

Throughout this quiz, we consider the following linear system:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}, \quad \mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{R}^n. \quad (1)$$

1. The computational cost of the backward substitution algorithm, used to solve (1) when \mathbf{A} is an upper triangular matrix, scales as $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$.
2. For a general invertible matrix \mathbf{A} , the number of floating point operations required to calculate its LU decomposition scales as $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$.
3. If \mathbf{A} is symmetric, then there exists a lower triangular matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T$.
4. The condition number $\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})$ of a square invertible matrix \mathbf{A} is always strictly larger than 1.
5. Suppose that \mathbf{A} is a symmetric, positive definite matrix. Then calculating the Cholesky decomposition of \mathbf{A} requires more floating point operations than calculating the LU decomposition of \mathbf{A} .
6. The spectral radius of a square matrix \mathbf{A} is zero if and only if \mathbf{A} is zero.
7. If the condition number of a matrix \mathbf{A} is very large ($\gg 1$), then it is possible that rounding errors arising from floating point arithmetic will have a large impact on the accuracy of the numerical solution to the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ (calculated by LU decomposition followed by forward and backward substitution, for example).
8. Suppose that $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric and positive definite, and let $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbf{R}^n$. Consider the following iterative method for solving the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \omega (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}^{(k)}). \quad (2)$$

This iteration converges to the exact solution of the linear system for all $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$.

9. The convergence speed of the iteration (2), for the optimal value of ω , is independent of the condition number $\kappa_2(\mathbf{A})$.
10. If \mathbf{A} is symmetric positive definite, there always exists $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$ such that the iteration (2) converges.
11. If \mathbf{A} is a nonzero matrix, then its norm $\|\mathbf{A}\|_2$ is strictly positive.
12. Suppose that we want to solve the linear systems $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{c}$ by a direct method. To this end, the LU decomposition of \mathbf{A} can be calculated only once.
13. The Jacobi basic iterative method is convergent if the matrix \mathbf{A} is strictly diagonally dominant.
14. Assume that \mathbf{A} is symmetric and positive definite. Then \mathbf{x}_* is a solution of (1) *if and only if* \mathbf{x}_* is a minimizer of the following convex function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}.$$

15. The Gauss–Seidel basic iterative method is convergent if the matrix \mathbf{A} is strictly diagonally dominant.
16. Let $\mathbf{e}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}_*$, where \mathbf{x}_* is the exact solution to the linear system (1), and $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ is obtained from the iterative method (2). Then successive errors are related by the following equation:

$$\mathbf{e}^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{I} - \omega \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{e}^{(k)}.$$

17. Assuming that the matrix \mathbf{A} and the vector \mathbf{b} are already defined, as well as the parameter ω , write (on paper) Julia code implementing 100 iterations of (2).