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Question:

Solve the following pairs of equations by reducing them to a pair of linear equations:

$$\frac{1}{3x+y} + \frac{1}{3x-y} = \frac{3}{4}$$
$$\frac{1}{2(3x+y)} - \frac{1}{2(3x-y)} = \frac{-1}{8}$$

Solution:

Let's solve this using LU decomposition. First, let's substitute:

$$\frac{1}{3x+y} = u \tag{1}$$

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$$\frac{1}{3y - y} = v \tag{2}$$

Then our equations become:

$$u + v = \frac{3}{4} \tag{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}u - \frac{1}{2}v = \frac{-1}{8} \tag{4}$$

$$4u + 4v = 3 \tag{5}$$

$$4u - 4v = -1 (6)$$

This can be written in matrix form as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

Let
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

By multiplying A on both sides

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

after solving

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

Therefore:

$$\frac{1}{3x + y} = \frac{1}{4} \implies 3x + y = 4$$
 (10)

$$\frac{1}{3x - y} = \frac{1}{2} \implies 3x - y = 2 \tag{11}$$

(12)

Any non-singular matrix can be represented as a product of a lower triangular matrix L and an upper triangular matrix U

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \tag{13}$$

Factorization of LU:

Given a matrix **A** of size $n \times n$, LU decomposition is performed row by row and column by column. The update equations are as follows:

- Start by initializing L as the identity matrix L = I and U as a copy of A.
- For each column $j \ge k$, the entries of U in the k-th row are updated as:

$$U_{k,j} = A_{k,j} - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} L_{k,m} \cdot U_{m,j} \quad \forall \quad j \ge k$$
 (14)

• For each row i > k, the entries of L in the k-th column are updated as:

$$L_{i,k} = \frac{1}{U_{k,k}} \left(A_{i,k} - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} L_{i,m} \cdot U_{m,k} \right) \quad \forall \quad i > k$$
 (15)

By doing the following steps and solving we get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{16}$$

By doing the following factorization we get:

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{17}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{18}$$

Using forward substitution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{19}$$

$$\implies y_1 = 4 \tag{20}$$

$$\implies y_2 = -2 \tag{21}$$

Now using back substitution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{22}$$

This gives:

$$\implies y = 1$$
 (23)

$$3x + 1 = 4 \tag{24}$$

$$x = 1 \tag{25}$$

The solution is:

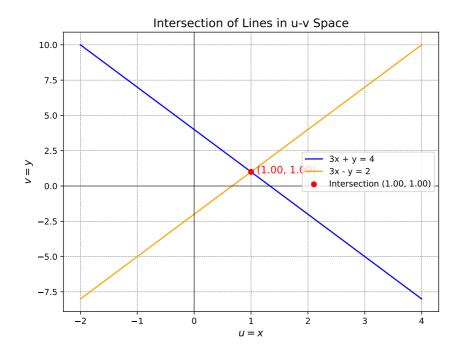


Fig. 1: Graph of the solution