

# **3: SLEs (with square matrix)**

**Systems of Linear Equations with Square Matrix**

**!!! Gaussian Elimination !!!**

# Solving Systems of Linear Equations

System of Linear Equations:

$$\begin{cases} ax_1 + bx_2 = y_1 \\ cx_1 + dx_2 = y_2 \end{cases}$$

You are asked to find  $x_1, x_2$   
 $a, b, c, d, y_1, y_2$  are numbers

In matrix form

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{y}}$$

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

How do we usually do that:

$$\begin{cases} ax_1 + bx_2 = y_1 \\ x_2 = \frac{1}{d}y_2 - \frac{c}{d}x_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} ax_1 + b\left(\frac{1}{d}y_2 - \frac{c}{d}x_1\right) = y_1 \\ x_2 = \frac{1}{d}y_2 - \frac{c}{d}x_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -\frac{b}{a}\left(\frac{1}{d}y_2 - \frac{c}{d}x_1\right) + \frac{1}{a}y_1 \\ x_2 = \frac{1}{d}y_2 - \frac{c}{d}x_1 \end{cases}$$

Another way:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + \frac{b}{a}x_2 = \frac{y_1}{a} \\ x_1 + \frac{d}{c}x_2 = \frac{y_2}{c} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} x_1 + \frac{b}{a}x_2 = \frac{y_1}{a} \\ \left(\frac{d}{c} - \frac{b}{a}\right)x_2 = \frac{y_2}{c} - \frac{y_1}{a} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^* & b^* \\ 0 & d^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^* \\ y_2^* \end{bmatrix}$$

But if we know the inverse  $A^{-1}$ :

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad A^{-1} \times$$

$$\underbrace{A^{-1}A}_{I} \mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

$$I\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y} \quad \text{And we solved it!}$$

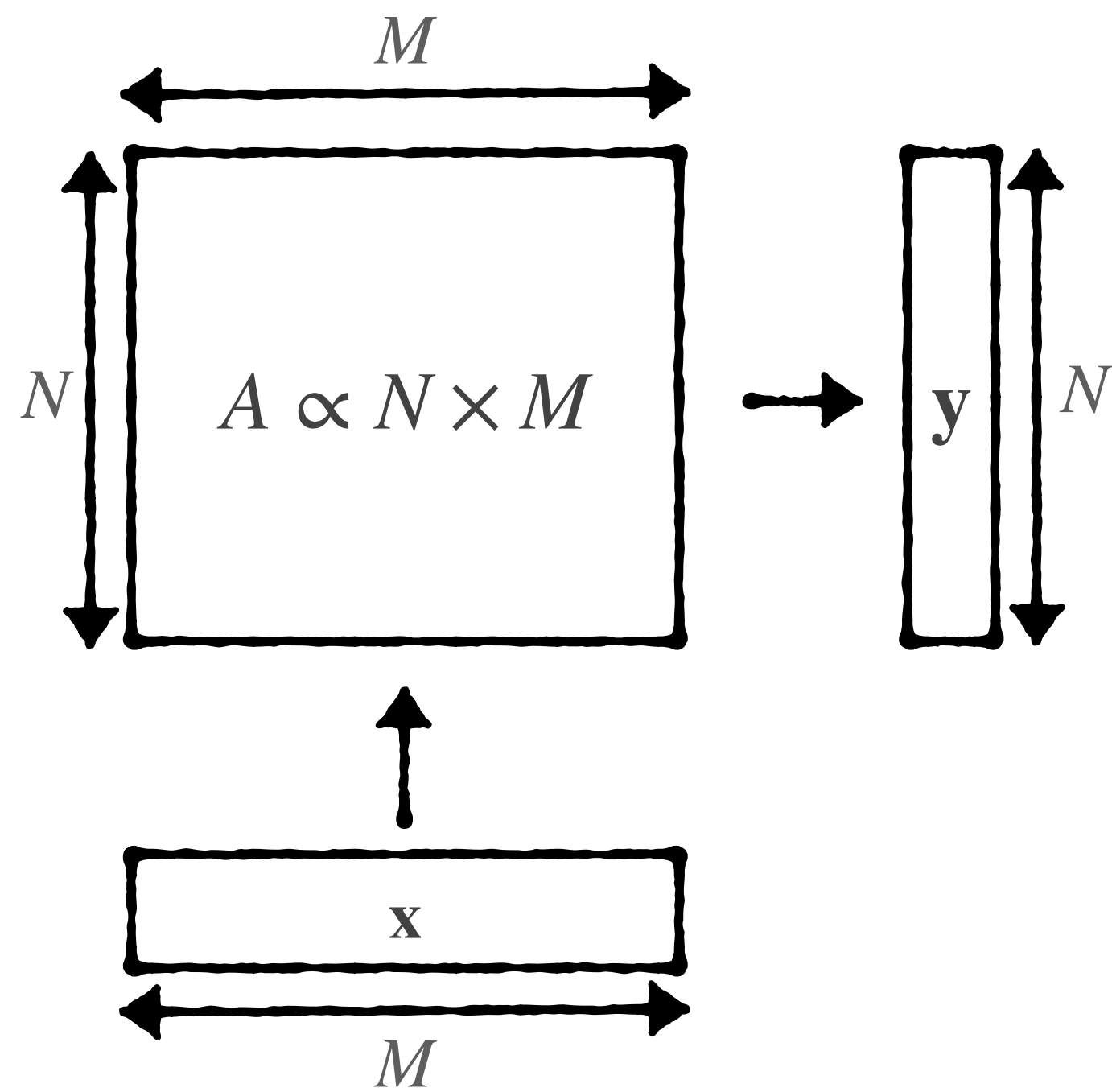


# Understanding SLE

When we are solving SLE, we answer the question:

Which  $\mathbf{x}$  being transformed by  $A$  yields  $\mathbf{y}$ ?

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



If  $N = M$ :

Number of variables equal to number of data (usually only solution)

If  $N > M$ :

More data than variables (often inconsistent)

If  $N < M$ :

More variables than data (often infinite solutions)

Sometimes there are no solutions of SLE

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

No solution as  $x_1$  cannot be simultaneously equal to 2 and 1

Sometimes there is only one solution of the SLE.

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

the only solution is:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sometimes there are infinite number of solutions.

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 1 \\ -t \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$



# Solving SLE: Gaussian Elimination

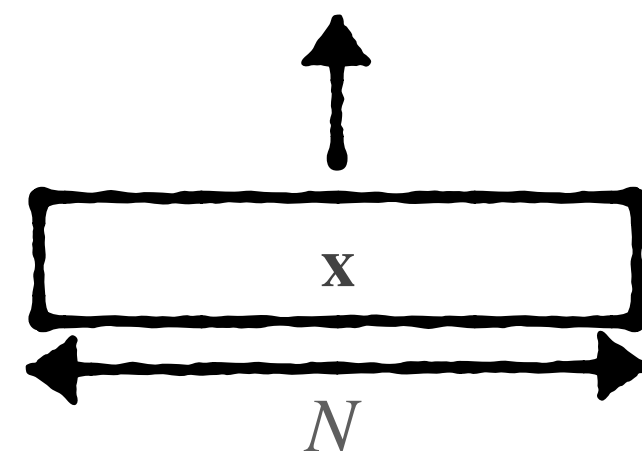
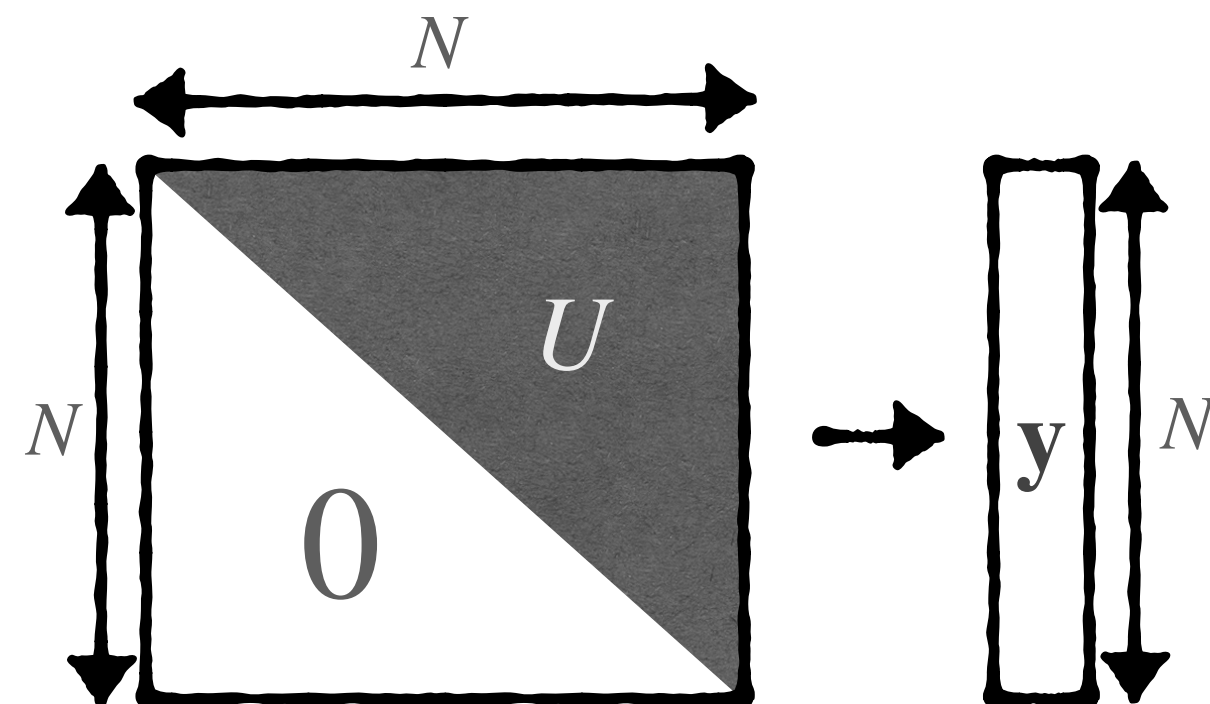
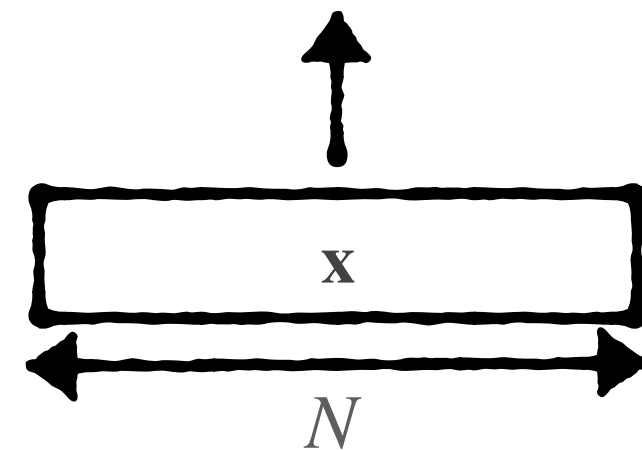
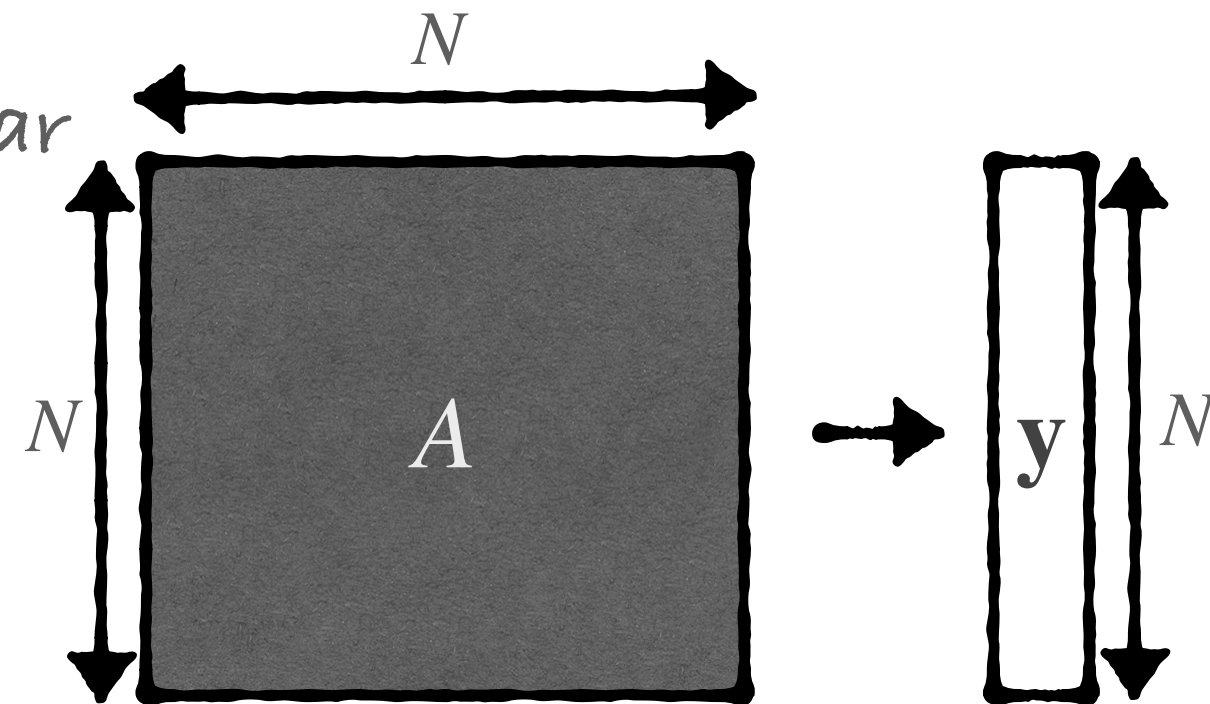
Stage 1: Make the matrix upper-triangular

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \dots & a_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$$

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What could go wrong?

Any of  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{NN}$  may happen to be zero

Then we cannot perform elimination of a column

In this case change order of equations so that the required item in matrix is non-zero.

In case that is not possible — too bad, we do not know what to do with it at the moment

\* Note: coefficients  $a_{..}$  and  $y_{..}$  change throughout the process

# What could go wrong?

Stage 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

Emergencies may occur only at stage #1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & & \\ & \text{ } & \\ & & A' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}' \end{bmatrix}$$

Throughout the process we encountered zero on the main diagonal

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & & \\ & \text{ } & \\ & & A' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}' \end{bmatrix}$$

How to resolve:

Step 1: try to swap equations with the one that has non-zero in that place.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & & \\ & \text{ } & \\ & & A' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}' \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that coordinates in  $\mathbf{y}$  swap then!

Step 2: try to swap the variables with the one that has non-zero there

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & & \\ & \text{ } & \\ & & A' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}' \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that coordinates in  $\mathbf{x}$  swap then!

No success?

- Left part is strictly 0
- If corresponding  $y = 0$ , this equation is duplicate
- Otherwise, the system is inconsistent (no solution)

# What could go completely wrong?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & A' & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y' \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case we successfully fix the issue

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & A' & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y' \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case we postpone the issue

Note that coordinates in  $\mathbf{x}$  swap then!

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & A' & \\ 0 & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y' \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* If  $y_0 = 0$ , system has infinitely many solutions

\* Otherwise system is inconsistent

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & A' & \\ 0 & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y' \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

How did we come to this?

- \* We performed linear combinations of the rows
- \* We also changed order of the coordinates and equations sometimes
- \* In the end some row turned into a zero vector,  $\mathbf{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{a}_N & - \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{P} \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}'_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}'_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{a}'_N & - \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{L} \begin{bmatrix} - & \mathbf{a}''_1 & - \\ - & \mathbf{a}''_2 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & \mathbf{0} & - \end{bmatrix}$$

Initial matrix

Permutation

Matrix with permuted rows

Permutation

After linear combinations

Hence, the system  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_N\}$  is linearly dependent!

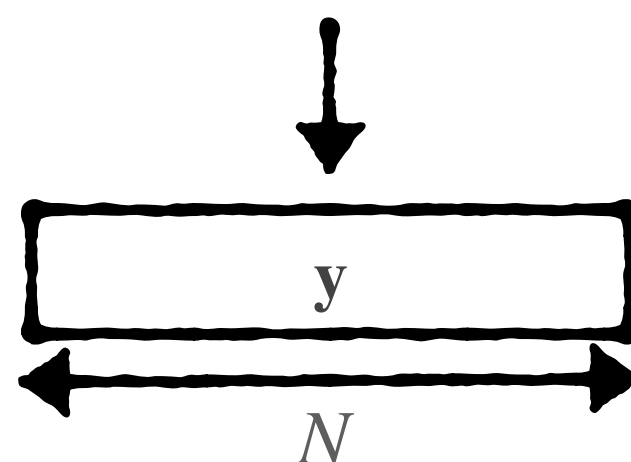
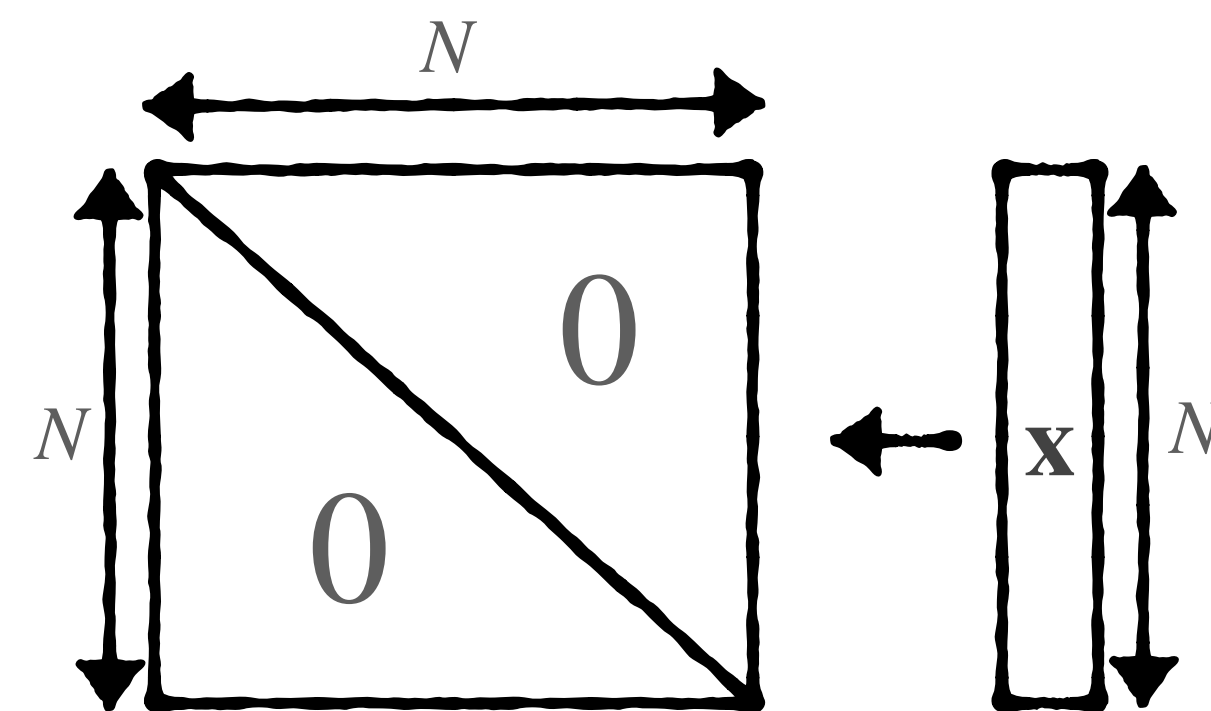
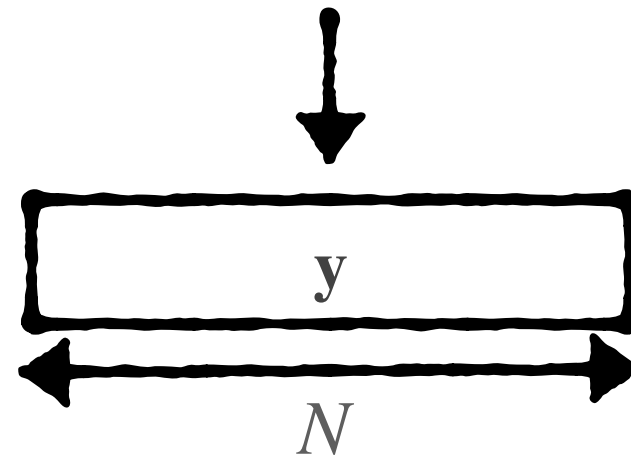
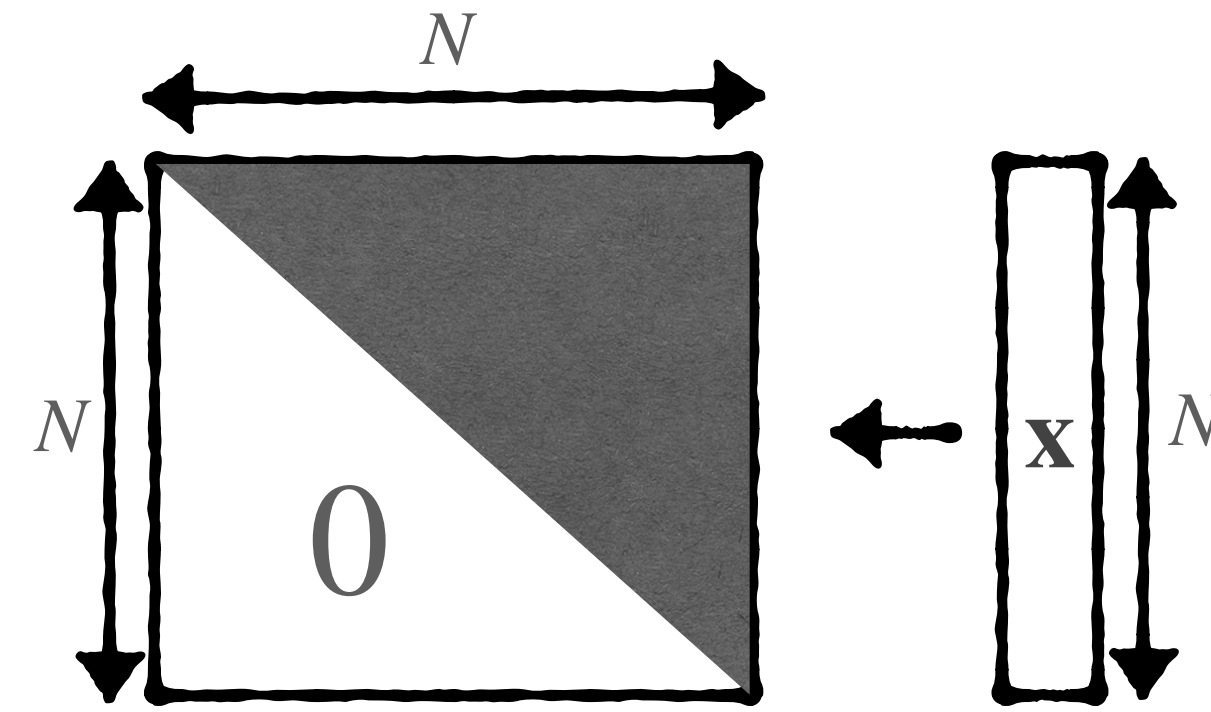
# Solving SLE: Gaussian Elimination, Step 2

Stage 2: Make the matrix diagonal

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What could go wrong?

In this stage nothing can go wrong!

Result:

Here we have solution in **y** vector  
Solved the SLE!



# Gaussian Elimination for Matrix Inversion 1

Stage 1: Make the matrix upper-triangular

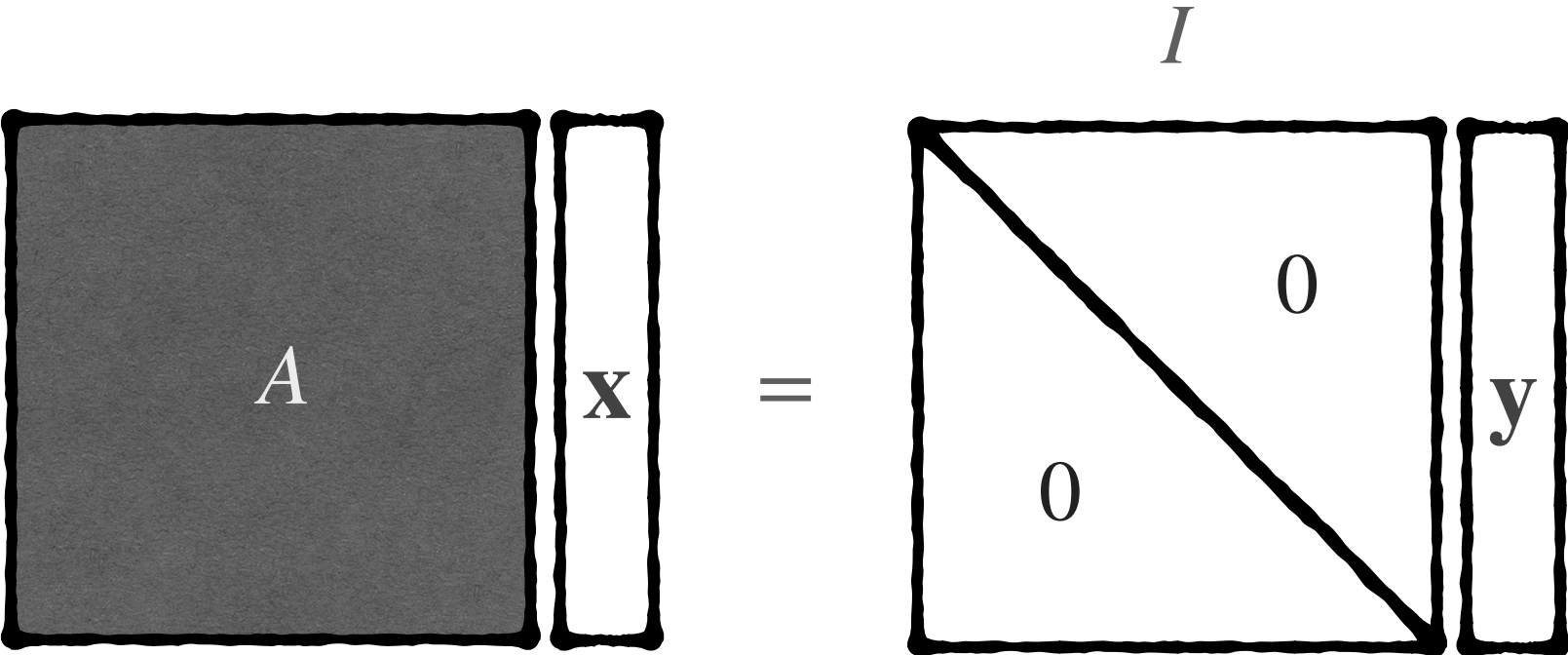
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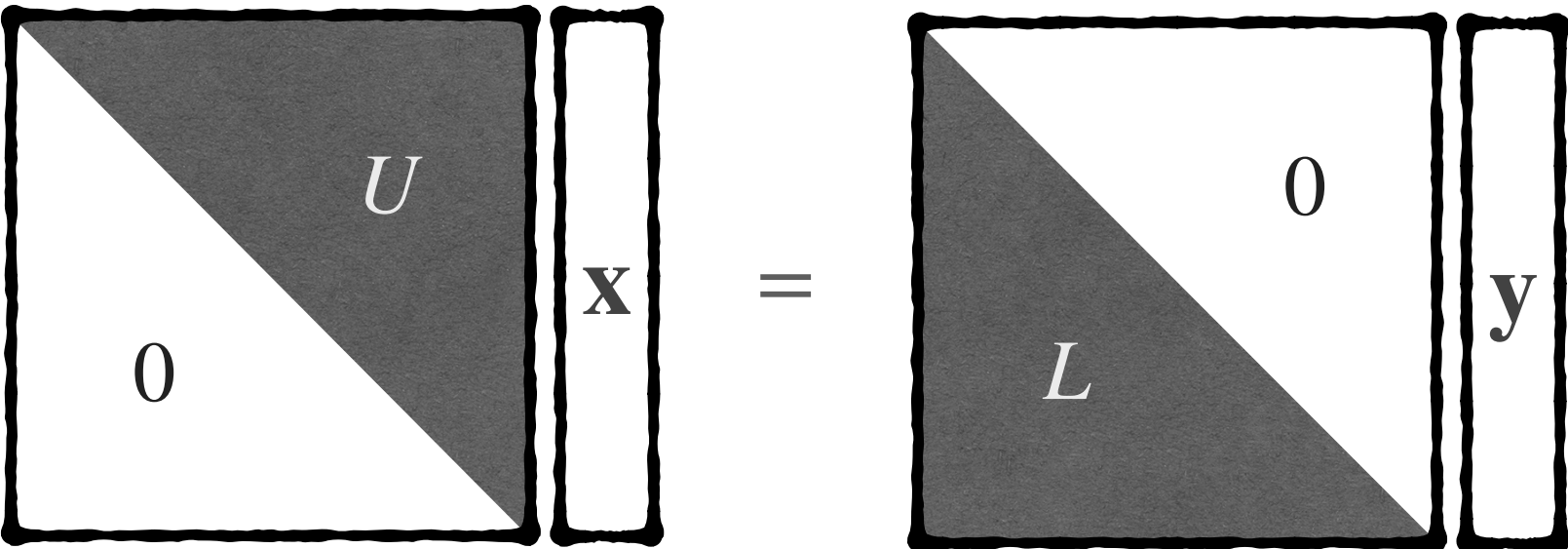
$$A\mathbf{x} = I\mathbf{y}$$



upper triangular matrix

Lower triangular matrix

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



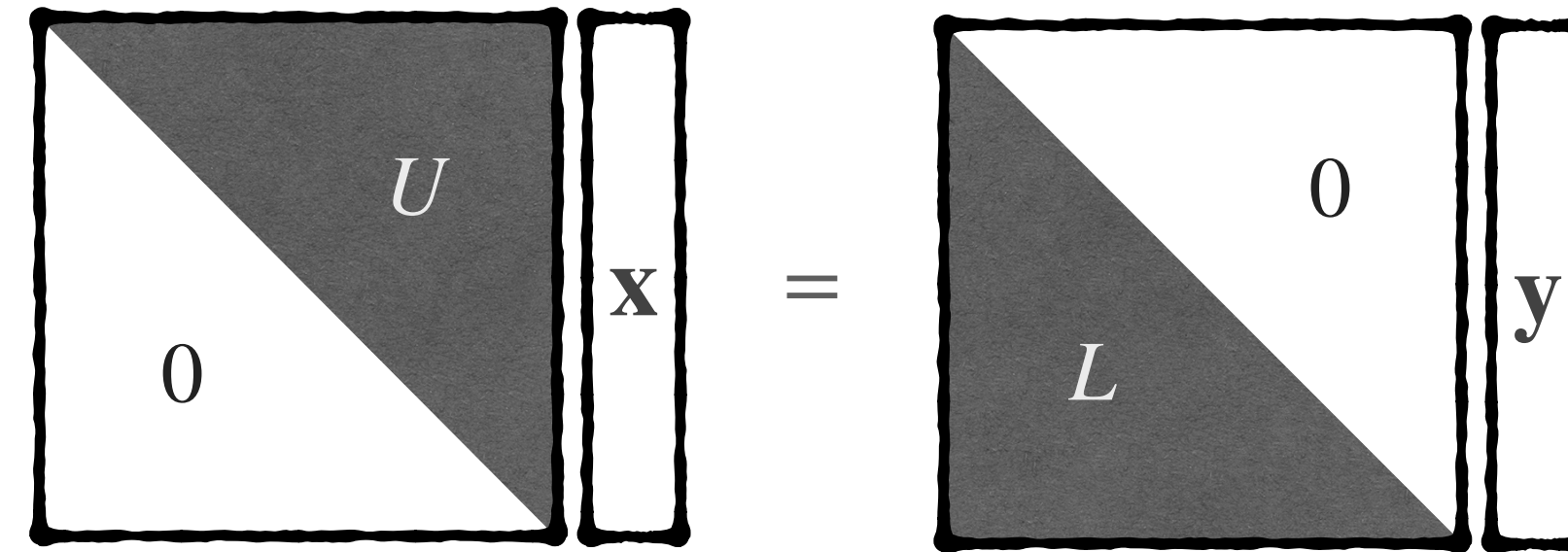
\* Note: here  $\mathbf{y}$  does not change throughout the process



# Gaussian Elimination for Matrix Inversion 2

Stage 2: Make the matrix diagonal

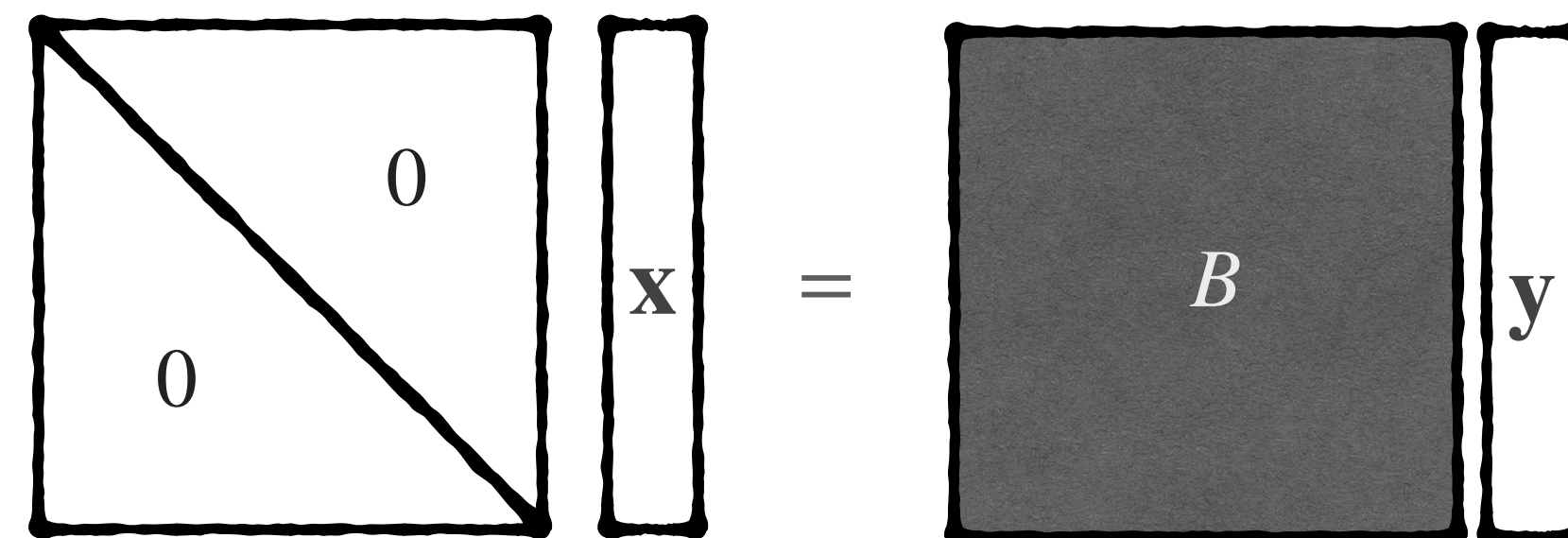
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$I$

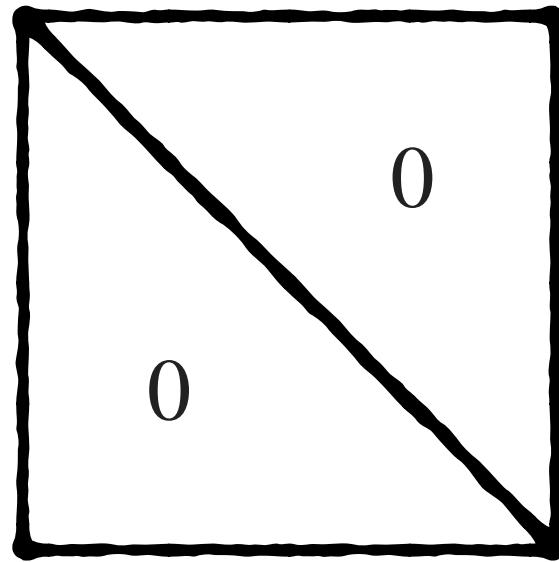
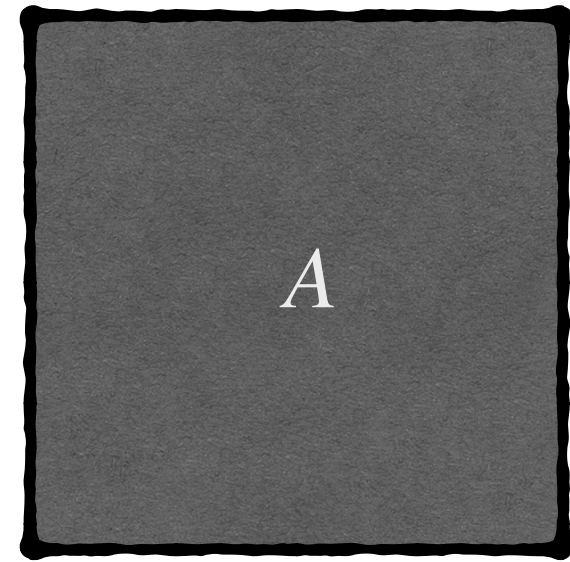
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very easy to see that:

$$B = A^{-1}$$

# Gauss Algorithm: LU decomposition



Start

\* Inverse of lower-triangle matrix is a lower-triangle matrix

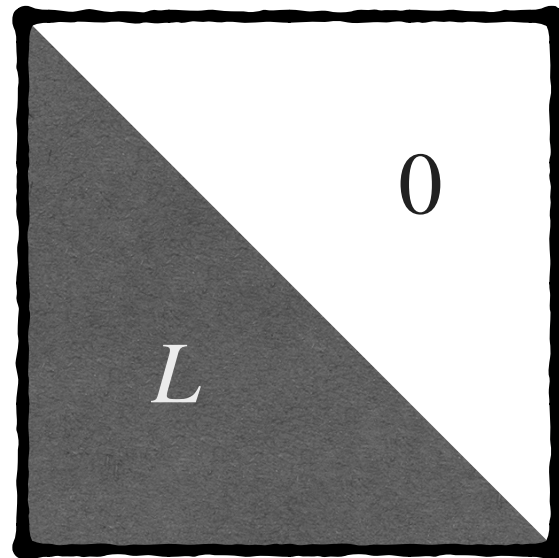
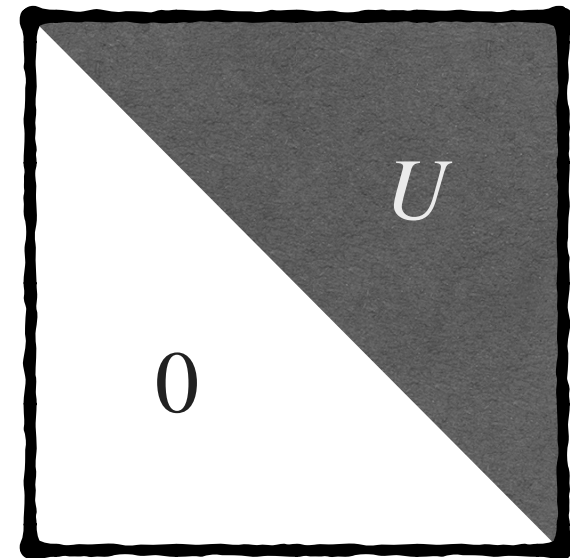
$$U\mathbf{x} = \tilde{L}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\tilde{L}^{-1}U\mathbf{x} = \tilde{L}^{-1}\tilde{L}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\tilde{L}^{-1} = L$$

$$LU\mathbf{x} = I\mathbf{y}$$

$$A = LU$$



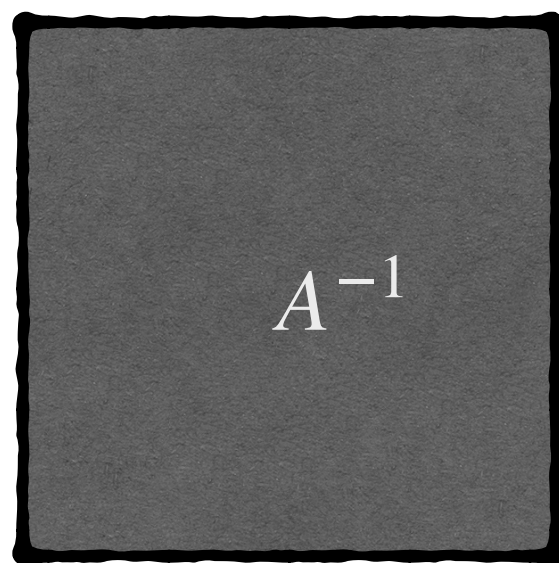
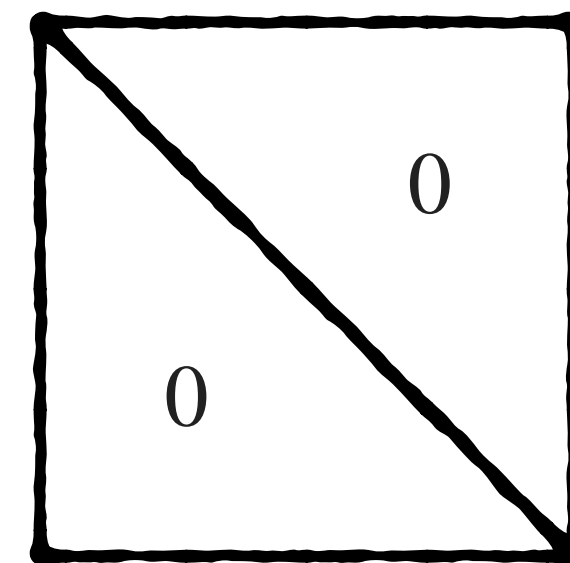
Stage 1:

Column by column eliminate lower triangle of matrix

\* as to inverse it, you need only Stage 1 Gauss Elimination

LU decomposition

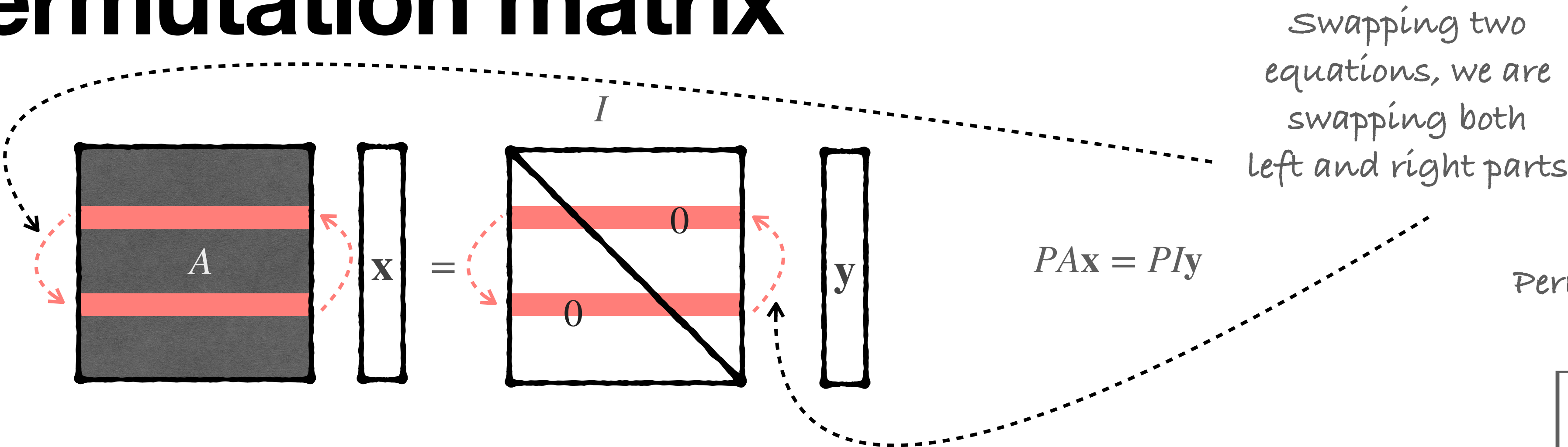
- \* Thus, matrix  $A$  can be represented as
- \* product  $LU$  of lower-triangle matrix  $L$  and upper-triangle matrix  $U$
- \* if you can perform Stage 1 of Gauss Elimination without swapping the rows (or equations)



Stage 2:

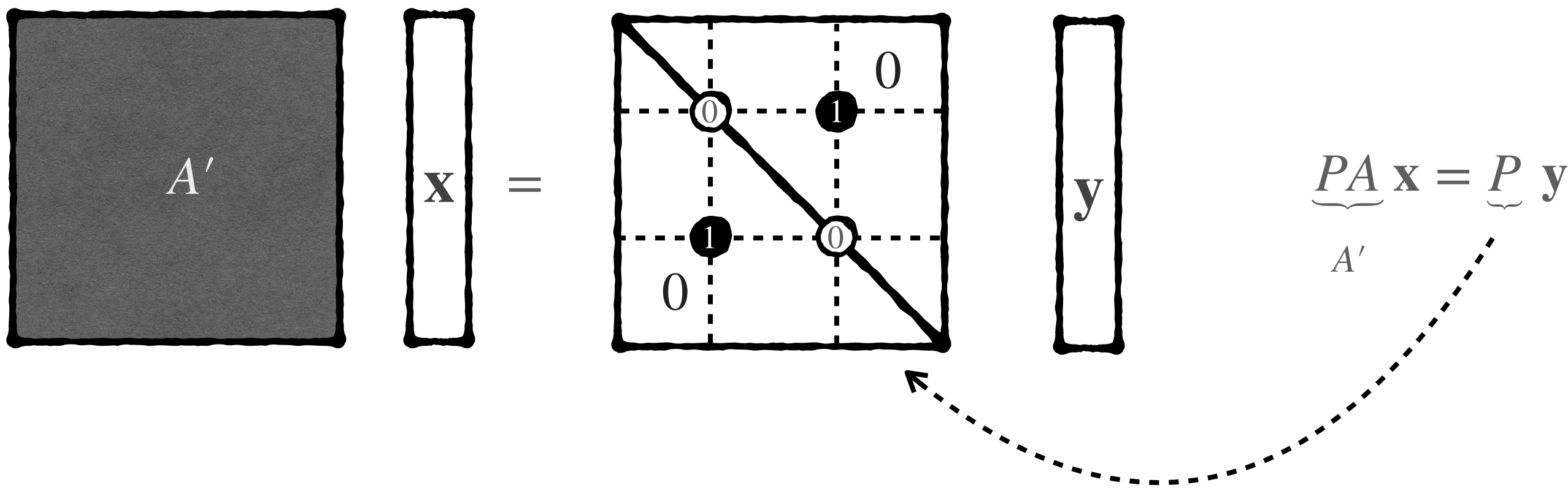
Column by column eliminate upper triangle of matrix

# Permutation matrix



Example:  
Permutes 2 and 4th rows:

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



This is the matrix using which you may permute the rows of any matrix

Any matrix  $A$  can be represented as product of permutation matrix, low-triangle matrix and upper-triangle matrix:

$$A = PLU$$



# PLU decomposition

$$A \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & & \\ 0 & & \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

$$Q' \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} & U \\ 0 & \\ L' & \end{bmatrix} P' \mathbf{y}$$

These items we did not touch

These rows are full of zeros  
we leave them as they are

Permuted rows in  $A$   
(equations in SLE)

Permuted columns in  $A$   
(variables in SLE)

As inverse of  $L'$  is  
also a lower  
triangular matrix

$$U \mathbf{x} = L' P' \mathbf{y}$$

$$\rightarrow LU \mathbf{x} = P' \mathbf{y}$$

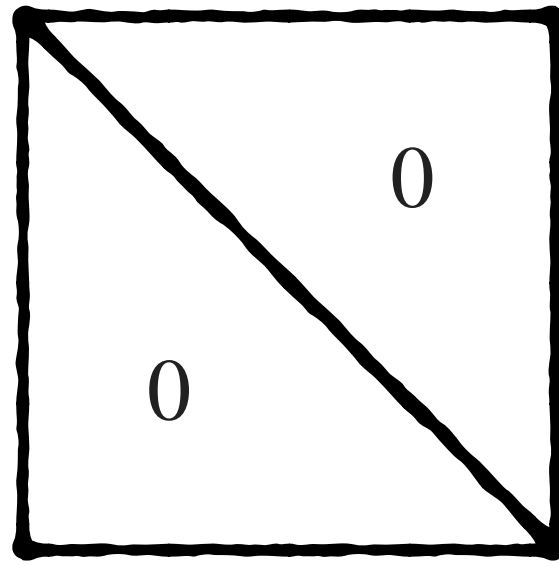
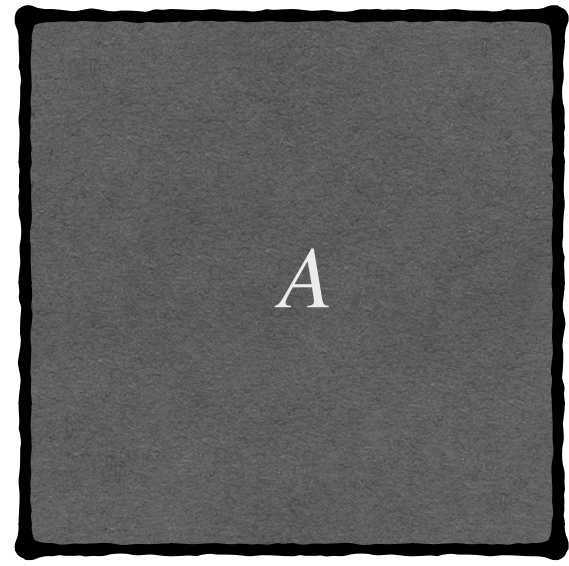
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also a  
permutation  
matrix

$$\rightarrow PLU \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

Every square matrix has a PLU decomposition



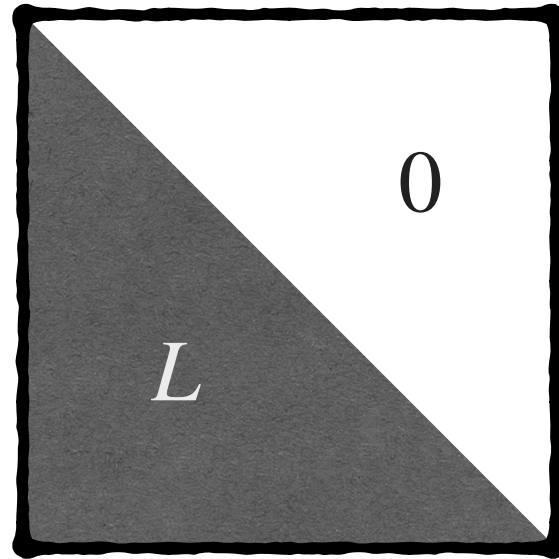
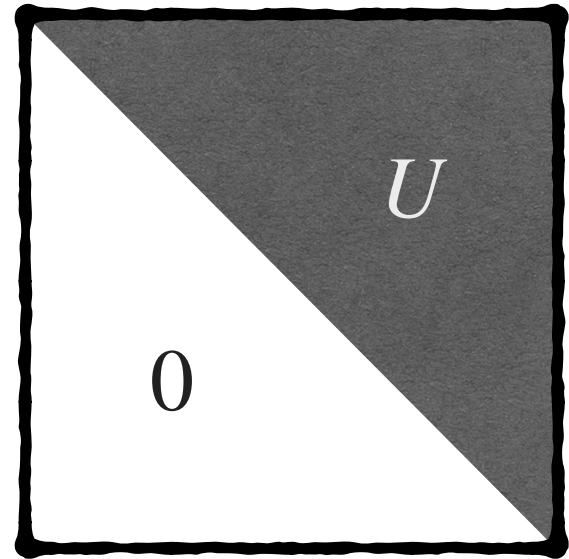
# Gauss Elimination: Summary



Start

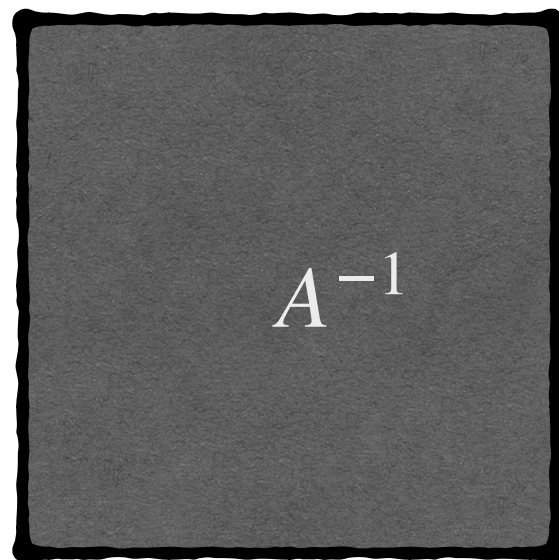
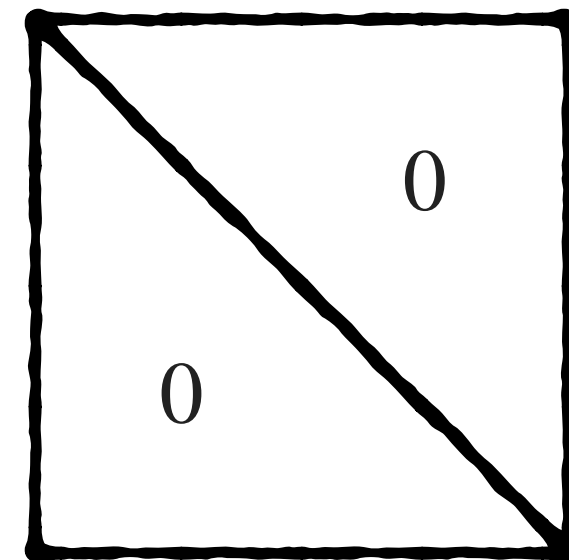
What can be done using it:

- \* Solving SLE
- \* Matrix inversion
- \* Performing (P)LU decomposition
- \* Many other things that are yet to come



Stage 1:

Column by column  
eliminate lower triangle  
of matrix



Stage 2:

Column by column  
eliminate upper triangle  
of matrix

# Takeaways

## \* System of Linear Equations

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{y}}$$

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

## \* Ways to solve it

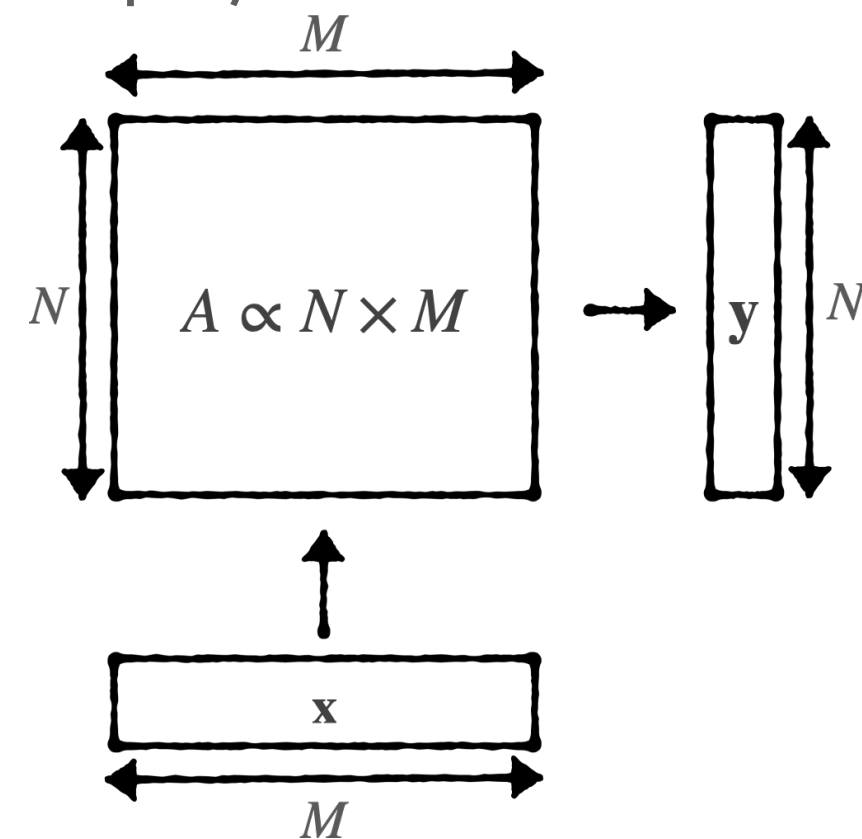
### \* Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^* & b^* \\ 0 & d^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^* \\ y_2^* \end{bmatrix}$$

### \* With Inverse Matrix

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$

## \* Philosophy of SLEs



## \* Gaussian Elimination

$$A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad \text{Stage I}$$

### \* Stage I

$$U \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad \text{Stage II } (B = A^{-1})$$

### \* Stage II ( $B = A^{-1}$ )

$$I \mathbf{x} = B \mathbf{y}$$

## \* Fixing issues in GE

### \* Method I (resolves)

$$A' \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}'$$

### \* Method II (postpones)

$$A' \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}'$$

## \* Permutation matrices

$$A \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad \text{PLU decomposition}$$

## \* PLU decomposition

$$\text{* Start: } A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\text{* Stage I GE: } U\mathbf{x} = L'P'\mathbf{y}$$

$$\text{* Invert } L': LU\mathbf{x} = P'\mathbf{y}$$

$$\text{* Invert } P': PLU\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

\* The procedure can be completed for any square matrix

\* Any  $A$  can be represented as  $PLU$