.$$

However, DLPRV requires that the last  $M = 5$  columns of the constraint matrix contain an identity matrix, so that a starting feasible point is available. We comply with this requirement by adding artificial variables to the last three constraints, giving

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{maximize} \quad -550X_{11} - 300X_{12} - 400X_{13} - 350X_{21} - 300X_{22} \\ \quad \quad \quad -100X_{23} + 0S_1 + 0S_2 - \alpha A_1 - \alpha A_2 - \alpha A_3 \end{array}$$

with

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} X_{11} + X_{12} + X_{13} & & & & + S_1 & = & 40, \\ & & & X_{21} + X_{22} + X_{23} & & + S_2 & = & 20, \\ X_{11} & & & + X_{21} & & & + A_1 & = & 25, \\ & X_{12} & & & + X_{22} & & & + A_2 & = & 10, \\ & & X_{13} & & & + X_{23} & & & + A_3 & = & 22, \end{array}$$

and

$$X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}, S_1, S_2, A_1, A_2, A_3 \geq 0.$$

It is possible to view the artifact of adding artificial variables as equivalent to adding an "artificial warehouse"  $A$ , which has infinite capacity but is very distant from the stores (the per unit cost,  $\alpha$ , to transport from  $A$  to any store is higher than the cost of any "real" route). If the minimum cost solution specifies that we ship anything from the distant warehouse (i.e., if any of the artificial variables are nonzero), then it must not be possible to fill all the stores' orders from the closer "real" warehouses. On the other hand, if

$A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 0$ , we have found the minimum cost solution of the original problem; the fictitious warehouse  $A$  has served its purpose—providing an initial feasible point—and we no longer need it.

The transportation problem given by 4.1.3 was solved using the FORTRAN subroutine shown in Figure 4.6.2, which calls the revised simplex code DLPRV to solve a general transportation problem of the form 4.6.3. The solution returned was (as in Section 4.5)

$$X_{11} = 25, X_{12} = 10, X_{13} = 2, X_{21} = 0, X_{22} = 0, X_{23} = 20, \\ C_{\text{MIN}} = 19550.$$

Note that the constraint matrix  $A$  for a transportation problem has at most two nonzero elements per column. Thus the function DTRAN2(Z,J) (Figure 4.6.2), which indirectly defines  $A$  by returning the dot product of the  $M$ -vector  $Z$  and the  $J$ th column of  $A$ , has only to add two elements of  $Z$  together each time that it is called. If  $A$  were a full matrix,  $M$  multiplications would be required.

Although their complexity puts them beyond the scope of this text, we should mention that, in recent years, “interior” algorithms have emerged as competitors of the simplex algorithm for solving LP problems. These algorithms, which plunge through the interior of the feasible region rather than moving along the boundary, received much attention in the early 1980s when mathematicians proved that they could be used to solve arbitrary LP problems in “polynomial time”, that is, in  $O(N^\alpha)$  time, where  $\alpha$  is a constant. Although the simplex method also converges in polynomial time for all practical problems, it is possible to construct examples where it requires exponential time ( $O(\alpha^N)$ ) to converge. At first, the simplex method codes still clearly outperformed the interior codes, despite their theoretical inferiority, but now interior algorithm codes have been developed which are competitive with the best simplex implementations, or perhaps superior to them.

The reader who would like to learn more about interior algorithms is referred to Schrijver [1986] and to Problem 9.

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SUBROUTINE DTRAN(WCAP,SREQ,COST,NW,NS,CMIN,X)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION WCAP(NW),SREQ(NS),COST(NW,NS),CMIN,X(NW,NS)
  INTEGER NW,NS
C
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
  DOUBLE PRECISION B(NW+NS),Y(NW+NS),C(NW*NS+NW+NS),
& XSOL(NW*NS+NW+NS)
C
C SUBROUTINE DTRAN SOLVES THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM
C
C MINIMIZE      CMIN = COST(1,1)*X(1,1) + ... + COST(NW,NS)*X(NW,NS)

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C                               REQUIREMENTS INTO B VECTOR
      DO 5 I=1,NW
      5 B(I) = WCAP(I)
      DO 10 I=1,NS
      10 B(NW+I) = SREQ(I)
C                               FIRST NW*NS ENTRIES IN C ARE -COST(I,J).
C                               NEGATIVE SIGN PRESENT BECAUSE WE WANT
C                               TO MINIMIZE COST
      K = 0
      CNORM = 0.0
      DO 15 I=1,NW
      DO 15 J=1,NS
      K = K+1
      C(K) = -COST(I,J)
      CNORM = MAX(CNORM,ABS(C(K)))
      15 CONTINUE
C                               NEXT NW COSTS ARE ZERO, CORRESPONDING
C                               TO WAREHOUSE CAPACITY SLACK VARIABLES
      DO 20 I=1,NW
      K = K+1
      C(K) = 0.0
      20 CONTINUE
C                               LAST NS COSTS ARE LARGE AND NEGATIVE,
C                               CORRESPONDING TO "ARTIFICIAL WAREHOUSE"
C                               TRANSPORTATION COSTS
      ALPHA = 2*CNORM
      DO 25 I=1,NS
      K = K+1
      C(K) = -ALPHA
      25 CONTINUE
C                               USE REVISED SIMPLEX METHOD TO SOLVE
C                               TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM
      CALL DLPRV(DTRAN2,B,C,N,M,P,XSOL,Y)
C                               IF ANY ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES LEFT, THERE
C                               IS NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION
      DO 35 I=1,NS
      K = N-NS+I
      IF (XSOL(K).NE.0.0) THEN
      PRINT 30
      30   FORMAT (' ***** NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION *****')
      RETURN
      ENDIF
      35 CONTINUE
C                               FORM OPTIMAL ROUTING MATRIX, X
      CMIN = -P
      K = 0
      DO 40 I=1,NW
      DO 40 J=1,NS

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      K = K+1
      X(I,J) = XSOL(K)
40 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

      FUNCTION DTRAN2(Z,J)
      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
      DOUBLE PRECISION Z(*)
      COMMON /CTRAN/ NW,NS
C          DTRAN2=DOT PRODUCT OF Z AND COLUMN J OF A
      JW = (J-1)/NS + 1
      JS = MOD(J-1,NS) + 1
      DTRAN2 = Z(JW) + Z(NW+JS)
      RETURN
      END

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Figure 4.6.2

## 4.7 Problems

1. Solve the following LP problems using the simplex method and hand calculations. Use artificial variables only when necessary. Graph the feasible regions in the  $x$ - $y$  plane,

a. Maximize  $P = 3x + 4y$

with constraints

$$x + y \leq 3,$$

$$2x + y \leq 4,$$

and bounds

$$x \geq 0,$$

$$y \geq 0.$$

b. Minimize  $P = 3x + 4y$

with constraints

$$x + y \geq 3,$$

$$2x + y \geq 4,$$

and bounds

$$x \geq 0,$$

$$y \geq 0.$$

- c. Maximize  $P = 3x + 4y$   
with constraints

$$x + y \geq 5,$$

$$2x + y \leq 4,$$

and bounds

$$x \geq 0,$$

$$y \geq 0.$$

- d. Maximize  $P = 3x + 4y$   
with constraints

$$x + y \geq 3,$$

$$2x + y \geq 4,$$

and bounds

$$x \geq 0,$$

$$y \geq 0.$$

2. Write the dual problem for

$$\text{maximize } P = c_1x_1 + \dots + c_Nx_N$$

with constraints

$$\begin{array}{rcll} a_{1,1}x_1 & + & \dots & + & a_{1,N}x_N & \leq & b_1, \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{k,1}x_1 & + & \dots & + & a_{k,N}x_N & \leq & b_k, \\ a_{k+1,1}x_1 & + & \dots & + & a_{k+1,N}x_N & = & b_{k+1}, \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{M,1}x_1 & + & \dots & + & a_{M,N}x_N & = & b_M, \end{array}$$

and bounds

$$x_1 \geq 0,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_N \geq 0.$$

3. The problem of minimizing  $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_\infty$ , where  $A$  is an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix, can be posed as an LP problem:

$$\text{minimize } P = \epsilon$$

with constraints

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^N a_{i,j} x_j - b_i \right| \leq \epsilon \quad (i = 1, \dots, M).$$

Show that this LP problem can be put into the form

$$\text{minimize } P = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})^T(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon)$$

with constraints

$$\begin{bmatrix} -A & \mathbf{1} \\ A & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{1} = (1_1, \dots, 1_M)$ . Since the variables are not required to be nonnegative, we cannot solve this LP problem as it stands. However, find another problem whose dual solution is the solution to this problem.

4. The problem of minimizing  $\|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_1$ , where  $A$  is an  $M$  by  $N$  matrix, can also be posed as an LP problem

$$\text{minimize } P = \epsilon_1 + \dots + \epsilon_M$$

with constraints

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^N a_{i,j} x_j - b_i \right| \leq \epsilon_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, M).$$

Show that this LP problem can be put into the form

$$\text{minimize } P = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})^T(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon)$$

with constraints

$$\begin{bmatrix} -A & I \\ A & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \epsilon \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a problem whose dual solution is the solution to this problem.

5. Find the straight line  $y = mx + b$  that best fits the data points of the example in Section 4.1.4 in the  $L_1$ -norm. Use subroutine DLPRG (Figure 4.5.1) to solve the LP problem. Plot the computed line along with the original data points. (Hint: See Problem 4).

6. Verify the assertion made in Section 4.5 that, during phase II, the  $\alpha$ -components of the artificial variables will equal one, while the  $\alpha$ -components of the other variables will equal zero. (Hint: Argue that the tableau will have the form shown in Figure 4.3.4 throughout phase II.)
7. Set  $\mathbf{b} = (1, \dots, 1)$  and use a random number generator with output in  $(0, 1)$  (e.g., the FORTRAN90 routine RANDOM.NUMBER) to generate the coefficients of an  $M$  by  $M$  matrix  $A$ , and the  $M$ -vector  $\mathbf{c}$  in the resource allocation problem

$$\text{maximize } \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$

with constraints and bounds

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

Modify DLPRG to output the total number of simplex iterations to convergence, and use this program to solve the problems generated with  $M = 10, 20, 30, 40, 50$ . What is the experimental dependence on  $M$  of the number of iterations? For each  $M$ , compute  $(3M)!/[M!(2M)!]$ , the number of possible bases, and notice that the simplex method only examines an extremely small percentage of them. (There will be  $3M$  unknowns in the tableau, because slack variables must be added, and DLPRG will use artificial variables even though they could be avoided for this problem.)

8. Compare the total memory requirements and operation counts (per iteration) for DLPRG and DTRAN/DLPRV, applied to a transportation problem with  $N_W$  warehouses and  $N_S$  stores. Assume  $N_W = N_S$ , and both are large.
9. If we can find an  $\mathbf{x}$  that is primal feasible ( $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ ), and a  $\mathbf{y}$  that is dual feasible ( $A^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{z} \geq \mathbf{0}$ ), such that  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$ , explain why Theorem 4.3.1 means that  $\mathbf{x}$  must be the primal solution and  $\mathbf{y}$  must be the dual solution. Show that for a primal feasible  $\mathbf{x}$  and dual feasible  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y}$  is equivalent to  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{z} = 0$ , and thus (since  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  are nonnegative)  $x_i z_i = 0$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . So the linear programming problem 4.3.1 can be reduced to finding a solution of the nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned} A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ A^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ x_i z_i &= 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \end{aligned}$$

with all components of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  nonnegative. Show that the number of equations is the same as the number of unknowns in this system.

Interior point methods attempt to solve this nonlinear system, while keeping  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  nonnegative. Notice that solving a nonlinear system of  $K$  equations and  $K$  unknowns normally takes  $O(K^3)$  operations (what is  $K$  here?), so it is not unreasonable to expect that a good algorithm could solve this problem—even with the constraints—with  $O(K^3)$  work.

10. Using the most negative element in the last row to choose the pivot column is a reasonable strategy, but as the following example illustrates, it is not always the best strategy.

$$\text{Maximize } P = 3x + 2y$$

with constraints

$$2x + y \leq 2$$

and bounds

$$x \geq 0,$$

$$y \geq 0.$$

Solve this problem twice using the simplex method. The first time pick the most negative element ( $-3$ ) in the last row on the first iteration; the second time, try choosing the other negative element ( $-2$ ). You will find the same solution each time, of course, but which requires fewer iterations?

This example suggests an alternative strategy for picking the pivot column. One could inspect each column  $jp$  for which  $d_{jp} < 0$ , find the corresponding pivot row  $ip$  in the usual way, and compute the resulting increase in  $P$ ,  $-d_{jp}b_{ip}/a_{ip,jp}$ , and choose the pivot column that maximizes this projected increase. The increase in work associated with this strategy is about  $M$  times the number of negative elements in the last row, so it could be nearly as much as doing an extra iteration, and it is not likely that it will decrease the number of iterations enough to pay for the extra cost.

11. The dual solution for the transportation problem 4.1.3 is found to be  $y = (0, 300, -550, -300, -400)$ . Why is it obvious from the “physical” interpretation of the dual solution, given the solution reported in Section

4.5, that  $y_1$  would be 0? Why could you also have predicted that  $y_3$  would be  $-550$ ?

12. The curve-fitting problem 4.1.4 had to be solved in Section 4.5 as the dual of another problem, because it does not have zero bounds on the variables and thus cannot be solved by DLPRG as it stands. An alternative approach is to define  $m' = m + d$ ,  $b' = b + d$ , where  $d$  is large enough to ensure that  $m'$  and  $b'$  are positive at the optimal feasible point, so that the bounds  $m' \geq 0$ ,  $b' \geq 0$  can be added without changing the solution. Rewrite 4.1.4 in terms of the new variables  $m'$ ,  $b'$ ,  $\epsilon$ , with zero bounds on all three variables, and solve the modified problem directly using DLPRG (Figure 4.5.1), then subtract  $d$  from  $m'$  and  $b'$  to obtain the optimal  $m, b$ . For this problem,  $d = 10$  will be large enough. Remember that DLPRG requires that the components of the  $B$  vector be nonnegative.

Notice, however, that this approach requires solving a problem with a 10 by 13 coefficient matrix, while in Section 4.5,  $A$  was only 3 by 10.



# 5

## The Fast Fourier Transform

### 5.1 The Discrete Fourier Transform

Although this topic is not normally covered by texts on computational linear algebra, the fast Fourier transform is really just an algorithm that calculates a certain matrix–vector product efficiently, and thus it seems appropriate to study it here.

The discrete Fourier transform of a complex  $N$ -vector  $\mathbf{f}$  is  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{f}$ , where  $A$  is a complex  $N$  by  $N$  matrix with components  $a_{k,j} = \exp[i2\pi(k-1)(j-1)/N]$  ( $i \equiv \sqrt{-1}$ ). In other words,

$$y_k = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(j-1)}{N}\right).$$

For a fixed  $j$ , the vector  $\exp[i2\pi(k-1)(j-1)/N]$  varies periodically with  $k$ , cycling through  $j-1$  complete periods as  $k$  goes from 1 to  $N$ . Thus we can think of  $f_j$  as the amplitude of that component of  $\mathbf{y}$  which has the frequency  $j-1$ , where the frequency is defined as the total number of cycles.

Suppose, for example, that the temperature at a certain weather station is recorded every hour for 100 years, with the results stored in the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  ( $y_k$  is the temperature after  $k$  hours). If the data points  $(k, y_k)$  are plotted, a daily cycle (period = 24 points) and an annual cycle (period =  $24 \times 365$  points) will be easily observed. If we transform the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  (in the “time domain”) into the vector  $\mathbf{f}$  (in the “frequency domain”) using  $\mathbf{f} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{f}$  will have one sharp peak corresponding to a frequency of 100 (100 complete cycles over the course of the 100-year recording period) and another peak corresponding to a frequency of  $100 \times 365$  (36,500 cycles over the course of the data). In

other words,  $f_{101}$  and  $f_{36,501}$  will be large (in magnitude—the  $f_i$  are complex numbers). There might be other smaller peaks corresponding to less apparent cycles (perhaps one coinciding with the 11-year sunspot activity cycle). These minor periodic tendencies, if they exist, would be much easier to spot in the frequency domain than in the time domain of the original data.

We can explicitly display the components of the matrix  $A^{-1}$ :

$$\alpha_{j,l} = \frac{1}{N} \exp\left(-\frac{i2\pi(j-1)(l-1)}{N}\right). \quad (5.1.1)$$

Note that  $\alpha_{j,l} = (1/N)\bar{a}_{j,l}$ , and  $A^{-1} = \bar{A}/N$ , where the overbar means complex conjugate. Since  $\mathbf{f} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$  implies  $\bar{\mathbf{f}} = A(\bar{\mathbf{y}}/N)$ , this means that we can calculate the inverse discrete Fourier transform of  $\mathbf{y}$  by taking the forward transform of  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}/N$  and then conjugating the result.

To verify 5.1.1, let us multiply  $A$  by this matrix to see whether we get the identity matrix. The  $(k, l)$ th component of the product is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^N a_{k,j} \alpha_{j,l} &= \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(j-1)}{N}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{i2\pi(j-1)(l-1)}{N}\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(j-1)(k-l)}{N}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N}(1 + \beta + \beta^2 + \dots + \beta^{N-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta = \exp[i2\pi(k-l)/N]$ . If  $k = l$ ,  $\beta$  will be 1, and the sum will be  $N/N = 1$ . Otherwise, if  $k \neq l$ , the sum will be  $1/N[(\beta^N - 1)/(\beta - 1)] = 0$ , since  $\beta^N = 1$ , while  $\beta \neq 1$ . Thus the product matrix is the identity, and so 5.1.1 gives the components of  $A^{-1}$  correctly.

The discrete Fourier transform can be used not only to identify periodic tendencies but also to filter out high-frequency noise. If we transform a data sequence  $\mathbf{y}$  into the frequency domain by  $\mathbf{f} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$ , and set  $f_j = 0$  for all  $j$  greater than some given cutoff frequency, then, when the truncated  $\mathbf{f}'$  is transformed back into the time domain, the new data sequence  $\mathbf{y}' = A\mathbf{f}'$  will be smoother than the original sequence, since its rapidly oscillating components will be gone.

## 5.2 The Fast Fourier Transform

Forming the product of an  $N$  by  $N$  matrix with an  $N$ -vector normally requires  $N^2$  multiplications. Hence the forward ( $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{f}$ ) and reverse ( $\mathbf{f} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$ ) Fourier transforms would each seem to require  $O(N^2)$  work and, if  $N$  is a prime number, these transforms do indeed require  $O(N^2)$  operations. However, if  $N = 2^m$  for some integer  $m$ , the matrices  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  have a special

structure that can be exploited using the “fast Fourier transform” [Cooley and Tukey 1965; Brigham 1974, 1988], to reduce the work in the matrix-vector multiplications to only  $O[N \log(N)]$ . Since in applications  $N$  may be extremely large, this represents an important savings in effort.

If  $N$  can be factored at all, there is some potential savings to be realized by cleverly exploiting the matrix structure [Singleton 1967]. However, if we cannot control the number  $N$  of data points, this savings is unlikely to be worth the effort, whereas if we can pick  $N$  as we please (as is often the case), we might as well choose  $N$  to be a power of 2 and achieve the maximum reduction in effort.

In order to achieve this work reduction, we reorder the columns of  $A$ , and the corresponding unknowns, so that the odd columns (and unknowns) come first, ahead of the even columns (and unknowns). Then (recall that  $N = 2^m$ , and so  $N$  is certainly even), the equation  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{f}$  takes the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{N/2} \\ y_{N/2+1} \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P & | & Q \\ R & | & S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_3 \\ \vdots \\ f_{N-1} \\ f_2 \\ f_4 \\ \vdots \\ f_N \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5.2.1)$$

Now let  $B$  be the  $N/2$  by  $N/2$  Fourier transform matrix, so that

$$b_{k,j} = \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(j-1)}{N/2}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(2j-2)}{N}\right) \\ (k, j = 1, \dots, N/2).$$

Also, let us define an  $N/2$  by  $N/2$  *diagonal* matrix  $D$  to have diagonal components

$$d_{k,k} = \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)}{N}\right) = h^{k-1},$$

where  $h \equiv \exp(i2\pi/N)$ . Recalling that  $A$  (the  $N$  by  $N$  Fourier transform matrix) has components

$$a_{k,j} = \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(j-1)}{N}\right) \quad (k, j = 1, \dots, N),$$

we can compute the elements of  $P, Q, R,$  and  $S$  in terms of those of  $D$  and  $B$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{k,j} = a_{k,2j-1} &= \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(2j-2)}{N}\right) = b_{k,j}, \\
 q_{k,j} = a_{k,2j} &= \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(2j-1)}{N}\right) \\
 &= \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)}{N}\right) b_{k,j} = d_{k,k} b_{k,j}, \\
 r_{k,j} = a_{N/2+k,2j-1} &= \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1+N/2)(2j-2)}{N}\right) \\
 &= \exp[i2\pi(j-1)] b_{k,j} \\
 &= b_{k,j}, \\
 s_{k,j} = a_{N/2+k,2j} &= \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1+N/2)(2j-1)}{N}\right) \\
 &= \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1+N/2)}{N}\right) r_{k,j} \\
 &= -\exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)}{N}\right) r_{k,j} \\
 &= -d_{k,k} b_{k,j}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the system 5.2.1 can be rewritten in terms of  $D$  and  $B$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} B & DB \\ \hline B & -DB \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{odd} \\ \mathbf{f}_{even} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B\mathbf{f}_{odd} + DB\mathbf{f}_{even} \\ B\mathbf{f}_{odd} - DB\mathbf{f}_{even} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5.2.2)$$

From 5.2.2 we can see how our work reduction is achieved. To calculate the Fourier transform of an  $N$ -vector we first need to transform two  $N/2$ -vectors (i.e., we calculate  $\mathbf{f}_{odd} = B\mathbf{f}_{odd}$  and  $\mathbf{f}_{even} = B\mathbf{f}_{even}$ ). Next, we calculate  $\mathbf{u} \equiv D\mathbf{f}_{even}$  using the formulas (recall that  $d_{k,k} = h^{k-1}$ )

$$k = 1, \dots, \frac{N}{2} \begin{cases} d_{1,1} = 1 \\ \rightarrow u_k = d_{k,k}(\mathbf{f}_{even})_k \\ \quad d_{k+1,k+1} = h d_{k,k} \end{cases}$$

This can be done in a total of  $N/2 + N/2 = N$  multiplications. Finally, the first half of the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is calculated by adding  $\mathbf{f}_{odd}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$ , and the second half by adding  $\mathbf{f}_{odd}$  and  $-\mathbf{u}$  (a total of  $N$  additions).

Therefore, if  $W_m$  represents the total number of multiplications (or additions, for that matter) required to transform a vector of length  $N = 2^m$ , we have the recurrence relation

$$W_m = 2W_{m-1} + N = 2W_{m-1} + 2^m. \quad (5.2.3)$$

Since the 1 by 1 Fourier transform matrix is simply the number 1, the number of multiplications required to transform a vector of length  $N = 1$  is zero, so that

$$W_0 = 0. \quad (5.2.4)$$

The solution to the recurrence relation 5.2.3, with the initial condition 5.2.4, is

$$W_m = m2^m = N \log_2(N),$$

as we can verify by substituting  $W_m = m2^m$  directly into 5.2.3 and 5.2.4:

$$2W_{m-1} + 2^m = 2[(m-1)2^{m-1}] + 2^m = m2^m = W_m$$

and  $W_0 = 02^0 = 0$ .

This establishes the claim that, if  $N$  is a power of 2, the Fourier transform of an  $N$ -vector can be done in  $O[N \log(N)]$  operations. The key to this work reduction is the fact that, as exhibited in 5.2.2, the multiplication  $A\mathbf{f}$  requires only two matrix-vector multiplications of order  $N/2$ , rather than four, as would be required if  $A$  had no special structure.

### 5.3 A FORTRAN90 Program

The fast Fourier transform algorithm is described above in a recursive manner: To transform an  $N$ -vector we must first know how to transform an  $N/2$ -vector. Thus it is more easily programmed in FORTRAN90 than in FORTRAN77, which does not allow subprograms to call themselves recursively. Figure 5.3.1 gives a recursive FORTRAN90 subroutine that calculates a fast Fourier transform. Note that the subroutine DFFT calls itself twice, to transform the  $N/2$ -vectors  $\mathbf{f}_{odd}$  and  $\mathbf{f}_{even}$ , as part of its computation of the transform of an  $N$ -vector. Of course the recursion must stop somewhere and so, for  $N = 1$  ( $M = 0$ ), DFFT does nothing, because the transform of a 1-vector is itself. Note the remarkable simplicity of this subroutine.

```

      RECURSIVE SUBROUTINE DFFT(F,M)
      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C
      DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
      COMPLEX*16 F(2**M)
      INTEGER M
C
      DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
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COMPLEX*16 FODD(2**M/2+1),FEVEN(2**M/2+1),D,H,U
C
C SUBROUTINE DFFT PERFORMS A FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM ON THE COMPLEX
C VECTOR F, OF LENGTH N=2**M. THE FOURIER TRANSFORM IS DEFINED BY
C  $Y(K) = \text{SUM FROM } J=1 \text{ TO } N \text{ OF: } \text{EXP}[I*2*PI*(K-1)*(J-1)/N]*F(J)$ 
C WHERE I = SQRT(-1).
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C ON INPUT ON OUTPUT
C -----
C
C F - THE COMPLEX VECTOR OF LENGTH THE TRANSFORMED VECTOR
C 2**M TO BE TRANSFORMED. Y.
C
C M - THE LENGTH OF THE VECTOR F
C IS ASSUMED TO BE 2**M.
C
C-----
C FOURIER TRANSFORM OF A 1-VECTOR IS
C UNCHANGED
C
C IF (M.EQ.0) RETURN
C N = 2**M
C PI = 3.141592653589793 DO
C H = COS(2*PI/N) + SIN(2*PI/N)*CMLPX(0.0,1.0)
C N2 = N/2
C COPY ODD COMPONENTS OF F TO FODD
C AND EVEN COMPONENTS TO FEVEN
C
C DO 5 K=1,N2
C FODD(K) = F(2*K-1)
C FEVEN(K)= F(2*K)
5 CONTINUE
C TRANSFORM N/2-VECTORS FODD AND FEVEN
C INTO YODD AND YEVEN
C
C CALL DFFT(FODD ,M-1)
C CALL DFFT(FEVEN,M-1)
C D = 1.0
C Y = (YODD+D*YEVEN , YODD-D*YEVEN)
C
C DO 10 K=1,N2
C U = D*FEVEN(K)
C F(K) = FODD(K) + U
C F(N2+K) = FODD(K) - U
C D = D*H
10 CONTINUE
C RETURN
C END

```

Figure 5.3.1

As mentioned in Section 5.1 (see 5.1.1),  $A^{-1} = \bar{A}/N$ , and thus the inverse Fourier transform  $\mathbf{f} \equiv A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$  can be calculated as  $\mathbf{f} = A(\bar{\mathbf{y}}/N)$ . Hence DFFT can be used to calculate an inverse transform as follows:

```

N = 2**M
DO 10 K=1,N
10 Y(K) = CONJG(Y(K))/N
   CALL DFFT(Y,M)
DO 20 J=1,N
20 F(J) = CONJG(Y(J))

```

DFFT was used in this manner to calculate the inverse Fourier transform  $\mathbf{f} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$  of the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  of length  $N = 2^7$  defined by

$$y_k = 30 + 20 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{30}\right) + 8 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{7}\right), \quad k = 1, \dots, 128. \quad (5.3.1)$$

$y_k$  is plotted as a function of  $k$  in Figure 5.3.2;  $\mathbf{y}$  has a constant component, a periodic component of period 30 (frequency =  $N/30 = 4.27$ ), and another periodic component, of smaller amplitude, of period 7 (frequency =  $N/7 = 18.29$ ). These periodic components are evident in Figure 5.3.2.

The absolute values of the components of the complex vector  $\mathbf{f}$  are plotted as a function of frequency; that is,  $|\mathbf{f}_j|$  is plotted as a function of  $j - 1$ , in Figure 5.3.3. There are peaks near frequencies of 4 and 18, as expected, plus another peak at zero frequency corresponding to the constant component of  $\mathbf{y}$ . There are two additional peaks (not shown in Figure 5.3.3) near frequencies of 124 and 110, whose presence is at first sight inexplicable. However, if we expand

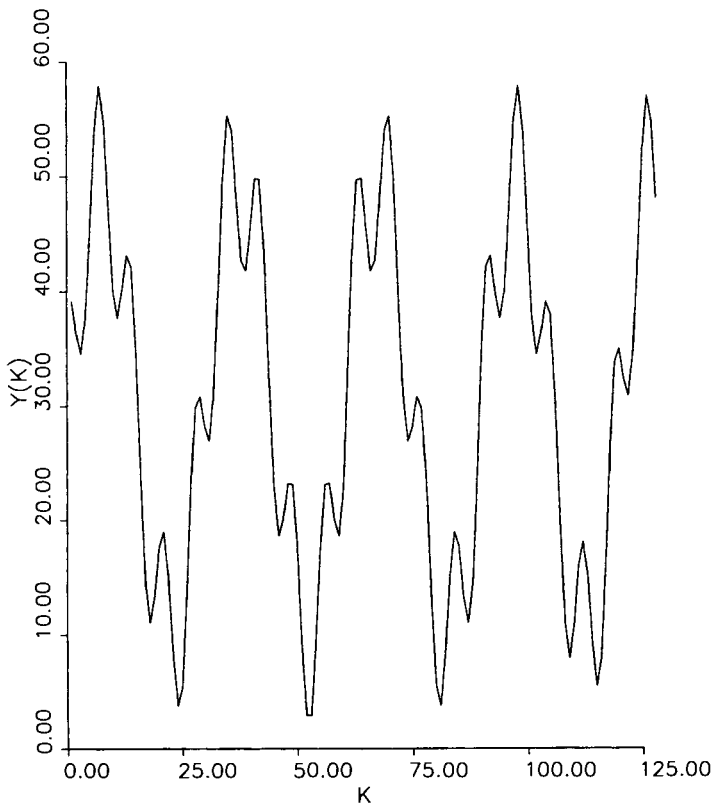
$$\begin{aligned} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{P}\right) &= \frac{\exp(i2\pi k/P) - \exp(-i2\pi k/P)}{2i} \\ &= \frac{\exp(i2\pi k/P) - \exp(i2\pi k(P-1)/P)}{2i}, \\ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{P}\right) &= \frac{\exp(i2\pi k/P) + \exp(-i2\pi k/P)}{2} \\ &= \frac{\exp(i2\pi k/P) + \exp(i2\pi k(P-1)/P)}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

we see that, when a sine or cosine term of period  $P$  appears in  $y_k$ , peaks in the frequency domain will occur at both  $N/P$  and  $N(P-1)/P = N - N/P$ .

## 5.4 Problems

1. Compute the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  using

$$y_k = 60 + 20 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{24 \times 365}\right) + 15 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{24}\right) + 5(r_k - 0.5),$$

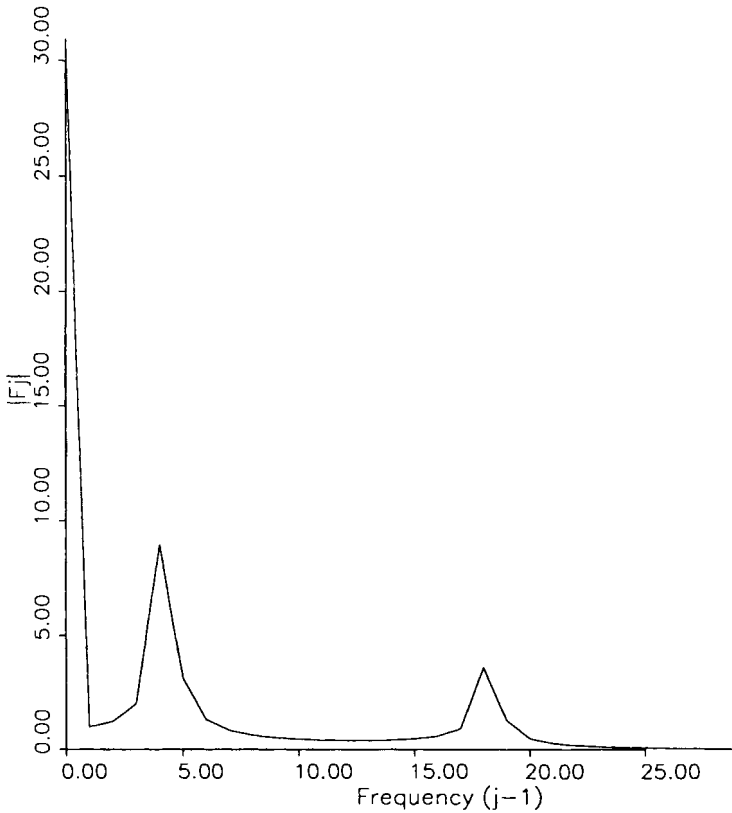


**Figure 5.3.2**  
**The Time Domain**

where  $r_k$  is a random variable on  $(0, 1)$  generated by a random-number generator (e.g., IMSL's RNUM). Choose  $N = 2^m$ , where  $m$  is 17.  $y_k$  might represent the temperature after  $k$  hours recorded at a weather station; it has an annual cycle and a daily cycle, plus a random component. Perform an inverse discrete Fourier transform on  $\mathbf{y}$ , using the fast Fourier transform routine DFFT (Figure 5.3.1). Print out the absolute values of some of the complex coefficients  $f_k$  to verify that, despite the random component,  $\mathbf{f} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$  has peaks corresponding to frequencies of  $N/(24 \times 365)$ ,  $N/24$ , and 0. (Why 0?)

2. Run Problem 1 with three consecutive values of  $m$  (preferably 15, 16, and 17) and record the execution time, to verify that the time is nearly





**Figure 5.3.3**  
**The Frequency Domain**

proportional to  $N$ .

3. If  $N = 3^m$ , do you think it would still be possible to transform an  $N$ -vector in  $O[N \log(N)]$  time? Explain.
4. Consider the following “slow Fourier transform” subroutine, which computes  $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{f}$  by ordinary matrix multiplication:

```

SUBROUTINE SFT(F,Y,N)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
  COMPLEX*16 F(*),Y(*),H,HK,AKJ
  PI = 3.141592653589793D0
C          H = EXP(I*2*PI/N)

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      H = COS(2*PI/N) + SIN(2*PI/N)*CMLPX(0.0,1.0)
C      HK = H**(K-1)
      HK = 1.0
      DO 10 K=1,N
        Y(K) = 0.0
C      AKJ = HK**(J-1) = H**((J-1)*(K-1))
      AKJ = 1.0
      DO 5 J=1,N
        Y(K) = Y(K) + AKJ*F(J)
        AKJ = AKJ*HK
      5   CONTINUE
        HK = HK*H
      10  CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

```

Transform the  $N$ -vector  $f$ , with  $f_k \equiv 1$ , first using this slow routine and then using DFFT (Figure 5.3.1), with  $N = 2^{14}$ . Record the execution time for each and compare.

5. Another important application of the fast Fourier transform is the fast solution of the finite difference equations used to approximate certain partial differential equations. For example, the partial differential equation

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = u + f(x, y) \quad \text{in } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1,$$

with periodic boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(0, y) &= u(1, y), & u(x, 0) &= u(x, 1), \\ u_x(0, y) &= u_x(1, y), & u_y(x, 0) &= u_y(x, 1), \end{aligned}$$

can be approximated by the finite difference equations

$$\begin{aligned} u_{j+1,k} - 2u_{j,k} + u_{j-1,k} + u_{j,k+1} - 2u_{j,k} + u_{j,k-1} &= h^2(u_{j,k} + f_{j,k}), \\ \text{for } j &= 1, \dots, N, \quad k = 1, \dots, N, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} u_{1,k} &= u_{N+1,k}, & u_{j,1} &= u_{j,N+1}, \\ \frac{u_{1,k} - u_{0,k}}{h} &= \frac{u_{N+1,k} - u_{N,k}}{h}, & \frac{u_{j,1} - u_{j,0}}{h} &= \frac{u_{j,N+1} - u_{j,N}}{h}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $u_{j,k} \equiv u(x_j, y_k)$ ,  $f_{j,k} \equiv f(x_j, y_k)$ , and  $x_j = (j-1)/N$ , and  $y_k = (k-1)/N$ , and  $h = 1/N$  (note that  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_{N+1} = 1$ ,  $y_1 = 0$ ,  $y_{N+1} = 1$ ).

Suppose that

$$u_{j,k} = \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N b_{lm} \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(j-1)(l-1)}{N}\right) \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(m-1)}{N}\right)$$

and

$$f_{j,k} = \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N c_{lm} \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(j-1)(l-1)}{N}\right) \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi(k-1)(m-1)}{N}\right).$$

- a. Show that, no matter how the coefficients  $b_{lm}$  are chosen, the approximate solution satisfies the periodic boundary conditions.
- b. Show that, once the coefficients  $c_{lm}$  of  $f$  are known, the solution coefficients  $b_{lm}$  can be calculated from

$$b_{lm} = \frac{c_{lm} h^2}{2\cos[2\pi(l-1)/N] + 2\cos[2\pi(m-1)/N] - 4 - h^2}.$$

- c. If  $U, F, B,$  and  $C$  are the  $N$  by  $N$  matrices with elements  $u_{jk}, f_{jk}, b_{lm},$  and  $c_{lm},$  and if  $A$  is the discrete Fourier transform matrix (defined in Section 5.1), show that

$$U^T = A(AB)^T$$

and

$$F^T = A(AC)^T \text{ or } C = A^{-1}(A^{-1}F^T)^T.$$

- d. If  $N$  is chosen to be a power of 2, the matrix-matrix multiplication  $AZ$  (or  $A^{-1}Z$ ) can be computed in only  $O[N^2 \log(N)]$  operations, because its computation requires transforming the  $N$  columns of  $Z,$  at a cost of  $O[N \log(N)]$  work per column, using fast Fourier transforms. Use the results of parts (b) and (c) to show that, given the matrix  $F,$   $U$  can be calculated in  $O[N^2 \log(N)]$  operations. In other words, we can solve the above finite difference equations in  $O[N^2 \log(N)]$  operations. This is much faster than even the SOR method (cf. Section 1.8), which requires  $O(N^3)$  work to solve the same finite difference system. Prove that it is **impossible** to solve a 2D finite difference system in less than  $O(N^2)$  operations, so this FFT algorithm is essentially impossible to beat, in terms of speed (this is also true for 3D problems).
6. a. Generalize the formula in Problem 5b, for the partial differential equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + pu_x + qu_y + ru = f(x, y),$  if  $u_x$  is approximated by  $(u_{j+1,k} - u_{j-1,k})/(2h)$  and similarly for  $u_y.$

- b. For the case  $p = 2, q = -1, r = -20, f(x, y) = e^{2x+y}$ , solve this PDE with periodic boundary conditions, using the Fourier transform method outlined in Problem 5 to exactly solve the finite difference system. Output your approximate solution at the square midpoint. The exact solution of the PDE has  $u(0.5, 0.5) = -0.262517$ . Note that an accurate solution is found even though  $f(x, y)$  is not periodic. Will this technique still work if  $p, q$  or  $r$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$ ?
- c. The Fourier expansion for  $u$  from Problem 5 can alternatively be written in the form

$$u(x_j, y_k) = \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N b_{lm} \exp(i2\pi(l-1)x_j) \exp(i2\pi(m-1)y_k)$$

and similarly for the expansion of  $f(x_j, y_k)$ . Plug these expansions directly into the PDE of Problem 6a, rather than into its finite difference approximation, to find another formula for  $b_{lm}$  in terms of  $c_{lm}$ . Rerun your program from Problem 6b with this one-line change, and get another estimate of  $u(0.5, 0.5)$ . In part (b), you were using the FFT simply to rapidly solve the finite difference equations exactly; now you are using a Fourier series method, with a truncated series. Is your answer more or less accurate (at the midpoint) than in part (b)?

7. The discrete sine transform of a real  $N$ -vector  $\mathbf{f}$  is  $S\mathbf{f}$ , where  $S$  is the  $N$  by  $N$  matrix with elements  $s_{k,j} = \sin(\pi kj/(N+1))$ .
- a. Show that  $S^{-1} = 2S/(N+1)$ . (Hint: Use  $\sin(\theta) = (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})/(2i)$  and use Section 5.1 to guide your calculations.)
- b. The discrete sine transform can be used to help solve some differential equations where the solution is required to be zero on the boundary. For example, consider the problem  $u_{xx} = f(x)$  with  $u(0) = u(1) = 0$ . We approximate this differential equation using the finite difference equation  $u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1} = h^2 f_j, u_0 = u_{N+1} = 0$ , where  $h = 1/(N+1)$ ,  $x_j = jh$ , and  $u_j$  approximates  $u(x_j)$ . Now expand  $u$  and  $f$  in the form:

$$u_j = \sum_{l=1}^N b_l \sin(\pi jl/(N+1))$$

and

$$f_j = \sum_{l=1}^N c_l \sin(\pi jl/(N+1)).$$

Insert these expansions into the finite difference equation and find a formula for  $b_l$  in terms of  $c_l$ . Notice that  $u_0$  and  $u_{N+1}$  are zero no matter what coefficients  $b_l$  are used.

- c. For the case  $f(x) = 2 - 6x$ , solve the finite difference system, by first finding  $c = S^{-1}f$ , then  $b$ , then  $u = Sb$ . Although it is possible to write a “fast discrete sine transform” routine, you may do the transforms the slow way, using matrix–vector multiplications. (Even using a fast transform, this approach is not faster than using a band solver to solve these tridiagonal finite difference equations; in higher dimensions it is faster.) The exact solution of the differential equation is  $u(x) = x^2(1 - x)$ , and this finite difference equation has zero truncation error, so  $u_j$  should exactly equal  $u(x_j)$  everywhere.
8. a. Find the approximate amount of memory (number of COMPLEX\*16 words) used by the fast Fourier transform routine DFFT, as a function of  $N$ . Caution: At first glance it appears that the total memory is  $2N$  words. But remember that this is a RECURSIVE subroutine, which means that when DFFT calls itself, another copy of DFFT is created, with new automatic arrays FODD and FEVEN. Thus you need to write and solve a recurrence relation for  $S_m =$  number of words of memory used by DFFT to solve a problem of size  $N = 2^m$ , not including the array F passed to DFFT from the calling program (but add the  $N$  words for array F at the end, of course).
- b. What minor change can be made to DFFT to cut the total memory usage to  $2N$  COMPLEX\*16 words? Make this change and re-run Problem 4 to verify it still works.
9. Take the sequence  $y_k$  defined in 5.3.1 and plotted in Figure 5.3.2, and calculate the inverse Fourier transform,  $f$ . Then set  $f_{11} = f_{12} = \dots = f_{117} = 0$ , and transform  $f$  back, and plot the new time sequence  $y_k$ , which should be smoother now since the high frequencies have been removed.
10. Write a **non-recursive** fast Fourier transform routine, and test it on the vector of Problem 4. (Hint: Reorder the elements of  $f$  as shown below, then make  $m$  passes over  $f$ , the first time “process” the 2-vectors  $(f_1, f_2), (f_3, f_4), \dots$ , the second time process the 4-vectors  $(f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4), \dots$

```

SUBROUTINE NRFFT(F,M)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION(A-H,O-Z)
  COMPLEX*16 F(2**M),FODD(2**M/2),FEVEN(2**M/2)
  N = 2**M
  DO 40 I=M,2,-1

```

```
NI = 2**I
N2 = NI/2
DO 30 J=0,N-1,NI
  DO 10 K=1,N2
    FODD(K) = F(J+2*K-1)
    FEVEN(K) = F(J+2*K)
10  CONTINUE
  DO 20 K=1,N2
    F(J+K) = FODD(K)
    F(J+N2+K) = FEVEN(K)
20  CONTINUE
30  CONTINUE
40 CONTINUE
.
.
```

# 6

## Linear Algebra on Supercomputers

### 6.1 Vector Computers

For many years after the first computers were built, progress in computer arithmetic speed was steady and rapid. Finally, however, we have reached a point where it appears that further improvements in the speed of individual arithmetic operations will be harder and harder to achieve. Today's "supercomputers" are nevertheless able to solve problems more rapidly, not so much because they do individual arithmetic operations faster, but because they can do several operations simultaneously.

Consider, for example, the loop 25 in the linear system solver DLINEQ (Figure 1.2.1), where 100% of the computer time is spent in the limit of large problem size:

```
DO 25 K=I+1,N
    A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(I,K)
25 CONTINUE
```

A traditional "scalar" computer executes these statements one at a time and does not begin updating  $A(J, K)$  until it has finished updating  $A(J, K - 1)$ . If the loop were, for example,

```
DO 26 K=I+1,N
    A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(J,K-1)
26 CONTINUE
```

then executing these statements in sequence would be necessary, because before we update  $A(J, K)$  we have to wait until the new value of  $A(J, K - 1)$  is available. But there is no reason, in theory, why all of the updates in loop 25

above cannot be done simultaneously, as they are completely independent of each other.

There are, in fact, many “parallel” computer systems around today which do have several processors, and we will see in the next section how such a machine can indeed be programmed to distribute the work in loop 25 over the available processors, thus doing some or all of the updates simultaneously. We will see that this is somewhat more complicated than it may sound, for the programmer. First, however, we want to talk about a simpler approach to speeding up loops such as 25, which involves doing the updates, not quite simultaneously, but rather in “assembly-line” fashion.

A “pipeline”, or vector, supercomputer [Schendel 1984; Buchanan and Turner 1992] such as a Cray PVP machine, can perform the operations in loop 25 in assembly-line fashion, on a single elaborate processor, and the computer will begin updating  $A(J, K)$  before it has finished updating  $A(J, K - 1)$ . An analogy is useful here to appreciate the difference between parallel computers and pipeline computers. Suppose a radio factory initially has only one worker to assemble all the radios. If we simply increase the number of workers (processors) to  $P$ , we can produce the radios in parallel and increase the production by a factor of  $P$ . On the other hand, if construction of a radio can be divided into  $P$  subtasks, each of which requires the same time to perform, we can assign one task to each of the  $P$  workers and produce the radios in an assembly line. Once the first radio comes off the assembly line, radios will be produced at a rate  $P$  times faster than a single worker can produce them. In a similar manner, if the multiplication in loop 25 can be broken into  $P$  substeps: for example, fetch  $A(I, K)$  from memory, fetch  $LJI$ , multiply the mantissas of  $LJI$  and  $A(I, K)$ , add their exponents, renormalize the result, and so on, then a pipeline computer can process the multiplication  $P$  times faster in assembly-line mode, provided the number of loop trips is sufficiently large so that the start-up time can be neglected.

The addition (subtraction) can also be done in assembly-line mode, and, in fact, most vector computers can “chain” an addition and multiplication together, so that a calculation of the form  $A(K) = B(K) + C * D(K)$  (which occurs quite often in numerical linear algebra software) can be computed in one long assembly line, with the computation  $B(K) + C * D(K)$  starting down the assembly line before  $B(K - 1) + C * D(K - 1)$  has finished.

Whether the updates are done in parallel on different processors, or just in “assembly line” fashion on a single vector processor, in either case the loop can be executed more rapidly only because the updates are mutually independent, and the later updates do not have to wait for the results of the earlier calculations. For a loop such as 26, which has a “dependency”, the second update must not start until the first update has passed completely through the assembly line, otherwise we will get the wrong answers.

A FORTRAN compiler designed to run on a pipeline computer will recognize that the operations of loop 25 are mutually independent and will “vector-



ize" this loop. That is, it will generate object code that does these operations in assembly-line form. For a loop such as 26, the compiler will recognize that vectorization would result in wrong answers and will refuse to do it. These compilers can scan very complicated DO loops and determine which involve calculations that can be done simultaneously, and thus can be vectorized, and which must be done sequentially.

Several of the FORTRAN90 codes from Chapters 1-5 were run on one processor of a Cray SV1 at the Texas Advanced Computing Center in Austin, to see the effect of vectorization, and the results are reported in Table 6.1.1. Array elements were set using a random number generator.

**Table 6.1.1**  
Results on Cray SV1 (Single Precision)

Code	Problem Size	CPU sec. vector=on	CPU sec. vector=off	Speed up
DLINEQ	N=1001	3.2	62.1	19.4
DLLSQR (REDQ)	M=N=1001	6.9	72.0	10.4
DLLSQR (REDH)	M=N=1001	7.9	50.6	6.4
DEGSYM	N=501	56.0	310.9	5.6
DEGNON* (QR)	N=501	13.9	39.0	2.8
DEGNON (QR)	N=201	55.9	537.0	9.6
DEGNON** (QR)	N=201	2.0	20.2	10.1
DEGNON (LR)	N=201	19.4	292.6	15.1
DLPRG	M=251,N=502	8.2	169.9	20.7
DFFT	N=2 <sup>22</sup>	33.2	46.4	1.4

\*symmetric matrix, with  $QR$  modified as suggested in comments

\*\*with shifts,  $\sigma_n = a_{mm}$ , where  $m = N - \text{mod}(n/10, N)$

When DLINEQ was used to solve a linear system with  $N=1001$  unknowns, the Cray SV1 compiler vectorized loop 25, and the program ran in 3.2 seconds. Since solving an  $N$  by  $N$  linear system requires about  $\frac{2}{3}N^3$  floating point operations, that means DLINEQ is doing about  $\frac{2}{3}N^3/3.2$  calculations per second, or about 210 million floating point operations per second (210 "megaflops"). When vectorization was turned off, the program required 62.1 seconds CPU time. Thus vectorization made the entire program run about 19 times faster. Vectorization also sped up the other programs by factors of at least 5, with two exceptions. One is DEGNON in the symmetric case, where the inner DO loops in  $QR$  are shortened to take advantage of the tridiagonal structure of the reduced matrix. The other exception is DFFT; the Cray FORTRAN90 compiler was able to vectorize loop 10, even though it appears to have a dependency, because  $D$  is defined recursively by  $D = D*H$ . Apparently the compiler is able to see that  $D$  is just equal to  $H^{K-1}$ , and thus it can remove the recursion and vectorize the loop. Nevertheless, the speed-up ratio

is low, perhaps because most trips through this loop are short, or because of the overhead associated with the recursive subroutine calls.

Notice that although, without vectorization, DLLSQR ran faster with Householder transformations (REDH) than with Givens transformations (REDQ) (as the operation count would predict), with vectorization REDQ was faster. Also notice that the  $QR$  method, even without shifts, was faster than the Jacobi method on the symmetric problem, but the  $LR$  method was faster than  $QR$  on the nonsymmetric problem. Implementing shifts improved the performance of the  $QR$  method dramatically.

No modifications to the original unoptimized programs were necessary to achieve these large speed-up ratios; the compiler verified that the computations in critical innermost DO loops (e.g., loop 25 of DLINEQ) were mutually independent and automatically vectorized the loops. Sometimes the programmer can improve performance by rewriting the code, for example, to reverse the order of two DO loops to make the innermost loop the longer one, or to remove a dependency that would otherwise prevent vectorization of the innermost loop. But codes for linear algebra applications usually contain inner loops that are easy for these compilers to vectorize efficiently, and the process is generally pretty automatic, in contrast to the situation in the next section.

It should be mentioned that when  $N$  is changed from 1001 to 1000, DLINEQ runs 5 times slower, with vectorization on. (The other routines exhibit similar behavior.) The reason for this strange behavior has to do with the “stride” through the matrices in the innermost DO loops. The stride is the distance between successively referenced elements of an array. For reasons beyond the scope of this book, nearly all modern computers perform best when strides are equal to 1, and worst when they are a power of 2, or a multiple of a power of 2. We will see in the next section how the performance of DLINEQ can be improved dramatically by reversing the order of loops 25 and 30, to decrease the stride through the innermost loop from  $N$  to 1.

## 6.2 Parallel Computers

The speed-up factor available through vectorization of a loop such as 25 is apparently limited by the number of subtasks into which the calculation  $A(J, K) = A(J, K) - LJI * A(I, K)$  can be split. If we hope to get higher speed-ups we will have to take another approach, which generally involves much more programming effort, and actually run the calculations simultaneously on the different processors of a multiprocessor system. Such systems can be thought of as consisting of several autonomous computers, each with its own memory (distributed memory machine) or at least its own section of memory (shared memory machine), with the ability to pass data back and forth between computers. Although much effort has been put into maximizing the communication speed between processors, communication is still very slow

compared to the speed with which the data are processed internally within a processor, so it is absolutely critical to minimize the amount of “message passing” between processors.

There are a number of libraries that provide routines that can be called by user programs to pass messages back and forth between processors. The MPI library [Pacheco 1996; Bisseling 2004] is the most widely used set of message passing routines, so we will use these routines in our examples. Figure 6.2.1 shows a routine `PLINEQ`, which uses Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting to solve a linear system. The program is basically a parallel version of `DLINEQ` (Figure 1.2.1), although it does not save the *LU* decomposition of *A*, and there are a few other minor differences.

In this program, the same code is run on each processor; however, note the call to `MPI_COMM_RANK`, which returns the processor number `ITASK` ( $=0,1,\dots,NPES-1$ ), where `NPES` is the number of processors, so different actions can be taken on different processors.

Ideally, the columns of *A* should be distributed cyclically over the processors, that is, columns 1, `NPES+1`, `2*NPES+1`,... should be stored only on processor zero, while columns 2, `NPES+2`, `2*NPES+2`,... should be stored only on processor one, and so on. In our version, each processor holds the entire *N* by *N* matrix *A* in memory, but it never touches any but its “own” columns. If `PLINEQ` were written so that each processor stored only its own columns (Problem 2b), the program would be more efficient with regard to memory usage, but it would be more difficult to read and use. `PLINEQ` could be made memory-efficient by simply replacing each reference to  $A(I, J)$  by  $A(I, (J-1)/NPES+1)$ , and dimensioning  $A(N, *)$ . The problem is, this means the `PLINEQ` “user” must dimension  $A(N, (N-1)/NPES+1)$  and distribute the matrix over the available processors in the calling program; for example, he/she could define *A* like this:

```

DO 10 I=1,N
  DO 5 J=ITASK+1,N,NPES
    A(I,(J-1)/NPES+1) = [element (I,J) of matrix]
  5  CONTINUE
10  CONTINUE

```

This is exactly what normally should be done, but the version in Figure 6.2.1 is easier for the student to follow and does not require the `PLINEQ` user to know anything about parallel programming. As written, the program is very wasteful in its use of memory, but it does take good advantage of multiple processors as far as computation time is concerned.

```

SUBROUTINE PLINEQ(A,N,X,B)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(N,N),X(N),B(N)

```

```

C                                     DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
      DOUBLE PRECISION LJI,COLUMN1(N),ROW1(N),RWLOC(N)
      INCLUDE 'mpif.h'
C
C   SUBROUTINE PLINEQ SOLVES THE LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=B
C
C   ARGUMENTS
C
C           ON INPUT                               ON OUTPUT
C           -----                               -----
C   A       - THE N BY N COEFFICIENT MATRIX.      DESTROYED
C
C   N       - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C   X       -                                     AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C                                                   THE SOLUTION.
C
C   B       - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.      DESTROYED
C
C-----
C                                     INITIALIZE MPI
      CALL MPI_INIT (IERR)
C                                     NPES = NUMBER OF PROCESSORS
      CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE (MPI_COMM_WORLD,NPES,IERR)
C                                     ITASK = MY PROCESSOR NUMBER (0,1,...,NPES-1).
C                                     I WILL NEVER TOUCH ANY COLUMNS OF A EXCEPT
C                                     MY COLUMNS, ITASK+1+ K*NPES, K=0,1,2,...
      CALL MPI_COMM_RANK (MPI_COMM_WORLD,ITASK,IERR)
C                                     BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION
      DO 35 I=1,N
C                                     JTASK IS PROCESSOR THAT OWNS ACTIVE COLUMN
          JTASK = MOD(I-1,NPES)
          IF (ITASK.EQ.JTASK) THEN
C                                     IF JTASK IS ME, SAVE ACTIVE COLUMN IN
C                                     VECTOR COLUMN1
              DO 10 J=I,N
                  COLUMN1(J) = A(J,I)
10          CONTINUE
          ENDIF
C                                     RECEIVE COLUMN1 FROM PROCESSOR JTASK
          CALL MPI_BCAST(COLUMN1(I),N-I+1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,JTASK,
&          MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C                                     SEARCH FROM A(I,I) ON DOWN FOR LARGEST
C                                     POTENTIAL PIVOT, A(L,I)
          BIG = ABS(COLUMN1(I))
          L = I
          DO 15 J=I+1,N

```

```

        IF (ABS(COLUMN1(J)).GT.BIG) THEN
            BIG = ABS(COLUMN1(J))
            L = J
        ENDIF
15    CONTINUE
C
C            IF LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT IS ZERO,
C            MATRIX IS SINGULAR
        IF (BIG.EQ.0.0) GO TO 50
C
C            IO IS FIRST COLUMN >= I THAT BELONGS TO ME
        LO = (I-1+NPES-(ITASK+1))/NPES
        IO = ITASK+1+LO*NPES
C
C            SWITCH ROW I WITH ROW L, TO BRING UP
C            LARGEST PIVOT; BUT ONLY IN MY COLUMNS
        DO 20 K=IO,N,NPES
            TEMP = A(L,K)
            A(L,K) = A(I,K)
            A(I,K) = TEMP
20    CONTINUE
        TEMP = COLUMN1(L)
        COLUMN1(L) = COLUMN1(I)
        COLUMN1(I) = TEMP
C
C            SWITCH B(I) AND B(L)
        TEMP = B(L)
        B(L) = B(I)
        B(I) = TEMP
        DO 30 J=I+1,N
C
C            CHOOSE MULTIPLIER TO ZERO A(J,I)
            LJI = COLUMN1(J)/COLUMN1(I)
            IF (LJI.NE.0.0) THEN
C
C                SUBTRACT LJI TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J;
C                BUT ONLY IN MY COLUMNS
                DO 25 K=IO,N,NPES
                    A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(I,K)
25    CONTINUE
C
C                SUBTRACT LJI TIMES B(I) FROM B(J)
                B(J) = B(J) - LJI*B(I)
            ENDIF
30    CONTINUE
35    CONTINUE
C
C            SOLVE U*X=B USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
        DO 45 I=N,1,-1
C
C            COLLECT PORTIONS OF ROW I (RWLOC) FROM
C            EACH PROCESSOR, THEN CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE TO
C            ADD THEM TOGETHER AND RETURN THE SUM TO
C            ALL PROCESSORS IN ROWI.
            DO 36 K=I,N
                RWLOC(K) = 0.0
                IF (MOD(K-1,NPES).EQ.ITASK) RWLOC(K) = A(I,K)

```

```

36  CONTINUE
    CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(RWLOC(I),ROWI(I),N-I+1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&   MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
    SUM = 0.0
    DO 40 J=I+1,N
        SUM = SUM + ROWI(J)*X(J)
40  CONTINUE
    X(I) = (B(I)-SUM)/ROWI(I)
45  CONTINUE
    GO TO 60
50  IF (ITASK.EQ.0) PRINT 55
55  FORMAT ('***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
C                                     CLOSE MPI
60  CONTINUE
    CALL MPI_FINALIZE(IERR)
    RETURN
    END

```

Figure 6.2.1

Figure 6.2.2 illustrates how the forward elimination proceeds when the matrix is distributed over the processors in this way, when we have NPES=3 processors. After the first 2 columns have been zeroed, the “active” column is column  $I = 3$ , which “belongs” to processor 2. Now we need to switch row 3 with the row corresponding to the largest potential pivot (in absolute value) of the active column, and then take a multiple of the 3rd row and add it to the 4th row, another multiple of the 3rd row to add to the 5th row, and so on. Processor 0 can do its share of these row operations, to “its” columns 4, 7,..., and processor 1 can do its share, to its columns (5, 8,...), but each has to see the active column before it can know which row to switch with row 3, and what multiples of row 3 to add to rows 4, 5,... . So processor 2 has to “broadcast” the active column to the other processors before they can proceed.

When the size  $N$  of the matrix is large, each processor has many columns to process and only one to receive (from whomever has the active column); thus the amount of communication is small compared to the amount of work done between communications. Since, for large  $N$ , the process of adding multiples of one row to others consumes nearly 100% of the computer time when Gaussian elimination is done, distributing this process over the available processors, allowing all processors to work simultaneously on their parts of the task, ensures that the overall computation time is greatly diminished, compared to doing the whole elimination on one processor. In fact, each processor will have approximately the same number of columns to work on, so the total work should be decreased by approximately a factor of NPES, when  $N$  is large. Note that loop 25 in Figure 6.2.1 now looks like:

```

DO 25 K=10,N,NPES
  A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(I,K)
25 CONTINUE

```

so on any given processor, the work in this critical loop has decreased by a factor of about NPES.

```

*
processor no. - 0 1 2 0 1 2 0 1 2 ...
column no. -  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ...

-----
x x x x x x x x ...
0 x x x x x x x
* 0 0 x x x x x x
0 0 x x x x x x
0 0 x x x x x x
0 0 x x x x x x
0 0 x x x x x x
0 0 x x x x x x
0 0 x x x x x x ...
:
:

```

**Figure 6.2.2**

After the forward elimination, back substitution is used to find  $X$ ; since row  $I$  is distributed over the processors, the portions of that row held on different processors must be collected together before back-solving for  $X(I)$ . This is done using the extremely useful MPI routine `MPI_ALLREDUCE`, which collects vectors (or scalars) from all processors, finds the sum, product, or maximum or minimum (element by element) of these vectors, and returns the result to all processors. The fact that the back substitution is not done in parallel is not important, because it uses a negligible amount of computer time when  $N$  is large, compared to the forward elimination.

When `PLINEQ` was used to solve linear systems of  $N=2000$  and  $4000$  unknowns, with elements generated by a random number generator, on a Cray-Dell Xeon Cluster at the Texas Advanced Computing Center, the results were as shown in Table 6.2.1.

For both problems, `PLINEQ` “scales” well for a while; that means doubling the number of processors approximately doubles the speed. In fact, for the case  $N = 4000$ , going from 1 to 64 processors sped up the program by a factor of 80, a scaling that seems impossible. But eventually, adding more processors failed to improve the speed. This is in part because more processors means more messages between processors, but even if the communication time were

**Table 6.2.1**  
PLINEQ Results

$N = 2000$		$N = 4000$	
NPES	Time(sec)	NPES	Time(sec)
1	145	1	3206
2	42	2	1755
4	21	4	833
8	13	8	402
16	13	16	216
32	26	32	77
		64	40
		128	64

negligible there would always be a limit to how fast the code could run as NPES is increased. This is because, although the most expensive section of the code is parallelized (the only part with an  $O(N^3)$  operation count, loop 25), there are other sections of the code with  $O(N^2)$  operation counts that are not parallelized, so even if there are so many processors that loop 25 uses no time at all, the total time to solve the linear system will never fall below the time required to execute the scalar sections. “Amdahl’s law” [Leiss 1995] tells us that if  $f_p$  is the fraction of the calculations which can be parallelized, then the best speed-up factor we can hope for, assuming message passing and other overhead to be negligible, is given by

$$S = \frac{\text{NPES}}{f_p + (1 - f_p)\text{NPES}}$$

Amdahl’s law imposes an upper limit of  $1/(1 - f_p)$  on the speed-up attainable, which ensures that any program will eventually quit improving as NPES increases; however, the larger the size of the problem, the later this occurs. With  $N = 2000$ , only about 8 processors can be used productively, while with  $N = 4000$ , we see improvements up to  $\text{NPES} = 64$ .

As mentioned in the last section, most processors, including these Xeon processors, perform much better when DO loops operate on arrays with unit strides. Since FORTRAN matrices are stored by columns, this means that innermost DO loops should, when possible, operate on the columns, not the rows, of matrices, so the stride will be equal to 1 rather than  $N$ . In fact, when we replace loop 30 in PLINEQ with the following code:

```
DO 30 K=IO,N,NPES
  LJI = A(I,K)/COLUMNI(I)
  IF (LJI.NE.0.0) THEN
    DO 25 J=I+1,N
```



```

                A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*COLUMN(J)
25             CONTINUE
            ENDIF
30         CONTINUE
            LJI = B(I)/COLUMN(I)
            DO 31 J=I+1,N
                B(J) = B(J) - LJI*COLUMN(J)
31         CONTINUE

```

which basically just reverses the order of loops 25 and 30, we get the **much** better results shown in Table 6.2.2. This time the columns of  $A$  were physically distributed over the processors, as suggested above, to avoid memory overflow in the case  $N = 8000$ , but this had no measurable effect on the speed, only on the memory requirements.

**Table 6.2.2**  
PLINEQ Results with Stride=1

$N = 4000$		$N = 8000$	
NPES	Time(sec)	NPES	Time(sec)
1	141	1	1190
2	123	2	974
4	63	4	490
8	36	8	259
16	25	16	140
32	27	32	93
		64	66
		128	120

For the case  $N = 8000$ ,  $NPES = 64$ , our program is now doing about  $\frac{2}{3}N^3/66$  operations per second, or 5.2 gigaflops. A speed of 16 gigaflops was achieved using 64 processors, by switching to single precision and increasing  $N$  to 32000. Replacing loops 25 and 30 by a call to the assembly-language BLAS (Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines) [Dongarra et al. 1988] routine SGER gave no further improvements.

A parallel version, PLPRG, of the linear programming routine of Figure 4.5.1 is given in Figure 6.2.3. Again, each processor ITASK holds the entire tableaux, TAB, in memory, but only touches its own columns  $ITASK+1+k*NPES$ ,  $k=0,1,2,\dots$ , except in the initializations, where speed is not important. However, the last column, B, is common to all processors. Thus, like PLINEQ, PLPRG takes advantage of multiple processors to decrease the computation time, but not to decrease the memory usage. The last row is spread out over the processors, and the portions on the different processors must be merged (using MPLALLREDUCE) so it can be inspected to find the pivot

column, JP. The pivot column must be broadcast, by whoever owns it, to the other processors, who save it in array COLJP. Now when a multiple of the pivot row is added to the other rows, each processor processes its own columns, and so the work is almost evenly distributed over the processors. In fact, the inner loop 80, where all computer time is spent in the limit of large problem size, now has limits  $J=ITASK+1,N+M, NPES$ .

```

SUBROUTINE PLPRG(A,B,C,N,M,P,X,Y)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C          DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
  DOUBLE PRECISION A(M,N),B(M),C(N),P,X(N),Y(M)
  INTEGER N,M
C          DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
  DOUBLE PRECISION TAB(M+2,N+M+1),COLJP(M+2),LROWI(N+M),
& LROW(N+M)
  INTEGER BASIS(M)
  include 'mpif.h'
C
C SUBROUTINE PLPRG USES THE SIMPLEX METHOD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM
C
C          MAXIMIZE      P = C(1)*X(1) + ... + C(N)*X(N)
C
C WITH X(1),...,X(N) NONNEGATIVE, AND
C
C          A(1,1)*X(1) + ... + A(1,N)*X(N) = B(1)
C          .                               .
C          .                               .
C          A(M,1)*X(1) + ... + A(M,N)*X(N) = B(M)
C
C WHERE B(1),...,B(M) ARE ASSUMED TO BE NONNEGATIVE.
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT                ON OUTPUT
C          -----                -----
C
C A      - THE M BY N CONSTRAINT COEFFICIENT
C          MATRIX.
C
C B      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
C          THE RIGHT HAND SIDES OF THE
C          CONSTRAINTS. THE COMPONENTS OF
C          B MUST ALL BE NONNEGATIVE.
C
C C      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
C          THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE
C          FUNCTION.
C

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C   N       - THE NUMBER OF UNKNOWNNS.
C
C   M       - THE NUMBER OF CONSTRAINTS.
C
C   P       - THE MAXIMUM OF THE
C             OBJECTIVE FUNCTION.
C
C   X       - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N
C             WHICH CONTAINS THE LP
C             SOLUTION.
C
C   Y       - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M
C             WHICH CONTAINS THE DUAL
C             SOLUTION.
C
C-----
C
C             EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
C             PRECISION
C             BIGNO = A VERY LARGE NUMBER
C *****
C             DATA EPS,BIGNO/2.D-16,1.D35/
C *****
C             INITIALIZE MPI
C             CALL MPI_INIT (IERR)
C
C             NPES = NUMBER OF PROCESSORS
C             CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE (MPI_COMM_WORLD,NPES,IERR)
C
C             ITASK = MY PROCESSOR NUMBER (0,1,...,NPES-1).
C             I WILL NEVER TOUCH ANY COLUMNS OF TAB EXCEPT
C             MY COLUMNS, ITASK+1+ K*NPES, K=0,1,2,...
C             (EXCEPT IN INITIALIZATION STAGE)
C             CALL MPI_COMM_RANK (MPI_COMM_WORLD,ITASK,IERR)
C
C             BASIS(1),...,BASIS(M) HOLD NUMBERS OF
C             BASIS VARIABLES. INITIAL BASIS CONSISTS
C             OF ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES ONLY
C
C             DO 5 I=1,M
C               BASIS(I) = N+I
C             5 CONTINUE
C
C             INITIALIZE SIMPLEX TABLEAU
C
C             DO 10 I=1,M+2
C               DO 10 J=1,N+M+1
C                 TAB(I,J) = 0.0
C             10 CONTINUE
C
C             LOAD A INTO UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER
C             OF TABLEAU
C
C             DO 15 I=1,M
C               DO 15 J=1,N
C                 TAB(I,J) = A(I,J)
C             15 CONTINUE

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C                                LOAD M BY M IDENTITY TO RIGHT OF A
C                                AND LOAD B INTO LAST COLUMN
      DO 20 I=1,M
        TAB(I,N+I) = 1.0
        TAB(I,N+M+1) = B(I)
20 CONTINUE
C                                ROW M+1 CONTAINS -C, INITIALLY
      DO 25 J=1,N
        TAB(M+1,J) = -C(J)
25 CONTINUE
C                                ROW M+2 CONTAINS COEFFICIENTS OF
C                                "ALPHA", WHICH IS TREATED AS +INFINITY
      DO 30 I=1,M
        TAB(M+2,N+I) = 1.0
30 CONTINUE
C                                CLEAR "ALPHAS" IN LAST ROW
      DO 35 I=1,M
        DO 35 J=1,N+M+1
          TAB(M+2,J) = TAB(M+2,J) - TAB(I,J)
35 CONTINUE
C                                SIMPLEX METHOD CONSISTS OF TWO PHASES
      DO 90 IPHASE=1,2
        IF (IPHASE.EQ.1) THEN
C                                PHASE I: ROW M+2 (WITH COEFFICIENTS OF
C                                ALPHA) SEARCHED FOR MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY
          MROW = M+2
          LIM = N+M
        ELSE
C                                PHASE II: FIRST N ELEMENTS OF ROW M+1
C                                SEARCHED FOR MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY
C                                (COEFFICIENTS OF ALPHA NONNEGATIVE NOW)
          MROW = M+1
          LIM = N
C                                IF ANY ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES LEFT IN
C                                BASIS AT BEGINNING OF PHASE II, THERE
C                                IS NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION
          DO 45 I=1,M
            IF (BASIS(I).GT.N) THEN
              IF (ITASK.EQ.0) PRINT 40
40              FORMAT (' ***** NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION *****')
              RETURN
            ENDIF
          CONTINUE
45          ENDIF
C                                THRESH = SMALL NUMBER. WE ASSUME SCALES
C                                OF A AND C ARE NOT *TOO* DIFFERENT
          THRESHI = 0.0
          DO 50 J=ITASK+1,LIM,NPES

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        THRESHI = MAX(THRESHI,ABS(TAB(MROW,J)))
50    CONTINUE
        CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(THRESHI,THRESH,1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
        & MPI_MAX,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
        THRESH = 1000*EPS*THRESH
C
C          BEGINNING OF SIMPLEX STEP
55    CONTINUE
C
C          COLLECT PORTIONS (LROWI) OF LAST ROW FROM
C          DIFFERENT PROCESSORS AND MERGE THEM
C          INTO LROW, USING MPI_ALLREDUCE.
        DO 56 J=1,LIM
            LROWI(J) = 0
            IF (MOD(J-1,NPES).EQ.ITASK) LROWI(J) = TAB(MROW,J)
56    CONTINUE
        CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(LROWI,LROW,LIM,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
        & MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C
C          FIND MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY IN ROW MROW,
C          IDENTIFYING PIVOT COLUMN JP.
        CMIN = -THRESH
        JP = 0
        DO 60 J=1,LIM
            IF (LROW(J).LT.CMIN) THEN
                CMIN = LROW(J)
                JP = J
            ENDIF
60    CONTINUE
C
C          IF ALL ENTRIES NONNEGATIVE (ACTUALLY,
C          IF GREATER THAN -THRESH) PHASE ENDS
        IF (JP.EQ.0) GO TO 90
C
C          IF I OWN COLUMN JP, SAVE IT IN COLJP
        JTASK = MOD(JP-1,NPES)
        IF (ITASK.EQ.JTASK) THEN
            DO 61 I=1,MROW
                COLJP(I) = TAB(I,JP)
61    CONTINUE
            ENDIF
C
C          RECEIVE COLJP FROM PROCESSOR THAT OWNS IT
        CALL MPI_BCAST(COLJP,MROW,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
        & JTASK,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C
C          FIND SMALLEST POSITIVE RATIO
C          B(*)/TAB(*,JP), IDENTIFYING PIVOT
C          ROW IP
        RATMIN = BIGNO
        IP = 0
        DO 65 I=1,M
            IF (COLJP(I).GT.THRESH) THEN
                RATIO = TAB(I,N+M+1)/COLJP(I)
                IF (RATIO.LT.RATMIN) THEN

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        RATMIN = RATIO
        IP = I
        ENDIF
    ENDIF
65    CONTINUE
C      IF ALL RATIOS NONPOSITIVE, MAXIMUM
C      IS UNBOUNDED
    IF (IP.EQ.0) THEN
        IF (ITASK.EQ.0) PRINT 70
70    FORMAT (' ***** UNBOUNDED MAXIMUM *****')
        RETURN
    ENDIF
C      ADD X(JP) TO BASIS
    BASIS(IP) = JP
C      NORMALIZE PIVOT ROW TO MAKE TAB(IP,JP)=1
    AMULT = 1.0/COLJP(IP)
    DO 75 J=ITASK+1,N+M,NPES
        TAB(IP,J) = AMULT*TAB(IP,J)
75    CONTINUE
    TAB(IP,N+M+1) = AMULT*TAB(IP,N+M+1)
C      ADD MULTIPLES OF PIVOT ROW TO OTHER
C      ROWS, TO KNOCK OUT OTHER ELEMENTS IN
C      PIVOT COLUMN
    DO 85 I=1,MROW
        IF (I.EQ.IP) GO TO 85
        AMULT = COLJP(I)
        DO 80 J=ITASK+1,N+M,NPES
            TAB(I,J) = TAB(I,J) - AMULT*TAB(IP,J)
80    CONTINUE
C      MODIFY B(I)
        TAB(I,N+M+1) = TAB(I,N+M+1) - AMULT*TAB(IP,N+M+1)
85    CONTINUE
    GO TO 55
C      END OF SIMPLEX STEP
90 CONTINUE
C      END OF PHASE II; READ X,P,Y FROM
C      FINAL TABLEAU
    DO 95 J=1,N
        X(J) = 0.0
95 CONTINUE
    DO 100 I=1,M
        K = BASIS(I)
        X(K) = TAB(I,N+M+1)
100 CONTINUE
    P = TAB(M+1,N+M+1)
C      COLLECT PORTIONS (LROWI) OF LAST ROW FROM
C      DIFFERENT PROCESSORS AND MERGE THEM
C      INTO LROW, USING MPI_ALLREDUCE.

```

```

DO 105 J=1,N+M
  LROWI(J) = 0.0
  IF (MOD(J-1,NPES).EQ.ITASK) LROWI(J) = TAB(M+1,J)
105 CONTINUE
  CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(LROWI,LROW,N+M,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
& MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
  DO 110 I=1,M
    Y(I) = LROW(N+I)
110 CONTINUE
  CALL MPI_FINALIZE(IERR)
  RETURN
END

```

Figure 6.2.3

Table 6.2.3 shows the results on a Cray T3E (Pittsburgh Supercomputer Center) when PLPRG (single precision version) was used to solve a resource allocation problem with randomly generated coefficients, with 1000 inequalities and 1000 variables (thus  $N = 2000$  after adding slack variables, and  $M = 1000$ ). Loop 85 was replaced with the following code, which essentially reverses the order of loops 80 and 85, so that the stride through the inner loop is 1, resulting in a significant improvement in speed again:

```

DO 85 J=ITASK+1,N+M,NPES
  AMULT = TAB(IP,J)
  DO 80 I=1,MROW
    IF (I.EQ.IP) GO TO 80
    TAB(I,J) = TAB(I,J) - AMULT*COLJP(I)
80    CONTINUE
85    CONTINUE
C
      MODIFY B
  AMULT = TAB(IP,N+M+1)
  DO 86 I=1,MROW
    IF (I.EQ.IP) GO TO 86
    TAB(I,N+M+1) = TAB(I,N+M+1) - AMULT*COLJP(I)
86    CONTINUE

```

Another parallel routine is shown in Figure 6.2.4. Subroutine PCG solves a symmetric linear system using the conjugate-gradient iterative method, defined as follows [Sewell 2005, Section 4.8]:

**Table 6.2.3**  
PLPRG Results with Stride=1

$M = 1000, N = 2000$	
NPES	Time(sec)
1	243
2	127
4	66
8	36
16	22
32	15
64	12
128	11

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x}_0 &= \text{starting guess,} \\
 \mathbf{r}_0 &= \mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}_0, \\
 \mathbf{p}_0 &= \mathbf{r}_0, \\
 \lambda_n &= (\mathbf{r}_n^T \mathbf{p}_n) / (\mathbf{p}_n^T A \mathbf{p}_n), \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, \\
 \mathbf{x}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{x}_n + \lambda_n \mathbf{p}_n, \\
 \mathbf{r}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{r}_n - \lambda_n A \mathbf{p}_n, \\
 \alpha_n &= -(\mathbf{r}_{n+1}^T A \mathbf{p}_n) / (\mathbf{p}_n^T A \mathbf{p}_n), \\
 \mathbf{p}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{r}_{n+1} + \alpha_n \mathbf{p}_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

The multiplication of the sparse matrix  $A$  by  $\mathbf{p}_n$  is the most time consuming calculation, and that is very easy to parallelize, because if  $A_i$  is the part of  $A$  stored on processor  $i$ , then  $A = A_0 + A_1 + \dots$ , and so  $A\mathbf{p}_n = A_0\mathbf{p}_n + A_1\mathbf{p}_n + \dots$ . The other calculations are also parallelized, and although all  $N$  elements of  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P}$  and  $A\mathbf{P}$  are stored on each processor, the local processor never touches any but "its" elements,  $\text{ITASK}+1 + k*\text{NPES}$ ,  $k=0,1,2,\dots$ , except after convergence, when the parts of the solution vector  $\mathbf{X}$  stored on the different processors are merged together. The routine `MPIALLREDUCE` plays a key role in this program.

```

SUBROUTINE PCG(A,IROW,JCOL,NZ,X,B,N)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C                               DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION A(NZ),B(N),X(N)
INTEGER IROW(NZ),JCOL(NZ)
C                               DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL VARIABLES
DOUBLE PRECISION R(N),P(N),API(N),AP(N),LAMBDA
include 'mpif.h'

```



```

C
C SUBROUTINE PCG SOLVES THE SYMMETRIC LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=B, USING THE
C CONJUGATE GRADIENT ITERATIVE METHOD. THE NON-ZEROS OF A ARE STORED
C IN SPARSE FORMAT. THE COLUMNS OF A ARE DISTRIBUTED CYCLICALLY OVER
C THE AVAILABLE PROCESSORS.
C
C ARGUMENTS
C
C          ON INPUT          ON OUTPUT
C          -----          -----
C
C A      - A(IZ) IS THE MATRIX ELEMENT IN
C          ROW IROW(IZ), COLUMN JCOL(IZ),
C          FOR IZ=1,...,NZ. ELEMENTS WITH
C          MOD(JCOL(IZ)-1, NPES)=ITASK
C          ARE STORED ON PROCESSOR ITASK.
C
C IROW   - (SEE A).
C
C JCOL   - (SEE A).
C
C NZ     - NUMBER OF NONZEROS STORED ON
C          THE LOCAL PROCESSOR.
C
C X      -
C
C          AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
C          THE SOLUTION.
C
C B      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.
C
C N      - SIZE OF MATRIX A.
C
C-----
C
C          NPES = NUMBER OF PROCESSORS
C CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE (MPI_COMM_WORLD, NPES, IERR)
C
C          ITASK = MY PROCESSOR NUMBER
C CALL MPI_COMM_RANK (MPI_COMM_WORLD, ITASK, IERR)
C
C          XO = 0
C          RO = B
C          PO = RO
C
C X(1:N) = 0
C DO 10 I=ITASK+1, N, NPES
C   R(I) = B(I)
C   P(I) = R(I)
C 10 CONTINUE
C
C          NITER = MAX NUMBER OF ITERATIONS
C
C NITER = 10000
C DO 90 ITER=1, NITER
C
C          AP = A*P

```

```

      API(1:N) = 0
      DO 20 IZ=1,NZ
        I = IROW(IZ)
        J = JCOL(IZ)
        API(I) = API(I) + A(IZ)*P(J)
20    CONTINUE
C
C          MPI_ALLREDUCE COLLECTS THE VECTORS API
C          (API = LOCAL(A)*P) FROM ALL PROCESSORS
C          AND ADDS THEM TOGETHER, THEN SENDS
C          THE RESULT, AP, BACK TO ALL PROCESSORS.
      CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(API,AP,N,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&      MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C          PAP = (P,AP)
      PAPI = 0.0
      DO 30 I=ITASK+1,N,NPES
        PAPI = PAPI + P(I)*AP(I)
30    CONTINUE
      CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(PAPI,PAP,1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&      MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C          RP = (R,P)
      RPI = 0.0
      DO 40 I=ITASK+1,N,NPES
        RPI = RPI + R(I)*P(I)
40    CONTINUE
      CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(RPI,RP,1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&      MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C          LAMBDA = (R,P)/(P,AP)
      LAMBDA = RP/PAP
C          X = X + LAMBDA*P
C          R = R - LAMBDA*AP
      DO 50 I=ITASK+1,N,NPES
        X(I) = X(I) + LAMBDA*P(I)
        R(I) = R(I) - LAMBDA*AP(I)
50    CONTINUE
C          RAP = (R,AP)
      RAPI = 0.0
      DO 60 I=ITASK+1,N,NPES
        RAPI = RAPI + R(I)*AP(I)
60    CONTINUE
      CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(RAPI,RAP,1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&      MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
C          ALPHA = -(R,AP)/(P,AP)
      ALPHA = -RAP/PAP
C          P = R + ALPHA*P
      DO 70 I=ITASK+1,N,NPES
        P(I) = R(I) + ALPHA*P(I)
70    CONTINUE
C          RMAX = MAX OF RESIDUAL (R)

```

```

      RMAXI = 0
      DO 80 I=ITASK+1,N,NPES
        RMAXI = MAX(RMAXI,ABS(R(I)))
80    CONTINUE
      CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(RMAXI,RMAX,1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&    MPI_MAX,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
      IF (ITER.EQ.1) THEN
        ROMAX = RMAX
      ELSE
C          IF CONVERGED, MERGE PORTIONS OF X
C          STORED ON DIFFERENT PROCESSORS
        IF (RMAX.LE.1.D-10*ROMAX) THEN
          IF (ITASK.EQ.0) PRINT *, ' Number of iterations = ',ITER
          CALL MPI_ALLREDUCE(X,R,N,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
&    MPI_SUM,MPI_COMM_WORLD,IERR)
          X(1:N) = R(1:N)
          RETURN
        ENDIF
      ENDIF
90 CONTINUE
C          PCG DOES NOT CONVERGE
      IF (ITASK.EQ.0) PRINT 100
100  FORMAT('***** PCG DOES NOT CONVERGE *****')
      RETURN
      END

```

Figure 6.2.4

This conjugate-gradient subroutine is used in Figure 6.2.5 to solve the symmetric linear system 1.8.10. The columns are distributed over the processors in the main program, and the solution at the box center is output after convergence, to check the result.

If the matrix  $A$  has  $NZ$  nonzeros, then the total work per iteration is about  $2NZ + 12N$  flops ( $2NZ$  flops in loop 20,  $12N$  in loops 30–70), while  $N + 4$  words are communicated by `MPI_ALLREDUCE` between processors. The work in every loop is distributed almost evenly over the processors, but for this problem  $NZ$  is only about  $7N$ , and so the ratio of computation to communication (about 26:1, i.e., 26 floating point operations are done for every number communicated) is too low for good parallel performance.

PCG was also used to solve a large 3D linear system generated by the finite element program PDE2D ([www.pde2d.com](http://www.pde2d.com)), with  $N = 3456$  and  $NZ(\text{total}) = 1477152$ . For this problem there were about 427 nonzeros per row, so the ratio of computation to communication is now about 866:1, and the performance was better, as seen in Table 6.2.4. These tests were run on an IBM P690 at University of Texas El Paso.

**Table 6.2.4**  
PCG Results on Finite Element Linear System

$N = 3456, NZ = 1477152$	
NPES	Time(sec)
1	409
2	216
4	121
8	77
16	97

```

PARAMETER (M=20,N=(M-1)**3,NZMAX=7*N)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
DIMENSION IROW(NZMAX),JCOL(NZMAX),AS(NZMAX),X(N),B(N)
INCLUDE 'mpif.h'
C      INITIALIZE MPI
CALL MPI_INIT (IERR)
C      NPES = NUMBER OF PROCESSORS
CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE (MPI_COMM_WORLD,NPES,IERR)
C      ITASK = MY PROCESSOR NUMBER
CALL MPI_COMM_RANK (MPI_COMM_WORLD,ITASK,IERR)
C      SOLVE 1.8.10 USING CONJUGATE GRADIENT ITERATION
H = 1.d0/M
L = 0
NZ = 0
DO 10 I=1,M-1
DO 10 J=1,M-1
DO 10 K=1,M-1
  L = L+1
  IF (MOD(L-1,NPES).EQ.ITASK) THEN
C      DISTRIBUTE L-TH COLUMN TO PROCESSOR MOD(L-1,NPES)
    NZ = NZ + 1
    IROW(NZ) = L
    JCOL(NZ) = L
    AS(NZ) = 6
    IF (K.NE.1) THEN
      NZ = NZ + 1
      IROW(NZ) = L-1
      JCOL(NZ) = L
      AS(NZ) = -1
    ENDIF
    IF (K.NE.M-1) THEN
      NZ = NZ + 1
      IROW(NZ) = L+1
      JCOL(NZ) = L

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      AS(NZ) = -1
    ENDIF
    IF (J.NE.1) THEN
      NZ = NZ + 1
      IROW(NZ) = L-(M-1)
      JCOL(NZ) = L
      AS(NZ) = -1
    ENDIF
    IF (J.NE.M-1) THEN
      NZ = NZ + 1
      IROW(NZ) = L+(M-1)
      JCOL(NZ) = L
      AS(NZ) = -1
    ENDIF
    IF (I.NE.1) THEN
      NZ = NZ + 1
      IROW(NZ) = L-(M-1)**2
      JCOL(NZ) = L
      AS(NZ) = -1
    ENDIF
    IF (I.NE.M-1) THEN
      NZ = NZ + 1
      IROW(NZ) = L+(M-1)**2
      JCOL(NZ) = L
      AS(NZ) = -1
    ENDIF
  ENDIF
  B(L) = H**2
10 CONTINUE
  CALL PCG(AS,IROW,JCOL,NZ,X,B,N)
C      SOLUTION AT BOX CENTER SHOULD BE ABOUT 0.056
  IF (ITASK.EQ.0) PRINT *, ' Solution at midpoint = ',X((N+1)/2)
  CALL MPI_FINALIZE(IERR)
  STOP
END

```

Figure 6.2.5

### 6.3 Problems

1. The Jacobi iterative method 1.8.4 can be written in the form  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + D^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}_n)$ . Write an MPI-based subroutine JACOBI with arguments (A,IROW,JCOL,NZ,X,B,N), which iterates the Jacobi method to convergence, to solve an  $N$  by  $N$  (possibly nonsymmetric) linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , with sparse matrix  $A$  distributed over the available processors. Solve the system 1.8.10, using the main program in Figure

6.2.5 to test your program. For  $M = 20$ , compare the number of iterations required by the Jacobi iteration, to the number (53) used by the conjugate-gradient method. Run with 2 and 4 processors; the wall clock time will probably **increase** with increasing NPES. Why?

2. a. Use PLINEQ (Figure 6.2.1) to solve the linear system 1.8.10, and output the solution at the midpoint again, to check your answer. You can use the main program from Figure 6.2.5 to define the matrix  $AS$  in sparse format; then copy  $AS$  to an  $N$  by  $N$  full matrix  $A$  (inefficient for a sparse system such as this, of course), with columns also distributed over the available processors. You will need to remove the CALL MPLINIT in PLINEQ since you are now initializing MPI in the main program.

Run with 2, 4, and 8 processors, with  $M$  as large as you can make it without memory overflow. If you don't see much speed-up with increasing NPES, try removing the lines "IF (LJ.I.NE.0.0) THEN - ENDIF" from PLINEQ. Then PLINEQ will treat this banded system as a full matrix, and even more computer time will be required, but the effect of increasing NPES will be more pronounced. (It is often possible to increase a program's megaflop rate by making it less efficient; and it is easy to forget that this is not really progress!)

- b. In part (a), although no processor ever touches any columns but its own, you are still storing the entire  $N$  by  $N$  matrix on every processor. This can be avoided, as suggested in the text, by replacing every reference to  $A(I, J)$  by  $A(I, (J - 1)/NPES + 1)$ , in both the main program and PLINEQ. Then  $A$  can be dimensioned  $A(N, (N - 1)/NPES + 1)$  and each processor will only store its own columns. However, NPES is not known until execution time, so you cannot dimension  $A$  in a DIMENSION statement; you should use the FORTRAN90 ALLOCATE statement to dynamically allocate space for  $A$ . This means

```

ALLOCATABLE A(:, :)
.
CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE (MPI_COMM_WORLD, NPES, IERR)
ALLOCATE (A(N, (N-1)/NPES+1))
.

```

Make these modifications and retest your program. You should be able to solve problems with larger  $M$  now, using many processors.

3. Write a parallel version, PLLSQR, of the linear least squares routine of Figure 2.2.2. You can follow closely the pattern used by PLINEQ

(Figure 6.2.1), and distribute the columns of  $A$  cyclically over the available processors. In REDQ, whoever has the active column  $L$  should broadcast it to the other processors, who should save it in a vector COLUMNL, since all need access to this column. Each processor will need to modify COLUMNL itself, as well as their own columns, since COLUMNL(I) changes and is used, each pass through the loop 10. The back substitution can be done almost exactly as in PLINEQ. ERRLIM can be passed as an argument to PLLSQR, if desired.

Since PLLSQR should find the exact solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  if there is one, you can test your routine on the system 1.8.10 again, simply repeat both parts of Problem 2 using PLLSQR in place of PLINEQ. Physically distributing the columns of  $A$  over the processors (part (b)) will be easy, as in PLINEQ. However, switching the order of the REDQ loops 5 and 10, to produce a unit stride in the inner loop, would be more difficult. Why?

4. Set  $\mathbf{b} = (1, \dots, 1)$  and use a random number generator with output in  $(0, 1)$  (e.g., the FORTRAN90 routine RANDOM.NUMBER) to generate the coefficients of an  $M$  by  $M$  matrix  $A$ , and the  $M$ -vector  $\mathbf{c}$  in the resource allocation problem

$$\text{maximize } \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$

with constraints and bounds

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

With  $M = 250$ , solve this problem using DLPRG (Figure 4.5.1), with one modification: increase the first dimension of TAB from  $M+2$  to 256. Record the computer time to solve this problem, then re-run the same problem with the first dimension of TAB set to 257. On most computers—pipeline, parallel, or neither—DLPRG will run much faster when the first dimension is 257. Explain why.

5. Why is it preferable, in PLINEQ, to distribute the columns of  $A$  cyclically over the processors rather than by blocks, that is, assigning the first  $N/$ NPES columns to processor 0, and so on?





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% N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
%
% X      -                               AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
%                                               THE SOLUTION.
%
% B      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.
%
% IPERM  -                               AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
%                                               A RECORD OF THE ROW
%                                               INTERCHANGES MADE. IF
%                                               J = IPERM(K), THEN ROW
%                                               J ENDED UP AS THE K-TH
%                                               ROW.
%-----
%                               INITIALIZE IPERM = (1,2,3,...,N)
%
%   for K=1:N
%       IPERM(K) = K;
%   end
%
%                               BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION
%
%   for I=1:N-1
%
%                               SEARCH FROM A(I,I) ON DOWN FOR
%                               LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT, A(L,I)
%
%       BIG = abs(A(I,I));
%       L = I;
%       for J=I+1:N
%           if (abs(A(J,I)) > BIG)
%               BIG = abs(A(J,I));
%               L = J;
%           end
%       end
%
%                               IF LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT IS ZERO,
%                               MATRIX IS SINGULAR
%
%       if (BIG == 0.0)
%           error('***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
%       end
%
%                               SWITCH ROW I WITH ROW L, TO BRING
%                               UP LARGEST PIVOT
%
%       for K=1:N
%           TEMP = A(L,K);
%           A(L,K) = A(I,K);
%           A(I,K) = TEMP;
%       end
%
%                               SWITCH B(I) AND B(L)
%
%       TEMP = B(L);
%       B(L) = B(I);
%       B(I) = TEMP;
%
%                               SWITCH IPERM(I) AND IPERM(L)
%
%       ITEMP = IPERM(L);
%       IPERM(L) = IPERM(I);
%       IPERM(I) = ITEMP;
%       for J=I+1:N
%
%                               CHOOSE MULTIPLIER TO ZERO A(J,I)
%
%           LJI = A(J,I)/A(I,I);
%           if (LJI ~= 0.0)

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%           SUBTRACT LJI TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J
    for K=I+1:N
        A(J,K) = A(J,K) - LJI*A(I,K);
    end
%           SUBTRACT LJI TIMES B(I) FROM B(J)
    B(J) = B(J) - LJI*B(I);
end
%           SAVE LJI IN A(J,I). IT IS UNDERSTOOD,
%           HOWEVER, THAT A(J,I) IS REALLY ZERO.
    A(J,I) = LJI;
end
end
if (A(N,N) == 0.0)
    error('***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
end
%           SOLVE U*X = B USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
X(N) = B(N)/A(N,N);
for I=N-1:-1:1
    SUM = 0.0;
    for J=I+1:N
        SUM = SUM + A(I,J)*X(J);
    end
    X(I) = (B(I)-SUM)/A(I,I);
end

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%-----
%----- FIGURE 1.3.1 -----
%-----

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function X = DRESLV(A,N,C,IPERM)
%
% FUNCTION DRESLV SOLVES THE LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=C IN O(N**2) TIME,
% AFTER DLINEQ HAS PRODUCED AN LU DECOMPOSITION OF PA.
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT           ON OUTPUT
%           -----           -
%
% A        - THE N BY N COEFFICIENT MATRIX
%           AFTER PROCESSING BY DLINEQ.
%           AS OUTPUT BY DLINEQ, A CONTAINS
%           AN LU DECOMPOSITION OF PA.
%
% N        - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
%
% X        -                               AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
%                               THE SOLUTION.
%
% C        - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.
%
% IPERM    - THE PERMUTATION VECTOR OF
%           LENGTH N OUTPUT BY DLINEQ.
%
%-----
%
%           CALCULATE C=P*C, WHERE P IS PERMUTATION
%           MATRIX DEFINED BY IPERM.

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for K=1:N
    J = IPERM(K);
    X(K) = C(J);
end
for K=1:N
    C(K) = X(K);
end
%
%                               BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION, TO CALCULATE
%                               C = L(-1)*C
for I=1:N-1
    for J=I+1:N
%
%                               RETRIEVE MULTIPLIER SAVED IN A(J,I)
        LJI = A(J,I);
%
%                               SUBTRACT LJI TIMES C(I) FROM C(J)
        C(J) = C(J) - LJI*C(I);
    end
end
%
%                               SOLVE U*X = C USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
X(N) = C(N)/A(N,N);
for I=N-1:-1:1
    SUM = 0.0;
    for J=I+1:N
        SUM = SUM + A(I,J)*X(J);
    end
    X(I) = (C(I)-SUM)/A(I,I);
end

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%-----
%----- FIGURE 1.5.4 -----
%-----

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function X = DBAND(A,N,NLD,NUD,B)
%
% FUNCTION DBAND SOLVES THE LINEAR SYSTEM A*X=B, WHERE A IS A
% BAND MATRIX.
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT                ON OUTPUT
%           -----                -----
%
% A        - THE N BY NUD+2*NLD+1 BAND MATRIX.
%           FIRST NLD COLUMNS = SUBDIAGONALS
%           NEXT 1              = MAIN DIAGONAL
%           NEXT NUD            = SUPERDIAGONALS
%           NEXT NLD            = WORKSPACE (FILL-IN)
%
% N        - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
%
% NLD     - NUMBER OF NONZERO LOWER DIAGONALS
%           IN A, I.E., NUMBER OF DIAGONALS
%           BELOW THE MAIN DIAGONAL.
%
% NUD     - NUMBER OF NONZERO UPPER DIAGONALS
%           IN A, I.E., NUMBER OF DIAGONALS
%           ABOVE THE MAIN DIAGONAL.
%
%

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% X      -          AN N-VECTOR CONTAINING
%          THE SOLUTION.
%
% B      - THE RIGHT HAND SIDE N-VECTOR.
%
%-----
MD = NLD+1;
%          ZERO TOP NLD DIAGONALS (WORKSPACE)
for I=1:N
for J=NUD+1:NUD+NLD
    A(I,MD+J) = 0.0;
end
end
%          BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION
for I=1:N-1
%          SEARCH FROM AII ON DOWN FOR
%          LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT, ALI
    BIG = abs(A(I,MD));
    L = I;
    for J=I+1:min(I+NLD,N);
        if (abs(A(J,MD+I-J)) > BIG)
            BIG = abs(A(J,MD+I-J));
            L = J;
        end
    end
%          IF LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT IS ZERO,
%          MATRIX IS SINGULAR
    if (BIG == 0.0)
        error('***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
    end
%          SWITCH ROW I WITH ROW L, TO BRING
%          UP LARGEST PIVOT
    for K=I:min(I+NUD+NLD,N)
        TEMP = A(L,MD+K-L);
        A(L,MD+K-L) = A(I,MD+K-I);
        A(I,MD+K-I) = TEMP;
    end
%          SWITCH B(I) AND B(L)
    TEMP = B(L);
    B(L) = B(I);
    B(I) = TEMP;
    for J=I+1:min(I+NLD,N)
%          CHOOSE MULTIPLIER TO ZERO AJI
        LJI = A(J,MD+I-J)/A(I,MD);
        if (LJI ~= 0.0)
%          SUBTRACT LJI TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J
            for K=I:min(I+NUD+NLD,N)
                A(J,MD+K-J) = A(J,MD+K-J) - LJI*A(I,MD+K-I);
            end
%          SUBTRACT LJI TIMES B(I) FROM B(J)
            B(J) = B(J) - LJI*B(I);
        end
    end
end
end

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if (A(N,MD) == 0.0)
    error('***** THE MATRIX IS SINGULAR *****')
end
%
%                               SOLVE U*X = B USING BACK SUBSTITUTION.
X(N) = B(N)/A(N,MD);
for I=N-1:-1:1
    SUM = 0.0;
    for J=I+1:min(I+NUD+NLD,N)
        SUM = SUM + A(I,MD+J-I)*X(J);
    end
    X(I) = (B(I)-SUM)/A(I,MD);
end
%-----
%-----          FIGURE 1.6.2          -----
%-----
function YOUT = DSPLN(X,Y,N,YXX1,YXXN,XOUT,NOUT)
%
% FUNCTION DSPLN FITS AN INTERPOLATORY CUBIC SPLINE THROUGH THE
% POINTS (X(I),Y(I)), I=1,...,N, WITH SPECIFIED SECOND DERIVATIVES
% AT THE END POINTS, AND EVALUATES THIS SPLINE AT THE OUTPUT POINTS
% XOUT(1),...,XOUT(NOUT).
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT                ON OUTPUT
%           -----                -----
%
% X        - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
%           THE X-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
%           POINTS.
%
% Y        - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
%           THE Y-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
%           POINTS.
%
% N        - THE NUMBER OF DATA POINTS
%           (N >= 3).
%
% YXX1    - THE SECOND DERIVATIVE OF THE
%           CUBIC SPLINE AT X(1).
%
% YXXN    - THE SECOND DERIVATIVE OF THE
%           CUBIC SPLINE AT X(N). (YXX1=0
%           AND YXXN=0 GIVES A NATURAL
%           CUBIC SPLINE)
%
% XOUT    - A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT CONTAINING
%           THE X-COORDINATES AT WHICH THE
%           CUBIC SPLINE IS EVALUATED. THE
%           ELEMENTS OF XOUT MUST BE IN
%           ASCENDING ORDER.
%
% YOUT    -                               A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT.
%                               YOUT(I) CONTAINS THE
%                               VALUE OF THE SPLINE
%

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        YOUT(I) = COEFF(1,L)    + COEFF(2,L)*P    ...
                + COEFF(3,L)*P*P + COEFF(4,L)*P*P*P;
    end
%-----
%----- FIGURE 1.8.1 -----
%-----
%
%                               JACOBI METHOD
M = 10;
H = 1.0/M;
%
%                               SET BOUNDARY KNOWNNS TO ZERO PERMANENTLY
%                               AND INTERIOR UNKNOWNNS TO ZERO TEMPORARILY
for I=1:M+1
for J=1:M+1
for K=1:M+1
    UOLD(I,J,K) = 0.0;
end
end
end
%
%                               BEGIN JACOBI ITERATION
for ITER = 1:10000
%
%                               UPDATE UNKNOWNNS ONLY
for I=2:M
for J=2:M
for K=2:M
    UNEW(I,J,K) = H^2/6.0 + ( UOLD(I+1,J,K) + UOLD(I-1,J,K)    ...
                            + UOLD(I,J+1,K) + UOLD(I,J-1,K)    ...
                            + UOLD(I,J,K+1) + UOLD(I,J,K-1))/6.0;
end
end
end
%
%                               COPY UNEW ONTO UOLD
for I=2:M
for J=2:M
for K=2:M
    UOLD(I,J,K) = UNEW(I,J,K);
end
end
end
%
%                               EVERY 10 ITERATIONS CALCULATE MAXIMUM
%                               RESIDUAL AND CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE
if (mod(ITER,10) ~= 0)
    continue
end
RMAX = 0.0;
for I=2:M
for J=2:M
for K=2:M
    RESID = 6*UOLD(I,J,K) - UOLD(I+1,J,K) - UOLD(I-1,J,K)    ...
            - UOLD(I,J+1,K) - UOLD(I,J-1,K)    ...
            - UOLD(I,J,K+1) - UOLD(I,J,K-1) - H^2;
    RMAX = max(RMAX,abs(RESID));
end
end
end
ITER

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    RMAX = RMAX/H^2
    if (RMAX <= 1.e-10)
        break
    end
end
end
%-----
%----- FIGURE 1.8.2 -----
%-----
% GAUSS-SEIDEL METHOD
M = 10;
H = 1.0/M;
% SET BOUNDARY KNOWNNS TO ZERO PERMANENTLY
% AND INTERIOR UNKNOWNNS TO ZERO TEMPORARILY
for I=1:M+1
for J=1:M+1
for K=1:M+1
    U(I,J,K) = 0.0;
end
end
end
% BEGIN GAUSS-SEIDEL ITERATION
for ITER = 1:10000
% UPDATE UNKNOWNNS ONLY
for I=2:M
for J=2:M
for K=2:M
    GAUSS = H^2/6.0 + ( U(I+1,J,K) + U(I-1,J,K) ...
+ U(I,J+1,K) + U(I,J-1,K) ...
+ U(I,J,K+1) + U(I,J,K-1))/6.0;
    U(I,J,K) = GAUSS;
end
end
end
% EVERY 10 ITERATIONS CALCULATE MAXIMUM
% RESIDUAL AND CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE
if (mod(ITER,10) ~= 0)
    continue
end
RMAX = 0.0;
for I=2:M
for J=2:M
for K=2:M
    RESID = 6*U(I,J,K) - U(I+1,J,K) - U(I-1,J,K) ...
- U(I,J+1,K) - U(I,J-1,K) ...
- U(I,J,K+1) - U(I,J,K-1) - H^2;
    RMAX = max(RMAX,abs(RESID));
end
end
end
ITER
RMAX = RMAX/H^2
if (RMAX <= 1.e-10)
    break
end
end
end

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L = PIVOT(I);
SUM = 0.0;
for K=L+1:N
    SUM = SUM + A(I,K)*X(K);
end
X(L) = (B(I)-SUM)/A(I,L);
end
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function [A,B,PIVOT,NPIVOT] = REDQ(A,M,N,B,ERRLIM)
%
% USE GIVENS ROTATIONS TO REDUCE A
% TO ROW ECHELON FORM
I = 1;
for L=1:N
%
% USE PIVOT A(I,L) TO KNOCK OUT ELEMENTS
% I+1 TO M IN COLUMN L.
for J=I+1:M
    if (A(J,L) == 0.0)
        continue
    end
    DEN = sqrt(A(I,L)^2+A(J,L)^2);
    C = A(I,L)/DEN;
    S = A(J,L)/DEN;
%
% PREMULTIPLY A BY Qij^T
for K=L:N
    BIK = C*A(I,K) + S*A(J,K);
    BJK = -S*A(I,K) + C*A(J,K);
    A(I,K) = BIK;
    A(J,K) = BJK;
end
%
% PREMULTIPLY B BY Qij^T
BI = C*B(I) + S*B(J);
BJ = -S*B(I) + C*B(J);
B(I) = BI;
B(J) = BJ;
end
%
% PIVOT A(I,L) IS NONZERO AFTER PROCESSING
% COLUMN L--MOVE DOWN TO NEXT ROW, I+1
if (abs(A(I,L)) <= ERLIM)
    A(I,L) = 0.0;
end
if (A(I,L) ~= 0.0)
    NPIVOT = I;
    PIVOT(NPIVOT) = L;
    I = I+1;
    if (I > M)
        return
    end
end
end
end
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%-----
%----- FIGURE 2.3.1 -----
%-----
function [A,B,PIVOT,NPIVOT] = REDH(A,M,N,B,ERRLIM)
%
% USE HOUSEHOLDER TRANSFORMATIONS TO
% REDUCE A TO ROW ECHELON FORM

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I = 1;
for L=1:N
%
%           USE PIVOT A(I,L) TO KNOCK OUT ELEMENTS
%           I+1 TO M IN COLUMN L.
    if (I+1 <= M)
%
%           CHOOSE UNIT M-VECTOR W (WHOSE FIRST
%           I-1 COMPONENTS ARE ZERO) SUCH THAT WHEN
%           COLUMN L IS PREMULTIPLIED BY
%            $H = I - 2W*W^T$ , COMPONENTS I+1 THROUGH
%           M ARE ZEROED.
        W = CALW(A(1:M,L),M,I);
%           PREMULTIPLY A BY  $H = I - 2W*W^T$ 
        for K=L:N
            WTA = 0.0;
            for J=I:M
                WTA = WTA + W(J)*A(J,K);
            end
            TWOWTA = 2*WTA;
            for J=I:M
                A(J,K) = A(J,K) - TWOWTA*W(J);
            end
        end
%           PREMULTIPLY B BY  $H = I - 2W*W^T$ 
        WTA = 0.0;
        for J=I:M
            WTA = WTA + W(J)*B(J);
        end
        TWOWTA = 2*WTA;
        for J=I:M
            B(J) = B(J) - TWOWTA*W(J);
        end
    end
%           PIVOT A(I,L) IS NONZERO AFTER PROCESSING
%           COLUMN L--MOVE DOWN TO NEXT ROW, I+1
    if (abs(A(I,L)) <= ERRLLIM)
        A(I,L) = 0.0;
    end
    if (A(I,L) ~= 0.0)
        NPIVOT = I;
        PIVOT(NPIVOT) = L;
        I = I+1;
        if (I > M)
            return
        end
    end
end
end
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function W = CALW(A,M,I)
%
%           SUBROUTINE CALW CALCULATES A UNIT
%           M-VECTOR W (WHOSE FIRST I-1 COMPONENTS
%           ARE ZERO) SUCH THAT PREMULTIPLYING THE
%           VECTOR A BY  $H = I - 2W*W^T$  ZEROES
%           COMPONENTS I+1 THROUGH M.
    S = 0.0;
    for J=I:M

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    S = S + A(J)^2;
    W(J) = A(J);
end
if (A(I) >= 0.0)
    BETA = sqrt(S);
else
    BETA = -sqrt(S);
end
W(I) = A(I) + BETA;
TWOALP = sqrt(2*BETA*W(I));
%
% TWOALP=0 ONLY IF A(I),...,A(M) ARE ALL
% ZERO. IN THIS CASE, RETURN WITH W=0
if (TWOALP == 0.0)
    return
end
%
% NORMALIZE W
for J=I:M
    W(J) = W(J)/TWOALP;
end

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-----  
 ----- FIGURE 2.4.1 -----  
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function YOUT = DLSQSP(X,N,XD,YD,M,XOUT,NOUT)
%
% FUNCTION DLSQSP CALCULATES A NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE WITH KNOTS AT
% X(1),...,X(N) WHICH IS THE LEAST SQUARES FIT TO THE DATA POINTS
% (XD(I),YD(I)), I=1,...,M, AND EVALUATES THIS SPLINE AT THE OUTPUT
% POINTS XOUT(1),...,XOUT(NOUT).
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT           ON OUTPUT
%           -----           -----
%
% X        - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
%           THE SPLINE KNOTS.
%
% N        - THE NUMBER OF KNOTS.
%           (N >= 3).
%
% XD       - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
%           THE X-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
%           POINTS.
%
% YD       - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
%           THE Y-COORDINATES OF THE DATA
%           POINTS.
%
% M        - THE NUMBER OF DATA POINTS.
%
% XOUT     - A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT CONTAINING
%           THE X-COORDINATES AT WHICH THE
%           CUBIC SPLINE IS EVALUATED. THE
%           ELEMENTS OF XOUT MUST BE IN
%           ASCENDING ORDER.

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%
% YOUT - A VECTOR OF LENGTH NOUT.
% YOUT(I) CONTAINS THE
% VALUE OF THE SPLINE
% AT XOUT(I).
%
% NOUT - THE NUMBER OF OUTPUT POINTS.
%
%-----
ZERO = 0.0;
for J=1:N
    Y(J) = 0.0;
end
for J=1:N
    Y(J) = 1.0;
%
% CALCULATE PHI(J,X), NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE
% WHICH IS EQUAL TO ONE AT KNOT X(J) AND
% ZERO AT OTHER KNOTS. THEN SET
% A(I,J) = PHI(J,XD(I)), I=1,...,M
AJ = DSPLN(X,Y,N,ZERO,ZERO,XD,M);
for I=1:M
    A(I,J) = AJ(I);
end
Y(J) = 0.0;
end
%
% CALL DLLSQR TO MINIMIZE NORM OF A*Y-YD
Y = DLLSQR(A,M,N,YD);
%
% LEAST SQUARES SPLINE IS
% Y(1)*PHI(1,X) + ... + Y(N)*PHI(N,X).
% EVALUATE SPLINE AT XOUT(1),...,XOUT(NOUT)
YOUT = DSPLN(X,Y,N,ZERO,ZERO,XOUT,NOUT);
%-----
%-----
%-----
%-----
%-----
function [A,X] = DEGSYM(A,N)
%
% FUNCTION DEGSYM SOLVES THE EIGENVALUE PROBLEM
%
% A*X = LAMBDA*X
%
% WHERE A IS A SYMMETRIC MATRIX.
%
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
% ON INPUT ON OUTPUT
% -----
%
% A - THE N BY N SYMMETRIC MATRIX. A DIAGONAL MATRIX,
% WITH THE EIGENVALUES
% OF A ON THE DIAGONAL.
%
% N - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
%
% X - AN N BY N MATRIX WHICH

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    for K=1:N
        PIK = C*A(I,K)+S*A(J,K);
        PJK = -S*A(I,K)+C*A(J,K);
        A(I,K) = PIK;
        A(J,K) = PJK;
    end
%
%           POSTMULTIPLY A AND X BY Qij
    for K=1:N
        BKI = C*A(K,I)+S*A(K,J);
        BKJ = -S*A(K,I)+C*A(K,J);
        A(K,I) = BKI;
        A(K,J) = BKJ;
        XKI = C*X(K,I)+S*X(K,J);
        XKJ = -S*X(K,I)+C*X(K,J);
        X(K,I) = XKI;
        X(K,J) = XKJ;
    end
%
%           CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE
    if (EK <= ERRLLIM)
        return
    end
end
end
%
%           RETURN TO BEGINNING OF CYCLE
end
%-----
%-----
%-----
%-----
%-----
function EIG = DEGNON(A,N)
%
% FUNCTION DEGNON SOLVES THE EIGENVALUE PROBLEM
%
%           A*X = LAMBDA*X
%
% WHERE A IS A GENERAL REAL MATRIX.
%
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT           ON OUTPUT
%           -----           -----
%
% A       - THE N BY N MATRIX.
%
% N       - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
%
% EIG     -
%
%
%           A COMPLEX N-VECTOR
%           CONTAINING THE EIGEN-
%           VALUES OF A.
%-----
%
%           EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
%           PRECISION
% *****
% EPS = eps;

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% *****
%                                AMAX = MAXIMUM ELEMENT OF A
    AMAX = 0.0;
    for I=1:N
        for J=1:N
            AMAX = max(AMAX,abs(A(I,J)));
        end
    end
    ERRLIM = sqrt(EPS)*AMAX;
%                                REDUCTION TO HESSENBERG FORM
    A = HESSQ(A,N);
%                                REDUCTION TO QUASI-TRIANGULAR FORM
    A = QR(A,N,ERRLIM);
%                                EXTRACT EIGENVALUES OF QUASI-TRIANGULAR
%                                MATRIX
    I = 1;
    while (I <= N-1)
        if (A(I+1,I) == 0.0)
%                                1 BY 1 BLOCK ON DIAGONAL
            EIG(I) = A(I,I);
            I = I+1;
        else
%                                2 BY 2 BLOCK ON DIAGONAL
            DISC = (A(I,I)-A(I+1,I+1))^2 + 4.0*A(I,I+1)*A(I+1,I);
            TERM = 0.5*(A(I,I)+A(I+1,I+1));
            if (DISC >= 0.0)
                EIG(I) = TERM + 0.5*sqrt(DISC);
                EIG(I+1) = TERM - 0.5*sqrt(DISC);
            else
                EIG(I) = TERM + 0.5*sqrt(-DISC)*i;
                EIG(I+1) = TERM - 0.5*sqrt(-DISC)*i;
            end
            I = I+2;
        end
    end
    if (I == N)
        EIG(N) = A(N,N);
    end
%*****
function A = HESSQ(A,N)
if (N <= 2)
    return
end
%                                USE GIVENS ROTATIONS TO REDUCE A
%                                TO UPPER HESSENBERG FORM
for I=2:N-1
    for J=I+1:N
        if (A(J,I-1) == 0.0)
            continue
        end
        DEN = sqrt(A(I,I-1)^2+A(J,I-1)^2);
        C = A(I,I-1)/DEN;
        S = A(J,I-1)/DEN;
%                                PREMULIPLY BY Qij^T
        for K=I-1:N

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        PIK = C*A(I,K) + S*A(J,K);
        PJK = -S*A(I,K) + C*A(J,K);
        A(I,K) = PIK;
        A(J,K) = PJK;
    end
%
%           POSTMULTIPLY BY Qij
    for K=1:N
        BKI = C*A(K,I) + S*A(K,J);
        BKJ = -S*A(K,I) + C*A(K,J);
        A(K,I) = BKI;
        A(K,J) = BKJ;
    end
end
end
#####
function A = QR(A,N,ERRLIM)
if (N <= 2)
    return
end
%
%           USE QR ITERATION TO REDUCE HESSENBERG
%           MATRIX A TO QUASI-TRIANGULAR FORM
NITER = 1000*N;
for ITER=1:NITER
%
%           REDUCE A TO UPPER TRIANGULAR FORM USING
%           ORTHOGONAL REDUCTION (PREMULTIPLY BY
%           Qij^T MATRICES)
    for I=1:N-1
        if (A(I+1,I) == 0.0)
            C = 1.0;
            S = 0.0;
        else
            DEN = sqrt(A(I,I)^2 + A(I+1,I)^2);
            C = A(I,I)/DEN;
            S = A(I+1,I)/DEN;
        end
%
%           USE SAVE TO SAVE C,S FOR POST-
%           MULTIPLICATION PHASE
        SAVE(1,I) = C;
        SAVE(2,I) = S;
        if (S == 0.0)
            continue
        end
%
%           IF MATRIX SYMMETRIC, LIMITS ON K
%           CAN BE: K = I : min(I+2,N)
        for K=I:N
            PIK = C*A(I,K) + S*A(I+1,K);
            PJK = -S*A(I,K) + C*A(I+1,K);
            A(I,K) = PIK;
            A(I+1,K) = PJK;
        end
    end
end
%
%           NOW POSTMULTIPLY BY Qij MATRICES
    for I=1:N-1
        C = SAVE(1,I);
        S = SAVE(2,I);

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        if (S == 0.0)
            continue
        end
%           IF MATRIX SYMMETRIC, LIMITS ON K
%           CAN BE: K = max(1,I-1) : I+1
        for K=1:I+1
            BKI = C*A(K,I) + S*A(K,I+1);
            BKJ = -S*A(K,I) + C*A(K,I+1);
            A(K,I) = BKI;
            A(K,I+1) = BKJ;
        end
    end

%           SET NEARLY ZERO SUBDIAGONALS TO ZERO,
%           TO AVOID UNDERFLOW.
    for I=1:N-1
        if (abs(A(I+1,I)) < ERRLLIM)
            A(I+1,I) = 0.0;
        end
    end

%           CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE TO "QUASI-
%           TRIANGULAR" FORM.
    ICONV = 1;
    for I=2:N-1
        if (A(I,I-1) ~= 0.0 & A(I+1,I) ~= 0.0)
            ICONV = 0;
        end
    end
    if (ICONV == 1)
        return
    end
end

%           HAS NOT CONVERGED IN NITER ITERATIONS
error('***** QR ITERATION DOES NOT CONVERGE *****')
%-----
%----- FIGURE 3.4.2 -----
%-----
function A = HESSH(A,N)
if (N <= 2)
    return
end

%           USE HOUSEHOLDER TRANSFORMATIONS TO
%           REDUCE A TO UPPER HESSENBERG FORM
    for I=2:N-1

%           CHOOSE UNIT N-VECTOR W (WHOSE FIRST
%           I-1 COMPONENTS ARE ZERO) SUCH THAT WHEN
%           COLUMN I-1 IS PREMULTIPLIED BY
%           H = I - 2W*W^T, COMPONENTS I+1 THROUGH
%           N ARE ZEROED.
        W = CALW(A(1:N,I-1),N,I);
%           PREMULTIPLY A BY H = I - 2W*W^T
        for K=I-1:N
            WTA = 0.0;
            for J=I:N
                WTA = WTA + W(J)*A(J,K);
            end
        end
    end
end

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    TWOHTA = 2*HTA;
    for J=I:N
        A(J,K) = A(J,K) - TWOHTA*W(J);
    end
end
%
%           POSTMULTIPLY A BY H = I - 2W*W^T
for K=1:N
    HTA = 0.0;
    for J=I:N
        HTA = HTA + W(J)*A(K,J);
    end
    TWOHTA = 2*HTA;
    for J=I:N
        A(K,J) = A(K,J) - TWOHTA*W(J);
    end
end
end
%-----
%-----  FIGURE 3.4.4  -----
%-----
function A = HESSM(A,N)
if (N <= 2)
    return
end
%
%           USE Mij TRANSFORMATIONS TO REDUCE A
%           TO UPPER HESSENBERG FORM
for I=2:N-1
%
%           SEARCH FROM A(I,I-1) ON DOWN FOR
%           LARGEST POTENTIAL PIVOT, A(L,I-1)
    BIG = abs(A(I,I-1));
    L = I;
    for J=I+1:N
        if (abs(A(J,I-1)) > BIG)
            BIG = abs(A(J,I-1));
            L = J;
        end
    end
end
%
%           IF ALL SUBDIAGONAL ELEMENTS IN COLUMN
%           I-1 ALREADY ZERO, GO ON TO NEXT COLUMN
if (BIG == 0.0)
    continue
end
%
%           PREMULTIPLY BY Pil
%           (SWITCH ROWS I AND L)
for K=I-1:N
    TEMP = A(L,K);
    A(L,K) = A(I,K);
    A(I,K) = TEMP;
end
%
%           POSTMULTIPLY BY Pil(-1) = Pil
%           (SWITCH COLUMNS I AND L)
for K=1:N
    TEMP = A(K,L);
    A(K,L) = A(K,I);
    A(K,I) = TEMP;
end

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end
for J=I+1:N
    R = A(J,I-1)/A(I,I-1);
    if (R == 0.0)
        continue
    end
%
%           PREMULTIPLY BY  $M_{ij}^{-1}$ 
%           (SUBTRACT R TIMES ROW I FROM ROW J)
    for K=I-1:N
        A(J,K) = A(J,K) - R*A(I,K);
    end
%
%           POSTMULTIPLY BY  $M_{ij}$ 
%           (ADD R TIMES COLUMN J TO COLUMN I)
    for K=1:N
        A(K,I) = A(K,I) + R*A(K,J);
    end
end
end
%-----
%----- FIGURE 3.4.5 -----
%-----
function A = LR(A,N,ERRLIM)
if (N <= 2)
    return
end
%
%           USE LR ITERATION TO REDUCE HESSENBERG
%           MATRIX A TO QUASI-TRIANGULAR FORM
NITER = 1000*N;
for ITER=1:NITER
%
%           REDUCE A TO UPPER TRIANGULAR FORM USING
%           GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION (PREMULTIPLY BY
%            $M_{ij}^{-1}$ ) MATRICES)
    for I=1:N-1
        if (A(I+1,I) == 0.0)
            R = 0.0;
        else
%
%           IF PIVOTING NECESSARY, GIVE UP
            if (abs(A(I,I)) < ERRLIM)
                break
            end
            R = A(I+1,I)/A(I,I);
        end
%
%           USE SAVE TO SAVE R FOR POST-
%           MULTIPLICATION PHASE
        SAVE(I) = R;
        if (R == 0.0)
            continue
        end
%
%           IF MATRIX TRIDIAGONAL, LIMITS ON K
%           CAN BE: K = I : I+1
        for K=I:N
            A(I+1,K) = A(I+1,K) - R*A(I,K);
        end
    end
end
%
%           NOW POSTMULTIPLY BY  $M_{ij}$  MATRICES

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for I=1:N-1
    R = SAVE(I);
    if (R == 0.0)
        continue
    end
%           IF MATRIX TRIDIAGONAL, LIMITS ON K
%           CAN BE: K = I : I+1
    for K=1:I+1
        A(K,I) = A(K,I) + R*A(K,I+1);
    end
end
%           SET NEARLY ZERO SUBDIAGONALS TO ZERO,
%           TO AVOID UNDERFLOW.
for I=1:N-1
    if (abs(A(I+1,I)) < ERRLLIM)
        A(I+1,I) = 0.0;
    end
end
%           CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE TO "QUASI-
%           TRIANGULAR" FORM.
ICONV = 1;
for I=2:N-1
    if (A(I,I-1) ~= 0.0 & A(I+1,I) ~= 0.0)
        ICONV = 0;
    end
end
if (ICONV == 1)
    return
end
end
error('***** LR ITERATION DOES NOT CONVERGE *****')
%-----
%----- FIGURE 3.5.2 -----
%-----
function [EIG,V] = DPOWER(A,N,EIG,V,IUPDAT)
%
% FUNCTION DPOWER FINDS ONE EIGENVALUE OF A, AND A CORRESPONDING
% EIGENVECTOR, USING THE SHIFTED INVERSE POWER METHOD.
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT           ON OUTPUT
%           -----           -----
%
% A      - THE N BY N MATRIX.
%
% N      - THE SIZE OF MATRIX A.
%
% EIG    - A (COMPLEX) INITIAL GUESS AT AN EIGENVALUE.
%           AN EIGENVALUE OF A,
%           NORMALLY THE ONE CLOSEST
%           TO THE INITIAL GUESS.
%
% V      - A (COMPLEX) STARTING VECTOR
%           FOR THE SHIFTED INVERSE POWER
%           METHOD. IF ALL COMPONENTS OF
%           AN EIGENVECTOR OF A,
%           CORRESPONDING TO THE
%           COMPUTED EIGENVALUE.

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%                               DECOMPOSITION OF B=A-PN*I CALCULATED
%                               EARLIER, TO SOLVE B*VNP1=VN FASTER
      VNP1 = DRESLV(B,N,V,IPERM);
end
%                               CALCULATE NEW EIGENVALUE ESTIMATE,
%                               PN + (VN*VN)/(VN*VNP1)
RNUM = 0.0;
RDEN = 0.0;
for I=1:N
    RNUM = RNUM + VN(I)*VN(I);
    RDEN = RDEN + VN(I)*VNP1(I);
end
R = RNUM/RDEN;
EIG = PN + R;
%                               SET V = NORMALIZED VNP1
VNORM = 0.0;
for I=1:N
    VNORM = VNORM + abs(VNP1(I))^2;
end
VNORM = sqrt(VNORM);
for I=1:N
    V(I) = VNP1(I)/VNORM;
end
%                               IF R*VNP1 = VN (R = (VN*VN)/(VN*VNP1) ),
%                               ITERATION HAS CONVERGED.
ERRMAX = 0.0;
for I=1:N
    ERRMAX = max(ERRMAX,abs(R*VNP1(I)-VN(I)));
end
if (ERRMAX <= sqrt(EPS))
    return
end
%                               SET VN = V = NORMALIZED VNP1
for I=1:N
    VN(I) = V(I);
end
end
error('***** INVERSE POWER METHOD DOES NOT CONVERGE *****')
%-----
%----- FIGURE 4.5.1 -----
%-----
function [P,X,Y] = DLPRG(A,B,C,N,M)
%
% FUNCTION DLPRG USES THE SIMPLEX METHOD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM
%
%           MAXIMIZE           P = C(1)*X(1) + ... + C(N)*X(N)
%
% WITH X(1),...,X(N) NONNEGATIVE, AND
%
%           A(1,1)*X(1) + ... + A(1,N)*X(N) = B(1)
%           .
%           .
%           A(M,1)*X(1) + ... + A(M,N)*X(N) = B(M)
%
% WHERE B(1),...,B(M) ARE ASSUMED TO BE NONNEGATIVE.

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%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT                ON OUTPUT
%           -----                -----
%
% A      - THE M BY N CONSTRAINT COEFFICIENT
%         MATRIX.
%
% B      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
%         THE RIGHT HAND SIDES OF THE
%         CONSTRAINTS. THE COMPONENTS OF
%         B MUST ALL BE NONNEGATIVE.
%
% C      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
%         THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE
%         FUNCTION.
%
% N      - THE NUMBER OF UNKNOWNNS.
%
% M      - THE NUMBER OF CONSTRAINTS.
%
% P      -                               THE MAXIMUM OF THE
%                                         OBJECTIVE FUNCTION.
%
% X      -                               A VECTOR OF LENGTH N
%                                         WHICH CONTAINS THE LP
%                                         SOLUTION.
%
% Y      -                               A VECTOR OF LENGTH M
%                                         WHICH CONTAINS THE DUAL
%                                         SOLUTION.
%
%-----
%
%                               EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
%                               PRECISION
%                               BIGNO = A VERY LARGE NUMBER
% *****
%     EPS = eps;
%     BIGNO = 1.e35;
% *****
%     P = 0;
%     X = zeros(N,1);
%     Y = zeros(M,1);
%
%     BASIS(1),...,BASIS(M) HOLD NUMBERS OF
%     BASIS VARIABLES. INITIAL BASIS CONSISTS
%     OF ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES ONLY
%
%     for I=1:M
%         BASIS(I) = N+I;
%     end
%
%     INITIALIZE SIMPLEX TABLEAU
%
%     for I=1:M+2
%     for J=1:N+M+1
%         TAB(I,J) = 0.0;
%     end

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end
%
%          LOAD A INTO UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER
%          OF TABLEAU
for I=1:M
for J=1:N
    TAB(I,J) = A(I,J);
end
end
%
%          LOAD M BY M IDENTITY TO RIGHT OF A
%          AND LOAD B INTO LAST COLUMN
for I=1:M
    TAB(I,N+I) = 1.0;
    TAB(I,N+M+1) = B(I);
end
%
%          ROW M+1 CONTAINS -C, INITIALLY
for J=1:N
    TAB(M+1,J) = -C(J);
end
%
%          ROW M+2 CONTAINS COEFFICIENTS OF
%          "ALPHA", WHICH IS TREATED AS +INFINITY
for I=1:M
    TAB(M+2,N+I) = 1.0;
end
%
%          CLEAR "ALPHAS" IN LAST ROW
for I=1:M
for J=1:N+M+1
    TAB(M+2,J) = TAB(M+2,J) - TAB(I,J);
end
end
%
%          SIMPLEX METHOD CONSISTS OF TWO PHASES
for IPHASE=1:2
    if (IPHASE == 1)
%
%          PHASE I:  ROW M+2 (WITH COEFFICIENTS OF
%          ALPHA) SEARCHED FOR MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY
        MROW = M+2;
        LIM = N+M;
    else
%
%          PHASE II:  FIRST N ELEMENTS OF ROW M+1
%          SEARCHED FOR MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY
%          (COEFFICIENTS OF ALPHA NONNEGATIVE NOW)
        MROW = M+1;
        LIM = N;
%
%          IF ANY ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES LEFT IN
%          BASIS AT BEGINNING OF PHASE II, THERE
%          IS NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION
        for I=1:M
            if (BASIS(I) > N)
                disp('***** NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION *****')
                return
            end
        end
    end
end
%
%          THRESH = SMALL NUMBER.  WE ASSUME SCALES
%          OF A AND C ARE NOT *TOO* DIFFERENT
THRESH = 0.0;

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for J=1:LIM
    THRESH = max(THRESH,abs(TAB(MROW,J)));
end
THRESH = 1000*EPS*THRESH;
%                               BEGINNING OF SIMPLEX STEP
while (1 > 0)
%                               FIND MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY IN ROW MROW,
%                               IDENTIFYING PIVOT COLUMN JP
    CMIN = -THRESH;
    JP = 0;
    for J=1:LIM
        if (TAB(MROW,J) < CMIN)
            CMIN = TAB(MROW,J);
            JP = J;
        end
    end
%                               IF ALL ENTRIES NONNEGATIVE (ACTUALLY,
%                               IF GREATER THAN -THRESH) PHASE ENDS
    if (JP == 0)
        break
    end
%                               FIND SMALLEST POSITIVE RATIO
%                               B(*)/TAB(*,JP), IDENTIFYING PIVOT
%                               ROW IP
    RATMIN = BIGNO;
    IP = 0;
    for I=1:M
        if (TAB(I,JP) > THRESH)
            RATIO = TAB(I,N+M+1)/TAB(I,JP);
            if (RATIO < RATMIN)
                RATMIN = RATIO;
                IP = I;
            end
        end
    end
%                               IF ALL RATIOS NONPOSITIVE, MAXIMUM
%                               IS UNBOUNDED
    if (IP == 0)
        disp('***** UNBOUNDED MAXIMUM *****')
        return
    end
%                               ADD X(JP) TO BASIS
    BASIS(IP) = JP;
%                               NORMALIZE PIVOT ROW TO MAKE TAB(IP,JP)=1
    AMULT = 1.0/TAB(IP,JP);
    for J=1:N+M+1
        TAB(IP,J) = AMULT*TAB(IP,J);
    end
%                               ADD MULTIPLES OF PIVOT ROW TO OTHER
%                               ROWS, TO KNOCK OUT OTHER ELEMENTS IN
%                               PIVOT COLUMN
    for I=1:MROW
        if (I == IP)
            continue
        end

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        AMULT = TAB(I,JP);
        for J=1:N+M+1
            TAB(I,J) = TAB(I,J) - AMULT*TAB(IP,J);
        end
    end
end
%                               END OF SIMPLEX STEP
end
%                               END OF PHASE II; READ X,P,Y FROM
%                               FINAL TABLEAU
for J=1:N
    X(J) = 0.0;
end
for I=1:M
    K = BASIS(I);
    X(K) = TAB(I,N+M+1);
end
P = TAB(M+1,N+M+1);
for I=1:M
    Y(I) = TAB(M+1,N+I);
end
%-----
%----- FIGURE 4.6.1 -----
%-----
function [P,X,Y] = DLPRV(DOTA,B,C,N,M)
%
% FUNCTION DLPRV USES THE REVISED SIMPLEX METHOD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM
%
%           MAXIMIZE      P = C(1)*X(1) + ... + C(N)*X(N)
%
% WITH X(1),...,X(N) NONNEGATIVE, AND
%
%           A(1,1)*X(1) + ... + A(1,N)*X(N) = B(1)
%           .
%           .
%           A(M,1)*X(1) + ... + A(M,N)*X(N) = B(M)
%
% THE LAST M COLUMNS OF A MUST CONTAIN AN IDENTITY MATRIX, AND
% B(1),...,B(M) MUST BE NONNEGATIVE.
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT                ON OUTPUT
%           -----                -----
%
% DOTA - STRING CONTAINING THE NAME
%       OF A USER-SUPPLIED FUNCTION:
%       DOTA(Z,J) SHOULD RETURN THE
%       DOT PRODUCT OF THE M-VECTOR Z
%       WITH COLUMN J OF A, FOR J <= N-M
%       (IDENTITY MATRIX ASSUMED IN LAST
%       M COLUMNS).
%
% B     - A VECTOR OF LENGTH M CONTAINING
%       THE RIGHT HAND SIDES OF THE

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%          CONSTRAINTS.  THE COMPONENTS OF
%          B MUST ALL BE NONNEGATIVE.
%
% C      - A VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING
%          THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE
%          FUNCTION.
%
% N      - THE NUMBER OF UNKNOWNNS (N>M).
%
% M      - THE NUMBER OF CONSTRAINTS.
%
% P      -                                     THE MAXIMUM OF THE
%          OBJECTIVE FUNCTION.
%
% X      -                                     A VECTOR OF LENGTH N
%          WHICH CONTAINS THE LP
%          SOLUTION.
%
% Y      -                                     A VECTOR OF LENGTH M
%          WHICH CONTAINS THE DUAL
%          SOLUTION.
%
%-----
%
%          EPS = MACHINE FLOATING POINT RELATIVE
%          PRECISION
%          BIGNO = A VERY LARGE NUMBER
% *****
%          EPS = eps;
%          BIGNO = 1.e35;
% *****
%          P = 0;
%          X = zeros(N,1);
%          Y = zeros(M,1);
%
%          INITIALIZE  $Ab^{-1}$  TO IDENTITY
%
%          for I=1:M
%          for J=1:M
%              ABINV(I,J) = 0.0;
%              if (I == J)
%                  ABINV(I,J) = 1.0;
%              end
%          end
%          end
%
%          BASIS(1),...,BASIS(M) HOLD NUMBERS OF
%          BASIS VARIABLES
%
%          for I=1:M
%
%          INITIAL BASIS = LAST M VARIABLES
%
%              K = N-M+I;
%              BASIS(I) = K;
%
%          INITIALIZE Y TO  $Ab^{-T} * Cb = Cb$ 
%
%              Y(I) = C(K);
%
%          INITIALIZE  $Xb$  TO  $Ab^{-1} * B = B$ 
%
%              XB(I) = B(I);
%          end
%
%          THRESH = SMALL NUMBER.  WE ASSUME SCALES
%          OF A AND C ARE NOT *TOO* DIFFERENT

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THRESH = 0.0;
for J=1:N
    THRESH = max(THRESH,abs(C(J)));
end
THRESH = 1000*EPS*THRESH;
% BEGINNING OF SIMPLEX STEP
while (1 > 0)
% D^-T = Y^-T*A - C^-T
    for J=1:N
        if (J <= N-M)
            D(J) = feval(DOTA,Y,J) - C(J);
        else
            D(J) = Y(J-(N-M)) - C(J);
        end
    end
% FIND MOST NEGATIVE ENTRY IN D,
% IDENTIFYING PIVOT COLUMN JP
    CMIN = -THRESH;
    JP = 0;
    for J=1:N
        if (D(J) < CMIN)
            CMIN = D(J);
            JP = J;
        end
    end
% IF ALL ENTRIES NONNEGATIVE (ACTUALLY,
% IF GREATER THAN -THRESH) WE ARE THROUGH
    if (JP == 0)
        break
    end
% V = Ab^-(-1)*Ajp (Ajp = COLUMN JP OF A)
    for I=1:M
        for J=1:M
            WK(J) = ABINV(I,J);
        end
        if (JP <= N-M)
            V(I) = feval(DOTA,WK,JP);
        else
            V(I) = WK(JP-(N-M));
        end
    end
% FIND SMALLEST POSITIVE RATIO
% Xb(I)/V(I), IDENTIFYING PIVOT ROW IP
    RATMIN = BIGND;
    IP = 0;
    for I=1:M
        if (V(I) > THRESH)
            RATIO = XB(I)/V(I);
            if (RATIO < RATMIN)
                RATMIN = RATIO;
                IP = I;
            end
        end
    end
% IF ALL RATIOS NONPOSITIVE, MAXIMUM

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%                               IS UNBOUNDED
    if (IP == 0)
        disp ('***** UNBOUNDED MAXIMUM *****')
        return
    end
%                               ADD X(JP) TO BASIS
    BASIS(IP) = JP;
%                               UPDATE  $Ab^{-1} = E^{-1} * Ab^{-1}$ 
%                                $Xb = E^{-1} * Xb$ 
    for J=1:M
        ABINV(IP,J) = ABINV(IP,J)/V(IP);
    end
    XB(IP) = XB(IP)/V(IP);
    for I=1:M
        if (I == IP)
            continue
        end
        for J=1:M
            ABINV(I,J) = ABINV(I,J) - V(I)*ABINV(IP,J);
        end
        XB(I) = XB(I) - V(I)*XB(IP);
    end
%                               CALCULATE  $Y = Ab^{-T} * Cb$ 
    for I=1:M
        Y(I) = 0.0;
        for J=1:M
            K = BASIS(J);
            Y(I) = Y(I) + ABINV(J,I)*C(K);
        end
    end
end
%                               END OF SIMPLEX STEP
%                               CALCULATE X
    for J=1:N
        X(J) = 0.0;
    end
    for I=1:M
        K = BASIS(I);
        X(K) = XB(I);
    end
%                               CALCULATE P
    P = 0.0;
    for I=1:N
        P = P + C(I)*X(I);
    end
%-----
%----- FIGURE 4.6.2 -----
%-----
function [CMIN,X] = DTRAN(WCAP,SREQ,COST,NW,NS)
%
% FUNCTION DTRAN SOLVES THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM
%
% MINIMIZE    CMIN = COST(1,1)*X(1,1) + ... + COST(NW,NS)*X(NW,NS)
%
% WITH X(1,1),...,X(NW,NS) NONNEGATIVE, AND

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%
%      X(1,1) + ... + X(1,NS)  <=  WCAP(1)
%      .                .      .
%      .                .      .
%      X(NW,1)+ ... + X(NW,NS) <=  WCAP(NW)
%      X(1,1) + ... + X(NW,1)  =   SREQ(1)
%      .                .      .
%      .                .      .
%      X(1,NS)+ ... + X(NW,NS) =   SREQ(NS)
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT                ON OUTPUT
%           -----                -
%
% WCAP  -  A VECTOR OF LENGTH NW CONTAINING
%          THE WAREHOUSE CAPACITIES.
%
% SREQ  -  A VECTOR OF LENGTH NS CONTAINING
%          THE STORE REQUIREMENTS.
%
% COST  -  THE NW BY NS COST MATRIX. COST(I,J)
%          IS THE PER UNIT COST TO SHIP FROM
%          WAREHOUSE I TO STORE J.
%
% NW    -  THE NUMBER OF WAREHOUSES.
%
% NS    -  THE NUMBER OF STORES.
%
% CMIN  -                                THE TOTAL COST OF THE
%                                           OPTIMAL ROUTING.
%
% X     -                                AN NW BY NS MATRIX
%                                           CONTAINING THE OPTIMAL
%                                           ROUTING. X(I,J) UNITS
%                                           SHOULD BE SHIPPED FROM
%                                           WAREHOUSE I TO STORE J.
%-----
%
% global NWg
% global NSg
% NWg = NW;
% NSg = NS;
% M = NW+NS;
% N = NW*NS+NW+NS;
%
%                                LOAD WAREHOUSE CAPACITIES AND STORE
%                                REQUIREMENTS INTO B VECTOR
%
% for I=1:NW
%     B(I) = WCAP(I);
% end
% for I=1:NS
%     B(NW+I) = SREQ(I);
% end
%
%                                FIRST NW*NS ENTRIES IN C ARE -COST(I,J).
%                                NEGATIVE SIGN PRESENT BECAUSE WE WANT

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%                               TO MINIMIZE COST
K = 0;
CNORM = 0.0;
for I=1:NW
  for J=1:NS
    K = K+1;
    C(K) = -COST(I,J);
    CNORM = max(CNORM,abs(C(K)));
  end
end

%                               NEXT NW COSTS ARE ZERO, CORRESPONDING
%                               TO WAREHOUSE CAPACITY SLACK VARIABLES
for I=1:NW
  K = K+1;
  C(K) = 0.0;
end

%                               LAST NS COSTS ARE LARGE AND NEGATIVE,
%                               CORRESPONDING TO "ARTIFICIAL WAREHOUSE"
%                               TRANSPORTATION COSTS
ALPHA = 2*CNORM;
for I=1:NS
  K = K+1;
  C(K) = -ALPHA;
end

%                               USE REVISED SIMPLEX METHOD TO SOLVE
%                               TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM
[P,XSOL,Y] = DLPRV('DTRAN2',B,C,N,M);
%                               IF ANY ARTIFICIAL VARIABLES LEFT, THERE
%                               IS NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION
for I=1:NS
  K = N-NS+I;
  if (XSOL(K) ~= 0.0)
    disp('***** NO FEASIBLE SOLUTION *****')
    break
  end
end

%                               FORM OPTIMAL ROUTING MATRIX, X
CMIN = -P;
K = 0;
for I=1:NW
  for J=1:NS
    K = K+1;
    X(I,J) = XSOL(K);
  end
end

%*****
function DOTA = DTRAN2(Z,J)
global NWg
global NSg

%                               DOTA=DOT PRODUCT OF Z AND COLUMN J OF A
NW = NWg;
NS = NSg;
JW = fix((J-1)/NS) + 1;
JS = mod(J-1,NS) + 1;
DOTA = Z(JW) + Z(NW+JS);

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%-----
%----- FIGURE 5.3.1 -----
%-----
function F = DFFT(F,M)
%
% FUNCTION DFFT PERFORMS A FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM ON THE COMPLEX
% VECTOR F, OF LENGTH N=2^M. THE FOURIER TRANSFORM IS DEFINED BY
% Y(K) = SUM FROM J=1 TO N OF: EXP[I*2*PI*(K-1)*(J-1)/N]*F(J)
% WHERE I = SQRT(-1).
%
% ARGUMENTS
%
%           ON INPUT           ON OUTPUT
%           -----           -
%
% F        - THE COMPLEX VECTOR OF LENGTH      THE TRANSFORMED VECTOR
%           2**M TO BE TRANSFORMED.           Y.
%
% M        - THE LENGTH OF THE VECTOR F
%           IS ASSUMED TO BE 2^M.
%
%-----
%                               FOURIER TRANSFORM OF A 1-VECTOR IS
%                               UNCHANGED
%
%   if (M == 0)
%       return
%   end
%   N = 2^M;
%   H = cos(2*pi/N) + sin(2*pi/N)*i;
%   N2 = N/2;
%
%                               COPY ODD COMPONENTS OF F TO FODD
%                               AND EVEN COMPONENTS TO FEVEN
%
%   for K=1:N2
%       FODD(K) = F(2*K-1);
%       FEVEN(K)= F(2*K);
%   end
%
%                               TRANSFORM N/2-VECTORS FODD AND FEVEN
%                               INTO YODD AND YEVEN
%
%   FODD = DFFT(FODD ,M-1);
%   FEVEN = DFFT(FEVEN,M-1);
%   D = 1.0;
%
%                               Y = (YODD+D*YEVEN , YODD-D*YEVEN)
%
%   for K=1:N2
%       U = D*FEVEN(K);
%       F(K) = FODD(K) + U;
%       F(N2+K) = FODD(K) - U;
%       D = D*H;
%   end
end

```

# Appendix B—Answers to Selected Exercises

- 1.1.  $\frac{1}{2}N^3$  multiplications (50% more than Gauss elimination).
- 1.5. Suppress pivoting, change "DO 25 K=I+1,N" to "DO 25 K=J,N" and only one further change is required.
- 1.10.  $\lambda_{l,m,n} = 4\sin^2(\pi l/(2M)) + 4\sin^2(\pi m/(2M)) + 4\sin^2(\pi n/(2M))$
- 1.11. Number of iterations is about  $2M^2 \ln(1/\epsilon)/\pi^2$ .
- 1.12. When  $N = 20$ ,  $U(\pi/2) = 1.0041157$  for (a),(b), and (c). Here is a periodic tridiagonal solver for part (b):

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SUBROUTINE TRIPER(A,B,C,X,F,N)
  IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION(A-H,O-Z)
  C      SOLVE LINEAR SYSTEM WITH A PERIODIC, TRI-DIAGONAL MATRIX:
  C
  C      B(1)  C(1)                                A(1)
  C      A(2)  B(2)  C(2)
  C      A(3)  B(3)  C(3)
  C
  C      .      .      .
  C
  C      C(N)                                A(N)  B(N)
  C
  C
  C      A = SUBDIAGONAL OF COEFFICIENT MATRIX
  C      B = MAIN DIAGONAL
  C      C = SUPERDIAGONAL
  C      D = LAST ROW
  C      E = LAST COLUMN
  C      F = RIGHT HAND SIDE VECTOR
  C      X = SOLUTION
  DIMENSION A(N),B(N),C(N),D(N),E(N),X(N),F(N)
  C      COPY F ONTO X
  DO 5 I=1,N
    X(I) = F(I)

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      D(I) = 0.0
      E(I) = 0.0
5 CONTINUE
      D(1) = C(N)
      E(1) = A(1)
C
      BEGIN FORWARD ELIMINATION
      DO 10 K=1,N-2
      IF (B(K).EQ.0.0) GO TO 20
      AMULA = -A(K+1)/B(K)
      AMULD = -D(K)/B(K)
      B(K+1) = B(K+1) + AMULA*C(K)
      B(N) = B(N) + AMULD*E(K)
      IF (K.LT.N-2) THEN
          E(K+1) = E(K+1) + AMULA*E(K)
          D(K+1) = D(K+1) + AMULD*C(K)
      ELSE
          C(K+1) = C(K+1) + AMULA*E(K)
          A(N) = A(N) + AMULD*C(K)
      ENDIF
      X(K+1) = X(K+1) + AMULA*X(K)
      X(N) = X(N) + AMULD*X(K)
10 CONTINUE
      IF (B(N-1).EQ.0.0) GO TO 20
      AMULA = -A(N)/B(N-1)
      B(N) = B(N) + AMULA*C(N-1)
      X(N) = X(N) + AMULA*X(N-1)
      IF (B(N).EQ.0.0) GO TO 20
C
      BACK SUBSTITUTION
      X(N) = X(N)/B(N)
      X(N-1) = (X(N-1)-C(N-1)*X(N))/B(N-1)
      DO 15 K=N-2,1,-1
          X(K) = (X(K)-C(K)*X(K+1)-E(K)*X(N))/B(K)
15 CONTINUE
      RETURN
C
      ZERO PIVOT ENCOUNTERED
20 PRINT 25
25 FORMAT (' ZERO PIVOT ENCOUNTERED')
      RETURN
      END

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$$1.14. (a). \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.75 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.25 & 0.2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1.16. A_{11}^{-1} = 0.7250783463.$$

2.4. Texas A&M = 4.75, Texas = -14 (assuming UTEP is last variable, and thus UTEP = 0).

$$2.5. p_3(x) = -3.4 + 6.5x - 2.25x^2 + 0.25x^3.$$

$$2.7. (a). \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.44721 & -0.63246 & 0.53452 & -0.31623 & 0.11952 \\ 0.44721 & -0.31623 & -0.26726 & 0.63246 & -0.47809 \\ 0.44721 & 0.00000 & -0.53452 & 0.00000 & 0.71714 \\ 0.44721 & 0.31623 & -0.26726 & -0.63246 & -0.47809 \\ 0.44721 & 0.63246 & 0.53452 & 0.31623 & 0.11952 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b). Here is the modified REDQ called by DLLSQ2:

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SUBROUTINE REDQ2(A,M,N,B,PIVOT,NPIVOT,ERRLIM)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,O-Z)
C           DECLARATIONS FOR ARGUMENTS
DOUBLE PRECISION A(M,N),B(M),ERRLIM
INTEGER PIVOT(M),M,N,NPIVOT
C           USE GIVENS ROTATIONS TO REDUCE
C           A TO ROW ECHELON FORM
I = 1
DO 15 L=1,N
C           USE PIVOT A(I,L) TO KNOCK OUT
C           ELEMENTS I+1 TO M IN COLUMN L.
DO 10 J=I+1,M
IF (A(J,L).EQ.0.0) GO TO 10
C = COS(A(J,L))
S = SIN(A(J,L))
C           PREMULTIPLY B BY Qij**T
BI = C*B(I) + S*B(J)
BJ = -S*B(I) + C*B(J)
B(I) = BI
B(J) = BJ
10 CONTINUE
C           PIVOT A(I,L) IS NONZERO AFTER
C           PROCESSING COLUMN L--MOVE DOWN
C           TO NEXT ROW, I+1
IF (ABS(A(I,L)).LE.ERRLIM) A(I,L) = 0.0
IF (A(I,L).NE.0.0) THEN
NPIVOT = I
PIVOT(NPIVOT) = L
I = I+1
IF (I.GT.M) RETURN
ENDIF
15 CONTINUE
RETURN
END

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$$2.9. p_5(x) = -4.37752 + 3.71201x + 5.08381x^2 - 4.48259x^3 + 1.16114x^4 - 0.09685x^5.$$

$$2.10 \text{ (a). } Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12/13 & 5/13 \\ 0 & -5/13 & 12/13 \end{bmatrix}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} 42/13 \\ 29/169 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.3. Move "20 CONTINUE" to before "EK = 0.0".

3.9. 22 iterations (101 without shifts).

$$3.10. \text{ (a). } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -13 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{(b). } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & -39/16 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 & 21/256 & 7/16 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.12.  $(v_0^T v_{2n+1}) / (v_0^T v_{2n})$ , so by doing  $n$  iterations with  $u = v_n$  you can get the same result as doing  $2n$  iterations with  $u = v_0$ .

3.15. (a). 9 iterations

(b). > 1000 iterations

(c). 19 iterations

3.17. (b). Singular values = 0.16934, 4.41337, 6.29126, 16.10713, 20.13639.

$$\text{(f). } UDV^T = \begin{bmatrix} -4.98654 & 7.00467 & 3.08472 & 3.94083 & -8.00078 \\ 5.00304 & 8.00106 & 3.01916 & 5.98661 & 7.99982 \\ 3.01693 & -6.99412 & -2.89340 & -4.07446 & 4.99902 \\ -3.00037 & -.00013 & 3.99767 & 5.00162 & 3.00002 \\ 6.99995 & 3.99998 & 4.99971 & 9.00020 & 5.00000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3.18. \text{ (a). } A(\text{new}) = \begin{bmatrix} 8.16288 & 0.00000 & 3.24497 \\ 0.00000 & 1.83772 & 2.33884 \\ 3.24497 & 2.33884 & 6.00000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{(b). } A(\text{new}) = \begin{bmatrix} 7.60000 & 3.00000 & 0.00000 \\ 3.00000 & 7.77600 & 0.83200 \\ 0.00000 & 0.83200 & 0.62400 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{(c). } A(\text{new}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6.25000 & 3.00000 & 0.00000 \\ 2.81250 & 8.01667 & 4.00000 \\ 0.00000 & 1.84889 & 1.73333 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.1. (b). Minimum is  $P = 9$ , at  $(3, 0)$ .

4.2. Minimize  $b^T y$

with  $A^T y \geq c$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_k \geq 0$ .

4.5.  $y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}x$ .

4.7. Results will vary depending on the random number generator used, but here is one set of results:

M	Iterations	Possible Bases
10	16	$3 \cdot 10^7$
20	45	$4 \cdot 10^{15}$
30	83	$7 \cdot 10^{23}$
40	138	$1 \cdot 10^{32}$
50	195	$2 \cdot 10^{40}$

4.8. If  $N_W = N_W = k$ , DLPRG requires  $O(k^3)$  memory and does  $O(k^3)$  operations. DTRAN requires  $O(k^2)$  memory and does  $O(k^2)$  operations.

5.1. There should be peaks at  $f(1)$ ,  $f(16)$  and  $f(5462)$ .

5.6. (b). When  $N = 2^9$ ,  $U(0.5, 0.5) = -0.262116$ .

(c). When  $N = 2^9$ ,  $U(0.5, 0.5) = -0.266101$ .

5.8. (a). About 3N COMPLEX\*16 words are used.

(b). Make the user pass FODD and FEVEN in as workarrays (a little extra work for the user, that is why DFFT doesn't do this):

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SUBROUTINE DFFT(F,N,FODD,FEVEN)
```

then use the array F as workspace for the lower level DFFT calls:

```
CALL DFFT(FODD,M-1,F(1),F(N2+1))
CALL DFFT(FEVEN,M-1,F(1),F(N2+1))
```

Now no automatic arrays are used, so the only memory used is the 2 N words allocated by the user in the main calling program.

5.9. Plot after removing high frequencies is shown on next page.

6.2. With  $M = 12$ ,  $U$  at the midpoint should be 0.055627.

6.3. Here is a parallelized version of REDQ, where each processor stores only its own columns of A:



```

C                                     TO ROW ECHELON FORM
      I = 1
      DO 15 L=1,N
C                                     JTASK OWNS ACTIVE COLUMN L
      JTASK = MOD(L-1, NPES)
      IF (ITASK.EQ. JTASK) THEN
C                                     IF JTASK IS ME, SAVE ACTIVE COLUMN IN
C                                     VECTOR COLUMNL
      LME = (L-1)/NPES+1
      DO 1 J=I,M
      COLUMNL(J) = A(J,LME)
1      CONTINUE
      ENDIF
C                                     RECEIVE COLUMNL FROM PROCESSOR JTASK
      CALL MPI_BCAST(COLUMNL(I), M-I+1, MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
& JTASK, MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERR)
C                                     LO = FIRST COLUMN >= L BELONGING TO ME
      LLO = (L-1+NPES-(ITASK+1))/NPES
      LO = ITASK+1+LLO*NPES
C                                     USE PIVOT A(I,L) TO KNOCK OUT ELEMENTS
C                                     I+1 TO M IN COLUMN L.
      DO 10 J=I+1,M
      IF (COLUMNL(J).EQ.0.0) GO TO 10
      DEN = SQRT(COLUMNL(I)**2+COLUMNL(J)**2)
      C = COLUMNL(I)/DEN
      S = COLUMNL(J)/DEN
C                                     PREMULTIPLY A BY Qij**T
      DO 5 K=LO,N, NPES
      KME = (K-1)/NPES+1
      BIK = C*A(I,KME) + S*A(J,KME)
      BJK = -S*A(I,KME) + C*A(J,KME)
      A(I,KME) = BIK
      A(J,KME) = BJK
5      CONTINUE
      BIL = C*COLUMNL(I) + S*COLUMNL(J)
      BJL = -S*COLUMNL(I) + C*COLUMNL(J)
      COLUMNL(I) = BIL
      COLUMNL(J) = BJL
C                                     PREMULTIPLY B BY Qij**T
      BI = C*B(I) + S*B(J)
      BJ = -S*B(I) + C*B(J)
      B(I) = BI
      B(J) = BJ
10     CONTINUE
C                                     PIVOT A(I,L) NONZERO AFTER PROCESSING
C                                     COLUMN L--MOVE DOWN TO NEXT ROW, I+1
      IF (ABS(COLUMNL(I)).LE.ERRLIM) COLUMNL(I) = 0.0
      IF (COLUMNL(I).NE.0.0) THEN

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```
        NPIVOT = I
        PIVOT(NPIVOT) = L
        I = I+1
        IF (I.GT.M) RETURN
    ENDIF
15 CONTINUE
    RETURN
END
```

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