

# Chapter 6 : Direct methods for solving linear System

## CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

1. Matrix (LU) factorization
2. CROUTE and Doolittle's Factorization
3. Diagonally dominant matrices
4. Positive definite matrices
5.  $LDL^t$  Factorization
6. Choleskey  $LL^t$  Factorization

Exercise: 6.5 and 6.6

## **The Role of Linear Algebra in the Computer Science**

Computer science has delivered extraordinary benefits over the last several decades. The breadth and depth of these contributions is accelerating as the world becomes globally connected. At the same time, the field of computer science has expanded to touch almost every facet of our lives. This places enormous pressure on the computer science curriculum to deliver a rigorous core while also allowing students to follow their interests into the many diverse and productive paths computer science can take them.

As science and engineering disciplines grow so the use of mathematics grows as new mathematical problems are encountered and new mathematical skills are required. In this respect, linear algebra has been particularly responsive to computer science as linear algebra plays a significant role in many important computer science undertakings.

A few well-known examples are:

- Internet search
- Graph analysis
- Machine learning
- Graphics
- Bioinformatics
- Scientific computing
- Data mining
- Computer vision
- Speech recognition
- Compilers
- Parallel computing

The broad utility of linear algebra to computer science reflects the deep connection that exists between the discrete nature of matrix mathematics and digital technology.

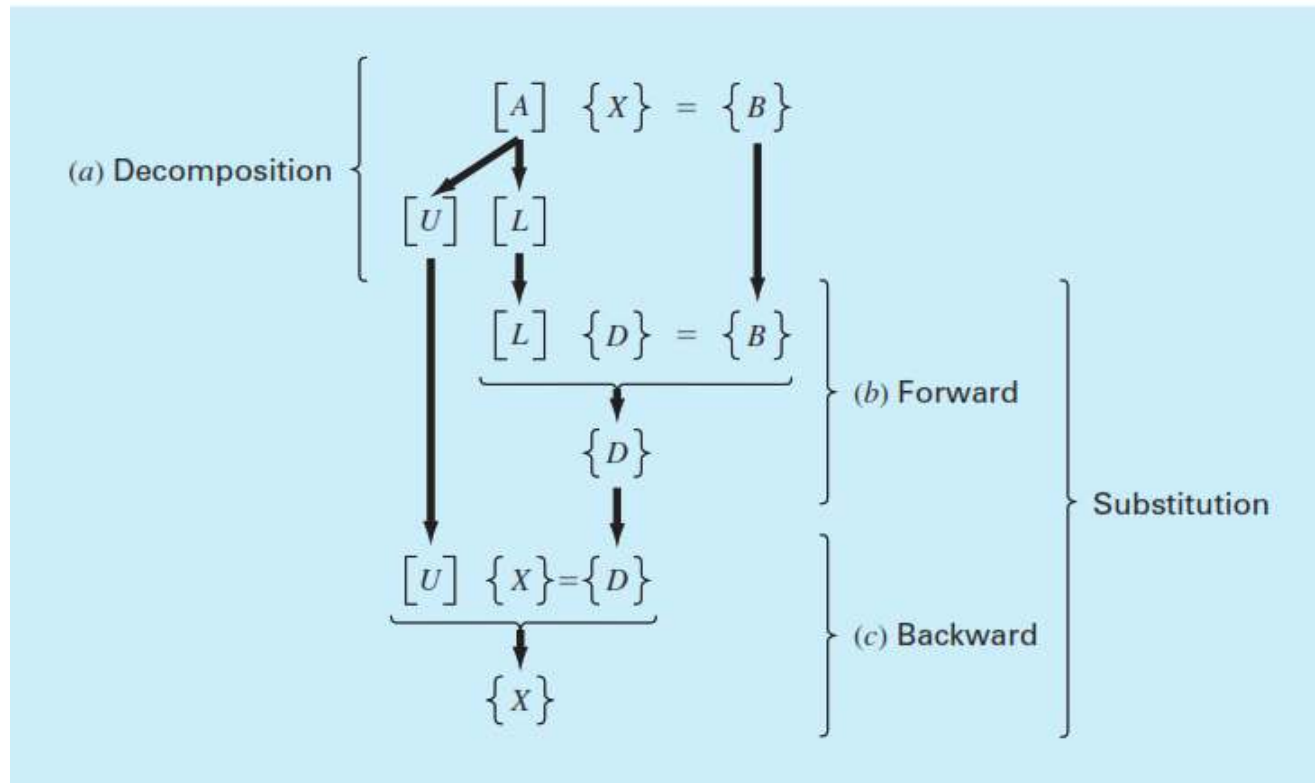
## Matrix Factorization

# LU Decomposition :

Suppose that  $A$  has been factored into the triangular form  $A = LU$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular. Then we can solve for  $\mathbf{x}$  more easily by using a two-step process.

- First we let  $\mathbf{y} = U\mathbf{x}$  and solve the lower triangular system  $L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$  for  $\mathbf{y}$ . Since  $L$  is triangular, determining  $\mathbf{y}$  from this equation requires only  $O(n^2)$  operations.
- Once  $\mathbf{y}$  is known, the upper triangular system  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  requires only an additional  $O(n^2)$  operations to determine the solution  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Solving a linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  in factored form means that the number of operations needed to solve the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is reduced from  $O(n^3/3)$  to  $O(2n^2)$ .





**Example 1** Compare the approximate number of operations required to determine the solution to a linear system using a technique requiring  $O(n^3/3)$  operations and one requiring  $O(2n^2)$  when  $n = 20$ ,  $n = 100$ , and  $n = 1000$ .

**Solution** Table 6.3 gives the results of these calculations. ■

**Table 6.3**

$n$	$n^3/3$	$2n^2$	% Reduction
10	$3.\bar{3} \times 10^2$	$2 \times 10^2$	40
100	$3.\bar{3} \times 10^5$	$2 \times 10^4$	94
1000	$3.\bar{3} \times 10^8$	$2 \times 10^6$	99.4

As the example illustrates, the reduction factor increases dramatically with the size of the matrix. Not surprisingly, the reductions from the factorization come at a cost; determining the specific matrices  $L$  and  $U$  requires  $O(n^3/3)$  operations. But once the factorization is determined, systems involving the matrix  $A$  can be solved in this simplified manner for any number of vectors  $\mathbf{b}$ .

# Different forms of LU factorization

- Doolittle form

Obtained by

Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Crout form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $LDL^t$  form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & 1 & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1-Crout's Method

**Set**  $U_{11} = U_{22} = U_{33} = 1$

## 2-Dolittle's Method

**Set**  $L_{11} = L_{22} = L_{33} = 1$



## Doolittle's Method

Doolittle method are computed from

$$u_{1k} = a_{1k} \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

$$m_{j1} = \frac{a_{j1}}{u_{11}} \quad j = 2, \dots, n$$

$$u_{jk} = a_{jk} - \sum_{s=1}^{j-1} m_{js}u_{sk} \quad k = j, \dots, n; \quad j \geq 2$$

$$m_{jk} = \frac{1}{u_{kk}} \left( a_{jk} - \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} m_{js}u_{sk} \right) \quad j = k+1, \dots, n; \quad k \geq 2.$$

Doolittle form

Obtained by

Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Method: [A] Decomposes to [L] and [U]**

$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

[U] is the same as the coefficient matrix at the end of the forward elimination step.

[L] is obtained using the *multipliers* that were used in the forward elimination process

# Finding the $[U]$ matrix

Using the Forward Elimination Procedure of Gauss Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \frac{64}{25} = 2.56; \quad \text{Row2} - \text{Row1}(2.56) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{144}{25} = 5.76; \quad \text{Row3} - \text{Row1}(5.76) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Finding the [U] Matrix

Matrix after Step 1: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2:  $\frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5$ ;  $Row3 - Row2(3.5) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$

$$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Finding the [L] matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the multipliers used during the Forward Elimination Procedure

From the first step  
of forward  
elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \ell_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{64}{25} = 2.56$$
$$\ell_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{144}{25} = 5.76$$

**Does  $[L][U] = [A]$ ?**

$$[L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

## Using LU Decomposition to solve SLEs

Solve the following set of linear equations using LU Decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the procedure for finding the  $[L]$  and  $[U]$  matrices

$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example

Set  $[L][y] = [b]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $[y]$

$$y_1 = 10$$

$$2.56y_1 + y_2 = 177.2$$

$$5.76y_1 + 3.5y_2 + y_3 = 279.2$$

## Example

Complete the forward substitution to solve for  $[Z]$

$$y_1 = 106.8$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= 177.2 - 2.56y_1 \\ &= 177.2 - 2.56(106.8) \\ &= -96.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= 279.2 - 5.76y_1 - 3.5y_2 \\ &= 279.2 - 5.76(106.8) - 3.5(-96.21) \\ &= 0.735 \end{aligned}$$

$$[y] = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example

$$\text{Set } [U][X] = [y] \quad \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $[X]$

The 3 equations become

$$\begin{aligned} 25x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 &= 106.8 \\ -4.8x_2 - 1.56x_3 &= -96.21 \\ 0.7x_3 &= 0.735 \end{aligned}$$

## Example

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> equation

$$0.7x_3 = 0.735$$

$$x_3 = \frac{0.735}{0.7}$$

$$x_3 = 1.050$$

Substituting in  $a_3$  and using the second equation

$$-4.8x_2 - 1.56x_3 = -96.21$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-96.21 + 1.56x_3}{-4.8}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-96.21 + 1.56(1.050)}{-4.8}$$

$$x_2 = 19.70$$

## Example

Substituting in  $a_3$  and  $a_2$  using the first equation

$$25x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 106.8$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{106.8 - 5a_2 - a_3}{25} \\ &= \frac{106.8 - 5(19.70) - 1.050}{25} \\ &= 0.2900 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Solution Vector is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2900 \\ 19.70 \\ 1.050 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Determine the  $LU$  factorization for matrix  $A$  in the linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) Then use the factorization to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + 3x_4 &= 8, \\ 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 &= 7, \\ 3x_1 - x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 14, \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 &= -7. \end{aligned}$$

(a) The original system was considered in Section 6.1, where we saw that the sequence of operations  $(E_2 - 2E_1) \rightarrow (E_2)$ ,  $(E_3 - 3E_1) \rightarrow (E_3)$ ,  $(E_4 - (-1)E_1) \rightarrow (E_4)$ ,  $(E_3 - 4E_2) \rightarrow (E_3)$ ,  $(E_4 - (-3)E_2) \rightarrow (E_4)$  converts the system to the triangular system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 \quad \quad + 3x_4 &= 4, \\-x_2 - x_3 - 5x_4 &= -7, \\3x_3 + 13x_4 &= 13, \\-13x_4 &= -13.\end{aligned}$$

The multipliers  $m_{ij}$  and the upper triangular matrix produce the factorization

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -13 \end{bmatrix} = LU.$$



**(b)** To solve

$$A\mathbf{x} = LU\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 7 \\ 14 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix},$$

we first introduce the substitution  $\mathbf{y} = U\mathbf{x}$ . Then  $\mathbf{b} = L(U\mathbf{x}) = L\mathbf{y}$ . That is,

$$L\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 7 \\ 14 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This system is solved for  $\mathbf{y}$  by a simple forward-substitution process:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 8; \\ 2y_1 + y_2 &= 7, & \text{so } y_2 &= 7 - 2y_1 = -9; \\ 3y_1 + 4y_2 + y_3 &= 14, & \text{so } y_3 &= 14 - 3y_1 - 4y_2 = 26; \\ -y_1 - 3y_2 + y_4 &= -7, & \text{so } y_4 &= -7 + y_1 + 3y_2 = -26. \end{aligned}$$

We then solve  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  for  $\mathbf{x}$ , the solution of the original system; that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -9 \\ 26 \\ -26 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using backward substitution we obtain  $x_4 = 2$ ,  $x_3 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = -1$ ,  $x_1 = 3$ .

### Crout's Method

$$U_{1,1} := 1 \quad U_{2,2} := 1 \quad U_{3,3} := 1$$

$$L_{1,1} := \frac{A_{1,1}}{U_{1,1}} \quad U_{1,2} := \frac{A_{1,2}}{L_{1,1}}$$

$$U_{1,3} := \frac{A_{1,3}}{L_{1,1}}$$

$$L_{2,1} := \frac{A_{2,1}}{U_{1,1}} \quad L_{2,2} := \frac{A_{2,2} - L_{2,1} \cdot U_{1,2}}{U_{2,2}}$$

$$U_{2,3} := \frac{A_{2,3} - L_{2,1} \cdot U_{1,3}}{L_{2,2}}$$

$$L_{3,1} := \frac{A_{3,1}}{U_{1,1}} \quad L_{3,2} := \frac{A_{3,2} - L_{3,1} \cdot U_{1,2}}{U_{2,2}}$$

$$L_{3,3} := \frac{A_{3,3} - L_{3,1} \cdot U_{1,3} - L_{3,2} \cdot U_{2,3}}{U_{3,3}}$$

## Crout general formula:

- First column of L is computed  $l_{i1} = a_{i1}$
- Then first row of U is computed  $u_{1j} = \frac{a_{1j}}{l_{11}}$
- The columns of L and rows of U are computed alternately

$$l_{ij} = a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{ik} u_{kj} \quad j \leq i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$u_{ij} = \frac{a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} l_{ik} u_{kj}}{l_{ii}} \quad i \leq j, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, n$$

## Using the $LU$ Factorization to solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

Once the matrix factorization is complete, the solution to a linear system of the form

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

is found by first letting

$$\mathbf{y} = U\mathbf{x}$$

and solving

$$L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$$

for  $\mathbf{y}$ .

Example: Solve the following system using an LU decomposition.

Using CROUT method

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 18 \\ 3x_1 - 9x_2 - 3x_3 = 6 \end{cases}$$

1. Set up the equation  $Ax = b$ .

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 18 \\ 3x_1 - 9x_2 - 3x_3 = 6 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 3 & -9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Crout form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{11}u_{12} & l_{11}u_{13} \\ l_{21} & l_{21}u_{12} + l_{22} & l_{21}u_{13} + l_{22}u_{23} \\ l_{31} & l_{31}u_{12} + l_{32} & l_{31}u_{13} + l_{32}u_{23} + l_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 3 & -9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{11}u_{12} & l_{11}u_{13} \\ l_{21} & l_{21}u_{12} + l_{22} & l_{21}u_{13} + l_{22}u_{23} \\ l_{31} & l_{31}u_{12} + l_{32} & l_{31}u_{13} + l_{32}u_{23} + l_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{11} = 1, l_{21} = 2, l_{31} = 3,$$

$$l_{11}u_{12} = 2, \quad l_{11}u_{13} = 3$$

$$l_{21}u_{12} + l_{22} = -4,$$

$$l_{21}u_{13} + l_{22}u_{23} = 6,$$

$$l_{31}u_{12} + l_{32} = -9$$

$$l_{31}u_{13} + l_{32}u_{23} + l_{33} = -3$$



2. Find an LU decomposition for A. This will yield the equation  $(LU)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 3 & -9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -8 & 0 \\ 3 & -15 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 3 & -9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -8 & 0 \\ 3 & -15 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Let  $y = Ux$ . Then solve the equation  $Ly = b$  for  $y$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -8 & 0 \\ 3 & -15 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -8 & 0 \\ 3 & -15 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now solving for  $y$  gives the following values:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -8 & 0 \\ 3 & -15 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 18 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = 5 & y_1 = 5 \\ 2y_1 - 8y_2 = 18 & \rightarrow y_2 = -1 \\ 3x_1 - 15y_2 - 12y_3 = 6 & y_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

4. Take the values for  $y$  and solve the equation  $y = Ux$  for  $x$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5 & x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = -1 & \rightarrow x_2 = -1 \\ x_3 = 2 & x_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

**Summary**  
**Sol.of Linear Equation**

- 1-write eqn in matrix form
- 2-Factorize  $A=LU$
- 3-Solve  $LY=B$
- 4-Solve  $UX=y$

**Example 5** Determine the Crout factorization of the symmetric tridiagonal matrix

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

and use this factorization to solve the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 1, \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0, \\ -x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 &= 0, \\ -x_3 + 2x_4 &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution** The  $LU$  factorization of  $A$  has the form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & l_{32} & l_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & l_{43} & l_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & u_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the system

$$Lz = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \frac{4}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{gives} \quad \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and then solving

$$Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{gives} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Crout Factorization Algorithm can be applied whenever  $l_{ii} \neq 0$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Two conditions, either of which ensure that this is true, are that the coefficient matrix of the system is positive definite or that it is strictly diagonally dominant. An ad-

11. Use Crout factorization for tridiagonal systems to solve the following linear systems.

a. 
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= 0, \\ -2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 &= -1, \\ -x_2 + 2x_3 &= 1.5. \end{aligned}$$

b. 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + x_2 &= -1, \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 &= 7, \\ 2x_2 + 5x_3 &= 9. \end{aligned}$$

c. 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 3, \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= -3, \\ -x_2 + 2x_3 &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

d. 
$$\begin{aligned} 0.5x_1 + 0.25x_2 &= 0.35, \\ 0.35x_1 + 0.8x_2 + 0.4x_3 &= 0.77, \\ 0.25x_2 + x_3 + 0.5x_4 &= -0.5, \\ x_3 - 2x_4 &= -2.25. \end{aligned}$$

12. Use Crout factorization for tridiagonal systems to solve the following linear systems.

a. 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 &= 3, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= -2, \\ 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

b. 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 5, \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 &= 4, \\ x_2 + 4x_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

c. 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 3, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 4, \\ x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 &= 0, \\ x_3 + 2x_4 &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

d. 
$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 1, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 2, \\ 2x_2 + 4x_3 - x_4 &= -1, \\ 2x_4 - x_5 &= -2, \\ x_4 + 2x_5 &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

An  $n \times n$  **permutation matrix**  $P = [p_{ij}]$  is a matrix obtained by rearranging the rows of  $I_n$ , the identity matrix. This gives a matrix with precisely one nonzero entry in each row and in each column, and each nonzero entry is a 1.

## Recall Elementary Matrices!

The matrix

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

is a  $3 \times 3$  permutation matrix. For any  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , multiplying on the left by  $P$  has the effect of interchanging the second and third rows of  $A$ :

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly, multiplying  $A$  on the right by  $P$  interchanges the second and third columns of  $A$ .



Two useful properties of permutation matrices relate to Gaussian elimination, the first of which is illustrated in the previous example. Suppose  $k_1, \dots, k_n$  is a permutation of the integers  $1, \dots, n$  and the permutation matrix  $P = (p_{ij})$  is defined by

$$p_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = k_i, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

- $PA$  permutes the rows of  $A$ ; that is,

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} a_{k_1 1} & a_{k_1 2} & \cdots & a_{k_1 n} \\ a_{k_2 1} & a_{k_2 2} & \cdots & a_{k_2 n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{k_n 1} & a_{k_n 2} & \cdots & a_{k_n n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $P^{-1}$  exists and  $P^{-1} = P^t$ .

permits Gaussian elimination to proceed *without* row interchanges. This implies that for any nonsingular matrix  $A$ , a permutation matrix  $P$  exists for which the system

$$PA\mathbf{x} = P\mathbf{b}$$

can be solved without row interchanges. As a consequence, this matrix  $PA$  can be factored into

$$PA = LU,$$

where  $L$  is lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular. Because  $P^{-1} = P^t$ , this produces the factorization

$$A = P^{-1}LU = (P^tL)U.$$

The matrix  $U$  is still upper triangular, but  $P^tL$  is not lower triangular unless  $P = I$ .

**Example 3** Determine a factorization in the form  $A = (P^t L)U$  for the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution** The matrix  $A$  cannot have an  $LU$  factorization because  $a_{11} = 0$ . However, using the row interchange  $(E_1) \leftrightarrow (E_2)$ , followed by  $(E_3 + E_1) \rightarrow (E_3)$  and  $(E_4 - E_1) \rightarrow (E_4)$ , produces

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then the row interchange  $(E_2) \leftrightarrow (E_4)$ , followed by  $(E_4 + E_3) \rightarrow (E_4)$ , gives the matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The permutation matrix associated with the row interchanges  $(E_1) \leftrightarrow (E_2)$  and  $(E_2) \leftrightarrow (E_4)$  is

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Gaussian elimination is performed on  $PA$  using the same operations as on  $A$ , except without the row interchanges. That is,  $(E_2 - E_1) \rightarrow (E_2)$ ,  $(E_3 + E_1) \rightarrow (E_3)$ , followed by  $(E_4 + E_3) \rightarrow (E_4)$ . The nonzero multipliers for  $PA$  are consequently,

$$m_{21} = 1, \quad m_{31} = -1, \quad \text{and} \quad m_{43} = -1,$$

and the  $LU$  factorization of  $PA$  is

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = LU.$$

Multiplying by  $P^{-1} = P^t$  produces the factorization

$$A = P^{-1}(LU) = P^t(LU) = (P^tL)U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Ex # 6.5: 1,2,3-6

1. Solve the following linear systems:

a. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Solve the following linear systems:

a. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Consider the following matrices. Find the permutation matrix  $P$  so that  $PA$  can be factored into the product  $LU$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular with 1s on its diagonal and  $U$  is upper triangular for these matrices.

a.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

d.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

4. Consider the following matrices. Find the permutation matrix  $P$  so that  $PA$  can be factored into the product  $LU$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular with 1s on its diagonal and  $U$  is upper triangular for these matrices.

a.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

d.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Factor the following matrices into the  $LU$  decomposition using the  $LU$  Factorization Algorithm with  $l_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$ .

a. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.012 & -2.132 & 3.104 \\ -2.132 & 4.096 & -7.013 \\ 3.104 & -7.013 & 0.014 \end{bmatrix}$$

c. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

d. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.1756 & 4.0231 & -2.1732 & 5.1967 \\ -4.0231 & 6.0000 & 0 & 1.1973 \\ -1.0000 & -5.2107 & 1.1111 & 0 \\ 6.0235 & 7.0000 & 0 & -4.1561 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Factor the following matrices into the  $LU$  decomposition using the  $LU$  Factorization Algorithm with  $l_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$ .

a. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{5}{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

c. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

d. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.121 & -3.460 & 0 & 5.217 \\ 0 & 5.193 & -2.197 & 4.206 \\ 5.132 & 1.414 & 3.141 & 0 \\ -3.111 & -1.732 & 2.718 & 5.212 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Special Types of Matrices

### Diagonally Dominant Matrices

**Definition 6.20** The  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be **diagonally dominant** when

$$|a_{ii}| \geq \sum_{\substack{j=1, \\ j \neq i}}^n |a_{ij}| \quad \text{holds for each } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Each main diagonal entry in a strictly diagonally dominant matrix has a magnitude that is strictly greater than the sum of the magnitudes of all the other entries in that row.

Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & -3 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The nonsymmetric matrix  $A$  is strictly diagonally dominant because

$$|7| > |2| + |0|, \quad |5| > |3| + |-1|, \quad \text{and} \quad |-6| > |0| + |5|.$$

The symmetric matrix  $B$  is not strictly diagonally dominant

first row the absolute value of the diagonal element is  $|6| < |4| + |-3| = 7$ .

## Positive Definite Matrices

**Definition 6.22** A matrix  $A$  is **positive definite** if it is symmetric and if  $\mathbf{x}^t A \mathbf{x} > 0$  for every  $n$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . ■

**Example 1** Show that the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is positive definite

**Solution** Suppose  $\mathbf{x}$  is any three-dimensional column vector. Then

$$\mathbf{x}^t A \mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [x_1, x_2, x_3] \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 & - & x_2 \\ -x_1 & + & 2x_2 & - & x_3 \\ -x_2 & + & 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3^2.$$

Rearranging the terms gives

$$\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = x_1^2 + (x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2) + (x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + x_3^2) + x_3^2$$

$$= x_1^2 + (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_2 - x_3)^2 + x_3^2,$$

which implies that

$$x_1^2 + (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_2 - x_3)^2 + x_3^2 > 0$$

**Theorem 6.25** A symmetric matrix  $A$  is positive definite if and only if each of its leading principal submatrices has a positive determinant. ■

**Example 2** In Example 1 we used the definition to show that the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is positive definite. Confirm this using Theorem 6.25.

**Solution** Note that

$$\det A_1 = \det[2] = 2 > 0,$$

$$\det A_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 4 - 1 = 3 > 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A_3 &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - (-1) \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2(4 - 1) + (-2 + 0) = 4 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 6.27** The matrix  $A$  is positive definite if and only if  $A$  can be factored in the form  $LDL^t$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular with 1s on its diagonal and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with positive diagonal entries. ■

**Corollary 6.28** The matrix  $A$  is positive definite if and only if  $A$  can be factored in the form  $LL^t$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular with nonzero diagonal entries. ■

**NOTE:**

If the coefficient matrix  $[A]$  is symmetrical but not necessarily positive definite, then the above Cholesky algorithms will not be valid. In this case, the following  $LDL^T$  factorized algorithms can be employed

## **$LDL^t$ Factorization**

**Corollary 6.29** Let  $A$  be a symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix for which Gaussian elimination can be applied without row interchanges. Then  $A$  can be factored into  $LDL^t$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular with 1s on its diagonal and  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with  $a_{11}^{(1)}, \dots, a_{nn}^{(n)}$  on its diagonal. ■

**Example 3** Determine the  $LDL^t$  factorization of the positive definite matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4.25 & 2.75 \\ 1 & 2.75 & 3.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4.25 & 2.75 \\ 1 & 2.75 & 3.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution** The  $LDL^t$  factorization has 1s on the diagonal of the lower triangular matrix  $L$  so we need to have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & 1 & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Solution** The  $LDL'$  factorization has 1s on the diagonal of the lower triangular matrix  $L$  so we need to have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & 1 & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4.25 & 2.75 \\ 1 & 2.75 & 3.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & d_1 l_{21} & d_1 l_{31} \\ d_1 l_{21} & d_2 + d_1 l_{21}^2 & d_2 l_{32} + d_1 l_{21} l_{31} \\ d_1 l_{31} & d_1 l_{21} l_{31} + d_2 l_{32} & d_1 l_{31}^2 + d_2 l_{32}^2 + d_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus

$$a_{11} : 4 = d_1 \implies d_1 = 4,$$

$$a_{21} : -1 = d_1 l_{21} \implies l_{21} = -0.25$$

$$a_{31} : 1 = d_1 l_{31} \implies l_{31} = 0.25,$$

$$a_{22} : 4.25 = d_2 + d_1 l_{21}^2 \implies d_2 = 4$$

$$a_{32} : 2.75 = d_1 l_{21} l_{31} + d_2 l_{32} \implies l_{32} = 0.75, \quad a_{33} : 3.5 = d_1 l_{31}^2 + d_2 l_{32}^2 + d_3 \implies d_3 = 1,$$

and we have

$$A = LDL^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.25 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.25 & 0.75 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.75 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \blacksquare$$

### Procedure to solve $Ax=b$ using $LDL^T$

If the coefficient matrix  $[A]$  is symmetrical but not necessarily positive definite, then the above Cholesky algorithms will not be valid. In this case, the following  $LDL^T$  factorized algorithms can be employed

$$[A] = [L][D][L]^T$$

For example

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & 1 & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d_{jj} = a_{jj} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{jk}^2 d_{kk}$$

$$l_{ij} = \left( a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{ik} d_{kk} l_{jk} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{d_{jj}} \right)$$

the  $LDL^T$  algorithms can be summarized by the following step-by-step procedures.

**Step1: Factorization phase**

$$[A] = [L][D][L]^T$$

**Step 2: Forward solution and diagonal scaling phase**

$$[L][D][L]^T [x] = [b]$$

Let us define

$$[L]^T [x] = [y]$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & 1 & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_i = y_i - \sum_{k=i+1}^n l_{ki} x_k; \text{ for } i = n, n-1, \dots, 2, 1$$

Also, define

$$[D][y] = [z]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_i = \frac{z_i}{d_{ii}}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$[L][z] = [b]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_i = b_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} L_{ik} z_k \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

**Step 3: Backward solution phase**

**Example:** Using the  $LDL^T$  algorithm, solve the following system for the unknown vector  $[x]$ ..

$$[A][x] = [b] \quad \text{where}$$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Solution**

The factorized matrices  $[D]$  and  $[L]$  can be computed from

$$d_{jj} = a_{jj} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{jk}^2 d_{kk}$$
$$l_{ij} = \left( a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{ik} d_{kk} l_{jk} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{d_{jj}} \right)$$

We know that

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3333 \end{bmatrix} \quad [L] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.6667 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[L][z] = [b]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.667 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \longrightarrow \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.3333 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[D][y] = [z]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3333 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.3333 \end{bmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.333 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[L]^T [x] = [y]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.667 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.333 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence

$$[x] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Cholesky's Method

For a *symmetric, positive definite* matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  (thus  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ )

The popular method of solving  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  based on this factorization  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T$  is called **Cholesky's method**.<sup>3</sup> In terms of the entries of  $\mathbf{L} = [l_{jk}]$  the formulas for the factorization

Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 17 & -5 \\ 14 & -5 & 83 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Procedure to find  $U_{ii}$  of  $U^t$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ u_{12} & u_{22} & 0 \\ u_{13} & u_{23} & u_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}} ; u_{12} = \frac{a_{12}}{u_{11}} ; u_{13} = \frac{a_{13}}{u_{11}} \\ u_{22} = \left( a_{22} - u_{12}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ; u_{23} = \frac{a_{23} - u_{12}u_{13}}{u_{22}} ; u_{33} = \left( a_{33} - u_{13}^2 - u_{23}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{array} \right.$$

**Example 4** Determine the Cholesky  $LL^t$  factorization of the positive definite matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4.25 & 2.75 \\ 1 & 2.75 & 3.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & l_{22} & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} l_{11}^2 & l_{11}l_{21} & l_{11}l_{31} \\ l_{11}l_{21} & l_{21}^2 + l_{22}^2 & l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} \\ l_{11}l_{31} & l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} & l_{31}^2 + l_{32}^2 + l_{33}^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{11} : 4 = l_{11}^2 \implies l_{11} = 2,$$

$$a_{21} : -1 = l_{11}l_{21} \implies l_{21} = -0.5$$

$$a_{31} : 1 = l_{11}l_{31} \implies l_{31} = 0.5,$$

$$a_{22} : 4.25 = l_{21}^2 + l_{22}^2 \implies l_{22} = 2$$

$$a_{32} : 2.75 = l_{21}l_{31} + l_{22}l_{32} \implies l_{32} = 1.5, \quad a_{33} : 3.5 = l_{31}^2 + l_{32}^2 + l_{33}^2 \implies l_{33} = 1,$$

Put all values then

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & l_{22} & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & l_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

and we have

$$A = LL^t = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Cholesky's Method

Solve by Cholesky's method:

$$4x_1 + 2x_2 + 14x_3 = 14$$

$$2x_1 + 17x_2 - 5x_3 = -101$$

$$14x_1 - 5x_2 + 83x_3 = 155.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 14 \\ 2 & 17 & -5 \\ 14 & -5 & 83 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & l_{22} & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & l_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

we compute, in the given order,

$$l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}} = 2 \quad l_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{l_{11}} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \quad l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{l_{11}} = \frac{14}{2} = 7$$

$$l_{22} = \sqrt{a_{22} - l_{21}^2} = \sqrt{17 - 1} = 4$$

$$l_{32} = \frac{1}{l_{22}} (a_{32} - l_{31}l_{21}) = \frac{1}{4} (-5 - 7 \cdot 1) = -3$$

$$l_{33} = \sqrt{a_{33} - l_{31}^2 - l_{32}^2} = \sqrt{83 - 7^2 - (-3)^2} = 5.$$

We now have to solve  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$ , that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ -101 \\ 155 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Solution} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -27 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

we have to solve  $Ux = L^T x = y$ , that is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -27 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{Solution} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Summary

#### Sol. of Linear Equation

Check symmetric ( $A=A^t$ )

1-Factorize  $A=ll^t$

2-Solve  $LY=B$

3-Solve  $l^t X=y$

Solve  $Ax = b$   
using Cholesky method , where

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Cholesky factorization:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & l_{22} & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & l_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l = \begin{bmatrix} 1.414 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.7071 & 1.225 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.8165 & 0.5774 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l^t = \begin{bmatrix} 1.414 & -0.7071 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.225 & -0.8165 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5774 \end{bmatrix}$$



*solve  $LY = b$*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.414 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.7071 & 1.225 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.8165 & 0.5774 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 \\ 0.4082 \\ 0.5774 \end{bmatrix}$$

*solve  $L^t X = y$*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.414 & -0.7071 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.225 & -0.8165 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5774 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7071 \\ 0.4082 \\ 0.5774 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Hence} \quad [x] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Determine which of the following matrices are (i) symmetric, (ii) singular, (iii) strictly diagonally dominant, (iv) positive definite.

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 0 & 7 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 11 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Determine which of the following matrices are (i) symmetric, (ii) singular, (iii) strictly diagonally dominant, (iv) positive definite.

a.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 & 1.5 & 1 \\ 6 & -9 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

3. Use the  $LDL'$  Factorization Algorithm to find a factorization of the form  $A = LDL'$  for the following matrices:

a.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

b.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

c.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

d.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

5. Use the Cholesky Algorithm to find a factorization of the form  $A = LL'$  for the matrices in Exercise 3.