

# 10.3.6.1.1

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## Question:

Solve the following pairs of equations by reducing them to a pair of linear equations:

$$\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{3y} = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{3x} + \frac{1}{2y} = \frac{13}{6}$$

## Solution:

Let's solve this using LU decomposition. First, let's substitute:

$$\frac{1}{x} = u \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} = v \quad (2)$$

Then our equations become:

$$\frac{1}{2}u + \frac{1}{3}v = 2 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}u + \frac{1}{2}v = \frac{13}{6} \quad (4)$$

$$3u + 2v = 12 \quad (5)$$

$$2u + 3v = 13 \quad (6)$$

This can be written in matrix form as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Any non-singular matrix can be represented as a product of a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an upper triangular matrix  $U$

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{LUx} = \mathbf{b} \quad (8)$$

## Factorization of LU:

Given a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of size  $n \times n$ , LU decomposition is performed row by row and column by column. The update equations are as follows:

- Start by initializing  $\mathbf{L}$  as the identity matrix  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$  as a copy of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- For each column  $j \geq k$ , the entries of  $U$  in the  $k$ -th row are updated as:

$$U_{k,j} = A_{k,j} - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} L_{k,m} \cdot U_{m,j} \quad \forall \quad j \geq k \quad (9)$$

- For each row  $i > k$ , the entries of  $L$  in the  $k$ -th column are updated as:

$$L_{i,k} = \frac{1}{U_{k,k}} \left( A_{i,k} - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} L_{i,m} \cdot U_{m,k} \right) \quad \forall \quad i > k \quad (10)$$

By doing the following steps and solving we get :

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Now,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

We can solve this using two steps:

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad (15)$$

Using forward substitution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

This gives:

$$y_1 = 12 \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{2}{3}(12) + y_2 = 13 \quad (18)$$

$$y_2 = 5 \quad (19)$$

Now using back substitution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

This gives:

$$\frac{5}{3}v = 5 \quad (21)$$

$$\implies v = 3 \quad (22)$$

$$3u + 2(3) = 12 \quad (23)$$

$$u = 2 \quad (24)$$

Therefore:

$$\frac{1}{x} = 2 \implies x = \frac{1}{2} \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} = 3 \implies y = \frac{1}{3} \quad (26)$$

The solution is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (27)$$

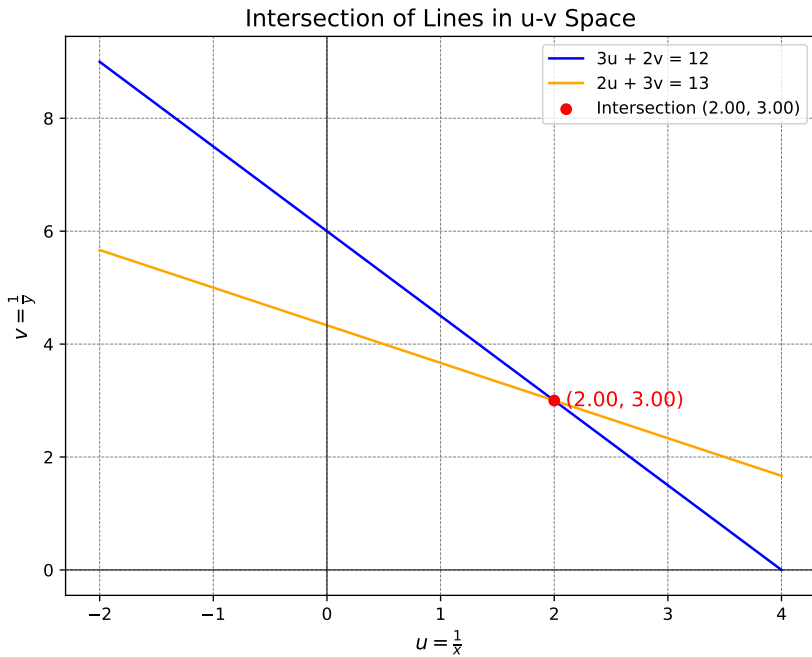


Fig. 1: Graph of the solution