Random Matrices Generating Large Growth in LU Factorization with Pivoting

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Random Orthogonal Matrices

Distributed according to the Haar measure over the group of orthogonal matrices.

- Haar measure provides a uniform distribution over the orthogonal matrices.
- Haar measure is invariant under mult on left and right by orthogonal matrices: if Q is from the Haar distribution then so is UQV for any orthogonal (possibly non-random) U and V.
- A random Householder matrix is *not* Haar distributed.

Randsvd Matrices

$$A = P\Sigma Q^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}, \quad P, Q \text{ random orthogonal}$$

$$\Sigma = \mathrm{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n), \quad \sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2 \ge \cdots \ge \sigma_n \ge 0.$$

- **Stewart (1980)**: efficient method for generating P, or applying P to a matrix.
- **Demmel & McKenney (1989)**: implemented Stewart's method in LAPACK's test matrix generation suite.
- **H (1991, 1995)**: implemented in MATLAB as function `randsvd`. Subsequently incorporated into `gallery('randsvd',...)`.
- **H & Zhang (2016)**: implemented in Matrix Depot package for Julia.

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Theorem (Wilkinson, 1961)

GE produces a computed solution $\widehat{x}$ to $Ax = b$ satisfying

$$(A + \Delta A)\widehat{x} = b, \qquad \|\Delta A\|_\infty \leq p(n)\rho_n u\|A\|_\infty,$$

where u is unit roundoff and p a low degree polynomial.

What We Know About the Growth Factor

- Without pivoting, ρ_n can arbitrarily large.
- With **partial pivoting**, $\rho_n \le 2^{n-1}$, attained for

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Wright (1993)** and **Foster (1994)** found applications where partial pivoting suffers exponential growth.
- **Higham & Higham (1989)** found orthogonal matrices with $\rho_n \gtrsim n/2$ for *any* pivoting strategy.
- In practice, ρ_n is **almost always small** for partial pivoting. *Open problem to explain why!*

MATLAB Function

```
function g = gf(A)
%GF      Approximate growth factor.
%   g = GF(A) is an approximation to the
%   growth factor for LU factorization
%   with partial pivoting.
[~,U] = lu(A);
g = max(abs(U),[],'all')/max(abs(A),[],'all');
```

- This is a lower bound on $\rho_n(A)$.
- Can get exact growth factor using `gep.m` from **Matrix Computation Toolbox**.

```
>> rng(1); gf(randn(10))
ans =
   1.5088e+00
>> gf(randn(100))
ans =
   4.4874e+00
>> gf(randn(1000))
ans =
   1.5997e+01
>> gf(randn(10000))
ans =
   5.0505e+01
>> gf(gallery('randsvd',1000,1e8,2,[],[],1))
ans =
   7.5329e+01
```

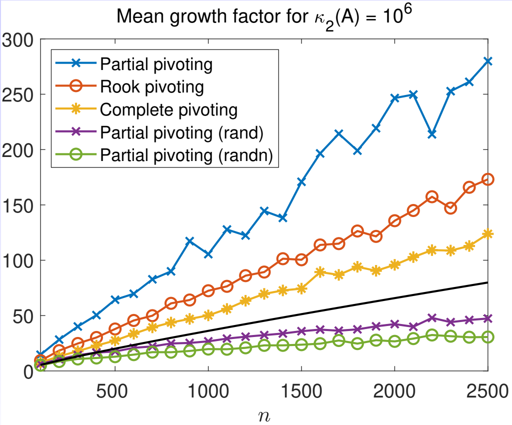
Does $O(n)$ Growth Matter?

- $n = 10^7$ for today's largest dense $Ax = b$ $\Rightarrow$ problems in single precision.
- For IEEE half precision and $\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| = 1$, linear growth can cause overflow for $n = 7 \times 10^4$.
  (That's how these matrices were spotted)

Randsvd Matrices (Mode 2)

$$A = P \Sigma Q^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad P^T P = Q^T Q = I,$$

$$\Sigma = \mathrm{diag}(1, \dots, 1, \sigma_n), \quad 1 \geq \sigma_n \geq 0.$$



Growth Factor Lower Bound

Theorem (H & H, 1989)

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n\times n}$ be nonsingular,

$$\alpha = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|, \quad \beta = \max_{i,j} \left|\left(A^{-1}\right)_{ij}\right|, \quad \theta = (\alpha\beta)^{-1}.$$

Then $\theta \le n$, and for any permutation matrices Π_r and Π_c such that $\Pi_r A \Pi_c$ has an LU factorization, the growth factor for GE without pivoting on $\Pi_r A \Pi_c$ satisfies

$$\rho_n(A) \ge \theta.$$

Growth for Random Orthogonal Matrices

Randsvd with $\sigma_n = 1$ gives $A = PQ^T$: **random orthogonal matrix from Haar distribution**.

Jiang (2005) shows that

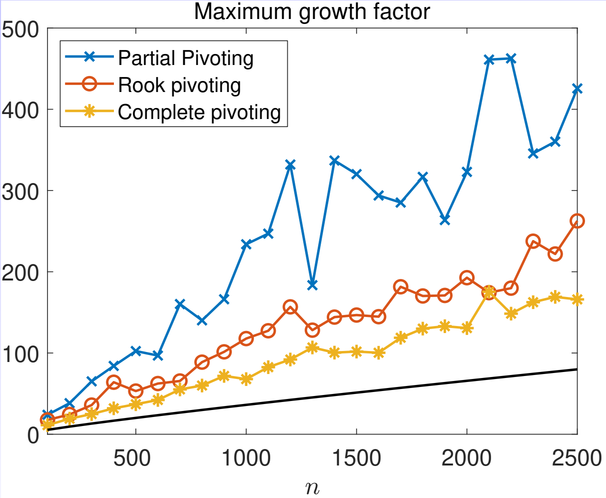
$$\Pr\left(\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| > 2\sqrt{\frac{\log(n)}{n}}(1+\epsilon)\right) \to 0$$

as $n \to \infty$ for any $\epsilon > 0$. Since $A^{-1} = A^T$, we can take $\alpha = \beta = 2\sqrt{\log(n)/n}$ in the theorem and conclude

$$\rho_n(A) \gtrsim \frac{n}{4 \log n}$$

for large n with high probability for *any* pivoting strategy.

Growth Factors for Random Orthogonal



Proof of Large Growth for Randsvd

- The randsvd matrix is

$$A = PQ^T + (\sigma_n - 1)p_n q_n^T,$$

  where p_n and q_n are the last columns of P and Q.
- If W is orthogonal and has large growth then a rank-1 perturbation of norm at most 1 *tends to preserve the large growth*.
- **Not particular** to W being Haar distributed.
- One approach is via **Sherman–Morrison formula**.

Direct Approach

Let W be orthogonal and

$$A = W + xy^T.$$

The U factor of W is given explicitly by

$$u_{ij} = \frac{\det\big(W(1\colon i, [1\colon i-1,\ j])\big)}{\det(W_{i-1})}, \qquad i \le j,$$

where $W_j = W(1\colon j, 1\colon j)$. Find $\widetilde{U}$ factor of A satisfies

$$\frac{\widetilde{u}_{ij}}{u_{ij}} = \frac{1 + y([1\colon i-1,\ j])^T\, W(1\colon i, [1\colon i-1,\ j])^{-1}\, x(1\colon i)}{1 + y(1\colon i-1)^T\, W_{i-1}^{-1}\, x(1\colon i-1)}.$$

Singular Values of Submatrix of W

Lemma

Let $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ be orthogonal and

$$\begin{array}{c c} & \begin{array}{cc} n-k & k \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} n-k \\ k \end{array} & \left[\begin{array}{cc} W_{11} & W_{12} \\ W_{12} & W_{22} \end{array}\right], \end{array}$$

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Proof. Use the CS decomposition. □

What Was New?

New class of **random**, dense $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$ for which

- $\rho_n \gtrsim n/(4 \log n)$ for large n with **any form of pivoting**,
- $\kappa_2(A)$ can be **arbitrarily chosen**.
- large growth also happens for the **transpose**.

Randsvd (mode 2) matrices have been part of MATLAB **gallery** for many years but their growth properties had not been recognized.

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