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# IR Drop Analysis Concepts

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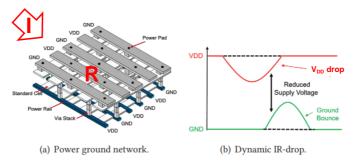
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#### **Outline**

- Introduction
- Modified Nodal Analysis
- Solving Systems of Linear Equations
  - LU decomposition
  - LUP decomposition
  - Inversion and Multiplication
- Summary

# What is IR Drop?

- Non-ideal voltage change when logic gates switching
  - Excess current (I) and power network resistance (R)
- Two types:
  - V<sub>DD</sub> drop
  - Ground bounce

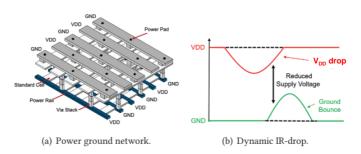


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# Why is IR Drop Important?

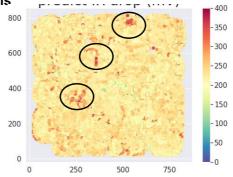
- High IR Drop causes
  - Extra circuit delay: slower than expected
  - Test yield loss: good circuits fail testing



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# **IR Drop Map**

- IR Drop Hotspots
  - Locations where IR drop is serious
- How to find hotspots?
  - IR Drop Analysis
- · Categories of IR drop analysis
  - Vectorless
    - \* No input vectors
  - Vector-based

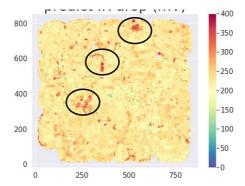


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# **How to Fix IR Drop Hotspots?**

- Many solutions (not in this lecture)
- Engineering Change Order (ECO)
  - 1. cell move
  - 2. cell downsizing
  - 3. add decouping capacitors



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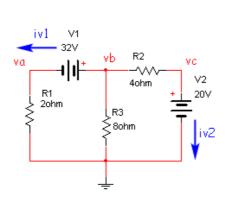
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## Modified Nodal Analysis (MNA)

- Suppose n nodes, m voltage sources
- Five steps:
- 1. Select a reference node (usually ground)
  - name remaining *n*-1 nodes
  - · Also label currents through each current source
- 2. Assign name to current through each of *m* voltage source
  - current flows from positive node to negative node
- 3. Apply Kirchoff's current law to each node
  - currents out of node to be positive
- 4. Write an equation for each voltage source
- 5. Solve system of linear equations
  - n+m variables

#### MNA: example 1

- 3 nodes and 2 voltage sources: (n=3, m=2)
- Step 2, 3



$$\frac{\mathbf{v}_{a}}{\mathbf{R}_{1}} - \mathbf{i}_{vi} = 0 \qquad \mathbf{a}$$

$$i_{v1} + \frac{v_b}{R_3} + \frac{v_b - v_c}{R_2} = 0$$

$$i_{v2} + \frac{v_c - v_b}{R_2} = 0$$

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**b**

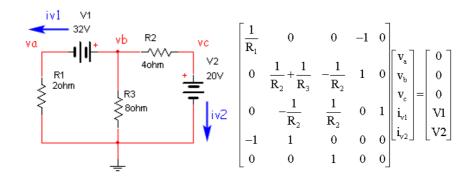
$$i_{v2} + \frac{v_c - v_b}{R_2} = 0$$

$$v_b - v_a = V1$$
$$v_c = V2$$

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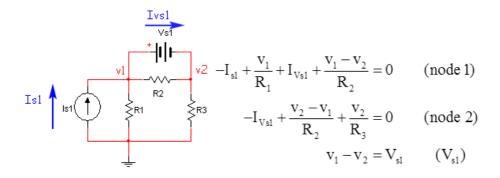
# MNA: example 1 (2)

Step 4 in matrix form



# MNA: example 2 (1)

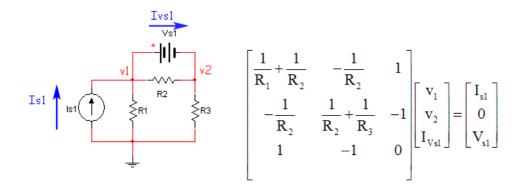
- Independent current source I<sub>st</sub>
- Steps 2, 3



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#### MNA: example 2 (2)

- in matrix form
- Solve Ax=b



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# **System of Linear Equations**

- n linear equations
  - $a_{ij}$ ,  $b_i$  are constants,  $x_{ij}$  are variables to be solved

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

• In matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \qquad Ax = b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

#### **Problem of Inversion**

- Assume A is non-singular,
  - Rank of A = number of variables (Theorem D.1\*)

Introduction to algorithms, 3ed. MIT Press

- In practice,  $x = A^{-1}b$  suffers from *numerical instability* 
  - Small round-off error results in large difference in x
    - \*  $1 \div 3 \times 3 \neq 1$
- Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.001 \end{bmatrix} \qquad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1001 & -1000 \\ -1000 & 1000 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times 10^{3} \qquad x = A^{-1}b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## **Idea of LU Decomposition**

LU decomposition of matrix A

$$A = LU$$

- L is unit lower triangular matrix (i.e. all ones on diagonal)
- U is upper triangular matrix

$$Ax = b$$
  
$$LUx = b, \text{ let } Ux = y$$

Solve y by forward substitution

$$Ly = b$$

• Then solve x by backward substitution

$$Ux = y$$

**No Division, Numerically Stable** 

#### **LU Example**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.571 & 1 \end{bmatrix} U = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1.4 & 2.2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.856 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 12.5 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ly = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.571 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y1 \\ y2 \\ y3 \end{bmatrix} = b = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 12.5 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$
Forward substitution  $y = \begin{bmatrix} y1 \\ y2 \\ y3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 6.32 \\ -5.569 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1.4 & 2.2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.856 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \end{bmatrix} = y = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 6.32 \\ -5.569 \end{bmatrix}$$
Backward substitution  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ -0.2 \\ 3.0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

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## **LU Decomposition**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^{T} \\ v & A' \end{pmatrix}$$

- v= column n-1 vector
- $A' = (n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix
- $\mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} = \text{row } n-1 \text{ vector}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \qquad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ v & A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ v & A' \end{pmatrix} \qquad = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v/a_{11} & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ 0 & A' - vw^T / a_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v/a_{11} & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ 0 & L'U' \end{pmatrix}$$

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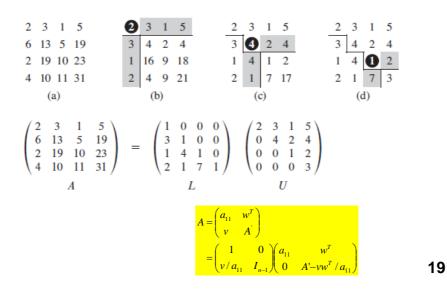
$$= LU$$

- Recursively decompose A
  - $A'-vw_T/a_{11} = L'U'$ 
    - \* L' = unit lower triangular matrix
    - \* U' = upper triangular matrix

 $A'-vw^T/a_{11}$  is called schur component of A with respect to a11

### **LU Example**

• Fig 28.1



## **LU Algorithm**

• Three-level nested loops. Complexity =  $\Theta(n^3)$ 

```
LU-DECOMPOSITION (A)
       n = A.rows
       let L and U be new n \times n matrices
       initialize U with 0s below the diagonal
       initialize L with 1s on the diagonal and 0s above the diagonal
       for k = 1 to n
                                                      A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ v & A \end{pmatrix}
|| l_{ik} \text{ holds } v_i \\ || u_{ki} \text{ holds } w_i^T || = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v/a_{11} & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & w^T \\ 0 & A'-vw^T/a_{11} \end{pmatrix}
             u_{kk} = a_{kk}
            for i = k + 1 to n
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                    l_{ik} = a_{ik}/u_{kk}
 9
                    u_{ki} = a_{ki}
 0
              for i = k + 1 to n
                     for j = k + 1 to n
                          a_{ij} = a_{ij} - l_{ik}u_{ki}
       return L and U
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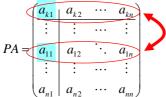
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#### **Permutation Matrix**

- What if  $a_{11} = 0$  or very small? Round-off error can still occur!
  - Exchange rows so that we pivot on large value
- Suppose exchange row 1 and row k
  - Multiply A by a permutation matrix P



- - Example: P exchange row 2 and row 3

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

## **Idea of LUP Decomposition**

• LUP decomposition of matrix A

$$PA = LU$$

• P is permutation matrix

$$PAx = Pb$$

$$LUx = Pb$$
, let  $Ux = y$ 

Solve y by forward substitution

$$Ly = Pb$$

• Then solve x by backward substitution

$$Ux = y$$

Similar to LU, Just Permutated

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## **LUP Example**

• PA swaps row 1 and row 3 of A

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.571 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1.4 & 2.2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.856 \end{bmatrix}$$

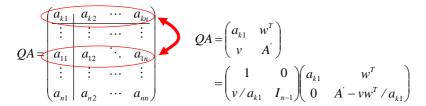
$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 12.5 \\ 10.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad Pb = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 12.5 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ly = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.571 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y1 \\ y2 \\ y3 \end{bmatrix} = Pb = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 12.5 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$
Forward
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y1 \\ y2 \\ y3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 6.32 \\ -5.569 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1.4 & 2.2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.856 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \end{bmatrix} = y = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 6.32 \\ -5.569 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{backward} x = \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ -0.2 \\ 3.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## **LUP Decomposition (1)**

- Exchange row 1 and row k, a<sub>k1</sub> is largest of first column
  - Multiplied by permutation matrix Q



- Similarly
  - v = (n-1) column vector
  - $a_{II}$  replaced  $a_{kI}$
  - $A' = (n-1) \times (n-1)$  submatrix
  - $w^T = (n-1)$  row vector  $(a_{k2}, \dots a_{kn})$

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# **LUP Decomposition (2)**

- P is n x n permutation matrix
- *P'* is (*n*-1) x (*n*-1) submatrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P' \end{pmatrix} Q$$

product of two P matrices is still a P matrix

- Multiplied by P'
  - v/a<sub>k1</sub>
  - A'-vw<sup>T</sup>/a<sub>k1</sub>

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P' \end{pmatrix} QA$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v/a_{k1} & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k1} & w^{T} \\ 0 & A'-vw^{T}/a_{k1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ P'v/a_{k1} & P' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k1} & w^{T} \\ 0 & A'-vw^{T}/a_{k1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ P'v/a_{k1} & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k1} & w^{T} \\ 0 & P'(A'-vw^{T}/a_{k1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

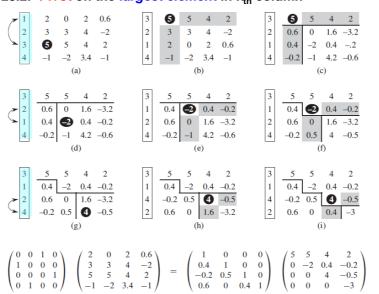
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ P'v/a_{k1} & I_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k1} & w^{T} \\ 0 & L'U' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ P'v/a_{k1} & L' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k1} & w^{T} \\ 0 & U' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= LU$$

#### **LUP Example**

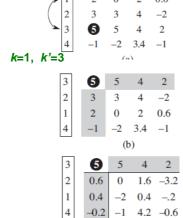
• Fig 28.2: *Pivot* on the *largest element* in  $k_{th}$  column



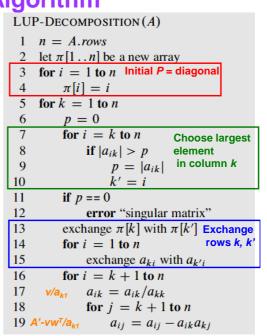
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# **LUP Algorithm**

•  $\pi[i]=j$  means  $P_{ij}=1$ 



(c)



#### **LUP-solve**

- $b_{\pi fij} = i_{th}$  element in Pb
- Two-level nested loop
  - Complexity=Θ(n²)

$$Ly = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.571 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y1 \\ y2 \\ y3 \end{bmatrix} = Pb = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 12.5 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

LUP-SOLVE(
$$L, U, \pi, b$$
)
$$Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 1.4 & 2.2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.856 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \end{bmatrix} = y = \begin{bmatrix} 10.3 \\ 6.32 \\ -5.569 \end{bmatrix}$$
1  $n = L.rows$ 
2 let  $x$  be a new vector of length  $n$ 
3 **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$ 
4  $y_i = b_{\pi[i]} - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} l_{ij} y_j$ 
5 **for**  $i = n$  **downto** 1
6  $x_i = (y_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} u_{ij} x_j) / u_{ii}$ 
7 **return**  $x$ 

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# How to Find A<sup>-1</sup> Using LU?

• Find  $X = A^{-1}$ , such that I is  $n \times n$  identity matrix

$$AX = I$$

Already know how to solve a column of X

$$Ax = b$$
  $AX_i = e_i$ 

- unit vector  $e_i$  is  $i_{th}$  column of I
- $X_i$  is  $i_{th}$  column of X
- So we can solve whole matrix X column by column
- Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1.001 \end{bmatrix} \qquad e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1001 \\ -1000 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1000 \\ 1000 \end{bmatrix} \qquad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1001 & -1000 \\ -1000 & 1000 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# **Complexity Analysis**

- LUP decomposition A = LU
  - $\bullet$   $\Theta(n^3)$
- For i = 1 to n
  - LUP-solve: compute each  $i_{th}$  column of X
  - Each LUP-solve is  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Totally, ⊕(n³)

Matrix Inversion Using LU is  $\Theta(n^3)$ 

# **Matrix Multiplication**

- C = AB
- Direct implementation  $\Theta(n^3)$ 
  - Strassen's method Θ(n<sup>lg 7</sup>) \*but slow in practice

```
SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY(A,B)

1 n = A.rows

2 let C be a new n \times n matrix

3 for i = 1 to n

4 for j = 1 to n

5 c_{ij} = 0

6 for k = 1 to n

7 c_{ij} = c_{ij} + a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}

8 return C
```

◆ Theorem 28.1 and 28.2\* Introduction to algorithms, 3ed. MIT Press Matrix inversion is equivalent to matrix multiplication

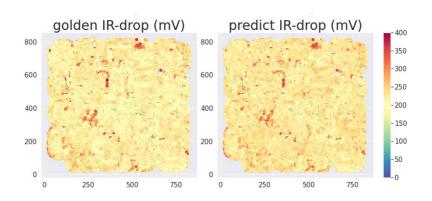
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### **Summary**

- Gaussian Elimination: first systematic way to solve linear system
  - $\bullet$   $\Theta(n^3)$
- Matrix multiplication = Matrix inversion
  - $\bullet$   $\Theta(n^3)$
  - Strassen's method ⊕(n<sup>lg 7</sup>)
- LUP decomposition
  - Θ(n³)

# **Traditional IR Drop Analysis is Slow**

- What can we do?
  - Use Machine Learning to speed up!



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### **Conclusion**

- IR drop analysis very important EDA tool
  - Find IR drop hotspots
- Modified Nodal Analysis (MNA)
  - · Very practical way to analyze large circuits
- Solving Systems of Linear Equations
  - Gauss Elimination
  - LUP decomposition
  - ◆ All ⊕(n³) Very slow!
- What can we do better?
  - Machine learning