

# Lecture 3

## Scientific Computing: Numerical Linear Algebra

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# Sparse matrix storage formats

- Sparse matrix = matrix with relatively small number of non zero entries, compared to its size.
- Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a sparse matrix with  $n_z$  nonzeros.
- Dense storage requires  $mn$  entries.



## Sparse matrix storage formats (continued)

- Triplet format
  - Store nonzero values and corresponding row/column
  - Storage required =  $3n_z$  ( $2n_z$  ints and  $n_z$  doubles)
  - Simplest but most inefficient storage format
  - General in that no assumptions are made about sparsity structure
  - Used by MATLAB (column-wise)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{row} = [1 \ 2 \ 1 \ 2 \ 5 \ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \ 5]$$

$$\text{col} = [1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 4 \ 5 \ 5]$$

$$\text{val} = [1 \ 8 \ 9 \ 2 \ 4 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 1 \ 1]$$



## Other sparse storage formats

- Compressed Sparse Row (CSR) format
  - Store nonzero values, corresponding column, and pointer into value array corresponding to first nonzero in each row
  - Storage required =  $2n_z + m$
- Compressed Sparse Column (CSC) format
  - Storage required =  $2n_z + n$
- Diagonal Storage format
  - Useful for banded matrices
- Skyline Storage format
- Block Compressed Sparse Row (BSR) format



## Break-even point for sparse storage

- For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $n_z$  nonzeros, there is a value of  $n_z$  where sparse vs dense storage is more efficient.
- For the triplet format, the cross-over point is defined by  $3n_z = mn$
- Therefore, if  $n_z \leq \frac{mn}{3}$  use sparse storage, otherwise use dense format
- Cross-over point depends not only on  $m, n, n_z$  but also on the data types of row, col, val
- Storage efficiency not only important consideration
  - Data access for linear algebra applications
  - Ability to exploit symmetry in storage





## Create Sparse Matrices

- Allocate space for  $m \times n$  sparse matrix with  $n_z$  nnz
  - $S = \text{spalloc}(m, n, n_z)$
- Convert full matrix  $A$  to sparse matrix  $S$ 
  - $S = \text{sparse}(A)$
- Create  $m \times n$  sparse matrix with spare for  $n_z$  nonzeros from triplet (row,col,val)
  - $S = \text{spalloc}(\text{row}, \text{col}, \text{val}, m, n, n_z)$
- Create matrix of 1s with sparsity structure defined by sparse matrix  $S$ 
  - $R = \text{spones}(S)$
- Sparse identity matrix of size  $m \times n$ 
  - $I = \text{speye}(m, n)$



## Create Sparse Matrices

- Create sparse uniformly distributed random matrix
  - From sparsity structure of sparse matrix  $S$ 
    - $R = \text{sprand}(S)$
  - Matrix of size  $m \times n$  with approximately  $mn\rho$  nonzeros and condition number roughly  $\kappa$  (sum of rank 1 matrices)
    - $R = \text{sprand}(m, n, \rho, \kappa^{-1})$
- Create sparse normally distributed random matrix
  - $R = \text{sprandn}(S)$
  - $R = \text{sprandn}(m, n, \rho, \kappa^{-1})$
- Create sparse symmetric uniformly distributed random matrix
  - $R = \text{sprandn}(S)$
  - $R = \text{sprandn}(m, n, \rho, \kappa^{-1})$
- Import from sparse matrix external format
  - `spconvert`



## Create Sparse Matrices (continued)

- Create sparse matrices from diagonals (`spdiags`)
  - Far superior to using `diags`
    - More general
    - Doesn't require creating unnecessary zeros
  - Extract nonzero diagonals from matrix
    - $[B, d] = \text{spdiags}(A)$
  - Extract diagonals of  $A$  specified by  $d$ 
    - $B = \text{spdiags}(A, d)$
  - Replaces the diagonals of  $A$  specified by  $d$  with the columns of  $B$ 
    - $A = \text{spdiags}(B, d, A)$
  - Create an  $m \times n$  sparse matrix from the columns of  $B$  and place them along the diagonals specified by  $d$ 
    - $A = \text{spdiags}(B, d, m, n)$





## Sparse storage information

Let  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  sparse matrix

- Determine if matrix is stored in sparse format
  - `issparse(S)`
- Number of nonzero matrix elements
  - `nz = nnz(S)`
- Amount of nonzeros allocated for nonzero matrix elements
  - `nzmax(S)`
- Extract nonzero matrix elements
  - If  $(row, col, val)$  is sparse triplet of  $S$
  - `val = nonzeros(S)`
  - `[row, col, val] = find(S)`



# Sparse and dense matrix functions

Let  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  sparse matrix

- Convert sparse matrix to dense matrix
  - $A = \text{full}(S)$
- Apply function (described by function handle `func`) to nonzero elements of sparse matrix
  - $F = \text{spfun}(\text{func}, S)$
  - Not necessarily the same as  $\text{func}(S)$ 
    - Consider `func = @exp`
- Plot sparsity structure of matrix
  - `spy(S)`

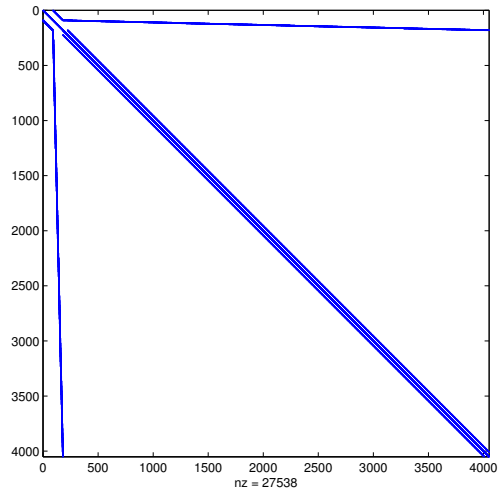


Figure : spy plot



## Reordering Functions

Command	Description
amd	Approximate minimum degree permutation
colamd	Column approximate minimum degree permutation
colperm	Sparse column permutation based on nonzero count
dmperm	Dulmage-Mendelsohn decomposition
randperm	Random permutation
symamd	Symmetric approximate minimum degree permutation
symrcm	Sparse reverse Cuthill-McKee ordering



## Sparse Matrix Tips

- Don't change sparsity structure (pre-allocate)
  - Dynamically grows triplet
  - Each component of triplet must be stored *contiguously*
- Accessing values (may be) slow in sparse storage as location of row/columns is not predictable
  - If  $S(i, j)$  requested, must search through `row`, `col` to find  $i, j$
- Component-wise indexing to assign values is expensive
  - Requires accessing into an array
  - If  $S(i, j)$  previously zero, then  $S(i, j) = c$  changes sparsity structure





# Rank

- Rank of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ 
  - Defined as the number of linearly independent columns
  - $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} \leq \min\{m, n\}$
  - Full rank  $\implies \text{rank } \mathbf{A} = \min\{m, n\}$
  - MATLAB: rank
    - Rank determined using SVD

```
>> [rank(rand(100,34)), rank(rand(100,1)*rand(1,34))]  
ans =  
    34     1
```



# Norms

- Gives some notion of size/distance
- Defined for both vectors and matrices
- Common examples for vector,  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 
  - 2-norm:  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}}$
  - $p$ -norm:  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^m |\mathbf{v}_i|^p)^{1/p}$
  - $\infty$ -norm:  $\|\mathbf{v}\|_\infty = \max |\mathbf{v}_i|$
  - MATLAB: `norm(X, type)`
- Common examples for matrices,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ 
  - 2-norm:  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(\mathbf{A})$
  - Frobenius-norm:  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |\mathbf{A}_{ij}|^2}$
- MATLAB: `norm(X, type)`
  - Result depends on whether X is vector or matrix and on value of type
- MATLAB: `normest`
  - Estimate matrix 2-norm
  - For sparse matrices or large, full matrices



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# Determined System of Equations

Solve linear system

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \quad (1)$$

by factorizing  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- For a general matrix,  $\mathbf{A}$ , (1) is difficult to solve
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  can be decomposed as  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BC}$  then (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{By} &= \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{Cx} &= \mathbf{y} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

- If  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are such that (2) are easy to solve, then the difficult problem in (1) has been reduced to two easy problems
- Examples of types of matrices that are “easy” to solve with
  - Diagonal, triangular, orthogonal



# Overdetermined System of Equations

Solve the linear least squares problem

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2. \quad (3)$$

Define

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{b}$$

Optimality condition:  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  leads to normal equations

$$\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \quad (4)$$

Define pseudo-inverse of matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  as

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \quad (5)$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} \quad (6)$$



# Diagonal Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_3 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \alpha_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-1} \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_{n-1} \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_j = \frac{b_j}{\alpha_j}$$



# Triangular Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
 \beta_1 & \alpha_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
 \times & \beta_2 & \alpha_3 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \times & \times & 0 & \cdots & \alpha_{n-1} & 0 \\
 \times & \times & \times & \cdots & \beta_{n-1} & \alpha_n
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 x_1 \\
 x_2 \\
 x_3 \\
 \vdots \\
 x_{n-1} \\
 x_n
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 b_1 \\
 b_2 \\
 b_3 \\
 \vdots \\
 b_{n-1} \\
 b_n
 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve by forward substitution
  - $x_1 = \frac{b_1}{\alpha_1}$
  - $x_2 = \frac{b_2 - \beta_1 x_1}{\alpha_2}$
  - ...
- For upper triangular matrices, solve by backward substitution



# Additional Matrices

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- Symmetric matrix (only for  $m = n$ )
  - $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$  (transpose)
- Orthogonal matrix
  - $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_n$
  - If  $m = n$ :  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{I}_m$
- Symmetric Positive Definite matrix (only for  $m = n$ )
  - $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
  - All real, positive eigenvalues
- Permutation matrix (only for  $m = n$ ),  $\mathbf{P}$ 
  - Permutation of rows or columns of identity matrix by permutation vector  $\mathbf{p}$
  - For any matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{P} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{p}, :)$  and  $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{B}(:, \mathbf{p})$





# LU Decomposition

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be a non-singular matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U} \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  lower triangular and  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  upper triangular.



# LU Decomposition

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be a non-singular matrix.

- Gaussian elimination transforms a full linear system into upper triangular one by multiplying (on the left) by a sequence of lower triangular matrices

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{L}_k \cdots \mathbf{L}_1}_{\mathbf{L}^{-1}} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}$$

- After re-arranging, written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U} \tag{8}$$

where  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  lower triangular and  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  upper triangular.



## LU Decomposition - Pivoting

- Gaussian elimination is unstable without pivoting
  - Partial pivoting:  $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LU}$
  - Complete pivoting:  $\mathbf{PAQ} = \mathbf{LU}$
- Operation count:  $\frac{2}{3}m^3$  flops (without pivoting)
- Useful in solving determined linear system of equations,  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ 
  - Compute  $\mathbf{LU}$  factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$
  - Solve  $\mathbf{Ly} = \mathbf{b}$  using forward substitution  $\implies \mathbf{y}$
  - Solve  $\mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{y}$  using backward substitution  $\implies \mathbf{x}$

### Theorem

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has an  $\mathbf{LU}$  factorization if  $\det \mathbf{A}(1:k, 1:k) \neq 0$  for  $k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ . If the  $\mathbf{LU}$  factorization exists and  $\mathbf{A}$  is nonsingular, then the  $\mathbf{LU}$  factorization is unique.



# MATLAB LU factorization

- **LU factorization, partial pivoting applied to  $\mathbf{L}$** 
  - $[\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{U}] = \text{lu}(\mathbf{A})$ 
    - $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{P}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{L}})\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{LU}$
    - $\mathbf{U}$  upper tri,  $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}$  lower tri,  $\mathbf{P}$  row permutation
  - $\mathbf{Y} = \text{lu}(\mathbf{A})$ 
    - If  $\mathbf{A}$  in sparse format, strict lower triangular of  $\mathbf{Y}$  contains  $\mathbf{L}$  and upper triangular contains  $\mathbf{U}$
    - Permutation information lost
- **LU factorization, partial pivoting  $\mathbf{P}$  explicit**
  - $[\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{P}] = \text{lu}(\mathbf{A})$ 
    - $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LU}$
  - $[\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{p}] = \text{lu}(\mathbf{A}, \text{'vector'})$ 
    - $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}, :) = \mathbf{LU}$



# MATLAB LU factorization

- LU factorization, complete pivoting **P**, **Q** explicit
  - $[L, U, P, Q] = \text{lu}(A)$ 
    - $PAQ = LU$
  - $[L, U, p, q] = \text{lu}(A, \text{'vector'})$ 
    - $A(p, q) = LU$
- Additional `lu` call syntaxes that give
  - Control over pivoting thresholds
  - Scaling options
  - Calls to UMFPACK vs LAPACK



# In-Class Assignment

Use the starter code (`starter_code.m`) below to:

- Compute LU decomposition of using  $[L,U] = \text{lu}(A)$  ;
  - Generate a spy plot of L and U
  - Are they both triangular?
- Compute LU decomposition with partial pivoting
  - Create spy plot of  $P*A$  (or  $A(p, :)$ ), L, U
- Compute LU decomposition with complete pivoting
  - Create spy plot of  $P*A*Q$  (or  $A(p, q)$ ), L, U

```
load matrix1.mat
A = sparse(linsys.row,linsys.col,linsys.val);
b = linsys.b;
clear linsys;
```



## Symmetric, Positive Definite (SPD) Matrix

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be a symmetric matrix ( $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$ ), then  $\mathbf{A}$  is called *symmetric, positive definite* if

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

It is called symmetric, positive semi-definite if  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .



# Cholesky Factorization

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be symmetric positive definite.

- Hermitian positive definite matrices can be decomposed into triangular factors twice as quickly as general matrices
- Cholesky Factorization
  - A variant of Gaussian elimination ( $\mathbf{LU}$ ) that operations on both left and right of the matrix simultaneously
  - Exploits and preserves symmetry

The Cholesky factorization can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{R}^* \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^*$$

where  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  upper tri and  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  lower tri.

## Theorem

*Every hermitian positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  has a unique Cholesky factorization. The converse also holds.*





# Cholesky Decomposition

- Cholesky decomposition algorithm
  - Symmetric Gaussian elimination
- Operation count:  $\frac{1}{3}m^3$  flops
- Storage required  $\leq \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ 
  - Depends on sparsity
- Always stable and pivoting unnecessary
  - Largest entry in  $\mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{L}$  factor occurs on diagonal
- Pre-ordering algorithms to reduce the amount of fill-in
  - In general, factors of a sparse matrix are dense
  - Pre-ordering attempts to minimize the sparsity structure of the matrix factors
  - Columns or rows permutations applied *before* factorization (in contrast to pivoting)
- Most efficient decomposition for SPD matrices
  - Partial and modified Cholesky algorithms exist for non-SPD
  - Usually just apply Cholesky until problem encountered



## Check for symmetric, positive definiteness

For a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , it is not possible to check  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$ . How does one check for SPD?

- Eigenvalue decomposition

### Theorem

*If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is a symmetric matrix,  $\mathbf{A}$  is SPD if and only if all its eigenvalues are positive.*

- *Very expensive/difficult for large matrices*
- Cholesky factorization
  - If a Cholesky decomposition can be successfully computed, the matrix is SPD
  - *Best option*



# MATLAB Functions

- Cholesky factorization
  - $R = \text{chol}(A)$ 
    - Return error if  $A$  not SPD
  - $[R, p] = \text{chol}(A)$ 
    - If  $A$  SPD,  $p = 0$
    - If  $A$  not SPD, returns Cholesky factorization of upper  $p - 1 \times p - 1$  block
  - $[R, p, S] = \text{chol}(A)$ 
    - Same as previous, except AMD reordering applied
    - Attempt to maximize sparsity in factor
- Sparse incomplete Cholesky (`ichol`, `cholinc`)
  - $R = \text{cholinc}(A, \text{droptol})$
- Rank 1 update to Cholesky factorization
  - Given Cholesky factorization,  $R^T R = A$
  - Determine Cholesky factorization of rank 1 update:  $\tilde{R}^T \tilde{R} = A + xx^T$  using  $R$
  - $R1 = \text{cholupdate}(R, x)$



## In-Class Assignment

Same starter code (`starter_code.m`) from LU assignment to:

- Compute Cholesky decomposition using `R = chol(A);`
  - Generate a spy plot of A and R
  - Is R triangular?
- Compute Cholesky decomposition *after* reordering the matrix with `p = amd(A)`
  - `Ramd = chol(A(p,p));`
  - Create spy plot of Ramd
- Compute incomplete Cholesky decomposition with `cholinc` or `ichol` using drop tolerance of  $10^{-2}$ 
  - Create spy plot of Rinc
- How do the sparsity pattern and number of nonzeros compare?



# QR Factorization

Consider the decomposition of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , full rank, as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{QR} \quad (9)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are orthogonal and  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is upper triangular.

## Theorem

*Every  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  ( $m \geq n$ ) has a QR factorization. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is full rank, the decomposition is unique with  $\text{diag } \mathbf{R} > 0$ .*



# Full vs. Reduced QR Factorization

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} Q & \tilde{Q} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = QR$$

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{bmatrix} Q & \tilde{Q} \end{bmatrix}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{bmatrix} R \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$



## QR Factorization

- Algorithms for computing QR factorization
  - Gram-Schmidt (numerically unstable)
  - Modified Gram-Schmidt
  - Givens rotations
  - Householder reflections
- Operation count:  $2mn^2 - \frac{2}{3}n^3$  flops
- Storage required:  $mn + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
- May require pivoting in the rank-deficient case



## Uses of QR Factorization

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$  be the QR factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$

- Pseudo-inverse
  - $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^T$
- Solution of least squares
  - $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{b}$
  - Very popular *direct* method for linear least squares
- Solution of linear system of equations
  - $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{b}$
  - Not best option as  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is dense and  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$
- Extraction of orthogonal basis for column space of  $\mathbf{A}$





# MATLAB QR function

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , full rank

- For general matrix,  $\mathbf{A}$  (dense or sparse)
  - Full QR factorization
    - $[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}) : \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$
    - $[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{E}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}) : \mathbf{AE} = \mathbf{QR}$
    - $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  permutation matrix
  - Economy QR factorization
    - $[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, 0) : \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$
    - $[\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{E}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, 0) : \mathbf{A}(:, \mathbf{E}) = \mathbf{QR}$
    - $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  permutation vector
- For  $\mathbf{A}$  sparse format
  - Q-less QR factorization
    - $\mathbf{R} = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\mathbf{R} = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, 0)$
  - Least-Squares
    - $[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ ,  $[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{E}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ ,  
 $[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, 0)$ ,  $[\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{E}] = \text{qr}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, 0)$
    - $\min \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\| \implies \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{ER}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$



## Other MATLAB QR algorithms

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{QR}$  be the QR factorization of  $\mathbf{A}$

- QR of  $\mathbf{A}$  with a column/row removed
  - `[Q1,R1] = qrdelete(Q,R,j)`
    - QR of  $\mathbf{A}$  with column  $j$  removed (without re-computing QR from scratch)
  - `[Q1,R1] = qrdelete(Q,R,j,'row')`
    - QR of  $\mathbf{A}$  with row  $j$  removed (without re-computing QR from scratch)
- QR of  $\mathbf{A}$  with vector  $\mathbf{x}$  inserted as  $j$ th column/row
  - `[Q1,R1] = qrinsert(Q,R,j,x)`
    - QR of  $\mathbf{A}$  with  $\mathbf{x}$  inserted in column  $j$  (without re-computing QR from scratch)
  - `[Q1,R1] = qrinsert(Q,R,j,x,'row')`
    - QR of  $\mathbf{A}$  with  $\mathbf{x}$  inserted in row  $j$  (without re-computing QR from scratch)



# Assignment

Suppose we wish to fit an  $m$  degree polynomial, or the form (10) to  $n$  data points,  $(x_i, y_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$$a_m x^m + a_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \quad (10)$$

One way to approach this is by solving a linear least squares problem of the form

$$\min \|\mathbf{V}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{y}\| \quad (11)$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = [a_m, a_{m-1}, \dots, a_0]$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$ , and  $\mathbf{V}$  is the Vandermonde matrix

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^m & x_1^{m-1} & \dots & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^m & x_2^{m-1} & \dots & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & 1 \\ x_n^m & x_n^{m-1} & \dots & x_n & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Assignment

Given the starter code (qr\_ex.m) below,

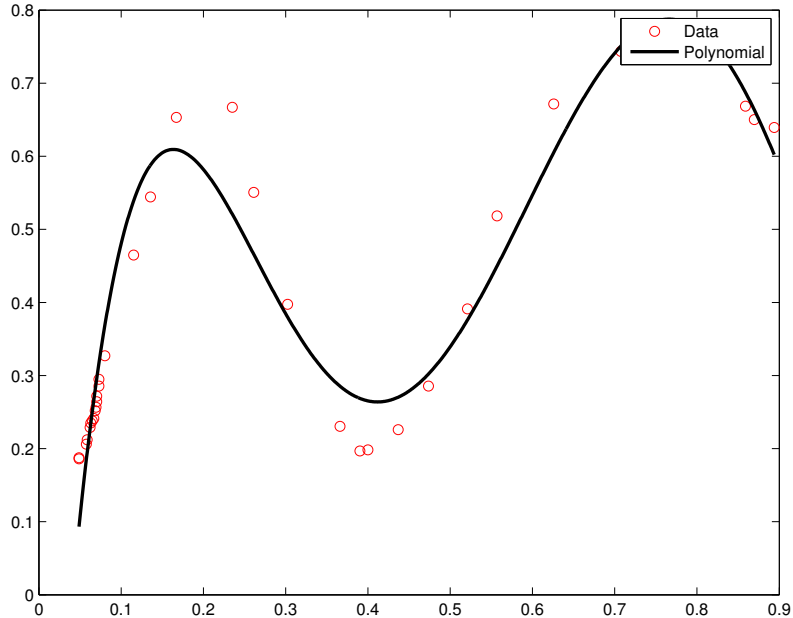
- Fit a polynomial of degree 5 to the data in regression\_data.mat
- Plot the data and polynomial

```
%% QR (regression)
load('regression_data.mat'); %Defines x,y
xfine = linspace(min(x),max(x),1000);
order = 5;

VV = vander(x);
V = VV(:,end-order:end);
```



# Assignment



## De-mystify MATLAB's `mldivide` ( $\backslash$ )

- Diagnostics for square matrices
  - Check for triangularity (or permuted triangularity)
    - Check for zeros
    - Solve with substitution or permuted substitution
  - If  $\mathbf{A}$  symmetric with positive diagonals
    - Attempt Cholesky factorization
    - If fails, performs symmetric, indefinite factorization
  - $\mathbf{A}$  Hessenberg
    - Gaussian elimination to reduce to triangular, then solve with substitution
  - Otherwise,  $\mathbf{LU}$  factorization with partial pivoting
- For rectangular matrices
  - Overdetermined systems solved with  $\mathbf{QR}$  factorization
  - Underdetermined systems, MATLAB returns solution with maximum number of zeros



## De-mystify MATLAB's `mldivide` (`\`)

- Singular (or nearly-singular) *square* systems
  - MATLAB issues a warning
  - For singular systems, least-squares solution may be desired
    - Make system rectangular:  $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
    - From `mldivide` diagnostics, rectangular system immediately initiates least-squares solution
- Multiple Right-Hand Sides (RHS)
  - Given matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and given  $k$  RHS,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ 
    - $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A} \backslash \mathbf{B}$
    - Superior to  $\mathbf{X}(:, j) = \mathbf{A} \backslash \mathbf{B}(:, j)$  as matrix only needs to be factorized once, regardless of  $k$
- In summary, *use backslash* to solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  with a direct method



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## Eigenvalue Decomposition (EVD)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , the Eigenvalue Decomposition (EVD) is

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{X}^{-1} \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  on the diagonal and the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  contain the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

### Theorem

*If  $\mathbf{A}$  has distinct eigenvalues, the EVD exists.*

### Theorem

*If  $\mathbf{A}$  is hermitian, eigenvectors can be chosen to be orthogonal.*



## Eigenvalue Decomposition (EVD)

- Only defined for square matrices
  - Does not even exist for all square matrices
    - *Defective* - EVD does not exist
    - *Diagonalizable* - EVD exists
- All EVD algorithms *must* be iterative
- Eigenvalue Decomposition algorithm
  - Reduction to upper Hessenberg form (upper tri + subdiag)
  - Iterative transform upper Hessenberg to upper triangular
- Operation count:  $\mathcal{O}(m^3)$
- Storage required:  $m(m + 1)$
- Uses of EVD
  - Matrix powers ( $\mathbf{A}^k$ ) and exponential ( $e^{\mathbf{A}}$ )
  - Stability/perturbation analysis



## MATLAB EVD algorithms (`eig` and `eigs`)

- Compute eigenvalue decomposition of  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{XD}$ 
  - Eigenvalues only: `d = eig(X)`
  - Eigenvalues and eigenvectors: `[X,D] = eig(X)`
- `eig` also used to compute generalized EVD:  $\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda\mathbf{Bx}$ 
  - `E = eig(A,B)`
  - `[V,D] = eig(A,B)`
- Use ARPACK to find largest eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors (`eigs`)
  - By default returns 6 largest eigenvalues/eigenvectors
  - Same calling syntax as `eig` (or EVD and generalized EVD)
  - `eigs(A,k)`, `eigs(A,B,k)` for  $k$  largest eigenvalues/eigenvectors
  - `eigs(A,k,sigma)`, `eigs(A,B,k,sigma)`
    - If `sigma` a number, e-vals closest to `sigma`
    - If `'LM'` or `'SM'`, e-vals with largest/smallest e-vals



# Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  have rank  $r$ . The SVD of  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Sigma} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} & \tilde{\mathbf{V}} \end{bmatrix}^* = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T \quad (13)$$

where  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (m-r)}$  orthogonal,  $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  diagonal with real, positive entries, and  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-r)}$  orthogonal.

## Theorem

*Every matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has a singular value decomposition. The singular values  $\{\sigma_j\}$  are uniquely determined, and, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is square and the  $\sigma_j$  are distinct, the left and right singular vectors  $\{\mathbf{u}_j\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{v}_j\}$  are uniquely determined up to complex signs.*



# Full vs. Reduced SVD

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} & \tilde{\mathbf{V}} \end{bmatrix}^* = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{matrix}} & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \times & \times \\ \times & \times \\ \times & \times \\ \times & \times \\ \times & \times \\ \times & \times \end{matrix}} \end{pmatrix}_{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \end{bmatrix}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \times & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \times & 0 \end{matrix}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \boxed{\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}} \end{pmatrix}_{\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{matrix}} \end{pmatrix}_{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}^* \\ \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^T \end{bmatrix}}$$



## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- SVD algorithm
  - Bi-diagonalization of  $\mathbf{A}$
  - Iteratively transform bi-diagonal to diagonal
- Operation count (depends on outputs desired):
  - Full SVD:  $4m^2n + 8mn^2 + 9n^3$
  - Reduced SVD:  $14mn^2 + 8n^3$
- Storage for SVD of  $\mathbf{A}$  of rank  $r$ 
  - Full SVD:  $m^2 + n^2 + r$
  - Reduced SVD:  $(m + n + 1)r$
- Applications
  - Low-rank approximation (compression)
  - Pseudo-inverse/Least-squares
  - Rank determination
  - Extraction of orthogonal subspace for range and null space



## MATLAB SVD algorithm

- Compute SVD of  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ 
  - Singular vales only:  $s = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A})$
  - Full SVD:  $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A})$
  - Reduced SVD
    - $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A}, 0)$
    - $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{A}, \text{'econ'})$
    - Equivalent for  $m \geq n$
- $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{S}] = \text{gsvd}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$  to compute generalized SVD
  - $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{UCX}^*$
  - $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{VSX}^*$
  - $\mathbf{C}^*\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{S}^*\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}$
- Use ARPACK to find largest singular values and corresponding singular vectors (svds)
  - By default returns 6 largest singular values/vectors
  - Same calling syntax as eig (or EVD and generalized EVD)
  - $\text{svds}(\mathbf{A}, k)$  for  $k$  largest singular values/vectors
  - $\text{svds}(\mathbf{A}, k, \text{sigma})$ 
    - If sigma a number, s-vals closest to sigma



## Condition Number, $\kappa$

- The condition number of a matrix,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , is defined as

$$\kappa = \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\sigma_{\min}} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}} \quad (14)$$

where  $\sigma_{\min}$  and  $\sigma_{\max}$  are the smallest and largest singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\lambda_{\min}$  and  $\lambda_{\max}$  are the smallest and largest eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .

- $\kappa = 1$  for orthogonal matrices
- $\kappa = \infty$  for singular matrices
- A matrix is *well-conditioned* for  $\kappa$  close to 1; *ill-conditioned* for  $\kappa$  large
  - `cond`: returns 2-norm condition number
  - `condest`: lower bound for 1-norm condition number
  - `rcond`: LAPACK estimate of inverse of 1-norm condition number (estimate of  $\|A^{-1}\|_1$ )





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# Iterative Solvers

Consider the linear system of equations

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \quad (15)$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , nonsingular.

- Direct solvers
  - $\mathcal{O}(m^3)$  operations required
  - $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$  storage required (depends on sparsity)
  - Factorization of sparse matrix not necessarily sparse
  - Not practical for large-scale matrices
  - Factorization only needs to be done once, regardless of  $\mathbf{b}$
- Iterative solvers
  - Solve linear system of equations iteratively
  - $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$  operations required,  $\mathcal{O}(nnz(\mathbf{A}))$  storage
  - *Do not need entire matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , only products  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$*
  - Preconditioning usually required to keep iterations low
    - Intended to modify matrix to improve condition number



# Preconditioning

Suppose  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are *easily* invertible.

- Preconditioning replaces the original problem ( $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ ) with a different problem with the same (or similar) solution.
  - Left preconditioning
    - Replace system of equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  with

$$\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \quad (16)$$

- Right preconditioning
  - Define  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Rx}$

$$\mathbf{AR}^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \quad (17)$$

- Left and right preconditioning
  - Combination of previous preconditioning techniques

$$\mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{AR}^{-1}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \quad (18)$$



# Preconditioners

Preconditioner  $\mathbf{M}$  for  $\mathbf{A}$  ideally a cheap approximation to  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ , intended to drive condition number,  $\kappa$ , toward 1

Typical preconditioners include

- Jacobi
  - $\mathbf{M} = \text{diag } \mathbf{A}$
- Incomplete factorizations
  - LU, Cholesky
  - Level of fill-in (beyond sparsity structure)
    - Fill-in 0  $\implies$  sparsity structure of incomplete factors same as that  $\mathbf{A}$  itself
    - Fill-in  $> 0 \implies$  incomplete factors more dense than  $\mathbf{A}$
    - Higher level of fill-in  $\implies$  better preconditioner
    - No restrictions on fill-in  $\implies$  exact decomposition  $\implies$  perfect preconditioner  $\implies$  single iteration to solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$



## MATLAB preconditioners

Given square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

- Jacobi preconditioner
  - Simple implementation:  $\mathbf{M} = \text{diag}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}))$
  - Careful of 0s on the diagonal ( $\mathbf{M}$  nonsingular)
    - If  $\mathbf{A}_{jj} = 0$ , set  $\mathbf{M}_{jj} = 1$
  - Sparse storage (use `spdiags`)
  - Function handle that returns  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{v}$  given  $\mathbf{v}$
- Incomplete factorization preconditioners
  - `[L,U] = ilu(A, SETUP)`, `[L,U,P] = ilu(A, SETUP)`
    - `SETUP`: `TYPE`, `DROPTOL`, `MILU`, `UDIAG`, `THRESH`
    - Most popular and cheapest: no fill-in, `ILU(0)`  
(`SETUP.TYPE='nofill'`)
  - `R = cholinc(X, OPTS)`
    - `OPTS`: `DROPTOL`, `MICHOL`, `RDIAG`
  - `R = cholinc(X, '0')`, `[R,p] = cholinc(X, '0')`
    - No fill-in incomplete Cholesky
    - Two outputs will not raise error for non-SPD matrix



## Common Iterative Solvers

- Linear system of equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ 
  - Symmetric Positive Definite matrix
    - Conjugate Gradients (CG)
  - Symmetric matrix
    - Symmetric LQ Method (SYMLQ)
    - Minimum-Residual (MINRES)
  - General, Unsymmetric matrix
    - Biconjugate Gradients (BiCG)
    - Biconjugate Gradients Stabilized (BiCGstab)
    - Conjugate Gradients Squared (CGS)
    - Generalized Minimum-Residual (GMRES)
- Linear least-squares  $\min \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2$ 
  - Least-Squares Minimum-Residual (LSMR)
  - Least-Squares QR (LSQR)



## MATLAB Iterative Solvers

- MATLAB's built-in iterative solvers for  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  for  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ 
  - `pcg`, `bicg`, `bicgstab`, `bicgstabl`, `cgs`, `minres`, `gmres`, `lsqr`, `qmr`, `symmlq`, `tmqmr`
- Similar call syntax for each
  - `[x, flag, relres, iter, resvec] = ... solver(A, b, restart, tol, maxit, M1, M2, x0)`
  - Outputs
    - `x` - attempted solution to  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$
    - `flag` - convergence flag
    - `relres` - relative residual  $\frac{\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}\|}{\|\mathbf{b}\|}$  at convergence
    - `iter` - number of iterations (inner and outer iterations for certain algorithms)
    - `resvec` - vector of residual norms at each iteration  $\|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}\|$ , including preconditioners if used ( $\|\mathbf{M}^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax})\|$ )



## MATLAB Iterative Solvers

- Similar call syntax for each
  - `[x, flag, relres, iter, resvec] = ...`  
`solver(A, b, restart, tol, maxit, M1, M2, x0)`
  - Inputs (only A, b required, defaults for others)
    - A - full or sparse (recommended) square matrix *or* function handle returning  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$
    - b -  $m$  vector
    - restart - restart frequency (GMRES)
    - tol - relative convergence tolerance
    - maxit - maximum number of iterations
    - M1, M2 - full or sparse (recommended) preconditioner matrix *or* function handler returning  $\mathbf{M}_2^{-1}\mathbf{M}_1^{-1}\mathbf{v}$  for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  (can specify only  $\mathbf{M}_1$  or not precondition system by not specifying M1, M2 or setting  $\mathbf{M}_1 = []$  and  $\mathbf{M}_2 = []$ )
    - x0 - initial guess at solution to  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$





# Assignment

iterative\_ex.m

