

NCERT Presentation

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Problem Statement

Solve the following system of equations,

$$2x + y - 6 = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

$$4x - 2y - 4 = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

Solution

Representing using matrices,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

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

$$A\mathbf{x} = LU\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \quad (3.2)$$

Row Reduction

Applying row reduction on A ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2=R_2-R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3)$$

Let

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.4)$$

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

Now,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.5)$$

We have thus obtained LU Decomposition of the matrix A .

Doolittle's Algorithm

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 ,

$$U_{ij} = \begin{cases} A_{ij} & i = 0 \\ A_{ij} - \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} L_{ik} U_{kj} & i > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

Elements of L matrix:

For each row i ,

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{A_{ij}}{U_{ij}} & j = 0 \\ \frac{A_{ij} - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} L_{ik} U_{kj}}{U_{ij}} & j > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.7)$$

Backsubstitution

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

$$U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad (3.8)$$

$$L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \quad (3.9)$$

Substituting L in equation (9),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.10)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.11)$$

Backsubstituting into equation (8),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.13)$$

Graph

