Mathematica

Numerical Linear Algebra

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Please Interrupt

This course assumes a fair amount of background

- 1: that you already know some Mathematica
- E.g. the arcane syntax and error handling
- 2: that you already know some linear algebra At least up to elementary use of matrices It will refer to a bit more, but will explain
- If you don't understand, please interrupt
 Don't feel afraid to ask any question you want to

Beyond the Course

Mathematica/

```
http://reference.wolfram.com/mathematica/.../guide/Mathematica.html
```

Logging In

No practicals, as such, but are examples
 Recommended to try them as I describe the topics
 Can use cut-and-paste from file Examples_1.txt

If using Microsoft Windows, find mathematica Somewhere in Applications

If not using Microsoft Windows, CTRL-ALT-DEL Select Restart, then Linux and log in Start by mathematica or math

You should also display Examples_1.txt

What Is Linear Algebra?

Could call it the arithmetic of matrices It's more general than you might think

Need to explain some mathematics Don't Panic – it will be over–simplified!

You can do a great deal in Mathematica Far more than in packages like Matlab

As always, follow the motto "festina lente"
 "Make haste slowly" – i.e. start with simple uses

Structure Of Course

This part

- Overview of what analyses are possible
- Basic matrix facilities in Mathematica
- Real and complex linear algebra
- Summary of more advanced matrix facilities

Second part (not covered)

- Examples of symbolic linear algebra
- Development and debugging techniques

What Are Matrices?

Effectively a rectangular grid of elements

```
1.2 2.3 3.4 4.5
5.6 6.7 7.8 8.9
9.0 0.1 1.2 2.3
```

1-D matrices are also called vectors

n-D matrices are also called tensors
Won't cover them, but they are easy to use

Yes, mathematicians, I know – over-simplification!

Elements of Matrices

- These are not limited to real numbers
 Can actually belong to any mathematical field
 Examples:
 - Real (ℝ) or complex (ℂ) numbers
 - Ratios of integers (rational numbers)
 - Ratios of polynomials/multinomials
 - And more

That's almost all we are going to use, though All most scientists want to work with

Symbolic and Rational Matrices

Simple matrix operations work as usual
 I.e. O(N) combinations of +, - and *

Others (e.g. eigenvalues) may change element type

Others (e.g. determinant) merely run like drains Often O(N!), where N is number of elements

So proceed very cautiously
 This course will give some guidelines

Integer Matrices etc.

Elements can be an Abelian (commutative) ring E.g. integers (\mathbb{Z}) or polynomials Difference is an Abelian ring has no division

Simple matrix operations work as usual
 Others ones may change the element type
 Or they may run more slowly than you expect

Reminder

123456789 is an integer

12345/6789 is an rational number

12345.6789 is a real number

123.45+678.9*I is a complex number

123.45+678.9*p is a polynomial

What Can We Do?

All of basic matrix arithmetic, obviously Including some quite complicated operations

Solution of simultaneous linear equations Eigenvalues and eigenvectors Matrix decompositions of quite a few types

Plus (with more hassle) their error analysis

Fourier transforms are just linear algebra, too

Physics, Chemistry etc.

Anything expressible in normal matrix notation

That's almost everything, really!

But that isn't always practically possible Mathematica slower than NAG or even Matlab

Working with expressions can be much slower
 E.g. may need Cramer and not Cholesky

But you can often get much more information

So the approaches are complementary

Statistical Uses

- Regression and analysis of variance
- Multivariate probability functions

Calculating the errors is the tricky bit It's NOT the same as in most physics!

- Also Markov processes finite state machines
 This is where transitions are probabilistic
 Working with these is just more matrix algebra
- Standard textbooks give the matrix formulae
 You just carry on from there ...

Mathematica and Matrices

Will describe how Mathematica provides them

And explain how to construct and display them

And perform other basic matrix operations

Matrix Notation (1)

Conventional layout of a 4x3 matrix *A* Multiplied by a 3 vector

$$A_{3,2}$$
 is the value 32 530 is $21 \times 7 + 22 \times 8 + 23 \times 9$

Matrix Notation (2)

Now we do the same thing in Mathematica

Notation in Papers

There are a zillion – one for each sub-area 'Standard' tensor notation has changed, too Here is another over-simplification

 A_i , A^i , \bar{A} or \tilde{A} is a vector A_i may also refer to element i of vector A_i or B_{ij}^j or B_i^j is a matrix

 $A_i.B_{ij}$ often means $\sum_i A_i ... B_{ij}$

Algorithms may use A(i) or A[i] and B(i,j) or B[i,j]

Row Major or Column Major?

I find those terms seriously confusing We want to know which subscript varies fastest

Mathematica is like Matlab and C
 Last subscript varies fastest

$$a = \{ \{11, 12, 13\}, \{21, 22, 23\}, \{31, 32, 33\} \}$$

 $a [[3, 2]] \rightarrow 32$

Warning: Fortran is different!

Index Ranges (1)

Mathematica calls this the Span function

It works inside indices only

a;;b means all values from a to b

```
a = Range [ 10 ]
{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 }

Span [ 5, 7 ] -> 5;; 7

a [[ 5;; 7 ]] -> { 5, 6, 7 }
a [[ Span [ 5, 7 ] ]] -> { 5, 6, 7 }
```

Index Ranges (2)

You can omit either or both of a and b

```
a[[5;;]] \rightarrow \{5,6,7,8,9,10\}
a[[;;5]] \rightarrow \{1,2,3,4,5\}
a[[;;]] \rightarrow \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10\}
```

A third argument sets a step

```
a [[ 3;; 8;; 2 ]] -> { 3,5,7}
a [[ Span [ 3,8,2 ] ]] -> { 3,5,7}
```

Matrices as Lists (1)

We can input a list of values

```
a = { 9.8, 8.7, 7.6, 6.5, 5.4, 4.3, 3.2, 2.1, 1.0 }
b = { { 1.2, 2.3, 3.4, 4.5 }, { 5.6, 6.7, 7.8, 8.9 }, { 9.0, 0.1, 1.2, 2.3 } } // TableForm

1.2 2.3 3.4 4.5

5.6 6.7 7.8 8.9

9. 0.1 1.2 2.3
```

Matrices as Lists (2)

Values need not be simple numbers

TableForm [c]

Matrix Constructors (1)

```
a = ConstantArray[p+q, {5}]
    \{p+q,p+q,p+q,p+q\}
a = ConstantArray [p+q,{2,2}]
   \{ \{ p+q, p+q \}, \{ p+q, p+q \} \}
a = IdentityMatrix [3]
    \{\{1,0,0\},\{0,1,0\},\{0,0,1\}\}
a = DiagonalMatrix [ { P, Q, R } ]
    \{\{P,0,0\},\{0,Q,0\},\{0,0,R\}\}\}
```

Matrix Constructors (2)

a = HilbertMatrix [3]

HankelMatrix, ToeplitzMatrix, RotationMatrix, ScalingMatrix, ShearingMatrix, ReflectionMatrix, UnitVector, Range, RandomReal, ...

Look them up when and if you need them!

Importing from Matlab (1)

Let's create a MAT format file in Matlab

save matthew A B

Importing from Matlab (2)

Don't ask me why the vector becomes a matrix It may well be a bug and fixed in next version

Importing, Generally

There are a zillion other import/export formats A documentation page "Listing of All Formats"

Don't trust import/export without testing
 The Matlab example didn't work in Mathematica 6.0

Very often a version incompatibility problem E.g. Matlab makes an incompatible change ... Or Mathematica assumes something that ain't so

Applies to ALL combinations of applications

Importing in CSV

For your data, consider "Comma Separated Value"

```
1.0, 2.1, 3.2
4.3, 5.4, 6.5
7.6, 8.7, 9.8
Import [ "matthew.csv" ]
{{1.,2.1,3.2},{4.3,5.4,6.5},{7.6,8.7,9.8}}
```

This course does not cover Mathematica's I/O

You need that for anything more advanced

Matrices from Expressions (1)

Table[expr,{count}] \equiv ConstantArray[expr,count] Table[expr,{var,count}] sets var to 1...count Table[expr,{var,lwb,upb}] sets var to lwb...upb Table[expr,{var,lwb,upb,step}] increments by step

```
Table [ 1.23 , { 3 } ] \rightarrow { 1.23 , 1.23 , 1.23 } Table [ n ^ 2 , { n , 5 } ] \rightarrow { 1 , 4 , 9 , 16 , 25 } Table [ n ^ 2 , { n , 3 , 5 } ] \rightarrow { 9 , 16 , 25 } Table [ n ^ 2 , { n , 1 , 5 , 3 } ] \rightarrow { 1 , 16 } Table [ n ^ 2 , { n , 1 , 5 , -3 } ] \rightarrow { } Table [ n ^ 2 , { n , 5 , 1 , -3 } ] \rightarrow { 25 , 4 }
```

Matrices from Expressions (2)

Repeated loop terms give a nested list The last term varies fastest

```
Table [ n ^ 2 + 100 * 2 ^ m , { m , 3 } , { n , 5 } ]

{{ 201 , 204 , 209 , 216 , 225 } ,
    { 401 , 404 , 409 , 416 , 425 } ,
    { 801 , 804 , 809 , 816 , 825 } }

Table [ n ^ 2 + 100 * 2 ^ m , { m , 3 } , { n , m } ]

{{ 201 } , { 401 , 404 } , { 801 , 804 , 809 } }
```

Matrices from Expressions (3)

Table [
$$p ^m + q ^n , \{ m, 3 \}, \{ n, 3 \}]$$
 // TableForm

There is also a related Array function I find it more confusing and more restrictive

Displaying Arrays

We have used TableForm several times already It works for any number of dimensions

MatrixForm and Grid are near-synonyms
The differences are visible only in GUI mode

Row is the default display mode, as above Column is on separate lines, by first dimension

There are also graphical display facilities
I don't mean graph-drawing ones – see ArrayPlot

Elementwise Arithmetic (1)

The basic 'numeric' operations: +, -, * and ^ Normal mathematical functions: Exp, Sin etc.

Obviously, the matrix shapes must match exactly But you can combine matrices and scalars

```
a = { { Pi , x + y ^ 2 } , { y / x , 0 } }

TableForm [ Sin [ a + Pi / 2 ] ]

2

-1

Cos [ x + y ]

y

Cos [ - ]

x

1
```

Elementwise Arithmetic (2)

The error handling is not nice at all

```
a = { { Pi, x + y }, { x * y, 0 } }
b = { Pi, x + y, x * y, 0 }
Sine [a + b]
```

Thread::tdlen: Objects of unequal length in { { Pi, x + y }, { x y, 0 } } + { Pi, x + y, x y, 0 } cannot be combined.

Sine [{{Pi,
$$x + y}, {xy, 0}} + {Pi, x + y, xy, 0}]$$

So develop your program in parts, checking each

Elementwise Arithmetic (3)

$$a = \{ \{ x ^2 - y ^2, x ^3 + y ^3 \}, \\ \{ x ^3 + y ^3, x ^3 - y ^3 \} \}$$

 $b = \{ \{ x - y, x + y \}, \{ x + y, x - y \} \}$
Cancel [a / b] // TableForm

True Matrix Operations

Matrix multiplication is the dot product (.)
You may prefer to use the Dot function
Dot [a,b,c] -> a.b.c

It works the same for vectors and matrices You have to match dimensions, of course

Vector Operations

You can do most of the usual ones

```
a = Normalize [ { 1.0 , 2.0 , 3.0 } ] 
{ 0.267261 , 0.534522 , 0.801784 } 
Norm [ a ] 
1.
```

Cross, Total, VectorAngle, Projection, KroneckerProduct, Orthogonalize, ...

Orthogonalize is simple for real and complex ONLY

Simple Matrix Operations

You can do most of the usual ones

There aren't all that many more simple ones

ConjugateTranspose, KroneckerProduct, ...

Enquiry Function

Dimensions returns the vector of dimensions

```
Dimensions [\{1,4,7\}] \rightarrow \{3\}

Dimensions [\{\{1,2\},\{3,4\},\{5,6\}\}] \rightarrow \{3,2\}

a = \text{Table } [n^2 + 100 * 2^m, \{m,3\}, \{n,m\}]

\{\{201\},\{401,404\},\{801,804,809\}\}

Dimensions [a] \rightarrow \{3\}
```

Matrix Powering

You have matrix powering and exponential

MatrixExp is simple for real and complex ONLY

Numeric Linear Algebra

For now, we consider only real and complex That is in IEEE 754 64-bit format – c.15 sig. figs

- This has some special mathematics to itself Can do a lot more than for general matrices
- Generally, Mathematica is "automagical"
 Doesn't ask questions just delivers the answer

You can do specific analyses if you want, though

Matrix Inversion and Division

Division and inversion are mathematically tricky There is an Inverse function when you need it

DON'T invert matrices unless you have to!
 Solving equations is usually the right approach

But you often need to in multivariate statistics

You can also get the PseudoInverse if wanted

Inverse

```
Inverse [ { { 1.2, 3.4 }, { 5.6, 7.8 } } ]
\{\{-0.805785, 0.35124\}, \{0.578512, -0.123967\}\}
 Inverse [\{\{1.2 - I, 3.4\}, \{5.6, 7.8 + 2.0 * I\}\}\}]
 \{ \{ -0.802157 + 0.3036 \, I \}, 0.296248 - 0.208299 \, I \}, \}
      { 0.487938 - 0.343081 I ,
           - 0.0432936 + 0.160649 I } }
 Inverse [ { 1.2, 3.4 }, { 2.4, 6.8 } ]
Inverse::sing: Matrix {{1.2, 3.4}, {2.4, 6.8}} is singular.
 PseudoInverse [ { 1.2, 3.4 }, { 2.4, 6.8 } ]
{{0.0184615,0.0369231},{0.0523077,0.104615}}
```

Determinant

Even insane requests usually work

```
Det [ { { 1.2 , 3.4 } , { 5.6 , 7.8 } } ]
-9.68

Det [ { { 1.2 - I , 3.4 } , { 5.6 , 7.8 + 2.0 * I } } ]
-7.68 - 5.4 I

Det [ HilbertMatrix [ 2000 ] * 1.0 ]
-34079
-7.552209418370832 10
```

Enquiry Functions

HermitianMatrixQ tests for being Hermitian And, similarly, PositiveDefiniteMatrixQ

Warning: answer is not numerically well-defined

PositiveDefiniteMatrixQ [1.0 * HilbertMatrix [10]]

True

PositiveDefiniteMatrixQ [1.0 * HilbertMatrix [20]]

False

Rank And Null Space

You can calculate the rank directly
And a set of vectors spanning the null space
[the ones corresponding to zero eigenvalues]

But neither is well-defined, numerically

```
a = HilbertMatrix [ 100 ] * 1.0;
{ MatrixRank [ a ] , MatrixRank [ a . a ] }
{ 18 , 10 }
Dimensions [ NullSpace [ a . a ] ]
{ 90 , 100 }
```

Linear Equations (1)

Just Do It ...

```
a = \{ \{ 4.2, 2.2, -3.9, 9.3, 0.1 \},
    \{ 8.6, 0.0, 0.7, -2.3, -0.3 \},
     \{ 8.4, -5.9, -8.1, 9.6, 3.8 \},
     \{-0.8, -9.4, -9.9, 9.9, 5.0\},\
     \{-1.3, -8.1, 0.6, -9.2, -7.3\}
b = \{-6.8, 2.3, 2.7, -7.0, 2.0\}
LinearSolve [a,b]
{ 1.45411, -12.4949, 24.5078, 11.8408, 0.422917 }
```

Linear Equations (2)

Complex matrices are equally easy

```
a = \{\{4.2 + 2.2 \, I, -3.9 + 9.3 \, I, 0.1 + 0.0 \, I\}, \\ \{8.6 + 0.0 \, I, 0.7 - 2.3 \, I, 0.0 - 0.3 \, I\}, \\ \{8.4 - 5.9 \, I, -8.1 + 9.6 \, I, 3.8 - 0.8 \, I\}\}
b = \{-6.8 + 2.3 \, I, 2.7 - 7.0 \, I, 2.0 + 0.0 \, I\}
\text{LinearSolve [a, b]}
\{0.0361936 - 0.531091 \, I, 0.719502 + 0.614737 \, I, \\ 4.02693 + 1.57063 \, I\}
```

Linear Equations (3)

Insoluble problems get a suitable diagnostic

```
LinearSolve [ { { 1.2, 3.4 }, { 2.4, 6.8 } }, { 1.0, 1.0 } ]
```

LinearSolve::nosol: Linear equation encountered that has no solution.

```
LinearSolve [ HilbertMatrix [ 10 ] * 1.0 , \
RandomReal [ { -1.0 , 1.0 } , { 10 , 10 } ]
```

LinearSolve::luc:

Result for LinearSolve of badly conditioned matrix {\{1., 0.5, 0.333333, 0.25, <<4>>, 0.111111, 0.1\}, ... may contain significant numerical errors.

Linear Equations (4)

Don't rely on its diagnostics, though!

```
a = { 1.0, 1.0 } , { 1.0, 1.0 } }
a . { 1.0 , 0.0 }
{ 1. , 1. }

a . { 0.0 , 1.0 }
{ 1. , 1. }

LinearSolve [ a , { 1.0, 1.0 } ]
{ 0.5 , 0.5 }
```

Decompositions

If you are using the same matrix many times With lots of different right hand sides LinearSolveFunction may be faster

You can also generate decompositions directly:

LUDecomposition, CholeskyDecomposition, SingularValueDecomposition, QRDecomposition, SchurDecomposition, JordanDecomposition, HessenbergDecomposition, ...

Fourier Transforms (1)

```
a = \{-0.92, 9.1, 2.3, 5.7, 4.9, -2.8, -5.6,
       6.7, -7.0, 9.0
  b = Fourier [a]
\{6.76095 + 0.I, 3.73317 + 4.46649I,
-1.44596 - 1.2133 I, 3.13213 + 1.6452 I,
-4.87543 - 5.03082 I, -10.7581 + 0. I,
-4.87543 + 5.03082 I, 3.13213 - 1.6452 I,
- 1.44596 + 1.2133 I , 3.73317 - 4.46649 I }
  Fourier [b]
\{-0.92, 9., -7., 6.7, -5.6, -2.8, 4.9, 5.7, 2.3, 9.1\}
```

Fourier Transforms (2)

Mathematica doesn't call them linear algebra Under Image Processing and Signal Processing

There is also an inverse, InverseFourier

You can generate only the cosine or sine parts FourierDCT, FourierDST

There are also several related facilities

Eigenvalues (1)

- Things start to get a bit hairier, here That is because the mathematics does
- All square matrices have all eigenvalues
 But real matrices may have complex eigenvalues
- All real symmetric matrices have all eigenvectors As do all complex Hermitian ones
 Not all other matrices do, though

Eigenvalues (2)

Simple use is, er, simple

```
a = \{ \{ 4.2, 2.2, -3.9, 9.3, 0.1 \}, \\ \{ 8.6, 0.0, 0.7, -2.3, -0.3 \}, \\ \{ 8.4, -5.9, -8.1, 9.6, 3.8 \}, \\ \{ -0.8, -9.4, -9.9, 9.9, 5.0 \}, \\ \{ -1.3, -8.1, 0.6, -9.2, -7.3 \} \}
```

Eigenvalues [a]

```
{ 6.45845 + 9.89753 I , 6.45845 - 9.89753 I , - 7.28396 + 4.45457 I , - 7.28396 - 4.45457 I , 0.351016 }
```

Eigenvalues (3)

```
Eigenvectors [a] (* omitted as it is a bit messy *)
Eigenvalues [HilbertMatrix [3] * 1.0]
{ 1.40832, 0.122327, 0.00268734 }
Eigenvectors [HilbertMatrix [3] * 1.0]
-0.827045 - 0.459864 - 0.323298
 0.547448 - 0.52829 - 0.649007
 0.127659 - 0.713747 0.688672
```

Eigenvalues (4)

```
a = \{ \{4.2 + 2.2 \, I \,, -3.9 + 9.3 \, I \,, 0.1 + 8.6 \, I \} \,, \\ \{0.0 + 0.7 \, I \,, -2.3 - 0.3 \, I \,, 8.4 - 5.9 \, I \} \,, \\ \{-8.1 + 9.6 \, I \,, 3.8 - 0.8 \, I \,, -9.4 - 9.9 \, I \} \} Eigenvalues [ a ]
```

{ 3.66761 - 13.7127 I , -12.3134 - 3.43015 I , 1.1458 + 9.14282 I }

Eigenvectors [a] (* omitted as it is a bit messy *)

Eigenvalues (5)

Again, don't rely on the diagnostics

$$a = \{ \{ 1.0, 1.0 \}, \{ 0.0, 1.0 \} \}$$

Eigenvalues [a]

Eigenvectors [a]

$$\{\{1.,0.\},\{0.,0.\}\}$$

That can cause chaos if you use the second one

Characteristic Polynomial

Eigenvalues are the roots of that You can calculate it directly, if you want

$$a = \{\{4.2, 2.2, -3.9, 9.3, 0.1\}, \\ \{8.6, 0.0, 0.7, -2.3, -0.3\}, \\ \{8.4, -5.9, -8.1, 9.6, 3.8\}, \\ \{-0.8, -9.4, -9.9, 9.9, 5.0\}, \\ \{-1.3, -8.1, 0.6, -9.2, -7.3\}\}$$

CharacteristicPolynomial [a, p]

Singular Values (1)

SVD or Singular value decomposition Essentially an extension of eigenanalysis

Gives the same results in the simple cases I.e. square matrices with all eigenvectors

Also handles non-square matrices And ones with missing eigenvectors

If you don't know it, don't worry about it But it's an important technique in many fields

Singular Values (2)

Try the following with a variety of matrices a

```
Eigenvalues [ a ]
SingularValueList [ a ]
```

```
Eigenvectors [ a ]
b = SingularValueDecomposition [ a ]
b [[ 1 ]] . b [[ 2 ]] . Transpose [ b [[ 3 ]] ]
```

Singular Values (3)

```
a = HilbertMatrix [3] * 1.0
Eigenvalues [a]
{ 1.40832, 0.122327, 0.00268734 }
SingularValueList [ a ]
{ 1.40832, 0.122327, 0.00268734 }
Eigenvectors [a]
-0.827045 - 0.459864 - 0.323298
 0.547448 - 0.52829 - 0.649007
 0.127659 - 0.713747 0.688672
```

Singular Values (4)

```
b = SingularValueDecomposition [ a ]
\{\{\{-0.827045, 0.547448, 0.127659\},
  \{-0.459864, -0.52829, -0.713747\},
  \{-0.323298, -0.649007, 0.688672\}\},
\{\{1.40832, 0., 0.\}, \{0., 0.122327, 0.\},
     \{0., 0., 0.00268734\}\}
 \{\{-0.827045, 0.547448, 0.127659\},
  \{-0.459864, -0.52829, -0.713747\},
  \{-0.323298, -0.649007, 0.688672\}\}
b [[ 1 ]] . b [[ 2 ]] . Transpose [ b [[ 3 ]] ]
\{\{1., 0.5, 0.3333333\}, \{0.5, 0.3333333, 0.25\},
  \{0.3333333, 0.25, 0.2\}\}
```

Singular Values (5)

```
a = \{ \{ 1.0, 1.0 \}, \{ 0.0, 1.0 \} \}
SingularValueList [ a ]
{ 1.61803, 0.618034 }
b = SingularValueDecomposition [ a ]
\{\{\{-0.850651, -0.525731\},
       \{-0.525731, 0.850651\}\}
  \{\{1.61803, 0.\}, \{0., 0.618034\}\},\
  \{\{-0.525731, -0.850651\},
       \{-0.850651, 0.525731\}\}
b [[ 1 ]] . b [[ 2 ]] . Transpose [ b [[ 3 ]] ]
\{\{1., 1.\}, \{0., 1.\}\}
```

A Bit of Numerical Analysis

Very roughly, the error in linear algebra is:

 $N \times cond. \, number \times epsilon$

Where *N* is the size of the matrix *Cond.number* is how 'nasty' the matrix is *epsilon* is the error in the values

- Almost always, the main error is in the input data
 Good linear algebra algorithms are very accurate
- ⇒ Rounding error isn't usually the problem

Real vs Floating-Point

See "How Computers Handle Numbers"
Only significant problem is loss of accuracy

Not going to teach much numerical analysis
But it's well-understood for much of linear algebra

Mathematica allows choice of precision – aha! Should make it possible to do some easy checking

Unfortunately, it's not easy to use

Arbitrary Precision (1)

1.23'50 is 0.123 with 50 sig. figs

N[expression,P] evaluates 'expression' in P sig. figs So does SetPrecision[expression,P], but differently Block[{\$MinPrecision=P,\$MaxPrecision=P},expr.]

Precision[expression] indicates the actual precision sometimes the storage precision and sometimes the estimated significance

I haven't found any precise specifications

Arbitrary Precision (2)

- Precisions are reduced, unlike most languages
 e.g. Precision[1.23'50*4.56'100] -> 50
- Plain numbers (e.g. 1.23) are MachinePrecision
 That is somewhere between 15 and 18 digits

I haven't found any way of extending precision

Use arbitrary precision with great care

And NEVER use plain real numbers

Unfortunately, almost useless for imported data

Solution of Equations (1)

Let's look at a classic numerically foul problem The Hilbert matrix is positive definite And horribly ill-conditioned ...

But, in rational arithmetic, the result is exact

Solution of Equations (2)

```
{ -10, 990, -23760, 240240, -1261260, 3783780, -6726720, 7001280, -3938220, 923780 }
```

Now we do it in floating-point

Solution of Equations (3)

```
{ -10, 990, -23760, 240240, -1261260, 3783780, -6726720, 7001280, -3938220, 923780}
```

Now we do it in extended precision

Error Analysis

Traditionally, this is overall error analysis Usually in terms of norms etc. It is a well-understood area, with useful results

Use the formulae for it in books etc.

Mathematica helps with non-standard analyses

Understanding specific points in more detail
 Covered in the second half of this course

Linear algebra with symbolic matrices

Manipulating Arrays

There are a lot of facilities for manipulating arrays

Minors calculates the matrix of minors

You can reshape them using ordinary indexing But using built-in functions is preferable

Part, Take, Drop, Diagonal, RotateLeft, RotateRight, Reverse, Join, Position, Extract, ReplacePart

Sparse Arrays

SparseArray creates a sparse array from rules

ArrayRules creates rules from an array

Normal converts a sparse array to dense form

CoefficientArrays creates a sparse array from a multinomial

And More

There are some functions for optimisation

There's almost certainly stuff I haven't found

Most will be fairly specialist

If you want to work with symbolic matrices PLEASE ask for it on your green form

It's not easy, but can be very useful