

# 10.3.2.4.3

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**Question:** Solve the following system of equations,

$$2x + y - 6 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$4x - 2y - 4 = 0 \quad (2)$$

**Solution:**

## LU Decomposition

Representing using matrices,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

We shall solve this system of equations by LU Decomposition. Any non-singular matrix can be represented as a product of a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an upper triangular matrix  $U$

$$A\mathbf{x} = LU\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad (4)$$

Applying row reduction on  $A$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2=R_2-R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Let

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$l_{21}$  is the multiplier used to zero  $a_{21}$ , so  $l_{21} = 1$ .

Now,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

We have thus obtained LU Decomposition of the matrix  $A$ .

The LU Decomposition of matrix  $A$  can also be obtained by Doolittle's Algorithm. This gives us update equations to construct the  $L$  and  $U$  matrix.

Elements of  $U$  matrix:

For each column  $j$ ,

$$U_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{ij} & i = 0 \\ A_{ij} - \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} L_{ik}U_{kj} & i > 0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Elements of  $L$  matrix:

For each row  $i$ ,

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{A_{ij}}{U_{ij}} & j = 0 \\ \frac{A_{ij} - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} L_{ik} U_{kj}}{U_{ij}} & j > 0 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

The above proccess decomposes any non-singular matrix  $A$  into an upper-triangular matrix  $U$  and a lower-triangular matrix  $L$ . Now, let

$$U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad (10)$$

$$L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \quad (11)$$

Substituting  $L$  in equation (9),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Backsubstituting into equation (8),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

Thus, the system of equations is solved at  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

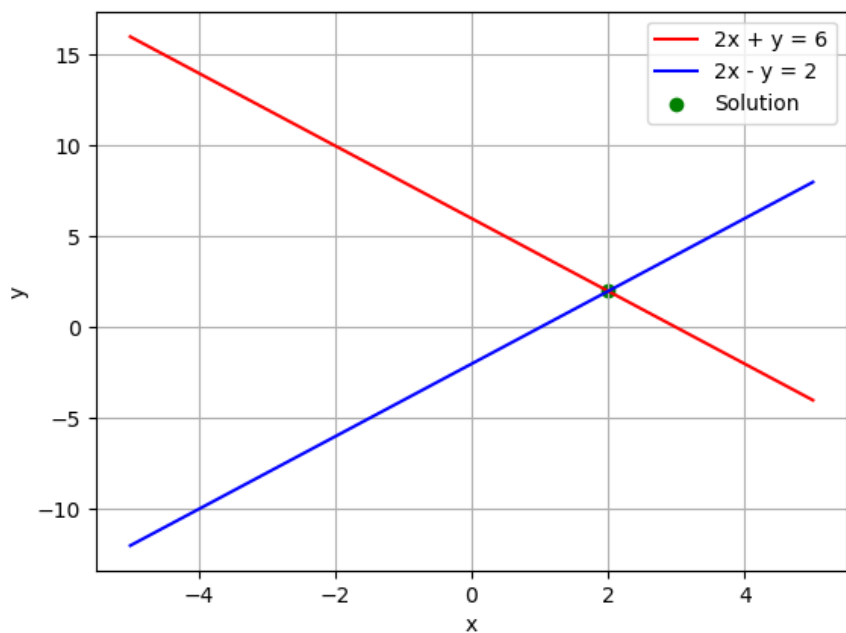


Fig. 1: Solving the system of equations,  $2x + y = 6$ ,  $2x - y = 2$