

AI61003 Linear Algebra for AI & ML

Assignment 01- Problem 07

Define $L_{ij}(x)$ for any $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (where $1 \leq j < i \leq n$) such that

- $L_{ij}(x)_{kk} = 1$ for $k = 1 \dots n$
- $L_{ij}(x)_{ij} = -x_{ij} / x_{jj}$ ($1 \leq j < i \leq n$)
- $L_{ij}(x)_{pq} = 0$ ($p \neq q$, $(p, q) \neq (i, j)$)

So given an invertible matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ perform the following steps to construct the matrices L_{ij}
(Total no. of steps - $n(n-1)/2$)

$$L_{21}(A) A = A_{21}$$

$$L_{31}(A_{21}) A_{21} = A_{31}$$

⋮

$$L_{n1}(A_{(n-1)1}) A_{(n-1)1} = A_{n1}$$

$$L_{32}(A_{n1}) A_{n1} = A_{32}$$

⋮

$$L_{n(n-2)}(A_{(n-1)(n-2)}) A_{(n-1)(n-2)} = A_{n(n-2)}$$

$$L_{n(n-1)}(A_{n(n-2)}) A_{n(n-2)} = A_{n(n-1)} = U$$

(U computed ✓)

Let all the $L_{ij}(\cdot)$ matrices on the LHS be called as L_{ij} .

All the operations can be combined as-

$$L_{n(n-1)} L_{n(n-2)} \dots L_{ij} \dots L_{31} L_{21} A = U$$

(All L_{ij} matrices are lower-triangular and non-singular).

$$\therefore A = L_2^{-1} L_3^{-1} \dots L_i^{-1} \dots L_{n(n-2)}^{-1} L_{n(n-1)}^{-1} U$$

$$= L U$$

Note that

$$\textcircled{1} L_{ij}^{-1} = 2I - L_{ij}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \prod_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} L_{ij}^{-1} = \left(\sum \sum_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} L_{ij}^{-1} \right) - \left(\frac{n^2 - n - 2}{2} \right) I$$

Using these observations it becomes fairly easy to compute L since each L_{ij}^{-1} has only one non-zero non-diagonal entry and no two matrices have their ^{unique} non-zero non-diagonal entry at the same position.

Hence $L = \prod_{1 \leq j < i \leq n} L_{ij}^{-1}$ can be computed. ✓

Therefore, LU decomposition for any invertible matrix A can be computed.