

# Mathematics 1 - Linear Algebra

## Lecture 08 – §9.1 LU decomposition

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# The transposed matrix

## Definition 3.68 (transposed matrix)

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Then the matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T := \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{m,1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{1,n} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is the so-called transposed matrix (or just the transpose) of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence, we obtain the transpose by writing the columns as rows (and vice versa).

## Example 3.69 (transposed matrix)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3} &\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}, \\ \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 &\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{v} = (1 \ 2 \ 3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 4 = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle, \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\neq \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}^T). \end{aligned}$$

# The transposed matrix

## Theorem 3.72 (rules to compute with transposed matrices)

- a) For all  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there holds:  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$ .
- b) For all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  there holds:  $(\alpha \cdot \mathbf{A})^T = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{A}^T$ .
- c) For all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there holds:  $(\mathbf{A}^T)^T = \mathbf{A}$ .
- d)
- e)
- f)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- g) For all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  there holds:  $\mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{v} = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{u}$ .

**Proof.** a), b), c) and g) can easily be checked/computed.

f) This follows from “row rank = column rank” (Theorem 3.54).

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- a) For all  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there holds:  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^\top = \mathbf{A}^\top + \mathbf{B}^\top$ .
- b) For all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  there holds:  $(\alpha \cdot \mathbf{A})^\top = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- c) For all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there holds:  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)^\top = \mathbf{A}$ .
- d) For all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and for all  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  there holds:  $(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})^\top = \mathbf{B}^\top \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top$ .
- e) If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is invertible, then  $\mathbf{A}^\top$  is also invertible with  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top$ .
- f)  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^\top) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ .
- g) For all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  there holds:  $\mathbf{u}^\top \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^\top \cdot \mathbf{u} = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$ .

**Proof.** d) There holds  $\mathbf{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ , hence  $(\mathbf{AB})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$ . There also holds  $\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{A}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$ . For both  $r \times m$  matrices we compute the entry in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column:

$$\begin{aligned} ((\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})^\top)_{ij} &= (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})_{ji} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} b_{ki}, \\ (\mathbf{B}^\top \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top)_{ij} &= \sum_{k=1}^n b_{ik}^T a_{kj}^T = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{ki} a_{jk} = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})_{ji}. \end{aligned}$$

e) There holds  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{I}^\top = (\mathbf{AA}^{-1})^\top \stackrel{\text{d)}}{=} (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top \mathbf{A}^\top$ , hence  $(\mathbf{A}^\top)^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^\top$ . □

# The transposed matrix

## Theorem 3.73 (the role of $\mathbf{A}^T$ in the scalar product)

For all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there holds

$$\langle \mathbf{Ax}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} \rangle.$$

**Proof.** For  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  there holds  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v}$ .

Hence for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  there holds

$$\langle \mathbf{Ax}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = (\mathbf{Ax})^T \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A}^T) \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} \rangle.$$

□

## Definition 3.74 (symmetric and skewsymmetric matrices)

A square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called symmetric if there holds  $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$ .

It is called skewsymmetric if there holds  $\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$ .

# LU decomposition

## Example for the solution of an LES with LU decomposition

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**First solution approach:** Gauß-Elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & -3 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 & | & -4 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 & | & 7 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & | & 8 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & | & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & | & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & | & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Second solution approach:

Write  $\mathbf{A}$  as the product of two triangular matrices  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$ :

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=: \mathbf{L}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=: \mathbf{U}}$$

Forward/backward substitution with  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \implies \mathbf{L}(\underbrace{\mathbf{Ux}}_{\mathbf{y}:=}) = \mathbf{b} \implies$$

1. Solve  $\mathbf{Ly} = \mathbf{b}$  with forward substitution.
2. Solve  $\mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{y}$  with backward substitution.

# LU decomposition

The most important admissible operation in Gauss elimination is:

Subtract  $\alpha_{ij}$  times the  $j$ -th row from the  $i$ -th row.

This operation can be expressed as a matrix-matrix multiplication:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & -\alpha_{ij} & 1 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}_{i,j,\alpha_{ij}} := \text{identity matrix with } -\alpha_{ij} \text{ in row } i \text{ and column } j} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_{i-1}- \\ \textcolor{red}{-\mathbf{a}_i-} \\ -\mathbf{a}_{i+1}- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_n- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_{i-1}- \\ \textcolor{red}{-\mathbf{a}_i - \alpha_{ij}\mathbf{a}_j -} \\ -\mathbf{a}_{i+1}- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_n- \end{pmatrix}$$



# LU decomposition

## Elimination of entries in the first column

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-4} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Elimination of the entries in the first column:**

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ -\alpha_{n,1} & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}_{n,1,\alpha_{n,1}}} \cdots \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -\alpha_{2,1} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}_{2,1,\alpha_{2,1}}} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_i- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_n- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1- \\ -\mathbf{a}_2 - \alpha_{2,1}\mathbf{a}_1- \\ -\mathbf{a}_3 - \alpha_{3,1}\mathbf{a}_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_n - \alpha_{n,1}\mathbf{a}_1- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ -\alpha_{2,1} & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 0 \\ -\alpha_{n,1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: \mathbf{L}_1$$

with  $\alpha_{j,1} = \frac{a_{j,1}}{a_{1,1}}$  (subtract  $\alpha_{j,1}$  times row 1 from row  $j$ ).

## LU decomposition

Analogously, all entries below the diagonal are eliminated successively:

$$\mathbf{L}_{n-1}\mathbf{L}_{n-2}\cdots\mathbf{L}_j \underbrace{\mathbf{L}_{j-1}\cdots\mathbf{L}_1\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{A}^{(j-1)} :=}$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{L}_j := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ & & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & -\alpha_{j+1,j} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ & & -\alpha_{n,j} & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha_{k,j} = \frac{a_{k,j}^{(j-1)}}{a_{j,j}^{(j-1)}}.$$

Finally we compute

$$\mathbf{A} = \underbrace{\mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \cdots \mathbf{L}_{n-1}^{-1}}_{?} \mathbf{U}$$

# LU decomposition

## Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# LU decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \underbrace{\mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \cdots \mathbf{L}_{n-1}^{-1}}_{?} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$$

There holds

$$\mathbf{L}_j^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ & & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & +\alpha_{j+1,j} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ & & +\alpha_{n,j} & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(check that  $\mathbf{L}_j^{-1}\mathbf{L}_j = \mathbf{I}$ ),

$$\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \cdots \mathbf{L}_{n-1}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \alpha_{2,1} & 1 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{3,1} & \alpha_{3,2} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \alpha_{n,1} & \cdots & \cdots & \alpha_{n,n-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# LU decomposition

## Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{-4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}}_{\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{-1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \boxed{4} & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}}_{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LU}$$

# LU decomposition

## Definition 9.1 (LU factorization/decomposition)

We have an LU factorization of  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  if the following holds:

- ▶  $\mathbf{A}$  can be written as a matrix product  $\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{U}$ .
- ▶ Here,  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is square and  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has the same numbers of rows and columns as  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- ▶  $\mathbf{L}$  is a normed lower triangular matrix: it has ones along the diagonal, zeros above the diagonal, and below the diagonal in position  $(i, j)$  it shows how often row  $i$  is subtracted from row  $j$  in Gauss elimination.
- ▶  $\mathbf{U}$  is the result of these elimination steps in row echelon form. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square, then  $\mathbf{U}$  is an upper triangular matrix (i.e., all entries below the diagonal are zero).

Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 12 \\ -3 & -6 & -6 & 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# LU decomposition

## Example - computation of $\mathbf{L}$ , $\mathbf{U}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \boxed{4} & 8 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 12 \\ -3 & -6 & -6 & 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ \boxed{0} & 0 & 2 & 3 & 12 \\ \boxed{-3} & -6 & -6 & 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 3 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 11 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-6} & 11 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{8} & 16 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# LU decomposition

## True or false?

1.  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T$  is symmetric.
2. If  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a lower triangular matrix, then  $\mathbf{C}^T$  is an upper triangular matrix.
3. The following matrix products are LU decompositions:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Let  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{AL}$  differ only in the third column.

## LU decomposition

The second admissible operation in Gauss elimination is

Exchange the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th row.

This operation can also be expressed as a matrix-matrix multiplication:

Let  $\mathbf{P}_{i,j}$  be the matrix that results from exchanging the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th row of the  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ . Then there holds

$$\mathbf{P}_{i,j} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_i- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_j- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_n- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_j- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_i- \\ \vdots \\ -\mathbf{a}_n- \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_{i,j} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{P}_{i,j}$  is invertible:

$$\mathbf{P}_{i,j}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_{i,j}.$$

# LU decomposition

## Example for swapping two rows/columns

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}_{1,3}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}_{1,3}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# LU decomposition

**So far:** Gauss elimination with only the first admissible operation  
(Subtraction of the multiple of one row from another row,  $\mathbf{L}_j$ ):

$$\mathbf{L}_{n-1} \cdots \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \quad \implies \quad \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}_1^{-1} \cdots \mathbf{L}_{n-1}^{-1} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{U}$$

**Now:** Gauss elimination with both admissible operations  
(i.e., also row exchanges,  $\mathbf{P}_{ij}$ ):

$$\mathbf{L}_{n-1} \mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \mathbf{L}_{n-2} \cdots \mathbf{L}_2 \mathbf{P}_{2,j_2} \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \quad \implies \quad \mathbf{A} = ?$$

**We will show:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}_{n-1} \mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \mathbf{L}_{n-2} \cdots \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1} \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{L}_{n-1} \mathbf{L}'_{n-2} \cdots \mathbf{L}'_1 \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \cdots \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1}}_{\mathbf{P}:=} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \\ \implies \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A} &= \underbrace{(\mathbf{L}'_1)^{-1} \cdots \mathbf{L}_{n-1}^{-1}}_{\mathbf{L}:=} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{U} \end{aligned}$$

# LU decomposition

We will use the following property: For  $k, \ell > j$  there holds

$$\mathbf{P}_{k,\ell} \mathbf{L}_j = \mathbf{P}_{k,\ell} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ & & -\alpha_{j+1,j} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ & & -\alpha_{j+1,j} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ & & -\alpha_{j+1,j} & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}_{k,\ell}$$

## LU decomposition

Hence it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{L}_{n-1} \left( \mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \mathbf{L}_{n-2} \right) \mathbf{P}_{n-2,j_{n-2}} \mathbf{L}_{n-3} \cdots \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1} \mathbf{A} \\ &= \mathbf{L}_{n-1} \mathbf{L}'_{n-2} \left( \mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \mathbf{P}_{n-2,j_{n-2}} \mathbf{L}_{n-3} \right) \cdots \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1} \mathbf{A} \\ &= \mathbf{L}_{n-1} \mathbf{L}'_{n-2} \mathbf{L}'_{n-3} \mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \mathbf{P}_{n-2,j_{n-2}} \cdots \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1} \mathbf{A} \\ &= \cdots \\ &= \mathbf{L}_{n-1} \mathbf{L}'_{n-2} \cdots \mathbf{L}'_1 \underbrace{\mathbf{P}_{n-1,j_{n-1}} \cdots \mathbf{P}_{1,j_1}}_{\mathbf{P}:=} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\mathbf{P} \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{L}'_1)^{-1} \cdots (\mathbf{L}'_{n-2})^{-1} \mathbf{L}_{n-1}^{-1} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{U}.$$

$\mathbf{P}$  is a (row) permutation matrix,  $\mathbf{L}$  a normed lower and  $\mathbf{U}$  an upper triangular matrix.

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## Practical computation of $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LU}$

Write the multipliers  $\alpha_{ij}$  (entries of the lower triangular matrix  $\mathbf{L}$ ) directly into the place of the just eliminated zero entries, well separated from the actual matrix entries. This way the multipliers  $\alpha_{ij}$  are automatically exchanged as well when two rows are exchanged.

In addition, one keeps track of the numbering of the original rows in order to obtain the permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  at the end.

The multipliers  $\alpha_{ij}$  participate in the row exchanges but **not** in the subtraction of a multiple of one row from another.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1: \\ 2: \\ 3: \\ 4: \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 12 \\ -3 & -6 & -6 & 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} 1: \\ 2: \\ 3: \\ 4: \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 8 \\ -3 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Example 9.2 (LU factorization with row exchange)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{l}
 1: \\
 2: \\
 3: \\
 4:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 4 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\
 6 & -7 & 4 & 0 & -2
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{1,2}}
 \begin{array}{l}
 2: \\
 1: \\
 3: \\
 4:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\
 4 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\
 6 & -7 & 4 & 0 & -2
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{L}_1}
 \begin{array}{l}
 2: \\
 1: \\
 3: \\
 4:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\
 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{A} :=$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{l}
 2: \\
 3: \\
 1: \\
 4:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\
 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{2,3}}
 \begin{array}{l}
 2: \\
 3: \\
 1: \\
 4:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\
 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{L}_2}
 \begin{array}{l}
 2: \\
 3: \\
 1: \\
 4:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\
 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4
 \end{pmatrix}
 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{3,4}}
 \begin{array}{l}
 2: \\
 3: \\
 4: \\
 1:
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\
 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\
 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2
 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_2 \\ -\mathbf{e}_3 \\ -\mathbf{e}_4 \\ -\mathbf{e}_1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 6 & -7 & 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{L}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 11 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{U}}$$



## Example 9.2 (continued)

Use the LU factorization for the solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \iff \mathbf{PAx} = \mathbf{Pb} \iff \underbrace{\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{Ux})}_{\mathbf{y}:=} = \mathbf{Pb}$$

1. Solve  $\mathbf{Ly} = \mathbf{Pb}$  with forward substitution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \implies \begin{aligned} y_1 &= -1 \\ y_2 &= 3 - 2y_1 = 5 \\ y_3 &= 1 - 3y_1 + 4y_2 = 24 \\ y_4 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

2. Solve  $\mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{y}$  with backward substitution (and free variable  $x_5 =: \lambda$ )

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ 24 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \implies \mathcal{L} = \left\{ \frac{1}{30} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 16 \\ 34 \\ 50 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 29/30 \\ 7/15 \\ -2/15 \\ -2/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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## True or false?

1. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and let  $\mathbf{P}_{i,j}$  be the matrix that results from exchanging the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th row of the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n$ .  
Then multiplication from the left,  $\mathbf{P}_{i,j}\mathbf{A}$ , exchanges the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th row whereas multiplication from the right,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}_{i,j}$ , exchanges the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
2. Every matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has an LU factorization in the form  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$ .
3. Every matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has an LU factorization in the form  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$  where  $\mathbf{P}$  denotes a (row) permutation matrix.