MAT 222 Linear Algebra and Numerical Methods Week 4 Lecture Notes 1

Murat Karaçayır

Akdeniz University
Department of Mathematics

4th March 2025





Summary of Gauss-Jordan Elimination

 Below is a schematic summary of Gauss-Jordan Elimination performed on a full rank n × n matrix A.

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c}A & I\end{array}\right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{c|c}I & A^{-1}\end{array}\right]$$

- The inverse A⁻¹ can be used to obtain the unique solution of Ax = b for any b, but cost of computing it significantly high.
- It is useful when we want to solve a number of systems of type

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_1, \ A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_2, \ \dots, A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_k$$

all having the same coefficient matrix.

 Still it would be better if we could find a faster method to solve multiple systems of this type.





Row Operations and Matrix Multiplication

- We had seen that performing Gauss-Jordan elimination on a matrix has the effect of multiplying the matrix by another matrix.
- In one of our examples, we had reduced the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 to its reduced echelon form, which was **I**.

It turned out that the result was just CA, where

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -2 & 5 \\ 6 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
. (Actually it is the inverse of A.)

 Indeed, we will see that any single row operation amounts to multiplication by a matrix.





- As an example, let us consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Let us apply Gauss elimination to A.

- The resulting echelon matrix is in upper triangular form. Let us call it U.
 - I: Add -2 times Row 1 to Row 2
- The row operations are: 2: Add 1 times Row 1 to Row 3
 - 3: Add 1 times Row 2 to Row 3
- Each of these row operations is equivalent to a matrix multiplication.





- The row operation "Add -2 times Row 1 to Row 2" corresponds to multiplication (from left) by the matrix $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- We have

$$E_1A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This can be quickly observed by using matrix multiplication in terms of row-vector products: The first row of E₁A is the first row of A, the second row of E₁A is −2 times first row of A plus second row of A, the third row of E₁A is third row of A.
- Note that E₁ can be obtained from I by the same row operation "Add -2 times Row 1 to Row 2".

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





• Similarly, the operation "Add 1 times Row 1 to Row 3" is equivalent to multiplication by $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and the operation "Add 1 times

Row 2 to Row 3" is equivalent to multiplication by $E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

So we have

$$E_{2}(E_{1}A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and }$$

$$E_{3}(E_{2}E_{1}A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• In short, $A \xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} E_1 A \xrightarrow{1R_1+R_3} E_2 E_1 A \xrightarrow{1R_2+R_3} E_3 E_2 E_1 A = U$





Elementary matrices

An elementary matrix is a matrix which is obtained from the identity matrix I by a single elementary row operation.

- E₁, E₂ and E₃ are elementary matrices. They are obtained from I by a row operation of type (3) (Add multiple of one row to another).
- The other two row operations also correspond to elementary matrices.

We have for example
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and }$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-5R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The former is known as a special type of permutation matrices. It can be obtained from the identity by a row swap.



Inverses of Elementary Matrices

- Note that the inverse of an elementary matrix is an elementary matrix of the same type.
- In order to invert "Add -2 times Row 1 to Row 2", you perform "Add 2 times Row 1 to Row 2".
- So the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. (Please check it)
- Note that the inverse of a permutation-type elementary matrix is itself.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right]$$

• What is the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$?





Reversing Gaussian Elimination

• For our example matrix
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
, we have $E_3E_2E_1A = U$, where $U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the echelon form of A .

- How can we get from U to A?
- The row operations corresponding to E₁, E₂ and E₃ (in that order) took us from A to U.

•
$$A \xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} E_1 A \xrightarrow{1R_1+R_3} E_2 E_1 A \xrightarrow{1R_2+R_3} E_3 E_2 E_1 A = U$$

 To reverse the procedure, we start with the last row operation and apply its inverse. We do the same thing with the other operations until we obtain back A.

$$U \xrightarrow{-1R_2 + R_3} E_3^{-1} U \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_3} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} U \xrightarrow{2R_1 + R_2} E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} U = A$$

• Therefore we have $A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} U$.





Reversing Gaussian Elimination

- The inverse matrices $E_1^{-1}, E_2^{-1}, E_3^{-1}$ can easily be inferred from E_1, E_2, E_3 . No elimination is required.
- Recall that

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

 Their inverses are computed just by multiplying the only nondiogonal nonzero entry by -1.

$$\bullet \ E_1^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right], \ E_2^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right], \ E_3^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array}\right].$$

- Forming the product is also easy: Just put together the nondiagonal nonzero entries in a single matrix.
- Thus $E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. (Note that the order is important.)
- This is lower triangular with diagonal entries equal to 1. Let us denote it by L.



LU Decomposition

In summary, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A = LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 Thus we have factorized A into two matrices, one of which is lower triangular and the other upper triangular.

LU decomposition

Suppose A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix and it requires no row swaps in Gaussian elimination. Then we can factorize A into two matrices such that

$$A = LU$$
.

Here U is an echelon form of A and L is a lower triangular matrix with diagonal entries equal to 1. This is called an LU decomposition of A, LU (lower-upper) factorization of A or triangular factorization of A. LU decomposition of a matrix, if it exists, is unique.



Making Use of A = LU

- Suppose that we have a system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ and we are given the LU-decomposition of A, so that A = LU. How can we use this?
- Write $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ as $LU\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \rightarrow L(U\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$.
- Ux is a vector of unknowns, call it c.
- So we have $L\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$, which can be solved by forward substitution.
- After finding \mathbf{c} , solve $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ by backward substitution.
- Hence, the factorization A = LU enables us to divide the problem into two simpler parts.





Making Use of A = LU: Example

$$2x + y + z = 5$$

• As an example, consider 4x - 6y = -2.

$$-2x + 7y + 2z = 9$$

• We have seen that the coefficient matrix is A = LU, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Setting $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$, first we solve $L\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$. This is the system $c_1 = 5$

$$2c_1 + c_2 = -2$$
.

$$-c_1-c_2+c_3=9$$

• We can solve it by forward substitution. So $c_1 = 5$, $c_2 = -12$, $c_3 = 2$. 2x + v + z = 5

• Then we solve
$$U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$$
, which is $-8y - 2z = -12$.

$$z = 2$$

• Backward substitution gives x = 1, y = 1, z = 2.



Cost of LU-Decomposition

- This scheme looks fine, but is it faster than the previous methods?
- An upper triangular system such as Lc = b in the example requires 3
 multiplications and 3 additions.
- A lower triangular system such as Ux = c in the example requires 3 divisions, 3 multiplications and 3 additions.
- In total, 9 multiplications/divisions and 6 additions.
- For a general $n \times n$ system, the figures are approximately $\frac{3n^2}{2}$ multiplications/divisions and n^2 additions.
- Note we should add to these numbers the cost of finding the LU-decomposition itself. But it is the same as the cost of Gaussian elimination, which is approximately $\frac{n^3}{3}$ multiplications/divisions and the same number of additions/subtractions for large n.
- Therefore, apart from finding L and U, the cost of solving a system by this method is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$. Close to the cost of backward substitution.
- Furthermore, it is advantageous over inverse matrix method when we want to solve many systems with the same coefficient matrix.





Multiple Systems with the Same Coefficient Matrix

• Exercise: Consider the following systems of equations:

$$2x - 3y + z = 2$$
 $2x - 3y + z = 6$
 $x + y - z = -1$, $x + y - z = 4$,
 $-x + y - 3z = 0$ $-x + y - 3z = 5$
 $2x - 3y + z = 0$ $2x - 3y + z = -1$
 $x + y - z = 1$ and $x + y - z = 0$.
 $-x + y - 3z = -3$ $-x + y - 3z = 0$

Find the LU-decomposition of *A* and use it to solve these four systems.



$$3x_1 - 7x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 = -9$$

$$-3x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 5$$

$$6x_1 - 4x_2 - 5x_4 = 7$$

$$-9x_1 + 5x_2 - 5x_3 + 12x_4 = 11$$
using LU

decomposition.

Solve the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -4 & 0 & -5 \\ -9 & 5 & -5 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1R_1 + R_2, -2R_1 + R_3, 3R_1 + R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 10 & 4 & -9 \\ 0 & -16 & -11 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{5R_2+R_3, -8R_2+R_4}{\longrightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_3+R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• So we have
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
.





- As for *L*, we list the row operations we performed during row reduction.
- Step 1: $1R_1 + R_2, -2R_1 + R_3, 3R_1 + R_4$
- The corresponding elementary matrices are $E_1 =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Step 2: $5R_2 + R_3, -8R_2 + R_4$
- The matrices are $E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$
- Step 3: $-3R_3 + R_4$, which has the matrix $E_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.





• The inverse elementary matrices are $E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_4^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_5^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_6^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

• Their product is
$$E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}E_3^{-1}E_4^{-1}E_5^{-1}E_6^{-1} = L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 8 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

$$\bullet \quad \text{So } A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 8 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \text{ is the }$$

LU-decomposition of A.





• Let us first solve $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$. It is equivalent to

$$y_1 = -9$$

$$-y_1 + y_2 = 5$$

$$2y_1 - 5y_2 + y_3 = 7$$

$$-3y_1 + 8y_2 + 3y_3 + y_4 = 11$$

• Forward substitution gives $y_1 = -9$, $y_2 = -4$, $y_3 = 5$, $y_4 = 1$.

$$3x_1 - 7x_2 - 2x_3 + 2x_4 = -9$$

$$-2x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 = -4$$

$$-x_3 + x_4 = 5$$

 $-x_4 = 1$

• Then we solve $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, which is

• Backward substitution gives
$$x_1 = 3$$
, $x_2 = 4$, $x_3 = -6$, $x_4 = -1$.





LU-Decomposition for $m \times n$ Systems

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + x_4 = 1$$

• Consider the under-determined system $-x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 8$. $2x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_4 = 8$

Gaussian elimination for A goes as follows.

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1R_1 + R_2, -2R_1 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The echelon form is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, which is *U*.
- The performed row operations are (1) $1R_1 + R_2$ and (2) $-2R_1 + R_3$ with elementary matrices $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- The inverses are $E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.





LU-Decomposition for $m \times n$ Systems

• So we have
$$L = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

• Then we first solve $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$, which is $-y_1 + y_2 = 8$. The solution is $2v_1 + v_3 = 8$

$$y_1 = 1, y_2 = 9, y_3 = 6.$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + x_4 = 1$$

• Then we solve $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, which is

$$5x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 9.$$

$$6x_3+5x_4=6$$

- $x_4 = t$ is free. Backward substitution gives $x_3 = 1 5t/6, x_2 = 2 11t/30, x_1 = -83t/30.$
- In vector notation, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -83/30 \\ -11/30 \\ -5/6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





Exercises

$$x + y = 1$$

• Exercise: Solve the system

$$2x + z = 2$$

3x + 2y + z - w = 4

using LU-decomposition method.

• **Exercise:** It is known that if B and C are invertible matrices of the same size, then BC is invertible and $(BC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}$. Use this information to find the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.





LU-Decomposition with Row Exchanges

• Consider
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Let us row reduce A .

$$\bullet \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_2, -2R_1 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

 Normally we would expect a pivot (leading) entry in the (2,2) position but there is a zero there. Furthermore there is a 0 below it so we should

perform a row swap.
$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

- It was not possible to obtain U without a row exchange. Thus we cannot find a lower triangular matrix L such that A = LU.
- Gaussian elimination for A went as follows:

$$A \xrightarrow{-1R_1 + R_2} E_1 A \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_3} E_2 E_1 A \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} PE_2 E_1 A = U,$$
 where $E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$



LU-Decomposition with Row Exchanges

These elementary matrices have the inverses

$$E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Now since $(PE_2E_1)^{-1} = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}P^{-1}$, we have $A = (PE_2E_1)^{-1}U = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}P^{-1}U$.
- One can verify that $E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}P^{-1}=\begin{bmatrix}1&0&0\\1&0&1\\2&1&0\end{bmatrix}$, which is not lower triangular. Call this matrix L'.
- We have A = L'U, where L' can be made lower triangular by row exchanges.
- If we had known that Gaussian elimination would have required a row swap, we could have performed it as the first step to "pave the way".

$$A \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Then we could find a lower triangular matrix L such that PA = LU.



Permuted LU-Decomposition PA = LU

PA = LU

Suppose that A is an invertible matrix. Then there exists a permutation matrix P such that PA has a unique LU-decomposition, in other words PA = LU. We can call it a permuted LU-decomposition of A. (Note that a permutation matrix is a matrix which can be obtained from the identity by a series of row exchanges.)

- The above fact cannot be used in the first try since it is not feasible to determine P before performing Gaussian elimination. But once it is found, it can be used to solve other systems with the same A.
- If one wants to solve a single system only, there is no real need to obtain a "perfect" LU-decomposition.
- In our previous example, we have

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 1$$

• We will find a permuted LU-decomposition of
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & -5 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

$$\bullet \ \, \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & -5 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1 + R_2, 2R_1 + R_3, -1R_1 + R_4} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

In order not to waste time, let us construct L in parallel. So far we have

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (Note that the multipliers are multiplied by -1.)

Now we need a row exchange.





$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The corresponding **permutation** matrix is $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Meanwhile, what happens to L? If P had been applied to A before, then the multipliers in step 1 would have been exchanged. $-2R_1 + R_2$ would have become $-2R_1 + R_3$ and $2R_1 + R_3$ would have become $2R_1 + R_2$.
- Therefore, the nonzero multipliers in the 2nd and 3rd rows of *L* should swap.

$$L = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & & & 1 \end{array} \right] \text{ (Exchange only the multipliers, not the entire rows.)}$$

$$\bullet \ \, \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{1R_2 + R_4} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$





• *L* is updated as
$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (Note the row operation $0R_2 + R_3$.)

Then the last two rows should be swapped:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} . \text{ This is } U.$$

 This updates L by swapping the multipliers in the 3rd and 4th rows. It also updates P by swapping its 3rd and 4th rows.

• One can verify that PA = LU. (Please do it.)





• In order to solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, we apply P to both sides and write $PA\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{b}$. We have

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• So we have $LU\mathbf{x} = L(U\mathbf{x}) = P\mathbf{b}$. Setting $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ as usual, we solve $L\mathbf{y} = P\mathbf{b}$ $y_1 = 1$

first. That is
$$\frac{-2y_1 + y_2 = 3}{y_1 - y_2 + y_3 = 4}.$$
$$2y_1 + y_4 = 2.$$

• Forward substitution gives $y_1 = 1$, $y_2 = 5$, $y_3 = 8$, $y_4 = 0$.

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 1$$

• Then we solve $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$, which is

$$x_2 + 5x_4 = 5$$
$$3x_3 + 6x_4 = 8$$
$$-7x_4 = 0$$

• Backward substitution gives $x_1 = -50/3, x_2 = 5, x_3 = 8/3, x_4 = 0.$





Exercise

by using LU (or permuted LU) decomposition.



