



Solving Toeplitz Systems of Equations and the Importance of Conditioning

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What is a Toeplitz Matrix



- A Toeplitz Matrix or Diagonal Constant Matrix is a $n \times n$ matrix where each of the descending diagonals are constant, where

- $$T_n = \begin{bmatrix} t_0 & t_{-1} & \cdots & t_{-n+1} \\ t_1 & t_0 & \ddots & t_{-2} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_{n-1} & t_{n-2} & \cdots & t_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- eigenvectors of Toeplitz matrices are sines and cosines
- Toeplitz matrices are also related to Fast Fourier Transforms (FFT) and when looking at images and signals processing, Fourier Transforms, Hilbert Spaces, and problems involving trigonometric moments.



What is a Toeplitz Matrix



Definition 1.1

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix such that A is persymmetric if it is symmetric about its anti-diagonal

Definition 1.2

Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix such that A is centrosymmetric if it is symmetric about the center

Definition 1.3

Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. A is bisymmetric if only if A is centrosymmetric and either symmetric or antisymmetric



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Conditioning of a Matrix



What is conditioning? Why does it matter?

The Conditioning Number of a Matrix

$$\kappa(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \geq 1 \quad (1)$$

- if $\kappa(A)$ is large then the matrix A is ill-conditioned
- if $\kappa(A)$ is small then the matrix A is well-conditioned



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Matrix Norms How do we calculate a Matrix Norm? There are three commonly used norms

1-Norm

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The 1-norm, $\|A\|_1$ is equal to the maximum column sum or for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and a_j is the j th column of A

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kj} \quad (2)$$



2-Norm

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The 2-norm, $\|A\|_2$ is equal to the largest singular value of A

$$\|A\|_2 = \max_i \delta_i \quad (3)$$



∞ -Norm

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The 1-norm, $\|A\|_{\infty}$ is equal to the maximum row sum or for $1 \leq i \leq m$ and a_i is the i th row of A

$$\|A\|_{\infty} = \max_i \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} \quad (4)$$



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Block Gaussian Elimination



Why would we choose block Gaussian elimination compared to other algorithms? What is block Gaussian elimination?



Block Gaussian Elimination



Suppose we have the system $Tx = b$ where T is Toeplitz, symmetric and nonsingular. Then partition T

$$Tx = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \check{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{b} \\ \check{b} \end{bmatrix} = b \quad (5)$$

where x and b are $n \times 1$, A is $(k \times k)$, B is $k \times (n - k)$, C is $(n - k) \times k$, D is $(n - k) \times (n - k)$, \hat{x} and \hat{b} are $k \times 1$ and \check{x} and \check{b} are $(n - k) \times 1$.



Block Gaussian Elimination



we then use block Gaussian elimination to break our new partition matrix into an upper and lower triangular matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ CA^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & \Delta \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Where $\Delta = D - CA^{-1}B$, and

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & \Delta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \check{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -CA^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{b} \\ \check{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \check{x} - CA^{-1}\hat{x} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$



Block Gaussian Elimination



We then solve for \hat{x} and \check{x} by

1. Solving $AX = C$ for X , where X is $(n - k) \times k$ matrix
2. Forming $\Delta = D - XB$
3. Forming $\check{c} = \check{b} - X\hat{b}$
4. Solving $\Delta\check{x} = \check{c}$ for \check{x}
5. Forming $\hat{c} = \hat{b} - B\hat{x}$ and
6. Solving $A\hat{x} = \hat{c}$ for \hat{x} .

Though this method is pretty stable there can be problems



Block Gaussian Elimination



The biggest problem with block Gaussian elimination is that even if T is well-conditioned, A can be ill-conditioned. There is only one class of matrices that proves that to be true—symmetric, positive-definite matrices, or Hermitian in the complex case.



Block Gaussian Elimination



let us take the 2-norm of both T and A

$$\kappa_2(T) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(T)}{\sigma_{\min}(T)} \quad (8)$$

$$\kappa_2(A) = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(A)}{\sigma_{\min}(A)} \quad (9)$$

where σ_{\max} is the largest singular value and σ_{\min} is the smallest. Since T and A are symmetric positive definite, $\sigma_{\max}(T) = \lambda_{\max}(T)$, $\sigma_{\min}(T) = \lambda_{\min}(T)$, $\sigma_{\max}(A) = \lambda_{\max}(A)$, $\sigma_{\min}(A) = \lambda_{\min}(A)$, where λ_{\max} is the largest eigenvalue and λ_{\min} is the smallest



Cauchy Interlace Theorem

Let A be a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix. Let B an $m \times m$ matrix where $m \leq n$. Let B also be the compression of A . If the eigenvalues of A are $\alpha_1 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_n$, and those of B are $\beta_1 \leq \dots \leq \beta_j \leq \dots \leq \beta_m$ then for all $j < m + 1$



Block Gaussian Elimination



From the Cauchy Interlace Theorem we know,

$$0 < \lambda_{\min}(T) \leq \lambda_{\min}(A) \leq \lambda_{\max}(A) \leq \lambda_{\max}(T) \quad (10)$$

Thus,

$$\kappa_2(A) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(A)}{\lambda_{\min}(A)} \leq \frac{\lambda_{\max}(T)}{\lambda_{\min}(T)} = \kappa_2(T) \quad (11)$$

Therefore if T is well-conditioned then A is also well-conditioned.



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Large Example Time

More fun than Disneyland



Consider the matrix

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 8 & 5 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where T is symmetric, nonsingular and positive-definite.



Large Example Time



Before partitioning the matrix, check the conditioning

$$\|T\|_1 = 15 \quad (13)$$

$$\|T\|_2 \approx 12.822 \quad (14)$$

$$\|T\|_\infty = 15 \quad (15)$$

$$\|T^{-1}\|_1 \approx .284 \quad (16)$$

$$\|T^{-1}\|_2 \approx .784 \quad (17)$$

$$\|T^{-1}\|_\infty \approx .284 \quad (18)$$



Large Example



Knowing all three matrix norms, we compute the conditioning numbers

$$\kappa(T)_1 = \|T\|_1 \|T^{-1}\|_1 = (15)(.284) = 4.26 \quad (19)$$

$$\kappa(T)_2 = \|T\|_2 \|T^{-1}\|_2 = (12.822)(.784) = 10.05 \quad (20)$$

$$\kappa(T)_\infty = \|T\|_\infty \|T^{-1}\|_\infty = (15)(.284) = 4.26 \quad (21)$$

Since $\kappa(T)$ is relatively small then T is well-conditioned.



Large Example



Partition T

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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



Large Example



$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \check{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\hat{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \check{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Large Example



now we calculate CA^{-1} and Δ

$$CA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{11}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{10}{7} \\ \frac{13}{7} & \frac{11}{7} & -\frac{22}{7} \\ \frac{38}{7} & \frac{9}{7} & -\frac{25}{7} \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$\Delta = D - CA^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{24}{7} & \frac{71}{7} & \frac{88}{7} \\ \frac{71}{7} & -\frac{47}{7} & -\frac{167}{7} \\ \frac{88}{7} & -\frac{167}{7} & -\frac{367}{7} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$



Large Example



Now we solve for x

$$\check{c} = \check{b} - CA^{-1}\hat{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{19}{7} \\ -\frac{67}{7} \\ -\frac{65}{7} \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

$$\check{x} = \Delta^{-1}\check{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{9418}{7807} \\ -\frac{21}{7807} \\ -\frac{866}{7807} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -1.2063532727 \\ -0.00268989368515 \\ -0.110926091969 \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$



Large Example



Since we have \check{x} , we can finally solve for \hat{x}

$$\hat{x} = A^{-1}(\hat{b} - B\check{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{22}{7807} \\ \frac{2722}{7807} \\ \frac{4719}{7807} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.00281798386064 \\ 0.348661457666 \\ 0.604457538107 \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$



Large Example



$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \check{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.00281798386064 \\ 0.348661457666 \\ 0.604457538107 \\ 1.2063532727 \\ -0.00268989368515 \\ -0.110926091969 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$



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Final Thoughts



- Block Gaussian Elimination uses $O(n^2)$ flops while preserving Toeplitz structure
- the block matrix A must be proven to be well-conditioned or else it can ruin your solution(s)



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