

Find the LU-decomposition of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

when it exists.

For which real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  does it exist?

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Solution:

(S1) Elimination

(S2) Keep track of Elimination matrices

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (x a) \\ \\ \end{matrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & a & a \\ & b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (x b) \\ \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a} & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 \\ \boxed{b} & b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{a} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{b} & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot

eliminate

$$E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ assume that  $a \neq 0$

\*cannot do row exchange,

→ 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$



$E_{32} \rightarrow$  
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{b}{a} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

We started with

$$\underbrace{E_{32} E_{31} E_{21}} A = U$$

Need to move them to the other side to get  $L$ .

$$\Rightarrow A = \underbrace{E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1}}_L U$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b/a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & b/a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  It exist when  $a \neq 0$  ②