

- alternative characterization,  $\epsilon_{mach}$  smallest # s.t.

$$fl(1 + \epsilon_{mach}) > 1$$

### Examples:

- (Ex. 1)  $\epsilon_{mach}$  (chop, nearest) = .25, .125
- IEEE SP  $\epsilon_{mach}$  (nearest) =  $2^{-24} \approx 10^{-7}$  (about 7 decimal digits of precision)
- IEEE DP  $\epsilon_{mach}$  (nearest) =  $2^{-53} \approx 10^{-16}$  (about 16 decimal digits of precision)

### Floating Point Math

+,-

- adding or subtracting +,-
- match exponents first
- must shift smaller number
- if the sum (or diff) contains more than p digits, then the ones smaller than p will be lost
- smallest number may be lost completely

x

- multiplication ok
- mult mantissas and sum exponents
- still need to round though, because product will generally have more digits (up to 2p)

- division (also need to round)

### Example

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1.23 * 10^5 \\
 + 1.00 * 10^4 \quad (10^3, 10^2)
 \end{array}$$

at this point smaller # totally lost

$$\begin{array}{r}
 (1.23 * 10^5) \\
 + (1.00 * 10^4)
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{r}
 (1.23 * 10^5) \\
 .10 * 10^5
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1.33 * 10^5 \\
 \hline
 (1.23 * 10^5) \\
 + (1.00 * 10^4)
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{r}
 (1.23 * 10^5) \\
 0.10 * 10^5 \\
 \hline
 (1.23 * 10^5)
 \end{array}$$

- can also get overflow or underflow
- underflow often ok - 0 is good approximation
- overflow more serious problem - can't approximate the number in question

- IEEE standard gives us

$$x \text{ flop } y = \text{fl}(x \text{ op } y)$$

as long as overflow doesn't occur

$$\text{op} = +, -, \times, \div$$

- + and \* commutative but \*not\* associative!

- Ex: for  $\text{eps} < \text{eps\_mach}$ , and  $2 \text{ eps} > \text{eps\_mach}$

$$(1 + \text{eps}) + \text{eps} = 1$$

$$1 + (\text{eps} + \text{eps}) = 1 + 2 \text{ eps} > 1$$

## Rounding Error Analysis

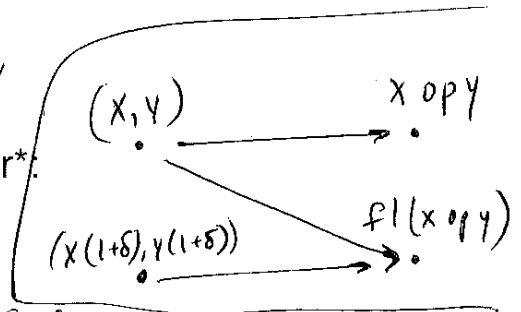
Basic idea is:

$$\text{fl}(x \text{ op } y) = (x \text{ op } y)(1 + \delta),$$

$$|\delta| \leq \text{eps\_mach}, \text{ and } \text{op} = +, -, *, /$$

rearranging, get bound on relative \*forward error\*:

$$\frac{|\text{fl}(x \text{ op } y) - (x \text{ op } y)|}{|(x \text{ op } y)|} = |\delta| \leq \text{eps\_mach}$$



or, can interpret in terms of \*backward error\* (with  $\text{op} = +$ ):

$$\text{fl}(x + y) = (x + y)(1 + \delta) = x(1+\delta) + y(1+\delta)$$

Example: Compute  $x(y+z)$

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$$\text{fl}(y+z) = (y+z)(1+d_1), \quad |d_1| \leq \text{eps\_mach}$$

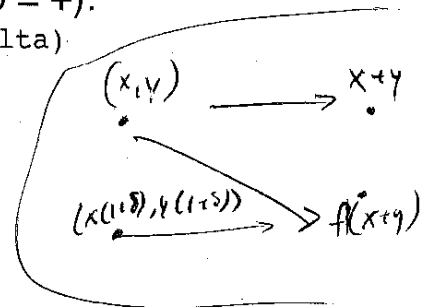
and

$$\text{fl}(x(y+z)) = (x(y+z)(1+d_1))(1+d_2), \quad |d_2| \leq \text{eps\_mach}$$

$$= x(y+z)(1+d_1+d_2+d_1d_2)$$

$$\approx \approx x(y+z)(1+d_1+d_2)$$

$$= x(y+z)(1+d), \quad |d| = |d_1 + d_2| \leq 2 \text{ eps\_mach}$$



- pessimistic bound

- typical, multiples of  $\text{eps\_mach}$  accumulate

- but in practice this is generally ok

## Cancellation

problems can arise when subtracting two very close numbers  
 - result is exactly representable, but  
 - e.g., if the numbers differ by rounding error, this can basically leave rounding error only after subtracting

### Examples

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x = 1.92403 * 10^2 \\
 - y = 1.92275 * 10^2 \\
 \hline
 0.00128 * 10^2 = .128 = 1.28 * 10^{-1}
 \end{array}$$

- only 3 significant digits in the result

BAD: computing \*small quantity\* as a difference of \*large quantities\*

$$e^x = 1 + x + x^2/2 + x^3/3! + \dots, \text{ for } x < 0$$

Example: Quadratic formula

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$b = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0.05010 x^2 - 98.78 x + 5.015 \\
 \text{roots} \approx 1971.605916, \quad \underline{\text{answer to 10 digits}} \\
 \quad \quad \quad 0.05077069387
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b^2 - 4ac = 9757 - 1.005 = 9756 \quad \underline{\text{answer to 4 digits}} \\
 \text{sqrt}( " ) = 98.77 \\
 \text{roots: } (98.78 \pm 98.77) / 0.1002 = 1972, 0.09980
 \end{array}$$

subtraction of two \*close\* numbers (cancellation error), followed by division by \*small\* number (amplification)

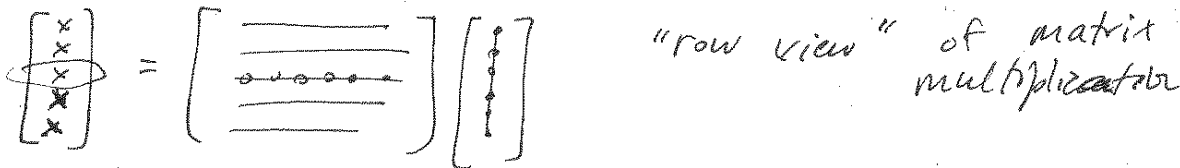
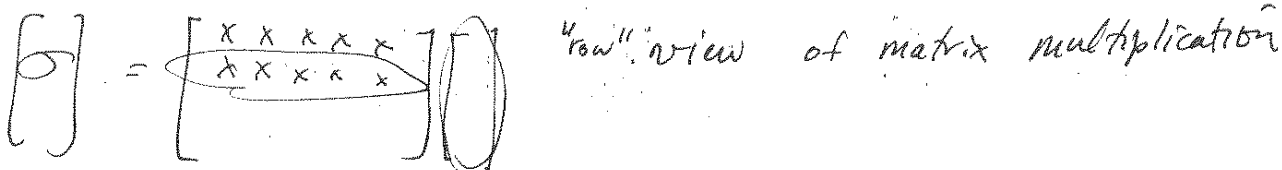
① Intro (T&B, Lecture 1)

Lecture 2

matrix  $A$  vector  $x$  vector  $b$   
 entries  $a_{ij}$   $x_i$   $b_i$   $A \times$  mat-ve  
 $n \times n$   $1 \times n$   $n \times 1$

② A linear map  $b = Ax$

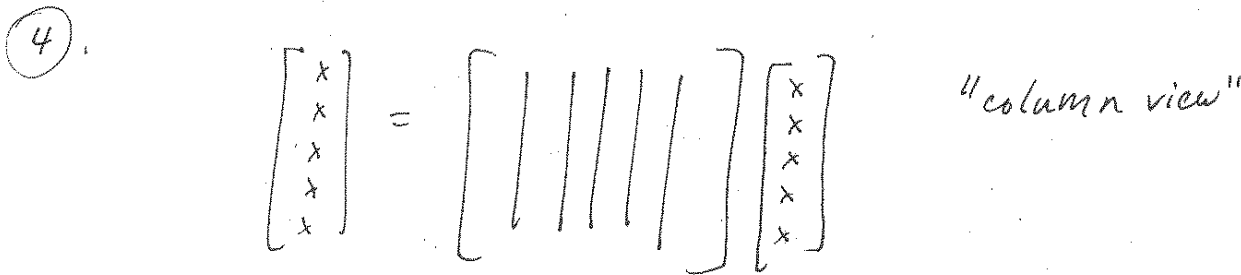
③ Matrix-Vector Multiplication  $b_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$



$b = Ax$

$b_i = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k$

"row view"



$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{b} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \vec{a}_j = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$

$\vec{b}$  is linear combination of  $\vec{a}_j$

Ex] Vandermonde Matrix

Matrix - Matrix

~~B=AC~~ B=AC

b<sub>ij</sub> = ∑<sub>k=1</sub><sup>n</sup> a<sub>ik</sub> c<sub>kj</sub>

~~b<sub>j</sub>~~ = ∑<sub>k=1</sub><sup>n</sup> ~~a<sub>k</sub>~~ ~~c<sub>kj</sub>~~

Ex] Outer product

$\begin{bmatrix} | \\ \vec{u} \\ | \end{bmatrix} [\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \dots \vec{v}_n]^T = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \vec{v}_1 \vec{u} & \vec{v}_2 \vec{u} & \dots & \vec{v}_n \vec{u} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} v_1 u_1 & v_2 u_1 & & v_n u_1 \\ v_1 u_2 & v_2 u_2 & & v_n u_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ v_1 u_n & v_2 u_n & & v_n u_n \end{bmatrix}$

Ex] upper triangular, U

B=AU =  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & a_n & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ \vdots \\ | \end{bmatrix}$

~~b<sub>jk</sub>~~ b<sub>j</sub> = ∑<sub>k=1</sub><sup>j</sup> a<sub>jk</sub>

## Range + Nullspace.

range: set of vectors that can be expressed as

"column  
space"

$$Ax$$

i.e. space ~~is~~ spanned by columns of  $A$ .

nullspace

vectors  $x$  ~~the~~ s.t.

$$Ax = \vec{0}$$

rank:

dim (col space)

inverse

$$A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I.$$