

1. Theory Question : This theory exercise is about the properties of block matrices. That is matrices of the form

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } A \text{ and } D \text{ are square blocks of arbitrary size.}$$

You can assume all the inverses below exist.

(a) Inverse of a block matrix: In the lecture, the following statement about inverse of  $M$  was provided without proof.

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} + \bar{A}^{-1} B Q^{-1} C A^{-1} & -\bar{A}^{-1} B Q^{-1} \\ -Q^{-1} C A^{-1} & Q^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$Q := D - C A^{-1} B$ , denotes the so called Schur complement. Prove this statement.

Answer :- We construct a set of reductions  $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4$  such that

$$(E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1) M = I \Rightarrow M^{-1} = (E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Let } E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_1 M = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} := R_1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Let } E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C & I \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_2 R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ C-C & D-CA^{-1}B \end{bmatrix} := R_2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \text{ Let } E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & (D-CA^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_3 R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & (D-CA^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ C-C & D-CA^{-1}B \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} := R_3$$

$$\textcircled{4} \text{ Let } E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} I & -A^{-1}B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_4 R_3 = \begin{bmatrix} I & -A^{-1}B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1} B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} E_4 & E_3 & E_2 & E_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & -A'^{-1}B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & (D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A' & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} I & -A'^{-1}B(D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1} \\ 0 & (D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A' & 0 \\ -CA'^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} A'^{-1} + A'^{-1}B(D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1}CA'^{-1} & -A'^{-1}B(D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1} \\ -(D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1}CA'^{-1} & (D - CA'^{-1}B)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} A'^{-1} + A'^{-1}BQ^{-1}CA'^{-1} & -A'^{-1}BQ^{-1} \\ -Q^{-1}CA'^{-1} & Q^{-1} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Block LU decomposition: The LU decomposition of  $M$  is a decomposition into a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that  $M = LU$

Show that LU decomposition of  $M$  is given by.

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ C(A^{1/2})^T & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U = \begin{bmatrix} (A^{1/2})^T & A^{-1/2}B \\ 0 & (Q^{1/2})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer: Forward multiplying LU we get

$$\begin{aligned} LU &= \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ C(A^{1/2})^T & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (A^{1/2})^T & A^{-1/2}B \\ 0 & (Q^{1/2})^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2}(A^{1/2})^T & A^{1/2}A^{-1/2}B \\ C(A^{1/2})(A^{1/2})^T & C(A^{1/2})^T A^{-1/2}B + Q^{1/2}Q^{1/2}^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D - C\bar{A}^T B + CA^T B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Using  
 ①  $A^{1/2}A^{-1/2} = I$   
 ②  $Q^{1/2}Q^{1/2}^T = I$

We can also derive the expression for LU using block elimination.

$$\text{Let } E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C\bar{A}^{1/2} & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_1 M = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1/2}^T & \bar{A}^{1/2}B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} := R_1$$

$$E_1 R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C\bar{A}^{1/2} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1/2}^T & \bar{A}^{1/2}B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1/2}^T & \bar{A}^{1/2}B \\ -C\bar{A}^{1/2}A^{-1/2}^T + C & D - C\bar{A}^{1/2}\bar{A}^{1/2}B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1/2}^T & \bar{A}^{1/2}B \\ 0 & D - C\bar{A}^{1/2}B \end{bmatrix} := R_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & (D - CA^T B)^{-1/2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_3 R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \underbrace{(D - CA^T B)^{-1/2}}_{Q^{1/2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & A^{1/2} B \\ 0 & (D - CA^T B)^{1/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } (E_3 E_2 E_1) M = U$$

$$\Rightarrow M = (E_3 E_2 E_1)^{-1} U = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} U$$

$$E_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad E_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C A^{-1/2} & I \end{bmatrix} \quad E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

using block diagonal inverse formula above.

$$E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ C A^{-1/2} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ C A^{-1/2} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ C A^{-1/2} & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the lower triangular matrix as expected.

$$\Rightarrow M = LU \text{ where } L = \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ C A^{-1/2} & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} (A^{1/2})^T & A^{1/2} B \\ 0 & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

1(c) Determinant of a block matrix: Show that

$$\det(M) = \det(P) \det(Q)$$

Hint: You can use that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} P & Q \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ R & S \end{pmatrix} = \det(P) \det(S)$$

and multiplicativity of the determinant  $\det(P \cdot Q) = \det(P) \det(Q)$

Answer:

We know  $M = LU$  is the LU decomposition for  $M$ .

$$\det(M) = \det(LU) = \det(L) \det(U)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ CA^{1/2} & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} A^{1/2} & A^{1/2}B \\ 0 & Q^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{From 1(b) we know}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A^{1/2}) \det(Q^{1/2}) \det(A^{1/2}B) \det(Q^{1/2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A^{1/2}A^{1/2}) \det(Q^{1/2}Q^{1/2})$$

$$= \det(A) \det(Q)$$

