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#### Abstract

A sign regular matrix is almost strictly sign regular if all its nontrivial minors of the same order have the same strict sign. These matrices form a subclass of sign regular matrices (matrices whose minors of the same order have the same sign). In this paper, the backward stability for almost strictly sign regular matrices is studied when Neville elimination with two-determinant pivoting strategy is applied. In addition, several numerical experiments are also presented.


Keywords: sign regular matrices, almost strictly sign regular matrices, backward stability, backward error
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## 1. Introduction

Error analysis of Gauss elimination is a subject that became firmly established fifty years ago due specially to Wilkinson's work (see [17] and [18]). Let us assume that $A x=b$ is a linear system where $A=L U$ ( $L$ and $U$ are lower and upper triangular matrices respectively) is a nonsingular matrix and that Gauss elimination applied to $A$ in floating point arithmetic has produced a factorization $\widehat{L} \widehat{U}$ and a solution $\widehat{x}$.

To investigate the effect of rounding errors when working with floating

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