

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)

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

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

Proof. d) There holds $\mathbf{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$, hence $(\mathbf{AB})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$. There also holds $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$.

For both $r \times m$ matrices we compute the entry in the i -th row and j -th column:

$$((\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})^T)_{ij} = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})_{ji} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} b_{ki},$$

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

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

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

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

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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 α_{ij} times the j -th row from the i -th row.

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

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

LU decomposition

Elimination of entries in the first column

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

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

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LU decomposition

Elimination of the entries in the first column:

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

LU decomposition

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

There holds

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

(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

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

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$$

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 L, U

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

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 3 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & 11 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-6} & 11 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{8} & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U},$$

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

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

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

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

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

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):

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

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

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

We will show:

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

LU decomposition

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

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

LU decomposition

Hence it follows that

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

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.

LU decomposition

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

Write the multipliers α_{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 α_{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 α_{ij} participate in the row exchanges but **not** in the subtraction of a multiple of one row from another.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1: \\ 2: \\ 3: \\ 4: \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 12 \\ -3 & -6 & -6 & 8 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

$\rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1: \\ 2: \\ 3: \\ 4: \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 8 \\ -3 & 0 & -3 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

LU decomposition

Example 9.2 (LU factorization with row exchange)

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 6 & -7 & 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}:=}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{1,2} \cdot} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 6 & -7 & 4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{L}_1 \cdot} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{2,3} \cdot} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{L}_2 \cdot} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 & 5 & 11 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}_{3,4} \cdot} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 5 & 11 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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 $x_5 =: \lambda$)

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

LU decomposition

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 $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$ where \mathbf{P} denotes a (row) permutation matrix.