

$$Ax = b$$

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Example

"row view"

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A \quad \vec{x} = \vec{b}$

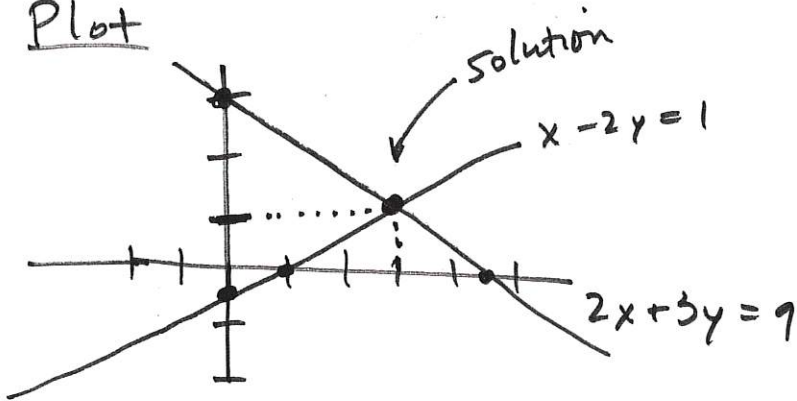
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x - 2y = 1 \\ 2x + 3y = 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{two lines in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

check:

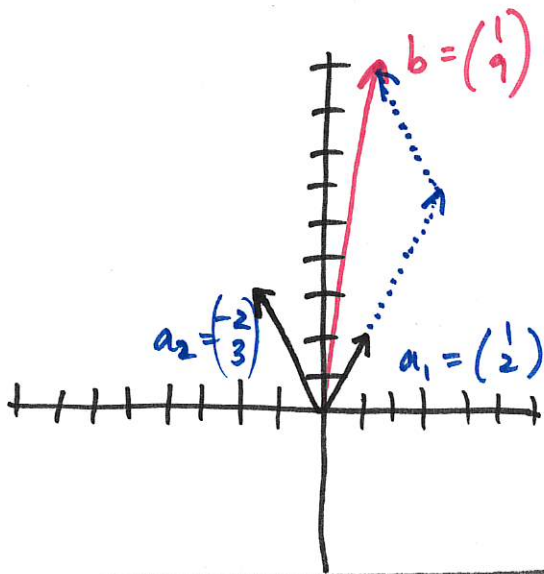
$$\begin{cases} 3 - 2 = 1 \quad \checkmark \\ 6 + 3 = 9 \quad \checkmark \end{cases}$$

Plot



"column view"

$$b = 3\vec{a}_1 + 1\vec{a}_2$$



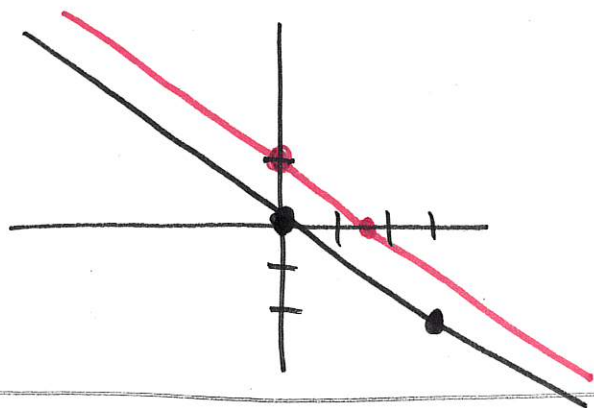
"row view" in 3D : 3 planes meet at point

"column view" in 3D : 3 columns combine to give \vec{b} .

Ex A singular

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

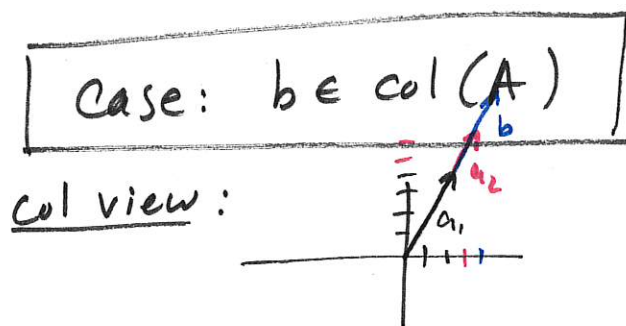
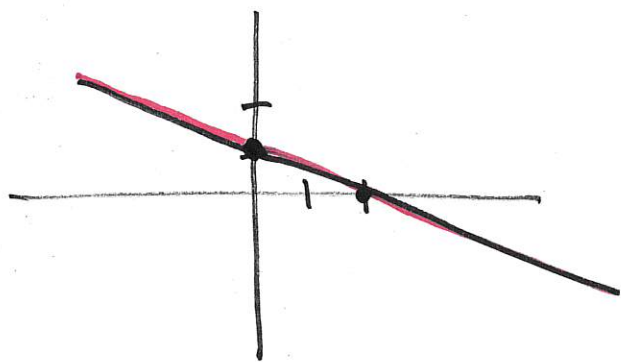
row view



$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 0 \\ 2x + 3y &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

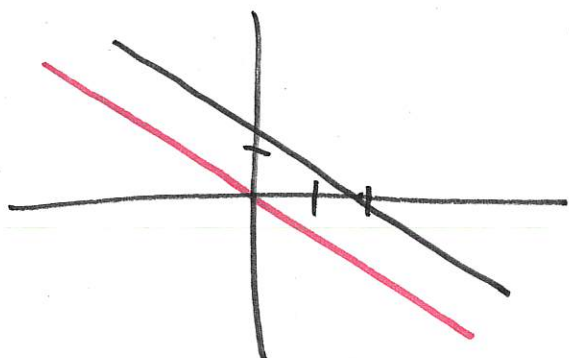
solutions : $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \frac{1}{3}(4-2\alpha) \end{pmatrix}$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

no solutions

Case: $b \notin \text{col}(A)$



col view :



$$Ax = b$$

A $n \times n$ matrix

b $n \times 1$ column vector

A **nonsingular** if any one of

1. has an inverse $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

2. $\det(A) \neq 0$

3. $\text{rank}(A) = n$ "full rank"

4. if $\vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$, $A\vec{z} \neq \vec{0}$ (no nontrivial null space)

Existence and Uniqueness

A nonsingular $\Rightarrow Ax = b$ has the unique solution $x = A^{-1}b$

A singular \Rightarrow # of solutions depends on b

• if $b \in \text{column space}(A) \Rightarrow$ infinitely many solutions

• ~~if~~ if $b \notin \text{column space}(A) \Rightarrow$ no solution

Solving $Ax = b$

transform to system that is easier to solve.

Triangular System

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ & x & x & x \\ & & x & x \\ & & & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \\ x \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \\ x \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

Q. How would you solve this?

Preconditioning A, M nonsingular (e.g. $M=D$, diagonal scaling)

$$MAz = Mb$$

$$z = (MA)^{-1} Mb = A^{-1} M^{-1} Mb = A^{-1} b = x \checkmark$$

Permutation Matrix

row permutation

(identity with rows permuted)

$$PAx = Pb$$

column permutation

(identity with columns permuted)

$$APz = b$$

$$AP(P^{-1}x) = b$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} z &= P^{-1}x \\ x &= Pz \end{aligned}$$

The Factorization $A=LU$

3x3 example $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

$$LU = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ x & x & 0 \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \\ x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x \\ x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & x \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= l_1 u_1^* + l_2 u_2^* + l_3 u_3^*$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & x \\ 0 & x & x \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

At each stage $k=1, \dots, n$, only the vectors l_k, u_k^* will contribute to k^{th} row and $(k^{\text{th}} \text{ col})$ of remaining matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$l_1 \quad u_1^* \qquad l_2 \quad u_2^* \qquad l_3 \quad u_3^*$

Therefore

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A

=

L

U

Instability of Gaussian Elimination (w/o pivoting)

Example

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

full rank

$$\kappa_2 = (3 + \sqrt{5})/2 \approx 2.618$$

but G.E. fails right away!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

factors

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^{20} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - 10^{+20} \end{bmatrix}$$

assume
after
rounding

$$\tilde{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^{20} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 0 & -10^{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{A} = \tilde{L}\tilde{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

not close to A !
(large backward error)

$$\text{e.g. } Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x \approx \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{A}\tilde{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \tilde{x} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

} large error
in solve.

Gaussian Elimination (as presented so far)

is not stable!

Add pivoting to stabilize.

permute rows so that next pivot is element w/ largest magnitude in column

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10^{20} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - 10^{20} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10^{20} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -10^{20} \end{pmatrix}$$

approximation
due to
finite
precision

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10^{20} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -10^{20} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 10^{20} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 0 & -10^{20} \end{pmatrix}$$

check

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 10^{-20} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

bad

Row pivoting

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1 \ 1)$ can't use 0 as a pivot!

Let's choose the largest element in col 1 (that's in row 3).

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (2 \ 4 \ 8) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (2 \ 4 \ 8) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1 \ 1) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (2 \ 4 \ 8) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 1 \ 1) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (0 \ 0 \ 2)$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{not lower triangular}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{upper triangular } \checkmark}$$

How to fix this?

pivot order was 3, 1, 2

if we want it to be 1, 2, 3, we need to permute the rows of A

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{lower triangular} \checkmark} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{upper triangular} \checkmark}$$

Every invertible $n \times n$ matrix has
 $PA = LU$, P permutation

To solve $Ax = b$,

①. find $PA = LU$, then

②. $PA = LUx = Pb$

③. Solve $Ly = Pb$ by forward substitution

④. Solve $Ux = y$ by backward substitution

Example with pivoting

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

permutation 2, 3, 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P \quad A \quad = \quad L \quad U$$

Example w/o pivoting

(for comparison)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -4 & -6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

L

u

LU operation counts

Forward Substitution

$$\begin{pmatrix} l_{11} \\ l_{21} & l_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & \dots & l_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for $j=1, \dots, n$

$$x_j = b_j / l_{jj}$$

[solve for x_j]

for $i=j+1, \dots, n$

[subtract $x_j \vec{l}_j$ from rhs]

$$b_i \leftarrow b_i - x_j \cdot l_{ij}$$

end

end

Operation count:

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(1 + \sum_{i=j+1}^n 2 \right)$$

$$= n + \sum_{j=1}^n 2(n - (j+1) + 1) = n + \sum_{j=1}^n 2(n-j)$$

$$\left(k = n-j \Rightarrow (j=1 \Rightarrow k=n-1), (j=n \Rightarrow k=0) \right)$$

$$= n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2k = n + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k$$

$$= n + 2 \frac{(n-1)n}{2} = n + n^2 - n = n^2$$

LU factorization

for $k=1, \dots, n$
if $a_{kk} = 0$ stop
for $i=k+1, \dots, n$
 $l_{ik} = a_{ik}/a_{kk}$
end

for $i=k+1, \dots, n$

 for $j=k+1, \dots, n$

$a_{ij} \leftarrow a_{ij} - l_{ik} a_{kj}$

 end

end

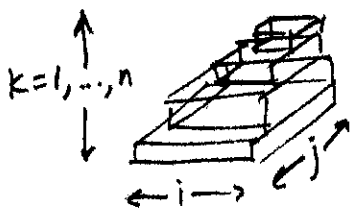
end

operation count

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=k+1}^n 1 + \sum_{i=k+1}^n \sum_{j=k+1}^n 2 \right) = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{3} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

or geometric estimate:



$$\sim \frac{2}{3} n^3$$

Operation Count

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=k+1}^n 1 + \sum_{j=k+1}^n \sum_{i=k+1}^n 2 \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[n-(k+1)+1 + 2 \sum_{j=k+1}^n n-(k+1)+1 \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[n-k + 2 \sum_{j=k+1}^n n-k \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[n-k + 2(n-k)(n-(k+1)+1) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[(n-k) + 2(n-k)(n-k) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) [2(n-k) + 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$m = n - k$$

$$k = 1 \Rightarrow m = n - 1$$

$$k = n - 1 \Rightarrow m = n - n + 1 = 1$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m [2m + 1]$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} (2m^2 + m)$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{(n-1)(n)(2n-2+1)}{6} + \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{3} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

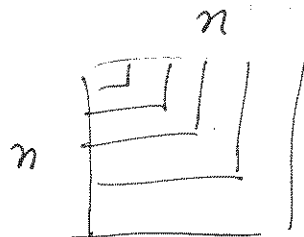
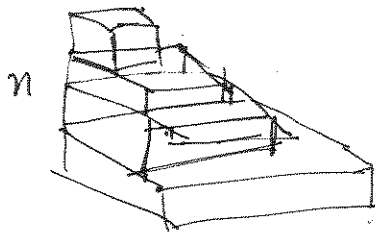
$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

dominant term

$$\sim \frac{2}{3} n^3$$

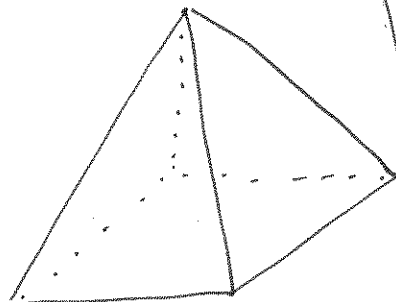
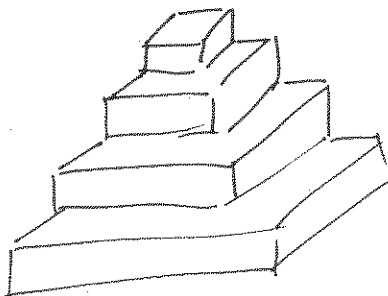
How to estimate operation count geometrically

- dominate by operation in inner most loop
2 flops



$$V = \frac{1}{3}bh = \frac{1}{3}n^3$$

$$\text{ops} \sim \frac{2}{3}n^3$$



pyramid with
Volume = $\frac{1}{3}bh$