



Matrix Factorization

Linear Algebra

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Note

- ❑ Columns of A are orthonormal $\leftrightarrow A^T A = I$
- ❑ Square matrix with orthonormal columns is a orthogonal matrix
 - Columns and rows are orthonormal vectors
 - $A^T A = A A^T = I$
 - is necessarily invertible with inverse $A^T = A^{-1}$



Example

❑ Identity matrix $I^T I = I$

❑ Rotation matrix

$$R^T R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$



Example

□ Reflection matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\theta) & \sin(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta) & -\cos(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos^2(2\theta) + \sin^2(2\theta) & \cos(2\theta)\sin(2\theta) - \sin(2\theta)\cos(2\theta) \\ \sin(2\theta)\cos(2\theta) - \cos(2\theta)\sin(2\theta) & \sin^2(2\theta) + \cos^2(2\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Lemma

All orthogonal matrices can be expressed as Rotation or Reflection



Note

If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has orthonormal columns, then the linear function $f(x) = Ax$

- Preserves inner product:

$$(Ax)^T(Ay) = x^T y$$

- Preserves norm:

$$\|Ax\| = \|x\|$$

- Preserves distances:

$$\|Ax - Ay\| = \|x - y\|$$

- Preserves angles:

$$\angle(Ax, Ay) = \arccos\left(\frac{(Ax)^T(Ay)}{\|Ax\|\|Ay\|}\right) = \arccos\left(\frac{x^T y}{\|x\|\|y\|}\right) = \angle(x, y)$$

This is a mapping with preserving properties of input



Important

Run Gram–Schmidt on columns a_1, \dots, a_k of $n \times k$ matrix A :

$$\tilde{q}_1 = a_1, \quad q_1 = \frac{\tilde{q}_1}{\|\tilde{q}_1\|}$$
$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \|\tilde{q}_1\|q_1$$

$$\tilde{q}_2 = a_2 - (q_1^T a_2)q_1, \quad q_2 = \frac{\tilde{q}_2}{\|\tilde{q}_2\|}$$
$$\Rightarrow a_2 = (q_1^T a_2)q_1 + \|\tilde{q}_2\|q_2$$

\vdots

$$\tilde{q}_i = a_i - (q_1^T a_i)q_1 - \dots - (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1}, \quad q_i = \frac{\tilde{q}_i}{\|\tilde{q}_i\|}$$
$$a_i = (q_1^T a_i)q_1 + \dots + (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1} + \|\tilde{q}_i\|q_i$$



❑ Matrix–Matrix Multiplication

As a set of matrix–vector products.

$$C = AB = A \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & \dots & | \\ b_1 & b_2 & & b_p \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & \dots & | \\ Ab_1 & Ab_2 & & Ab_p \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right]$$

Here the i th column of C is given by the matrix–vector product with the vector on the right, $c_i = Ab_i$. These matrix–vector products can in turn be interpreted using both viewpoints given in the previous subsection.

❑ Matrix–Vector Multiplication

If we write A by columns, then we have:

$$y = Ax = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} | & | & \dots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & & a_n \\ | & | & & | \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = [a_1]x_1 + [a_2]x_2 + \dots + [a_n]x_n .$$

- y is a linear combination of the columns A .



Important

$$a_1 = \|\tilde{q}_1\|q_1$$

$$a_2 = (q_1^T a_2)q_1 + \|\tilde{q}_2\|q_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_k = (q_1^T a_k)q_1 + \cdots + (q_{k-1}^T a_k)q_{k-1} + \|\tilde{q}_k\|q_k$$

$$[a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_k] = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad \cdots \quad q_k] \begin{bmatrix} \|\tilde{q}_k\| & q_1^T a_2 & \cdots & q_1^T a_k \\ 0 & \|\tilde{q}_2\| & \cdots & q_2^T a_k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & q_{k-1}^T a_k \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \|\tilde{q}_k\| \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{n \times k} = Q_{n \times k} \times R_{k \times k}$$



Important

1. Run Gram–Schmidt on columns a_1, \dots, a_k of $n \times k$ matrix A
2. If columns are linearly independent, get orthonormal q_1, \dots, q_k
3. Define $n \times k$ matrix Q with columns q_1, \dots, q_k
4. $Q^T Q = I$
5. From Gram–Schmidt algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= (q_1^T a_i)q_1 + \dots + (q_{i-1}^T a_i)q_{i-1} + \|\tilde{q}_i\|q_i \\ &= R_{1i}q_1 + \dots + R_{ii}q_i \end{aligned}$$

With $R_{1j} = q_1^T a_j$ for $i < j$ and $R_{ii} = \|\tilde{q}_i\|$

6. Defining $R_{ij} = 0$ for $i > j$ we have $A = QR$
7. R is upper triangular, with positive diagonal entries



Definition

A factorization of a matrix A as $A = QR$ where Factors satisfy $Q^T Q = I$, R upper triangular with positive diagonal entries, is called a **QR factorization** of A .

Suppose A is a square matrix with linearly independent columns. Then there exist unique matrices Q and R such that Q is unitary, R is upper triangular with only positive numbers on its diagonal, and

$$A = QR.$$

$$R_{j,k} = \langle v_k, e_j \rangle,$$

Note

The QR factorization of a matrix :

- ☐ Can be computed using Gram–Schmidt algorithm (or some variations)
- ☐ Has a huge number of uses, which we'll see soon



Important

To find QR decomposition:

□ Q : Use Gram-Schmidt to find orthonormal basis for column space of A

□ Let $R = Q^T A$

□ OR: $R_{j,k} = \langle v_k, e_j \rangle,$

□ If A is a square matrix, then Q is square and orthonormal (orthogonal)



Theorem

if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ has linearly independent columns then it can be factored as

$$A = QR$$

Q-factor

- Q is $m \times n$ with orthonormal columns ($Q^T Q = I$)
- If A is square ($m = n$), then Q is orthogonal ($Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$)

R-factor

- R is $n \times n$, upper triangular, with nonzero diagonal elements
- R is nonsingular (diagonal elements are nonzero)



Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, q_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, q_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \|\tilde{q}_1\| = 2, \|\tilde{q}_2\| = 2, \|\tilde{q}_3\| = 4$$

□ QR :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Generalization of QR Decompose



$$A_{4 \times 6} = [\underline{a_1} \quad \underline{a_2} \quad a_3 \quad \underline{a_4} \quad a_5 \quad a_6]$$

Linear Independent

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = a_{11}q_1 \\ a_2 = a_{21}q_1 + a_{22}q_2 \\ a_3 = a_{31}q_1 + a_{32}q_2 \\ a_4 = a_{41}q_1 + a_{42}q_2 + a_{43}q_3 \\ a_5 = a_{51}q_1 + a_{52}q_2 + a_{53}q_3 \\ a_6 = a_{61}q_1 + a_{62}q_2 + a_{63}q_3 \end{cases}$$

Block upper triangular matrix

$$[a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad a_4 \quad a_5 \quad a_6] = [q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} & a_{41} & a_{51} & a_{61} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{32} & a_{42} & a_{52} & a_{62} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{53} & a_{63} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{4 \times 6} = Q_{4 \times 3} \times R_{3 \times 6}$$



- ❑ A QR decomposition can be created for any matrix — it need not be square and it need not have full rank.
- ❑ Every matrix has a QR-decomposition, though R may not always be invertible.



Note

suppose A is square and invertible :

□ So its columns are linearly independent

□ So Gram-Schmidt gives QR factorization

□ $A = QR$

□ Q is orthogonal $Q^T Q = I$

□ R is upper triangular with positive diagonal entries, hence invertible

□ So we have

$$A^{-1} = (QR)^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^{-1} = R^{-1}Q^T$$



Algorithm: Computing Matrix Inverse

Input: $A_{n \times n}$ invertible

Output: $A_{n \times n}^{-1}$

Find QR factorization $A = QR_I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{q}_1 & \cdots & \bar{q}_n \end{bmatrix} = Q^T$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$ **do**

 Solve $Rx_i = \bar{q}_i$ using back substitution

end

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$$



Theorem

Suppose $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$. There exists a unitary matrix $U \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and an upper triangular matrix $T \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that

$$A = UTU^*.$$
$$A = U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & x & \cdots & x \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & x \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} U^*.$$

Schur triangularization are highly non-unique

Example

Compute a Schur triangularization of the following matrices:

$$a) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b) \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$



Important Note

Matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

has no real eigenvalues and thus no real Schur triangularization (since the diagonal entries of its triangularization T necessarily have the same eigenvalues as A). However, it does have a complex Schur triangularization:

$A = UTU^*$, where

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}(1+i) & 1+i \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} i\sqrt{2} & 3-i \\ 0 & -i\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$



Important

Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ have eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ (listed according to algebraic multiplicity). Then

$$\det(A) = \lambda_1 * \lambda_2 * \dots * \lambda_n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$$



Theorem

Suppose $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$. Then there exists a unitary matrix $U \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and diagonal matrix $D \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that

$$A = UDU^*.$$

if and only if A is normal (i.e., $A^*A = AA^*$).

Theorem

Suppose $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$. Then there exists a unitary matrix $U \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and diagonal matrix $D \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$A = UDU^T.$$

if and only if A is symmetric (i.e., $A = A^T$).



$$[T^*T]_{1,1} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{t_{1,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \overline{t_{1,2}} & \overline{t_{2,2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \overline{t_{1,n}} & \overline{t_{2,n}} & \cdots & \overline{t_{n,n}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_{1,1} & t_{1,2} & \cdots & t_{1,n} \\ 0 & t_{2,2} & \cdots & t_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & t_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \\ = |t_{1,1}|^2,$$

$$[T^*T]_{2,2} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{t_{1,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{t_{2,2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \overline{t_{2,n}} & \cdots & \overline{t_{n,n}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_{1,1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & t_{2,2} & \cdots & t_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & t_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \\ = |t_{2,2}|^2,$$

and

$$[TT^*]_{1,1} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_{1,1} & t_{1,2} & \cdots & t_{1,n} \\ 0 & t_{2,2} & \cdots & t_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & t_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{t_{1,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \overline{t_{1,2}} & \overline{t_{2,2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \overline{t_{1,n}} & \overline{t_{2,n}} & \cdots & \overline{t_{n,n}} \end{bmatrix} \\ = |t_{1,1}|^2 + |t_{1,2}|^2 + \cdots + |t_{1,n}|^2.$$

$$[TT^*]_{2,2} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_{1,1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & t_{2,2} & \cdots & t_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & t_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{t_{1,1}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{t_{2,2}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \overline{t_{2,n}} & \cdots & \overline{t_{n,n}} \end{bmatrix} \\ = |t_{2,2}|^2 + |t_{2,3}|^2 + \cdots + |t_{2,n}|^2,$$



Normal Matrices have Orthogonal Eigenspaces

Theorem

Suppose $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is normal. If $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ are eigenvectors of A corresponding to different eigenvalues then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$.



- ❑ Review: Gaussian Elimination, row operations are used to change the coefficient matrix to an upper triangular matrix.
- ❑ LU Decomposition is very useful when we have large matrices $n \times n$ and if we use gauss-jordan or the other methods, we can get errors.

Definition

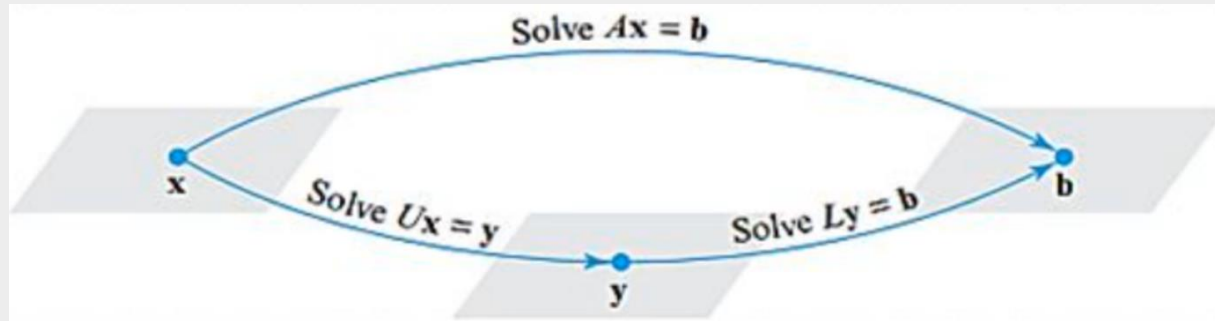
A factorization of a square matrix A as

$$A = LU$$

where L is lower triangular and U is upper triangular, is called an **LU – decomposition** (or **LU – factorization**) of A .

Important

- 1) Rewrite the system $Ax = b$ as $LUx = b$
- 2) Define a new $n \times 1$ matrix y by $Ux = y$
- 3) Use $Ux = y$ to rewrite $LUx = b$ as $Ly = b$ and solve the system for y
- 4) Substitute y in $Ux = y$ and solve for x .





Important

- 1) Reduce A to a REF form U by Gaussian elimination without row exchanges, keeping track of the multipliers used to introduce the leading 1 s and multipliers used to introduce the zeros below the leading 1 s
- 2) In each position along the main diagonal of L place the reciprocal of the multiplier that introduced the leading 1 in that position in U
- 3) In each position below the main diagonal of L place negative of the multiplier used to introduce the zero in that position in U
- 4) Form the decomposition $A = LU$

Constructing LU Factorization



Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 0 \\ 9 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 0 \\ 9 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 9 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{multiplier} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \textcircled{0} & 2 & 1 \\ \textcircled{0} & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{multiplier} = -9 \\ \text{multiplier} = -3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{multiplier} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \textcircled{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{multiplier} = -8$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{multiplier} = 1$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bullet & 0 & 0 \\ \bullet & \bullet & 0 \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

□ denotes an unknown entry of L .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ \bullet & \bullet & 0 \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & \bullet & 0 \\ 3 & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

No actual operation is performed here since there is already a leading 1 in the third row.

Thus, we have constructed LU – decomposition:

$$A = LU = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

LU-factorization for non-square matrix



$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & \frac{29}{3} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{5}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{5}{3} & \frac{8}{29} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Note

The following operation counts apply to an $n \times n$ dense matrix A (with most entries nonzero) for n moderately large, say, $n \geq 30$.

1. Computing an LU factorization of A takes about $2n^3/3$ flops (about the same as row reducing $[A \quad \mathbf{b}]$), whereas finding A^{-1} requires about $2n^3$ flops.
2. Solving $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ and $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ requires about $2n^2$ flops, because any $n \times n$ triangular system can be solved in about n^2 flops.
3. Multiplication of \mathbf{b} by A^{-1} also requires about $2n^2$ flops, but the result may not be as accurate as that obtained from L and U (because of roundoff error when computing both A^{-1} and $A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$).
4. If A is sparse (with mostly zero entries), then L and U may be sparse, too, whereas A^{-1} is likely to be dense. In this case, a solution of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with an LU factorization is *much* faster than using A^{-1} .



Note

- ❑ Sometimes it is impossible to write a matrix in the form “lower triangular” \times “upper triangular”.
- ❑ An invertible matrix A has an LU decomposition provided that all upper left determinants are non-zero [if and only if all its leading principal minors^[7] are nonzero^[8]] Why??

In general, any square matrix $A_{n \times n}$ could have one of the following:

1. a unique LU factorization (as mentioned above);
2. infinitely many LU factorizations if two or more of any first $(n-1)$ columns are linearly dependent or any of the first $(n-1)$ columns are 0;
3. no LU factorization if the first $(n-1)$ columns are non-zero and linearly independent and at least one leading principal minor is zero.

In Case 3, one can approximate an LU factorization by changing a diagonal entry a_{jj} to $a_{jj} \pm \varepsilon$ to avoid a zero leading principal minor.^[10]



Theorem

if A is $n \times n$ and nonsingular, then it can be factored as

$$A = PLU$$

P is a permutation matrix, L is unit lower triangular, U is upper triangular

- ☐ not unique; there may be several possible choices for P, L, U
- ☐ interpretation: permute the rows of A and factor $P^T A$ as $P^T A = LU$
- ☐ also known as Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting (GEPP)
- ☐ Is it unique??

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 9 & 0 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 15/19 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 19/3 & -8/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 135/19 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ☐ we will skip the details of calculating P, L, U



Important

Every **positive definite matrix** $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ can be factored as

$$A = \mathbb{R}^T \mathbb{R}$$

where \mathbb{R} is upper triangular with positive diagonal elements

- ❑ complexity of computing \mathbb{R} is $(1/3)n^3$ flops
- ❑ \mathbb{R} is called the *Cholesky factor* of A
- ❑ can be interpreted as “square root” of a positive definite matrix
- ❑ gives a practical method for testing positive definiteness



Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{1,2:n} \\ A_{2:n,1} & A_{2:n,2:n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & 0 \\ R_{1,2:n}^T & R_{2:n,2:n}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{1,2:n} \\ 0 & R_{2:n,2:n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_{11}^2 & R_{11}R_{1,2:n} \\ R_{11}R_{1,2:n}^T & R_{1,2:n}^T R_{1,2:n} + R_{2:n,2:n}^T R_{2:n,2:n} \end{bmatrix}$$

1. compute first row of R :

$$R_{11} = \sqrt{A_{11}}, \quad R_{1,2:n} = \frac{1}{R_{11}} A_{1,2:n}$$

2. compute 2, 2 block $R_{2:n,2:n}$ from

$$A_{2:n,2:n} - R_{1,2:n}^T R_{1,2:n} = R_{2:n,2:n}^T R_{2:n,2:n} = A_{2:n,2:n} - \frac{1}{A_{11}} A_{2:n,1} A_{2,1:n}^T$$

this is a Cholesky factorization of order $n - 1$

A_{11}
 > 0
if A is positive definite



Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 15 & -5 \\ 15 & 18 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ R_{12} & R_{22} & 0 \\ R_{13} & R_{23} & R_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} \\ 0 & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & R_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ first row of R

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 15 & -5 \\ 15 & 18 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & R_{22} & 0 \\ -1 & R_{23} & R_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & R_{22} & R_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & R_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ second row of R

$$\begin{bmatrix} 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{22} & 0 \\ R_{23} & R_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{22} & R_{23} \\ 0 & R_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & R_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & R_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ third column of R : $10 - 1 = R_{33}^2$, i.e., $R_{33} = 3$



Example

- Let $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_r\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ with $r = \text{rank}(A)$ be basis of $\text{range}(A)$. Then each of the columns of $A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$ can be expressed as linear combination of B :

$$a_i = b_1 c_{i1} + b_2 c_{i2} + \dots + b_r c_{ir} = [b_1, \dots, b_r] \begin{bmatrix} c_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{ir} \end{bmatrix},$$

for some coefficients $c_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ with $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, r$.

Stacking these relations column by column \rightarrow

$$[a_1, \dots, a_n] = [b_1, \dots, b_r] \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{n1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{1r} & \dots & c_{nr} \end{bmatrix}$$



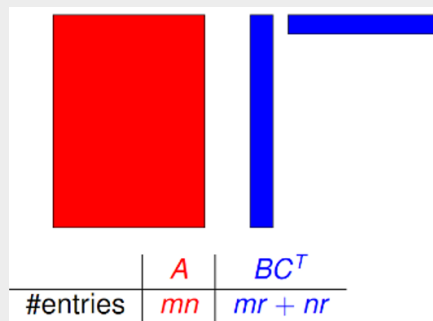
Lemma

A matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of rank r admits a factorization of the form

$$A = BC^T, \quad B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}.$$

We say that A has **low rank** if $\text{rank}(A) \ll m, n$.

Illustration of low-rank factorization:



- ❑ Generically (and in most applications), A has **full rank**, that is, $\text{rank}(A) = \min\{m, n\}$.
- ❑ Aim instead at **approximating** A by a low-rank matrix.